

# Sunway Construction Group (SCGB MK) **3Q17: Within expectations**

# Maintain BUY

SCG's 9M17 net profit of MYR106m was in line with ours but below consensus forecast. Growth in the construction segment from higher work progress helped offset the weaker-than-expected precast earnings. We make no change to our earnings forecasts. SCG remains a BUY with an unchanged TP of MYR2.63 pegged to 16x FY18E earnings.

# Construction the key driver

3Q17 net profit of MYR35m (+11% YoY, -6% QoQ) brought 9M17 net profit to MYR106m (+16% YoY), meeting 73%/71% of ours/consensus full-year forecasts. The stronger contribution from construction, which reported revenue of MYR472m (+57% YoY, +22% QoQ), help offset the weak precast division. Revenue growth was in tandem with higher progress billings from KVMRT 2, the Parcel F project in Putrajaya and building works in the Central region. As a result, construction EBIT grew 48% YoY (+13% QoQ) on the back of flattish margins (-0.5ppts YoY, -0.6 ppts QoQ).

## Another lacklustre quarter for precast

The division reported a revenue of MYR20m (-76% YoY, -35% QoQ), its 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive quarter of lower revenue, due to slower progress at site by the main contractors which has resulted in slower delivery of the precast components from SCG. Thus, EBIT margin contracted by 3.7ppts YoY (-9.1ppts QoQ) to 11.9ppts in 3Q17. Management cautions that the translation of launches (of new HDB units) to physical construction will take time and we believe 4Q17 is likely to remain weak.

# No change to earnings

We expect weakness in the precast division to continue into 4Q17. However, SCG's current outstanding orderbook of MYR6.8b (a record high) will support earnings growth into FY18 and help fill the gap from the weaker precast earnings. Management has set an internal target of MYR4b of construction job wins for FY17 of which it has already secured MYR3.8b (ex-precast). The additions could come from work packages from TRX, KL-Klang BRT, property developments within Sunway Group.

FYE Dec (MYR m)	FY15A	FY16A	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Revenue	1,917	1,789	2,347	2,814	3,272
EBITDA	178	188	211	293	302
Core net profit	127	124	146	213	220
Core EPS (sen)	9.8	9.6	11.3	16.4	17.0
Core EPS growth (%)	11.4	(2.9)	18.4	45.4	3.5
Net DPS (sen)	4.0	5.0	4.0	5.8	6.0
Core P/E (x)	24.4	25.1	21.2	14.6	14.1
P/BV (x)	6.9	6.3	5.3	4.3	3.6
Net dividend yield (%)	1.7	2.1	1.6	2.4	2.5
ROAE (%)	32.4	26.2	27.0	32.4	27.6
ROAA (%)	9.5	8.2	8.0	9.4	8.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.7	9.9	11.9	8.0	7.0
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Consensus net profit	-	-	150	189	207
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(2.3)	12.5	6.5

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# BUY

Share Price MYR 2.40 12m Price Target MYR 2.63 (+10%) MYR 2.63 Previous Price Taraet

## **Company Description**

Sunway Construction Group offers integrated construction services and has precast concrete business in Singapore.

#### Statistics

Shariah status	Yes
52w high/low (MYR)	2.40/1.62
3m avg turnover (USDm)	1.0
Free float (%)	24.2
Issued shares (m)	1,293
Market capitalisation	MYR3.1B
	USD748M

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Sunway Bhd.	54.4%
Active Equity Sdn. Bhd.	10.1%
True Paragon Sdn. Bhd.	3.9%

#### Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	4	3	51
Relative to index (%)	5	6	42

