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WCT (WCTHG MK)

Construction & Engineering - Construction

Market Cap: USD726m

Neutral (from Sell)

Target Price: MYR2.21

Results Review, 26 February 2014

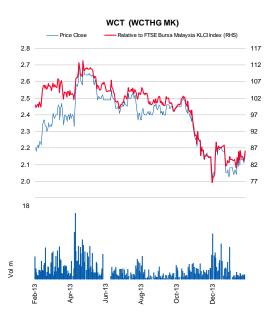
Price: MYR2.18

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Growth • Value •

FY13 Core Net Profit Grows 8%



Source: Bloomberg

Avg Turnover (MYR/USD)

28.9
1.4
2.02 - 2.70
60
19.9
12.9

4.93m/1.50m

6.5

Shariah compliant

Lembaga Tabung Haji

We maintain our forecasts and MYR2.21 FV but upgrade our call to NEUTRAL (from Sell), as we now see value in WCT after a 19% decline in share price since our downgrade in May 2013. WCT's FY13 results met our forecasts but missed consensus estimates. It is not a good proxy to the buoyant construction sector in Malaysia, as it has yet to secure any work packages from the Klang Valley MRT project.

- Within our expectations but misses consensus. WCT's FY13 core net profit of MYR171m (excluding a MYR1.2m net disposal loss and a MYR27.7m forex gain) met our forecasts but missed consensus estimates by 9%. FY13 core earnings grew 8% y-o-y, driven largely by improved profits from property investment.
- ♦ Hopeful over MYR1bn Qatari job and property sales recovery. During the last analyst briefing in Nov 2013, WCT said that it was still in contention for a road/bridge job in Qatar worth about MYR1bn. Being one of the three finalists for this project, it was asked to submit a "fresh quotation" for the job. WCT noted "an obvious slowdown in sales" for its property business following the introduction of property cooling measures by the Government in Oct 2013. However, the group believes that buyers will return as "more clarity on the measures" emerge over time, eg an exemption from the MYR1m price cap for foreign property buyers in Medini, Iskandar Malaysia.
- Upgrade to NEUTRAL (from Sell). The prospects for the construction sector in Malaysia are strong, underpinned by an extended upcycle driven by the MYR73bn Klang Valley MRT project that will keep players busy until 2019. However, WCT is not a good proxy to this sector as it has yet to secure any work packages from this mega project. Also, its property business is facing headwinds due to the Government's cooling measures. Nonetheless, we now see value in WCT after a 19% decline in share price since our downgrade in May 2013. Our FV is unchanged at MYR2.21, based on 16x fully-diluted FY14 EPS of 13.8 sen, which is in line with our benchmark 1-year forward target P/E of 10-16x for the construction sector. We upgrade our call to NEUTRAL.

Forecasts and Valuations	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-14F	Dec-15F
Total turnover (MYRm)	1,539	1,560	1,672	2,424	2,512
Reported net profit (MYRm)	166	359	198	169	179
Recurring net profit (MYRm)	166	159	171	169	179
Recurring net profit growth (%)	10.4	(4.4)	7.8	(1.2)	6.1
Recurring EPS (MYR)	0.20	0.17	0.17	0.16	0.17
DPS (MYR)	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.08
Recurring P/E (x)	11.2	12.9	13.0	14.0	13.2
P/B (x)	1.37	1.14	1.07	1.06	1.01
P/CF (x)	517	20	14	18	16
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.4	3.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.78	4.20	7.03	5.00	4.87
Return on average equity (%)	12.1	21.8	9.8	7.6	7.8
Net debt to equity (%)	33.8	40.0	39.1	19.5	17.2
Our vs consensus EPS (%)				(25.9)	(31.2)

Source: Company data, RHB estimates

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Figure 1: WCT's results review I

