CAB Payments Holdings

Geographic expansion on track: Abu Dhabi progress

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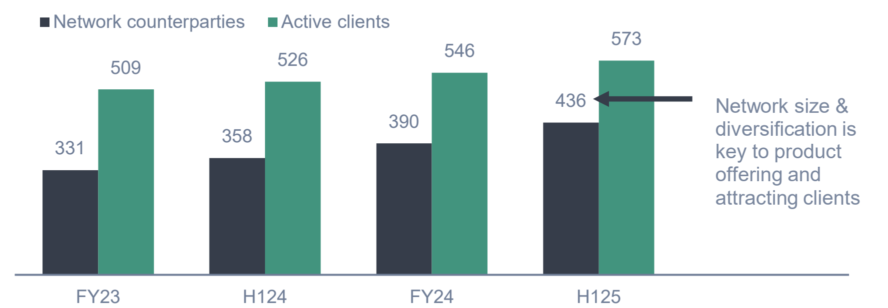
CAB Global Markets, CAB Payments' (CABP) Middle Eastern subsidiary, has received in principle approval for a Category 2 Financial Services Permission licence from the Financial Services Regulatory Authority of ADGM (Abu Dhabi Global Markets). This licence will add to the group's current licences and offices in the UK, Netherlands, and the USA.

It is another significant step forward for CABP's strategy of expanding its international footprint and being able to offer clients cross-border payments and forex services in more and more markets. CABP specialises in moving money (both ways) between developed and emerging markets, with a focus on 'hard to reach' frontier markets.

With huge volumes of cross-border flows to and from most parts of the world, the UAE is a **significant opportunity**. Especially significant is the opportunity to tap into the fast-growing flows between the Middle East and Africa, where CABP already has a long-established and hard-to-replicate presence. Once granted, the licence in Abu Dhabi will allow CABP to further **ramp up relationships with 'network partners' and 'in market' sales efforts to attract new clients**. The role of network partners and the profile of clients is explained by CABP CFO in this recent interview (5.00 mins in).

Number of network counterparties and active clients (end of period)



Source: Company

Our fair value remains 90p/share, >70% above current price

The Abu Dhabi licence has been part of CABP's strategy for some time and is accounted for in our forecasts and valuation, detailed in our H1-25 note: Financial & strategic progress, confidence for H2.

Key financials & valuation metrics

Year to 31 Dec (£m)	FY22A	FY23A	H124A	FY24A	H125A	FY25E	FY26E
FX + Pmts volume, £bn	35.0	34.6	17.6	37.2	19.9	41.3	46.7
Total Income	109.4	137.1	56.0	106.4	51.8	112.6	123.3
Operating expenses	54.5	72.4	37.3	75.7	38.7	79.6	83.9
Adj. EBITDA	55.0	64.6	18.7	30.8	13.1	32.9	39.4
Adj. EBITDA margin	50.2%	47.2%	33.4%	28.9%	25.3%	29.2%	32.0%
PBT	43.9	37.6	13.7	17.6	3.1	15.0	24.8
EPS basic, p	14.0	9.6	4.0	5.6	0.9	4.4	7.2
Net assets	108.3	131.5	142.1	146.6	149.5	158.8	178.4
CET1 Ratio (min 9.6%)	33.4%	25.0%	22.5%	19.2%	19.5%	19.5%	20.6%
P/E	3.7	5.3	6.4	9.2	28.2	11.7	7.1
P/B	1.20	0.99	0.92	0.89	0.87	0.82	0.73

Source: Company data, Equity Development, Priced at 27/10/25

Company data

EPIC	CABP.L
Price (last close)	51.2p
52 weeks Hi/Lo	124p/38p
Market cap	£130m
ED Fair Value / share	90p
Avg. daily volume (3m)	335k

Share price, p

Source: Investing.com

Description

CAB Payments Holdings plc specialises in B2B cross-border FX and payments, facilitating flows (both ways) between developed markets and hard-to-reach emerging markets. Clients are institutions such as commercial banks, central banks, payment Fintechs, and international development agencies. Transaction size averages c. US$100k. Its operating company is UK-regulated Crown Agents Bank Limited.

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