

Indosat (ISAT)

Larger scale lead to enhanced growth

Time to advance..

Following the completion of network integration, ISAT will be able to shift its focus to future expansion. This, we believe, will be done by ISAT's expanding coverage & capacity and pushing for network quality improvement, all in the name of providing a better customer experience, a critical factor to retain subscribers now. For this matter, ISAT has allocated IDR 13tn capex, which is 8% higher than 2022's realization. ISAT announced that the integration process has been delivered well ahead of schedule, to be fully completed by Mar-23. After that, we expect ISAT would move forward to carry out its growth strategy.

... with a much larger scale

By the end of 2022, ISAT had 102.2mn subscribers (~8-9mn additional subscribers from FY21), leaving EXCL in third place with a huge gap. By having this scalability, ISAT will be capable of executing more maneuvers in order to accelerate its future growth, whether in the mobile, fixed, enterprise, or other business areas. As a result, we now forecast ISAT's revenue to increase by 7.7% CAGR FY23F-25F, which should be higher than the industry growth.

Significant EBITDA margin expansion is achievable

In light of its potential USD 400mn cost synergies over a three-to-four-year period, ISAT's EBITDA margin expansion ought to stand out among the other three telco players. The management targets mid-40s level, which we believe is feasible. The pre-merger EBITDA margin for ISAT was 44.2% in FY21 before falling to 41.6% last year, which we feel was dragged down by Tri's much lower EBITDA margin. Nonetheless, both brands have started raising prices as the industry condition improved since last year, which will support both brands' EBITDA margins in the future. To note, ISAT raised the minimum price of Tri starter pack to IDR 25k on Jan-23 (from IDR 15k previously). As a result of rising ARPU and cost efficiencies, we increase our FY23/24F EBITDA by 9.6%, resulting in a 44.5%/45.6% EBITDA margin.

Reiterate our BUY call on ISAT

We reiterate our BUY call on ISAT with a higher TP of IDR 8,600 (+26% upside), baking in a higher EBITDA margin onwards. Valuation remains attractive, trading at 4.7x FY23F EV/EBITDA. Coupled with favorable industry conditions, solid top-line growth, and considerable EBITDA margin expansion, we believe ISAT will have the potential to re-rate in the future.

	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Sales (IDR bn)	31,388	46,752	50,161	54,103	58,209
EBITDA (IDR bn)	13,886	19,469	22,304	24,697	27,091
OP (IDR bn)	3,682	5,766	7,796	9,427	11,018
NP (IDR bn)	6,751	4,723	2,190	3,572	4,739
Net debt/(cash) (IDR bn)	12,403	11,779	10,943	12,653	8,471
EBITDA margin (%)	44.2	41.6	44.5	45.6	46.5
OP margin (%)	11.7	12.3	15.5	17.4	18.9
ROE (%)	58.2	22.5	6.7	10.1	12.2
Dividend yield (%)	17.2	1.7	1.2	2.0	2.6
EPS (IDR)	1,242.4	589.0	271.6	443.0	587.8
chg. (%, YoY)	NA	(52.6)	(53.9)	63.1	32.7
BPS (IDR)	1,689.5	3,534.4	3,742.0	4,103.5	4,558.4
DPS (IDR)	1,168.2	117.2	81.5	132.9	176.3
PE (x)	5.5	11.5	25.0	15.3	11.6
PB (x)	4.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.1	5.4	4.7	4.3	3.8

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12M rating BUY (Maintain) 12M TP IDR 8,600 (Prev 8,300

Upside 26.0%

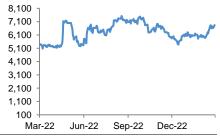
Stock Data

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JCI (Mar 1)	6,845
Stock price (Mar 1, IDR)	6,825
Market cap (IDR bn)	55,028
Shares outstanding (mn)	8,063
52-week high/low (IDR)	5,000 / 7,675
6M avg. daily turnover (IDR bn)	33.7
Free float (%)	16.2
Major shareholders (%)	
Ooredoo Hutchison Asia Pte. Ltd (P)	65.6
PT Perusahaan Pengelola Aset (Perse	ero) 9.6
PT Tiga Telekomunikasi Indonesia	8.3

Performance

	1M	6M	12M
Absolute (%)	11.9	(4.9)	29.1
Relative to JCI (%p)	14.0	0.1	24.9

ISAT stock price (IDR)



