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COMPANY RESULTS

Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust (FLT SP)

1HFY24: Scaling Up In Logistics Properties

FLT achieved positive rental reversion of 3.8% (incoming vs outgoing) and 14.2% (average vs average) in 2QFY24. It maintained full occupancy of 100% for its logistics properties across Australia, Europe and the UK. FLT has acquired four logistics properties in Germany for S\$189m. More acquisitions are forthcoming, supported by a sizeable sponsor pipeline and its low aggregate leverage of 32.7%. FLT provides a distribution yield of 6.8% for FY24 (MLT: 6.2%). Maintain BUY. Target: S\$1.55.

1HFY24 RESULTS

Year to 30 Sep	1H	yoy	Remarks
(S\$m)	FY24	% chg	
Revenue	216.0	+3.9	Supported by positive rent reversions, rental escalations and acquisitions.
Net Property Income* (NPI)	158.7	+1.8	
Distributable Income	130.7	-0.1	Included capital distribution of S\$13.5m.
DPU (cent)	3 48	-11	·

Source: FCT, UOB Kay Hian *Excluding straight lining adjustments and adding lease payments for land use rights.

RESULTS

- Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust (FLT) reported 1HFY24 DPU of 3.48 S cents, down 1.1% yoy. The results exceeded our expectation due to capital distribution of divestment gains of S\$13.5m. Management intends to distribute its divestment gains to unitholders in order to keep its DPU stable. It has accumulated substantial gains from the divestment of 55 Market Street and Cross Street Exchange.
- Positive growth momentum. Revenue and adjusted NPI grew 3.9% and 1.8% yoy respectively in 1HFY24 due to: a) positive rent reversions, b) rental escalations, and c) contributions from Ellesmere Port, Connexion II and Worcester in the UK. NPI margin narrowed by 1.5ppt yoy to 73.5% due to: a) higher vacancies in commercial properties, and b) higher operating expenses, such non-recoverable land taxes in Australia, utilities and repair & maintenance. Interest expense increased 28.8% yoy due to additional borrowings drawn for capex, developments and acquisitions and higher interest rates.
- Commercial properties provided strong positive reversions. FLT executed 13 leases with total lettable area of 18,000sqm in 2QFY24. It achieved positive rental reversion of 3.8% (incoming vs outgoing) and 14.2% (average vs average) (1QFY24: 11.6% and 18.2%). On an average-to-average basis, its logistics properties in Australia recorded a healthy positive reversion of 10.7%. Its commercial properties in Australia posted stellar positive reversions 22.1% for Victoria (357 Collins Street in Melbourne) and 28.2% for Western Australia (Central Park in Perth).
- Lower occupancy at ATP. FLT maintained full occupancy of 100% for its logistics properties across Australia, Europe and the UK. Occupancy for commercial properties eased 4.4ppt qoq to 85.0% as of Mar 24. Occupancy at Alexandra Technopark (ATP) in Singapore dipped 17.3ppt qoq to 78.5% as Google Asia Pacific returned 152,000sf of office space in Feb 24. This was partially offset by 357 Collins Street in Melbourne, Australia, where occupancy improved 5.4ppt qoq to 85.7%.

KEY FINANCIALS

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Year to 30 Sep (S\$m)	2022	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Net turnover	450	421	422	443	453
EBITDA	301	270	281	297	304
Operating profit	301	270	281	297	304
Net profit (rep./act.)	729	(103)	190	196	201
Net profit (adj.)	131	234	190	196	201
EPU (S\$ cent)	3.5	6.3	5.1	5.2	5.2
DPU (S\$ cent)	7.6	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.8
PE (x)	28.5	16.1	19.9	19.5	19.2
P/B(x)	8.0	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
DPU YId (%)	7.5	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.8
Net margin (%)	161.9	(24.5)	45.1	44.3	44.3
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	38.8	45.7	52.2	54.4	56.7
Interest cover (x)	7.4	6.0	4.2	3.9	3.9
ROE (%)	15.5	n.a.	4.4	4.6	4.8
Consensus DPU (S\$ cent)	n.a.	n.a.	6.9	7.0	7.1
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	1.00	0.97	0.96

Source: Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trust, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

BUY

(Maintained)

Share Price	S\$1.01
Target Price	S\$1.55
Jpside	+53.5%
Previous TP	S\$1.52)

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

FLCT invests in income-producing properties used predominantly for logistics, commercial (CBD office space) or business park (non-CBD office and R&D space) purposes in the Asia Pacific region and Europe.

STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Real Estate
Bloomberg ticker:	FLT SP
Shares issued (m):	3,751.3
Market cap (S\$m):	3,788.9
Market cap (US\$m):	2,806.4
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m):	9.8

Price Performance (%)

52-week h	nigh/low	S\$1.	34/S\$0.97	
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD
(4.7)	(7.3)	(9.8)	(25.2)	(12.2)
Major SI	nareholder	s		%
Frasers P	roperty Ltd			22.1
FY24 NA\	//Share (S\$)		1.14	
FY24 Net	Debt/Share	(S\$)		0.60

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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- Resilient balance sheet. Aggregate leverage increased 2.0ppt qoq to 32.7% as of Mar 24 due
 to the acquisition of four logistics properties in Germany. Interest coverage ratio remained high
 at 5.9x. FLT has issued S\$175m of fixed-rate senior notes due 2029 at 3.83%. Its average
 weighted debt maturity is 2.0 years.
- Rate cuts by ECB to curtail the rise in cost of debt. Average cost of debt was unchanged at 2.6% in 2QFY24. 75.9% of its borrowings are hedged to fixed rates. Management has guided cost of debt for FY24 to be below 3%, and expects a slight increase in cost of debt in FY25. Euro-denominated debts accounted for a sizeable 52% of FLT's total borrowings. FLT would benefit from lower Euribor rates when it refinances euro-denominated borrowings of \$\$518m that mature in June and August, which will then help to moderate the increase in cost of debt.

STOCK IMPACT

- Pivot to logistics. Management plans to increase the allocation for logistics properties to 70-85% (Mar 24: 71%). It has significant debt headroom of \$\$851m for acquisition before reaching an aggregate leverage of 40%. FLT may also divest some of its commercial properties and recycle the capital to invest in logistics properties.
- More acquisitions forthcoming. FLT will continue to scout for opportunities to invest in logistics properties in Australia, Europe and Singapore. Sponsor Frasers Property has a sizeable pipeline of logistics properties in Australia and Europe. In Australia (Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane), it has 37 properties with NLA of 11.2m sf valued at S\$2,028m as of Sep 23. In Europe (Germany and the Netherlands), it has 22 properties with NLA of 6.6m sf valued at S\$771m.
- Resuming acquisition of logistics properties. FLT has completed the acquisition of 89.9% interests in four logistics properties in Germany from sponsor Frasers Property on 28 Mar 24. The agreed purchase price is €129.5m (S\$188.9m), representing discounts of 5.3% and 1.1% to appraised valuations by Colliers and CBRE respectively. The properties have long WALE of 6.1 years and rent escalation with CPI-linked indexation. They are fully leased to multinational companies, such as Schenker, DACHSER and Hermes Germany, which are FLT's existing tenants.
- Small acquisition was DPU accretive. The three freehold assets (Egelsbach Property, Saarwellingen Property and Uberherrn Property) are strategically located in the "Blue Banana" region, a major economic corridor in Europe. The Hamburg Property is close to the Port of Hamburg, the largest port in Germany. According to Colliers, average growth for prime rents was 9% in 4Q23. Low vacancy rates and manageable supply are expected to exert upward pressure on rents. Management estimates the acquisition is accretive to pro forma FY23 DPU by almost 1%. The acquisition is fully funded by euro-denominated debt at a cost of high-3%.
- Development projects. FLT completed the development of Ellesmere Port, a 62,211sqm freehold logistics property in the UK's North West, in Dec 23. The property is leased to Peugeot for 15 years and serves as its national parts distribution centre. FLT acquired a freehold forward-funding logistics development next to Maastricht Airport and within the Aviation Valley. The purchase price of €14.5m represents a 12.7% discount to valuation. It is fully leased on a 10-year lease term with no break option. The project is on schedule for targeted completion by 1HFY25.

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

We raised our DPU forecast by 4.6% for FY24 and by 1.6% for FY25 due to capital distribution
of S\$27m in FY24 (previous: S\$15m) and S\$20m in FY25 (previous: S\$15m) (FY22: S\$15m,
FY23: S\$25m). We have assumed that 50% of space vacated by Google is backfilled in FY24
and 85% in FY25.

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

• Maintain BUY. Our target price of S\$1.55 is based on DDM (cost of equity: 7.0%, terminal growth: 2.8%).

SHARE PRICE CATALYST

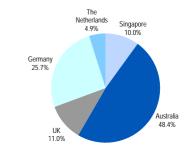
 Growth and expansion by tapping on sponsor pipeline of logistics properties in Australia and Europe.

