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Company Flash Note

Consensus ratings\*: Buv 8 Hold 6 Sell 2 Current price: RM5.82 RM7.10 Target price: RM7.10 Previous target: 22.0% Up/downside: CGSI / Consensus: 15.2% SCOG.KL Reuters: Bloomberg: SCGB MK Market cap: US\$1,806m RM7,636m Average daily turnover: US\$9.41m RM39.88m Current shares o/s 1,325m Free float: 45.6% \*Source: Bloombera

#### **Key financial forecasts**

	Dec-25F	Dec-26F	Dec-27F
Net Profit (RMm)	308.4	367.3	398.9
Core EPS (RM)	0.24	0.28	0.30
Core EPS Growth	77.8%	17.7%	8.6%
FD Core P/E (x)	24.70	20.99	19.33
Recurring ROE	32.3%	32.7%	30.3%
P/BV (x)	7.47	6.34	5.45
DPS (RM)	0.12	0.14	0.15
Dividend Yield	2.05%	2.44%	2.65%



		Source: B	lloomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	-2.7	19.3	40.2
Relative (%)	-6.8	16.8	43.5

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# **Sunway Construction Group Bhd**

## Strong 2Q25 lifted by higher DC recognition

- 2Q25 results met expectations, driven by strong DC recognition which resulted in higher construction margins.
- We believe there is a shortage of competent DC contractors, and Suncon could benefit given its strong track record with tier-1 DC clients.
- Reiterate Add with unchanged TP of RM7.10 based on GGM.

## 2Q25 results met expectations, driven by strong DC recognition

- Sunway Construction (Suncon) announced a 2Q25 core net profit of RM94m (+153% yoy, +14% qoq) bringing 1H25 to RM176m (+75% yoy). We deem this in-line at 57%/ 58% of our/Bloomberg consensus' FY25F forecasts, as we expect a weaker 2H25F with some of its data centre (DC) projects nearing completion. A second interim dividend of 7.5 sen was declared (3.5 sen in Aug 24).
- The key highlight in 2Q25 was a 140% yoy increase in construction revenue to RM1.4bn due to faster progress at its upsized Sedenak DC project, which is running ahead of schedule. The project has now reached 80% financial recognition as at end-2Q25 (vs. 43% in 1Q25) and we think it may be completed in 4Q25F, ahead of its 1Q26F deadline.
- 2Q25 construction pretax margin rose to 8.5% (from 8.2% in 1Q25), a reflection of the higher DC recognition.
- 2Q25 precast revenue was RM42m, down 19% yoy, due to completion of projects in their peak delivery stage in 2Q24. 2Q25 precast margin was 2.7% (2Q24: 6.2%); we expect this to improve as new project deliveries are ramped up.
- Balance sheet continues to improve with a net cash position of RM1,239m as at Jun 25 (RM991m as at Mar 25) providing some upward bias for dividend payouts, in our view.

#### To capitalise on more external tenders, particularly for DCs

- In line with our view that DC project awards are expected to accelerate in 2HCY25F and CY26F, we now expect Suncon to be able to win its fair share of contracts with the MACC clearance obtained (link).
- We gather from the company that it has six DC tenders totalling c.RM14bn (total tenderbook of RM14.8bn) and of significance are the five DC tenders from local developers and Pearl Computing (unlisted) which are slated for award soon.
- So far, among all contractors under our coverage, Suncon appears to be the most entrenched in the DC space, with DCs making up 53% of its orderbook of RM6.7bn (as at Jun 25). It also has a tier-1 DC clientele, comprising 4 clients, and it is among only a handful of contractors having commissioned a DC locally.
- YTD FY25F contract wins amount to RM3.8bn. For the full year, we expect Suncon to achieve the higher end of its new order win target for FY25F of RM4.5bn-6bn.

## Maintain Add with TP of RM7.10 based on GGM

- We reiterate our Add rating and GGM derived TP of RM7.10 (LTG: 4.5%, COE: 8.4%, ROE: 32.7%).
- At our TP of RM7.10, the stock will trade at 25x FY26F P/E, a tad below +2 s.d. of 26x for its historical trading range since FY22. We believe this is justified given our expectations of a strong contract win momentum, especially in the DC space, which will be ROE enhancing given the higher margins and shorter contract duration.
- Downside risks: slower recognition of existing DC projects and higher cost environment. Re-rating catalysts: winning a new DC client and award of government infrastructure contracts.

