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Sun Hung Kai Properties

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BUY

Last Traded Price (28 Jan 2022): HK\$94.95 **(HSI :** 23,550) **Price Target 12-mth:** HK\$118.20 (24% upside) (Prev HK\$126.1)

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What's New

- Good response to project launch in the Northern Metropolis
- Planned launch of mass market projects in Tuen Mun and Tai Po
- Finalised the land premium for additional development area of sizeable Shap Sz Heung project
- BUY with HK\$118.20 TP



Forecasts and Valuati	on			
FY lun (HK\$ m) Turnover EBITDA Pre-tax Profit Underlving Profit Underlving Profit Gth (%) EPS (HK\$) EPS Gth (%) PE (X) P/Cash Flow (X) EV/EBITDA (X) DPS (HK\$) Div Yield (%) Net Gearing (%) ROE (%) Est. NAV (HK\$): Disc. to NAV (%)	2020A 82,653 40,036 36,819 29,368 (9,4) 10.13 (9,4) 9,4 5.3 9,4 4,95 5.2 14 5.2	2021A 85,262 42,428 39,019 29,873 1.7 10.31 1.7 9.2 13.1 8.9 4.95 5.2 16 5.1	81,921 41,885 37,625 29,901 0.1 10.32 0.1 9.2 13.3 9.0 4.95 5.2 16 4.9 246.5 (61)	91,192 42,598 38,643 31,029 3.8 10,71 3.8 8.9 12.6 4.95 5.2 16 4.9 262,7 (64)
Earnings Rev (%): Consensus EPS (HK\$): Other Broker Recs:		B·13	(3) 10.80 S:1	(3) 11.60 H·4

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Riding on the Northern Metropolis development

Investment Thesis

BUY, HK\$118.20 TP. The stock is trading at a 61% discount to our appraised current NAV, c.2SD below its 10-year average discount of 45%. Estimated dividend yield stands at 5.2%. Valuation is very compelling from a historical perspective. SHKP is among the major beneficiaries of the development of Northern Metropolis given its strong property exposure there.

Smooth residential project sales. Since Jul-21, SHKP achieved contracted sales of HK\$22bn in Hong Kong, representing c.50% of the FY22 sales target. The bulk came from selling residential projects in the Northern Metropolis such as Wetland Seasons Bay and YOHO Hub. In 2Q22, the company plans to launch two other mass-market projects in Tuen Mun and Tai Po, which should attract the market interest.

Maximizing the development value of sizeable Shap Sz Heung project. In 2H21, SHKP paid a land premium of HK\$3.72bn for additional residential GFA of 1.06msf for its Shap Sz Heung development. This mega-sized project now offers total GFA of 5.8msf, primarily for residential use. The number of units built has also been revised up significantly to 9,500. This should lead to better marketability and higher development value

Valuation:

Our target price is based on 55% discount to our Dec-2022 NAV estimate. $\label{eq:control}$

Where we differ:

We are more positive on the long-term growth of rental earnings led by portfolio expansion in Hong Kong & China.

Key Risks to Our View:

Any deterioration in property demand in Hong Kong & China could drag its earnings and share price performance. Any unexpected housing policy change could trigger a sector-wide re-rating or de-rating.

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Issued Capital (m shrs)	2,898
Mkt Cap (HK\$m/US\$m)	280,237 / 35,982
Major Shareholders (%)	
HSBC Trustee (C.I.) Ltd.	27.2
Thriving Talent Ltd.	6.7
Rosy Result Ltd.	6.5
Asporto Ltd.	6.5
Free Float (%)	53.1
3m Avg. Daily Val. (US\$m)	44.68
GICS Industry: Real Estate / Real Estate Manage	ment & Development







WHAT'S NEW

Encouraging sales response to project launches

Since Jul-21, SHKP achieved contracted sales of c.HK\$22bn in Hong Kong. This represents about 50% of the company's FY22 sales target. Wetland Seasons Bay Ph 1&2 in Tin Shui Wai were key contributors. Like the neighbouring Wetland Seasons Park, they are popular among end-users with c.90% of total units being pre-sold for >HK\$10bn. Given low land costs, we estimate pre-tax margins to exceed 40%. Besides, SHKP has sold >400 units at YOHO Hub Ph 1 in Yuen Long for >HK\$4bn. The balance came from inventory sales. For example, SHKP sold two houses at Central Peak on Stubbs Road for HK\$740m or HK\$100,000psf on average.

Project sales in China progressed slowly given weak market sentiment. Since Jul-21, SHKP sold >HK\$1bn worth of properties in China with no new project launches.

