

Ho Bee Land Limited

Largely stable set of results

SINGAPORE | REAL ESTATE | 3Q17 RESULTS

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- Recurring income office portfolio remains stable.
- Price and transaction volume pickup for residential properties in Core Central Region not yet translating to Sentosa condominium market.
- Maintain ACCUMULATE with unchanged RNAV-derived target price of \$\$2.98.

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(SGD mn)/Dec Yr End	3Q17	3Q16	YoY (%) Comments
Sale of development properties	4.5	12.0	(63.0) Lower sales recognition of two residential projects in Australia
Rental Income	39.3	34.9	12.4 Contribution from new office acquisition in London
Share of Profits from Associates and JV	31.2	5.3	489.8 Increased handover of residential projects in Shanghai, Tangshan
Profit from continuing operations before ta	65.5	31.1	110.4
Net Profit	54.4	26.7	103.5

Source: Company, PSR

The Positives

- + ASPs for main China development projects maintained despite cooling measures: HBL continued to make sales progress on their residential projects in China despite cooling measures, with prices maintained or higher. Average transacted prices for Yanlord Western Garden, Shanghai (HBL's biggest project in China) for example are at now at RMB60k/sqm, up 13% from start of the year.
- + Recurring income office portfolio remains stable: The Metropolis at Buona Vista, a Grade A suburban office tower which takes up 38% of HBL's total GAV maintained a near 100% occupancy going into its second rent renewal cycle since operating in 2013. Average passing rents have held stable YoY at \$\$7+/psf.

The Negatives

- Price and transaction volume pickup for residential properties in Core Central Region not yet translating to Sentosa condominium market: HBL's 3 condominium projects in Sentosa remains held for lease and occupancy is around 80% currently. We believe market conditions there have not picked up significantly enough for management to consider other monetization options.

Outlook

HBL's local and overseas rental properties (66% of total GAV) provide stable recurring income for the Group. We expect the Group's Singapore office portfolio to benefit from a recovery in office rents. Their London office properties are mostly on long leases of 5-10 years with built in rental escalations which would enable it to ride out Brexit uncertainties in the short term. Buying activity for Sentosa Cove bungalows have improved this year with the highest_volume_transacted_since_2013. While still not evident in the Sentosa condominium market, we expect interest and transaction volumes to gradually return to the overall high-end market due to 1) lack of supply 2) increasing cooling measures implemented in other countries 3) widening price gap with other top cities over the years and narrowing price gap vs suburban (Sentosa condos have fallen 50% from peak). This will benefit the Group's 3 Sentosa condominium projects held for lease currently.

Maintain ACCUMULATE with unchanged RNAV-derived target price of \$\$2.98.

HBL trades at one of the largest 42% discount to NAV amongst the large cap property developers (Figure 3). We expect the discount to narrow as interest and transaction volumes gradually return to the high-end market in Singapore. Recurrent income is around S\$180mn per year, sufficient to cover 3.8x their present S\$47mn dividend per annum.



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ACCUMULATE (Maintained)

LAST DONE PRICE SGD 2.57
FORECAST DIV SGD 0.07
TARGET PRICE SGD 2.98
TOTAL RETURN 18.7%

COMPANY DATA

BLOOM BERG CODE:	HOBEE SP
O/S SHARES (MN):	666
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn):	1259 / 1711
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	2.6 / 2.02
3M Average Daily T/O (mn):	0.18

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (%)

HO BEE HOLDINGS PTE LTD	73.8%
DIM ENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS LP	1.4%
CHOON LENG WOON	0.3%

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1M TH	3 M T H	1Y R
COMPANY	7.9	8.9	24.8
STIRETURN	4.1	3.8	25.4

