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Company report

MRCB

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1QFY20 net profit jumps 271.9% YoY

HOLD

(Maintained)

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Rationale for report: Company results/update

Price	RM0.47
Fair Value	RM0.45
52-week High/Low	RM1.01/RM0.28

Key Changes

Fair value	↑
EPS	↑

YE to Dec (RM mil)	FY19	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F
Revenue (RM mil)	1,319.4	1,603.6	1,655.0	1,707.5
Core net profit (RM mil)	23.7	41.8	59.3	74.9
FD Core EPS (sen)	0.5	1.0	1.4	1.7
FD Core EPS growth (%)	(76.2)	76.2	41.9	26.2
Consensus Net Profit (RM mil)	-	45.4	66.6	81.9
DPS (sen)	1.7	0.5	0.7	0.8
PE (x)	87.0	49.4	34.8	27.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	22.0	20.8	17.8	16.4
Div yield (%)	3.7	1.1	1.5	1.7
ROE (%)	0.5	0.9	1.2	1.5
Net Gearing (%)	27.4%	32.0%	32.0%	32.4%

Stock and Financial Data

Shares Outstanding (million)	4,412.0
Market Cap (RM mil)	2,117.8
Book Value (RM/share)	1.09
P/BV (x)	0.4
ROE (%)	0.5
Net Gearing (%)	19.6%

Major Shareholders	EPF	35.9%
	Gapurna Sdn Bhd	15.5%
	LTH	5.9%
Free Float	42.7%	
Avg Daily Value (RM mil)	9.90	

Price performance	3mth	6mth	12mth
Absolute (%)	45.6	(34.9)	(47.4)
Relative (%)	(12.6)	23.5	(43.5)



Investment Highlights

- We maintain our HOLD recommendation on MRCB with a higher fair value of RM0.45 (vs. RM0.38 previously) based on SOP valuation (Exhibit 2). We raise our FY20–FY21 earnings forecasts by 64% and 58% respectively to reflect the timing of recognition while making no changes to FY22 numbers.
- MRCB's 1QFY20 net profit of RM14.8mil (+271.9% YoY) came in above expectations at 53% and 31% of our and street estimates. Revenue surged 81.9% YoY mainly due to higher contribution from the property development & investment division whereby its revenue recognition came in earlier than expected. However, management guided for a softer 2QFY20 due to the impact of the movement control order (MCO) and Covid-19 pandemic.
- The property development & investment division's 1QFY20 revenue and EBIT increased by 177.8% and 584.7% YoY to RM566.7mil and RM76.8mil respectively contributed by: (i) the 1060 Carnegie project in Melbourne which has been completed in December 2019 (1/3 recognised as of 1QFY20); (ii) Suites in KL Sentral; (iii) 9 Seputeh; office towers in PJ Sentral Garden City; and (iv) Sentral Residences and Kalista Park Homes in Bukit Rahman Putra. MRCB bagged new sales of RM36mil as of 1QFY20 while unbilled sales of RM1.3bil shall provide better earnings visibility in the medium term.
- The engineering, construction & environment division's 1QFY20 revenue surged 31.7% YoY but EBIT fell by 24.8% for the same period. The drop in EBIT was mainly due to higher operating costs. MRCB George Kent Sdn Bhd's LRT3 project contributed a minimal PAT of RM1.2mil due to a deferment of progress billings. The engineering, construction & environment division has open tenders worth RM2.5bil while its remaining order book stands at RM20.7bil.
- The LRT3 project, which is currently 29% completed, should see a stronger recognition in 2020, albeit at a slower pace of work due to the implementation of stricter standard operating procedures to prevent the spread of Covid-19.
- We raise our FY20–FY21 earnings forecasts by 64% and 58% respectively to reflect the timing of recognition while making no changes to FY22 numbers. We believe the long-term outlook for MRCB remains stable premised on its strong property unbilled sales of RM1.3bil and a robust outstanding order book of RM20.7bil. As there is little upside potential, we maintain our HOLD recommendation on MRCB.