In 1H22, SHKP has a strong project launch pipeline. The company will release a new batch of units at YOHO Hub onto the market after Chinese New Year. Elsewhere, it plans to launch of the first phase of two large developments in Tuen Mun (TMTL483) and Tai Po (TPTL214) in 2Q22.

Retail tenants' sales improved on back of reviving local consumption, outperforming the broad market in 2H21. Retail occupancy has recovered to c.93-94% with narrower rental decline on renewal. On the office front, IFC Office remains virtually fully let. On the other hand, SHKP is still looking for replacement tenants for the space surrendered by Deutsche Bank at ICC. Overall, office reversionary growth remains under pressure.

Retail tenants' sales growth in Shanghai stayed positive in 2H21 with favourable rental growth achieved upon lease renewal and new lettings. Office rental reversion, however, should remain largely neutral in China. A new 220m-tall office tower at Shanghai ITC is scheduled for completion in mid-2022 with pre-leasing underway. Nanjing IFC mall is targeted to open for business in late 2022. Contributions from these new investment properties should add

momentum to the company's rental income from China.

In 2H21, SHKP paid land premium of HK\$3.72bn for additional residential GFA of 1.06msf for its Shap Sz Heung development. This mega-sized project now offers total GFA of 5.8msf, primarily for residential use. The number of units built is also revised up to 9,500 from 4,930. This should lead to better marketability and higher development value. Infrastructural works are currently underway with pre-sale of the first phase expected in 2023 at the earliest.

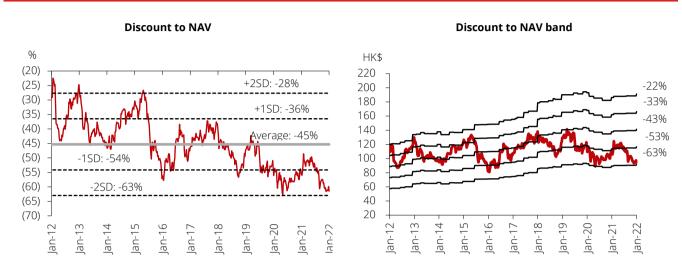
Shares of SHKP fell 7% in the previous three months, underperforming its peers. Meanwhile, the stock is trading at a 61% discount to our assessed current NAV, c.2SD below its 10-year average of 45%. Estimated dividend yield for FY22 is 5.2%. Valuation is very compelling from a historical perspective. SHKP derives an estimated 7% of its GAV from projects in the Northern Metropolis and stands to benefit from the future development there. With strong project launch to unlock NAV on one hand and growing rental income to improve earnings quality on the other, SHKP remains a core holding amongst those investors betting on the Hong Kong real estate market. BUY with HK\$118.20 TP. This is premised on 55% discount to our Dec-22 NAV estimate.

Company Background

Sun Hung Kai Properties (SHKP) is a leading property company in Hong Kong where it owns a total land bank of 57.9m sf in GFA, comprising 34m sf of completed properties (mainly for rental) and 23.9m sf of development properties as of Jun-21. The company also holds sizeable agricultural land in New Territories. In China, SHKP's total land bank reached 75.3m sf, made up of 16.3m sf of completed properties (mainly for rental) and 59m sf of development properties.



Discount to NAV



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS HK



Key Assumptions (%)

	2022F	2023F
Residential price - HK	0	2
Office rental - HK	0	0
Retail rental (Shopping centre) - HK	5	5

Source: DBS HK

Segmental Breakdown (HK\$ m)

FY lun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Revenues (HK\$ m)					
Property sales	38,573	39,765	42,701	37,196	43,973
Rental income	20,590	19,909	20,410	21,018	21,459
Hotel operation	4,786	2,595	2,178	2,878	3,742
Telecommunication	8,415	6,986	6,720	7,031	7,308
Data Centre operations	1,561	1,714	1,874	2,192	2,755
Others	11,377	11,684	11,379	11,607	11,955
Total	85,302	82,653	85,262	81,921	91,192

