# Maybank IB Research

# WCT Bhd (WCTHG MK)

Share Price: MYR2.15 Target Price: MYR2.55(+19%) MCap (USD): 731M ADTV (USD): 0.9M Malaysia Construction

## Breaking the dry spell soon?

- WCT is actively tendering for construction jobs and expects the outcome to be announced soon.
- Gateway@KLIA2 mall has outperformed management's expectation.
- Major job wins would re-rate the stock. Maintain BUY.

## What's New

During last Friday's analyst briefing, management was upbeat on the domestic construction sector with the upswing in tendering activities for mega projects including West Coast Expressway (WCE), RAPID and Kwasa Damansara land development.

Meanwhile, property sales locked-in was just MYR218m in 1Q14. WCT maintains its MYR1.2b property sales target for 2014 as it plans to gear up launches in 2H14. Management also believes that demand would pick up strongly before the implementation of GST.

As for its property investment division, the performance of the newly opened Gateway@KLIA2 mall has surprised positively. Management expects the mall to be profitable in 2014, contributing net profit of ~MYR10m.

## What's Our View

WCT's prospect has improved after the opening of Gateway@KLIA2 mall and labour shortage issue has been resolved.

In the near term, WCT's current outstanding construction orderbook of MYR1.79b (excluding in-house jobs) and unbilled property sales of MYR533m would support its earnings. Clinching major construction contracts from the WCE or RAPID projects that could be awarded soon would re-rate the stock positively.

In the medium term, WCT would continue to beef up its recurring income from its property investments.

Maintain BUY at an unchanged SOP-based TP of MYR2.55.

FYE Dec (MYR m)	FY12A	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E
Revenue	1,560.4	1,655.0	1,661.3	1,712.1	1,740.5
EBITDA	254.0	282.4	303.5	326.2	369.5
Core net profit	158.7	200.5	193.3	201.5	235.2
Core EPS (sen)	16.8	18.7	17.7	18.4	21.5
Core EPS growth (%)	6.8	11.1	(5.3)	4.2	16.7
Net DPS (sen)	6.5	6.8	6.8	6.8	6.8
Core P/E (x)	12.8	11.5	12.1	11.7	10.0
P/BV (x)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
Net dividend yield (%)	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
ROAE (%)	8.8	9.7	8.3	8.2	9.0
ROAA (%)	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.5	4.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.9	11.1	9.8	8.8	7.5
Net debt/equity (%)	41.0	40.1	23.8	18.6	12.4

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**Key Data** 2.65/2.02 52w high/low (MYR) 0.9 3m avg turnover (USDm) Free float (%) 76.9 Issued shares (m) 1,092 Market capitalization MYR2.3B Major shareholders: -Cash Carat Sdn. Bhd. 19.0% 10.9% -Employees Provident Fund -Lembaga Tabung Haji 9.3%

BUY





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Absolute(%)	(4.9)	1.9	(18.6)
Relative to index (%)	(5.3)	(0.5)	(23.0)

#### Maybank vs Market

	Positive Neutral I		Negative	
Market Recs	6	9	1	
	Maybank	% +/-		
Target Price (MYR)	2.55	2.43	5.2	
'14 PATMI (MYRm)	193	195	(1.1)	
'15 PATMI (MYRm)	202	220	(8.3)	

Source: FactSet; Maybank

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## **Construction: Action packed**

The long anticipated mega projects have finally kicked off in 2014. WCT has submitted tenders or in the midst of tendering for several projects and expects outcome of some of the tenders to be announced in the next few months. It targets to win MYR1b domestic jobs and MYR1b foreign contracts this year (2013: MYR670m job wins).

## West Coast Expressway

The government has awarded a MYR5b EPC contract to IJM Corp (IJM MK, BUY) and Kumpulan Europlus (KEUR MK, Not Rated) recently. For the contractor role, IJM has clinched MYR2.8b worth of construction contracts from the WCE project. WCT is vying for the remaining MYR2.2b worth of contracts that are opened for tender. The groundbreaking ceremony for this project will be held this week.

