Gearing up for fiber expansion

Sarana Menara Nusantara

TOWR IJ	BUY
Sector	Telco Tower
Price at 05 Apr 2023 (Rp)	930
Price target (Rp)	1,400
Upside/Downside (%)	50.5

Stock Information

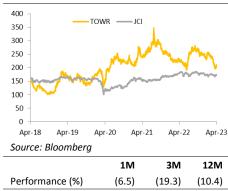
Sarana Menara Nusantara was established in 2008 with the prime focus of its business is to invest in the operating companies who own and operate tower telecommunication sites and lease them to wireless communication companies.

Market cap (Rp bn)	47,189
Shares outstanding (mn)	49,799
52-week range (Rp)	915 -1,260
3M average daily vol. ('000)	15,610
3M average daily val. (Rp mn)	106,116

Shareholders (%)

Sapta Adhikari Investama	54.4
Public	42.5

Stock Performance



TOWR's early adoption of fiberization has come to fruition, as non-tower was the prime revenue driver +27.5% qoq in 4Q22, amid declined revenue from tower -1.4% qoq. TOWR plans to spend 50-60% of capex for non-tower while expecting revenue generating fiber to grow 20% yoy in '23. Maintain BUY with target price of IDR1,400, implying 11.5x '23F EV/EBITDA.

4Q22 mostly in line, but earnings dragged by surging finance costs

TOWR's 4Q22/FY22 net profit was flat at IDR883 bn/IDR3.4 tn, arriving at 96.1%/96.8% of ours/consensus estimates. This was dragged by surging finance costs by 74.5% yoy in FY22 or 17.1% qoq in 4Q22. Meanwhile, TOWR managed to book a strong revenue growth yoy of 27.8%/0.4% qoq in FY22/4Q22 to IDR11.04 tn, or beating ours/consensus at 105.4%/104.4%. In the midst of high interest environment, worth noting that TOWR underwent efficiency efforts, reflected by lower operational expenses -27.2% qoq on G&A, as well as cost of revenue -1.6% qoq on declined depreciation, resulting in EBITDA margin to surge at 87.1% in 4Q22 or +120bps. B/S wise, net gearing surged yoy to 3.0x in FY22.

Fiberized tower in limelight

TOWR's 4Q22 top-line was mostly underpinned by non-tower segment that grew +27.5% qoq to IDR2.15 tn, bringing its contribution to expand from 17.8% in FY21 to 22.0% in FY22. Meanwhile, revenue from tower decreased 1.4% qoq in 4Q22, in line with lower tenancy ratio from 1.85x/1.88x in 3Q22/FY21 to 1.81x in 4Q22 as tenant loss stood at 1,062 qoq that in part, caused by IOH's network relocation initiatives following Hutch-ISAT merger. However, we highlight monthly tower/ lease fee increased 0.5% qoq to IDR13.3 mn. Meanwhile, revenue generating FTTT jumped 112.6% yoy/23.5% qoq in FY22/4Q22 to 149,811km with utilization stood at 169%, following strong demands for data.

Banking on strong digital infrastructure

TOWR seems to shift focus to non-tower segment, as it takes up 50-60% of IDR6 tn capex deployment this year. It continues expanding FTTT with revenue generating fiber estimated to add c. 30,000km in '23, banking on built to suit (BTS) model on tower tenants. Flattish revenue growth from tower is expected with FREN (non-rated) and especially, EXCL (BUY; TP: IDR3,300) are projected to make most of additions as the latter is strengthening capacity in ex-Jakarta and Jakarta areas. TOWR is entering currency swap contract and planning issue IDR bonds in 2Q23 as venues to refinance while diversifying finance source amid high interest rate. Blended finance cost is estimated to climb c. 50bps.

Reiterate BUY on the back of non-tower diversification

Maintain our BUY call with a lower DCF-based price target of IDR1,400 (previously: IDR1,500) as we raise TOWR's cost of debt. Our price target is implying 11.5x '23F EV/EBITDA, while it is trading at 9.3x '23F EV/EBITDA or within -1SD 5-year historical mean, or rather appealing. Fiber expansion that have started to show meaningful result amid MNOs' focus to improve its 4G services, fixed broadband roll out and upcoming 5G should be solid driver for future growth. We fine tune our '23 and '24 figures on higher than expected non-tower revenue figures seen in '22 that should continue to compensate flattish tower segment.

