

# Gamuda (GAM MK)

# IA2022: Staying on course

# IA2022 key takeaways; maintain BUY

We hosted Gamuda on our Invest ASEAN 2022 (IA2022) M'sia Corp Week recently. Amid choppy waters in the broad construction sector - volatile material prices, labour shortages and slow award of new projects - Gamuda is on course in its targets for its E&C and property ops. It has also identified a green-field renewable energy venture to rebuild its recurring income base after the sale of its highway concessions. We make no change to our earnings forecasts, MYR4.20 RNAV-TP and BUY call.

# E&C: Optimistic of MYR20b target

Having secured MYR11.7b of new contracts in FY22-YTD (73% in AU, 17% MY, 8% SG, 2% TW), Gamuda is very optimistic of hitting its MYR20b order book replenishment target by end-FY23. It will team up with MMC (Not Listed) in a 50:50 JV for the KVMRT3 Pkg 3 (CMC 303) tender which has a value of >MYR10b, we estimate. Other major potential projects are the PSI and SMART2. Its outstanding orderbook now stands at MYR14.4b of which 60% are projects in AU, 25% in MY, 9% in SG and 6% in TW.

# Target to fill earnings vacuum by FY24

Gamuda plans to replace all its highway earnings - after their sale - by FY24, from its (i) E&C op, based on its MYR20b orderbook replenishment target by end-FY23; and (ii) its property op, based on higher MYR5b presales target for FY23 (vs. MYR4b for FY22) and MYR6b for FY24 coming from its maturing township developments in MY (eg. *G Gardens*, *G Cove*, *twentyfive*.7), and new quick turnaround projects (QTP) which will be launched in LDN, AU, VN and MY. It has two parcels of land in LDN presently with an estd. total GDV of GBP141m for quick turnaround.

# To rebuild its recurring income base

Renewable energy projects have been identified to rebuild Gamuda's recurring income base post the sale of its highway concessions. One of the potential is a green-field project located in MY to be taken on via the build-operate concept.

FYE Jul (MYR m)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	3,663	3,517	4,446	5,966	6,323
EBITDA	646	692	1,001	982	1,024
Core net profit	525	588	753	764	630
Core EPS (sen)	21.1	23.4	29.5	29.9	24.7
Core EPS growth (%)	(27.1)	11.0	25.9	1.5	(17.5)
Net DPS (sen)	6.0	0.0	12.0	12.0	12.0
Core P/E (x)	16.9	12.0	12.2	12.0	14.5
P/BV (x)	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9
Net dividend yield (%)	1.7	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
ROAE (%)	4.5	6.6	8.0	7.8	6.2
ROAA (%)	2.9	3.2	4.0	4.0	3.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.5	14.4	12.7	13.6	12.5
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	37.0	27.0	31.6	35.5	28.4
Consensus net profit	-	-	724	699	730
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	4.1	9.3	(13.7)

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# **BUY**

Share Price MYR 3.59
12m Price Target MYR 4.20 (+20%)

Previous Price Target MYR 4.20

### **Company Description**

Gamuda Bhd engages in engineering and construction, property development and water and expressway concessions.

#### **Statistics**

52w high/low (MYR)	3.75/2.62
3m avg turnover (USDm)	1.7
Free float (%)	69.5
Issued shares (m)	2,554
Market capitalisation	MYR9.2B
	USD2.1B

#### Major shareholders:

Employees Provident Fund	14.7%
Permodalan Nasional Bhd.	14.6%
Kumpulan Wang Persaraan	8.1%

#### Price Performance



Gamuda - (LHS, MYR) ——Gamuda / Kuala Lumpur Composite Index - (RHS, %)

	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	2	(1)	28
Relative to index (%)	7	11	36

Source: FactSet

#### Abbreviation

E&C = Engineering & Construction

Op = operation

AU = Australia; MY = Malaysia

SG = Singapore; TW = Taiwan

LDN = London; VN = Vietnam

KVMRT = Klang Valley Mass Rapid Transit

PSI = Penang South Island reclamation

#### Listed stocks mentioned

LITRAK (LTK MK, CP: MYR4.79, HOLD, TP: MYR4.85)

