

# Singapore Telecommunications (ST SP) On the verge of recovery

# PATMI in line with expectations; Maintain BUY

3QFY22 core PATMI of SGD1,688m (+37% YoY) was broadly in line with street/slightly behind MIBG estimate, driven by the expansion of consumer business across Singapore and Australia. Associates' pre-tax profits rose (+17% QoQ, 20% YoY) as Airtel demonstrated sustained profit turnaround with strong performance in both India and Africa. Our P&L forecasts are unchanged but we raise our SOTP TP to SGD2.98 after inputting higher valuation for regional associates. Singtel remains our Top Pick within the telco sector. Re-iterate BUY call. We transfer coverage to Kelvin Tan.

# Recovery proves challenging

9MFY22 consolidated group revenue fell to SGD3,913m (-7.7% QoQ) on lower NBN migration revenue and equipment sale while EBITDA rose 6.1% QoQ. Singapore mobile service revenue was stable with more adoption of higher ARPU 5G plans and higher roaming from increased international travel. Though Optus operating revenue fell 11% YoY, EBITDA rose steadily on healthy growth (+5.1%) in mobile. Group Enterprise operating revenue fell (-3.1% QoQ, -0.9% YoY) attributed to lower usage and pricing pressures in its legacy carriage business. NCS' revenue rose (6.4% QoQ, 8.3% YoY) driven by various growth engines (Digital, Cloud, Platforms and Cyber) which contribute 49% of operating revenue. NCS' bookings amounted to a strong \$\$611m with a pipeline of projects in various sectors.

# Regional associates continue to be resilient

Pre-tax contributions from the regional associates rose (16.4% QoQ, 19.6% YoY) driven by Bharti Airtel (BHARTI IN, CP: INR711, BUY, TP: INR890). Airtel posted robust mobile growth due to tariff hikes and a higher 4G customer base. Weaker Telkomsel's performance (-3.4% QoQ, -0.4% YoY) was hampered by increased price competition and lags in its legacy business. AlS' posted reduced pre-tax profits (-6.5% QoQ) due to 8% depreciation of the Thai Baht. Globe underperformed after devastation from Typhoon Odette and weaker consumer spending due to Covid-19.

# Capturing digital growth

Operational revenue should improve further as associate earnings recover from lockdowns and as economic conditions stabilise. Easing border restrictions should support the Singapore and Australia consumer divisions. Besides extending 5G leadership, the Group is focusing on i) building new businesses across Asia underpinning investment in digital banking in Indonesia and ii) collaborating with regional partners to develop their data centre expertise. We continue to see strong growth in data center services as enterprises accelerate digital transformation. Singtel's strategic investments should help to recycle capital and crystallise value from existing assets, allowing it to build future growth drivers, in our view.

FYE Mar (SGD m)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	16,541	15,644	16,249	17,399	17,302
EBITDA	4,047	3,833	3,934	4,032	4,563
Core net profit	1,074	1,734	2,257	2,651	3,070
Core FDEPS (cts)	6.6	10.6	13.8	16.2	18.8
Core FDEPS growth(%)	(65.3)	61.4	30.2	17.5	15.8
Net DPS (cts)	17.5	3.2	11.7	13.8	16.0
Core FD P/E (x)	38.6	23.0	18.6	15.8	13.7
P/BV (x)	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
Net dividend yield (%)	6.9	1.3	4.6	5.4	6.2
ROAE (%)	3.8	6.5	8.2	9.1	10.2
ROAA (%)	2.2	3.6	4.6	5.3	6.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.5	13.6	13.5	12.9	11.1
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	49.1	45.7	39.5	33.8	28.2
Consensus net profit	-	-	2,202	2,667	3,042
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	2.5	(0.6)	0.9

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# **BUY**

Share Price SGD 2.57

12m Price Target SGD 2.98 (+16%)

Previous Price Target SGD 2.83

#### **Company Description**

Singtel is the largest integrated telecommunications service provider in Singapore and has significant share in Australia, India and ASEAN

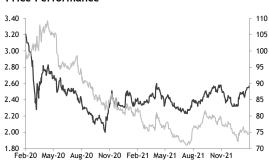
#### **Statistics**

52w high/low (SGD)	2.60/2.23
3m avg turnover (USDm)	51.2
Free float (%)	41.8
Issued shares (m)	16,515
Market capitalisation	SGD42.4B
	USD31.6B

