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## City Developments (CIT SP)

### On The Right Course

**Buy** (Maintained)

Target Price (Return): SGD9.75 (+18%)  
 Price (Market Cap): SGD8.29 (USD5,502m)  
 ESG score: 3.30 (out of 4)  
 Avg Daily Turnover (SGD/USD) 13.2m/9.38m

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- **Stay BUY and SGD9.75 TP, 18% upside and c.2% FY23F yield.** 3Q business updates were in line and showed continued pickup across all three market segments. City Development's strategy of deleveraging its non-core assets over last two years has placed it in a relatively better balance sheet position amid rising interest rates. Key earnings drivers continue to be its healthy unbilled sales from Singapore residential projects and hospitality segment recovery. Despite YTD share price outperformance (+22%), the stock remains undervalued at c.50% discount to RNAV.

- **Development portfolio well positioned despite rising rates and cooling measures.** Residential sales in Singapore projects remained strong with Copen Grand executive condominium (EC) (50% stake) fully sold out since its launch in October, adding an estimated c.SGD0.5bn in presales revenue. With this, we estimate CIT has unbilled residential sales revenue of c.SGD5bn that can be recognised over the next three years. CDL has also recently won another EC project at Bukit Batok West Avenue 5 in September, which should see similar strong demand considering the EC segment is relatively less impacted by cooling measures and interest rates (deferred payment options). It also has four residential projects (>1,000 units), which are expected to be gradually rolled out in 2023-2024.

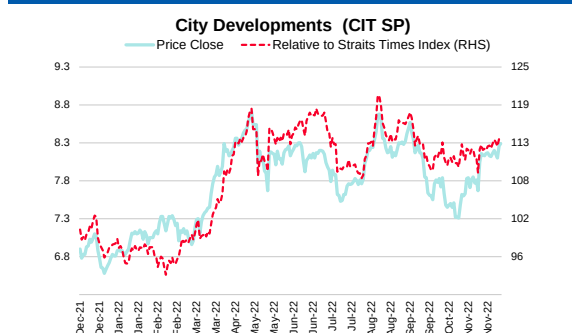
- **Sharp recovery in the hospitality segment to continue in 4Q.** 3Q revenue per available room (RevPAR) for its hospitality portfolio jumped 89% YoY and was up 43% vs 1H, boosted by occupancy and room rate increase across all markets. The Singapore, UK, and US markets, which account for the majority of its hospitality portfolio, were the best performers with RevPAR (3Q) rising 167%, 165% and 60% YoY. Overall gross margins also rose 14ppts to 36.2% indicating that revenue growth well exceeded inflation pressures. Near-term outlook remains positive despite an anticipated slowdown in 2H23.

- **Fund management's assets under management (AUM) less likely to hit USD5bn target by 2023.** Management noted that it has paused plans for a UK commercial REIT IPO in Singapore. With the sharp rise in interest rates, we see less chance of it being listed as a REIT by 2023. Fund management's AUM as of 1H stood at USD2.9bn, and we believe it is challenging to achieve the USD5bn target by end-2023. On the balance sheet front, the group's gearing has been lowered to 0.52x (including investment properties at a fair value) providing SGD1-2bn debt headroom to tap into market opportunities arising from current market uncertainties.

- **No changes to our estimates, ESG score of 3.3 out of 4.0** – based on our proprietary in-house methodology. As this ESG score is three notches above our country median, we apply a 6% premium to derive our TP.

#### Share Performance (%)

|                            | YTD  | 1m  | 3m    | 6m          | 12m  |
|----------------------------|------|-----|-------|-------------|------|
| Absolute                   | 21.7 | 9.1 | 1.5   | 0.9         | 18.1 |
| Relative                   | 16.4 | 1.5 | (0.1) | (0.7)       | 9.9  |
| 52-wk Price low/high (SGD) |      |     |       | 6.58 – 8.71 |      |



Source: Bloomberg

#### Overall ESG Score: 3.30 (out of 4)

##### E: EXCELLENT

Pledged net zero operational carbon by 2030 through the signing of World Green Building Council's Net Zero Carbon Buildings Commitment. Achieved 44% reduction in carbon emissions intensity against 2007 levels. Top real estate company in 2021 Global 100 Most Sustainable Corporations in the World.

