

25 August 2010

Produced by: RBS Equities (Australia) Limited

Regional Express

Good returns in tough times

Buy

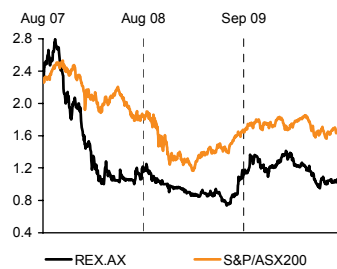
Target price
A\$1.40 (from A\$1.89)

Price
A\$1.08

Short term (0-60 days)
n/a

Price performance

	(1M)	(3M)	(12M)
Price (A\$)	1.06	1.02	1.07
Absolute (%)	1.9	5.9	1.4
Rel market (%)	3.7	6.2	2.4
Rel sector (%)	1.3	1.3	1.6



Market capitalisation
A\$130.96m (US\$115.84m)

Average (12M) daily turnover
A\$0.06m (US\$0.05m)

Sector: BBG AP Transport
RIC: REX.AX, REX AU
Priced A\$1.08 at close 26 Aug 2010.
Source: Bloomberg

Analysts

Michael Newbold, CFA
+61 2 8259 5663
michael.newbold@rbs.com

Mark Williams
+61 2 8259 6921
mark.williams@rbs.com

RBS Equities (Australia) Limited, ABN
84 002 768 701, AFS Licence 240530
Level 29, RBS Tower, 88 Phillip Street,
Sydney NSW 2000, Australia

<http://research.rbsm.com>

REX's underlying FY10 PAT was solid, falling only 3.8% on the pcp despite tough operating conditions over the year and the restructuring of Pel-Air's operations. While the removal of an assumed contract win affects our forecasts, we maintain a Buy rating, with REX trading on 0.8x FY11F P/NTA and a 6.1% yield.

Key forecasts

	FY09A	FY10A	FY11F	FY12F	FY13F
EBITDA (A\$m)	36.10	34.20	34.20 ▼	45.50 ▼	49.40 ▼
Reported net profit (A\$m)	23.00	24.60	14.50 ▼	22.60 ▼	24.90 ▼
Normalised net profit (A\$m) ¹	20.10	19.30	14.50 ▼	22.60 ▼	24.90 ▼
Normalised EPS (c) ¹	17.70	17.10	12.80 ▼	20.00 ▼	22.00 ▼
Normalised EPS growth (%)	-14.8	-3.38	-24.8	55.50	10.30
Dividend per share (c)	0.00	6.60	7.00 ▼	7.20 ▼	7.50 ▼
Dividend yield (%)	0.00	6.11	6.48	6.67	6.94
Normalised PE (x)	6.11	6.32	8.41	5.41	4.90
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.24	4.29	4.08	3.02	2.41
Price/net oper. CF (x)	4.03	4.01	4.61 ▲	5.39 ▲	3.12 ▲
ROIC (%)	18.30	16.00	8.85	13.80	14.00

Use of ▲ ▼ indicates that the line item has changed by at least 5%.

1. Pre non-recurring items and post preference dividends

Accounting standard: IFRS

Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

year to Jun, fully diluted

Underlying FY10 result highlights the resilience of REX's operations

REX's underlying NPAT declined 3.8% (to A\$19.3m) highlighting the resilience of its operating model, while reported NPAT rose 7.2% to A\$24.6m (vs RBS A\$23.3m) as the company benefited from government tax incentives (A\$4.1m) and an insurance claim (A\$1.8m). Total revenue fell 7.9% on the back of lower passengers (-5.0%) and the restructuring of Pel-Air's operations, while tight cost control saw costs per ASK decline 5.3% on the pcp (-1.9% excl fuel). Underlying EPS was 17.1c and, in a positive surprise, REX declared a full-year distribution of 6.6c as its capex program wound up during the year.

FY11 forecasts affected by removal of expected contract win

Conditions are expected to steadily improve over FY11, but our FY11F NPAT falls from A\$24.7m to A\$14.5m (-41.4%) as we adjust for the full-year load factor impact and the yield impact of the subsidised Northern 1 and 2 routes, and remove the impact of an assumed NT Air Ambulance contract win from our FY11 forecasts. The NT Air Ambulance contract was to commence on 1 July 2010 and the decision on preferred tenderer has now been extended to September, lowering our expectation for a positive outcome for Pel-Air.

