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9 km underground alignment of the Sydney Metro West -Western Tunnelling Package, Australia.

## MARKET TRENDS AND OUTLOOK



#### MALAYSIA

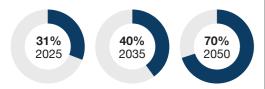
Major infrastructure projects including East Coast Rail Link, Light Rail Transit Line 3, Klang Valley Double Track Phase 2, Mass Rapid Transit Line 3, Pan Borneo Highway, West Coast Expressway, Electrified Double Track Gemas-Johor Bahru, Johor Bahru – Singapore Rapid Transit System

Potential projects on the horizon including Penang Light Rail Transit (LRT) and Kuala Lumpur-Singapore High Speed Rail (HSR)

Construction sector growth of 20.2% YoY (Q2 2024) driven by civil engineering, special trade activities, residential buildings

Property sales value growth **19.9%** (2023)

National Energy Transition Roadmap (NETR) sets ambitious targets for renewable energy share:



Rapid growth in data centre market, with projected CAGR of 13.9% to 2029, supported by investments from tech giants

#### VIETNAM

**Strong recovery in Q1 2024**, supported by low interest rates, supportive government policy and strong economic fundamentals. Property market slump in 2023 due to legal and cash flows issues among developers

Hanoi demand driving growth Average apartment price: **10.1% YoY** (Q1 2024)

Ho Chi Minh City property market remains sluggish Average apartment price: **1.1% YoY** (Q1 2024)

Foreign Direct Investment growth of 13.1% YoY (Q2 2024) provides optimism

#### AUSTRALIA

Average house prices **\* 8.1%** (2023)

Demand-supply imbalance continues to drive prices up, particularly in major cities, in spite of higher interest rates

Construction sector growth **1 9.1%** (2023)

Sector growth expected to slow to 2.0% in 2024 due to decline in building permits, labour shortages, material supply constraints and high construction costs

Strong government investment in infrastructure: AUD10 billion for social and affordable homes AUD12 billion for road and rail projects (2023 and 2024) AUD800 billion for renewable energy projects by 2050

#### TAIWAN

Construction sector expected to achieve **4.0%** average annual growth rate (2025-2028), supported by investments in semiconductor manufacturing, transport, tourism, energy, and housing

Average house prices **11.9% YoY** (Q2 2024)

Continued progress of Forward-Looking Infrastructure Development Programme (FLIDP), which focuses on eight main categories: railway systems, water environments, green energy, digital infrastructure, urban-rural development, child care facilities, food safety and human resources development

## MARKET TRENDS AND OUTLOOK

#### SINGAPORE

Average residential house prices **1 4.9% YoY** (Q1 2024)

Slower growth in property market due to higher interest rates and market cooling measures

Construction sector **5.2%** (2023)

Steady growth expected in coming years, supported by investments in public housing and major MRT line developments (public sector), and continued growth in residential developments, expansions of integrated resorts and redevelopment of commercial premises (private sector) Singapore's safe haven status drives the sector's resilience

#### UNITED KINGDOM

Accelerated shift to sustainability: greencertified offices fetch an **average premiums of over 12%** in Central London

Growing market for **Purpose-Built Student Accommodation (PBSA)**, with investments in the sector reaching a record **£7.2 billion** in 2023, fuelled by increase in international student applications

Average house prices **+ 1.4%** (2023)

London had the biggest decline in 2023 at **4.8%** 

New home registrations **44.0%** (2023)

**High mortgage costs and building material** inflation dampening demand, but market has rebounded strongly in 2024

# **STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT**



#### STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

## **MATERIAL MATTERS**

Material matters are key sustainability issues that are significant to our business and stakeholders, as they represent our sustainability impacts on the economy, environment and people. Determining and addressing these material matters enables us to identify risks and opportunities while minimising any adverse impacts of our decisions and activities.

We conduct a comprehensive materiality assessment periodically, ensuring our sustainability priorities remain relevant and aligned with industry dynamics. Our most recent comprehensive materiality assessment was conducted in 2022. This process is complemented by an annual review and revision of material matters, keeping pace with industry benchmarks and evolving sustainability standards. Each revision undergoes formal endorsement by the Gamuda Board of Directors, affirming our commitment to informed, forward-thinking governance.

