

# Genting Plantations (GENP MK)

# Strong 4Q21 results to end the year

#### 19sen DPS announced to reward shareholders

4Q21 core PATMI picked up strongly to beat our/consensus estimates. We expect GENP to deliver 6% in FY22E core PATMI growth on output recovery and better CPO ASP (as FY21's net CPO ASP was watered down by earlier forward sales and Indonesia's punitive export taxes in 1H21). Maintain BUY with a new TP of MYR8.95 after rolling forward valuation to FY23E on revised 23x PER, its updated -1SD of 8Y mean (previously MYR8.28 TP on 24x FY22E PER, at -1SD of 8Y mean).

#### FY21 core PATMI exceeded our/consensus estimates

4Q21 core PATMI of MYR166m (+90% YoY, +65% QoQ) brings FY21 core PATMI to MYR435m (+82% YoY), which met 115%/110% of our/consensus estimates. 4Q's upstream EBITDA rose to MYR308m (+65% YoY, +31% QoQ) on higher CPO ASP (MYR4,007/t; +55% YoY, +14% QoQ) which offset lower FFB output (-14% YoY, -3% QoQ). As for downstream, it posted a strong 4Q EBITDA of MYR16m (+189% YoY, +-37% QoQ) on account of higher margins, moderated by lower sales volume. For FY21, GENP guides its upstream unit cost of production at MYR1,900/t (+2% YoY). And it has managed to complete just 85% of FY21's fertiliser plan, in part due to heavy rainfall.

#### Property division showed improvement post FMCO

As for property, 4Q EBITDA rose 42% YoY to MYR6m (+5x QoQ) on higher margins despite lower progress billings. Pent up demand post FMCO led to better contributions from JV premium outlets with MYR11m share of profits (+23% YoY, +15x QoQ) in 4Q21.

#### Raising FY22E/23E core EPS by 49%/4%

Following our <u>industry-wide CPO ASP revisions to MYR4,100/t</u> (from MYR3,200/t) for 2022E and MYR3,200/t (from MYR3,000/t) for 2023E, we raise our FY22E/23E core PATMI forecasts for GENP by 49%/4% respectively. We also introduce our FY24E EPS forecast. GENP declared 19sen DPS comprising a special DPS of 15sen (ex-date: 10 Mar) and a final DPS of 4sen. This brings FY21 total DPS to 30sen (ie 62% DPR).

FYE Dec (MYR m)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	2,498	3,130	3,454	2,737	2,772
EBITDA	587	1,006	996	796	839
Core net profit	239	435	461	349	379
Core EPS (sen)	26.7	48.5	51.4	38.9	42.2
Core EPS growth (%)	69.6	81.6	6.1	(24.3)	8.6
Net DPS (sen)	21.0	30.0	30.8	23.3	25.3
Core P/E (x)	36.9	13.8	16.3	21.6	19.9
P/BV (x)	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
Net dividend yield (%)	2.1	4.5	3.7	2.8	3.0
ROAE (%)	5.2	8.6	8.8	6.5	6.8
ROAA (%)	2.8	5.1	5.2	4.0	4.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.0	7.0	8.7	10.6	10.0
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	20.7	16.6	16.8	13.0	11.5
Consensus net profit	-	-	329	337	na
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	40.2	3.7	na

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# **BUY**

Share Price MYR 8.40
12m Price Target MYR 8.95 (+10%)
Previous Price Target MYR 8.28

#### **Company Description**

Genting Plantations is principally an upstream oil palm player in the region. It also has a property development arm in Malaysia.

