

UOBKH HIGHLIGHTS

Malaysian Resources Corporation (MRCB MK/BUY/RM0.80/Target: RM0.96)

2018: Within Expectations, Stronger Prospects Ahead

Year to 31 Dec	4Q18 (RMm)	3Q18 (RMm)	qoq % chg	yoy % chg	2018 (RMm)	yoy % chg
Revenue	374.1	663.8	(43.6)	7.0	1,870.7	(29.2)
Construction	197.4	177.3	11.3	23.7	758.6	(57.2)
Property Development	159.7	469.1	(65.9)	(4.7)	1,042.7	32.4
Infrastructure	0.0	0.8	(100.0)	(100.0)	2.2	(96.1)
Others	17.0	16.6	2.6	24.0	67.3	189.2
EBIT	26.0	40.4	(35.6)	(74.6)	151.5	(44.8)
Engineering & Construction	11.4	3.8	198.2	(75.3)	56.2	(39.3)
Property Development	9.0	33.8	(73.4)	(84.1)	97.8	(42.0)
Infrastructure & Environmental	0.0	0.0	NIL	(100.0)	0.0	(100.0)
Others	5.6	7.6	(26.3)	(788.1)	1.1	(31.9)
Associates & JV	(4.2)	13.2	(131.8)	(154.5)	25.5	1.8
PBT	33.7	40.5	(16.8)	212.1	25.5	1.8
PATMI	26.4	19.8	33.4	(80.0)	101.2	(36.5)
EBIT Margin	%	%	ppt chg	ppt chg	%	ppt chg
Construction	5.8	2.2	3.6	(23.1)	7.4	2.2
Property	5.6	7.2	(1.6)	(28.2)	9.4	(12.0)
PATMI Margin	7.1	3.0	4.1	(3.8)	5.4	1.7

RESULTS

- 2018 - In line.** Malaysian Resources Corporation's (MRCB) full-year net profit came in within expectation at 99% of our full-year estimate, thanks to a) billing recognitions from its outstanding orderbook under its construction arm, and b) property earnings contribution driven by property and land sales recorded in the year 2018. Meanwhile, the company has concluded its disposal of the Eastern Dispersal Link and 80% stake in Bukit Jalil land in 2018, which brought down net gearing to 0.19x in 4Q18 (vs 0.71x in 3Q18).
- Property development: Slower-than-expected progress billings on unbilled sales.** The property arm reported a lower yoy 2018 operating profit of RM98m (-42% yoy) due to: a) high base effect in 2017 during which MRCB recognised lumpy profits from the completion of the Eastern Burwood project in Australia; and b) slower-than-expected progress billing recognitions on unbilled sales as most of the projects are still in the early stages of construction (2018 unbilled sales RM1.6b). Ytd sales also missed guidance, coming in at RM470m vs its initial target of RM700m. However, 9M18 property earnings were partially cushioned by two strategic landbank sales in Penang (2Q18) and Kia Peng (3Q18) which contributed a cumulative PAT of RM50m. Meanwhile, we expect growth of its property arm to be underpinned by future launches coupled with aggressive sales of its launched properties such as Sentral Suites, Tria Phase 1 & 2 and Vivo Parcel C via attractive offers.
- Construction: LRT3 earnings to pick up in 2019.** MRCB's 2018 construction earnings dropped 40% yoy, largely attributable to a high base effect following the earnings contribution from the National Sports Complex in 2017 while partly cushioned by progress billings of its key projects like MRT2 and the rehabilitation of Pahang River. Meanwhile, MRCB is expected to recognise stronger earnings in 2H19 from the stalled LRT3 project following the government's official appointment of MRCB with its partner George Kent to undertake the project on a "fixed contract basis". Currently, the MRCB:GKENT JV is actively engaging with its sub-contractors to finalise the redesigning and changes to scope of works; the project is expected to kick-start from 2H19 onwards. Also, the company is actively tendering for new jobs, including infra-related works given its proven track record and capabilities (current tenderbook: RM2.9b). At present, MRCB's outstanding orderbook is at RM11.9b (excluding Bukit Jalil provisional contract cost of RM10.1b).

EARNINGS REVISION

- We make no changes to our earnings forecasts.

RECOMMENDATION

- Maintain BUY with a target price of RM0.96.** Our target price is based on a 20% discount to our SOTP valuation of RM1.20/share, implying 26.7x 2019F PE. Key catalysts include a) potential revival of East Coast Rail Link, and b) sooner-than-expected kick-start of LRT3 works would provide stronger earnings prospects for the mid-term.

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