FYE Dec (MYRm)	4QFY12	3QFY13	4QFY13	q-o-q (%)	y-o-y (%)	FY12	FY13	y-o-y (%)	Comments
Revenue	380.2	418.5	280.4	(33.0)	(26.2)	1,560.4	1,672.4	7.2	Higher construction billings.
EBITDA	72.9	73.0	70.9	(2.8)	(2.7)	274.1	286.1	4.4	Eroded by cost pressure. Also, MYR20m variation order (VO) claims approved, cancelled out by MYR26.3m compensation paid to Bahrain Asphalt Establishment, a former subcontractor to the
EBITDA Margin (%)	19.2	17.4	25.3			17.6	17.1		Dukhan Highway project.
Depreciation	(2.4)	(2.2)	(4.9)	119.9	103.4	(6.5)	(9.9)	52.4	
EBIT	70.5	70.8	66.1	(6.6)	(6.3)	267.6	276.2	3.2	
EBIT Margin (%)	18.5	16.9	23.6			17.2	16.5		
Interest expense	(18.9)	(17.1)	(19.9)	16.6	5.2	(68.9)	(67.6)	(1.8)	
Interest income	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm	nm	0.0	0.0	nm	
Associates	3.0	3.3	7.8	135.9	162.5	16.0	19.2	19.6	
EI/Others	211.0	2.9	11.5	294.6	(94.6)	200.2	26.5	(86.8)	Largely forex gains in FY13 and property revaluation surplus in FY12.
Pretax profit	265.5	59.9	65.4	9.2	(75.4)	414.9	254.2	(38.7)	High base in FY12 due to MYR211m property revaluation
Pretax Margin (%)	69.8	14.3	23.3			26.6	15.2		surplus.
Tax	(28.1)	(19.3)	(11.6)	(40.2)	(58.9)	(69.2)	(64.5)	(6.9)	
Effective tax rate (%)	(10.6)	(32.3)	(17.7)	` '	,	(16.7)	(25.4)	, ,	
Minority Interest	7.2	0.8	2.5	222.0	(65.5)	13.2	7.8	(40.7)	
Net Profit	244.7	41.3	56.4	36.4	(77.0)	358.9	197.5	(45.0)	
Core Profit	33.7	38.4	44.9	16.9	33.3	158.7	171.0	7.8	Driven largely by improved profits
Net Margin (%)	8.9	9.2	16.0			10.2	10.2		from property investment.



Figure 2: WCT's results review II

FYE Dec (MYRm)	4QFY12	3QFY13	4QFY13	q-o-q (%)	y-o-y (%)	FY12	FY13	y-o-y (%)	Comments
Revenue	380.2	418.5	280.4	(33.0)	(26.2)	1,560.4	1,672.4	7.2	
Construction	199.3	269.3	232.9	(13.5)	16.9	1,012.4	1,168.4	15.4	Contracts secured from FY12 started to contribute more significantly.
Property dev	152.7	135.2	32.9	(75.6)	(78.4)	463.0	442.5	(4.4)	We believe construction activities may be affected by labour shortage.
Property inv	28.2	14.0	14.5	3.8	(48.5)	85.0	61.5	(27.6)	Change in accounting treatment on completion in Jan 2013 of the disposal of a 30% stake in the holding company of Paradigm Mall to EPF. The holding company has been regarded as a "jointly controlled entity" to WCT post the disposal.
РВТ	259.8	59.9	65.4	9.2	(74.8)	414.9	254.2	(38.7)	
Construction	13.5	32.6	7.5	(77.1)	(44.7)	110.0	129.3	17.6	Boosted by forex gains.
Property dev	40.0	35.0	12.1	(65.4)	(69.7)	117.5	93.6	(20.3)	We believe construction activities may be affected by labour shortage.
Property inv	222.4	6.0	58.0	862.7	(73.9)	240.4	79.7	(66.8)	High base in FY12 due to MYR211m property revaluation surplus.
Net inc/(exp)	(18.9)	(17.1)	(19.9)	16.6	5.2	(68.9)	(67.6)	(1.8)	5a.p.so.
Associates	3.0	3.3	7.8	135.9	162.5	16.0	19.2	19.6	

