

Tiong Woon Corporation

Record earnings
OUTPERFORM

Maintained

S\$0.37

Target: S\$0.75

Mkt.Cap: S\$113m/US\$77m

Construction

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- **Above expectations.** 3Q09 net profit of S\$7.1m (+33% yoy) was above expectations. 9M09 net profit of S\$30.2m forms 82% and 99% of our FY09 estimate and consensus respectively, and already exceeds FY08 net profit. The outperformance was due to stronger-than-expected demand for heavy lift & haulage services from oil & gas customers and a surprise improvement in the trading business. 9M09 revenue rose 37% yoy to S\$148m, constituting 82% of our FY09 revenue estimate.
- **Operations review.** Heavy lift & haulage remained the strong performer, with 3Q09 revenue up 23.9% yoy to S\$29.4m, boosted by steady rental rates, a larger crane fleet and steady utilisation. Pretax margins stayed firm at 36.3% (38.0% in 2Q09 and 31.3% in 1Q09). There were no used-crane sales in 3Q09. Pretax profit was S\$9.1m (+42.1%). Trading revenue jumped 87% yoy to S\$16.8m, with a S\$0.4m pretax profit. Weakness in marine transportation persisted, where revenue fell 21.3% yoy to S\$2.0m on lower utilisation. Fabrication pretax loss was S\$0.8m in 3Q09, mitigated by the delivery of a barge to Straits Asia. Overall gross margins slipped to 30.5% in 3Q09 from 43% in 2Q09 in the absence of used-crane sales and in the presence of marine transportation weakness.
- **Financials.** Trade receivables rose to S\$110.6m, of which S\$47.5m (from S\$31m in 2Q09) was due to unbilled receivables from the Norce pipelay barge contract. Net gearing moderated to 77% from 81% in 2Q09. This should peak by end-4Q09, and fall substantially upon contract completion in Jul-Aug 09. Contract completion should provide a share-price catalyst as well as potential improvements in private residential development. NAV/share was S\$0.48 (S\$0.455 in 2Q09).
- **Maintain Outperform.** We raise our FY09-11 forecasts by 1-10% on continued strong demand and steady margins from oil & gas and petrochemical customers for its heavy lift & haulage segment. With an improved investor risk appetite, we revert to P/E valuations from P/B trough valuations, pegging a CY10 P/E of 8x, the low end of its mid-cycle valuations. This translates to a new target price of S\$0.75 (previously S\$0.44, based on 0.8x CY09 P/BV).

Results comparison

FYE Jun (\$ m)	3QFY09	3QFY08	yoy %	qoq %	3QFY09	3QFY08	yoy %	Prev.	
			chg	chg	Cum	Cum	chg	FY09F	Comments
Revenue	52.8	42.1	25.5	5.5	148.3	107.9	37.5	180.9	Above: strong growth in heavy lift & haulage
Operating costs	(37.4)	(29.5)	26.5	28.1	(92.3)	(71.9)	28.3	(111.0)	Above: in line with revenue growth
EBITDA	15.5	12.5	23.3	(26.0)	56.1	36.0	55.9	69.9	Above: strong growth in heavy lift & haulage
EBITDA margin (%)	29.3	29.8			37.8	33.3	13.4	38.6	In line
Depn & amort.	(5.5)	(5.1)	7.6	3.4	(16.1)	(14.3)	12.7	(21.3)	In line
EBIT	10.0	7.4	34.1	(36.1)	40.0	21.7	84.2	48.6	Above
Interest expense	(0.8)	(0.9)	(3.5)	1.1	(2.5)	(2.5)	(0.5)	(3.3)	
Interest & invt inc	-	0.0	nm	nm	-	0.0	nm	-	
Associates' contrib	-	-	nm	nm	-	-	nm	-	
Exceptionals	-	-	nm	nm	-	-	nm	-	
Pretax profit	9.1	6.6	38.2	(38.2)	37.5	19.2	95.0	45.3	Above: steady margins for HLH segment
Tax	(2.0)	(1.1)	81.3	(26.9)	(7.2)	(3.3)	120.7	(8.2)	In line
Tax rate (%)	21.4	16.3			19.3	17.1	13.2	18.0	In line
Minority interests	(0.1)	(0.2)	(69.8)	50.0	(0.1)	0.2	(135.5)	(0.4)	
Net profit	7.1	5.3	33.2	(41.0)	30.2	16.2	86.3	36.8	Above: 82% and 99% of our FY09 and consensus
Core net profit	7.1	5.3	33.2	(41.0)	30.2	16.2	86.3	36.8	
EPS (cts)	2.1	1.6	33.2	(41.0)	8.9	4.8	86.3	10.9	Above
Core EPS (cts)	2.1	1.6	33.2	(41.0)	8.9	4.8	86.3	10.9	

