

# Sunway Construction (SCGB MK)

# DC projects to drive stronger 2H

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- 6M24 results were below expectations due to slower project ramp-up
- 2Q24 revenue grew QoQ on higher progress billing from the newer projects, though momentum fell short of expectations. Expect stronger 2H24 from higher recognition from its DC projects
- Cut 2024E EPS forecast by 11%. No changes to our RM3.60 target price, but downgrade to SELL rating

## 2Q24 results below expectations

6M24 revenue grew 12% YoY to RM1.3bn driven by higher construction revenue (+14%) from accelerated billing on newer projects. This helped offset the weaker precast revenue (-6%) due to the completion of several projects from the previous year. EBITDA margin improved slightly, supported by better margins in the precast segment from near completion projects. 6M24 earnings fell short of expectations, accounting for 38% of both ours and consensus forecasts, respectively. The shortfall against our forecasts is attributed to the slower-than-expected progress from its newly secured projects and delays in completion of an India highway project.

## Sequentially stronger momentum expected to continue in 2H24

2Q24 core earnings rose 16% QoQ to RM39m on the back of higher revenue (+8% QoQ), driven by accelerated progress on projects such as the K2 data centre, RTS Link, and Sunway internal projects. We expect stronger 2H24 as data centre projects gain momentum. 6M24 contract win amounted to RM3.5bn, on track to meet our orderbook replenishment assumption of RM5bn. Its latest orderbook of RM7.4bn comprised 51% from DC projects, and 27% from in-house jobs; while tender book stands at RM13.7bn.

## Downgrade to SELL with unchanged TP of RM3.60

We cut our 2024E forecast by 11% to account for the slower-than-expected project rampup, while keeping our 2025–26E forecasts unchanged. We make no changes to our 12months TP of RM3.60 (based on an unchanged 20x PE multiple on 2025E EPS), but downgrade our rating to SELL (from HOLD). We believe the YTD share price performance (+115%) has priced in all the positives, with the stock trading at lofty valuation of 23x forward 2025 PE. Key risks: delay in mega infrastructure project rollouts, slower-than-expected orderbook recognition and margin pressures.

Key Financials									
Y/E Dec	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E				
Revenue (RMm)	2,155.2	2,671.2	3,022.7	4,011.0	4,385.3				
EBITDA (RMm)	218.9	270.4	270.2	362.3	401.0				
Pretax profit (RMm)	184.1	188.6	216.7	307.6	346.2				
Net profit (RMm)	135.2	145.1	163.9	233.0	262.4				
EPS (sen)	10.5	11.2	12.7	18.1	20.3				
PER (x)	40.3	37.5	33.2	23.4	20.8				
Core net profit (RMm)	143.8	170.2	163.9	233.0	262.4				
Core EPS (sen)	11.1	13.2	12.7	18.1	20.3				
Core EPS growth (%)	(0.6)	18.4	(3.7)	42.2	12.6				
Core PER (x)	37.9	32.0	33.2	23.4	20.8				
Net DPS (sen)	5.5	6.0	6.0	6.0	7.0				
Dividend Yield (%)	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.7				
EV/EBITDA (x)	24.7	21.5	21.9	16.4	14.5				
Chg in EPS (%)			-10.5	-	-				
Phillip/Consensus (%)			0.9	0.9	0.9				
Sources: Company Bloomberg, Phillin Research forecasts									

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SELL (downgrade)	
LAST CLOSE PRICE	RM4.24
TARGET PRICE	RM3.60
TOTAL RETURN	-15.1%

#### COMPANY DATA

BLOOMBERG TICKER	SCGB MK EQUITY
O/S SHARES (MN) :	1,289
MARKET CAP (USD mn / RM mn) :	1249/5467
52 - WK HI/LO (RM) :	5.18/1.76
3M Average Daily T/O (mn) :	4.69
NET CASH/(DEBT) (RMm)	(377.00)