## Kwasa Damansara Land

WCT is eyeing infrastructure works worth e.MYR1b on the 2,000 acres Kwasa Land development at Sg Buloh, Selangor. It is also in the midst of submitting its Request for Proposal (RFP) for a property development project on the first parcel of 64 acres land. Management expects tenders to be announced in the near term.

## RAPID project at Pengerang

WCT has submitted tenders for phase 2 of RAPID project's earthworks which has an estimated value of MYR400m. Its closest competitor for the job could be Gadang Holdings Bhd (GADG MK, Not Rated) which has won the first phase of earthworks. Phase 2 earthworks is expected to be awarded in the next few months. WCT also plans to partner with foreign players to tender for other infrastructure jobs in RAPID including a cogeneration power plant.

## Other projects

Aside of the mega projects, WCT has also tendered for Putrajaya buildings construction jobs and intends to tender for the construction of the Ikano Boustead project. In the Middle East, WCT is submitting a tender for a highway and tunnel project in Doha worth MYR1b next month. It is also at the pre-qualification stage for a zoo and themepark project in Qatar worth MYR2b-3b.

## Property development: GST to boost sales

WCT's property sales in 1Q14 were slow with MYR218m sales achieved. The MYR218m also included the pre-sale bookings from Laman Greenville and Paradigm Residences, Kelana Jaya. WCT has just obtained the advertising and promotion permits (AP) for Laman Greenville@Klang South in May 2014. The project's official launch was delayed from 2013 but WCT has locked-in MYR100m during its pre-sale. Paradigm Kelana Jaya is the other project that has yet to obtain its AP and it is expected to be approved in 3Q14. Management guided that its landed property sales was stable but high rise properties sales were sluggish. It could be due to the uncertainties in the implementation of government tightening policies.

Management expects property sales to pick up in the coming quarters. This is because WCT plans to gear up property launches in 2H14 including properties at Bandar Bukit Tinggi, Bandar Parklands and the service apartment that is part of its Paradigm Johor Bahru mixed commercial development. The service apartment would leverage on the Paradigm JB mall that is expected to complete by mid-2016. Management also believes that property purchases would accelerate before the implementation of GST. Hence, management maintains its aggressive MYR1.2b property sales target in 2014 (2013: MYR499m sold). In the past, property sales were also lower during 1Q and usually picked up in the subsequent quarters.

#### Target new property launches in 2014

Property development	GDV (MYR m)	Target launch
BBT2 - Shop + Serviced apartment	394	3Q14
Bandar Parklands, Klang South	143	3Q14
Laman Greenville @ Klang South	439	Launched
Skyz Jelutong @ Bkt Jelutong	146	Launched
Paradigm Residences, Kelana Jaya	483	3Q14
A60, The Volt, Medini North	502	2Q14
Paradigm JB, Serviced Apartment	193	3Q14
One Medini Garden Villa	20	2Q14
	2,320	

Source: Company

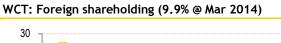
## Gateway@KLIA2 mall: Took off strongly

Management was positively surprised with the Gateway@KLIA2 mall's performance. WCT expects the mall to be profitable in 2014 leveraging on: i) high 80% occupancy rate, ii) strong footfalls of 80,000 per day and iii) decent rental rates of MYR23/sq ft average. The mall could contribute ~MYR10m net profit in 2014 and ~MYR20m net profit in 2015. WCT would also reap more profit from the profit sharing arrangement with tenants especially from F&B outlets. There would be upside to our net profit forecast of MYR8.5m/16m in 2014/15 from the mall.