Source: FactSet

Fig 1: Results summary table

		Quar	terly results			С	umulative	
FY Dec (RM m)	3Q17	3Q16	% YoY	2Q17	% QoQ	9M17	9M16	% YoY
Turnover	491.4	381.1	28.9	417.2	17.8	1,328.1	1,235.7	<i>7</i> .5
EBIT	42.4	39.6	7.2	41.7	1.7	126.2	112.5	12.1
Net interest	0.7	0.8	(21.7)	1.0	(37.1)	3.8	3.5	9.4
Pre-tax profits	43.1	40.4	6.6	42.8	0.7	130.0	116.0	12.0
Tax	(8.6)	(9.1)	(5.7)	(6.1)	41.6	(24.2)	(24.4)	(0.8)
Minority Interests	0.1	(0.1)	NM	0.1	66.2	0.2	(0.2)	NM
Net profit	34.6	31.1	11.1	36.8	(5.9)	106.0	91.5	15.9
	3Q17	3Q16	+/- ppt	2Q17	+/- ppt	9M17	9M16	+/- ppt
EBIT margin (%)	8.6	10.4	(1.7)	10.0	(1.4)	9.5	9.1	0.4
Pretax margin (%)	8.8	10.6	(1.8)	10.3	(1.5)	9.8	9.4	0.4
Tax rate (%)	20.0	22.6	(2.6)	14.2	5.8	18.6	21.0	(2.4)
<u>Revenue</u>	3Q17	3Q16	% YoY	2Q17	% QoQ	9M17	9M16	% YoY
Construction	471.8	301.3	56.6	387.1	21.9	1,209.7	1,035.6	16.8
Precast concrete	19.6	79.8	(75.5)	30.1	(35.0)	118.5	200.1	(40.8)
Total	491.4	381.1	28.9	417.2	17.8	1,328.1	1,235.7	<i>7</i> .5
<u>EBIT</u>								
Construction	40.1	27.1	48.0	35.4	13.2	101.7	71.7	41.9
Precast concrete	2.3	12.5	(81.3)	6.3	(63.1)	24.5	40.9	(40.2)
Total	42.4	39.6	7.2	41.7	1.7	126.2	112.5	12.1
EBIT margin (%)	3Q17	3Q16	+/- ppt	2Q17	+/- ppt	9M17	9M16	+/- ppt
Construction	8.5	9.0	(0.5)	9.1	(0.6)	8.4	6.9	1.5
Precast concrete	11.9	15.6	(3.7)	21.0	(9.1)	20.6	20.4	0.2
Total	8.6	10.4	(1.7)	10.0	(1.4)	9.5	9.1	0.4

Source: Maybank Kim Eng, Company

# Other Updates

Iskandar precast plant secures 5 year Tax Pioneer Status from MIDA which would help improve PAT contribution from the plant. However, we understand that SCG has yet to activate the pioneer status and is likely to await a recovery in the precast segment before activation. As such, we do not see an immediate impact to earnings. To recall, SCG currently operates two precast plants, one in Senai and the other in Iskandar, both in Johor, with both operating at ~50% utilization.

SCG expects to spend MYR98m on capex in FY17. We understand that majority of the capex is expected to be spent for new plant and machineries to facilitate its higher orderbook of MYR6.8b, especially its KVLRT 3 work packages GS07-08. SCG believes it would be more economical to purchase its own machineries than to rent due to the long duration of the KVLRT 3 project which is expected to stretch over three years. YTD, SCG has already incurred MYR40m of the intended capex. SCG's net cash position of MYR328m as at end-Sep 2017 would be more than able to support its capex spends.

November 21, 2017

Fig 2: Sunway Construction: Outstanding orderbook of MYR6.8b

At end-Sept 2017	Contract value (MYR m)	Outstanding (MYR m)
<u>Infrastructure</u>		
KVMRT 2, V201 (Sg Buloh-Persiaran Dagang)	1,213	926
KVMRT 2, V201 - Advance Works	53	26
SUKE + DASH Bore Piling #	34	27
BBCC (Bore Piling) #	108	95
Mega Capital #	9	9
LRT 3 : Package GS07-08 #	2,178	2,178
Building		
Putrajaya Parcel F	1,610	901
KLCC (NEC + Package 2 & 2a)	646	139
HUKM (MEP works)	66	55
International School of KL	268	172
Gas District Cooling (Plant 1) #	152	136
PPA1M Project in Kota Bahru #	582	582
Warehouse in Shah Alam #	70	70
Others	196	6
<u>Internal</u>		
Sunway Velocity Hotel & Office	101	12
Sunway Velocity Medical Centre	185	137
Sunway Medical Centre 4 (2 towers)	428	389
Sunway Iskandar - Citrine Svc Apt	213	8
Sunway Geo Retail Shops & Flexi Suites Phase 2	244	45
Sunway Iskandar 88 Units Shoplots	57	25
Sunway Iskandar - Emerald Residences	175	69
Sunway Iskandar - Retail Complex	100	78
Sunway Property - Kelana Jaya Condo #	449	439
Others	50	6
<u>Precast</u>	821	260
TOTAL	10,002	6,790

