

Marco Polo Marine (MPM SP)

Proxy to energy diversification

Diversification of energy supplies

With the Iran-US war, importance of energy diversification away from reliance on O&G is now a key consideration for many countries globally. Australia, Japan, Taiwan, South Korea and Vietnam have committed to building windfarms from 2026-2030. We believe MPM is in a solid position with a first-mover advantage to benefit from this structural wave. Maintain BUY and TP of SGD0.20, as we believe MPM is entering a rapid growth phase from FY26E to FY30E. Our TP is based on 20x FY26E P/E and the offers 38% upside from the current share price.

Energy reliance becomes a security risk

With the Iran-US war, diversification of energy sources has been a vital point of consideration for many countries, both on price and as well as supply. We believe that countries who are heavily relying on O&G for energy will look to diversify their energy sources, with nuclear, coal and renewable energy as alternatives. Taiwan is actively building a massive offshore windfarm sector with the goal of achieving net-zero emissions by 2050. South Korea's offshore wind industry, long stalled by complex permitting processes that delayed project launches by more than a decade despite high potential, is finally gaining momentum following the implementation of the Offshore Wind Special Act on February 26. Vietnam's national Power Development Plan includes a commitment to develop 6GW of offshore wind by 2030, rising to more than 70GW by 2050. Vestas wind systems will also set up a factory in Japan by 2029 to tap the growing demand in Asia. The 220-MW Kitakyushu Hibikinada, Japan's largest offshore wind farm, commenced commercial operation on 2 March 2026. Its government is aiming for 10 GW by 2030 and 30-45 GW by 2040, aimed at replacing imported fossil fuels.

Key beneficiary of this structural change

MPM has a first-mover advantage into the offshore windfarm space and will benefit from an increase of offshore wind farm projects from 2026-2030. The demand for offshore windfarm vessels will likely increase significantly over the next few years, potentially driving up chartering rates and utilization, which will be hugely beneficially for MPM marine. In addition, with a good track record and first-mover advantage in this region, MPM will be poised to enjoy better margins and profitability.

More shipbuilding wins likely

We anticipate fleet expansion will significantly enhance EPS in FY27-30E. We maintain BUY as we believe MPM is in a rapid growth phase and could potentially secure more shipbuilding contracts as it gains more capacity to build another 1-2 large vessels.

FYE Sep (SGD m)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue	124	123	173	195	221
EBITDA	38	86	45	52	60
Core net profit	22	27	35	41	48
Core EPS (cts)	0.6	1.6	0.9	1.1	1.3
Core EPS growth (%)	(3.9)	169.7	(40.7)	17.5	17.3
Net DPS (cts)	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Core P/E (x)	9.3	4.8	15.4	13.1	11.2
P/BV (x)	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.3
Net dividend yield (%)	1.8	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
ROAE (%)	12.3	27.7	13.5	13.9	14.1
ROAA (%)	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.9	10.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.1	3.5	12.2	10.5	8.9
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash
Consensus net profit	-	-	35	41	48
MIBG vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(1.9)	(0.1)	(1.1)

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BUY

Share Price	SGD 0.145
12m Price Target	SGD 0.200 (+38%)
Previous Price Target	SGD 0.200

Company Description

Marco Polo Marine is a reputable operator in the region. It charters, builds, converts, maintains and repairs vessels.

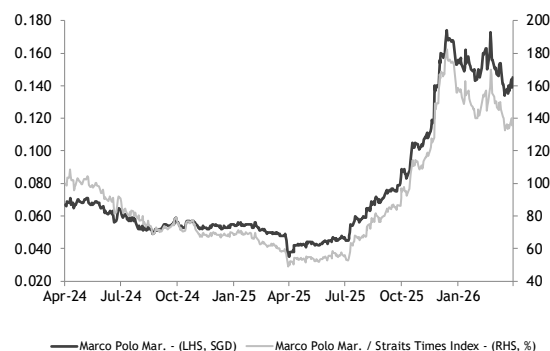
Statistics

52w high/low (SGD)	0.17/0.04
3m avg turnover (USDm)	4.7
Free float (%)	68.4
Issued shares (m)	3,683
Market capitalisation	SGD534.1M USD419M