Cheap with industry-leading returns; Buy maintained

We believe REX remains cheap at 0.8x FY11F P/NTA (vs an average 1.5x) and it continues to generate market-leading returns (ROIC of 16.0% vs QAN 4.0% and VBA [forecast] 3.1%) while also yielding 6.1% (vs no distribution for QAN or VBA). We expect FY11 to be a year of consolidation for REX as its RPT network adds back frequencies, while FY12 is expected to see strong growth on the back of Pel-Air's Victorian Air Ambulance contract. Our valuation reduces from A\$1.89 to A\$1.55 due to the downgrades to our earnings forecasts while our target price falls to A\$1.40, factoring in a 10% discount for lack of liquidity. Risks to our valuation and target price include worse-than-expected yield performance, competition on uncontested routes rising and cost increases. Buy maintained.

Important disclosures can be found in the Disclosures Appendix.

Investment view – Buy maintained

REX's FY10 result has again highlighted the resilience of its operating model in tough economic conditions. Our forecast downgrades appear severe, but they are off a low base and reflect a reduction in revenue from Pel-Air as a result of the restructure in FY10, the removal of an assumed contract win and recent capacity-reduction announcements by REX. FY11 will be a year of consolidation for REX as its RPT network adds back frequencies removed through the downturn and Pel-Air's charter operations look to gain traction, while FY12 should see strong growth on the back of Pel-Air's Victorian Air Ambulance contract, commencing on 1 July 2011.

We continue to believe REX presents solid value in view of its proven business model through the downturn, industry-leading returns and dividend yield. REX is also cheap, in our view, trading on an FY11F P/NTA of 0.8x (versus an historical average of 1.5x), and we expect it to rerate as contracted revenue begins to flow from the Victorian Air Ambulance contract.

Risks to our valuation and target price include a return to softening economic conditions that would negatively affect demand and yields, new competition on REX's contestable routes and continued softness in Pel-Air's operations.

Earnings forecast changes – competition and reduced charter work

Table 1 below sets out the changes to our forecasts. The key points are as follows:

- We adjust for the full-year load factor and yield impact of the subsidised Northern 1 and 2 routes. We believe these will operate at a load factor of about 17% but will return commercial rates.
- Our Pel-Air forecasts factored in a small recovery in 2H10 that did not eventuate. Additionally, the revenue impact of the restructure is still flowing through, and we adjust our forecasts accordingly. FY12 remains the key year for Pel-Air, with the Victorian Air Ambulance to commence, contributing A\$15m-20m in revenue annually.
- We remove the impact of an assumed NT Air Ambulance contract win from our FY11 forecasts. The NT Air Ambulance contract was to commence on 1 July 2010 and the decision on preferred tenderer has now been extended to September, lowering our expectation for a positive outcome for Pel-Air.
- Our forecast distributions decline in order to remain in line with a 30-40% payout ratio.

Table 1 : REX earnings forecast changes

	FY11F			FY12F			FY13F		
	Prev	New	% chg	Prev	New	% chg	Prev	New	% chg
EBIT (A\$m)	35.0	20.4	-41.7%	46.5	31.8	-31.6%	46.4	35.8	-22.8%
NPAT (\$Am)	24.7	14.5	-41.4%	32.5	22.6	-30.6%	31.5	24.9	-21.0%
EPS (c)	21.8	12.8	-41.1%	28.7	20.0	-30.3%	27.8	22.0	-20.6%
DPS (c)	7.5	7.0	-6.7%	9.0	7.2	-20.0%	10.5	7.5	-28.6%
Net op cash flow (A\$m)	35.0	26.4	-24.5%	32.2	22.6	-29.7%	46.3	39.1	-15.5%

Source: RBS forecasts

The key operating assumption changes include the lowering of forecast load factors in FY11 and FY12, but an increase in yields reflecting the lower passenger Northern 1 and 2 routes and aggressive competition on the Adelaide – Port Lincoln route. The subsidised Northern 1 and 2 routes are anticipated to operate at a load factor of about 17% (and therefore skew future load factors downwards) but should return commercial rates for REX.

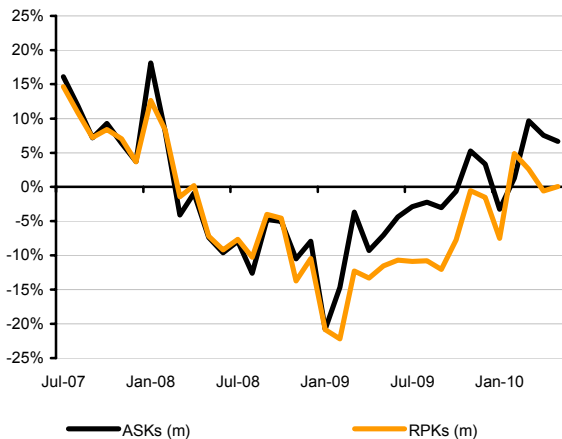
Table 2 : REX key operating assumption changes

