

Singapore

ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*:	Buy 7	Hold 0	Sell 0
Current price:			S\$1.58
Target price:	•		S\$1.96
Previous target:			S\$1.96
Up/downside:			23.9%
CGS-CIMB / Consens	SUS:		3.9%
Reuters:		١	AZG.SI
Bloomberg:		YZJ	SGD SP
Market cap:		USS	\$4,647m
		S	6,242m
Average daily turnove	r:	USS	\$19.74m
		S	\$26.61m
Current shares o/s:			3,951m
Free float:			61.0%
*Source: Bloomberg			

Key changes in this note

FY23-25F EPS lifted by 7-9%.

Order win forecast lifted to US\$4.5bn for 2024F (previously US\$4bn).



Yangzi International Holdings Ltd



Yangzijiang Shipbuilding

Record-high FY23F net profit likely

- We lift our FY23-25F EPS by 7-9% to incorporate one-off gains from jack-up rig sale and higher shipbuilding margins. Higher DPS is a rerating catalyst.
- Subdued steel prices YTD at c.Rmb4,000/tonne reaffirm our thesis for YZJSB's margin expansion; we lift our FY24F/25F GM to 25%/26%.
- We raise our 2024F order win forecast to US\$4.5bn (from US\$4bn) in view of the latest six 13k dual fuel containership orders worth c.US\$1bn.
- Reiterate Add and TP of S\$1.96, based on a 2x CY24F P/BV.

Stranded jack-up rig finally sold, estimated gain of Rmb250m

The heightened jack-up rig market finally led to the sale of YZJ's stranded rig in Nov 23. We estimate the after-tax gain from the sale to be c.Rmb250m (c.US\$35m), which will be reflected in the FY23F financials (please see page 2 for details).

Thesis of low steel price and inverse direction of ASP still intact

Steel prices remained steady in the last 3 months of 2023 at Rmb3,950/metric tonne. YTD's prices are around Rmb4,067/metric. Conversely, newbuild prices have remained firm. If we benchmark the latest contract win by YZJSB for six units of 13k dual-fuel containerships to industry trends (by Shipping Intelligence), it should fetch US\$173m/vessel or US\$1bn of total contract vs. newbuild prices 6 months earlier in Jul 23 at US\$171m/ vessel (Fig 6). Structural demand for green energy vessels and shipowners' profitability could keep ship prices firm, in our view. We turn slightly more positive on the quantum of margin expansion as YZJSB progressively executes orders from 2H21. We expect higher shipbuilding gross margins (GM) for FY24F of 24.5% and FY25F of 25.5% (previously 24-25%).

Efficient execution may see margins expand and more orders

Upside to our margins could also come from operating efficiency, in our view. On average, from striking steel to completion, YJZSB takes c.10 months to build a <100k dwt bulk carrier and 14-16 months for a +20k TEU containership. With the order book currently at about U\$15.8bn, we expect operating leverage and efficiency from its solid execution track record to potentially reduce the construction months to 13-14 months for large-scale containerships. This could also mean yard capacity can be maximised to take in more orders. We now expect FY24F order intake to be at US\$4.5bn (from US\$4bn previously). Yard capacity is generally full until 2027F but we believe efficient yard planning could still see some delivery slots available for mid-size ships in 2026F.

Multiple catalysts; Maintain Add and TP of S\$1.96

We forecast FY23F DPS at S\$0.065 (+30% yoy) or 35% payout (FY22:38%), driven by potentially record-high FY23F net profit. Other catalysts include higher-than-expected margin expansion on operating leverage and higher order intake. Key risks include order cancellations and higher steel costs hurting margins. Our TP basis of 2x CY24 P/BV is justified by YZJSB's 21% ROE.

Financial Summary	Dec-21A	Dec-22A	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Revenue (Rmbb)	15.14	20.71	23.77	24.20	25.30
Operating EBITDA (Rmbb)	2.85	3.51	5.37	6.16	6.62
Net Profit (Rmbb)	1.97	2.61	3.96	4.46	4.77
Core EPS (Rmb)	0.51	0.66	1.00	1.13	1.21
Core EPS Growth	120%	30%	51%	13%	7%
FD Core P/E (x)	16.69	12.75	8.45	7.50	7.00
DPS (Rmb)	0.13	0.25	0.38	0.43	0.46
Dividend Yield	1.58%	2.95%	4.54%	5.08%	5.44%
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.36	7.75	4.36	3.54	2.96
P/FCFE (x)	4.85	8.80	6.37	10.25	8.52
Net Gearing	(21.9%)	(35.1%)	(49.3%)	(50.1%)	(52.4%)
P/BV (x)	0.92	1.90	1.67	1.47	1.30
ROE	5.8%	9.8%	21.1%	20.8%	19.7%
% Change In Core EPS Estimates			9.45%	7.62%	6.54%
EPS/Consensus EPS (x)			1.10	1.11	1.11

