

# Eco World International (ECWI MK)

## More bumper distributions

### Losses deepen but sales on track

ECWI's 3QFY23 core net loss of MYR26m (vs. MYR48m/MYR33m net loss in 3QFY22/2QFY23) was higher than expected. 10MFY23 property sales and reserved sales of MYR1.2b were on track to meet its MYR1.4b sales target for FY23. Management has declared a first tranche of bumper distribution (1<sup>st</sup> interim dividend for FY23) of MYR792m (33sen/shr) in Aug 2023 (to be paid on 29 Sep). We revise our FY23/24/25 loss projections by -17% to +66%. Our TP is revised to MYR0.34 (on an unchanged 0.6x FY24E PBV) from MYR0.66 after excluding the 33sen/shr DPS that went ex- on 8 Sep. HOLD.

### Higher-than-expected losses

Excluding MYR13.4m forex gain and MYR0.2m goodwill impairment, ECWI's 3QFY23 core net loss of MYR25.6m widened the 9MFY23 core net loss to MYR63.6m, which is 23% above our FY23E net loss forecast. The higher-than-expected losses was due to higher discounts given to accelerate sales and clear the unsold stocks. ECWI's net cash improved further to MYR801m (33.4sen/shr) as at July 2023.

### On track to meet its FY23 sales target

ECWI has secured MYR1b in property sales for FY23 as at Aug 2023. Including MYR157m in reserved sales, 10MFY23 outright and reserved sales were MYR1.2b or 83% of its MYR1.4b sales goal for FY23. In Aug 2023, ECWI declared a first interim dividend for FY23 of MYR792m (33sen/shr), or 88% of its initial bumper dividend target of MYR900m for FY23. Due to the appreciation of the GBP, the remaining of the bumper dividend target for FY23 will be more than MYR108m. ECWI is now looking to declare another MYR144m (6 sen/shr) in bumper dividend in Dec 2023; hence, total dividends for FY23 would be MYR936m (39sen/shr, from 37.5sen/shr).

### Earnings adjustments

We raise our FY23/24/25 loss projections by +66%/-6%/-16.6% after factoring higher losses from its London projects. We have also factored in the total MYR936m bumper dividend for FY23. There are no new launches for now as ECWI will focus on clearing its unsold stocks worth MYR800m (its effective stake; part of the MYR800m in unsold stocks will be used to pay the total MYR936m bumper dividend for FY23). ECWI will continue to focus on monetising these unsold stocks with the aim of distributing the excess cash back to its shareholders.

FYE Oct (MYR m)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	573	160	81	0	0
EBITDA	69	(6)	(25)	(39)	(36)
Core net profit	99	(156)	(90)	(45)	(41)
Core EPS (sen)	4.1	(6.5)	(3.7)	(1.9)	(1.7)
Core EPS growth (%)	(38.9)	nm	nm	nm	nm
Net DPS (sen)	6.0	0.0	39.0	0.0	0.0
Core P/E (x)	11.9	nm	nm	nm	nm
P/BV (x)	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7
Net dividend yield (%)	12.2	0.0	105.4	0.0	0.0
ROAE (%)	0.5	(8.9)	(4.6)	(3.2)	(3.0)
ROAA (%)	2.5	(4.7)	(3.9)	(3.0)	(3.0)
EV/EBITDA (x)	25.4	nm	nm	nm	nm
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	20.0	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash
Consensus net profit	-	-	(54)	(48)	(49)
MIBG vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(66.3)	6.0	16.6

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Share Price	MYR 0.37
12m Price Target	MYR 0.34 (-8%)
Previous Price Target	MYR 0.66

### Company Description

Eco World International Bhd, a developer which has exposure in UK and Australia property markets.

### Statistics

52w high/low (MYR)	0.72/0.25
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.8
Free float (%)	49.6
Issued shares (m)	2,400
Market capitalisation	MYR888.0M
	USD190M

### Major shareholders:

Eco World Development Group Bhd.	27.0%
LIEW KEE SIN	11.9%
Permodalan Nasional Bhd.	6.0%

### Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	(42)	(38)	23
Relative to index (%)	(42)	(41)	24