KEY OPERATING METRICS – FLT

	2QFY23	3QFY23	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	yoy chg	qoq chg*
DPU (S cents)	3.52	n.a.	3.52	n.a.	3.48	-1.1%	-1.1%
Occupancy	95.9%	96.2%	96.0%	95.8%	94.3%	-1.6ppt	-1.5ppt
Aggregate Leverage	27.8%	28.6%	30.2%	30.7%	32.7%	4.9ppt	2ppt
All-in Financing Cost	1.8%	2.0%	2.4%	2.6%	2.6%	0.8ppt	0ppt
% Borrowing in Fixed Rates	76.2%	75.4%	77.2%	76.8%	75.9%	-0.3ppt	-0.9ppt
WALE by GRI (years)	4.5	4.4	4.3	4.4	4.3	-0.2yrs	-0.1yrs
Debt Maturity (years)	2.4	2.2	2.2	2.0	2.0	-0.4yrs	0yrs
Rental Reversion	23.2%	21.4%	18.90%	18.20%	14.20%	-9ppt	-4ppt

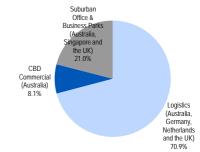
Source: FLT, UOB Kay Hian * hoh % chg for DPU

PORTFOLIO VALUATION BY COUNTRY



Source: FLT

PORTFOLIO VALUATION BY ASSET TYPE



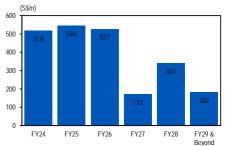
Source: FLT

TOP 10 LOGISTICS TENANTS



Source: FLT

DEBT MATURITY PROFILE



Source: FLT



Regional	Mor	nin	g	N o t	e s	Wednesday, 08	3 May 20	24	
PROFIT & LOSS Year to 30 Sep (S\$m)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F	BALANCE SHEET Year to 30 Sep (S\$m)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Net turnover	420.8	422.2	443.3	452.6	Fixed assets	6,649.5	6,850.4	6,862.4	6,874.4
EBITDA	270.2	281.0	296.9	303.8	Other LT assets	79.9	79.9	79.9	79.9
Deprec. & amort.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Cash/ST investment	152.7	152.1	154.6	155.6
EBIT	270.2	281.0	296.9	303.8	Other current assets	55.5	48.4	50.2	50.9
Net interest income/(expense)	(45.1)	(67.1)	(76.4)	(78.3)	Total assets	6,937.7	7,130.9	7,147.1	7,160.9
Pre-tax profit	(111.9)	213.9	220.5	225.4	ST debt	522.8	522.8	522.8	522.8
Tax	6.6	(21.4)	(22.1)	(22.5)	Other current liabilities	86.4	91.1	95.0	97.0
Minorities	2.3	(2.1)	(2.2)	(2.3)	LT debt	1,633.5	1,880.0	1,945.0	2,010.0
Net profit	(103.0)	190.4	196.3	200.6	Other LT liabilities	269.9	277.3	283.2	288.9

200.6

CASH FLOW

Net profit (adj.)

Year to 30 Sep (S\$m)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Operating	302.3	275.5	279.6	284.8
Pre-tax profit	(111.9)	213.9	220.5	225.4
Working capital changes	(4.6)	13.5	2.3	1.0
Non-cash items	381.8	36.5	36.8	37.1
Other operating cashflows	37.0	11.5	19.9	21.2
Investing	(128.3)	(200.9)	(12.0)	(12.0)
Capex (growth)	0.0	(188.9)	0.0	0.0
Capex (maintenance)	(161.3)	(12.0)	(12.0)	(12.0)
Proceeds from sale of assets	31.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	1.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financing	(243.1)	(75.2)	(265.2)	(271.8)
Distribution to unitholders	(271.0)	(257.9)	(257.1)	(261.7)
Issue of shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proceeds from borrowings	78.0	246.5	65.0	65.0
Others/interest paid	(50.1)	(63.8)	(73.1)	(75.0)
Net cash inflow (outflow)	(69.1)	(0.6)	2.4	1.0
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	220.7	152.7	152.1	154.6
Changes due to forex impact	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ending cash & cash equivalent	152.7	152.1	154.6	155.6

234.0

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KEY METRICS

Shareholders' equity

Total liabilities & equity

Minority interest

Year to 30 Sep (%)	2023	2024F	2025F	2026F
Profitability				
EBITDA margin	64.2	66.6	67.0	67.1
Pre-tax margin	(26.6)	50.7	49.7	49.8
Net margin	(24.5)	45.1	44.3	44.3
ROA	n.a.	2.7	2.7	2.8
ROE	n.a.	4.4	4.6	4.8
Growth				
Turnover	(6.5)	0.3	5.0	2.1
EBITDA	(10.3)	4.0	5.6	2.3
Pre-tax profit	(113.0)	n.a.	3.1	2.2
Net profit	(114.1)	n.a.	3.1	2.2
Net profit (adj.)	78.7	(18.6)	3.1	2.2
EPU	77.3	(19.3)	2.1	1.3
Leverage				
Debt to total capital	32.8	35.5	36.5	37.4
Debt to equity	49.2	55.7	58.0	60.4
Net debt/(cash) to equity	45.7	52.2	54.4	56.7
Interest cover (x)	6.0	4.2	3.9	3.9

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