## China / Hong Kong Company Update

# Sino Land

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## **BUY**

Last Traded Price (17 Feb 2022): HK\$10.42 (HSI: 24,793) Price Target 12-mth: HK\$12.00 (15% upside)

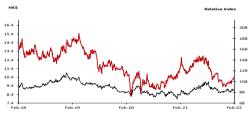
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## **What's New**

- 1HFY22 underlying profit more than doubled to HK\$4.37bn, higher than our forecast due to stronger-than-expected development earnings growth
- Interim DPS rose 7% to HK\$0.15
- Financially sound to grow dividend and pursue land acquisitions
- BUY with HK\$12.0 TP

#### **Price Relative**



#### **Forecasts and Valuation**

FY lun (HK\$ m) Turnover EBITDA Pre-tax Profit Underlving Profit Gth (%) EPS (HK\$) EPS Gth (%) PE (X) P/Cash Flow (X) EV/EBITDA (X) DPS (HK\$) Diy Yield (%) Net Gearing (%) ROE (%) Est. NAV (HK\$):	2020A 5.887 2.975 5.062 4.557 (2.4) 0.66 (5.4) 15.8 11.1 14.2 0.55 5.3 CASH 3.1	2021A 24,545 12,830 13,654 10,316 126,4 1,43 116,9 7.3 25,9 3.3 0.83 8.0 CASH 6.9	2022F 15,092 7,138 7,651 6,135 (40,5) 0,81 (43,6) 12.9 12.5 5.9 0.57 5.5 CASH 3.9 23.2	2023F 12.596 5.129 5.687 4.724 (23.0) 0.62 (23.0) 16.8 42.2 8.3 0.58 5.6 CASH 3.0 23.9
Disc. to NAV (%)			(55)	(56)
Earnings Rev (%): Consensus EPS (HK\$): Other Broker Recs:		B: 6	12 0.93 S: 3	6 0.96 H: 4

Source of all data on this page: Company, DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited ("DBS HK"), Thomson Reuters

## Dividend growth a positive surprise

#### **Investment Thesis**

**BUY with HK\$12.0 TP**. The stock trades at 55% below our appraised current NAV and offers dividend yield of 5.5% for FY22. Its valuation is attractive in view of its impeccable balance sheet. Dividend hike adds to its investment appeal.

Rich project launch pipeline. Sino Land has received presale consent for the 121-unit One Central Place in Central. Presale of Kam Sheung Road Station Package One, Lohas Park Package 11 and Wong Chuk Hang Station Package 4 are awaiting government approval. These projects are well-located, either adjacent to subway stations or close to the CBD.

Impeccable balance sheet for growing dividends and replenishing land bank. Despite the acquisition of a stake in a residential/commercial site in Singapore, Sino Land still has net cash holding of HK\$38.8bn. Thus, the company is well positioned to grow its dividends and pursue land banking with a focus in Hong Kong and the Greater Bay Area.

#### Valuation:

Our target price for Sino Land is based on a discount of 50% to our Dec-2022 NAV estimate.

#### Where we differ:

We believe the company will become more proactive in exploring acquisition opportunities in the year ahead.

#### **Key Risks to Our View:**

Any deterioration in property demand could drag its earnings and share price performance.

## At A Glance

Issued Capital (m shrs)	7,396
Mkt Cap (HK\$m/US\$m)	77,066 / 9,881
Major Shareholders (%)	
Tsim Sha Tsui Properties Ltd	54.6
Free Float (%)	45.4
3m Avg. Daily Val. (US\$m)	4.52
GICS Industry: Real Estate / Real Estate Management 8	& Development







#### **WHAT'S NEW**

## Lifted by substantially higher development earnings

Sino Land's 1HFY22 underlying profit more than doubled to HK\$4.37bn on higher development earnings. Despite increased earnings, interim DPS rose 7% to HK\$0.15, which came as a pleasant surprise.

