

Malaysian Resources Corporation Berhad

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Maintain **BUY**

1QFY26 Results Review: Lackluster Earnings; Poised for Better 2H26

Maintain BUY. We reiterate our **BUY** recommendation on MRCB with an unchanged **TP of RM0.40**, valuing the stock at a P/B ratio of 0.39x, which is +1SD above its three-year mean. We anticipate further momentum from major civil infrastructure works such as the five reinstated LRT3 stations and the Shah Alam Sports Complex in FY26. Beyond transportation, MRCB is actively pursuing climate adaptation initiatives, including flood mitigation, renewable energy, and water infrastructure projects, reinforcing its long-term growth prospects.

Core PATAMI dragged by taxation. Malaysian Resources Corporation Bhd (MRCB) recorded a revenue of RM319.2m (+46.3%yoy) in 1QFY26 while core earnings slumped -59.4%yoy to RM3.5m. The stronger topline and PBT growth were mainly driven by the engineering, construction and environment (ECE) division, although core PATAMI was affected by higher finance costs and taxation. Core earnings were below expectations, accounting for 9.2% and 6.7% of our and consensus full-year estimates respectively.

Engineering, construction and environment. The division remained the key earnings driver, with revenue surging +69%yoy to RM257.9m while operating profit jumped more than 3x to RM38.6m in 1QFY26. The stronger performance was mainly contributed by the LRT3 project and the Kompleks Sukan Shah Alam (KSSA) redevelopment project, alongside contributions from Muara Sg Pahang Phase 3, Sungai Langat Phase 2 flood mitigation works and the PLUS highway widening project. Contributions from the reinstatement of five LRT3 stations remained minimal pending commencement of construction works following the Notice to Proceed (NTP) received during the quarter.

Property development & investment. The division remained loss-making, recording an operating loss of -RM8.9m in 1QFY26 vs -RM4.3m in 1QFY25, while revenue declined -11.3%yoy to RM40.8m due to the depletion of completed inventories in Sentral Suites, VIVO 9 Seputeh, TRIA 9 Seputeh and Alstonia. Property sales stood at RM82.0m in 1QFY26, mainly driven by MARIS in Gold Coast, which has achieved cumulative sales of RM570.8m or 92% of GDV. Unbilled property sales stood at RM1.5b, with 96% are contributed by the Vista and Maris projects in Australia which are expected to complete around late-2028 and 2030, respectively. MRCB also maintained its planned FY26 launches worth RM2.2b GDV, comprising projects in 9 Seputeh, KL Sentral, PJ Sentral and Bukit Rahman Putra.

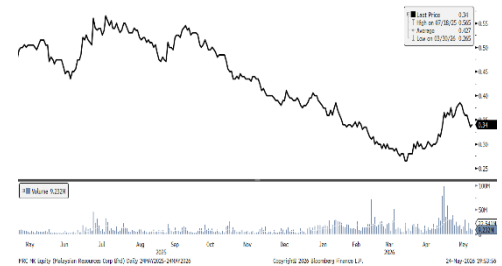
Construction orderbook remains supportive. MRCB has an unbilled orderbook of RM5.6b as at Mar-26, providing earnings visibility over the medium term. The group secured RM5.5b worth of jobs in 2025, including the reinstatement of five LRT3 stations (RM2.4b) and KSSA redevelopment (RM2.9b). Meanwhile, its current tender book stands at RM10.0b, while projects under negotiation amount to RM1.0b, mainly relating to the redevelopment of KL Sentral Station.

Unchanged Target Price **RM0.40**

RETURN STATISTICS

Price @ 22 May 2026 (RM)	0.34
Expected share price return (%)	+17.6
Expected dividend yield (%)	+2.9
Expected total return (%)	+20.5

SHARE PRICE CHART



Price performance (%)	Absolute	Relative
1 month	6.3	6.7
3 months	28.3	3.6
12 months	-32.7	-39.6

INVESTMENT STATISTICS

FYE Dec	2026E	2027F	2028F
Revenue	1,317.6	1,383.4	1,452.6
EBIT	126.49	135.58	142.36
Profit Before Tax	72.47	89.92	94.42
Core PATAMI	38.2	38.7	40.7
Core EPS	0.9	0.9	0.9
DPS	1.0	1.0	1.0
Dividend Yield	2.9	2.9	2.9

KEY STATISTICS

FBM KLCI	1,712.67
Issued shares (m)	4467.51
Estimated free float (%)	40.31
Market Capitalisation (RM'm)	1,518.95
52-wk price range	RM0.26 - RM0.57
3-mth average daily volume (m)	21.56
3-mth average daily value (RM'm)	6.94
Top Shareholders (%)	
Employees Provident Fund Board	36.21
Gapurna Sdn Bhd	15.48
Lembaga Tabung Haji	5.35

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FY26 Outlook. Management guided for at least RM2.0b of new construction job wins in FY26, supported by an active RM10.0b tender book spanning transportation infrastructure, water infrastructure, flood mitigation, power transmission and industrial infrastructure works. Meanwhile, property contributions are likely to remain subdued, with FY26 property sales targeted at around RM800m as the group is running low on completed inventories while new launches in Malaysia will only begin progressively from 2HCY26 onwards.

Impact from building material cost inflation. Management expects potential margin erosion led by Middle East tensions is at around 3%. In view of the current condition, the group is implementing mitigation measures including early procurement, price lock-ins, subcontractor pass-through arrangements and value engineering. Management also noted that broader government support measures may be considered if cost inflation worsens materially.

