

# **Singapore Company Update**

6 April 2022

# Communications | Telecommunications

# Singtel (ST SP)

# **Buy** (Maintained)

# **Sharper Execution And Recovery; Keep BUY**

Target Price (Return): SGD3.37 (+28%)
Price (Market Cap): SGD2.64 (USD32,109m)
ESG score: 3.60 (out of 4)
Avg Daily Turnover (SGD/USD) 79.7m/58.9m

Maintain BUY and SOP-based TP of SGD3.37, 28% upside and c.4% FY23F (Mar) yield. We see a strong turnaround for Singtel's mobile business from the reopening of borders and further value unlocking from its capital recycling and portfolio optimisation programmes. The stock is the best performing ASEAN-4 telco YTD with its latent value progressively realised from sharper execution. Singtel scores highly in our in-house ESG benchmark (baked into our TP). Downside risks: Competition and weaker-than-expected earnings.

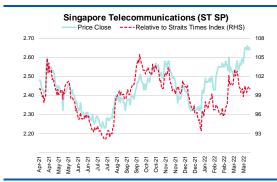
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- Capital reallocation (SGD2bn target) and value unlocking exercises resonating well with the market. The strategic business reset (unveiled in May 2021) has seen management executing on a series of value accretive exercises over the past eight months. This includes the unlocking of value of infrastructure assets and capital recycling (sale of Australian Tower Network, regional data centre investments, monetisation of its Singapore HQ and stake in Airtel Africa, amongst others) and the expansion of its ASEAN B2B footprint via organic/inorganics means. The group has also streamlined its mobile advertising arm (Amobee) and cyber-security outfit (Trustwave) with a potential divestment of a strategic stake in the former still on the cards. In our view, the stock's 14% price gain YTD suggests the overall transformation narrative is resonating well with investors.

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

	YTD	1m	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	13.8	5.2	12.8	7.3	8.2
Relative	4.4	(0.7)	5.4	(3.3)	0.8
52-wk Price low/high (SGD)				2.23	- 2.66

Aussie enterprise business now a force to be reckoned with. With two major acquisitions in a span of weeks, Singtel's Australian enterprise business (under wholly-owned NCS) has seen its headcount surge by over 3x to 1,900 with a presence across most states. Dialog Group – Australia's largest privately-owned IT outfit acquired for AUD325m – is EBIT accretive from the outset and boasts a lucrative Tier-1 clientele base in the public sector, healthcare, transportation, financial services and technology segments. The recent acquisition of ARQ Group (AUD290m) has deepened its cloud and digital capabilities Down Under with a complete suite of digital enterprise offerings. Gartner Research has projected a market value of AUD39bn in 2022 (+6.1%) for IT services while IDC expects that digital services in the Asia-Pacific region will grow at a CAGR of 14.6% from 2020-2025, reaching USD171bn in 2025. We see good revenue upside from scale benefits and cost synergies. This should allow Singtel to fortify its Australia enterprise business and capture stronger ICT growth opportunities in the Asia-Pacific region.



Source: Bloomberg

• Stronger FY23F in order. We see group consumer mobile revenue posting stronger YoY growth in the March quarter (4QFY22) from the recovery in roaming and prepaid revenues as border controls are relaxed. The reopening of the Singapore-Malaysia border effective 1 Apr should further bolster inbound/outbound roaming revenues given the huge number of daily commutes between both countries and the route making up a sizeable share to overall roaming revenue. We note that Singtel's roaming revenue made-up c.20% of mobile service revenue pre-pandemic but this has since slipped to mid-single digit levels due to travel restrictions and lockdowns over the past two years.

### Overall ESG Score: 3.60 (out of 4)

# E: GOOD

Singtel is committed to keeping global temperature increases within 1.5°C and reaching net-zero emissions by 2050 and a 25% renewable energy target by 2025. The company actively participates in the GSM Association (GSMA) Board and its Climate Action Committee to lead the industry on a science-based sector-specific decarbonisation pathway.

#### S: EXCELLENT

Actively pushes for digital enablement with various key programmes that targets different segments of society and their needs. Singtel invests significantly in its employees' training and development programmes to build a future-ready workforce, and their gender diversity efforts have been constantly recognised by external parties including being listed in the Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index.

## G: EXCELLENT

The Board is made up of 12 Directors of which 84% are independent, and 25% are women. There is full disclosure of director remuneration including salaries and bonuses on a named basis. Singtel regularly provides corporate updates to the investment community, embodying good transparency and disclosure practices.

