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Cost Escalation Weighing In

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1HFY22 results missed expectations on construction cost overrun at its offshore division and further project delays at its Mero-3 FPSO currently undergoing conversion works due to lockdowns in China and the persistent global supply chain issues. We cut our FY22-23F earnings by 23% each, lower our SOP-derived TP by 7% to RM7.05 (from RM7.55). Maintain MARKET PERFORM.

1HFY22 results missed expectations. MISC reported 1HFY22 core net profit of RM658m (arrived after stripping off impairments and gains on disposals) – coming in below expectations at only 41% and 36% of our and consensus full-year forecasts, respectively. This is largely due to the poorer offshore business contributions, which suffered from construction costs overrun for its Mero-3 FPSO given the recent lockdowns in parts of China, where conversion works are currently being done.

Poorer results overall. 1HFY22 saw core earnings plunging 36% YoY, largely dragged by the aforementioned poorer offshore business, coupled with the lower contribution from petroleum shipping as last year saw the recognition of a contract renegotiation compensation gain. This masked the better spot tanker rates which the segment has thus far enjoyed throughout this year. Meanwhile, the weaker results were also partially offset by the better gas and asset solutions segment (formerly known as LNG shipping) on the back of higher working days coupled with lower dry-docking activities.

Delay in Mero-3 delivery. The lockdowns in parts of China as well as the global supply chain issues are expected to lead to continued delays and cost overruns for its Mero-3 FPSO. The Mero-3 FPSO, which will serve Petrobras' giant Mero field in the Santos basin, is currently undergoing conversion works at CIMC Raffles shipyard, with the delivery date now likely to be pushed further to 2024 (from initially expected 2023). On a more positive note, spot rates for petroleum shipping tankers are now enjoying a multi-year high, in tandem with the growth in global oil demand. This is expected to bolster its petroleum shipping segment, which currently has ~28% of its fleet exposed to the spot market.

Forecasts. We lowered our FY22-23F earnings by 23% each to account for the weaker offshore business due to the continued costs escalation.

Maintain MARKET PERFORM. Following our earnings cut, our SoP-TP is also lowered to RM7.05 (from RM7.55 previously). Note that our valuations have already taken into account our in-house ESG rating of 4-star for the stock.

Risks to our call include: (i) poorer-than-expected fleet utilisation, (ii) project execution risks, and (iii) fluctuation in spot charter rates.

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Price: RM6.87
Target Price: RM7.05

8.10 7.90 7.70 7.50 7.30 7.10 6.90 6.70 6.50

KLCI	1,516.62
YTD KLCI chg	-3.2%
YTD stock price chg	-2.6%

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Stock Information

Shariah Compliant	Yes
Bloomberg Ticker	MISC MK Equity
Market Cap (RM m)	30,665.9
Shares outstanding	4,463.7
52-week range (H)	7.92
52-week range (L)	6.33
3-mth avg daily vol:	2,425,224
Free Float	20%
Beta	0.8

Major Shareholders

Petroliam Nasional Bhd	51.0%
Employees Provident Fund	12.8%
Amanah Saham Bumiputera	6.9%

Summary Earnings Table

FY Dec (RM m)	2021A	2022F	2023F
Revenue	10,672	10,582	11,025
EBIT	1,948	1,898	1,915
PBT	1,775	1,298	1,315
Net Profit (NP)	1,831	1,233	1,250
Core NP (CNP)	1,889	1,233	1,250
Consensus (CNP)		1,828	1,961
Earnings Revision (%)		-23.0	-22.8
Core EPS (sen)	42.3	27.6	28.0
CNP growth (%)	-12.5	-34.7	1.4
DPS (sen)	33.0	33.0	33.0
BVPS (RM)	7.7	7.6	7.5
Core PER (x)	16.2	24.9	24.5
Price/BV (x)	0.9	0.9	0.9
Net Gearing (x)	0.3	0.4	0.5
Div. Yield (%)	4.8	4.8	4.8

