

STRATEGY – SINGAPORE

The Great Wall Of China Stimulus Packages

Clearly concerned about the direction of its economy, the Chinese government released a raft of stimulus measures last week that seemingly changed investor sentiment towards the Hong Kong and China markets overnight. While structural challenges remain, we highlight 14 stocks that have meaningful revenue exposure to China should these stimulus measures prove to be a game-changer. Our top picks for 2H24 remain CLI, GENS, KEP, MINT, OCBC, SCI, STE, VMS and YZJSGD.

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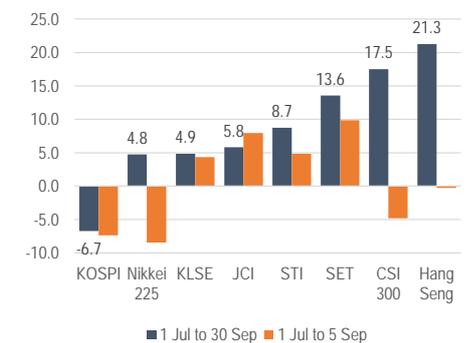
- The Great Wall of Stimulus.** Last week, China unveiled its strongest stimulus measures to date after recent data showed that its economy had slowed further. These measures addressed monetary policy and the housing market as well as support for the financial market (see table overleaf for detail). Subsequently, there were reports of planned issuance of special sovereign bonds worth about Rmb2t (1.6% of GDP) this year, of which Rmb1t will be each used to: a) stimulate consumption, and b) help local governments tackle debt. As a result of these stronger-than-expected measures, the currency and stock markets rallied with the CSI300 and the Hang Seng Index jumping 15.7% and 13.0% respectively last week, and 8.5% and 2.4% yesterday.
- Key data to look out for in the near to medium term.** Consumer spending during the Golden Week holidays (which start today (1-7 Oct)) will provide an initial gauge of any boost to consumer confidence, especially given that the government distributed one-time cash handouts to disadvantaged groups ahead of this holiday. Key data points that will need to be monitored in the coming months include retail sales, credit growth and property sales.
- A number of Singapore stocks should directly benefit** from a stronger Chinese economy, especially if these latest stimulus measures are followed by: a) fiscal spending by the Chinese government to replenish the lack of spending by its consumers and businesses, and b) policies to address the country's structural slowdown. In the table below, we highlight 14 stocks with revenue exposure to China. The sectors that these 14 stocks are exposed to are quite wide ranging, from financials and consumer discretionary to consumer staples, property & REITs (commercial, industrial and hospitality), energy, gloves and asset management.
- Medium/longer term and indirect beneficiaries – Singapore's hospitality and tourism-related stocks.** While not deriving revenue directly from China, the medium/longer-term potential spillover effects of a stronger Chinese economy could lead to higher tourism spending in Singapore, thus benefitting Genting Singapore as well as CDL Hospitality Trust and Far East Hospitality Trust. Additionally, we highlight asset managers such as Keppel and CapitaLand Investment which have material key assets in China, and a reinvigorated capital recycling landscape could lead to valuation upside for both companies.

KEY FOCUS STOCKS

| Company | Rec | Price (S\$) | |
|-----------------------|-----|-------------|--------|
| | | 30 Sep | Target |
| CapitaLandInvest* | BUY | 3.12 | 4.04 |
| Genting Sg* | BUY | 0.875 | 1.18 |
| Keppel Ltd* | BUY | 6.63 | 8.86 |
| Mapletree Ind Tr* | BUY | 2.43 | 3.03 |
| OCBC* | BUY | 15.10 | 18.50 |
| Semb Industries* | BUY | 5.54 | 7.47 |
| SingTel* | BUY | 3.24 | 3.58 |
| ST Engineering* | BUY | 4.66 | 4.95 |
| Venture* | BUY | 14.04 | 16.17 |
| Yangzijiang* | BUY | 2.45 | 3.40 |
| Small/mid-caps | | | |
| CSE Global | BUY | 0.43 | 0.59 |
| Far East Hosp Tr | BUY | 0.64 | 0.77 |
| Frencken | BUY | 1.37 | 1.74 |
| Marco Polo Marine | BUY | 0.055 | 0.061 |
| Valuetronics | BUY | 0.64 | 0.78 |

* Stocks in the Straits Times Index
Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

