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COMPANY RESULTS

Genting Singapore (GENS SP)

2Q24: Seasonally Softer; Slowing Recovery Pace

2Q24 results reflect the normalisation of operational volume in all business segments due to the absence of Chinese New Year, mega events and seasonally lower visitorship. Gaming revenue fell as VIP luck factor normalised from 1Q24's high base. Meanwhile, non-gaming revenue was hampered (-11% qoq) by the closure of Hard Rock Hotel for renovations. We cut earnings on a slower recovery momentum despite remaining positive on GENS' bargain valuations. Maintain BUY with a lower target price of S\$1.18.

2Q24 RESULTS

Year to 31 Dec (S\$m)	2Q24	qoq % chg	yoy % chg	1H24	yoy % chg
Revenue	571.3	(27.2)	(4.1)	1,355.8	25.5
-Singapore	566.5	(27.8)	(4.9)	1,350.8	25.1
- Gaming	381.6	(33.7)	(6.2)	957.6	28.2
- Non-gaming	184.9	(11.2)	(2.0)	393.2	18.0
Core adjusted EBITDA	201.3	(45.5)	(22.8)	570.8	26.2
Core Net profit	110.2	(55.8)	(31.4)	359.5	23.2
Margins		+/- ppt	+/- ppt		+/- ppt
Adjusted EBITDA (%)	35.2	(11.9)	(8.5)	42.1	0.2

Source: GENS, UOB Kay Hian

RESULTS

- 2Q24: Weak set of results pivoting from 1Q24's strong start. Resort World Sentosa (RWS) reported 2Q24 revenue of S\$571m (-27% qoq, -4% yoy) and EBITDA of S\$201m (-46% qoq; -23% yoy). Earnings were weaker qoq mainly due to seasonally softer visitations, lower VIP hold and absence of mega events. 1H24 EBITDA represented only 45% and 48% of our and consensus full-year forecasts respectively.
- Operating statistics dragged by lower visitations and normalising VIP luck factor. Gaming revenue in 2Q24 deteriorated about 34% qoq and merely represented 87% of prepandemic level, presumably reflecting the normalisation of high-base VIP win percentage to 2.91% (2Q23: 3.95%/1Q24: 4.62%) and softer betting volume (gross gaming revenue -29% qoq). Meanwhile, non-gaming revenue fell 11% qoq, reflecting much lower daily available rooms of about 1186 rooms (1Q24:1451 rooms) following the closure of Hard Rock Hotel in early-March for renovations and rebranding. Meanwhile, hotel occupancy rate of 85% (1Q24: 85%) and average room rate of S\$495 (1Q24: S\$480) are flattish qoq.

KEY FINANCIALS

Year to 31 Dec (S\$m)	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Net turnover	1,725	2,418	2,697	2,832	2,973
EBITDA	774	1,026	1,192	1,253	1,317
Operating profit	440	658	844	867	895
Net profit (rep./act.)	340	612	706	724	747
Net profit (adj.)	374	634	706	724	747
EPS (S\$ cent)	3.1	5.3	5.9	6.0	6.2
PE (x)	26.3	15.5	13.9	13.6	13.2
P/B (x)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.3	6.3	5.4	5.1	4.9
Dividend yield (%)	3.7	4.9	4.9	5.5	6.7
Net margin (%)	19.7	25.3	26.2	25.6	25.1
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	(43.2)	(44.0)	(40.5)	(34.8)	(28.9)
ROE (%)	4.3	7.6	8.5	8.5	8.6
Consensus net profit	-	-	729	774	757
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	0.97	0.93	0.99

Source: GENS, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

BUY

(Maintained)

Share Price	S\$0.82
Target Price	S\$1.18
Jpside	+44.8%
(Previous TP	S\$1.25)

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Genting Singapore is a Singapore-based regional leisure, hospitality and integrated resorts development specialist.

STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Consumer Discretionary
Bloomberg ticker:	GENS SP
Shares issued (m):	12,072.5
Market cap (S\$m):	9,839.1
Market cap (US\$m):	7,478.8
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m): 18.1

Price Performance (%)

52-week h	nigh/low	S\$1.0	6/S\$0.795	
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD
(6.3)	(12.4)	(20.1)	(13.8)	(18.5)
Major SI	nareholders	s		%
Genting B	hd		52.63	
Vanguard	Group		1.86	
Blackrock	Inc		1.63	
EV24 NAV	//Share (S\$)			0.70
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FY24 Net	Cash/Share		0.28	

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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• Encouragingly raised interim DPS to 2.0 S cents. Positively, GENS declared an interim DPS of 2.0 S cents in 2Q24 (2Q23: 1.5 S cents), implying a yield of 2.5%. As revenue and cash flows recovered strongly, we anticipate that GENS will likely restore and dole out its 2019 dividend payout level of 4.0 S cents, which implies a lush 5% dividend yield.

