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#### **COMPANY RESULTS**

# **Sunway REIT (SREIT MK)**

1Q25: Results In Line; Resilient Retail Segment Ahead

SREIT reported in-line results. We expect the retail segment to remain resilient, supported by higher contributions from the new asset acquisition and reopening of Sunway Carnival Mall Phase 2. The weaker hotel occupancy in 1Q25, partially impacted by seasonality, should pick up sequentially in 2Q25. Gearing ratio is expected to stay below 40% by end-25, supported by proceeds from the opportunistic disposal of Sunway University and college campus. Maintain BUY. Target price of RM2.05.

#### 1Q25 RESULTS

Year to 31 Dec (RMm)	1Q25	4Q24	1Q24	qoq % chg	yoy % chg
Gross revenue	218.9	210.6	178.6	3.9	22.6
Retail	168.4	149.0	126.3	13.0	33.3
Hotel	16.1	27.9	19.1	(42.2)	(15.8)
Office	20.4	20.5	21.3	(0.6)	(4.1)
Others	14.0	13.1	11.9	6.4	17.8
Operating expenses	(61.7)	(55.3)	(48.0)	11.5	28.4
Net Property Income	157.2	155.3	130.5	1.2	20.4
Retail	116.8	103.5	86.9	12.8	34.4
Hotel	15.0	26.8	18.1	(44.2)	(17.5)
Office	12.4	12.4	13.9	0.1	(10.8)
Others	13.0	12.6	11.6	3.5	12.5
Core PAT	104.3	99.2	87.0	5.2	19.9
EPU (sen)	3.0	2.9	2.5	5.2	19.9
DPU (sen)	0.0	5.3	0.0	n.m.	n.m.

Source: Sunway REIT, UOB Kay

### **RESULTS**

- In line. Sunway REIT (SREIT) reported a 1Q25 revenue of RM218.9m (+3.9% qoq, +22.6% yoy) and core net profit of RM104.3m (+5.2% qoq, +19.9% yoy). The results accounted for 26% and 27% of our and consensus' full year forecasts respectively, which we deem in line with expectations.
- Gearing ratio stood at 41.8% as at end-Mar 25 (vs 41.4% as of end-24). Gearing is expected to normalise by end-25 as the AEON Seri Manjung acquisition (RM138m) and required AEIs (RM300m) will be more than offset by the disposal of Sunway University & college campus (for RM613m), which is expected to be completed in 2H25.

### **KEY FINANCIALS**

Year to 31 Dec (RMm)	2023	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	704.5	756.9	817.6	860.3	902.4
Operating profit	515.8	559.4	605.0	636.6	667.7
Net profit (rep./act.)	338.2	524.8	402.7	418.1	433.1
Net profit (adj.)	339.1	354.2	402.7	418.1	433.1
EPU (sen)	9.9	10.3	11.8	12.2	12.6
DPU (sen)	9.3	10.0	10.6	11.0	11.5
PE (x)	18.9	18.1	15.9	15.3	14.8
P/B (x)	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
DPU YId (%)	5.0	5.3	5.7	5.9	6.1
Net margin (%)	48.1	46.8	49.3	48.6	48.0
Net debt/(cash) to asset (%)	34.9	33.7	38.7	41.3	44.1
Interest cover (x)	3.7	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.5
Consensus DPU (sen)			11.0	11.5	11.8
UOBKH/Consensus (x)			1.0	1.0	1.0

Source: Sunway REIT, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

## **BUY**

## (Maintained)

Share Price	RM1.93
Target Price	RM2.05
Upside	+6.2%

#### **COMPANY DESCRIPTION**

Sunway Real Estate Investment Trust invests in retail, office, and hotel properties.

#### STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Real Estate
Bloomberg ticker:	SREIT MK
Shares issued (m):	3,424.8
Market cap (RMm):	6,609.9
Market cap (US\$m):	1,541.7
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m):	1.3

#### Price Performance (%)

52-week high/low			RM2.01/RM1.52		
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD	
3.8	(1.0)	6.6	22.9	4.3	
Major Sh	areholder	s		%	
Sunway Bl	hd			40.9	
Employees	s Provident F	und		15.8	
Kumpulan	Wang Persa		6.0		
FY25 NAV/Share (RM)					
FY25 Net I	Debt/Share (	(RM)		1.87	

#### **PRICE CHART**



Source: Bloomberg

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## STOCK IMPACT

- Retail: Growth from AEIs and acquisitions. 1Q25 retail revenue rose 33% yoy due to full-quarter rental contributions from the acquisitions of six hypermarkets (in Apr 24), Sunway 163 Mall (in Oct 24) and Sunway Kluang Mall (in Dec 24). As a result, 1Q25 net property income (NPI) margin for the retail segment rose to 69.4% (1Q24: 68.8%). Looking ahead, the quarterly NPI run rate should improve due to new acquisitions of Aeon Seri Manjung, which is expected to complete in 3Q25, and the full reopening of Sunway Carnival Phase 2 in Jun 25 (vs 50% opened currently). We understand that the monthly rental psf for this latest addition (100,000 sqft out of 770,000 sqft in total) is >20% higher than before refurbishment as it has more smaller lots. Meanwhile, Sunway 163 mall's 1Q25 annualised NPI yield was 9.4%, far exceeding its initial yield target of 6.5%, due to better management (replaced low-performing tenants) and better cost control.
- Hotel: Demand weaker in 1Q25 but expected to pick up sequentially in 2Q25. 1Q25 hotel revenue fell 16% yoy due to softer occupancy at 55% (1Q24: 60%). As a result, the hotel NPI margin shrank to 92.9% (1Q24: 94.8%) Management attributes the weaker occupancy to new competition and reduced demand for leisure and MICE activities during the Ramadan period, impacting KL hotels such as Sunway Putra. Nevertheless, it expects demand to pick up in 2Q25 based on better performance qtd and forward bookings for Jun 25.
- Office: Stable rental reversion amid oversupply. The yoy drop in 1Q25 office revenue (-4% yoy) and NPI (-11 yoy) was due to the lower occupancy rate for Sunway Putra Tower, which was highlighted previously. Management now expects the new tenant to come in by 2026, which then will lift occupancy to 80%. Office's rental reversion is expected to stay flattish amid the increasing office supply into Klang Valley in 2025 (+2.5m sqft) and 2026 (+2.3m sqft).

#### **EARNINGS REVISION/RISK**

· No change to earnings forecasts.

#### VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

• Maintain BUY with unchanged target price of RM2.05. Our DDM-based target price is based on a required rate of return of 7.5% and implied 2025F dividend yield of 5.2%. We like SREIT for its diverse and strong asset base, spearheaded by the retail and hospitality segments, mainly from international patronage. We reckon its current valuation is attractive as its forward yield spread to MGS of 2.4ppt is still above its five-year historical mean (2.0ppt).

## **ENVIRONMENTAL, SOCIAL, GOVERNANCE (ESG) UPDATES**

### Environmental

- Sunway REIT aims to achieve Net Zero Carbon Emissions by 2050.
- Established internal carbon pricing framework at RM15 per tonne of CO2e emitted.

#### Social

- Established a Sustainability Policy and a Donations, Sponsorships and Corporate Responsibility Policy to guide the execution of sustainability as well as its commitment towards contributing to the communities.
- Formed an Occupational, Health, Safety and Environment Committee at the business segment level.

#### Governance

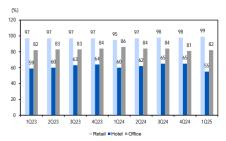
- 43% of the Board of Directors are women.
- Adopted the Anti-Bribery and Corruption Policy and Procedure, and is further supported by the existing Whistleblowing Policy and Procedures.