STI'S 3Q24 PERFORMANCE VS REGIONAL INDICES (%)



Source: Bloomberg

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COMPANIES WITH REVENUE EXPOSURE TO CHINA

| Company | Ticker | Rec | Price (S\$) | | Upside to TP (%) | PE (x) | | | 2024F (%) | | M.cap S\$m | P/B (x) | China rev (%) |
|-------------------|----------|------|-------------|--------|------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------------|---------|---------------|
| | | | 30 Sep | Target | | 2023 | 2024E | 2025E | Yield | ROE | | | |
| Sasseur Reit | SASSR SP | BUY | 0.72 | 0.98 | 36.1 | 11.5 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 10.1 | 897 | 0.8 | 100.0% |
| DFI Retail | DFI SP | BUY | 2.17 | 2.57 | 18.4 | 86.6 | 15.8 | 12.8 | 4.5 | 18.2 | 3,757 | 2.9 | 87.0% |
| China Sunshine | CSSC SP | BUY | 0.475 | 0.46 | (3.2) | 5.1 | 4.4 | 4.3 | 4.3 | 13.6 | 453 | 0.6 | 56.6% |
| Wilmar | WIL SP | HOLD | 3.35 | 3.25 | (3.0) | 10.2 | 10.4 | 9.2 | 4.4 | 7.7 | 20,913 | 0.8 | 47.8% |
| Mapletree Log Tr | MLT SP | HOLD | 1.46 | 1.44 | (1.4) | 24.9 | 26.4 | 26.5 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 7,323 | 1.1 | 16.2% |
| CapitaLand Invest | CLI SP | BUY | 3.12 | 4.04 | 29.5 | 88.1 | 22.3 | 19.9 | 2.7 | 5.2 | 15,565 | 1.2 | 16.2% |
| City Developments | CIT SP | BUY | 5.4 | 7.00 | 29.6 | 16.1 | 19.6 | 14.9 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 4,824 | 0.5 | 15.6% |
| O C B C | OCBC SP | BUY | 15.1 | 18.5 | 22.5 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 5.8 | 13.4 | 67,964 | 1.2 | 12.3% |
| DBS | DBS SP | BUY | 38.05 | 40.75 | 7.1 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 5.8 | 16.8 | 108,221 | 1.7 | 9.2% |
| Mtree PA Com Tr | MPACT SP | BUY | 1.48 | 1.76 | 18.9 | 17.9 | 18.6 | 18.5 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 7,780 | 0.8 | 9.1% |
| Sembcorp Ind | SCI SP | BUY | 5.54 | 7.47 | 34.8 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 2.3 | 20.0 | 9,884 | 2.0 | 6.1% |
| CapLand Ascott T | CLAS SP | BUY | 0.975 | 1.37 | 40.5 | 20.2 | 24.4 | 23.5 | 5.8 | 3.2 | 3,692 | 0.8 | 5.0% |
| Riverstone | RSTON SP | BUY | 0.885 | 1.16 | 31.1 | 20.2 | 14.7 | 14.1 | 8.4 | 18.0 | 1,312 | 2.9 | 4.9% |
| Keppel Ltd | KEP SP | BUY | 6.63 | 8.86 | 33.6 | 2.9 | 14.7 | 13.2 | 5.1 | 7.8 | 11,974 | 1.1 | 4.1% |

Note: *USD
Source: UOB Kay Hian

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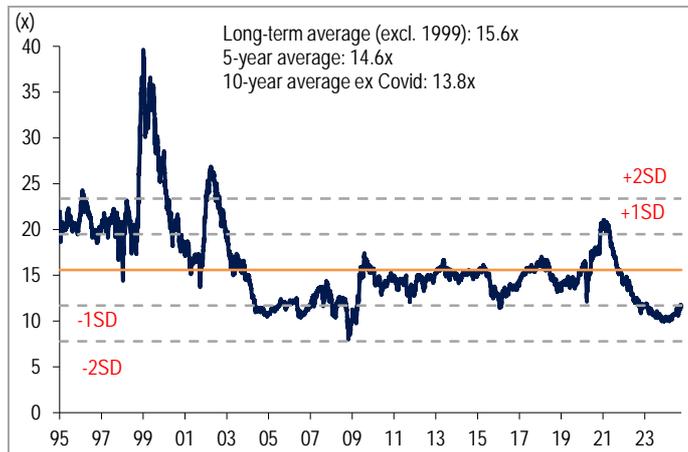
- We have also provided a list of 10 non-rated stocks which could directly and indirectly benefit from the stimulus measures. These can be seen on the chart on the RHS with half of these being REITs or property-related stocks.
- A timely move. China's official manufacturing PMI improved by 0.7 points to 49.8 in Sep 24, slightly above market expectations. Nonetheless, it was still the fifth straight month of contraction (ie a reading of <50). The private sector Caixin manufacturing PMI fell back to a contraction at 49.3 in Sep 24 (Aug 24: 50.4) – its lowest reading in 14 months. Without the aggressive stimulus package that was announced last week, the economy is likely to continue to head lower. UOB Global Economics and Markets Research expects that there will be some stabilisation in the near term, with any positive impact likely to take time to affect the economy.

