

# **INITIATE REPORT**

Thursday, January 9th, 2025

# Buy

| Price (Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> , 25) | 705      |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| Target Price                     | 955      |
| Potential Upside                 | 35.46%   |
| Market Cap                       | 12.09 T  |
| Number of Share                  | 17.15 B  |
| 52w Lo/Hi                        | 700/ 995 |
|                                  |          |

Source: IDX | Phintraco Sekuritas Research | as of Jan 8th, 2025

#### IHSG vs ACES



Source : IDX

| Shareholder             | %     |
|-------------------------|-------|
| PT Kawan Lama Sejahtera | 59.97 |
| Kuncoro Wibowo          | 0.00  |
| Saham Treasuri          | 0.17  |
| Public                  | 39.86 |
|                         |       |

Source : Company | as of fin. statement 9M24

#### **EPS Consensus vs Forecast**

|       | AT    | Consensus* | %Diff  |
|-------|-------|------------|--------|
| 2024F | 53.21 | 50.27      | +5.85% |
| 2025F | 59.92 | 57.50      | +4.20% |

Source: \*marketscreener | as of Jan 8th, 2025

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## PT Aspirasi Hidup Indonesia Tbk

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#### Rebranding to AZ-KO Brand Potentially Reduces Operating Expenses

ACES recorded revenue of IDR6.23 trillion in 9M24, growing 13.37% YoY. The revenue growth was driven by the Lifestyle Products segment, which grew 20.55% YoY to IDR2.7 trillion in 9M24 (vs. IDR2.24 trillion in 9M23), and the Home Improvement Products segment, which grew 9.10% YoY to IDR3.18 trillion in 9M24 (vs. IDR2.92 trillion in 9M23). Meanwhile, the Toys Products and Consignment Sales segments grew by 2.03% YoY and 3.29% YoY, respectively.

ACES recorded higher operating profit amid higher operating expenses in 9M24. ACES's operating profit grew 20.27% YoY to Rp748 billion in 9M24 (vs. Rp622 billion in 9M23) amid a 14.2% YoY increase in operating expenses to Rp1.9 trillion in 9M24 (vs. Rp1.67 trillion in 9M23). The increase in operating expenses was due to a 14.64% YoY increase in selling expenses to IDR1.4 trillion in 9M24 (vs. IDR1.23 trillion in 9M23), and general and administrative expenses grew 10.79% YoY to IDR587 billion in 9M24 (vs. IDR530 billion in 9M23). We assess that ACES's operating profit growth was driven by top-line growth. Meanwhile, ACES's net profit grew 16.64% YoY to Rp568 billion in 9M24 as non-operating performance stabilized.

ACES officially released the ACE Hardware license by introducing a new brand called AZ-KO. After working together for approximately 29 years, ACES decided not to continue the license agreement with ACE Hardware International Holdings Ltd., which ended on December 31, 2024. Along with the release of the ACE Hardware license, ACES launched a new brand called AZ-KO in early 2025 to bring a variety of product and service innovations that align with the needs and life aspirations of customers in Indonesia. In the long term, we assess that the license termination with ACE Hardware will reduce ACES's operating expenses and potentially improve profitability. However, in the short term, ACES's advertising and promotion expenses could potentially increase along with introducing the new

ACES plans to continue expanding to reach more customers. As of October 2024, ACES has opened 15 new stores in various cities in Indonesia, such as Banyuwangi, Tanjung Pinang, Ternate, Pare-pare, Banjarmasin, and Pontianak, with Same-Store Sales Growth (SSSG) of 9.3% YTD in 10M24 (vs. 8% Guidance 2024). We assess that ACES's expansion plans amidst the transition to a new brand can strengthen ACES's presence in the market and potentially drive future financial performance.

Using the Discounted Cash Flow method with a Required Return of 7.81% and Terminal Growth of 3.06%, we estimate ACES's fair value at IDR955 per share (Expected PE at 17.29x and EV/EBITDA at 8.93x in FY24). We give ACES a Buy rating with a potential upside 35.46%.

#### **Company Profile**



PT Aspirasi Hidup Indonesia Tbk, or ACES, is a company engaged in the business of home equipment and lifestyle. It is a subsidiary of PT Kawan Lama Sejahtera. Established in 1995, ACES, originally named PT ACE Hardware Indonesia, was trusted by ACE Hardware International Holdings Ltd. to be the sole licensee in Indonesia for a period of 15 years. In 2010, ACES extended the license period of ACE Hardware until December 31, 2024. ACES then discontinued the license agreement and launched a new brand called AZ-KO in early 2025.