Source: FactSet

Fig. 1: ECWI's results summary table

FY Oct (MYRm)	Quarterly					Cumulative		
	3Q23	3Q22	%YoY	2Q23	%QoQ	9M23	9M22	%YoY
Turnover	31.2	34.5	(9.6)	22.7	37.3	76.2	116.8	(34.7)
LBIT/EBIT	16.2	(7.2)	>+100	34.0	(52.2)	23.8	(39.0)	>+100
Associate	(25.2)	(37.0)	31.9	(28.7)	12.3	(49.8)	(62.3)	20.1
Finance costs	(1.2)	(11.3)	89.5	(7.4)	83.9	(16.6)	(33.4)	50.3
Pretax loss/profit	(10.1)	(55.4)	81.8	(2.1)	>-100	(42.6)	(134.7)	68.4
Tax	(2.1)	(1.0)	>-100	(2.3)	12.2	(4.8)	(3.1)	(54.0)
MI	(0.1)	(0.2)	45.0	(0.1)	(44.0)	(0.3)	(0.9)	66.2
Net loss/profit	(12.3)	(56.7)	78.3	(4.6)	>-100	(47.7)	(138.7)	65.6
Net loss/profit ex-EI	(25.6)	(47.7)	46.5	(33.2)	23.0	(63.6)	(102.2)	37.8
DPS (sen)	33.0	0.0	NA	0.0	NA	33.0	0.0	NA
			<i>+/- ppt</i>		<i>+/- ppt</i>			<i>+/- ppt</i>
EBIT/LBIT margin (%)	0.5	(20.8)	21.3	149.6	(149.1)	31.2	(33.4)	64.6
Tax rate (%)	20.4	1.8	18.6	110.6	(90.3)	11.3	2.3	9.0

Source: Company

## Risk statement

There are several risk factors to our earnings estimates, target price and rating for ECWI. Risks could come from further policy tightening measures by the UK and Australia authorities, rising interest rate, competition from nearby property projects and delay in property launches.

FYE 31 Oct	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
<b>Key Metrics</b>					
P/E (reported) (x)	89.3	nm	nm	nm	nm
Core P/E (x)	11.9	nm	nm	nm	nm
P/BV (x)	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7
P/NTA (x)	0.4	0.3	0.6	0.6	0.7
Net dividend yield (%)	12.2	0.0	105.4	0.0	0.0
FCF yield (%)	39.7	16.9	147.9	7.4	nm
EV/EBITDA (x)	25.4	nm	nm	nm	nm
EV/EBIT (x)	14.5	15.6	13.6	nm	nm
<b>INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)</b>					
Revenue	572.7	160.0	80.8	0.1	0.1
EBITDA	68.6	(6.2)	(24.6)	(38.5)	(36.5)
Depreciation	(2.2)	0.0	(1.8)	(1.9)	(1.9)
Amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	120.1	29.7	14.3	(1.9)	(1.9)
Net interest income / (exp)	(59.3)	(42.1)	(1.8)	5.1	11.8
Associates & JV	47.2	(102.9)	(51.8)	0.5	(6.2)
Exceptionals	(3.5)	(78.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other pretax income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	50.8	(229.4)	(81.9)	(36.7)	(34.7)
Income tax	(34.9)	(3.9)	(7.2)	(7.4)	(5.7)
Minorities	(2.3)	(1.2)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	13.6	(234.4)	(89.6)	(44.7)	(40.9)
Core net profit	99.2	(156.2)	(89.6)	(44.7)	(40.9)
<b>BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)</b>					
Cash & Short Term Investments	336.1	655.3	874.3	616.0	590.4
Accounts receivable	4.7	22.5	11.4	0.0	0.0
Inventory	250.4	114.4	80.0	50.0	31.0
Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	2.3	1.7	6.3	6.4	6.5
Intangible assets	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Investment in Associates & JVs	1,687.4	1,205.0	636.6	702.6	706.3
Other assets	1,466.7	953.3	3.8	3.8	3.8
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>3,748.3</b>	<b>2,952.7</b>	<b>1,612.6</b>	<b>1,379.1</b>	<b>1,338.2</b>
ST interest bearing debt	138.6	482.8	180.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	17.1	14.3	7.2	0.0	0.0
Insurance contract liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT interest bearing debt	761.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other liabilities	13.0	7.0	3.0	1.0	1.0
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>931.0</b>	<b>504.5</b>	<b>190.0</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>1.2</b>
Shareholders Equity	2,815.3	2,447.2	1,421.6	1,376.9	1,336.0
Minority Interest	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
<b>Total shareholder equity</b>	<b>2,817.3</b>	<b>2,448.2</b>	<b>1,422.6</b>	<b>1,377.9</b>	<b>1,337.0</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>3,748.3</b>	<b>2,952.7</b>	<b>1,612.6</b>	<b>1,379.1</b>	<b>1,338.2</b>
<b>CASH FLOW (MYR m)</b>					
Pretax profit	50.8	(229.4)	(81.9)	(36.7)	(34.7)
Depreciation & amortisation	2.2	0.0	1.8	1.9	1.9
Adj net interest (income)/exp	6.0	0.2	(1.8)	5.1	11.8
Change in working capital	410.2	116.1	1,402.9	102.9	(0.0)
Cash taxes paid	(39.3)	(0.1)	(7.2)	(7.4)	(5.7)
Other operating cash flow	39.6	183.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operations	467.3	107.2	1,313.8	65.8	(26.6)
Capex	(0.6)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Free cash flow	466.7	107.2	1,313.8	65.8	(26.7)
Dividends paid	(144.0)	0.0	(792.0)	(144.0)	0.0
Equity raised / (purchased)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	(327.8)	(417.7)	(302.8)	(180.0)	0.0
Other invest/financing cash flow	64.2	591.2	0.0	0.0	1.0
Effect of exch rate changes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net cash flow</b>	<b>59.1</b>	<b>280.7</b>	<b>218.9</b>	<b>(258.2)</b>	<b>(25.7)</b>

