# Malaysia Company Update



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# Malaysian Resources Corp (MRC MK)

## Expanding TOD Footprint In The Silver State; Still BUY

- Keep BUY and MYR0.86 TP, 65% upside and c.2% yield. Malaysian Resources Corp signed a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with Ipoh Sentral SB to formalise the collaboration to develop a transit-oriented development (TOD) called Ipoh Sentral. We view the latest development to be positive – adding up to MRC's portfolio in TOD projects such as KL Sentral, PJ Sentral and Penang Sentral.
- **Project background.** Ipoh Sentral entails the development of land (c.67 acres) situated near the Ipoh railway station over a <u>phased period of c.20</u> <u>years with planning to begin in 2025</u>. The GDV of Ipoh Sentral is expected to be MYR6.3bn with the first phase (2.6ha) involving improvements to landscaping and recreational elements, while preserving the heritage and cultural elements and the second phase (24.7ha) encompasses serviced apartments, offices, commercial spaces and hotels.
- Better connectivity. We are of the view that the Ipoh Sentral project may enhance Ipoh's connectivity as it is located within a 6km range from key access points namely Sultan Azlan Shah Airport, the North-South Expressway northern route, Medan KIDD bus terminal and the Keretapi Tanah Melayu Ipoh station. Major developers like Sunway (SWB MK, BUY, TP: MYR5.75) could also indirectly benefit as it has earmarked an <u>additional</u> <u>MYR4bn to expand its 1350-acre Sunway City Ipoh township</u> in Tambun. The development of an integrated transport hub in Ipoh may likely drive further interest for potential property buyers to explore Ipoh.
- **Ipoh Sentral could be a plus point for foreign/local investors** looking to expand in Perak or Ipoh in particular. Industrial parks such as the planned Silver Valley Technology Park (roughly a 40-minute drive from central Ipoh) may benefit from this proximity with Ipoh Sentral by attracting talent from other states.
- No changes to our estimates pending further agreement details and conditions precedent for the MOA to be fulfilled within two months from the date of the MOA or any extended period mutually agreed by the parties. Hence, our SOP-derived TP of MYR0.86 remains. Our TP also which bakes in a 4% ESG premium. Valuation appears undemanding as the stock is now trading at 27x FY25F P/E, or -0.5SD from its 5-year mean.
- Separately, we believe MRC's withdrawal from the consortium led by Berjaya Rail for the Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail will enable the group to better focus on existing and upcoming projects. These include the redevelopment of KL Sentral and Shah Alam sports complex (>MYR1bn in total), Bukit Jalil Sentral (long term potential GDV of >MYR10bn) and the reinstatement of five Light Rail Transit 3 stations (c.MYR2bn), which may continue to attract interest in the stock.
- Key risks: Slowdown in the property market and sluggish project rollout.

Forecasts and Valuation	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Total turnover (MYRm)	3,205	2,514	2,553	2,889	3,064
Recurring net profit (MYRm)	47	(66)	79	87	93
Recurring net profit growth (%)	-	(241.9)	-	10.9	6.8
Recurring P/E (x)	49.83	na	29.50	26.59	24.90
P/B (x)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
P/CF (x)	na	5.40	3.41	4.46	22.03
Dividend Yield (%)	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.50	10.46	10.63	8.52	8.28
Return on average equity (%)	1.4	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.0
Net debt to equity (%)	33.6	18.0	12.7	12.5	12.7

Source: Company data, RHB

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## Buy (Maintained)

Target Price (Return):	MYR0.86 (+65%)
Price (Market Cap):	MYR0.52 (USD524m)
ESG score:	3.2 (out of 4)
Avg Daily Turnover (MYR/USD)	5.53m/1.25m

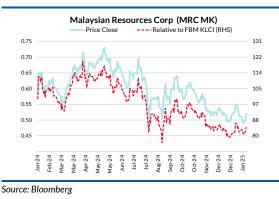
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## Share Performance (%)

