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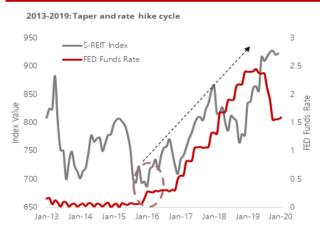
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## Nearing re-entry points as S-REITs near 52-week low

- S-REITs had a torrid Jan 22, down 6.6%, underperforming the STI despite improving fundamentals
- Industrial and healthcare S-REITs were relative underperformers due to "rotational trade" and lowest spread vs. 10-year bonds
- Almost half of 44 S-REITs are trading close to 52week lows, highlighting attractive re-entry points
- Yield spreads widened to 4.3%, close to -1 standard deviation

## S-REITs bottomed when rates were lifted



Source: DBS Bank

### What's New Subsector trends in December

**Broad weakness in Jan 22**. It was a tough month for the S-REITs in Jan 22, with the FSTREI dipping by 6.6 while the STI remains on a firm upward trajectory of c.4.0%. The weakness largely came from rising expectations in the market of Fed rate hikes in 2022 with the consensus now expecting in the range of four to five hikes through the course of the year. The Fed meeting in late Jan 22 doesn't provide comfort when the market reads the hawkish tone with caution, with the first rate hike expected to happen in Mar 22.

During the month, most sectors dipped between -3.0% to -8.0%. The biggest dip came from the industrial S-REITs (-8.0% m-o-m) and healthcare (-6.6% m-o-m), which we believe is due to their lower absolute yields ranging from 4.0% to 4.5%, compared to the overall sector yield of 6.0%. This was due to outflows from the sector coupled with rotational interests as the "re-opening" theme remains firmly in play. The retail-focused S-REITs and office-focused S-REITs dipped by a lower 5.0% and 3.0%, respectively, while hospitality S-REITs dipped by 3.7% and US hospitality names dipped by 3.0%.

#### Our observations

S-REITs bottoming out ahead of rate hikes. In view of the impending rate lift-off in Mar 22, we believe that we are nearing the near-term bottom for S-REITs, with the sector also having hit the bottom in prices back in Mar 16 after rates were last raised. We are, therefore, not sellers at these levels but are looking for an opportunity to accumulate upon the weakness.





Positive read in results. The weakness in share prices highlights the fact that outflows owing to tactical repositioning within and out of the S-REITs remain in play, given the risk of rising interest rates on yield-sensitive stocks like S-REITs. This was despite the positive read from the results posted in the week of 24 Jan 2022, when most S-REITs reported strong growth in DPUs on top of providing positive guidance on the 2022 outlook, with most managers expecting to see an improvement in trading conditions coupled with a firmer rental reversions outlook. While macro uncertainty stemming from the uncertainty in rate hikes may cloud the overall outlook for now, the positive guidance provides us with confidence that our forward projections of an 8.0% CAGR in DPU growth remains intact.

Almost half of the S-REITs are close to 52-week low; opportunity to pick up "value buys". The S-REITs are close to its 52-week low, with 19 out of 44 S-REITs trading within 5% of their 52-week low prices. Seven out of the top 15 market cap S-REITs are within 5% of its 52-week lows. We see value at current levels, with FY22F yields expanding to 6.1%, implying a spread of 4.3% (10-year yields at 1.8% as of 3 Feb 22). Even if we assume 10-year yields rise to c.2.0% in the longer term, we are still looking at a yield spread of 4.1% (above the historical mean).