#### WCT's Sum-Of-Parts valuation

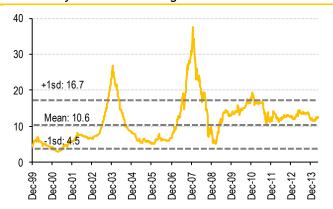
	2015F net profit	PER target	WCT's stake	Value	
Construction	70.7	12.0	100.0%	848.4	12x 2015 PER
Property investment	31.5	12.0	100.0%	378.3	12x 2015 PER
		DCF value	WCT's stake	Value	
Property development		1,420.7	100.0%	1,420.7	40% discount on RNAV
Gateway@KLIA2 concession		398.7	70.0%	279.1	DCF
Total SOP				2,926.5	
Cash proceeds from warrants				688.5	
Fully Diluted (FD) SOP				3,615.0	
SOP/sh (MYR)				2.78	
FD SOP/sh (MYR)				2.56	
FD SOP/sh (MYR) - Rounded				2.55	
Number of shares				1,052.0	
FD number of shares				1,413.1	

Source: Maybank KE





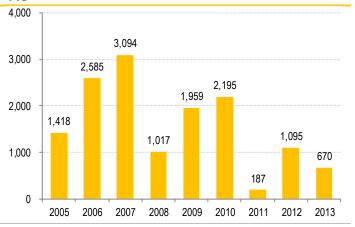
WCT: One-year forward rolling PER



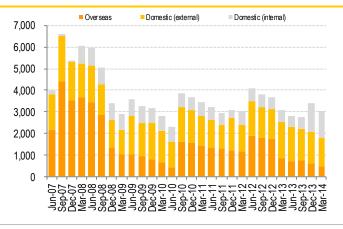
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## Highlights, in charts and tables...



## WCT: Construction job win, MYR670m in 2013, nil 2014 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{YTD}}$



WCT: Outstanding construction order book, MYR3.06b

Sources: Company, Maybank KE

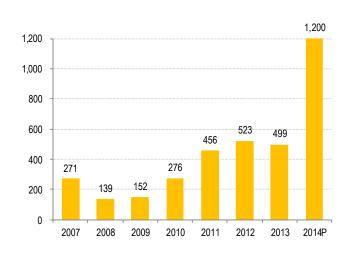
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#### WCT: Outstanding construction order book, details

	Contract v	Contract value (MYRm)			Outstanding (MYRm)		
	Total	WCT's shr	at Jun '13	at Sep'13	at Dec '13	at Mar '14	
OVERSEAS							
Government Admin Office, Qatar *	1,360	1,360	704	727	628	479	
New Doha Intl Airport, Qatar	3,270	1,600	12	2	2	2	
Total overseas (A)			716	729	630	481	
DOMESTIC (external)							
Civil engineering & infrastructure							
Vale industrial civil works, Perak @	73	73	7	6	23	4	
PLUS widening (Nilai-Seremban) @	391	391	349	349	322	310	
Tun Razak Exchange %	169	169	168	167	162	157	
Others			55	54	67	15	
			585	579	574	486	
Building							
Tuaran Hospital, Sabah *	128	128	35	18	8	6	
MITI HQ, Mukim Batu, KL @	300.5	300.5	261	251	237	231	
KK Medical Centre & Riverson @	331	331	281	265	248	203	
Putrajaya Commercial Office %	315	315	315	315	315	308	
Others			68	67	75	70	
			991	916	883	818	
Total Domestic (external) (B)			1,576	1,495	1,457	1,304	
TOTAL EXTERNAL (C=A+B)			2,292	2,224	2,087	1,785	
NTERNAL: Paradigm & others (D)			538	519	1,322	1,270	
TOTAL (C+D)			2,292	2,224	3,409	3,055	

\* New in 2010; # New in 2011; @ New in 2012; % New in 2013 Sources: Company, Maybank KE