Source: Bloomberg

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Fig 1. Forecast changes

	New	1	Old	d	Chai	nge
	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F
Revenue (IDR bn)	50,161	54,103	48,285	52,169	3.9%	3.7%
YoY growth	7.3%	7.9%	7.6%	8.0%		
EBITDA (IDR bn)	22,304	24,697	20,345	22,537	9.6%	9.6%
YoY growth	14.6%	10.7%	10.9%	10.8%		
Net profit (IDR bn)	2,190	3,572	824	1,612	165.8%	121.6%
YoY growth	-53.6%	63.1%	-77.3%	95.6%		
EBITDA margin	44.5%	45.6%	42.1%	43.2%	2.3%	2.4%
NP margin	4.4%	6.6%	1.7%	3.1%	2.7%	3.5%

Source: Company, KISI

Fig 2. ISAT EV/EBITDA band



Source: Bloomberg, KISI

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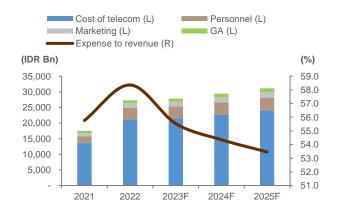


Fig 3. ISAT revenue



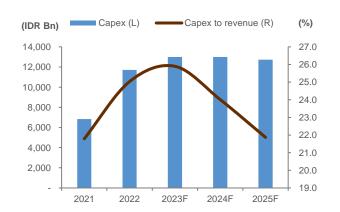
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Fig 5. ISAT expenses



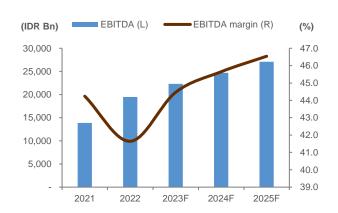
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Fig 7. ISAT capex



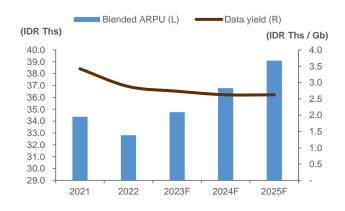
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Fig 4. ISAT EBITDA



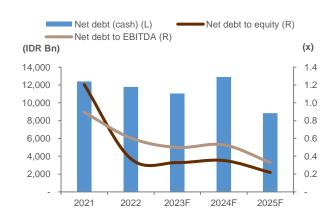
Source: Company, KISI

Fig 6. ISAT ARPU and data yield



Source: Company, KISI

Fig 8. ISAT debt position



Source: Company, KISI



Company Overview

PT Indosat Tbk (ISAT) was established in 1967 as one of Indonesia's leading telecommunications, informatics and/or convergence technology service provider. As of 2015, the company being the member of Ooredoo Group has been rebranded as Indosat Ooredoo. In 2021, Ooredoo Group and CK Hutchison announced the merger, creating Indosat Ooredoo Hutchison (IOH). Post the consolidation, ISAT rises to the position of the second largest telco operator in Indonesia, commanding 102.2mn total subscribers as of FY22.

