## Miss; uninspiring 4Q20 outlook

## Reported red ink; we had expected a turnaround

PSL reported a 3Q20 net loss of Bt22m, shallower by $25 \%$ YoY and $98 \%$ QoQ. However, that result was far short of our expectation of a net profit of Bt71m (lower revenue than assumed) and the street projection (net earnings of Bt182m). Stripping out extra items, the 3Q20 core loss would be Bt35m, deeper by $12 \%$ YoY but shallower by $89 \%$ QoQ. The core loss was also worse than our estimate of a core profit of Bt71m (lower revenue than assumed) and the street projection of net earnings of Bt182m (Bloomberg didn't survey the street for a core number).

## Result highlights

Revenue declined $10 \%$ YoY but rose $39 \%$ QoQ, in tandem with a mean freight rate which slipped 9\% YoY but rose $44 \%$ QoQ to US\$8,786/day/ship. Cost of sales \& service was largely unchanged (down $2 \%$ YoY but up $1 \%$ QoQ), in tandem with vessel operating expenses (up by $1 \%$ YoY and $2 \%$ QoQ to $\$ 4,617 /$ day/ship, due to higher stores/spares expenses). SG\&A expenses declined by $8 \%$ YoY and $42 \%$ QoQ because of lower legal costs.

## Outlook

The dry bulk shipping market is entering low season, but we don't expect freight rates to collapse, as they are supported by a postlockdown global trade recovery and hefty fiscal stimulus. However, our model points to PSL's 4Q20 operation weakening YoY and QoQ, due to an expected lower average freight rate.

## What's changed?

We have factored 9M20 results into our model, so have deepened our 2020 core loss forecast by $70 \%$ to $\mathrm{B} t 536$ m. However, our YE21 target price stands unchanged at Bt5.70.

## Recommendation

The seasonal freight rate downtrend and the expected weak 4Q20 number will continue pressuring PSL's share price. However, any potential good news about the development of a COVID-19 vaccine and the outlook for economic recovery would be likely to trigger a stock price rally. As such, we maintain our HOLD call.

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## Sector: Transportation

Rating: HOLD
Target Price: Bt5.70
Price (November 9, 2020): Bt5.15

## Key statistics

| Key statistics |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Market cap | Bt8.0bn | USD0.3bn |
| 12-mth price range | Bt2.4/Bt8.8 |  |
| 12-mth avg daily volume | Bt71m | USD2.3m |
| \# of shares $(\mathrm{m})$ | 1,559 |  |
| Est. free float (\%) | 46.8 |  |
| Foreign limit (\%) | 49.0 |  |
|  |  |  |
|  |  |  |
| Share price perf. (\%) | $\mathbf{1 M}$ | 3M |
| Relative to SET | $(3.4)$ | $(1.9)$ |
| Absolute | $(1.9)$ | $(4.6)$ |

## Financial summary

| FY Ended 31 Dec | 2019 | 2020E | 2021E | 2022E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenues (Btm) | 4,152 | 3,702 | 5,088 | 5,131 |
| Net profit (Btm) | $(228)$ | $(1,380)$ | 648 | 793 |
| EPS (Bt) | $(0.15)$ | $(0.89)$ | 0.42 | 0.51 |
| EPS grow th (\%) | n.m. | $-504 \%$ | n.m. | $+22 \%$ |
| Core profit (Btm) | $(222)$ | $(536)$ | 648 | 793 |
| Core EPS (Bt) | $(0.14)$ | $(0.34)$ | 0.42 | 0.51 |
| Core EPS grow th (\%) | n.m. | $-141 \%$ | n.m. | $+22 \%$ |
| PER (x) | n.m. | n.m. | 12.4 | 10.1 |
| PBV (x) | 1.1 | 0.8 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Dividend (Bt) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| Dividend yield (\%) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 2.0 |
| ROE (\%) | $(1.9)$ | $(12.7)$ | 6.2 | 7.1 |