Operating forecasts	FY10		FY11F		FY12F	
	Forecast	Actual	Prev	New	Prev	New
ASK growth	0.5%	1.5%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%
Load factor	63.0%	61.9%	64.0%	62.0%	64.0%	63.0%
Yield growth	-2.0%	-0.5%	1.5%	2.0%	1.5%	2.0%
Oil price – WTI (US/bbl)	73.3	73.3	78.3	80.4	85.8	85.8
Spot AUD/USD	0.89	0.89	0.87	0.87	0.84	0.84

Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

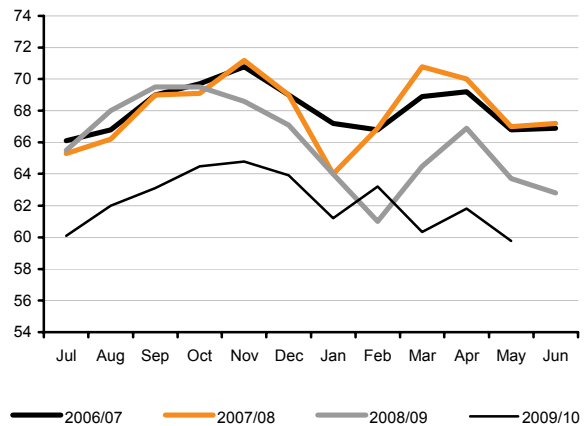
Charts 1 and 2 show that while REX is now seeing a return to ASK and RPK growth, load factors are still well below average. We expect load factors to improve to some degree due to recovering economic conditions, but we also expect the low load factors from the Northern 1 and 2 routes to keep the reported load factor 1-2ppt lower than would otherwise be reported.

Chart 1 : ASK and RPK growth



Source: Company data, RBS

Chart 2 : Load factor by financial year



Source: Company data, RBS

Result highlights and key takeaways

Result highlights

- The underlying result was solid despite the difficult trading conditions over FY10 and the ongoing restructuring of Pel-Air's operations. Underlying NPAT fell only 3.8% (to A\$19.3m) highlighting the resilience of REX's operating model, while reported NPAT rose 7.2% to A\$24.6m as the company benefited from government tax incentives (A\$4.1m) and an insurance claim (A\$1.8m)
- Total revenue fell 7.9% on the back of lower passengers and the restructuring of Pel-Air's operations. Pel-Air's freight operations were previously low yielding and the restructure has already seen margins increase from 7% in FY09 to 10% in FY10. We expect margins to improve further once the full impact of the restructure flows through, as the company increases its focus on fly-in/fly-out charters (FIFO) and as the Victorian Air Ambulance contract commences.
- Ongoing cost control saw costs per ASK decline 5.3% including fuel and 1.9% excluding fuel. This is an area of continual focus for REX and we expect cost control to remain tight in FY11.
- A dividend of 6.6c, fully franked, was a positive surprise. With REX's substantial capex program now complete, the company reinstated its dividend and we expect a distribution payout ratio in the order of 30-40% of EPS going forward.

Table 3 : REX summary profit and loss

(A\$m)	FY09A	FY10A	% chg	Comment
Total revenue	247.0	227.5	-7.9%	Reflects 5.0% passenger decline and the restructuring of Pel-Air's operations
Operating costs	203.2	184.4	-9.3%	Cost/ASK declined 5.3% highlighting ongoing cost control and lower oil prices
Operating EBITDAR	43.7	43.1	-1.5%	Solid result given the difficult trading conditions
Non-cancellable operating leases	7.6	8.9	17.5%	Reflects addition of 8 SAAB 340B+ aircraft during the period
Operating EBITDA	36.1	34.2	-5.5%	EBIT margin of improved to 15.1% vs 14.7% in the pcp
Depreciation	9.0	9.9	10.0%	Reflects new training aircraft added to the AAPA fleet during the period
Operating EBITA	27.1	24.2	-10.6%	
Amortisation	0.1	0.1	-37.7%	
Operating EBIT	27.0	24.2	-10.5%	EBIT margin of 10.7% vs 11.0% in the pcp
Net interest expense	0.3	0.3	3.3%	REX took on A\$26m in debt to fund 4 KingAirs during the period
Pre-tax profit	27.3	24.5	-10.3%	
Tax	7.3	5.2	-28.3%	Reflects write back of over-provision in the current period
Adjusted economic profit	20.1	19.3	-3.8%	Solid underlying performance in volatile operating conditions
Abnormals (net of tax)	2.9	5.3	82.3%	Includes tax allowance incentives (A\$4.1m) and insurance claim (A\$1.8m)
Reported profit	23.0	24.6	7.2%	Record reported profit for REX

Source: Company data

Key takeaways:

