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Novaland JSC (NVL)

AM Briefing: 2021 Weak earnings a blip

AM Briefing

- On Feb 9, we tuned in to NVL's analyst meeting which gave the audience a walkthrough of the upcoming business expansion plan. Key focus areas are presale growth, land bank acquisition, and funding demand.

The 2021 earnings missed the consensus

- NVL posted 4Q21 financial results with net profit of controlling interest of VND817.2bn (+42.1% yoy) on net revenue of VND4,590bn (up 275.4% yoy). For full year, NVL's net revenue was pegged at VND14.9tn, 196.5% yoy while its NPATMI plunged to VND3.2tn, -17.6% yoy due to the absence of a VND3.4tn financial gain from divestment in Phu Dinh Port company in 2020. The results are falling short of the company guidance at 54.2%/84.4%.
- In 2021, revenue from property development rose to VND13.5tn (up 263.5% yoy) driven mainly by the deliveries from NovaHills Mui Ne (VND4.9tn, 494 units), Aqua City (VND2.8tn, 474 units), Saigon Royal (VND2.3tn, 110 units), NovaWorld Phan Thiet (VND1.7tn, 166 units), NovaWorld Ho Tram (VND1.2tn, 83 units), and Victoria Village (VND687bn, 28 units).
- Blended gross margin expanded by 4.8%p to 41.2% in 2021 thanks to the domination of high-margin low-rise units.

Aggressively ramping up to expand the land bank

- NVL claims to have acquired an additional 5,400ha land bank in Lam Dong, Binh Thuan, Dong Nai, Khanh Hoa, Hue in 2021. The new total land bank amounts to 10,555ha (a 3,155ha NSA) of which the hospitality segment accounts for 8,810ha (a 2,278 NSA).
- The company aims to expand at least to 57,200ha in 2030F with 8,800ha targeted within short-term horizon.

	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020A	2021A
Sales (VND bn)	11,632	15,290	10,931	5,026	14,903
chg. (% YoY)	58.1	31.4	(28.5)	(54.0)	196.5
Operating profit (VND bn)	2,322	4,006	1,660	379	3,523
Net profit (VND bn)	2,033	3,239	3,431	3,919	3,230
EPS (VND)	3,210	3,546	3,579	2,030	1,822
chg. (% YoY)	-5.5	10.5	0.9	-43.3	-10.3
EBITDA (VND bn)	2,807	4,503	-1,091	1,115	2,256
PE (x)	32.0	30.0	29.0	21.0	48.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	28.0	25.0	-119.0	103.0	87.0
PB (x)	5.0	5.0	5.0	3.0	4.0
ROE (%)	17.5	19.5	15.5	13.9	8.8
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Note: Net profit, EPS and ROE are based on figures attributed to controlling interest

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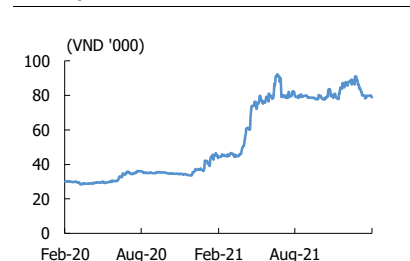
Stock Data

VNIndex (09 Feb, pt)	1,505
Stock price (09 Feb, VND)	79,000
Market cap (USD mn)	6,713
Shares outstanding (mn)	1,930
52-Week high/low (VND)	92,367/44,447
6M avg. daily turnover (USD mn)	12.96
Free float / Foreign ownership (%)	34.2/7.2
Major shareholders (%)	
NovaGroup	19.68
Chairman and related	21.54
Diamond Properties JSC	10.52

Performance

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	(8.6)	(2.4)	77.7
Relative to VNIndex (%p)	(7.1)	(13.8)	41.1

Stock price trend



Source: Bloomberg

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Bouncing presale targets in 2022F

- Per management, around 1,600 units were sold for bookings in 4Q21 and 6,600 units for the whole year, fulfilling 94% of their revised guidance. The contract sale value reached VND84-85tn in 2021, prompting to unbilled contract sale of VND178-181tn as of end-2021 which could secure revenue stream of VND35-38tn and net profit of VND6-6.5tn per year in 2022F-24F.
- The hospitality projects constitute around 31% including NovaWorld Phan Thiet with VND34tn, NovaWorld Ho Tram with VND14.9tn. The biggest residential project is Aqua City with a VND88.4tn unbilled booking value.
- NVL eyes to launch at least 15,000-16,000 units sold for bookings with a contract sale value of VND140-150tn in 2022F.

Huge funding demand despite risky leverage

- Total debt value recorded a VND60.3tn as of end-4Q21, of which around 31.2-34.2% is due in each 2022F-23F. However, net debt/equity as of end-4Q21 slid to 1.05x from 1.17x as of end-4Q20. NVL's leverage ratio, which is significantly higher than average for developers (0.2x-0.4x), remains unhealthy in our view.
- The management expects to collect around a VND30-34tn cash inflow from the homebuyers to pay the due liability of VND18-19tn in 2022F and borrow back around VND19-20tn to finance the acquisition of the land bank.

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