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### **Sunway REIT**

### Continues to deliver strong results

1H25 gross DPU rose +21.9% YoY to 5.68 Mcts. Results were above our/street expectations with 1H25 DPU representing 50%/51% of our/street FY25E DPU. Beat to our estimates came from a stronger than expected retail performance. Sunway REIT should experience a stronger 2H owing to full contribution from the recently completed refurbishment at Carnival Mall as well as uplift from OPR cuts (guidance is for cost to trend towards ~3.8% from ~3.88% currently) as well as positive rental reversions. We continue to be positive on Sunway REIT owing to strong ~11% 2-year DPU CAGR. We maintain our OW rating with a revised street high Dec-26 PT of RM2.40.

Strong 1H25 performance was underpinned by 1H25 revenue/NPI rising 21.5%/20.1% YoY to RM430.3m/RM312.1m respectively. Sunway REIT benefited from the completion of refurbishment works at the existing wing of Carnival Mall in May-25 and earlier opening of the Oasis precinct at Sunway Pyramid in Nov-24. This resulted in 1H25 retail revenue/NPI jumping 31.3%/33.4% YoY to RM328.4m/RM230.9m. Earnings were also boosted by low teen retail rental reversions in 1H25 although guidance is now for mid single digit rental reversions given the potential impact from the implementation of the sales and service tax (link). On changes in electricity rates, Sunway REIT expects ~9% in savings given that some of its malls and hotels will see lower tariff rates. Only negative was ~5% YoY fall in 1H25 tenant psf given softer retail conditions. Occupancy costs remain in the low to mid teens range which still provides an opportunity to drive rents ahead.

**Hotel segment a disappointment** with 1H25 revenue/NPI dropping 14.3%/16.6% YoY to RM32.9m/RM30.5m. Sunway REIT's hotels were impacted by a 1% YoY drop in room rates and 2pts YoY fall in occupancy as it experienced a higher level of competition as well as fewer one-off events this year. The temporary closure of multiple Middle Eastern airspaces in June-25 also contributed to weaker demand.

Raise FY25-27E DPU by 1-3% on the back of stronger than expected retail segment/rents partially tempered by soft hotel performance where we lower our RevPAR assumptions. On the back of our higher DPU estimates and rolling forward our DDM to Dec-26, we raise our PT to RM2.40 from RM2.30 previously.

### Overweight

SUNW.KL, SREIT MK Price (12 Aug 25):RM2.15

▲ Price Target (Dec-26):RM2.40 Prior (Jun-26):RM2.30

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# Key Changes (FYE Dec) Prev Cur Gross DPS - 25E (RM) 0.114 0.115 Gross DPS - 26E (RM) 0.120 0.123

### Style Exposure

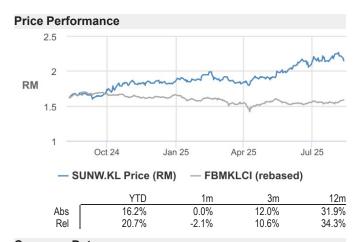
Quant	Current	)			
Factors	%Rank	6 <b>M</b>	1Y	3Y	5Y
Value	65	57	51	57	49
Growth	19	17	19	78	74
Momentum	9	24	65	11	69
Quality	30	57	40	63	92
Low Vol	17	17	26	26	9

Sources for: Style Exposure – J.P. Morgan Quantitative and Derivatives Strategy; all other tables are company data and J.P. Morgan estimates.

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Company Data	
Shares O/S (mn)	3,425
52-week range (RM)	2.32-1.59
Market cap (\$ mn)	1,739
Exchange rate	4.23
Free float (%)	50.2%
3M ADV (mn)	4.14
3M ADV (\$ mn)	2.1
Volatility (90 Day)	22
Index	FBMKLCI - FTSE BURSA MALAYSIA KLCI
BBG ANR (Buy   Hold   Sell)	11 4 1

Key Metrics (FYE Dec)				
RM in millions	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Financial Estimates				
NOI	570	640	644	654
Adj. EBITDA	518	586	591	601
FFO per share	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.13
BBG FFOPS	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.13
AFFO per share	0.01	0.08	0.08	0.09
Gross DPS	0.100	0.115	0.123	0.125
Margins and Growth				
NOI margin	74.3%	72.7%	71.9%	72.4%
NOI growth	8.1%	12.3%	0.6%	1.5%
EBITDA margin	67.5%	66.5%	66.0%	66.5%
EBITDA Growth Y/Y (%)	8.1%	13.1%	0.9%	1.6%
Ratios				
Adj. tax rate	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%
FFO payout	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0
AFFO payout	7.0	1.5	1.5	1.5
Net debt/EBITDA	8.1	6.7	7.0	7.1
ROA	3.6%	3.9%	4.2%	4.2%
ROE	6.9%	7.8%	8.2%	8.3%
Valuation				
Net debt/EV	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4
Dividend yield	4.7%	5.3%	5.7%	5.8%
EV/EBITDA	23.3	20.1	20.3	20.2
EV/Revenue	15.7	13.4	13.4	13.4
Adj. P/E	20.4	17.6	16.7	16.6
P/FFO	20.4	17.6	16.7	16.6
P/AFFO	151.3	27.8	25.6	25.3
P/ BV	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4

