

# SunCon FY23 pre-tax profit rises to record RM188.6m

**SHAH ALAM:** Sunway Construction (SunCon) posted a strong financial performance in the fourth quarter ended Dec 31, 2023 (Q4'23) with revenue soaring 73% to RM871.5 million, buoyed by higher revenue across all segments.

Profit before tax (PBT) rose by 8%, from RM56.3 million in Q4'22 to RM60.7 million in Q4'23.

The construction segment's revenue climbed 77% to RM785.8 million in the current quarter, driven by accelerated progress in newer projects. PBT increased to RM53 million in Q4'23, from RM51.1 million in the corresponding quarter in the previous year.

The precast segment registered revenue of RM85.7 million in Q4'23, representing an increase of 44% compared to the same quarter in the previous year. PBT surged 48% to RM7.7 million in the current quarter, fuelled by higher profit margins for several newer projects.

For the financial year ended Dec 31, 2023, the group's revenue climbed 24% to RM2,671.2 million, compared to RM2,155.2 million in the previous financial year. PBT rose in tandem from RM184.1 million in FY22 to RM188.6 million in FY23. The increase in revenue was attributed to higher revenue from the construction and precast segments. PBT for the construction segment was marginally lower due to the finalisation of accounts for several projects in the previous year. However, the increase in PBT

for the precast segment outweighed the slip in profit for the construction segment.

The group declared a single-tier second interim dividend of 3 sen per ordinary share for the financial year ended Dec 31, 2023 besides the group declaring a total dividend of 6 sen per ordinary share, of which 3 sen of the total dividend was declared as the first interim dividend. The dividend payout for FY23 of 53% of PATMI surpassed the group's dividend policy of 35%.

Sunway Construction group managing director Liew Kok Wing commented, "It has been a rewarding year for the group. After a record-high PBT in the previous year, Sunway Construction achieved another record-high PBT in FY23. Notwithstanding that, the group also surpassed its FY23 new order book target to end the year at RM2.5 billion, compared to our target of RM2 billion."

He added that they continued to make good progress in the data center, logistic warehouse, and renewable energy segments, securing close to RM677 million worth of new contracts in FY23.

Going forward, he said the group is actively pursuing opportunities in the advanced technology facilities and looked forward to the rollout of mega infrastructure projects in the pipeline arising from the continued growth in the economy.