PRICE VS. STI



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

KEY FINANCIALS

SGD M N	FY 15	FY 16	FY 17e	FY 18 e
Revenue	130	299	218	183
EBITDA	118	130	118	115
NPAT (adj.)	55	113	117	85
EPS (adj.)	0.36	0.33	0.17	0.13
PER, x (adj.)	23.8	10.4	11.6	15.9
P/BV, x	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
DPS (SGD)	0.07	0.06	0.07	0.07
Div Yield, %	3.4%	3.0%	3.4%	3.4%
ROE, %	1.9%	3.8%	3.9%	2.8%

Source: Company, PSR

Valuation Method

RNAV

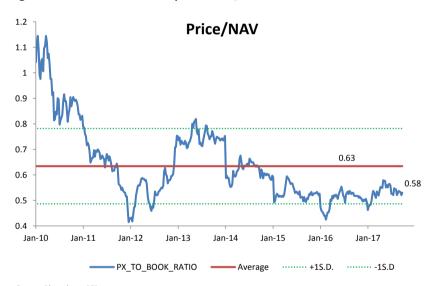
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Figure 1: RNAV Table

Ho Bee Land RNAV	
	Valuation (SGD m)
Investment Properties	
Singapore Commerical	1725.7
London Commerical	967.2
Residential Properties	
PV of Singapore Properties	591.2
PV of China Properties	658.8
PV of Australia Properties	113.1
Others	5.2
GAV	4061.1
Less FY2017 Net debt	1217.9
RNAV	2843.2
RNAV per share	4.26
Discount to RNAV	30.0%
Fair Value	2.98

Figure 2: HBL trades at below post-GFC P/NAV



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

Figure 3: Peer Comparison – HBL and Wing Tai trade at the largest discount to RNAV amongst large caps

	Mkt Cap	Last Price			ROA	Dividend		
Name	(SGD mn)	(SGD)	P/E	ROE (%)	(%)	Yield	P/B	Debt/Assets (%)
HO BEE LAND LTD	1,711	2.57	6.2	5.5	3.6	2.3	0.58	30.6
CITY DEVELOPMENTS LTD	11,039	12.14	18.9	5.7	2.6	1.3	1.23	29.0
UOL GROUP LTD	7,405	8.80	8.3	3.9	2.7	1.7	0.86	20.8
FRASERS CENTREPOINT LTD	5,928	2.04	9.0	9.2	2.5	4.2	0.86	40.5
UNITED INDUSTRIAL CORP LTD	4,754	3.32	16.8	4.5	3.2	0.9	0.75	14.4
CAPITALAND LTD	15,247	3.59	8.9	5.3	1.8	2.8	0.84	32.5
YANLORD LAND GROUP LTD	3,351	1.74	4.7	15.7	3.4	2.5	0.79	24.3
GUOCOLAND LTD	2,639	2.23	5.0	8.2	3.4	3.1	0.67	48.5
WHEELOCK PROPERTIES (S) LTD	2,321	1.94	39.7	3.5	3.0	3.1	0.77	0.0
OXLEY HOLDINGS LTD	2,034	0.69	7.8	26.7	5.5	2.2	1.82	53.4
WING TAI HOLDINGS LTD	1,719	2.22	67.1	0.6	0.4	2.7	0.52	20.1
Peer Average						2.45	0.91	28.3