#### Major shareholders:

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Temasek Holdings	52.2%
Central Provident Fund	4.9%
Capital Research	1.2%

#### Price Performance



Singtel - (LHS, SGD)	Singtel / Straits Times Index - (RHS, %)
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	-1M	-3M	-12M
Absolute (%)	5	(0)	7
Relative to index (%)	1	(6)	(8)

Source: FactSet



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# **Value Proposition**

- Telco conglomerate whose companies have significant, if not leading, shares in their markets.
- High-growth phase for wireless segment has passed. Competition is generally on the rise in this segment in most
- Enterprise and 5G to provide next legs of growth, while cash is harvested from wireless leadership to support investments and capex.
- Healthy balance sheet backs DPS payout ratio of 60-80%. Proceeds from sale of non-core assets are partly committed to exceptional payouts.

## Singtel SOTP Valuation

Valuation	Stake	Valuation method	Valuation	Exch rate	Valuation	Pershare	% of	
valuation	(%)	valuation method	(LC)	(SGD/LC)	(SGD m)	(SGD)	total	
Sing Tel Core Business	####	Singtel DCF (6.9% WACC, 0% TG, 0.90 beta) Optus DCF (6.0% WACC, 0% TG, 0.71 beta)	21,034	1.00	21,034	1.29		
(Less) Consol Net Debt		.,			-11,312	-0.69		
Sub Total					9,722	0.60	20%	
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	(%)	vatuation method	(LC)	(S\$/LC)	(SGD m)	(SGD)	total	
Associates								
Telkomsel (Indonesia)	35.0	70% of Market Cap listed Telkom	107,031,776	10,798	9,912	0.61	15%	
Bhar ti Air tel (India)	31.7	DCF (9.4% WACC, 3% TG, 1.0 beta), mcap of africa and tower businesses	1,538,551	54.00	28,492	1.75	44%	
AIS (Thailand)	23.3	DCF (7.0% WACC, 2% LTG, 1.0 beta)	151,703	22.98	6,602	0.40	10%	
Globe (Philippines)	46.9	DCF (5.7% WACC, 1% LTG, 0.7 beta)	132,239	35.80	3,694	0.23	6%	
Intouch (Thailand)	21.1	SOTP (ALS TP and mkt cap of THCOM TB)	42,414	22.98	1,846	0.11	3%	
NetLink NBN Trust (Singapore)	24.8	DDM (COE 6%, 0% LTG, 0.5 beta)	1,073	1.00	1,073	0.07	2%	
SingPost (Singapore)	21.7	Market Cap	361	1.00	361	0.02	1%	
Sub Total					51,618	3.18		
		25% discount				(0.80)		
Associates' value						2.39	80%	
Total Equity Value						2.98	100%	

Source: Company

# **Price Drivers**

## Historical share price trend



Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

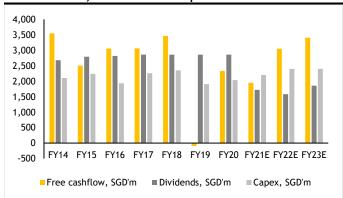
- 1. Proposal for fourth mobile licence. Bharti's profits started to taper off.
- 2. Proposal to increase effective stake in Bharti to 39.5%. Share price continued to be pressured by competitive environment.
- 3. Australia wireless pricing went through industry-wide reflation.
- 4. Earnings marred by weakness in ARPU on the back of lower usage of roaming and data given travel restriction and work-from-home arrangements.
- 5. Ongoing global economic disruption brought about by COVID-19 and structural challenges brought about by intense market competition.

# **Financial Metrics**

- We forecast EBITDA to grow at 5.9% CAGR over FY21-23E due to earnings recovery following Covid-19.
- Pretax associate income could contribute to bottom line by growing 27% over the same period, led by Bharti's swing to net profit from net loss.
- to remain healthy at 1.6x-2.2x in FY21-23E; providing support to its fixed DPS commitment.

