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Singapore

ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*:	Buy 3	Hold 2	Sell 0
Current price:			S\$0.89
Target price:			S\$0.96
Previous target:			S\$0.94
Up/downside:			7.8%
CGS-CIMB / Consens	SUS:		21.0%
Reuters:		A	APAC.SI
Bloomberg:		A	PAC SP
Market cap:		USS	\$233.0m
		S	\$316.1m
Average daily turnove	r:	US	\$\$1.00m
		5	\$\$1.34m
Current shares o/s:			355.2m
Free float:			26.5%
*Source: Bloomberg			

Key changes in this note

FY21F EPS increased by 3.84%.

- FY22F EPS increased by 5.84%.
- FY23F EPS increased by 5.47%.





APAC Realty Ltd

A big dividend surprise

- 1H21 EPS of 4.8 Scts is above our expectations, at 57.7% of our FY21F forecast.
- Brokerage commission surged across new home sales, private and HDB resale segments in 1H21.
- We reiterate our Add rating with a higher TP of S\$0.96.

1H21 results highlights

APAC reported a 107.4% yoy jump in revenue to S\$358.4m, led by higher real estate brokerage fees and related services revenue. Gross profit increased a smaller 62.7% yoy to S\$35.3m as GP margin declined to c.9.8% (vs. 12.5% in 1H20). 1H21 net profit more than doubled yoy to S\$17m. In line with its robust financial performance, APAC has declared a total DPS of 6.5 Scts (interim DPS: 3.5 Scts, special DPS: 3 Scts), translating into a yield of 7.3%. APAC also guided that it has established a policy of distributing 50-80% of its profits as dividends, on a semi-annual basis.

Higher volumes drove resale and rental commissions in 1H21

APAC generated S\$220.1m or c.61.7% of its topline from commission income from resale and rental of properties in 1H21. The 95% yoy surge was achieved through a 228.6% increase in private resale transaction volume and a 57.1% pick-up in HDB resale activity. APAC indicated that its market share of residential sales transactions improved to 41.1% in 1H21. In addition, the private rental market volume also improved 17.9% yoy in 1H21. Looking ahead, we believe that the resale residential market would likely remain robust, in tandem with the primary residential segment.

New home sales brokerage more than doubled in 1H21

Brokerage revenue from new home sales surged 146.2% yoy to S\$133.7m in 1H21 due to a strong pick-up in new home sales activity and an improvement in market share to 32.1%. APAC has YTD secured marketing agent roles in 25 projects. Given the low interest rate environment and declining quantum of unsold inventory, we believe that buying interest should remain strong. With the majority of these projects located in the city fringe and suburban areas, we believe these projects are likely to be well-received when marketed, in our view. As such, we believe APAC's performance should continue to benefit from the volume transaction upswing.

Reiterate Add rating

We lift our FY21-23F EPS by 3.8-5.8% post results. Accordingly our TP is lifted slightly to S\$0.96, based on an unchanged blend of net cash-adjusted P/E multiple and DCF valuation. Potential re-rating catalysts for APAC include its ability to further gain market share in both the primary and secondary residential segments. Key downside risk: protracted recovery of the property market due to weak macro outlook.

Financial Summary	Dec-19A	Dec-20A	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
Total Net Revenues (S\$m)	369.5	395.1	659.0	625.3	633.6
Operating EBITDA (S\$m)	19.60	21.49	40.08	40.39	42.73
Net Profit (S\$m)	14.01	16.44	30.66	31.00	33.02
Normalised EPS (S\$)	0.039	0.046	0.086	0.087	0.093
Normalised EPS Growth	(44.9%)	17.3%	86.5%	1.1%	6.5%
FD Normalised P/E (x)	22.56	19.23	10.31	10.20	9.57
DPS (S\$)	0.02	0.03	0.10	0.07	0.07
Dividend Yield	2.2%	2.8%	11.3%	7.4%	7.8%
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.28	15.47	7.45	7.40	6.64
P/FCFE (x)	96.94	26.18	7.69	10.35	8.63
Net Gearing	15.5%	10.7%	(10.0%)	(10.1%)	(17.8%)
P/BV (x)	2.17	2.04	1.80	1.83	1.71
ROE	9.7%	10.9%	18.6%	17.8%	18.4%
% Change In Normalised EPS Estimates			3.84%	5.84%	5.47%
Normalised EPS/consensus EPS (x)			1.14	1.20	1.90

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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ESG in a nutshell

APAC prioritises sustainability at its board level – it has established a Sustainability Task Force to implement and manage its sustainability measures. Some of its sustainability targets in FY21F include promoting environmental sustainability, developing employee and salesperson talent and skills, lowering energy consumption and encouraging workforce gender and age diversity.

