

Initiation

Neutral

SCOG.KL, SCGB MK Price (03 Sep 24):RM4.13

Price Target (Dec-25):RM4.10

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Style Exposure

Quant	Current	<u>His</u>	st %Ran	%Rank (1=Top)				
Factors	%Rank	6M	1Y	3Y	5Y			
Value	55	44	38	40	29			
Growth	3	33	59	46	64			
Momentum	1	9	14	83	14			
Quality	38	33	38	55	48			
Low Vol	90	68	57	57	77			

Sunway Construction

Glass ceiling for DC first-mover; initiate at Neutral

We initiate coverage on Sunway Construction (SunCon) with a Neutral rating and RM4.10 price target. With its P/E re-rated to +2SD above the historical mean, we think the current valuation reflects high expectations about the company's ability to win more sizeable DC projects in the near term. Consensus forecasts imply new order wins of RM4bn per annum in FY24-25, as compared to RM3.5bn secured in 1H24 (64% of which are DC projects), which we think is fair. Although we are positive on DC project pipelines in Malaysia, we also see financial and execution constraints, potentially limiting SunCon's ability to secure more order wins. Therefore, we are Neutral on the company. Our Dec-25 PT of RM4.10 is based on a 21x PE on FY25E earnings (+2SD).

- Pure-play construction company with clear DC project pipeline. SunCon was one of the earliest construction companies to benefit from the DC 'gold rush' in Malaysia. Its DC project wins stand at **RM4.3bn to-date**, surpassing its competitors' by a wide margin (GAM: RM2.4bn; IJM: RM0.9bn). We think one of the key enablers is SunCon's partnership with Engie (covered at JPM by Javier Garrido; ENGI FP; Price (2-Sep): €15.88, OW) which has expertise in data centre design, MEP and cooling systems. We estimate that SunCon has a visible DC pipeline worth ~RM3.5bn, noting that it is already involved in early works for two DC projects from multinational tech companies.
- Potential financial and execution constraints. Revenue from DC projects already secured by SunCon will make up ~70% of its FY25 revenue. In comparison, revenue from infrastructure projects only accounted for ~50% of SunCon's revenue in 2018, at the height of Malaysia's infrastructure developments when SunCon was involved in civil works for two major rail projects (MRT2 and LRT3). Although the current book-tobill ratio of 2.6x is broadly in line with its historical average, we see risk of SunCon not being able to cope with new sizeable projects, noting that its labor force is ~30% less than 2018 levels.
- Valuation and risks. Our Dec-25 PT of RM4.10 is derived using a target PE of 21x (+2SD above the company's historical mean) on FY25E earnings. Key downside risks would be a labor shortage potentially affecting work progress; this could risk the company's reputation as DC projects require a fast turnaround time. On the other hand, more sizeable DC and public infrastructure project wins is the key upside risk for SunCon.



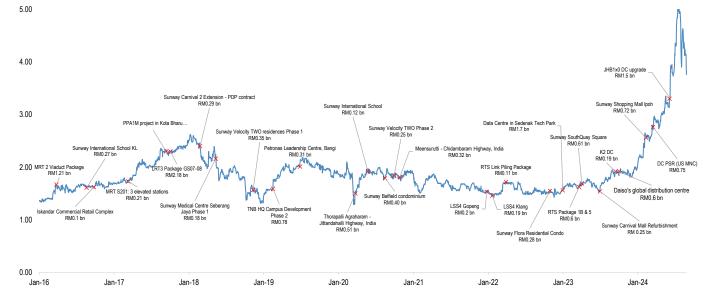
SunCon - key figures and table

Figure 43: JPMe vs consensus - SunCon

	FYE Dec-2024				FYE Dec-2025			FYE Dec-2026			
	JPM	Consensus	% variance	JPM	Consensus	% variance	JPM	Consensus	% variance		
Revenue	3,105	3,158	-2%	4,372	4,435	-1%	5,009	4,575	9%		
РВТ	225	234	-4%	327	348	-6%	374	371	1%		
% margin	7.2%	7.4%		7.5%	7.9%		7.5%	8.1%			
PATMI	170	179	-5%	247	267	-8%	283	288	-2%		
% margin	5.5%	5.7%		5.7%	6.0%		5.7%	6.3%			

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., J.P. Morgan estimates.