EXHIBIT 1: EARNINGS SUMMARY

YE to Dec (RM mil)	1QFY19	2QFY19	3QFY19	4QFY19	1QFY20	QoQ %	YoY %	1QFY19	1QFY20	YTD %
Revenue	234.1	241.0	371.7	472.6	425.8	-9.9%	81.9%	234.1	425.8	81.9%
Operating costs	(201.7)	(203.3)	(330.9)	(429.7)	(375.5)	-12.6%	86.2%	(201.7)	(375.5)	86.2%
EBIT	18.9	21.1	25.3	26.7	35.9	34.3%	90.1%	18.9	35.9	90.1%
Net finance expenses	(12.4)	(12.6)	(13.7)	(7.0)	(12.6)	80.3%	1.5%	(12.4)	(12.6)	1.5%
Associate contributions	1.9	1.3	2.7	0.7	3.6	413.9%	84.5%	1.9	3.6	84.5%
Profit before tax	8.4	9.8	14.3	20.4	26.9	31.5%	219.3%	8.4	26.9	219.3%
Taxation	(6.9)	(2.2)	(12.1)	(13.1)	(11.2)	-14.4%	63.7%	(6.9)	(11.2)	63.7%
PATMI	4.1	11.1	2.5	6.0	15.7	160.4%	279.7%	4.1	15.7	279.7%
Adjustments	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.5	(0.9)	-291.2%	479.9%	(0.2)	(0.9)	479.9%
Core PATMI	4.0	11.0	2.3	6.5	14.8	127.9%	271.9%	4.0	14.8	271.9%
EPS (sen)	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.3	127.9%	271.9%	0.1	0.3	271.9%
EBIT margin (%)	8.1%	8.8%	6.8%	5.7%	8.4%			8.1%	8.4%	
Effective tax rate (%)	81.5%	22.1%	84.8%	64.2%	41.8%			81.5%	41.8%	
Core PATMI margin (%)	1.7%	4.6%	0.6%	1.4%	3.5%			1.7%	3.5%	

Source: Company/ AmlInvestment Bank Bhd

EXHIBIT 2: SOP VALUATION

DEVELOPMENT PROPERTIES	Outstanding GDV (RMmil)	NPV @12% (RMmil)	Stake	% of SOP
KL Sentral: Lot F	2,993.0	47.9	74.0%	
PJ Sentral Garden City	2,619.0	56.7	100.0%	
Penang Sentral	2,865.0	62.0	100.0%	
Cyberjaya City Centre	5,350.0	81.1	70.0%	
Kwasa Sentral	10,555.0	159.9	70.0%	
Pulai Land, Johor	770.0	16.7	100.0%	
9 Seputeh	2,680.0	58.0	100.0%	
Lot 349, Sentral Suites	1,529.0	33.1	100.0%	
Carnegie, Melbourne	305.0	6.6	100.0%	
Bukit Rahman Putra	547.0	11.8	100.0%	
Bandar Sri Iskandar (Phase 2C, 2D & 3)	766.0	11.6	70.0%	
Unbilled sales		55.2	100.0%	
Bukit Jalil Sentral	20,700.0	100.0	20.0%	
Landbank surplus				
Suria Subang		20.9	100.0%	
Selbourne 2 Shah Alam		15.5	100.0%	
Metro Spectacular Land, Jalan Putra		80.5	51.0%	
Development properties total NPV		817.5	-	
Property (60% discount to NPV)		327.0		9.9%
Investment properties @ 30% discount		931.9	100.0%	28.3%
Construction (8x FY20 earnings -excluding LRT3)		197.2	100.0%	6.0%
LRT 3 (NPV, WACC 13%)		206.1	50.0%	6.2%
MRCB Quill REIT (market value)		227.2	27.9%	6.9%
Investments in JV @ 10% discount		268.0	-	8.1%
Proceeds from sale of Bukit Jalil Sentral land		1,140.8	80.0%	34.6%
Total SOP		3,298.1		
Net cash/(debt)		(1,311.2)		
Fair value		1,987.0		
Share base (mil shares)		4,399.9		
Fair value per share		0.45		

