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Buy

**Price** RM0.71

RM0.92 Bloomberg code

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# MRCB

## Wins SUKE job; finalizes LRT 3 deal

Financial Highlights
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FYE Dec	2016	2017	2018F	2019F	2020F
Revenue (RMm)	2,408.1	2,823.7	1,779.5	2,145.9	2,403.5
Core net profit (RMm)	75.0	101.3	54.9	100.1	159.3
Core EPS (Sen)	4.2	2.9	2.1	2.5	3.7
EPS growth (%)	>100	(30.4)	(28.7)	17.0	49.2
DPS (Sen)	2.8	1.8	1.5	1.8	2.5
Core PE (x)	24.2	38.7	25.4	28.0	21.7
Div yield (%)	2.7	1.5	2.1	2.5	3.5
ROE (%)	10.3	4.3	1.8	2.1	3.2
Net Gearing (%)	75.7	55.1	41.2	24.9	24.8
PBV(x)	0.8	1.0	0.6	0.6	0.6

Source: Company, KAF

- We maintain our Buy rating on MRCB with an unchanged TP of RM0.92 (20% discount to NAV).
- In a filing with Bursa Malaysia, MRCB disclosed that it has received a letter of acceptance (LoA) from Turnpike Synergy.
- Turnpike Synergy is a unit of Prolintas, which is the concession holder for SUKE.
- The LoA is in relation to Package CA2 of the Sg. Besi-Ulu Kelang (SUKE) elevated highway.
- Package CA2 involves the construction and completion of mainline and other associated works from CH.2400 to CH.4200 of SUKE.
- The contract price is worth RM323m. As stipulated in the contract, the construction work is to be completed within 14 months from the date of site possession, i.e. by 3 April 2020.
- This represents MRCB's first contract win for FY19F, and is expected to add to its burgeoning construction orderbook of ~RM23b as of end-November 2018 (inclusive of the RM11b management contract from KL Sports City).
- It comes on the heels of the execution of a fixed-price contract between the MRCB-George Kent Holdings [GK] (GKENT MK, RM1.13, NC) JV for the LRT 3, which will revert from the project delivery partner (PDP) model to a turnkey contract.
- The revised LRT 3 construction contract value for MRCB-GK JV had earlier been fixed at RM11.9b (inclusive of a RM400m contingency/provisional sum).
- Following this, The Star had also reported yesterday that MRCB-GK and unpaid contractors are also slated to receive their outstanding payments by month end.
- The Star report added that Prasarana has not paid its contractors for work done on LRT 3 since last February.
- If claims up to December last year are taken into account, the cumulated amount that is owed is over RM1b. From our own channel checks, the amount of completed works has been certified up to September last year.
- We maintain our earnings forecast as the: SUKE contract forms part of our new job assumptions for FY19F. Likewise, the revised LRT 3 contract is already embedded in our orderbook model.
- More importantly, both contracts will solidify MRCB's construction earnings from FY19F onwards.

### **Disclosure Appendix**

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