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Sino Land

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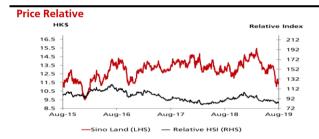
Last Traded Price (29 Aug 2019):HK\$11.40 (**HSI :** 25,704) **Price Target 12-mth:** HK\$14.50 (27.2% upside) (Prev HK\$15.06)

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What's New

- FY19 underlying profit down 58% to HK\$4.67bn, which was 7% above our estimate
- Encouraging project launches point to good earnings visibility
- Impeccable financials with net cash further improving to HK\$34bn
- Maintain BUY with HK\$14.5 TP



Forecasts and Valuation FY Jun (HK\$ m) Turnover EBITDA Pre-tax Profit	2018A 10,730 10,993 12,862	2019A 8,010 3,700 5,334	2020F 6,680 2,943 4,775	2021F 32,387 11,138 12,304
Underlying Profit	11,247	4,671	4,165	10,302
EPS (HK\$) EPS Gth (%) PE (X) P/Cash Flow (X) EV/EBITDA (X) DPS (HK\$) Div Yield (%) Net Gearing (%) ROE (%) Est. NAV (HK\$): Disc. to NAV (%)	1.75 97.4 6.5 nm 4.1 0.98 8.6 CASH 8.4	0.70 (60.2) 16.4 5.8 12.0 0.55 4.8 CASH 3.3	0.61 (12.3) 18.7 nm 15.1 0.55 4.8 CASH 2.8 26.7 (57)	1.51 147.4 7.5 18.1 4.0 0.68 6.0 CASH 6.8 26.4 (57)
Earnings Rev (%): Consensus EPS (HK\$): Other Broker Recs:		B:11	1 0.79 S:1	New 1.58 H:2

Source: Company, DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited ("DBS HK"), Thomson Reuters

Safe bet in a shaky market

BUY with HK\$14.5 TP. Following the recent share price correction, the stock is now trading at an attractive 57% discount to our assessed current NAV or 68% discount excluding net cash. Its key investment appeal lies in its robust balance sheet strength, which makes the stock a safe bet in the prevailing volatile market. Maintain BUY on Sino Land with HK\$14.50 TP.

Good earnings visibility. The launches of Grand Central in Kwun Tong, Mayfair by the Sea 8 in Tai Po, and Madison Park in Cheung Sha Wan received encouraging response with total attributable sales proceeds of HK\$22.4bn. As a result, most of our development income forecast for FY21-22F are well secured pointing to good earnings visibility.

Strong war chest for value-accretive acquisitions. As of Jun-19, Sino Land is sitting on net cash of HK\$34bn (from Dec-18's HK\$22.3bn) or c.HK\$30bn including net debt at the associates' level, thanks to strong proceeds from selling Grand Central and Mayfair by the Sea 8. Coupled with outstanding sales receivables of c.HK\$6bn that will mostly be received before the end of this year, Sino Land has a strong war chest to pursue value-accretive land acquisition opportunities for long-term growth.

Valuation:

Our TP for Sino Land is based on target discount of 45% to our Jun-2020 NAV estimate.

Key Risks to Our View:

Any deterioration in property demand could drag its earnings and share price performance.

At A Glance

Issued Capital (m shrs)	6,817
Mkt Cap (HK\$m/US\$m)	77,714 / 9,905
Major Shareholders (%)	
Tsim Sha Tsui Properties Ltd	53.2
Free Float (%)	46.8
3m Avg. Daily Val. (US\$m)	9.85
ICB Industry: Financials / Real Estate Investment & S	iervices
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Bloomberg ESG disclosure score (2018)^ 40.5
- Environmental / Social / Governance 43.4 / 22.8 / 51.8

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WHAT'S NEW

Sino Land's FY19 underlying profit came in at HK\$4.67bn, down 58% y-o-y, as its FY18 results were boosted by windfall profits from stake disposals in The Palazzo in Chengdu and The Coronation in Chongqing. The results were 7% better than expected due to stronger-than-expected development earnings. Despite lower earnings, final DPS rose 3% to HK\$0.41. This brought full-year DPS to HK\$0.55.