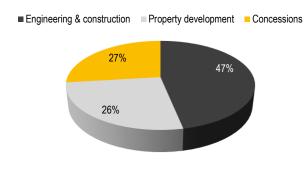


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# **Value Proposition**

- Leading engineering & construction (E&C) player that has carved a niche in highly technical tunnelling works.
- Its capabilities have enabled it to clinch key infra projects and gain above-industry average E&C margins.
- Completed infra projects include SMART, Ipoh-Padang Besar EDT, KVMRT1, LDP, SAE, SPRINT, SSP3 and Sg S'gor Dam.
- Has also accumulated strategic property landbank in MY (Klang Valley mainly), VN (HCMC and Hanoi) and SG worth MYR56b in remaining GDV.
- Four urban and matured tolled highways in the Klang Valley provide a recurring income base.

#### Pretax profit breakdown in FY21 (before FRS11)

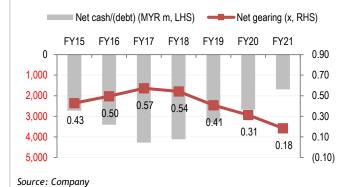


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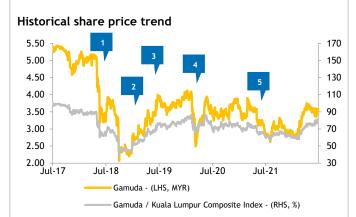
# **Financial Metrics**

- FY20-21 earnings impacted by Malaysia's MCO and COVID-19 induced Standard Operating Procedures at work sites.
- Medium-term earnings to be supported by an outstanding E&C orderbook of MYR14.4b as of 1 Jul 2022 and unbilled property sales of MYR5.4b as of end-Apr 2022.
- Targeting E&C job replenishment from PSI and KVMRT3; intends to make Australia its 2<sup>nd</sup> E&C base.
- Targeting MYR4b property pre-sales in FY22 (+39% YoY);
   have ventured into UK recently as its 4<sup>th</sup> property base.
- Net gearing stood at 0.11x end-Apr 2022, below its internal cap of 0.7x.

### Net debt and gearing



# **Price Drivers**



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

- Post GE14 (May 2018) overhang on Malaysia construction stemming from i) review and cancellation of major infra projects and ii) potential abolition of tolled highways.
- 2. Potential revival of ECRL and sale of its tolled highways.
- News on revival of Bandar Malaysia project (May 2019), followed by Minister of Finance (Inc.)'s proposed takeover of Gamuda's four tolled highways (Jun 2019).
- 4. Start of Movement Control Order (MCO) (18 Mar 2020).
- 5. Announcement (on 11 May 2021) of Gamuda's exclusion from MSCI Global Standard Index.

# **Swing Factors**

# Upside

- Substantial orderbook replenishment, including from major domestic rail projects such as KVMRT3.
- Stronger-than-expected property pre-sales in Malaysia and overseas.
- PSI Island A reclamation work pace proceeds ahead of expectations.

# **Downside**

- Delay in implementation of key infrastructure projects.
- PSI Island A reclamation work pace falls short of the targeted timeline.

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Risk Rating & Score <sup>1</sup>	35.3 (High)
Score Momentum <sup>2</sup>	-3.8
Last Updated	24 Jan 2022
Controversy Score <sup>3</sup>	1 - Society incidents
(Updated: 4 Dec 2021)	(community relations) &
, ,	business ethics incidents

# **Business Model & Industry Issues**

- As a leading engineering, infrastructure and property group, Gamuda acknowledges its heavy ESG responsibility including that of the environment. Milestones in 2021 included the launch of 'Gamuda Green Plan 2025' (GGP), the Group's ESG framework, anchored on 4 pillars: (1) sustainable planning & design for construction; (2) community & business; (3) environmental & biodiversity conservation; (4) enhancing sustainability via digitalisation. GGP commits to reduce corporate GHG emission intensity by 30% in 2025, 45% in 2030.
- With the view that ESG and digital will be central to Gamuda's operations moving forward, young leaders in their 30s fill at least half the board seats and executive positions in Gamuda Engineering & Gamuda Land since Jan 2021. Gamuda is at the forefront in managing its ESG risks, in our view. Its enhanced resume will lend support in the future tender of major engineering & infrastructure projects in Malaysia and overseas.