- **RPT operations are recovering slowly.** We expect REX to consolidate its network in FY11, and to focus on improving load factors and yields. Competition on the Adelaide to Port Lincoln route has led to some capacity rationalisation, but REX believes it can grow other existing routes profitably and, given its track record in this, we believe it will succeed.
- **Pel-Air is looking for opportunities in fly-in/fly-out,** particularly in Central Queensland. This is generally a lucrative, and hence competitively tendered for, service though Pel-Air benefits from pre-existing relationships, eg, with Barrick Gold. We have factored no contract wins into our forecasts, so any new contracts would represent upside to our forecasts.
- **AAPA is now ready to take foreign students.** AAPA is now fully operational and accredited to train foreign students. It can house up to 200 students and recently signed an agreement with Jeppesen Australia to train its pilot trainees, though the number of trainees involved has yet to be disclosed. We are factoring in 20 students for FY11, with possible upside to this number from the recent agreement.
- **ROIC remains market-leading at 16.0%** vs QAN's FY10A 4.0% and VBA's FY10F 3.1%, while ROA reduced to 12.5% (from 16.2%). This reduction was due to the investment in aircraft for the Victorian Air Ambulance contract, with revenue streams to follow from 1 July 2011.
- **Outlook too uncertain for guidance.** Management declined to give guidance, citing volatility in the economic outlook, passenger demand and fuel prices. Conditions are expected to improve over FY11, but we expect NPAT to fall back largely as a result of the Pel-Air restructure and the cost of carrying the 4 KingAirs for the VIC Air Ambulance contract.

Valuation and target price reduced to A\$1.42

The changes to our forecasts have reduced our blended valuation to A\$1.55 (from A\$1.89). However, our target price falls to A\$1.40 (from A\$1.89) based on a 10% discount to our blended valuation reflecting a discount for liquidity. Risks to our valuation and target price include a return to softening economic conditions that would negatively impact demand and yields, new competition on REX's monopoly routes and continued softness in Pel-Air's operations.

Table 4 : REX – blended valuation

Methodology	Valuation (A\$ps)	Comment
DCF	1.64	
P/B	2.00	Based on historical average of P/NTA 1.5x since listing
P/E	0.87	Based on historical average 6.9x EPS
EV/EBITDAR	1.69	Based on historical average 4.6x EV/EBITDAR
Average	1.55	Blended valuation
Target price	1.40	Based on 10% discount to our blended valuation

