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# Sunway Construction Group (SCGB MK) 4Q18: Within expectations

# Maintain HOLD

SCG's FY18 net profit of MYR145m came in within expectations. The YoY growth was supported by the construction division, which more than offset the weak showing of the precast division. We make no change to our earnings forecasts having already factored in the delay in recovery at precast. An interim dividend of 3.5sen was declared for 4Q18, bring its total payout to 7sen for FY18, a 63% DPR, above its minimum 35%. No change to our HOLD call and MYR1.70 TP pegged to 14x FY19 PER (-1 SD).

# Construction continues to drive earnings

4Q18 net profit of MYR37m (+27% YoY, flat QoQ) brought FY18 net profit to MYR145m (+9% YoY), meeting ours/consensus full-year forecasts. YoY, growth in FY18 was largely supported by the construction division on the back of higher works recognition (+10% YoY) from key projects such as the KVMRT 2, Parcel F in Putrajaya and the PPA1M project in Kota Bahru. EBIT margin for the division was also higher by 1.4ppts YoY in FY18, contributed also by the finalization of accounts for a completed project.

# Growth hampered by weak precast division

As highlighted in our update note on 20 Feb 2019, the precast division continued to remain weak, reporting wider QoQ loss at the operating level of MYR2.8m in 4Q18 (+49% QoQ; EBIT of MYR5.6m in 4Q17). This is a result of current projects being recognized yielding lower margins. SCG has also guided that recovery is only expected in FY20E as the higher margin projects secured in FY18 will only significantly contribute then.

# Flattish growth into FY19E

Our earnings forecasts are unchanged, expecting just a 5% growth into FY19E on the back of delayed recovery in precast. With MYR781m of new jobs YTD Feb 2019 (FY18: MYR1.55b (incl. precast)), SCG's internal job win target of MYR1.5b (incl. precast) for FY19 is very achievable. Potential job wins could from property developments within Sunway Group and a property/hospital project in Myanmar. Orderbook wildcard could stem from the Large Scale Solar 3 (LSS 3), government hospital projects and the Subang Aerotech Park by Khazanah. We have already imputed MYR1.5b/MYR200m p.a. of job wins for construction/precast respectively for FY19E/FY20E and MYR1b/MYR200m for FY21E.

FYE Dec (MYR m)	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Revenue	2,076	2,257	2,508	2,469	2,247
EBITDA	197	215	232	231	220
Core net profit	132	145	153	151	144
Core EPS (sen)	10.2	11.2	11.8	11.7	11.1
Core EPS growth (%)	7.2	9.4	5.4	(1.0)	(4.6)
Net DPS (sen)	7.0	7.0	4.1	4.1	3.9
Core P/E (x)	24.5	11.9	14.7	14.8	15.5
P/BV (x)	5.9	2.9	3.2	2.8	2.5
Net dividend yield (%)	2.8	5.3	2.4	2.4	2.3
ROAE (%)	25.3	25.3	23.8	20.4	17.2
ROAA (%)	7.6	7.8	8.0	7.5	7.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.7	6.3	8.0	7.7	7.7
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Consensus net profit	-	-	153	161	na
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(0.3)	(5.9)	na
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# HOLD

Share Price MYR 1.73

12m Price Target MYR 1.70 (-2%)

Previous Price Target MYR 1.70

# **Company Description**

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

# **Statistics**

52w high/low (MYR)	2.46/1.31
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.3
Free float (%)	26.1
Issued shares (m)	1,293
Market capitalisation	MYR2.2B
	USD548M

# Major shareholders:

Sunway Bhd.	54.4%
Active Equity Sdn. Bhd.	10.1%
Employees Provident Fund	8.1%

### Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	9	15	(28)
Relative to index (%)	8	13	(22)