Major shareholders:

Apricot Capital Pte Ltd. (SG)	16.2%
Penguin International Ltd.	8.1%
Nautical International Holdings Ltd.	3.8%

Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	(7)	(6)	292
Relative to index (%)	(9)	(10)	174

Source: FactSet

Abbreviations explained

CSOV - commissioning service operation vessel

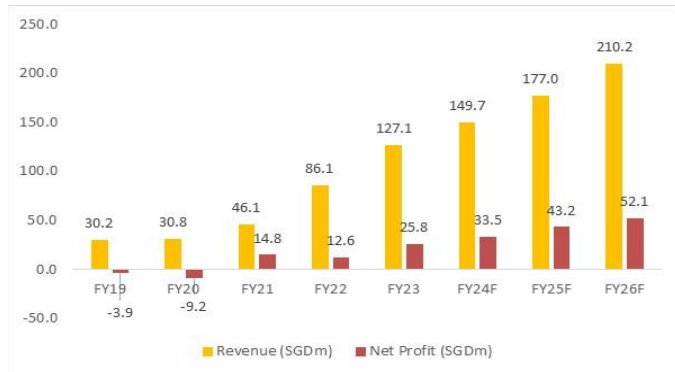


OPPORTUNITY+

Value Proposition

- MPM is a growing integrated marine logistics group in Southeast Asia.
- It is benefiting from strong demand from both the O&G and renewable energy sectors for its chartering services as well as ship repair and maintenance.
- MPM has recovered since it restructured in 2017 and is now riding the boom in chartering demand.
- It pivoted to serve offshore windfarms in Taiwan, and aims to grow in this space as well as chartering vessels to other renewable operators in the region.

Revenue and NPAT forecasts (SGDm)

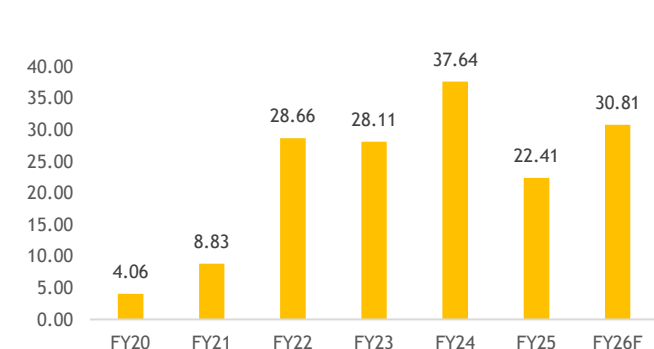


Source: Maybank IBG Research

Financial Metrics

- We expect chartering and ship repair revenue to continue to increase strongly due to stronger demand and higher rates.
- MPM likely to continue to acquire vessels to service offshore windfarm operators in Taiwan as demand is increasing due to new project launches around the region.
- We also expect increasing dividends as profitability rises.
- Operating cash flow should remain positive, unless there's huge capex for acquiring vessels.

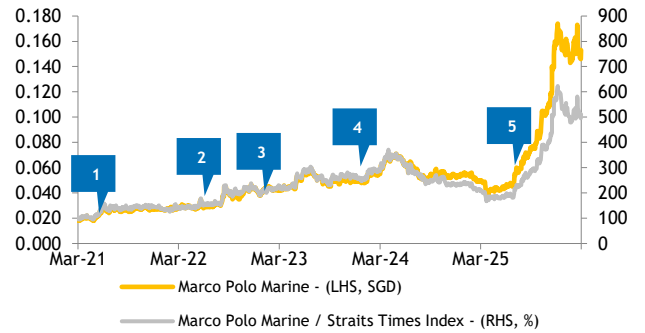
Strong net cash from operations (SGD m)