##### S: EXCELLENT

CDL was awarded one of the "Best Companies to Work for in Asia" by HR Asia Magazine in 2020. CIT has been the only real estate company in Singapore to be included in the sector-neutral Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index (GEI), and is one of six Singapore companies listed on the 2021 index.

##### G: GOOD

While CIT has been transparent in its earnings updates. Resignation of four directors in 2020 due to disagreements over Sincere investments as well as relative lack of information on events that culminated to Sincere's eventual failure have raised some governance concerns. The group has since made some changes and raised its governance framework.

| Forecasts and Valuation         | Dec-20  | Dec-21 | Dec-22F | Dec-23F | Dec-24F |
|---------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total turnover (SGDm)           | 2,108   | 2,626  | 3,247   | 3,609   | 4,027   |
| Recurring net profit (SGDm)     | (1,917) | 98     | 393     | 460     | 580     |
| Recurring net profit growth (%) | (439.6) | -      | 302.3   | 17.2    | 26.0    |
| Recurring EPS (SGD)             | -       | 2.11   | 0.11    | 0.43    | 0.51    |
| DPS (SGD)                       | 0.12    | 0.12   | 0.18    | 0.20    | 0.20    |
| Recurring P/E (x)               | na      | 77.19  | 19.18   | 16.37   | 13.00   |
| P/B (x)                         | 0.89    | 0.90   | 0.88    | 0.85    | 0.81    |
| Dividend Yield (%)              | 1.4     | 1.4    | 2.2     | 2.4     | 2.4     |
| Return on average equity (%)    | (20.2)  | 1.2    | 4.6     | 5.3     | 6.4     |
| Net debt to equity (%)          | 91.2    | 97.1   | 97.9    | 96.1    | 93.0    |