### **Summary Investment Thesis and Valuation**

### **Investment Thesis**

We are OW on Sunway REIT. Our positive view is underpinned by the strong positioning of Sunway Pyramid, Sunway REIT's key asset, exposure to education properties with in-built escalations, ~RM1bn worth of acquisitions and completion of Sunway Pyramid and Sunway Carnival AEI and continued growth of its hotel portfolio, which we believe position the REIT for healthy growth ahead. Combined with continued growth in retail tenant sales resulting in positive rental reversions ahead, we project a 11% two-year DPU CAGR.

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Our Dec-26 PT of RM2.40 is based on our DDM, which uses a 7.0% discount rate, a 4% risk-free rate and 2% terminal growth. Our PT implies a forward FY26E net yield of 4.6% (0.4 s.d. below mean) which we believe is justified given strong growth and gearing now at a manageable level at  $\sim$ 40%.

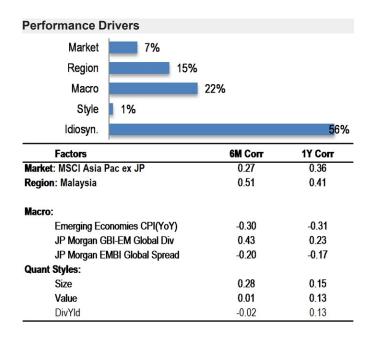




Table 1: Results

RM, year-end Dec	2Q24	1Q25	2Q25	QoQ	YoY	1H24	1H25	YoY	FY24	FY25E	YoY
				Chg	Chg			Chg			Chg
Revenue	175.6	218.9	211.4	-3.4%	20.4%	354.2	430.3	21.5%	767.1	880.5	14.8%
NPI	129.3	157.2	154.9	-1.5%	19.8%	259.8	312.1	20.1%	569.7	640.0	12.3%
Dist. Income (Avail.)	78.0	98.6	96.5	-2.1%	23.7%	160.0	195.1	21.9%	343.8	392.6	14.2%
Declared gross DPU (Mcts)	4.66	0.00	5.68	nm	21.9%	4.66	5.68	21.9%	10.00	11.46	14.6%

Source: J.P. Morgan estimates, Company data.



### Investment Thesis, Valuation and Risks

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### Risks to Rating and Price Target

Key downside risks include:

- Elevated cost of living, mortgage rates and/or removal of government subsidies negatively impacting tenant sales/retail rents.
- Competition from e-commerce negatively impacting retail malls.
- A larger-than-expected impact from new retail, office and hotel supply.
- A higher-than-expected increase in bond yields.
- Revaluation losses lifting elevated gearing.



