

Singapore

ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*:	Buy 7	Hold 1	Sell 0
Current price:			S\$0.635
Target price:			S\$0.75
Previous target:			S\$0.77
Up/downside:			18.1%
CGS-CIMB / Consens	sus:		-3.0%
Reuters:		ı	FAEH.SI
Bloomberg:		F	EHT SP
Market cap:		USS	\$943.5m
		S	\$1,273m
Average daily turnove	r:	US	\$\$0.75m
		5	S\$1.01m
Current shares o/s:			1,904m
Free float: *Source: Bloomberg			44.6%

Key changes in this note

- > FY24F DPU lowered by 1.5%.
- FY25F DPU lowered by 2.8%.
- Introduce FY26F estimates.



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Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	-1.6	3.3	-5.2
Relative (%)	0.1	2.2	0.2
Major shareholders			% held
Golden Development F	ete Ltd		22.0
Golden Landmark Pte		10.5	
Far East Organization	Centre Pte		9.8

Far East Hospitality Trust

Looking for acquisitions in FY24F

- Management signalled intent to acquire in FY24F likely in Japan/Singapore.
- Higher hotel & retail occupancy to drive FY24F earnings growth, in our view.
- Reiterate Add on geographical diversification as a re-rating catalyst.

Eyeing acquisitions in FY24F

FEHT's gearing stood at 31.3% as at end-FY23, translating into a debt headroom of c.S\$500m to reach 45% gearing level. In the FY23 analyst briefing, management ranked acquisitions above share buybacks and said it continues to look for acquisitions in Japan given the positive yield spread. Management said asset yields in Japan are in the c.4% range. It said it will wait for interest rates to moderate down, likely in 2H24F, before revisiting acquisitions in Singapore. While assets in Singapore are pricier and come with lower yields, similar to the Oasisa Downtown acquisition, the sponsor could sell its assets with a partial land lease, thereby lowering the purchase value and making the acquisition more accretive for FEHT, in our view.

FY23 same-store revenue at pre-Covid levels

FY23 DPU of 4.09 Scts (+25.1% yoy) was a slight beat to our estimate, at 106.9% of our FY23F forecast due to stronger topline growth and NPI margins (FY23: 92.4% vs. FY19: 90.3%, owning to lower ultilisation rates and operating costs for hotels under government contracts). We see more occupancy-driven recovery for the hotel portfolio in FY24F – FY23 hotel revenue per available room (RevPAR) recovered to 96% of 2019 levels compared to peers' c.120% as four of FEHT's hotels were ramping up after exiting their respective government contracts during the year. FY23 serviced residence (SR) RevPAR reached as high as 126% of 2019 levels. Occupancy for the retail and office stood at 80% and 100% respectively, the former depressed due to vacancy at Village Changi which has not been backfilled since the hotel exited its government contract in Mar 23.

Incentive fee on standby to cushion higher interest rates

Cost of debt averaged 3.3% in FY23 while interest coverage ratio stood at 3.5x. FEHT has refinanced c.S\$225m of loans maturing in Mar 24 with 3- and 7-year sustainability-linked debt. Management guided for FY24F cost of debt to average c.4% post-refinancing as half of the interest rate hedged (42.6% fixed at end-FY23) will roll off. Given its low interest rate hedge, management said the S\$18m additional incentive fee from the divestment of Central Square could be used to cushion the impact of higher interest rates. Nonetheless, we expect interest coverage ratio to fall to c.2.8x in FY24F amid higher interest expense.

Reiterate Add with geographical diversification as re-rating catalyst

Our DDM-TP dips from \$\$0.77 to \$\$0.75 as we lower FY24F-25F DPU by 1.5-2.8% to factor in higher interest costs, partially offset by higher NPI margin assumptions. Re-rating catalysts include geographical diversification, accretive acquisitions/divestments and faster ramp-up period for its hotels that have exited government block-booking contracts. Downside risks are lower-than-forecast leisure and/or corporate travel demand, which would impact FEHT's occupancy and room rates.

