# Singapore Company Update Frasers Hospitality Trust

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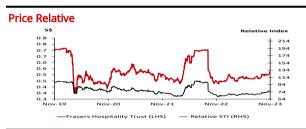
Last Traded Price (7 Nov 2023): S\$0.520 (STI: 3,173.81) Price Target 12-mth: S\$0.62 (19% upside) (Prev S\$0.58)

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#### What's New

- FY23 revenue rose 29% y-o-y to S\$123.2m, full-year DPS rose 49% y-o-y to 2.4426Scts, ahead of estimates
- RevPAR across all major markets surpassed pre-Covid levels; optimism going into FY24F on strong MICE line-up in 1H24 with concerts and Singapore Air Show
- Full-year valuation uplift of 1.7% y-o-y in SGD terms, improvement in cash flows to more than compensate for cap rate expansions
- Maintain BUY with higher TP of S\$0.62, forward FY24F yields of 5.1%



Forecasts and Valuation FY Sep (S\$m)	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F
Gross Revenue	95.9	123	140	143
Net Property Inc	69.6	90.5	105	107
Total Return	58.3	91.9	50.6	53.0
Distribution Inc	35.0	52.3	58.2	60.6
EPU (S cts)	0.86	2.14	2.63	2.75
EPU Gth (%)	32	149	23	5
DPU (S cts)	1.64	2.44	2.72	2.83
DPU Gth (%)	66	49	11	4
NAV per shr (S cts)	64.7	66.4	66.7	67.0
PE (X)	60.6	24.3	19.8	18.9
Distribution Yield (%)	3.1	4.7	5.2	5.4
P/NAV (x)	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Aggregate Leverage (%)	36.3	33.8	32.8	32.8
ROAE (%)	1.3	3.3	4.0	4.1
Distn. Inc Chng (%):			4	(1)
Consensus DPU (S cts):			2.60	3.10
Other Broker Recs:		B: 2	S: 0	H: 0

Source of all data on this page: Company, DBS Bank, Bloomberg Finance L.P.

### 8 Nov 2023

# Two leaps forward with return of MICE

#### Investment Thesis:

**Attractive entry price.** Frasers Hospitality Trust (FHT) currently trades at 0.8x P/NAV, near its historical mean price-to-book. We are pricing in an above-sector two-year forward DPU CAGR of 8%, to be supported by sustainable RevPAR growth across the portfolio, led by Japan.

Strengthened balance sheet post SSW divestment. Proceeds from the recent divestment of Sofitel Sydney Wentworth (SSW) on a 12% premium to the asset valuation have gone towards debt repayment (c.S\$300m), bringing gearing down to 36.4% as at 30 Sep 22 (from 42.2% in end-FY21). This, alongside one of the highest fixed debt hedge ratios in the sector, will put FHT on a strong footing going into the upcoming financial year. Interest cost was at 3.1% as at 30 September 2023, for which we have priced in sufficient buffers going into FY24F. We believe that FHT will have ample firepower to consider its portfolio rejuvenation plans, which, we believe, will come in the form of the rebranding of selective portfolio assets as hotel contracts expire in the coming years.

**More optimism on MICE demand going into FY24.** FHT's geographical markets continue to see strong h-o-h recovery, led by Singapore, Australia, and Germany. FHT's corporate-positioned hotels in Singapore will continue to see further traction from the return of corporate travel as a strong MICE calendar unfolds this year. Overseas low-hanging markets such as Japan and Germany will also depend on the return of corporate events in their respective submarkets to drive gross profits, indicating that a turnaround can happen quickly in a matter of a few quarters.

**Maintain BUY with TP of S\$0.62 as we roll forward valuations** (vs. TP of S\$0.58 previously). Our discounted cash flow valuation factors in (i) a 3.5% risk free rate, (ii) 1.0 beta, (iii) 7.4% WACC, and (iv) 2.0% terminal growth to derive a target price of S\$0.62.

### Key Risks

Key risks to our thesis would be a slower-than-anticipated recovery in MICE-dependent overseas markets, foreign currency fluctuations, and high refinancing cost of debt in FY24.

### At A Glance

lssued Capital (m shrs)	1,926		
Mkt. Cap (S\$m/US\$m)	1,002 / 739		
Major Shareholders (%)			
TCC HOSPITALITY LIMI	36.7		
TCC Assets Ltd	25.8		
Free Float (%)	37.5		
3m Avg. Daily Val (US\$m)	0.62		
GIC Industry: Real Estate / Equity Real Estate Investment (REITs)			



### WHAT'S NEW

### FY23 results powers ahead

Full-year DPS of 2.4426 Scts ahead of estimates. Frasers Hospitality Trust reported full-year FY23 revenue of S\$123.2m (+28.5% y-o-y). Net property income for the year rose a strong 30.1% y-o-y to S\$90.5m, while distributable income rose 49% y-o-y to S\$52.3m. The strong operating performance was on the back of RevPAR improvements across all markets on a y-o-y basis and supported by lower cost of debt in 1H23. FY23 DPS of 2.4426Scts was 49% higher y-o-y, and ahead of our estimates.