Source: DBS HK

Income Statement (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Turnover	85,302	82,653	85,262	81,921	91,192
EBITDA	40,770	40,036	42,428	41,885	42,598
Depr / Amort	(2,912)	(4,581)	(5,183)	(5,442)	(5,605)
EBIT	37,858	35,455	37,245	36,443	36,993
Associates Inc	3,911	3,147	3,682	3,183	3,700
Interest (Exp)/Inc	(2,051)	(2,120)	(1,990)	(2,000)	(2,050)
Exceptionals	347	337	82	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	40,065	36,819	39,019	37,625	38,643
Tax	(6,618)	(6,674)	(8,378)	(6,889)	(6,814)
Non-controlling interests	(878)	(608)	(702)	(835)	(800)
Holders of Perpetual Securities	(171)	(169)	(66)	0	0
Underlying Profit	32,398	29,368	29,873	29,901	31,029
Sales Gth (%)	0	(3)	3	(4)	11
Net Profit Gth (%)	7	(9)	2	0	4
EBITDA Margins (%)	48	48	50	51	47
EBIT Margin (%)	44	43	44	44	41
Tax Rate (%)	17	18	21	18	18

Source: DBS HK



Balance Sheet (HK\$ m)

FY lun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Fixed Assets	422,474	421,542	438,800	447,384	456,161
Long-term Investments	3,313	2,603	3,229	3,229	3,229
Other LT Assets	4,764	6,954	5,803	5,803	5,803
Intangibles Assets	4,445	4,288	4,273	4,273	4,273
Associates/JVs	73,751	78,782	101,481	103,807	106,345
Bank Balance/Cash & Liquid	22,038	31,705	21,781	27,019	28,459
ST Investments	1,103	824	1,383	1,383	1,383
Inventory	196,463	233,737	200,934	223,563	246,034
Debtors	22,811	17,396	18,735	18,235	17,735
Total Assets	751,162	797,831	796,419	834,696	869,422
ST Debt	9,168	26,375	20,979	12,000	12,001
Creditors	28,699	36,851	28,210	28,410	28,610
Other Current Liab	28,035	34,116	24,010	24,010	24,010
LT Debt	85,838	86,231	95,844	114,823	119,822
Deferred Tax Liabilities	23,328	22,638	25,694	25,694	25,694
Other LT Liabilities	275	1,205	2,056	2,056	2,056
Perpetual Securities	3,813	3,813	0	0	0
Non-controlling interests	5,601	14,789	5,806	6,449	7,058
Shareholder's Equity	566,405	571,813	593,820	621,254	650,171
Total Cap. & Liab.	751,162	797,831	796,419	834,696	869,422
Share Capital (m)	2,897	2,898	2,898	2,898	2,898
Net Cash/(Debt)	(72,968)	(80,901)	(95,042)	(99,804)	(103,364)
Working Capital	176,513	186,320	169,634	205,780	228,990
Net Gearing (%)	13	14	16	16	16

Source: DBS HK

Cash Flow Statement (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
EBIT	37,858	35,455	37,245	36,443	36,993
Tax Paid	(5,539)	(4,518)	(5,426)	(6,889)	(6,814)
Depr/Amort	2,912	4,581	5,183	5,442	5,605
Profit or loss on disposal of	(72)	(220)	(20)	0	0
FAs/subsidiaries/investment	(73)	(239)	(28)	U	U
Chg in Wkg.Cap	(17,020)	12,047	(20,089)	(21,129)	(20,772)
Other Non-Cash	1,617	542	(1,229)	0	0
Operating CF	19,755	47,868	15,656	13,868	15,013
Net Capex	(12,315)	(48,687)	(10,222)	(2,150)	(2,150)
Investments	(253)	625	(651)	0	0
Associates & JVs	(391)	363	1,316	7	312
Associates' Dividends	0	0	0	850	850
Others	123	(1,368)	(3)	0	0
Investing CF	(12,836)	(49,067)	(9,560)	(1,293)	(988)
Net Chg in Debt	4,055	18,191	2,605	10,000	5,000
Non-controlling interests	0	9,394	0	0	0
New Capital	64	18	0	0	0
Dividend	(14,282)	(15,083)	(14,760)	(14,536)	(14,535)
Other Financing CF	2,090	(1,199)	(4,741)	(2,800)	(3,050)
Financing CF	(8,073)	11,321	(16,896)	(7,336)	(12,585)
Chg in Cash	(1,154)	10,122	(10,800)	5,238	1,440

Source: DBS HK



Target Price & Ratings History



S.No	. Date	Closing Price	12-mth Target Price	Rating
1:	26-Feb-21	HK\$125.00	HK\$135.2	Buy
2:	4-Aug-21	HK\$112.1	HK\$141.1	Buy
3:	10-Sep-21	HK\$109.60	HK\$142.60	Buy
4:	23-Sep-21	HK\$96.1	HK\$126.10	Buy

Source: DBS HK Analyst: Jeff YAU CFA,



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