

Viettel Construction (CTR)

Earnings Flash

Industry: Telecom Infrastructure

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Current Price: VND104,700

Target Price*: VND115,300

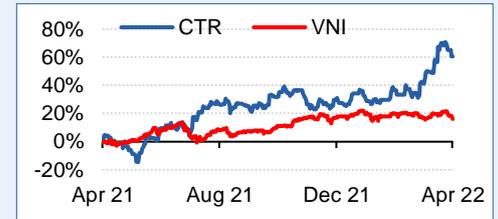
Upside to TP: +10.1%

Dividend Yield: 1.0%

TSR: +11.1%

Rating* BUY

	2021	Q1/22	2022F
Rev y/y	17.2%	14.9%	18.3%
EPS y/y**	35.7%	23.4%	31.0%
EBITDA y/y	48.7%	N/A	42.0%
NPM**	5.0%	4.4%	5.6%
EBITDA margin	8.3%	N/A	10.0%
EV/EBITDA	14.7x	N/A	10.4x
P/E	30.9x	**29.6x	23.6x



Market Cap: USD420mn

Foreign Room: USD180mn

ADTV30D: USD3.8mn

State Ownership: 65.7%

Outstanding Shares: 93.0 mn

Fully Diluted Shares: 93.0 mn

	CTR	VNI
P/E (ttm)	**29.6x	16.9x
EV/EBITDA (ttm)	N/A	14.2x
Net D/E	N/A	N/A
ROE	N/A	15.4%
ROA	N/A	2.5%

Company Overview

Viettel Construction is a subsidiary of Viettel Group — the No. 1 telco in Vietnam. CTR provides construction, operation, system integration and infrastructure leasing services mainly for telecom carriers. CTR is the leading telecom infrastructure leasing company (towerco) in Vietnam.

* TP & rating last updated March 3, 2022

** VCSC's estimate as CTR's full financial statements are not yet available

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Telecom-related segments and construction boost PBT

- CTR announced preliminary Q1 2022 results with revenue of VND2tn (USD87mn; +15% YoY) and PBT of VND112bn (USD5mn; +23% YoY). These robust growth rates were led by the construction (+114% YoY revenue), towerco (+64% YoY revenue) and operation (+22% YoY revenue) segments, which outweighed weakness in the system integration segment.
- Q1 2022 results are broadly in line with our expectation for CTR to have strong earnings growth, which is premised on the company's ability to capitalize on Vietnam's rising mobile data consumption via its towerco business and fast-growing construction business backed by its strong engineering expertise.
- Q1 2022's revenue and PBT fulfill 23% and 18% of our respective full-year forecasts. We do not see material changes to our current projections, pending a fuller review.

CTR's preliminary Q1 2022 results

VND bn	Q1 2022	YoY	Q1 2022/ VCSC's 2022F	VCSC's comments
Revenue	2,011	15%	23%	
Operation	1,193	22%	26%	Mainly driven by CTR's parent company and Vietnam's No. 1 telco Viettel Group's mobile telecom network expansion and fixed-line broadband subscriber growth in the domestic market and — to a much smaller extent — business in Cambodia and Myanmar.
Towerco	65	64%	15%	Signed contracts with Myanmar towerco Fortune for 156 tower sites. CTR built 162 telecom towers in Q1 2022. Per our estimate, CTR's own tower count increased from ~2,500 at YE2021 to 2,583 as of end-Q1 2022.
Construction	487	114%	21%	YoY growth was mainly driven by residential construction. Business-to-business residential construction: Signed contract value amounted to VND850bn (USD37mn) in Q1 2022. Major clients include NVL, DXG and VHM. Business-to-consumer residential construction: Signed 210 contracts with total value of VND200bn (USD9mn; +4x YoY).
System Integration & others	266	-47%	18%	Mainly due to lower revenue from solar energy services.
PBT	112	23%	18%	

Source: CTR, VCSC (preliminary revenue breakdowns by segment could be slightly different from official numbers)

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