With the new identity, ACES is committed to being a source of inspiration, innovation, and solutions to realizing people's aspirations for a better life. ACES offers various products that enable customers to express and fulfill their needs. Until October 2025, ACES opened 15 new stores in several cities in Indonesia, bringing the total number of stores to 243, spread across 29 Provinces and 69 cities.

#### **Business Segment**

#### **Home Improvements**

#### Lifestyle

#### **Toys**

This segment is one of the main This segment includes products that In 2010, ACES established PT Toys products for daily home needs. It hobbies, kitchenware, home maintenance, diverse, total sales in 9M24.

and personal as such trillion, contributing 43.41% ACES's total sales in 9M24.

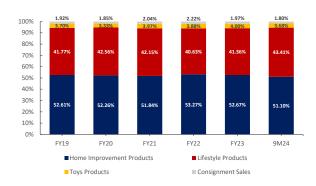
pillars of ACES's business, including support customers' active lifestyles, Games Indonesia (Toys Kingdom) as needs. a subsidiary that provides various includes various categories such as Products in this segment are very toy products. Through its subsidiary, electronic ACES offers various types of toys, and home décor. In terms of sales accessories, sports and fitness, and including educational toys, creative performance, this segment recorded travel gear. In terms of sales toys, and outdoor games. In terms of sales growth of 9.10% YoY to IDR3.18 performance, this segment recorded sales performance, ACES's toys trillion, contributing 51.1% to ACES's sales growth of 20.55% YoY to IDR2.7 segment recorded limited sales to growth of 2% YoY and contributed 3.68% to ACES's total sales in 9M24.

Figure 1. Home Improvement & Lifestyle Product Examples



Source: Company

Figure 2. Revenue Contributions



Source: Company | Phintraco Sekuritas Research

#### **New Concept Store**

ACES stores utilize a new shopping concept to create an exceptional in-store experience. ACES stores adopt an open-floor-plan concept that provides a spacious layout and view of ACES products with interactive displays and informative visualizations of products and brands. The new concept stores were launched in April 2023, and by 10M24, ACES had opened 15 new stores and renovated 11 stores into the new concept. Currently, ACES is on

Figure 3. New Concept Store

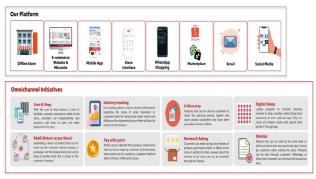


Source: Company

#### **ACES Omni-Channel**

ACES provides an integrated shopping experience to its customers across digital and physical channels through its Omni-Channel strategy. ACES's Omni-Channel strategy is also the right step to adapt to modern consumers who want an easy, convenient, and flexible shopping experience. With this strategy, it allows ACES to increase market reach, especially in locations that do not have physical stores. This strategy also includes loyalty programs such as awarding points on every transaction customers have made. The points can later be reused as a payment method in physical and online stores. This strategy can potentially increase customer loyalty and thus boost ACES's performance.

Figure 4. ACES Omni-Channel



Source : Company

## Performance Highlight

Table 1. Financial Results in 9M24

(in Billion Rupiah)

| INCOME STATEMENT            | 2Q24    | 3Q24    | QoQ (%) | 9M23    | 9M24    | YoY (%) |
|-----------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenue                     | 2,142   | 2,093   | -2.29%  | 5,494   | 6,228   | 13.37%  |
| Cost of Goods Sold          | (1,102) | (1,081) | -1.87%  | (2,849) | (3,208) | 12.60%  |
| Gross Profit                | 1,041   | 1,012   | -2.73%  | 2,644   | 3,020   | 14.20%  |
| EBITDA                      | 330     | 396     | 20.04%  | 975     | 1,113   | 14.20%  |
| EBIT                        | 208     | 274     | 31.67%  | 622     | 748     | 20.27%  |
| Profit Before Tax           | 199     | 261     | 30.84%  | 589     | 715     | 21.35%  |
| Net Profit                  | 158     | 206     | 30.52%  | 487     | 568     | 16.64%  |
| Margin (%)                  |         |         |         |         |         |         |
| Gross Profit Margin (%)     | 48.58%  | 48.36%  |         | 48.13%  | 48.49%  |         |
| Operating Profit Margin (%) | 9.72%   | 13.10%  |         | 11.32%  | 12.01%  |         |
| Net Profit Margin (%)       | 7.38%   | 9.86%   |         | 8.86%   | 9.12%   |         |