# Material E issues

- Besides GHG reduction commitment, GGP's other strategic priorities are (i) a 40% reduction in CO2e emission by 2030, (ii) planting of 1m trees/saplings by 2023 (302k planted as of end-FY21), (iii) developing 2,000 acres of green/waterscapes over 12 urban forest clusters within its property projects by 2023.
- <u>E&C</u>: GGP commits to a 'circular construction' approach by maximising efficiency of raw materials/resources & reducing wastages (20% reduction of construction waste to landfill, 50% recycling of water at construction sites - both by 2025).
- Property: Gamuda Parks (GP), set up in 2018 to formalise the Group's efforts in land and biodiversity conservation in its development projects, jointly manages (with the Govt) the Paya Indah Discovery Wetlands (1,114 acres), located next to the Gamuda Cove development. GP's agendas include (i) a wetland arboretum to regenerate flora and fauna species, and address carbon storage value, and (ii) biodiversity audits in Gamuda's developments in collaboration with local experts.
- Penang South Islands: To be a low carbon development smart industrial park will be powered by renewable energy; low carbon mobility has been incorporated into the masterplan.

# Material S issues

- Gamuda's staff force (3,615 end-FY21) is diversified in age (<30 yrs old: 26%, 30-50: 61%, >50: 13%) and gender (women made up 35% end-FY21 vs. 31% end-FY20).
- Gamuda Plant Operator School (since 1997) and Tunnelling Training Academy (2011) have trained >45,000 and ~1,000 people respectively. BIM Academy (set up in 2018) aims to train >1,000 employees and subcontractors over 2020-22, in Building Information Modelling digital construction.
- To minimise COVID-19 infection within its workforce, Gamuda set up (i) a RT-PCR testing laboratory in 2020, with capacity to test 20,000 employees fortnightly; and (ii) Centralised Quarantine Quarters at every CLQ. It will soon launch Gamuda Clinics at 2 locations, serving also the community.
- The Group allocates 2% of its profits p.a. to Yayasan Gamuda (YG), set up in 2016. Enabling Academy, under YG, has trained 66 autism disorder adults and assisted them in securing jobs with >30 partner companies since 2017. YG has awarded 471 scholarships since 1996; the Star Golden Hearts Award is YG's annual recurring anchor project, now into its 5th year (2022).

# Key G metrics and issues

- Gamuda's Board comprises 7 Directors: 4 Independent Non-Executive (incl. Chairman) + 1 Non-Independent Non-Executive + 2 Executive. Independent directors make up 57% of its Board. Its Independent Non-Executive Directors have not served a cumulative term >9 years each as recommended by the Malaysian Code on Corporate Governance.
- There are presently 3 women on Gamuda's Board or 43% representation, above the 30% requirement.
- Gamuda provides detailed disclosure on remuneration of directors and top 5 Group senior management. In FY21, remuneration to executive directors (including to alternate directors) was 1.3% of pretax profit, non-executive directors 0.1%, and top 5 senior management 0.5%.
- Gamuda has been audited by Ernst & Young for 20 years since FY02 (and Arthur Andersen, prior to that).
- Gamuda's Integrity and Governance Unit (IGU) was set up on 13 Dec 2019, in line with the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission's Strategic Plan of IGU 2019-21. Two policies were adopted in FY21: (i) Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy; (ii) Whistleblowing Policy and Procedures (which superseded the 2011 whistleblowing policy). Integrity Pledges for directors and staff were also implemented in FY21.
- Since 2018, the Group has digitalised procurement to raise transparency and efficiency. The Group's Digital Procurement Platform leverages on the SAP Ariba e-platform. >MYR300m has been saved since the digitalisation of procurement and supply chain processes, via supply chain collaboration.
- Transactions with related parties include fees for professional services rendered by a law firm of which a director has an interest. The amount is small, at up to MYR1.3m p.a. over FY16-FY21. There were no other material contracts involving directors and major shareholders during our period of review (FY16-FY21).

