

Singapore Company Update

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Singapore Exchange (SGX SP)

Market Statistics For Jun 2022; NEUTRAL

- NEUTRAL, new SGD10.70 TP from SGD10.40, 11% upside, as we lift FY22-24F (Jun) earnings by 2-3% following higher-than-expected securities daily average value (SDAV) data for June and 4QFY22. Although Singapore Exchange's June market statistics pointed to a MoM drop, with SDAV and derivatives daily average volume (DDAV) falling 23% and 9%, the implied 4QFY22 SDAV was higher than our estimate. We maintain NEUTRAL, as its forward P/E is in line with the historical average despite the expectation of earnings growth in FY23-24.
- FY22 securities market turnover came in ahead of, and derivatives turnover came in line with, our estimates. Although SGX's June 2022 SDAV of SGD1,165m decreased 4% YoY and 23% MoM, it brought the FY22 SDAV to SGD1,273m, which was c.4% higher than our estimate of SGD1,219m. Trading activity for derivatives rose strongly in June, with DDAV increasing 24% YoY but down 9% MoM to 1.1m contracts. The higher trading activity was due to the sustained volatility in global markets, which drove the institutional demand for portfolio risk management.
- Our FY22 estimate is still above the Street forecast. We expect SGX to report SGD640m in EBITDA and SGD459m in profit for FY22 in its upcoming results announcement – higher than the Street estimates of SGD611m and SGD438m. Our revenue estimate of SGD1,109m is also higher than the consensus estimate of SGD1,094m.
- Forward P/E is in line with the historical average. SGX's FY23F P/E is in line with its historical average and offers a modest yield of 3.3% (STI's yield is +4%). Our TP is based on a target P/E of 22x FY23F EPS, in line with its historical average P/E. We view our target P/E as reasonable given the expectation of a modest rise in profits in FY23F. The TP includes an ESG premium of 8% over its fair value of SGD9.90.
- Including earnings and TP sensitivity on FY23 estimates. As the uncertain macroeconomic environment could persist well beyond current fiscal year (ie FY22) for SGX and could further boost its earnings, we have included the FY23F earnings and TP sensitivity analysis in Figure 1 and Figure 2.
- **Risks.** Downside risks: i) Higher than estimated operating costs for FY22F getting reported in upcoming results; ii) a slower ramp-up in revenue contributions from acquisitions. Upside risks: i) Higher-than-estimated SDAV from the potential pipeline of exchange traded funds, REITs, and special purpose acquisition company listings; and ii) continued global macroeconomic uncertainties leading to higher derivatives volumes.

Forecasts and Valuation	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22F	Jun-23F	Jun-24F
Total turnover (SGDm)	1,053	1,056	1,109	1,159	1,211
Recurring net profit (SGDm)	473	445	459	486	519
Recurring net profit growth (%)	20.9	(5.8)	3.1	5.9	6.7
Recurring P/E (x)	21.87	23.21	22.50	21.25	19.91
P/B (x)	8.3	7.5	6.9	6.2	5.6
P/CF (x)	16.56	18.70	21.88	18.28	17.41
Dividend Yield (%)	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	14.43	14.42	13.74	12.79	11.87
Return on average equity (%)	40.5	33.9	31.8	30.7	29.6
Net debt to equity (%)	net cash				

Source: Company data, RHB

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Neutral (Maintained)

Target Price (Return):	SGD10.70 (+11%)
Price (Market Cap):	SGD9.66 (USD7,342m)
ESG score:	3.40 (out of 4)
Avg Daily Turnover (SGD/USD)	20.0m/14.5m

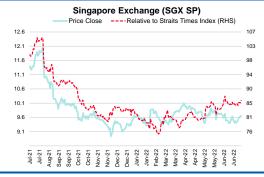
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Share Performance (%)

	YTD	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	3.9	0.8	(3.2)	0.1	(15.3)
Relative	3.7	1.1	3.2	4.1	(14.1)
52-wk Price low/h	nigh (SGD)			8.93	3 – 12.1



Source: Bloomberg

Overall ESG Score: 3.40 (out of 4) E: EXCELLENT

SGX is a component of the Bloomberg ESG Data Index and MSCI World ESG Leader Index. One initiative in FY2020 was the purchase of Renewable Energy Certificates to offset its electricity consumption for the year. Employees are encouraged to adopt digital practices to conserve paper usage. Only 100% recyclable paper products are used and these are sourced from certified suppliers who are committed to zero deforestation.

S: GOOD

SGX rolled out a SGD5m package in Mar 2020 for support and relief measures when the pandemic first broke out. Part of the funds are being used to support Singaporelisted companies, including a grant for qualifying issuers to help them facilitate virtual AGMs. It also donated SGD1.5m to support national healthcare and community programmes.

G: EXCELLENT

SGX complies with the provisions of the Code of Corporate Governance 2018, as well as the Securities and Futures (Corporate Governance of Approved Exchanges, Approved Clearing Houses and Approved Holding Companies) Regulations 2005 (SFR 2005). It ranked 4th in Singapore Governance & Transparency Index 2019.