We expect net debt to EBITDA, including associate dividends,





Source: Company, Maybank IBG Research

# **Swing Factors**

# **Upside**

- Strong growth in enterprise and Digital Life to positive operating leverage.
- Stronger-than-expected ARPU due to easing in price competition in countries it operates in.
- Faster-than-expected monetisation of 5G development.

# Downside

- Further wireless margin compression triggered by competition in Singapore and / or Australia.
- Worse-than-expected cannibalisation of wireless voice, SMS and roaming by data.
- Failure to monetise 5G development.

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Risk Rating & Score <sup>1</sup>	18.5
Score Momentum <sup>2</sup>	No change
Last Updated	16 Dec 2021
Controversy Score <sup>3</sup> (Updated: 16 Dec 2021)	0 - No reports

# **Business Model & Industry Issues**

- Singtel is most exposed to cybersecurity and personal data leakage risks given its nature of business. There have been minor lapses due to IT, process and human errors over the years, and Singtel was penalised for an immaterial sum.
- Going forward, Singtel will continue to educate its staff and improve practices and processes to minimise data breaches.
- As Singtel is in the business of connectivity, it is supporting digital inclusion through connecting communities and supporting the disadvantaged.
- Notably in FY20, the telco supported migrant workers with free remittance service and their WiFi and mobile data needs. It also provided refurbished laptops and data SIMs to disadvantaged students for their home-based learning. In Australia, Optus scaled up "Donate Your Data" to support disadvantaged students by offering them free mobile data access for online learning.
- Singtel displays no exceptional risks for a telco operator for ESG and is in line with peers in tackling ESG issues.

# Material E issues

- Achieved carbon emissions intensity reduction of 70% in 2020, well exceeding our 2030 target of 50%.
- Over 84% of waste generated disposed via reuse, recycling or incineration with energy recovered.
- Only Southeast Asian company among a pioneer group of 28 global companies in July 2019 that committed to keeping global temperature increase within 1.5°C and net zero emissions by 2050.

# Material S issues

- 28% of female employees in middle and top management.
- Singtel was included in the 2020 Bloomberg Gender-Equality Index and the Refinitiv Global Diversity & Inclusion Index 2019 and named as one of the top 10 employers for Gender Diversity at The Leonie Awards 2019.
- Total training investment of SGD21.9m and pledged SGD45m to boost the digital skills of its workforce through companywide initiatives over three years.
- Zero fatality rate across Singtel and Optus in FY20.
- To promote digital inclusion, Optus has launched "Donate Your Data" in Australia to help disadvantaged young people bridge the digital divide.
- Singtel also supported 1,000 vulnerable seniors under CareLine 24-hour telephone befriending service with free mobile phone services to promote digital inclusion and wellbeing.

# Key G metrics and issues

- Board consists of 10 directors, of which one is executive officer (MD/CEO), the remaining are non-executive & independent directors (including Chairman). 30% are female directors.
- The nomination, audit, investment and remuneration committees are chaired by independent directors.
- Key management/directors' compensation accounted for 9.4%/1.3% of total employee compensation in 2019.
- There has been no corruption cases reported for the past three years.
- Cyber security and data leakage risks. Conducts its businesses in strict adherence to data protection laws - the Personal Data Protection Act in Singapore and the Privacy Act and Telecommunications Act in Australia.
- There have been minor lapses due to IT, process and human errors. Singtel will continue to educate its staff and improve practices and processes to minimise data breaches.

**1Risk Rating & Score** - derived by Sustainalytics and assesses the company's exposure to unmanaged ESG risks. Scores range between 0 - 50 in order of increasing severity with low/high scores & ratings representing negligible/significant risk to the company's enterprise value, respectively, from ESG-driven financial impacts. **2Score Momentum** - indicates changes to the company's score since the last update - a **negative** integer indicates a company's improving risk score; a **positive** integer indicates a deterioration. **3Controversy Score** - reported periodically by Sustainalytics in the event of material ESG-related incident(s), with the impact severity scores of these events ranging from Category 0-5 (0 - no reports; 1 - negligible risks; ...; 5 - poses serious risks & indicative of potential structural deficiencies at the company).



