

# San Miguel Corporation (SMC PM)

## FUNDAMENTAL VIEW <sup>1</sup>

As of 27 May 2025

- SMC's FY24 earnings and credit metrics EBITDA improved YoY as we had expected from resilient broad-based demand recovery, lower thermal coal input costs, new project contributions, and good cost control measures.
- We are comfortable with SMC's large diversified operations and dominant market share in key sectors, which could outweigh its persisting high airport and infrastructure capex.
- We see low non-call risk for the c.2025 and c.2026 perps in the SMC complex, given SMC's strong ability and willingness to repay earlier perps at SMC GP, good access to diverse funding channels, and deep reputational concerns upon a non-call.

## RISKS & CATALYSTS

As of 27 May 2025

- SMC's revenues are concentrated in the Philippines (~80%), which poses geographical concentration risk.
- SMC incurs significant capex, particularly in its power/energy and infrastructure businesses. In October 2020, SMC began construction of the mega New Manila International Airport (requires ~PHP 750 bn of capex spread over 5-7 years). This could keep SMC's credit metrics elevated and free cash flows in negative territory.
- As a holding company, SMC is reliant on dividend upstreaming from its operating subsidiaries to service its debt, which can be difficult should the operating subsidiaries face cash flow difficulties.
- SMC operates in the businesses of thermal power generation and fuel refining, which may be looked at unfavourably by some ESG-focused investors.

## CREDIT QUALITY SCORE (CQS) <sup>2</sup>

As of 08 Aug 2025

### CURRENT CQS

43

### CQS OUTLOOK <sup>3</sup>

NEGATIVE STABLE POSITIVE

### HISTORICAL RATINGS: AVERAGE AGENCY RATING (ACR) <sup>4</sup> VS CQS



## KEY METRICS

As of 27 May 2025

| PHP BN               | FY22   | FY23   | FY24   | 1Q24   | 1Q25   |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Debt to Book Cap     | 72.3%  | 71.6%  | 73.0%  | 72.0%  | 71.0%  |
| Net Debt to Book Cap | 58.5%  | 60.4%  | 61.2%  | 60.6%  | 58.0%  |
| Debt/Total Equity    | 261.3% | 251.9% | 269.9% | 256.7% | 244.8% |
| Debt/Total Assets    | 69.8%  | 68.1%  | 68.2%  | 68.0%  | 68.4%  |
| Gross Leverage       | 9.1x   | 8.4x   | 8.3x   | 8.2x   | 7.9x   |
| Net Leverage         | 7.4x   | 7.1x   | 7.0x   | 6.9x   | 6.5x   |
| Interest Coverage    | 2.8x   | 2.1x   | 2.1x   | 2.1x   | 2.1x   |
| EBITDA Margin        | 12.2%  | 13.8%  | 14.0%  | 12.5%  | 15.6%  |

## BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

As of 27 May 2025

- SMC is a massive conglomerate in the Philippines with business interests across six business segments: Food & Beverage (F&B), fuel refining and retailing, power, packaging, infrastructure, and others.
- Its F&B business is operated through San Miguel Food & Beverage, the largest F&B company in the Philippines with three main divisions: Beer and Non-alcoholic Beverage (including beers and juices), Spirits (gin and Chinese wine), and Food (including packaged foods, animal feeds, poultry and fresh meats).
- SMC's fuel refining and retailing business is operated through Petron Corporation (~68% stake), the largest oil refining and retailing company in the Philippines, and one of the largest in Malaysia. Petron has a total refining capacity of ~268k barrels/day.
- SMC's power business is operated through SMC Global Power Holdings (SMC GP, 100% stake), one of the largest power generating companies in the Philippines. It maintains a diversified portfolio across coal (62%), natural gas (26%), and renewable energy (12%) sources.
- Through its packaging business, it manufactures glass containers, plastic crates, pellets, bottles and caps, aluminium cans, and other types of packaging products.
- It operates its Infrastructure business through San Miguel Holdings Corp (SMHC), in which it holds a 100% stake. It currently operates ~190 km of toll roads in the country, connecting high-traffic, arterial routes in Luzon.

## GLOSSARY

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<sup>2</sup> The **Credit Quality Score (CQS)** is a number between 5 and 100. It is a medium-term credit score for corporates and financial institutions that utilizes a combination of sector fundamental scores and equity market signals. Values of CQS above 50 generally indicate investment grade credit quality.

<sup>3</sup> The **Credit Quality Score (CQS) Outlook** is the near-term (3 month) outlook for the CQS, based on its trend, volatility and distance from the adjacent CQS risk bucket.

<sup>4</sup> The **Agency Composite Rating (ACR)** is the average senior unsecured rating from one or more major rating agencies.

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