Figure 44: SCGB share price performance upon contract wins (2016-2023); SCGB has reacted positively to contract wins, particularly on DC-related jobs



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., J.P. Morgan.

Figure 45: Sunway Construction's outstanding order book – we forecast new order wins of RM1bn in 2H24 and RM4bn in 2025

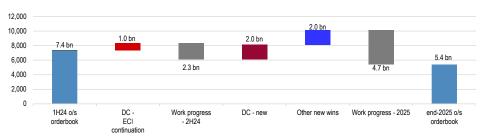
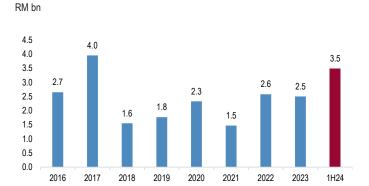


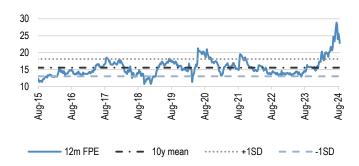


Figure 46: Sunway Construction secured RM3.5bn of new orders in 1H24...



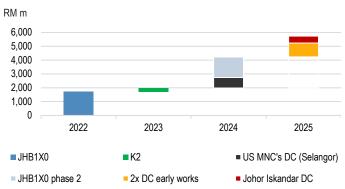
Source: Company data.

Figure 48: SunCon currently trades at a 21x P/E, +2SD above its historical mean



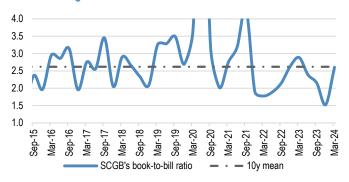
Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., J.P. Morgan.

Figure 47: ... with new DC projects making up 65% of SunCon's 1H24 new construction wins



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., J.P. Morgan.

Figure 49: SunCon's current book-to-bill ratio of 2.6x is in line with its historical average



Source: Company data, J.P. Morgan.



Figure 50: Summary of JPM earnings assumptions

							% y	/y	
	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Total revenue	2,155	2,671	3,105	4,372	5,009	24%	16%	41%	15%
New order win	2,584	2,505	3,308	4,000	5,000	-3%	32%	21%	25%
O/s order book	5,305	5,325	6,411	7,044	7,275	0%	20%	10%	3%
РВТ	184	189	225	327	374	2%	19%	45%	15%
% margin	9%	7%	7%	7%	7%				
Tax expense	(45)	(43)	(54)	(78)	(90)				
% effective tax	25%	23%	24%	24%	24%				
Minority interests	4	1	1	1	1				
PATAMI	135	145	170	247	283	7%	17%	45%	15%
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-	-				
Core PATAMI	135	145	170	247	283	7%	17%	45%	15%
Key ratios									
ROE	19%	19%	20%	26%	26%				
ROA	7%	5%	5%	7%	7%				
DPS (RM'sen)	5.5	6.0	6.6	9.6	11.0				
Payout ratio	52%	53%	50%	50%	50%				
Net gearing	0.19	(0.01)	0.51	0.32	0.23				