ESG

Keep your eye on	Implications
Some of the key ESG items that stood out for APAC in FY20 include an increase in electricity consumption and CO ₂ emissions at ERA APAC Centre as well as three disciplinary actions from Council of Estate Agents against its salespersons.	Our current valuations have not ascribed a premium/discount for ESG achievements. As APAC continues on its ESG journey, its overall ESG score should continue to improve.
ESG highlights	Implications
As part of its ESG objectives, close to 7,600 ERA salesperson fulfilled their Continuing Professional Development (CPD) hours and managed to renew their Council for Estate Agencies (CEA) licences for FY20. It achieved lower electricity and CO ₂ emissions for its Mountbatten Square office and its Bangkok office while electricity consumption and CO ₂ emissions at its headquarters ERA APAC Centre rose in FY20.	We have not applied any premium/discount of ESG in our fundamental valuations.
Trends	Implications
To meet its target to lower energy consumption and CO ₂ emissions at ERA APAC Centre, it continues to explore various energy savings initiatives in FY21, although it has installed energy-efficient appliances and lights during the earlier renovation phase.	We have not applied any premium/discount on ESG in our fundamental valuations. However, as the group continues to build on its ESG efforts, we believe these could lead to improved operational efficiencies and financial performance.

FYE Dec (S\$m)	1H	1H	yoy %	hoh %	2QFY21	2QFY2	yoy %	Prev.
	FY21	FY20	chg	chg	Cum	Cum	chg	FY21F Comments
Revenue	358.4	172.8	107.4	61.2	395.1	369.5	6.9	639.0 Above. 1HFY21: 56.1% of our FY21F foreca
Operating costs	(335.9)	(162.3)	106.9	59.7	(371.0)	(347.4)	6.8	(600.3)
EBITDA	22.6	10.5	115.3	88.8	24.1	22.1	9.2	38.7 Above. 1HFY21: 54.4% of our FY21F foreca
EBITDA margin (%)	6.3%	6.1%	n.m.	n.m.	6%	6%	n.m.	6.1%
Depreciation/Amortisation	(1.5)	(0.7)	100.3	83.2	(3.3)	(3.1)	4.8	(2.0)
EBIT	21.1	9.7	116.4	89.2	20.9	19.0	9.9	36.7
Interest expense	(0.4)	(0.7)	-40.0	0.8	(1.1)	(1.8)	-40.0	(0.8)
Interest & invt inc	-	-	n/a	n/a	-	-	n/a	-
Associates' contribution	(0.3)	-	n/a	82.6	(0.2)	-	n/a	(0.2)
Exceptionals	-	-	n/a	n/a	-	-	n/a	-
Pretax profit	20.4	9.1	124.7	92.6	19.6	17.2	14.1	35.7
Тах	(3.4)	(1.4)	145.4	72.9	(3.3)	(3.3)	0.0	(6.0)
Tax rate (%)	16.5%	15.1%	n.m.	n.m.	17.0%	19.4%	n.m.	-16.8%
Minority interests	0.0	0.1	-58.9	-42.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	(0.2)
Net profit	17.0	7.8	119.7	96.4	16.4	14.0	17.3	29.5 Above. 1HFY21: 57.7% of our FY21F foreca
Core profit	17.0	7.8	119.7	96.4	16.4	14.0	17.3	29.5 Above. 1HFY21: 57.7% of our FY21F foreca
EPS (Scts)	4.80	2.18	119.7	96.4	4.63	3.94	17.3	8.31 Above. 1HFY21: 57.7% of our FY21F foreca
Core EPS (Scts)	4.80	2.18	119.7	96.4	4.63	3.94	17.3	8.31 Above. 1HFY21: 57.7% of our FY21F foreca