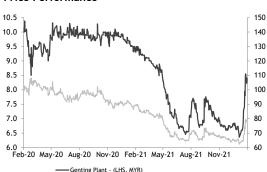
#### **Statistics**

52w high/low (MYR)	9.50/6.36
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.8
Free float (%)	30.0
Issued shares (m)	897
Market capitalisation	MYR7.5B
	USD1.8B

#### Major shareholders:

55.4%
13.9%
7.2%

#### Price Performance



— Genting Plant / Kuala Lumpur Composite Index - (RHS, %)

-1M -3M -12M

Absolute (%) 25 21 (10)
Relative to index (%) 21 17 (11)

Source: FactSet

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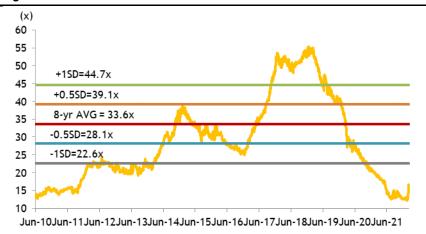
Fig 1: Genting Plantations results summary table

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FYE Dec (MYR m)	4Q21	4Q20	%YoY	3Q21	%QoQ	12M21	12M20	%YoY
Revenue	1,070.7	739.3	44.8	732.8	46.1	3,130.1	2,498.2	25.3
EBITDA	331.8	200.8	65.2	249.8	32.8	988.2	587.3	68.3
Depreciation	(68.1)	(58.2)	16.9	(64.5)	5.6	(255.3)	(233.7)	9.3
EBIT	263.7	142.6	85.0	185.3	42.3	732.9	353.6	107.3
Net interest	(28.1)	(19.5)	44.1	(19.6)	43.4	(85.3)	(71.5)	19.2
Share of Associate	12.8	9.9	29.0	1.4	814.3	21.5	32.5	(33.8)
EI/ unrealised FX	(1.2)	(5.0)	(76.2)	(0.8)	43.3	1.3	8.7	(85.3)
Pre-tax profit	247.2	128.0	93.2	166.3	48.6	670.4	323.2	107.4
Tax	(78.0)	(29.2)	167.3	(49.0)	59.3	(200.0)	(72.0)	177.8
Minority Interests	(7.6)	(19.8)	(61.6)	(15.1)	(50.0)	(38.2)	3.1	NA
PATMI	161.6	79.0	104.5	102.2	58.2	432.2	254.4	69.9
Core PATMI	165.8	87.4	89.8	100.3	65.3	434.6	239.5	81.5
<u>Segmental</u>	4Q21	4Q20	%YoY	3Q21	%QoQ	12M21	12M20	%YoY
Revenue								
Plantation	674.6	437.5	54.2	525.4	28.4	2,070.3	1,458.6	41.9
Downstream manufacturing	572.7	408.2	40.3	383.9	49.2	1,632.1	1,486.2	9.8
Property	35.2	46.9	(24.9)	16.5	113.3	106.3	94.4	12.6
Others	1.2	3.3	(63.6)	1.2	0.0	3.9	4.8	(18.9)
Eliminations	(213.0)	(156.6)	36.0	(194.2)	9.7	(682.5)	(545.8)	25.0
Total revenue	1,070.7	739.3	44.8	732.8	46.1	3,130.2	2,498.2	25.3
Core EBITDA								
Plantation	307.8	187.0	64.6	234.2	31.4	929.6	527.0	76.4
Downstream manufacturing	16.2	5.6	189.0	25.5	(36.5)	59.7	33.5	78.6
Property	6.0	4.2	41.5	0.9	579.9	21.8	20.4	6.7
Others (including biotech)	1.8	4.0	(55.3)	(10.7)	NA	(22.8)	6.5	NA
Core EBITDA	331.8	200.8	65.2	249.8	32.8	988.2	587.3	68.3
EBITDA margin (%)			+/- ppt		+/- ppt			+/- ppt
EBITDA margin - Plantation	45.6	42.7	2.9	44.6	1.1	44.9	36.1	8.8
EBITDA margin-Downstream	2.8	1.4	1.5	6.6	(3.8)	3.7	2.3	1.4
EBITDA margin - Property	17.1	9.1	8.0	5.4	11.7	20.5	21.6	(1.1)
Overall	31.0	27.2	3.8	34.1	(3.1)	31.6	23.5	8.1
<u>Operational</u>								
FFB production (t)	515,334	598,227	(13.9)	528,601	(2.5)	2,017,637	2,085,386	(3.2)
CPO ASP (MYR/t)	4,007	2,589	54.8	3,502	14.4	3,444	2,511	37.2

