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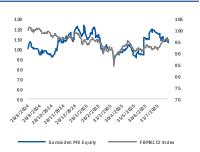
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Recommendation:		BUY
Current Price:		RM 1.17
PreviousTarget Price:		RM 1.60
Target Price:	↓	RM 1.35
Capital Upside/Downside:		15.4%
Dividend Yield (%):		0.0%
Total Upside/Downside		15.4%

Stock information	
Board	MAIN
Sector	Renewable Energy
Bursa/BloombergCode	0223 / SAMAIDENMK
Syariah Compliant	Yes
ESGRating	***
Sharesissued(m)	450.4
Market Cap (RM'm)	527.0
52-Week Price Range (RM)	1.33-0.91
Beta(x)	1.2
Freefloat (%)	42.7
3M Average Volume (m)	0.6
3M Average Value (RM' m)	0.7

Top 3 Shareholders	(%)
Datuk Ir. Chow Pui Hee	30.0
Chudenko Corp	18.6
Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp Ltd	2.6

Share Price Performance



Absolute(%)	-5.6	15.8	7.3
Relative (%)	-9.4	10.9	11.8
Earnings Summary	FY25	FY26F	FY27F
Revenue (RM'm)	353.6	455.8	531.2
PATAMI(RM'm)	20.2	19.9	24.7
CNP (RM'm)	16.7	19.9	24.7
EPS-core(sen)	3.7	4.4	5.5
P/F(x)	316	26.5	213

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Below Expectations

- 4QFY25 CNP came in at RM4.4m (+0.9% QoQ, -4.3% YoY), bringing FY25 CNP to RM16.7m (+8.8% yoy). The full-year result came in below expectations, accounting for 91% of our forecast and 83% of consensus. The earnings shortfall was mainly attributable to slower-than-expected progress recognition from utility-scale EPCC projects.
- Following the earnings miss, we revised downward our earnings forecast for FY26F by 29.4%, we have also introduced FY27F CNP of RM24.7m.
- Additionally, SAMAIDEN announced that it has secured a RM290m EPCC contract for a 95MWac LSS5 solar PV project with works set to commence on 28 August 2025, bringing its unbilled orderbook to ~RM699.2m.
- Maintain BUY with a lower target price of RM1.35 (from RM1.60), based on a sum-of-parts (SOP) valuation and supported by a three-star ESG rating.

Below expectations. Excluding fair value gain on investment (-RM1.3m) and unrealised gain on foreign exchange (-RM1.4m), 4QFY25 core net profit (CNP) came in at RM4.4m, bringing 12MFY25 CNP to RM16.7m (+8.8% yoy). The result was below expectations, representing 91% of our estimates and 83% of market estimates. The earnings miss was primarily due to lower-than-expected contribution from the EPCC division, mainly impacted by slower progress from utility-scale projects.

QoQ. 4QFY25 CNP grew marginally by 0.9% to RM4.4m, despite topline surging 51.3% to RM135.0m. The muted earnings growth was mainly due to new and ongoing utility-scale solar EPCC projects, which were still in the early billing phase of the S-curve at thinner margins. Additionally, administrative expenses (+88.9%) also climbed sharply while the effective tax rate fell to 15.6% (vs 24% Q3FY25) from non-taxable unrealised forex gains and fair value gains on short-term investments.

YoY. 4QFY25 CNP fell 4.3% to RM4.4m, mainly due to similar factors as outlined in the QoQ analysis. Most utility-scale solar EPCC projects remained in the transition phase of the S-curve with thinner margins. As a result, 4QFY25 CNP margin contracted by 4.8-pts to 3.3% compared with 8.1% in the previous corresponding quarter.

LSS5 win. SAMAIDEN announced that it has secured an EPCC contract valued at RM290m from Unique HEB Energy for a 95MWac LSSPV project in Hilir Perak, Perak. The project is set to commence following the signing of the LOA on 28 August 2025, with formal EPCC agreements expected to be executed within 60 days of acceptance. We believe the project will be required to achieve COD by end-2027, in line with Suruhanjaya Tenaga (ST) guidelines. Assuming an 8% PBT margin, this translates into an estimated total PBT of c.RM23.2m over the 28-month execution period. This marks SAMAIDEN's third EPCC contract secured under LSS5 in FY25, lifting total YTD wins to RM435.7m and expanding its market share to 6.6% in terms of capacity for LSS5 EPCC contracts. Financing is not expected to be an issue, given SAMAIDEN's net cash position as at 4QFY25. However, we believe execution risks remain. Market experts suggest solar panel prices could rise towards end-2025, following China's anti-involution campaign to curb oversupply, which may impact project execution if prices exceed the agreed contract sum under fixed-cost EPCC arrangements.

