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New contract wins make up for earnings drop

Maintain Buy and lower TP to MYR2.20

2Q20 results review; adjust earnings, but maintain Buy

- SunCon reported 2Q20 adjusted net income of only MYR2mn, which implies 1H20 adjusted net income of MYR19mn (26%/ 21% of our revised/consensus estimates for FY20F). The main reason for the decline in income was the lockdowns in Malaysia and Singapore, which meant a halt in construction activity in SunCon's core markets. Construction works have now normalized to pre-COVID levels in Malaysia; however, the progress remains slow in Singapore, as per management.
- It announced an interim dividend of 1.25 sen/sh, which implies a yield of 0.7%. Operating cash flow was strong in 2Q20 at MYR105mn in 2Q20 vs MYR28mn in 2Q19 and MYR19mn in 1Q20. The group has net cash position of MYR387mn as of end-2Q20, highlighting its balance sheet strength.
- In a positive development, SunCon announced the award of two more projects by its parentco, worth MYR 747mn, along with the results. The partial underwriting of orderbook by parentco remains one of the bright spots for SunCon with YTD replenishment at MYR1.5bn, already at 75% of management's full year target.
- With current tenderbook of MYR8.7bn, we do not see any risks to management's full year orderbook replenishment target of MYR2bn (NMR: MYR2bn); however, margins will be lower, in our view, due to some delays and project owners' demands.
- We lower our FY20F/21F earnings by 53%/ 14% due to slower work in progress due to lockdowns and lower margins, but maintain our orderbook replenishment target for FY20F/ 21F at MYR2bn each.

Maintain Buy and lower TP to MYR2.20, implying 23% upside

We reiterate Buy on SunCon as: 1) it is likely to be a beneficiary of positive news flows from project awards in Malaysia on the revival of infra jobs and projects from parentco, and also overseas job wins from India; 2) we believe SunCon is the best pure-play exposure within our coverage to the construction sector in Malaysia with strong earnings to cash flow conversion, net cash balance sheet, and high ROE (FY21F: 22%); and 3) we expect its precast business to grow again with the opening of a new precast plant in Singapore. We value SunCon at a FY21F P/E of 20x (premium valuation for strong orderbook momentum) (vs 19x FY20F earlier; current: 16.1x; FY21F EPS of 11sen), to arrive at our new TP of MYR2.20 (vs MYR2.30 earlier).

Year-end 31 Dec	FY19		FY20F		FY21F		FY22F
Currency (MYR)	Actual	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Revenue (mn)	1,769	1,977	1,169	2,062	1,834	2,404	2,263
Reported net profit (mn)	129	155	72	166	143	178	161
Normalised net profit (mn)	129	155	72	166	143	178	161
FD normalised EPS	10.02c	11.98c	5.58c	12.88c	11.08c	13.80c	12.42c
FD norm. EPS growth (%)	-13.8	19.5	-44.3	7.5	98.7	7.1	12.0
FD normalised P/E (x)	17.9	-	32.1	-	16.1	-	14.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	10.3	-	18.8	-	9.6	-	8.3
Price/book (x)	3.7	-	3.7	-	3.3	-	3.1
Dividend yield (%)	3.9	-	2.2	-	4.3	-	4.8
ROE (%)	21.3	23.8	11.6	23.6	21.8	23.4	22.3
Net debt/equity (%)	net cash						

Source: Company data, Nomura estimates

Rating Remains	Buy
Target price Reduced from MYR 2.30	MYR 2.20
Closing price 18 August 2020	MYR 1.79
Implied upside	+22.9%
Market Cap (USD mn) ADT (USD mn)	553.7 0.3

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Key Data on Sunway Construction

Relative Performance Chart



Performance

(%)	1M	3M	12M		
Absolute (MYR)	-10.1	-3.8	-13.5	M cap (USDmn)	553.7
Absolute (USD)	-8.3	0.5	-13.6	Free float (%)	35.4
Rel to FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index	-7.8	-14.4	-11.1	3-mth ADT (USDmn)	0.3

Income statement (MYRmn)