Financial Summary	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Gross Property Revenue (S\$m)	83.6	106.8	111.7	118.2	121.2
Net Property Income (S\$m)	77.3	98.7	102.0	108.0	110.8
Net Profit (S\$m)	164.5	112.4	65.3	72.5	75.1
Distributable Profit (S\$m)	65.02	81.91	85.03	86.21	86.86
Core EPS (S\$)	0.025	0.033	0.032	0.036	0.037
Core EPS Growth	19.7%	30.9%	(1.1%)	10.1%	2.8%
FD Core P/E (x)	25.31	19.33	19.55	17.75	17.27
DPS (S\$)	0.033	0.041	0.042	0.042	0.042
Dividend Yield	5.15%	6.44%	6.63%	6.67%	6.67%
Asset Leverage	28.9%	28.1%	28.7%	29.0%	29.2%
BVPS (S\$)	0.91	0.93	0.92	0.91	0.90
P/BV (x)	0.70	0.68	0.69	0.70	0.70
Recurring ROE	2.88%	3.58%	3.51%	3.91%	4.05%
% Change In DPS Estimates			(1.49%)	(2.83%)	

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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Financial Summary

DPS/Consensus DPS (x)



Figure 1: Results Comparison 1H 2H hoh % FY22 FY21 Prev. FYE Dec (S\$ m) yoy chg **Comments** FY22 FY23 FY22 FY23F chg cum cum 54.8 5.2% 42.6 52.0 83.6 103.3 FY23 was in line at 103.4% our our FY23F. Revenue 28.6% 106.8 27.8% Property operating expense (5.0)(2.7)84.6% (3.1)62.8% (8.1)(6.3)29.0% (11.3)Net property income 49.8 39.9 24.8% 49.0 1.6% 98.7 77.3 27.7% 92.0 FY23F NPI beat at 107.3% of our FY23F due to higherthan-forecasted revenue and NPI margin NPI margin 90.9% 94.1% 92.4% 92.5% NPI margin was higher due to lower ultilisation rates and operating cost for hotels under government contracts (28.9)Finance cost (13.1)(10.3)26.9% (12.1)8.3% (25.2)(18.4)36.5% 2.0 58.5% 1.9 7.2% 136.2% 0.3 Finance income 1.3 3.9 1.6 Manager's & trustee's fees (5.6)10.5% (5.2)7.5% (10.8)11.1% (11.0)(5.1)(9.7)0.0% 0.0% Share of JV's profit 0.0% 6.0 Other trust expenses (0.4)(0.5)(0.5)(0.9)(1.0)(0.7)n.m. n.m. n.m. 25.3 29.3% 33.0 -1.0% 65.7 49.8 32.1% Profit before FV adjustment 32.7 65.7 Revaluation of IP & derivative 51.4 104.2 -50.7% (5.2)46.2 114.9 -59.7% n.m. Profit before tax 86.7 129.4 -33.0% 43.9 97.8% 130.6 -36.0% 57.7 32.7% 90.4% Tax (0.1)(0.1)(0.1)4.4% (0.3)(0.1)(0.1)Tax rate 0.2% 0.1% 0.3% 0.2% 0.1% 0.3% Minority interests Profit after tax 86.6 129.3 43.7 203.8 -33.0% 98.1% 130.3 -36.0% 57.5 Distributable profit 40.0 30.2 32.4% 38.4 4.2% 81.9 59.0 38.9% 76.7 DPU (cts) 2.17 25.4% 13.0% 25.1% 3.83 FY23 DPU beat at 106.9% of our FY23F. 1.73 1.92 4.09 3.27 SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH ESTIMATES, COMPANY REPORTS

Figure 2: FEHT's key earnings changes										
Previous New Change										
FYE Dec	FY24F	FY25F	FY24F	FY25F	FY24F	FY25F				
Gross revenue (S\$ m)	112.0	118.3	111.7	118.2	-0.3%	-0.1%				
Gross profit (S\$ m)	100.3	105.9	102.0	108.0	1.7%	1.9%				
DPS (Scts)	4.28	4.36	4.21	4.24	-1.5%	-2.8%				
Target price (S\$)	0.7	7	0.	75	-2.	2%				
		SOURCE	S: CGS-CIMB F	ESEARCH EST	IMATES COMP	ANY REPORTS				



