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MRCB-Quill REIT (MQREIT MK)

Lukewarm Prospects For The Time Being

- Maintain NEUTRAL with new TP of MYR0.96 from MYR0.97, 6% downside. 9M19 earnings were in line with our but below consensus expectations. The lower contribution from MQREIT's commercial assets (Platinum Sentral, Wisma Technip and QB5) for the quarter comes as no surprise given the prolonged issue of oversaturation in the office segment in the Klang Valley. Having said that, we foresee occupancy rates for the REIT to remain under pressure.
- Earnings in line with our expectations. 3Q19 core earnings of MYR17.6m (+7,2% QoQ, -14.3% YoY) brought 9M19 core net profit to MYR53.5m. Making up 76% of our full-year estimates, results are deemed to have met our expectations, but missed consensus at 71%. 9M19 revenue of MYR120m fell 8.1% YoY, and in line with that, core net profit dipped 14.9% YoY on the back of lower rental contribution coming from Platinum Sentral, Wisma Technip and Quill Building 5 (QB5), which had all seen a decline in occupancy rates in 2Q19.
- 8% non-renewal YTD. The average occupancy rate across all of MRCB-Quill's assets remains unchanged from the previous quarter at 89%. Of the 19% total NLA that is up for renewal in 2019, only 11% renewed as at Sep 2019. The 4% up for renewal encompasses tenants largely from Menara Shell and Platinum Sentral, but we believe the impact of non-renewal will be mitigated by the arrival of new tenants that will occupy c.70,000 sqf of NLA in Platinum Sentral and 28,000 sqf in Menara Shell next year. Currently, Platinum Sentral and Menara Shell are still at 88% and 96% occupancy respectively, unchanged from the previous quarter.
- We remain mildly cautious on the REIT given the fact that 4% of leases (of the REIT's total NLA) are still up for renewal, while another 4% (Transit Acquirer SB, IBM, MyHSR Corp SB and part of Land Public Transport Commission (SPAD)) decided to terminate their respective tenancies earlier in the year. The leases that have yet to be renewed come mainly from Menara Shell, Platinum Sentral and Plaza Mont Kiara. The current blended rental reversion rate maintained by the REIT is flat, but we foresee the possibility of a change to negative in the future in an effort to retain tenants.
- Earnings fine-tuned, TP trimmed. After adjusting our NLA assumptions to more accurately reflect the REIT's portfolio size moving forward, our FY19F-21F earnings are consequently trimmed marginally by c.2%. As such, our DDM-based TP is cut to MYR0.96.
- **Potential upside risk** to our call is the possibility of a yield accretive acquisition in the future. A downside risk to our call is the prolonged oversupply of commercial spaces that could lead to a lower occupancy rate for the REIT and ultimately, negative rental reversion.

| Forecasts and Valuations | Dec-17 | Dec-18 | Dec-19F | Dec-20F | Dec-21F |
|-----------------------------------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| Total turnover (MYRm) | 180 | 173 | 147 | 148 | 148 |
| Net property income (MYRm) | 140 | 134 | 113 | 114 | 114 |
| Reported net profit (MYRm) | 70 | 73 | 70 | 71 | 70 |
| Total distributable income (MYRm) | 88 | 85 | 70 | 71 | 70 |
| DPS (MYR) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.1 |
| DPS growth (%) | 0.1 | (3.1) | (20.3) | 0.9 | (0.8) |
| P/BV (x) | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| Dividend Yield (%) | 8.2 | 7.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5.7 |
| Return on average equity (%) | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.1 | 5.2 | 5.1 |
| Return on average assets (%) | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Gross gearing (x) | 37.3 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.5 | 37.4 |
| Source: Company data, RHB | | | | | |

Property | REITs

Neutral (Maintained)

| Target Price (Return) | MYR0.96 (-6%) |
|------------------------------|---------------|
| Price: | MYR1.02 |
| Market Cap: | USD262m |
| Avg Daily Turnover (MYR/USD) | 0.15m/0.04m |

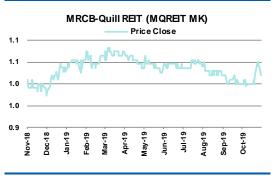
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Share Performance (%)

| | YTD | 1m | 3m | 6m | 12m |
|---------------|------------|------|-------|-------|----------|
| Absolute | (3.8) | 2.0 | (2.9) | (4.7) | (5.6) |
| Relative | 2.1 | 0.6 | (1.7) | (4.2) | 0.6 |
| 52-wk Price I | ow/high (N | IYR) | | 0.995 | 5 – 1.13 |
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Source: Bloomberg

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Financial Exhibits

| Asia |
|-----------------|
| Malaysia |
| REIT |
| MRCB-Quill REIT |
| MQREIT MK |

Shareholding (%)

| Malaysian Resources | 27.8 |
|--------------------------|------|
| Employees Provident Fund | 12.1 |
| Capitaland | 10.9 |

Dividend discount model (DDM)

Valuation basis

Key drivers

Higher-than-expected demand for office space and inorganic growth opportunities arising from MRCB and Quill Group.

Key risks

An upside risk is the possibility of a yield accretive acquisition in the future. Downside risk includes a prolonged oversupply of office space that could lead to a lower occupancy rate and negative rental reversion.

