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Resilient Singapore performance sustained

Singapore | REIT | FY24 RESULT

- Gross revenue for FY24 inched up by 0.2% YoY to S\$463.6mn, underperforming our forecast at 93% of full-year estimates. The improvement was supported by strong rental reversions of 22.9% for retail and 10.6% for office spaces.
- NPI slipped by 0.8% YoY to \$\$310.8mn due to the absence of a property tax refund, in line with our forecast and forming 100% of the FY24 estimate. DPU plummeted by 13.2% YoY to 6.19 cents, driven by higher financing costs and the exhaustion of the \$\$23mn capital top-up. FY24 DPU stands at 6.19 cents, which is within our expectations, at 100% of the full-year forecast.
- SUN successfully divested S\$58.3mn of strata units at a price 24% above book value, reflecting the underlying value of the assets. However, it fell short of its FY24 divestment target of S\$100mn. We have lowered our FY25e-26e DPU forecasts by 8%/3%, respectively, after factoring in a decelerated decline in interest rate. We maintain our ACCUMULATE rating with a lower DDM-TP of S\$1.33 (prev: S\$1.36) and FY25e/26e DPU of 6.10/6.48 cents. While topline growth is hobbled by overseas performance, FY25e earnings are likely supported by Singapore's sturdier office rental reversion at high-single-digit levels and retail at the low teens.

Result at a glance

(S\$ Mn)	FY24	FY23	YoY	Comments
Gross Revenue	463.6	462.7	0.2%	Stronger operating performance at Suntec City
Net Property Income	310.8	313.2	-0.8%	Absence of one-off property tax refund at Suntec City Mall
JV Income	100.0	94.0	6.4%	Stronger operating performance at MBFC and ORQ
Cost of debt	4.06%	3.84%	0.22ppt	
ICR	1.9X	2.0X	(0.1ppt)	
DPU	6.19	7.14	-13.2%	Absence of capital top-up, higher financing cost
NAV	2.05	2.10	-2.4%	Divestment of strata units

Source: Company, PSR

The Positives

+ Singapore's performance remains robust. Rental reversion in Singapore remains robust, achieving 22.9% for retail and 10.6% for office. Although revenue from the Suntec Convention decreased by 10.4%YoY in 2H24 due to fewer large-scale events, NPI improved by 10.3%YoY from cost savings from smaller but high-yielding events requiring less ancillary. We expect the 2H24 margin for Suntec Convention to be more exceptional, and the margin may maintain at the c.25% level in FY25e given the lackluster event schedule.

The Negative

- **Portfolio valuation slipped.** Overall portfolio valuation dipped by 1.2%YoY due to cap rate expansion in Australia of 60-75bps, which led to more than 10%YoY decline in Australian assets, while the UK saw a marginal decrease of 1.2%YoY. Valuation of the Singapore Office would have increased by 2.4%YoY on a same-store basis, and Singapore retail improved by 2.1%YoY.

Outlook

Incentives and the headline vacancy rate have risen in Melbourne, with the CBD supply remaining saturated and uncommitted, leading to a softening net absorption. We believe the Southgate Complex may take longer than expected to backfill its vacant space (occupancy rate: 90.1% as of Dec 2024), while 55 Currie Street (occupancy rate: 61.4% as of Dec 2024) may also face extended downtime given the current market conditions.



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ACCUMULATE (Maintained)							
LAST CLOSE PRICE	SGD 1.17						
FORECAST DIV	SGD 0.06						
TARGET PRICE	SGD 1.33						
TOTAL RETURN	18.7%						

COMPANY DATA	
BLOOMBERG CODE:	SUN SP Equity
O/S SHARES (MN) :	2,934
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn) :	3087/4076
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	2.42/2.01
3M Average Daily T/O (mn) :	8.97

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS	
ARA Asset Management Ltd	10%
Tang Jia Lin	9%
Celine Tang	8%
Gordon Tang	8%

TOTAL RETURN			
	1MTH	3MTH	YTD
COMPANY	(1.20)	3.09	1.33
STTF RETURN	0.62	6.70	1.69



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
462.7	463.6	476.0	480.4
206.8	180.9	180.3	193.0
0.56	0.58	0.57	0.56
7.14	6.19	6.10	6.48
6.05	5.25	5.17	5.49
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Source: Company, PSR

VALUATION METHOD

DDM (Cost of Equity:7.6%; Terminal g: 1%)

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Singapore's office market recovered in 2H24, and we are optimistic that the momentum will carry into FY25e. Notably, the vacancy rate for Core CBD Grade A offices improved to 4.9% in 4Q24 (from 7.8% in 3Q24), driven by c.75% space take-up at IOI Central Boulevard Towers, according to CBRE. With relocation demand subdued by high fit-out costs, we expect strong tenant retention, supporting high-single-digit rental reversions for FY25e. However, occupier sentiment remains cautious amid macroeconomic uncertainty. We anticipate higher demand for smaller units (1,000–3,000 sq. ft.), with subdued expansionary activity in FY25e.

SUN hedges 58% of its loans. C.S\$619mn in loans is due for refinancing in FY25e, accounting for roughly 15% of the total loan portfolio. Given the choppy rate trajectory with the new US administration, we expect the all-in cost of borrowing to edge up to around 4.3% in FY25e.

