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ISOTeam (ISO SP)

Election play: Drone painting game-changer

Initiate with a BUY and a TP of SGD0.09

ISOTeam, a major local painter (30% market share) for government housing projects (HDB), bounced back to profitability in FY24 as older projects with lower margins have all been executed. We believe FY25E will be an inflection point for its profitability and the launch of its Al drone-painting solution on an HDB site in Apr'25 and will be rolled out at more estates if successful. This should enable it to leapfrog competitors with 30-40% lower costs, aligning with the government's push to reduce manpower. We expect high growth ahead and initiate coverage with BUY and a TP of SGD0.09, based on a blended 8x FY25/26E P/E.

Al drone painting - a game-changer

ISOTeam's AI drone painting solution could potentially change the entire landscape. ISOTeam is currently the only contractor with this solution locally, which could reduce costs by 30-40%, putting it in a much better position in terms of technology, lower labour use and costs as the Singapore government has long-coveted the application of technology to reduce manpower. ISOTeam owns the patents and the paints, which have been customised by its shareholder Nippon Paint (4612 TK, CP JPY929, not rated) to suit the density and concentration of drone spray painting.

Profitability and margins to surge

With an orderbook of SGD202.4m as of 6 Sept 2024 and lower margin projects cleared, we expect ISOTeam's margins and profitability to surge in FY25 (+230% YoY). Its drone painting solution could boost margins to around 30% from 20% and help secure more contracts. With a general election in Singapore slated for this year, more government projects will likely come up for grabs, putting ISOTeam in a prime position to benefit.

Maintenance player in ever-growing HDB market

ISOTeam will not just be a contractor, but a technology leader in drone painting application as well as a maintenance player in an ever growing HDB market. We believe the market will re-rate the company if the testing in Apr'25 is successful. There will also be a 30% dividend payout policy, which represents 4.7% yield for FY25E. We believe the key executives will buy back shares due to their positive outlook for ISOTeam. Risks to our call include labour and raw material costs increase as well as execution issues on its drone project.

FYE Jun (SGD m)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	110	130	146	164	184
EBITDA	(5)	4	7	8	10
Core net profit	1	2	7	9	11
Core EPS (cts)	0.2	0.3	1.0	1.3	1.5
Core EPS growth (%)	nm	32.6	229.7	26.2	16.3
Net DPS (cts)	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4
Core P/E (x)	16.8	20.8	6.5	5.1	4.4
P/BV (x)	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
Net dividend yield (%)	0.0	1.3	4.6	5.8	6.8
ROAE (%)	4.6	19.2	15.7	16.8	16.5
ROAA (%)	1.2	2.0	6.4	7.4	7.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	nm	8.6	5.0	3.4	2.4
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Consensus net profit	-	-	na	na	na
MIBG vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	na	na	na

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BUY

Share Price SGD 0.065

12m Price Target SGD 0.090 (+38%)

Company Description

Isoteam is an established local maintenance and estate upgrading player with over 20 years of experience.

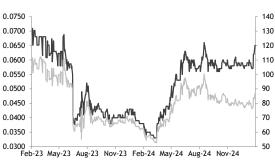
Statistics

52w high/low (SGD)	0.07/0.03
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.1
Free float (%)	91.1
Issued shares (m)	708
Market capitalisation	SGD46.0M
	USD34M

Major shareholders:

Taisei Oncho Co., Ltd. 8.9%

Price Performance



——ISOTeam - (LHS, SGD) ——ISOTeam / Straits Times Index - (RHS, %)

	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	12	10	71
Relative to index (%)	10	6	39

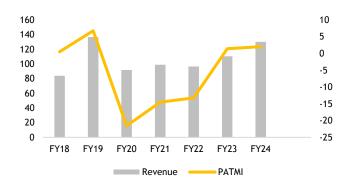
Source: FactSet



Value Proposition

- With low-margin projects secured before and during Covid-19 fully executed, management expects a turnaround.
- One of the market leaders in painting work for government housing with 30% market share for government housing projects (HDB).
- Gross and net margins trending upwards.
- Orderbook reached a 10-year high of SGD202.4m.
- Dividend policy is also in place for FY24 and FY25.
- Drone technology used in painting and inspection will reduce labour costs.