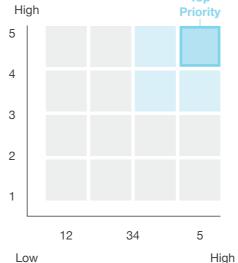
#### Gamuda's Five-Step Materiality Assessment

Current State Assessment	Stakeholder Engagement	Assessment of Impact and Significance	Prioritisation of Material Issues	Validation and Review	Economic and Gov	ernance
Process begins by assessing existing Gamuda's material matters. Internal brainstorming, industry benchmarking, and reviewing sustainability standards. External factors, including regulations, trends, and stakeholder expectations, are also considered.	Surveys, interviews, focus groups, and other engagement methods are used to gather data about stakeholders' concerns and expectations.	Issues are assessed based on Group's financial, operational, reputational, and regulatory implications, as well as their importance to stakeholders.	Prioritise the identified issues based on their significance to Gamuda's business and its stakeholders. This is represented in to a materiality matrix.	Senior leadership, including the Board of Directors, reviews and validates the assessment results to ensure alignment with strategic priorities. The process is regularly revisited to remain current with emerging issues. For annual reviews, management team, alongside key business units, conducts an internal review to confirm the accuracy of the	<ul> <li>Environmental</li> <li>Social</li> <li>High</li> <li>4</li> <li>3</li> <li>2</li> </ul>	
				current matters and alignment with updated operational goals.	1	

In 2024, we reviewed our material matters by aligning them with industry peers and global sustainability reporting frameworks. Through a process of consolidation and regrouping, we streamlined our material matters from 17 to 13 key issues. As part of this refinement, Indirect Economic Impact was removed from the materiality matrix. Despite these changes, the priority of our top five Materiality Matrix remained unchanged.

Existing Material Matters		Changes Made		Revised Material Matters
Climate Action				Climate Change
Human Rights and Labour Practices	Ø	Renamed	$\mathbf{O}$	Human Rights
Renewable Energy		Regrouped Under	Ø	Climate Change
Customer Satisfaction				Responsible Marketing and Labelling
/ater Management		O an a lidated		D Marca
Resources and Waste		Consolidated		Resource Management
Indirect Economic Impacts	D	Removed		

**Materiality Matrix** 





Cyber Security and Data Protection

Responsible Marketing and Labelling

## **MATERIAL MATTERS**

## MANAGING OUR RISKS

In today's dynamic business landscape, effective risk management is crucial to our Group's success. We have established robust guard rails to manage project risks and ensure strategic alignment across operations. Our immediate priority is to stay on track with our annual targets for revenue, margins, and overhead costs as outlined in our 5-year business plan, safeguarding our trajectory towards long-term objectives. Central to this effort is our commitment to technical excellence in design, procurement, and project delivery, supported by a dedicated team of subject matter experts who enhance our capabilities.

We are also focused on digitising our procurement processes and construction operations, fostering transparency and speeding decision-making for delivery efficiency. By prioritising these elements, we mitigate risks and position ourselves for sustainable growth.

Detailed in Our Integrated Value Creation Model (see pages 56 to 57), we discuss potential risks in our management and governance committees to mitigate long-term impact on our business outcomes and reputation.

For a deeper dive into our risk management approach, please refer to the Risk Management Committee Report (see page 106).



Changes in government policies can pose substantial challenges and opportunities for businesses, affecting their strategies, financial performance, and regulatory requirements

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MITIGANTS

creation.

risks and opportunities.

#### **RISK DRIVERS**

- Fiscal Policy: Changes in government spending, taxation, and monetary policy can affect the overall economic climate and demand for construction and property services
- Infrastructure Spending: Government investment in infrastructure such as transportation, energy, and water, can impact demand and delivery for construction projects.
- Political conditions: Conflicts can alter trade patterns and impose restrictions, and impact business demands in the affected regions.
- Decarbonisation roadmap: Government mandates for renewable energy and stricter energy-efficiency standards can drive demand for construction projects while potentially increasing their complexity and cost.

#### COST ESCALATION AND DISRUPTION OF THE SUPPLY CHAIN

Risk Type: Market Risk Profile:

Geopolitical events (Russia-Ukraine War, US-China Trade War and ongoing conflicts in the Middle East), including natural disasters (earthquakes, hurricanes, typhons, floods) are driving up costs and disrupting supply chains, creating a challenging environment for construction projects.

#### **RISK DRIVERS**

- · Labour shortages: A shortage of skilled workers in the construction industry has driven up wages and increased competition for talent.
- Rising costs: Increased material and labour costs can lead to cost overruns. affecting project budgets and profitability.
- Trade restrictions and sanctions: Tariffs, guotas, and trade restrictions can disrupt the flow of materials and equipment, increasing costs and potentially causing shortages

#### MITIGANTS

- Diversify suppliers and reduce reliance on a single source.
- Continuously identify and address potential threats.
- Plan for disruptions and unexpected events.
  - Use technology to improve supply chain visibility and efficiency.
  - · Protect with contracts with inclusion of clauses to address cost increases and disruptions.