LATEST STIMULUS MEASURES ANNOUNCED BY CHINA ON 24 SEP 24

| Policy | Key item | Details |
|--------------------------|--|---|
| MONETARY POLICY | Seven-day reverse repo rate | The key 7D reverse repo rate will be cut by 20bps to 1.5%. UOB GEMR expects the 1Y and 5Y Loan Prime Rate to be lowered to 3.15% and 3.65% respectively by end-24. |
| | Banks' reserve requirement ratio (RRR) | RRR lowered by 0.5ppt effective 27 Sep 24, and this will release Rmb1t of liquidity (0.8% of GDP) and reduce the banks' funding costs. There could be another 0.25–0.50ppt cut later this year. |
| | Medium-term lending facility (MLF) | Cut by 30bps to 2.00% on 25 September - the biggest cut since 2016. |
| HOUSING MARKET | Down-payment ratio | The minimum downpayment ratio for second homes will be lowered to 15% from 25%, to be the same as for first homes. This follows an earlier move in May 24 where the downpayment ratio for first-time buyers was lowered to 15% from 20% and to 25% from 30% for second homes. |
| | Re-lending program | The People's Bank of China's (PBOC) Rmb300b re-lending programme for affordable housing announced in May 24 will be ramped up to increase its funding proportion to 100% from 60%. |
| | Mortgage rate | PBOC will cut mortgage rates by an average of 0.5ppt on existing mortgages. This is expected to ease mortgage burden for homeowners by Rmb150b (0.1% of GDP), but the impact on households would be partly offset by a possible reduction in deposit rates. |
| FINANCIAL MARKET SUPPORT | Swap facility | Rmb500b: Eligible securities firms, funds and insurance companies will be allowed to pledge assets as collateral for highly liquid assets (government bonds and central bank bills) from PBOC, to acquire funds for purchasing stocks. |
| | Relending facility | Rmb300b: To guide commercial banks to provide loans to listed companies and major shareholders to buy back shares or increase their holding of shares of listed companies. |
| | Tier-1 capital | To increase the core Tier-1 capital at its six major commercial banks by as much as Rmb1t. This will boost their capacity to increase lending. |
| | Mergers & Acquisitions | The China Securities Regulatory Commission (CSRC) will release six measures to promote M&A, and work with various parties to facilitate the circulation of private equity and venture |