Source: RBS estimates

REX – financial summary

Year to 30 Jun (A\$m)	AIFRS 2009A	AIFRS 2010A	AIFRS 2011F	AIFRS 2012F	AIFRS 2013F	Closing price (A\$)	1.08	Price target (A\$)	1.40	
Income statement						Valuation metrics				
Divisional sales	245.6	225.6	231.8	260.8	274.9	Preferred methodology	DCF/multiples	Val'n (A\$)	\$ 1.55	
Total revenue	247.0	227.5	233.7	262.8	276.8	DCF valuation inputs				
EBITDA	36.1	34.2	34.2	45.5	49.4	Rf	5.25%	10-year rate	5.25%	
Depreciation	-9.1	-10.0	-13.8	-13.7	-13.6	Rm-Rf	6.00%	Margin	2.0%	
EBITA	27.0	24.2	20.4	31.8	35.8	Beta	2.15	Kd	7.25%	
Amortisation/impairment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	CAPM (Rf+Beta(Rm-Rf))	18.1%	Ke	18.1%	
EBIT	27.0	24.2	20.4	31.8	35.8	E/EV*Ke+D/EV*Kd(1-t)		NPV cash flow (A\$m)	193.7	
Associate income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Equity (E/EV)	50.0%	Minority interest (A\$m)	0.0	
EBIT(incl associate profit)	27.0	24.2	20.4	31.8	35.8	Debt (D/EV)	50.0%	Net debt (A\$m)	8.7	
Net interest expense	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	Interest rate	7.25%	Investments (A\$m)	0.0	
Pre-tax profit	27.3	24.5	20.2	31.4	35.6	Tax rate (t)	30.0%	Equity market value (A\$m)	185.0	
Income tax expense	-7.3	-5.2	-5.7	-8.8	-10.7	WACC	11.6%	Diluted no. of shares (m)	112.9	
After-tax profit	20.1	19.3	14.5	22.6	24.9			DCF valuation (A\$)	1.64	
Minority interests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
NPAT	20.1	19.3	14.5	22.6	24.9	Multiples	2010A	2011F	2012F	2013F
Significant items	2.9	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	Enterprise value (A\$m)	146.6	139.6	137.2	118.9
NPAT post abnormals	23.0	24.6	14.5	22.6	24.9	EV/Sales (x)	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.4
						EV/EBITDA (x)	4.3	4.1	3.0	2.4
Cash flow statement	2009A	2010A	2011F	2012F	2013F	EV/EBIT (x)	6.1	6.8	4.3	3.3
EBITDA	36.1	34.2	34.2	45.5	49.4	PE (normalised) (x)	6.3	8.4	5.4	4.9
Change in working capital	4.9	1.2	-1.9	-13.6	0.7	PEG (normalised) (x)	2.5	3.4	2.2	2.0
Net interest (pd)/rec	0.3	0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.3	At target price	2010A	2011F	2012F	2013F
Taxes paid	-9.0	-7.6	-5.7	-8.8	-10.7	EV/EBITDA (x)	5.4	5.2	3.9	3.2
Other oper cash items	-2.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	PE (normalised) (x)	8.2	10.9	7.0	6.3
Cash flow from ops (1)	30.4	30.4	26.4	22.6	39.1	Comparable company data (x)				
Capex (2)	-28.5	-61.9	-12.0	-12.3	-12.6	Qantas Airways	EV/EBITDA	3.6	3.4	3.3
Disposals/(acquisitions)	11.7	2.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	Year to 30 Jun	EV/EBIT	9.0	7.3	6.9
Other investing cash flow	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		PE	10.7	7.7	6.9
Cash flow from invest (3)	-16.8	-59.4	-12.0	-12.3	-12.6		PEG	0.6	0.4	0.4
Incr/(decr) in equity	-3.6	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	Virgin Blue Holdings	EV/EBITDA	6.0	5.3	4.7
Incr/(decr) in debt	-1.8	24.3	-3.0	-3.0	-3.0	Year to 30 Jun	EV/EBIT	15.4	12.3	10.4
Ordinary dividend paid	-7.4	0.0	-7.5	-7.9	-8.1		PE	16.0	13.6	13.5
Preferred dividends (4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		PEG	2.3	2.0	2.0
Other financing cash flow	-0.5	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	Per share data	2010A	2011F	2012F	2013F
Cash flow from fin (5)	-13.3	23.8	-10.5	-10.9	-11.1	No. shares	112.9	112.9	112.9	112.9
Forex and disc ops (6)						EPS (cps)	21.8	12.8	20.0	22.0
Incr/(decr) cash (1+3+5+6)	0.3	-5.1	4.0	-0.6	15.4	EPS (pre-goodwill) (c)	21.8	12.8	20.0	22.0
Equity FCF (1+2+4)	1.9	-31.5	14.4	10.3	26.5	EPS (normalised) (c)	17.1	12.8	20.0	22.0
						Dividend per share (c)	6.6	7.0	7.2	7.5
Balance sheet	2009A	2010A	2011F	2012F	2013F	Dividend payout ratio (%)	38.6	54.5	36.0	34.0
Cash & deposits	15.5	10.3	14.3	13.7	29.1	Dividend yield (%)	6.1	6.5	6.7	6.9
Trade debtors	8.3	9.5	9.8	18.0	19.0	Growth ratios	2010A	2011F	2012F	2013F
Inventory	7.5	7.7	8.0	15.8	16.6	Sales growth	-8.1%	2.7%	12.5%	5.4%
Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Operating cost growth	-8.6%	3.2%	9.0%	4.7%
Goodwill	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	EBITDA growth	-5.5%	0.3%	32.7%	8.7%
Other intangible assets						EBITA growth	-10.5%	-15.4%	55.5%	12.7%
Fixed assets	126.4	174.8	173.0	171.7	170.7	EBIT growth	-10.5%	-15.4%	55.5%	12.7%
Other assets	3.5	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	NPAT growth	-3.8%	-24.8%	55.5%	10.3%
Total assets	168.5	218.8	221.4	235.5	251.7	Normalised EPS growth	-3.4%	-24.8%	55.5%	10.3%
Short-term borrowings	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Operating performance	2010A	2011F	2012F	2013F
Trade payables	14.9	18.3	16.0	18.0	19.0	Asset turnover (%)	29.1	26.3	28.5	28.2
Long-term borrowings	0.0	26.0	23.0	20.0	17.0	EBITDA margin (%)	15.1	14.8	17.4	18.0
Provisions	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	EBIT margin (%)	10.7	8.8	12.2	13.0
Other liabilities	26.1	23.5	24.3	24.8	26.3	Net profit margin (%)	8.6	6.3	8.6	9.1
Total liabilities	43.1	68.2	63.8	63.2	62.7	Return on net assets (%)	16.0	13.0	18.5	19.0
Preference shares						Net debt (A\$m)	15.7	8.7	6.3	-12.1
Hybrid equity						Net debt/equity (%)	10.4	5.5	3.6	-6.4
Share capital	75.0	74.7	74.7	74.7	74.7	Net interest/EBIT cover (x)	-69.8	74.8	72.6	135.5
Other reserves	-1.0	0.0	0.4	0.6	1.0	ROIC (%)	16.0	8.9	13.8	14.0
FCTR						Internal liquidity	2010A	2011F	2012F	2013F
Unrealised gains/losses						Current ratio (x)	0.7	0.9	1.2	1.5
Retained earnings	51.4	76.0	82.6	97.0	113.4	Receivables turnover (x)	25.3	24.0	18.8	14.9
Other equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Payables turnover (x)	11.5	11.5	12.7	12.2
Total equity	125.4	150.6	157.7	172.3	189.1					
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Total shareholders' equity	125.4	150.6	157.7	172.3	189.1					
Total liabilities & SE	168.5	218.8	221.4	235.5	251.7					

