

# Mapletree Pan Asia Comm. Trust (MPACT SP)

# HOLD

Share Price SGD 1.30  
 12m Price Target SGD 1.30 (+4%)  
 Previous Price Target SGD 1.30

## Driving resilience

### 1Q25 in line; maintain HOLD

MPACT's 1Q25 DPU of SGD2.09cts fell 8.7% QoQ and -4.1% YoY, in line with our est. Forex headwinds and pockets of weakness in overseas markets offset growing contribution from Singapore assets. Reversion picked up in 1Q25 to +5.2% due to the strong performance of VivoCity and Singapore office assets. We expect reversions in VivoCity to remain strong as low leases signed during the pandemic continue to be repriced. As the divestment of Anson is close to completion, gearing will be reduced to c.37.6% (from 40.5%) on a pro-forma basis. MPACT could benefit from lower interest rates due to its floating rate exposure. Our forecasts and DDM-based TP of SGD1.30 are unchanged. Maintain HOLD.

### Stable fundamentals of Singapore portfolio

Seasonal impacts such as Singaporeans travelling overseas led to a modest cooldown in shopper traffic and tenant sales at VivoCity (-4.3% YoY/-3.4%YoY). Nonetheless, rental reversion at VivoCity accelerated to +19.9% in 1Q25, driven by management's strategy to actively introduce new tenants to replace non-performing ones and ongoing lease renewals. Management announced an AEI at VivoCity, with a 10% target ROI and estimated capex of SGD42m. Performance at MBC was largely stable with positive reversions (+2.3%), notwithstanding a slower leasing market and rising competition. We observe tenants are more conscious about capex for renovations and incentives, which may mean leasing decisions may take longer. Management expects slight movements in reversions as the spread between new signings over expiring rents narrowed.

### Revitalizing Festival Walk mall

While the Festival Walk mall continued to weather the challenges from northbound travel, reversions are improving (-5% in 1Q25 vs.c.-9% in 3Q-4Q24). Management is prioritizing occupancy (99.6%) over rent reversions in the near term, in view of upcoming renewal with large tenants such as the cinema operator. The mall's operations team is hosting more events such as celebrity tie-ups at the atrium and reducing carpark charges to boost traffic. Other initiatives such as floor reconfiguration and refreshing the tenant mix are in the pipeline.

### Cashflow further de-risked in 1Q25

COD is 19bps higher QoQ due to prior interest rate hedges rolling off and exposure to floating rates. On the flip side, MPACT could benefit from its floating rate exposure in a declining interest rate scenario. Management is exploring other financing options such as panda bonds and swaps to lower COD by c.50bps. Earlier MPACT locked in a lower electricity tariff for two years, which cushioned higher staff costs in 1Q25. Management has the capacity to utilize up to SGD100m for share buybacks.

FYE Mar (SGD m)	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	826	958	979	1,004	1,035
Net property income	632	728	744	760	783
Core net profit	428	434	441	459	486
Core EPU (cts)	9.3	8.3	8.4	8.7	9.2
Core EPU growth (%)	11.4	(10.8)	1.3	3.7	5.4
DPU (cts)	9.6	8.9	8.4	8.7	9.2
DPU growth (%)	0.7	(7.3)	(6.0)	3.7	5.4
P/NTA (x)	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
DPU yield (%)	5.3	7.0	6.4	6.7	7.0
ROAE (%)	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.5
ROAA (%)	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9
Debt/Assets (x)	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.39
Consensus DPU	-	-	8.4	8.7	9.0
MIBG vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	(0.0)	(0.4)	1.8

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### Company Description

MPACT is a commercial REIT investing in income producing retail, office and office-like commercial properties in Asia including Japan

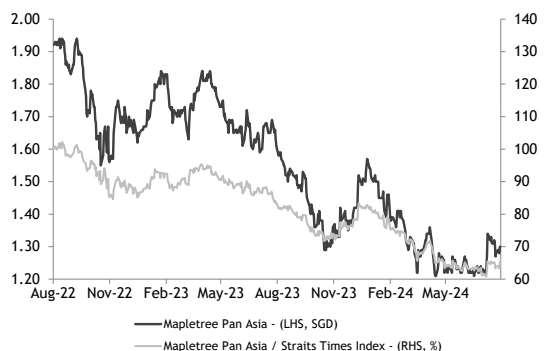
### Statistics

52w high/low (SGD)	1.61/1.21
3m avg turnover (USDm)	19.5
Free float (%)	41.5
Issued shares (m)	5,243
Market capitalisation	SGD6.8B USD5.1B

