

Chip Eng Seng Corporation Ltd

Continued momentum in residential inventory sales

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- Maintain Buy with unchanged STOP-derived TP of S\$1.21 (40% discount to RNAV).

(S\$mn)/Dec Yr End	1Q18	1Q17	YoY (%)	Comments
Gross Revenue	204.3	167.1	22.3	Improved performance from Hospitality and Property
				development segments
-Property development.	137.2	90.1	52.2	Progressive recognition of High Park/Grandeur Park
				and Williamson Estate (Australia)
-Construction	47.1	66.7	(29.5)	Drop in construction order book. The \$\$168mn
				design/build contract from HDB however, has boosted
				order book to \$\$525mn currently, from \$\$404mn.
-Hospitality	18.1	7.3	147.4	2 new acquisitions in Australia and Higher occupancy
				rates at Park Alexandra
-Property inv/ others	1.8	2.9	(37.6)	One-off divestment gain in 1Q17
Gross Profit	44.6	32.6	37.0	
Profit before tax	17.3	16.8	2.9	Increase in administrative costs, from higher
				depreciation and FX losses
PATMI	11.6	13.3	(13.1)	Higher income tax expense due to higher taxable
				income from Australia

Source: Company, PSR

The Positives

+ **Continued momentum in residential inventory sales**. The Group sold another 84 units in Grandeur Park for the quarter (12% of total 720 units). The project is now 95% sold, after just one year from initial launch in March 2017. This follows the impressive launch of the Group's previous High Park Residences in July 2015, which was also almost fully sold one year after launch. We estimate remaining unbooked development profits of c.S\$235mn from these two projects. Majority of this will be progressively recognized in the next two FYs.

+ Improved occupancy at Park Hotel Alexandra. Stable occupancy rates expected for hospitality assets. On top of new acquisitions, improved occupancy at Park Alexandra Singapore to mid-80% contributed to better earnings from the hospitality division. Corporate demand accounts for more than half of occupancies in this hotel. With room supply tapering and generally improving business sentiment, we expect this segment to remain stable. Management expects general occupancy rates of the Group's hotels to remain stable.

The Negatives

- Increase in administrative costs outpacing revenue. Admin expenses were up 43% primarily due to higher depreciation and foreign exchange loss.

- **Delay in South Melbourne residential project launch again.** The launch date for the Group's 703-unit residential project in Melbourne has been postponed again from the scheduled 2Q18, in view of the soft market conditions. The Group purchased the site in March 2016 for A\$52mn, and original launch was for 1H17.



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Buy (Maintained)LAST DONE PRICESGD 0.93FORECAST DIVSGD 0.04TARGET PRICESGD 1.21TOTAL RETURN34.4%

CONFANT DATA	
BLOOMBERG CODE	CHIP SP
O/S SHARES (MN) :	621
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn) :	433/578
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	1.07/0.68
3M Average Daily T/O (mn) :	1.85

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS (%)

LIM TIAM SENG	12.5%
LIM CHUAN TIANG	7.1%
CHIA LEE MENG	4.1%
DIMENSIONAL FUND ADVISORS LP	3.3%

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1MTH	3MTH	1YR
COMPANY	0.0	(4.9)	39.1
STI RETURN	5.8	2.5	14.4

PRICE VS. STI



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

KEY FINANCIALS

Y/E Mar S\$mn	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
Gross Rev.	748	874	915	730
Gross Profit	146	166	174	139
Net Income	36	47	52	46
ROE (%)	4.6	6.8	6	4.1
P/B (x)	0.59	0.78	0.76	0.81
DPS (Cents)	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Dividend Yield (%)	5.6	4.2	4.2	4.2
Source: Company Do	ta DSP	act		

Source: Company Data, PSR est.

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Outlook

Earnings for FY18/19 will continue to be supported by the progressive recognition of c.\$200mn un-booked development profits from High Park (GDV S\$650mn) and Grandeur Park (GDV S\$744mn). The Woodleigh site is due for launch in 3Q18, with an estimated GDV of S\$720mn (60% stake) and share price catalyst could come from healthy take-up rates at the launch.

Maintain Buy with unchanged TP of S\$1.21

CES remains a good proxy to the upcycle in the Singapore residential market with its proven track record in execution and well-stocked land bank. Our target price translates to P/NAV ratio of 0.95x.

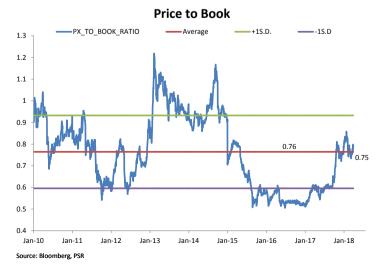
Figure 1. RNAV Table

RNAV Table	Valuation (S\$'m)
Development Properties	1689
+	
Development surplus (Singapore)	332
Development surplus (Australia) +	8
Investment Properties -	345
FY18E Net Cash (Debt)	(1305.5)
= RNAV*	1,068
Shares outstanding (m)	621
RNAV per share (S\$)	1.72
Discount (%)	40%
Discounted RNAV (excl construction business) (S\$) 1.03
Construction business valuation @5x PE	0.18
SOTP Target price	1.21
Forecast dividend	0.040
Current price (S\$)	0.96
Upside/(downside), (%)	30.4%