## WCT: Yearly property sales



Location	Total	Bal	GDV	Devt type
	acres	acres	(MYRm)	
BBT, Klang	1,336	126	5,228	Township
D'Laman, Klang #	56	56	450	Luxury homes
Paradigm, PJ	14	8	700	Mixed commercial
Medini Business Dist, Johor #	20.8	20.8	2600	Mixed commercial
Bkt Jelutong, Shah Alam *	2.3	2.3	120	Mixed commercial
Bdr Serendah, S'gor *	39	39	270	Industrial
Rawang, Selangor *	468	468	1,200	Township
OUG, OKR, KL @	57	57	4,900	Mixed
Lot A60, Zone A, Medini @	18	18	1,500	Mixed
Inanam, KK, Sabah @	22	22	200	Luxury homes
Jln Skudai, Johor @	12	12	1300	Mixed commercial
Total	2,045	829	18,468	
# New in 2010; * New in	2011; @	New in 2	2012	
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Source: Company, Maybank KE

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WCT: Land bank

## WCT: Property development projects

	GDV	Stake	Total sales to date	Sales in 2010	Sales in 2011	Sales in 2012	Sales in 2013	Sales in 2014 YTD	Billings to date	Unrecognised @ Mar '14
	(MYR m)	(%)	(MYR m)	(MYR m)	(MYR m)	(MYR m)	(MYR m)	(MYR m)	(MYR m)	(MYR m)
Integrated township	· · ·	. ,		, ,	. ,	· · ·		, ,	. ,	, ,
Bandar Bukit Tinggi 1	2,196	100	1,120	30	26	4	12	0	1,120	0
Bandar Bukit Tinggi 2	2,671	100	1,490	5	38	14	120	3	1,411	82
Bandar Parklands	4,382	100	1,177	162	315	186	166	12	1109	68
Rawang, Selangor #	1,200	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
Luxury homes										
D'Banyan Residency	269	100	258	79	77	3	21	0	253	5
D'Laman, Klang *	450	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
Inanam, KK, Sabah @	200	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
Retail & commercial										
The Paradigm, Kelana J	700	70	-	-	-	-			-	-
Medini Business District *	2,600	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
Bkt Jelutong comm #	120	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
A60 - Medini North @	1,500	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
Jln Skudai, Johor @	1,300	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
High-rise homes										
1Medini	778	70	494	-	-	316	180	-2	116	378
DPN Land, HCMC	500	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
<u>Industrial</u>										
Bdr Serendah, Selangor #	270	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
Mixed										
OUG, Old Klang Rd @	4,900	100	-	-	-	-			-	-
<u>Vietnam</u>										
Platinum Plaza	1,000	67	-	-	-	-			-	-
Total		-	4,542	276	456	523	499	13	4,009	533

