Singapore 3Q20 Equity Strategy



Responding with

overwhelming force

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*Responding to overwhelming (or decisive) force refers to terminating conflicts swiftly with minimum loss of life https://www.stocksbnb.com/reports/phillip-3q20-singapore-strategy-responding-with-overwhelming-force/

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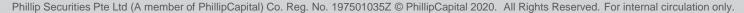


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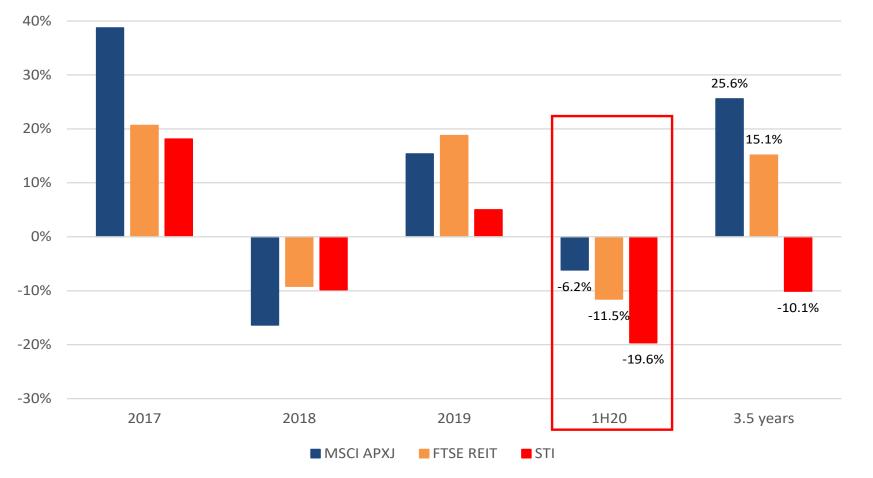
- ✓ Review of 2Q20 performance
- ✓ Economic conditions
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- ✓ Technical update
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- ✓ Stock Picks
- ✓ Conclusion



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STI consistently underperform REITs

STI vs MSCI AXJ vs FTSE REIT

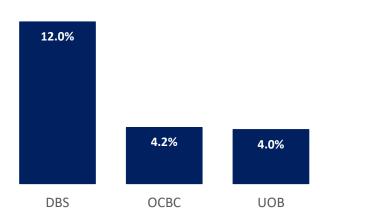


Source: Bloomberg, PSR. MSCI APXJ = MSCI Asia Ex-Japan (Top 5 holdings are Alibaba, Tencent, TSMC, Samsung, AIA)

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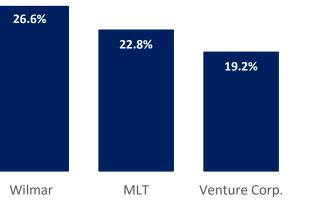
2Q20 STI components performance



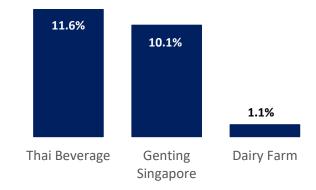
DBS take the clear lead

Cyclicals perform well

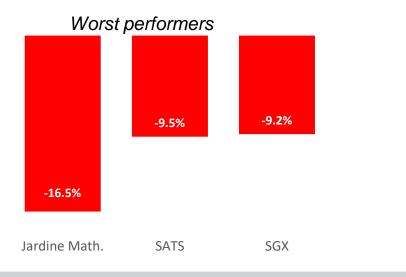
Consumer recovered some ground



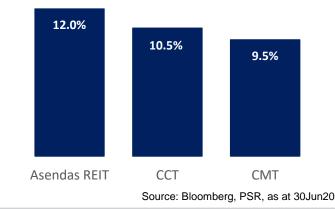
Property recovered some losses



REIT outperformed

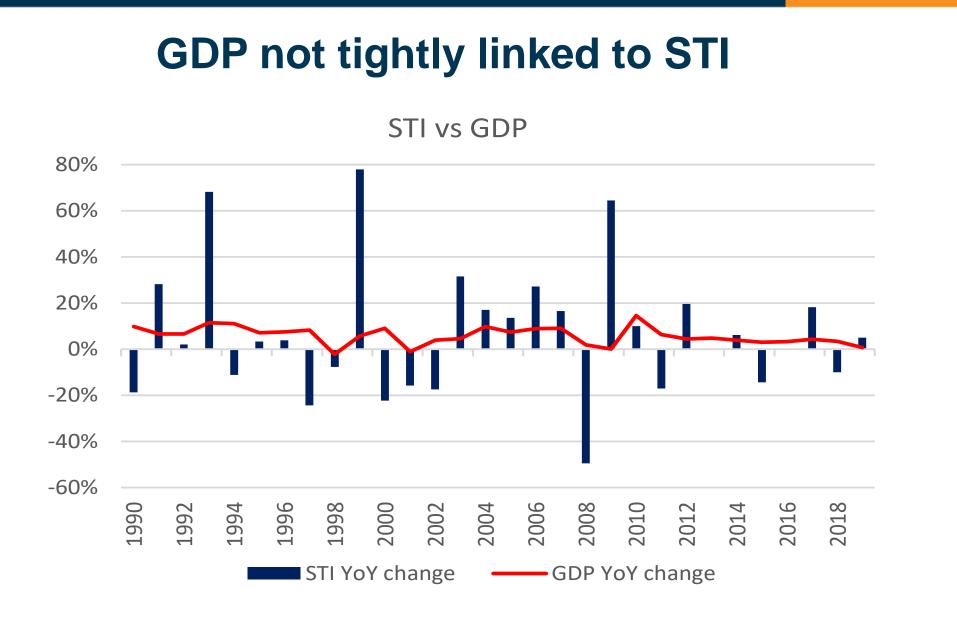






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	STI	GDP
1990	-18.7%	9.8%
1991	28.2%	6.7%
1992	2.1%	6.6%
1993	68.2%	11.5%
1994	-11.2%	11.1%
1995	3.4%	7.2%
1996	3.9%	7.5%
1997	-24.3%	8.3%
1998	-7.6%	-2.2%
1999	78.0%	5.7%
2000	-22.3%	9.0%
2001	-15.7%	-1.1%
2002	-17.4%	3.9%
2003	31.6%	4.5%
2004	17.1%	9.8%
2005	13.6%	7.4%
2006	27.2%	9.0%
2007	16.6%	9.0%
2008	-49.4%	1.9%
2009	64.5%	0.1%
2010	10.1%	14.5%
2011	-17.0%	6.3%
2012	19.7%	4.5%
2013	0.0%	4.8%
2014	6.2%	3.9%
2015	-14.3%	3.0%
2016	-0.1%	3.2%
2017	18.3%	4.3%
2018	-9.9%	3.4%
2019	5.0%	0.7%

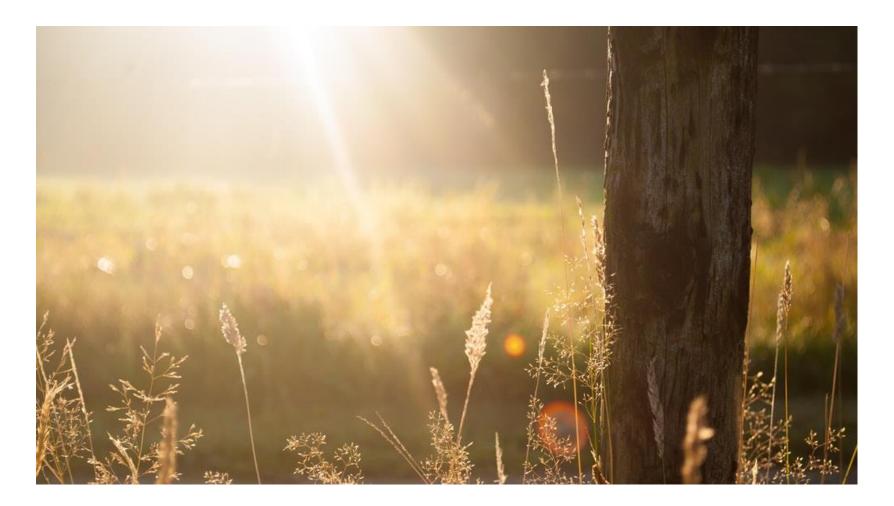
Source: CEIC, PSR



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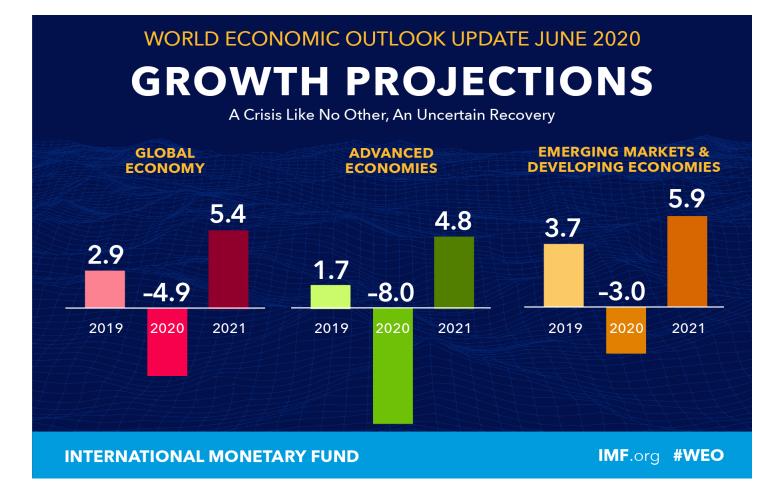
Economic Conditions



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Bad news: we in a recession....Good news: priced in



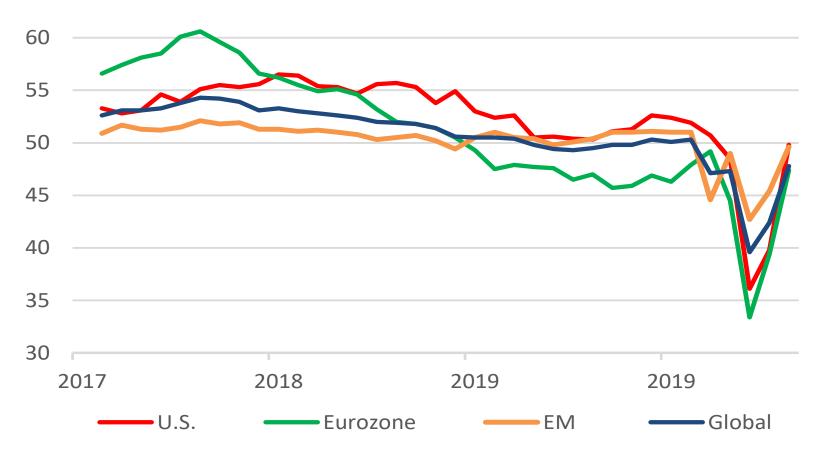
Source: PSR, IMF Jun20 https://www.imf.org/en/Publications/WEO/Issues/2020/06/24/WEOUpdateJune2020

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Manufacturing is recovering albeit in contraction mode

Global Manufacturing PMIs

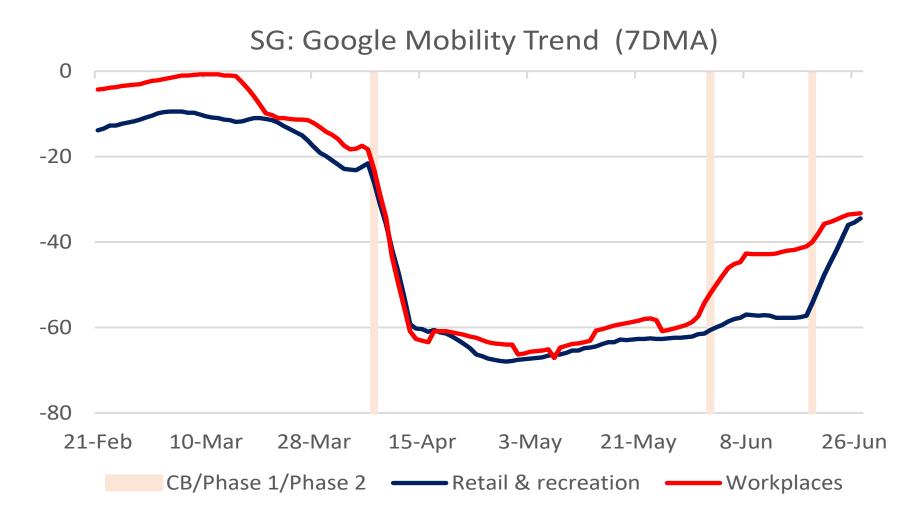


Source: PSR CEIC, Markit



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Activity returning to Singapore