Income statement (MYR					
Year-end 31 Dec	FY18	FY19	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F
Revenue	2,257	1,769	1,169	1,834	2,263
Cost of goods sold	-2,077	-1,628	-1,103	-1,672	-2,077
Gross profit	180	141	67	162	185
SG&A					
Employee share					
expense					
Operating profit	180	141	67	162	185
EBITDA	220	181	103	209	239
Depreciation	-40	-40	-36	-47	-54
Amortisation					
EBIT	180	141	67	162	185
Net interest expense	8	12	19	13	12
Associates & JCEs	1	4	4	4	4
Other income					
Earnings before tax	189	157	90	179	201
Income tax	-38	-27	-17	-35	-39
Net profit after tax	150	130	73	144	162
Minority interests	0	-1	-1	-1	-1
Other items					
Preferred dividends					
Normalised NPAT	150	129	72	143	161
Extraordinary items	-5	0	0	0	0
Reported NPAT	145	129	72	143	161
Dividends	-90	-90	-50	-100	-112
Transfer to reserves	54	39	22	43	49
Valuations and ratios					
Reported P/E (x)	16.0	17.9	32.1	16.1	14.4
Normalised P/E (x)	15.4	17.9	32.1	16.1	14.4
FD normalised P/E (x)	15.4	17.9	32.1	16.1	14.4
Dividend yield (%)	3.9	3.9	2.2	4.3	4.8
Price/cashflow (x)	12.2	11.9	39.3	17.6	11.9
Price/book (x)	3.9	3.7	3.7	3.3	3.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.8	10.3	18.8	9.6	8.3
EV/EBIT (x)	10.8	13.1	28.5	12.3	10.6
Gross margin (%)	8.0	8.0	5.7	8.8	8.2
EBITDA margin (%)	9.7	10.2	8.8	11.4	10.6
EBIT margin (%)	8.0	8.0	5.7	8.8	8.2
Net margin (%)	6.4	7.3	6.2	7.8	7.1
Effective tax rate (%)	20.2	17.2	19.0	19.5	19.6
Dividend payout (%)	62.5	69.8	69.8	69.8	69.8
ROE (%)	25.3	21.3	11.6	21.8	22.3
ROA (pretax %)	13.5	11.7	6.5	14.3	13.0
Growth (%)	0.5	01.5	00.5	=0.0	
Revenue	8.7	-21.6	-33.9	56.8	23.4
EBITDA	12.9	-17.6	-43.2	102.6	14.8
Normalised EPS	15.3	-13.8	-44.3	98.7	12.0
Normalised FDEPS	15.3	-13.8	-44.3	98.7	12.0

Cashflow statement (MYRmn)