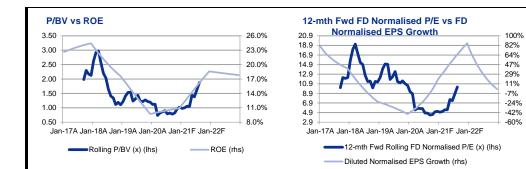
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Figure 2: Key earnings revisions									
		Previous			New			% chg	
FYE Dec (S\$m)	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F
Gross revenue	639.0	605.3	613.6	659.0	625.3	633.6	3.1%	3.3%	3.3%
PATMI	29.5	29.3	31.3	30.7	31.0	33.0	3.8%	5.8%	5.5%
EPS (Scts)	8.31	8.24	8.81	8.63	8.73	9.30	3.8%	5.8%	5.5%
						SOURCES	CGS-CIME	RESEARCH	-l estimates

Company	Bloomberg	Recom.	Price	Tgt Px	Mkt Cap	Co	ore P/E (x)		RNAV	Prem./(Disc.)	P/BV	(x)	Div. Yie	ld (%)
Company	Ticker	Recom.	(lc)	(lc)	(US\$ m)	FY21F	FY22F	FY23F	FY22F	to RNAV (%)	FY21F	FY22F	FY21F	FY22F
APAC Realty Ltd	APAC SP	Add	0.89	0.96	233	10.3	10.2	9.6	n.a.	n.a.	1.80	1.83	11.3%	7.4%
City Developments	CIT SP	Add	6.83	8.97	4,565	31.3	16.7	10.8	16.30	-58%	0.71	0.64	2.0%	2.9%
Frasers Property Limited	FPL SP	Add	1.13	1.41	3,261	11.1	15.0	14.4	2.57	-56%	0.37	0.42	3.5%	5.3%
Guocoland	GUOL SP	Add	1.65	1.84	1,439	13.4	na	na	3.67	-55%	0.44	na	4.2%	na
Hongkong Land Holdings Ltd	HKL SP	Add	4.32	5.70	10,083	10.1	9.8	9.5	13.50	-68%	0.28	0.27	5.1%	5.3%
Propnex Ltd	PROP SP	Hold	1.90	2.07	518	13.4	17.5	17.1	n.a.	n.a.	6.02	5.84	5.2%	4.0%
UOL Group	UOL SP	Add	7.25	8.00	4,511	20.0	17.5	16.1	13.34	-46%	0.62	0.60	2.4%	2.4%
Wing Tai Holdings	WINGT SP	Add	1.81	1.98	1,026	17.7	16.1	21.7	3.96	-54%	0.39	0.37	1.7%	2.8%
Singapore average						15.9	14.7	13.8		-36%	0.51	0.50	3.2%	3.6%



BY THE NUMBERS



Profit & Loss

(S\$m)	Dec-19A	Dec-20A	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
Total Net Revenues	369.5	395.1	659.0	625.3	633.6
Gross Profit	46.4	47.5	76.5	74.5	77.2
Operating EBITDA	19.6	21.5	40.1	40.4	42.7
Depreciation And Amortisation	(0.6)	(0.6)	(2.0)	(2.0)	(2.0)
Operating EBIT	19.0	20.9	38.0	38.4	40.7
Financial Income/(Expense)	(1.8)	(1.1)	(0.8)	(0.7)	(0.6)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	0.0	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	17.2	19.6	37.1	37.5	39.9
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	17.2	19.6	37.1	37.5	39.9
Taxation	(3.3)	(3.3)	(6.2)	(6.3)	(6.7)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	13.9	16.3	30.8	31.2	33.2
Minority Interests	0.1	0.1	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)
Pref. & Special Div	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Preference Dividends (Australia)					
Net Profit	14.0	16.4	30.7	31.0	33.0
Normalised Net Profit	13.9	16.3	30.8	31.2	33.2
Fully Diluted Normalised Profit	14.0	16.4	30.7	31.0	33.0

