

Lendlease Global Commercial REIT

DPU is bottoming out

Singapore | REIT | FY24 RESULTS

- Gross revenue for FY24 surged by 7.8% YoY to S\$220.9mn, in line with our estimates which includes the €10mn pre-termination fee recognized from SKY Complex Building 3.
- NPI and DPU missed our expectations by 6% due to elevated property operating expenses (which increased by 9.2% YoY), and rising financing costs (+32.8% YoY). Although the onetime €10mn pre-termination fee has been recognized, the distributable income will be adjusted to reflect amortization over a 2-year period. As a result, NPI and DPU stood at \$\$165.3mn (+7.4% YoY) and 3.87 cents (-17.7% YoY), respectively.
- We reiterate our BUY recommendation with a revised DDM-TP of \$\$0.80 (prev: \$\$0.83), as retail demand growth is expected to decelerate with the post-COVID recovery tailwinds waning. Moderated rental reversion and tenant sales have been factored in for the upcoming year due to the current macroeconomic backdrop. Nevertheless, we expect revenue to increase by c.3% in FY25e, driven by the c.30% rental reversion upon backfilling of Building 3 and a rental review of the JEM office. We have reduced our FY25e/26e DPU forecasts by 10% to 4.03/4.30 cents on the back of the elevating financing cost. LREIT is currently trading at an FY25e dividend yield of 6.9% and a P/NAV of 0.76x.

Result at a glance

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(S\$ MN)	FY24	FY23	YoY (%)	Comments
Gross Revenue	220.91	204.88	7.82%	2-year supplementary rent from Building 3 of Sky Complex
Net Property Income	165.28	153.94	7.37%	
Finance Cost	68.20	51.36	32.80%	Higher interest rate
DPU	3.87	4.70	-17.66%	Higher borrowing cost
NAV	0.76	0.79	-3.80%	Slightly enlarged unit base

Source: Company, PSR

The Positives

- + Sound operating matrix. Singapore rental reversion in FY24 achieved a 14% YoY growth. Sky Complex also saw a CPI-linked rental uplift of c.1.2%. We expect catalysts from both JEM and Sky Complex. The rental review for JEM office in Dec24 is expected to yield a reversion of c.5%, while Sky Complex is expected to be fully backfilled by 2H25 with rental reversion of c.30%. Altogether, this is expected to boost revenue by 2% for the upcoming FY if the leasing momentum in Milan continues into FY25.
- + Singapore asset to support portfolio valuation. Despite a 10.9% asset devaluation in SGD terms for Sky Complex, the portfolio valuation still improved by 0.9% YoY with JEM leading the performance (+3%YoY) and 313@Sommerset achieving a 1.3% YoY uplift. We expect valuation to improve in the face of the ongoing rate cut in Europe and backfilling of Sky Complex Building.

The Negative

- Waning demand. The strong SGD has been challenging market expectations for sustainable tenant sales. LREIT has observed fading demand from both foreign visitors and local shoppers, as the strong SGD hampers inbound shopping and encourages outbound spending. Although sales continue to trend above pre-COVID levels (111% as of June 24), there remains a 4% gap in traffic that needs to be addressed. To add pressure on rental reversion in FY25, we believe that all the low rents signed during the COVID period will be phased out by the end of 2024. As a result, rental reversion in FY25e is expected to be in the high single digits.



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BUY (Maintained)

LAST CLOSE PRICE	SGD 0.56
FORECAST DIV	SGD 0.05
TARGET PRICE	SGD 0.80
TOTAL RETURN	52.9%

COMPANY DATA

BLOOMBERG CODE:	LREIT SP
O/S SHARES (MN):	2,377
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn):	967/1307
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	0.69 / 0.49
3M Average Daily T/O (mn):	5.06

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

LENDLEASE SREIT PTY LTD	22.8%
LENDLEASE GCR INVESTMENT	3.3%
VANGUARD GROUP INC/THE	3.2%

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1MTH	змтн	YTD
COMPANY	(4.3)	(6.6)	(11.7)
STTF RETURN	3.5	7.4	3.7

PRICE VS. STTF



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E June	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
Gross Rev (\$m)	204.9	220.9	228.1	237.0
NPI (\$m)	153.9	165.3	173.5	179.6
Dist. Inc. (\$m)	107.9	91.4	99.9	112.7
P/NAV (x)	0.74	0.76	0.77	0.79
DPU (cents)	4.70	3.87	4.16	4.66
Dist. Yield (%)	8.11	6.67	7.18	8.03

Source: Company, PSR

VALUATION METHOD

DDM (Cost of Equity: 7.58%; Terminal g: 1.5%)

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Outlook

LREIT is actively marketing the JEM office property, and with its updated valuation of approximately \$\$450mn-480mn, we expect gearing to decrease by 8.1% assuming it is divested at \$\$450mn. As the valuer has not yet incorporated the results of the rental review, we expect a higher premium to book value upon successful negotiation. Inquiries have been increasing since MPACT's recent transaction of the Anson Building, with around 10 prospects currently interested in the JEM office.

The occupancy rate for Sky Complex has improved from c.8.1% to c.22%, with rental reversion exceeding 50%. Demand is strong for green-certified buildings, particularly as Sky Complex is in Italy's only green-certified district. Several tenants are in the negotiation stage, with some looking to occupy 1–2 floors. However, due to prolonged decision-making, we expect the building to be fully leased by the calendar year of 2H25.

