

CapitaLand Commercial Trust

Armed and equipped for interest rate hikes

SINGAPORE | REAL ESTATE (REIT) | 1Q18 RESULTS

- NPI and DPU within our estimates.
- Continued recovery in Grade A office rents, up 3.2% QoQ in 1Q18.
- Minimal lease expiries left for 2018 (5% by gross rental income, GRI).
- Fully refinanced debt due in 2018. Increase in funding costs our only major concern.
- Upgrade to Accumulate with increased TP of S\$1.88 (from S\$1.80).

Results at a glance

(SGD mn)/Dec Yr End	1Q18	1Q17	YoY (%)	Comments
Gross Revenue	96.4	89.5	7.7	Higher revenue from new acquisition Asia Square Tower 2 (AST2)
				in Sept 2017. Higher income from CapitaGreen, Capital Tower, Six
				Battery Road offset loss in revenue from divestments
Net property income	77.2	69.9	10.5	Lower operating expenses partly due to divestments
Distributable income	76.6	71.3	7.4	Increase in finance costs due to net increase in bank borrowings
				for AST2 acquisition
DPU (Cents)	2.12	2.40	(11.7)	
DPU, adjusted (Cents)	2.12	1.97	7.6	Adjusted for enlarged number of units mainly from rights issue
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Source: Company, PSR

The Positives

- + Continued recovery in Grade A office rents, growing 3.2% QoQ in 1Q18. Since bottoming in 2Q17, rents have now risen 8.4% to \$\$9.70psf, according to CBRE data. (Figure 1)
- + Minimal lease expiries left for 2018. With the 96k sq. ft. of new and renewed leases signed in 1Q18, CCT has only c.5% (by rental income, GRI) of leases left expiring in 2018. Though the Group does not reveal official rental reversion numbers, expiring rents for the quarter came in at the lower end of the range of newly committed rents. Lease renewal risks are now significantly mitigated with the minimal leases expiring for rest of 2018.
- + 2019 lease expiries will benefit from expected rising rents from now till then. We expect spot rents to continue growing over the next two years with the tapering of office supply and improving demand. We are thus less worried about the 31% of leases expiring in 2019 (by GRI) than those expiring this year.
- + Fully refinanced debt due in 2018. No more refinancing risks for the year. Management has been proactive to refinance debt expiring in 2018/2019 in view of rising interest rates. Only about c.8% of total debt expires in 2019. We note that a higher proportion of total debt (90%) is now hedged on fixed rates, vs the usual 80% over the last two FYs. Average cost of debt increased slightly to 2.7% (up 0.1% bps from FY17) as a result.

The Negatives

- Increase in funding costs our major concern. RCS Trust (which holds Raffles City) launched a 7-year MTN at 3.2% last month. We note that RCS' other similar tenure 6-year MTN launched at a lower 2.6% in June last year. Nonetheless, management commented bank spreads/margins have remained fairly stable.

Outlook

Lease renewal and interest rate refinancing risks have been largely reduced with only 5% of leases and zero debt expiring this year. DPU outlook is thus stable. There is potential earnings upside from higher occupancy at AST2, which stands at 90.8% currently. Our only major concern is the elevated gearing level at 37.9% which could prove inhibitive to future acquisitions. Nonetheless, near term growth drivers are contributions from AST2 (acquired Sept 2017) and the completion of CapitaSpring in 2021.