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PSL: Financial Tables - Year

| PROFIT \& LOSS (Btm) | 2018 | 2019 | 2020E | 2021E | 2022E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue | 4,933 | 4,152 | 3,702 | 5,088 | 5,131 |
| Cost of sales and services | $(3,256)$ | $(3,173)$ | $(3,251)$ | $(3,206)$ | $(3,206)$ |
| Gross profit | 1,677 | 979 | 452 | 1,882 | 1,925 |
| SG\&A | (453) | (546) | (392) | (392) | (392) |
| EBIT | 1,224 | 433 | 60 | 1,490 | 1,533 |
| Interest expense | (803) | (703) | (619) | (721) | (582) |
| Other income/exp. | 37 | 31 | 12 | 30 | 30 |
| EBT | 459 | (239) | (547) | 800 | 981 |
| Corporate tax | (2) | (3) | 0 | (162) | (198) |
| After-tax net profit (loss) | 457 | (242) | (547) | 638 | 783 |
| Minority interest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Equity earnings from affiliates | 24 | 20 | 11 | 10 | 10 |
| Extra items | (25) | (6) | (845) | 0 | 0 |
| Net profit (loss) | 456 | (228) | $(1,380)$ | 648 | 793 |
| Reported EPS | 0.29 | (0.15) | (0.89) | 0.42 | 0.51 |
| Fully diluted EPS | 0.28 | (0.14) | (0.89) | 0.42 | 0.51 |
| Core net profit | 481 | (222) | (536) | 648 | 793 |
| Core EPS | 0.30 | (0.14) | (0.34) | 0.42 | 0.51 |
| EBITDA | 2,409 | 1,617 | 1,275 | 2,678 | 2,721 |
| KEY RATIOS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue grow th (\%) | 13.9 | (15.8) | (10.8) | 37.4 | 0.8 |
| Gross margin (\%) | 34.0 | 23.6 | 12.2 | 37.0 | 37.5 |
| EBITDA margin (\%) | 48.8 | 38.9 | 34.4 | 52.6 | 53.0 |
| Operating margin (\%) | 24.8 | 10.4 | 1.6 | 29.3 | 29.9 |
| Net margin (\%) | 9.2 | (5.5) | (37.3) | 12.7 | 15.5 |
| Core profit margin (\%) | 9.8 | (5.4) | (14.5) | 12.7 | 15.5 |
| ROA (\%) | 1.6 | (0.9) | (5.6) | 2.7 | 3.5 |
| ROCE (\%) | 1.6 | (0.9) | (5.8) | 2.7 | 3.6 |
| Asset turnover (x) | 0.2 | 0.2 | 0.1 | 0.2 | 0.2 |
| Current ratio (x) | 1.0 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.6 | 0.3 |
| Gearing ratio (x) | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 0.8 |
| Interest coverage (x) | 1.5 | 0.6 | 0.1 | 2.1 | 2.6 |
| BALANCE SHEET (Btm) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash \& Equivalent | 1,843 | 1,181 | 1,634 | 2,510 | 380 |
| Accounts receivable | 254 | 183 | 162 | 223 | 225 |
| Inventory | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| PP\&E-net | 22,409 | 20,098 | 19,147 | 18,197 | 17,246 |
| Other assets | 3,110 | 3,282 | 5,130 | 6,005 | 3,874 |
| Total assets | 27,837 | 25,061 | 24,439 | 24,425 | 21,346 |
| Accounts payable | 74 | 71 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| ST debts \& current portion | 1,877 | 4,085 | 6,408 | 4,749 | 1,877 |
| Long-term debt | 12,661 | 8,577 | 7,150 | 8,150 | 7,150 |
| Other liabilities | 0 | 0 | 702 | 699 | 699 |
| Total liabilities | 15,141 | 13,502 | 14,260 | 13,598 | 9,726 |
| Paid-up capital | 1,559 | 1,559 | 1,559 | 1,559 | 1,559 |
| Share premium | 2,140 | 2,140 | 2,140 | 2,140 | 2,140 |
| Retained earnings | 9,780 | 9,537 | 8,156 | 8,804 | 9,597 |
| Shareholders equity | 12,695 | 11,559 | 10,179 | 10,827 | 11,620 |
| Minority interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Liab.\&Shareholders' equity | 27,837 | 25,060 | 24,439 | 24,425 | 21,346 |
| CASH FLOW (Btm) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net income | 456 | (228) | $(1,380)$ | 648 | 793 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 1,185 | 1,183 | 1,215 | 1,188 | 1,188 |
| Change in w orking capital | (199) | 163 | (13) | (64) | (2) |
| FX, non-cash adjustment \& others | 814 | 773 | 619 | 721 | 582 |
| Cash flows from operating activit | 2,256 | 1,890 | 441 | 2,493 | 2,561 |
| Capex (Invest)/Divest | (289) | (436) | (265) | (238) | (238) |
| Others | 17 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flows from investing activit | (272) | (427) | (265) | (238) | (238) |
| Debt financing (repayment) | $(1,984)$ | $(2,009)$ | 896 | (659) | $(3,872)$ |
| Equity financing | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividend payment | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 17 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash flows from financing activiti | $(1,984)$ | $(2,009)$ | 277 | $(1,379)$ | $(4,454)$ |
| Net change in cash | 0 | (546) | 453 | 876 | $(2,130)$ |
| Free cash flow (Btm) | 1,967 | 1,455 | 176 | 2,255 | 2,323 |
| FCF per share (Bt) | 1.3 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.5 |
| Key assumptions | 2018 | 2019 | 2020E | 2021E | 2022E |
| TC rate (US\$/day/ship) | 11,063 | 9,622 | 8,906 | 12,277 | 12,380 |
| No.of operating days (days) | 13,140 | 13,140 | 13,176 | 13,140 | 13,140 |
| No.of ships | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 |