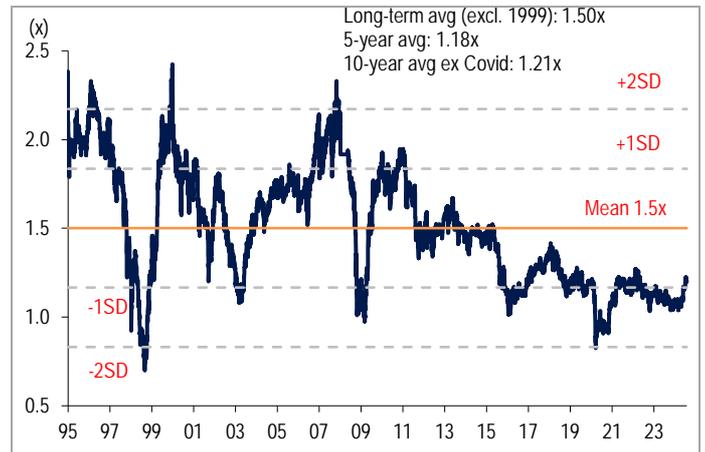
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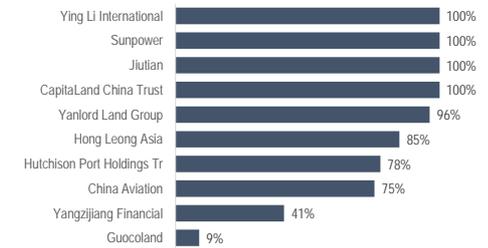
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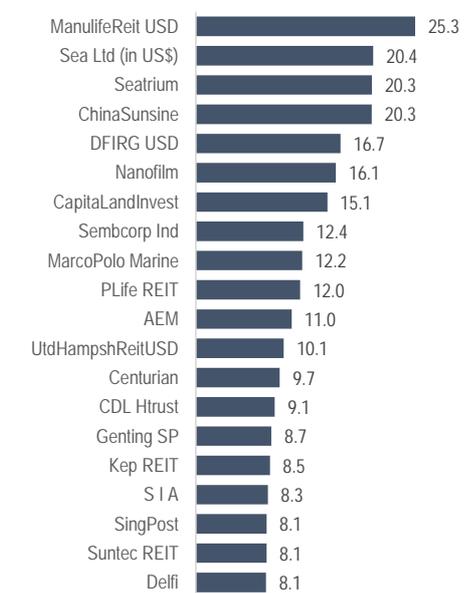
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NON-RATED SGX-LISTED COMPANIES WITH REVENUE EXPOSURE TO CHINA (%)