25 April 2018

Accumulate (Upgraded)

TARGET PRICE	SGD 1.88
FORECAST DIV	SGD 0.09
LAST DONE PRICE	SGD 1.80

COMPANY DATA

BLOOMBERG CODE	CCT SP
O/S SHARES (MN) :	3,612
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn):	4917 / 6501
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	2.05 / 1.53
3M Average Daily T/O (mn):	14.19

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (%)

CAPITALAND SINGAPORE	32.0%
BLACKROCK INC	5.0%
VANGUARD GRP	2.2%
SUMITOMO MITSUI ASSET MGMT	2.2%
SCHRODER INVESTMENT	1.6%

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1MTH	3MTH	1YR
COMPANY	2.2	(2.6)	20.6
STIRETURN	4.62	-	17.63

PRICE VS. STI



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

KEY FINANCIALS

SGD mn	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY 19 e
Gross Revenue	298.6	337.5	389.5	402.8
NPI	219.3	265.5	303.6	321.7
Dist Inc.	269.0	288.9	316.2	340.9
P/NAV (x)	0.88	0.89	1.00	0.99
DPU (Cents)	9.08	8.66	8.74	9.40
Dist yield %	5.58%	4.80%	4.90%	5.20%

Source: Company Data, PSR est.

Valuation Method

DDM (Cost of equity 6.76%, Terminal Growth 1.85%)

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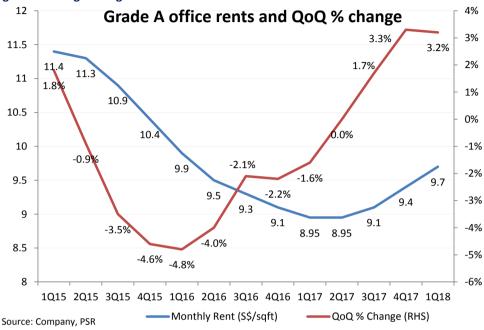
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Upgrade to Accumulate with increased target price of \$\$1.88

With strengthening rents, refinancing risks much reduced until FY19 and negative rental reversions turning out less severe than we expected, we revise our FY19e DPU upwards by 3%, with a corresponding increase in target price to S\$1.88. Our target price translates to FY18e yield of 4.6% and P/NAV of 1.04.

Figure 1: Strengthening office rents



Figures 2 and 3: CCT trades at >1s.d more expensive valuations vs post GFC average

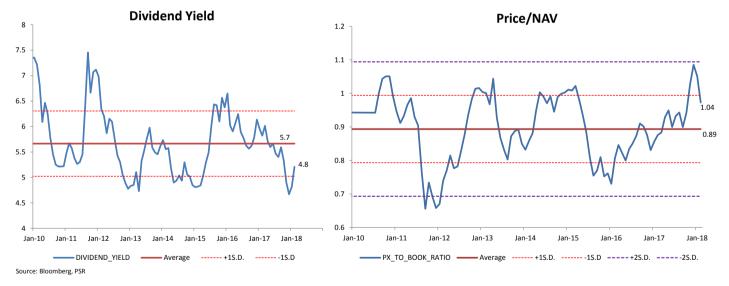


Figure 4: Peer comparison table

	M	kt Cap					
Name PS	SR CALL (SG	SD mn)	Last Close (\$)	Dvd Yld:D-1	P/B	Latest Gearing (%)	Average Cost of debt
CAPITALAND COMMERCIAL TRUST ACC	UMULATE	6,501	1.80	4.89	1.02	37.9	2.70%
SUNTEC REIT		5,056	1.90	5.27	0.89	35.0	2.42%
KEPPEL REIT		4,067	1.20	4.72	0.85	33.2	2.57%
FRASERS COMMERCIAL TRUST		1,268	1.44	6.67	0.94	34.6	3.00%
OUE COMMERCIAL REAL ESTATE I		1,096	0.71	6.58	0.78	35.3	3.60%
MAPLETREE COMMERCIAL TRUST		4,608	1.60	5.64	1.16	36.4	2.66%

Source: Bloomberg, PSR



Financials

Statement of Total Return and Distribution Statement

Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
Gross Revenue	273.2	298.6	337.5	389.5	402.8
Total Property expenses	(70.9)	(79.2)	(72.0)	(85.9)	(81.1)
Net Property Income	212.8	219.3	265.5	303.6	321.7
Finance costs	(36.0)	(50.1)	(69.0)	(84.0)	(84.0)
Base Asset management Fees	(5.1)	(5.9)	(6.9)	(7.4)	(7.4)
Performance Asset management fees	(9.3)	(9.3)	(9.5)	(11.5)	(12.4)
Net income before JV and associates	162.6	160.4	180.0	202.2	219.3
Net tax and other adjustments	6.8	15.1	(1.2)	1.7	13.0
Distribution from JVs	84.8	93.5	97.8	87.3	88.7
Total distributions for the year	254.5	269.0	288.9	316.2	340.9