# **Focus Charts**

Fig 1: Quarterly P&L

(SGD'm)	1QFY21	2QFY21	3QFY21	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	QoQ	YoY	%MIBG YTD	% cons YTD
Operating revenue											
Singapore consumer	409	470	504	440	414	453	482	<b>6</b> %	-4%		
Australia consumer	1595	1680	1899	1761	1717	1627	1684	4%	-11%		
Group Enterprise	900	957	972	934	920	943	947	0%	-3%		
NCS	499	560	566	659	528	579	559	-3%	-1%		
Amobee	151	259	313	182	236	151	155	3%	-50%		
Trustwave	96	100	104	110	98	101	87	-14%	-16%		
Group revenue	3534	3667	3941	3794	3913	3855	3914	2%	-1%	72%	73%
EBITDA											
Singapore consumer	156	158	148	140	149	149	156	5%	5%		
Australia consumer	410	475	501	465	506	473	526	11%	5%		
Group Enterprise	306	314	324	324	307	305	316	4%	-2%		
NCS	83	104	82	82	84	63	71	13%	-13%		
Amobee	(12)	7	17	(7)	5	2	1	-50%	-94%		
Trustwave	(27)	(29)	(26)	(26)	(24)	(26)	(35)	35%	35%		
Corporate	(17)	(20)	(36)	(53)	(28)	(35)	(45)	29%	25%		
Group EBITDA	897	1006	1006	922	997	932	990	6%	-2%	74%	74%
EBIT (excluding associate	s' contributio	ns)									
Singapore consumer	90	89	74	67	74	79	85	8%	15%		
Australia consumer	41	82	107	63	86	60	116	93%	8%		
Group Enterprise	166	167	174	163	164	166	173	4%	-1%		
NCS	59	80	60	58	63	42	50	19%	-17%		
Amobee	(33)	(16)	(4)	(29)	(11)	(14)	(17)	21%	325%		
Trustwave	(41)	(43)	(40)	(42)	(30)	(34)	(42)	24%	5%		
Corporate	(19)	(21)	(39)	(55)	(1)	(37)	(51)	38%	31%		
Group EBIT	262	334	328	223	312	261	314	20%	-22%	71%	79%
Pre-tax contributions from	m regional as	sociates									
Telkomsel	242	225	224	224	241	124	216	<b>74</b> %	-4%		
AIS	87	79	85	82	85	46	80	74%	-6%		
Intouch	26	22	22	37	26	14	23	64%	5%		
Globe	98	84	76	91	99	37	48	30%	-37%		
Bharti Telecom/ Airtel	-79	49	-4	58	64	-15	102	680%	2550%		
Regional associates	373	460	402	478	514	495	469	-5%	17%		

Source: Company data



Fig 2: Operating Metrics

	3QFY21	4QFY21	1QFY22	2QFY22	3QFY22	YoY	QoQ
Singapore							
Total Mobile (SGD 'm)	539	441	404	448	507	-5.9%	13.2%
Mobile service revenue (SGD'm)	281	271	279	287	286	1.8%	-0.3%
<u>Postpaid</u>							
ARPU (SGD / mo)	29	28	28	29	30	3.4%	3.4%
Mobile customers (k)	2769	2782	2791	2811	2827	2.1%	0.6%
<u>Prepaid</u>							
ARPU (SGD / mo)	14	13	14	13	11	-21.4%	-15.4%
Mobile customers (k)	1393	1346	1351	1349	1319	-5.3%	-2.2%
Pay TV							
Service revenue (SGD m)	51	51	51	50	49	-3.9%	-2.0%
Total subs (k)	375	375	371	368	362	-3.5%	-1.6%
<u>Australia</u>							
Total Mobile (AUD 'm)	1511	1312	1266	1245	1320	-12.6%	6.0%
Mobile service revenue (AUD 'm)	912	895	913	931	922	1.1%	-1.0%
<u>Postpaid</u>							
ARPU (SGD / mo)	38	39	40	40	40	5.3%	0.0%
Mobile customers (k)	5729	5766	5814	5848	5884	2.7%	0.6%
<u>Prepaid</u>							
ARPU (SGD / mo)	19	19	20	20	20	5.3%	0.0%
Mobile customers (k)	2997	2967	2973	2983	3014	0.6%	1.0%