Fig 9. ISAT shareholder structure



Source: Company

Fig 10. ISAT network coverage



Source: nperf.com



Fig 11. Peers comparison

Company	Bloomberg	M kt Cap	EV/EBI	TDA (x)	PE	(x)	РВ	(x)	EPS gr	o wth (%)	EBITDA	margin (%) ROI	Ε (%)
	ticker	(USD mn)	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F	FY23F	FY24F
Indonesia														
TELKOM INDONESIA PERSEF	R TLKM IJ	25,549	5.3	5.0	14.1	13.1	2.8	2.7	11.1	7.1	54.1	54.2	20.3	20.7
INDOSAT TBK PT	ISAT IJ	3,611	4.8	4.4	21.5	15.6	1.8	1.6	28.4	37.9	43.6	44.6	9.1	10.2
PT XL AXIATA TBK	EXCL IJ	1,775	4.3	4.1	14.8	12.9	1.0	0.9	32.6	14.3	49.7	50.0	6.1	7.1
Simple average			4.8	4.5	16.8	13.9	1.9	1.7	24.0	19.8	49.1	49.6	11.8	12.7
Weighted average			5.2	4.9	15.0	13.4	2.6	2.5	14.4	11.1	52.6	52.8	18.2	18.7
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MAXISBHD	MAXISMK	6,932	10.0	9.8	22.0	21.1	4.9	5.0	19.2	4.4	40.6	40.4	21.8	22.8
DIGI.COM BHD	DIGIMK	11,147	10.7	10.5	26.4	24.1	64.4	67.5	71.3	9.3	77.8	47.7	83.1	78.6
AXIATA GROUP BERHAD	AXIATA MK	6,422	5.8	5.6	21.4	19.2	1.4	1.2	(86.3)	11.6	45.4	45.9	5.8	6.6
Simple average			8.8	8.6	23.3	21.5	23.6	24.6	1.4	8.5	54.6	44.7	36.9	36.0
Weighted average			9.2	9.0	23.9	22.0	31.1	32.4	15.2	8.5	58.8	45.2	45.5	44.0
Singapore														
STARHUB LTD	STH SP	1,366	6.2	5.6	15.4	13.1	3.3	3.1	122.3	17.8	18.5	19.9	22.7	25.6
SINGAPORE TELECOM M UNI	C ST SP	29,533	11.9	11.4	15.3	13.5	1.4	1.3	15.2	16.0	25.6	26.2	8.7	9.7
Simple average			9.1	8.5	15.3	13.3	2.3	2.2	68.8	16.9	22.1	23.0	15.7	17.6
Weighted average			11.7	11.2	15.3	13.5	1.4	1.4	19.9	16.1	25.3	25.9	9.3	10.4
Thailand														
ADVANCED INFO SERVICE P	CADVANC TB	17,350	7.7	7.3	20.9	19.1	6.7	6.3	11.1	9.3	48.2	48.5	32.5	34.0
Simple average			7.7	7.3	20.9	19.1	6.7	6.3	11.1	9.3	48.2	48.5	32.5	34.0
Phillipines														
GLOBE TELECOM INC	GLO PM	4,736	6.5	6.2	13.3	12.3	1.8	1.7	(5.0)	8.4	47.9	46.0	15.0	14.8
PLDT INC	TELPM	5,177	5.3	5.1	9.8	9.4	2.0	1.9	(4.2)	3.7	49.5	49.8	22.1	21.3
CONVERGE INFORMATION A	I CNVRG PM	2,061	5.8	5.4	11.8	10.9	2.3	2.0	17.4	8.7	58.2	58.5	20.6	19.1
Simple average			5.8	5.5	11.6	10.8	2.1	1.9	2.7	6.9	51.9	51.4	19.3	18.4
Weighted average			5.8	5.6	11.5	10.8	2.0	1.9	(8.0)	6.4	50.4	49.8	19.1	18.4
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China CHINA TELECOM CORP LTD	-ł 728 HK	79,103	3.7	3.5	10.6	9.4	0.7	0.7	12.4	12.8	26.9	26.9	7.1	7.7
CHINA MOBILE LTD CHINA UNICOM HONG KONG	941HK I 762 HK	169,073 23,662	2.3 1.2	2.2 1.2	8.2 8.6	7.7 7.7	0.9 0.5	0.8	8.3 13.2	7.2 11.5	34.7 27.9	34.1 27.3	10.6 5.4	10.9 5.8
	1 /02 FIN	23,062	2.4	2.3	9.1	8.3	0.5	0.4	11.3	10.5	27.9	29.4	7.7	
Simple average			2.4	2.5	9.1	8.2	0.7	0.7	9.9	9.2	29.8 31.8	29.4 31.4	7.7 9.1	8.1 9.5
Weighted average			2.0	2.5	9.0	8.2	0.8	0.8	9.9	9.2	31.8	31.4	9.1	9.5
Overall simple average			6.4	6.1	16.2	14.5	6.2	6.2	19.9	12.0	42.6	41.1	20.7	21.1
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Source: Bloomberg, KISI



