

Frasers Centrepoint Trust

Holding up in a tough environment

SINGAPORE | REAL ESTATE (REIT) | FY17 RESULTS

- FY17 NPI and DPU were within our estimates.
- Strong rental reversions of 5.1% for FY17 despite a tough operating environment.
- Catalysts from higher occupancy in Northpoint City North Wing (NPNW) and Changi City Point (CCP).
- Cap rate compression drove NAV increase of 9c/share to S\$2.02.
- Rising occupancy costs may make it harder to sustain future rental reversions unless tenant sales improve.
- Maintain Neutral with unchanged DDM-derived target price of S\$2.14.

Results at a glance

(SGD mn)/Sept Yr End	FY17	FY16	YoY (%) Comments
Gross Revenue	181.6	183.8	(1.2) Mainly impacted by planned vacancies in Northpoint AEI. Up 0.5%, excluding AEI and impact of new acquisition
Net property income	129.6	129.9	(0.2) Lower utilities tariff rates and other property expenses
Distributable income	109.8	108.1	 Higher proportion of management fees paid in units (FY17: 70% vs FY16: 42%)
DPU (Cents)	11.90	11.76	1.2
Source: Company, PSR			

The positives

+ Strong rental reversions for FY17 despite a tough operating environment: Overall portfolio achieved +5.1% rental reversions. Portfolio occupancy also improved QoQ from 87.1% to 92%, following the completion of AEI on NPNW. FCT was able to build on its previously low occupancy cost of 15.7% in FY16 to drive rental reversions upwards despite lower tenant sales this year.

+ Catalysts for better upcoming performances in NPNW and CCP: Management expressed optimism at achieving 100% occupancy for NPNW post AEI before Chinese New Year in 2018. Committed occupancy is presently at 95%. CCP also looks set to benefit from the Oct 21 Opening of the Downtown Line 3, with the mall directly integrated with the Expo station. Along with CWP, these 3 malls make up 84% of FY17 portfolio valuation.

+ **Cap rate compression drove portfolio NAV increase of 9c/share to S\$2.02:** In line with the trend across most REIT sectors this year, cap rate compressions of 25-60bps across the portfolio drove up net asset value YoY.

The negatives

- Rising occupancy costs may make it harder to sustain future rental reversions unless tenant sales improve: Tenant sales fell mid-single digit YoY for FY17 excluding NPNW (including: c.-7.5%). With tenant sales failing to keep pace with rental reversions, portfolio occupancy cost crept up from 15.7% in FY16 to just below 18% currently. We estimate occupancy costs could actually be closer to 17%, without the impact of AEI. Sustaining or improving rental reversions in FY18 could be harder to achieve unless tenant sales improve. For tenant sales, F&B/Services did well, Supermarkets stable (for now) (despite Amazon's entry into grocery sales in Singapore), and Fashion was the laggard.

- **Bedok Point (BP) still struggling:** Recall that BP has been struggling for the past 3 FYs after the opening of the neighbouring Bedok Mall. Management has been trying to readjust tenant mix, but expects occupancy at BP to remain sluggish. Nonetheless, BP is a small constituent of overall portfolio and only made up 2.8% of FY17 NPI, with FY17 occupancy at 85.2%.



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Neutral (Maintained)

LAST DONE PRICE	SGD 2.21
FORECAST DIV	SGD 0.12
TARGET PRICE	SGD 2.14
TOTAL RETURN	2.1%

COMPANY DATA

BLOOMBERG CODE:	FCT SP
O/S SHARES (MN):	922
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn):	1497 / 2039
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	2.25 / 1.87
3M Average Daily T/O (mn) :	1.03

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (%)

FRASERS CENTREPOINT LTD	41.6%
SCHRODERSPLC	5.4%
SCHRODER INV MGMT HK LTD	3.61%
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VANGUARD GROUP	2.23%

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1M T H	3 M T H	1Y R
COMPANY	5.7	6.2	12.8
STIRETURN	3.59	2.06	20.66

PRICE VS. STI



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

KEY FINANCIALS

SGD mn	F Y 16	F Y 17	FY 18 e	F Y 19 e
Gross Revenue	183.8	181.6	226.9	232.0
NPI	129.9	129.6	160.5	164.1
Dist Inc.	108.1	109.8	125.0	126.5
P/NAV (x)	0.95	1.05	1.06	1.06
ROE (%)	5.50	5.40	5.60	5.70
DPU(Cents)	11.76	11.90	12.30	12.40
Dist yield %	5.58	5.56	5.75	5.81

Source: Company Data, PSR est.

Valuation Method DDM (Cost of equity 7.2%, Terminal Growth 1.5%)

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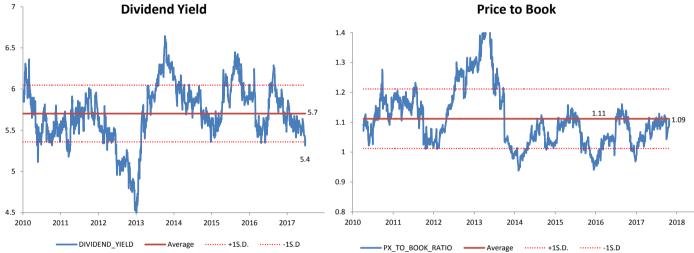
Outlook

Higher occupancy costs, coupled with the challenging retail background could mean increasing difficulty to sustain rental reversions unless sales pick up. We expect any upside in rental income to be partially mitigated by a lower proportion of management fees taken in units in upcoming quarters (FY17:70% vs normalised year FY15: 20%). We have projected a 3.4% improvement in DPU in FY18e driven by possible acquisitions, and improved performances in CWP, NPNW, and CCP.

