

MMC Corporation (MMC MK) : BUY

Mkt. Cap: US\$528m | 3m Avg. Daily Val: US\$1.6m

Last Traded Price (20 May 2020): RM0.76

Price Target 12-mth: RM1.35 (79% upside) (Prev RM1.49)

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Commendable start but expect weaker quarters

- 1Q20 was commendable, ports and construction earnings held up but still below expectations
- Ports throughput for April dipped 13% y-o-y vs. Westports' throughput decline of 17%
- Cut FY20-21F earnings by 19-28%
- BUY with lower TP of RM1.35

Forecasts and Valuation

FY Dec (RMm)	2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F
Revenue	4,717	4,665	5,997	6,958
EBITDA	1,895	1,524	1,640	1,695
Pre-tax Profit	533	352	471	537
Net Profit	255	201	276	332
Net Pft (Pre Ex.)	255	201	276	332
Net Pft Gth (Pre-ex) (%)	27.5	(21.4)	37.7	20.2
EPS (sen)	8.38	6.59	9.07	10.9
EPS Pre Ex. (sen)	8.38	6.59	9.07	10.9
EPS Gth Pre Ex (%)	28	(21)	38	20
Diluted EPS (sen)	8.38	6.59	9.07	10.9
Net DPS (sen)	4.50	4.50	4.50	4.50
BV Per Share (sen)	304	306	311	317
PE (X)	9.0	11.5	8.3	6.9
PE Pre Ex. (X)	9.0	11.5	8.3	6.9
P/Cash Flow (X)	1.1	4.3	2.2	2.1
EV/EBITDA (X)	5.8	7.3	6.6	6.1
Net Div Yield (%)	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
P/Book Value (X)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net Debt/Equity (X)	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7
ROAE (%)	2.7	2.2	2.9	3.5

Source of all data on this page: Company, AllianceDBS, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

Company Guide



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What's New

1Q20 results below expectations. MMC booked a commendable 1Q20 headline net profit of RM58m (+8% y-o-y and -15% q-o-q). This was on the back of a 5% decline in 1Q20 revenue to RM1,087m. The lower revenue was due to lower progress of work for MRT 2 due to the movement control order (MCO) that came into effect on 18 March 2020, and lower volume at Northport and Kontena Nasional. This was offset by better volume at PTP and Johor Port. The results were below our and consensus estimates as we expect a weaker 2Q20 and potentially sluggish 2H20.

Ports earnings held up in 1Q20. For transport & logistics, 1Q20 turnover increased by 3% y-o-y to RM780m with pretax profit rising by 18% y-o-y to RM123m. Overall, the higher profit numbers y-o-y was due to higher contribution from higher volume handled for PTP and Johor Port, gain on sale of asset held at Johor Port which offset the weaker numbers at Northport and Kontena Nasional.

Energy & Utilities. 1Q20 pretax profit from energy & utilities was RM41m (vs. RM32m in 1Q19). Malakoff's earnings improved due to the completion of the acquisition of Alam Flora on 5 December 2019.

Construction. Its construction division reported lower revenue of 22% to RM264m due to lower progress of works for the tunnelling portion of MRT 2 due to the MCO. However, 1Q20 construction pretax profit increased by 24% to RM61m due to lower operating expenses.



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Outlook

Expect some impact from Covid-19. We understand PTP's throughput in April was down 17% y-o-y after 1Q20's increase of 5%. Its largest customer, A.P. Moeller-Maersk A/S expects container volumes to plunge by 25% in 2Q20 and plans to cancel dozens of sailings as the Danish shipping giant grapples with sliding demand in consumer and industrial markets arising from the coronavirus pandemic lockdowns. The Port listing is likely in 2021 but the situation could also be fluid now. The current focus would be to ensure stronger earnings recovery for its port business.

Valuation and Recommendation

Cutting earnings. We cut FY20-21F earnings by 19-28% to largely take into account slower construction earnings recognition due to the MCO. While there are no longer any restrictions, we think testing and social distancing rules may lead to the deceleration of progress billings. We also lower our earnings from ports as we expect a slower year ahead.

Maintain BUY with lower TP. We keep our BUY rating but lower our TP to RM1.35 in anticipation of MMC's weaker earnings. The most immediate catalyst for the stock would be infrastructure flows with the potential revival of MRT 3 and HSR.

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Quarterly Income Statement (RMm)

FY Dec	1Q2019	4Q2019	1Q2020	% chg yoy	% chg qoq
Revenue	1,143	1,098	1,087	(4.9)	(1.0)
Cost of Goods Sold	(706)	(557)	(611)	(13.4)	9.6
Gross Profit	438	541	476	8.8	(12.0)
Other Oper. (Exp)/Inc	(242)	(272)	(261)	8.1	(3.8)
Operating Profit	196	269	215	9.6	(20.2)
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm	nm
Associates & JV Inc	63.5	87.1	72.2	13.6	(17.1)
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(171)	(164)	(172)	(0.6)	(5.0)
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm	nm
Pre-tax Profit	88.5	192	115	29.7	(40.3)
Tax	(23.6)	(116)	(41.8)	77.2	(64.0)
Minority Interest	(11.4)	(7.9)	(15.1)	(32.9)	90.6
Net Profit	53.5	68.1	57.9	8.2	(15.0)
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EBITDA	259	356	287	10.6	(19.4)
Margins (%)					
Gross Margins	38.3	49.2	43.8		
Opg Profit Margins	17.1	24.5	19.7		
Net Profit Margins	4.7	6.2	5.3		

Source of all data: Company, AllianceDBS

Target Price & Ratings History


S.No.	Date of Report	Closing Price	12-mth Target Price	Rating
1:	29 May 19	1.04	1.49	BUY
2:	27 Jun 19	1.16	1.49	BUY
3:	25 Jul 19	1.14	1.49	BUY
4:	28 Aug 19	1.09	1.49	BUY
5:	27 Nov 19	1.00	1.49	BUY
6:	26 Feb 20	0.89	1.49	BUY

Note: Share price and Target price are adjusted for corporate actions.

Source: AllianceDBS

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