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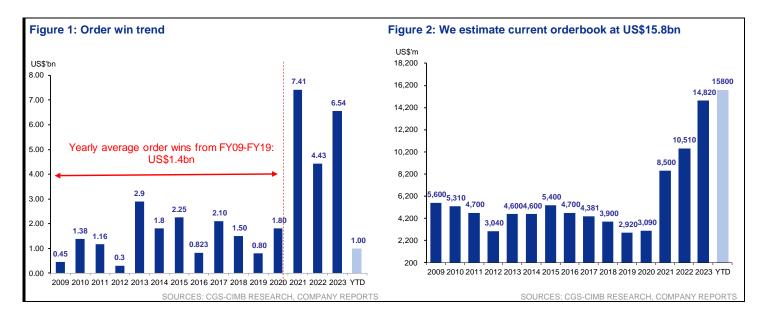


Sale of jack-up rig, finally >

In 2012, YZJSB secured a contract to build a LeTourneau Super 116E Class design self-elevating rig for Mena Offshore Investments for US\$170m. However, in 2016, the contract was terminated, and the rig, Explorer I, has been classified under inventory ever since. The rig's book value has been written down over the years to c.US\$35m in Nov 23. According to Riglogix, Explorer I was sold to Sinopec Shengli for US\$80m in Nov 23. Although this is lower than the market price of c.US\$111m for a similar rig which Dalian Shipyard sold in Nov 23 for India waters, we understand that the sale of Explorer I is on a "bare rig, as-is" basis with no reactivation service required, and to be used for drilling activities in China.

New contract likely worth c.US\$1bn >

YZJSB announced to the stock exchange yesterday (17 Jan) that it has been awarded a contract for six units of 13k TEUs dual-fuel (DF) methanol containerships from a repeat customer from Japan, ONE Shipping. The contract amount was not disclosed but we estimate the total contract value to be about U\$1bn, based on US\$173m per vessel. This brings YZJSB's order book to about U\$15.8bn. We believe YZJSB is likely to surpass its general guidance of US\$3bn annual orders in 2024F as efficient yard planning should allow the company to further maximise its yard capacity.



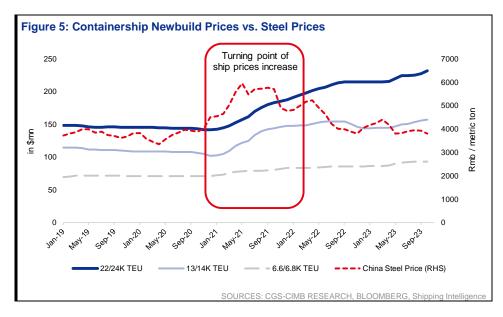
Weak Rmb is a plus >

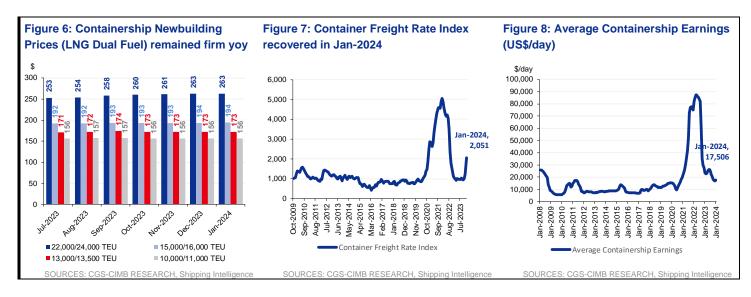
The Rmb has weakened against the US\$ by 6% yoy. We think there could be favourable forex impact on YZJSB given that about 70% of its costs are denominated in renminbi, assuming all equipment costs (30% of total cost) are denominated in US\$.

Our China strategist expects the Rmb to appreciate modestly against the greenback, fluctuating within a Rmb6.9-7.2 range vs. US\$ in 2024F, on the back of softening in the US dollar index as the US enters an interest rate reduction cycle.











Reiterate Add and TP of S\$1.96 >

We like YZJSB for 1) upside from margin expansion, 2) sustained annual order win of US\$4-5bn on the back of decarbonization commitments from liners to replace fleets and 3) fluctuating shipping rates due to unexpected disruption in routes or port congestion could see faster absorption of newbuild supply.