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PSL: Financial Tables - Quarter

| QUARTERLY PROFIT \& LOSS (Btm) | 3Q19 | 4Q19 | 1Q20 | 2Q20 | 3Q20 |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue | 1,045 | 1,150 | 1,055 | 680 | 944 |
| Cost of sales and services | $(778)$ | $(814)$ | $(909)$ | $(757)$ | $(762)$ |
| Gross profit | 267 | 337 | 146 | $(77)$ | 182 |
| SG\&A | $(130)$ | $(167)$ | $(112)$ | $(82)$ | $(75)$ |
| EBIT | 137 | 170 | 34 | $(158)$ | 107 |
| Interest expense | $(183)$ | $(150)$ | $(172)$ | $(158)$ | $(145)$ |
| Other income/exp. | 7 | 5 | 4 | 3 | 1 |
| EBT | $\mathbf{( 3 9 )}$ | $\mathbf{2 4}$ | $\mathbf{( 1 3 4 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 3 1 4 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 3 7 )}$ |
| Corporate tax | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| After-tax net profit (loss) | $(39)$ | 24 | $(134)$ | $(314)$ | $(37)$ |
| Minority interest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Equity earnings from affiliates | 8 | 6 | 1 | 4 | 3 |
| Extra items | 1 | $(2)$ | 16 | $(873)$ | 12 |
| Net profit (loss) | $\mathbf{( 2 9 )}$ | 29 | $\mathbf{( 1 1 7 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 1 , 1 8 3 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 2 2 )}$ |
| Reported EPS | $(0)$ | 0 | $(0)$ | $(1)$ | $(0)$ |
| Fully diluted EPS | $\mathbf{0 . 0 2 )}$ | $\mathbf{0 . 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{( 0 . 0 8 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 0 . 7 6 )}$ | $\mathbf{( 0 . 0 1 )}$ |
| Core net profit | $\mathbf{( 3 1 )}$ | 31 | $\mathbf{( 1 3 3 )}$ | $(310)$ | $(35)$ |
| Core EPS | $(0.02)$ | 0.02 | $(0.09)$ | $(0.20)$ | $(0.02)$ |
| EBITDA | $\mathbf{2 6 4}$ | 325 | $\mathbf{1 7 4}$ | $\mathbf{( 7 )}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 0}$ |
| KEY RATIOS |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross margin (\%) |  |  |  |  |  |
| EBITDA margin (\%) | 25.6 | 29.3 | 13.8 | $(11.3)$ | 19.3 |
| Operating margin (\%) | 25.3 | 28.2 | 16.5 | $(1.0)$ | 28.6 |
| Net margin (\%) | 13.1 | 14.8 | 3.2 | $(23.3)$ | 11.3 |
| Core profit margin (\%) | $(2.8)$ | 2.5 | $(11.1)$ | $(173.9)$ | $(2.3)$ |
| BV (Bt) | $(2.9)$ | 2.7 | $(12.6)$ | $(45.6)$ | $(3.7)$ |
| ROE (\%) | 7.5 | 7.4 | 7.8 | 6.7 | 6.8 |
| ROA (\%) | $(1.0)$ | 1.0 | $(3.9)$ | $(41.9)$ | $(0.8)$ |
| Current ratio (x) | $(0.5)$ | 0.5 | $(1.8)$ | $(19.0)$ | $(0.4)$ |
| Gearing ratio (x) | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.8 |
| Interest coverage (x) | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
|  | 0.7 | 1.1 | 0.2 | $n . m$. | 0.7 |


