

Keppel DC REIT

Yet another quarter of exceptional rental reversion

SINGAPORE | REAL ESTATE (REIT) | 2Q25 RESULTS

- 1H25 DPU of 5.133 Singapore cents (+12.8% YoY) was in line with our expectations, forming 51% of our FY25e estimates. The YoY increase was driven by the acquisitions of KDC SGP 7 & 8 and Tokyo DC 1, stronger contributions from contract renewals and escalations, and lower finance costs due to reduced interest rates and loan repayments.
- KDCREIT delivered another quarter of exceptionally strong positive rental reversions, achieving 51% for 1H25 (2Q25: c.58%). The bulk of the uplift stemmed from a major contract renewal at KDC SGP 4. There are no major contract renewals in 2H25, with just 2.6% of leases by GRI expiring. Gearing remains low at 30%, though it is expected to rise to c.35% with the planned debt drawdown to finance the land lease extensions for KDC SGP 7 and 8.
- We downgrade from ACCUMULATE to NEUTRAL with a higher DDM-derived target price of \$\$2.33 (prev. \$\$2.25) due to the recent share price performance. We raise our FY25e/FY26e DPU estimates by 2%/1% as we factor in stronger rent reversions in our forecasts. The collection of over \$\$40mn in overdue rent from Bluesea is a potential catalyst, although it remains unresolved. We expect rental reversions to moderate in 2H25, with no major contract renewals in Singapore, the only location capable of achieving >50% reversions, supported by supply constraints and strong demand. The stock is currently trading at an FY25e DPU yield of 4.5%. With the recent acquisitions, KDCREIT's enlarged portfolio and market capitalisation have led to its re-entry into the Straits Times Index, effective June 23, 2025.

Results at a glance

| (SGD mn) | 1H25 | 1H24 | YoY | Comments |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| Gross revenue | 211.3 | 157.2 | 34.4% | Contributions from the acquisitions of KDC SGP 7 & 8 and Tokyo DC 1, higher rent from contract renewals and escalations, partially offset by the divestment of Intellicentre Campus and Kelsterbach DC and the absence of one-off DXC settlement sum. |
| Net property inc. | 182.8 | 132.6 | 37.8% | |
| Finance costs | 24.5 | 25.9 | -5.3% | Lower interest rates and interest savings from loan repayments, partially offset by new loans taken for acquisitions. |
| Distributable inc. | 127.1 | 80.9 | 57.2% | Contributions from acquisitions and strong portfolio performance. |
| DPU (cents) | 5.13 | 4.55 | 12.8% | Loss allowance in relation to the Guangdong DCs impacted 1H25 DPU by 0.492 cents. |

Source: Company, PSR

The Positives

- + Exceptionally strong positive rental reversions of 51% in 1H25. A major contract renewal at KDC SGP 4 secured a c.58% positive rental reversion in 2Q25. With no major renewals expected for the remainder of the year, we expect rental reversions to moderate from these high levels. Portfolio occupancy dipped slightly to 95.8% in 2Q25, from 96.5% in the prior quarter.
- + Lower finance costs. The average cost of debt declined to 3% in 2Q25 (1Q25: 3.1%; 3Q24: 3.3%), with 76% of borrowings on fixed rates. We expect the cost of debt to continue trending downward, bringing the FY25e average to c.2.9%. KDCREIT has no debt maturing in 2025, and most of its foreign-sourced income is hedged until the end of 2026.



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NEUTRAL (Downgraded)

| LAST CLOSE PRICE | SGD 2.320 |
|------------------|-----------|
| FORECAST DIV | SGD 0.104 |
| TARGET PRICE | SGD 2.330 |
| TOTAL RETURN | 4.9% |

COMPANY DATA

| BLOOMBERG CODE: | KDCREIT SP |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| O/S SHARES (MN) : | 2,256 |
| MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn): | 4085 / 5235 |
| 52 - WK HI/LO (SGD): | 2.38/1.84 |
| 3MAverage Daily T/O (mn): | 9.10 |

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (%)

| KEPPEL CORP LTD | 20.2% |
|--------------------|-------|
| BLACKROCK INC | 6.8% |
| VANGUARD GROUP INC | 3.0% |

TOTAL RETURN (%)

| | 1MTH | 3MTH | YTD |
|-------------|------|------|------|
| COMPANY | 0.9 | 11.5 | 6.8 |
| STTF RETURN | 7.8 | 12.1 | 15.0 |