Revenue and PATMI trend (SGDm)



Price Drivers

Historical share price trend



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

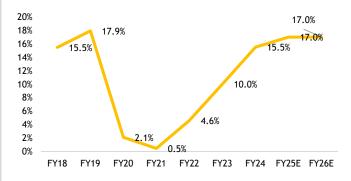
- 1. Covid-19 hurt performance and project execution.
- 2. Circuit breaker lifted and work restarted.
- 3. Weak results leading to share price decline.
- 4. Rights issue announced in Jun 2023 at SGD0.03/sh.
- 5. Uplift in results and dividend policy announced.

Financial Metrics

Source: Company

- ISOTeam's performance appears to have turned around in FY23 and management sees a stronger FY25 ahead.
- Balance sheet is strengthened due to a rights issue undertaken in 2024 and increased profitability.
- Orderbook has also strengthened and quality of the orderbook in terms of margins appears to have improved.
- Positive operating cashflow.

Gross margins (%)



Source: Company

Swing Factors

Upside

- Improving margins and higher revenue due to more projects won.
- Drone technology advancement could benefit the company in terms of labour cost savings.
- Turnaround play.
- Potential beneficiary of Singapore election in 2025.

Downside

- Margins may be squeezed if labour or raw material cost rises.
- Subjected to regulatory changes on foreign labour quota.
- Competitive tender process.

ISOTeam





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Risk Rating & Score ¹	na
Score Momentum ²	na
Last Updated	na
Controversy Score ³	na

Business Model & Industry Issues

- ISOTeam faces significant ESG risks including stricter global regulations, particularly in Europe, demanding comprehensive emissions reporting and robust data management. To address these, ISOTeam should adopt double materiality assessments, which evaluate both financial and impact materiality, can improve transparency and align ISOTeam with best practices seen in leading jurisdictions like the EU.
- ISOTeam's ESG performance is competitive but could improve in transparency and stakeholder engagement to match industry leaders. The company is leveraging technological advancements and strategic divestments to enhance its core operations, aligning with the construction sector's trend of adopting stringent regulations and comprehensive reporting practices like those mandated by the EU Corporate Sustainability Reporting Directive (CSRD).
- ISOTeam is effectively managing its ESG risks through technological advancements, increased safety protocols and adherence to the EU's CSRD. However, to improve market perception and valuation, ISOTeam should enhance transparency and reporting in their ESG data, decrease Scope 2 emissions and energy consumption, and to comply with government regulations. These efforts will position ISOTeam as a responsible and resilient company in the eyes of investors and stakeholders.

Material E issues

- In response, the Singapore Government introduced the Singapore Green Plan 2030, mandating all companies to comply. ISOTeam fully supports this initiative. In 2021, they collaborated with the Sunseap Group to install solar panels for their floating solar farm in the Straits of Johor.
- ISOTeam has faced environmental issues such as pollution and waste management from its construction activities, as well as high energy consumption leading to significant carbon issues. To address this, ISOTeam's headquarters features 386 solar panels that generated approximately 157,365 kWh of energy in FY2022, powering 77% of its electricity needs. It also partnered with Sunseap to install solar systems on 183 HDB blocks and completed a 5 MW floating solar farm in the straits of Johor. These efforts align with Singapore's goal to reduce energy consumption in HDB towns by 15% by 2030.)

Material S issues

- ISOTeam ensures fair treatment and safety for workers, uphold ethical sourcing standards, and provide healthcare benefits, with a 50% increase in dental treatment subsidy per staff; additional inpatient hospitalisation and surgery benefits; and one day leave increment for management and executive grade staff for every one year of service instead of two years and continuous learning opportunities for employees.
- ISOTeam could leverage social bonds as a cost-effective financing method to fund socially beneficial projects, while attracting investors who are interested in supporting social impact. With the issuance of social bonds, ISOTeam can expect a growth in reputation as a socially responsible company. BRIDGE Housing issued \$100 million social bond to develop affordable housing in high-cost areas in the US, helping low-income and minority families.)

Key G metrics and issues

- In 2020, ISOTeam was flagged by SGX RegCo. In December 2020, SGX RegCo issued a "Trade With Caution" alert due to unusual trading activities in ISOTeam's shares. A small group of interconnected accounts was responsible for over 71% of traded volume and 83% of buy trades during a share price surge. Additionally, these accounts engaged in cross trades on most trading days within the review period, raising concerns about market manipulation and governance practices.
- ISOTeam complied and worked closely with SGX RegCo and enhanced their internal monitoring and compliance measures. They engaged RHT Capital Pte. Ltd. To review their practices and ensure adherence to regulatory requirements.)

