# Singapore Company Guide Singtel

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BUY (Upgrade from HOLD)

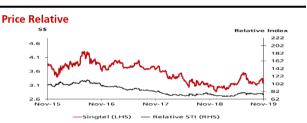
Last Traded Price ( 21 Nov 2019): S\$3.26 (STI: 3,192.21) Price Target 12-mth: S\$3.60 (10% upside) (Prev S\$3.12)

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# What's New

- Earlier-than-expected tariff hikes in India from December 2019 onwards turn us positive on Singtel
- Tariffs could be raised 10-20% in India over the next 12 months; we have modelled a 10% tariff hike benefitting Singtel's earnings by ~3%
- Upgrade to BUY with a revised TP of S\$3.60 as we raise our fair value for Bharti and AIS



| Forecasts and Valuation   |        |               |                   |              |
|---|--------|---------------|-------------------|--------------|
| FY Mar (S\$m)   | 2019A  | 2020F         | 2021F             | 2022F        |
| Revenue   | 17,372 | 17,613        | 18,078            | 18,643       |
| EBITDA  | 6,255  | 6,340         | 7,084             | 7,422        |
| Pre-tax Profit  | 3,746  | 2,004         | 3,969             | 4,165        |
| Net Profit  | 3,095  | 1,226         | 3,041             | 3,148        |
| Net Pft (Pre Ex.)   | 3,026  | 2,665         | 3,041             | 3,148        |
| Net Pft Gth (Pre-ex) (%)  | (15.8) | (11.9)        | 14.1              | 3.5          |
| EPS (S cts)   | 19.0   | 7.51          | 18.6              | 19.3         |
| EPS Pre Ex. (S cts)   | 18.5   | 16.3          | 18.6              | 19.3         |
| EPS Gth Pre Ex (%)  | (16)   | (12)          | 14                | 4            |
| Diluted EPS (S cts)   | 18.9   | 7.51          | 18.6              | 19.3         |
| Net DPS (S cts)   | 17.5   | 17.5          | 16.8              | 17.4         |
| BV Per Share (S cts)  | 183    | 173           | 175               | 177          |
| PE (X)  | 17.2   | 43.4          | 17.5              | 16.9         |
| PE Pre Ex. (X)  | 17.6   | 20.0          | 17.5              | 16.9         |
| P/Cash Flow (X)   | 13.9   | 12.7          | 13.9              | 14.6         |
| EV/EBITDA (X)   | 10.1   | 10.4          | 9.3               | 9.0          |
| Net Div Yield (%)   | 5.4    | 5.4           | 5.1               | 5.3          |
| P/Book Value (X)  | 1.8    | 1.9           | 1.9               | 1.8          |
| Net Debt/Equity (X)   | 0.3    | 0.5           | 0.5               | 0.5          |
| ROAE (%)  | 10.4   | 4.2           | 10.7              | 11.0         |
| Earnings Rev (%):<br>Consensus EPS (S cts):<br>Other Broker Recs: |        | 17.9<br>B: 12 | 2<br>19.1<br>S: 0 | 20.3<br>H: 8 |

Source of all data on this page: Company, DBS Bank, Bloomberg Finance L.P

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# Mobile tariffs in India to rise sharply

Earlier-than-expected tariff hikes in India turn us positive on Singtel. The stock has declined ~8% since our downgrade on 8 July 2019. On the back of proposed tariff hikes in India from Dec 2019 onwards, we are confident of a sharp rise in regional associates' profit contribution in FY21F which has been the most critical factor in Singtel's share price performance historically. Despite weakness in Singapore and Australia, we raise Singtel's FY21F underlying profit by 2% due to a healthier Bharti. Singtel offers annual earnings growth of 8% over FY20F-22F, coupled with over 5% yield. Upgrade to BUY with a revised TP of \$\$3.60.

Where we differ: Post 2QFY20 results, the street has cut FY20F/21F earnings by 7% each, in line with our projections now. The cuts are largely on the back of weakness in Australia and Singapore, which we had flagged in our report on 17 October 2019. We do not see further earnings cuts as average revenue per user (ARPU) in India has ample room to rise after having declined 30% in total over the last three years.

