



NICE 1&T

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♦ Good 4Q06 and annual result.

Sales increased 29.6% and operating profits increased 10.1% yoy in 4Q06. Due to the year end comeback in sales growth, sales expanded 18.1% and operating profits expanded 24.7% for 2006. Net income increased 15.4% in 2006. Net income dropped 22.1% in 4Q06 due to a non-operating bad debt reserve of W140m for loans made to sales agencies. Full year top line growth was driven by a 37% increase in transaction volumes from 0.27b to 0.36b offset somewhat by lower fees per transaction.

♦ Operating margin down in 4Q06.

The operating margin dropped from 5.9% to 5.0% in 4Q06 due to seasonality and other factors. In 4Q06 operating profits amounted to 13.2% of the full year result compared to the normal rate of 21.8%. The 4Q06 result was depressed by a one-time retirement payment of W0.7b due to a change from a cumulative to annual system. There was also W0.6b related to sales promotion costs.

♦ Market share gains underpinned top line growth.

The Company's market share improved from 12.5% to 13.1% during the year. NICE I&T focused its efforts on capturing the business of higher-margin local wholesale agencies (sales offices) serving restaurants, bars, and other consumption-related businesses. Year-end contract renewals went well with a net gain in customers.

♦ IC card deadline set by government for July.

Though there is a short deadline for IC card introduction, key issues haven't been addressed and a delay beyond July is likely. The Credit Finance Association's effort to develop its own technical standard is also unlikely to fly.

♦ Upgraded to Buy.

Share price declines have made the valuation more attractive (based on very conservative forward assumptions) despite slightly higher levels of risk from IC card introduction. Maintaining W4,500 per share target and revising recommendation to Buy.

Year end Dec 31	2005	2006P	2007E	2008E	2009E
Sales (Won b)	44.3	52.4	61.5	67.7	72.8
Op profit (Won b)	4.3	5.4	6.2	6.1	5.8
Net profit (Won b)	3.7	4.3	5.0	5.1	5.0
EPS (won)	388	477	518	527	523
EPS growth (%)	nmf	15.4	15.7	1.7	(0.7)
PER (x)	9.4	8.2	7.1	6.9	7.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.1	3.0	2.3	1.8	1.4
Yield (%)	4.1	4.1	4.7	4.8	4.8

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BUY

Result note

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Price	W3,660
Target	W4,500
KOSPI	1469.88

Volume

Performance	1m	3m	6m
Absolute (%)	3.9	-13.2	-6.2
Relative (%)	-3.1	-16.1	-15.1

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Stock Information

Stock code

Market Cap. (US\$m)	37.5		
52-week high (won)	W4,400		
52-week low (won)	W2,490		
Shares issued (m)	9.6		
6M avg daily vol (US\$m)	0.5		
Free float (%)	37.6		
Major Shareholders (%)			
	NICE (47.4)		
South China Se	ecurities (9.9)		

Key Indicators	
ROE (%)	22.1
ROA (%)	14.6
Net gearing (%)	nil
BVPS (2007)	W2,519

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Figure 1: 4Q06 Results (\	Vbn)				
				YOY %	Sequential
	4Q05	3Q06	4Q06	Change	% Change
Sales	11.0	13.2	14.2	29.6	7.7
Operating Profit	0.6	1.3	0.7	10.1	(44.8)
Net non-op profit (loss)	0.4	0.1	(0.0)	nmf	nmf
Net Income	0.9	1.0	0.7	(22.1)	(27.8)
Op margin (%)	5.9	9.8	5.0		
Net Margin (%)	8.1	7.2	4.9		
2006 Results (Wbn)			YOY %		
	2005	2006	Change		
Sales	44.3	52.4	18.1		
Operating Profit	4.3	5.4	24.7		
Net non-op profit (loss)	0.7	0.5	(34.5)		
Net Income	3.7	4.3	15.4		
Op margin (%)	9.7	10.3			
Net Margin (%)	8.4	8.2			