#### **MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (%)**

Sunway Holdings Sdn	54.6%
Sungei Way Corp Sdn	10.1%
Employees Provident	6.2%

#### **PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)**

	1MTH	3MTH	YTD
COMPANY	(17.9)	26.8	114.7
FBMKLCI RETURN	(0.1)	1.1	14.9

#### PRICE VS. FBMKLCI



Source: Bloomberg

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Y/E Dec (RMm)	2Q23	1Q24	2Q24	QoQ	YoY	6M23	6M24	YoY	Comment
				% chg	% chg			% chg	
Revenue	604.1	604.8	651.2	7.7	7.8	1,126.2	1,256.0	11.5	Higher YoY mainly driven by construction (+14% YoY) despite the weaker precast segment (-6% YoY)
Op costs	(552.5)	(547.3)	(595.5)	8.8	7.8	(1,029.7)	(1,142.8)	11.0	
EBITDA	51.6	57.5	55.7	(3.2)	8.0	96.5	113.2	17.3	
EBITDA margin (%)	8.5	9.5	8.6	(1.0ppt)	0.0ppt	8.6	9.0	0.4ppt	Marginally higher EBITDA margin driven by precast segment
Depn and amort	(5.3)	(4.5)	(4.6)	1.1	(14.3)	(10.6)	(9.1)	(14.2)	
EBIT	46.3	53.0	51.1	(3.5)	10.5	86.0	104.2	21.2	
EBIT margin (%)	7.7	8.8	7.9	(0.9ppt)	0.2ppt	7.6	8.3	0.7ppt	
Int and other inc	6.7	4.7	15.3	223.9	128.2	10.8	20.1	85.4	
Int expense	(11.5)	(16.2)	(17.8)	9.9	55.3	(19.7)	(34.0)	72.2	Higher finance costs due to financing for on-going projects
EI	0.7	0.1	1.5	nm	nm	2.7	1.6	(41.6)	RM1.2m reversal of provision, RM0.4m forex gain, RM0.2m loss on disposal
Pretax profit	42.3	41.6	50.2	20.5	18.8	79.8	91.9	15.1	
Core Pretax	41.5	41.6	48.7	17.1	17.2	77.1	90.3	17.1	
Тах	(9.0)	(8.9)	(12.4)	39.2	38.3	(17.9)	(21.4)	19.6	
Tax rate (%)	21.3	21.5	24.8	3.3ppt	3.5ppt	22.4	23.3	0.9ppt	
MI	(0.3)	(0.3)	1.1	n.m	n.m	(1.1)	0.8	n.m	
Net profit	33.0	32.4	38.9	19.9	17.8	60.8	71.3	17.2	
EPS (sen)	2.6	2.5	3.0	19.9	17.6	4.7	5.5	17.2	
Core net profit	32.3	32.3	37.4	15.6	15.7	58.1	69.7	19.9	Below expectations

Sources: Company, Phillip Research

## Segmental revenue breakdown

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Y/E Dec (RMm)	2Q23	1Q24	2Q24	QoQ	YoY	6M23	6M24	YoY
				% chg	% chg			% chg
Construction	535.6	543.6	597.6	9.9	11.6	1,004.7	1,141.2	13.6
Precast concrete	68.5	61.2	53.6	(12.4)	(21.7)	121.5	114.9	(5.5)
Total	604.1	604.8	651.2	7.7	7.8	1,126.2	1,256.0	11.5
Segmental PBT break	down							
Y/E Dec (RMm)	2Q23	1Q24	2Q24	QoQ	YoY	6M23	6M24	YoY
				% chg	% chg			% chg
Construction	39.0	37.9	46.9	23.7	20.0	75.3	84.7	12.6
Precast concrete	3.2	3.8	3.3	(11.2)	3.8	4.5	7.1	57.5
Total	42.3	41.6	50.2	20.5	18.8	79.8	91.9	15.1
Segmental PBT marging	n							
Y/E Dec (%)	2Q23	1Q24	2Q24	QoQ	YoY	6M23	6M24	YoY
				ppt chg	ppt chg			ppt chg
Construction	7.3	7.0	7.8	0.9ppt	0.6ppt	7.5	7.4	(0.1ppt)
Precast concrete	4.7	6.1	6.2	0.1ppt	1.5ppt	3.7	6.2	2.5ppt
Total	7.0	6.9	7.7	0.8ppt	0.7ppt	7.1	7.3	0.2ppt

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