Exhibit 1: Key Statistics

Year end Dec	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Revenue (Rp bn)	8,635	11,036	11,225	11,883	12,389
EBITDA (Rp bn)	7,434	9,517	9,603	10,180	10,619
Net profit (Rp bn)	3,427	3,442	3,687	3,979	4,370
EPS (Rp)	68.8	69.1	74.0	79.9	87.8
EPS growth (%)	20.9	0.4	7.1	7.9	9.8
ROAA (%)	6.8	5.2	5.5	5.7	6.1
ROAE (%)	30.9	26.0	23.6	21.7	20.4
PER (x)	15.8	15.8	14.7	13.6	12.4
PBV (x)	5.3	4.5	3.8	3.2	2.7
Interest coverage (%)	5.4	4.0	3.4	3.6	3.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.8	10.3	10.2	9.6	9.0

Source: Company, KBVS Research

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Exhibit 2: Financial Summary

Income statement (IDR bn)	FY2022	FY2021	YoY (%)	4Q22	4Q21	YoY (%)	3Q22	QoQ (%)	2022F 9	% to '22F	Cons' %	6 of Cons
Revenue	11,036	8,635	27.8	2,929	2,568	14.0	2,791	4.9	10,471	105.4	10,571	104.4
Cost of service	(2,914)	(2,340)	24.5	(731)	(709)	3.1	(743)	(1.6)				
Gross profit	8,121	6,295	29.0	2,198	1,859	18.2	2,048	7.3				
Operating expenses	(1,294)	(899)	43.9	(271)	(372)	(27.2)	(375)	(27.7)				
EBIT	6,828	5,397	26.5	1,927	1,487	29.6	1,673	15.2	6,575	103.8	6,795	100.5
EBITDA	9,517	7,434	28.0	2,550	2,216	15.1	2,396	6.4	9,091	104.7	9,079	104.8
Net finance cost/income	(2,368)	(1,346)	76.0	(634)	(567)	11.7	(541)	17.1				
Pre-tax income	4,459	4,051	10.1	1,293	920	40.6	1,132	14.2				
Taxes	(963)	(603)	59.6	(382)	(80)	377.2	(252)	51.4				
Attributable net profit	3,442	3,427	0.4	883	848	4.2	868	1.8	3,582	96.1	3,556	96.8
Margins (%)												
EBIT Margin	61.9	62.5	-0.6	65.8	57.9	7.9	59.9	5.8				
EBITDA margin	86.2	86.1	0.1	87.1	86.3	0.8	85.9	1.2				
Net Margin	31.2	39.7	-8.5	30.2	33.0	-2.8	31.1	(0.9)				
Operational metrices												
Tower				29,794	28,698	3.8	29,708	0.3				
Tenant				53,967	53,975	(0.0)	55,029	(1.9)				
Tenancy ratio (x)				1.81	1.88	(3.7)	1.85	(2.2)				

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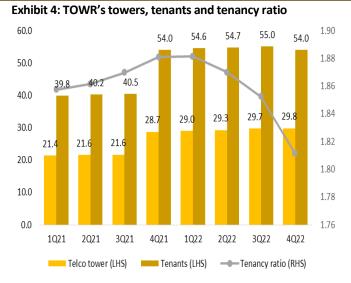
Exhibit 3: Forecast revisions

	New		Old Cha		Change	Changes		Consensus		New VS consensus	
	2023F	2024F	2023F	2024F	2023F	2024F	2023F	2024F	2023F	2024F	
Revenue	11,225	11,883	11,044	11,714	1.6	1.4	11,254	11,920	-0.3	-0.3	
EBIT	7,232	7,624	7,097	7,451	1.9	2.3	7,285	7,633	-0.7	-0.1	
EBITDA	9,603	10,180	9,618	10,161	-0.2	0.2	9,651	10,175	-0.5	0.1	
Net profit	3,687	3,979	3,889	4,144	-5.2	-4.0	3,755	3,961	-1.8	0.5	

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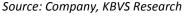
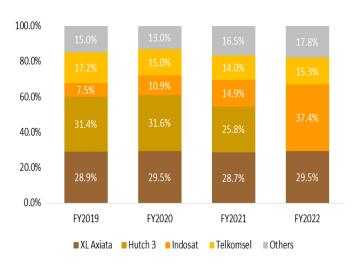
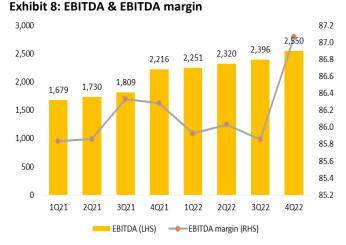


Exhibit 6: Source of revenue by carrier

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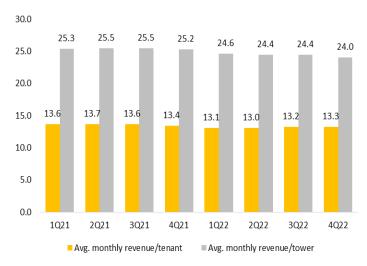


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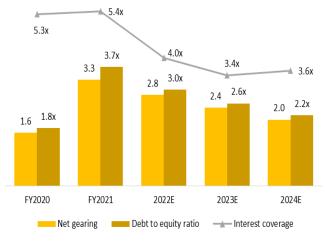
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Exhibit 5: TOWR's avg. revenue/ tenant and revenue/site



