# Concall note

After the poor operating performances in 2020 and 2021 when UEMS reported losses, management aims to turnaround the company in 2022, supported by stronger sales and progress billings as well as land sales. It is targeting to dispose MYR300m worth of non-core landbank this year. UEMS has also set a property sales target of MYR1.5b for 2022 (2021: MYR1.46b). Surprises could come from the resumption of dividend payment. We maintain our earnings forecasts and MYR0.35 TP (on 0.3x PBV). HOLD.

# Set MYR1.5b sales goal for 2022

We recently hosted a concall with UEMS. UEMS has locked in MYR1.46b sales in 2021 (+30% YoY; 71% from Klang Valley [KV]), or 22% above its initial sales target. Management has set a flat sales target of MYR1.5b for 2022 driven by MYR3.3b worth of new launches (52:24:24 Klang Valley: Johor: Melbourne) in 2022. UEMS will launch its project (AUD250m GDV) in Collingwood, Melbourne in 2H22. It is now at the stage of applying for the planning permit for the project. Despite the end of the Home Ownership Campaign in Dec 2021, UEMS has seen encouraging responses for its KV properties thanks to its aggressive marketing campaigns e.g. *"Happy Duo Duo"* that offers free legal fees for loans and SPA, and waiver of stamp duty on loan agreement and MOT for selected products. **Solving the root of the problem** 

Management has been focusing on rectifying internal issues over the last one year and it has come out with several strategies including expediting property launches by creating new product pipelines, reviewing existing land use, improving cost structure and divesting some loss-making JVs as well as non-core assets. It is targeting to divest MYR300m worth on noncore assets/landbank and some of these asset sales could materialize in 1H22, we understand.

# Surprises may come from dividend payment

We maintain our earnings forecasts pending the release of its 4Q21 results on 23 Feb. Potential surprises could come from the resumption of dividend payment from 2022 onwards. To recap, UEMS has not been paying dividend since 2016 despite having a dividend payout policy of 20-40% of its realised PATAM.

10% of its realised rank					
FYE Dec (MYR m)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	2,909	1,137	994	1,332	1,587
EBITDA	488	11	66	232	269
Core net profit	310	(175)	(73)	76	109
Core EPS (sen)	6.0	(3.5)	(1.5)	1.5	2.2
Core EPS growth (%)	(4.5)	nm	nm	nm	43.1
Net DPS (sen)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4
Core P/E (x)	11.7	nm	nm	22.3	15.6
P/BV (x)	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.2
Net dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.3
ROAE (%)	3.1	(3.9)	(1.1)	1.1	1.6
ROAA (%)	2.2	(1.3)	(0.6)	0.6	0.8
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.2	nm	78.1	22.0	18.9
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	30.1	40.8	40.6	39.7	39.2
Consensus net profit	-	-	(73)	71	105
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(0.8)	7.5	3.3

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# HOLD

Share Price	MYR 0.34
12m Price Target	MYR 0.35 (+4%)
Previous Price Target	MYR 0.35

# **Company Description**

UEM Sunrise is principally involved in the property development business.

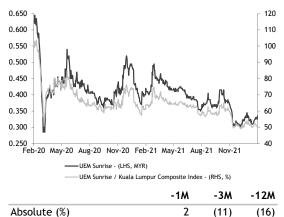
## Statistics

52w high/low (MYR)	0.50/0.30
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.2
Free float (%)	18.6
Issued shares (m)	5,058
Market capitalisation	MYR1.7B
	USD405M
Major shareholders:	
Khazanah Nasional Bhd. (Investment Compa	<b>69.6</b> %
Urusharta Jamaah Sdn. Bhd.	6.3%
Employees Provident Fund	3.3%

## Price Performance

Relative to index (%)

Source: FactSet



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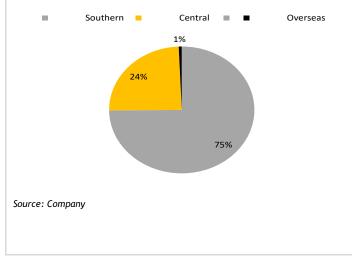
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# Value Proposition

- The largest land owner in Iskandar Malaysia (IM), Johor. Khazanah owns a 66% stake in UEMS.
- 75% of total GDV is derived from Johor (mostly located in IM area).
- UEMS' low land cost should allow it to be more flexible in pricing and project launches in IM.
- Over the past four years, UEMS has been actively looking for land outside of IM to reduce its concentration risk in that region.

