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COMPANY RESULTS

Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust (MPACT SP)

4QFY24: Turning Around Towards An Upward Trajectory

MPACT's Singapore portfolio, including VivoCity, MBC, mTower, Mapletree Anson and BOAHF, has grown from strength to strength. NPI from Festival Walk edged higher by 2.9% yoy in 4QFY24, supported by higher auxiliary income from the atrium space, car park and ice-skating ring. The outlook for offices in Tokyo has improved with vacancies declining across all segments. MPACT trades at an attractive FY25 distribution yield of 7.0% and P/NAV of 0.72x. Maintain BUY. Target price: \$\$1.89.

4QFY24 RESULTS

Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	4QFY24	yoy (% chg)	Remarks
Gross Revenue	239.2	+2.6	Growth from VivoCity, MBC and Festival Walk.
Net Property Income	183.1	+3.2	
Distributable Income	120.5	+2.5	Finance costs increased 10.8% yoy.
DPU (S cents)	2.29	+1.8	Turnaround from -9.1% yoy in 3QFY24.

Source: MPACT, UOB Kay Hian

RESULTS

- Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust (MPACT) reported DPU of 2.29 S cents for 4QFY24 (+1.8% yoy), which is in line with our expectation.
- Improved cost efficiency. Gross revenue and NPI grew 2.6% and 3.2% yoy respectively in 4QFY24, aided by a 9.8% yoy decline in utilities expenses. NPI margin improved 0.5ppt yoy to 76.5%, which underscores MPACT's operational excellence and resiliency.
- Singapore: Core holdings generated stellar growth. MBC and VivoCity performed stoically and generated NPI growth of 6.7% and 6.2% yoy respectively in 4QFY24. MBC achieved positive rental reversion of 6.7% in FY24, although occupancy eased 1ppt qoq to 96.0% in 4QFY24. VivoCity was fully occupied in 4QFY24. It set a new record for tenant sales of S\$1.1b and benefitted from rental uplift of 14.0% in FY24.
- Hong Kong: Boost from auxiliary income. NPI from Festival Walk edged higher by 2.9% yoy in 4QFY24, supported by higher auxiliary income from atrium space, car park and ice-skating ring. Festival Walk maintained high occupancy of 99.7% and negative rental reversion has narrowed to -8.7% in FY24 (FY23: -12.7%). The shopping mall has weathered rising northbound cross-border travel driven by a strong Hong Kong dollar (HKD). The recovery from Festival Walk was slower than anticipated as higher rents locked in before the COVID-19 pandemic would only be fully flushed out in FY25.
- Japan: Hit by weakness in Japanese yen. Occupancy for Japan was stable at 97.9% as of Mar 24 but subsequently dropped 4.1ppt to 93.8% due to non-renewal by NTT Urban Development at mBay Point. Seiko Instrument's lease at SII Makuhari is expiring in Jun 24. Management has ramped up leasing efforts at its three office properties, namely mBay Point, Fujitsu Makuhari and SII Makuhari, to adapt to changing market conditions in Chiba. Rental reversion was mildly negative at -1.9% in FY24. NPI from Japan dipped 4.3% yoy in 4QFY24. The Japanese yen weakened 11.1% yoy against the Singapore dollar.

KEY FINANCIALS

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Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	826	958	971	981	991
EBITDA	580	673	679	686	693
Operating profit	579	672	679	686	693
Net profit (rep./act.)	477	577	428	435	439
Net profit (adj.)	418	427	428	435	439
EPU (S\$ cent)	8.8	8.1	8.1	8.3	8.3
DPU (S\$ cent)	9.6	8.9	8.8	8.9	9.0
PE (x)	14.3	15.5	15.5	15.3	15.1
P/B (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
DPU Yld (%)	7.6	7.1	7.0	7.1	7.1
Net margin (%)	57.8	60.2	44.1	44.3	44.3
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	69.4	68.6	68.8	69.8	70.8
Interest cover (x)	3.6	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7
ROE (%)	6.3	6.1	4.5	4.6	4.7
Consensus DPU (S\$ cent)	n.a.	n.a.	8.7	9.0	9.3
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	1.01	0.99	0.96

Source: Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

BUY

(Maintained)

Share Price	S\$1.26
Target Price	S\$1.89
Upside	+50.0%
(Previous TP	S\$1.86)

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

MPACT invests in income-producing real estate used for office and/or retail purposes in key gateway markets of Asia. It debuted on SGX Main Board on 27 Apr 11 and completed the merger with Mapletree North Asia Commercial Trust on 21 Jul 22.

STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Real Estate
Bloomberg ticker:	MPACT SP
Shares issued (m):	5,253.0
Market cap (S\$m):	6,618.8
Market cap (US\$m):	4,863.9
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m):	16.0

Price Performance (%)

52-week	high/low		S\$1.7	'6/S\$1.21
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD
(2.3)	(10.6)	(3.1)	(29.6)	(19.7)
Major SI	hareholde	rs		%
Temasek	Hldgs			56.0
FY25 NA\	//Share (S\$))		1.74
FY25 Net	Debt/Share	(S\$)		1.23

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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- China: Weathering headwinds in Shanghai. Occupancy eased 2.1ppt qoq to 87.5% in 4QFY24 due to lower occupancy at low-80% for Sandhill Plaza in Shanghai. China properties incurred negative rental reversion of -2.7%, although tenant retention rate was healthy at 72.4%. NPI from China properties dropped 6.0% yoy in 4QFY24.
- Valuation for the Singapore portfolio increased 2.7% driven by VivoCity (+S\$126m or +3.9%). Valuation of overseas properties declined 4.1% due to a dimmer outlook for China properties, conversion of SII Makuhari Building into a multi-tenanted building and the strong Singapore dollar (SGD). Overall, portfolio valuation eased slightly by 0.5%. NAV per unit was stable at S\$1.75.
- Continuing to strengthen balance sheet. Aggregate leverage was slightly elevated at 40.5% as of Mar 24. Average all-in cost of debt was stable at 3.35% in 4QFY24. MPACT has swapped HKD loans into CNH. Thus, CNH has expanded from 0.3% to 7.0% of total gross debt. MPACT has issued S\$200m of 10-year fixed rate senior green notes at 3.9% in Mar 24. Its debt maturity profile is well-staggered with no single financial year having more than 21% of debt refinancing.

STOCK IMPACT

- Singapore is anchor and central to MPACT. MPACT remains rooted and benefits from resilient growth in Singapore. We expect headwinds from the strong SGD on overseas contributions to ease over time. VivoCity provides steady growth with continual enhancements. We expect occupancy at MBC to ease 2.1ppt qoq to 93.9% in 2QFY25 as Google downsized by two floors with NLA of 60,000sf.
- Outlook for offices in Tokyo has improved. Several newer buildings have filled their vacancies as tenants upgraded to higher grade or more conveniently located buildings to attract and retain talents, prompting some landlords to raise rents. New supply has eased in 1Q24 and half of new buildings commenced operations at full or high occupancy. Vacancies declined and rents rose across all segments. Vacancy for Grade A offices in Tokyo eased 0.9ppt qoq to 4.8% in 1Q24. CBRE expects Grade A rents in Tokyo to increase moderately in the short term and jump 0.4% over the next 12 months.
- Rents under pressure at Sandhill Plaza in Shanghai. Supply of business park has exceeded demand for six consecutive quarters since 4Q22. According to CBRE, vacancy for business parks in Shanghai rose 2.7ppt yoy to 19.6% in 1Q24. Average rents declined 1.6% yoy and 0.8% qoq to Rmb138.40psm. Zhangjiang Science City, where Sandhill Plaza is located, has attracted chip design, semiconductor components, pharmaceutical and telecom companies. Around 600,000sqm of new business park is expected to enter the Shanghai market over the next six months, including Zhangjiang. Competition for tenants will intensify. Management cautioned weakness for Sandhill Plaza due to non-renewals. We expect occupancy for China properties to ease further to 85% by 2QFY25.

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

 Our FY25 DPU was relatively unchanged at 8.8 S cents as we have already factored in potential weakness from MPACT's China properties.

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

• Maintain BUY. We roll over our valuation to the next financial year. Our target price of \$\$1.89 is based on DDM (cost of equity: 6.75%, terminal growth: 2.2%).

SHARE PRICE CATALYST

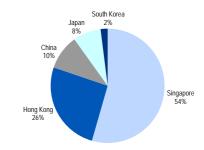
- Resilient growth from VivoCity and MBC in Singapore.
- MPACT has four properties located in the HarbourFront area, which accounted for 49% of its
 portfolio valuation. It will benefit from the development of Greater Southern Waterfront and
 rejuvenation of Sentosa Island and Pulau Brani.

KEY OPERATING METRICS

	4QFY23	1QFY24	2QFY24	3QFY24	4QFY24	yoy Chg	qoq
DPU (S cents)	4.67	2.18	2.24	2.2	2.29	1.8%	2.2%
Occupancy	97.5%	95.7%	96.3%	96.7%	96.1%	-1.4ppt	-0.6ppt
Aggregate Leverage	40.9%	40.7%	40.7%	40.8%	40.5%	-0.4ppt	-0.3ppt
All-in-Financing Cost	2.68%	3.17%	3.34%	3.33%	3.35%	0.67ppt	0.02ppt
% Borrowing in Fixed Rates	75.5%	74.2%	79.9%	85.0%	77.1%	1.6ppt	-7.9ppt
WALE by NLA (years)	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.5	2.4	-0.2yrs	-0.1yrs
Debt Maturity (years)	3.0	2.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	0yrs	0.2yrs
Rental Reversions	1.9%	2.4%	3.2%	4.1%	2.9%	1.Ó%	-0.3%