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).



	0	antitative Parameters ((Score: 47)			
		•	, ,	2022	2022	COIL CD 2022
	Particulars	Unit	2021	2022	2023	SOIL SP 2023
	Scope 1 GHG emissions	tCO2e/million hour	NA	1,311	1,257	3,288
	Scope 2 GHG emissions	tCO2e/million hour	NA	19	81	1,567
	Total	tCO2e	0	1,330	1,338	4,855
	Scope 3 GHG emissions	tCO2e	NA	NA	NA	NA
Ε	Total	tCO2e	0	1,330	1,338	4,855
	GHG intensity (Scope 1 and 2)	tCO2e/million hour	NA	13.78	12.12	20.000
	Energy consumption	GJ/million h	NA	7.61	12.11	239.06
	Water consumption	m3	NA	25,762.00	33,006.00	244,820.00
	Total Diesel consumption	litres	229,066	381,813	NA	1,297,339
	% of women in workforce	%	10.0%	26.0%	30.0%	11.0%
	Employee turnover	Number	91	78	18	484
S	cases of corruption	days	0	0	0	0
2	Average training hours for employees	Hours	9.66	18	692	10.3
	Accident frequency rate	%	1.69	4.88	4.45	1.64
	Accident severity rate	%	11.8	128.02	26.65	NA
	MD/CEO salary as % of reported net profit	%	-3.20%	-4.93%	48.58%	2.95%
G	Board salary as % of reported net profit	%	-14.58%	-20.22%	194.84%	11.31%
G	Independent directors on the Board	%	38%	43%	43%	57%
	Female directors on the Board	%	0%	0%	0%	14%

Qualitative Parameters (Score: 50)

- a) is there an ESG policy in place and whether there is a standalone ESG committee or is it part of a risk committee? Yes
- b) is the senior management salary linked to fulfilling ESG targets?

No

- c) Does the company follow the task force of climate related disclosures (TCFD) framework for ESG reporting?
- e) Does the company have a mechanism to capture Scope 3 emissions which parameters are captured? No
- f) What are the 2-3 key carbon mitigation/water/waste management strategies adopted by the company?

To reduce carbon emissions and non-renewable energy consumption, more solar panels were installed, which powers 41% of ISOTeam's consumption, and produces 0 carbon emissions. project waste is sorted into segregated and disposed accordingly - hazardous waste and harmful solvents such as waste paint and lubricants are disposed by specialist waste management companies while non-hazardous waste are disposed in skid tanks.

g) Does carbon offset form part of the net zero/carbon neutrality target of the company? No

Target (Score: 67)				
Particulars	Target	Achieved		
Aim to reduce carbon footprint	1	1		
Zero confirmed incidents of corruption	0	0		
Zero cases of non-compliance with all applicable laws and regulations	0	0		
Carbon neutrality/net zero	100%	0%		
Impact				
NA				
Overall Score: 53				
As per our ESG matrix, ISOTeam (ISO SP) has an overall score of 53				

ESG score	Weights	Scores	Final Score
Quantitative	50%	47	24
Qualitative	25%	50	13
Target	25%	67	17
Total			53

As per our ESG assessment, ISOTeam has an established framework, internal policies, and tangible mid/long-term targets but needs to make headway in improving its quantitative "E" metrics YoY. ISOTeam's overall ESG score is 53, which makes its ESG rating above average in our view (average ESG rating = 50; refer to Appendix I for our ESG Assessment Scoring).

1. Investment thesis

1.1 Inflection point of profitability and margins

ISOTeam previously suffered from loss-making projects due to Covid and the surge in labour and raw material costs. We understand the majority of these projects were already executed in FY24. In addition, its remaining orderbook of SGD202.4m already reflects the revised quotations with higher margins and we expect FY25E to see a huge recovery in margins, which should boost profits significantly by more than 200%. As 2025 is also the election year for Singapore, we should typically see a rise in government project tenders, especially for residential estates. We expect ISOTeam to be a key beneficiary of this and win more project tenders as it's already a major painting contractor of HDB estates.