Downgrade to ACCUMULATE with a lower TP of S\$1.33 (prev: \$1.36)

SUN is trading at an FY25e dividend yield of 5.2%, with an attractive valuation of 0.57x P/NAV. We have lowered our FY25e-26e DPU forecasts by 8%/3%, respectively, to 6.10 - 6.48 cents due to subdued oversea markets. We maintain ACCUMULATE with a lower DDM-based TP of S\$1.33 (prev: \$1.36).

Financials



Income Statement					
Y/EDec, (S\$Mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
Gross Revenue	427.27	462.74	463.56	475.96	480.39
Expenses	(111.52)	(149.59)	(152.80)	(161.83)	(163.33)
Net property income	315.75	313.15	310.76	314.13	317.06
Share of profit of jointly controlled entities	144.86	36.00	80.50	80.40	80.40
Asset Management fees	(61.17)	(61.43)	(61.34)	(58.72)	(59.46)
EBIT	401.58	284.43	323.31	327.95	330.04
Net financing costs	(112.24)	(153.58)	(157.95)	(156.70)	(146.17)
NPAT	497.63	196.32	136.15	169.23	181.70
PATMI	462.84	171.41	112.77	145.07	157.54
Distributable income	255.51	206.79	180.92	180.33	193.04

Per unit data					
Y/EDec, (S\$Mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
NAV (S\$)	2.12	2.10	2.05	2.06	2.09
DPU (S cents)	8.88	7.14	6.19	6.10	6.48

Y/EDec, (S\$Mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
CFO					
Total Return	289.34	130.85	137.78	171.25	183.87
Adjustments	79.59	(13.74)	(3.74)	0.62	43.40
Operating income before working capital Δ	285.60	277.82	272.06	171.86	184.48
Cash generated from operations	279.21	273.13	267.28	213.95	185.59
Cash flow from operating activities	272.97	252.02	254.58	211.93	183.42
CFI					
CAPEX	80.59	66.67	65.05	65.85	157.38
Interest received	24.69	48.55	21.12	-	39.20
Dividend received	80.59	66.67	65.05	65.85	157.38
Cash flows from investing activities	(82.68)	125.99	698.15	174.73	133.58
CFF					
Financing costs paid	(133.06)	(171.23)	(175.24)	(195.90)	(185.37
Distributions to unitholders	(263.44)	(209.91)	(189.15)	(180.33)	(193.04
Cash flows from financing activities	(383.59)	(1,000.99)	(414.21)	(376.24)	(378.41
Net change in cash	(622.98)	538.52	10.42	(61.41)	-
Cash at the start of the period	268.31	269.61	217.93	231.35	239.00
Others	(14.07)	(0.87)	(1.68)	-	-
Ending cash	269.61	217.93	231.35	239.00	274.89

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Balance Sheet						
Y/EDec, (S\$Mn)	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e	
ASSETS						
Cash and cash equivalents	269.61	217.93	231.35	239.00	274.89	
Trade and other receivables	23.48	39.93	26.89	23.80	24.02	
Current assets	296.76	308.86	275.14	279.70	315.82	
Investment properties	7,907	7,965	7,840	7,953	8,066	
Interest in jointly controlled en	3,424	2,829	2,825	2,825	2,825	
Non-current assets	11,414	10,820	10,676	10,789	10,902	
Total Assets	11,710	11,129	10,951	11,069	11,218	
LIABILITIES						
Trade and other payables	128.70	120.00	103.80	142.79	144.12	
Interest bearing borrowings	645.58	399.85	490.45	490.45	490.45	
Current liabilities	806.72	552.37	627.27	666.26	667.59	
Interest bearing borrowings	4,198	3,860	3,723	3,723	3,723	
Deferred tax liabilities	61.97	57.45	44.87	44.87	44.87	
Non-current liabilities	4,320	3,993	3,838	3,838	3,838	
Total Liabilities	5,126	4,545	4,465	4,504	4,506	
Net assets	6,584	6,584	6,486	6,564	6,712	
Represented by:						
Unitholders' funds	6,116	6,108	6,003	6,082	6,230	
NIC	119.73	128.07	134.32	134.32	134.32	
Perps	348.04	348.04	348.04	348.01	348.01	
Total Equity	6,584	6,584	6,486	6,564	6,712	
Perps Total Equity						
Valuation Ratios Y/E Dec	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e	

Y/E Dec	FY22	FY23	FY24	FY25e	FY26e
P/NAV (x)	0.56	0.56	0.58	0.57	0.56
Distribution Yield (%)	7.53	6.05	5.25	5.17	5.49
Growth & Margins					
Growth					
Revenue		8.3%	0.2%	2.7%	0.9%
Distributable income		-19.1%	-12.5%	-0.3%	7.0%
DPU		-19.7%	-13.2%	-1.5%	6.2%
Key Ratios					
Net Debt or (Net Cash)	(6,867)	(6,869)	(6,738)	(6,856)	(7,005)
Gearing	42.4%	39.4%	39.5%	39.0%	38.6%
ROE	3.9%	3.1%	2.8%	2.8%	2.9%

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

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