Financial Exhibits

Asia	Financial summary (SGD)	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22F	Jun-23F	Jun-24F
Singapore	Recurring EPS	0.44	0.42	0.43	0.45	0.49
Financial Services	DPS	0.31	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32
Singapore Exchange	BVPS	1.16	1.29	1.41	1.55	1.72
SGX SP	Return on average equity (%)	40.5	33.9	31.8	30.7	29.6
Neutral						
	Valuation metrics	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22F	Jun-23F	Jun-24F
Valuation basis	Recurring P/E (x)	21.87	23.21	22.50	21.25	19.91
	P/B (x)	8.3	7.5	6.9	6.2	5.6
We use a P/E valuation, as its share price is sensitive to near-term earnings volatility.	FCF Yield (%)	5.7	4.9	3.9	4.9	5.2
o near-term earnings volatility.	Dividend Yield (%)	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Key drivers	EV/EBITDA (x)	14.43	14.42	13.74	12.79	11.87
-	EV/EBIT (x)	16.72	16.99	16.19	15.01	13.77
Our FY22F earnings forecast is most sensitive to changes in:						
i. Total securities trading volume;	Income statement (SGDm)	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22F	Jun-23F	Jun-24F
ii. Total derivatives trading volume;	Total turnover	1,053	1,056	1,109	1,159	1,211
iii. Effective trading and clearing rates.	Gross profit	1,053	1,056	1,109	1,159	1,211
	EBITDA	657	625	640	674	709
(ey risks	Depreciation and amortisation	(90)	(95)	(97)	(100)	(98)
Key downside risks to our call include:	Operating profit	567	531	543	574	611
i. Lower-than-expected securities market	Net interest	13	13	9	11	12
turnover;	Pre-tax profit	572	536	554	586	626
ii. Lower-than-expected trading in derivative	Taxation	(99)	(91)	(94)	(99)	(106)
contracts;	Reported net profit	473	445	459	486	519
iii. Lower-than-expected clearing and trading rate.	Recurring net profit	473	445	459	486	519
The converse represents upside risks.	Cash flow (SGDm)	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22F	Jun-23F	Jun-24F
	Change in working capital	25	27	(64)	2	3
Company Profile	Cash flow from operations	624	553	472	565	594
Singapore Exchange is a multi-asset exchange	Capex	(35)	(45)	(65)	(60)	(60)
nanaging equity, fixed income and derivatives	Cash flow from investing activities	(314)	(198)	(46)	(38)	(36)
narkets. It provides listing, trading, clearing,	Dividends paid	(321)	(342)	(342)	(342)	(342)
ettlement, depository and data services	Cash flow from financing activities	(70)	(210)	(203)	(354)	(354)
	Cash at beginning of period	667	907	1,060	1,284	1,458
	Net change in cash	240	145	224	174	204
	Ending balance cash	907	1,060	1,284	1,458	1,661
	Balanco shoot (SGDm)	lun-20	lun-21	lun-22E	lun-22E	lun-24E
	Balance sheet (SGDm)	Jun-20	Jun-21	Jun-22F	Jun-23F	Jun-24F
	Total cash and equivalents	956	1,101	1,325	1,499	1,702
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Source: Company data, RHB



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Sensitivity Analysis

Figure 1: FY23F earnings sensitivity to SDAV and DDAV

					DDAV (m)			
		0.85	0.90	0.95	1.02	1.05	1.10	1.15
	1,130	393	411	430	455	466	485	503
	1,180	404	422	440	466	477	495	514
	1,230	414	433	451	476	488	506	524
SDAV (SGDm)	1,277	424	443	461	486	498	516	534
	1,330	436	454	472	498	509	527	546
	1,380	446	465	483	508	520	538	556
	1,430	457	475	494	519	530	549	567

Source: Company data, RHB

Figure 2: TP sensitivity to SADV and ADC

					DDAV (m)			
		0.85	0.90	0.95	1.02	1.05	1.10	1.15
	1,130	8.60	9.00	9.40	9.90	10.20	10.60	11.00
	1,180	8.90	9.20	9.60	10.20	10.50	10.80	11.20
	1,230	9.10	9.50	9.80	10.50	10.70	11.00	11.40
SDAV (SGDm)	1,277	9.30	9.70	10.00	10.70	10.90	11.30	11.70
	1,330	9.50	9.90	10.40	10.90	11.10	11.60	12.00
	1,380	9.70	10.20	10.60	11.10	11.30	11.80	12.20
	1,430	10.00	10.40	10.80	11.30	11.60	12.00	12.40

Source: Company data, RHB



Recommendation Chart



Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2022-05-26	Neutral	10.4	9.8
2022-03-29	Neutral	10.0	9.8
2022-01-18	Neutral	9.8	9.5
2021-12-09	Neutral	10.3	9.5
2021-09-12	Neutral	11.1	10.2
2021-08-05	Neutral	11.1	11.3
2021-06-22	Buy	12.3	11.0
2021-01-24	Buy	11.6	10.1
2020-12-03	Buy	10.3	9.1
2020-08-26	Buy	9.5	8.6
2020-08-03	Buy	9.2	8.5
2020-06-29	Buy	9.2	8.1
2020-06-24	Buy	9.2	8.1
2020-05-27	Neutral	8.6	8.8
2020-04-24	Neutral	9.7	9.6

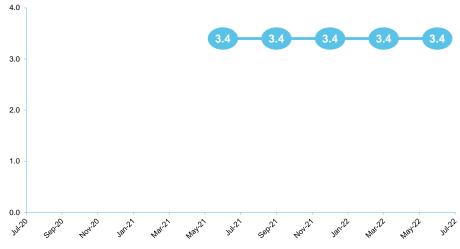
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ESG Rating History



Source: RHB



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