### Major shareholders:

Temasek	33.9%
Schroders	8.0%
AIA	3.6%

### Price Performance



	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	6	3	(20)
Relative to index (%)	5	1	(22)

Source: FactSet

### Terms explained:

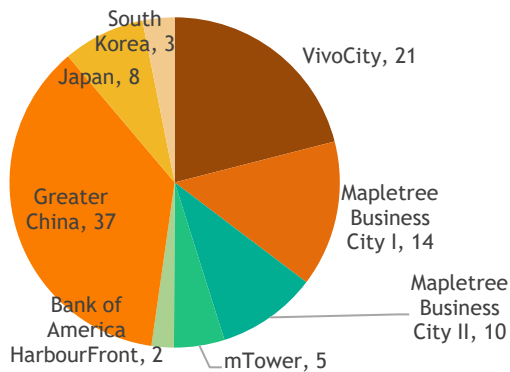
AEI: asset-enhancement initiatives  
 COD: cost of debt

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## Value Proposition

- Flagship commercial REIT that provides stability and scale across key gateway markets in Asia with SGD16.9b AUM.
- Foothold in 5 markets (52% in Singapore, 26% HK) and balanced across sub sectors (retail 44%, offices 35%, business parks 21%).
- One of three S-REITs sponsored by Mapletree Investments, wholly-owned by Temasek Holdings.
- While it is no longer a Singapore pure play, merger with MNACT provides scale and diversification to engage in active capital recycling and accretive acquisitions.
- Relatively high gearing, execution of the strategy is the key. Management fee structure aligned to DPU growth.

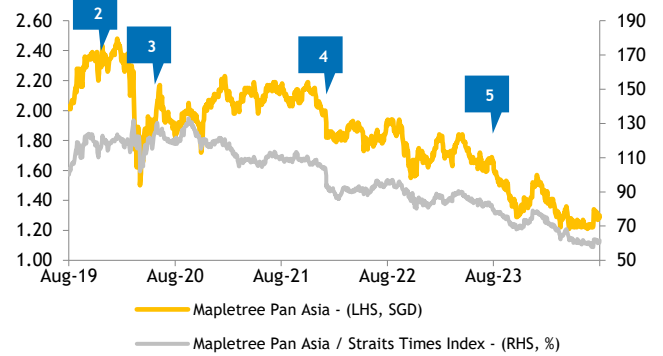
### AUM breakdown (Mar 2024)



Source: Company

## Price Drivers

### Historical share price trend



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

1. Jan-19: Completes fourth AEI at VivoCity to open a public library and expand Basement 1.
2. Oct-19: Acquires MBC II for SGD1.55b at 5.0% NPI yield, and projected 4.0% DPU accretion, above its 4.7% yield.
3. Apr-20: Reports FY20 results and third tranche of rental support, with the waiver of fixed rent for Apr 2020 for its eligible retail tenants due to Covid-19
4. Dec-21: MCT and MNACT announce merger to form MPACT, ranking it among Asia's Top 10 largest REITs.
5. Jul-23: MPACT reports strong growth in 1QFY23/24 top line

## Financial Metrics

- Rebound in VivoCity and Festival Walk to be offset by falling occupancies in other SG properties and frictional vacancies in Japan and China. MBC likely to be stable.
- DPU growth of 1.6% and 3.3% in FY24 and FY25.
- MPACT has a relatively high concentration of tech tenants. 14.4% of GRI, led by Google. Most of the Google leases have been renewed. However, trend of hybrid working needs to be watched for its impact on business park assets.

### DPU profile



Source: Company

## Swing Factors

### Upside

- Earlier-than-expected pick-up in leasing demand for retail, office and business park space driving improvement in occupancy.
- Better-than-anticipated rental reversions.
- Accretive acquisitions or redevelopment projects.

### Downside

- Prolonged slowdown in economic activity could reduce demand for retail, office and business park space resulting in lower occupancy and rental rates.
- Termination of long-term leases contributing to weaker portfolio tenant retention rate.
- Sharper-than-expected rise in interest rates could increase cost of debt and negatively impact earnings, with higher cost of capital lowering valuations.