Source: Company data, RBS forecasts

Recommendation structure

Absolute performance, short term (trading) recommendation: A Trading Buy recommendation implies upside of 5% or more and a Trading Sell indicates downside of 5% or more. The trading recommendation time horizon is 0-60 days. For Australian coverage, a Trading Buy recommendation implies upside of 5% or more from the suggested entry price range, and a Trading Sell recommendation implies downside of 5% or more from the suggested entry price range. The trading recommendation time horizon is 0-60 days.

Absolute performance, long term (fundamental) recommendation: The recommendation is based on implied upside/downside for the stock from the target price and, except as follows, only reflects capital appreciation. A Buy/Sell implies upside/downside of 10% or more and a Hold less than 10%. For research produced by Nedbank Capital, a Buy implies upside in excess of 20%, a Sell implies an expected return less than 10%, and a Hold implies a return between 10% and 20%. For UK-based Investment Funds research, the recommendation structure is not based on upside/downside to the target price. Rather it is the subjective view of the analyst based on an assessment of the resources and track record of the fund management company. For research produced by Nedbank Capital and for research on Australian listed property trusts (LPT) or real estate investment trusts (REIT), the recommendation is based upon total return, ie, the estimated total return of capital gain, dividends and distributions received for any particular stock over the investment horizon.

Performance parameters and horizon: Given the volatility of share prices and our pre-disposition not to change recommendations frequently, these performance parameters should be interpreted flexibly. Performance in this context only reflects capital appreciation and the horizon is 12 months.

Market or sector view: This view is the responsibility of the strategy team and a relative call on the performance of the market/sector relative to the region. Overweight/Underweight implies upside/downside of 10% or more and Neutral implies less than 10% upside/downside.

Target price: The target price is the level the stock should currently trade at if the market were to accept the analyst's view of the stock and if the necessary catalysts were in place to effect this change in perception within the performance horizon. In this way, therefore, the target price abstracts from the need to take a view on the market or sector. If it is felt that the catalysts are not fully in place to effect a re-rating of the stock to its warranted value, the target price will differ from 'fair' value.

Distribution of recommendations

The tables below show the distribution of recommendations (both long term and trading). The first column displays the distribution of recommendations globally and the second column shows the distribution for the region. Numbers in brackets show the percentage for each category where there is an investment banking relationship. These numbers include recommendations produced by third parties with which RBS has joint ventures or strategic alliances.

Long term recommendations (as at 25 Aug 2010)

	Global total (IB%)	Asia Pacific total (IB%)
Buy	682 (0)	402 (0)
Add	0 (0)	0 (0)
Hold	421 (0)	235 (0)
Reduce	0 (0)	0 (0)
Sell	99 (0)	59 (0)
Total (IB%)	1202 (0)	696 (0)

Source: RBS

Trading recommendations (as at 25 Aug 2010)

	Global total (IB%)	Asia Pacific total (IB%)
Trading Buy	2 (0)	2 (0)
Rec	00 (00)	00 (00)
Trading Sell	1 (0)	1 (0)
Total (IB%)	3 (0)	3 (0)

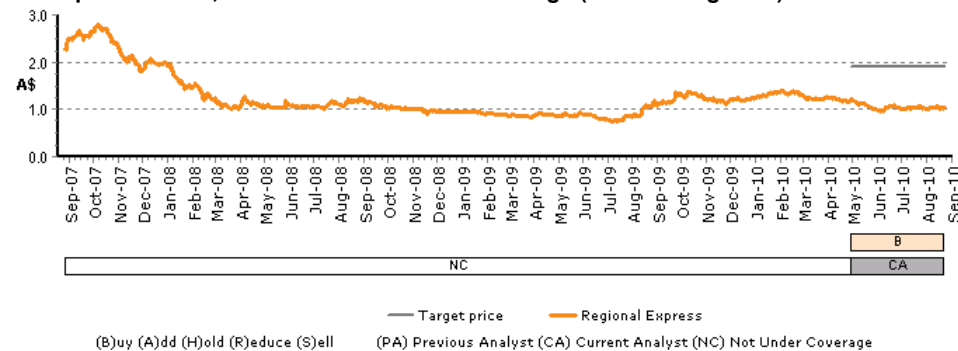
Source: RBS

Valuation and risks to target price

Regional Express (RIC: REX.AX, Rec: Buy, CP: A\$1.080, TP: A\$1.395): Our target price for REX is based on blended DCF/multiples valuation. Key downside risks to our target price include a return to softening economic conditions that would negatively impact demand and yields, a decline in the AUD given the exposure to USD costs, and a sustained increase in the oil price above our forecast.