Net gearing increased to 0.46x in 1QFY26 from 0.41x in FY25, mainly due to higher borrowings following the completion of the acquisition of the remaining 80% stake in Bukit Jalil Sentral Property Sdn Bhd in Apr-26. The acquisition gives MRCB full control over its strategic Bukit Jalil landbank, estimated at RM2.3b, while the group's remaining undeveloped GDV stood at RM23.3b. Management expects gearing to rise further towards 0.7x-0.8x as property investments ramp up.

Earnings estimates and TP. We are making no changes to our FY26E/FY27F earnings estimates and we maintain our TP of RM0.40, valuing the stock at a P/B ratio of 0.39x, which is +1SD above its three-year mean.

MRCB: 1QFY26 RESULTS SUMMARY

All in RM'm unless stated otherwise	Quarterly Results				
Income Statement	1QFY26	4QFY25	1QFY25	QoQ	YoY
Revenue	319.2	371.8	218.2	-14.2%	46.3%
Expenses	(300.6)	(341.5)	(222.0)	-12.0%	35.4%
Other operating income	19.4	41.0	32.8	-52.7%	-41.1%
Profit/(Loss) from operations	37.9	71.3	29.0	-46.8%	30.8%
Finance costs	(33.8)	(33.6)	(27.4)	0.7%	23.2%
Share of results of associates	4.6	3.9	3.6	18.2%	28.1%
Share of results of joint ventures	0.3	(0.2)	(0.3)	317.9%	206.6%
Profit/(Loss) before tax	9.1	41.5	4.9	-78.1%	87.5%
Income tax expense	(5.6)	(23.0)	3.7	-75.6%	249.5%
Loss for the financial period	3.5	18.5	8.6	-81.1%	-59.4%
PATAMI	3.5	18.6	8.6	-81.2%	-59.3%
Core PATAMI	3.4	17.3	8.6	-80.5%	-60.7%

Source: Company, MBSBR

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

Profit or Loss (RM'm)	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027F	2028F	Cash Flow (RM'm)	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027F	2028F
Revenue (RM'm)	1,645.4	1,197.8	1,317.6	1,383.4	1,452.6	PBT	75.0	73.2	72.5	89.9	94.4
EBIT (RM'm)	173.0	173.1	126.5	135.6	142.4	Operating cash flow	-275.3	-277.2	-277.9	-260.4	-255.9
Pre-tax profit (RM'm)	75.0	73.2	72.5	89.9	94.4	Capital expenditure	-128.3	25.1	26.1	-25.7	8.5
PATAMI (RM'm)	63.7	47.3	38.2	38.7	40.7	Investing cash flow	-53.2	100.3	101.3	49.5	83.7
Core PATAMI (RM'm)	63.7	32.3	38.2	38.7	40.7	Debt raised/(repaid)	457.8	-30.7	-29.7	132.5	24.0
FD EPS (sen)	1.4	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	Financing cash flow	304.9	-183.6	-182.6	-20.5	-128.9
Dividend (sen)	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	Net cash flow	-23.6	-360.5	-359.2	-231.4	-301.2
Dividend yield (%)	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	Beginning cash flow	900.0	874.6	514.1	154.8	-76.6
Balance Sheet (RM'm)	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027F	2028F	Ending cash flow	874.6	514.1	154.8	-76.6	-377.8
Fixed assets	713.2	731.1	745.7	760.6	775.8	Profitability Ratios (%)	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027F	2028F
Intangible assets	123.8	167.0	167.0	167.0	168.0	EBIT margin	10.5%	14.5%	9.6%	9.8%	9.8%
Non-current assets	5,598.1	5,659.2	5,673.8	5,688.7	5,705.0	PBT margin	4.6%	6.1%	5.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Cash	999.2	500.0	501.0	500.0	501.0	PAT margin	3.9%	4.0%	2.9%	2.8%	2.8%
Trade receivables	1,212.2	2,810.1	2,810.1	2,277.5	2,632.6	Core PAT margin	3.9%	2.7%	2.9%	2.8%	2.8%
Current assets	3,435.9	4,534.6	4,535.6	4,001.9	4,358.0						
Trade payables	1,412.1	1,873.4	1,873.4	1,719.6	1,822.1						
Short-term debt	580.7	869.8	870.8	870.8	871.8						
Current liabilities	2,077.1	3,273.7	3,303.4	2,723.5	3,094.8						
Long-term debt	1,678.3	1,646.0	1,647.0	1,647.0	1,648.0						
Non-current liabilities	2,336.7	2,303.9	2,304.9	2,304.9	2,305.9						
Share capital	4,356.1	4,356.1	4,356.1	4,356.1	4,356.1						
Retained earnings	260.1	260.1	244.9	306.2	306.2						
Equity	4,620.2	4,616.2	4,601.0	4,662.3	4,662.3						

Source: Bloomberg,
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TRADING BUY	The stock price is expected to rise by >10% within 3 months after a Trading Buy rating has been assigned due to positive news flow.
NEUTRAL	Total return is expected to be between -10% and +10% over the next 12 months.
SELL	Total return is expected to be <-10% over the next 12 months.
TRADING SELL	The stock price is expected to fall by >10% within 3 months after a Trading Sell rating has been assigned due to negative news flow.

SECTOR RECOMMENDATIONS

POSITIVE	The sector is expected to outperform the overall market over the next 12 months.
NEUTRAL	The sector is to perform in line with the overall market over the next 12 months.
NEGATIVE	The sector is expected to underperform the overall market over the next 12 months.

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