# Secured in 2017; Source: Company

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FYE 31 Dec	FY15A	FY16A	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	12.6	16.5	21.2	14.6	14.1
Core P/E (x)	24.4	25.1	21.2	14.6	14.1
P/BV (x)	6.9	6.3	5.3	4.3	3.6
P/NTA (x)	6.9	6.3	5.3	4.3	3.6
Net dividend yield (%)	1.7	2.1	1.6	2.4	2.5
FCF yield (%)	7.0	2.2	10.2	8.1	9.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.7	9.9	11.9	8.0	7.0
EV/EBIT (x)	11.4	12.5	14.1	9.1	8.1
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	1,916.9	1,788.8	2,347.4	2,814.4	3,271.7
Gross profit	388.4	379.0	424.8	514.2	529.9
EBITDA	178.2	188.3	211.2	293.3	302.4
Depreciation	(41.9)	(39.1)	(33.2)	(35.9)	(40.2)
EBIT	136.3	149.2	178.0	257.4	262.2
Net interest income /(exp)	4.5	4.4	8.6	15.5	20.1
Associates & JV	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Exceptionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	140.8	153.7	186.5	272.9	282.3
Income tax	(13.0)	(30.0)	(40.3)	(60.3)	(62.1)
Minorities	(0.6)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	127.2	123.5	146.2	212.6	220.1
Core net profit	127.2	123.5	146.2	212.6	220.1
Preferred Dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	390.5	465.8	732.5	907.9	1,117.0
Accounts receivable	717.1	938.4	1,123.8	1,318.2	1,508.8
Inventory	17.3	24.0	26.3	31.5	37.6
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	161.8	138.4	149.8	167.3	189.3
Intangible assets	0.7	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Investment in Associates & JVs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other assets	110.1	28.5	28.5	28.5	28.5
Total assets	1,397.4	1,597.3	2,063.2	2,455.7	2,883.5
ST interest bearing debt	136.8	136.5	136.5	136.5	136.5
Accounts payable	795.6	955.0	1,325.8	1,580.1	1,864.9
LT interest bearing debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other liabilities	13.0	12.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Total Liabilities	945.8	1,103.5	1,474.4	1,728.7	2,013.4
Shareholders Equity	451.0	493.0	588.1	726.3	869.4
Minority Interest	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Total shareholder equity	451.7	493.8	588.8	727.0	870.1
Perpetual securities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total liabilities and equity	1,397.4	1,597.3	2,063.2	2,455.7	2,883.5
CASH FLOW (MYR m)					
Pretax profit	140.8	153.7	186.5	272.9	282.3
Depreciation & amortisation	41.9	39.1	33.2	35.9	40.2
Adj net interest (income)/exp	4.5	4.4	8.6	15.5	20.1
Change in working capital	64.9	(58.7)	183.1	54.8	88.1
Cash taxes paid	(29.6)	(26.5)	(40.3)	(60.3)	(62.1)
Other operating cash flow	17.0	(26.4)	(8.6)	(15.5)	(20.1)
Cash flow from operations	239.6	85.6	362.5	303.3	348.4
Capex	(23.7)	(17.0)	(44.6)	(53.5)	(62.2)
Free cash flow	215.9	68.7	317.9	249.9	286.2
		(94.0)	(51.2)	(74.4)	(77.0)
Dividends paid	(70.0)	(84.0)	(31.2)	(/4.4)	(11.0)
	(70.0) 1.6	(0.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid					

FYE 31 Dec	FY15A	FY16A	FY17E	FY18E	FY19E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	1.9	(6.7)	31.2	19.9	16.2
EBITDA growth	17.9	5.7	12.2	38.9	3.1
EBIT growth	24.4	9.5	19.2	44.6	1.9
Pretax growth	(7.0)	9.2	21.4	46.3	3.4
Reported net profit growth	1.9	(2.9)	18.4	45.4	3.5
Core net profit growth	11.4	(2.9)	18.4	45.4	3.5
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	9.3	10.5	9.0	10.4	9.2
EBIT margin	7.1	8.3	7.6	9.1	8.0
Pretax profit margin	7.3	8.6	7.9	9.7	8.6
Payout ratio	40.7	52.3	35.0	35.0	35.0
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	6.6	6.9	6.2	7.6	6.7
Revenue/Assets (x)	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
Assets/Equity (x)	3.1	3.2	3.5	3.4	3.3
ROAE (%)	32.4	26.2	27.0	32.4	27.6
ROAA (%)	9.5	8.2	8.0	9.4	8.2
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	(45.8)	(51.6)	(50.7)	(66.7)	(66.1)
Days receivable outstanding	136.6	166.6	158.1	156.2	155.5
Days inventory outstanding	4.4	5.3	4.7	4.5	4.5
Days payables outstanding	186.9	223.5	213.5	227.4	226.2
Dividend cover (x)	2.5	1.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Current ratio (x)	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	net cash				
Net interest cover (x)	na	na	na	na	na
Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
Capex/revenue (%)	1.2	0.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
Net debt/ (net cash)	(253.6)	(329.3)	(595.9)	(771.4)	(980.5)

Source: Company; Maybank

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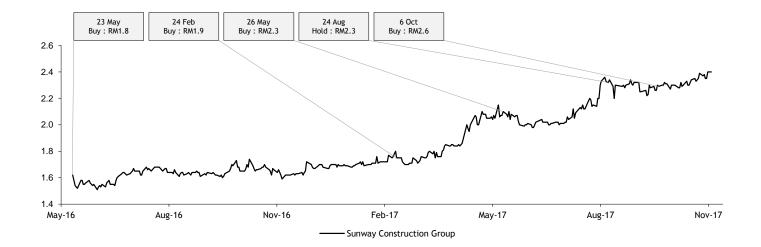
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