Including associates and joint ventures, development earnings fell 57% to HK\$1.04bn, largely supported by sale of Commune Modern in Fanling. Continued sales at The Spectra, Marinella and Cluny Park also contributed to development profits. Sino Land also reaped profit of HK\$65m from selling the commercial portion of One New York.

Disposal of investment properties, mainly car parks at Central Park/Le Sommet in Xiamen produced gains of >HK\$230m.

Gross and net rental income grew 4% and 3% to HK\$4.24bn and HK\$3.69bn respectively primarily because of positive rental reversion across its office and retail portfolios. Portfolio occupancy stayed firmed at 86%. Hotel division recorded 2% decline in profit contributions led by a weaker performance of The Westin Sydney.

Starting from 4Q19, Sino Land plans to launch luxury projects at Kadoorie Avenue, Ma On Shan, and Sai Kung. These projects altogether provide GFA of 0.48m sf with 302 units.



Results Summary

Y Jun (HK\$m)	FY18	FY19	% Chg	Comments
umover	10,730	8,010	(25)	FY19: mainly due to lower property sales revenue
Property sales	1,311	828	(37)	FY19: mainly from Modern Commune; FY18: mainly from The Mediterranean, Park Mediterranean, Dynasty Park
Property rental	2,750	2,850	4	
Property management and other services	253	219	(14)	
Hotel operations	320	349	9	
nvestment in securities	43	48	12	
inancing	54	61	12	
Other income and other gains or losses	706	92	(87)	FY18: included HK\$542m gains from disposal of 50% stakes in The Coronation in Chongqing
ncrease in fair value of investment propertie	927	1,966	112	
Loss)/gain arising from change in fair value of trading securities	0	1	n.a.	
Gain on disposal of investment properties	25	77	204	mainly from the disposal of car parking spaces
Gain on partial disposal of a subsidiary	7,055	50	(99)	FY19: from selling One New York retail arcade; FY18: from the disposal of 80% stake in The Palazzo, Chengdu
Administrative and other operating expenses	(873)	(998)	14	, , ,
inance income (costs), net	508	581	14	
hare of results of associates & joint	2,586	1,594	(38)	
entures Property sales	1,124	217	(81)	FY19: mainly from continued sales at The Spectra and Providence Bay; FY18: mainly from The Spectra
- Property rental	841	860	2	Howachee Bay, 1110. Hairiy Hom the specific
- Property management and other services	17	33	92	
- Hotel operations	231	188	(18)	
- Investment in securities	0	0	0	
- Financing	14	15	7	
Other income and other gains or losses	(132)	117	n.a.	
- Administrative and other operating xpenses	(221)	(231)	5	
Increase in fair value of investment properties	1,519	620	(59)	
- Gain on disposal of investment properties	3	146	4,482	
- Finance costs net of finance income	(201)	(29)	(85)	
- Income tax expenses	(609)	(341)	(44)	
Profit before taxation	15,666	7,718	(51)	
axation	(1,632)	(714)	(56)	FY19: Included China LAT of HK\$53m; FY18: included China LAT of HK\$149m and Enterprise Income Tax of HK\$693m on the disposals of The Palazzo in Chengdu and The Coronation in Chongqing
Minority interests	(38)	(90)	135	
let profit	13,996	6,915	(51)	



CRITICAL FACTORS TO WATCH

Critical Factors

Pure Hong Kong property play. Sino Land's share price should largely be driven by NAV expansion. With c. 90% of its gross asset value from Hong Kong properties, its share price performance should correlate with the Hong Kong real estate market. Generally, its shares have reacted positively when major residential project launches met with favourable market response. Sitting on a huge cash pile, capital recycling would also play a crucial role in determining its future share price.