Source: Bloomberg

20 BEST PERFORMING STOCKS IN SEP (%)



Source: Bloomberg

SINGAPORE STOCKS UNDER COVERAGE – LARGE CAPS

| Company | Ticker | Rec | Price (S\$) | | Upside to TP (%) | PE (x) | | | 2024F (%) | | M.cap S\$m | P/B (x) |
|--------------------------|------------|------|-------------|--------|------------------|--------|-------|-------|-----------|------|------------|---------|
| | | | 30 Sep | Target | | 2023 | 2024E | 2025E | Yield | ROE | | |
| AVIATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| SIA | SIA SP | SELL | 6.80 | 5.83 | (14.3) | 7.6 | 11.3 | 19.6 | 5.4 | 11.6 | 20,218.3 | 1.4 |
| SIA Engineering | SIE SP | BUY | 2.42 | 2.70 | 11.6 | 28.0 | 17.6 | 15.7 | 5.0 | 9.1 | 2,713.0 | 1.6 |
| SATS | SATS SP | BUY | 3.61 | 4.00 | 10.8 | 95.2 | 18.5 | 16.6 | 2.7 | 11.7 | 5,386.3 | 2.3 |
| ST Engineering | STE SP | BUY | 4.66 | 4.95 | 6.2 | 24.8 | 22.3 | 20.7 | 3.4 | 25.8 | 14,527.7 | 5.7 |
| FINANCE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DBS | DBS SP | BUY | 38.05 | 40.75 | 7.1 | 9.8 | 10.0 | 10.5 | 5.8 | 16.8 | 108,220.8 | 1.7 |
| O C B C | OCBC SP | BUY | 15.10 | 18.50 | 22.5 | 9.7 | 9.1 | 9.3 | 5.8 | 13.4 | 67,964.2 | 1.2 |
| SGX | SGX SP | HOLD | 11.42 | 11.62 | 1.8 | 21.4 | 20.4 | 22.2 | 3.0 | 32.7 | 12,228.6 | 6.2 |
| U O B @ | UOB SP | NR | 32.17 | n.a. | n.a. | 9.6 | 9.4 | 8.7 | 5.6 | 12.8 | 53,799.4 | 1.2 |
| IFAST | IFAST SP | HOLD | 7.30 | 8.03 | 10.0 | 76.1 | 36.9 | 23.4 | 0.8 | 22.2 | 2,175.1 | 7.8 |
| HEALTHCARE | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Raffles Medical | RFMD SP | HOLD | 0.92 | 1.01 | 9.8 | 19.0 | 25.6 | 23.3 | 2.0 | 6.4 | 1,707.4 | 1.7 |
| LAND TRANSPORT | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| ComfortDelGro | CD SP | HOLD | 1.51 | 1.56 | 3.3 | 18.1 | 15.9 | 13.8 | 4.8 | 7.9 | 3,270.8 | 1.2 |
| PLANTATION | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bumitama | BAL SP | BUY | 0.75 | 0.70 | (6.7) | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 16.7 | 1,300.6 | 1.2 |
| First Resources | FR SP | BUY | 1.47 | 1.65 | 12.2 | 11.8 | 8.3 | 8.5 | 6.1 | 15.9 | 2,277.4 | 1.3 |
| Wilmar | WIL SP | HOLD | 3.35 | 3.25 | (3.0) | 10.2 | 10.4 | 9.2 | 4.4 | 7.7 | 20,913.2 | 0.8 |
| PROPERTY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CapitaLand Investment | CLI SP | BUY | 3.12 | 4.04 | 29.5 | 88.1 | 22.3 | 19.9 | 2.7 | 5.2 | 15,565.0 | 1.2 |
| CityDev | CIT SP | BUY | 5.40 | 7.00 | 29.6 | 16.1 | 19.6 | 14.9 | 1.5 | 2.8 | 4,824.4 | 0.5 |
| SHIPYARD | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Keppel Corp | KEP SP | BUY | 6.63 | 8.86 | 33.6 | 2.9 | 14.7 | 13.2 | 5.1 | 7.8 | 11,974.4 | 1.1 |
| Sembcorp Ind | SCI SP | BUY | 5.54 | 7.47 | 34.8 | 10.5 | 10.2 | 9.8 | 2.3 | 20.0 | 9,883.8 | 2.0 |
| Seatrium | STM SP | BUY | 1.78 | 2.31 | 29.8 | n.a. | 57.7 | 20.5 | 0.0 | 1.6 | 6,047.0 | 1.0 |
| Yangzijiang Shipbuilding | YZJSGD SP | BUY | 2.45 | 3.40 | 38.8 | 12.4 | 8.5 | 7.1 | 3.5 | 25.5 | 9,678.9 | 2.3 |
| TECHNOLOGY | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Sea Ltd (in US\$) | SE US | BUY | 94.31 | 112.54 | 19.3 | 354.5 | 157.9 | 103.4 | 0.0 | 4.8 | 49,683.7 | 9.3 |
| Venture Corp | VMS SP | BUY | 14.04 | 16.17 | 15.2 | 15.1 | 15.3 | 14.8 | 5.3 | 9.3 | 4,068.0 | 1.4 |
| TELECOMS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| NetLink NBN Tr | NETLINK SP | BUY | 0.915 | 0.98 | 7.1 | 34.5 | 33.0 | 31.0 | 5.9 | 4.4 | 3,565.7 | 1.4 |
| SingTel | ST SP | BUY | 3.24 | 3.58 | 10.5 | 67.2 | 20.6 | 19.3 | 5.1 | 10.2 | 53,503.1 | 2.2 |