Source: Company, CIMB-GK Research

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Financial summary

FYE Jun	2007	2008	2009F	2010F	2011F
Revenue (S\$ m)	99.8	157.8	199.6	173.4	186.2
EBITDA (S\$ m)	35.0	56.5	73.3	62.0	65.6
EBITDA margins (%)	35.0%	35.8%	36.7%	35.8%	35.2%
Pretax profit (S\$ m)	25.1	33.6	47.8	37.4	41.2
Net profit (S\$ m)	22.7	27.6	38.4	30.3	33.4
EPS (S cts)	6.7	8.2	11.4	9.0	9.9
EPS growth (%)	152.5%	21.5%	38.8%	(21.1%)	10.3%
P/E (x)	5.0	4.1	2.9	3.7	3.4
Core EPS (S cts)	5.2	8.2	11.4	9.0	9.9
Core EPS growth (%)	93.1%	58.9%	38.8%	(21.1%)	10.3%
Core P/E (x)	6.5	4.1	2.9	3.7	3.4
FD core EPS (S cts)	5.2	8.2	11.4	9.0	9.9
FD core P/E (x)	6.5	4.1	2.9	3.7	3.4
Gross DPS (S cts)	1.0	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6
Dividend yield (%)	3.0%	1.2%	1.5%	1.8%	1.8%
P/BV (x)	1.0	0.9	0.7	0.6	0.5
ROE (%)	23.5%	23.0%	25.3%	16.4%	15.6%
Net gearing (%)	46.8%	75.3%	42.7%	2.4%	N/A
Net cash per share (S\$)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.09
P/FCFE (x)	(19.4)	138.6	102.7	1.6	3.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.8	3.9	2.6	2.0	1.4
% change in EPS estimates			4.1%	1.4%	9.5%
CIMB/Consensus (x)			1.12	1.03	1.19

Price chart



Source: Bloomberg

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Figure 1: Sector comparisons

	Bloomberg		Price	Target		Core	3-yr EPS	P/BV	ROE	Div	
	ticker	Recom.	(Local)	price	Mkt cap	P/E (x)	CAGR	(x)	(%)	yield (%)	
				(Local)	(US\$ m)	CY2009	CY2010	(%)	CY2009	CY2009	CY2009
Tiong Woon	TWC SP	O	0.37	0.75	77	3.3	3.6	6.5	0.6	20.4	1.6
Tat Hong	TAT SP	N	0.96	0.69	312	7.7	7.2	(9.8)	1.1	15.2	5.6
CSC	CSC SP	O	0.16	0.13	125	5.4	6.4	(16.5)	1.0	18.7	2.9
United Engineers	UEM SP	O	1.55	1.77	232	10.0	7.7	18.3	0.4	4.0	2.5
Yongnam	YNH SP	O	0.20	0.12	159	6.0	8.0	(8.2)	1.3	23.5	2.1
Simple average						6.5	6.6	(2.1)	0.9	16.4	3.0

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Source: Company, CIMB-GK Research

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