Source: Company data

Fig 3: SOTP Valuation

Valuation	Stake	Valuation method	Valuation	Per share	% of
	(%)		(SGD m)	(SGD)	total
SingTel Core Business	100	Singtel DCF (6.9% WACC, 0% TG, 0.90 beta)	21,034	1.29	
		Optus DCF (6.0% WACC, 0% TG, 0.71 beta)			
(Less) Consol Net Debt			-11,312	-0.69	
Sub Total			11,396	0.6	20%
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Telkomsel (Indonesia)	35	70% of Market Cap listed Telkom	9,912	0.61	15%
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AIS (Thailand)	23.3	DCF (7.0% WACC, 2% LTG, 1.0 beta)	6,602	0.4	11%
Globe (Philippines)	46.9	DCF (5.7% WACC, 1% LTG, 0.7 beta)	3,694	0.23	<b>6</b> %
Intouch (Thailand)	21.1	SOTP (AIS TP and mkt cap of THCOM TB)	1,846	0.11	3%
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SingPost (Singapore)	21.7	Market Cap	361	0.02	1%
Sub Total			51,618	3.18	
		25% discount		-0.8	
Associates' value				2.39	80%
Total Equity Value				2.98	100%

Source: FactSet, Maybank IBG Research



Fig 4: DCF Valuation - Singtel

YE Mar (SGDm)		FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY30E	FY31E
EBIT		750	781	1,100	1,164	1,135	1,075	1,035	992	947	902
Depreciation and amortisation		1,231	1,125	1,323	1,405	1,301	1,263	1,238	1,211	1,183	1,155
EBITDA		1,980	1,906	2,423	2,569	2,436	2,338	2,273	2,203	2,131	2,057
Change in WC		(92)	(99)	(96)	(101)	(102)	(102)	(102)	(102)	(103)	(103)
Tax paid		(221)	(213)	(270)	(287)	(272)	(261)	(254)	(246)	(238)	(229)
Capex		(854)	(915)	(895)	(933)	(947)	(945)	(948)	(950)	(952)	(954)
Unlevered FCF		814	679	797	787	783	781	886	866	866	866
PV of FCF		814	636	698	645	600	560	594	544	509	476
Total PV of FCF	6,074										
Terminal Value	12,590										
PV of Terminal Value	6,918										
Enterprise Value	12,993										
Less: net debt											
Equity Value	12,993										
<b>Equity Value Per Share</b>	0.80										

Source: Maybank IBG Research

Fig 5: DCF Valuation - Optus

YE Mar (SGDm)		FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E	FY29E	FY30E	FY31E
EBIT		459	500	521	733	776	757	717	690	661	632
Depreciation and amortisation		1,663	1,454	1,606	1,407	1,446	1,384	1,422	1,447	1,474	1,502
EBITDA		2,122	1,954	2,126	2,141	2,222	2,141	2,139	2,137	2,135	2,134
Change in WC		969	(139)	195	88	131	89	100	77	80	83
Tax paid		(327)	(301)	(328)	(330)	(343)	(330)	(330)	(330)	(329)	(329)
Capex		(1,852)	(1,546)	(1,485)	(1,505)	(1,467)	(1,353)	(1,255)	(1,252)	(1,300)	(1,248)
Unlevered FCF		911	(33)	509	394	543	547	654	632	586	639
PV of FCF		911	(31)	453	330	430	408	461	421	367	378
Total PV of FCF	4,130										
Terminal Value	9,290										
PV of Terminal Value	5,500										
Enterprise Value	9,631										
Less: net debt											
Equity Value	9,631										
Equity Value Per Share	0.49										

Source: Maybank IBG Research

Fig 6: DCF parameters for Singtel and Optus

Parameter	
Risk Free Rate	2.5%
Market risk premium	6.5%
Beta (x)	0.90
Cost of Equity (%)	8.4%
Cost of Debt (%)	3.2%
Gearing (x)	0.40
WACC (%)	6.9%
Terminal Growth (%)	1.0%