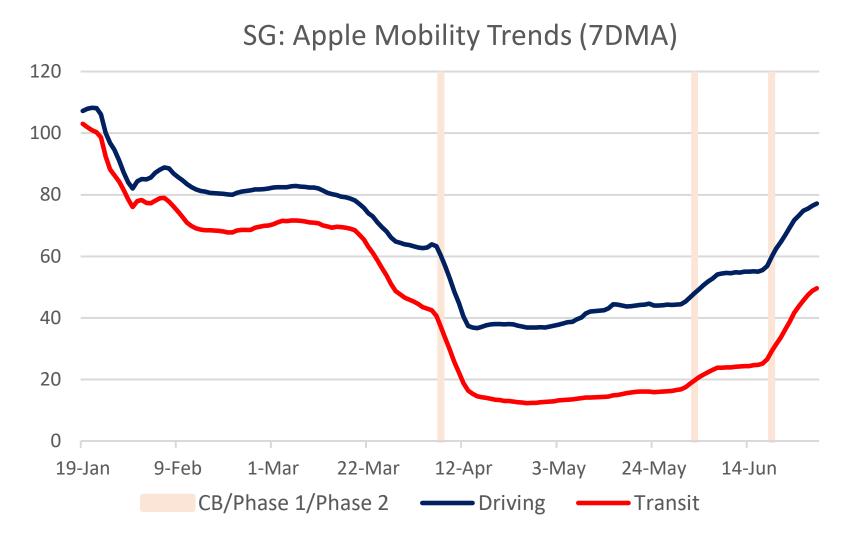


Source: PSR, https://www.google.com/covid19/mobility/ (27Jun20)

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Shape of recovery not clear, but bottom has formed

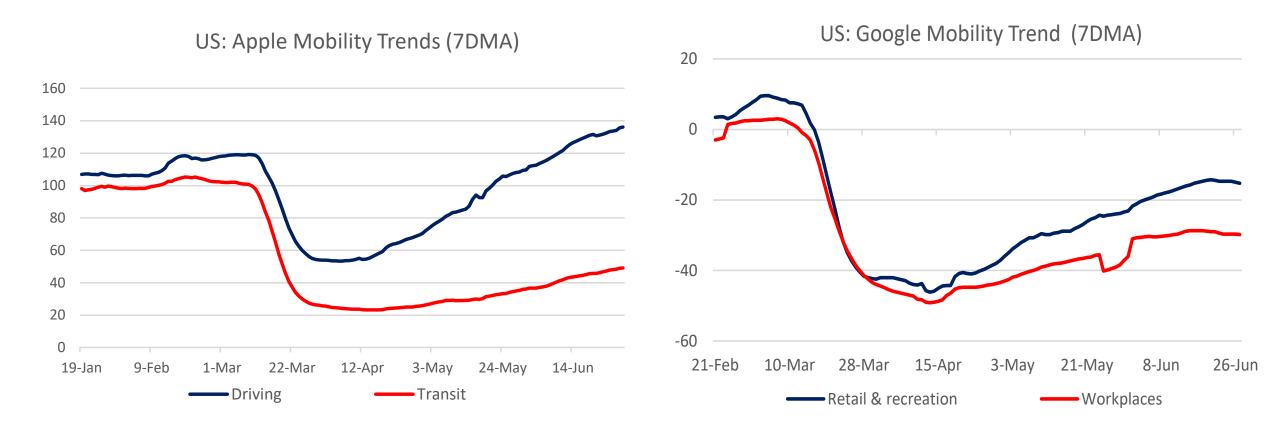


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And a recovery is underway



Source: PSR, https://www.apple.com/covid19/mobility (29Jun20)

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The plus and minus

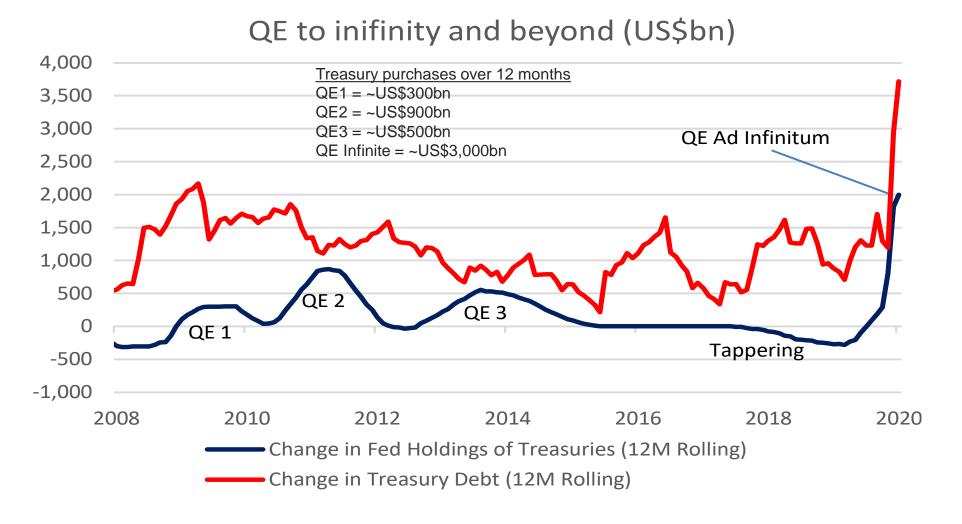


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Plus no. 1: Largest monetary stimulus



"will purchase Treasuries and MBS in the amounts needed"

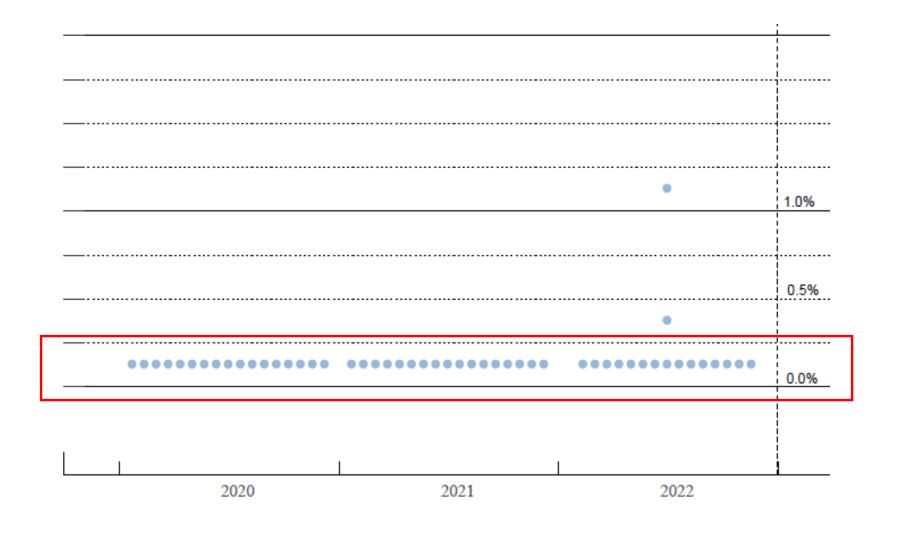
- Fed press release 23Mar20

Source: CEIC, PSR

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.... And guiding no rate changes next 2.5 years



"We-re not even thinking about thinking about raising (interest) rates"

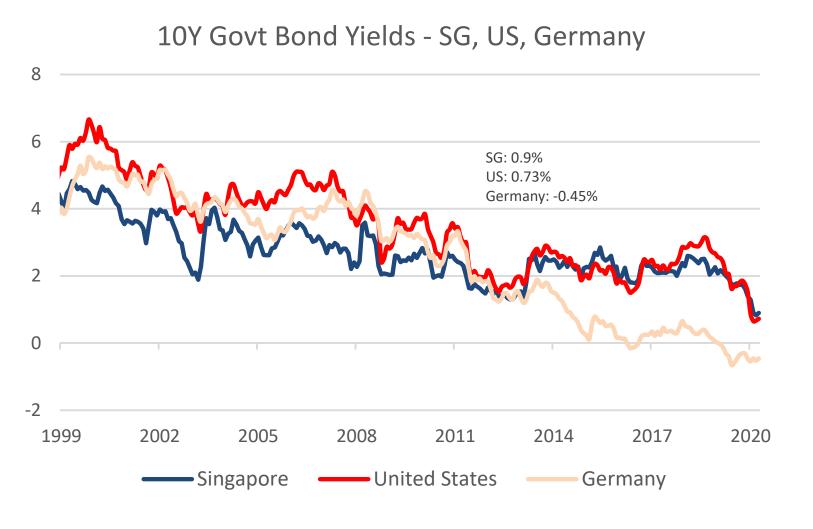
- Fed Chairman Jerome Powell on 10June 20 press conference

Source: FOMC Meeting 10June, PSR



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Record low interest rates will remain



"we find no intrinsic value in government bonds except as a hedge against market routs"

- 3Q20 Strategy report

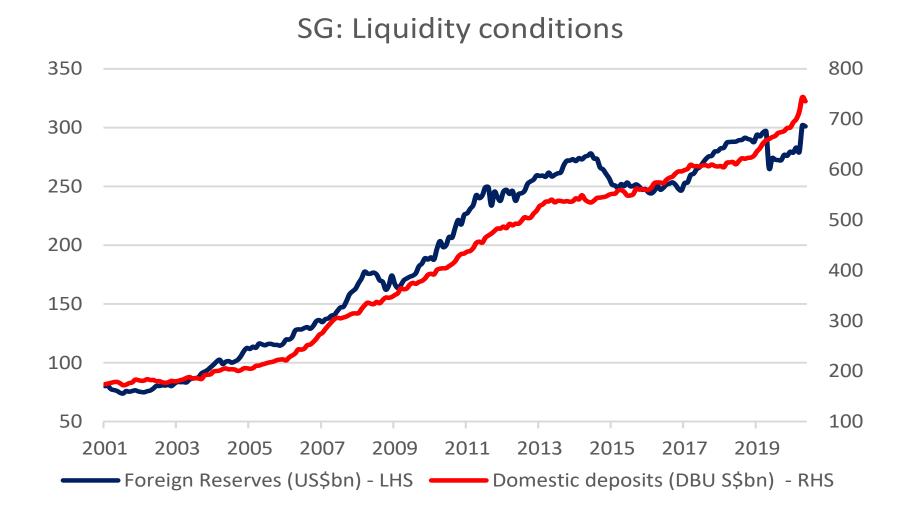
- ✓ Growth Stimulus
- Positive for asset prices
- Equity relative attractive
- \checkmark Yield the most valuable

Source: CEIC, PSR





Record levels of cash being hoarded



Year	FX Reserves (US\$bn)	Deposits (S\$bn)
2016	-1.1	+36.6
2017	+33.3	+9.7
2018	+7.7	+21.3
2019	-8.2	+55.7
YTD5/20	+21.5	+52.2