Source: Bloomberg, PSR

Financials

Income Statement						Balance Sheet					
Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e	Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e
Revenue	100	130	299	218	183	ASSETS					
Operating EBITDA	65	118	130	118	115	PPE	22	22	22	23	24
Depreciation & Amortisation	1	1	1	1	0	Associates & JVs	802	789	792	835	846
EBIT	64	117	129	117	115	Long-term investments	2,283	3,050	2,790	2,790	2,790
Net Finance (Expense)/Inc	(18)	(23)	(30)	(19)	(23)	Others	275	289	290	273	273
Otheritems	0	1	2	3	4	Total non-current assets	3,382	4,150	3,895	3,921	3,932
Associates & JVs	(6)	(23)	33	43	11	Development property	230	321	414	390	418
Revaluation Gains	282	186	104	0	0	Accounts Receivables	43	52	29	50	46
Profit Before Tax	322	258	237	141	103	Cash balance	10	15	54	229	15
Taxation	(7)	(17)	(20)	(24)	(17)	Others	20	21	0	0	0
Profit After Tax	315	241	217	117	85	Total current assets	302	408	500	669	478
Net Income, adj. excl reval gains	33	55	113	117	85	Total Assets	3,684	4,558	4,395	4,589	4,411
						LIABILITIES					
						Short term loans	164	384	235	252	30
						Accounts Payables	89	50	43	70	75
						Others	40	67	36	36	36
						Total current liabilities	293	501	313	358	140
						Long term loans	752	1,195	1,111	1,195	1,195
						Others	24	29	32	32	32
						Total non-current liabilities	775	1,224	1,143	1,227	1,227
Per share data (SGD)											
Y/E Dec, SGD	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e	EQUITY					
EPS, reported	0.47	0.36	0.33	0.17	0.13	Shareholder Equity	2,601	2,820	2,925	2,991	3,030

DPS

BVPS

Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e						
CFO						Valuation Ratios					
Profit before tax	315	241	217	117	85	Y/E Dec	FY14	FY15	FY16	FY17e	FY18e
Adjustments	(251)	(139)	(78)	(0)	28	P/E (X), a dj.	39.1	23.8	10.4	11.6	15.9
WC changes	(49)	(120)	71	47	(19)	P/B (X)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4
Cash generated from ops	15	(18)	210	163	94	EV/EBITDA (X)	34.1	24.7	20.4	21.8	11.8
Taxes paid, others	(17)	(3)	(31)	(24)	(17)	Dividend Yield (%)	2.5%	3.4%	3.0%	3.4%	3.4%
Cashflow from ops	(3)	(21)	178	139	77	Growth & Margins (%)					
CFI						Growth					
CAPEX, net	(2)	(2)	(2)	(1)	(1)	Revenue	-28.5%	30.5%	130.4%	-27.1%	-16.0%
Purchase/sale of investments	(485)	(577)	3	(63)	0	EBITDA	-65.1%	81.1%	9.8%	-9.3%	-2.8%
Dividends	1	1	1	1	1	EBIT	-65.3%	82.3%	10.0%	-9.3%	-2.2%
Others	(0)	(0)	18	0	0	Net Income, adj.	-80.4%	65.9%	106.3%	3.2%	-27.0%
Cashflow from investments	(486)	(577)	21	(63)	1	Margins					
CFF						EBITDA margin	65.6%	91.0%	43.4%	54.0%	62.5%
Purchase of treasury shares	(6)	(3)	(1)	0	0	EBIT margin	64.6%	90.2%	43.1%	53.7%	62.5%
Loans, net of repayments	443	640	(110)	82	(244)	Net Profit Margin	33.1%	42.2%	37.7%	53.5%	46.5%
Dividends paid	(56)	(34)	(47)	(47)	(47)	Key Ratios					
Others	0	0	0	0	0	ROE (%)	1.3%	1.9%	3.8%	3.9%	2.8%
Cashflow from financing	381	603	(158)	35	(291)	ROA (%)	0.9%	1.2%	2.6%	2.5%	1.9%
Net change in cash	(108)	5	41	174	(214)						
Effects of exchange rates	0	(0)	(1)	0	0	Net Debt/(Cash)	905	1,564	1,291	1,218	1,210
CCE, end	10	15	54	229	15	Net Gearing (X)	0.25	0.34	0.29	0.27	0.27

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

0.05 0.07 0.06

4.23

4.41

3.89

0.07

4.51

0.07

4.56

Non-controlling interest

Total Equity

15

2,616

13

2,834

14

2,939

14

3,005

14

3,044

^{*}Forward multiples and yields are based on current market price; historical multiples and yields are based on historical market price.





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+5% to +20%	Accumulate	2							
-5% to +5%	Neutral	3							
-5% to -20%	Reduce	4							
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