Including those from joint ventures and associates, development profit was substantially higher at HK\$4.14bn. (1HFY21: HK\$808m) The bulk came from the selling Mayfair by the Sea 8 in Tai Po and remaining stock at Grand Central in Kwun Tong. The balance stemmed from the sales of 133 Portofino in Sai Kung, Dynasty Park Ph 3 in Zhangzhou, and car parks.

Mayfair by the Sea 8 is virtually sold out. Most of sold units have been handed over to the buyers with profit recognition in 1HFY22. On the other hand, Grand Central is 94% sold.

As of Dec-21, Sino Land had a net order book of HK\$12.4bn, of which HK\$2bn will be booked in 2HFY22 with the balance in FY23-24.

Gross rental income fell 2.4% to HK\$1.8bn in 1HFY22 as negative rental reversion was working its way through its office and retail portfolios. The overall occupancy rate was stable. While retail occupancy witnessed slight improvement, office occupancy remained under pressure.

To drive foot traffic and boost tenants' sales, promotion and marketing expenses increased. This led to a larger 4.4% y-o-y decline in net rental income.

Pre-leasing activities of One North in Yuen Long and Landmark South in Wong Chuk Hang have begun. Upon scheduled completion in FY23, these two commercial properties will provide a total attributable GFA of 0.6msf, which will augment rental earnings.

Sino Land has obtained pre-sale consent for the 121-unit One Central Place in Central. Given its close proximity to CBD, this URA redevelopment project should draw strong interest when it goes on sale after the current pandemic situation stabilises. Besides, the company is also applying for pre-sale consent of three joint venture residential projects at Kam Sheung Road Station, Lohas Park Station and Wong Chuk Hang Station. These projects are well-located which indicates strong marketability.

Hotel operations returned to profitability with modest operating profit of HK\$13m in 1HFY22 (1HFY21: operating loss was HK\$53m). This was led by improved performances from two Singapore hotels. Conrad Hong Kong also saw its average occupancy recovering to 32% in 1HFY22 from 1HFY21's 19% driven by staycation business. The Fullerton Sydney, however, was closed from late-Jul to mid-Oct 2021 because of lockdown of the city. The Fullerton Ocean Park Hotel, which offers 425 guest rooms, is scheduled to open in 2H22.

In Dec-21, Sino Land's net cash position remained strong at HK\$38.8bn, or HK\$30.3bn including net debt at the associates/joint venture level. Impeccable balance sheet strength puts the company in an advantageous position to pursue new investments for long-term growth and grow the dividend. In 2H21, the company teamed up with Far East Organisation (held by its ultimate parent Ng family) to win the tender for a residential/commercial site in Jalan Anak Bukit in Singapore for S\$1.028bn. Sino Land has a 20% stake in this joint venture. In Dec-21, Sino Land bought a 6.75% stake in Grand Victoria in Cheung Sha Wan from its project partner Shimao Group, raising its stake in the project to 29.25%.

The stock is trading at a 55% discount to our assessed current NAV. Excluding its net cash holding, the remaining stub is trading at attractive 66% discount which should limit the downside risk on share price. Dividend hike could add to its investment appeal. Maintain BUY with HK\$12 TP. This is derived by assigning a 50% discount to our Dec-22 NAV estimate.

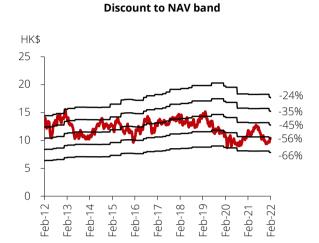
## **Company Background**

Sino Land is engaged in property development and investment in Hong Kong and China. As of Dec-21, Sino Land has a development land bank of 7.5m sf in GFA, split into 3.5m sf in China, 3.8m sf in Hong Kong, and 0.2msf in Singapore. It also owns an investment property and hotel portfolio of 11.9m sf in GFA, mainly in Hong Kong.