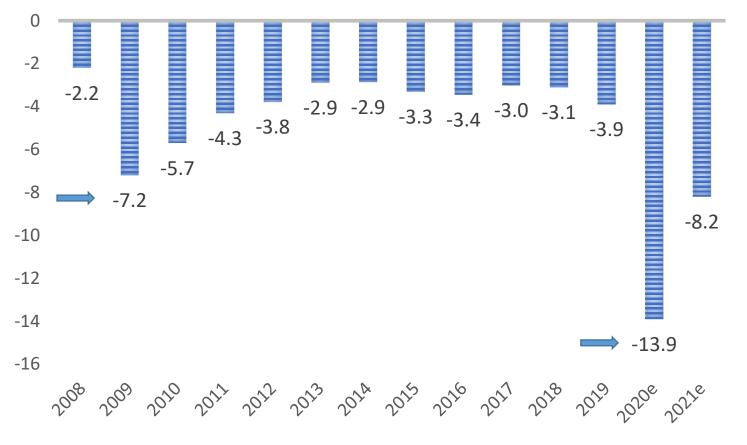
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Plus No.2: Fiscal stimulus double the GFC worth US\$11tr

Global fiscal balance (% of GDP)

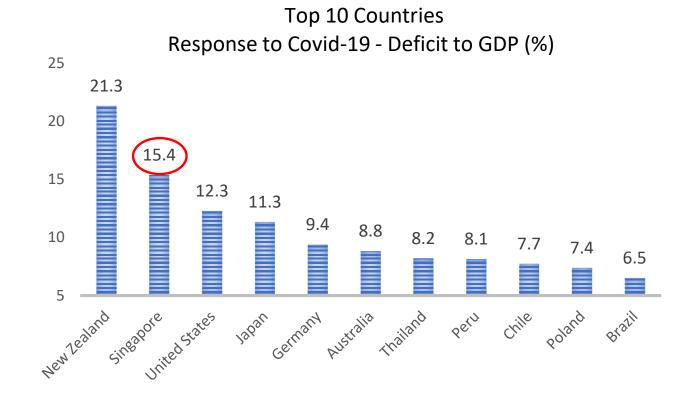


Source: IMF, PSR

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Singapore fiscal response is one of the largest globally



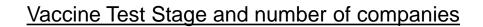
	Date	Budget Spend	Total Exp.	Special Transfers	Overall Deficit	Overall Deficit	Reserves Draw
		S\$bn	S\$bn	S\$bn	S\$bn	% of GDP	S\$bn
Unity	18-Feb-20	6.8	83.6	22.0	10.9	2.1%	
Resilience	26-Mar-20	48.0	89.1	39.6	39.2	7.9%	17
Solidarity	6-Apr-20	5.1	89.8	43.6	44.3	8.9%	4
Fortitude	26-May-20	33.0	110.5	51.2	74.3	15.4%	31
	Total	92.9					52
2019 Budget			78.2	15.3	1.65	0.3%	

Source: PSR, IMF Fiscal Monitor, MOF, singaporebudget.gov.sg



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Plus No.3: Global effort for vaccine, > 140 companies





Stage	Number	Companies
Preclinical	> 125	Merck, Novartis, J&J, Sanofi, Vaxart
Phase 1	11	Genexine, Anhui Zhifei, Clover Biopharmaceutical, Inovio, CureVac, Genexine, ASV*, GRI*
Phase 2	8	Moderna, Sinovac, IMB*, BPF*, Novavax, CanSino Biologics, Imperical College London, CanSino Biologics
Phase 3	3	Sinopharm, Murdoch Children's Research Institute, AstraZeneca
Approval	0	

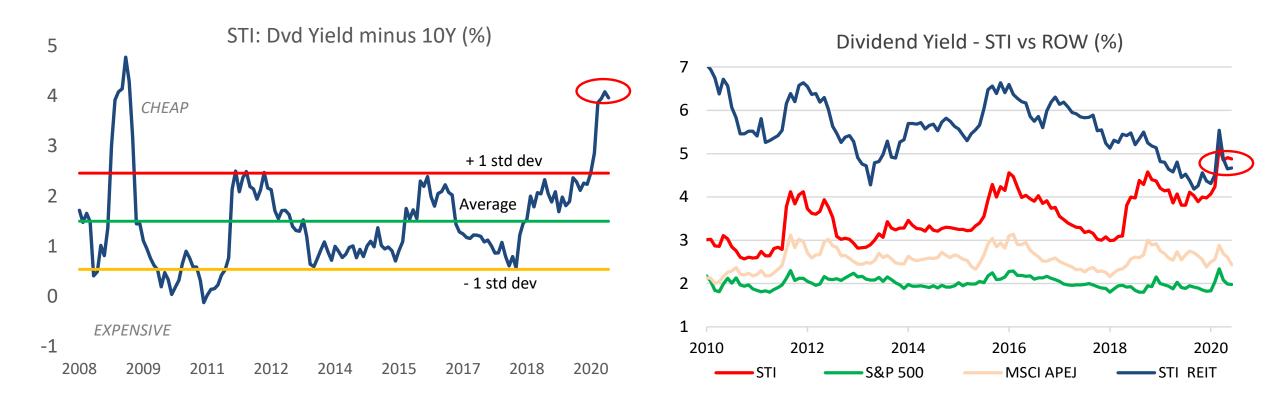
News of a vaccine can cause a rally in the market

Source: New York Times, PSR, https://www.nytimes.com/interactive/2020/science/coronavirus-vaccine-tracker.html



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Valuations remain attractive on dividend yield.....

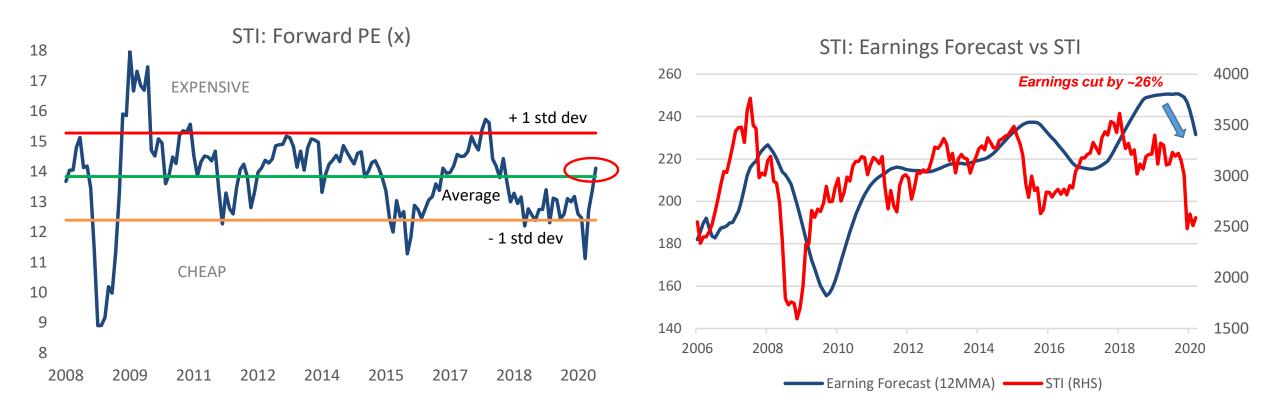


Source: PSR, Bloomberg



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.... even on PE after 27% cut in earnings this year

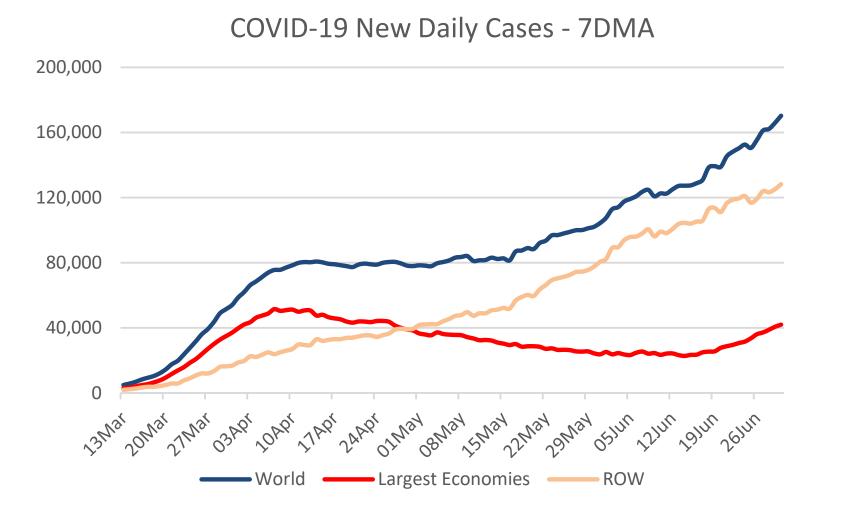


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The minusCovid-19 cases stubbornly high

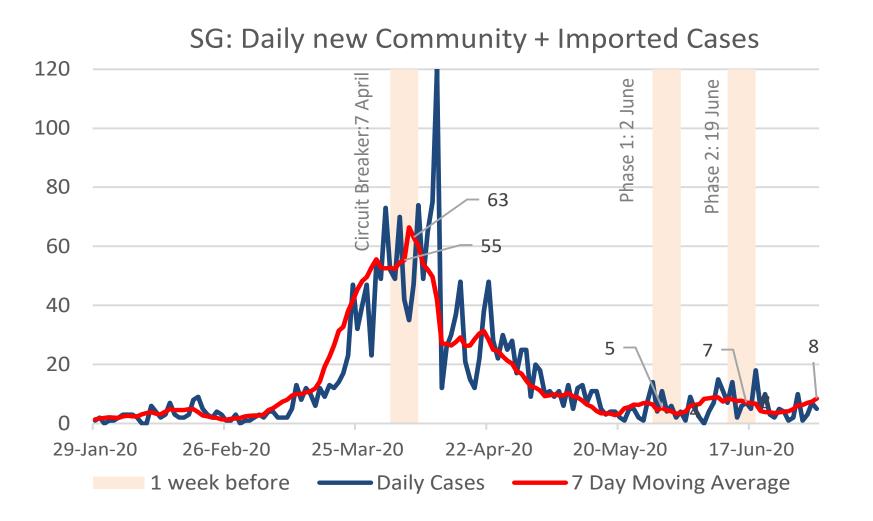


Source: CEIC, WHO, CDC, PSR, *Largest economies - US, China, Germany, UK, Spain, Italy, France, Japan, S Korea

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Singapore cases are contained

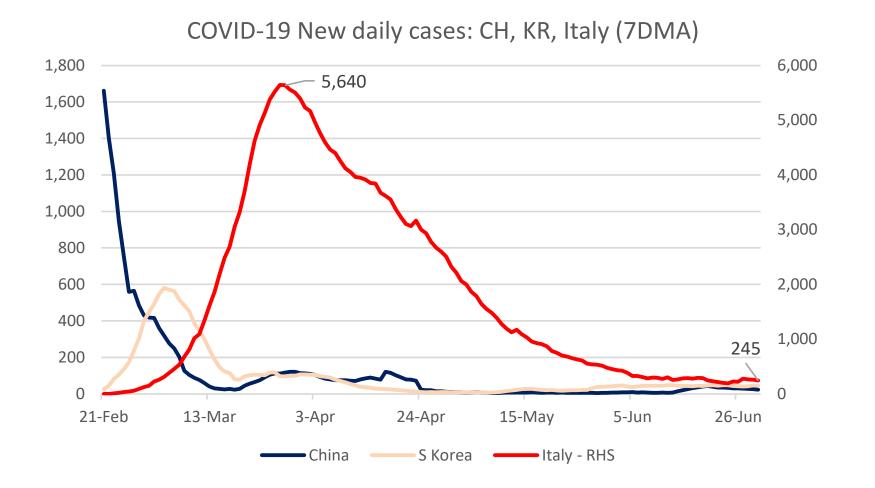


Source: MOH, PSR

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..... similarly contained in worst hit countries