Source: Company data, RHB estimates

Figure 3: WCT's outstanding construction orderbook

Project	Outstanding Value
	(MYRm)
<u>Overseas</u>	
Government administrative building, Doha, Qatar	727
New Doha International Airport, Qatar Subtotal	2 729
<u>Local</u>	
North-South Expressway 4 th lane widening (Seremban-Nilai)	349
The Paradigm (Internal job)	321
Commercial office buildings, Precinct 2, Putrajaya	315
Medical Centre, Kota Kinabalu, Sabah	265
New MITI headquarters, KL	251
1Medini Residences (Internal job)	198
TRX earthworks	167
Others Subtotal	148 2,014
Total	2,743



Financial Exhibits

Profit & Loss (MYRm)	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-14F	Dec-15F
Total turnover	1,539	1,560	1,672	2,424	2,512
Cost of sales	(1,242)	(1,221)	(1,392)	(2,105)	(2,179)
Gross profit	297	340	280	320	333
Gen & admin expenses	(109)	(116)	(118)	(120)	(120)
Other operating costs	68	44	114	50	50
Operating profit	256	268	276	250	263
Operating EBITDA	265	274	286	256	269
Depreciation of fixed assets	(9)	(7)	(10)	(7)	(7)
Operating EBIT	256	268	276	250	263
Net income from investments	18	16	19	10	10
Interest expense	(67)	(69)	(68)	(23)	(22)
Exceptional income - net	-	211	-	-	-
Other non-recurring income		(11)	27		
Pre-tax profit	208	415	254	237	251
Taxation	(41)	(69)	(64)	(59)	(63)
Minority interests	(1)	13	8	(8)	(9)
Profit after tax & minorities	166	359	198	169	179
Reported net profit	166	359	198	169	179
Recurring net profit	166	159	171	169	179

Source: Company data, RHB estimates

Cash flow (MYRm)	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-14F	Dec-15F
Operating profit	256	268	276	250	263
Depreciation & amortisation	9	7	10	7	7
Change in working capital	(200)	(85)	(40)	(40)	(40)
Operating cash flow	65	189	246	216	229
Interest received	23	20	-	-	-
Interest paid	(51)	(56)	(31)	(23)	(22)
Tax paid	(33)	(52)	(56)	(59)	(63)
Cash flow from operations	4	101	160	134	145
Capex	(16)	(48)	(30)	(30)	(30)
Other new investments	(186)	(128)	-	-	-
Other investing cash flow	62	(7)	3	(3)	-
Cash flow from investing activities	(140)	(183)	(27)	(33)	(30)
Dividends paid	(60)	(62)	(81)	(81)	(81)
Proceeds from issue of shares	86	40	259	-	-
Increase in debt	(264)	439	660	-	-
Other financing cash flow	(14)	(15)	0	-	-
Cash flow from financing activities	(253)	403	837	(81)	(81)
Cash at beginning of period	1,162	790	1,069	1,039	1,362
Total cash generated	(389)	321	970	20	33
Forex effects	14	(18)	-	-	-
Implied cash at end of period	787	1,093	2,039	1,059	1,395