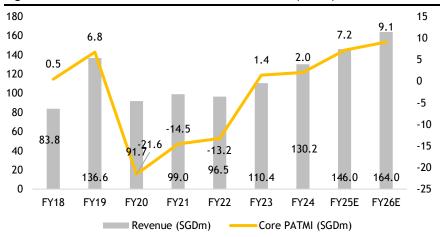
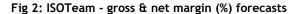
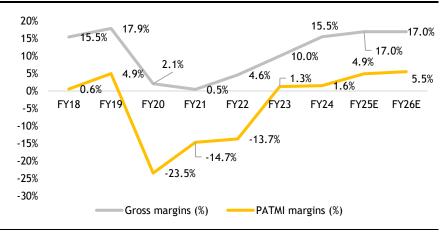


Fig 1: ISOTeam - revenue and core PATMI forecasts (SGDm)

Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research





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1.2 Drone painting - a potential game-changer

Since 2021, ISOTeam has been working with its drone partner Acclivis Technologies and Solutions, which offers AI, video analytics and automation-related services, and Nippon Paint to develop autonomous drones to paint building facades and structures. We believe this technology is finally ready and ISOTeam will be testing it out in Apr'25 at build to order projects at Sungei Tengah/Toa Payoh. If successful, ISOTeam will implement these solutions in other projects, which can help reduce labour and equipment costs by around 30-40%. This would also put it in a dominant

position over its competitors as we believe future government tenders might require the use of drones or less labour for painting as the government is encouraging the application of technology to replace manpower. We understand management has already carried out multiple tests in China as well as at other private facilities and it's highly confident of deploying these solutions in Singapore. We expect the drone solutions to be fully deployed from FY25 onwards.

Fig 3: ISOTeam testing drone painting



Source: Company

Fig 5: ISOTeam's drone painter



Source: Company

Fig 4: Drone painting by ISOTeam



Source: Company

Fig 6: ISOTeam's drone painter in operation

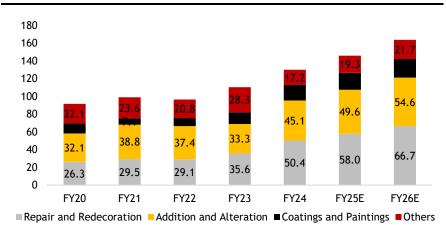


Source: Company

1.3 Strong demand for construction locally

The Building and Construction Authority (BCA) projects the total construction demand, ie, the value of construction contracts to be awarded, to range between SGD47b and SGD53b in 2025. Demand in 2025 is projected to range between SGD35b and SGD39b, which is between 0.3% to 11.7% higher than pre-Covid levels. The strong demand is underpinned by the expected award of contracts for several large-scale developments, such as Changi Airport Terminal 5 (T5) and expansion of the Marina Bay Sands Integrated Resort, alongside public housing development and upgrading works. Other contributors include high-specification industrial buildings, educational developments, healthcare facilities, mechanical and engineering contracts for the Thomson-East Coast Line Extension and Cross Island Line, and infrastructure works for the Woodlands Checkpoint extension and the Tuas Port. Over the medium term, BCA expects total construction demand to reach an average of between SGD39b and SGD46b per year from 2026 to 2029.

Fig 7: ISOTeam's revenue mix



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

1.4 Election year - more projects can be expected

The general election in Singapore is expected to be held before Nov'25 and we expect more public upgrading projects, especially for residential developments, to be put up for tender. This was generally the trend before previous elections and we believe ISOTeam will be a key beneficiary of this as it already has a sizeable share of this market segment.

1.5 Recurring revenue base in an ever growing HDB market

ISOTeam is more of a maintenance player for the HDB space which is different from a one-off project construction player. Its business model is more of a recurring nature as HDB typically repaints does minor upgrades every 4-5 years. In addition, the HDB pool is ever growing and increasing which actually bodes well for ISOTeam.

Fig 8: HDB Building Statistics

Building Statistics

1960 - 1990						
	Total	Dwelling Units	Commercial Developments			
1960 - 1965	54,430	53,777	653			
1966 - 1970	66,239	63,448	2,791			
1971 - 1975	113,819	110,362	3,457			
1976 - 1980	137,670	130,981	6,689			
1981 - 1985	200,377	189,299	11,078*			
1986 - 1990	121,400	119,708	1,692			

1991 - 2023						
	Total	Dwelling Units	Commercial Developments			
1991 - 1995	99,557	98,994	563#			
1996 - 2000	158,621	157,919	702			
2001 - 2005	55,515	55,135	380			
2006 - 2010	23,653	23,519**	134			
2011 - 2015	97,235	96,991**	244			
2016 - 2020	98,989	98,219***	770			
2021 - 2023	55,475	55,213	262			