Cashflow statement (MYRmn					
Year-end 31 Dec	FY18	FY19	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F
EBITDA	220	181	103	209	239
Change in working capital	-56	-24	-46	-55	-18
Other operating cashflow	25	36	2	-22	-28
Cashflow from operations	189	194	59	132	194
Capital expenditure	-56	-8	-102	-79	-54
Free cashflow	133	185	-43	52	140
Reduction in investments	-45	-4	-4	-4	-4
Net acquisitions	10				<u> </u>
Dec in other LT assets	-3	1	0	0	0
	96	4	0	0	0
Inc in other LT liabilities			-	-	
Adjustments	-66	2	4	4	4
CF after investing acts	116	188	-43	52	140
Cash dividends	-97	-91	-70	-75	-106
Equity issue					
Debt issue	-21	172	0	0	0
Convertible debt issue					
Others	0	-62	0	0	0
CF from financial acts	-118	19	-70	-75	-106
Net cashflow	-2	208	-113	-23	34
Beginning cash	487	485	693	579	556
Ending cash	485	693	579	556	590
Ending net debt	-371	-407	-293	-270	-304
	511		-200	-210	-00+
Balance sheet (MYRmn)	_	_			
As at 31 Dec	FY18	FY19	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F
Cash & equivalents	485	693	579	556	590
Marketable securities					
Accounts receivable	917	847	560	878	1,084
Inventories	30	25	15	23	29
Other current assets	106	145	145	145	145
Total current assets	1,537	1,710	1,300	1,603	1,847
LT investments	45	49	53	57	62
Fixed assets	163	139	204	237	237
	4	4	4	4	4
Goodwill			-	-	
Other intangible assets	0	0	0	0	0
Other LT assets	5	4	4	4	4
Total assets	1,754	1,905	1,565	1,905	2,154
Short-term debt	114	233	233	233	233
Accounts payable	874	868	525	797	990
Other current liabilities	72	18	18	18	18
Total current liabilities	1,059	1,120	777	1,048	1,242
Long-term debt	0	53	53	53	53
Convertible debt					
Other LT liabilities	103	107	107	107	107
Total liabilities	1.162	1,280	937	1,208	1,401
	1,102	2	337	4	5
Minority interest	I	2	5	4	5
Preferred stock	050	050	050	050	050
Common stock	259	259	259	259	259
Retained earnings	361	399	401	469	523
Proposed dividends					
Other equity and reserves	-28	-34	-34	-34	-34
Total shareholders' equity	591	623	625	693	747
Total equity & liabilities	1,754	1,905	1,565	1,905	2,154
Liquidity (x)					
Current ratio	1.45	1.53	1.67	1.53	1.49
Interest cover	_	_	-	_	_
Leverage	-				
Net debt/EBITDA (x)	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash
	net cash			net cash	
Net debt/equity (%)	net cash	net cash	net cash	Tiel Casil	net cash
Per share	44.00	40.00	F F0	44.00	40.40
Reported EPS (MYR)	11.20c	10.02c	5.58c	11.08c	12.42c
Norm EPS (MYR)	11.62c	10.02c	5.58c	11.08c	12.42c
FD norm EPS (MYR)	11.62c	10.02c	5.58c	11.08c	12.42c
BVPS (MYR)	0.46	0.48	0.48	0.54	0.58
DPS (MYR)	0.07	0.07	0.04	0.08	0.09
Activity (days)					
Days receivable	163.5	182.0	220.2	143.2	158.3
Days inventory	4.8	6.2	6.7	4.2	4.5
Days payable	167.8	195.3	231.3	144.3	156.9
Cash cycle	0.5	-7.1	-4.4	3.0	5.9
				5.0	0.0
Source: Company data Nomur	a estimati	20			

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2Q20 results review

- SunCon reported 2Q20 adjusted net income of MYR 2mn, which was down 93% y-y and down 87% q-q. Cumulatively, 1H20 adjusted net income of MYR 19mn (-71% y-y) formed 26%/ 21% of our revised/consensus estimates for the full-year. It announced an interim dividend of 1.25 sen/sh, which implies a yield of 0.7%.
- The main reason for the decline in income was the lockdown in Malaysia and Singapore to control the pandemic, which meant a halt in construction activity in these markets. This impacted project billings and therefore impacted revenue and income for SunCon. Construction works have now normalized to pre-COVID levels in Malaysia, after the company received all its foreign workers tested for COVID-19, as per government regulations; however, the progress still remains slow in Singapore (at 20% of normalized levels), as per management.
- Continued orderbook replenishment due to the support from the parentco remains one of the bright spots for SunCon. In 2Q20, MYR 212mn worth new contracts were bagged by SunCon and along with the results, management announced the award of a further MYR 747mn of jobs. This implies YTD orderbook replenishment of ~MYR1.5bn which forms ~75% of management's full-year target of ~MYR 2bn. O utstanding orderbook stands at MYR6.2bn (including projects won in 3Q20 so far), implying earnings visibility of ~2.3 years, based on our estimates.
- With current tenderbook of MYR8.7bn, we do not see any risks to management's fullyear orderbook replenishment target of MYR2bn (NMR: MYR2bn); however, margins will be lower, in our view. Management is bidding for highway and mass transit jobs in India, and sees its balance sheet strength as one of the advantages in securing the projects. Within Malaysia, the company is seeking opportunities in the East Coast Rail link (ECRL) earthworks jobs (upcoming) and any new mega-projects in the 2021 budget announcement (to be in November 2020).
- SunCon reported operating cash flows of MYR105mn in 2Q20 vs MYR28mn in 2Q19 and MYR19mn in 1Q20. The group has net cash position of MYR387mn as of end-2Q20.
- There is no change to the opening timeline of the new precast plant (ICPH) in Singapore which is targeted to start production by 1QFY22. In the meantime, SunCon will continue to supply to its Singapore precast segments from its Senai and Iskandar plants. Due to slower construction activity in Singapore due to lockdown, the budgeted capex for the ICPH in 2020 will be lower than MYR70mn guided earlier.
- Construction: Construction revenue for 2Q20 was MYR137mn, down 66%/ 58% y-y/ q-q due to movement control order (MCO). PBT was also down in both y-y and q-q due to lower revenues as well as margins.
- Precast: Precast revenue for 2Q20 was MYR3mn and the division reported LBT of MYR4mn.

