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COMPANY RESULTS

MRCB-Quill Reit (MQREIT MK)

3Q19: On The Road To Recovery

9M19 earnings are within our expectations, accounting for 73% of our full-year forecast. Earnings improved qoq on the back of rental income from new tenants. We expect earnings to continue to improve on rental contributions from new tenants and improving occupancies at Wisma Technip, Platinum Sentral and Menara Shell. Maintain BUY on MQREIT and target price of RM1.13.

3Q19 RESULTS

| | 3Q19 | 2Q19 | qoq | yoy | 9M19 | yoy |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| Year to 31 Dec (RMm) | | | % chg | % chg | | % chg |
| Gross revenue | 39.9 | 38.8 | 2.9 | (7.7) | 120.1 | (8.1) |
| Operating expenses | (9.7) | (9.7) | 0.3 | (2.0) | (28.8) | (3.2) |
| Net property income | 30.2 | 29.1 | 3.8 | (9.4) | 91.3 | (9.6) |
| Finance cost | (9.7) | (9.7) | 0.2 | (3.3) | (29.3) | (1.3) |
| Core Net Profit | 17.6 | 16.5 | 7.2 | (14.3) | 53.5 | (14.9) |
| EPU (sen) | 1.6 | 1.5 | 7.2 | (14.6) | 5.0 | (15.2) |
| DPU (sen) | 0.0 | 3.4 | n.a. | n.a. | 3.4 | (18.9) |

Source: MQREIT, UOB Kay Hian

RESULTS

• Within expectations. MRCB-Quill REIT (MQREIT) reported 3Q19 revenue of RM39.9m (+2.9% qoq, -7.7% yoy) and core net profit of RM17.6m (+7.2% qoq, -14.6% yoy). 9M19 core net profit of RM53.5m (-14.9 yoy) accounts for 72.7% and 71.8% of our and consensus' full-year forecasts respectively. Results were within our expectations.

KEY FINANCIALS

| Year to 31 Dec (RMm) | 2017 | 2018 | 2019F | 2020F | 2021F |
|-------------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net turnover | 180 | 173 | 163 | 171 | 174 |
| EBITDA | 125 | 119 | 110 | 116 | 119 |
| Operating profit | 125 | 119 | 110 | 116 | 119 |
| Net profit (rep./act.) | 70 | 73 | 73 | 81 | 83 |
| Net profit (adj.) | 88 | 83 | 73 | 81 | 83 |
| EPS (sen) | 8.3 | 7.7 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 7.8 |
| PE (x) | 12.3 | 13.2 | 14.9 | 13.5 | 13.1 |
| P/B (x) | 0.8 | 8.0 | 8.0 | 0.8 | 0.8 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 14.9 | 15.7 | 17.0 | 16.0 | 15.7 |
| Dividend yield (%) | 8.2 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 7.2 | 7.5 |
| Net margin (%) | 38.9 | 42.2 | 45.0 | 47.3 | 48.0 |
| Net debt/(cash) to equity (%) | 54.3 | 56.0 | 55.9 | 55.9 | 56.0 |
| Interest cover (x) | 3.4 | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.4 |
| ROE (%) | 5.1 | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| Consensus net profit | - | - | 75 | 75 | 79 |
| UOBKH/Consensus (x) | - | - | 0.99 | 1.07 | 1.06 |

Source: MQREIT, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

BUY

(Maintained)

| Share Price | RM1.02 |
|--------------|--------|
| Target Price | RM1.13 |
| Upside | +11.2% |

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

MRCB-Quill REIT invests in office and retail buildings, business/technology parks, data processing centres and car park facilities primarily in Malaysia

STOCK DATA

| GICS sector | Real Estate |
|---------------------------------|-------------|
| Bloomberg ticker: | MQREIT MK |
| Shares issued (m): | 1,071.8 |
| Market cap (RMm): | 1,093.2 |
| Market cap (US\$m): | 261.7 |
| 3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m): | 0.0 |

Price Performance (%)

| 52-week h | igh/low | | RM1.12/RM0.995 | | | |
|------------|---------------|-------|----------------|-------|--|--|
| 1mth | 3mth | 6mth | 1yr | YTD | | |
| 2.0 | (2.9) | (4.7) | (5.6) | (3.8) | | |
| Major Sh | nareholders | 3 | | % | | |
| Malaysian | Resources C | orp | | 27.8 | | |
| Employee | s Provident F | und | | 12.1 | | |
| Capitaland | d Ltd | | | 10.9 | | |
| FY19 NA\ | //Share (RM) | | | 1.28 | | |
| FY19 Net | Debt/Share (F | RM) | | 0.72 | | |

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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STOCK IMPACT

- Net profit improved 7% qoq, mainly due to rental income from new tenants (previously on rent-free period) at Platinum Sentral. 9M19 net profit declined 15% yoy due to: a) lower revenues from Platinum Sentral, QB5 and Wisma Technip; and b) absence of income from QB8-DHL XPJ which was sold in Apr 18. We expect earnings to continue to improve as rental contributions from new tenants kick in.
- Occupancy rate to improve. On a portfolio basis, occupancy rate remained at 89% (2Q19: 89%, 3Q18: 94%) but was still higher than the 78% in 2018 for offices in Kuala Lumpur. MQREIT's WALE is 5.05 years. Total leases for renewal for 2019-20 are at 19% and 18% of total NLA respectively. MQREIT renewed 93% of leases due in 3Q19. We forecast occupancies at Wisma Technip, Platinum Sentral and Menara Shell at 80%, 95% and 96% respectively for 2020 (2019: 74%, 89%, 90% respectively).
- **Gearing at 37.4%.** MQREIT's current gearing ratio is healthy (on a par with peers), which allows it to tap the debt and equity markets for acquisitions.

