

Market Data

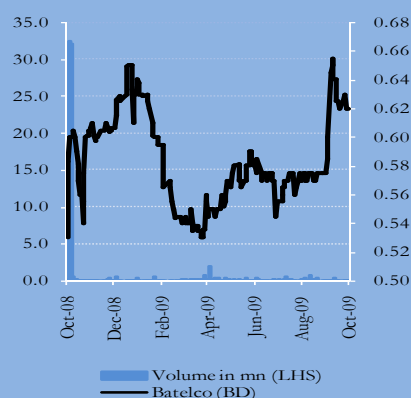
Bloomberg Code:	BATEL BI
Reuters:	BTEL.BH
CMP (28 Oct. 2009):	BD0.620
O/S (mn):	1440.00
Market Cap (BD mn):	892.8
Market Cap (US\$ mn):	2,367.5
Price/EPS 2009e (x):	8.5
Price/BV 2009e (x):	1.7

Price Performance

1-Yr

High (BD):	0.655
Low (BD):	0.530
Average Volume:	411, 988

Share Price Performance



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Bahrain Telecommunications Company – 9M/2009 Review

- Bahrain Telecommunications Co. (Batelco)** recorded consolidated revenue of BD256.2mn for the first nine months of 2009, an increase of 4.4% over BD245.4mn reported in 9M-2008.
- The company's consolidated EBITDA increased by 6.5% in 9M-2009 to BD111.6mn, resulting into EBITDA margin of 43.5%. Consolidated net profit attributable to shareholders increased by 1.5% from BD78.3mn in 9M-2008 to BD79.5mn in 9M-2009.
- In Q3-2009, the company's revenue improved by 1.0% to BD85.6mn over Q3-2008, while its net profit declined by 8.2% to BD25.3mn.
- The company's total assets declined by 4.7% from BD714.8mn at the end of 2008 to BD681.2mn at the end of September 2009.

Financial Highlights

(BD mn)	9M-2008	9M-2009	% Change	Q3-2008	Q3-2009	Q2-2009
Sales Revenue	245.4	256.2	4.4%	84.8	85.6	86.9
EBITDA	104.8	111.6	6.5%	38.8	37.1	38.7
EBITDA Margin	42.7%	43.5%		45.8%	43.3%	44.6%
Net Profit att. to shareholders of parent co.	78.3	79.5	1.5%	27.5	25.3	27.9

Source: Company Interim Results and Global Research

- The Y-o-Y growth in total customer base was 21% to 4.8mn total active customers as of Sept. 30, 2009.
- The company expects to launch its operations in India by the end of the year. In May 2009, Batelco, along with Dubai Millennium has acquired 49% of the Indian telecommunication company, S Tel. The acquisition amounted to US\$225mn. S Tel has mobile licenses in Bihar, Orissa, Jammu and Kashmir, Himachal Pradesh, North-East and Assam.
- At the current market price of BD0.620 per share (as on Oct. 28, 2009), the company trades at FY2009E P/E of 8.5x and P/BV of 1.7x.

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