Robust property sales proceeds. In FY19, Sino Land attained attributable contracted sales of HK\$24bn, mainly from Grand Central and Mayfair by the Sea 8. Since its initial launch in Dec-18, about 82% of a total of 1,999 units at Grand Central in Kwun Tong was pre-sold at an ASP of c.HK\$19,200psf. Given low land cost, Grand Central should be very lucrative with pre-tax margins estimated at >40%. This makes it a profit bonanza when completed in FY21. Launched in Jan-19, Mayfair by the Sea 8 is selling well with c.76% of total units already snapped up. Based on ASP of HK\$14,500psf, we estimate pre-tax margins at >30%.

Land bank restocking to drive future growth. In Apr-19, Sino Land teamed up with K.Wah International and China Merchants Land to secure the development rights of Lohas Park Package 11 in Tseung Kwan O through tender. Sino Land has a 40% stake in this project which provides GFA of 0.96m sf upon scheduled completion in 2025. Land premium has been fixed at HK\$3.05bn. The Sino Land consortium is required to give MTRC an undisclosed lump sum as well as 20% of development profit. Given good transportation accessibility, the Lohas Park projects enjoy high sell-through rates.

Dividend matters. Dividend is now playing an increasingly crucial role in driving share price performance. In FY20, we expect the company to maintain its dividend. Upon recognition of the windfall profit from Grand Central in FY21, Sino Land will decide whether to substantially raise the basic dividend or distribute a special dividend to reward shareholders.

Portfolio expansion to augment recurring income. Sino Land will retain two office/retail developments in Yuen Long and Wong Chuk Hang and an industrial property (as data centre) in Kwai Chung for long-term investment. The Fullerton Ocean Hotel Hong Kong, a 60/40 joint-venture with unlisted Empire Group, will be added to its hotel portfolio when completed in FY21. In Jul-19, Sino Land teamed up with Kerry Properties to acquire a commercial site (GFA: 80000sm) in Qianhai district of Shenzhen for Rmb2.6bn. Sino Land has 30% stake in this project which will be retained for long-term investment upon completion.







Source: Company, DBS HK



Appendix 1: A look at Company's listed history – what drives its share price?

Sino Land share price vs. estimated NAV



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS HK



Sino Land share price vs. key events



Event

- 1 Launched The Avenue in Wanchai
- 2 Launched Mayfair By The Sea I in Tai Po
- 3 Launched Mayfair By The Sea II in Tai Po
- 4 Won tender for Urban Renewal Authority's Kwun Tong Town Centre Project (Development areas 2 & 3) in August 2014 (90% Sino Land; 10% Chinese Estates)
- 5 Launched Dragons Range in Kau To
 - 6 Teamed up with Billion Development/CSI Props to acquire an office site (NKIL 6313) in Kowloon Bay for HK\$3.043bn or HK\$6,199psf
- 7 Launched Corinthia by the Sea in Tseung Kwan O
 - 8 Sold 50% stake in the Coronation in Chongqing to Evergrande Real Estate Group for HK\$3.5bn
 - 9 Acquired a business site (YLTL 532) in Yuen Long for HK\$1.69bn or HK\$3,396psf
- 10 Launched The Spectra in Yuen Long
- 11 Teamed up with Empire Group to acquire an office site (AlL 462) in Wong Chuk Hang for HK\$2.53bn or HK\$8,872psf
- 12 Won tender for URA's Peel Street Site A redevelopment in Central in March 2017
- 13 Teamed up with K.Wah & COLI to secure the development rights of Kam Sheung Road Station Ph 1
- 14 Acquired a residential site (STTL 611) in Ma On Shan for HK\$1.38bn or HK\$11,587psf
- 15 Teamed up with K.Wah/Wheelock & Co/Shimao/SEA to acquire a residential site (NKIL 6549) in Cheung Sha Wan for HK\$17.3bn or HK\$17,501psf
- 16 Teamed up with Kerry Props to secure the development rights of Wong Chuk Hang Station Package 2
- 17 Teamed up with CSI Props to secure the development rights of Yau Tong Ventilation Building site
- 18 Launched Grand Central in Kwun Tong
- 19 Launched Mayfair by the Sea 8 in Tai Po
- 20 Teamed up with K.Wah and China Merchants Land to secure the development rights of LOHAS Package 11
- 21 First large scale anti-extradition bill protest.
- 22 Teamed up with Kerry Props to secured development rights of a commercial site in Qianhai, Shenzhen