| StarHub | STH SP | BUY | 1.23 | 1.41 | 14.6 | 15.0 | 12.5 | 10.6 | 6.4 | 28.9 | 2,113.0 | 5.6 |
| OTHERS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| DF Retail Group USD | DFI SP | BUY | 2.17 | 2.57 | 18.4 | 86.6 | 15.8 | 12.8 | 4.5 | 18.2 | 3,756.5 | 2.9 |
| Emperor Inc. | EMI SP | SELL | 0.435 | 0.30 | (31.0) | 32.2 | 38.2 | 34.3 | 1.3 | 8.0 | 6,845.4 | 3.1 |
| Genting SP | GENS SP | BUY | 0.875 | 1.18 | 34.9 | 17.3 | 15.0 | 14.6 | 4.6 | 8.5 | 10,563.5 | 1.3 |
| Thai Beverage | THBEV SP | BUY | 0.535 | 0.56 | 4.7 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 11.0 | 4.3 | 13.2 | 13,443.3 | 1.8 |
| Riverstone | RSTON SP | BUY | 0.885 | 1.16 | 31.1 | 20.2 | 14.7 | 14.1 | 8.4 | 18.0 | 1,311.7 | 2.9 |
| Sheng Siong | SSG SP | BUY | 1.53 | 1.88 | 22.9 | 17.2 | 17.1 | 16.8 | 4.1 | 26.2 | 2,300.4 | 4.5 |
| SingPost | SPOST SP | BUY | 0.465 | 0.61 | 31.2 | 15.5 | 14.8 | 12.9 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 1,046.3 | 0.9 |
| REITS | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| CapLand Ascendas Reit | CLAR SP | BUY | 2.86 | 3.74 | 30.8 | 18.1 | 19.5 | 18.5 | 5.4 | 6.3 | 12,575.4 | 1.3 |
| CapLand Ascott Tr | CLAS SP | BUY | 0.975 | 1.37 | 40.5 | 20.2 | 24.4 | 23.5 | 5.8 | 3.2 | 3,691.9 | 0.8 |
| CapLand Int Com Tr | CICT SP | NR | 2.12 | n.a. | n.a. | 18.8 | 20.6 | 19.8 | 4.8 | 4.8 | 14,647.7 | 1.0 |
| CDL Htrust | CDREIT SP | BUY | 1.02 | 1.48 | 45.1 | 82.9 | 21.1 | 20.7 | 6.3 | 3.2 | 1,278.5 | 0.7 |
| DigiCore Reit USD | DCREIT SP | BUY | 0.615 | 0.88 | 43.1 | 46.1 | 25.6 | 22.7 | 5.8 | 3.7 | 1,020.9 | 0.9 |
| Far East HTrust | FEHT SP | BUY | 0.64 | 0.77 | 20.3 | 19.6 | 21.5 | 19.5 | 6.3 | 3.2 | 1,287.2 | 0.7 |
| Frasers Cpt Tr | FCT SP | BUY | 2.30 | 2.71 | 17.8 | 19.1 | 20.0 | 20.3 | 5.1 | 4.9 | 4,162.9 | 1.0 |
| Frasers L&C Tr | FLT SP | BUY | 1.15 | 1.48 | 28.7 | 18.1 | 22.6 | 21.7 | 6.0 | 4.4 | 4,321.5 | 1.0 |
| Keppel DC Reit | KDCREIT SP | BUY | 2.17 | 2.28 | 5.1 | 25.5 | 23.6 | 22.0 | 4.4 | 6.8 | 3,739.3 | 1.6 |
| Kep REIT | KREIT SP | BUY | 0.955 | 1.20 | 25.7 | 23.1 | 22.9 | 23.5 | 6.3 | 3.0 | 3,646.5 | 0.7 |
| KepPacOakReitUSD | KORE SP | BUY | 0.27 | 0.35 | 29.6 | 3.2 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 0.0 | 6.1 | 361.0 | 0.4 |
| Lendlease REIT | LREIT SP | BUY | 0.605 | 0.77 | 27.3 | 23.2 | 20.7 | 28.7 | 6.4 | 3.1 | 1,437.8 | 0.8 |
| Manulife Reit USD | MUST SP | BUY | 0.124 | 0.168 | 35.5 | 2.8 | 5.4 | 5.7 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 282.0 | 0.3 |
| Mapletree PanAsia Com Tr | MPACT SP | BUY | 1.48 | 1.76 | 18.9 | 17.9 | 18.6 | 18.5 | 5.7 | 4.4 | 7,780.4 | 0.8 |
| Mapletree Industrial Tr | MINT SP | BUY | 2.43 | 3.03 | 24.7 | 18.3 | 18.0 | 17.5 | 5.6 | 7.2 | 6,890.0 | 1.4 |
| Mapletree Logistics Tr | MLT SP | HOLD | 1.46 | 1.44 | (1.4) | 24.9 | 26.4 | 26.5 | 5.6 | 3.7 | 7,323.3 | 1.1 |
| Parkway Life REIT | PREIT SP | BUY | 4.20 | 5.07 | 20.7 | 23.0 | 23.0 | 22.7 | 3.4 | 7.7 | 2,541.0 | 1.8 |
| Prime US Reit USD | PRIME SP | BUY | 0.187 | 0.32 | 71.1 | 4.1 | 5.0 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 6.0 | 313.2 | 0.3 |
| Sasseur Reit | SASSR SP | BUY | 0.72 | 0.98 | 36.1 | 11.5 | 8.7 | 8.1 | 8.3 | 10.1 | 896.9 | 0.8 |
| Suntec REIT | SUN SP | HOLD | 1.33 | 1.18 | (11.3) | 39.2 | 28.3 | 27.6 | 4.7 | 2.1 | 3,875.2 | 0.6 |
| UtdHampsh Reit USD | UHU SP | BUY | 0.49 | 0.64 | 30.6 | 12.2 | 13.8 | 12.3 | 8.4 | 4.6 | 366.0 | 0.6 |

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