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#### **COMPANY UPDATE**

# Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trust (MPACT SP)

Stronger Together - Gaining Scale And Diversification

The merger with MNACT was executed and completed at an opportune timing. Festival Walk benefitted from the easing of restrictions in Apr 22 and recovery would be further strengthened if Hong Kong ends hotel quarantine requirements as targeted by Nov 22. Gateway Plaza has weathered the localised lockdown in Beijing and registered positive rental reversion of 11% in 1QFY23. MPACT has doubled in size and become more geographically diversified. Maintain BUY. Target price: \$\$2.22.

#### WHAT'S NEW

- Mapletree Commercial Trust (MCT) benefits from the twin engines of recovery in Singapore and North Asia (Hong Kong and Mainland China):
- Festival Walk benefits from easing of restrictions. Hong Kong has gradually recovered from disruptions caused by the Omicron variant. Face-to-face classes at kindergartens and schools resumed and restaurants reopened with group size capped at four starting Apr 22. Social distancing measures further eased with the doubling of diners to eight per table since May 22. Negative rental reversion at Festival Walk moderated to -7% in 1QFY23 after two consecutive years of steep declines (FY21: -21% and FY22: -27%). Rental relief granted was almost non-existent at S\$0.2m in 1QFY23 (FY21: S\$49.8m and FY22: S\$14.7m). Consumer spending was stimulated by the first round of consumption vouchers disbursed in April and the second round in August.
- Potential boost from reopening of borders. Hong Kong has cut the quarantine period for inbound travellers from seven to three days with effect from 12 Aug 22. During the subsequent four-day surveillance period, visitors could take public transport, shop and also work although entry to high-risk places is prohibited. Chief Executive John Lee sees the resumption of regular flow of visitors between Hong Kong and Mainland China on a quarantine-free basis as one of his top priorities. Mainland visitors accounted for about 25% of retail sales in Hong Kong before the COVID-19 pandemic. Hong Kong targets to end hotel quarantine by Nov 22, after the 20<sup>th</sup> Communist Party Congress but ahead of HKIB Banking Conference and Hong Kong Sevens ruby tournament.
- Gateway Plaza and Sandhill Plaza registered positive rental reversion. Beijing weathered localised lockdown in 1QFY23, which reduced the number of employees returning to work in their offices. Nevertheless, Gateway Plaza achieved positive rental reversion of 11% due to two new tenants from the technology and financial services sectors. Occupancy was stable at 92.8%. One new office building was completed in the Lufthansa sub-market in 1Q22 and supply-side pressure is expected to ease in 2H22. Gateway Plaza will benefit as the Chinese government plans to develop Beijing into a global wealth management centre.

#### **KEY FINANCIALS**

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Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2021	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F
Net turnover	479	499	821	978	995
EBITDA	337	350	570	687	701
Operating profit	337	348	570	687	701
Net profit (rep./act.)	69	347	429	519	531
Net profit (adj.)	261	276	429	519	531
EPU (S\$ cent)	7.9	8.3	9.0	9.9	10.1
DPU (S\$ cent)	9.5	9.5	10.6	11.0	11.2
PE (x)	23.5	22.3	20.5	18.7	18.4
P/B (x)	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
DPU Yld (%)	5.1	5.2	5.7	6.0	6.1
Net margin (%)	14.3	69.5	52.2	53.0	53.4
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	49.7	49.7	74.3	75.4	76.6
Interest cover (x)	4.4	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.1
ROE (%)	1.2	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.6
Consensus DPU (S\$ cent)	n.a.	n.a.	9.8	10.2	10.5
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	1.08	1.08	1.07

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

## **BUY**

## (Maintained)

Share Price	S\$1.85
Target Price	S\$2.22
Upside	+20.0%

#### **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):	5,233.4
Market cap (S\$m):	9,681.9
Market cap (US\$m):	6,892.0
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m):	13.5

#### Price Performance (%)

52-week h	nigh/low	S\$2.19/S\$1.73			
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD	
(3.6)	3.4	1.1	(11.1)	(7.5)	
Major Sl	nareholder	s		%	
Temasek	Hldgs			56.0	
FY23 NA\	//Share (S\$)			1.82	
FY23 Net Debt/Share (S\$)				1.35	

#### PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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- Shanghai recovering from lockdown. Shanghai has emerged from the city-wide lockdown that lasted from end-March to end-May. Leasing activities have recovered in June. Sandhill Plaza achieved positive rental reversion of 3% in 1QFY23. Occupancy remains high at 98.9%. According to CBRE, rents for business parks in Shanghai increased 3.2% yoy to Rmb138.70/sqm/month in 2Q22. Sandhill Plaza is located at Zhangjiang Science City in Shanghai's Pudong New Area, which is also known as Silicon Valley of the East. The Zhangjiang sub-market will see a large volume of new business park space in 2H22. Fortunately, Sandhill Plaza accounted for only 3.1% of MPACT's portfolio valuation postmerger.
- Singapore: Reopening propels recovery. Safe distancing between individuals, both indoors or outdoors, and the cap on group size of 10 persons for dining in at F&B establishments was lifted since 26 Apr 22. VivoCity benefitted as tenant sales surged 53% yoy and 11% qoq and exceeded pre-pandemic levels in 1QFY23. Committed occupancy remains high at 98.5% as of Jun 22. NPI from VivoCity have rebounded 45% yoy and 19% qoq due to the easing of COVID-19-related restrictions and lower rental rebates. VivoCity benefits from the return of tourists starting 2H22 as they typically account for 20-30% of shopper traffic prior to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- NPI from MBC also grew 5.9% yoy and 4.9% qoq in 1QFY23. Committed occupancy was 98.2%. Management sees leasing interest from pharmaceutical and biomedical companies expanding their R&D and laboratory facilities within City Fringe. It also observed less downsizing by banks during lease renewal. Google, the largest tenant at MBC accounting for 25% of gross rental income, has completed construction of its third data centre and is becoming more entrenched in Singapore.

### STOCK IMPACT

Gaining scale and diversification. The trust scheme for merger of MCT and MNACT to
establish MPACT became effective on 21 Jul 22 and MNACT was delisted on 3 Aug 22.
MPACT holds a diversified portfolio of 18 high quality commercial properties across
Singapore, Hong Kong, Mainland China, Japan and South Korea. AUM has expanded by
94% to a combined S\$17.1b.

### **EARNINGS REVISION/RISK**

• We kept our DPU forecast relatively unchanged.

#### VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

• Maintain BUY. Our target price of S\$2.22 is based on DDM (cost of equity: 7.0%, terminal growth: 2.2%).

### SHARE PRICE CATALYST

- DPU accretion of 8.9% from merger with MNACT. Potential expansion in China and South Korea
- MPACT has five properties located in the HarbourFront area, which accounted for 48.4% of its portfolio valuation in aggregate. It will benefit from the development of the Greater Southern Waterfront and rejuvenation of Sentosa Island and Pulau Brani.

### 1QFY23 BUSINESS UPDATE - MCT

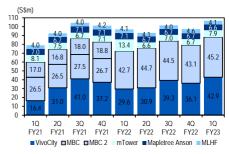
Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	1QFY23	yoy % chg	Remarks
Gross Revenue	135.0	+8.8	Revenue from VivoCity and MBC grew 35% and 5% yoy
Net Property Income	106.7	+10.1	respectively. Rental rebates were negligible.
Portfolio Occupancy	97.2%	+0.2ppt qoq	Occupancy at MBC improved 0.9ppt gog to 98.2%.
Aggregate Leverage	33.8%	+0.3ppt qoq	
Weighted All-in Financing Cost	2.53%	+13b qoq	Completed refinancing for term loan of S\$264m.
% Borrowing on Fixed Rates	78.6%	-1.7ppt qoq	
WALE by GRI	2.8 years	+0.2 years qoq	Well-staggered lease expiry profile.

### Source: MCT, UOB Kay Hian

### 1QFY23 BUSINESS UPDATE - MNACT

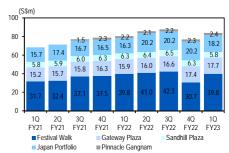
Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	1QFY23	yoy % chq	Remarks
Gross Revenue	104.7	+1.6	Full-quarter contribution from HP Japan HQ Building.
Net Property Income	81.5	+4.1	Less rental rebates of S\$0.2m at Festival Walk.
Portfolio Occupancy	97.2%	-0.2ppt gog	Occupancy at Gateway Plaza eased 1.5ppt gog to 92.8%.
Aggregate Leverage	42.1%	+0.6ppt gog	. , , ,
Weighted All-in Financing Cost	1.84%	+4bp gog	58% of debt denominated in HK\$ and 34% in Japanese Yen.
% Borrowing on Fixed Rates	79%	+1ppt gog	γ
WALE by GRI	2.2 years	-0.2 years qoq	36.7% of leases at Pinnacle Gangnam expiring in FY24.
Source: MNACT, UOB Kay Hian			