Source: Maybank IBG Research

Fig 7: MIBG vs Consensus forecasts

(end-Mar, SGD m)	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenues (MIBG)	16,249	17,399	17,302
EBITDA (MIBG)	3,934	4,032	4,563
EBITDA margin (MIBG)	24.2%	23.2%	26.4%
EBIT	1,249	1,301	1,833
Net profit (MIBG)	2,257	2,651	3,070
Target price (MIBG)	2.98		
Revenues (consensus)	15,990	16,359	16,831
EBITDA (consensus)	3,964	4,150	4,308
EBITDA margin (consensus)	24.8%	25.4%	25.6%
EBIT	1,222	1,369	1,519
Net profit (consensus)	2,202	2,667	3,042
Target price (consensus)	3.17		
Revenues (MIBG / consensus)	1.6%	6.4%	2.8%
EBITDA (MIBG / consensus)	-0.8%	-2.8%	<b>5.9</b> %
Reported profit (MIBG / consensus)	2.5%	-0.6%	-0.9%
Net profit (MIBG / consensus)	2.5%	-0.6%	0.9%
Target price (MIBG / consensus)	-5.9%		

Source: Factset, Maybank IBG Research



FYE 31 Mar	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Metrics					
P/E (reported) (x)	48.8	22.7	18.6	15.8	13.7
Core P/E (x)	38.6	23.0	18.6	15.8	13.7
Core FD P/E (x)	38.6	23.0	18.6	15.8	13.7
P/BV (x)	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.6
P/NTA (x)	3.2	3.0	3.1	3.0	2.9
Net dividend yield (%)	6.9	1.3	4.6	5.4	6.2
FCF yield (%)	0.8	11.1	5.8	7.7	9.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.5	13.6	13.5	12.9	11.1
EV/EBIT (x)	27.9	45.3	42.7	39.9	27.6
INCOME STATEMENT (SGD m)					
Revenue	16,541.0	15,643.7	16,249.0	17,399.0	17,302.2
EBITDA	4,047.3	3,832.7	3,934.2	4,032.3	4,563.3
Depreciation	(2,580.0)	(2,685.0)	(2,685.0)	(2,731.0)	(2,730.0)
Amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	1,960.3	1,147.7	1,249.2	1,301.3	1,833.3
Net interest income /(exp)	(282.0)	(395.0)	(375.8)	(375.7)	(375.6)
Associates & JV	1,742.7	1,798.0	2,444.2	2,969.9	3,052.1
Exceptionals	(1,381.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other pretax income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pretax profit	2,039.6	2,550.7	3,317.6	3,895.5	4,509.8
Income tax	(988.0)	(811.0)	(1,054.8)	(1,238.6)	(1,433.9)
Minorities	22.4	(6.2)	(6.2)	(6.2)	(6.2)
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Reported net profit	1,074.0	1,733.5	2,256.6	2,650.7	3,069.7
Core net profit	1,074.0	1,733.5	2,256.6	2,650.7	3,069.7
DAI ANCE CHEET (CCD m)					
BALANCE SHEET (SGD m)  Cash & Short Term Investments	999.6	75 4 7	1 547 2	2 972 4	4 227 0
Accounts receivable		754.7 5 442 7	1,547.3	2,873.4	4,237.8
	5,559.4 279.6	5,443.7 271.6	5,654.3	6,054.5	6,020.8
Inventory Reinsurance assets	0.0	0.0	325.0 0.0	348.0 0.0	346.0 0.0
		11,534.1	11,249.1		
Property, Plant & Equip (net) Intangible assets	10,363.8 13,735.9	13,129.1	13,129.1	10,918.1 13,129.1	10,588.1 13,129.1
Investment in Associates & JVs	16,287.3	15,790.3	15,790.3	15,790.3	15,790.3
Other assets	1,729.3	1,074.9	1,603.9	1,603.9	1,603.9
Total assets	48,954.9	47,998.4	49,299.0	50,717.3	51,716.1
ST interest bearing debt	3,970.5	2,033.9	2,033.9	2,033.9	2,033.9
Accounts payable	6,373.8	6,784.8	7,347.1	7,867.0	7,823.3
Insurance contract liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT interest bearing debt	10,202.1	10,825.6	10,825.6	10,817.0	10,817.2
Other liabilities	2,382.0	1,843.0	445.0	445.0	445.0
Total Liabilities	22,928.7	21,487.0	20,651.2	21,162.6	21,119.0
Shareholders Equity	26,789.2	26,485.8	28,622.2	29,529.1	30,571.4
Minority Interest	24.8	25.6	25.6	25.6	25.6
Total shareholder equity	26,814.0	26,511.4	28,647.8	29,554.7	30,597.0
Total liabilities and equity	48,954.9	47,998.4	49,299.0	50,717.3	51,716.1
CASH FLOW (SGD m)	2.020.4	2 550 7	2 247 (	3 005 5	4 500 5
Pretax profit	2,039.6	2,550.7	3,317.6	3,895.5	4,509.8
Depreciation & amortisation	2,580.0	2,685.0	2,685.0	2,731.0	2,730.0
Adj net interest (income)/exp	(2,031.9)	(1,695.0)	(1,424.8)	(1,275.7)	(1,426.8)
Change in working capital	78.8	878.1	(230.7)	96.8	(8.1)
Cash taxes paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other operating cash flow	0.4	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.5
Cash flow from operations	2,666.5	4,031.2	4,347.0	5,447.6	5,804.9
Capex	(2,036.6)	(2,200.0)	(2,400.0)	(2,400.0)	(2,400.0)
Free cash flow	10,957.6	2,328.2	1,947.0	3,047.6	3,404.9
Dividends paid	(2,856.7)	(1,722.2)	(1,579.6)	(1,855.5)	(2,148.8)
Equity raised / (purchased)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other invest/financing cash flow	13,763.4	(353.9)	(1,340.7)	467.3	493.5
Effect of exch rate changes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	11,536.6	(244.9)	792.6	1,326.1	1,364.4