Source: Company, Maybank Research

Price Drivers

Historical share price trend



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

- Oil price crash and Covid led to share price decline.
- Turnaround to profitability.
- Charter rates and utilisation started to pick up, leading to strong profitability.
- Strong results reported, with charter rates rising YoY for 2 years in a row. Utilisation rate of vessels also increased, from 50-60% to 70-80% for FY23.
- Profitability continues to improve with better outlook and shipbuilding contract win

Swing Factors

Upside

- Rising charter rates and utilisation of vessels should continue to boost NPAT growth by 30% YoY in FY24E.
- Contributions from new CSOV should bump up FY25E NPAT growth.
- Potential new long-term contract may lead to acquisitions to service offshore renewable players around the region.
- Shipyards expansion will lead to increase in capacity to capture the high demand for its repair business.

Downside

- Global recession or slowdown could lead to a drop in charter rates and demand for vessels.
- Decline in oil price will affect sentiment in the vessel chart and building sector.
- Conflict between China and Taiwan could impact charter operations.

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FYE 30 Sep	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	9.5	3.4	15.4	13.1	11.2
Core P/E (x)	9.3	4.8	15.4	13.1	11.2
P/BV (x)	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.3
P/NTA (x)	1.0	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.3
Net dividend yield (%)	1.8	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
FCF yield (%)	nm	6.4	4.4	5.8	7.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.1	3.5	12.2	10.5	8.9
EV/EBIT (x)	7.0	4.1	13.4	11.4	9.5

INCOME STATEMENT (SGD m)

Revenue	123.5	122.8	173.5	195.4	221.0
EBITDA	37.8	86.0	44.6	51.7	60.0
EBIT	27.3	72.5	40.6	47.7	56.0
Net interest income / (exp)	(1.6)	(1.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates & JV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Exceptionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other pretax income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	25.7	71.4	40.6	47.7	56.0
Income tax	(1.8)	(3.9)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(1.3)
Minorities	2.2	9.0	4.9	5.8	6.8
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	21.7	58.5	34.7	40.8	47.9
Core net profit	21.7	27.0	34.7	40.8	47.9

BALANCE SHEET (SGD m)

Cash & Short Term Investments	68.8	52.2	64.4	73.3	89.3
Accounts receivable	20.5	49.2	44.7	50.3	56.9
Inventory	3.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	148.1	226.6	226.6	226.6	226.6
Intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment in Associates & JVs	0.0	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Other assets	35.9	19.7	51.8	83.8	115.9
Total assets	276.9	349.3	388.9	435.5	490.2
ST interest bearing debt	18.6	8.3	8.3	8.3	8.3
Accounts payable	15.4	29.4	29.4	29.4	29.4
Insurance contract liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT interest bearing debt	14.4	34.0	34.0	34.0	34.0
Other liabilities	28.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Total Liabilities	75.9	85.0	85.0	85.0	85.0
Shareholders Equity	183.6	238.9	273.6	314.4	362.2
Minority Interest	17.4	25.4	30.3	36.1	42.9
Total shareholder equity	201.1	264.3	303.9	350.5	405.1
Total liabilities and equity	276.9	349.3	388.9	435.5	490.2

CASH FLOW (SGD m)

Pretax profit	25.7	71.4	40.6	47.7	56.0
Depreciation & amortisation	10.4	13.5	4.0	4.0	4.0
Adj net interest (income)/exp	(0.9)	(0.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in working capital	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash taxes paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other operating cash flow	12.3	4.7	4.0	4.0	4.0
Cash flow from operations	47.4	88.3	48.6	55.7	64.0
Capex	(61.8)	(70.3)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)
Free cash flow	(14.4)	18.0	23.6	30.7	39.0
Dividends paid	(3.8)	(3.8)	(5.5)	(5.5)	(5.5)
Equity raised / (purchased)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	27.6	6.6	(5.5)	(5.5)	(5.5)
Other invest/financing cash flow	7.3	6.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effect of exch rate changes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	16.6	27.6	12.6	19.7	27.9