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Risk Rating & Score <sup>1</sup>	na
Score Momentum <sup>2</sup>	na
Last Updated	na
Controversy Score <sup>3</sup>	na

## Business Model & Industry Issues

- MPACT draws on its available pool of funds to invest in diversified real estate, undertake asset enhancements, and redevelop properties to optimise value for its unitholders. It is susceptible to sustainability-focused investors with strong preference for investing in companies that meet specific ESG criteria, given its incessant need for additional capital.
- Its activities relating to permissible investments, leverage limits and annual reporting requirements are closely regulated by the MAS under Singapore's code on collective investment schemes. Independence, real estate and capital markets experience on its board is high, with representation by members with international experience, even as it remains focused in Singapore.
- Two of its five properties - Mapletree Business City (MBC) and VivoCity - have 4.0m sf and contribute 79% of its total NLA. They are best-in-class assets, and have received the highest BCA Green Mark Platinum certification.
- Management has continued to drive an improvement in the operational performance of VivoCity via AElS, and also actively leveraged the mall's sizeable platform to steer its social and environment initiatives.

### Material E issues

- Targets to maintain at least the respective BCA Green Mark certification of all its properties. VivoCity was already Gold certified since FY13, and further achieved the highest Platinum certification in FY20.
- At VivoCity, an upgrade of fan coil units in FY20 resulted in 50k kWh of energy savings with plans for chiller upgrades in FY21 expected to generate an additional 1.16m kWh in energy savings.
- Secured its first SGD670.0m green loan to part-finance the MBC II acquisition in Oct 2019, in addition to establishing a framework guided by Green Loan Principles published by the Loan Market Association and the APAC Loan Market Association to steer future green funding allocations.
- Has set targets to maintain or improve like-for-like energy and water intensity by up to 1% above previous year baseline

### Material S issues

- Conducts monthly workshops for new employees of its tenants at VivoCity to train them on the mall's service culture, build competencies to manage customer feedback and improve shopper loyalty.
- Leveraged malls as platforms to increase visibility of social and philanthropic causes (eg. annual Hair for Hope event at VivoCity organised since 2010 to raise awareness of childhood cancer).
- A new public library added to VivoCity's level 3 under Singapore's Community/ Sports Facility Scheme helped the mall gain bonus GFA to extend its basement I by 24k sf.
- Gender diversity is high, with female representation at 54% amongst all 186 employees in FY21, 72% for the management team, including its CEO, and 4 members on its board.

### Key G metrics and issues

- Managed externally by wholly-owned subsidiary of its sponsor Mapletree Investments, which supports its growth via a pipeline of property assets from its development activities, and access to capital markets.
- Board independence is high - 7 of its 12 members are independent, and the CEO is the only executive and non-independent member.
- Management fee structure, with the base fee at 0.25% of its deposited property, performance fee at 4.0% pa of NPI, as well as acquisition and disposal fee at 1.0% and 0.5% deal value, is comparable to peers.
- The cumulative remuneration of its key management team including the CEO, has never represented >1.7% of the REIT's distributable income since it was first reported in FY17.
- Payout ratio for taxable income has been consistently maintained at 100%, above the minimum 90% threshold for tax transparency. Management retained 60% of its 4Q20 distributable income in light of a challenging outlook for its retail properties due to Covid-19.
- Has generated significant value from AElS at VivoCity - its fifth (from 1Q-2Q20) involved a changeover of the hypermarket and the conversion in 24k sqft of recovered anchor space, resulted in positive rental uplift and ~40% of annual ROI.
- Acquisitions of MBC Phase 1 for SGD1.78b in FY17, and Phase 2 for SGD1.55b in FY20 were accretive to unitholders, while EFR funding helped improve trading liquidity. MCT joined the FSSTI in Sep 2019 and MSCI Singapore in Nov 2019.
- Maintains one of the strongest balance sheets amongst peers.

<sup>1</sup>**Risk Rating & Score** - derived by Sustainalytics and assesses the company's exposure to unmanaged ESG risks. Scores range between 0 - 50 in order of increasing severity with low/high scores & ratings representing negligible/significant risk to the company's enterprise value, respectively, from ESG-driven financial impacts. <sup>2</sup>**Score Momentum** - indicates changes to the company's score since the last update - a **negative** integer indicates a company's improving risk score; a **positive** integer indicates a deterioration. <sup>3</sup>**Controversy Score** - reported periodically by Sustainalytics in the event of material ESG-related incident(s), with the impact severity scores of these events ranging from Category 0-5 (0 - no reports; 1 - negligible risks; ...; 5 - poses serious risks & indicative of potential structural deficiencies at the company).