PRICE VS. STTF



Source: Bloomberg PSR

KEY FINANCIALS

| Y/EDec | FY23 | FY24 | FY25e | FY26e |
|---------------------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Gross Rev (SGD mn) | 281 | 310 | 424 | 447 |
| NPI (SGD mn) | 245 | 260 | 369 | 389 |
| Dist. Inc. (SGD mn) | 168 | 173 | 247 | 266 |
| P/NAV (x) | 1.73 | 1.52 | 1.56 | 1.55 |
| DPU, adj (cents) | 9.38 | 9.45 | 10.38 | 11.16 |
| Dist. Yield | 4.0% | 4.1% | 4.5% | 4.8% |

Source: Company Data, PSR

VALUATION METHOD

DDM (Cost of Equity: 6.83%; Terminal g: 1.75%)

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The Negative

- Rental arrears continue to accumulate at the Guangdong DCs, with no clear timeline for resolution. To date, Bluesea, the master lessee, owes over \$\$40mn in overdue rent.

Outlook

Global data centre demand remains robust, driven by accelerating adoption of AI, including agentic AI, alongside continued growth in cloud computing and digitalisation across industries. The manager is actively pursuing third-party acquisitions in established data centre hubs such as Japan, South Korea, and Europe, with a focus on hyperscale facilities. The divestment of Basis Bay Data Centre is expected to be completed by 3Q25.

Downgrade from ACCUMULATE to NEUTRAL with a higher DDM TP of \$\$2.33 (prev. \$\$2.25) KDCREIT's largest tenants are some of the world's biggest internet enterprises, with its most significant contributing 45.3% of rental income. The current share price implies an FY25e DPU yield of 4.5%.



Financials

| Y/E Dec, SGD mn | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25e | FY26e |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Gross revenue | 277 | 281 | 310 | 424 | 447 |
| Property expenses | (25) | (36) | (50) | (55) | (58) |
| Net property income | 253 | 245 | 260 | 369 | 389 |
| Net Finance (Expense)/Inc | (22) | (38) | (36) | (32) | (33) |
| Manager's fees | (26) | (27) | (28) | (38) | (38) |
| Otheritems | 1 | (7) | (8) | (14) | (14) |
| FV change, Inv. Properties | 68 | (28) | 121 | - | - |
| Total Return Before Tax | 265 | 138 | 341 | 285 | 304 |
| Taxation | (31) | (16) | (27) | (26) | (27) |
| Total Return After Tax | 234 | 122 | 314 | 260 | 277 |
| Unitholders | 231 | 119 | 301 | 246 | 263 |
| Non-controlling interest | 3 | 4 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| Distribution adjustments | (46) | 49 | (128) | 1 | 2 |
| Income available for distribution | 185 | 168 | 173 | 247 | 266 |

| Per unit data | | | | | |
|---------------|-------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Y/E Dec | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25e | FY26e |
| NAV (S\$) | 1.40 | 1.34 | 1.53 | 1.49 | 1.50 |
| DPU (cents) | 10.21 | 9.38 | 9.45 | 10.38 | 11.16 |

| Cash Flow | | | | | |
|-------------------------|------|------|------|-------|-------|
| Y/E Dec, SGD mn | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25e | FY26e |
| CFO | | | | | |
| Total Return After Tax | 234 | 122 | 314 | 260 | 277 |
| Adjustments | (2) | 111 | (55) | 70 | 72 |
| WC changes | (4) | (14) | (12) | (74) | 6 |
| Cash generated from ons | 228 | 220 | 247 | 256 | 355 |

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|---------------------------|-------|-------|---------|-------|-------|
| Others | (10) | (9) | (23) | (26) | (27) |
| Cashflow from ops | 218 | 211 | 224 | 230 | 327 |
| | | | | | |
| CFI | | | | | |
| Acquisitions | (247) | - | (1,097) | - | - |
| Capex, net | (48) | (26) | (58) | (39) | (40) |
| Others | (4) | 11 | 89 | 11 | 11 |
| Cashflow from investments | (299) | (15) | (1,066) | (28) | (29) |
| | | | | | |
| CFF | | | | | |
| Share issuance, net | - | - | 1,001 | - | - |
| Distributions | (178) | (226) | (206) | (271) | (292) |
| Others | 261 | (11) | 206 | (17) | (12) |
| Cashflow from financing | 84 | (236) | 1,001 | (288) | (304) |
| Net change in cash | 3 | (41) | 158 | (86) | (5) |
| Effects of exchange rate | (9) | 0 | (1) | . , | - |
| Ending cash | 190 | 150 | 311 | 225 | 220 |