\* New in 2010; # New in 2011; @ New in 2012; Sources: Company, Maybank KE

FYE 31 Dec	FY12A	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	5.7	11.7	12.1	11.7	10.0
Core P/E (x)	12.8	11.5	12.1	11.7	10.0
P/BV (x)	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.9
P/NTA (x)	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
Net dividend yield (%)	3.0	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
FCF yield (%)	3.0	nm	20.0	10.3	11.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.9	11.1	9.8	8.8	7.5
EV/EBIT (x)	12.2	11.5	10.1	9.1	7.7
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	1,560.4	1,655.0	1,661.3	1,712.1	1,740.5
Gross profit	316.5	270.1	270.6	278.7	283.0
EBITDA	254.0	282.4	303.5	326.2	369.5
Depreciation	(6.5)	(9.9)	(10.4)	(11.0)	(11.5)
EBIT	247.5	272.4	293.1	315.2	358.0
Net interest income /(exp)	(48.8)	(34.5)	(46.8)	(51.9)	(49.0)
Associates & JV	16.0	19.2	20.2	21.2	22.2
Exceptionals	200.2	(2.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	414.9	254.2	266.4	284.5	331.2
Income tax	(69.2)	(64.5)	(66.6)	(71.1)	(82.8)
Minorities	13.2	7.8	(6.5)	(11.9)	(13.2)
Reported net profit	358.9	197.5	193.3	201.5	235.2
Core net profit	158.7	200.5	193.3	201.5	235.2
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	1,077.7	1,039.1	1,168.7	1,065.7	1,098.3
Accounts receivable	977.1	1,089.1	1,098.1	1,131.6	1,150.4
Inventory	73.9	75.6	76.7	79.0	80.3
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	276.2	271.7	291.2	310.3	328.8
Intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment in Associates & JVs	207.2	443.3	463.4	484.6	506.8
Other assets	2,774.9	2,615.9	2,615.9	2,615.9	2,615.9
Total assets	5,387.0	5,534.6	5,714.0	5,687.1	5,780.5
ST interest bearing debt	930.7	369.1	269.1	169.1	69.1
Accounts payable	1,083.4	842.7	1,096.0	1,129.5	1,148.3
LT interest bearing debt	890.1	1,553.1	1,453.1	1,353.1	1,353.1
Other liabilities	615.4	513.4	513.4	513.4	513.4
Total Liabilities	3,519.6	3,278.3	3,331.5	3,165.0	3,083.8
Shareholders Equity	1,810.5	2,204.3	2,323.9	2,451.7	2,613.1
Minority Interest	57.0	52.1	58.6	70.4	83.7
Total shareholder equity	1,867.4	2,256.4	2,382.4	2,522.1	2,696.7
CASH FLOW (MYR m)					
Pretax profit	414.9	254.2	266.4	284.5	331.2
Depreciation & amortisation	6.5	9.9	10.4	11.0	11.5
Adj net interest (income)/exp	48.8	34.5	46.8	51.9	49.0
Change in working capital	(311.2)	(944.3)	242.1	(5.4)	(6.3)
Cash taxes paid	(69.2)	(64.5)	(66.6)	(71.1)	(82.8)
Other operating cash flow	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operations	89.8	(710.1)	499.2	270.8	302.6
Capex	(28.3)	(23.1)	(30.0)	(30.0)	(30.0)
Free cash flow	61.6	(733.3)	469.2	240.8	272.6
Dividends paid	(61.8)	(72.9)	(73.7)	(73.7)	(73.7)
Equity raised / (purchased)	40.4	259.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	424.5	406.6	(200.0)	(200.0)	(100.0)
Other invest/financing cash flow	(241.3)	3.2	(65.9)	(70.0)	(100.0)
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FYE 31 Dec	FY12A	FY13A	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	1.4	6.1	0.4	3.1	1.7
EBITDA growth	14.6	11.2	7.5	7.5	13.3
EBIT growth	16.4	10.1	7.6	7.6	13.6
Pretax growth	99.9	(38.7)	4.8	6.8	16.4
Reported net profit growth	116.2	(45.0)	(2.1)	4.2	16.7
Core net profit growth	9.2	26.3	(3.6)	4.2	16.7
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	16.3	17.1	18.3	19.0	21.2
EBIT margin	15.9	16.5	17.6	18.4	20.6
Pretax profit margin	26.6	15.4	16.0	16.6	19.0
Payout ratio	17.1	36.7	38.1	36.6	31.4
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	23.0	11.9	11.6	11.8	13.5
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Assets/Equity (x)	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.3	2.2
ROAE (%)	8.8	9.7	8.3	8.2	9.0
ROAA (%)	3.2	3.7	3.4	3.5	4.1
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	(19.8)	(6.2)	5.7	(25.5)	(25.6)
Days receivable outstanding	257.6	224.7	237.0	234.4	236.0
Days inventory outstanding	18.1	19.4	19.7	19.6	19.7
Days payables outstanding	295.5	250.3	250.9	279.5	281.3
Dividend cover (x)	5.8	2.7	2.6	2.7	3.2
Current ratio (x)	1.2	2.2	2.1	2.2	2.3
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	1.5	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9
Net debt/equity (%)	41.0	40.1	23.8	18.6	12.4
Net interest cover (x)	5.1	7.9	6.3	6.1	7.3
Debt/EBITDA (x)	7.2	6.8	5.7	4.7	3.8
Capex/revenue (%)	1.8	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.7
Net debt/ (net cash)	743.1	883.0	553.5	456.4	323.8

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