## 1. Results highlight

Fig 1: 1Q25 revenue slipped -1.1%, mainly due to FX headwinds

(SGD m)	Jun-23 1QFY24	Mar-24 4QFY24	Jun-24 1QFY25	1Q25 % QoQ	1Q25 % YoY
Gross revenue	237.1	239.2	236.7	(1.1)	(0.2)
Property expenses	(57.9)	(56.1)	(57.3)	2.1	(1.1)
Net property income	179.2	183.1	179.4	(2.0)	0.1
Borrowing costs	(54.7)	(56.4)	(59.9)	6.2	9.5
Total distributable income	114.8	120.5	110.8	(8.1)	(3.5)
DPU (SGD cts)	2.18	2.29	2.09	(8.7)	(4.1)
NAV per unit (SGD)	1.75	1.75	1.76	0.6	0.6
Aggregate leverage (%)	40.7	40.5	40.5	0.0	(0.20)
All-in financing cost (%)	3.17	3.35	3.54	0.19	0.37
Occupancy (%)	95.7	96.1	94.0	-2.10ppt	-1.70ppt
Rental reversion (%)	2.4	2.9	5.2		
- MBC	7.1	6.7	2.3		
- VivoCity	12.3	14.0	19.9		
- Festival Walk	(9.4)	(8.7)	(5.0)		
YTD Tenant Sales, % YoY					
- VivoCity	3.7	2.6	(3.4)		
- Festival Walk	12.1	0.1	(14.0)		
NPI margin (%)	75.6	76.6	75.8	-0.75ppt	0.23ppt

Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

## 2. AEI information

Fig 2: VivoCity major reconfiguration underway at the basement. Scheduled for completion by end-2025. Targets to increase retail lettable area by 14,000 sqft (1.3% of existing NLA) through floor reconfiguration of existing carpark.

**Phased Implementation and Scheduled for Completion by end-2025**


- Phase 1: Increase food kiosks from 21 to 24
- Phase 2: Increase retail lettable area by 14,000 square feet through conversion of carpark and space reconfiguration

**Key Benefits**


- Value Creation**
  - Transformation into higher-yielding space, capitalising on B2's high footfall
- Space Optimisation**
  - Reconfigure and right-sizing existing tenanted areas
- Elevated Shopping Experience**
  - Enhance trade mix with new attractive offerings
  - Improve circulation for seamless shopping experience
  - New indoor refreshment areas
  - Overall makeover and upgrade of facilities
- Financial Benefits**
  - Estimated ROI of approximately 10%<sup>1</sup>

**Phase 1 Rejuvenation**

**Before Rejuvenation**




General and food kiosks area




Open space currently outside FairPrice Xtra

**After Rejuvenation**



Artist's impression showcases redesigned kiosks with dedicated queue areas, maintaining ample corridor widths to optimise shopper circulation and improve experience



Artist's impression highlights new inviting island cafes with seating positioned outside FairPrice Xtra to provide convenient rest and refreshment spots for shoppers

Source: Maybank IBG Research

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### 3. Segment results highlight

Fig 3: Stable fundamentals of Singapore portfolio underpinned for portfolio performance

(SGD m)	1Q24	4Q24	1Q25	% QoQ	% YoY
<b>Gross property income</b>					
VivoCity	56.3	59.6	59.1	(0.9)	4.9
<i>mTower</i>					
<i>Mapletree Anson</i>					
<i>Bank of America HarbourFront</i>					
Other SG properties	26.3	27.3	26.988	(1.1)	2.6
MBC	58.0	58.8	58.4	(0.7)	0.7
Festival Walk, HK	50.2	50.7	51.305	1.2	2.2
China properties	22.6	21.0	21.5	2.4	(4.9)
Japan properties	23.8	21.7	19.389	(10.6)	(18.5)
The Pinnacle Gangnam, KR	3.0	3.0	2.8	(6.7)	(6.7)
Overseas	99.6	96.4	92.2	(4.4)	(7.4)
<b>NPI</b>					
VivoCity	41.0	43.0	42.9	(0.3)	4.6
<i>mTower</i>					
<i>Mapletree Anson</i>					
<i>Bank of America HarbourFront</i>					
Other SG properties	19.9	21.2	20.7	(2.4)	4.0
MBC	46.0	47.5	46.3	(2.5)	0.7
Festival Walk, HK	37.5	38.6	38.5	(0.2)	2.7
China properties	18.6	17.1	17.6	3.1	(5.2)
Japan properties	16.1	15.6	13.3	(14.5)	(17.1)
The Pinnacle Gangnam, KR	2.3	2.3	2.1	(8.7)	(8.7)
Overseas	74.5	73.6	69.5	(5.6)	(6.7)
<b>Margins</b>					
VivoCity	72.8	72.1	72.6	(127)	385
<i>mTower</i>					
<i>Mapletree Anson</i>					
<i>Bank of America HarbourFront</i>					
Other SG properties	75.7	77.7	76.7	191	94
MBC	79.3	80.8	79.3	208	(613)
Festival Walk, HK	74.7	76.1	75.1	205	83
China properties	82.3	81.4	82.0	(60)	(27)
Japan properties	67.6	71.9	68.8	238	440
The Pinnacle Gangnam, KR	76.7	76.7	75	0	247