### Gross operating revenue above pre-Covid levels for all

markets except Japan. RevPAR across all major markets has exceeded pre-Covid levels, with the exception of Japan. Singapore continues to be the crown jewel with a 2H23 RevPAR of 305%, approximating 119% of pre-Covid levels. Although traditionally a seasonally high base in 1H23, we are pleasantly surprised and note that 2H23 performance amongst the Singapore assets has been well supported by MICE events and the F1 Grand Prix, which has resulted in a flat h-o-h performance.

Other geographical markets in the likes of Australia, UK, and Malaysia are also seeing RevPAR growth at a level that is 9%-13% higher than pre-Covid levels, supported by a return of MICE events. On a full-year basis, gross operating revenue has recovered c.100.4% to 117.7% across all markets, a c.30%-65% increase y-o-y. Gross operating profits moved in tandem in Singapore, Malaysia, and Germany to exceed pre-Covid levels, while that of Australia, UK, and Japan are still below pre-Covid levels.

### Improving ICR ratio on the back of low gearing rate of 34%.

Interest rates ended the financial year at 3.1% (76% hedged to fix rates), up 80bps from end-FY22, while gearing remains low at 34% in comparison to sector peers. ICR improved from 2.6x in FY22 to 3.6x in FY23 on the back of improving operational cash flow. Loans worth c.S\$150m will come due in FY24, approximately 21% of FHT's total loan book.

### Full-year valuation uplift of 1.7% y-o-y in SGD

**denomination.** FHT's full-year valuations came in stronger than expected, with a valuation uplift seen across all portfolio assets in local currency terms, except for Maritim Dresden, which declined 5.3% y-o-y. Portfolio valuation rose 1.7% y-o-y in SGD terms, despite a strong SGD. We observe that cap rates have expanded by 50-150bps in overseas markets (across selected Australia and Europe assets), which has been more than compensated by strong cash flow growth to reflect an increase in valuation in local currency terms.

Cap rate expansions in FHT's Asia markets (Singapore, Japan, Malaysia) have generally remained within the tighter range of >c.25bps. FHT's year-end revaluation was generally within our expectations that an upward trajectory in cash flow recovery will help support valuations, despite an expansion in cap rates, which we have seen in other asset classes for the corresponding geographies.

### Maintain BUY with higher TP of S\$0.62 (previously: S\$0.58).

We roll forward valuations into FY24F, while adjusting our estimates to account for changes in forex translation and higher portfolio RevPAR. We maintain our interest rate assumptions at 3.75% for FY24F, a sufficient buffer from the existing 3.10% (as at 30 Sep 2023). DPU for FY24F/FY25F of 2.72/2.83Scts represents an 8% CAGR for the coming years.



### **Company Background**

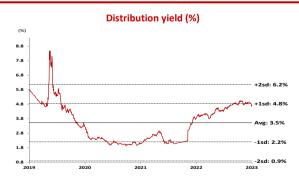
Frasers Hospitality Trust (FHT) provides investors exposure to one of the largest international hospitality portfolios by number of keys. Its geographically diversified portfolio of 15 quality assets spans prime locations across nine key cities in Asia, Australia, and Europe.

#### Interim Income Statement (S\$m)

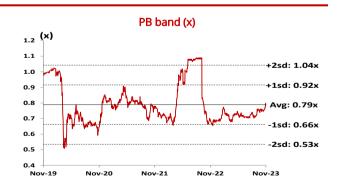
FY Sep	2H2022	1H2023	2H2023	% chg yoy	% chg hoh
Gross revenue	51.8	62.2	61.0	17.8	(2.0)
Property expenses	(13.8)	(17.0)	(15.7)	13.3	(7.7)
Net Property Income	37.9	45.2	45.3	19.5	0.1
Other Operating expenses	(11.6)	(8.6)	(8.5)	(26.3)	(0.6)
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
Associates & JV Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(11.2)	(8.4)	(10.8)	3.1	(28.6)
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	1.06	(1.6)	(0.7)	nm	nm
Net Income	16.2	26.6	25.3	55.8	(5.0)
Тах	(9.1)	(3.1)	(7.6)	(16.4)	143.4
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	-	-
Net Income after Tax	7.15	23.5	17.7	147.3	(24.7)
Total Return	7.15	23.5	23.5	nm	nm
Non-tax deductible Items	(29.0)	3.6	(43.2)	nm	nm
Net Inc available for Dist.	19.9	27.1	25.2	nm	nm
Ratio (%)					
Net Prop Inc Margin	73.3	72.7	74.3		
Dist. Payout Ratio	90%	90%	90%		
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### Historical Distribution yield and PB band



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS Bank estimates



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### Income Statement (S\$m)