## **Discount to NAV**

#### **Discount to NAV** % (20) (25) +2SD: -30% (30) (35) (40) +1SD: -39% (45) (50) (55) -1SD: -55% (60) (65) -2SD: -64% (70) Feb-12 Feb-14 Feb-16 Feb-20 Feb-13 Feb-17 Feb-18 Feb-19 Feb-22 15 Feb-21 Feb.



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS HK





**Results Summary** 

FY Jun (HK\$m)	1HFY21	1HFY22	% Chg	Comments
Turnover	4,098	10,892	166	1HFY22: Driven by higher development income
Property sales	782	4,122	427	1HFY22: Mainly derived from Mayfair by the Sea 8 and Grand Central
Property rental	1,244	1,193	(4)	1HFY22: Dragged by negative rental reversion and higher marketing expenses
Property management and other services	230	104	(55)	
Hotel operations	(20)	27	n.a.	1HFY22: Increasing sales due to staycation packages, long- staying business travel, promotional programmes on F&B, as well as effective cost controal measures
Investments in securities	2	8	262	
Financing	34	32	(6)	
Other income and other gains or losses	287	72	(75)	
Administrative expenses and other operating expenses	(468)	(528)	13	
Increase in fair value of investment properties	(535)	(88)	(84)	
Change in fair value of financial assets at FVTPL	0	(2)	n.a.	
Gain on disposal of investment properties	8	1	(87)	
Finance income, net	306	137	(55)	
Share of results of associates and joint ventures	(12)	248	n.a.	
- Property sales	26	14	(48)	
- Property rental	395	375	(5)	
- Property management and other services	9	9	9	
- Hotel operations	(32)	(14)	(57)	
- Investments in securities	0	0	0	
- Financing	5	4	(20)	
- Other income and other gains or losses	114	207	81	
- Administrative expenses and other operating expenses	(116)	(221)	91	
- Increase in fair value of investment properties	(301)	(35)	(89)	
- Finance costs, net	(16)	(54)	236	
- Income tax expense	(96)	(37)	(62)	
Profit before taxation	1,858	5,327	187	
Taxation	(575)	(935)	62	
Non-controlling interests	4	(167)	n.a.	1HFY22: Included profit attributable to minority shareholder of Grand Central
Net profit	1,287	4,226	228	Shareholder of ending certain
Underlying profit	2,143	4,368	104	

Source: Sino Land





## **Key Assumptions (%)**

	2022F	2023F
Residential price - HK	0	2
Office rental - HK	0	0
Retail rental (Shopping	Г	_
Centre) - HK	5	5
Source: DBS HK		

## Segmental Breakdown (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Revenues (HK\$ m)					
Property sales	2,542	864	20,224	10,652	7,733
Property rental	3,327	3,162	2,819	2,757	2,923
Hotel operations	934	611	263	405	626
Property management and other services	1,098	1,147	1,152	1,187	1,223
Investments in securities	48	33	20	24	24
Financing	61	70	68	68	68
 Total	8,010	5,887	24,545	15,092	12,596

Source: DBS HK

## Income Statement (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Turnover	8,010	5,887	24,545	15,092	12,596
EBITDA	3,700	2,975	12,830	7,138	5,129
Depr / Amort	(122)	(186)	(186)	(194)	(201)
EBIT	3,578	2,789	12,644	6,945	4,928
Associates Inc	1,003	943	459	483	559
Interest (Exp)/Inc	581	993	525	223	200
Exceptionals	172	336	27	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	5,334	5,062	13,654	7,651	5,687
Tax	(632)	(487)	(2,504)	(1,290)	(846)
Non-controlling Interest	(31)	(17)	(834)	(225)	(117)
Underlying Profit	4,671	4,557	10,316	6,135	4,724
Sales Gth (%)	(25)	(27)	317	(39)	(17)
Net Profit Gth (%)	(58)	(2)	126	(41)	(23)
EBITDA Margins (%)	46	51	52	47	41
EBIT Margin (%)	45	47	52	46	39
Tax Rate (%)	12	10	18	17	15