Source: PSR

*Our RNAV estimates do not include projected contributions from Tower Melbourne

Figure 2: CES trades at close to post-GFC average P/NAV





Financials

Income Statement

Y/E Dec, SGD'mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
Revenue	676	748	860	911	726
Cost of Sales	-515	-602	-707	-738	-588
Other Items of Income					
Int & Div Income	5	13	22	13	16
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Other Items of Expense					
Marketing & Distribution	-28	-7	-15	-9	-7
Administrative Expenses	-57	-60	-69	-77	-62
Finance Costs	-16	-20	-25	-25	-25
Share of Results of Associates	1	-1	1	1	1
Profit Before Tax	68	76	70	78	65
Income Tax Expense	-10	-24	-14	-12	-10
Net Income	63	36	39	48	41

Cash Flow					
Y/E Dec, SGD'mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
Profit Before Tax	68	76	70	78	65
Depreciation & Amortization	6	7	11	7	7
Other Non-cash items	-10	64	16	0	0
OCF Before Changes in WC	64	147	97	85	72
Trade & Other Receivables	-27	170	-8	-123	76
Trade & Other Payabes	16	-13	-28	89	-30
Inventories	288	-506	-562	149	88
Netinterestexpense	-14	-16	-42	-23	-21
Income Taxes Paid	-16	-20	-46	-25	-25
Other Items Combined	-74	-161	1	-83	-80
Cashflow from Operations	300	-251	-492	154	151
PPE & Investment Properties	-21	-4	-46	-14	-14
Other Items Combined	3	7	-29	0	0
Cashflow from Investing	-18	3	-74	-14	-14
Loans & Borrowings	-82	312	364	0	0
Dividends Paid	-37	-25	-25	-25	-25
Other Items Combined	-5	0	3	0	0
Cashflow from Financing	-124	287	342	-25	-25
Increase in Cash & Equivalents	157	39	-224	116	112
Cash & Equivalents (Beginning)	285	442	482	258	373
Cash & Equivalents (Ending)	442	482	258	374	485

Balance Sheet					
Y/E Dec, SGD'mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
Property, Plant & Equipment	225	220	324	230	237
Investment Properties	287	296	301	311	321
Other Non-current Assets	23	12	47	41	34
Non-Current Assets	536	528	672	581	592
Development Properties	625	1,128	1,689	1,540	1,452
Completed ppties held-for-sale	39	0	1	1	1
Trade & Other Receivables	249	81	90	213	137
Cash & Short-Term Deposits	442	482	258	373	485
Other Current Assets	15	14	18	18	18
Current Assets	1,371	1,704	2,055	2,146	2,094
Total Assets	1,907	2,232	2,728	2,727	2,686
Loans & Borrowings	120	234	9	155	123
Trade & Other Payables	117	86	58	148	118
Other Liabilities	80	82	95	106	113
Current Liabilities	317	402	162	408	354
Loans & Borrowings	738	937	1,757	1,524	1,524
Deferred Tax Liabilities	16	10	10	10	10
Non-Current Liabilities	754	947	1,767	1,534	1,534
Total Liabilities	1,164	1,456	1,919	1,942	1,888
Non-Controlling Interests	-5	11	28	46	61
Shareholder Equity	743	777	809	785	797

Valuations and Key Ratios

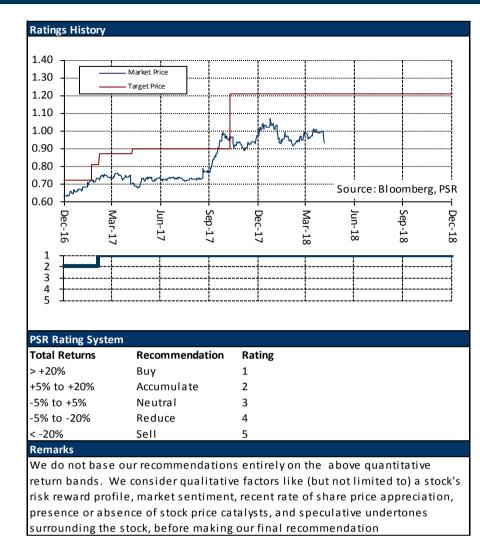
Y/E Dec	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18E	FY19E
Valuations					
P/B (X)	0.82	0.80	0.78	0.76	0.81
Dividend Yield (%)	5.7%	5.6%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%
Growth					
Revenue	-39%	11%	15%	6%	-20%
NetIncome	-78%	-43%	8%	25%	-16%
Shareholder Equity	1%	5%	4%	-3%	2%
Margins					
Gross Profit Margin	30%	24%	20%	21%	21%
Net Profit Margin	24%	9%	5%	4%	5%
Key Ratios					
ROE(%)	8.5%	4.6%	4.8%	6.2%	5.1%
ROA(%)	3.3%	1.6%	1.4%	1.8%	1.5%
Gearing (X)	45.0%	52.5%	64.7%	61.6%	61.3%

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

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

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