Balance Sheet

Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
ASSETS					
Investment properties	4,962	6,591	7,408	7,408	7,408
Trade and other receivables	44	42	43	43	43
Cash and cash equivalents	81	160	123	101	74
JVs	1,452	1,190	1,732	1,858	1,934
Total Assets	6,593	8,051	9,354	9,459	9,507
LIABILITIES					
Trade and other payables	37	53	90	90	90
Interest bearing liabilities (Current)	-	-	-	298	248
Interest bearing liabilities (Non-current)	1,084	2,457	2,720	2,422	2,472
Convertible bonds	171	173	-	-	-
Total Liabilities	1,358	2,773	2,937	2,934	2,934
EQUITY					
Shareholder Equity	5.234	5.279	6.417	6.525	6.573

Per share data (SGD)

Y/E Dec	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
Net asset value per unit	1.77	1.78	1.78	1.80	1.81
DPU (S\$)	0.086	0.091	0.087	0.087	0.094

Cash Flow

Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
CFO					
Total return for the year before tax	307.4	261.8	582.5	289.5	307.9
Adjustments	(106.6)	(42.5)	-	(1.0)	(2.1)
WC changes	(4.0)	(15.9)	(2.5)	-	-
Net cash from operating activities	196.8	203.1	250.8	288.4	305.8
CFI					
Net cash from investing activities	63.7	(259.4)	(902.0)	(35.9)	16.0
CFF					
Interest Paid	(33.4)	(71.5)	(64.8)	(84.0)	(84.0)
Distributions to Unitholders	(251.9)	(257.1)	(279.7)	(316.2)	(340.9)
Net cash used in financing activities	(280.4)	135.1	613.8	(274.0)	(349.2)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash/equivale	(19.9)	78.8	(37.4)	(21.4)	(27.4)
Cash and cash equivalents at 31 Dec	81.2	160.0	122.6	101.2	73.8

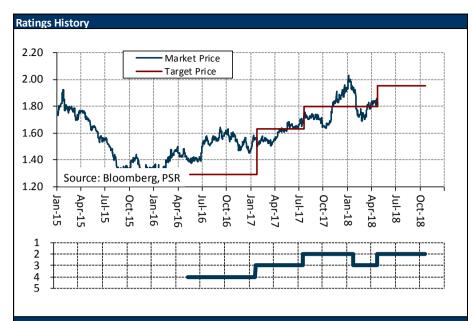
Valuation Ratios

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Y/E Dec	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
P/NAV	1.02	1.01	1.01	1.00	0.99
Distribution yield (%)	4.8%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%	5.2%
NPI yield (%)	4.3%	3.5%	3.6%	4.1%	4.3%
Growth & Margins (%)	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
Growth					
Revenue	4.0%	9.3%	13.0%	15.4%	3.4%
Net property income (NPI)	3.7%	8.7%	14.8%	14.4%	6.0%
DPU	1.9%	5.3%	-4.6%	0.9%	7.5%
Margins					
NPI margin	77.9%	77.5%	78.7%	78.0%	79.9%
Operating Income Margin	59.5%	53.7%	53.3%	51.9%	54.4%
Key Ratios					
Net Gearing	29.5%	37.7%	37.3%	36.7%	36.7%

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

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





PSR Rating System		
Total Returns	Recommendation	Rating
> +20%	Buy	1
+5% to +20%	Accumulate	2
-5% to +5%	Neutral	3
-5% to -20%	Reduce	4
<-20%	Sell	5
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