1Risk Rating & Score - derived by Sustainalytics and assesses the company's exposure to unmanaged ESG risks. Scores range between 0 - 50 in order of increasing severity with low/high scores & ratings representing negligible/significant risk to the company's enterprise value, respectively, from ESG-driven financial impacts. 2Score Momentum - indicates changes to the company's score since the last update - a negative integer indicates a company's improving risk score; a positive integer indicates a deterioration. 3Controversy Score - reported periodically by Sustainalytics in the event of material ESG-related incident(s), with the impact severity scores of these events ranging from Category 0-5 (0 - no reports; 1 - negligible risks; ...; 5 - poses serious risks & indicative of potential structural deficiencies at the company).



# Other updates

Highway concessions sale. The completion date is now expected in Aug 2022 after approvals by Gamuda and LITRAK shareholders at their respective EGMs, to be followed by a successful SUKUK raising exercise by ALR. (Note that Gamuda had, on 8 Jul, announced that its EGM will be held on 27 Jul. At the time of writing, LITRAK has yet to announce its EGM date pending approval from the stock exchange for LITRAK's circular to its shareholders.) The supplemental concession agreements for the four tolled highways which have since been inked have provided for interest rate normalisation by BNM.

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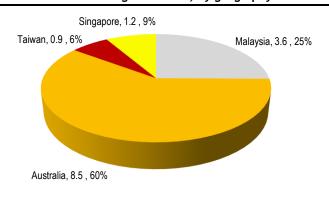
Fig 1: E&C outstanding orderbook

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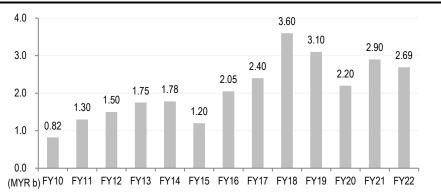


Note: Latest for FY22; Source: Company data, Maybank IBG Research



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Fig 3: Property pre-sales



Note: 9M for FY22; Source: Company data, Maybank IBG Research

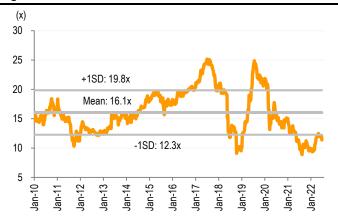


# Valuation & foreign shareholding

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Fig 4: RNAV					
1.0 CONCESSIONS					
		DCF / BV	Shareholding	Gamuda's share	Total (MYR'm)
Everessyave		(MYR'm)	<u>(%)</u>	(MYR'm)	
Expressways		2 222	42.00/	OFF	
Lebuh Raya Damansara-Puchong		2,232	42.8%	955	
Shah Alam Expressway		1,149	70.0%	804	
Western Traffic Dispersal Scheme (SPRINT)		706	51.8%	366	
KL Flood Mitigation Programme		65	50.0%	32	2,158
Total concessions					2,158
2.0 PROPERTY					
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Kota Kemuning (Klang Valley)	10	30	50.0%	5	3
Valencia (Klang Valley)	0	0	98.8%	0	0
Bandar Botanic (Klang Valley)	30	1,370	100.0%	114	114
Jade Hills (Klang Valley)	80	860	100.0%	84	84
Horizon Hills (Iskandar Malaysia)	310	2,380	50.0%	229	115
Madge (Klang Valley)	0	20	100.0%	3	3
Robertson (Klang Valley)	0	70	100.0%	12	12
Highpark Suites (Klang Valley)	0	350	100.0%	39	39
Gamuda Gardens (Klang Valley)	620	10,300	100.0%	433	433
Kundang Estates (Klang Valley)	20	240	100.0%	455 34	433 34
Gamuda Cove (Klang Valley)	1,450	23,250	100.0%	486	486
Twentyfive.7 (Klang Valley)	150 10	4,420 680	100.0%	267 39	267 39
Bukit Bantayan (Sabah)			100.0%		
Gamuda City (Hanoi)	270	10,090	100.0%	690	690
Celadon City (HCMC)	20	750	100.0%	167	167
Chapel Street (Melbourne)	0	120	100.0%	12	12
GEM Residences (Singapore)	0	0	50.0%	0	0
Anchorvale Crescent / OLA (Singapore)	4	1,060	50.0%	131	65
	2,974	55,990			2,562
Property NBV @ 31 Jul 2021					5,933
Total Properties RNAV					8,495
(-) 40% discount					(3,398)
Discounted Properties					5,097
3.0 ENGINEERING & CONSTRUCTION					
			Est. net profit	Target PER (x)	Gamuda's share
			(MYR'm)		(MYR'm)
FY23E E&C profit			172	15	2,585
Cash & investment securities at holding company @ 31 Jul 2021					870
TOTAL RNAV					10,710
					========
No. of ordinary shares © () May 2022 (nest DDD)					2,554
No. of ordinary shares @ 9 Mar 2022 (post DRP)					