## **Sunway REIT: Summary of Financials**

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Income Statement	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Cash Flow Statement	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Revenue	716	767	881	895	903	Cash flow from operating activities	446	544	575	596	608
COGS	(189)	(197)	(241)	(251)	(249)	o/w Depreciation & amortization	0	0	0	0	0
Net property income	527	570	640	644	654	o/w Changes in working capital	(32)	29	(8)	7	10
Adj. EBITDA D&A	479	518	586	591	601	Cook flow from investing activities	425	(4.240)	270	(400)	(4.40)
=	479	518	586	591	601	Cash flow from investing activities	<b>135</b> (200)	(1,210)	(152)	(188)	(149)
Adj. EBIT	4/9	216	200	591		o/w Capital expenditure as % of sales	28.0%	(313)	(153) 17.4%	(153) 17.1%	(153) 17.0%
Revaluation gains/(losses)	(400)	(4.5.4)	(105)	(4.47)	(452)	as % or sales	20.0%	40.8%	17.4%	17.170	17.076
Net Interest	(129)	(154)	(165) <b>421</b>	(147)	(153)	Cash flow from financing activities	(407)	530	(949)	(481)	(456)
Adj. PBT	350	365		444	448	o/w Dividends paid	(329)	(320)	(393)	(421)	(429)
Tax	(1)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)	o/w Shares issued/(repurchased)	(329)	(320)	(393)	(421)	(429)
Minority Interest Adj. Net Income	349	362	418	441	445	o/w Net debt issued/(repaid)	79	860	(360)	115	153
•	349	362				o/w Net debt issued/(repaid)	19	000	(300)	113	155
Distributable profit	349	302	418	441	445	Net change in cash	174	(136)	(104)	(73)	3
Funds from operations (FFO)	349	362	418	441	445	Net change in cash	1/7	(130)	(104)	(13)	3
Adjusted funds from operations (AFFO)	149	49	265	288	292	Adj. Free cash flow to firm	374	383	585	588	607
Adjusted fullus from operations (Air C)	143	43	203	200	232	y/y Growth	(15.0%)	2.4%	52.8%	0.5%	3.1%
Reported EPS	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.13	y/y Growan	(10.070)	2.470	02.070	0.070	0.170
Adj. EPS	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.13	Valuation	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Auj. Li o	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.15	0.13	P/FFO (x)	21.1	20.4	17.6	16.7	16.6
FFO per share	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13	0.13	P/AFFO (x)	49.5	151.3	27.8	25.6	25.3
Payout ratio (x)	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	P/E (x)	21.1	20.4	17.6	16.7	16.6
AFFO per share	0.04	0.01	0.08	0.08	0.09	P/BV (x)	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Payout ratio (x)	2.1	7.0	1.5	1.5	1.5	EV/EBITDA (x)	22.8	23.3	20.1	20.3	20.2
r dyodi ratio (x)	2.1	7.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	Dividend Yield	4.3%	4.7%	5.3%	5.7%	5.8%
DPS	0.093	0.100	0.115	0.123	0.125	Sividoria Fiola	1.070	1.1 70	0.070	0.1 70	0.070
Shares outstanding	3,425	3,425	3,425	3,425	3,425						
Balance Sheet	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	Ratio Analysis	FY23A	FY24A	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash and cash equivalents	425	290	185	112	115	NOI margin	73.6%	74.3%	72.7%	71.9%	72.4%
Accounts receivable	123	41	57	58	59	EBITDA margin	66.9%	67.5%	66.5%	66.0%	66.5%
Other current assets	0	0	0	(0)	0	EBIT margin	66.9%	67.5%	66.5%	66.0%	66.5%
Current assets	549	331	243	170	173	Net profit margin	48.7%	47.1%	47.5%	49.3%	49.3%
PP&E	-	-	_	_	-	FFO margin	48.7%	47.1%	47.5%	49.3%	49.3%
Investment properties	8,912	10,385	10,123	10,317	10,470	Ÿ					
LT investments	· -	· -	· -	· -	· -	ROE	6.7%	6.9%	7.8%	8.2%	8.3%
Other non current assets	8,990	10,472	10,210	10,404	10,557	ROA	3.7%	3.6%	3.9%	4.2%	4.2%
Total assets	9,539	10,803	10,453	10,574	10,730	ROCE	5.4%	5.5%	6.0%	6.2%	6.2%
=						Net debt/Equity	0.6	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8
Short term borrowings	1,637	1,737	1,377	1,492	1,645	Net debt/EBITDA	6.7	8.1	6.7	7.0	7.1
Payables	· -	· -	-	· -	· -						
Other short term liabilities	270	342	352	358	361	Sales/Assets (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Current liabilities	1,907	2,078	1,729	1,850	2,006	Assets/Equity (x)	1.8	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.0
Long-term debt	2,000	2,730	2,730	2,730	2,730	Interest cover (x)	3.7	3.4	3.5	4.0	3.9
Other long term liabilities	455	622	622	622	622	Operating leverage	57.7%	112.9%	88.9%	54.3%	186.9%
Total liabilities	4,362	5,430	5,081	5,202	5,358	Debt/Investment properties	38.1%	41.4%	40.0%	41.1%	42.6%
	, <del>-</del>		,		,	Tax rate	0.4%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%
Shareholders' equity	5,176	5,372	5,372	5,372	5,372						
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	Revenue y/y Growth	9.9%	7.2%	14.8%	1.7%	0.9%
Total liabilities & equity	9,539	10,803	10,453	10,574	10,730	EBITDA y/y Growth	5.7%	8.1%	13.1%	0.9%	1.6%
=						EPS y/y Growth	0.1%	3.7%	15.6%	5.6%	0.8%
BVPS	1.51	1.57	1.57	1.57	1.57						
y/y Growth	(0.2%)	3.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%						
Net debt/(cash)	3,212	4,177	3,921	4,110	4,260						
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Source: Company reports and J.P. Morgan estimates.

Note: RM in millions (except per-share data). Fiscal year ends Dec. o/w - out of which



**Price Target** 

(RM)

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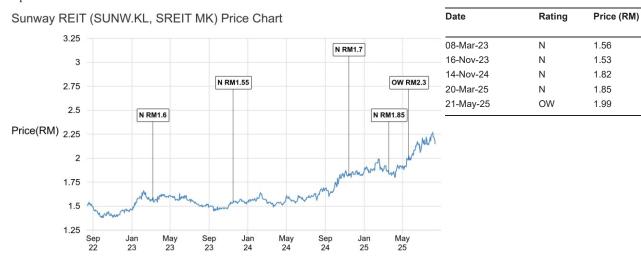
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