· Continuously adapt to changes in government policies to identify potential

influence industry policies and ensure effective risk management and value

Invest in and adopt innovative technologies that reduce carbon emissions,

such as energy-efficient in design and construction, low carbon materials,

renewable energy systems, and less carbon intensive logistic.

Actively engage with regulator, business partners and supply chain to

#### INTEREST RATE AND CURRENCY EXCHANGE

affordable credit, potentially impacting profitability and financial stability.

#### **RISK DRIVERS**

- · Monetary Policy: Changes in interest rates can affect financial conditions.
- Inflation: Rising inflation may lead to higher interest rates.
- · Political Instability: Discord in politics can weaken the currency.
- Foreign Exchange Risk: Fluctuations in exchange rates can impact businesses operating in multiple currencies.

#### **CAPITAL AND LIQUIDITY**

#### **RISK DRIVERS**

- · Economic factors: Recessions, rising interest rates access to capital
- Industry-specific: Competition, technological adva changes, can impact profitability.
- · Business operations: Project delays, inventory issu and regulatory challenges can impact cash flow.

#### **CYBERSECURITY AND DATA**

businesses can safeguard their assets and reputation.

#### **RISK DRIVERS**

- Threat Landscape: Constant evolution of cyber thread phishing scams, and supply chain attacks.
- Data Privacy: Stricter data privacy regulations can compliance and financial burdens.
- Third-Party Management: Complexity of supply cha third-party vendors increases security vulnerabilitie

#### **CLIMATE CHANGE**

Climate change poses significant physical, transition, and reputational risks. Extreme weather events, regulatory changes, and loss of investor confidence are additional key concerns.

#### **RISK DRIVERS**

- · Operational Disruptions: Extreme weather can halt construction. · Transition Risks: Climate policies may disrupt supply chains and require new
- investments.
- Investor Pressure: Investors increasingly prioritise climate action.
- · Regulatory & Reputational Risks: Biodiversity conservation can be costly.

## MANAGING OUR RISKS

Risk Type: Financial

Risk Profile:

# Rising interest rates and foreign currency fluctuations can strain finances by increasing borrowing costs and limiting access to

#### MITIGANTS

- Manage interest rate risk through financial instruments, maintain a balanced debt structure, and ensure sufficient cash flow
- Mitigate inflation's impact with cost-saving measures, and inflation-linked investments.
- Manage political risk by diversifying operations to other regions, planning for disruptions, and obtaining risk insurance.
- · Manage foreign exchange risk through hedging, currency diversification, and forecasting.

Risk Type: Financial

Risk Profile:

Risk Profile:

#### Effective management of capital and liquidity is crucial to maintaining financial stability and supporting business growth.

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, and inflation, can limit	<ul> <li>Regularly assess financial metrics and maintain a healthy debt-to-equity ratio to ensure a strong financial position.</li> </ul>
ancements, and regulatory	<ul> <li>Explore multiple funding options to increase capital availability.</li> <li>Monetise assets and allocate capital effectively to improve financial</li> </ul>
ies, purchaser credit risk,	<ul><li>performance and reduce risk.</li><li>Financial Transparency via timely communication with stakeholders about the company's liquidity position.</li></ul>

Risk Type: IT

## Cybersecurity is crucial to protect against financial loss, operational disruptions, and data breaches. By mitigating cyber threats,

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eats, ransomware attacks,	• Enhance cybersecurity with regular assessments, employee training, patch systems, and have an incident response plan.
mpose significant	Have a robust compliance framework with audit processes for enhanced data accuracy and privacy.
ains and reliance on s risks.	Conduct due diligence, require security in contracts, monitor vendors, and collaborate on incident response to manage third-party risks.

Risk Type: ESG

Risk Profile:

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- · Embed climate adaptation and climate resilience designs.
- · Develop a sustainability strategy, report ESG performance, and engage with investors 6
  - Collaboration between public and private sectors on ESG policies and research
  - Ensure the preservation of ecosystems with conservation programmes that undergo rigorous audits.

## **OUR INTEGRATED VALUE CREATION MODEL**

Our business model, grounded in stability and adaptability, is a cornerstone of our growth strategy. By leveraging our expertise, strategic partnerships, and innovative approach, we are expanding our reach across diverse regions and sectors. From project inception to completion, we optimise resources, harness technology, and foster a culture of engineering excellence. This proven model, adaptable to the evolving needs of our engineering, property, and infrastructure businesses, ensures sustainable value creation for our stakeholders.