Outlook. Incorporating its recent wins, SAMAIDEN has achieved a 6.6% market share in LSS5 EPCC. We expect near-term order book replenishment from LSS5, where EPCC contracts are typically awarded to contractors about six to nine months after the LSS awards to developers, once financial close has been achieved. We believe the 10% market share target in LSS5 and LSS5 EPCC remains achievable, supported by SAMAIDEN's proven track record in utility-scale projects and a robust balance sheet with RM896m available under the Sukuk Wakalah programme to scale up its position. Following these contract wins, SAMAIDEN's unbilled order book stands at



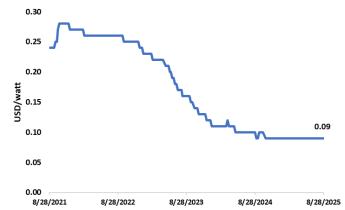
~RM699.2m, which is equivalent to 2.0x FY25 revenue, ensuring earnings visibility for the next two years.

Earnings revision. Post-results, we adjusted our assumptions for the progress of utility-scale projects to reflect slower revenue recognition. We also lowered our order book assumption for utility-scale projects in FY26F to RM500m from a previous RM650m, adopting a conservative stance in view of potential execution risks from rising panel prices. Consequently, we reduced our FY26F earnings forecast by 29.4%. We also introduced a FY27F CNP of RM24.7m.

Valuation & Recommendation. Factoring in the earnings reduction, we maintain our **BUY** recommendation with a lower TP of RM1.35 (from RM1.60), based on a SOP valuation and appraised with a three-star ESG rating. We continue to favour SAMAIDEN for its (i) expertise in ground-mounted solar PV projects, (ii) industry-leading low gearing with a net cash position as of 4QFY25, and (iii) strategic focus on bioenergy solutions, which sets it apart from other solar EPCC players.

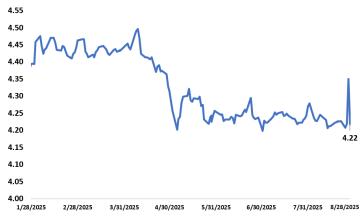
Risks. Increase in solar module costs. Inability to complete projects in time. Intense market competition.

Figure 1: Solar Module Price Trend



Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

Figure 2: YTD USD/MYR Trend



Source: Bloomberg, Apex Securities

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Results Comparison

FYE Jun (RM m)	4QFY25	4QFY24	yoy (%)	3QFY25	qoq (%)	12MFY25	12MFY24	yoy (%)	Comments
Revenue	135.0	57.2	135.8	89.2	51.3	353.6	227.2	55.6	
COGS	(115.8)	(44.2)	162.1	(79.7)	45.2	(305.9)	(191.8)	59.5	
Gross profit	19.1	13.1	46.7	9.4	102.9	47.6	35.5	34.3	
EBITDA	9.2	7.1	29.2	7.1	29.8	27.4	20.2	35.9	
Depreciation & Amortisation	(0.5)	(0.1)	784.2	(0.4)	17.5	(1.1)	(0.2)	476.0	
EBIT	8.7	7.0	23.1	6.6	30.6	26.3	20.0	31.6	
Net finance	(0.2)	1.1	nm	(0.1)	173.1	(0.4)	1.9	nm	reflecting higher borrowings
Associates/JV	(0.1)	-	nm	-	nm	(0.1)	-	nm	
Pre-tax profit	8.4	8.1	3.5	6.6	27.8	25.9	21.9	18.4	
Tax expenses	(1.3)	(2.3)	(43.0)	(1.6)	(16.8)	(5.7)	(5.8)	(1.3)	
Profit after tax	7.1	5.8	21.9	5.0	41.9	20.1	16.0	25.6	
(-) Minority interest	(0.0)	-	nm	(0.0)	(45.8)	(0.1)	(0.0)	1,285.7	
PAT (-MI)	7.1	5.8	22.4	5.0	41.1	20.2	16.0	26.1	
Core net profit	4.4	4.6	(4.3)	4.4	0.9	16.7	15.3	8.8	Most EPCC projects still in the early
Core EPS (sen)	0.9	1.1		1.0		3.8	3.8		billing phase of the S-curve at
DPS (sen)	-	0.7		-		1.5	0.7		
EBITDA margin (%)	6.8	12.4		7.9		7.8	8.9		
PBT margin (%)	6.2	14.2		7.4		7.3	9.6		
Effective tax rate (%)	15.6	28.3		24.0		22.2	26.6		
Core PATMI margin (%)	3.3	8.1		4.9		4.7	6.7		