STOCK IMPACT

- Slowing momentum of foreign tourist visitations, but likely picking up in 2H24. Based on the Singapore Tourism Board (STB), tourist arrivals in 2Q24 recovered to only about 83% of pre-pandemic's level (1Q24: 92%). On a seasonally and month-length adjusted basis however, international visitor arrivals to Singapore have seen better recovery in July to about 89% of pre-pandemic levels. We continue to expect steady improvement in foreign visitation in 2024 as intra-Asia flight capacities slowly get restored to pre-pandemic levels, prompting GENS' gross gaming revenue (GGR) to inch towards 2019's level.
- 2H24 to still chart progressive growth, premised on confluence of positive catalysts. For the rest of 2024, we remain optimistic that GENS will continue to deliver sequential earnings growth. Our positivity is premised on: a) accelerated recovery of foreign visitations and flight frequencies; b) plenty of mega entertainment events in the pipeline; c) sustained trend of higher spending per capita in Resorts World Sentosa (RWS); and d) RWS' intensified marketing efforts through digital platforms which will attract more footfall and spending.
- Awaiting more newsflow on Thailand's casino legalisation. Thailand's authority has recently finished the draft of the Entertainment Complex Act which may potentially legalise casino operations. Under the bill, initial licence tenure is 30 years and can be renewed for another 10 years after. Currently, the bill is under public consultation processes before being tabled in cabinet. While details such as how many licences will be awarded and proposed locations are yet to be finalised, we understand that several well-known operators such as Galaxy Entertainment Group, MGM Resorts, Las Vegas Sands and Genting Group have indicated their interests. If GENS is able to secure a Thailand casino licence, medium- to long-term earnings and growth prospects will be elevated.
- RWS' mid-term growth anchored on revised \$\$6.8b expansion plan. RWS has significantly increased commitment to spend \$\$6.8b (initially \$\$4.5b) over five years to elevate the resort's vibrancy, with various attractions targeted to be rolled out in phases (refer RHS table). While the remake of Hotel Ora completed in May 23 boosted RWS' room inventory by 389 keys, we understood that construction works on both Minion Land and the Singapore Oceanarium are progressing well. Earlier in May, GENS also received provisional permission from the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) to develop its 21,243 sqm waterfront development which will eventually add 700 hotel rooms to RWS.
- Solid balance sheet and huge cash pile entrench better capital and yield management. With resilient cash flow delivery, we believe that management now has more flexibility to better utilise its sizeable capital which includes net cash of S\$3.6b (30.3 S cents/share) as of 2Q24. After dropping its decade-long pursuit of clinching a pricey Japan integrated resorts (IR) concession last year, we also do not rule out the possibility that GENS may also consider to explore other potential brownfield and greenfield opportunities in the region.

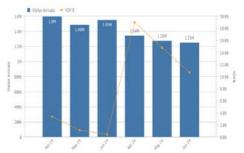
EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

 We recalibrated our 2024-25 EBITDA downwards by 7-8% to account for 2Q24's poor VIP luck factor, weaker hotel occupancy and visitor momentum.

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

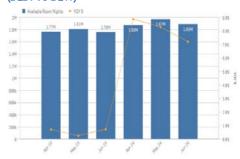
 Maintain BUY with a lower target price of \$\$1.18 as we cut earnings and roll over our valuations to 2025. Our target price implies 8.5x 2025 EV/EBITDA (-0.5SD below mean).