Figure 3: SREITs' peer comparison

			Price (LC)								
SREIT			as at	Target		Last			Divid	end Yield (%)
				Price (LC)		reported	Last	Price /	E)/00E	E) (0.4E	E)/055
	Bloomberg Ticker	Rec.	14 Feb 24	(DDM- based)	Mkt Cap (US \$m)	asset leverage	stated NAV	Stated NAV	FY23F	FY24F	FY25F
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CapitaLand Ascott Trust	CLAS SP	Add	0.92	1.29	\$2,566	37.9%	1.16	0.79	7.1%	7.3%	7.4%
CDL Hospitality Trust	CDREIT SP	Add	0.97	1.25	\$897	38.4%	1.31	0.74	5.9%	6.1%	6.7%
Far East Hospitality Trust	FEHT SP	Add	0.64	0.75	\$944	31.3%	0.93	0.68	6.4%	6.6%	6.7%
Frasers Hospitality Trust	FHT SP	NR	0.48	NA	\$675	39.3%	0.65	0.73	4.7%	5.0%	5.2%
S	Simple Average					36.7%		0.74	6.0%	6.2%	6.5%
Industrial											
AIMS AMP	AAREIT SP	NR	1.30	NA	\$758	36.4%	1.38	0.94	7.8%	7.5%	7.6%
CapitaLand Ascendas REIT	CLAR SP	Add	2.72	3.06	\$8,856	36.7%	2.31	1.18	5.6%	5.7%	5.8%
Cromwell European REIT	CERT SP	Add	1.36	2.15	\$819	37.4%	2.25	0.60	11.3%	11.4%	11.5%
ESR-LOGOS REIT	EREIT SP	Add	0.30	0.39	\$1,709	37.7%	0.33	0.91	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%
Frasers Logistics & Commercial Trus	FLT SP	Add	1.09	1.27	\$3,030	30.2%	1.17	0.93	6.5%	6.1%	6.3%
Keppel DC REIT	KDCREIT SP	Hold	1.76	1.88	\$2,247	37.3%	1.37	1.28	5.3%	4.8%	5.1%
Mapletree Industrial Trust	MINT SP	Add	2.35	2.61	\$4,936	37.9%	1.88	1.25	5.8%	5.8%	6.0%
Mapletree Logistics Trust	MLT SP	Add	1.51	1.88	\$5,575	38.9%	1.42	1.06	6.0%	5.7%	5.8%
Sabana Shariah	SSREIT SP	NR	0.38	NA	\$309	33.8%	0.53	0.72	7.9%	7.9%	8.2%
S	Simple Average					36.3%		0.99	7.2%	7.0%	7.2%
Office											
Keppel REIT	KREIT SP	Add	0.88	1.14	\$2,482	39.5%	1.31	0.67	6.6%	6.7%	6.9%
OUE REIT	OUEREIT SP	Hold	0.26	0.36	\$1,038	39.4%	0.59	0.43	8.3%	8.5%	8.7%
Suntec REIT	SUN SP	Hold	1.15	1.29	\$2,480	42.7%	2.09	0.55	6.2%	5.7%	5.9%
S	imple Average					40.5%		0.55	7.0%	7.0%	7.2%
Retail											
CapitaLand Integrated Commercial	CICT SP	Add	1.91	2.18	\$9,424	40.8%	2.12	0.90	5.6%	5.6%	6.0%
Frasers Centrepoint Trust	FCT SP	Add	2.22	2.54	\$2,970	37.2%	2.31	0.96	5.5%	5.3%	5.4%
Lendlease Global Commercial REIT	LREIT SP	Add	0.59	0.83	\$1,029	40.6%	0.77	0.77	7.9%	7.2%	7.8%
Mapletree Pan Asia Commercial Trus	MPACT SP	Add	1.36	1.54	\$5,291	40.8%	1.81	0.75	7.1%	6.3%	6.4%
Paragon REIT	PGNREIT SP	Hold	0.83	0.86	\$1,734	30.0%	0.91	0.91	6.1%	5.4%	5.8%
Starhill Global REIT	SGREIT SP	Add	0.49	0.62	\$812	36.8%	0.80	0.61	7.8%	8.1%	8.4%
S	imple Average					37.7%		0.82	6.7%	6.3%	6.6%
Overseas-centric											
CapitaLand China Trust	CLCT SP	NR	0.82	NA	\$1,139	42.4%	1.33	0.62	8.6%	9.2%	9.5%
Elite Commercial REIT	ELITE SP	Add	0.26	0.49	\$191	49.6%	0.43	0.60	14.0%	15.7%	15.7%
Manulife US REIT	MUST SP	Add	0.06	0.22	\$107	56.0%	0.40	0.15	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Sasseur REIT	SASSR SP	Add	0.68	0.95	\$622	25.4%	0.85	0.79	9.2%	9.3%	9.8%
S	imple Average					43.4%		0.54	7.9%	8.5%	8.8%
Healthcare											
Parkway Life REIT	PREIT SP	Add	3.65	4.50	\$1,636	36.0%	2.29	1.59	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%
	imple Average					35.5%		1.59	4.0%	4.1%	4.2%
Simple a	verage for SIN					38.2%		0.82	6.9%	6.9%	7.1%