Cash Flow

(S\$m)	Dec-19A	Dec-20A	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
EBITDA	19.60	21.49	40.08	40.39	42.73
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.	0.00	0.16	0.16	0.16	0.16
Change In Working Capital	(0.36)	(4.31)	6.86	(0.93)	0.23
Straight Line Adjustment					
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	1.52	2.10	2.96	2.96	2.96
Other Operating Cashflow	5.46	5.49	3.19	3.09	2.98
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(1.23)	(0.55)	(0.81)	(0.70)	(0.60)
Tax Paid	(5.31)	(2.47)	(6.24)	(6.31)	(6.72)
Cashflow From Operations	19.68	21.91	46.21	38.66	41.74
Capex	(0.50)	(0.16)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Disposals of Investment Properties	(2.00)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments					
Other Investing Cashflow	(9.16)	(4.77)	0.00	0.00	0.00
Cash Flow From Investing	(11.66)	(4.94)	(0.20)	(0.20)	(0.20)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(4.76)	(4.90)	(4.90)	(7.90)	(4.90)
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Shares Repurchased					
Dividends Paid	(11.54)	(7.10)	(8.88)	(35.62)	(23.25)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow					
Cash Flow From Financing	(16.31)	(12.00)	(13.78)	(43.52)	(28.15)

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(S\$m)	Dec-19A	Dec-20A	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
Total Cash And Equivalents	32.0	35.1	64.3	56.4	67.0
Properties Under Development					
Total Debtors	68.2	90.9	125.0	119.2	120.6
Inventories					
Total Other Current Assets	15.4	16.1	16.1	16.1	16.1
Total Current Assets	115.7	142.1	205.4	191.6	203.6
Fixed Assets	1.7	73.9	72.1	70.3	68.4
Total Investments	78.3	6.5	2.7	2.5	2.3
Intangible Assets	98.5	97.7	96.8	95.9	94.9
Total Other Non-Current Assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Non-current Assets	178.5	178.2	171.5	168.6	165.7
Short-term Debt	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9	2.9
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	81.2	101.8	142.7	136.0	137.6
Other Current Liabilities	6.3	7.3	7.3	7.3	7.3
Total Current Liabilities	90.4	111.9	152.9	146.1	147.8
Total Long-term Debt	51.7	48.8	43.9	36.0	31.1
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	3.4	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Total Non-current Liabilities	55.1	50.6	45.7	37.8	32.9
Total Provisions	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2	4.2
Total Liabilities	149.7	166.7	202.7	188.1	184.8
Shareholders' Equity	145.5	154.8	175.2	173.0	185.1
Minority Interests	(0.1)	(0.2)	0.0	0.2	0.4
Total Equity	145.5	154.6	175.2	173.2	185.5

Key Ratios

	Dec-19A	Dec-20A	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
Revenue Growth	(12.8%)	6.9%	66.8%	(5.1%)	1.3%
Operating EBITDA Growth	(35.1%)	9.7%	86.5%	0.8%	5.8%
Operating EBITDA Margin	5.30%	5.44%	6.08%	6.46%	6.74%
Net Cash Per Share (S\$)	(0.064)	(0.047)	0.049	0.049	0.093
BVPS (S\$)	0.41	0.44	0.49	0.49	0.52
Gross Interest Cover	10.66	19.53	46.98	54.43	67.89
Effective Tax Rate	19.4%	16.8%	16.8%	16.8%	16.8%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	51%	54%	116%	75%	75%
Accounts Receivables Days	57.73	63.36	53.50	64.63	62.52
Inventory Days	-	-	-	-	-
Accounts Payables Days	76.44	85.70	69.76	85.11	82.59
ROIC (%)	21.4%	21.7%	22.4%	24.0%	25.7%
ROCE (%)	9.3%	10.1%	17.4%	17.3%	18.5%
Return On Average Assets	5.42%	5.67%	9.08%	8.65%	9.27%

Key Drivers					
	Dec-19A	Dec-20A	Dec-21F	Dec-22F	Dec-23F
Brokerage from resale and rental (S\$m)	273.6	267.4	385.0	398.7	400.2
Brokerage from project sales (S\$m)	117.6	116.4	267.3	219.2	225.0

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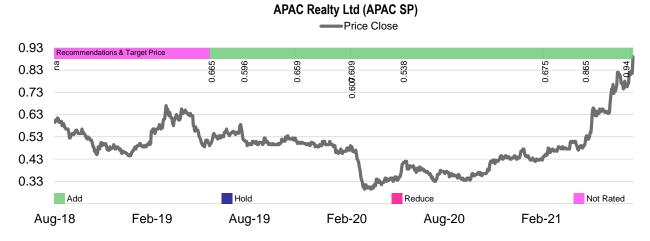
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