

## **Singapore** Company Update

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# **CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust** (CICT SP)

## Neutral (Maintained)

### **Risk-Rewards Finely Balanced**

Target Price (Return): SGD2.00 (-1.8%)
Price (Market Cap): SGD2.04 (USD10,205m)
ESG score: 3.3 (out of 4)
Avg Daily Turnover (SGD/USD) 30.9m/23.1m

• Stay NEUTRAL with unchanged TP at SGD2.00, 2% downside. CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust reported in-line 1H results. Operational metrics slightly surprised on the upside with healthy retail rent reversions and improvement in overseas assets. Moving into 2H, operational cost pressures are expected to taper off, but interest cost is expected to see a slight increase. CICT has gearing on the high side, with equity fund-raising a possibility, coupled with acquisitions. Overall, we recommend buying on dips, with large divestments and a rate pause as key catalysts, and the onset of a recession as a key risk.

#### Analyst

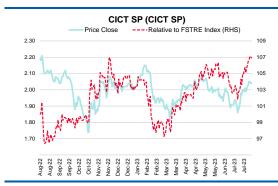
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• 1H DPU up 2% YoY aided by better performance from Singapore and contributions from acquisition, partially offset by higher financing costs (+47% YoY) and utility expenses. In 2H utility costs are expected to come off by c.16%, resulting in slightly higher margins, but we expect average interest cost to rise 10-20bps in 2H offsetting the impact; c.78% of its debt is currently fixed and every 100bps increase should result in c.3% DPU decline from the unhedged portion. In 1H, CICT received a one-off government grant income of SGD34.4m in relation to the construction of the underground pedestrian link at Funan. Based on management's internal assessment, portfolio value remains largely stable, with slightly better valuations in Singapore offsetting weakness in overseas assets.

#### **Share Performance (%)**

	YTD	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	0.0	6.8	0.5	(3.3)	(6.9)
Relative	2.4	4.7	4.0	5.1	6.9
52-wk Price low	/high (SGD)			1.74	- 2.21

• Remains positive on retail; slightly cautious on office outlook. Retail portfolio occupancy rose 0.2ppts QoQ to 98.7% with rent reversions strengthening to 6.9% for 1H (1Q: 6%) supported by healthy tenant sales which are c.8% higher than pre-COVID-19 levels. The ongoing asset enhancements at CQ@Clarke Quay are expected to be completed later this year, with committed occupancy currently at 85% and expected to rise further. Office occupancy rose 0.6ppts QoQ to 95.4% mainly from overseas assets: i) At 66 Goulburn Street in Sydney which saw good demand for its new fitted-out suites and ii) MAC in Frankfurt. Rent reversions for Singapore office are expected to moderate amidst slowing demand and higher supply. Gallileo, Frankfurt will undergo a major asset enhancement for 18 months from Jan 2024, with significant capex expected and no income contribution from the asset (c.1.5% NPI) during this period. CICT is currently in discussion with a large financial services tenant who plans to take up most of the space in Gallileo, post completion.



• Gearing on the high side at 40.4%. We believe there is a possibility of equity fund-raising in the near term, that could be coupled with a potential acquisition of balance interest in CapitaSpring from the sponsor.

Source: Bloomberg

 High ESG score of 3.3 (out of 4.0). As this score is three notches above our country median score, we have applied a 6% ESG premium. Our FY24/25F DPU estimates are fine-tuned by +1%.

### Overall ESG Score: 3.3 (out of 4)

#### E: EXCELLENT

96% of CICT's portfolio has achieved green rating. GRESB 5-star rating. The group has set a 2030 target to reduce carbon emission, energy and water intensity by 78%,35% and 45% compared to 2008 levels and on track to achieve it

#### S: GOOD

CICT premises implemented various safety measures such as anti-microbial coating technology, protective acrylic screens, autonomous UV disinfection robots etc., to keep premises safe and minimize COVID-19 outbreak. High level of community engagements. In 2020, 18.5% of CICT employees attended Environment Health and Safety (EHS) related training clocking over 1,750 training hours.

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1.2	G: GOOD

Well established corporate governance framework and culture with 5 independent directors and 3 non-independent directors. Good diversified board members with 7 of its 8 members having been part of the board for <3 years.