Forecasts and Valuation	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Total turnover (SGDm)	16,542	15,644	15,370	15,692	16,165
Recurring net profit (SGDm)	2,455	1,733	2,084	2,535	2,747
Recurring net profit growth (%)	(13.1)	(29.4)	20.3	21.6	8.4
Recurring P/E (x)	17.15	24.29	20.20	16.61	15.33
P/B (x)	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.4
P/CF (x)	5.86	6.50	6.55	6.04	5.84
Dividend Yield (%)	4.8	2.9	3.5	3.9	4.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	12.18	14.15	14.34	12.55	11.84
Return on average equity (%)	8.7	6.5	7.7	9.1	9.5
Net debt to equity (%)	49.1	45.7	44.5	42.4	40.2

Source: Company data, RHB

# **Financial Exhibits**

Asia Singapore Communications Singtel ST SP Buy

#### Valuation basis

SOP

### Key drivers

- i. Stronger earnings recovery;ii. Cost efficiencies,
- iii. Revenue opportunities within the enterprise segment;
  iv. Unlocking of asset values.

#### Key risks

- i. Stronger-than-expected mobile competition;ii. Higher-than-expected capex;
- iii. Currency volatility.

## **Company Profile**

Singtel is the largest integrated telecommunications group in the Asia Pacific with class leading mobile assets in Singapore, Australia, India, Indonesia, Thailand and Philippines, amongst others

Recurring EPS	I summary (SGD)	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
BVPS         1.68         1.66         1.72         1.78           Return on average equity (%)         8.7         6.5         7.7         9.1           Valuation metrics         Mar-20         Mar-21         Mar-22F         Mar-23F           Recurring P/E (x)         17.15         24.29         20.20         16.61           P/B (x)         1.6         1.6         1.5         1.5           FCF Yield (%)         12.2         10.1         9.6         11.6           Dividend Yield (%)         4.8         2.9         3.5         3.9           EV/EBITOA (x)         12.18         14.15         14.34         12.55           EV/EBIT (x)         28.21         47.28         46.34         33.49           Income statement (SGDm)         Mar-20         Mar-21         Mar-22F         Mar-23F           Income statement (SGDm)         Mar-20         Mar-21         Mar-23F         Mar-23F	EPS	0.15	0.11	0.13	0.16	0.17
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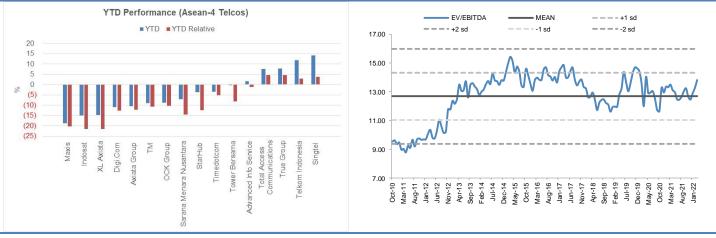
Key metrics	Mar-20	Mar-21	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Revenue growth (%)	(4.8)	(5.4)	(1.8)	2.1	3.0
Recurrent EPS growth (%)	(13.1)	(29.4)	20.3	21.6	8.4
Gross margin (%)	26.4	23.6	23.3	26.2	27.0
Operating EBITDA margin (%)	27.5	24.5	24.6	27.5	28.2
Net profit margin (%)	14.8	11.1	13.6	16.2	17.0
Dividend payout ratio (%)	81.5	70.7	70.5	64.4	65.4
Capex/sales (%)	12.3	14.2	15.6	13.4	13.0
Interest cover (x)	6.95	2.90	3.06	4.07	4.23

Source: Company data, RHB



Figure 1: Singtel is the best performing telco YTD among the ASEAN-4 telcos

Figure 2: Singtel's 1-year forward EV/EBITDA valuation



Source: Company data, RHB

Source: Bloomberg, RHB

# **Recommendation Chart**



Date	Recommendation	Target Price	Price
2021-10-04	Buy	3.37	2.46
2021-07-13	Buy	3.00	2.29
2021-05-27	Buy	3.30	2.45
2020-10-01	Buy	3.10	2.15
2020-08-18	Buy	3.20	2.35
2020-02-14	Neutral	3.45	3.22
2019-11-15	Neutral	3.50	3.18
2019-07-23	Neutral	3.40	3.52
2019-05-15	Neutral	3.35	3.13
2019-03-11	Neutral	3.09	2.93
2018-11-09	Neutral	3.22	3.10

Source: RHB, Bloomberg

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Share price may exceed 10% over the next 12 months

Share price may exceed 15% over the next 3 months, however longer-**Trading Buy:** 

term outlook remains uncertain

Neutral: Share price may fall within the range of +/- 10% over the next

12 months

Target price has been attained. Look to accumulate at lower levels **Take Profit:** Share price may fall by more than 10% over the next 12 months Stock is not within regular research coverage Sell:

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