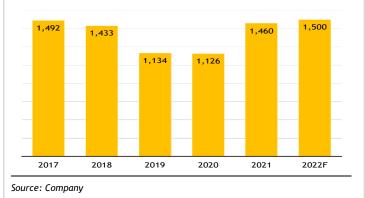


# GDV breakdown by location - MYR108b as at end-2020

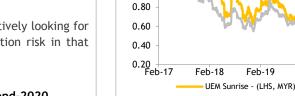
# **Financial Metrics**

- UEMS has a dividend payout policy of 20-40% of its realised PATAMI.
- UEMS has set a MYR1.5b sales target for 2022.

# Historical sales track record (MYRm)



# nor (mostly located in IM 1.40 1.20



**Price Drivers** 

Historical share price trend

UEM Sunrise / Kuala Lumpur Composite Index - (RHS, %)

Feb-20

Feb-21

Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

- 1. 2018: Buying sentiment for properties was weak pre-GE14.
- 2. 2019: Earnings were boosted by two completed Australian projects.
- 3. 1H 20: Earnings and sales were severely hit by MCO1.0.
- 4. Oct 2020: Proposed merger between ECW-UEMS by UEMS' major shareholder in Oct 20 (source: Bursa Malaysia).
- 5. 2021: UEMS has decided not to pursue the proposed merger with ECW after the latter called off the deal *(source: Bursa Malaysia)*.

# **Swing Factors**

# Upside

- RNAV-accretive land acquisitions.
- Higher-than-expected property sales.
- Land/asset sales.

# Downside

- Slow-than-expected property sales and longer-thanexpected downturn in the property sector.
- Delay in obtaining necessary approvals for its projects.
- Country/currency risks as UEMS has property projects in Australia and South Africa.

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Risk Rating & Score <sup>1</sup>	15.9 (Low)
Score Momentum <sup>2</sup>	-1.8
Last Updated	31 Mar 2021
Controversy Score <sup>3</sup> (Updated: DD Mmm YYYY)	0 -No incidents

# Business Model & Industry Issues

- UEMS is one of the largest land owners in Malaysia (10,643 acres; 72% of total GDV is derived from Johor projects). Its projects span over 3 countries i.e. Malaysia, Australia and South Africa. Its geographical spread naturally exposes UEMS to multiple ESG risks including bribery and corruption.
- UEMS has a zero-tolerance approach to bribery and corruption practices in its business conduct and operations. With the support of the Board Governance & Risk Committee (BGRC), the Board oversees the formulation and building of a strong governance, ethical and integrity culture within UEMS and provides oversight and guidance on the integrity, governance and anti-corruption initiatives. In 2020, the Board has approved UEMS' Anti-Corruption Guidelines. Its anti-corruption policy is also communicated to suppliers, contractors, agents and JV partners.
- UEMS has been a constituent of the FTSE4Good Bursa Malaysia Index since 2014. Its score has been steadily improving, from 2.3 to 3 in 2021. Guided by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (UNSDGs), UEMS has identified 11 relevant SDGs for sustainable development.