| QUARTERLY BALANCE SHEET (Btm) |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Cash \& Equivalent | 1,304 | 1,181 | 1,268 | 895 | 1,752 |
| Accounts receivable | 132 | 183 | 229 | 137 | 171 |
| Inventory | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 2 |
| PP\&E-net | 20,547 | 20,098 | 21,514 | 20,081 | 20,387 |
| Other assets | 3,429 | 3,599 | 3,251 | 2,341 | 966 |
| Total assets | $\mathbf{2 5 , 4 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 , 0 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 , 2 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 , 4 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 , 2 7 8}$ |
| Accounts payable | 92 | 71 | 105 | 112 | 158 |
| ST debts \& current portion | 3,731 | 4,085 | 7,600 | 5,425 | 2,839 |
| Long-term debt | 9,301 | 8,577 | 5,713 | 6,953 | 9,042 |
| Other liabilities | 565 | 769 | 622 | 582 | 568 |
| Total liabilities | $\mathbf{1 3 , 6 9 0}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 5 0 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 4 , 0 3 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 3 , 0 7 3}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 6 0 7}$ |
| Paid-up capital | 1,559 | 1,559 | 1,559 | 1,559 | 1,559 |
| Share premium | 2,140 | 2,140 | 2,140 | 2,140 | 2,140 |
| Retained earnings | 9,521 | 9,537 | 9,346 | 8,163 | 8,141 |
| Shareholders equity | $\mathbf{1 1 , 7 2 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 , 5 5 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 , 2 2 4}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 3 8 2}$ | $\mathbf{1 0 , 6 7 2}$ |
| Minority interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Liab.\&Shareholders' equity | $\mathbf{2 5 , 4 1 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 5 , 0 6 1}$ | $\mathbf{2 6 , 2 6 3}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 , 4 5 5}$ | $\mathbf{2 3 , 2 7 8}$ |
| Key operating data |  |  |  |  |  |
| TC rate (US\$/day/ship) | $\mathbf{3 Q 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{4 Q 1 9}$ | $\mathbf{1 Q 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{2 Q 2 0}$ | $\mathbf{3 Q 2 0}$ |
| No.of operating days (days) | 9,617 | 10,628 | 8,398 | 6,099 | 8,786 |
| No.of ships | 3,312 | 3,312 | 3,240 | 3,276 | 3,312 |




## Gross profit margin




## Company profile

Precious Shipping Plc (PSL) is a pure dry cargo ship owner. The company operates vessels in the small handy and supramax classes. PSL's fleet totaled 36 ships as of end-Sep 2020.