	2Q	1Q	Q-o-Q	2Q	Y-o-Y	1H	1H	Y-o-
Y/E : Dec (RM m)	FY22	FY22	Chg	FY21	Chg	FY22	FY21	Ch
Revenue	3,212.3	2,867.6	12.0%	2,353.8	36.5%	6,079.9	4,894.7	24.2
Cost of sales	(2,534.2)	(2,209.7)	14.7%	(1,656.5)	53.0%	(4,743.9)	(3,531.4)	34.3
Gross profit	678.1	657.9	3.1%	697.3	-2.8%	1,336.0	1,363.3	-2.0
Other operating income	92.5	81.1	14.1%	220.2	-58.0%	173.6	285.2	-39.1
General and administrative expenses	(309.7)	(222.1)	39.4%	(290.5)	6.6%	(531.8)	(557.7)	-4.6
Operating profit	460.9	516.9	-10.8%	627.0	-26.5%	977.8	1,090.8	-10.4
Impairments	(309.8)	0.0	N.M.	(42.0)	637.6%	(309.8)	(66.6)	365.2
Loss from deconsolidation	0.0	0.0	N.M.	(2.3)	N.M.	0.0	(2.3)	N.
Gain of disposal of ships	5.7	3.8	50.0%	3.6	58.3%	9.5	4.0	137.5
Finance cost	(147.5)	(152.9)	-3.5%	(97.9)	50.7%	(300.4)	(191.0)	57.3
Share of profit of associates	0.6	1.3	-53.8%	1.6	-62.5%	1.9	1.6	
Share of profit of joint ventures	(10.3)	17.5	N.M.	44.7	N.M.	7.2	103.9	-93.1
Profit before tax	(0.4)	386.6	N.M.	534.7	N.M.	386.2	940.4	-58.9
Taxation	(13.1)	(11.6)	12.9%	(10.6)	23.6%	(24.7)	(20.7)	19.3
Non-controlling interests	(5.6)	1.4	N.M.	14.7	N.M.	(4.2)	48.9	N.
Net profit	(19.1)	376.4	N.M.	538.8	N.M.	357.3	968.6	-63.1
Core Net profit	285.0	372.6	-23.5%	579.5	-50.8%	657.6	1,033.5	-36.4
Operating margin	14.3%	18.0%		26.6%		16.1%	22.3%	
PBT margin	0.0%	13.5%		22.7%		6.4%	19.2%	
Net margin	-0.6%	13.1%		22.9%		5.9%	19.8%	
Core net margin	8.9%	13.0%		24.6%		10.8%	21.1%	
Effective tax rate	N.M.	3.0%		2.0%		6.4%	2.2%	

Segment Breakdown (USD)								
Segment Results	2Q	1Q	Q-o-Q	2Q	Y-o-Y	1H	1H	Y-o-Y
Y/E : Dec (USD m)	FY22	FY22	Chg	FY21	Chg	FY22	FY21	Chg
Revenue								
Gas & Asset Solutions	175	181	-3.3%	167	4.8%	356	336	6.0%
Petroleum & Product Shipping	261	212	23.1%	191	36.6%	473	386	22.5%
Offshore Business	205	184	11.4%	137	49.6%	389	308	26.2%
Marine & Heavy Engineering	92	100	-8.0%	73	26.0%	192	158	21.8%
Core PBT								
Gas & Asset Solutions	67	84	-20.2%	63	6.3%	151	128	17.7%
Petroleum & Product Shipping	16	0	N.M.	44	-63.4%	16	45	-64.1%
Offshore Business	(11)	11	N.M	46	-123.9%	0	110	N.M
Marine & Heavy Engineering	5	1	400.0%	(7)	-171.4%	6	(33)	N.M
Core PBT Margin								
Gas & Asset Solutions	38.3%	46.4%		37.7%		42.4%	38.2%	
Petroleum & Product Shipping	6.1%	0.0%		22.9%		3.4%	11.6%	
Offshore Business	-5.4%	6.0%		33.6%		0.0%	35.6%	
Marine & Heavy Engineering	5.4%	1.0%		-9.6%		3.1%	-20.7%	
Source: Company, Kenanga Research								

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Segment Results	2Q	1Q	Q-o-Q	2Q	Y-o-Y	1H	1H	Y-o-Y
Y/E : Dec (RM m)	FY22	FY22	Chg	FY21	Chg	FY22	FY21	Chg
Revenue								
Gas & Asset Solutions	762.5	757.7	0.6%	690.5	10.4%	1,520.2	1,376.2	10.5%
Petroleum & Product Shipping	1,131.8	887.3	27.6%	787.2	43.8%	2,019.2	1,582.3	27.6%
Offshore Business	890.4	770.1	15.6%	567.1	57.0%	1,660.5	1,263.1	31.5%
Marine & Heavy Engineering	400.6	417.8	-4.1%	302.5	32.4%	818.4	646.0	26.7%
Others	27.0	34.7	-22.2%	6.5	315.4%	61.6	27.1	127.3%
Operating Profit								
Gas & Asset Solutions	330.0	391.2	-15.6%	293.6	12.4%	721.2	594.5	21.3%
Petroleum & Product Shipping	115.1	32.2	257.5%	212.0	-45.7%	147.3	246.4	-40.2%
Offshore Business	43.6	120.8	-63.9%	186.8	-76.7%	164.4	426.1	-61.4%
Marine & Heavy Engineering	25.8	6.3	309.5%	(26.3)	N.M	32.1	(128.2)	N.M
Others	(53.6)	(33.6)	59.5%	(39.1)	37.1%	(87.2)	(48.0)	81.7%
Operating Margin								
Gas & Asset Solutions	43.3%	51.6%		42.5%		47.4%	43.2%	
Petroleum & Product Shipping	10.2%	3.6%		26.9%		7.3%	15.6%	
Offshore Business	4.9%	15.7%		32.9%		9.9%	33.7%	
Marine & Heavy Engineering	6.4%	1.5%		-8.7%		3.9%	-19.8%	