Source: Maybank IBG Research

In the Japan portion of its overseas portfolio, management is addressing softness in the Makuhar office assets due to NTT Urban Development's lease expiry in Mar'24, and Seiko's lease expiry in Jun'24.

FYE 31 Mar	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
<b>Key Metrics</b>					
Price/DPU(x)	18.7	14.4	15.5	15.0	14.2
P/BV (x)	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
P/NTA (x)	1.0	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
DPU yield (%)	5.3	7.0	6.4	6.7	7.0
FCF yield (%)	6.8	9.8	10.5	10.6	10.9

**INCOME STATEMENT (SGD m)**

Revenue	826.2	958.1	978.9	1,004.1	1,035.2
<b>Net property income</b>	<b>631.9</b>	<b>727.9</b>	<b>743.9</b>	<b>760.1</b>	<b>783.2</b>
Management and trustee fees	(50.3)	(51.7)	(51.4)	(61.0)	(56.8)
Net financing costs	(163.8)	(228.0)	(281.1)	(274.0)	(266.9)
Associates & JV	9.4	6.4	6.2	6.0	1.1
Exceptionals	58.9	149.3	162.5	164.1	165.8
Other pretax income/expenses	1.6	2.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>Pretax profit</b>	<b>485.0</b>	<b>602.6</b>	<b>578.6</b>	<b>593.7</b>	<b>624.6</b>
Income tax	1.7	(19.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total return avail to unitholders</b>	<b>486.7</b>	<b>583.1</b>	<b>578.6</b>	<b>593.7</b>	<b>624.6</b>
Core net profit	427.8	433.7	440.8	459.0	486.2
Distributable inc to unitholders	445.6	468.6	440.8	459.0	486.2

**BALANCE SHEET (SGD m)**

Cash & Short Term Investments	216.1	157.2	135.5	137.8	145.4
Accounts receivable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	2.2	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Investment properties	16,321.4	16,248.9	16,411.3	16,575.5	16,741.2
Intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment in Associates & JVs	119.9	118.6	118.6	118.6	118.6
Other assets	169.1	136.2	136.2	136.2	136.2
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>16,828.8</b>	<b>16,662.3</b>	<b>16,803.0</b>	<b>16,969.5</b>	<b>17,142.8</b>
ST interest bearing debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	223.5	218.9	218.9	218.9	218.9
LT interest bearing debt	6,783.6	6,650.3	6,650.3	6,650.3	6,650.3
Other liabilities	339.4	321.9	321.9	321.9	321.9
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>7,346.4</b>	<b>7,191.1</b>	<b>7,191.1</b>	<b>7,191.1</b>	<b>7,191.1</b>
Shareholders Equity	9,469.7	9,458.4	9,599.2	9,765.6	9,939.0
Minority Interest	12.7	12.8	12.8	12.8	12.8
<b>Total shareholder equity</b>	<b>9,482.4</b>	<b>9,471.2</b>	<b>9,612.0</b>	<b>9,778.4</b>	<b>9,951.7</b>
<b>Total liabilities and equity</b>	<b>16,828.8</b>	<b>16,662.3</b>	<b>16,803.0</b>	<b>16,969.5</b>	<b>17,142.8</b>