Figure 51: SCGB: Balance sheet

	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Property, plant and equipment	108	98	96	93	89
Investment in joint arrangements	223	253	253	253	253
Long term receivables	264	483	483	483	483
Others	4	10	10	10	10
Total non-current assets	599	844	842	838	834
Inventories	53	46	50	75	87
Trade receivables	678	1,241	1,249	1,702	1,846
Other receivables	136	169	169	169	169
Cash and bank balances	492	470	617	675	807
Others	279	312	312	312	313
Total current assets	1,637	2,239	2,396	2,933	3,222
Total assets	2,236	3,083	3,238	3,771	4,056
Share capital	259	259	259	259	259
Retained earnings	516	590	675	799	940
Non controlling interests	84	72	73	74	75
Others	(37)	(28)	(28)	(28)	(28)
Total equity	821	892	978	1,103	1,246
Borrowings	172	438	438	438	438
Trade Payables	716	921	991	1,400	1,541
Other payables	170	272	272	272	272
Others	45	70	70	70	70
Total current liabilities	1,103	1,702	1,772	2,180	2,321
Borrowings	309	488	488	488	488
Others	3	1	1	1	1
Total non current liabilities	312	489	489	489	489
Total liabilities	1,415	2,191	2,261	2,669	2,810
Total equity & liabilities	2,236	3,083	3,238	3,772	4,056



Figure 52: SCGB: Cash flow statement

	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
PBT	184	189	225	327	374
Depreciation	24	21	22	23	24
Other operating cash flow	14	61	37	37	37
Operating cash flow before WC	222	270	284	387	436
Changes in WC	(382)	(517)	59	(69)	(15)
Tax paid	(53)	(33)	(54)	(78)	(90)
Operating cash flow	(215)	(299)	252	202	294
Purchase of PPE	25	2	(20)	(20)	(20)
Other investing cash flow	399	(65)	-	-	-
Investing cash flow	424	(63)	(20)	(20)	(20)
Drawdown on borrowings	1,262	1,437	-	-	-
Repayments on borrowings	(1,029)	(1,016)	-	-	-
Dividend paid	(90)	(71)	(85)	(124)	(142)
Other financing cash flow	(0)	(13)	-	-	-
Financing cash flow	143	337	(85)	(124)	(142)
Net changes in cash and cash equivalents	351	(25)	147	59	132
FX effects	(4)	1	-	-	-
BEG: Cash	61	408	384	530	589
End: Cash	408	384	530	589	721





Company Data	
Shares O/S (mn) 52-week range (RM) Market cap (\$ mn) Exchange rate Free float(%) 3M - Avg daily vol (mn) 3M - Avg daily val (\$ mn) Volatility (90 Day) Index BBG BUY HOLD SELL	1,289 5.18-1.76 1,222 4.36 26.7% 5.05 4.8 50 FBMKLCI - FTSE BURSA MALAYSIA KLCI 7 6 1
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Key Metrics (FYE Dec)				
RM in millions	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Financial Estimates				
Revenue	2,671	3,105	4,372	5,009
Adj. EBITDA	245	269	373	421
Adj. EBIT	224	247	350	397
Adj. net income	145	170	247	283
Adj. EPS	0.11	0.13	0.19	0.22
BBG EPS	0.11	0.14	0.21	0.22
Cashflow from operations	(299)	252	202	294
FCFF	(280)	248	200	291
Margins and Growth				
Revenue Growth Y/Y (%)	23.9%	16.3%	40.8%	14.6%
EBITDA margin	9.2%	8.7%	8.5%	8.4%
EBITDA Growth Y/Y (%)	16.5%	9.7%	39.0%	12.8%
EBIT margin	8.4%	8.0%	8.0%	7.9%
Net margin	5.4%	5.5%	5.7%	5.7%
Adj. EPS growth	7.3%	17.3%	45.2%	14.5%
Ratios				
Adj. tax rate	22.7%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%
Interest cover	11.4	12.3	15.7	18.6
Net debt/Equity	0.5	0.3	0.2	0.1
Net debt/EBITDA	1.9	1.2	0.7	0.3
ROCE	11.7%	10.5%	14.1%	14.9%
ROE	18.6%	19.7%	25.5%	25.8%
Valuation				
FCFF yield	(5.3%)	4.7%	3.8%	5.5%
Dividend yield	1.5%	1.6%	2.3%	2.7%
EV/Revenue	2.1	1.8	1.3	1.1
EV/EBITDA	23.3	20.7	14.7	12.7
Adj. P/E	36.7	31.3	21.6	18.8