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH ESTIMATES, BLOOMBERG, COMPANY REPORTS

NR estimates are based on Bloomberg consensus forecasts





Refinitiv ESG Scores









ESG in a nutshell

FEHT scored B- for its combined ESG score in 2022, as assessed by Refinitiv, with a C+ in Environmental, B- in Social, and B+ in Governance. According to Refinitiv, FEHT's Environmental score was dragged down by emission (C-) and environmental innovation (D+), although it scored relatively well in resource use (B). Its Social score was dragged down by human rights (D-) and product responsibility (C), although it scored well in community (B). As a REIT, FEHT has obtained several real estate sustainability certifications used as key benchmarks for the real estate industry. Five out of 12 of its properties are certified under the Green Mark scheme by the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) of Singapore. To this end, it aims to achieve the Singapore Green Mark Gold certification for its new hotels in Sentosa. It also targets to reduce the average energy consumption of its properties by 2% per year.

Keep your eye on

FEHT lacks detailed disclosures on ESG. Its combined ESG score was mainly dragged down by the environmental pillar.

Implications

The delays in implementing responsible practices and disclosures would be a drag on the stock. This is especially so if its peers move ahead. Our current valuations have not ascribed any premium/discount for ESG.

ESG highlights

FEHT ranked 45 out of 99 companies in Singapore and 15 out of the 26 REITs in Singapore, according to Refinitiv. It scored A+ for ESG controversies.

In FY22, on a same store basis, FEHT reduced water and energy consumption by 19.0% and 4.0% yoy, respectively.

Implications

FEHT has demonstrated its commitment towards ESG by obtaining real estate sustainability certifications. Stronger focus, faster implementation and better disclosures will help improve its ESG scores; this should help it draw investors' attention.

Trends

FEHT's combined ESG score improved from C+ to B- in 2022. It improved its Environmental pillar score from D+ to C+ and Social pillar score from C+ to B-. Its Governance pillar score was unchanged (B+).

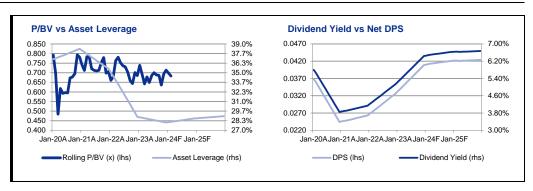
Implications

We believe FEHT is working to improve its ESG. The continuous efforts to improve its ESG scores would have a positive impact on its operations and financials in the longer term.

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BY THE NUMBERS



(S\$m)	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Rental Revenues	83.6	106.8	111.7	118.2	121.2
Other Revenues					
Gross Property Revenue	83.6	106.8	111.7	118.2	121.2
Total Property Expenses	(6.3)	(8.1)	(9.6)	(10.2)	(10.5)
Net Property Income	77.3	98.7	102.0	108.0	110.8
General And Admin. Expenses					
Management Fees	(9.4)	(10.5)	(11.1)	(11.4)	(11.5)
Trustee's Fees	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Other Operating Expenses	(1.0)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)	(0.9)
EBITDA	66.5	87.0	89.5	95.2	97.8
Depreciation And Amortisation					
EBIT	66.5	87.0	89.5	95.2	97.8
Net Interest Income	(16.8)	(21.3)	(31.0)	(30.4)	(30.7)
Associates' Profit	0.0	0.0	7.1	8.0	8.2
Other Income/(Expenses)					
Exceptional Items	114.9	47.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-tax Profit	164.6	112.7	65.6	72.8	75.4
Taxation	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Minority Interests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Preferred Dividends					
Net Profit	164.5	112.4	65.3	72.5	75.1
Distributable Profit	65.0	81.9	85.0	86.2	86.9