Forecasts and Valuation	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Total turnover (SGDm)	1,305	1,442	1,486	1,509	1,544
Net property income (SGDm)	951	1,043	1,082	1,098	1,120
Reported net profit (SGDm)	1,084	727	714	781	779
Total distributable income (SGDm)	689	714	727	734	745
DPS (SGD)	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
DPS growth (%)	82.2	2.0	1.3	0.5	1.2
P/B (x)	0.97	0.95	0.96	0.96	0.96
Dividend Yield (%)	5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3
Return on average equity (%)	8.1	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.5
Return on average assets (%)	4.8	3.1	2.9	3.1	3.1

Source: Company data, RHB

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**CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust** 

CICT SP Neutral

### Valuation basis

#### Key drivers

- I. Largest retail cum office REIT in Singapore benefitting from scale and diversification;
- II. Good quality assets and management team; and III. Strong Sponsor and asset pipeline

#### Key risks

- I. Continued spike in interest rates and economy falling
- II. Structural headwinds facing office & retail sector; and III. Weak overseas market performance.

#### **Company Profile**

CapitaLand Integrated Commercial Trust (CICT) is the first and largest real estate investment trust (REIT) listed on Singapore Exchange Securities Trading Limited (SGX-ST). It debuted on SGX-ST as CapitaLand Mall Trust in July 2002 and was renamed CICT in November 2020 following the merger with CapitaLand Commercial Trust. CICT owns and invests in quality income-producing assets primarily used for commercial (including retail and/or office) purpose, located predominantly in Singapore.

Financial summary	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Recurring EPS (SGD)	0.17	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.12
EPS (SGD)	0.17	0.11	0.11	0.12	0.12
DPS (SGD)	0.10	0.11	0.11	0.11	0.11
BVPS (SGD)	2.11	2.16	2.12	2.13	2.13
Return on average equity (%)	8.1	5.2	5.0	5.5	5.5
Weighted avg adjusted shares (m)	6,489.94	6,626.12	6,646.70	6,669.95	6,693.64

Valuation metrics		Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Recurring P/E (x)		12.21	20.17	19.00	17.43	17.54
P/E (x)		12.21	18.59	19.00	17.43	17.54
P/B (x)		1.0	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0
FCF Yield (%)		6.6	6.5	9.3	8.2	7.5
Dividend Yield (%)		5.1	5.2	5.3	5.3	5.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	-	0.81 -	1.31 -	1.11 -	1.13 -	1.09
EV/EBIT (x)	-	0.81 -	1.32 -	1.11 -	1.13 -	1.09

Income statement (SGDm)	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Total turnover	1,305	1,442	1,486	1,509	1,544
EBITDA	868	952	986	1,001	1,021
Depreciation and amortisation	(5)	(4)	0	0	0
Operating profit	863	948	986	1,001	1,021
Net interest	(171)	(227)	(320)	(328)	(350)
Income from associates & JVs	140	42	54	57	58
Exceptional income - net	0	57	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	1,103	731	721	789	789
Taxation	(19)	(4)	(7)	(8)	(10)
Recurring net profit	1,084	670	714	781	779

Cash flow (SGDm)	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Change in working capital	(51)	54	175	18	(77)
Cash flow from operations	969	1,009	1,256	1,115	1,023
Capex	(94)	(127)	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing activities	213	221	10	10	10
Dividends paid	(448)	(685)	(723)	(730)	(740)
Cash flow from financing activities	(902)	(248)	(1,253)	(1,100)	(1,005)
Cash at beginning of period	184	365	248	258	279
Net change in cash	279	982	13	25	27
Ending balance cash	463	1,347	262	283	306

Balance sheet (SGDm)	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Total cash and equivalents	365	248	258	279	301
Tangible fixed assets	6	5	5	5	5
Total investments	21,751	24,106	24,228	24,411	24,595
Total other assets	222	226	217	235	254
Total assets	22,742	24,667	24,853	25,080	25,282
Short-term debt	595	1,155	800	700	500
Total long-term debt	7,583	8,430	9,033	9,253	9,628
Total liabilities	9,046	10,387	10,750	10,885	11,010
Shareholders' equity	13,696	14,279	14,103	14,194	14,272
Total equity	13,696	14,279	14,103	14,194	14,272
Net debt	7,812	9,337	9,576	9,674	9,827
Total liabilities & equity	22,742	24,667	24,853	25,080	25,282