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., Lands Department, Sino Land, various news reports



Balance Sheet:

Impeccable balance sheet. As of Jun-19, Sino Land is sitting on net cash of HK\$34bn (from Dec-18's HK\$22.3bn) or c.HK\$30bn including net debt at the associates' level, thanks to strong proceeds from selling Grand Central and Mayfair by the Sea 8. Outstanding sales receivables stood at c.HK\$6bn. With impeccable balance sheet strength, Sino Land is well placed to pursue value-accretive land acquisition opportunities.

Share Price Drivers:

The appealing valuation and robust balance sheet should provide upside on the stock.

Key Risks:

Market risk. Any deterioration in property demand could drag its earnings and share price performance.

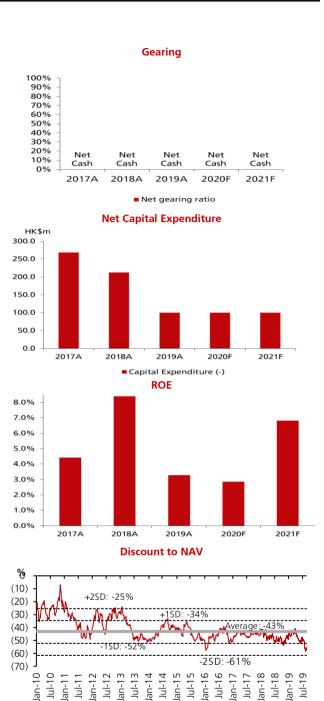
Policy risk. Any unexpected housing policy change could trigger a sector wide re-rating or de-rating.

Environment, Social, Governance:

Sino Land has implemented targets to reduce emissions of carbon, hazardous waste, non-hazardous waste, and effluent discharge from all its properties. The company has achieved c.13% reduction in carbon emissions compared to 2012. Sino Land has 34 flagship properties compliant with internationally recognised environmental standards. In the investment property segment, Sino Land has upgraded its chillers and installed photovoltaic panels to reduce energy consumption. Mission Green Top is a philanthropic urban farming program initiated by Sino Land in 2008, which saw the formation of one of the first rooftop gardens in a commercial building in Hong Kong. The program has been expanded to other properties managed by Sino Land.

Company Background

Sino Land is engaged in property development and investment in Hong Kong and China. As of Jun-2019, Sino Land has development land bank of 9.3m sf in GFA, split into 4.3m sf in China and 5m sf in Hong Kong. It also owns an investment property and hotel portfolio of 11.9m sf in GFA, mainly in Hong Kong.



Source: Company, DBS HK



Key Assumptions (%)

FY Jun	2020F	2021F
Residential price - HK	5	0
Office rental - HK	0	0
Retail rental (Shopping Centre) - HK	0	0

Source: DBS HK

Segmental Breakdown (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F
Revenues (HK\$ m)					
Property sales	13,185	5,479	2,542	1,078	26,707
Property rental	3,069	3,186	3,327	3,411	3,451
Hotel operations	840	890	934	951	956
Property management and other services	1,122	1,079	1,098	1,131	1,164
Investments in securities	86	43	48	48	48
Financing	32	54	61	61	61
Total	18,334	10,730	8,010	6,680	32,387