Source: Company, Apex Securities

Segmental Breakdown

FYE Jun (RM m)	4QFY25	4QFY24	yoy (%)	3QFY25	qoq (%)	12MFY25	12MFY24	yoy (%) Comments	
Revenue									
EPCC	134.7	57.1	136.0	89.0	51.3	352.8	226.9	55.5	
Power Supply	0.3	0.2	53.6	0.2	68.7	0.8	0.3	140.2	
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	135.0	57.2	135.8	89.2	51.3	353.6	227.2	55.6	•

Source: Company, Apex Securities

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Financial Highlights

Income Statement						Balance Sheet					
FYE Jun (RM m)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26F	FY27F	FYE Jun (RM m)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26F	FY27F
Revenue	170.8	227.2	353.6	455.8	531.2	Cash and bank balances	108.2	132.2	212.4	271.3	292.8
Gross Profit	25.8	35.5	47.6	49.7	60.0	Receivables	37.2	54.1	326.4	329.6	332.9
EBITDA	14.3	20.2	27.4	30.2	37.5	Inventories	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.2	0.1
Depreciation & Amortisation	-1.0	-0.2	-1.1	-1.1	-2.0	Other current assets	41.9	12.6	2.1	5.1	5.6
EBIT	13.3	20.0	26.3	29.1	35.5	Total Current Assets	187.9	199.4	541.2	606.2	631.5
Net Finance Income/ (Cost)	0.1	1.9	-0.4	-2.4	-2.5	Fixed Assets	3.4	4.1	17.6	30.6	42.8
Associates & JV	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	Other non-current assets	3.3	3.8	8.7	8.7	8.7
Pre-tax Profit	13.4	21.9	25.9	26.6	33.0	Total Non-Current Assets	6.6	7.9	26.3	39.3	51.6
Tax	-3.3	-5.8	-5.7	-6.6	-8.2	Short-term debt	4.5	6.6	105.0	92.4	100.6
Profit After Tax	10.1	16.0	20.1	19.9	24.7	Payables	70.6	40.4	184.8	243.7	235.6
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	Other current liabilities	17.0	22.2	101.9	92.8	103.5
Net Profit	10.1	16.0	20.2	19.9	24.7	Total Current Liabilities	92.2	69.2	391.6	428.9	439.6
Exceptionals	0.4	0.7	3.6	0.0	0.0	Long-term debt	1.9	1.8	2.3	23.1	25.1
Core Net Profit	9.7	15.3	16.7	19.9	24.7	Other non-current liabilities	2.4	1.8	5.9	5.9	5.9
						Total Non-Current Liabilities	4.4	3.6	8.2	29.1	31.1
Key Ratios						Shareholder's equity	97.8	134.3	167.4	187.3	212.0
FYE Jun (RM m)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26F	FY27F	Minority interest	0.1	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3
EPS (sen)	2.2	3.4	3.7	4.4	5.5	Total Equity	97.9	134.4	167.7	187.6	212.3
P/E (x)	54.3	34.4	31.6	26.5	21.3						
P/B (x)	5.4	3.9	3.1	2.8	2.5	Cash Flow					
EV/EBITDA (x)	44.0	32.2	23.0	22.6	18.5	FYE Jun (RM m)	FY23	FY24	FY25	FY26F	FY27F
DPS (sen)	0.0	0.5	2.2	0.0	0.0	Pre-tax profit	13.4	21.9	25.9	26.6	33.0
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0%	0.4%	1.9%	0.0%	0.0%	Depreciation & amortisation	1.0	0.2	1.1	1.1	2.0
EBITDA margin (%)	8.4%	8.9%	7.8%	6.6%	7.1%	Changes in working capital	24.9	-16.0	-34.9	43.6	-1.1
EBIT margin (%)	7.8%	8.8%	7.4%	6.4%	6.7%	Others	-5.9	-3.6	-8.5	-4.2	-5.7
PBT margin (%)	7.8%	9.6%	7.3%	5.8%	6.2%	Operating cash flow	33.4	2.4	-16.4	67.1	28.1
PAT margin (%)	5.9%	7.0%	5.7%	4.4%	4.7%	Capex	-1.9	-2.2	-20.5	-14.1	-14.2
NP margin (%)	5.9%	7.1%	5.7%	4.4%	4.6%	Others	1.5	4.4	-20.6	2.2	2.5
CNP margin (%)	5.7%	6.7%	4.7%	4.4%	4.6%	Investing cash flow	-0.4	2.2	-41.1	-11.9	-11.7
ROE (%)	9.9%	11.4%	9.9%	10.6%	11.6%	Dividends paid	0.0	-2.0	-9.2	0.0	0.0
ROA (%)	5.0%	7.4%	2.9%	3.1%	3.6%	Others	-5.6	22.1	122.3	3.7	5.1
Gearing (%)	6.6%	6.3%	64.0%	61.6%	59.2%	Financing cash flow	-5.6	20.0	113.1	3.7	5.1
Net gearing (%)	Net Cash	Net Cash	Net Cash	Net Cash	Net Cash	Net cash flow	27.4	24.7	55.6	58.9	21.5
					_	Forex	0.2	0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0
Valuations	Value (RM' m)	\	/aluation met	hodology		Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EPCC	613.42	3	30x FY27F PER			Beginning cash	69.0	96.6	121.4	176.9	235.8
RE assets	44.25	ŀ	(e = 12.0%			Ending cash	96.6	121.4	176.9	235.8	257.3