## Performance Summary

	Aug'21 % chg	Sep'21 % chg	Oct'21 % chg	Nov'21 % chg	Dec'21 % chg	Jan'22 % Chg	2021 % chg
Office	-5.4%	1.7%	4.3%	2.5%	-1.0%	-3.0%	2.6%
Retail	-1.7%	0.9%	3.3%	3.5%	0.9%	-5.0%	15.9%
Industrial	-1.1%	-1.2%	-0.4%	2.2%	0.7%	-8.0%	9.9%
Hospitality	-2.1%	-5.4%	9.1%	1.2%	1.1%	-3.7%	-7.6%
Hospitality (US)	-7.4%	-4.0%	1.0%	15.2%	5.3%	-3.0%	11.1%
Healthcare	4.3%	-3.9%	0.2%	4.8%	2.6%	-6.6%	34.6%
Office (US)	-3.8%	1.6%	1.3%	3.9%	-1.1%	-6.1%	2.3%
Office (EUR)	-0.2%	3.0%	1.5%	-2.3%	1.2%	-5.3%	4.0%
Retail (Others)	-4.4%	-7.1%	5.4%	2.4%	-3.0%	-4.3%	-14.4%
FSTREI	-3.2%	-1.2%	2.7%	-1.5%	-0.3%	-6.6%	0.3%
FSSTI	-2.8%	10.4%	3.6%	2.5%	0.1%	4.0%	9.7%

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS Bank

	Aug'21	Sep'21	Oct'21	Nov'21	Dec'21	Jan'22	2021 YTD
	(ppt)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(ppt)	(ppt)	chg
SOR 1 Mth	0.16	0.16	0.27	0.25	0.32	(0.05)	0.19
SOR 3 Mth	0.19	0.21	0.28	0.34	0.36	(0.01	0.14
SOR 6 Mth	0.21	0.23	0.32	0.36	0.43	(0.01)	0.25
SG 10 year	1.41	1.59	1.84	1.75	1.67	0.11	0.82
US 10 year	1.31	1.49	1.55	1.50	1.51	0.27	0.57

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS Bank

## Share prices for selected S-REITs vs. 52-week low

Name	Sector	Px	MKt cap SGD (S\$'m)	Average Volume (′000)	Average Volume (10D) ('000)	% from 52 week low
CICT	Office	2.01	13,283	23,016	18,236	5%
AREIT	Industrial	2.79	11,754	5,065	10,900	1%
MLT	Industrial	1.71	8,036	6,777	13,796	2%
MINT	Industrial	2.49	6,651	3,281	9,592	0%
Commercial REIT	Office	1.8	6,013	8,574	14,988	0%
FLCT	Industrial	1.42	5,234	4,279	8,927	7%
SUNTEC	Office	1.57	4,445	1,772	6,770	13%
Keppel REIT	Office	1.11	4,102	1,422	7,468	9%
FCT	Retail	2.29	3,879	1,638	2,958	3%
Regional REIT	Retail (Others)	1.09	3,845	1,191	10,355	16%
KDC REIT	Industrial	2.16	3,706	3,034	8,184	2%
ART	Hospitality	1.02	3,375	1,220	4,421	11%
Plife	Healthcare	4.85	2,934	264	566	21%
SPH REIT	Retail	0.965	2,704	572	1,999	21%
OUECT	Office	0.42	2,259	261	1,412	17%
CREIT	Office (EUR)	2.34	2,232	80	443	10%
CLCT	Retail (Others)	1.2	1,991	4,735	5,560	5%
Digital Core REIT	Industrial	1.14	1,732	1,804	3,740	14%
MUST	Office (US)	0.645	1,527	449	1,929	2%
A-itrust	Industrial	1.3	1,489	1,213	3,096	5%
CDL REIT	Hospitality	1.17	1,441	432	1,007	14%
SGREIT	Retail	0.605	1,340	612	1,834	19%
IREIT GLOBAL	Office (EUR)	0.645	1,256	143	355	5%
Prime US	Office (US)	0.785	1,238	138	1,538	5%
Logistics REIT 1	Industrial	0.84	1,220	1,384	3,534	22%
Far East HT	Hospitality	0.57	1,107	209	840	4%
KORE	Office (US)	0.75	1,053	678	1,361	12%
AIMS	Industrial	1.4	997	1,222	1,459	9%
LREIT	Retail	0.83	995	1,460	3,554	19%
Sasseur	Retail (Others)	0.805	980	491	1,029	3%
FHT	Hospitality	0.445	867	425	628	5%
ECWORLD	Industrial	0.725	587	159	309	3%
Daiwa Hse REIT	Industrial	0.805	543	199	2,285	2%
Denotes close to 5%	6 of 52-week low					

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