Figure 1: 3Q20 results

| FY Ended 31 Dec (Btm) | 3Q20 | 3Q19 | YoY \% | 2 Q 20 | QoQ\% | 9M20 | 9M19 | YoY \% | $\begin{aligned} & 0 \text { vs. } \\ & \text { FY20E } \end{aligned}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Income Statement |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue | 944 | 1,045 | (10) | 680 | 39 | 2,680 | 3,002 | (11) | 72 | - Revenue declined YoY, due to a lower T/C rate |
| Cost of sales and services | (762) | (778) | (2) | (757) | 1 | $(2,428)$ | $(2,359)$ | 3 | 75 |  |
| EBITDA | 270 | 264 | 3 | (7) | $n m$ | 437 | 639 | (32) | 34 |  |
| EBT | 107 | 137 | (22) | (158) | $n m$ | (18) | 263 | $n m$ | (29) |  |
| Interest expense | (145) | (183) | (21) | (158) | (9) | (475) | (553) | (14) | 77 |  |
| Other income/exp. | 1 | 7 | (90) | 3 | (74) | 7 | 26 | (72) | 60 | - Revenue shot up QoQ, in tandem with the T/C rate recovery |
| Equity earnings from affiliates | 3 | 8 | (69) | 4 | (30) | 7 | 13 | (47) | 62 |  |
| Extra items | 12 | 1 | 812 | (873) | $n m$ | (845) | (4) | $n m$ | 100 |  |
| EBT | (37) | (39) | (5) | (314) | (88) | (485) | (264) | 84 | 89 |  |
| Corporate tax | 0 | 0 | $n m$ | 0 | $n m$ | 0 | 0 | $n m$ | nm |  |
| Minority interest | 0 | 0 | nm | 0 | $n m$ | 0 | 0 | $n m$ | nm | - SG\&A expenses declined YoY and QoQ—lower legal fees |
| Net profit (loss) | (22) | (29) | (25) | $(1,183)$ | (98) | $(1,322)$ | (255) | 419 | 96 |  |
| Reported EPS | (0.01) | (0.02) | (25) | (0.76) | (98) | (0.85) | (0.16) | 419 | 96 |  |
| Core net profit | (35) | (31) | 12 | (310) | (89) | (478) | (250) | 91 | 89 |  |
| Key ratios |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross margin (\%) | 19.3 | 25.6 |  | (11.3) |  | 9.4 | 21.4 |  |  | - An FX gain |
| EBITDA margin (\%) | 28.6 | 25.3 |  | (1.0) |  | 16.3 | 21.3 |  |  |  |
| EBT margin (\%) | 11.3 | 13.1 |  | (23.3) |  | (0.7) | 8.8 |  |  |  |
| Tax rate (\%) | 0.0 | 0.0 |  | 0.0 |  | 0.0 | 0.0 |  |  |  |
| Net margin (\%) | (2.3) | (2.8) |  | (173.9) |  | (49.3) | (8.5) |  |  |  |
| Current ratio ( x ) | 0.8 | 0.4 |  | 0.5 |  | 0.8 | 0.4 |  |  | - The core and net losses were much weaker than expectedwe and the street had modeled for earnings |
| Gearing ratio (x) | 1.1 | 1.1 |  | 1.2 |  | 1.1 | 1.1 |  |  |  |
| Interest coverage (x) | 0.7 | 0.7 |  | n.m. |  | (0.0) | 0.5 |  |  |  |
| Balance Sheet <br> for earnings |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash \& Equivalent | 1,752 | 1,304 | 34 | 895 | 96 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total assets | 23,278 | 25,412 | (8) | 23,455 | (1) |  |  |  |  |  |
| ST debts \& current portion | 2,839 | 3,731 | (24) | 5,425 | (48) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Long-term debt | 9,042 | 9,301 | (3) | 6,953 | 30 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Total liabilities | 12,607 | 13,690 | (8) | 13,073 | (4) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retained earnings | 8,141 | 9,521 | (15) | 8,163 | (0) |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shareholders equity | 10,672 | 11,722 | (9) | 10,382 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minority interests | 0 | 0 | nm | 0 | nm |  |  |  |  |  |
| BV (Bt) | 6.8 | 7.5 | (9) | 6.7 | 3 |  |  |  |  |  |

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| CKP | STA | BGRIM | GULF | MTC | AWC | TCAP | CRC | AP | CPF | CPN | GUNKUL | HANA | HMPRO | IVL |
| OSP | SAWAD | THANI | BANPU | BCH | BEM | BTS | CK | SCC | STEC | TISCO | TRUE | TU | INTUCH | LH |
| RATCH | VGI | PRM | SCPG | TQM |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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## STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS

BUY: Expected positive total returns of $15 \%$ or more over the next 12 months.
HOLD: Expected total returns of between $-15 \%$ and $+15 \%$ over the next 12 months.
SELL: Expected negative total returns of $15 \%$ or more over the next 12 months.
TRADING BUY: Expected positive total returns of $15 \%$ or more over the next 3 months.

## SECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

OVERWEIGHT: The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to outperform the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months. NEUTRAL: The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to perform in line with the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months.
UNDERWEIGHT: The industry, as defined by the analyst's coverage universe, is expected to underperform the relevant primary market index over the next 12 months.


[^0]:    Sources: Company data, Bualuang Research estimates