Company Profile

MRCB-Quill REIT is a mid-cap MREIT that focuses on office/commercial assets. Assets are largely concentrated in the Klang Valley and Cyberjaya areas

| Financial summary | Dec-17 | Dec-18 | Dec-19F | Dec-20F | Dec-21F |
|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| Recurring EPS (MYR) | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.0 |
| EPS (MYR) | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.07 | 0.07 | 0.0 |
| | 0.08 | 0.08 | 0.06 | 0.06 | 0.0 |
| BVPS (MYR) Weighted avg adjusted shares (m) | 1.30 1,068.0 | 1.28 1,071.8 | 1.28 1,071.8 | 1.28 1,071.8 | 1.2 1,071. |
| Valuation metrics | Dec-17 | Dec-18 | Dec-19F | Dec-20F | Dec-21F |
| Recurring P/E (x) | 12.4 | 12.9 | 15.6 | | 15. |
| P/E (x) | | | | 15.5 | |
| P/B (x) | 12.4 | 12.9 | 15.6 | 15.5 | 15. |
| FCF Yield (%) | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0. |
| Dividend yield (%) | 11.3 | 10.7 | 9.1 | 9.2 | 9. |
| | 8.2 | 7.9 | 5.7 | 5.8 | 5. |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 14.9 | 13.8 | 16.3 | 16.2 | 16. |
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| Income statement (MYRm) | Dec-17 | Dec-18 | Dec-19F | Dec-20F | Dec-21F |
| Total turnover | 180 | 173 | 147 | 148 | 14 |
| Gross profit | 140 | 134 | 113 | 114 | 11 |
| EBITDA | 125 | 135 | 118 | 118 | 11 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | - | - | - | - | |
| Operating profit Net interest | (41) | 135 | (26) | (26) | 11 |
| Income from associates & JVs | (41) | (41) | (36) | (36) | (30 |
| Exceptional income - net | (18) | (3) | - | - | |
| Pre-tax profit | 70 | 79 | 70 | 71 | 7 |
| Taxation | - | (6) | - | - | - |
| Minority interests | - | - | - | - | |
| Recurring net profit(adj) | 88 | 85 | 70 | 71 | 7 |
| Cash flow (MYRm) | Dec-17 | Dec-18 | Dec-19F | Dec-20F | Dec-21 |
| Change in working capital | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4) | (4 |
| Cash flow from operations | 123 | 117 | 100 | 100 | ç |
| Capex | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2) | (2 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 | |
| Dividends paid | (73) | (88) | (78) | (70) | (7 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | (113) | (129) | (114) | (106) | (10 |
| Cash at beginning of period | 40 | 52 | 43 | 33 | 3 |
| Net change in cash | 12 | (8) | (11) | (2) | (; |
| Ending balance cash | 52 | 43 | 33 | 31 | 2 |
| Balance sheet (MYRm) | Dec-17 | Dec-18 | Dec-19F | Dec-20F | Dec-21 |
| | | | | | |
| Total cash and equivalents | 76 | 86 | 33 | 31 | |
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Source: Company data, RHB

Property | REITs



Results at a Glance

Figure 1: MRCB-Quill REIT's 3Q19 results summary

| FYE Dec (MYRm) | 3Q18 | 2Q19 | 3Q19 | QoQ (%) | YoY (%) | 9M18 | 9M19 | YoY (%) | Comments |
|------------------------------|--------|-------|-------|---------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---|
| Revenue | 43.3 | 38.8 | 39.9 | 2.9 | (7.7) | 130.7 | 120.1 | (8.1) | Lower YoY because of lower revenue generated from Platinum Sentral, QB5 and Wisma Technip. |
| Net property income (NPI) | 33.3 | 29.1 | 30.2 | 3.8 | (9.4) | 101.0 | 91.3 | (9.6) | |
| Interest expense | (10.1) | (9.7) | (9.7) | 0.2 | (3.3) | (29.7) | (29.3) | (1.3) | |
| | | | | | | | | | |
| Interest income | 1.0 | 0.6 | 0.7 | 24.2 | (31.2) | 2.6 | 2.1 | (20.2) | |
| Associates | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | nm | nm | 0.0 | 0.0 | nm | |
| EI | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | nm | nm | 2.2 | 0.0 | nm | |
| Others | (3.7) | (3.5) | (3.5) | 1.5 | (4.9) | (11.0) | (10.6) | (4.0) | |
| Pretax profit | 20.6 | 16.5 | 17.6 | 7.2 | (14.3) | 65.1 | 53.5 | (17.8) | |
| Tax | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | nm | nm | 0.0 | 0.0 | nm | |
| Minority Interest | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | nm | nm | 0.0 | 0.0 | nm | |
| Net Profit | 20.6 | 16.5 | 17.6 | 7.2 | (14.3) | 65.1 | 53.5 | (17.8) | |
| Core Profit | 20.6 | 16.5 | 17.6 | 7.2 | (14.3) | 62.9 | 53.5 | (14.9) | Within our expectations |
| Core earnings per unit (sen) | 1.92 | 1.54 | 1.65 | 7.1 | (14.1) | 6.08 | 4.99 | (17.9) | |
| Dividends per unit (sen) | 0.00 | 3.43 | 0.00 | nm | nm | 4.23 | 3.43 | (18.9) | |
| NPI Margin (%) | 77.1 | 75.0 | 75.6 | | | 77.3 | 76.0 | | |
| Pretax Margin (%) | 47.6 | 42.4 | 44.2 | | | 49.8 | 44.6 | | |
| Net Margin (%) | 47.6 | 42.4 | 44.2 | | | 48.1 | 44.6 | | |

Source: Company data, RHB



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|--------------|--|
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| | longer-term outlook remains uncertain |
| Neutral: | Share price may fall within the range of +/- 10% over the next |
| | 12 months |
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