#### INPUTS

#### **OUR KEY BUSINESS ACTIVITIES**

#### FINANCIAL CAPITAL

- Total equity RM11,522 million
- Borrowings RM7,807 million
- Cash balances RM3.363 million
- Net cash generated from operating activities RM152 million

#### MANUFACTURED CAPITAL

- Advancing digital transformation digital engineering governance, digital community, data excellence and digital empowerment
- · Customising innovative homes with digital solutions
- Prioritising ESG initiatives to enhance environmental sustainability by mitigating Scope 1, 2, and 3 emissions

#### HUMAN CAPITAL

- 6,053 employees across 9 countries
- Investing in human capital growth through comprehensive training and development programmes
- · Promoting fair labour practices and human rights for workers

#### SOCIAL AND RELATIONSHIP CAPITAL

- · Commit to community investment of RM15 million
- Partnering social change makers to drive positive change in our projects and communities
- Enabling Academy Autism Employment Transition Programme

#### NATURAL CAPITAL

- Gamuda Parks for biodiversity conservation and education
- Gamuda Green Plan 2025 decarbonisation pathway towards net zero
- Indigenous participation Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP), and employment opportunities at Gamuda's Arboretum and nurseries

GOVERNANCE

**OUR VISION** We lead the region in innovative breakthrough solutions for large scale public infrastructure and

property developments

#### OUR MISSION

We reliably deliver solutions and premier townships for our stakeholders through our core businesses in engineering and construction, property developments and infrastructure

# concessions.

#### **OUR VALUES**

- Take personal ownership Adopt open, honest
- communication
- Develop our people
- Walk the talk
- Demonstrate real teamwork



>> For more information about Our Investment Proposition, refer to pages 8 to 21.

#### KEY RISK TYPES:

- · Cost escalation and disruption of supply chain
- · Interest rate increase and ringgit depreciation · Capital and liquidity risk

#### STRATEGIC DRIVERS OF VALUE Our core purpose is to deliver long-term value for our stakeholders.

 An employer A source of sustained growth of choice. in total returns for investors and funders

#### VALUE WE CREATE AND DISTRIBUTE

- · Delivering attractive returns to shareholders through dividends and share
- · Driving efficiency and innovation with Next-Gen Digital IBS, autonomous tunnel boring machine (TBM) technology, and Al-integrated construction and engineering solutions from Google and Autodesk Cloud.
- · Expanding the Group's presence in high-value added segments like energy.
- · Valuing diversity, equity, and inclusion across all levels of our organisation, while promoting a high-performance culture.
- · Promoting education, sustainability, indigenous empowerment, and autismfriendly employment.
- promote renewable energy and protect biodiversity since 2020.

#### EMBEDDING ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL AND GOVERNANCE (ESG) PRACTICES

The Gamuda Green Plan 2025 is Gamuda's roadmap towards driving ESG within the Group via four pillars: Sustainable Planning and Design for Construction; Our Community in Our Business; Environmental and Biodiversity Conservation; and Enhancing Sustainability via Digitalisation.

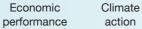
#### ACTING ON OUR KEY MATERIAL ISSUES

We undertake materiality assessments in order to determine the matters that are important to our stakeholders. In our annual review, we have identified and prioritised the following key matters:









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## **OUR INTEGRATED VALUE CREATION MODEL**

- Policy shifts
- · Climate emergency and biodiversity loss
- A comprehensive provider of integrated township development.
- A preferred business and community partner.

price appreciation, coupled with transparent and timely financial reporting.

· Driving research and innovation in energy, biodiversity, and mobility to

#### Environmental



Biodiversity

Digital transformation and innovation

Safety and health

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Social

#### SHARED VALUE OUTCOMES

- Construction orderbook in excess of RM32 billion
- Unbilled property sales of RM7.7 billion
- Strategic property landbank in Malaysia, Vietnam, Australia and the United Kingdom with a GDV of RM61 billion
- Group posted all-time high post-tax profit of RM912 million
- Dividend payout ratio: 48% (Annual dividend of 16 sen)
- Most honoured company in Asia by Institutional Investor Research and Company of the Year by The Edge
- Achieving a breakthrough in Australia with Malaysia's groundbreaking invention of the world's first autonomous tunnel boring machine (TBM), delivering 8% energy savings
- **37,139 MWh** renewable energy utilisation, increased twice from last year
- 32% reduction of GHG intensity of Scope 1 & Scope 2, where Scope 1 and Scope 2 emissions for Malaysia, Australia, and Vietnam is assured by third-party
- Achieved the highest IS Design Rating of 'Leading' (96.8/110) for the Western Tunneling Package under the Infrastructure Sustainability Council IS Rating Scheme, leading all Sydney Metro West projects
- Increased Gamuda Scholarship investment to RM30 million from RM20 million last year