Financial Exhibits

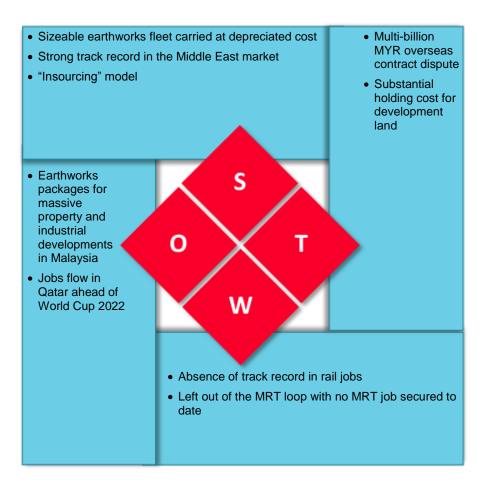
Balance Sheet (MYRm)	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-14F	Dec-15F
Total cash and equivalents	790	1,072	1,039	1,365	1,400
Inventories	51	74	76	74	74
Accounts receivable	634	706	803	706	706
Other current assets	913	666	852	746	786
Total current assets	2,388	2,519	2,770	2,892	2,966
Total investments	985	1,528	1,096	1,548	1,558
Tangible fixed assets	537	665	912	712	735
Total other assets	660	670	757	667	666
Total non-current assets	2,181	2,863	2,765	2,927	2,959
Total assets	4,570	5,382	5,535	5,819	5,925
Short-term debt	466	925	369	922	922
Accounts payable	562	666	600	666	666
Other current liabilities	403	433	262	433	433
Total current liabilities	1,432	2,024	1,231	2,022	2,022
Total long-term debt	918	893	1,553	893	893
Other liabilities	461	596	494	596	596
Total non-current liabilities	1,379	1,490	2,047	1,490	1,490
Total liabilities	2,811	3,514	3,278	3,511	3,511
Share capital	403	476	546	616	616
Retained earnings reserve	658	941	1,039	1,115	1,213
Other reserves	415	394	619	513	513
Shareholders' equity	1,476	1,810	2,204	2,244	2,342
Minority interests	283	57	52	64	72
Other equity	-	(0)	(0)	(0)	-
Total equity	1,759	1,867	2,256	2,307	2,414
Total liabilities & equity	4,570	5,382	5,535	5,819	5,925

Source: Company data, RHB estimates

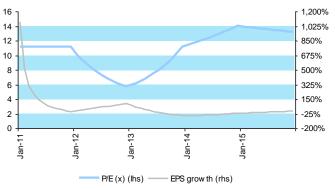
Key Ratios (MYR)	Dec-11	Dec-12	Dec-13	Dec-14F	Dec-15F
Revenue growth (%)	(9.9)	1.4	7.2	45.0	3.6
Operating profit growth (%)	(14.8)	4.6	3.2	(9.6)	5.1
Net profit growth (%)	10.4	116.2	(45.0)	(14.4)	6.1
EPS growth (%)	0.3	96.2	(49.2)	(19.9)	6.1
Bv per share growth (%)	(2.2)	20.3	6.1	1.8	4.4
Operating margin (%)	16.6	17.2	16.5	10.3	10.5
Net profit margin (%)	10.8	23.0	11.8	7.0	7.1
Return on average assets (%)	3.6	7.2	3.6	3.0	3.1
Return on average equity (%)	12.1	21.8	9.8	7.6	7.8
Net debt to equity (%)	33.8	40.0	39.1	19.5	17.2
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.08	0.08	0.08
Recurrent cash flow per share	0.00	0.11	0.16	0.12	0.13



SWOT Analysis

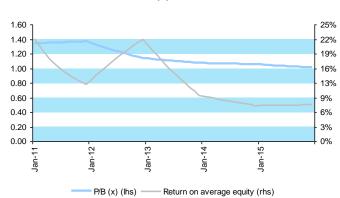






Source: Company data, RHB estimates

P/BV (x) vs ROAE



Source: Company data, RHB estimates

Company Profile

WCT is a home-grown construction company that has expanded to the Middle East. It is also engaged in property development and property investment (operating shopping malls and hotels).



Recommendation Chart



Source: RHB estimates, Bloomberg

Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2013-11-25	Sell	2.21	2.40
2013-11-22	Sell	2.30	2.36
2013-08-26	Neutral	2.30	2.41
2013-08-23	Sell	2.30	2.41
2013-05-23	Sell	2.30	2.64
2013-05-20	Neutral	2.30	2.70
2013-03-19	Sell	1.76	2.31
2013-02-27	Sell	1.76	2.18
2013-02-26	Sell	1.76	2.20
2012-11-22	SELL	1.89	2.37

Source: RHB estimates, Bloomberg



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