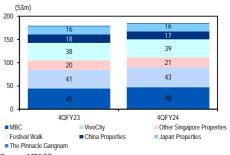
Source: MCT, UOB Kay Hian *hoh % chg for DPU & rental reversions

PORTFOLIO VALUATION BY COUNTRY



Source: MPACT

NET PROPERTY INCOME BY PROPERTY



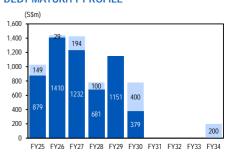
Source: MPACT

PORTFOLIO OCCUPANCY

	Mar 24	Dec 23	Sep 23	Jun 23	Mar 23	yoy Chg	qoq Chg
мвс	96.0%	97.0%	96.8%	95.9%	95.4%	0.6%	-1.0%
Viv oCity	100.0%	99.7%	100.0%	99.3%	99.1%	0.9%	0.3%
Other Singapore Properties	98.3%	99.3%	97.7%	97.4%	95.9%	2.4%	-1.0%
Festival Walk	99.7%	100.0%	100.0%	99.6%	99.6%	0.1%	-0.3%
China Properties	87.5%	89.6%	88.9%	87.3%	86.5%	1.0%	-2.1%
Japan Properties	97.9%	97.4%	97.3%	97.3%	97.5%	0.4%	0.5%
The Pinnacle Gangnam	99.1%	99.3%	97.5%	99.1%	99.3%	-0.2%	-0.2%
MPACT's Portfolio	96.1%	96.7%	96.3%	95.7%	95.4%	0.7%	-0.6%

Source: MPACT

DEBT MATURITY PROFILE



Source: MPACT



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PROFIT & LOSS					BALANCE SHEET				
Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	958.1	971.2	981.5	991.1	Fixed assets	16,250.3	16,280.3	16,310.3	16,340.3
EBITDA	673.4	679.1	686.1	693.1	Other LT assets	211.2	211.2	211.2	211.2
Deprec. & amort.	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	Cash/ST investment	157.2	154.0	153.3	151.4
EBIT	672.3	679.0	686.1	693.1	Other current assets	43.6	51.8	52.0	52.2
Net interest income/(expense)	(225.5)	(251.0)	(251.2)	(253.7)	Total assets	16,662.3	16,697.3	16,726.8	16,755.1
Pre-tax profit	596.2	428.1	435.0	439.4	ST debt	1,026.3	1,026.3	1,026.3	1,026.3
Tax	(19.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Other current liabilities	226.3	277.6	280.8	283.3
Net profit	576.7	428.1	435.0	439.4	LT debt	5,624.1	5,610.0	5,675.0	5,740.0
Net profit (adj.)	427.4	428.1	435.0	439.4	Other LT liabilities	314.5	352.4	354.3	355.8
					Shareholders' equity	9,458.4	9,418.2	9,377.7	9,337.0
					Minority interest	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8
					Total liabilities & equity	16,662.3	16,697.3	16,726.8	16,755.1
CASH FLOW					KEY METRICS				
Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	Year to 31 Mar (%)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Operating	725.0	755.2	685.9	691.9	Profitability				
Pre-tax profit	577.9	421.5	428.4	432.8	EBITDA margin	70.3	69.9	69.9	69.9
Deprec. & amort.	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	Pre-tax margin	62.2	44.1	44.3	44.3
Associates	(6.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net margin	60.2	44.1	44.3	44.3
Working capital changes	0.1	43.2	2.9	2.3	ROA	3.4	2.6	2.6	2.6
Non-cash items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	ROE	6.1	4.5	4.6	4.7
Other operating cashflows	152.3	290.4	254.7	256.8					
Investing	(56.3)	(30.0)	(30.0)	(30.0)	Growth				
Capex (growth)	(64.8)	(30.0)	(30.0)	(30.0)	Turnover	16.0	1.4	1.1	1.0
Capex (maintenance)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	EBITDA	16.2	0.9	1.0	1.0
Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Pre-tax profit	25.4	(28.2)	1.6	1.0
Others	8.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net profit	20.8	(25.8)	1.6	1.0
Financing	(719.9)	(728.4)	(656.6)	(663.8)	Net profit (adj.)	2.1	0.2	1.6	1.0
Distribution to unitholders	(465.2)	(461.7)	(468.8)	(473.5)	EPU	(7.4)	(0.0)	1.4	0.8
Issue of shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Proceeds from borrowings	(25.8)	(14.1)	65.0	65.0	Leverage				
Others/interest paid	(228.9)	(252.6)	(252.8)	(255.3)	Debt to total capital	41.3	41.3	41.6	42.0
Net cash inflow (outflow)	(51.1)	(3.2)	(0.7)	(1.9)	Debt to equity	70.3	70.5	71.5	72.5
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	216.1	157.2	154.0	153.3	Net debt/(cash) to equity	68.6	68.8	69.8	70.8
Changes due to forex impact	(7.8)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Interest cover (x)	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7
Ending cash & cash equivalent	157.2	154.0	153.3	151.4					



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