## Market Data 52-week high/low SAR 308.0/204.00 Market Cap SAR 78,820 mln Shares Outstanding 350 mln Free-float 24.2% 12-month ADTV 214,942 Bloomberg Code SULAIMAN AB



## Substantial Margin Expansion

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Upside to Target Price	12.8 %	Rating	Neutral
Expected Dividend Yield	1.9%	Last Price	SAR 225.20
Expected Total Return	14.7%	12-mth target	SAR 254.00

HMG	3Q2023	3Q2022	Y/Y	2Q2023	Q/Q	RC Estimate
Sales	2,443	2,052	19%	2,272	8%	2,278
Gross Profit	843	682	24%	775	9%	775
Gross Margins	35%	33%		34%		34%
Operating Profit	552	436	27%	499	11%	507
Net Profit	545	421	30%	487	12%	488

(All figures are in SAR mln)

- HMG posted an impressive growth in revenues to SAR 2.44 bln (+19% Y/Y, +8% Q/Q), beating our SAR 2.28 bln forecast. The rise in topline was led by both the hospital segment (76% of revenues) and the pharmacy segment (21% of revenues). The steady growth in the number of outpatients and inpatient occupancy continued. Higher patient numbers led to better pharmacy segment sales as well.
- In our view, the highlight for the quarter was the expansion in gross margins to 34.5% as compared to 33.2% last year and 34.1% in the preceding quarter. This is one of the highest gross margins recorded by the Company and it remains to be seen if these margins can be sustained in the final quarter. Historically, the fourth quarter is a good one for HMG. Gross profit witnessed a growth of +24% Y/Y to SAR 843 mln. Net margins also increased to 22.3%, 180 bps higher Y/Y and 90 bps higher Q/Q.
- Net income witnessed a +30% Y/Y and +12% Q/Q rise to SAR 545 mln, beating our SAR 488 mln forecast and market consensus of SAR 491 mln. Management has attributed this primarily to higher patient traffic. With expansions coming online in the central region and the western region, we have a positive long-term outlook for the Company.
- The Board has recommended a cash dividend of SAR 1.17 per share for 3Q. We continue to believe that smaller medical centers, which require limited investment and reaches additional customer groups is a good strategy besides hospital expansions. We trim our target price to SAR 254.00 but maintain our Neutral rating.

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## Stock Rating

Buy	Neutral	Sell	Not Rated
Expected Total Return Greater than +15%	Expected Total Return between -15% and +15%	Expected Total Return less than -15%	Under Review/ Restricted

The expected percentage returns are indicative, stock recommendations also incorporate relevant qualitative factors For any feedback on our reports, please contact research@riyadcapital.com

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