Potential catalysts: Rise in associate contributions and monetisation of digital business. Potential rise in associate profit contributions and divestment of loss-making digital businesses over the next 12-month are key catalysts.

#### Valuation:

Upgrade to BUY with a higher TP of S\$3.60. We update our sum-of-the-parts (SOTP) valuation with fair value of (i) Bharti raised to Rs500 (Rs340 earlier), (ii) Advance Info System (AIS) to Bt266 (Bt222 earlier) and (iii) reduce holding company (HoldCo) discount to 10% from 15% previously to factor in a benign cycle of associates' growth. Regional associates comprise 68% of our SOTP valuation (vs 64% earlier)

## **Key Risks to Our View:**

Bear-case valuation of S\$3.05. It assumes regulatory risks in emerging markets leading to 20% drop in associates' valuation and core EBITDA decline of 8% in FY21F (vs. 2% decline)

#### At A Glance

| At A diance                           |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Issued Capital (m shrs)               | 16,329          |
| Mkt. Cap (S\$m/US\$m)                 | 53,233 / 39,056 |
| Major Shareholders (%)                |                 |
| Temasek Holdings Pte Ltd              | 52.5            |
| Free Float (%)                        | 48.5            |
| 3m Avg. Daily Val (US\$m)             | 47.9            |
| CIC Industry Committee Control (T. I. | :               |

GIC Industry: Communication Services / Telecommunication Services

Bloomberg ESG disclosure score (2018)^ 51.9
- Environmental / Social / Governance 43.9 / 57.8 / 62.5

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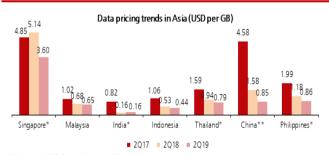
#### **WHAT'S NEW**

#### Bharti and tariff hike in India

Reliance Jio effected 10-14% tariff hike on 10 October after it became the No.1 player in revenue market share in 1QFY20. Tariffs have been declining in India since September 2016 when Reliance Jio entered the market, leading to sector consolidation. Jio became the No.1 player with ~32% revenue market share (RMS) in June 2019, followed by Bharti at ~30% and Vodafone-Idea Limited (VIL) at ~28%. Jio raised tariffs effectively from 10 October when it started charging users INR0.06 per minute for outgoing calls to other networks. This translates into 10-14% effective price hikes across its various price plans.

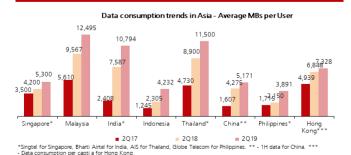
On 18 November 2019, Vodafone-Idea Limited (VIL) and Bharti announced plans to raise tariffs from December 2019 onwards to sustain their businesses after a huge regulatory levy of almost US\$6bn each on VIL and Bharti. Reliance Jio followed up by announcing plans to increase tariffs in the next few weeks without specifying the timeline. None of the players have dropped any hints on the magnitude of tariff hike.

# Indian data-pricing is less than 50% of pricing in Indonesia



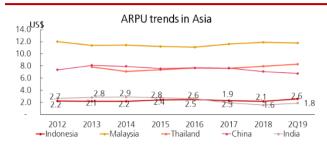
All figures are in USD. Denotesthecost per GB \*Singtel for Singapore, Bharti Airtel for India, AlS for Thailand, Globe Telecom for Philippines \*\* - 1H data for China

# Monthly data-usage per user is one of the highest in India



Source: Company, DBS Bank

#### Indian mobile ARPU is 30% lower than Indonesia



Source: Company, DBS Bank

# Bharti's street projections are likley to be raised depending on the magnitude of the tariff hike

| INR Mn     | FY18    | FY19    | FY20    | FY21    | FY22      |
|------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|
| Revenue    | 836,879 | 807,802 | 847,937 | 917,492 | 1,013,704 |
| у-о-у      | -12%    | -3%     | 5%      | 8%      | 10%       |
| EBITDA     | 300,791 | 261,101 | 323,071 | 379,996 | 433,304   |
| у-о-у      | -15%    | -13%    | 24%     | 18%     | 14%       |
| Net income | 18,921  | -25,193 | -36,414 | 1,047   | 32,657    |
|            | -62%    | -233%   |         |         | 3019%     |