Regional Express coverage data

Stock performance, recommendations and coverage (as at 24 Aug 2010)



Trading recommendation history (as at 25 Aug 2010)

Date	Rec	Analyst
	n/a	

Source: RBS

Michael Newbold, CFA started covering this stock on 28 Apr 10

Source: RBS

Regulatory disclosures

Global disclaimer

© Copyright 2010 The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. and affiliated companies ("RBS"). All rights reserved.

This material was prepared by the legal entity named on the cover or inside cover page. It is provided for informational purposes only and does not constitute an offer to sell or a solicitation to buy any security or other financial instrument. While based on information believed to be reliable, no guarantee is given that it is accurate or complete. While we endeavour to update on a reasonable basis the information and opinions contained herein, there may be regulatory, compliance or other reasons that prevent us from doing so. The opinions, forecasts, assumptions, estimates, derived valuations and target price(s) contained in this material are as of the date indicated and are subject to change at any time without prior notice. The investments referred to may not be suitable for the specific investment objectives, financial situation or individual needs of recipients and should not be relied upon in substitution for the exercise of independent judgement. The stated price of any securities mentioned herein is as of the date indicated and is not a representation that any transaction can be effected at this price. Neither RBS nor other persons shall be liable for any direct, indirect, special, incidental, consequential, punitive or exemplary damages, including lost profits arising in any way from the information contained in this material. This material is for the use of intended recipients only and the contents may not be reproduced, redistributed, or copied in whole or in part for any purpose without RBS's prior express consent. In any jurisdiction in which distribution to private/retail customers would require registration or licensing of the distributor which the distributor does not currently have, this document is intended solely for distribution to professional and institutional investors.

Australia: Any report referring to equity securities is distributed in Australia by RBS Equities (Australia) Limited (ABN 84 002 768 701, AFS Licence 240530), a participant of the ASX Group. Any report referring to fixed income securities is distributed in Australia by The Royal Bank of Scotland NV (Australia Branch) (ABN 84 079 478 612, AFS Licence 238266). Australian investors should note that this document was prepared for wholesale investors only.

Canada: The securities mentioned in this material are available only in accordance with applicable securities laws and many not be eligible for sale in all jurisdictions. Persons in Canada requiring further information should contact their own advisors.

EEA: This material constitutes "investment research" for the purposes of the Markets in Financial Instruments Directive and as such contains an objective or independent explanation of the matters contained in the material. Any recommendations contained in this document must not be relied upon as investment advice based on the recipient's personal circumstances. In the event that further clarification is required on the words or phrases used in this material, the recipient is strongly recommended to seek independent legal or financial advice.

Denmark: Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. is authorised and regulated in the Netherlands by De Nederlandsche Bank. In addition, Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. Danish branch is subject to local supervision by Finanstilsynet, The Danish Financial Supervisory Authority.

Hong Kong: This document is being distributed in Hong Kong by, and is attributable to, RBS Asia Limited which is regulated by the Securities and Futures Commission of Hong Kong.

India: Shares traded on stock exchanges within the Republic of India may only be purchased by different categories of resident Indian investors, Foreign Institutional Investors registered with The Securities and Exchange Board of India ("SEBI") or individuals of Indian national origin resident outside India called Non Resident Indians ("NRIs"). Any recipient of this document wanting additional information or to effect any transaction in Indian securities or financial instrument mentioned herein must do so by contacting a representative of RBS Equities (India) Limited. RBS Equities (India) Limited is a subsidiary of The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V..

Italy: Persons in Italy requiring further information should contact The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. Milan Branch.

Japan: This report is being distributed in Japan by RBS Securities Japan Limited to institutional investors only.

South Korea: This document is being distributed in South Korea by, and is attributable to, RBS Asia Limited (Seoul) Branch which is regulated by the Financial Supervisory Service of South Korea.

Malaysia: RBS research, except for economics and FX research, is not for distribution or transmission into Malaysia.

Netherlands: the Authority for the Financial Markets ("AFM") is the competent supervisor.