Source: FactSet

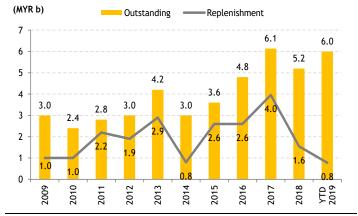


# Results summary table

		Quar	terly results			С	umulative	
FY Dec (RM m)	4Q18	4Q17	% YoY	3Q18	% QoQ	FY18	FY17	% YoY
Turnover	626.0	748.2	(16.3)	557.3	12.3	2,256.8	2,076.3	8.7
EBIT	45.1	35.5	26.9	44.8	0.6	174.6	159.1	9.7
Net interest	1.5	3.6	(58.8)	2.1	(31.4)	7.7	7.4	4.7
	0.7	2.2	(66.0)	-	NM	0.7	2.2	(66.0)
Pre-tax profits	47.3	41.3	14.6	46.9	0.7	183.1	168.7	8.5
Tax	(10.4)	(12.0)	(13.3)	(10.4)	0.1	(38.0)	(36.2)	5.0
Minority Interests	(0.3)	(0.3)	(20.4)	(0.1)	192.0	(0.3)	(0.1)	147.4
Net profit	36.6	28.9	26.6	36.4	0.4	144.7	132.3	9.4
	4Q18	4Q17	+/- ppt	3Q18	+/- ppt	FY18	FY17	+/- ppt
EBIT margin (%)	7.2	4.7	2.5	8.0	(0.8)	7.7	7.7	0.1
Pretax margin (%)	7.6	5.5	2.0	8.4	(0.9)	8.1	8.1	(0.0)
Tax rate (%)	22.1	29.2	(7.1)	22.2	(0.1)	20.8	21.5	(0.7)
<u>Revenue</u>	4Q18	4Q17	% YoY	3Q18	% QoQ	FY18	FY17	% YoY
Construction	595.4	721.7	(17.5)	524.1	13.6	2,123.2	1,931.4	9.9
Precast concrete	30.6	26.4	15.8	33.3	(7.9)	133.7	144.9	(7.7)
Total	626.0	748.2	(16.3)	557.3	12.3	2,256.8	2,076.3	8.7
<u>EBIT</u>								
Construction	47.9	30.0	59.9	46.7	2.6	173.5	131.7	31.8
Precast concrete	(2.8)	5.6	NM	(1.9)	48.6	1.1	27.4	(96.0)
Total	45.1	35.5	26.9	44.8	0.6	174.6	159.1	9.7
EBIT margin (%)	4Q18	4Q17	+/- ppt	3Q18	+/- ppt	FY18	FY17	+/- ppt
Construction	8.0	4.1	3.9	8.9	(0.9)	8.2	6.8	1.4
Precast concrete	(9.3)	21.1	(30.3)	(5.7)	(3.5)	0.8	18.9	(18.1)
Total	7.2	4.7	2.5	8.0	(0.8)	7.7	7.7	0.1

Source: Maybank Kim Eng, Company

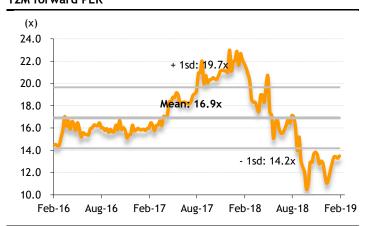
# Outstanding orderbook



\*Including precast

Source: Company data, Maybank Kim Eng

# 12M forward PER



Source: Company data, Maybank Kim Eng

Sunway Construction: Outstanding orderbook of MYR6b as of YTD-Feb 2019

YTD -Feb 2019	Contract value (MYR m)	Outstanding (MYR m)
Infrastructure		
KVMRT 2, V201 (Sg Buloh-Persiaran Dagang)	1,213	459
LRT 3: Package GS07-08	2,178	1,969
Others	87	3
Piling Works*	128	99
Building		
Putrajaya Parcel F	1,610	170
PPA1M Project in Kota Bahru	582	180
Warehouse in Shah Alam	70	48
GDC (Plant 2)*	14	14
Others	487	21
<u>Internal</u>		
Sunway Velocity Medical Centre	185	32
Sunway Medical Centre 4 (2 towers)	512	439
Sunway Iskandar - Emerald Residences	175	15
Sunway Iskandar - Retail Complex	170	74
Sunway Property - Kelana Jaya Condo	449	339
Sunway Carnival 2 Extension - PDP contract *	286	256
SunGeo Lake 44 storey residential tower *	223	177
SMC Seberang Jaya*	180	167
Velocity Ecodeck*	11	10
M&E Works*	30	11
Sunway Velocity Two*	352	352
Sunway Velocity 3C4*	100	99
Procest	331	53
Proceed now order 2019*	229	
Precast new-order 2018*	229	233
TNB HQ Campus#	781	781
Total	10,383	6,001
*Secured in 2018: #Secured in 2019	10,363	0,001

\*Secured in 2018; \*Secured in 2019

Source: Company

# Risk statement

There are several risk factors for our earnings estimates, price target and rating for SCG. Slower-than-expected work progress at major construction projects may affect timing of earnings recognition. The review of major infrastructure projects by the new government could also delay implementation of new projects affecting future orderbook replenishment. At the precast segment, any significant increase in steel prices and stiffer competition could also affect project margins.