	YTD	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(1.0)	5.1	(12.6)	(21.8)	(2.8)
Relative	2.3	5.6	(9.3)	(19.2)	(8.9)
52-wk Price low/high (MYR)			0.49	-0.73	



### Overall ESG Score: 3.2 (out of 4)

### E: EXCELLENT

MRC is rated excellent in this category, partly due to a significant improvement in energy consumption, which was down by 53% YoY. This also applies to four green building rating systems used to help it increase efficiency in energy, water and materials usage at its property projects. MRCB also contributes to the reduction of CO2, by encouraging the public to use public transportation made accessible by its developments.

### S: GOOD

Efforts include being committed to local employment, using a mechanism to facilitate employee engagement, and stakeholder engagement on human rights issues. We note that MRC has also achieved 1m man hours without lost-time injury for Kwasa C8 Plot 1 (Employees Provident Fund headquarters). G: GOOD

57% of MRC's board members are independent, with full disclosure on director remuneration, which includes salaries and bonuses on a named basis. It has an in-house investor relations team and holds investor meetings regularly. The public can easily access information about the company's ongoing projects.

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New property sales, asset disposals, new construction

Key downside risks include a slowdown in the property

Malaysian Resources Corp is engaged in construction (niche strength in environmental projects), property development and investment and toll road operations. It is known for its transit-oriented developments, eg KL Sentral, Bukit Jalil City, Kwasa Damansara and Penang

market and sluggish project rollouts.

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Valuation basis

Key drivers

contracts Key risks

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## **Financial Exhibits**

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Financial summary (MYR)	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Recurring EPS	0.01	(0.01)	0.02	0.02	0.02
DPS	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
BVPS	1.01	1.03	1.04	1.05	1.06
Return on average equity (%)	1.4	2.2	1.7	1.9	2.0
Valuation metrics	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26
Recurring P/E (x)	49.83	na	29.50	26.59	24.90
P/B (x)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
FCF Yield (%)	(3.5)	18.5	27.1	20.3	2.4
Dividend Yield (%)	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.50	10.46	10.63	8.52	8.28
EV/EBIT (x)	15.54	13.46	13.47	10.30	10.03
Income statement (MYRm)	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26
Total turnover	3,205	2,514	2,553	2,889	3,064
Gross profit	187	2,514	472	540	570
EBITDA	308	302	273	339	349
Depreciation and amortisation	(60)	(67)	(58)	(59)	(61)
Operating profit	248	235	(58)	(59)	288
Net interest	(99)	(113)	(124)	(162)	(159)
Pre-tax profit	154	134	134	162	173
Taxation		(33)	(54)	(73)	(78)
Reported net profit	(101)	101	79	87	93
Recurring net profit	47	(66)	79	87	93
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Cash flow (MYRm)	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26
Change in working capital	(123)	411	584	417	(7)
Cash flow from operations	(81)	430	680	521	105
Capex	0	0	(50)	(50)	(50)
Cash flow from investing activities	53	420	(65)	(65)	(65)
Dividends paid	(53)	(45)	(45)	(45)	(45)
Cash flow from financing activities	14	(444)	(45)	(727)	(45)
Cash at beginning of period	579	534	972	1,213	1,215
Net change in cash	(13)	406	571	(271)	(4)
Ending balance cash	534	940	1,212	1,215	1,194
Balance sheet (MYRm)	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Total cash and equivalents	534	972	1,213	1,215	1,201
Tangible fixed assets	2,234	1,764	1,756	1,747	1,737
Total investments	0	0	15	30	45
Total assets	9,229	9,010	9,073	9,344	9,933
Short-term debt	841	311	311	311	311
Total long-term debt	1,216	1,491	1,491	1,491	1,491
Total liabilities	4,692	4,410	4,437	4,664	5,202
Total equity	4,537	4,600	4,635	4,680	4,731
Total liabilities & equity	9,229	9,010	9,073	9,344	9,933
Key metrics	Dec-22	Dec-23	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26
Revenue growth (%)	121.3	(21.6)	1.6	13.1	6.1
Recurrent EPS growth (%)	0.0	(241.9)	0.0	10.9	6.8
Gross margin (%)	5.8	1.0	18.5	18.7	18.6
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	9.6	12.0	10.7	11.7	11.4
Net profit margin (%)	2.0	4.0	3.1	3.0	3.0
	68.9	44.2	56.7	51.1	47.9
Dividend payout ratio (%)					
Dividend payout ratio (%) Capex/sales (%)	0.0	0.0	2.0	1.7	1.6