Fig. 1: SunCon – 1H20 results snapshot

MYR mn	1H20	NMR FY20F new	as % of NMR new	Cons FY20F	as % of cons
Revenue	506	1,169	43%	1,634	31%
Adj PBT	24	90	26%	114	21%
Adj NPATAMI	19	72	26%	88	21%
Reported NPATAMI	19	72	26%	86	22%

Source: Company data, Bloomberg consensus, Nomura estimates

Fig. 2: SunCon – 2Q20 results review

MYR mn	2Q20	2Q19	% chg y-y	1Q20	% chg q-q	1H20	1H19	% chg y-y	FY20F new	as % of FY20F new
Revenues	140	440	(68%)	366	(62%)	506	880	(43%)	1,169	43 %
Construction	137	406	(66%)	330	(58%)	467	813	(43%)	1,052	44%
Precast concrete	3	34	(91%)	36	(92%)	39	67	(41%)	118	33%
Operating profit	0	38	(100%)	19	(100%)	19	76	(75%)	67	28 %
Construction	3	37	(91%)	17	(80%)	21	75	(72%)		
Precast concrete	(3)	1	NM	1	NM	(2)	1	NM		
Adjusted Pretax profit	2	41	(94%)	21	(89%)	24	81	(71%)	90	26%
Construction	6	41	(86%)	20	(71%)	26	81	(68%)	84	31%
Precast concrete	(4)	0	NM	1	NM	(3)	0	NM	6	(47%)
Core PAT	2	33	(94%)	17	(87%)	19	65	(71%)	73	26%
Core PAT - equityholders	2	33	(93%)	16	(87%)	19	64	(71%)	72	26%
Other one-off charges	0	0	NM	0	NM	0	0	NM	0	NM
Headline NPAT - equityholders	2	33	(93%)	16	(87%)	19	64	(71%)	72	26%
Adj Pretax margins	2%	9%	-8 ppt	6%	-4 ppt	5%	9%		8%	
Construction	4%	10%	-6 ppt	6%	-2 ppt		10%		8%	
Precast concrete	(118%)	0%	-118 ppt	0 % 2%	-120 ppt		0%		5%	

Source: Company data, Nomura estimates

Fig. 3: SunCon's outstanding orderbook

Including projects won in 3Q20 so far

MYR mn	Contract Sum	Outstanding order book
Infrastructure/Piling	Juli	
MRT V201 + S201 (Sg Buloh-Persiaran Dagang)	1,213	123
LRT3: Package GS07-08	2,178	1,589
Piling Works	2,170	1,389
GS06,09 + GS10	60	13
Sentual West Station	57	57
Chan Sow Lin KVMRT UG St (MEP)	54	54
Building		
Putrajaya Parcel F	1,610	20
PPA1M project in Kota Bharu	582	64
TNB HQ Campus	781	666
Petronas Leadership Center	310	283
Oxley Tower	68	66
IOI Mall	68	59
India		
Thorapalli Agraharam - Jittandahalli	508	508
Internal		
Sunway Medical Centre Phase 4	450	351
Sunway Serene - Serviced Residences	413	240
Velo 2	352	265
3C4	100	64
Sunway GEOLake	223	50
Carnival Mall Ext	286	214
SMC Seberang Jaya	180	136
Big Box Hotel	100	58
Parcel CP2	119	70
SIS	121	121
CP2	344	344
Belfield residential condo	403	403
Singapore		
Precast	331	282
Precast - New order 2020	37	38
Total	10,102	6,161
Orderbook burn rate (FY19, including internal)		2,668
Implied earnings visibility (years)		2,000
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Source: Company data, Nomura research