February 25, 2019

FYE 31 Dec	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	20.2	17.4	14.7	14.8	15.5
Core P/E (x)	24.5	11.9	14.7	14.8	15.5
P/BV (x)	5.9	2.9	3.2	2.8	2.5
P/NTA (x)	5.9	2.9	3.2	2.8	2.5
Net dividend yield (%)	2.8	5.3	2.4	2.4	2.3
FCF yield (%)	0.4	7.8	3.3	5.8	5.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.7	6.3	8.0	7.7	7.7
EV/EBIT (x)	18.2	7.7	9.7	9.4	9.6
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	2,076.3	2,256.8	2,508.0	2,469.0	2,246.9
Gross profit	428.6	444.9	450.2	435.7	435.6
EBITDA	196.9	214.6	232.1	230.8	220.0
Depreciation	(37.8)	(40.0)	(40.9)	(43.2)	(44.8)
EBIT	159.1	174.6	191.2	187.6	175.2
Net interest income /(exp)	7.4	7.7	8.7	9.4	12.1
Associates & JV	2.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Exceptionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	168.7	183.1	199.8	197.0	187.3
Income tax	(36.2)	(38.0)	(47.3)	(46.0)	(43.3)
Minorities	(0.1)	(0.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	132.3	(0.3) 144.7	152.6	151.0	144.0
Core net profit	132.3	144.7	152.6	151.0	144.0
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BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	487.2	484.9	504.9	581.9	659.8
Accounts receivable	1,195.3	1,059.5	1,192.3	1,194.2	1,109.3
nventory	24.4	30.0	33.8	33.4	29.8
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	149.8	163.7	172.9	179.1	179.2
ntangible assets	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
nvestment in Associates & JVs	0.0	44.7	44.7	44.7	44.7
Other assets	28.2	29.7	29.7	29.7	29.7
Total assets	1,887.2	1,812.5	1,978.4	2,063.0	2,052.6
ST interest bearing debt	134.7	113.6	113.6	113.6	113.6
Accounts payable	1,185.1	994.8	1,061.6	1,048.1	944.0
LT interest bearing debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other liabilities	13.0	111.0	111.0	111.0	111.0
Total Liabilities	1,332.3	1,219.9	1,286.7	1,273.2	1,169.2
Shareholders Equity	553.7	591.1	690.2	788.4	882.0
Minority Interest	1.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Total shareholder equity	554.8	592.5	691.7	789.8	883.4
Total liabilities and equity	1,887.2	1,812.5	1,978.4	2,063.0	2,052.6
CASH FLOW (MYR m)					
Pretax profit	168.7	183.1	199.8	197.0	187.3
Depreciation & amortisation	37.8	40.0	40.9	43.2	44.8
Adj net interest (income)/exp	7.4	7.7	8.7	9.4	12.1
Change in working capital	(112.0)	(10.5)	(69.8)	(15.1)	(15.5)
Cash taxes paid	(37.1)	(37.0)	(47.3)	(46.0)	(43.3)
Other operating cash flow	(1.8)	5.7	(8.7)	(9.4)	(12.1)
Cash flow from operations	62.8	189.0	123.6	179.1	173.3
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Capex	(48.4)	(54.8)	(50.2)	(49.4)	(44.9)
Free cash flow	14.4	134.2	73.5	129.8	128.3
Dividends paid	(71.1)	(96.9)	(53.4)	(52.8)	(50.4)
Change in Debt	(1.9)	(21.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other invest/financing cash flow	89.6	(17.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	31.0	(1.5)	20.1	76.9	77.9

FYE 31 Dec	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	16.1	8.7	11.1	(1.6)	(9.0)
EBITDA growth	4.6	9.0	8.2	(0.5)	(4.7)
EBIT growth	6.6	9.7	9.5	(1.9)	(6.6)
Pretax growth	9.7	8.5	9.2	(1.4)	(4.9)
Reported net profit growth	7.1	9.4	5.4	(1.0)	(4.6)
Core net profit growth	7.1	9.4	5.4	(1.0)	(4.6)
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.4	9.8
EBIT margin	7.7	7.7	7.6	7.6	7.8
Pretax profit margin	8.1	8.1	8.0	8.0	8.3
Payout ratio	68.4	62.5	35.0	35.0	35.0
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.1	6.4
Revenue/Assets (x)	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.1
Assets/Equity (x)	3.4	3.1	2.9	2.6	2.3
ROAE (%)	25.3	25.3	23.8	20.4	17.2
ROAA (%)	7.6	7.8	8.0	7.5	7.0
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	(43.5)	(31.3)	(12.7)	(6.8)	(7.1)
Days receivable outstanding	185.0	179.8	161.6	174.0	184.5
Days inventory outstanding	5.3	5.4	5.6	6.0	6.3
Days payables outstanding	233.8	216.6	179.9	186.8	198.0
Dividend cover (x)	1.5	1.6	2.9	2.9	2.9
Current ratio (x)	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.6	1.7
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.8
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	net cash				
Net interest cover (x)	na	na	na	na	na
Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Capex/revenue (%)	2.3	2.4	2.0	2.0	2.0
Net debt/ (net cash)	(352.6)	(371.2)	(391.3)	(468.2)	(546.2)

Source: Company; Maybank

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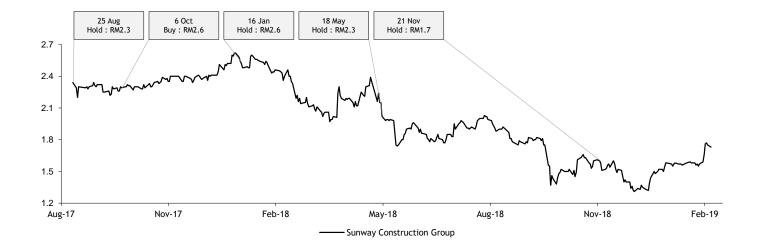
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