Source: Company | Phintraco Sekuritas Research

Table 2. Revenue by Segment

(in Billion Rupiah)

| Revenue by Segment        | 2Q24  | 3Q24  | QoQ (%) | 9M23  | 9M24  | YoY (%) |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|---------|
| Home Improvement Products | 1,070 | 1,070 | -0.02%  | 2,917 | 3,183 | 9.10%   |
| Lifestyle Products        | 949   | 914   | -3.76%  | 2,243 | 2,704 | 20.55%  |
| Toys Products             | 85    | 73    | -14.17% | 225   | 229   | 2.03%   |
| Consignment Sales         | 38    | 37    | -2.94%  | 109   | 112   | 3.29%   |

Source: Company | Phintraco Sekuritas Research

Figure 5. Revenue & COGS



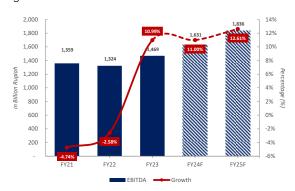
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Figure 6. Gross Profit & Growth



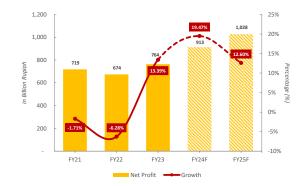
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Figure 7. EBITDA & Growth



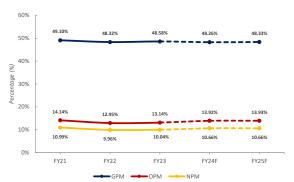
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Figure 8. Net Profit & Growth



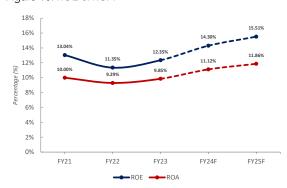
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Figure 9. Profitability Margin



Source : Company | Phintraco Sekuritas Research

Figure 10. ROE & ROA



Source : Company | Phintraco Sekuritas Research



Source : IDX | Company | Phintraco Sekuritas Research



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# Key Financial Figures

|                                 |         |         |         |         | (in Billio | n Rupiah) |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------|-----------|
| INCOME STATEMENT                | FY21    | FY22    | FY23    | 9M24    |            | FY25F     |
| Revenue                         | 6,543   | 6,763   | 7,612   | 6,228   | 8,564      | 9,639     |
| Growth                          | -11.73% | 3.35%   | 12.55%  | 0.00%   | 12.50%     | 12.56%    |
| Cos of Goods Sold               | (3,331) | (3,495) | (3,914) | (3,208) | (4,431)    | (4,980)   |
| Gross Profit                    | 3,213   | 3,268   | 3,698   | 3,020   | 4,132      | 4,659     |
| GPM                             | 49.10%  | 48.32%  | 48.58%  | 48.49%  | 48.26%     | 48.33%    |
| EBITDA                          | 1,359   | 1,324   | 1,469   | 1,113   | 1,631      | 1,836     |
| EBITDA Margin                   | 20.76%  | 19.57%  | 19.30%  | 17.88%  | 19.04%     | 19.05%    |
| EBIT                            | 925     | 876     | 1,000   | 748     | 1,192      | 1,342     |
| EBIT Margin                     | 14.14%  | 12.95%  | 13.14%  | 12.01%  | 13.92%     | 13.93%    |
| Other Income/Charge:            |         |         |         |         |            |           |
| Interest Income                 | 48      | 47      | 74      | 67      | 69         | 77        |
| Interest Expense                | (112)   | (97)    | (117)   | (100)   | (133)      | (150)     |
| Net Interest Income (Expenses)  | (64)    | (51)    | (43)    | (33)    | (64)       | (73)      |
| Non Operating Income (Expenses) | -       | -       | -       | -       | -          | -         |
| Profit Before Tax               | 862     | 826     | 957     | 715     | 1,127      | 1,269     |
| EBT Margin                      | 13.17%  | 12.21%  | 12.58%  | 11.49%  | 13.16%     | 13.17%    |
| Net Profit After Tax            | 719     | 674     | 764     | 568     | 913        | 1,028     |
| NPM                             | 10.99%  | 9.96%   | 10.04%  | 9.12%   | 10.66%     | 10.66%    |