Source: HDB

Fig 9: Repainting works

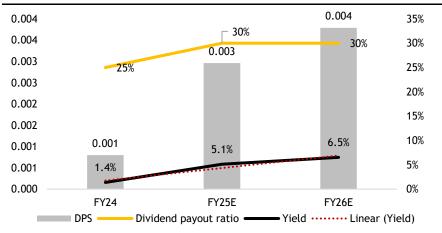


Source: Maybank IBG Research

1.6 Attractive 5.1% yield with 30% payout for FY25E

ISOTeam raised its dividend payout policy from 20% to 25% in FY24 and to 30% of FY25E core PATMI. With increasing profitability, we believe maintaining the 30% payout will not be an issue and shareholders will be entitled to more dividends as profitability increases over the next few years. As it stands, the yield is an attractive 5.2% for FY25E.

Fig 10: ISOTeam dividend forecasts



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

2. Valuation

2.1 Initiate coverage with BUY and TP of SGD0.09

We initiate coverage of ISOTeam with BUY and TP of SGD0.09, based on 8x blended FY25/26E P/E. This represents a 29% discount to local listed peers due to its smaller market cap and revenue base. We think the current share price represents an attractive entry level (43% upside potential) given the strong demand for R&R (repair and redecoration) and A&A (addition and alteration) services.

Key re-rating catalysts include: 1) FY25E results; 2) higher margins and profitability; 3) more project wins due to the elections; 4) successful drone solution testing and rollout; and 5) attractive yield of >5%.

Fig 11: Peer comparison

Ticker ▼	Name	Mkt Cap (USD)	ROE (%)	Dividend Yield (%)	P/E ▼	EV / EBITDA Adj 🔻
Median	Median	72.6	12.9	5.1	5.8	4.3
ISO SP Equity	ISOTEAM LTD	31.4	19.0	1.3	6.2	5.4
OKP SP Equity	OKP HOLDINGS LTD	82.9	12.9	1.9	2.0	1.7
SOIL SP Equity	SOILBUILD CONSTRUCTION GROUP	98.7	29.4	1.3	NA	6.5
KSHH SP Equity	KSH HOLDINGS LTD	90.2	-8.3	4.4	NA	
KOH SP Equity	KOH BROTHERS GROUP LTD	42.7	-5.0	NA	NA	60.7
LCH SP Equity	LUM CHANG HOLDINGS LTD	81.7	4.5	5.1	15.1	5.5
HLSH SP Equity	HOCK LIAN SENG HOLDINGS LTD	151.5		3.8	5.4	0.7
KHHL SP Equity	KEONG HONG HOLDINGS LTD	16.2	1.8	NA	20.2	
KWAN SP Equity	KING WAN CORP LTD	17.0	17.8	NA	2.0	
LKH SP Equity	LOW KENG HUAT SINGAPORE LTD	172.1	1.0	4.8	38.4	10.5
LEY SP Equity	LEY CHOON GROUP HOLDINGS LTD	63.5	21.7	4.7	6.7	4.0
Average			9.8	3.6	11.3	11.0

 ${\it Source: Bloomberg, Maybank IBG Research}$

3. Corporate information

3.1 A leading facilities maintenance specialist

ISOTeam is a leading facilities maintenance specialist in Singapore's public sector. By consolidating subsidiaries under a unified corporate parent, ISOTeam has sought to improve management efficiency and operational integration through eco-friendly green methods.

Fig 12: ISOTeam's milestones



Source: Company

3.2 Repair & redecoration (R&R)

ISO-Team Corporation Pte Ltd is a wholly owned subsidiary of the ISOTeam group. Since its establishment in 1998, it has restored over 4,000 HDB blocks and private residential buildings through the use of green products and methods. ISO-Team Corporation Pte Ltd's works mainly include repainting, repairs & redecoration, waterproofing & reproofing, improvement works, routine maintenance, and term contract works. With the addition of a fleet of drones, ISOteam can efficiently map out paths and counter the rising cost of foreign labour.

ISOTeam Ltd has been awarded the ISO 9001:2008, ISO 14001:2004, OHSAS 18001:2007 and bizSAFE Level Star.

