



Earnings supported by non-funded income & lower provisions, NIMs under pressure despite decline in interest rates; Switch to “Neutral”

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- Despite declining interest rates, Net financing and investment margins declined by 18bps Y/Y, as gross financing and investment income grew by 17.5% (+4.6% Q/Q), whereas funding costs increased by 21.4% Y/Y (+10.2% Q/Q). Note that funded income declined by 0.2% Q/Q in Q3-25.
- Operating expenses (excluding debt provisions) totaled at SAR 2,216mn up 7.1% Y/Y (+3.4% on Q/Q basis), in line with our estimates (+1.2% deviation). Cost-to-income ratio improved to 22.4% in Q3-25 as compared to 24.5% in Q3-24 (AJC estimate 22.9%).
- Provision expenses declined by 17.2% Y/Y to SAR 570mn (-5.0% on a sequential basis), 12.3% below our estimate of SAR 650mn. Cost-of-risk stood at 30bps in Q3-25 as compared to 43bps in Q3-24 (deviation of -4bps to our estimate). NPL ratio stood at 0.76% with coverage ratio of 151.2%.
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AJC view and valuation: Al Rajhi Bank posted strong set of results in Q3-25, however, sizable portion of the increase came from non-funded income, which might not be recurring. Moreover, a decline in provisions also supported the bottom line in Q3-25. We highlight that funded income declined by 0.2% Q/Q in Q3-25. The stock price has appreciated by 34.3% since our initial Buy rating. At current prices Alrajhi trades at 2025E PB of 4.0x and we believe the positives are reflected in the price, we switch our rating to “Neutral” with unchanged TP of SAR 107.0/share.

Results Summary

SAR mn	Q3-24	Q2-25	Q3-25	Change Y/Y	Change Q/Q	Deviation from AJC Estimates
Net financing & investment income	6,397	7,305	7,294	-0.2%	14.0%	-1.5%
Total Operating income	8,439	9,603	9,882	2.9%	17.1%	3.2%
Net Profit	5,103	6,151	6,360	3.4%	24.6%	5.5%
EPS	1.28	1.54	1.59			

Source: Company Reports, Aljazira Capital Research

Recommendation **Neutral**

Target Price (SAR) **107**

Upside / (Downside)* **-0.6%**

Source: Tadawul *prices as of 20th October 2025

Key Financials

SARmn (unless specified)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E
NSCI	22,173	21,269	24,843	29,529
Growth %	8.7%	-4.1%	16.8%	18.9%
Oper. income	28,575	27,531	32,055	38,376
Growth %	11.1%	-3.7%	16.4%	19.7%
Net profit	17,151	16,621	19,731	24,703
Net profit (adj for Tier 1)	16,954	15,800	18,695	23,489
Growth %	15.0%	-6.8%	18.3%	25.6%
EPS (adj for Tier 1)	4.24	3.95	4.67	5.87
DPS	1.25	2.25	2.50	1.75

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital Research

Key Ratios

	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25E
NIMs	3.5%	3.0%	3.1%	3.2%
P/E (x)	17.7	21.9	23.0	18.3
P/B (x)	3.0	3.2	4.3	4.0
Dividend Yield	1.2%	2.1%	2.3%	1.6%
ROA	2.4%	2.0%	2.1%	2.3%
ROE	22.5%	18.2%	19.7%	22.1%
Loans growth	25.5%	4.6%	16.7%	10.5%
Deposit growth	10.3%	1.4%	9.6%	8.3%

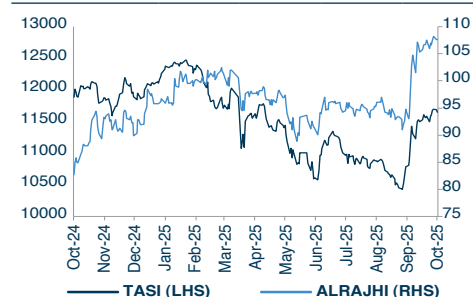
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Key Market Data

Market Cap(bn)	430.4
YTD%	13.74%
52 week (High)/(Low)	113/82.6
Share Outstanding (mn)	4,000.0

Source: Company reports, Bloomberg, Aljazira Capital

Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg, AJC Research

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