Source: DBS HK



## Balance Sheet (HK\$ m)

FY lun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Fixed Assets	67,147	64,564	64,349	64,255	65,619
Long-term Investments	861	675	893	893	893
Other LT Assets	3,350	3,367	3,478	3,478	3,478
Associates/JVs	34,847	37,727	38,188	43,675	44,666
Bank Balance/Cash & Liquid	39,074	43,664	44,134	39,940	38,158
ST Investments	12	9	10	10	10
Inventory	27,620	30,912	23,162	24,195	27,573
Debtors	1,241	1,565	1,670	1,620	1,570
Other Non Cash Current	6,598	4,242	5,833	5,833	5,833
Total Assets	180,748	186,724	181,715	183,899	187,799
ST Debt	0	832	2,845	2,845	2,845
Creditors	4,967	4,974	5,120	5,270	5,320
Other Current Liab	20,418	26,513	10,001	10,001	10,001
LT Debt	5,027	4,418	2,406	2,406	4,406
Deferred Tax Liabilities	2,445	2,488	2,647	2,647	2,647
Other LT Liabilities	1,729	1,739	1,888	1,888	1,888
Non-controlling Interests	868	843	1,649	1,649	1,649
Shareholder's Equity	145,294	144,916	155,160	157,194	159,044
Total Cap. & Liab.	180,748	186,724	181,715	183,899	187,799
Share Capital (m)	6,817	7,045	7,396	7,615	7,615
Net Cash/(Debt)	34,047	38,414	38,883	34,690	30,907
Working Capital	49,159	48,072	56,843	53,483	54,978
Net Gearing (%)	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH

Source: DBS HK

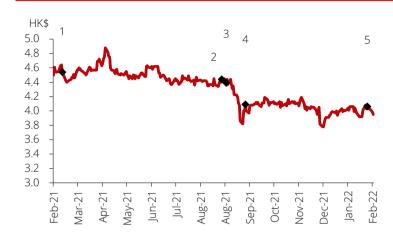
## Cash Flow Statement (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
EBIT	3,578	2,789	12,644	6,945	4,928
Tax Paid	(1,803)	(597)	(689)	(1,290)	(846)
Depr/Amort	122	186	186	194	201
Profit or loss on disposal of	(172)	(105)	40.4	0	0
FAs/subsidiaries/investment	(172)	(195)	484	U	U
Chg in Wkg.Cap	12,484	3,685	(10,423)	(815)	(3,248)
Other Non-Cash	35	25	16	0	0
Operating CF	14,244	5,893	2,218	5,033	1,035
Net Capex	(25)	(1)	(88)	(100)	(99)
Investments	0	(107)	(104)	0	0
Associates & JVs	448	753	(1,718)	(5,488)	(990)
Associates' Dividends	604	2,546	1,413	483	559
Others	(8,596)	(34)	4,742	270	270
Investing CF	(7,569)	3,157	4,245	(4,835)	(260)
Net Chg in Debt	2,647	221	0	0	2,000
Non-controlling interests	(295)	(106)	42	0	0
New Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend	(905)	(1,299)	(531)	(4,327)	(4,457)
Other Financing CF	564	(1,145)	(667)	(65)	(100)
Financing CF	2,011	(2,330)	(1,156)	(4,392)	(2,557)
Chg in Cash	8,686	6,721	5,307	(4,194)	(1,783)

Source: DBS HK



## **Target Price & Ratings History**



S.No	. Date	Closing Price	12-mth Target	Rating
			Price	
1:	26-Feb-21	HK\$12.36	HK\$13.24	Buy
2:	27-Aug-21	HK\$12.30	HK\$13.60	Buy
3:	1-Sep-21	HK\$11.46	HK\$13.60	Buy
4:	23-Sep-21	HK\$10.26	HK\$12.15	Buy
5:	9-Feb-22	HK\$9.66	HK\$12.00	Buy

Source: DBS HK Analyst: Jeff Yau

## Sino Land



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