Our TP is based on 2x CY24F P/BV, now 70% premium to regional yards' 1.2x average CY24F P/BV, given YZJ's stronger margin track record and superior ROE of 21% (peers: less than 10%).

Downside risks >

Downside risks to our Add call include a sharp rise in steel costs affecting margins, order cancellations weakening earnings visibility, and a steep decline in freight rates impacting potential new order wins and chartering contracts.

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	Pr	Previous Revised Change							, 0				
	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F				
Revenue (Rmbm)	23,768	24,197	25,078	23,768	24,197	25,296	0%	0%	1%				
Gross profit %	19%	23%	24%	19%	25%	26%							
Net profit (Rmbm)	3,620	4,140	4,480	3,958	4,457	4,774	9%	8%	7%				
EPS (Rmb)	0.92	1.05	1.14	1.00	1.13	1.21	9%	8%	6%				
			SOURC	ES: CGS-CI	MB RESEAL	RCH ESTIM	ATES. CO	MPANY R	EPORTS				

				Target	Market							Recurring	Dividen
	Bbg		Price	Price	Cap		P/E (x)		2-year EPS	P/BV	/ (x)	ROE (%)	Yield (%
Company	Ticker	Recom.	(Icl curr)	(Icl curr)	(US\$ m)	CY23F	CY24F	CY25F	CAGR (%)	CY23F	CY24F	CY23F	CY23
Keppel Corporation	KEP SP	Add	6.87	8.70	9,014	12.3	11.0	10.3	11.8%	1.02	0.99	8.4%	5.2%
Capitaland Investment	CLI SP	Add	2.96	4.30	11,231	19.6	16.4	15.2	37.8%	0.93	0.89	4.9%	4.1%
Integrated global asset managen	nent - big cap	o simple a	verage			16.0	13.7	12.8	24.8%	0.98	0.94	6.6%	4.6%
Seatrium Ltd	STM SP	Add	0.11	0.19	5,739	na	30.1	11.7	na	0.93	0.90	-7.8%	0.0%
Singapore offshore - big cap sim	ple average					na	30.1	11.7	na	0.93	0.90	-7.8%	0.0%
COSCO SHIPPING International S	COS SP	NR	0.16	na	263	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	n
China CSSC Holdings Ltd	600150 CH	NR	28.79	na	17,893	46.1	19.8	14.2	502.7%	2.64	2.34	5.9%	0.7%
China Shipbuilding Industry Co	601989 CH	NR	4.11	na	13,023	205.5	24.2	15.2	na	1.12	1.07	0.0%	n:
CSSC Offshore and Marine Engin	600685 CH	NR	24.39	na	3,540	106.0	30.5	21.4	28.2%	2.17	2.03	2.0%	n
	YZJSGD SP	Add	1.58	1.96	4,647	8.4	7.5	7.0	26.5%	1.67	1.47	21.1%	4.5%
Chinese Shipbuilder simple avera					,-	91.5	20.5	14.5	185.8%	1.90	1.73	7.3%	2.6%
Korea Shipbuilding & Offshore	009540 KS	Add	104,400	136,000	5,495	37.3	12.1	5.8	na	0.74	0.69	2.1%	0.0%
Hyundai Mipo Dockyard	010620 KS	Reduce	72,200	69,000	2,145	na	20.3	13.2	na	1.38	1.29	-2.1%	0.0%
Samsung Heavy Industries	010140 KS	Add	7,050	10,900	4,614	95.4	22.3	12.9	na	1.70	1.57	1.8%	0.0%
Hanwha Ocean	042660 KS	Hold	21,400	35,300	4,876	na	21.1	11.9	na	1.42	1.33	-8.0%	0.0%
Sejin Heavy Industries Co Ltd	075580 KS	NR	4,805	na	207	17.0	18.4	10.2	11.0%	1.69	1.62	9.8%	3.1%
Korean Shipbuilder simple avera	ge					49.9	18.8	10.8	11.0%	1.38	1.30	0.7%	0.6%
Mitsui E&S Co Ltd	7003 JP	NR	712.0	na	500	4.0	3.8	na	68.0%	0.65	0.58	na	0.1%
Japan Shipbuilder simple averag	e					6.4	3.8	na	68.0%	0.65	0.58	na	0.1%
Brookfield Corp	BN US	NR	38.49	na	63,167	21.7	16.1	13.6	39.9%	1.42	1.41	9.6%	0.7%
US Shipbuilder simple average						21.7	16.1	13.6	39.9%	1.42	1.41	9.6%	0.7%
CSE Global	CSE SP	Add	0.41	0.57	188	11.3	8.7	7.4	83.1%	1.16	1.10	10.5%	6.7%
SATS Ltd	SATS SP	Add	2.87	3.44	3,185	141.1	44.2	23.4	na	1.98	2.00	1.3%	0.5%
Sembcorp Industries	SCI SP	Add	5.45	6.85	7,222	9.8	10.6	10.5	12.0%	2.08	1.83	23.1%	2.8%
ST Engineering	STE SP	Add	3.83	4.27	8,879	20.7	17.1	14.6	23.8%	4.82	4.47	23.8%	4.29
SIA Engineering	SIE SP	Hold	2.35	2.51	1,965	24.3	20.0	18.3	41.1%	1.54	1.51	6.5%	3.59
Industrial/conglomerate / airport	services sim	ple avera	qe			41.4	20.1	14.9	40.0%	2.32	2.18	13.0%	3.5%