SINGAPORE'S TOURIST ARRIVAL (2Q24 VS 2Q19)



Source: Singapore Tourism Analytics Network, UOB Kay Hian

SINGAPORE'S HOTEL AVERAGE ROOM RATES (2024 VS 2019)



Source: Singapore Tourism Analytics Network, UOB Kay Hian

TIMELINE DEVELOPMENT FOR RWS 2.0 NON-GAMING ATTRACTIONS

Attraction	Timeline
Van Gogh: The Immersive Experience in new theater	Mar-Oct 2023
Hotel Ora (Renovated Festive Hotel)	May 2023
Gourmet Park at The Bull Ring	June 2024
Enhancement of convention center	End 2024
Forum and Coliseum	Early 2025
Singapore Oceanarium	Early 2025
Minion park (replace Madagascar zone)	Early 2025

Source: GENS

KEY ASSUMPTIONS

Year	FY23	FY24F	FY25F
Revenue (S\$m)	2,418	2,698	2,832
EBITDA (S\$m)	1,026	1,192	1,253
Hotel Occupancy (%)	81%	90%	90%

Source: UOB Kay Hian

EARNINGS TREND OF GENS AND MBS

Genting Singapore (GENS)								
(S\$m)	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24			
Revenue	595.9	689.9	647.3	784.4	571.3			
EBITDA	260.7	345.4	227.8	369.5	201.3			
Gaming Revenue	407.0	459.6	441.0	576.0	381.6			
	N	Marina Bay	Sands (N	IBS)				
(S\$m)	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24			
Revenue	1,238.9	1,369.9	1,431.8	1,552.1	1,375.0			
EBITDA	578.6	662.7	734.1	800.2	692.9			
Gaming Revenue	869.2	942.1	1.000.0	1.151.3	955.4			

Source: Respective companies, UOB Kay Hian



PROFIT & LOSS					DAL ANOS OUSST				
PROFIT & LOSS Year to 31 Dec (S\$m)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F	BALANCE SHEET Year to 31 Dec (S\$m)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Net turnover	2,418	2,697	2,832	2,973	Fixed assets	4,960	5,592	6,206	6,784
EBITDA	1,026	1,192	1,253	1,317	Other LT assets	230	230	230	230
Deprec. & amort.	367	348	386	422	Cash/ST investment	3,605	3,412	2,994	2,516
EBIT	658	844	867	895	Other current assets	352	273	284	295
Associate contributions	4	4	4	4	Total assets	9,147	9,507	9,713	9,824
Net interest income/(expense)	138	49	49	51	ST debt	2	2	2	2
Pre-tax profit	777	897	919	949	Other current liabilities	758	715	741	768
Tax	(165)	(191)	(196)	(202)	LT debt	1	1	1	1
Minorities	0	0	0	0	Other LT liabilities	194	373	372	371
Preferred dividends	0	0	0	0	Shareholders' equity	8,192	8,415	8,597	8,682
Net profit	612	706	724	747	Minority interest	0	0	0	0
Net profit (adj.)	634	706	724	747	Total liabilities & equity	9,147	9,507	9,713	9,824
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CASH FLOW					KEY METRICS				
Year to 31 Dec (S\$m)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F	Year to 31 Dec (%)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Operating	959	1,091	1,126	1,187	Profitability				
Pre-tax profit	777	897	919	949	EBITDA margin	42.4	44.2	44.2	44.3
Tax	(130)	(191)	(196)	(202)	Pre-tax margin	32.1	33.2	32.5	31.9
Deprec. & amort.	340	348	386	422	Net margin	25.3	26.2	25.6	25.1
Associates	0	0	0	0	ROA	6.8	7.6	7.5	7.6
Working capital changes	(210)	37	15	16	ROE	7.6	8.5	8.5	8.6
Other operating cashflows	182	0	1	2					
Investing	(389)	(800)	(1,000)	(1,000)	Growth				
Capex (growth)	(328)	(800)	(1,000)	(1,000)	Turnover	40.1	11.6	5.0	5.0
Investments	0	0	0	0	EBITDA	32.5	16.2	5.1	5.1
Proceeds from sale of assets	1	0	0	0	Pre-tax profit	70.1	15.4	2.5	3.3
Others	(63)	0	0	0	Net profit	79.8	15.4	2.5	3.3
Financing	(426)	(484)	(544)	(665)	Net profit (adj.)	69.5	11.3	2.5	3.3
Dividend payments	(423)	(484)	(544)	(665)	EPS	69.5	11.3	2.5	3.3
Issue of shares	0	0	0	0					
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0	0	0	Leverage				
Loan repayment	(3)	0	0	0	Debt to total capital	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others/interest paid	0	0	0	0	Debt to equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash inflow (outflow)	143	(193)	(418)	(478)	Net debt/(cash) to equity	(44.0)	(40.5)	(34.8)	(28.9)
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	3,465	3,605	3,412	2,994					
Changes due to forex impact	(0)	•	0						
	(3)	0	0	0					

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