

# Tiong Woon ----- Maintain NEUTRAL

## 3Q09 stronger than expected on heavy haulage and lift margins

EPS: ▲ TP: ▲

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- Tiong Woon delivered stronger-than-expected March 2009 quarter results, with revenues up 26% YoY and net profit jumping 39% YoY, driven primarily by its heavy lift and haulage segment (+24% YoY), and higher revenue recognition from its maiden shipbuilding project, currently at more than 70% completion.
- Going forward, management expects utilisation rates for its marine transportation fleet to improve QoQ, and is guiding for flattish YoY revenues for its heavy haulage and lift segment in FY10E, given the peaking of crane rental rates. Tiong Woon also strategises to focus on ship repair services at its Bintan fabrication yard, given its shorter duration and lower working capital outlay needs.
- We have raised our FY09/10E earnings by 3-12%, after adjusting our revenue assumptions across its four business segments, but largely factoring in stronger heavy haulage and lift margins. Consequently, we have raised our DCF-based target price to S\$0.45 (previously S\$0.25), but keep our rating at NEUTRAL given the stock's low liquidity and recent outperformance.

Bbg/RIC	TWC SP / TION.SI	Price (12 May 09, S\$)	0.37
Rating (prev. rating)	N (N) [V]	TP (S\$) (prev. TP)	0.45 (0.25)
Shares outstanding (mn)	337.58	Est. pot. % chg. to TP	23
Daily trad vol-6m avg (mn)	1.4	52-wk range (S\$)	0.64 - 0.14
Daily trad val-6m avg (US\$ mn)	0.2	Mkt cap (S\$/US\$ mn)	123.2/ 84.0
Free float (%)		Performance	1M 3M 12M
Major shareholders	Ang Choo Kim & Sons (42.65%)	Absolute	73.8 108.6 (41.6)
		Relative	48.7 64.4 (13.1)
Year	6/07A	6/08A	6/09E 6/10E 6/11E
Revenues (S\$ mn)	99.8	157.8	184.9 127.5 127.4
EBITDA (S\$ mn)	40.4	56.7	72.4 60.5 54.7
Net profit (S\$ mn)	22.5	28.0	34.6 25.2 22.3
EPS (S\$)	0.07	0.08	0.10 0.07 0.07
- Change from prev. EPS (%)	n.a.	n.a.	12 3 25
- Consensus EPS (S\$)	n.a.	n.a.	0.10 0.08 0.08
EPS growth (%)	155.4	24.2	23.9 (27.2) (11.5)
P/E (x)	5.5	4.4	3.6 4.9 5.5
Dividend yield (%)	1.2	1.1	1.4 1.0 0.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.3	4.0	3.0 2.4 2.2
P/B (x)	1.1	0.9	0.7 0.7 0.6
ROE (%)	20.8	21.1	20.9 13.3 0.0
Net debt/equity (%)	48	78	56 13 net cash

Note 1: Tiong Woon is primarily in Heavy lift, heavy haulage & equipment installation works, Freight forwarding & transport services, and Trading of construction equipment.

### Figure 1: Fleet Summary – lifting

Lifting	30-Sep-08	31-Dec-08	31-Mar-09
Hydraulic truck cranes (50T to 500T)	106	104	105
Crawler cranes (50T to 1,250T)	110	114	115
Rough terrain cranes (20T to 80T)	33	33	34
Lorry cranes (10T to 45T)	9	9	9
Tower cranes (8T to 12T)	53	54	54
<b>Total</b>	<b>311</b>	<b>314</b>	<b>317</b>

Source: Company data, Credit Suisse estimates

### Valuation metrics

Company	Ticker	CS Rating	Price	EPS chg (%)	TP (%)	Up/dn (%)	EPS	EPS grth (%)	P/E (x)	Div. yld (%)	ROE (%)	P/B (x)
			Local Target	T+1 T+2	Chg		T+1 T+2	T+1 T+2	T+1 T+2	T+1 T+2		
HLA	HLA SP	N	0.98 0.70	0 0	(1)	(28)	0.1 0.1	(6) 7	9.5 8.9	5.1	10.4	0.6
Tat Hong	TAT SP	N	0.96 0.75	0 0	0	(18)	0.1 0.1	(17) (6)	6.5 6.9	6.1	15.7	1.2
Tiong Woon	TWC SP	N	0.37 0.45	12 3	80	23	0.1 0.1	24 (27)	3.6 4.9	1.4	20.9	0.7
Yongnam	YNH SP	N	0.20 0.11	0 0	0	(42)	0.0 0.0	(7) (27)	7.7 10.6	0.0	18.7	1.4

Note: O = OUTPERFORM, N = NEUTRAL, U = UNDERPERFORM; Source: Company data, Credit Suisse estimates