# Material E issues

- UEMS embeds sustainable features in its township and high-rise developments.
- It has installed 12 electric vehicle charging points that are now operational across UEMS developments.
- In 2020, five of its projects have achieved Green Building certifications including Residensi Allevia, KAIA Heights and Solaris Parq. These buildings are designed to save energy and resources, recycle materials and minimise the emission of toxic substances throughout their life cycles.
- UEMS partnered with Kloth Malaysia S/B to install a fabric bank recycling bin at Publika on 1 Dec 2020. It has also installed an e-Waste bin in Publika to collect electronic waste. In 2020, UEMS has collected close to 205kg of fabric and 250kg of e-waste. Both bins continue to be stationed in Publika in 2021 with plans to expand collections to other suitable locations.

# Material S issues

- UEMS' workforce consisted of 50% women, with 48%/25% women representation in Management/Top Management.
- UEMS has adopted 16 schools under the PINTAR programme (led by its major shareholder, Khazanah). PINTAR stands for Promoting Intelligence, Nurturing Talent and Advocating Responsibility. It conducted the Highly Immersive Programme to encourage and instil confidence in students when communicating in English.

It has also set up Melbourne's International Student Pop-Up Store in Aurora Melbourne Central together with Foodbank Victoria for international students experiencing food insecurity caused by the pandemic. It has supplied over 195,000 kg of food to 263 learning institutions, covering 84 different nationalities.

# Key G metrics and issues

- There are 10 members on UEMS's board comprising of 4 Non-independent Non-Executive Director (NINED; including Chairman) and 6 Independent Non-Executive Director (INED).
- In terms of board gender and diversity, 4 of the 10 board members are female (40% of board members) and 3 are non-bumiputera.
- UEMS has been audited by Ernst & Young PLT since 2008.
- The cumulative remuneration of the board members (MYR10m) represented 2% of UEMS's core net loss in FY20 (FY19: 1% of core net profit).
- Audit committee is made up of 3 INEDs. Its nomination and remuneration committees comprise 3 INEDs and 1 NINED while Board Governance & Risk Committee comprises 1 NINED and 4 INEDs.
- UEMS reported losses since 2020 are due to various phases of lockdown and impairments. In 2020, it reported total core net loss of MYR175m, excluding the MYR36m impairment of inventories and MYR26m impairment on Marina Walk in Puteri Harbour and MYR17.5m on Artisan Hills.

UEMS is jointly-developing 228 acres of land in Desaru with its major shareholder, Khazanah. In Oct 2020, Khazanah had proposed a merger between UEMS and Eco World Development (ECW MK; TP: MYR0.93; HOLD) via share and warrant swap in Oct 2020. However, the proposed merger was called off in Jan 2021 after ECW decided not to pursue the proposed merger after discussions with UEMS (*source: Bursa Malaysia*).

1*Risk 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. <u>2Score</u> <u>Momentum</u> - indicates changes to the company's score since the last update - a <u>negative</u> integer indicates a company's improving risk score; a <u>positive</u> integer indicates a deterioration. <u>3Controversy Score</u> - 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).

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# UEM Sunrise's RNAV estimates