Estimates for Not rated companies are based on Bloomberg consensus estimates

Data as at 17 Jan 2024





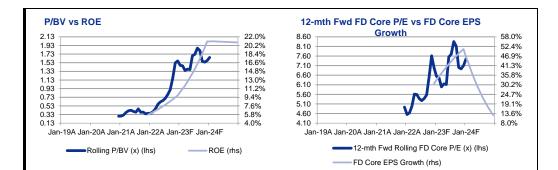
ESG in a nutshell

We believe YZJ's combined ESG score was weighed down by its ESG controversies, most notably in 2019 when its then Executive Chairman Mr Ren Yuanlin was implicated in an anti-graft investigation by the authorities of the People's Republic of China. As a result, Refinitiv gave YZJ an ESG combined score of C+ in 2021. The current combined ESG score of C- is split into E: C- (weightage: 34.18%); S: C- (weightage: 37.34%); and G: A- (weightage: 28.48%). Moving forward, YZJ aims to design and build vessels with higher energy efficiency, in line with China's plans "to have CO2 emissions peak before 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality before 2060".

	Level Read Course
Keep your eye on	Implications
In 2019, YZJ's then-Executive Chairman Mr Ren Yuanlin was implicated in the Chinese government's anti-corruption investigations into Liu Jiangguo, the former party secretary of Jingjiang City.	
ESG highlights	Implications
to 2021 at C We think YZJ can further improve its Environment score by implementing initiatives in waste reduction, environmental restoration, and environmental expenditures. YZJ has made conscientious efforts, through	International Maritime Organisation (IMO), while promoting the utilisation of LNG in the domestic market to replace traditional pollutive conventional energy sources. We have not applied any premium/discount for ESG in our
Trends	Implications
From 2020 to 2021, YZJ maintained its Environment and Social scores at C- and C-, respectively, as ranked by Refinitiv. Meanwhile, its Governance pillar fared the best among its E, S, and G categories, maintaining its score of A- in 2021, according to Refinitiv.	We have not applied any premium/discount for ESG in our fundamental valuations of YZJ.
	SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, REFINITIV



BY THE NUMBERS



Profit & Loss

(Rmbb)	Dec-21A	Dec-22A	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Total Net Revenues	15.41	20.57	23.77	24.20	25.30
Gross Profit	2.85	3.51	5.09	6.42	6.95
Operating EBITDA	2.85	3.51	5.37	6.16	6.62
Depreciation And Amortisation	-0.49	-0.45	-0.45	-0.51	-0.53
Operating EBIT	2.35	3.06	4.92	5.65	6.09
Financial Income/(Expense)	0.27	0.24	0.26	0.18	0.15
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	2.62	3.30	5.18	5.84	6.25
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	2.62	3.30	5.18	5.84	6.25
Taxation	-0.62	-0.68	-1.19	-1.34	-1.44
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	2.00	2.62	3.99	4.49	4.81
Minority Interests	-0.03	-0.01	-0.03	-0.04	-0.04
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Net Profit	1.97	2.61	3.96	4.46	4.77
Recurring Net Profit	1.97	2.61	3.96	4.46	4.77
Fully Diluted Recurring Net Profit	1.97	2.61	3.96	4.46	4.77