Summary Investment Thesis and Valuation

Investment Thesis

We believe SunCon's earnings growth in the next three years will be driven by DC projects primarily. We expect DC projects secured in 2023-24 to translate into a revenue contribution of ~70% from 2025 onwards as compared to ~25% currently. However, we believe SunCon's potential to secure more sizeable new orders (including DCs) is largely priced in, and consensus forecasts imply new order wins of RM4bn per annum in FY24-25, as compared to RM3.5bn secured in 1H24 (64% of which are DC projects), which we think is fair. Financial and execution constraints potentially limit SunCon's ability to secure more new order wins.

Valuation

Our Dec-25 PT of RM4.10 is derived using a target PE of 21x (+2SD above the company's historical mean) on SunCon's FY2026E earnings.

Source: J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy for Performance Drivers; company data, Bloomberg Finance L.P. and J.P. Morgan estimates for all other tables. Note: Price history may not be complete or exact.

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Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

Sunway Construction (Neutral; Price Target: RM4.10)

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Risks to Rating and Price Target

Downside risks: (1) late delivery of projects, which could deter revenue recognition, limit the ability to take on new projects as well as impact the company's credibility negatively; (2) margin compression due to intensifying competition and/or higher input costs; (3) delays in project awards for public infrastructure projects. **Upside risks**: (1) a better-than-expected DC project pipeline; (2) potential regional penetration for building technology facilities in ASEAN.