## **REVENUE AND NPI MARGIN**



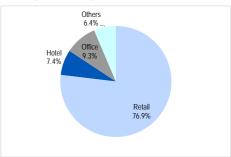
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#### **OCCUPANCY**



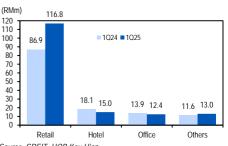
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## **REVENUE BREAKDOWN**



Source: SREIT, UOB Kay Hian

## NPI CONTRIBUTION BY SEGMENT



Source: SREIT, UOB Kay Hian



PROFIT & LOCA					DALANCE QUEET				
PROFIT & LOSS Year to 31 Dec (RMm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	BALANCE SHEET Year to 31 Dec (RMm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Net turnover	756.9	817.6	860.3	902.4	Fixed assets	10,401.5	10,671.5	10,941.5	11,211.5
EBITDA	559.4	605.0	636.6	667.7	Other LT assets	70.6	70.6	70.6	70.6
Deprec. & amort.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Cash/ST investment	289.8	261.3	234.6	209.6
EBIT	559.4	605.0	636.6	667.7	Other current assets	40.8	136.8	160.1	327.9
Total other non-operating income	(38.6)	(41.5)	(43.3)	(45.0)	Total assets	10,802.6	11,140.2	11,406.8	11,819.6
Net interest income/(expense)	(166.6)	(160.8)	(175.2)	(189.6)	ST debt	1,736.7	2,136.7	2,536.7	2,936.7
Pre-tax profit	527.7	402.7	418.1	433.1	Other current liabilities	341.7	247.8	260.7	273.4
Tax	(2.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	LT debt	2,835.5	2,835.5	2,835.5	2,835.5
Net profit	524.8	402.7	418.1	433.1	Other LT liabilities	16.6	48.2	(98.1)	(98.1)
Net profit (adj.)	354.2	402.7	418.1	433.1	Shareholders' equity	5,872.0	5,872.0	5,872.0	5,872.0
					Total liabilities & equity	10,802.6	11,140.2	11,406.8	11,819.6
CASH FLOW					KEY METRICS				
Year to 31 Dec (RMm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F	Year to 31 Dec (RMm)	2024	2025F	2026F	2027F
Operating	543.8	605.0	636.6	667.7	Profitability				
Pre-tax profit	770.8	817.6	860.3	902.4	EBITDA margin	73.9	74.0	74.0	74.0
Deprec. & amort.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Pre-tax margin	69.7	49.3	48.6	48.0
Working capital changes	(246.3)	(212.6)	(223.7)	(234.6)	Net margin	69.3	49.3	48.6	48.0
Other operating cashflows	19.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	ROA	5.3	4.0	4.1	4.1
Investing	(1,209.8)	(270.0)	(270.0)	(270.0)	ROE	9.3	7.1	7.4	7.6
Capex (maintenance)	(312.9)	(200.0)	(200.0)	(200.0)					
Investments	(911.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Growth				
Proceeds from sale of assets	(70.0)	(70.0)	(70.0)	(70.0)	Turnover	15.4	24.6	31.1	37.6
Others	84.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	EBITDA	27.9	38.3	45.5	52.6
Financing	530.5	(363.5)	(393.3)	(422.7)	Pre-tax profit	171.1	106.9	114.8	122.5
Distribution to unitholders	(319.9)	(402.7)	(418.1)	(433.1)	Net profit	168.4	106.0	113.9	121.6
Issue of shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net profit (adj.)	4.5	13.7	3.8	3.6
Proceeds from borrowings	7,179.0	200.0	200.0	200.0	EPU	4.5	13.7	3.8	3.6
Loan repayment	(6,318.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Others/interest paid	(10.0)	(160.8)	(175.2)	(189.6)	Leverage				
Net cash inflow (outflow)	(135.5)	(28.5)	(26.7)	(25.0)	Debt to total capital	77.9	84.7	91.5	98.3
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	425.3	289.8	261.3	234.6	Debt to equity	77.9	84.7	91.5	98.3
Changes due to forex impact	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net debt/(cash) to equity	72.9	80.2	87.5	94.7
Ending cash & cash equivalent	289.8	261.3	234.6	209.6	Interest cover (x)	3.4	3.8	3.6	3.5

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