Key metrics	Dec-21	Dec-22	Dec-23F	Dec-24F	Dec-25F
Revenue growth (%)	75.1	10.5	3.0	1.6	2.4
Recurrent EPS growth (%)	0.0	(39.5)	6.2	9.0	(0.6)
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	66.5	66.0	66.4	66.3	66.1
Net profit margin (%)	83.1	50.4	48.0	51.8	50.4
Dividend payout ratio (%)	62.2	96.6	100.0	92.1	93.8
Capex/sales (%)	7.2	8.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest cover (x)	4.55	3.91	2.99	2.96	2.84

Source: Company data, RHB



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Figure 1: CICT's DDM valuation

	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F	FY26F	Terminal value
DPU (SG cents)	10.73	10.79	10.91	11.27	203.05
Fair value (SGD)	1.89				
ESG Premium/discount	0.11				
Target Price	2.00				
Current price (SGD)	2.04				
Price upside (%)	(1.8)				
Distribution yield (%)	5.3				
Total Returns (%)	3.5				
<u>Assumptions</u>					
Risk-free rate (%)	2.8				
Beta	0.8				
Cost of equity (%)	7.4				
Terminal growth (%)	1.8				

Source: RHB

Figure 2: Revenue breakdown by market and asset class

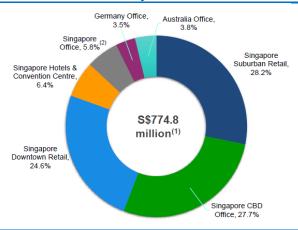
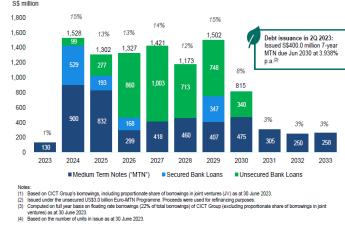


Figure 3: Well spread debt maturity profile



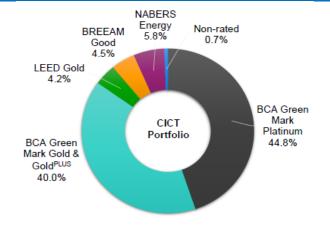
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Figure 4: No tenant concentration risks

Ranking	Top 10 Tenants for June 2023	% of Total Gross Rent	Trade Sector
1	RC Hotels (Pte) Ltd	5.4	Hotel
2	WeWork Singapore Pte. Ltd.	2.4(2)	Real Estate and Property Services
3	NTUC Enterprise Co-Operative Ltd	1.9	Supermarket / Beauty & Health / Services / Food & Beverage / Education / Warehouse
4	GIC Private Limited	1.9	Financial Services
5	Temasek Holdings	1.8	Financial Services
6	Commerzbank A.G. <sup>(3)</sup>	1.7	Banking
7	Cold Storage Singapore (1983) Pte Ltd	1.4	Supermarket / Beauty & Health / Services / Warehouse
8	The Work Project (Commercial) Pte. Ltd.	1.3	Real Estate and Property Services
9	Breadtalk Group Limited	1.2	Food & Beverage
10	Mizuho Bank, Ltd	1.0	Banking
	Top 10 Tenants' contribution	20.0	

Source: Company data

Figure 5: CICT has a portfolio of highly green-rated assets



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## **Recommendation Chart**

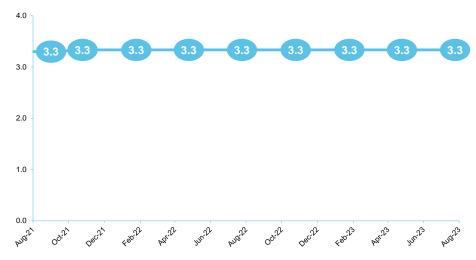


Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2023-02-01	Neutral	2.00	2.11
2022-10-24	Buy	2.00	1.74
2022-07-28	Neutral	2.30	2.13
2022-03-28	Neutral	2.35	2.23
2022-01-30	Buy	2.20	1.94
2021-12-07	Neutral	2.20	2.05
2021-10-24	Neutral	2.20	2.13
2021-07-28	Neutral	2.10	2.11
2021-01-21	Neutral	2.10	2.30

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## **ESG** Rating History



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