Cash Flow

(Rmbb)	Dec-21A	Dec-22A	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
EBITDA	2.85	3.51	5.37	6.16	6.62
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	-0.08	0.39	1.98	-0.13	-0.02
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow	3.95	1.21	-0.33	-0.51	-0.23
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	0.17	0.24	0.26	0.18	0.15
Tax Paid	-0.70	-0.72	-0.78	-1.19	-1.34
Cashflow From Operations	6.19	4.63	6.51	4.52	5.18
Capex	-0.67	-0.90	-1.26	-1.26	-1.26
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries	0.49	0.25	0.00	0.00	0.00
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	-0.62	-0.36	0.00	0.00	0.00
Other Investing Cashflow	1.12	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Flow From Investing	0.32	-0.88	-1.26	-1.26	-1.26
Debt Raised/(repaid)	0.29	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shares Repurchased	-0.17	-0.06	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividends Paid	-0.84	-0.97	-1.52	-1.70	-1.82
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	-0.00	-0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Flow From Financing	-0.73	-1.01	-1.52	-1.70	-1.82
Total Cash Generated	5.77	2.75	3.73	1.56	2.11
Free Cashflow To Equity	6.79	3.78	5.25	3.26	3.92
Free Cashflow To Firm	6.57	3.86	5.36	3.37	4.04

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BY THE NUMBERS... cont'd

(Rmbb)	Dec-21A	Dec-22A	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Total Cash And Equivalents	12.36	10.78	14.51	16.07	18.17
Total Debtors	4.12	3.67	1.87	1.90	1.99
Inventories	1.64	1.23	1.35	1.29	1.33
Total Other Current Assets	20.43	7.33	8.16	8.27	8.57
Total Current Assets	38.55	23.01	25.88	27.53	30.06
Fixed Assets	6.34	7.28	8.08	8.83	9.56
Total Investments	3.64	0.53	0.63	0.74	0.87
Intangible Assets	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03	0.03
Total Other Non-Current Assets	3.05	2.12	2.12	2.12	2.12
Total Non-current Assets	13.06	9.96	10.86	11.73	12.58
Short-term Debt	2.50	2.27	2.27	2.27	2.27
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	2.80	3.17	3.47	3.31	3.42
Other Current Liabilities	6.49	6.82	7.82	7.70	7.98
Total Current Liabilities	11.80	12.26	13.56	13.28	13.67
Total Long-term Debt	1.95	2.30	2.30	2.30	2.30
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	1.80	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71
Total Non-current Liabilities	3.75	3.01	3.01	3.01	3.01
Total Provisions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Liabilities	15.55	15.26	16.56	16.29	16.68
Shareholders' Equity	35.92	17.57	20.01	22.77	25.73
Minority Interests	0.14	0.13	0.16	0.20	0.24
Total Equity	36.06	17.70	20.18	22.97	25.96

	Dec-21A	Dec-22A	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Revenue Growth	18.6%	36.8%	14.8%	1.8%	4.5%
Operating EBITDA Growth	75.0%	23.3%	52.9%	14.7%	7.5%
Operating EBITDA Margin	18.8%	17.0%	22.6%	25.5%	26.2%
Net Cash Per Share (Rmb)	2.02	1.57	2.52	2.91	3.44
BVPS (Rmb)	9.16	4.45	5.07	5.76	6.51
Gross Interest Cover	33.67	28.65	44.87	49.49	53.35
Effective Tax Rate	23.7%	20.5%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	26.6%	37.8%	38.4%	38.1%	38.1%
Accounts Receivables Days	93.49	68.67	42.51	28.48	28.04
Inventory Days	48.21	30.72	25.17	27.09	26.00
Accounts Payables Days	79.96	63.95	64.86	69.80	66.99
ROIC (%)	6.8%	9.7%	35.0%	45.5%	44.2%
ROCE (%)	6.8%	10.9%	22.5%	22.8%	21.9%
Return On Average Assets	3.7%	5.7%	10.8%	11.4%	11.4%

Key Drivers					
	Dec-21A	Dec-22A	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Order win (US\$m)	7,400.0	4,430.0	6,645.0	4,607.2	3,987.0

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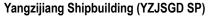


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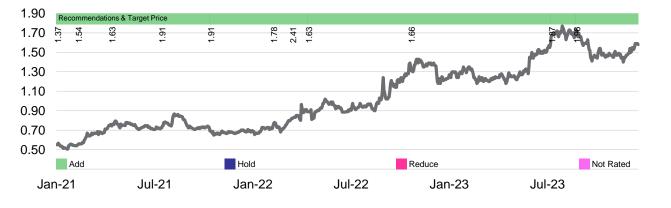
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