Sources: Company, Maybank IBG Research

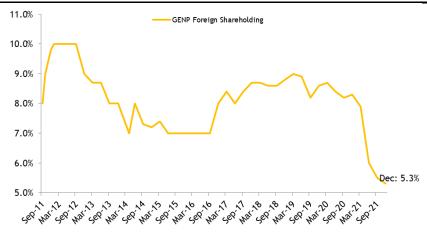
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Fig 2: GENP's 12M forward PER



Sources: Bloomberg, Maybank IBG Research

Fig 3: GENP's foreign shareholding



Source: Company

#### Risk statement

There are several risk factors for our earnings estimates, target price and rating for Genting Plantations (GENP). Key risks to the palm oil sector and GENP are: (i) weather anomalies resulting in poorer-than-expected output growth; (ii) lower-than-expected CPO price achieved; (iii) negative policies imposed by import countries; (iv) unfriendly policies imposed by the Malaysian and Indonesian government on upstream or downstream segments; (v) sharply lower crude oil prices, which makes palm biodiesel demand not viable; and (vi) weaker competing oil prices (like soybean and rapeseed).

February 24, 2022



FYE 31 Dec	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	34.9	16.4	16.3	21.6	19.9
Core P/E (x)	36.9	13.8	16.3	21.6	19.9
P/BV (x)	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
P/NTA (x)	1.8	1.2	1.4	1.4	1.3
Net dividend yield (%)	2.1	4.5	3.7	2.8	3.0
FCF yield (%)	1.7	10.5	3.3	5.5	4.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.0	7.0	8.7	10.6	10.0
EV/EBIT (x)	28.3	9.4	11.8	16.0	14.9
INCOME STATEMENT (MYR m)					
Revenue	2,498.2	3,130.2	3,453.6	2,737.4	2,772.4
EBITDA	587.3	1,005.5	996.0	795.9	839.2
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Depreciation	(233.7)	(255.3)	(262.5)	(269.8)	(277.4)
EBIT	353.6	750.2	733.5	526.1	561.8
Net interest income /(exp)	(71.5)	(85.2)	(71.3)	(60.3)	(52.9)
Associates & JV	32.5	21.5	32.0	51.0	51.0
Exceptionals	8.6	(16.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	323.2	670.4	694.2	516.8	559.9
Income tax	(72.0)	(200.0)	(203.0)	(142.7)	(156.0)
Minorities	3.1	(38.2)	(30.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)
Reported net profit	254.4	432.2	461.3	349.0	378.9
Core net profit	239.5	434.9	461.3	349.0	378.9
BALANCE SHEET (MYR m)					
Cash & Short Term Investments	1,559.1	1,647.6	1,405.5	1,395.6	1,257.4
Accounts receivable	665.1	634.3	851.6	675.0	683.6
Inventory	164.7	192.7	208.3	166.0	165.3
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	5,493.9	5,718.4	5,751.6	5,781.6	5,822.3
Intangible assets	38.7	25.7	25.7	25.7	25.7
Investment in Associates & JVs	239.1	258.9	290.9	341.9	392.9
Other assets	280.2	286.5	286.5	286.5	286.5
Total assets	8,440.8	8,764.0	8,820.0	8,672.2	8,633.7
ST interest bearing debt	306.0	347.5	247.5	147.5	47.5
Accounts payable	386.6	431.0	486.1	387.2	385.8
LT interest bearing debt	2,296.9	2,179.7	2,079.7	1,979.7	1,879.7
Other liabilities	414.0	510.0	510.0	510.0	510.0
Total Liabilities	3,403.1	3,468.2	3,323.3	3,024.5	2,823.0
Shareholders Equity	4,914.9	5,149.1	5,333.6	5,473.2	5,624.8
Minority Interest	122.7	146.6	163.1	174.5	185.9
Total shareholder equity	5,037.7	5,295.7	5,496.7	5,647.7	5,810.7
Total liabilities and equity	8,440.8	8,764.0	8,820.0	8,672.2	8,633.7
CASH FLOW (MYR m)					
Pretax profit	323.2	670.4	694.2	516.8	559.9
Depreciation & amortisation	233.7	255.3	262.5	269.8	277.4
Adj net interest (income)/exp	(71.5)	(85.2)	(71.3)	(60.3)	(52.9)
Change in working capital	(15.3)	146.0	(177.9)	120.1	(9.5)
Cash taxes paid	(32.5)	(106.3)	(203.0)	(142.7)	(156.0)
Other operating cash flow	(26.8)	7.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operations	449.9	951.2	543.9	712.9	620.9
Capex	(299.4)	(319.4)	(295.7)	(299.8)	(318.2)
Free cash flow	150.5	631.8	248.2	413.2	302.7
Dividends paid	(141.2)	(246.8)	(290.3)	(223.0)	(240.9)
Equity raised / (purchased)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	(61.6)	(226.0)	(200.0)	(200.0)	(200.0)
Other invest/financing cash flow	39.2	526.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	(13.1)	685.4	(242.1)	(9.8)	(138.2)