Source: DBS HK

Income Statement (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F
Turnover	18,334	10,730	8,010	6,680	32,387
EBITDA	7,372	10,993	3,700	2,943	11,138
Depr / Amort	(98)	(110)	(122)	(127)	(132)
EBIT	7,273	10,883	3,578	2,816	11,006
Associates Inc	1,003	1,275	1,003	1,360	698
Interest (Exp)/Inc	298	508	581	600	600
Exceptionals	0	197	172	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	8,574	12,862	5,334	4,775	12,304
Tax	(2,474)	(1,595)	(632)	(581)	(1,973)
Minority Interest	(573)	(20)	(31)	(30)	(29)
Underlying Profit	5,527	11,247	4,671	4,165	10,302
Sales Gth (%)	70	(41)	(25)	(17)	385
Net Profit Gth (%)	3	103	(58)	(11)	147
EBITDA Margins (%)	40	102	46	44	34
EBIT Margin (%)	40	101	45	42	34
Tax Rate (%)	29	12	12	12	16

Source: DBS HK



Balance Sheet (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F
Fixed Assets	63,497	64,866	67,147	68,650	70,187
Other LT Assets	30,823	40,997	39,057	42,571	46,585
Cash & ST Invts	33,153	22,404	39,086	25,967	25,265
Other Current Assets	27,793	30,841	35,459	42,602	49,652
Total Assets	155,266	159,107	180,748	179,791	191,690
ST Debt	3,875	720	0	200	200
Creditors	4,535	5,944	4,967	5,017	5,067
Other Current Liab	11,640	5,468	20,418	20,418	20,418
LT Debt	2,046	1,656	5,027	1,827	5,827
Other LT Liabilities	3,844	4,878	4,174	4,174	4,174
Minority Interests	971	860	868	868	868
Shareholder's Equity	128,354	139,582	145,294	147,287	155,135
Total Cap. & Liab.	155,266	159,107	180,748	179,791	191,690
Share Capital (m)	6,316	6,603	6,603	6,603	6,603
Net Cash/(Debt)	27,221	20,018	34,047	23,929	19,227
Working Capital	40,896	41,113	49,159	42,934	49,232
Net Gearing (%)	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH

Source: DBS HK

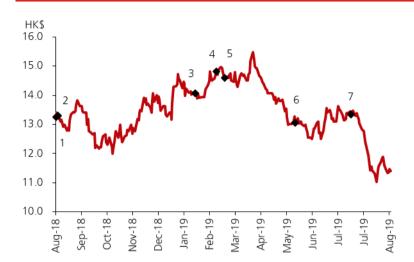
Cash Flow Statement (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2017A	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F
EBIT	7,273	10,883	3,578	2,816	11,006
Tax Paid	(1,566)	(1,568)	(632)	(581)	(1,973)
Depr/Amort	98	110	122	127	132
Chg in Wkg.Cap	(718)	(10,440)	9,513	(6,943)	(6,850)
Other Non-Cash	(217)	(6,861)	0	0	0
Operating CF	4,870	(7,876)	12,581	(4,581)	2,315
Net Capex	(269)	(213)	(100)	(100)	(100)
Assoc, MI, Invsmt	(4,660)	11,747	(1,705)	(1,454)	(2,616)
Investing CF	(4,929)	11,534	(1,805)	(1,554)	(2,716)
Net Chg in Debt	1,480	(3,552)	9,627	(3,000)	4,000
New Capital	(8)	(12)	0	0	0
Dividend	(1,503)	(2,468)	(3,538)	(3,733)	(4,051)
Other Financing CF	(565)	238	(135)	(250)	(250)
Financing CF	(595)	(5,794)	5,955	(6,983)	(301)
Chg in Cash	(654)	(2,136)	16,731	(13,118)	(702)

Source: DBS HK



Target Price & Ratings History



S.No.	Date	Closing Price	12-mth Target Price	Rating
1:	29-Aug-18	HK\$13.12	HK\$14.70	Buy
2:	31-Aug-18	HK\$13.40	HK\$14.70	Buy
3:	28-Jan-19	HK\$14.22	HK\$15.70	Buy
4:	20-Feb-19	HK\$14.70	HK\$15.70	Buy
5:	1-Mar-19	HK\$14.62	HK\$15.82	Buy
6:	17-May-19	HK\$13.28	HK\$16.06	Buy
7:	17-Jul-19	HK\$13.14	HK\$15.06	Buy

Source: DBS HK

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