Source: Company, KBVS Research

Exhibit 7: TOWR's leverage metrices



Source: Company, KBVS Research

Exhibit 9: Currently trading slightly below 5-year average mean



Source: Company, KBVS Research, Bloomberg

FINANCIAL TABLES

Exhibit 10: Profit & Loss Summary

Year End Dec (Rp bn)	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Revenue	8,635	11,036	11,225	11,883	12,389
Cost of revenue	(2,340)	(2,914)	(2,920)	(3,115)	(3,166)
Gross profit	6,295	8,121	8,305	8,769	9,223
Gross profit margin	72.9%	73.6%	74.0%	73.8%	74.4%
EBITDA	7,434	9,517	9,603	10,180	10,619
EBITDA margin	86.1%	86.2%	85.5%	85.7%	85.7%
Operating expenses	(899)	(1,294)	(1,073)	(1,144)	(1,196)
Operating profit	5,397	6,828	7,232	7,624	8,027
Operating profit margin	62.5%	61.9%	64.4%	64.2%	64.8%
Net finance income/ expenses	(1,346)	(2,368)	(2,745)	(2,782)	(2,708)
Profit before income tax	4,051	4,459	4,488	4,843	5,319
Tax benefit (expenses)	(603)	(963)	(740)	(799)	(878)
Net profit	3,427	3,442	3,687	3,979	4,370
Net profit margin	39.7%	31.2%	32.8%	33.5%	35.3%

Source: Company, KBVS Research

Exhibit 11: Balance Sheet

Year End Dec (Rp bn)	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Current assets					
Cash and cash equivalents	4,748	595	1,195	1,519	1,491
Trade receivables	2,171	2,558	2,787	3,009	1,666
Other current assets	478	751	780	811	842
Total current assets	7,398	3,938	4,763	5,339	3,999
Non-current assets					
Fixed assets	32,951	37,152	38,815	40,570	42,621
Other non-current assets	24,570	24,031	24,153	24,621	25,117
Total non-current assets	58,431	61,688	63,719	65,928	68,511
Total assets	65,829	65,625	68,482	71,267	72,510
Current liabilities					
Tower construction, other payables	522	839	881	908	926
Accruals	1,096	1,541	1,387	1,276	1,212
Short term debts	16,794	9,564	8,700	8,025	7,407
Other current liabilities	3,469	2,502	2,718	2,916	3,103
Total current liabilities	21,880	14,446	13,686	13,125	12,647
Non-current liabilities					
Long-term debts	30,191	35,409	36,596	37,100	35,489
Other non-current liabilities	1,695	1,338	1,270	1,228	1,282
Total non-current liabilities	31,886	36,747	37,866	38,327	36,770
Shareholders' equity	12,062	14,432	16,930	19,815	23,093
Total liabilities and equity	65,829	65,625	68,482	71,267	72,510

Source: Company, KBVS Research

Exhibit 12: Cash Flow

Year End Dec (Rp bn)	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Net profit	3,427	3,442	3,687	3,979	4,370
Depreciation & amortization	1,860	2,307	2,279	2,461	2,496
Changes in working capital	1,162	(897)	(122)	(138)	1,453
CF from operating activities	6,450	4,852	5,844	6,301	8,319
Investment in fixed assets	(12,053)	(6,507)	(3,942)	(4,216)	(4,546)
Others	(16,990)	657	(82)	(454)	(533)
CF from investing activities	(29,043)	(5,564)	(4,310)	(4,670)	(5,079)
Dividends paid	(1,399)	(1,200)	(1,014)	(1,094)	(1,093)
Debt raised/ repaid	26,788	(2,013)	324	(171)	(2,229)
Others	510	(229)	(244)	(42)	54
CF from financing activities	25,899	(3,441)	(934)	(1,307)	(3,268)
Change in cash flows	3,306	(4,153)	600	324	(28)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning	1,443	4,748	595	1,195	1,519
Cash and cash equivalents, ending	4,748	595	1,195	1,519	1,491

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Exhibit 13: Ratio Analysis

Year End Dec	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Gross profit margin (%)	72.9	73.6	74.0	73.8	74.4
Operating profit margin (%)	62.5	61.9	64.4	64.2	64.8
EBITDA margin (%)	86.1	86.2	85.5	85.7	85.7
Net profit margin (%)	39.7	31.2	32.8	33.5	35.3
Receivables turnover (x)	5.1	5.3	4.2	4.1	5.3
ROA (%)	6.8	5.2	5.5	5.7	6.1
ROE (%)	30.9	26.0	23.6	21.7	20.4
ROCE	28.4	23.8	21.8	20.1	18.9
ROIC (%)	6.3	5.9	6.0	6.3	6.8
Debt/ Equity (%)	3.9	3.1	2.7	2.3	1.9
Net debt/Equity (x)	3.5	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.8
Net debt/ EBITDA (x)	5.7	4.7	4.6	4.3	3.9
Interest coverage (x)	5.4	4.0	3.4	3.6	3.9
EPS	68.8	69.1	74.0	79.9	87.8
BV/share (x)	242.2	289.8	340.0	397.9	463.7

Source: Company, KBVS Research

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