

## Earnings growth driven by strong topline performance and certain non-operating gain; gross margin under pressure

SAL Saudi Logistics Services Co. (SAL) posted 42.0% Y/Y surge in net profit to SAR 202mn in Q4-25, beating our estimate of SAR 185mn. The deviation from our estimate was mainly due to higher-than-expected revenue, lower OPEX and possibly a certain non-operating gain/income (maybe zakat reversal). We estimate normalized net profit excluding on-off non-operating gain at SAR 190mn. This was partially offset by lower GP margin. Revenue grew 24.6% Y/Y to SAR 509mn, above our estimate of SAR 460mn, as both Ground handling (+27% Y/Y) and Logistics (+16% Y/Y) divisions recorded strong topline growth. GP margin decreased ~90 bps to 53.7% and came significantly below our expectations. However, operating margin expanded to 39.7% vs. 37.9% in Q4-24 (AJBC estimate: 42.0%). We maintain our TP on SAL at SAR 186/share and the "Neutral" recommendation.

- SAL posted a net profit of SAR 202mn (+42.0% Y/Y) in Q4-25, above AJBC's estimate of SAR 185mn. Better-than-anticipated revenue and lower OPEX, alongside potential non-operating income, pushed results above our estimate. This was partially offset by lower GP margin.
- Revenue jumped 24.6% Y/Y to SAR 509mn, above our estimate of SAR 460mn. The topline growth was led by Ground handling division (+27% Y/Y), benefiting from 5% Y/Y increase in handling volumes to 265mn Kg, with transit volumes witnessing a strong 14% Y/Y growth. Additionally, revenue for Logistic division rose 16% Y/Y in Q4-25, attributable to higher activity levels, stronger commercial execution and expanded service offerings.
- Gross profit increased 22.5% Y/Y to SAR 274mn, in line with AJBC's estimate of SAR 273mn. The deviation from higher revenue was offset by lower GP margin. The GP margin contracted ~90 bps to 53.7%, significantly below our expectations of 59.5%. We believe higher contribution from logistic segment weighed on the margin.
- Operating profit rose 30.6% Y/Y to SAR 202mn (AJBC estimate: SAR 193mn). Operating margin expanded to 39.7% vs. 37.9% in Q4-24 but came below our estimate of 42.0% as record margin of 51.9% in Ground handling was partly offset by negative (-16%) margin in Logistic segment. Operating profit for Logistic division was hit by a one-off lease asset write-off.

**AJBC view and valuation:** SAL's Q4-25 performance was primarily driven by robust revenue growth and non-operating gain/income (maybe zakat reversal). However, the loss in Logistic division is weighing on the margins. Nevertheless, positive momentum in handling volumes over the last two quarters and multiple contracts signed in both logistic and handling segments ensure revenue visibility. In the long term, SAL, being the dominant player in the sector, will benefit from huge demand potential in the segment. That said, margins would remain under pressure from shift in revenue mix and contribution from low-margin Logistic segment in addition to extension of some large contracts by the company at lower prices. SAL is currently trading at 19.6x P/E and dividend yield 4.0% based on our FY26E estimates. We maintain our TP on SAL at SAR 186/share and the "Neutral" recommendation.

### Results Summary

SAR mn	Q4-24	Q3-25	Q4-25	Change Y/Y	Change Q/Q	Deviation from AJBC Estimates
Revenue	409	421	509	24.6%	20.9%	10.8%
Gross Profit	223	251	274	22.5%	9.2%	0.0%
Gross Margin	54.6%	59.5%	53.7%	-	-	-
EBIT	155	188	202	30.6%	7.6%	4.7%
Net Profit	142	181	202	42.0%	11.5%	9.2%
EPS	1.78	2.26	2.52	-	-	-

Source: Company Reports, Aljazira Capital Research

Recommendation	Neutral
Target Price (SAR)	186.0
Upside / (Downside)*	5.4%

Source: Tadawul \*prices as of 10<sup>th</sup> of February 2026

### Key Financials

SARmn (unless specified)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E
Revenues	1,456	1,634	1,708	1,900
Growth %	19.1%	12.2%	4.6%	11.2%
Gross Profit	776	915	962	1,070
Net Income	510	661	698	719
Growth %	40.6%	29.8%	5.5%	3.0%
EPS	6.37	8.27	8.72	8.98
DPS	4.40	5.99	6.54	7.00

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital Research

### Key Ratios

	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26E
Gross Margin	53.3%	56.0%	56.3%	56.3%
Net Margin	35.0%	40.5%	40.8%	37.8%
ROE	44.2%	50.2%	46.8%	43.4%
ROA	15.5%	20.3%	21.4%	19.4%
P/E (x)	30.5	30.6	18.4	19.6
P/B (x)	12.6	14.4	8.1	8.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	22.9	24.8	15.3	15.3
Dividend Yield	2.3%	2.4%	4.1%	4.0%

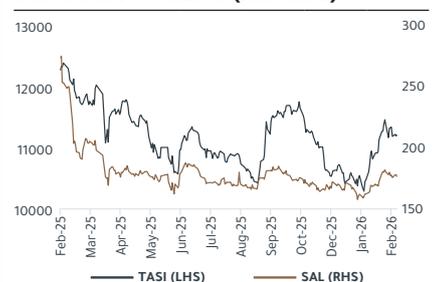
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### Key Market Data

Market Cap(bn)	14.1
YTD%	10.0%
52 week (High)/(Low)	289.2/156.0
Share Outstanding (mn)	80.0

Source: Company reports, Aljazira Capital Research

### Price Performance (indexed)



Source: Tadawul, Aljazira Capital Research

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