

Tiong Woon Corporation

Outlook still tentative

UNDERPERFORM	Maintained
S\$0.40	Target: S\$0.37
Mkt.Cap: S\$149m/US\$109m	Construction

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- **Above; maintain Underperform.** 4Q10 core net profit of S\$2.0m (-84% yoy) was above our estimate but below consensus, with FY10 core net profit of S\$7.7m (-82% yoy) forming 120% of our forecast. The outperformance stemmed from better-than-expected revenue from its heavy lift and trading segments. In view of a still-murky outlook, however, we leave our FY11-12 core net profit estimates intact while introducing FY13 forecasts. Our target price of S\$0.37 is unchanged, still based on 7.2x CY11 P/E (10% discount to its mid-cycle multiple of 8x). TWC declared a final dividend of 0.4 Sct/ share. We continue to see de-rating catalysts from weak Singapore operations.
- **Revenue above our expectation.** YoY, revenue fell in all segments in 4Q10 with the exception of marine transport, where sales were up 121% to S\$4.5m from two new charter contracts. Better-than-expected contributions from its heavy lift & haulage (S\$27m, -26.6% yoy) and trading (4Q10 +S\$5m, 4Q09 -S\$12m) businesses lifted the number above our expectation. India was the bright spark, with 30% yoy sales growth in FY10 while contributions from other markets declined.
- **Weak margins continued to depress bottom line.** With utilisation and average rental rates still far below their peaks in FY09, gross margins (4Q10 27.5%; 4Q09 34%) remained below their historical 33-43%. There was some consolation on a qoq basis, with margins improving 1% pt from 26.5% in 2Q-3Q10. This was the result of a gradual recovery in utilisation rates in 4Q10 that lifted FY10 utilisation to 67.8%, from 62-65% in 9M10. Opex was up 15% yoy on the back of higher staff costs as the group increased headcount to support overseas projects.
- **Still cautious with a glimmer of hope.** The supply of cranes in Singapore remains excessive against the number of construction projects ongoing/ coming on stream. With the local market still expected to account for the bulk of TWC's turnover (FY10 62%, FY09 66%), we remain cautious on TWC's FY11 outlook. A recovery would hinge on a pick-up in overseas projects, in our view, that could make up for the continued weakness in Singapore.

Results comparison

FYE Jun (\$S m)	4QFY10	4QFY09	yoY %	qoq %	12MFY10	12MFY09	yoY %	Prev.	FY10F	Comments
					chg	chg				
Revenue	37.8	54.0	(30.0)	33.2	148.4	202.3	(26.6)	140.4	Above	higher-than-exp heavy lift & trading
Operating costs	(29.0)	(36.5)	(20.6)	30.2	(110.0)	(134.6)	(18.3)	(104.8)	Above	in line with higher revenue
EBITDA	8.8	17.4	(49.7)	44.0	38.4	67.7	(43.2)	35.6	Above	
EBITDA margin (%)	23.2	32.3			25.9	33.5		25.4	In line	
Depn & amort.	(6.3)	(5.8)	8.2	5.4	(23.7)	(21.9)	8.4	(22.5)	Above	due to fleet expansion
EBIT	2.5	11.6	(78.6)	1,857.5	14.7	45.8	(67.9)	13.1	Above	
Interest expense	(0.7)	(0.7)	(5.2)	14.2	(2.3)	(3.2)	(28.3)	(2.2)	Above	
Interest & invt inc	(0.8)	2.4	(135.4)	(232.2)	(0.5)	8.2	(106.2)	0.9	Below	
Associates' contrib	(0.0)	-	-	-	(0.0)	-	-	-	-	
Exceptionals	0.8	-	-	(92.9)	16.2	-	-	15.4	Above	gain on disposal of property
Pretax profit	1.8	13.3	(86.6)	(84.7)	28.1	50.8	(44.6)	27.2	Above	
Tax	1.0	(1.2)	183.6	147.4	(4.2)	(8.4)	(49.5)	(5.4)	Below	
Tax rate (%)	(54.3)	8.7			15.1	16.5		19.8		
Minority interests	0.0	0.0	600.0	-	0.0	(0.1)	131.0	0.0		
Net profit	2.8	12.2	(77.2)	(71.1)	23.9	42.3	(43.5)	21.8	Above	
Core net profit	2.0	12.2	(83.9)	205.3	7.7	42.3	(81.8)	6.4	Above	
EPS (cts)	0.8	3.6	(78.7)	(71.1)	6.6	12.5	(47.2)	5.9	Above	
Core EPS (cts)	0.5	3.6	(85.0)	205.3	2.1	12.5	(83.0)	1.7	Above	

Source: Company, CIMB Research

Financial summary

FYE Jun	2009	2010	2011F	2012F	2013F
Revenue (S\$ m)	202.3	148.4	162.6	189.0	194.2
EBITDA (S\$ m)	67.7	38.4	40.7	47.0	26.0
EBITDA margins (%)	33.5%	25.9%	25.0%	24.9%	13.4%
Pretax profit (S\$ m)	50.8	28.1	20.1	26.5	27.1
Net profit (S\$ m)	42.3	23.9	16.7	22.0	23.5
EPS (S cts)	12.5	6.6	4.5	5.9	6.3
EPS growth (%)	51.4%	(47.2%)	(32.1%)	31.8%	6.9%
P/E (x)	3.2	6.0	8.9	6.8	6.3
Core EPS (S cts)	12.5	2.1	4.5	5.9	6.6
Core EPS growth (%)	51.4%	(83.0%)	111.5%	31.8%	11.4%
Core P/E (x)	3.2	18.8	8.9	6.8	6.1
Gross DPS (S cts)	0.4	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Dividend yield (%)	1.0%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
P/BV (x)	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
ROE (%)	27.7%	12.0%	7.2%	8.8%	8.7%
Net gearing (%)	77.5%	71.3%	19.0%	10.9%	1.9%
P/FCFE (x)	(8.0)	17.6	10.2	8.1	11.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	3.9	6.5	6.0	4.9	8.3
% change in EPS estimates			-	-	-
CIMB/Consensus (x)			0.7	0.8	-

Price chart



Source: Bloomberg

Source: Company, CIMB Research, Bloomberg

Figure 1: Segmental revenue

Revenue (S\$ m)	4Q10	4Q09	yoY %
Heavy Lift & Haulage	27.0	36.8	-26.6%
Marine Transportation	4.54	2.05	121%
Trading	5.00	(12.02)	n.m
Fabrication & Engineering	1.24	27.14	-95.4%
Total	37.8	54.0	-30.0%

Source: Company, CIMB Research

Figure 2: Sector comparisons

	Bloomberg	ticker	Recom.	Price (Local)	Target		Core		3-yr EPS CAGR	P/BV (x)	ROE (%)	Div yield (%)
					price (Local)	Mkt cap (US\$ m)	P/E (x)	CY2010	CY2011			
Tiong Woon	TWC SP	U	0.40	0.37	109	12.1	7.7	N/A	9.0	0.6	9.4	1.5
Tat Hong	TAT SP	O	0.90	1.21	328	9.7	7.4	24.5	18.6	0.9	9.6	3.6
Yongnam	YNH SP	O	0.23	0.39	210	5.2	4.8	15.9	12.0	1.2	25.7	2.4
Simple average								9.0	6.7	0.9	14.9	2.5

O = Outperform, N = Neutral, U = Underperform, TB = Trading Buy and TS = Trading Sell

Source: Company, CIMB Research

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