Maintain BUY with a lower TP of S\$0.80 (prev: S\$0.83)

Earnings for FY25e are expected to benefit from the significant rental upside at Sky Complex and the upcoming rental review of the JEM office. LREIT has taken a more proactive approach to capital management by adopting a more aggressive stance on fixed-rate borrowing (70% in Aug24), and we expect interest costs to remain stable at current levels for the next year. Additionally, a 30% reduction in utility costs, which will save c.4.5% of the overall operating cost, is expected to take effect in FY25, leading to an expected improvement in NPI margins.

We have revised our DDM-TP to \$\$0.80 (prev:\$\$0.83) and lowered our FY25e/26e DPU forecasts by 10% to 4.03/4.30, taking into account the higher interest expense and the fading recovery in demand.





Financials

Y/E June, (S\$'000)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
Gross revenue	101,662	204,876	220,905	228,088	236,981
Property expenses	(26,154)	(50,939)	(55,625)	(54,554)	(57,348)
Net property income	75,508	153,937	165,280	173,534	179,633
Net Finance (Expense)	(15,803)	(50,711)	(66,929)	(64,036)	(69,567)
Manager's fees	(9,974)	(18,120)	(18,670)	(18,126)	(18,434)
Other items	33,955	(7,693)	4,176	(6,924)	(7,169)
FV change, derivatives	68,996	41,059	(9,727)	-	-
Share of profit from associate	5,319	579	(94)	-	-
(Loss)/Profit before tax	152,683	118,473	77,241	84,449	84,463
Taxation	-	-	-	-	-
Net income after Tax	152,683	118,473	77,241	84,449	84,463
P&L adjusted for perps	(10,753)	(18,900)	(18,952)	(18,952)	(18,952)
Distribution adjustments	(68,881)	8,278	33,128	34,399	47,232
Distributable income	73,049	107,851	91,417	99,895	112,743

Per unit data					
Y/E June	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
NAV (S\$)	0.78	0.79	0.76	0.75	0.73
DPU (S cents)	4.85	4.70	3.87	4.03	4.30

Cash Flow					
Y/E June, (S\$'000)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
CFO					
P&L after tax	152,683	118,473	77,241	84,449	84,463
Adjustments	(82,073)	39,502	91,942	80,905	86,738
WC changes	24,618	16,036	(40,376)	(1,640)	1,779
Cash generated from ops	95,228	174,011	128,807	163,713	172,981
CFI					
Acquisition of IP	(1,878,520)	(1,352)			
Purchase of equity instrumen	-	(85,852)	-	-	-
Others	(2,158)	(3,924)	(6,231)	(1,000)	(1,000)
Cashflow from INV	1,847,247	85,788	(475)	1,000	1,000
CFF					
Proceeds (units issuance)	648,815		(167)	-	-
Proceeds (perps issuance)	200,000	-	-	-	-
Loans, net of repayments	939,695	43,883	19,953		-
Distributions to unitholders	(69,728)	(67,926)	(93,544)	(99,895)	(112,743)
Distributions to perp holders	(8,400)	(18,900)	(18,952)	(18,952)	(18,952)
Others	(16,591)	(38,348)	(54,546)	(46,506)	(39,506)
Cashflow from financing	1,693,791	(81,291)	(147,256)	(165,353)	(171,202)
Net change in cash	3,636,266	178,508	(18,924)	(640)	2,779
Cash BEG	249,265	49,229	54,224	34,124	31,484
FX changes	(1,444)	(159)	(120)	, <u>-</u>	-
Ending cash	3,885,531	227,737	35,300	33,484	34,262

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

Balance Sheet					
Y/E June, (S\$'000)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
ASSETS					
Investment properties	3,593,332	3,642,854	3,673,150	3,674,150	3,675,150
Equity instrument at FV	-	85,784	86,098	86,098	86,098
Others	33,369	27,622	19,631	19,631	19,631
Total non-current assets	3,626,701	3,756,260	3,778,879	3,779,879	3,780,879
Trade receivables	16,820	4,049	8,092	11,404	11,849
Cash and cash equivalents	49,230	54,224	34,124	31,484	32,262
Others	9,213	11,818	8,719	8,719	8,719
Total current assets	75,263	70,091	50,935	51,607	52,830
Total Assets	3,701,964	3,826,351	3,829,814	3,831,486	3,833,709
LIABILITIES					
Trade payables	56,120	58,135	55,350	57,022	59,245
Loans and borrowings	297,754	433,611	357,716	428,811	428,811
Total current liabilities	354,108	492,353	413,322	486,089	488,312
Loans and borrowings	1,152,146	1,078,572	1,178,254	1,121,388	1,151,448
Others	17,017	24,661	25,935	25,935	25,935
Total non-current liabilities	1,169,163	1,103,233	1,204,189	1,147,323	1,177,383
Total Liabilities	1,523,271	1,595,586	1,617,511	1,633,412	1,665,696
Net assets	2,178,693	2,230,765	2,212,303	2,198,074	2,168,013
Represented by:					
Perpetuals	399,442	399,432	399,432	399,432	399,432
Unitholders' funds	1,775,412	1,829,344	1,811,647	1,797,418	1,767,357

Y/E June	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
P/NAV (x)	0.74	0.74	0.76	0.77	0.79
Distribution Yield (%)	8.36	8.11	6.67	6.95	7.41
NPI yield (%)	0.74	0.75	0.75	0.76	0.76
Growth & Margins					
Growth					
Revenue		101.5%	7.8%	3.3%	3.9%
Net property income		103.9%	7.4%	5.0%	3.5%
Distributable income		47.6%	-15.2%	9.3%	12.9%
DPU		-3.0%	-17.7%	4.1%	6.7%
Margins					
NPI margin		75.1%	74.8%	76.1%	75.8%
Key Ratios					
ROE	6.9%	5.3%	3.5%	3.8%	7.8%
Gearing	40.3%	40.6%	40.9%	41.2%	42.0%





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