Source: Company data, RHB

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## Financial Exhibits

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|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| <b>Asia</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>Financial summary (SGD)</b>      | <b>Dec-20</b> | <b>Dec-21</b> | <b>Dec-22F</b> | <b>Dec-23F</b> | <b>Dec-24F</b> |
| Singapore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Recurring EPS                       | -             | 2.11          | 0.11           | 0.43           | 0.64           |
| Property                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | EPS                                 | -             | 2.11          | 0.11           | 0.43           | 0.64           |
| <b>City Developments</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | DPS                                 |               | 0.12          | 0.12           | 0.18           | 0.20           |
| CIT SP                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | BVPS                                |               | 9.35          | 9.25           | 9.45           | 10.20          |
| Buy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Return on average equity (%)        |               | (20.2)        | 1.2            | 4.6            | 5.3            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Return on average assets (%)        |               | (8.2)         | 0.4            | 1.7            | 1.9            |
| <b>Valuation basis</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |                                     |               |               |                |                |                |
| RNAV                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                     |               |               |                |                |                |
| <b>Key drivers</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <b>Valuation metrics</b>            | <b>Dec-20</b> | <b>Dec-21</b> | <b>Dec-22F</b> | <b>Dec-23F</b> | <b>Dec-24F</b> |
| i. Resilient Singapore residential market with healthy unbilled sales;                                                                                                                                                                                                  | Recurring P/E (x)                   | na            | 77.19         | 19.18          | 16.37          | 13.00          |
| ii. Steady build-up of recurring income stream offers resilience; and                                                                                                                                                                                                   | P/B (x)                             | 0.9           | 0.9           | 0.9            | 0.9            | 0.8            |
| iii. Strong brand presence in Singapore                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Dividend Yield (%)                  | 1.4           | 1.4           | 2.2            | 2.4            | 2.4            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | EV/EBITDA (x)                       | na            | 19.27         | 12.93          | 11.77          | 10.69          |
| <b>Key risks</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>Income statement (SGDm)</b>      | <b>Dec-20</b> | <b>Dec-21</b> | <b>Dec-22F</b> | <b>Dec-23F</b> | <b>Dec-24F</b> |
| i. Disappointing/negative returns from its overseas ventures;                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Total turnover                      | 2,108         | 2,626         | 3,247          | 3,609          | 4,027          |
| ii. Prolonged impact from COVID-19 in hospitality segment;                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Gross profit                        | 829           | 978           | 1,558          | 1,732          | 1,933          |
| iii. Rise in interest rates.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | EBITDA                              | (565)         | 599           | 863            | 955            | 1,058          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Depreciation and amortisation       | (287)         | (278)         | (283)          | (289)          | (295)          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Operating profit                    | (852)         | 322           | 580            | 666            | 764            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Net interest                        | (93)          | (202)         | (179)          | (217)          | (244)          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Pre-tax profit                      | (1,791)       | 228           | 503            | 602            | 768            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Taxation                            | (88)          | (88)          | (62)           | (94)           | (116)          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Reported net profit                 | (1,917)       | 98            | 393            | 460            | 580            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Recurring net profit                | (1,917)       | 98            | 393            | 460            | 580            |
| <b>Company Profile</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Cash flow (SGDm)</b>             | <b>Dec-20</b> | <b>Dec-21</b> | <b>Dec-22F</b> | <b>Dec-23F</b> | <b>Dec-24F</b> |
| City Developments develops and owns properties. Through its subsidiaries, the Company owns and operates hotels, operates clubs, invests in properties and shares, manages properties and projects, as well as provides information technology and procurement services. | Change in working capital           | (581)         | 814           | (2,322)        | 117            | 101            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cash flow from operations           | (356)         | 1,134         | (1,526)        | 972            | 1,039          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Capex                               | (126)         | (271)         | (200)          | (200)          | (300)          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cash flow from investing activities | (1,076)       | (863)         | (876)          | (374)          | (542)          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Dividends paid                      | (190)         | (174)         | (183)          | (201)          | (204)          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cash flow from financing activities | 1,564         | (1,277)       | 2,147          | (328)          | (207)          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Cash at beginning of period         | 2,798         | 3,127         | 2,083          | 1,936          | 2,206          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Net change in cash                  | 131           | (1,006)       | (255)          | 271            | 291            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Ending balance cash                 | 3,127         | 2,083         | 1,936          | 2,206          | 2,497          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Balance sheet (SGDm)</b>         | <b>Dec-20</b> | <b>Dec-21</b> | <b>Dec-22F</b> | <b>Dec-23F</b> | <b>Dec-24F</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Total cash and equivalents          | 3,127         | 2,083         | 1,936          | 2,206          | 2,497          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Tangible fixed assets               | 5,526         | 5,362         | 5,469          | 5,578          | 5,690          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Total investments                   | 7,339         | 6,774         | 7,621          | 7,968          | 8,416          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Total assets                        | 23,677        | 23,893        | 23,340         | 25,097         | 25,237         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Short-term debt                     | 2,799         | 5,188         | 2,500          | 3,000          | 3,500          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Total long-term debt                | 8,756         | 5,952         | 8,722          | 8,622          | 8,522          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Total liabilities                   | 14,434        | 14,561        | 13,851         | 15,300         | 14,993         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Shareholders' equity                | 8,502         | 8,414         | 8,592          | 8,832          | 9,274          |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Minority interests                  | 740           | 918           | 897            | 965            | 970            |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Total equity                        | 9,242         | 9,332         | 9,489          | 9,796          | 10,244         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Total liabilities & equity          | 23,677        | 23,893        | 23,340         | 25,097         | 25,237         |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <b>Key metrics</b>                  | <b>Dec-20</b> | <b>Dec-21</b> | <b>Dec-22F</b> | <b>Dec-23F</b> | <b>Dec-24F</b> |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Revenue growth (%)                  | (38.5)        | 24.5          | 23.7           | 11.1           | 11.6           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Recurring net profit growth (%)     | (439.6)       | 0.0           | 302.3          | 17.2           | 26.0           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Recurrent EPS growth (%)            | (439.6)       | 0.0           | 302.3          | 17.2           | 26.0           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Gross margin (%)                    | 39.3          | 37.2          | 48.0           | 48.0           | 48.0           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Recurring net profit margin (%)     | (90.9)        | 3.7           | 12.1           | 12.8           | 14.4           |
|                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | Dividend payout ratio (%)           | (5.7)         | 111.4         | 41.5           | 39.4           | 31.3           |