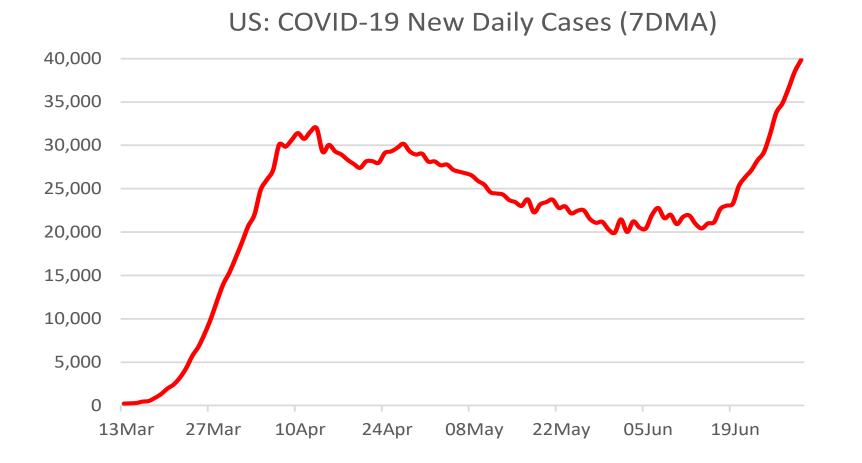


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U.S. please-lah wear mask...otherwise more lockdowns

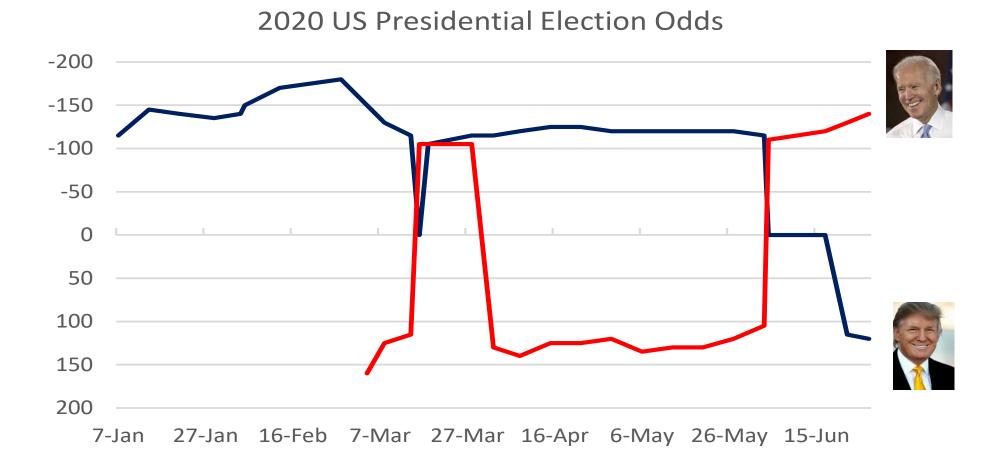


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Another minus U.S. elections rhetoric



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Source: PSR, oddsshark, Trump +120 or win \$120 for \$100 bet; Biden -150 or bet \$150 to win \$100, 27Jun20

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Singapore Market Outlook: Through the lens of Technical

Chua Wei Ren

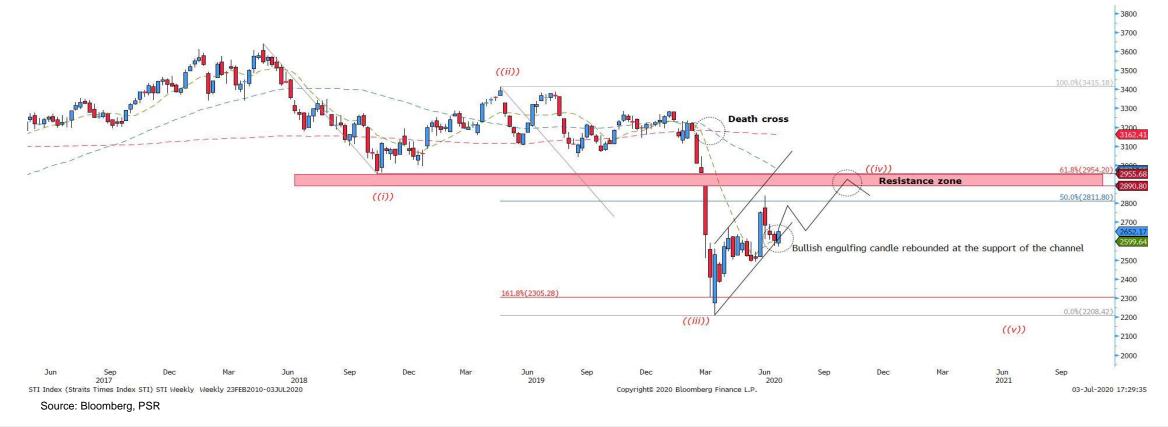
Technical Analyst

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STI seen some uptick but prices is still below key levels

- Prices had a strong sell-down below 50.0% of wave ((iii)) in early June.
- Rebound was seen at the start of July at the support of the channel.
- High probability of STI testing the resistance zone between 2,900 and 2,954.20. once the 50% level is broken.
- As long as STI remains below 3,000-3,045, the index is still in the bearish territory.



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Daily Chart wave analysis indicate a clearer short term run

- 2,636.05-2,598.40, Straits time Index will likely test the new resistance level at 2,900
- True enough, STI broke out of the falling wedge and Thursday saw the strongest rebound in 2 weeks.
- However, immediate resistance at 2,962 remain a strong immediate resistance to clear.



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DBS- Risk reward is rewarding

- DBS rebounded from 161.8% extension level of wave C at \$17.40.
- Rebound remain corrective in nature. However, as long as DBS stays above \$20.00 immediate support and breaks the resistance at \$22.50, DBS will likely test \$25.00.
- However, should DBS remains below \$22.50 while staying above \$20.00, then the possibility of a complex corrective flat will occur, which see prices testing the lower low in the long run.



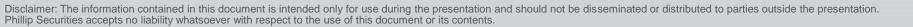
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Sector Views

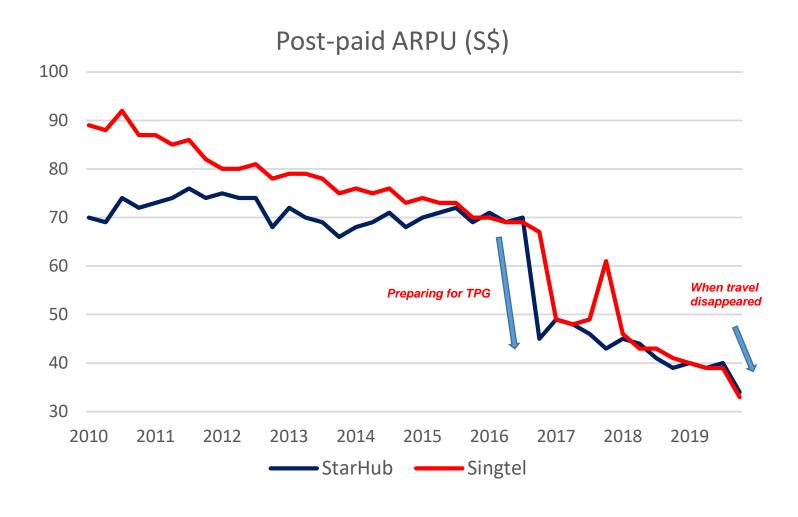


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Telecommunications: No roaming will bite



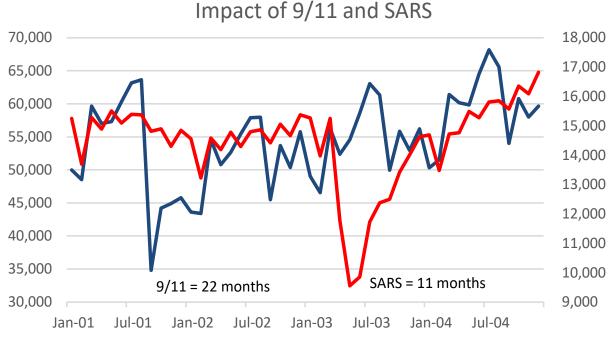
- High margin roaming business: Estimated 10-15% of revenue; 748 Apr20 vs 1.59mn Apr19
- **Optus:** Loss of NBN hurt fixed broadband consumer and corporate business for several quarters
- Associates: Bharti performing well as competition subsidies
- Weak emerging market : Less spend on prepaid services
- No guidance: Both telcos not providing any guidance on their outlook
- Rating: NEUTRAL



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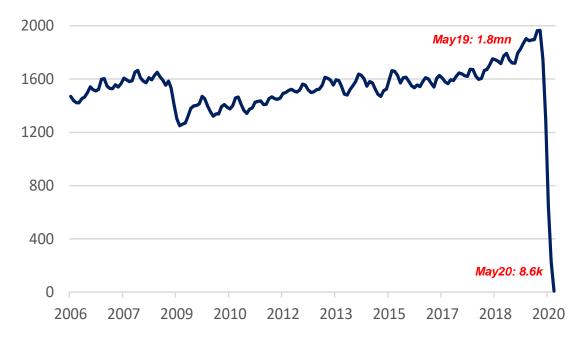
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Aviation: Much patience needed



US Passengers (000s) - LHS —— Changi Aircraft Movements - RHS

SIA: Passengers Carried (000s - 3MMA)



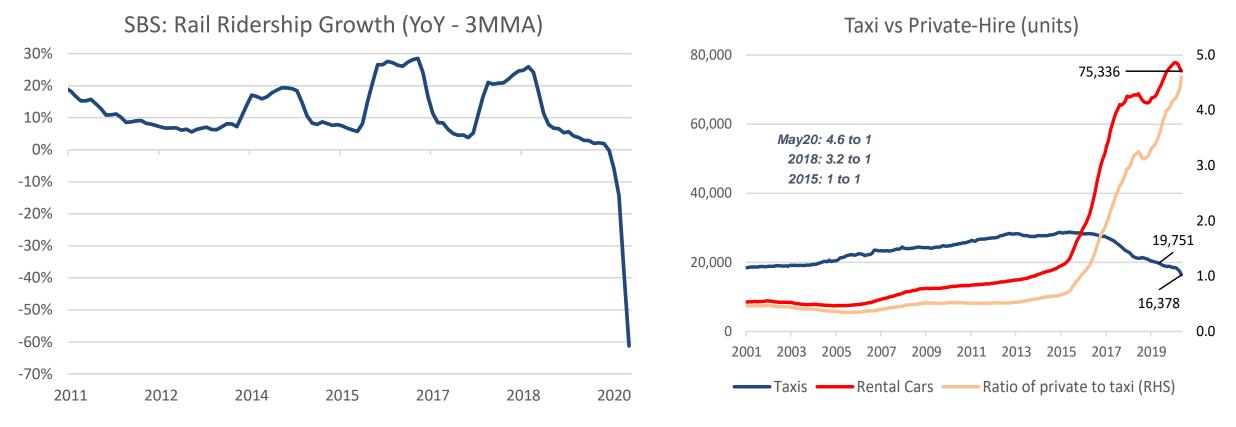
Source: Bloomberg, PSR, Green Lane rules https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ag5K4vEluSo



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Land Transportation: Too intense the competition



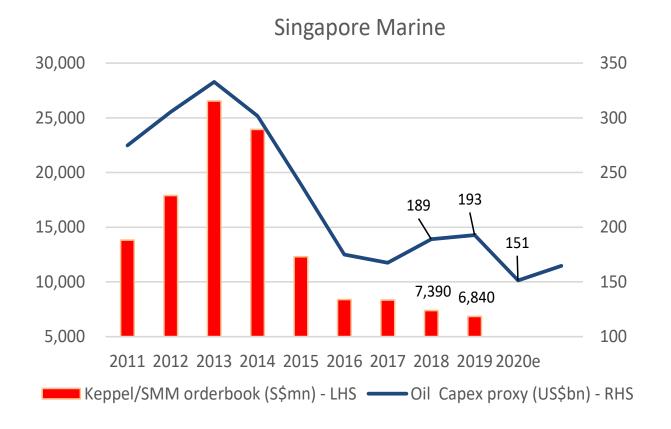
Taxi supply down 3.3k (or -17%) from 1 year ago

