

Undervalued Gem, Ready to Set Sail

What's New

- USD64.5mn newbuild win marks first shipbuilding order in over a decade, signalling OSV demand recovery; World-first unmanned landing crafts highlight upgraded technical capabilities, supporting potential follow-on orders in the offshore upcycle
- Estimated earnings accretion: 3–4% for FY26 and 6–8% for FY27 conservatively, assuming 8–10% net margin, not yet factored into current forecasts.
- Expect more orders as the newbuild wave gathers steam amid rising replacement demand for the aging global OSV fleet (~15–16 years on average).
- Reiterate BUY, TP SGD1.60; Potential resumption of dividend payout as debt repayment accelerates.

First newbuild orders in over a decade; more to come! Nam Cheong has secured USD64.5mn in shipbuilding contracts for four offshore support vessels (OSVs) from an established UAE-based global energy maritime logistics company, marking its first newbuild contract win in over a decade. The contracts comprise two 60-metre Dive Support Vessels (DSVs) and two 60-metre Remote Operated Landing Crafts (ROLCs), with all vessels to be built in-house at the Group's Miri Yard and delivered in 2H2027 to early 2028. Notably, the ROLCs are first-of-its-kind globally, fully unmanned and remotely operated via satellite from shore, underscoring Nam Cheong's yard capability to execute complex, next-generation vessel designs. Nam Cheong is well positioned to benefit from a broader offshore upcycle, as OPEC+ maintains production increases and the global OSV fleet, with an average age of ~15–16 years, approaches a replacement cycle. This is further supported by a buoyant OSV resale market. We view these developments as positive leading indicators for further shipbuilding orders ahead.

New order to contribute 3–8% to FY26–27 earnings; Hopeful for resumption of dividends. Assuming a construction period of 18 months and conservative net margins of 8–10%, the newbuild wins could contribute RM7–8mn and RM13–17mn to FY26 and FY27 group net profit, respectively. We will factor these earnings accretions post FY25 results, due 27 February. We expect Nam Cheong to deliver RM42mn net profit for the seasonally weaker 4Q, impacted by the Malaysian monsoon season, with some potential upside if utilisation exceeds the prudent 65% assumption. We expect milestone payments for the new projects, similar to the last cycle, and thus shall not require significant working capital outlay. Nam Cheong has accelerated debt repayment over the past year, nearly halving its over RM500mn restructured debt from early 2024 to ~RM280mn by 1Q26. Coupled with strong cash flow from steady charter income, this supports potential resumption of dividend payments, with the endorsement of lenders. Reiterate BUY and TP SGD1.60, based on 10x FY26 PE.

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Key Financial Data (FY Dec)

Bloomberg Ticker	NCL SP
Sector	Energy
Share Price(SGD)	1.33
DBS Rating	BUY
12-mth Target Price (SGD)	1.60
Market Cap (USDbn)	0.3
3m Avg. Daily Val (USDmn)	3.0
Dividend yield (%)	na
Fwd. P/E (x)	5.9
P/Book (x)	1.9

Closing Price as of 23/02/2026

Source: Twelve Data, DBS, Visible Alpha

Nam Cheong Limited Share Price



Source: Twelve Data

Target Price & Ratings History - Nam Cheong Limited (NCL_SP_Equity)



#	Date of Report	Closing Price	12-m Target Price	Rating
1	17 Nov'25	0.83	1.25	BUY
2	29 Jan'26	1.20	1.60	BUY

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