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# **MAJOR BOOST**

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## **CONSTRUCTION PROJECT**

## IJM ORDER BOOK EXCEEDS RM9B

Unit bags RM505m contract to build Affin Bank's new 47-storey HQ at TRX

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JM Corp Bhd's outstanding construction order book has swelled to more than RM9 billion following a RM505 million job win from Affin Bank Bhd, and despite uncertainties in the industry. The group said yesterday its wholly-owned IJM Construction Sdn Bhd had been awarded a superstructure contract to construct Affin Bank's new 47-storey headquarters at the Tun Razak Exchange (TRX), here.

This had increased IJM Corp's outstanding construction order book to a near all-time high of RM9.3 billion, said the company in a statement.

IJM Corp managing director and chief executive officer Datuk Soam Heng Choon said the contract reinforced the group's track record of building innovative and iconic high-rise projects in the city centre.

"The contract from Affin Bank is a recognition of IJM's impressive construction and development credentials.

"We are delighted to be working with yet another esteemed banking industry name," he said in the statement.



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Some of IJM Construction's ongoing prime Grade A office tower projects include HSBC's new Malaysian headquarters and IJM-owned Menara Prudential in TRX, Equatorial Plaza in Jalan Sultan Ismail, UOB Malaysia's Tower 2 in Jalan Raja Laut and Uptown 8 in Damansara Uptown.

Affin Bank's new Grade A office building has a gross floor area of 76,600 square metres and is built on a 0.5ha site.

It comprises a 43-storey office tower on top of a four-storey podium car park and a threestorey basement car park.

IJM Corp said its features included a banking hall, business centre with an open plan office layout, auditorium and convention facilities as well as access to the mass rapid transit station via a sunken plaza, spacious outdoor terraces and sky gardens.

In November last year, IJM Construction was awarded the building's substructure contract.

The building is expected to be completed by 2020, about 26 months from the commencement date.