Source: CEIC, PSR, Rail is NEL, DTL & LRT

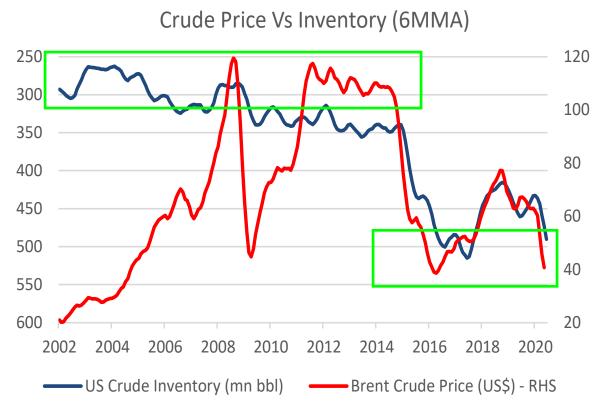


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Marine Sector: Exploration is game over



Order books fell before recent oil price drop... now oil capex to cut ~20% in 2020



Inventory still too high at >500mn, exclude hidden storage at SPR

Source: CEIC, Bloomberg, PSR



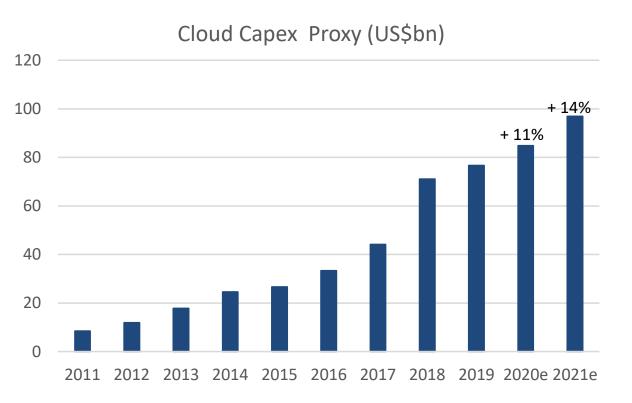
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Technology (Hardware): Demand relatively resilient



1) Spending shifts online; 2) Consumer budgets move from experiences to goods



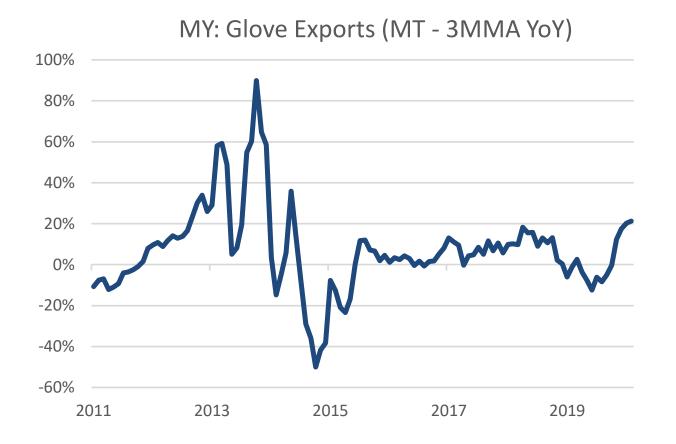
Work + Game + Spend from home

Source: CEIC, PSR



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Rubber gloves: Order today get (middle) next year



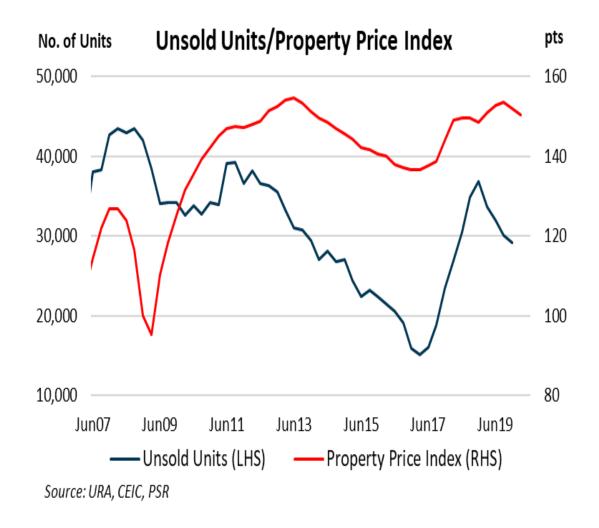
Lead time (Days	s)		
	Before Covid-19	April20	June20
Latex	30 - 40	300	400
Nitrile	30 - 40	300	420
Vinyl	30 - 40	200	190
Surgical	30 - 40	190	160

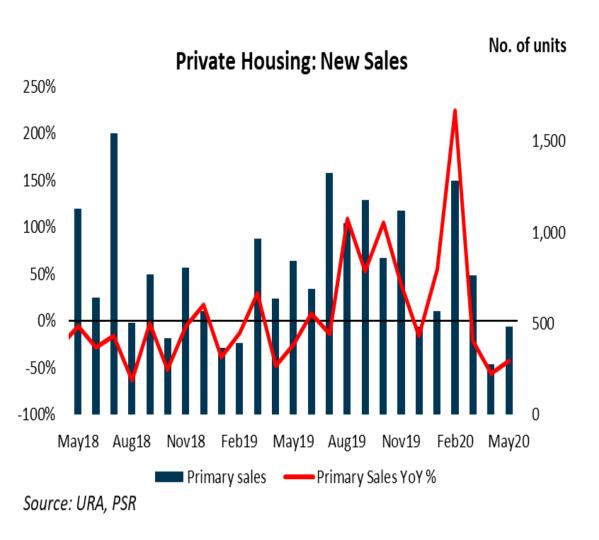
Source: PSR, CEIC, Top Glove, 3Q20 results 11Jun20

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Private Residential: 29k units unsold, down 20% YoY

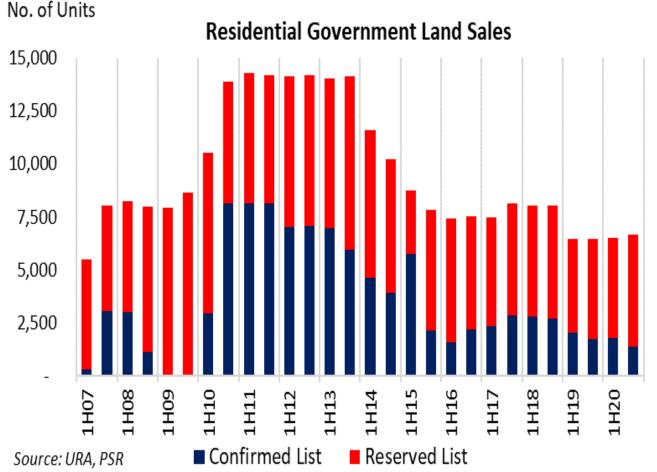




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Prices mildly negative (c.-5%), volumes to come at 5-yr average (c.8k)



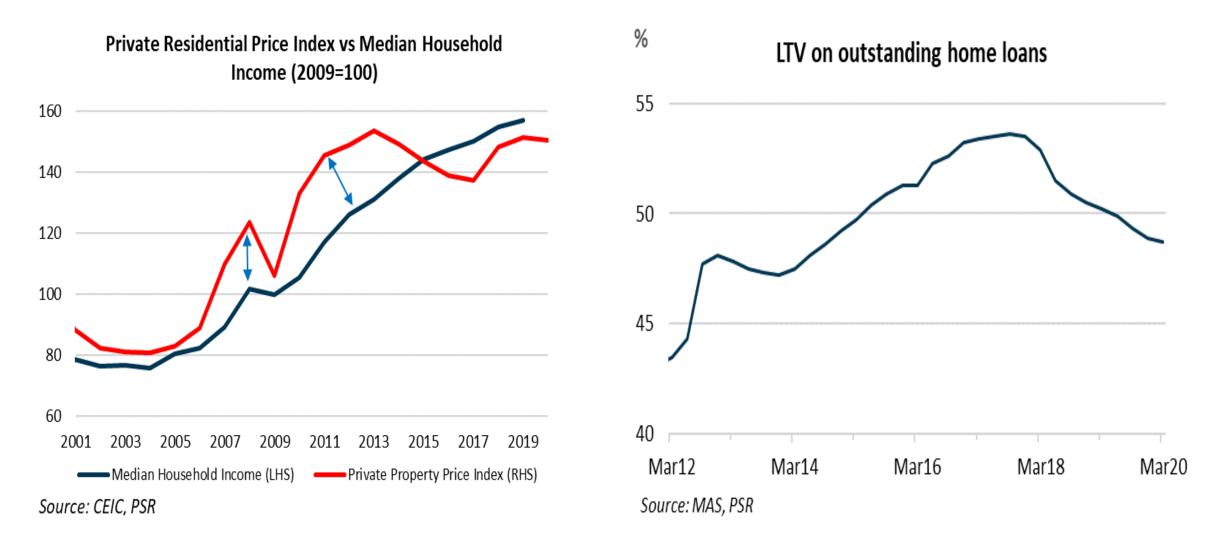
Supporting property prices:

- 1. GLS 20% on the Confirmed List
- 2. Low interest rate and prices may spur sales
- 3. Stabilising policies deferment of loan payment, extension of ABSD
- 4. Higher land prices prevent deep discounts
- 5. Strong household balance sheet pre-COVID
 LTV fell from 53% to 49% over 2 years



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Favorable conditions and growing financial resilience

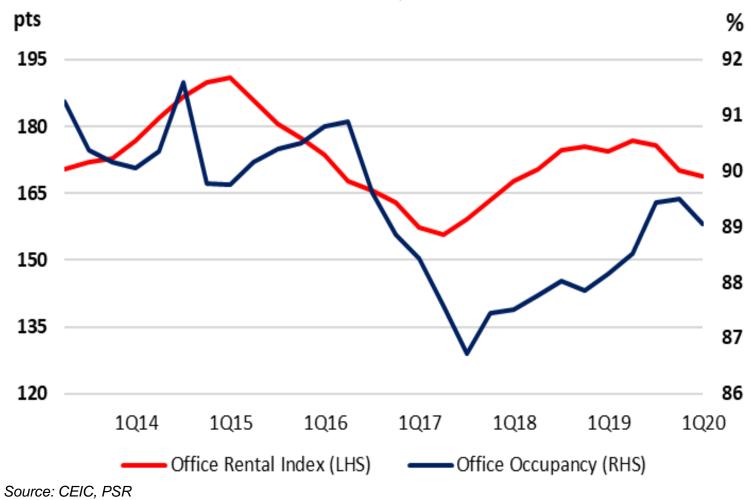


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Office – Awaiting more clarity from counteracting leasing strategies

Office Rental Index and Occupancy



- Occupancy dipped 0.5ppts in 1Q20 to 89.0%, albeit being 0.8ppts higher YoY
 - The rental index fell 1.3pts QoQ to 168.7pts
 - Office prices also showed some weakness, falling 4.0% QoQ
 - Potential positives: Lower deskdensity and split office may increase demand, demand for flexspace

 Potential negatives: Risk of rightsizing due to adoption of telecommuting

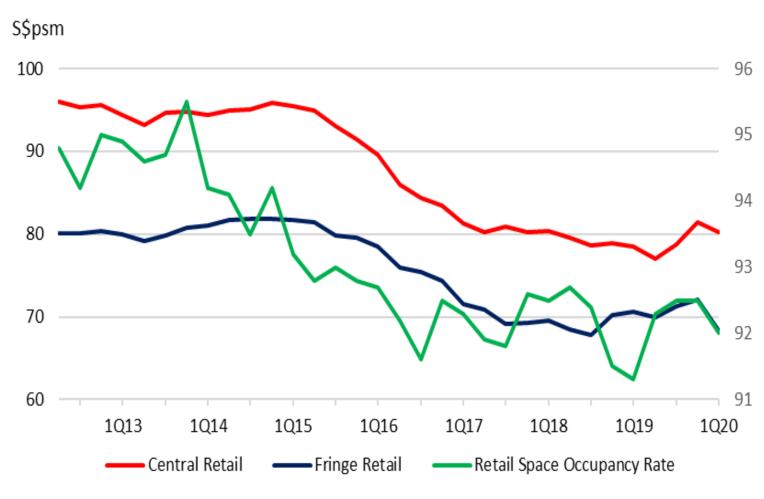


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Retail – Entering of Phase 2 will lift malls