RM m	Valuation Metric
16,095.8	DCF at 7% discount rate
8,126.9	0.9x PBV
14,336.51	DCF at 6% discount rate
552.07	0.4x PBV
(9,076.7)	
30,034.68	
4,463.7	
5%	
7.05	
	16,095.8 8,126.9 14,336.51 552.07 (9,076.7) 30,034.68 4,463.7 5%

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Peer Table Comparison	Peer 1	Γable (Compar	ison
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Name	Rating	Last Price	Target Price	Upside	Market Cap		Current	Core EF	PS (sen)	Core EP	S Growth	Co	(x) - ore nings	PBV (x)	ROE (%)	Net. Div. (sen)	Net Div Yld (%)
		(RM)	(RM)	(%)	(RM'm)	Compliant	FYE	1-Yr. Fwd.	2-Yr. Fwd.	1-Yr. Fwd.	2-Yr. Fwd.	1-Yr. Fwd.	2-Yr. Fwd.	1-Yr. Fwd.	1-Yr. Fwd.	1-Yr. Fwd.	1-Yr. Fwd.
Stocks Under Coverage																	
BUMI ARMADA BHD	OP	0.355	0.630	77.46%	2,100.9	N	12/2022	10.2	10.6	-10.7%	3.4%	3.5	3.4	0.5	14.1%	0.0	0.0%
DAYANG ENTERPRISE HLDGS BHD	OP	0.990	1.30	31.31%	1,146.2	Υ	12/2022	7.5	8.8	98.2%	17.5%	13.2	11.2	0.8	6.4%	0.0	0.0%
DIALOG GROUP BHD	OP	2.42	3.10	28.10%	13,655.0	Υ	06/2023	9.5	9.9	5.1%	4.8%	25.6	24.4	2.5	10.2%	2.8	1.2%
MISC BHD	MP	6.87	7.05	2.62%	30,665.9	Υ	12/2022	27.6	28.0	-34.7%	1.4%	24.9	24.5	0.9	3.6%	33.0	4.8%
PETRONAS CHEMICALS GROUP BHD	OP	8.75	11.00	25.71%	70,000.0	Υ	12/2022	87.2	68.8	-3.9%	-21.1%	10.0	12.7	1.8	19.0%	43.6	5.0%
PETRONAS DAGANGAN BHD	UP	23.02	17.85	-22.46%	22,869.3	Υ	12/2022	54.2	68.5	-1.8%	26.6%	42.5	33.6	4.1	9.6%	54.2	2.4%
SAPURA ENERGY BHD	UP	0.045	0.005	-88.89%	719.1	Υ	01/2023	(3.0)	(2.2)	-115.1%	-174.3%	N.A.	N.A.	(3.2)	-4904.0%	0.0	0.0%
UZMA BHD	OP	0.350	0.540	54.29%	123.2	Υ	06/2022	2.7	4.6	-60.4%	72.1%	13.0	7.6	0.2	1.9%	0.0	0.0%
VELESTO ENERGY BHD	UP	0.085	0.100	17.65%	698.3	Υ	12/2022	(0.8)	(0.5)	-136.7%	-168.7%	N.A.	N.A.	0.3	-2.8%	0.0	0.0%
WAH SEONG CORP BHD	MP	0.615	0.790	28.46%	476.2	Υ	12/2022	4.6	7.3	51.9%	56.4%	13.2	8.5	0.8	5.9%	0.0	0.0%
YINSON HOLDINGS BHD	OP	2.07	2.50	20.77%	6,021.4	N	01/2023	19.0	23.0	1.2%	20.7%	10.9	9.0	1.6	16.1%	6.0	2.9%
Simple Average								19.9	20.6	-18.8%	-14.7%	17.4	15.0	0.9	-438.2%		1.5%

Source: Kenanga Research

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Stock ESG Ratings:

	Criterion			Rating	9	
	Earnings Sustainability & Quality	*	*	*		
ار	Corporate Social Responsibility	*	*	*	*	
GENERAI	Management/Workforce Diversity	*	*	*	*	
Z	Accessibility & Transparency	*	*			
B	Corruption-Free Pledge	*	*	*	*	
	Carbon-Neutral Initiatives	*	*	*	*	
	Diversification from pure O&G	*	*	*		
ပ	Emission Targets and Climate Goals	*	*	*	*	
Ë	Occupational Health and Safety	*	*	*	*	
SPECIFIC	Pollution control	*	*	*	*	
S	Supply chain auditing	*	*	*	*	
	Energy efficiency	*	*	*	*	
	OVERALL	*	*	*	*	

denotes half-star

+ -10% discount to TP

+ + -5% discount to TP

+ + + TP unchanged

+ + + +5% premium to TP

+ + + +10% premium to TP

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Stock Recommendations

OUTPERFORM : A particular stock's Expected Total Return is MORE than 10%

MARKET PERFORM : A particular stock's Expected Total Return is WITHIN the range of -5% to 10%

UNDERPERFORM : A particular stock's Expected Total Return is LESS than -5%

Sector Recommendations***

OVERWEIGHT : A particular sector's Expected Total Return is MORE than 10%

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