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|                               |       |       |       |       | (in Billion Rupial |       |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| BALANCE SHEET                 | FY21  | FY22  | FY23  | 9M24  | FY24F              | FY25F |
| Asset                         |       |       |       |       |                    |       |
| Cash                          | 2,544 | 2,133 | 2,312 | 1,729 | 2,198              | 2,084 |
| Accounts Receivable           | 67    | 86    | 199   | 124   | 173                | 211   |
| Inventories                   | 2,368 | 2,811 | 2,665 | 3,186 | 2,962              | 3,362 |
| Total Current Assets          | 5,192 | 5,363 | 5,662 | 5,602 | 5,906              | 6,262 |
| Fixed Assets                  | 1,321 | 1,261 | 1,512 | 1,553 | 1,610              | 1,625 |
| Long-term Investments         | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                  | -     |
| Other Assets                  | 329   | 290   | 255   | 274   | 288                | 324   |
| Total Non Current Assets      | 1,998 | 1,886 | 2,091 | 2,137 | 2,303              | 2,399 |
| Total Asset                   | 7,190 | 7,249 | 7,753 | 7,739 | 8,209              | 8,661 |
| Liabilities                   |       |       |       |       |                    |       |
| Short-term Debt               | -     | -     | -     | -     | -                  | -     |
| Accounts Payable              | 127   | 144   | 126   | 153   | 191                | 216   |
| Accured Payroll               | 64    | 53    | 74    | 77    | 77                 | 89    |
| Total Current Liabilities     | 723   | 670   | 764   | 569   | 889                | 960   |
| Long-term Debt                | 571   | 450   | 601   | 777   | 700                | 815   |
| Provision for Risks & Charges | 378   | 191   | 196   | 211   | 232                | 255   |
| Total Non Current Liabilities | 955   | 645   | 803   | 996   | 938                | 1,077 |
| Total Liabilities             | 1,677 | 1,315 | 1,567 | 1,564 | 1,827              | 2,037 |
| Equity                        | 5,513 | 5,934 | 6,186 | 6,175 | 6,382              | 6,624 |

Source : Company | Phintraco Sekuritas Research

|                                       |       |       |       |       | (in Billio | n Rupiah) |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------|-----------|
| CASH FLOW                             | FY21  | FY22  | FY23  | 9M24  |            |           |
| Cash Flow from Operating              |       |       |       |       |            |           |
| Net Income                            | 704   | 664   | 764   | 574   | 907        | 1,021     |
| Depreciation & Amortization           | 104   | 54    | 82    | 179   | 439        | 494       |
| Working Capital                       | 105   | (455) | 35    | (415) | (203)      | (402)     |
| Others                                | (68)  | (174) | (77)  | (122) | (42)       | (8)       |
| Net-CFFO                              | 846   | 89    | 804   | 217   | 1,101      | 1,106     |
| Cash Flow from Investing              |       |       |       |       |            |           |
| CAPEX                                 | 53    | 5     | (334) | (220) | (536)      | (509)     |
| Others                                | 58    | 52    | 47    | (5)   | (115)      | (81)      |
| Net-CFFI                              | 111   | 57    | (287) | (225) | (651)      | (590)     |
| Cash Flow from Financing              |       |       |       |       |            |           |
| Chg. in Long-term liabilities         | 1     | (126) | 167   | (6)   | 110        | 127       |
| Chg. in other non-current liabilities | (220) | (187) | 6     | 17    | 37         | 24        |
| Equity                                | (414) | (243) | (511) | (586) | (711)      | (780)     |
| Net-CFFF                              | (633) | (557) | (338) | (575) | (565)      | (629)     |
| Net Cash Flow                         | 324   | (410) | 179   | (584) | (115)      | (114)     |