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Figure 1: Peer comparisons (share prices as at 20 Aug 2025)

						Core			P/BV		Recurrir	g ROE		
	Bloomberg		Price	TP	Mkt Cap	P/E (x)		PEG	(x)		(%	b)	Dividend	Yield (%)
Company	TickerS	Rec.	(Icl curr)	(Icl curr)	(US\$ m)	CY25F	CY26F	(x)	CY25F	CY26F	CY25F	CY26F	CY25F	CY26F
Gamuda	GAM MK	Add	5.62	7.30	7.706	27.9	21.3	0.93	2.68	2.44	9.6%	11.9%	1.8%	1.8%
IJM Corp Bhd	IJM MK	Add	2.92		2,421	19.1	14.9	0.43	0.97	0.93	5.0%	6.3%	2.0%	2.0%
WCT Holdings	WCTHG MK	Add	0.84	1.28	308	21.2	17.6	-0.45	0.33	0.33	1.5%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%
Sunway Construction Group Bhd	SCGB MK	Add	5.82	7.10	1,806	24.7	21.0	0.49	7.47	6.34	31.4%	32.7%	2.0%	2.4%
Muhibbah Engineering	MUHI MK	Add	0.55	1.10	95	6.0	5.8	-1.30	0.29	0.28	4.9%	4.8%	5.0%	5.1%
HSS Engineers	HSS MK	Add	0.71	1.38	85	8.4	6.0	0.13	1.20	1.05	14.5%	18.6%	3.9%	5.5%
YTL Corporation	YTL MK	Add	2.68	2.60	7,247	14.8	14.6	5.95	1.73	1.75	11.4%	12.0%	1.9%	1.9%
Malayan Cement Bhd	LMC MK	Add	5.37	7.10	1,722	11.0	10.7	0.99	1.02	0.96	9.4%	9.2%	2.2%	2.6%
Sunway Bhd	SWB MK	Add	4.80	5.80	7,069	25.6	24.6	5.83	1.89	1.79	7.5%	7.5%	1.7%	1.9%
Econpile Holdings Bhd	ECON MK	Add	0.39	0.46	129	44.3	16.2	na	1.47	1.38	3.3%	8.8%	0.7%	2.0%
Kumpulan Kitacon Bhd	KITACON MK	Add	0.75	1.43	89	6.7	5.6	0.34	1.01	0.88	15.7%	16.9%	4.4%	5.2%
Construction sector						19.1	14.4	1.33	1.82	1.65	10.4%	11.9%	2.3%	2.8%

	2QFY25 RMm	2QFY24 RMm	% change yoy	1QFY25 RMm	% change qoq
Revenue	1476.9	651.2	127%	1400.5	5%
Other operating income	4.0	1.6	149%	4.8	-18%
Other operating expense	-1366.3	-600.2	128%	-1295.9	5%
EBIT	114.6	52.7	118%	109.5	5%
Finance income	18.0	15.3	17%	14.3	26%
Finance cost	-12.8	-17.8	-28%	-12.9	-1%
Share of JV profits	2.9	0.0	n.m	2.3	24%
Profit before taxation	122.6	50.2	144%	113.2	8%
Taxation	-28.4	-12.4	128%	-27.5	3%
Net income	94.2	37.8	150%	85.7	10%
Minority interest	-10.3	1.1	-1039%	-10.0	3%
Atributed to shareholders	83.9	38.9	116%	75.7	11%
Less: Exceptional Items	-10.2	1.7	-699%	-6.6	54%
Core net profit	94.1	37.2	153%	82.3	14%
	2QFY25	2QFY24	% change yoy	1QFY25	% change qoo
	RMm	RMm		RMm	
Construction	1433.5	597.6	140%	1369.9	5%
Precast Concrete	43.4	53.6	-19%	30.6	42%
Revenue	1476.9	651.2	127%	1400.5	5%
Construction	121.4	46.9	159%	112.0	8%
Precast Concrete	1.2	3.3	-65%	1.2	-7%
Profit before taxation	122.6	50.2	144%	113.2	8%
Construction pretax margins	8%	8%	8%	8.2%	4%
Precast concrete pretax margins	3%	6%	-57%	4.1%	-34%