Fig 5: 12M forward PER



Source: Bloomberg, Maybank IBG Research

Fig 7: Foreign shareholding



Source: Company

Fig 6: 12M forward P/B



Source: Bloomberg, Maybank IBG Research



FYE 31 Jul	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	23.8	14.7	12.2	12.0	14.5
Core P/E (x)	16.9	12.0	12.2	12.0	14.5
P/BV (x)	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9
P/NTA (x)	1.0	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.9
Net dividend yield (%)	1.7	0.0	3.3	3.3	3.3
FCF yield (%)	2.0	8.1	nm	nm	11.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	19.5	14.4	12.7	13.6	12.5
EV/EBIT (x)	29.8	21.3	16.7	18.2	16.8
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	3,663.0	3,517.2	4,445.7	5,965.5	6,323.0
EBITDA	646.0	692.3	1,001.4	982.2	1,023.6
Depreciation	(223.1)	(225.2)	(236.9)	(249.2)	(262.2)
EBIT	422.9	467.1	764.5	733.0	761.4
Net interest income /(exp)	7.1	4.5	(1.2)	(7.2)	(13.5)
Associates & JV	308.4	314.7	243.6	283.4	132.5
Exceptionals	(148.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	590.3	786.3	1,006.9	1,009.2	880.4
Income tax	(161.3)	(154.1)	(206.1)	(196.0)	(201.9)
Minorities	(52.5)	(43.9)	(47.9)	(49.3)	(48.2)
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	376.5	588.3	752.9	763.9	630.3
Core net profit	524.6	588.3	752.9	763.9	630.3
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	2,147.2	2,656.7	1,945.7	1,271.2	1,818.7
Accounts receivable	2,223.7	1,748.4	2,400.0	3,220.4	3,413.4
Inventory	917.7	808.6	985.8	1,426.3	1,516.8
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	997.5	960.7	989.6	1,007.5	1,013.8
Intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment in Associates & JVs	2,010.1	1,825.0	2,068.5	2,351.9	2,484.5
Other assets	10,231.3	10,440.9	10,440.9	10,440.9	10,440.9
Total assets	18,527.5	18,440.2	18,830.5	19,718.3	20,688.1
ST interest bearing debt	2,513.0	1,452.2	1,524.8	1,601.0	1,681.1
Accounts payable	1,760.5	1,745.6	1,800.2	2,273.2	2,957.1
LT interest bearing debt	2,952.2	3,775.6	3,586.8	3,407.5	3,237.1
Other liabilities	2,334.0	1,951.0	1,909.0	1,915.0	1,914.0
Total Liabilities	9,560.0	8,924.5	8,820.5	9,196.7	9,789.7
Shareholders Equity	8,541.1	9,163.6	9,609.9	10,072.3	10,400.9
Minority Interest	426.5	352.1	400.1	449.3	497.5
Total shareholder equity	8,967.6	9,515.7	10,010.0	10,521.6	10,898.4
Total liabilities and equity	18,527.5	18,440.2	18,830.5	19,718.3	20,688.1
CASH ELOW (MVP m)					
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Depreciation & amortisation		766.3 225.2		249.2	
•	223.1		236.9 1.2	7.2	262.2 13.5
Adj net interest (income)/exp	(7.1) 255.9	(4.5) 519.2			495.4
Change in working capital			(706.0)	(678.4)	
Cash taxes paid	(161.3)	(154.1)	(206.1)	(196.0)	(201.9)
Other operating cash flow	(308.4)	(314.7)	(243.6)	(283.4)	(132.5)
Cash flow from operations	592.5	1,057.4	89.3	107.9	1,317.1
Capex	(411.8)	(488.0)	(250.0)	(250.0)	(250.0)
Free cash flow	180.7	569.4	(160.7)	(142.1)	1,067.1
Dividends paid	(225.8)	0.0	(306.5)	(301.6)	(301.6)
Equity raised / (purchased)	72.9	3.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	320.0	(304.1)	(116.2)	(103.1)	(90.3)
Other invest/financing cash flow	65.4	(563.8)	(127.6)	(127.6)	(127.6)
Effect of exch rate changes	24.4	9.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	413.2	(295.0)	(711.0)	(674.5)	547.5