Source: Company data, RHB

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Figure 1: CDL's RNAV breakdown

|                                                     | Stake | RNAV (SGDm) | Value per share (SGD) |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-------|-------------|-----------------------|
| Investment properties                               |       | 6,457.1     | 7.10                  |
| Property Development (GDV):                         |       |             |                       |
| -Singapore residential                              |       | 4,030.2     | 4.43                  |
| -China residential                                  |       | 585.0       | 0.64                  |
| -UK properties                                      |       | 919.5       | 1.01                  |
| -JP residential                                     |       | 389.5       | 0.43                  |
| Millennium & Copthorne                              |       | 5,940.0     | 6.53                  |
| Net cash/debt incl. capex liabilities               |       | (3,288.7)   | (3.6)                 |
| Listed Companies:                                   |       |             |                       |
| I-REIT Global                                       | 21%   | 178.5       | 0.20                  |
| Sum of total parts                                  |       | 15,211.1    |                       |
| No. of shares (m) (full conversion of pref. shares) |       |             | 909.3                 |
| RNAV                                                |       |             | 16.73                 |
| Market Premium/(discount) (%)                       |       |             | (45.00)               |
| <b>Fair value (SGD)</b>                             |       |             | <b>9.20</b>           |
| <b>ESG Premium/(discount) (SGD)</b>                 |       |             | <b>0.55</b>           |
| <b>TP (SGD)</b>                                     |       |             | <b>9.75</b>           |
| Last price                                          |       |             | 8.29                  |
| Upside (%)                                          |       |             | 17.6                  |

Source: RHB

## Recommendation Chart

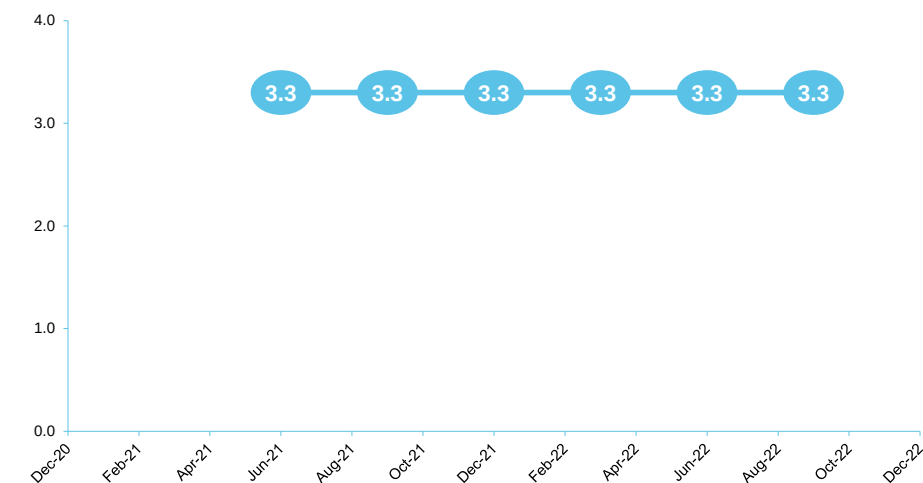


Source: RHB, Bloomberg

| Date       | Recommendation | Target Price | Price |
|------------|----------------|--------------|-------|
| 2022-04-12 | Buy            | 9.8          | 8.2   |
| 2022-02-27 | Buy            | 9.3          | 7.1   |
| 2021-12-13 | Buy            | 9.0          | 7.0   |
| 2021-11-21 | Buy            | 9.0          | 7.2   |
| 2021-08-13 | Buy            | 8.5          | 6.8   |
| 2021-03-01 | Buy            | 8.7          | 7.6   |
| 2020-08-14 | Buy            | 9.5          | 8.4   |
| 2020-05-28 | Buy            | 9.5          | 7.7   |
| 2019-11-14 | Neutral        | 10.5         | 10.5  |
| 2019-08-13 | Neutral        | 9.2          | 9.1   |
| 2019-06-10 | Neutral        | 9.2          | 9.0   |
| 2019-05-16 | Neutral        | 9.2          | 8.6   |
| 2019-02-22 | Neutral        | 9.2          | 9.3   |
| 2018-11-09 | Neutral        | 9.2          | 8.5   |
| 2018-07-23 | Neutral        | na           | 10.2  |

Source: RHB, Bloomberg

## ESG Rating History



Source: RHB

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