Source: AmlInvestment Bank Bhd

EXHIBIT 3: FINANCIAL DATA

Income Statement (RMmil, YE 31 Dec)	FY18	FY19	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F
Revenue	1,870.7	1,319.4	1,603.6	1,655.0	1,707.5
EBITDA	198.3	153.7	173.2	202.9	222.2
Depreciation/Amortisation	(50.9)	(61.7)	(69.6)	(71.0)	(72.4)
Operating income (EBIT)	147.3	92.0	103.6	131.9	149.7
Other income & associates	25.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	7.0
Net interest	(44.0)	(45.6)	(55.4)	(57.2)	(59.0)
Exceptional items	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	148.7	53.0	54.9	81.6	97.7
Taxation	(46.1)	(34.3)	(19.2)	(28.5)	(29.3)
Minority interests	(1.5)	5.0	6.1	6.3	6.5
Net profit	101.2	23.7	41.8	59.3	74.9
Core net profit	99.8	23.7	41.8	59.3	74.9
Balance Sheet (RMmil, YE 31 Dec)	FY18	FY19	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F
PPE	665.4	600.4	630.5	662.0	695.1
Intangible assets	226.7	224.3	224.3	224.3	224.3
Other long-term assets	3,977.4	4,109.2	4,180.2	4,254.7	4,332.9
Total non-current assets	4,869.4	4,933.9	5,034.9	5,140.9	5,252.3
Cash & equivalent	551.6	516.9	721.7	726.0	732.0
Inventories	1,043.7	963.2	432.3	463.2	460.8
Trade receivables	1,733.8	873.1	1,273.7	1,314.5	1,280.8
Other current assets	149.5	975.2	956.8	974.3	986.5
Total current assets	3,478.7	3,328.4	3,384.5	3,478.0	3,460.0
Trade payables	1,364.2	947.9	936.6	1,003.7	998.4
Short-term borrowings	729.4	824.8	721.7	726.0	732.0
Other current liabilities	15.4	98.6	99.5	99.7	99.8
Total current liabilities	2,109.0	1,871.3	1,757.8	1,829.3	1,830.2
Long-term borrowings	769.9	1,003.3	1,541.4	1,550.9	1,579.0
Other long-term liabilities	570.9	806.9	512.7	601.4	624.7
Total long-term liabilities	1,340.8	1,810.2	2,054.1	2,152.3	2,203.7
Shareholders' funds	4,832.4	4,791.6	4,811.4	4,840.1	4,879.9
Minority interests	68.0	31.9	38.8	40.0	41.3
BV/share (RM)	1.10	1.09	1.09	1.10	1.11
Cash Flow (RMmil, YE 31 Dec)	FY18	FY19	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F
Pretax profit	148.7	53.0	54.9	81.6	97.7
Depreciation/Amortisation	50.9	61.7	69.6	71.0	72.4
Net change in working capital	2,182.4	(208.8)	119.9	(4.5)	31.0
Others	(1,201.7)	(251.3)	(135.6)	(20.7)	(82.9)
Cash flow from operations	1,180.5	(345.4)	108.8	127.3	118.3
Capital expenditure	0.0	0.0	(30.0)	(31.5)	(33.1)
Net investments & sale of fixed assets	0.0	0.0	(71.0)	(74.5)	(78.3)
Others	1,040.7	158.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from investing	1,040.7	158.0	(101.0)	(106.1)	(111.4)
Debt raised/(repaid)	(835.8)	1,139.9	435.0	13.8	34.1
Equity raised/(repaid)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	(106.2)	(108.5)	(22.0)	(30.7)	(35.1)
Others	(1,253.5)	(1,013.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from financing	(2,195.5)	18.5	413.0	(16.9)	(1.0)
Net cash flow	25.7	(168.9)	420.8	4.3	6.0
Adjustments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash/(debt) b/f	464.0	469.8	300.9	721.7	726.0
Net cash/(debt) c/f	489.7	300.9	721.7	726.0	732.0
Key Ratios (YE 31 Dec)	FY18	FY19	FY20F	FY21F	FY22F
Revenue growth (%)	(29.2)	(29.5)	21.5	3.2	3.2
EBITDA growth (%)	(25.8)	(22.5)	12.7	17.2	9.5
Pretax margin (%)	8.0	4.0	3.4	4.9	5.7
Net profit margin (%)	5.4	1.8	2.6	3.6	4.4
Interest cover (x)	3.3	2.0	1.9	2.3	2.5
Effective tax rate (%)	31.0	64.7	35.0	35.0	30.0
Dividend payout (%)	75.9	323.6	52.5	51.8	46.9
Receivable turnover (days)	338.3	241.5	289.9	289.9	273.8
Inventory turnover (days)	188.2	277.6	158.8	98.7	98.8
Payable turnover (days)	259.5	319.8	214.5	214.0	214.0

Source: AmlInvestment Bank Bhd estimates

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