Source: Company data, RHB



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### Figure 1: Layout of Ipoh Sentral



Source: The Star

Figure 2: Artist illustration of Ipoh Sentral



Figure 3: Artist illustration of Ipoh Sentral



Source: Konzepte

## Figure 4: MRCB's SOP valuation

Items	P/E/ WACC/valuation	Equity value/surplus (MYRm)
Construction (FY25F year earnings)	P/E of 18x	990.0
Surplus RNAV for property and investments	WACC of 11%	870.3
28% Sentral REIT	TP: 0.91	303.5
Kwasa Damansara PDP for infrastructure works (DCF)	WACC of 9%	71.5
Shareholders' Funds (ex-construction & REIT)		3,436.4
Total RNAV		5,671.7
Share base		4,467.5
RNAV per share		1.27
Discount <sup>(1)</sup>		35%
Intrinsic value/share (MYR)		0.83
ESG premium/discount	4%	0.03
ТР		0.86

Note: <sup>(1)</sup> We believe a 35% discount to RNAV is justified, taking into account the abundant prospects in the form of MRT3, reinstatement of five LRT3 stations, flood mitigation projects and potentially Penang LRT. Source: Company data, RHB

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## **Emissions And ESG**

### **Trend analysis**

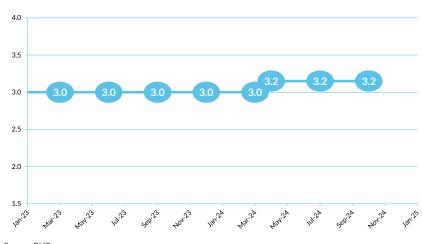
In 2023, MRC's total Scope 2 emissions amounted to 18,751 tCO2e, which is an increase of 7.8% compared to 2021, but represent a 1% reduction compared to its 2020 baseline.

Emissions (tCO2e)	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23
Scope 1	1,838	2,061	3,851
Scope 2	16,144	17,396	18,751
Scope 3	6,026	13,590	17,520
Total emissions	24,008	33,047	40,122
Source: Company data, RHB			

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## Latest ESG-Related Developments

- MRC is committed to SBTi and will seek validation for our 2020 baseline year and reduction targets.
- Using the latest version of the SBTi Tool and through the absolute contraction approach (ACA), MRC has set a Scope 1 and 2 emissions reduction target of 21% by 2025.



## **ESG Rating History**

Source: RHB

## **Recommendation Chart**



Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2024-11-28	Buy	0.86	0.53
2024-09-01	Buy	0.86	0.55
2024-05-31	Buy	0.80	0.66
2024-04-01	Buy	0.80	0.66
2024-03-01	Buy	0.70	0.59
2024-01-26	Buy	0.74	0.65
2023-11-28	Buy	0.52	0.44
2023-10-12	Buy	0.55	0.49
2023-09-01	Buy	0.55	0.50
2023-05-30	Buy	0.40	0.31
2023-02-21	Buy	0.45	0.32
2023-01-30	Buy	0.45	0.33
2022-12-01	Buy	0.45	0.33
2022-08-31	Buy	0.43	0.35
2022-06-01	Buy	0.44	0.37

Source: RHB, Bloomberg

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