Retail Rental Index and Occupancy

Source: CEIC. PSR



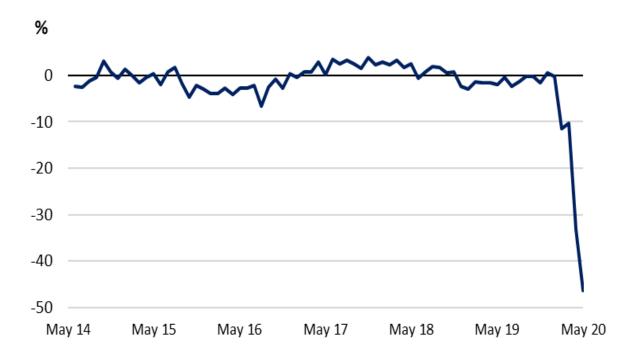
- Occupancy dipped by 0.5ppts while the rental index fell by 2.3pts
- High reliance on premise to generate revenue
- Highest amount of rental rebates offered (2 to 3 months)
- Rise in vacancy rates, lower rental reversions
- Silver linings: Landlords creating food ordering/e-commerce platforms; flexible leasing strategies
- Customer and tenant stickiness



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Retail – Entering of Phase 2 to lift malls

SG Retail Sales YoY % (excl. Motor Vehicle Sales)



Source: CEIC, PSR

	RSI (excl. motor vehicles)	RSI (Dept stores)	RSI (Supermarkets)	RSI (Fashion)	F&B Index
Ma y-20	-46.4	-93.7	50.9	-89.2	-50.8
Ma y-19	-2.0	-4.6	-0.7	-1.5	2.5

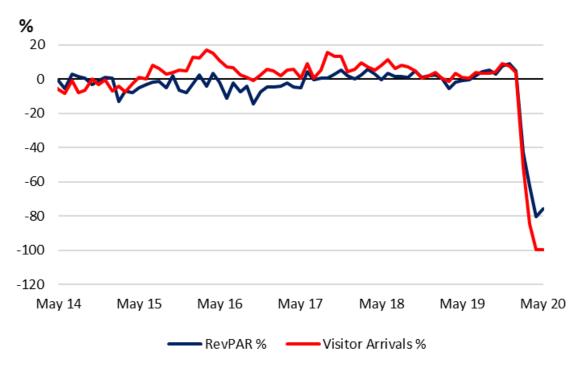
- RSI (ex. MV) was weighed down by discretionary trade sectors
- Only positives were the FMCG segments, supermarket (+50.9%) and mini-marts ad convenience stores (+8.6%)
- Within the F&B Index, the Fast Food Outlet Segment fell the least (-25.7%) compared to Restaurants (-69.2%), Caterers (-45.6%) and other food outlets (-41.3%)
- Entering Phase 2 is a positive for retail malls. All trade segments to benefit, fashion sales will be lackluster



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Hospitality – Lingering fears will impede recovery

Hospitality Sector Indicators



Source: CEIC, PSR

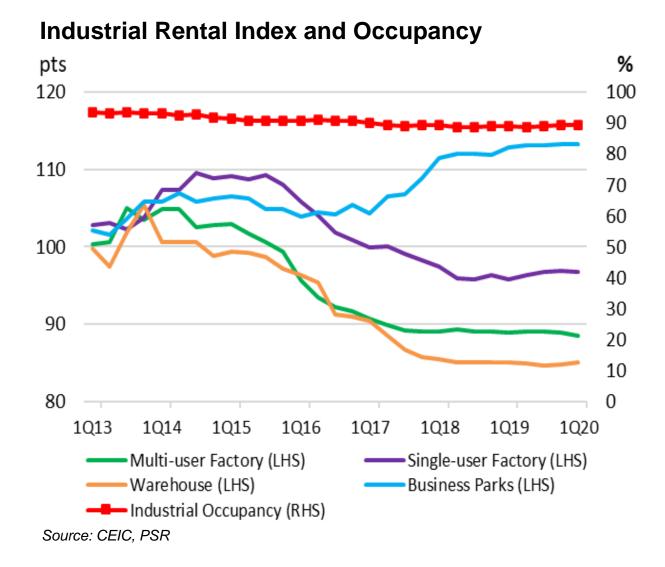
	Visitor Arrivals	Hotel RevPAR	Hotel Occupancy	Hotel Average
		(S\$)	(%)	Room Rate (S\$)
Ma y-20	880	41	57.0	72
Ma y-19	1,487,758	169	82.0	207
ΥοΥ%	-99.94%	-75.84%		-65.26%

- Hotel RevPAR fell by 76% (April: -80%) YoY in May, average occupancy at 57% (April: 41%)
- Visitor arrivals fell by almost 100%, registering only 880 international arrivals in April
- Lower price points were less affected
- Fast lane arrangements for essential travel
- Lingering fear and caution even if international travel bans are lifted, domestic demand to supplement demand

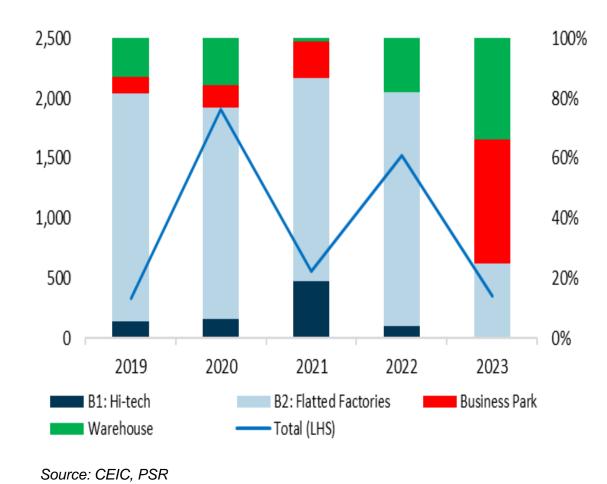


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Industrial – Resilient, for now



Breakdown of Industrial Supply

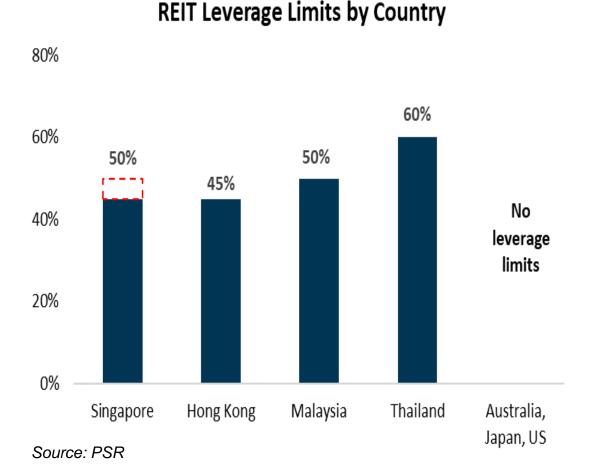


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Re-rating for SREITs – Maintain OVERWEIGHT

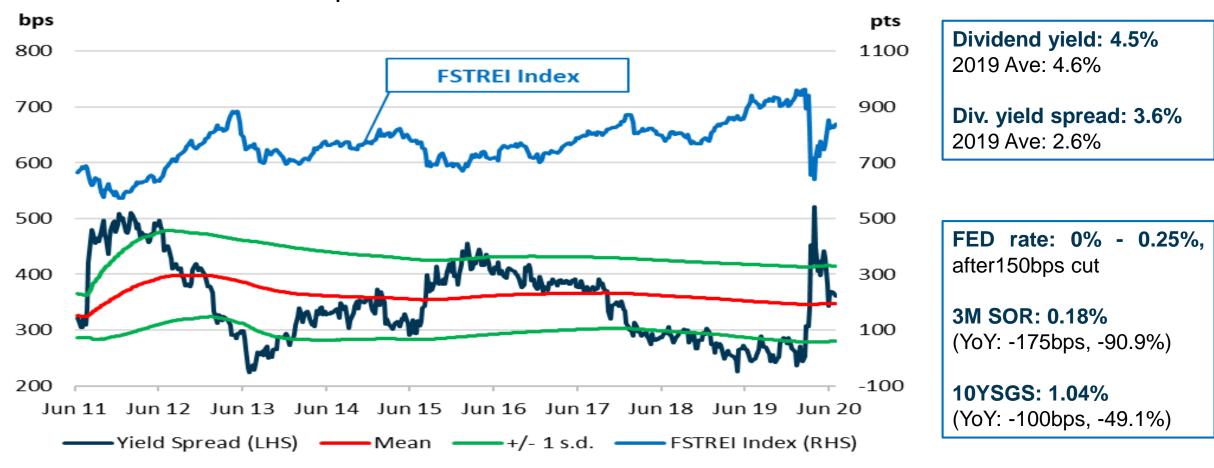
- 1. Acceptance of higher gearing levels will benefit REITs
- 2. COVID-19 accelerated phasing-in of future trends, creating opportunities for landlords
- 3. Tried and tested REITs remain an attractive yield play
- A better entry price S-REIT yield spread at the +.0.19
 s.d. Level
- 5. Recovery in share prices and low interest rates presents conducive environment for acquisition



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A better entry price - S-REIT yield spread at the +0.19 s.d. level



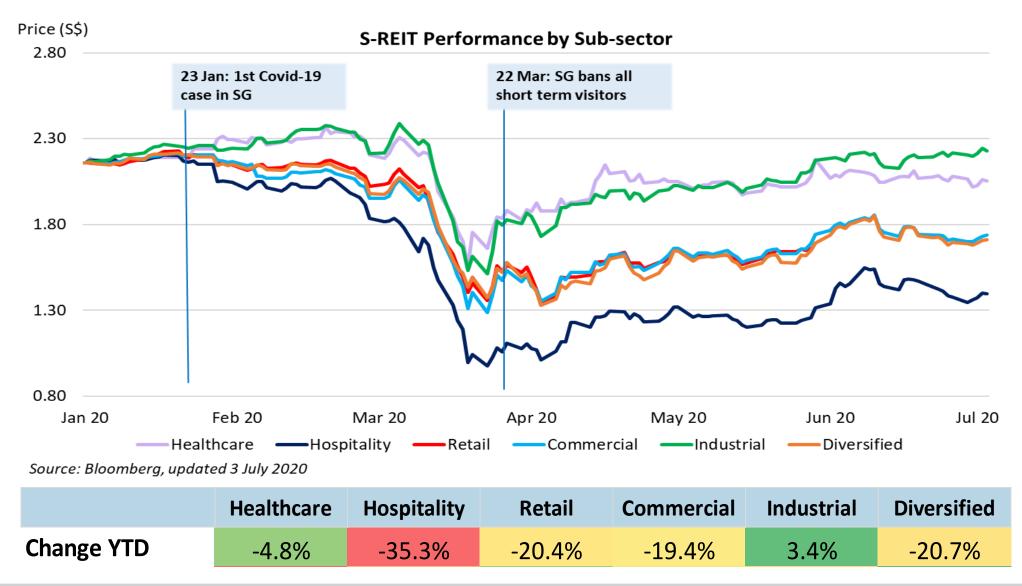
FTSE Straits Times REIT Index Yield Spread over 10YSGS