**CASH FLOW (SGD m)**

<b>Cash flow from operations</b>	<b>605.3</b>	<b>725.0</b>	<b>719.4</b>	<b>730.5</b>	<b>750.6</b>
Capex	(43.6)	(65.1)	(0.0)	(0.0)	1.0
Acquisitions & investments	(2,254.1)	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0
Disposal of FA & investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend income from associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other investing cash flow	1.6	3.0	2.5	2.5	2.5
<b>CF from investing activities</b>	<b>(2,296.1)</b>	<b>(62.1)</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>2.5</b>	<b>4.5</b>
Dividends paid	(565.9)	(465.2)	(440.8)	(459.0)	(486.2)
Interest expense	(145.8)	(215.4)	(281.1)	(274.0)	(266.9)
Change in debt	462.7	(31.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity raised / (purchased)	2,040.1	0.0	0.0	1.3	2.6
Other financial activities	(24.3)	(8.0)	0.0	0.0	1.0
<b>CF from financing activities</b>	<b>1,766.8</b>	<b>(720.1)</b>	<b>(721.9)</b>	<b>(731.7)</b>	<b>(749.5)</b>
<b>Effect of exchange rate changes</b>	<b>(7.7)</b>	<b>(8.4)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>1.0</b>	<b>2.0</b>
<b>Net cash flow</b>	<b>68.3</b>	<b>(65.5)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>7.6</b>



FYE 31 Mar	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
<b>Key Ratios</b>					
<b>Growth ratios (%)</b>					
Revenue growth	65.4	16.0	2.2	2.6	3.1
Net property income growth	62.6	15.2	2.2	2.2	3.0
Core net profit growth	54.9	1.4	1.6	4.1	5.9
Distributable income growth	40.6	5.2	(5.9)	4.1	5.9
<b>Profitability ratios (%)</b>					
Net property income margin	76.5	76.0	76.0	75.7	75.7
Core net profit margin	51.8	45.3	45.0	45.7	47.0
Payout ratio	103.7	107.8	100.0	100.0	100.0
<b>DuPont analysis</b>					
Total return margin (%)	58.9	60.9	59.1	59.1	60.3
Gross revenue/Assets (x)	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Assets/Equity (x)	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7
ROAE (%)	6.5	6.3	6.2	6.3	6.5
ROAA (%)	3.3	2.6	2.6	2.7	2.9
<b>Leverage &amp; Expense Analysis</b>					
Asset/Liability (x)	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.4	2.4
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	69.3	68.6	67.8	66.6	65.4
Net interest cover (x)	3.5	2.9	2.4	2.5	2.7
Debt/EBITDA (x)	11.7	9.9	9.7	9.6	9.2
Capex/revenue (%)	5.3	6.8	0.0	0.0	nm
Net debt/ (net cash)	6,567.4	6,493.1	6,514.8	6,512.5	6,504.9
Debt/Assets (x)	0.40	0.40	0.40	0.39	0.39

Source: Company; Maybank IBG Research

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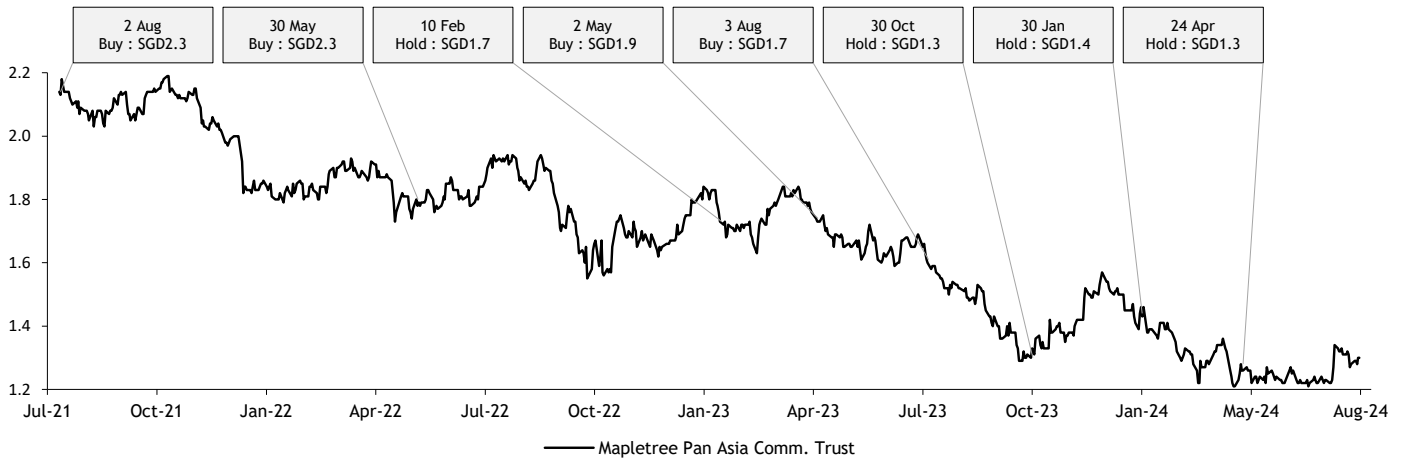
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