

Asian Pay Television Trust

Non-subscription revenue caused the damage

SINGAPORE | TELECOMMUNICATION | 1Q18 RESULTS

- 1Q18 revenue and EBITDA disappointed, after declining by 7% YoY. Our expectations were flat revenue and EBITDA.
- Revenue was negatively affected by weaker selling prices from TV prepaid packages and a significant drop in non-subscription revenue sourced from TV channel leasing.
- We have cut our target price to \$\$0.52 (previously \$\$0.62). This is after lowering our earnings forecast and terminal growth rate assumptions. The yield is attractive, but capital appreciation will be challenged until there are more stability in revenues. The share price decline has triggered an upgrade to BUY.

Results at a glance

S\$ mn	1Q18	1Q17	YoY	Comment
Revenue	77.0	82.5	-6.7%	Around 1% point decline due to currency.
- subscription	52.1	54.7	-4.8%	CableTV ARPU fell 3.6% YoY.
- non-subs revenue	8.6	11.0	-21.8%	Loss of home shopping network revenues.
EBITDA	45.5	48.9	-7.0%	Bulk of revenue decline dropped to EBITDA.
Broadcast cost	(14.8)	(16.0)	-7.5%	Savings from direct negotiations.
Interest	(13.0)	(14.0)	-7.1%	
PATMI	(7.0)	4.5	nm.	S\$11.4mn deferred tax adjustment
Operating c/flow	32.8	43.6	-24.8%	Around S\$8mn higher working capital.
Free cash-flow	25.6	28.1	-8.9%	
Dividends	(23.3)	(23.3)	0.0%	
DPU (cents)	1.625	1.625	0.0%	

Source: Company, PSR

The Positives

+ **Content cost crept downwards.** Largest positive was the ability of APTV to lower content (or broadcast cost) by negotiating directly with the content provider and avoiding agents.

The Negatives

- **Revenue was the key disappointment.** There were two key reasons for revenue decline. Firstly, ARPU fell as higher discounts were given for prepaid customers. We were modelling flattish ARPU. Secondly, non-subscription revenue fell 21%, when we were anticipating flat revenues. The loss of some shopping TV networks affected revenues.
- **Decline in subscribers.** After holding steady at 762k for the past five quarters, subscribers experienced a 1k decline. Whilst not alarming, this is the first decline since listing. Important that this decline does not become a trend. This will imply cable TV services are no longer a utility-type service and there is another form of substitute available.
- Capex spiked up. After the end of last year's premium digital rollout, we expected capex to decline to S\$45mn (revised to S\$55mn for FY18e). However, ordinary capex more than doubled this quarter, as APTV aims to extend their fibre connection to the home as they offer faster 500MBps broadband services.

Outlook

We are concerned. Cable TV is a product with hardly any pricing power. It will be a challenge for APTV to raise pricing. The fall in subscribers is a lesser concern now, as the decline was marginal.

Upgrade to BUY rating. Target price cut to \$\$0.52 (previously \$\$0.62)

We cut our EBITDA estimates by 6.5% as we lowered our ASP and subscribers for cable TV. There is value at current share price, but any meaningful capital appreciation will be capped FCFs hurt by softening revenues and stubborn capital expenditures.



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BUY (Upgrade)

TOTAL RETURN	25.8%
TARGET PRICE	SGD 0.520
FORECAST DIV	SGD 0.065
LAST TRADED PRICE	SGD 0.465

COMPANY DATA

BLOOMBERG	APTT SP
O/S UNITS (MN) :	1,437
MARKET CAP (USD mn / SGD mn):	497 / 668
52 - WK HI/LO (SGD) :	0.61 / 0.46
3M Average Daily T/O (mn):	2.71

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS

Temasek Holdings	7.93%

PRICE PERFORMANCE (%)

	1MTH	3MTH	1YR
COMPANY	(9.7)	(15.3)	(5.1)
STI RETURN	2.2	4.1	12.1

PRICE VS. STI



Source: Bloomberg, PSR

KEY FINANCIALS (APTT SP)

SGD mn	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
Revenue	319	335	316	310
EBITDA	189	201	185	180
NPAT	60	37	21	31
EPS (SGD)	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.02
PER, x	11.2	18.3	32.3	21.7
P/BV, x	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
DPU (SGD)	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065
DVD YIELD	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%
ROE	4.9%	3.0%	1.8%	2.9%

