## SOLUTIONS

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|                    | Expected Dividend<br>Expected Total Retu |  |                  |
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| Market Data        |  |  | SOLUTIONS        |
| 52-week high/low   | SAR 409.8/250.0                          |  | Sales            |
| Market Cap         | SAR 38,352 mln                           |  | Gross Profit     |
| Shares Outstanding | 120 mln                                  |  |                  |
| Free-float         | 19.9%                                    |  | Gross Margins    |
| 12-month ADTV      | 192,494                                  |  | Operating Profit |
| Bloomberg Code     | SOLUTION AB                              |  | Net Profit       |



| Full Year Revenues Surge +9.3%   |                      |                                       |      |        | Feb   | oruary 17, 2025                     |  |
|--|----------------------|---------------------------------------|------|--------|-------|-------------------------------------|--|
| Upside to Target Price<br>Expected Dividend Yield<br>Expected Total Return | 6.4%<br>2.5%<br>8.9% | Rating<br>Last Price<br>12-mth target |      |        | et    | Neutral<br>SAR 319.60<br>SAR 340.00 |  |
| SOLUTIONS  | 4Q2024               | 4Q2023                                | Y/Y  | 3Q2024 | Q/Q   | <b>RC Estimate</b>                  |  |
| Sales  | 3,730                | 2,868                                 | 30%  | 2,753  | 35%   | 3,441                               |  |
| Gross Profit   | 738                  | 464                                   | 59%  | 729    | 1%    | 647                                 |  |
| Gross Margins  | 20%                  | 16%                                   |      | 26%    |       | 19%                                 |  |
| Operating Profit   | 406                  | 204                                   | 99%  | 485    | (16%) | 328                                 |  |
| Net Profit   | 327                  | 162                                   | 102% | 463    | (29%) | 287                                 |  |

(All figures are in SAR mln)

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- Solutions 4Q2024 revenues surged by +30% Y/Y and +35% Q/Q to a record level at SAR 3.7 bln, driven by a completion of key milestones for certain projects as well as a ramp-up of others. This strong result exceeded both BBG consensus estimates of SAR 3.6 bln and ours, and lifted full year revenues to SAR 12.1 bln, up +9.3%, achieving management's revenue growth guidance of 8-11%, despite muted revenues over the past three quarters. Full year growth was driven by a +3.2% increase in Core ICT Services, a +21.0% incline in IT Managed Services, and an +8.1% growth in Digital Services. On quarterly basis, Core ICT and IT Managed were up +40% and +51%, while Digital Services decline by -4% Q/Q. All entities demonstrated robust Q/Q revenue growth, primarily Solutions, yet maintained similar revenue shares of 70%, 13%, and 17% for Solutions, Giza, and CCC, respectively.
- Gross margin for the quarter stood at 19.8%, compared to 26.5% last quarter and 16.2% last year, higher than our 18.8% estimate. Gross profit is up +59% Y/Y, supported by improved margins. OPEX came in at SAR 332 mln, up +28% Y/Y and +36% Q/Q, in-line with our estimate. This resulted in an operating margin of 10.9% compared to 17.6% last quarter and 7.1% last year.
- Net profits of SAR 327 mln were up +102% Y/Y but down -29% Q/Q, beating both market consensus and our estimate of SAR 278 mln and SAR 287 mln, respectively. The sequential decline resulted from lower margins coupled with Zakat reversal of SAR 73.1 mln in last quarter. 4Q net margin of 8.8% was higher than our 8.3% estimate. Full-year net profits jumped by +21%, on higher operating margins and the Zakat reversal, resulting in a record net margin of 13.2% vs 10.8% last year. The company announced a SAR 10 DPS for the year (comprising SAR 8 ordinary, and SAR 2 in special cash dividends). We raise our target price to SAR 340.00 per share, but downgrade to Neutral rating, as the stock has rallied since our last report.

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## Stock Rating

| Buy  | Neutral  | Sell                                 | Not Rated                |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Expected Total Return<br>Greater than +15% | Expected Total Return<br>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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