Cash Flow					
(S\$m)	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Pre-tax Profit	164.6	112.7	65.6	72.8	75.4
Depreciation And Non-cash Adj.	16.8	21.3	23.9	22.4	22.5
Change In Working Capital	(3.1)	0.9	(5.9)	(2.9)	(1.4)
Tax Paid	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.3)	(0.3)	(0.3)
Others	(106.4)	(37.5)	10.0	10.2	10.3
Cashflow From Operations	71.9	97.3	93.3	102.2	106.5
Capex	(7.2)	(4.4)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(5.0)
Net Investments And Sale Of FA	263.7	17.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Investing Cashflow	(1.0)	2.1	7.2	9.1	9.3
Cash Flow From Investing	255.5	15.6	2.2	4.1	4.3
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(210.0)	0.0	17.0	10.0	7.0
Equity Raised/(Repaid)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends Paid	(60.8)	(72.8)	(85.0)	(86.2)	(86.9)
Cash Interest And Others	(16.8)	(22.8)	(31.0)	(30.4)	(30.7)
Cash Flow From Financing	(287.6)	(95.6)	(99.0)	(106.6)	(110.5)
Total Cash Generated	39.7	17.2	(3.5)	(0.3)	0.3
Free Cashflow To Firm	329.0	116.7	95.8	107.6	112.1
Free Cashflow To Equity	100.6	90.1	81.5	85.9	87.1

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



BY THE NUMBERS... cont'd

Balance Sheet					
(S\$m)	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Total Investments	2,456	2,511	2,516	2,521	2,526
Intangible Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Other Long-term Assets	0	0	0	0	0
Total Non-current Assets	2,456	2,511	2,516	2,521	2,526
Total Cash And Equivalents	50	63	59	58	57
Inventories					
Trade Debtors	45	48	54	57	58
Other Current Assets	4	1	1	1	1
Total Current Assets	99	112	114	116	116
Trade Creditors	3	3	4	4	4
Short-term Debt	0	0	157	125	132
Other Current Liabilities	8	6	6	6	6
Total Current Liabilities	11	9	167	135	142
Long-term Borrowings	738	737	597	639	639
Other Long-term Liabilities	7	10	10	10	10
Total Non-current Liabilities	745	746	606	648	648
Shareholders' Equity	1,800	1,867	1,857	1,854	1,852
Minority Interests					
Preferred Shareholders Funds					
Total Equity	1,800	1,867	1,857	1,854	1,852

Key Ratios					
	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Gross Property Revenue Growth	0.4%	27.8%	4.6%	5.8%	2.6%
NPI Growth	2.9%	27.7%	3.3%	5.8%	2.6%
Net Property Income Margin	92.5%	92.4%	91.4%	91.4%	91.4%
DPS Growth	24.3%	25.1%	3.0%	0.6%	(0.0%)
Gross Interest Cover	3.61	3.46	2.86	3.00	3.06
Effective Tax Rate	0.089%	0.247%	0.424%	0.382%	0.369%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	40%	73%	130%	119%	116%
Current Ratio	9.37	11.97	0.69	0.86	0.82
Quick Ratio	9.37	11.97	0.69	0.86	0.82
Cash Ratio	4.69	6.75	0.36	0.43	0.40
Return On Average Assets	6.30%	4.34%	2.49%	2.75%	2.84%

Key Drivers					
	Dec-22A	Dec-23A	Dec-24F	Dec-25F	Dec-26F
Hotel RevPAR	92.4	136.8	150.6	158.8	163.5
Serviced residence RevPAU	210.8	223.3	220.8	225.2	230.1

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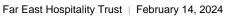
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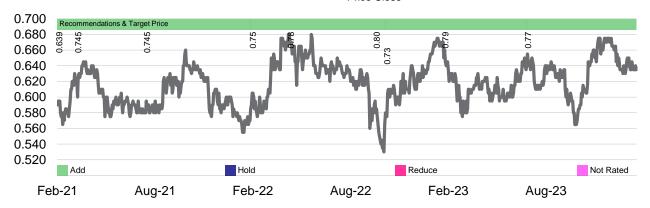


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