Maintain NEUTRAL with unchanged target price of S\$2.14.

This translates to an FY18e yield of 5.8% and P/NAV of 1.06, as we roll forward our estimates to FY18 onwards. At current 5.4% yield (-1s.d. post GFC levels), we opine that the positives are in the price, and given the headwinds in the retail sector, prefer to see a pick-up in brick-and-mortar sales before revisiting our recommendation.





Source: Bloomberg, PSR

Figure 3: Peer comparison table

		PSR Target	Mkt Cap					
Name	PSR CALL	Price	(SGD mn)	Last Close (\$) Dvd Yld:D-1	P/B	Latest Gearing (%)	Average Cost of debt
FRASERS CENTREPOINT TRUST	NEUTRAL	2.14	2,039	2.21	5.38	1.09	29.0	2.30%
CAPITALAND RETAIL CHINA TRUST	NEUTRAL	1.64	1,488	1.65	6.12	1.01	35.1	2.42%
CAPITALAND MALL TRUST	NEUTRAL	2.01	7,198	2.03	5.49	1.04	34.7	3.20%
SPH REIT			2,633	1.03	5.37	1.09	25.3	2.79%
MAPLETREE COMMERCIAL TRUST			4,561	1.59	5.56	1.15	36.4	2.66%
STARHILL GLOBAL REIT			1,712	0.79	6.27	0.85	35.2	3.17%
SUNTEC REIT			5,113	1.93	5.21	0.91	36.4	2.42%

Source: Bloomberg, Company, PSR

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Financials

Statement of Total Return and Distribution Statement

Y/E Sept, SGD mn FY15 FY16 FY17 FY18 Gross Revenue 189.2 183.8 181.6 226.9 Total Property expenses (58.2) (54.0) (52.0) (66.4 Net Property Income 131.0 129.9 129.6 160.9 Net Finance (Expense)/Inc (19.3) (17.2) (17.6) (24.9)	Statement of Total Return and Distribution Statement								
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Asset Manager's fees (14.1) (14.2) (14.5) (17.1	1) (17.3)								
Net Income 96.2 96.8 94.8 115.7	7 117.0								
Other Adjustments 6.0 6.9 11.0 4.3	3 4.3								
Distributions from associates 4.2 4.4 4.7 5.0	5.2								
Distributions to unitholders 106.4 108.1 109.8 125.0	126.5								

Y/E Sept, SGD mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
ASSETS					
Investment properties	2,464	2,509	2,668	3,036	3,036
Investment in Associates	62.8	59.8	64.9	64.9	64.9
Non Current Assets	2,527	2,569	2,733	3,101	3,101
Trade and Other Receivables	5.4	6.8	4.3	7.2	7.3
Cash and Cash Equivalents	16.2	18.7	13.5	25.5	20.4
Current Assets	21.7	25.6	17.8	32.7	27.7
Total Assets	2,549	2,594	2,751	3,134	3,129
LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	31.8	40.0	32.7	53.6	54.8
Interest bearing borrowings	278.0	218.0	152.0	120.0	70.0
Current Liabilities	327.7	278.8	202.0	191.0	142.2
Interest bearing borrowings	440.0	516.0	645.5	857.9	907.9
Non Current liabilities	466.5	540.0	676.3	888.6	938.6
Total Liabilities	794.2	818.8	878.7	1,079.6	1,080.8
EQUITY					
Shareholder Equity	1,754.5	1,775.6	1,872.2	2,054.4	2,048.3

Per share data (Cents)					
Y/E Sept	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
NAV	1.91	1.93	2.02	2.02	2.01
DPU	11.6	11.8	11.9	12.3	12.4

Cash Flow					
Y/E Sept, SGD mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
CFO					
Net Income	171.5	123.4	193.9	115.7	117.0
Adjustments	(53.7)	(4.2)	(73.7)	29.3	31.3
WC changes	(6.4)	6.7	2.0	18.1	1.0
Cashflow from ops	120.0	126.0	122.2	163.1	149.4
CFI					
Capex on inv properties	(5.4)	(17.5)	(27.8)	(5.4)	(5.4)
Cashflow from investing activities	(0.6)	(13.2)	(68.2)	(368.8)	(0.2)
CFF					
Share issuance	-	-	-	188.3	-
Loans, net of repayments	(21.0)	16.0	64.0	180.0	-
Distributions to unitholders	(105.7)	(108.4)	(108.2)	(125.0)	(126.5)
Cashflow from financing	(144.9)	(110.3)	(59.2)	217.6	(154.3)
Net change in cash	(25.5)	2.5	(5.2)	11.9	(5.1)
CCE, end	16.2	18.7	13.5	25.5	20.4

Y/E Sept	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
P/NAV	1.05	1.09	1.06	1.06	1.06
Distribution yield (%)	5.77	5.58	5.55	5.75	5.81
NPI yield (%)	5.3%	5.2%	4.9%	5.3%	5.4%
Growth & Margins (%)	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
Growth					
Revenue	6.8%	-2.1%	-2.0%	25.0%	2.29
Net property income (NPI)	5.8%	-0.9%	-0.2%	23.9%	2.29
DPU	3.8%	1.4%	0.9%	3.7%	1.19
Margins					
NPI margin	70.0%	70.1%	71.3%	70.7%	70.79
Net Income Margin	50.5%	52.3%	52.2%	51.0%	50.4%
Key Ratios					
Gearing	28.2%	29.3%	29.0%	31.2%	31.39
ROA	3.8%	3.7%	3.4%	3.7%	3.79
ROE	5.5%	5.5%	5.1%	5.6%	5.79

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