## **BY THE NUMBERS**

Profit & Loss				
(RMm)	Dec-24A	Dec-25F	Dec-26F	Dec-27F
Total Net Revenues	3,573	5,291	6,075	6,364
Gross Profit	791	972	1,042	1,084
Operating EBITDA	279	455	520	557
Depreciation And Amortisation	(17)	(18)	(25)	(30)
Operating EBIT	262	437	495	527
Financial Income/(Expense)	11	5	7	11
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	0	2	2	2
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	0	0	0	0
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	273	443	504	539
Exceptional Items	(16)	0	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	257	443	504	539
Taxation	(76)	(115)	(131)	(140)
Exceptional Income - post-tax				
Profit After Tax	181	328	373	399
Minority Interests	(10)	(19)	(5)	0
Preferred Dividends				
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax				
Other Adjustments - post-tax				
Net Profit	171	308	367	399
Recurring Net Profit	171	308	367	399
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	171	308	367	399

Balance Sheet				
(RMm)	Dec-24A	Dec-25F	Dec-26F	Dec-27F
Total Cash And Equivalents	1,016	1,496	1,684	1,923
Total Debtors	1,843	2,602	2,989	3,131
Inventories	43	66	76	80
Total Other Current Assets	20	20	20	20
Total Current Assets	2,922	4,185	4,769	5,154
Fixed Assets	85	117	143	163
Total Investments	225	225	225	225
Intangible Assets	342	342	342	342
Total Other Non-Current Assets	22	22	22	22
Total Non-current Assets	674	706	731	751
Short-term Debt	731	731	731	731
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt				
Total Creditors	1,913	2,984	3,355	3,510
Other Current Liabilities	13	13	13	13
Total Current Liabilities	2,657	3,728	4,098	4,254
Total Long-term Debt	0	50	100	150
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component				
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	0	0	0	0
Total Non-current Liabilities	0	50	100	150
Total Provisions	1	1	1	1
Total Liabilities	2,658	3,779	4,200	4,405
Shareholders' Equity	878	1,032	1,216	1,415
Minority Interests	61	80	85	85
Total Equity	939	1,112	1,301	1,500

Cash Flow				
(RMm)	Dec-24A	Dec-25F	Dec-26F	Dec-27F
EBITDA	279.5	454.6	519.5	556.7
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.				
Change In Working Capital	425.8	288.7	(25.5)	9.0
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions				
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	(64.9)	(31.2)	(33.4)	(35.7)
Other Operating Cashflow	141.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	10.5	4.5	7.0	10.7
Tax Paid	(75.9)	(115.2)	(130.9)	(140.2)
Cashflow From Operations	716.7	601.5	336.7	400.5
Capex	(9.2)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries				
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments				
Other Investing Cashflow	147.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow From Investing	138.6	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(195.3)	50.0	50.0	50.0
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shares Repurchased				
Dividends Paid	(116.0)	(154.2)	(183.7)	(199.5)
Preferred Dividends				
Other Financing Cashflow	1.4	32.9	35.1	37.4
Cash Flow From Financing	(310.0)	(71.3)	(98.5)	(112.1)
Total Cash Generated	545.3	480.2	188.2	238.4
Free Cashflow To Equity	660.0	601.5	336.7	400.5
Free Cashflow To Firm	920.5	584.4	321.8	387.9

Key Ratios				
	Dec-24A	Dec-25F	Dec-26F	Dec-27F
Revenue Growth	31.8%	49.8%	14.8%	4.8%
Operating EBITDA Growth	13.9%	62.7%	14.3%	7.2%
Operating EBITDA Margin	7.94%	8.61%	8.57%	8.77%
Net Cash Per Share (RM)	0.22	0.54	0.64	0.79
BVPS (RM)	0.68	0.78	0.92	1.07
Gross Interest Cover	4.02	13.28	14.09	14.09
Effective Tax Rate	29.5%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	58.6%	50.0%	50.0%	50.0%
Accounts Receivables Days	178.7	153.7	168.4	175.9
Inventory Days	5.90	4.63	5.17	5.39
Accounts Payables Days	207.6	206.9	229.9	237.3
ROIC (%)	24%	102%	286%	235%
ROCE (%)	19.4%	26.6%	26.7%	25.5%
Return On Average Assets	5.59%	7.62%	7.04%	6.81%



Key Drivers				
	Dec-24A	Dec-25F	Dec-26F	Dec-27F
New order wins	4,100.0	2,900.0	6,000.0	6,000.0
Construction revenue	3,326.9	4,970.2	5,643.6	5,889.9
Precast revenue	194.8	307.0	417.0	460.0
Construction EBIT margins	7.2	8.2	8.0	8.2
Precast EBIT margins	11.5	10.0	10.0	10.0

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#### Spitzer Chart for stock being researched ( 2 year data )

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