FY Sep	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F
Gross revenue	85.5	95.9	123	140	143
Property expenses	(27.9)	(26.3)	(32.6)	(35.2)	(35.9)
Net Property Income	57.6	69.6	90.5	105	107
Other Operating expenses	(16.4)	(18.7)	(17.1)	(20.0)	(20.3)
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates & JV Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(20.2)	(22.3)	(19.3)	(25.8) 🔪	(25.4)
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	0.0	(1.6)	(2.3)	0.0	0.0
Net Income	21.0	27.0	51.9	59.0	\ 61.6
Тах	(8.4)	(10.5)	(10.7)	(8.3)	(8.6)
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<b>∖</b> 0.0
Preference Dividend	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	<u>\0.0</u>
Net Income After Tax	12.6	16.5	41.2	50.6	53,0
Total Return	16.3	58.3	91.9	50.6	53.0
Non-tax deductible Items	7.45	(23.3)	(39.6)	7.55	7.61
Net Inc available for Dist.	21.0	35.0	52.3	58.2	60.6
Growth & Ratio		10.4	205	10.6	2.2
Revenue Gth (%)	(3.4)	12.1	28.5	13.6	2.3
N Property Inc Gth (%)	(3.7)	20.7	30.1	15.6	2.4
Net Inc Gth (%)	(61.4)	31.7	149.1	22.9	4.7
Dist. Payout Ratio (%)	114.3	90.1	89.9	90.0	90.0
Net Prop Inc Margins (%)	67.4	72.6	73.5	74.8	74.9
Net Income Margins (%)	14.7	17.2	33.4	36.2	37.0
Dist to revenue (%)	24.6	36.5	42.4	41.6	42.4
Managers & Trustee's fees	19.2	19.5	13.9	14.3	14.1
ROAE (%)	1.0	1.3	3.3	4.0	4.1
ROA (%)	0.5	0.7	2.0	2.4	2.5
ROCE (%)	1.1	1.5	3.1	3.9	4.1
Int. Cover (x)	2.0	2.3	3.8	3.3	3.4

Source: Company, DBS Bank



### Balance Sheet (S\$m)

FY Sep	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F
Investment Properties	2,025	1,683	1,721	1,725	1,729
Other LT Assets	232	249	246	246	246
Cash & ST Invts	78.2	124	88.1	167	175
Inventory	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Debtors	14.3	9.28	12.9	8.89	9.09
Other Current Assets	0.01	20.3	5.02	5.02	5.02
Total Assets	2,349	2,086	2,073	2,152	2,164
ST Debt	203	174	149	149	149
Creditor	18.4	19.3	20.3	89.7	91.3
Other Current Liab	3.72	0.98	10.3	10.3	10.3
LT Debt	786	583	552	557	561
Other LT Liabilities	90.1	62.7	62.4	62.4	62.4
Unit holders' funds	1,248	1,246	1,278	1,284	1,290
Minority Interests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Funds & Liabilities	2,349	2,086	2,073	2,152	2,164
Non Cash Willia Capital	(7.0)	0.21	(1 2 7)	(96.1)	(07 E)
Non-Cash Wkg. Capital	(7.8)	9.31	(12.7)	(86.1)	(87.5)
Net Cash/(Debt) Ratio	(910)	(633)	(613)	(538)	(535)
Current Ratio (x)	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8
Ouick Ratio (x)	0.4	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.8
Aggregate Leverage (%)	42.1	36.3	33.8	32.8	32.8

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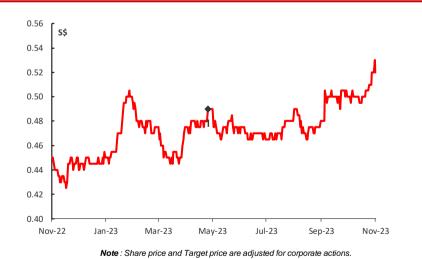


### Cash Flow Statement (S\$m)

FY Sep	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024F	2025F
Pre-Tax Income	24.7	68.8	103	59.0	61.6
Dep. & Amort.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tax Paid	(1.4)	(17.4)	(1.9)	(8.3)	(8.6)
Associates &JV Inc/(Loss)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chg in Wkg.Cap.	(9.5)	45.2	(1.1)	73.4	1.44
Other Operating CF	25.3	(68.3)	(28.3)	7.55	7.61
Net Operating CF	39.2	28.3	71.4	132	62.1
Net Invt in Properties	(4.4)	305	(3.9)	(4.2)	(4.3)
Other Invts (net)	(0.5)	(6.1)	(0.4)	0.0	0.0
Invts in Assoc. & JV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Div from Assoc. & JVs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Investing CF	(3.9)	2.92	13.9	0.0	0.0
Net Investing CF	(8.9)	301	9.57	(4.2)	(4.3)
Distribution Paid	(24.0)	(29.0)	(42.3)	(52.4)	(54.6)
Chg in Gross Debt	84.9	(227)	(70.8)	4.20	4.29
New units issued	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Financing CF	(104)	(20.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Financing CF	(43.6)	(276)	(113)	(48.2)	(50.3)
Currency Adjustments	(1.1)	(7.8)	(3.6)	0.0	0.0
Chg in Cash	(14.3)	45.7	(35.7)	79.2	7.50
Operating CFPS (S cts)	2.53	(0.9)	3.76	3.02	3.15
Free CFPS (S cts)	1.81	17.3	3.51	6.61	3.00

Source: Company, DBS Bank

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Source: DBS Bank Analysts: Geraldine WONG Derek TAN



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