Fig. 4: SunCon - YTD orderbook replenishment

Projects (2020 new awards)	Client	Duration	Contract Sum (RM'mil)	
Thorapalli Agraharam – Jittandahalli Section of NH-844	National Highway Authority of India	24 months	508	
Bukit Batok Primary School	Logistic Construction Pte LTd	Various	1	
Rooftop solar projects	Various	< 6 months	4	
Secured-1Q 2020			513	
Chan Sow Lin KVMRT underground station (MEP)	MMC Gamuda KVMRT (UGW) JV	12 months	54	
Sunway International School - Bandar Sunway	Sunway Education Group Sdn Bhd	30 months	121	
Ang Mo Kio N6C34	Thong Huat Brothers Pte Ltd	24 months	37	
Secured-2Q 2020			212	
Total Secured YTD June 2020			725	
CP2 Mixed Development - Bandar Sunway	Sunway SouthQuay Sdn Bhd	40 months	344	
3 blocks of 55/56 storey residential condominium	Sunway Belfield Sdn Bhd	45 months	403	
Total Secured YTD 17 August 2020			1,472	

Source: Company data

Fig. 5: SunCon - changes to estimates

MYR mn		Old			New			% change		
-	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F	
Orderbook replenishment	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	0%	0%	0%	
External	1,000	1,200	1,200	700	1,200	1,200	(30%)	0%	0%	
Internal	700	500	500	1,200	500	500	71%	0%	0%	
Precast	300	300	300	100	300	300	(67%)	0%	0%	
Revenue	1,977	2,062	2,404	1,169	1,834	2,263	(41%)	(11%)	(6%)	
Adj PBT	194	209	224	90	179	201	(54%)	(14%)	(10%)	
PBT margins	9.8%	10.1%	9.3%	7.7%	9.8%	8.9%	(2.1 ppt)	(0.3 ppt)	(0.4 ppt)	
Adj NPAT	155	166	178	72	143	161	(53%)	(14%)	(10%)	

Source: Nomura estimates

Fig. 6: SunCon – Target price valuation methodology

	Dec-21
	FY21F
Normalised net profit (MYR mn)	143
FD number of shares outstanding (mn)	1,291
FD EPS (MYR/ sh)	0.11
Target FY21F P/E	20.0 x
Price target (MYR/ sh)	2.20

Source: Nomura estimates

Fig. 7: SunCon forward P/E (consensus)





Source: Bloomberg consensus, Nomura research

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Fig. 8: KLCON forward P/E

Appendix A-1

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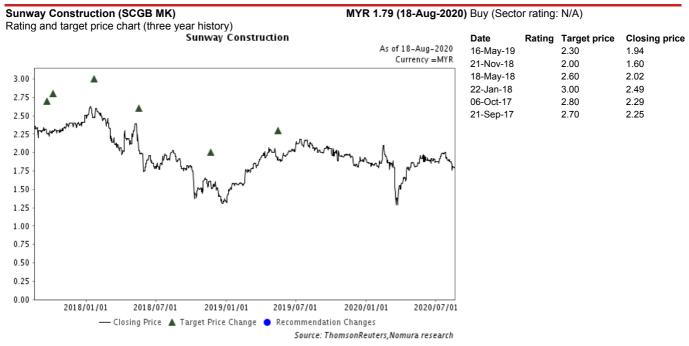
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Valuation Methodology We value SunCon at a target P/E of 20x on FY21F earnings. Using net income of MYR143mn for FY21F and a target P/E of 20x, we arrive at our TP of MYR2.20. The benchmark index for the stock is FTSE Bursa Malaysia KLCI Index.

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