FYE 31 Oct	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
<b>Key Ratios</b>					
<b>Growth ratios (%)</b>					
Revenue growth	(14.9)	(72.1)	(49.5)	(99.9)	66.5
EBITDA growth	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
EBIT growth	20.1	(75.3)	(51.8)	nm	nm
Pretax growth	(55.4)	nm	nm	nm	nm
Reported net profit growth	(83.1)	nm	nm	nm	nm
Core net profit growth	(38.9)	nm	nm	nm	nm
<b>Profitability ratios (%)</b>					
EBITDA margin	12.0	nm	nm	nm	nm
EBIT margin	21.0	18.6	17.7	nm	nm
Pretax profit margin	8.9	nm	nm	nm	nm
Payout ratio	nm	0.0	nm	0.0	0.0
<b>DuPont analysis</b>					
Net profit margin (%)	2.4	nm	nm	nm	nm
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Assets/Equity (x)	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0
ROAE (%)	0.5	(8.9)	(4.6)	(3.2)	(3.0)
ROAA (%)	2.5	(4.7)	(3.9)	(3.0)	(3.0)
<b>Leverage &amp; Expense Analysis</b>					
Asset/Liability (x)	4.0	5.9	8.5	nm	nm
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	20.0	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	20.0	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash
Net interest cover (x)	2.0	0.7	7.8	0.4	0.2
Debt/EBITDA (x)	13.1	nm	nm	0.0	0.0
Capex/revenue (%)	0.1	0.0	0.0	38.7	23.3
Net debt/ (net cash)	564.4	(172.5)	(694.3)	(616.0)	(590.4)

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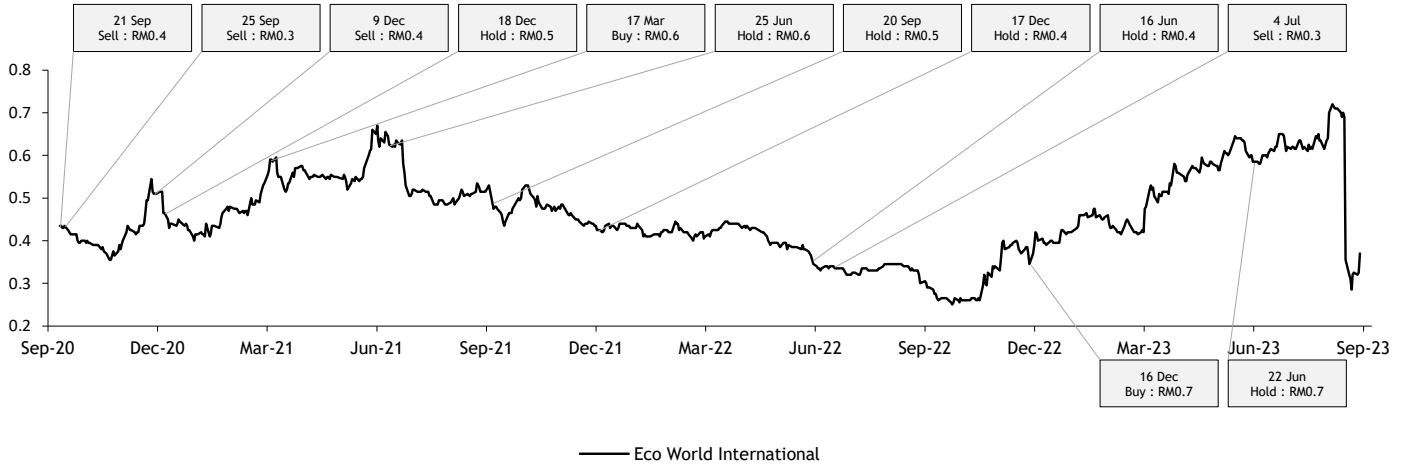
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