Figure 2: Results summary

(S\$ mn)	3Q09A	3Q08A	YoY (%)	FY09E	9M % of (old) FY09E
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>52.8</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>154.4</b>	<b>96.1</b>
- Heavy lift & haulage	29.4	23.7	23.9	99.0	94.8
- Marine transportation	2.0	2.5	-21.3	15.2	58.2
- Trading	4.7	9.0	-47.7	11.7	116.9
- Fabrication & engineering	16.8	6.9	143.9	28.5	112.2
EBITDA	15.5	12.4	24.6	68.0	79.9
Op. profit	10.0	7.3	36.7	42.5	90.1
Interest income/ (expense)	-0.8	-0.9	-3.5	-4.3	57.8
<b>PBT</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>42.1</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>98.0</b>
Tax	-2.0	-1.1	81.3	-6.9	105.1
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>38.9</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>95.9</b>
Exceptionals	0.4	0.0	-	-	n.m.
Core net profit	6.7	5.1	31.6	31.1	83.2
<b>EPS (S\$)</b>	<b>0.021</b>	<b>0.015</b>	<b>37.8</b>	<b>0.092</b>	<b>97.1</b>

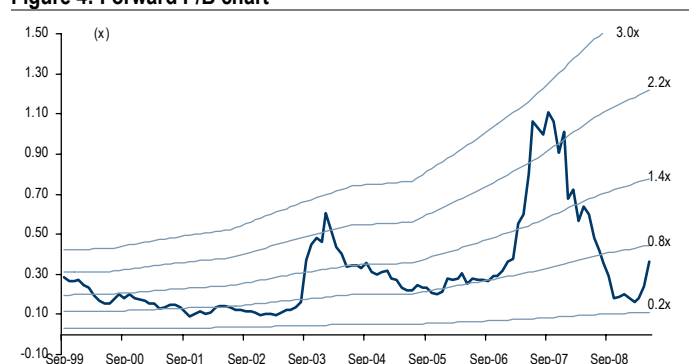
Source: Company data, Credit Suisse estimates

Figure 3: Key earnings change

(S\$ mn)	FY09 estimates			FY10 estimates		
	New	Old	Chg. (%)	New	Old	Chg. (%)
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>184.9</b>	<b>154.4</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>127.5</b>	<b>152.7</b>	<b>-16.5</b>
- Heavy lift haulage	109.4	99.0	10.5	93.1	84.2	10.5
- Marine transportation	12.4	15.2	-18.2	12.4	15.2	-18.2
- Trading	15.7	11.7	33.3	7.8	5.9	33.3
- Fabrication/ engineering	47.4	28.5	66.7	14.2	47.4	-70.0
EBITDA	72.4	68.0	6.4	60.5	59.6	1.4
<b>Op. profit</b>	<b>46.9</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>34.1</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>
<b>PBT</b>	<b>42.6</b>	<b>38.3</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>2.8</b>
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>EPS (S\$)</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>0.07</b>	<b>0.1</b>	<b>2.9</b>

Source: Company data, Credit Suisse estimates

Figure 4: Forward P/B chart



Source: Bloomberg, Company data, Credit Suisse estimates

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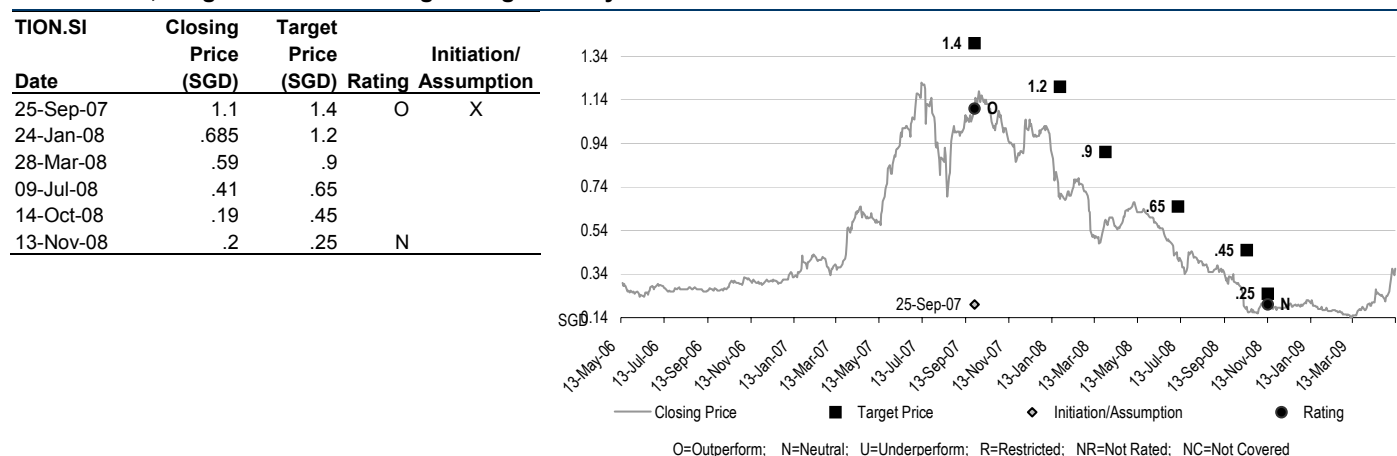
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