Landbank at market value	Location	Stake	Acres	MV (MYR m)
Nusajaya -Residential	Nusajaya	100%	1,916.0	2,086.5
Nusajaya - Commercial	Nusajaya	100%	2,332.1	3,555.5
Nusajaya -Commercial Nusajaya -Industrial	Nusajaya	100%	2,552.1	350.7
Puteri Harbour	Nusajaya	100%	230.0	330.5
- Residential		100%	207.7	226.2
- Commercial	Nusajaya Nusajaya	100%	68.4	104.3
Regional commercial centre		100%	480.0	731.8
	Nusajaya	100%	448.6	195.4
Bangi land	Selangor	100%	2,405.0	168.4
Fapah land	Perak		2,405.0	21.0
Symphony Hills	Cyberjaya	100%	2,000.0	588.1
Setia Haruman land	Cyberjaya	25%	1,200.0	326.7
- Residential	Cyberjaya	25%		
- Commercial	Cyberjaya	25%	800.0	261.4
Desaru	Johor	51%	678.7	226.2
Fraser Metropolis	Johor	60%	2,500.0	522.7
Nont Kiara	Kuala Lumpur	100%	43.2	470.4
Mersing, Johor	Johor	100%	431.1	53.7
Seremban	Seremban	50%	225.5	49.1
Sub-total (1)				9,349.9
Active developments: DCF @ 12-18% WACC				(MYR m
East Ledang	Nusajaya	100%		27.3
Horizon Hills	Nusajaya	50%		47.2
Nusa Bayu	Nusajaya	100%		4.0
SiLC	Nusajaya	100%		21.
Northern Estuary	Nusajaya	100%		101.8
R10/R11	Nusajaya	100%		3.9
Ledang Heights	Nusajaya	100%		3.7
Afiat Healthpark	Nusajaya	100%		2.1
Ascendas-UEML Tech Park	Nusajaya	40%		62.4
Gerbang Nusajaya, JV with KLK	Nusajaya	40%		68.8
Angkasaraya, KLCC	KLCC vicinity	100%		25.2
Bukit Jelutong	Selangor	50%		31.9
Solaris 3	Mont kiara	100%		92.8
Kepong	Kepong	50%		104.1
Taman Pertama	Cheras	100%		27.
Conservatory, Melbourne	Australia	100%		0.9
Sub-total (2):				625
				MYRm
				M Y R D
			NLA (sq.ft.)	
Plaza Mont Kiara -office		10.44	31,980	17.6
<mark>Investment properties</mark> Plaza Mont Kiara -office Solaris MK - retail & car park Solaris Dutamas - retail & car park				17.6 70.9 459.2



# UEM Sunrise's RNAV estimates (continued)

Grand total = (1) + (2) + (3)	<b>10,523.0</b>
Net debt-2020	(3,007.1)
RNAV (MYR m)	<b>7,515.9</b>
Enlarged share capital (m shares)	5,145.5
FD RNAV (MYR/sh)	1.46

Source: Maybank IBG Research



FYE 31 Dec	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	18.2	nm	nm	22.3	15.
Core P/E (x)	11.7	nm	nm	22.3	15.
P/BV (x)	0.4	0.4	0.2	0.2	0.3
P/NTA (x)	0.5	0.4	0.3	0.3	0.
Net dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.
FCF yield (%)	44.7	nm	12.2	21.1	19.
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.2	nm	78.1	22.0	18.9
EV/EBIT (x)	13.2	nm	78.1	22.0	18.9
NCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	2,909.5	1,136.9	994.2	1,331.6	1,587.
EBITDA	487.9	11.3	65.6	231.9	268.
Depreciation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
BIT	487.9	11.3	65.6	231.9	268.
let interest income / (exp)	(117.5)	(132.9)	(167.3)	(169.2)	(171.7
Associates & JV	19.9	(64.7)	6.6	38.9	46.
Exceptionals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Other pretax income	(8.6)	(9.1)	0.0	0.0	0.
Pretax profit	381.8	(195.3)	(95.1)	101.7	143.
ncome tax	(161.3)	(81.4)	22.8	(24.4)	(34.5
Ainorities	1.1	(0.6)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(0.2
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Reported net profit	221.6	(277.3)	(73.5)	76.1	108.
Core net profit	309.9	(174.8)	(73.5)	76.1	108.
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	1,057.4	1,086.3	1,068.0	1,200.8	1,302.
Accounts receivable	641.7	494.3	272.4	364.8	434.
nventory	948.9	580.5	326.9	437.8	521.
Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	456.1	478.6	643.0	736.5	830.
ntangible assets	621.4	621.4	621.4	621.4	621.
nvestment in Associates & JVs	1,521.7	1,475.6	1,475.6	1,475.6	1,475.
Other assets	8,201.7	8,743.2	8,208.5	8,058.8	7,979.
Total assets	13,449.1	13,479.9	12,615.7	12,895.8	13,165.
T interest bearing debt	1,049.0	1,493.1	1,593.1	1,693.1	1,793.
Accounts payable	1,083.9	1,007.0	272.4	368.5	443.
nsurance contract liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
.T interest bearing debt	2,337.9	2,600.3	2,436.4	2,436.4	2,436.
Other liabilities	1,246.0	1,009.0	1,017.0	1,025.0	1,032.
Total Liabilities	5,716.4	6,109.3	5,318.6	5,522.6	5,705.
hareholders Equity	7,264.3	6,901.6	6,828.1	6,904.2	6,991.
Ainority Interest	468.3	469.0	469.0	469.0	469.
Fotal shareholder equity	7,732.7	7,370.6	7,297.1	7,373.2	7,460.
Total liabilities and equity	13,449.1	13,479.9	12,615.7	12,895.8	13,165.
CASH FLOW (MYR m)					
Pretax profit	381.8	(195.3)	(95.1)	101.7	143.
Depreciation & amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Adj net interest (income)/exp	21.9	11.6	167.3	169.2	0. 171.
Change in working capital	0.0	0.0	259.0	107.3	79.
ash taxes paid	(103.1)	(187.7)	(81.4)	22.8	(24.4
ther operating cash flow	(103.1) 0.0	(187.7)	(81.4)	0.0	(24.2
ash flow from operations	0.0 1,660.2	(89.8)	256.4	407.5	0. 376.
apex iroo cash flow	(37.5)	(277.9)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0
ree cash flow	1,622.8	(367.7)	206.4	357.5	326.
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
quity raised / (purchased)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
hange in Debt	(1,296.6)	706.5	100.0	100.0	100.
Other invest/financing cash flow	(381.9)	(343.8)	(324.7)	(324.7)	(324.7
ffect of exch rate changes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.
Net cash flow	(55.8)	(4.9)	(18.3)	132.8	101.