Sunway Construction: Summary of Financials

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Income Statement	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	Cash Flow Statement	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	2,155	2,671	3,105	4,372	5,009	Cash flow from operating activities	(215)	(299)	252	202	294
COGS	(1,789)	(2,237)	(2,585)	(3,636)	(4,170)	o/w Depreciation & amortization	24	21	22	23	24
Gross profit	366	434	520	735	838	o/w Changes in working capital	(382)	(517)	59	(69)	(15)
SG&A	(187)	(226)	(261)	(367)	(421)						
Adj. EBITDA	210	245	269	373	421	Cash flow from investing activities	424	(63)	(20)	(20)	(20)
D&A	(24)	(21)	(22)	(23)	(24)	o/w Capital expenditure	0	0	(20)	(20)	(20)
Adj. EBIT	187	224	247	350	397	as % of sales	0.0%	0.0%	0.6%	0.5%	0.4%
Net Interest	(4)	(21)	(22)	(24)	(23)						
Adj. PBT	184	189	225	327	374	Cash flow from financing activities	143	337	(85)	(124)	(142)
Tax	(45)	(43)	(54)	(78)	(90)	o/w Dividends paid	(90)	(71)	(85)	(124)	(142)
Minority Interest	(4)	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	o/w Shares issued/(repurchased)	0	0	0	0	0
Adj. Net Income	135	145	170	247	283	o/w Net debt issued/(repaid)	(1,023)	(1,010)	0	0	0
Reported EPS	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.19	0.22	Net change in cash	347	(24)	147	59	132
Adj. EPS	0.10	0.11	0.13	0.19	0.22						
						Adj. Free cash flow to firm	(187)	(280)	248	200	291
DPS	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.10	0.11	y/y Growth	(177.0%)	50.2%	(188.5%)	(19.3%)	45.2%
Payout ratio	52.5%	53.3%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%						
Shares outstanding	1,289	1,289	1,289	1,289	1,290		=>/00.4	W1/00 A	E)/0/E	=>/0==	=
Balance Sheet	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	Ratio Analysis	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Cash and cash equivalents	492	470	617	675	807	Gross margin	17.0%	16.3%	16.8%	16.8%	16.7%
Accounts receivable	678	1,241	1,249	1,702	1,846	EBITDA margin	9.8%	9.2%	8.7%	8.5%	8.4%
Inventories	53	46	50	75	87	EBIT margin	8.7%	8.4%	8.0%	8.0%	7.9%
Other current assets	1,146	1,698	1,710	2,187	2,343	Net profit margin	6.3%	5.4%	5.5%	5.7%	5.7%
Current assets	1,637	2,239	2,396	2,933	3,222	ROE	18.8%	18.6%	19.7%	25.5%	25.8%
PP&E	108	98	96	93	89	ROA	6.6%	5.5%	5.4%	7.0%	7.2%
LT investments	223 491	253 745	253	253 745	253 745	ROCE	13.0%	11.7%	10.5%	14.1%	14.9%
Other non current assets			745			SG&A/Sales	8.7%	8.5%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%
Total assets	2,236	3,083	3,238	3,771	4,056	Net debt/Equity	NM	0.5 %	0.4 /	0.4 /6	0.4 /0
0	470	400	400	400	400	Net debt/EBITDA	NM	1.9	1.2	0.2	0.1
Short term borrowings	172	438	438	438	438	Net debit Edit DA	INIVI	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.0
Payables	716 215	921 342	991 342	1,400 342	1,541 342	Sales/Assets (x)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.2	1.3
Other short term liabilities	1,103	1.702	1,772	2,180	2,321	Assets/Equity (x)	2.9	3.4	3.7	3.6	3.6
Current liabilities	1,103 309	1,7 02 488	1,772 488	2,180 488	2,321 488	Interest cover (x)	50.6	11.4	12.3	15.7	18.6
Long-term debt	312	489	489	489	489	Operating leverage	137.1%	84.6%	62.1%	102.9%	91.3%
Other long term liabilities Total liabilities	1,415	2,191	2,261	2,669	2,810	Tax rate	24.6%	22.7%	24.0%	24.0%	24.0%
Shareholders' equity	737	820	905	1,029	1,170	Revenue y/y Growth	24.6%	23.9%	16.3%	40.8%	14.6%
Minority interests	84	72	73	74	75	EBITDA y/y Growth	26.1%	16.5%	9.7%	39.0%	12.8%
Total liabilities & equity	2,236	3,083	3,238	3,772	4,056	EPS y/y Growth	20.1%	7.3%	17.3%	45.2%	14.5%
BVPS	0.57	0.64	0.70	0.80	0.91	Valuation	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
	5.4%	11.3%	10.4%	13.6%	13.7%	P/E (x)	39.4	36.7	31.3	21.6	18.8
y/y Growth	0.4%	11.3%	10.4%	13.0%	13.1%	P/BV (x)	7.2	6.5	5.9	5.2	4.6
Not deht/(cach)	/11\	456	309	251	119	EV/EBITDA (x)	24.9	23.3	20.7	14.7	12.7
Net debt/(cash)	(11)	400	309	201	119	Dividend Yield	1.3%	1.5%	1.6%	2.3%	2.7%
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Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Note: RM in millions (except per-share data). Fiscal year ends Dec. o/w - out of which



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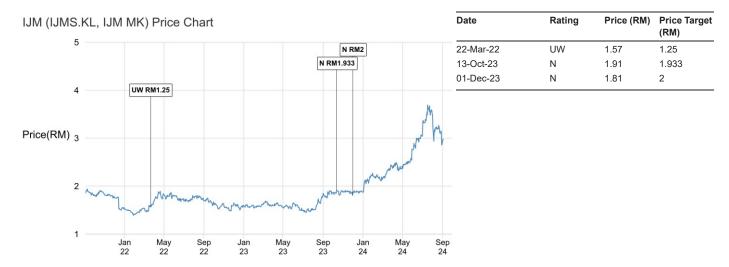
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