Source: Bloomberg, PSR

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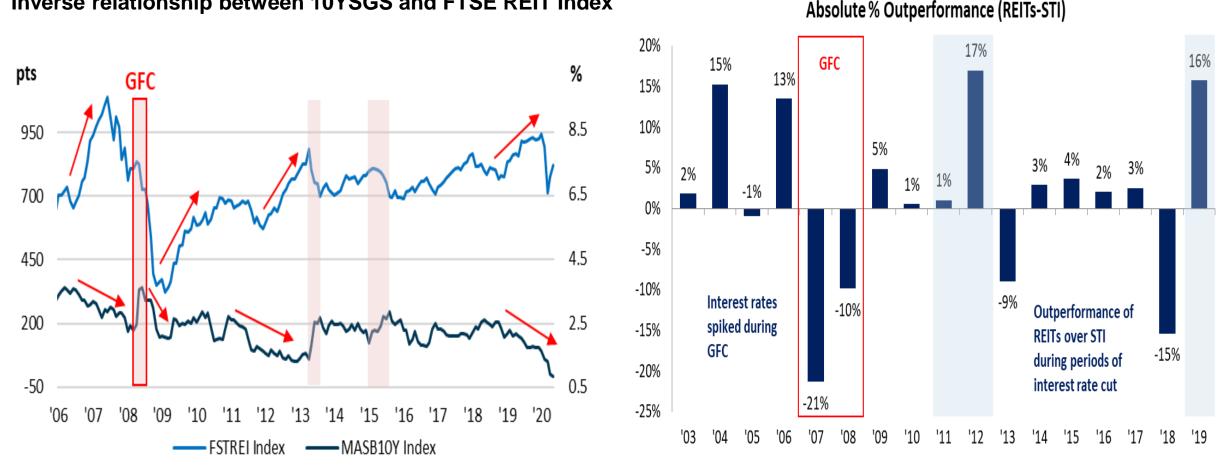
Recovery in prices, catalyst for acquisitions



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Low interest rates conducive for REITs



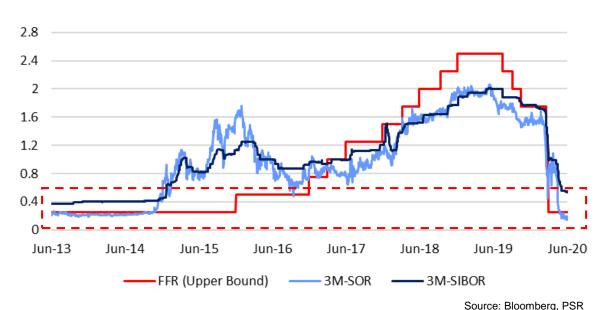
Inverse relationship between 10YSGS and FTSE REIT Index

Source: Bloomberg, PSR

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Banks - Interest rates to stay lower for longer



Fed Fund Rates (FFR) vs. 3M-SIBOR vs. 3M-SOR

Resilience in April tapered off in May and June

- NIM likely to fall to 2013 levels during period of comparable interest rates
- Interest rate should stabilise at current levels
- NII be impacted as a result of lower asset yield and increased deposits

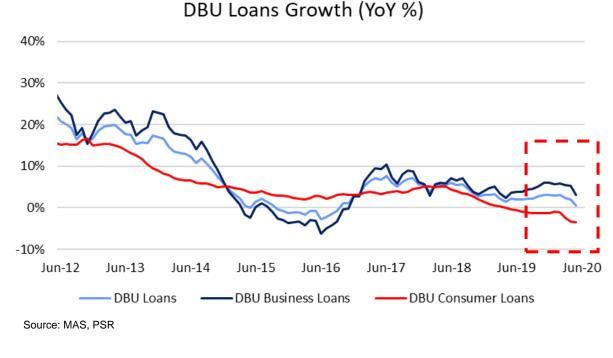
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NIM (%)	DBS	ОСВС	UOB
1Q20	1.86	1.76	1.71
FY13	1.62	1.64	1.71
2Q20e		1.66	
Expected NII Impact	-11%	-6%	-3%

Interest Rates (%)	3M-SIBOR	3M-SOR
Current	0.56	0.20
2Q20 Average	0.72	0.42
1Q20 Average	1.55	1.29
13/14 Average	0.39	0.25

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Banks - Loans outlook weighed down by Circuit Breaker



YoY	Jan-20	Feb-20	Mar-20	Apr-20	May-20
Growth Rate	2.97%	3.05%	2.41%	1.98%	0.51%

Business and Consumer loans weaken in 2Q

May-20	Outstanding DBU Loans	YoY Growth (%)
Business	\$430,610	+3.02
Consumer	\$254,653	-3.48

Business loans:

- Grew at slowest pace in 13 months as businesses defer investments during Circuit Breaker
- Likely to face short-term headwinds

Consumer loans:

- Shrank 3.48% in May, with housing, car and credit card loans shrinking across the board
- Reopening of retail malls in Phase 2 will boost consumer spending, but big-ticket item spending likely to continue experiencing weakness



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Banks - Fee income to salvage any growth

1Q20 Highlights			
Net Fee and Commission Income	\$832mn (+14% YoY)	\$546mn (+10% YoY)	\$515mn (+8% YoY)
- Brokerage	_	+27% YoY	-
- Investment Banking	+ 64% YoY	- 8% YoY	-
- Transactions services	-	1.00/ VoV	-
- Loan-related	+ 17% YoY	-18% YoY	-16% YoY
- Cards	- 8% YoY	-6% YoY	-
- Wealth Management	+ 28% YoY	+ 32% YoY	+48% YoY

Source: Company, PSR

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Phillip Absolute 10 Model Portfolio

Company	1M	3M	YTD	Rating	Target Px (S\$)	Share Px (S\$)	Upside	Mkt Cap (US\$m)	Dvd. Yield
Yield									
As cott REIT	4.2%	26.6%	-24.8%	Accumulate	1.25	1.00	25%	2,220	7.6%
Asian PayTV (New)	0.8%	5.8%	-24.9%	Buy	0.15	0.127	18%	164	7.9%
NetLink	-5.8%	7.2%	2.6%	Accumulate	1.03	0.97	6%	2,705	5.4%
Dividend Growth									
Frasers Centrepoint Tr.	-4.9%	3.1%	-17.8%	Accumulate	2.61	2.31	13%	1,851	5.2%
DBS (New)	6.8%	12.0%	-19.6%	Accumulate	20.60	20.80	-1%	37,799	5.9%
<u>Growth</u>									
PropNex	5.8%	19.8%	5.8%	Buy	0.59	0.55	8%	144	6.4%
Thai Beverage	7.1%	11.6%	-24.2%	Buy	0.82	0.68	21%	12,134	3.2%
Venture Corp.	5.8%	19.2%	-0.1%	Accumulate	16.60	16.18	3%	3,350	4.3%
Re-rating Plays									
CapitaLand	1.0%	2.5%	-22.1%	Buy	3.94	2.92	35%	10,559	4.1%
Yoma (New)	23.5%	68.4%	-10.0%	Buy	0.46	0.32	46%	503	0.0%
Average	4.4%	17.6%	-13.5%				17%	71,429	5.0%

	Absolute	STI
	10	
Jan20	-0.5%	-2.1%
Feb20	-1.6%	-4.5%
Mar20	-16.4%	-17.6%
Apr20	10.1%	5.8%
May20	1.0%	-4.3%
Jun20	1.8%	3.2%
Jul20		
Aug20		
Sep20		
Oct20		
Nov20		
Dec20		
YTD	-7.4%	-19.6%
Out/(Un	der)perf.	12.2%

Removed - Sheng Siong, Starhub and UOB

Source: Bloomberg, PSR, Performance is for illustration only and excludes brokerage, dividends and monthly rebalancing cost.



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DBS: Earnings resilience with attractive yield

1Q20 Highlights (S\$mn)	
Net Interest Income	2,482 (+7.4%)
Net Fees & Commission	832 (+14.0%)
Other Non-Interest Income	712 (+39.3%)
Total Income	4,026 (+13.4%)
Expenses	1,556 (+3.9%)
Pre-Provision Operating Profit	2,470 (+20.3%)
Allowance	1,086 (n.m.)
ΡΑΤΜΙ	1,165 (-29.4%)

Source: Company, PSR

Strong business momentum in 1Q20

- Robust growth across segments
- Buffer for slower growth subsequently

Net Fees & Commission poised for recovery

- (Recap) Wealth Management and brokeragerelated fees to benefit
- Stronger Investment Banking franchise

Attractive quarterly dividend

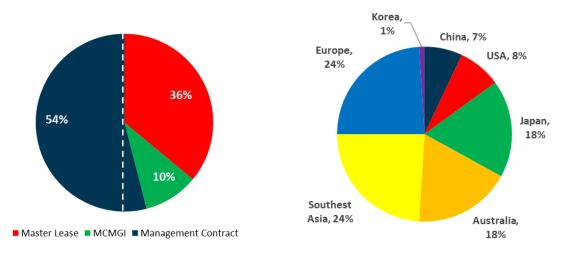
 \$0.33 of quarterly dividend represents c.6% annualised yield

Rating: NEUTRAL; TP: S\$20.60

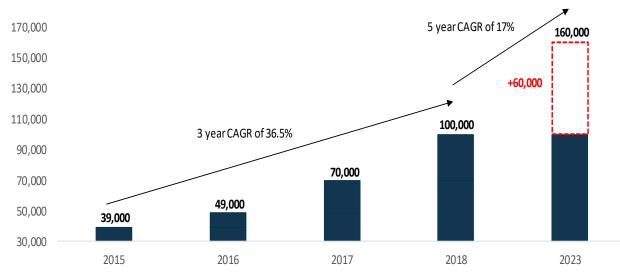


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Ascott REIT: Stability and outperformance of select service



Sponsor's growth in no. of keys under management



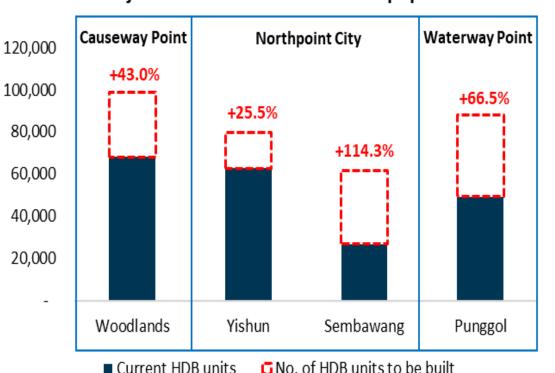
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- 88 properties, across 15 countries low concentration risk per asset
 - Corporate 41% : Leisure 59%
 - Stability from geographical and lease structure diversification
 - 20 ROFR properties, S\$2.1bn debt headroom (assuming gearing of 50%)
 - Global footprint and increased brand recognition and loyalty programs
 - Popularity of select-service accommodation preference for value, lower price point
 - Rating: **BUY;** TP: **\$\$1.25**; FY20e dividend yield: 6.7%
 - entation.