FYE 31 Dec	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	42.3	(60.9)	(12.6)	33.9	19.2
EBITDA growth	1.1	(97.7)	480.6	253.5	15.9
EBIT growth	1.1	(97.7)	480.6	253.5	15.9
Pretax growth	(8.2)	nm	nm	nm	41.2
Reported net profit growth	(20.9)	nm	nm	nm	43.1
Core net profit growth	(4.5)	nm	nm	nm	43.1
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	16.8	1.0	6.6	17.4	16.9
EBIT margin	16.8	1.0	6.6	17.4	16.9
Pretax profit margin	13.1	nm	nm	7.6	9.0
Payout ratio	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	7.6	nm	nm	5.7	6.9
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Assets/Equity (x)	1.9	2.0	1.8	1.9	1.9
ROAE (%)	3.1	(3.9)	(1.1)	1.1	1.6
ROAA (%)	2.2	(1.3)	(0.6)	0.6	0.8
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	2.4	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.3
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	30.1	40.8	40.6	39.7	39.2
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	30.1	40.8	40.6	39.7	39.2
Net interest cover (x)	4.2	0.1	0.4	1.4	1.6
Debt/EBITDA (x)	6.9	nm	nm	17.8	15.7
Capex/revenue (%)	1.3	24.4	5.0	3.8	3.1
Net debt/ (net cash)	2,329.4	3,007.1	2,961.6	2,928.8	2,927.1

Source: Company; Maybank

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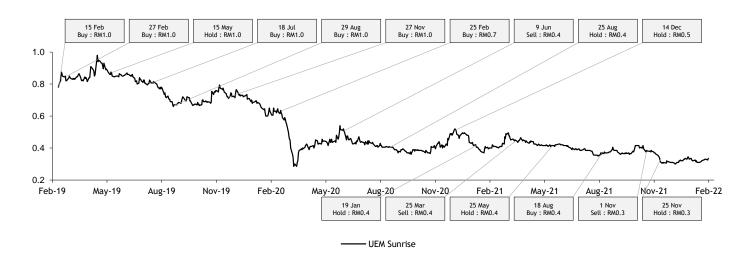
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