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| RATIOS                          | FY21   | FY22   | FY23   | 9M24   | FY24F  | FY25F  |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Profitability Ratio (%)         |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| GPM                             | 49.10% | 48.32% | 48.58% | 48.49% | 48.26% | 48.33% |
| OPM                             | 14.14% | 12.95% | 13.14% | 12.01% | 13.92% | 13.93% |
| NPM                             | 10.99% | 9.96%  | 10.04% | 9.12%  | 10.66% | 10.66% |
| ROA                             | 10.00% | 9.29%  | 9.85%  | 7.34%  | 11.12% | 11.86% |
| ROE                             | 13.04% | 11.35% | 12.35% | 9.20%  | 14.30% | 15.51% |
| Aktivity Ratio (X)              |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Inventory Turnover              | 1.41   | 1.24   | 1.47   | 1.01   | 1.50   | 1.48   |
| Receivables Turnover            | 97.99  | 78.77  | 38.33  | 50.39  | 49.52  | 45.70  |
| Payables Turnover               | 26.28  | 24.21  | 31.15  | 20.93  | 23.19  | 23.09  |
| Days of Inventory               | 259.49 | 293.55 | 248.53 | 362.43 | 244.00 | 246.42 |
| Days of Receivables             | 3.72   | 4.63   | 9.52   | 7.24   | 7.37   | 7.99   |
| Days of Payables                | 13.89  | 15.08  | 11.72  | 17.44  | 15.74  | 15.81  |
| Cash Operating Cycle            | 249.33 | 283.11 | 246.34 | 352.23 | 235.62 | 238.60 |
| Leverage Ratio (%)              |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Debt to Asset Ratio             | 11.60% | 9.77%  | 11.29% | 11.23% | 12.00% | 12.84% |
| Debt to Equity Ratio            | 15.14% | 11.94% | 14.15% | 14.07% | 15.44% | 16.79% |
| Liabilities to Asset Ratio      | 23.33% | 18.14% | 20.21% | 20.21% | 22.26% | 23.52% |
| Liabilities to Equity Ratio     | 30.42% | 22.16% | 25.33% | 25.33% | 28.63% | 30.76% |
| Interest Rate                   | 13.42% | 13.76% | 13.33% | 11.51% | 13.51% | 13.51% |
| Liquidity Ratio (X)             |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Current Ratio                   | 11.30  | 13.04  | 11.56  | 11.76  | 9.79   | 9.45   |
| Quick Ratio                     | 6.14   | 6.20   | 6.12   | 5.07   | 4.88   | 4.37   |
| Cash Ratio                      | 5.53   | 5.19   | 4.72   | 3.63   | 3.64   | 3.14   |
| Price Ratio                     |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| Share Price (IDR)               | 1,280  | 496    | 720    | 920    | 920    | 920    |
| Outstanding Shares (in Billion) | 17.15  | 17.15  | 17.15  | 17.15  | 17.15  | 17.15  |
| EPS (IDR) (annualized)          | 42     | 39     | 45     | 33     | 53     | 60     |
| BVPS (IDR)                      | 321    | 346    | 361    | 360    | 372    | 386    |
| Sales Per Share (IDR)           | 382    | 394    | 444    | 363    | 499    | 562    |
| PER (X)                         | 30.54  | 12.63  | 16.16  | 27.79  | 17.29  | 15.35  |
| PBV (X)                         | 3.98   | 1.43   | 2.00   | 2.56   | 2.47   | 2.38   |
| PSR (X)                         | 3.35   | 1.26   | 1.62   | 2.53   | 1.84   | 1.64   |
| EV/EBITDA (annualized)          | 14.90  | 5.35   | 7.43   | 13.40  | 8.93   | 8.06   |
| Dividends                       |        |        |        |        |        |        |
| DPS                             | 21     | 31     | 34     | -      | 41     | 46     |
| DPR                             | 49.13% | 79.07% | 75.21% | -      | 76.56% | 76.95% |
| Div. Yield                      | 1.61%  | 6.26%  | 4.65%  | -      | 4.43%  | 5.01%  |

Source : Company | Phintraco Sekuritas Research

## Glossarium

BVPS : Book Value per Share

CFFF : Cash Flow from Financing

CFFI : Cash Flow from Investing

CFFO : Cash Flow from Operating

DPR : Dividend Payout Ratio

DPS : Dividend per Share

EBIT : Earning Before Interest & Tax

EBITDA : Earning Before Interest, Tax, Depreciation & Amortization

EBT : Earning Before Tax

EPS : Earning per Share

EV : Enterprise Value

NPM : Net Profit Margin

NPM : Net Profit Margin

OPM : Operating Profit Margin

PBV : Price to Book Value

PER : Price to Earning Ratio

PSR : Price to Sales Ratio

ROA : Return on Asset

ROE : Return on Equity



### Rating for Stocks:

Buy : The stock is expected to give total return (price appreciation + dividend yield) of > +10%

over the next 12 months.

Hold : The stock is expected to give total return of > 0% to  $\le +10\%$  over the next 12 months.

: The stock is expected to give total return of < 0% over the next 12 months.

Outperform : The stock is expected to do slightly better than the market return. Equal to "moderate buy"

Underperform: The stock is expected to do slightly worse than the market return. Equal to "moderate sell"

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