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) estimates

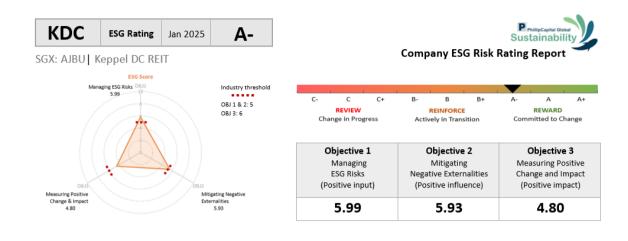
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| Y/E Dec, SGD mn | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25e | FY26e | |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| ASSETS | | | | | | |
| Investment properties | 3,639 | 3,656 | 4,904 | 4,943 | 4,983 | |
| Others | 206 | 141 | 191 | 187 | 183 | |
| Total non-current assets | 3,845 | 3,797 | 5,096 | 5,130 | 5,166 | |
| Cash | 190 | 150 | 317 | 225 | 220 | |
| Trade receivables | 61 | 54 | 106 | 147 | 155 | |
| Others | 11 | 6 | 25 | 8 | 8 | |
| Total current assets | 263 | 209 | 448 | 381 | 383 | |
| Total Assets | 4,108 | 4,007 | 5,543 | 5,511 | 5,549 | |
| | | | | | | |
| LIABILITIES | | | | | | |
| Borrowings | 175 | 72 | 87 | 87 | 87 | |
| Trade payables | 63 | 70 | 287 | 254 | 268 | |
| Others | 7 | 6 | 12 | 12 | 12 | |
| Total current liabilities | 245 | 149 | 387 | 354 | 367 | |
| Borrowings | 1,300 | 1,408 | 1,628 | 1,628 | 1,628 | |
| Others | 106 | 96 | 101 | 94 | 87 | |
| Total non-current liabilities | 1,406 | 1,504 | 1,730 | 1,723 | 1,715 | |
| Total Liabilities | 1,651 | 1,653 | 2,116 | 2,076 | 2,083 | |
| | | | | | | |
| Net assets | 2,457 | 2,354 | 3,427 | 3,435 | 3,467 | |
| Represented by: | | | | | | |
| Unitholders' funds | 2,414 | 2,311 | 3,372 | 3,371 | 3,393 | |
| Non-controlling interest | 43 | 43 | 55 | 64 | 73 | |

Valuation Ratios

| Y/E Dec | FY22 | FY23 | FY24 | FY25e | FY26e |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| P/NAV (x) | 1.65 | 1.73 | 1.52 | 1.56 | 1.55 |
| Distribution Yield | 4.4% | 4.0% | 4.1% | 4.5% | 4.8% |
| NPI yield | 7.2% | 6.7% | 6.1% | 7.5% | 7.8% |
| Growth & Margins (%) | | | | | |
| Growth | | | | | |
| Revenue | 2.3% | 1.4% | 10.3% | 36.6% | 5.4% |
| Net property income (NPI) | 1.8% | -3.0% | 6.3% | 41.7% | 5.4% |
| Distributable income | 7.7% | -9.3% | 3.0% | 43.3% | 7.4% |
| DPU | 3.7% | -8.1% | 0.7% | 9.9% | 7.5% |
| Investment Property | 7.0% | 0.5% | 34.1% | 0.8% | 0.8% |
| Margins | | | | | |
| NPI margin | 91.1% | 87.1% | 83.9% | 87.0% | 87.0% |
| Key Ratios | | | | | |
| Gearing (%) | 35.9% | 37.0% | 30.9% | 31.1% | 30.9% |





Quarterly Update

- Top 3 ESG indicators that influence our rating. We will continue to monitor for updates on the following:
 - 1. Disclosure of financial impacts of physical climate risks.
 - 2. Energy optimisation measures to reduce energy consumption, identify and prevent leakage.
 - 3. Reductions across Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions.





| PSR Rating System | | | | |
|-------------------|----------------|--------|--|--|
| Total Returns | Recommendation | Rating | | |
| > +20% | Buy | 1 | | |
| +5% to +20% | Accumulate | 2 | | |
| -5% to +5% | Neutral | 3 | | |
| -5% to -20% | Reduce | 4 | | |
| < -20% | Sell | 5 | | |
| Remarks | | | | |

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