Fig 13: Repainting of the exterior of Bishan Street 22 by ISOTeam



Source: Company

Fig 14: Tiong Bahru Market R&R project



Source: Company

3.3 Addition & alteration (A&A)

ISOTeam has been a key player in Singapore's suburban development for over 20 years, significantly shaping the urban landscape. Specializing as one of the top A&A specialists and preferred contractors, it is committed to providing green solutions that align with environmentally friendly practices, meeting the expectations of its customers. ISOTeam's expertise extends to both public and private buildings, where it contributes to ongoing updates and renovations, aimed at maintaining a youthful, vibrant and dynamic urban environment.

Fig 15: Yishun Ave 6 & 11 A&A



Source: Company

Fig 16: Golden Mile Food Centre A&A



Source: Company

3.4 Specialised coating & painting

ISOTeam C&P Pte Ltd, established in 1996, is a wholly owned subsidiary of ISOTeam Ltd. It provides different forms of coating such as new-build painting, eco-friendly coating, architecture and protective coating, fireproof coating, and niche industrial coating. In 2022, ISOTeam C&P participated in a pilot project by the Tampines Town Council where heat-reflective/cool painting was used on some 130 HDB blocks in Tampines to reduce ambient temperatures by up to 2° celcius. Following the success of this project, the company has been tasked by HDB to apply the cool coatings paint on several clusters of HDB blocks in Tampines West and the Central Divisions.

Fig 17: Fireproofing of structural steel - ISOTeam C&P



Source: Company

3.5 Architecture & engineering solutions

Since 1984, ISOTeam has been recognized as an award-winning architecture and interior construction company. Leveraging its competency in these areas, and expertise in providing development solutions, contract services and interior construction, ISOTeam has fulfilled contract work across the transportation sector, carpentry works at commercial buildings, and architectural works at Marina Bay Sands, and at offices, restaurants and residential estates.

Fig 18: ISOTeam's carpentry works at 182 Clemenceau Avenue



Source: Company

Fig 19: Interior construction of the Marquee nightclub at Marina Bay Sands by ISOTeam



Source: Company

Fig 20: ISOTeam's construction of the exterior of Lentor MRT Station



Source: Company

3.6 Interior decoration and retrofitting

Zara@ISOTeam, a leading Singapore-based interior design company, is a subsidiary of ISOTeam group. It is specialized in residential and commercial interior design, creating comprehensive designs that serve clients' commercial and lifestyle needs. Entrusted with tenders as large as SGD40m, the company is spearheading the government's neighbourhood renewal projects from a holistic perspective to upgrade living conditions in Singapore.

Fig 21: Residential interior design by ISOTeam



Source: Company

Fig 22: Aloha resort design by ISOTeam



Source: Company

Landscaping and horticultural services

ISO-Landscape is a subsidiary of ISOTeam group. Since founded in Apr'17, ISO-Landscape has responded to the government's call for a greater and cleaner country. It has since embarked on a mission to preserve nature and showcase sustainability in the context of human comfort in over 100 projects. Some notable projects include the iconic floating wetlands at Punggol Waterway, rooftop gardens and plant maintenance. With accreditations such as ISO 9001:2015, ISO 14001:2015, ISO 45001:2018 and bizSAFE Level Star, ISO-Landscape has strived to achieve workplace safety and environmental consciousness.

Fig 23: Man-made floating wetlands at Punggol Waterway Fig 24: Rooftop garden by ISO-Landscape installed by ISO-Landscape



Source: Company



Source: Company

Fig 25: Plant maintenance by ISO-Landscape



Source: Company

3.8 Others

Other services by ISOTeam include reroofing and waterproofing, handyman services, and home painting services. To enhance cost competitiveness, ISOTeam manufactures its own precast components for secondary roofing systems, and is one of the first companies in Singapore to offer green roofing solutions. ISOTeam Homecare is a fully-owned subsidiary of ISOTeam Limited that is involved in R&R works, such as electrical works, plumbing and more, It has been involved in over 5,000 buildings. Furthermore, ISOTeam also offers quality home painting services. This service caters more to private homes.

Fig 26: Green Label waterproofing membrane at NUS by Fig 27: ISOTeam Homecare offers electrical work services too **ISOTeam**



Source: Company



Source: Company

Fig 28: ISOTeam offers painting service for private homes too



Source: Company

4. Risks

Supply chain disruptions

As a result of the Russia-Ukraine war and China's zero Covid-19 policy, raw material costs were high in FY22 due to supply chain disruptions. For instance, steel prices increased by approximately 50%. Ultimately, profit margins decreased and expenditure increased.