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Profit and loss									
YE Dec (Wbn)	2005	2006P	2007E	2008E	2009E				
Sales	44.3	52.4	61.5	67.7	72.8				
Cost of goods sold	30.2	36.7	44.6	50.3	55.1				
Gross Profit	14.1	15.7	16.9	17.4	17.7				
Operating expenses	9.8	10.3	10.8	11.3	11.9				
Operating Profit	4.3	5.4	6.2	6.1	5.8				
Net interest	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8				
Interest income	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.8				
Interest expense	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Net investment									
income/(loss)	0.4	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.3				
Net other non-op.									
JV+Assoc.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Net extraordinaries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Pretax income	5.0	5.9	6.9	7.0	6.9				
Income taxes	1.3	1.6	1.9	1.9	1.9				
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0				
Net profit	3.7	4.3	5.0	5.1	5.0				
EBITDA	6.2	7.7	8.8	9.0	9.0				
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Balance sheet								
YE Dec (Wbn)	2005	2006P	2007E	2008E	2009E			
Total assets	27.6	31.9	36.1	40.0	43.8			
Current assets	19.5	23.8	28.5	33.4	38.4			
Cash & ST investment	9.7	11.9	14.9	18.6	22.6			
Inventories	2.2	2.6	3.0	3.3	3.6			
Accounts receivable	6.0	7.3	8.6	9.5	10.2			
Others	1.6	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0			
Other assets	8.2	8.1	7.5	6.6	5.4			
Net fixed assets	6.3	6.0	5.4	4.5	3.3			
LT investments	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1			
Others	1.7	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0			
Total liabilities	9.6	11.0	11.8	12.4	12.8			
Current liabilities	8.7	9.6	10.4	11.0	11.4			
Payables	3.9	4.6	5.4	6.0	6.4			
ST borrowings	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Others	4.8	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0			
Long-term liabilities	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4			
Long-term debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0			
Others	0.9	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4			
Shareholders' equity	18.1	20.9	24.2	27.6	30.9			
Paid-in capital	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0			
Reserve	13.3	16.2	19.5	22.9	26.2			
Adjustment	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3			

Cash flow					
YE Dec (Wbn)	2005	2006P	2007E	2008E	2009E
Operating cash flow	3.6	5.6	6.7	7.4	7.7
Net profit	3.7	4.3	5.0	5.1	5.0
Depreciation & amortisation	1.9	2.3	2.6	2.9	3.2
Change in working capital	-2.0	-1.0	-0.9	-0.6	-0.5
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment cash flow	-1.5	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0
Net capex	-1.4	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0	-2.0
Change in LT investment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in other assets	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow after invt.	2.1	3.6	4.7	5.4	5.7
Financing cash flow	-1.0	-1.4	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7
Change in share capital	-1.0	-1.4	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7
Net change in debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in other LT liab.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	1.1	2.2	3.0	3.7	4.0

Source: Company data, Kim Eng forecasts

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YE Dec	2005	2006P	2007E	2008E	2009E
Growth (% YoY)					
Sales	19.4%	18.1%	17.5%	10.0%	7.5%
OP	87.6%	24.7%	14.2%	-1.0%	-4.4%
EBITDA	46.1%	23.4%	13.8%	2.7%	0.3%
NP	103.5%	15.4%	15.7%	1.7%	-0.7%
EPS	103.5%	15.4%	15.7%	1.7%	-0.7%
Profitability (%)					
Gross margin	31.8%	29.9%	27.5%	25.7%	24.3%
Operating margin	9.7%	10.3%	10.0%	9.0%	8.0%
EBITDA margin	14.1%	14.7%	14.2%	13.3%	12.4%
Net Profit margin	8.4%	8.2%	8.1%	7.5%	6.9%
ROA	15.0%	14.4%	14.6%	13.3%	12.0%
ROE	22.4%	22.1%	22.1%	19.6%	0.0%
Stability					
Gross debt/equity (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net debt/equity (%)	-53.7%	-56.9%	-61.5%	-67.3%	-73.1%
Int. coverage (X)	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf
Ebitda coverage (X)	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf
Current ratio (X)	2.2	2.5	2.7	3.0	3.4
Quick ratio (X)	2.0	2.2	2.4	2.7	3.0
Net debt (Wbn)	-9.7	-11.9	-14.9	-18.6	-22.6
Per share data (Won)					
EPS	388	447	518	527	523
CFPS	377	587	693	765	803
BVPS	1,877	2,175	2,519	2,869	3,216
SPS	4,610	5,446	6,399	7,039	7,567
EBITDA/share	649	800	911	936	939
DPS	150	150	174	177	175

Source: Company data, Kim Eng forecasts



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