FYE 31 Mar	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	(4.8)	(5.4)	3.9	7.1	(0.6)
EBITDA growth	(17.8)	(5.3)	2.6	2.5	13.2
EBIT growth	(20.6)	(41.5)	8.8	4.2	40.9
Pretax growth	(48.0)	25.1	30.1	17.4	15.8
Reported net profit growth	(65.3)	61.4	30.2	17.5	15.8
Core net profit growth	(65.3)	61.4	30.2	17.5	15.8
Profitability ratios (%)					
EBITDA margin	24.5	24.5	24.2	23.2	26.4
EBIT margin	11.9	7.3	7.7	7.5	10.6
Pretax profit margin	12.3	16.3	20.4	22.4	26.1
Payout ratio	nm	30.3	84.6	85.2	84.9
DuPont analysis					
Net profit margin (%)	6.5	11.1	13.9	15.2	17.7
Revenue/Assets (x)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Assets/Equity (x)	1.8	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
ROAE (%)	3.8	6.5	8.2	9.1	10.2
ROAA (%)	2.2	3.6	4.6	5.3	6.0
Liquidity & Efficiency					
Cash conversion cycle	na	na	na	na	na
Days receivable outstanding	125.7	126.6	122.9	121.1	125.6
Days inventory outstanding	na	na	na	na	na
Days payables outstanding	na	na	na	na	na
Dividend cover (x)	0.4	3.3	1.2	1.2	1.2
Current ratio (x)	0.7	0.7	0.8	1.0	1.1
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.4	2.4
Net gearing (%) (incl perps)	49.1	45.7	39.5	33.8	28.2
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	49.1	45.7	39.5	33.8	28.2
Net interest cover (x)	7.0	2.9	3.3	3.5	4.9
Debt/EBITDA (x)	3.5	3.4	3.3	3.2	2.8
Capex/revenue (%)	12.3	14.1	14.8	13.8	13.9
Net debt/ (net cash)	13,173.0	12,104.8	11,312.2	9,977.5	8,613.3

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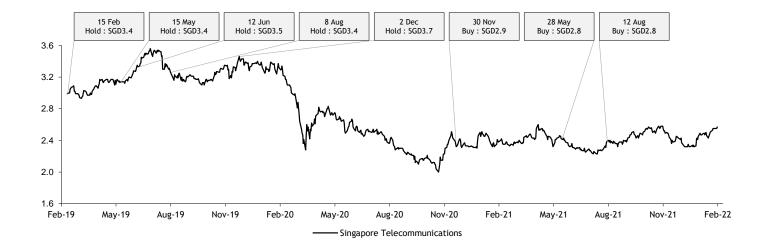
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