Frasers Centrepoint Trust: Powered by resilient growth



Projected increase in catchment population

- Resilient necessity spending and outperformance of fringe rents
- Organic growth: Projected 67.7% jump in HDB units surrounding three largest malls
- Inorganic Growth: 3 Pipeline assets from Sponsor and 6 PGIM's SG assets
- Rating: ACCUMULATE; TP: S\$2.61; FY20e dividend yield: 4.2%

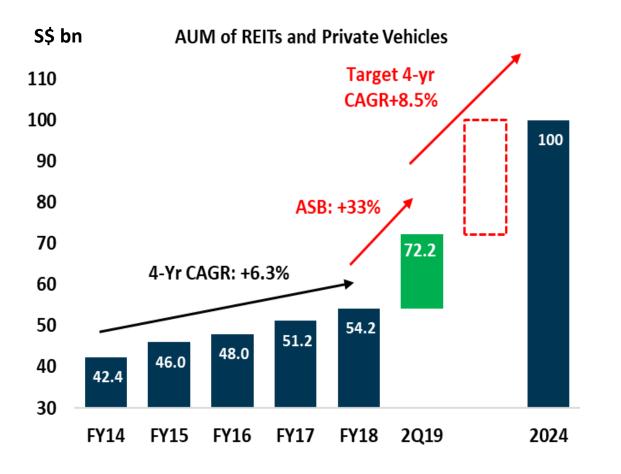
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CapitaLand: Building recurring income and unlocking value



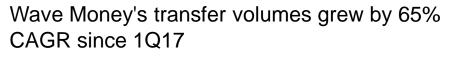
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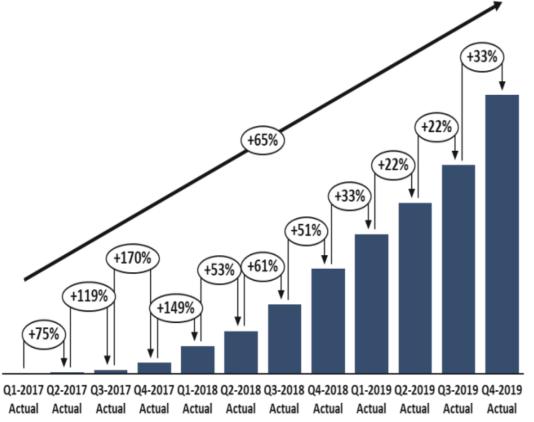
- Quality recurrent income growing 1/3 of FY19 revenues are recurring
- Capital-efficient disciplined asset recycling and tapping on external capital providers
- Unlocking value in new geographies (India) and asset classes (business parks)
- 10% ROE in 2019
- Rating: BUY; TP: \$\$3.94



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Yoma Strategic: Structural growth at a cheap price



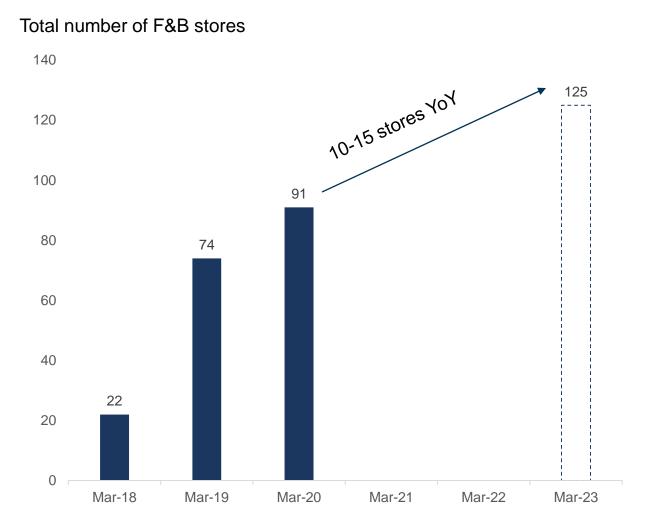


- Conglomerate with entrenched foothold in Myanmar's fast-growing and most attractive consumer segments
- Large property land bank equivalent to 10-15 years of sale – Yoma Central / Star City / Peninsula Yangon
- Financial services poised for stellar growth on the back of a 5x YoY revenue leap in Wave Money



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Yoma Strategic Holdings (con't)

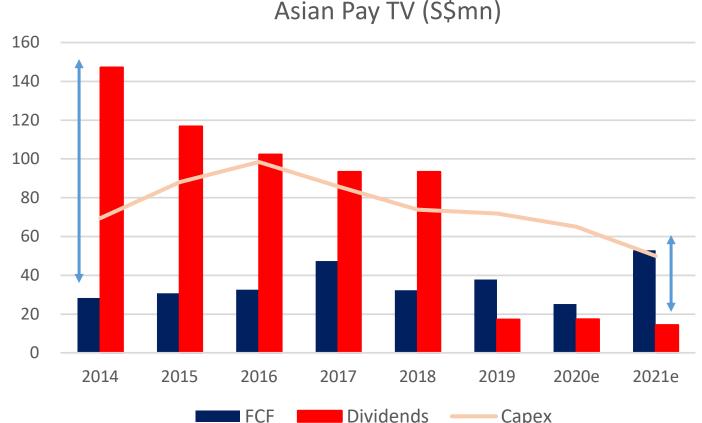


- F&B growth underpinned by at least 60% growth in KFC stores over the next three years (45 → 75)
- Current valuations depressed in view of structural growth prospects.
- Rating: BUY; TP: \$0.46



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Asian PayTV: Mr Unpopular



- Monopoly fibre provider for cable TV
 and broadband in Taiwan
 - 2 reason to be positive
 - a. Dividend is sustainable: \$50mn FCF vs S\$18mn dividend
 - b. Optionality of high margin 5G backhaul service for mobile operators
 - Dividend payout is after capex; S\$200mn dividend vs S\$250mn operating cash-flow
 - Rating: BUY; Target price S\$0.15; Distribution yield: ~7.8%

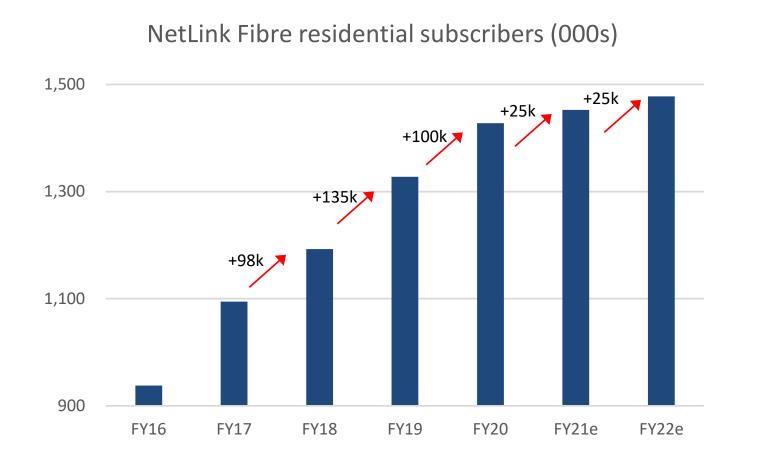
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Netlink NBN Trust: Slow and stable



- Monopoly fibre provider that cannot be replaced and regulatory protected return (pretax IRR 7%)
- Recurrent S\$13.80 per month from 1.427mn households = ~S\$236mn
- Impact from Covid-19 is minimal
- Household formation and capex will ensure growth
- Stable dividend yield 5.3%
- Rating: ACCUMULATE; TP: S\$1.03;

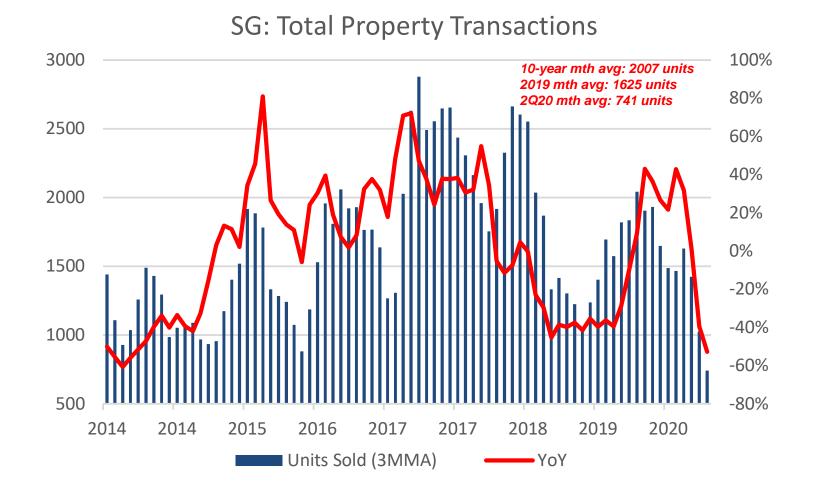
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PropNex: Best financial metrics but cyclical



- Dominant:
- a. Largest real estate agency in Singapore
- Market share: private residential new launch 48%, private resale 45%, HDB resale 51%
- 2H20 results will fell Covid-19 impact
- Attractive metrics: ROE 24% on fixed assets of S\$3.5mn
- Sustainable yield of 6.7% (S\$13mn p.a. vs S\$89.8mn cash)
- Rating: **BUY**; TP: **\$\$0.60**.

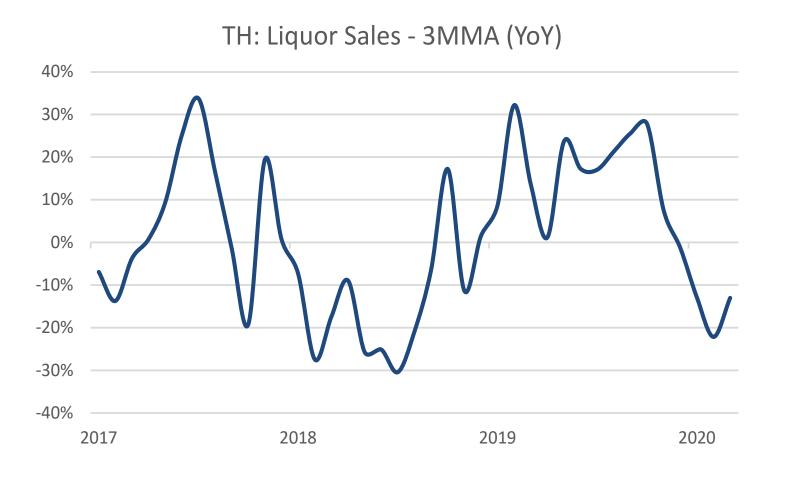
Source: URA Realis, PSR



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Thai Beverage: Buying the dominance

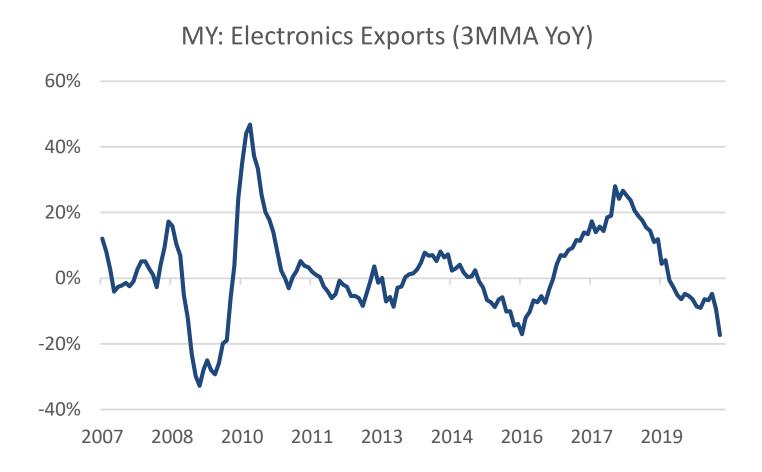


- ~90% of earnings from spirits business
- Dominant market share: 95% spirits (Thailand) / 70% (Myanmar) / 40% beer (Thailand and VN)
- 3-week alcohol ban in Thailand: April
 -51% YoY and May +32% YoY
- Sabeco problematic in medium term due to decree 100 to driving penalties and advertising limits + Covid-19 + Interest expenses
- Valuations attractive at 14x PE on Covid-19 depressed earnings
- Rating: **BUY**; TP: **\$\$0.82.**



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Venture: SE Asia outsourcing winner



- Supply chain shifts to SE Asia from China
- Production disruption spill into 2Q20
- Grabbing profit share from global contract manufacturers
- 15x PE FY20e + Net cash of S\$852mn + Dividend yield 4.2% + ROE 12%
- Rating: ACCUMULATE; TP: \$\$16.60;

Source: CEIC, PSR



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Conclusion

- 1. Gradual recovery + aggressive easing almost perfect for equities
- 2. Economic trajectory will track the outbreak
- 3. Unclear shape of rebound but bottom has formed
- 4. Equity strategy will be centred around dividend yield
- 5. STI target (12 months) is 3000

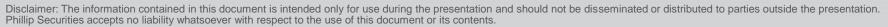
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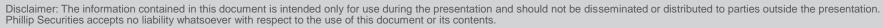


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