Russia: This Material is distributed in the Russian Federation by RBS and "The Royal Bank of Scotland" ZAO (general banking license No. 2594 issued by the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, registered address: building 1, 17 Bolshaya Nikitskaya str., Moscow 125009, the Russian Federation), an affiliate of RBS, for information purposes only and is not an offer to buy or subscribe or otherwise to deal in securities or other financial instruments, or to enter into any legal relations, nor as investment advice or a recommendation with respect to such securities or other financial instruments. This Material does not have regard to the specific investment purposes, financial situation and the particular business needs of any particular recipient. The investments and services contained herein may not be available to persons other than "qualified investors" as this term is defined in the Federal Law "On the Securities Market".

Singapore: Any material in connection with equity securities is distributed in Singapore by The Royal Bank of Scotland Asia Securities (Singapore) Pte Limited ("RBS Asia Securities") (RCB Regn No. 198703346M). Without prejudice to any of the foregoing disclaimers, this material and the securities, investments or other financial instruments referred to herein are not in any way intended for, and will not be available to, investors in Singapore unless they are institutional investors (as defined in Section 4A(1) of the Securities and Futures Act (Cap. 289) of Singapore ("SFA") or relevant persons falling within Section 275 of the SFA and in accordance with the conditions specified therein or otherwise fall within the circumstances under Section 275 of the SFA. Further, without prejudice to any of the foregoing disclaimers, where this material is distributed to accredited investors or expert investors as defined in Regulation 2 of the Financial Advisers Regulations ("FAR") of the Financial Advisers Act (Cap. 110) of Singapore ("FAA"), RBS Asia Securities is exempted by Regulation 35 of the FAR from the requirements in Section 36 of the FAA mandating disclosure of any interest in securities referred to in this material, or in their acquisition or disposal. Recipients who do not fall within the description of persons under Regulation 49 of the Securities and Futures (Licensing and Conduct of Business) Regulations or Regulations 34 and 35 of the Financial Advisers Regulations should seek the advice of their independent financial advisor prior to taking any investment decision based on this document or for any necessary explanation of its contents.

Thailand: Pursuant to an agreement with Asia Plus Securities Public Company Limited (APS), reports on Thai securities published out of Thailand are prepared by APS but distributed outside Thailand by RBS Bank NV and affiliated companies. Responsibility for the views and accuracy expressed in such documents belongs to APS.

Turkey: The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. is regulated by Banking Regulation and Supervision Authority (BRSA).

UAE and Qatar: This report is produced by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. and is being distributed to professional and institutional investors only in the United Arab Emirates and Qatar in accordance with the regulatory requirements governing the distribution of investment research in these jurisdictions.

Dubai International Financial Centre: This material has been prepared by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. and is directed at "Professional Clients" as defined by the Dubai Financial Services Authority (DFSA). No other person should act upon it. The financial products and services to which the material relates will only be made available to customers who satisfy the requirements of a "Professional Client". This Document has not been reviewed or approved by the DFSA.

Qatar Financial Centre: This material has been prepared by The Royal Bank of Scotland N.V. and is directed solely at persons who are not "Retail Customer" as defined by the Qatar Financial Centre Regulatory Authority. The financial products and services to which the material relates will only be made available to customers who satisfy the requirements of a "Business Customer" or "Market Counterparty".

United States of America: This document is intended for distribution only to "major institutional investors" as defined in Rule 15a-6 under the U.S. Exchange Act of 1934 as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and may not be furnished to any other person in the United States. Each U.S. major institutional investor that receives these materials by its acceptance hereof represents and agrees that it shall not distribute or provide these materials to any other person. Any U.S. recipient of these materials that wishes further information regarding, or to effect any transaction in, any of the securities discussed in this document, should contact and place orders solely through a registered representative of RBS Securities Inc., 600 Washington Boulevard, Stamford, CT, USA. Telephone: +1 203 897 2700. RBS Securities Inc. is an affiliated broker-dealer registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission under the Exchange Act, and a member of the Securities Investor Protection Corporation (SIPC) and the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA).

- Material means all research information contained in any form including but not limited to hard copy, electronic form, presentations, e-mail, SMS or WAP.

The research analyst or analysts responsible for the content of this research report certify that: (1) the views expressed and attributed to the research analyst or analysts in the research report accurately reflect their personal opinion(s) about the subject securities and issuers and/or other subject matter as appropriate; and, (2) no part of his or her compensation was, is or will be directly or indirectly related to the specific recommendations or views contained in this research report. On a general basis, the efficacy of recommendations is a factor in the performance appraisals of analysts.

For a discussion of the valuation methodologies used to derive our price targets and the risks that could impede their achievement, please refer to our latest published research on those stocks at research.rbsm.com.

Disclosures regarding companies covered by us can be found on our research website at research.rbsm.com.

Our policy on managing research conflicts of interest can be found at <https://research.rbsm.com/Disclosure/Disclosure.Aspx?MI=2>.

Should you require additional information please contact the relevant research team or the author(s) of this report.