FYE 30 Sep	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	(2.8)	(0.6)	41.2	12.6	13.1
EBITDA growth	(8.0)	127.6	(48.1)	16.0	16.0
EBIT growth	(11.2)	165.3	(44.0)	17.5	17.3
Pretax growth	(15.6)	177.9	(43.2)	17.5	17.3
Reported net profit growth	(3.9)	169.7	(40.7)	17.5	17.3
Core net profit growth	(3.9)	24.3	28.7	17.5	17.3
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	30.6	70.0	25.7	26.5	27.1
EBIT margin	22.1	59.1	23.4	24.4	25.3
Pretax profit margin	20.8	58.2	23.4	24.4	25.3
Payout ratio	17.0	9.4	15.9	13.5	11.5
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	17.6	47.6	20.0	20.9	21.7
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
Assets/Equity (x)	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
ROAE (%)	12.3	27.7	13.5	13.9	14.1
ROAA (%)	8.6	8.6	9.4	9.9	10.3
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	19.2	(3.2)	(2.2)	(2.0)	7.2
Days receivable outstanding	63.2	102.2	97.5	87.5	87.3
Days inventory outstanding	28.9	12.1	3.2	2.9	2.6
Days payables outstanding	72.9	117.5	102.9	92.5	82.7
Dividend cover (x)	5.9	10.6	6.3	7.4	8.7
Current ratio (x)	2.2	2.5	3.4	4.4	5.6
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	3.7	4.1	4.6	5.1	5.8
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash
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Net interest cover (x)	16.8	66.1	nm	nm	nm
Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.9	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.7
Capex/revenue (%)	50.0	57.2	14.4	12.8	11.3
Net debt/ (net cash)	(35.8)	(10.0)	(22.1)	(31.0)	(47.0)

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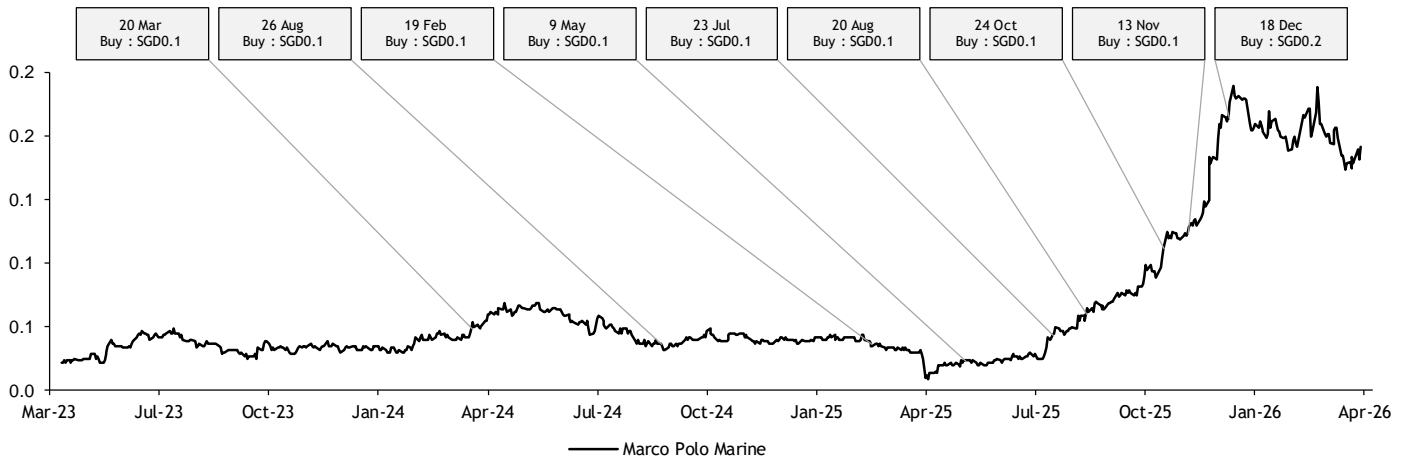
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