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FY-ending Dec.	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Current assets					
Cash & cash equivalent	4,087	9,516		3,642	7,824
Accounts & other receivables	2,060	2,374			2,956
Inventories	18	73			85
Others	5,334	6,720	7,210	8,249	8,536
Non-current assets					
Fixed assets	45,515	69,070			
Goodwill	1,324				18,293
Investments	593				1,964
Other non-current assets	4,465	6,169			7,516
Total assets	63,397	113,880	114,710	118,188	125,218
Current liabilities					
Accounts & other payables	11,041	11,555	12,398	13,372	14,387
ST debt & bond	7,667	4,269	4,269	4,269	4,269
Obligations under finance lease	2,682	7,106	7,106	7,106	7,10
Others	7,268	12,944	13,887	14,162	15,82
Non-current liabilities					
LT debt & bond	8,824	17,025	12,025	12,025	12,02
Obligations under finance lease	14,292	27,584	27,584	27,584	27,58
Other non-current liabilities	1,320	1,782	3,760	2,798	3,19
Total liabilities	53,094	82,265	81,029	81,316	84,39
Capital stock	543	806	806	806	806
Additional paid-in capital	1,547	17,714	17,714	17,714	17,71
Retained earnings	6,703	9,427	11,254	14,169	17,83
Others	387	397	397	397	39
Minority interest	1,122	3,272	3,511	3,786	4,07
Total equity	10,303	31,615	33,681	36,872	40,82
Cash flow				(IE	OR bn)
FY-ending Dec.	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
C/F from operating	17,735	25,011	18,055	19,139	23,262
Net profit	6,751	4,723	2,190	3,572	4,739
Depreciation	10.204	13,703	14,509	15,270	16,073
Net incr. in W/C	701	4,434	1,118	,	2,162
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Others	79	2,150	239	270	201
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	(11,638)	(56,541)	(16,857)		(18,008)
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C/F from investing CAPEX	(11,638) (6,839)	(56,541) (11,703)	(16,857) (12,990)	(20,192) (12,990)	(18,008) (12,730) (5,278)
C/F from investing CAPEX Others	(11,638) (6,839) (4,799)	(56,541) (11,703) (44,838)	(16,857) (12,990) (3,867)	(20,192) (12,990) (7,202)	(18,008) (12,730) (5,278)
C/F from investing CAPEX Others C/F from financing Incr. in equity	(11,638) (6,839) (4,799) (3,796)	(56,541) (11,703) (44,838) 36,958 16,430	(16,857) (12,990) (3,867) (5,363)	(20,192) (12,990) (7,202)	(18,008) (12,730) (5,278)
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Income statement				(IDR bn)
FY-ending Dec.	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
Net revenues	31,388	46,752	50,161	54,103	58,209
Expenses	(17,503)	(27,284)	(27,857)	(29,406)	(31,118)
EBITDA	13,886	19,469	22,304	24,697	27,091
Depreciation expenses	(10,204)	(13,703)	(14,509)	(15,270)	(16,073)
Operating profit	3,682	5,766	7,796	9,427	11,018
Financial income					
Interest income	152	118	166	100	128
Financial expense					
Interest expense	(3,002)	(4,345)	(4,769)	(4,321)	(4,238)
Other non-operating profit	6,675	4,998	-	-	-
Gains (Losses) in associates, subsidiaries and JV	-	-	-	-	-
Earnings before tax	7,507	6,536	3,192	5,207	6,908
Income taxes	(647)	(1,166)	(702)	(1,146)	(1,520)
Net profit	6,751	4,723	2,190	3,572	4,739
Core Net profit	757	1,182	2,190	3,572	4,739
Non-controlling interest	109	647	300	489	649

Key financial data

FY-ending Dec.	2021A	2022A	2023F	2024F	2025F
per share data (IDR)					
EPS	1,242.4	589.0	271.6	443.0	587.8
BPS	1,689.5	3,534.4	3,742.0	4,103.5	4,558.4
DPS	1,168.2	117.2	81.5	132.9	176.3
Growth (%)					
Sales growth	12.4	48.9	7.3	7.9	7.6
EBITDA growth	21.4	40.2	14.6	10.7	9.7
OP growth	158.9	56.6	35.2	20.9	16.9
NP growth	NA	(30.0)	(53.6)	63.1	32.7
Profitability (%)					
EBITDA margin	44.2	41.6	44.5	45.6	46.5
OP margin	11.7	12.3	15.5	17.4	18.9
NP margin	21.5	10.1	4.4	6.6	8.1
ROA	10.7	5.3	1.9	3.1	3.9
ROE	58.2	22.5	6.7	10.1	12.2
Dividend yield	17.4	1.7	1.2	2.0	2.6
Dividend payout ratio	103.7	20.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Stability					
Net debt (IDR bn)	12,403	11,779	10,943	12,653	8,471
Intbearing debt/equity (%)	179.6	75.1	54.0	49.2	44.3
Valuation (X)					
PE	5.4	11.4	25.0	15.3	11.6
РВ	4.0	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.5
EV/EBITDA	6.1	5.3	4.7	4.3	3.8



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