Labour shortages and costs

ISOTeam's projects are labour intensive, which means rising inflation would likely lead to higher labour costs and affect its margins. In addition, stricter immigration policies have exacerbated labour shortages, and increased labour costs. In 2022, the construction sector faced a 12% YoY increase in labour costs.

Pandemic

During Covid, Singapore's construction sector contracted 36% in 2Q20, as reported by the Ministry of Trade and Industry. Border controls remained highly restrictive during the pandemic, resulting in an inability to replace foreign workers. Additionally, price hikes for raw materials increased, and hiring costs rose, resulting in the ISOTeam suffering a loss of SGD14.5m. This significant downturn underscored the sector's vulnerability to economic shocks.

Regulatory changes

All companies in Singapore are subject to government regulations. In 2021, the Singapore government introduced the Singapore Green Plan 2030, which mandates more stringent environmental standards and regulations for buildings. Compliance with these new regulations increases project costs as green materials are harder and more expensive to make. According to the World Green Building Council, green buildings can add up to 20% to initial construction costs.

Environmental risk

According to a study, construction projects in Singapore face an average delay of 10-20% due to weather-related disruptions, with climate change expected to exacerbate these issues. The cost of implementing additional measures to counteract these risks can also increase project expenses by up to 15%.

5. Key Management

Anthony Koh Thong Huat Executive Director & CEO

Anders Teoh Kok Ann Chief operating Officer

Chan Chung Khang General Manager

One of the co-founders of the Group, Mr Koh has over 32 years of experience in the building refurbishment and estate upgrading industry. He sets and implements the Group's expansion plans and overall corporate and strategic development, as well as oversees key functions such as marketing and tendering strategies, budget and cost controls, and resource planning and allocation. Before he co-founded the Group in 1998, Mr Koh was a director of ISO-Build Corporation Pte Ltd where he managed its projects and contracts and controlled the budget and costs. He worked at D&C Builders Pte Ltd from 1989 to 1994 where he moved up the ranks from a site supervisor, to project coordinator and subsequently to project manager. Prior to that, he was the site supervisor for Hongplast General Contractor Pte Ltd for a year. Mr Koh obtained a Diploma in Building from the Singapore Polytechnic in 1988 and a Diploma in Marketing Management from Ngee Ann Polytechnic in 1994.

Mr Teoh was appointed COO of ISOTeam in Jan 2021 and is responsible for its daily operations. In 2002, he joined the Group's specialized coating and painting subsidiary, ISOTeam C&P. He has over two decades of experience in the R&R industry and was Managing Director of Goodwood Development Group Ptv Ltd for two years prior to joining the Group. From 2002 to 2014, Mr Teoh established specialist painting and coatings firm Accom Pte Ltd ("Accom") and was its Executive Director. When Accom was acquired by ISOTeam in 2014 and subsequently renamed ISOTeam C&P, he was its Managing Director until 2019 where he spearheaded its numerous projects. These included R&R work for HDB blocks for the various Town Councils; public buildings such as churches, schools, community centres and libraries; MCST of commercial buildings, condominiums, industrial properties; as well as hotels and private residential properties. Mr Teoh holds a Bachelor of Building (Honours) from the University of South Australia and a Diploma in Building Management (with Merit) from Ngee Ann Polytechnic.

Mr Chan, who joined the Group in 2002 as a Project Supervisor, has been the Group's General Manager since 2012. He is in charge of business expansion and diversification; planning and policy updates; and the management and supervision of the Group's corporate business development plans. He oversees corporate affairs and investor relations and is also responsible for the application and management of the Group's government grants. Mr Chan has spearheaded the Group's renewable energy installation businesses and related activities since 2016 and was appointed Managing Director of ISOTeam Renewable Solutions in 2021. He graduated from Singapore Polytechnic in 1999 with a Diploma in Building and Property Management and from Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology in 2008 with a Bachelor of Business (Economics and Finance) with Distinction.