FYE 31 Jul	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	(19.8)	(4.0)	26.4	34.2	6.0
EBITDA growth	(15.6)	7.2	44.7	(1.9)	4.2
EBIT growth	(26.2)	10.5	63.7	(4.1)	3.9
Pretax growth	(34.5)	33.2	28.1	0.2	(12.8)
Reported net profit growth	(46.2)	56.3	28.0	1.5	(17.5)
Core net profit growth	(26.6)	12.1	28.0	1.5	(17.5)
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	17.6	19.7	22.5	16.5	16.2
EBIT margin	11.5	13.3	17.2	12.3	12.0
Pretax profit margin	16.1	22.4	22.6	16.9	13.9
Payout ratio	39.6	0.0	40.7	40.1	48.6
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	10.3	16.7	16.9	12.8	10.0
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Assets/Equity (x)	2.2	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
ROAE (%)	4.5	6.6	8.0	7.8	6.2
ROAA (%)	2.9	3.2	4.0	4.0	3.1
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	80.7	80.1	69.7	106.4	107.1
Days receivable outstanding	204.5	203.3	168.0	169.6	188.8
Days inventory outstanding	108.4	119.5	100.7	91.7	105.2
Days payables outstanding	232.3	242.8	199.0	154.9	186.9
Dividend cover (x)	2.5	nm	2.5	2.5	2.1
Current ratio (x)	1.6	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	1.9	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	37.0	27.0	31.6	35.5	28.4
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	37.0	27.0	31.6	35.5	28.4
Net interest cover (x)	na	na	nm	101.7	56.3
Debt/EBITDA (x)	8.5	7.6	5.1	5.1	4.8
Capex/revenue (%)	11.2	13.9	5.6	4.2	4.0
Net debt/ (net cash)	3,317.9	2,571.1	3,165.9	3,737.3	3,099.5

Source: Company; Maybank IBG Research



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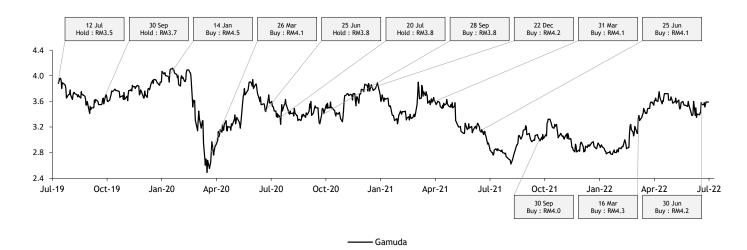
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