Implied Fair Value (RM) Source: Company, Apex Securities

Proceeds from warrants/ESOS

Enlarged share base (m share)

SOP Value

Fair Value (RM)

ESG premium/discount

101.79

759.45 559.90

1.35

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ESG Matrix Framework:

Environment

Parameters	Rating	Comments
Climate	***	Scope 1 and Scope 2 GHG emissions totaled 109.7m tCO2e in 2024, marking a 33.2% year-on-year decrease from 2022.
Waste & Effluent	***	Implemented the 3R (Reduce, Reuse, Recycle) initiative, featuring dedicated 3R bins on each office level to facilitate responsible waste disposal.
Energy	***	The Group's clean energy assets generated 1,152,503.70 kWh of clean energy.
Water	***	Water consumption totaled 0.671 megaliters, reflecting a 7.19% reduction from the previous year's consumption of 0.723 megaliters.
Compliance	***	The Group complies with all local and international environmental regulations.

Social

Diversity	***	In 2024, 37% of the workforce were female. At the management level, 33.33% were female, meeting the MCCG
		recommendation of a 30% women directors' composition on the Board.
Human Rights	***	Samaiden enforces various frameworks to uphold human rights and labor relations, including zero tolerance for human
		trafficking, forced labor, and child labor.
Occupational Safety and Health	***	In 2024, 89 employees received training on health and safety standards. No employee fatalities were recorded, and the
		total recordable incident rate (TRIR) reduced to 0, compared to 0.4 in the previous year.
Labour Practices	***	Samaiden complies with all relevant labor laws.

Governance

CSR Strategy	***	Actively engaged with communities, including awarding RM1,000 for an excellent student award and sponsoring the installation of solar panels for seven households in Sabah.
Management	***	Among the board members, 33% (2 out of 6) were female, while 67% (4 out of 6) were independent directors.
Stakeholders	***	The Group organises quarterly analyst briefings for analysts and holds an annual general meeting (AGM) for investors.

Overall ESG Scoring: ★★★

Recommendation Framework:

BUY: Total returns* are expected to exceed 10% within the next 12 months.

HOLD: Total returns* are expected to be within +10% to – 10% within the next 12 months.

SELL: Total returns* are expected to be below -10% within the next 12 months.

TRADING BUY: Total returns* are expected to exceed 10% within the next 3 months.

TRADING SELL: Total returns* are expected to be below -10% within the next 3 months.

*Capital gain + dividend yield

Sector Recommendations:

OVERWEIGHT: The industry defined by the analyst is expected to exceed 10% within the next 12 months. **NEUTRAL:** The industry defined by the analyst is expected to be within +10% to – 10% within the next 12 months. **UNDERWEIGHT:** The industry defined by the analyst, is expected to be below -10% within the next 12 months.

ESG Rating Framework:

**** : Appraised with 3% premium to fundamental fair value

★★★★: Appraised with 1% premium to fundamental fair value

***: Appraised with 0% premium/discount to fundamental fair value

** : Appraised with -1% discount to fundamental fair value

★: Appraised with -5% discount to fundamental fair value

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