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

· None.

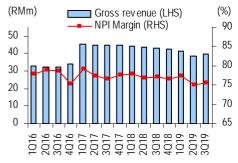
VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

Maintain BUY and target price of RM1.13, based on a dividend discount model (required rate of return: 6.6%, terminal growth: 1.3%) and represents an implied dividend yield of 6.6%. We expect the likely sustained overhang on share price from tenancy renewal risks to be compensated by high dividend yields of 6.6-7.5% for 2019-21. Total returns inclusive of dividend yield exceed 10%.

SHARE PRICE CATALYST

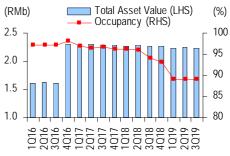
· Inorganic growth arising from acquisitions.

REVENUE AND NPI MARGIN



Source: MQREIT, UOB Kay Hian

TOTAL ASSET VALUE AND OCCUPANCY RATE



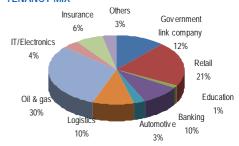
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GEOGRAPHICAL DIVERSIFICATION



Source: MQREIT, UOB Kay Hian

TENANCY MIX



Source: MQREIT, UOB Kay Hian



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| PROFIT & LOSS | | | | | BALANCE SHEET | | | | |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|----------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|
| Year to 31 Dec (RMm) | 2018 | 2019F | 2020F | 2021F | Year to 31 Dec (RMm) | 2018 | 2019F | 2020F | 2021 |
| Net turnover | 173 | 163 | 171 | 174 | Fixed assets | 2,178 | 2,180 | 2,182 | 2,184 |
| EBITDA | 119 | 110 | 116 | 119 | Other LT assets | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| Deprec. & amort. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Cash/ST investment | 86 | 86 | 70 | 53 |
| EBIT | 119 | 110 | 116 | 119 | Other current assets | 6 | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| Net interest income/(expense) | (36) | (36) | (35) | (35) | Total assets | 2,271 | 2,273 | 2,259 | 2,244 |
| Pre-tax profit | 79 | 73 | 81 | 83 | ST debt | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Tax | (6) | 0 | 0 | 0 | Other current liabilities | 32 | 28 | 27 | 26 |
| Net profit | 73 | 73 | 81 | 83 | LT debt | 854 | 854 | 839 | 824 |
| Net profit (adj.) | 83 | 73 | 81 | 83 | Other LT liabilities | 13 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| | | | | | Shareholders' equity | 1,372 | 1,374 | 1,375 | 1,377 |
| | | | | | Total liabilities & equity | 2,271 | 2,273 | 2,259 | 2,244 |
| CASH FLOW | | | | | KEY METRICS | | | | |
| Year to 31 Dec (RMm) | 2018 | 2019F | 2020F | 2021F | Year to 31 Dec (%) | 2018 | 2019F | 2020F | 2021F |
| Operating | 107 | 114 | 120 | 122 | Profitability | | | | |
| Pre-tax profit | 79 | 73 | 81 | 83 | EBITDA margin | 68.5 | 67.1 | 67.9 | 68.4 |
| Deprec. & amort. | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pre-tax margin | 45.7 | 45.0 | 47.3 | 48.0 |
| Other operating cashflows | 28 | 40 | 39 | 39 | Net margin | 42.2 | 45.0 | 47.3 | 48.0 |
| Investing | 28 | (2) | (2) | (2) | ROA | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.7 |
| Capex (growth) | (4) | (2) | (2) | (2) | ROE | 5.3 | 5.4 | 5.9 | 6.1 |
| Proceeds from sale of assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | | | |
| Others | 31 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Growth | | | | |
| Financing | (125) | (112) | (134) | (137) | Turnover | (3.7) | (5.9) | 4.8 | 1.5 |
| Distribution to unitholders | (90) | (72) | (79) | (82) | EBITDA | (5.1) | (7.8) | 6.0 | 2.3 |
| Issue of shares | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | Pre-tax profit | 13.1 | (7.3) | 9.9 | 3.2 |
| Proceeds from borrowings | 0 | 15 | 0 | 0 | Net profit | 4.3 | 0.5 | 9.9 | 3.2 |
| Loan repayment | 0 | (15) | (15) | (15) | Net profit (adj.) | (6.5) | (10.9) | 9.9 | 3.2 |
| Others/interest paid | (39) | (40) | (40) | (40) | EPU | (6.8) | (10.9) | 9.9 | 3.2 |
| Net cash inflow (outflow) | 10 | 0 | (16) | (17) | 21.0 | (0.0) | (10.7) | ,., | 0.2 |
| Beginning cash & cash equivalent | 101 | 86 | 86 | 70 | Leverage | | | | |
| Changes due to forex impact | (25) | 0 | 0 | 0 | Debt to total capital | 38.4 | 38.3 | 37.9 | 37.4 |
| Ending cash & cash equivalent | 86 | 86 | 70 | 53 | Debt to equity | 62.2 | 30.3 62.1 | 61.0 | 57.4 59.8 |
| . 3 | | | | | · · | | 62.1 55.9 | | |
| | | | | | Net debt/(cash) to equity | 56.0 | | 55.9 | 56.0 |
| | | | | | Interest cover (x) | 3.3 | 3.0 | 3.3 | 3.4 |



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