#### NPI BY PROPERTY - SINGAPORE



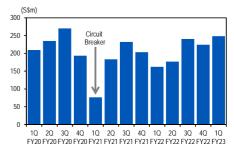
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### NPI BY PROPERTY - OVERSEAS



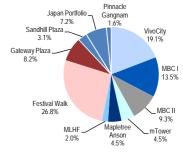
Source: MCT

#### **TENANT SALES AT VIVOCITY**



Source: MC1

## PORTFOLIO VALUATION BY PROPERTY (MAR 22)



Source: MCT



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PROFIT & LOSS					<b>BALANCE SHEET</b>				
Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F	Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F
Net turnover	499.5	821.0	977.9	994.7	Fixed assets	8,821.2	16,820.0	16,820.0	16,820.0
EBITDA	349.6	569.6	687.0	700.6	Other LT assets	30.0	208.3	208.3	208.3
Deprec. & amort.	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	Cash/ST investment	124.2	135.1	145.6	145.6
EBIT	348.5	569.5	686.9	700.5	Other current assets	9.2	40.0	40.3	40.5
Net interest income/(expense)	(72.3)	(140.6)	(168.3)	(169.8)	Total assets	8,984.5	17,203.5	17,214.2	17,214.5
Pre-tax profit	347.0	428.9	518.6	530.7	ST debt	460.5	460.5	460.5	460.5
Tax	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Other current liabilities	107.5	287.2	291.9	296.1
Net profit	347.0	428.9	518.6	530.7	LT debt	2,543.8	6,750.0	6,820.0	6,880.0
Net profit (adj.)	276.2	428.9	518.6	530.7	Other LT liabilities	79.2	176.8	180.2	183.2
					Shareholders' equity	5,793.5	9,529.0	9,461.6	9,394.6
					Total liabilities & equity	8,984.5	17,203.5	17,214.2	17,214.5
CASH FLOW					KEY METRICS				
Year to 31 Mar (S\$m)	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F	Year to 31 Mar (%)	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F
Operating	363.6	(3,543.8)	709.7	722.6	Profitability				
Pre-tax profit	347.0	424.5	512.0	524.1	EBITDA margin	70.0	69.4	70.3	70.4
Deprec. & amort.	1.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	Pre-tax margin	69.5	52.2	53.0	53.4
Working capital changes	(0.8)	127.2	4.4	4.0	Net margin	69.5	52.2	53.0	53.4
Non-cash items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	ROA	3.9	3.3	3.0	3.1
Other operating cashflows	16.2	(4,095.6)	193.1	194.4	ROE	6.0	5.6	5.5	5.6
Investing	(18.8)	(20.0)	(20.0)	(20.0)					
Capex (growth)	(18.7)	(20.0)	(20.0)	(20.0)	Growth				
Capex (maintenance)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Turnover	4.3	64.4	19.1	1.7
Others	(0.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	EBITDA	3.6	62.9	20.6	2.0
Financing	(413.2)	3,574.7	(679.2)	(702.6)	Pre-tax profit	405.8	23.6	20.9	2.3
Distribution to unitholders	(322.2)	(489.3)	(579.3)	(591.1)	Net profit	405.8	23.6	20.9	2.3
Issue of shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net profit (adj.)	5.8	55.3	20.9	2.3
Proceeds from borrowings	(18.9)	4,206.2	70.0	60.0	EPU	5.4	8.5	9.6	2.0
Others/interest paid	(72.0)	(142.2)	(169.9)	(171.4)					
Net cash inflow (outflow)	(68.4)	11.0	10.5	0.0	Leverage				
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	192.5	124.2	135.1	145.6	Debt to total capital	34.1	43.1	43.5	43.9
Ending cash & cash equivalent	124.2	135.1	145.6	145.6	Debt to equity	51.9	75.7	76.9	78.1
- ·					Net debt/(cash) to equity	49.7	74.3	75.4	76.6
					Interest cover (x)	4.8	4.1	4.1	4.1



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