FYE 30 Jun	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Key Metrics P/E (reported) (x)	29.6	4.5	6.5	5.1	4.4
Core P/E (x)	16.8	20.8	6.5	5.1	4.4
P/BV (x)	0.7	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
P/NTA (x)	0.2	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.3
Net dividend yield (%)	0.0	1.3	4.6	5.8	6.8
FCF yield (%)	nm	12.2	10.8	15.4	18.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	nm	8.6	5.0	3.4	2.4
EV/EBIT (x)	nm	4.7	3.8	2.8	2.0
INCOME STATEMENT (SGD m)					
Revenue	110.4	130.2	146.0	164.0	184.2
EBITDA	(4.9)	3.8	6.6	8.4	9.8
Depreciation	3.4	3.1	2.1	2.0	1.9
Amortisation	0.3	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	(1.3)	7.0	8.7	10.4	11.6
Net interest income /(exp)	(2.3)	(2.5)	(2.5)	(2.5)	(2.5)
Associates & JV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Exceptionals	(0.6)	2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other pretax income	4.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	0.5	7.3	6.2	7.9	9.1
Income tax	0.7	(0.7)	1.1	1.3	1.6
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	1.1	6.6	7.3	9.2	10.7
Core net profit	1.1	2.1	7.3	9.2	10.7
BALANCE SHEET (SGD m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	6.8	10.9	13.9	18.4	23.9
Accounts receivable	65.9	70.1	73.5	77.3	81.7
Inventory	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.3
Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	21.5	20.0	19.1	18.1	17.3
Intangible assets	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Investment in Associates & JVs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other assets	6.3	7.1	11.4	16.6	22.2
Total assets	101.0	108.3	118.2	130.9	145.5
ST interest bearing debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	24.3	25.4	28.0	31.5	35.3
Insurance contract liabilities	2.3	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6
LT interest bearing debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other liabilities	49.0	38.0	38.0	38.0	38.0
Total Liabilities	75.3	65.4	68.0	71.5	75.3
Shareholders Equity	25.8	42.9	50.2	59.4	70.1
Minority Interest	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)
Total shareholder equity	25.7	42.9	50.2	59.4	70.1
Total liabilities and equity	101.0	108.3	118.2	130.9	145.5
CASH FLOW (SGD m)	0.5	7.3	/ 3	7.0	0.4
Pretax profit	0.5	7.3	6.2	7.9	9.1
Depreciation & amortisation	(3.7)	(3.2)	(2.1)	(2.0)	(1.9)
Adj net interest (income)/exp	2.2	2.2	(2.5)	(2.5)	(2.5)
Change in working capital	(14.8)	(4.1)	(0.8)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Cash taxes paid	(0.0)	(0.0)	1.1	1.3	1.6
Other operating cash flow	(1.7)	(1.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operations	(10.0)	6.2	6.1	8.3	9.6
Capex	(1.2)	(0.9)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)
Free cash flow	(11.2)	5.4	5.1	7.3	8.6
Dividends paid	0.0	(0.6)	(2.2)	(2.7)	(3.2)
Equity raised / (purchased)	0.0	10.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	1.4	(8.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0
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Other invest/financing cash flow Effect of exch rate changes	(4.5) 0.0	(1.4) 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0

FYE 30 Jun	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	14.4	17.9	12.2	12.3	12.3
EBITDA growth	nm	nm	74.7	26.2	16.4
EBIT growth	nm	nm	23.9	18.7	12.3
Pretax growth	nm	1,399.0	(14.8)	26.2	16.3
Reported net profit growth	nm	476.8	10.4	26.2	16.3
Core net profit growth	nm	84.4	245.5	26.2	16.3
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	nm	2.9	4.6	5.1	5.3
EBIT margin	nm	5.4	6.0	6.3	6.3
Pretax profit margin	0.4	5.6	4.3	4.8	5.0
Payout ratio	0.0	8.4	29.6	30.0	30.0
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	1.0	5.1	5.0	5.6	5.8
Revenue/Assets (x)	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3
Assets/Equity (x)	3.9	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.1
ROAE (%)	4.6	19.2	15.7	16.8	16.5
ROAA (%)	1.2	2.0	6.4	7.4	7.7
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	98.4	107.0	98.0	87.6	77.4
Days receivable outstanding	182.0	188.2	177.0	165.6	155.4
Days inventory outstanding	0.8	0.3	0.4	0.7	0.7
Days payables outstanding	84.4	81.4	79.4	78.7	78.7
Dividend cover (x)	nm	11.9	3.4	3.3	3.3
Current ratio (x)	1.3	1.5	1.7	1.8	1.9
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	1.3	1.7	1.7	1.8	1.9
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash				
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	net cash				
Net interest cover (x)	na	2.8	3.5	4.2	4.7
Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capex/revenue (%)	1.1	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.5
Net debt/ (net cash)	(6.8)	(10.9)	(13.9)	(18.4)	(23.9)

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