Source: Bloomberg, PSR

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Financials

1000000	Statement

Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
Revenue	332	319	335	316	310
EBITDA	201	189	201	185	180
Depreciation & Amortisation	(45)	(56)	(63)	(64)	(61)
EBIT	147	144	130	119	118
Net Finance Inc/(Exp)	(50)	(54)	(56)	(60)	(61)
Profit before tax	71	84	65	51	49
Taxation	(26)	(24)	(28)	(30)	(18)
Net profit before NCI	45	60	37	21	31
Non-controlling interest	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Net profit, reported	45	60	37	21	31

Per share data (SGD)

Y/E Dec	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
EPS, reported	0.03	0.04	0.03	0.01	0.02
DPU	0.083	0.065	0.065	0.065	0.065
BVPU	0.86	0.86	0.83	0.77	0.72

Cash Flow

Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
CFO					
Profit before tax	71	84	65	51	49
Depreciation & Amortisation	45	56	63	64	61
WC changes	(1)	8	7	(2)	(5)
Net finance inc/(exp)	(50)	(54)	(56)	(60)	(61)
Tax paid	(27)	(13)	(19)	(14)	(13)
Others	31	(3)	17	11	8
Cashflow from ops	119	131	133	110	100
CFI					
CAPEX, net	(88)	(99)	(86)	(55)	(55)
Others	(6)	(3)	(13)	0	0
Cashflow from investments	(94)	(101)	(99)	(55)	(55)
Share issuance, net	0	0	0	0	0
Loans, net of repayments	82	69	68	20	20
Dividends	(117)	(102)	(93)	(103)	(103)
Others	(3)	1	(0)	0	0
Cashflow from financing	(38)	(32)	(25)	(83)	(83)
Net change in cash	(13)	(2)	9	(28)	(37)
CCE, end	61	59	68	40	2

Source: Company, Phillip Securities Research (Singapore) Estimates

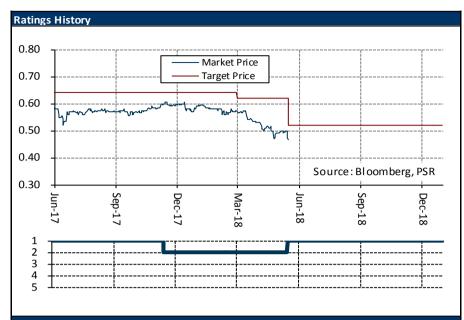
Balance Sheet

Y/E Dec, SGD mn	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
ASSETS					
PPE	243	291	321	313	307
Others	2,283	2,368	2,391	2,390	2,390
Total non-current assets	2,526	2,659	2,712	2,703	2,697
Accounts receivables	18	15	12	12	12
Cash	61	59	67	39	1
Inventories	0	0	0	0	0
Others	2	1	1	1	1
Total current assets	81	75	80	52	14
Total Assets	2,608	2,737	2,793	2,756	2,713
LIABILITIES					
Accounts payables	21	21	22	20	20
Short term loans	9	12	15	15	15
Others	75	76	73	78	78
Total current liabilities	104	109	109	112	112
Long term loans	1,183	1,295	1,380	1,410	1,438
Others	89	103	114	126	126
Total non-current liabilities	1,273	1,398	1,494	1,536	1,564
Total Liabilities	1,377	1,507	1,603	1,648	1,676
EQUITY					
Non-controlling interests	2	2	2	3	3
Shareholder Equity	1,231	1,231	1,190	1,108	1,036

V/E Dec

Y/E Dec	FY15	FY16	FY17	FY18e	FY19e
P/E (X), adj.	14.8	11.2	18.3	32.3	21.7
P/B (X)	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
EV/EBITDA (X), adj.	9.0	10.1	9.9	11.1	11.8
Dividend Yield	17.7%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%
Growth & Margins					
Growth					
Revenue	4.2%	-3.9%	4.9%	-5.5%	-2.0%
EBITDA	3.4%	-5.8%	6.4%	-8.0%	-3.1%
EBIT	3.6%	-2.4%	-9.2%	-8.4%	-0.7%
Net profit, adj.	-44.0%	32.4%	-38.9%	-43.3%	48.7%
Margins					
EBITDA margin	60.5%	59.3%	60.2%	58.6%	57.9%
EBIT margin	44.3%	45.0%	38.9%	37.7%	38.2%
Net profit margin	13.6%	18.7%	10.9%	6.5%	9.9%
Key Ratios					
ROE	3.6%	4.9%	3.0%	1.8%	2.9%
ROA	1.8%	2.2%	1.3%	0.7%	1.1%
Net Debt / (Cash)	1,131	1,248	1,328	1,386	1,452
Net Gearing (X)	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.4





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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