FYE 31 Dec	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	10.2	25.3	10.3	(20.7)	1.3
EBITDA growth	33.4	71.2	(0.9)	(20.1)	5.4
EBIT growth	68.7	112.2	(2.2)	(28.3)	6.8
Pretax growth	74.3	107.4	3.6	(25.6)	8.3
Reported net profit growth	79.0	69.9	6.7	(24.3)	8.6
Core net profit growth	69.6	81.6	6.1	(24.3)	8.6
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	23.5	32.1	28.8	29.1	30.3
EBIT margin	14.2	24.0	21.2	19.2	20.3
Pretax profit margin	12.9	21.4	20.1	18.9	20.2
Payout ratio	74.1	62.3	60.0	60.0	60.0
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	10.2	13.8	13.4	12.7	13.7
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.3
Assets/Equity (x)	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.6	1.5
ROAE (%)	5.2	8.6	8.8	6.5	6.8
ROAA (%)	2.8	5.1	5.2	4.0	4.4
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	57.0	32.1	36.6	49.0	42.4
Days receivable outstanding	92.1	74.7	77.4	100.4	88.2
Days inventory outstanding	43.9	33.1	31.8	38.5	34.4
Days payables outstanding	79.1	75.7	72.7	89.9	80.2
Dividend cover (x)	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.7
Current ratio (x)	3.3	3.0	3.1	3.8	4.3
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	2.5	2.5	2.7	2.9	3.1
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	20.7	16.6	16.8	13.0	11.5
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	20.7	16.6	16.8	13.0	11.5
Net interest cover (x)	4.9	8.8	10.3	8.7	10.6
Debt/EBITDA (x)	4.4	2.5	2.3	2.7	2.3
Capex/revenue (%)	12.0	10.2	8.6	11.0	11.5
Net debt/ (net cash)	1,043.7	879.6	921.7	731.5	669.8

Source: Company; Maybank



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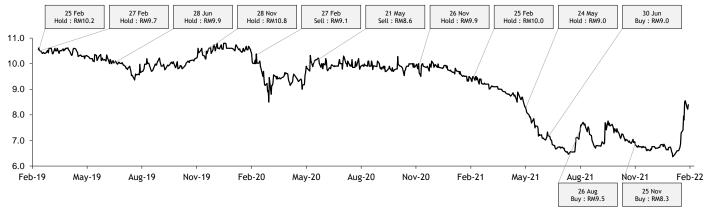
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