Property Sector December sales defied cooling measures



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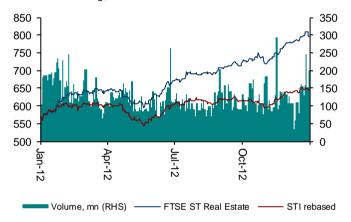
Just 2 months after MAS tightened the LTV limits for housing loan in 5 Oct, developers sold 1,410 private residential units in Dec (ex. ECs), 30% higher than the month of Nov. The ECs segment set record sales of 849 units in the month, compared to 179 units in Nov and 38 units in Dec 11. Top-seller project Citylife@Tampines unloaded 452 units at the median price of \$812psf.

Core central region (CCR) saw 263 new units taken up (26%m-m, 651%y-y), of which 170 units came from d'Leedon, a CapitaLand-led project, sold at the median price of \$1,441psf. In the rest of central region (RCR), developers sold 527 units (216%m-m, 388%y-y). Newly-launch project Echelon (CDL) unloaded 331 units in the month at the median price of \$1,768psf. In the outside central region (OCR), developers sold 620 units (-13%m-m, 27%y-y). Eco Sanctuary sold 103 units at the median price of \$1,100psf. These conclude the year with record total primary sales of 22,668 units, 39% higher than the 16,306 units achieved in 2011.

The strong sales and healthy take-up rates show buyers were undeterred by the lower LTV limits introduced in Oct, which prompted the government to roll out a comprehensive package of measures on last Friday. We expect a knee-jerk reaction to cause sales in the next 1 - 2 months to drop following the new measures. We maintain our view that prices could correct downwards by 5% in 2013. We continue to prefer diversified developer CapitaLand with great exposures in overseas market (TP: \$3.97).

Company	Rating	Price (S\$)	TP (S\$)	Upside (%)	M.Cap. (US\$'mn)
Developer	·	(Οψ)	(Θφ)	(70)	(σσφ-ππη
CapitaLand	Accumulate	3.730	3.97	6.4%	12,944
CapitaMalls Asia	Accumulate	2.150	1.93	-10.3%	6,824
Ho Bee Investment	Neutral	1.795	1.44	-19.6%	1,011
Keppel Land	Neutral	3.970	3.28	-17.3%	5,005
OUE	Neutral	2.680	2.83	5.7%	1,991
SC Global	Neutral	1.800	1.80	0.0%	611

Source: Bloomberg, PSR



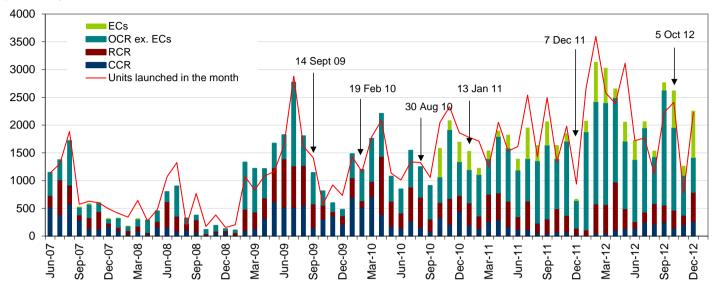
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Fig 1: Total units of private residential properties sold by developers in regions and dates of cooling measures introduced previously



Source: URA, PSR



Fig 2: Top 3 best-selling private residential projects and Executive Condominiums (EC) by regions

Project Name	Street Name	residential projects a Developer	Total Number of Units in Project	Cumulative Units Sold	Units	Units	Median Price	Lowest Price (\$psf) in the Month	Highest Price (\$psf) in the Month
CCR									
D'LEEDON	LEEDON HEIGHTS	Morganite Pte Ltd (CapitaLand JV)	1715	848	0	170	1441	1321	1979
THE WHITLEY RESIDENCES	WHITLEY ROAD	Hoi Hup Realty Pte Ltd	61	23	61	23	856	733	955
LIBERTE	SARKIES ROAD	Ellamount Investments Pte Ltd	46	11	46	11	2564	2294	2696
RCR									
ECHELON	ALEXANDRA VIEW	Freshview Developments Pte Ltd (CDL Ltd)	508	331	400	331	1768	1346	2382
VILLAGE @ PASIR PANJANG	PASIR PANJANG ROAD	Champsworth Development Pte Ltd (Subsi of Selangor Dredging Bhd)	148	58	148	58	1622	1299	1738
EIGHT RIVERSUITES	WHAMPOA EAST	UE Development (Bendemeer) Pte Ltd (United Engineers Ltd)	862	420	0	36	1413	1065	1645
<u>OCR</u>									
ECO SANCTUARY	CHESTNUT AVENUE	S P Setia International (S) Pte Ltd	483	241	138	103	1100	747	1270
RIVERSAILS	UPPER SERANGOON CRESCENT	Benefit Investments Pte. Ltd. (Allgreen Properties Ltd)		615	0	77	852	712	1110
BARTLEY RESIDENCES	LORONG HOW SUN	Bartley Development Pte Ltd (CDL Ltd)	702	686	0	31	1192	1056	1285
EC									
CITYLIFE@TAMPI NES	TAMPINES CENTRAL 7	Tampines EC Pte Ltd (Singxpress JV)	514	452	514	452	812	470	930
THE TOPIARY	FERNVALE LANE	Peak Living Pte Ltd (a subsi of Kheng Leong Group)	700	288	700	288	737	600	809
WATERBAY	EDGEFIELD PLAINS	Qingjian Realty (Edgefield Plains) Pte Ltd	383	334	0	31	736	572	790

Source: URA, PSR



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