Source: Thomson Reuters

A 10% mobile tariff hike at Bharti may contribute an additional 3% earnings to Singtel. The street has modelled a 8% revenue growth for Bharti in FY21F. India Mobile contributes ~ 50% of Bharti's total revenue with expected revenue growth rate of ~20% mainly from 15-16% subscriber growth (those churning out from Vodafone) and ~5% ARPU rise. However, if tariffs were to be raised 10%, we estimate that mobile revenue could rise by another 5%, keeping in mind elasticity of demand. Assuming 80% of additional revenue flow to EBITDA, Bharti's EBITDA could rise by INR16.3bn or 4% while net profit could increase by INR12.2bn. Assuming 35% of additional net profit accrues to Singtel, it may contribute an additional \$\$82m or 3% to Singtel's earnings. We think a 10-20% tariff hike is quite possible in India, given ~30% discount ot Indonesia's ARPU despite much higher data-usage in India. Our Indian partner Emkay Global expects ~21% revision in mobile tariffs over the next 12-15 months.





# Mobile ARPU has declined 30% in India over the last 3 years, implying big room for revision

| Sum-of-the-parts valuation of Singtel | Per share (S\$) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Equity value of the core business     | 1.15            |
| Regional telco investments            | 2.46            |
| Share value                           | 3.61            |

Sources: Companies, DBS Bank

#### **Details of sum-of-the-parts valuation for Singtel**

|                                   | EV/EBITDA    | Exchange      | Ownership | Per Share (S\$) |
|-----------------------------------|--------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------|
| Singapore                         | 6.0          | 1.00          | 100%      | 0.75            |
| Optus                             | 6.0          | 1.00          | 100%      | 0.92            |
| Digital Business                  |              |               |           | 0.14            |
| Debt                              |              |               |           | (0.67)          |
| MI                                |              |               |           | 0.00            |
| Equity value of the core business |              |               |           | 1.15            |
| Regional telco investments        | Share price  | Exchange rate | Stake     | Per Share (S\$) |
| Airtel                            | 500.00       | 52.50         | 35%       | 1.03            |
| AIS                               | 266.00       | 22.05         | 23%       | 0.50            |
| InTouch                           | 64.00        | 22.05         | 21%       | 0.12            |
| Globe*                            | 1900.00      | 37.54         | 47%       | 0.19            |
| Singpost                          | 0.95         | 1.00          | 22%       | 0.03            |
|                                   | FY19F (March |               |           |                 |
|                                   | YE) PER      | Exchange rate | Stake     |                 |
| Telkomsel                         | 16           | 10350.00      | 35%       | 0.87            |
| Total                             |              |               |           |                 |
| Holding company discount (15%)    |              |               |           | -0.27           |
| Net investment holdings           |              |               |           | 2.46            |

Source: DBS Bank

We have (i) raised fair value of Bharti to Rs500 (based on the revised fair value of Bharti by our Indian partner Emkay Global) from Rs340 earlier, (ii) increased AlS' value by 20% as we updated our fair value to Bt266 from Bt222 earlier, (iii) reduced holding company discount to 10% from 15% to reflect upside potential of regional associates.

Regional associates are worth S\$2.46 versus S\$1.99 earlier. Bharti and Telkomsel comprise 26% and 22% of our SOTP valuation of Singtel. Overall, regional associates comprise 68% of our SOTP valuaton with the core business in Singapore and Australia comprising just 32% now.



#### CRITICAL DATA POINTS TO WATCH

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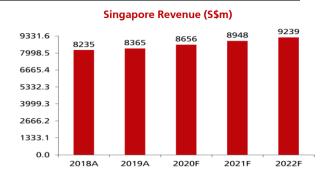
Bharti's is set to lead associates' sharp growth in FY21F. Telkomsel is set to see a low single-digit growth over FY20F despite aggressive competition in ex-Java. AIS is likely to continue to record low- to midsingle-digit growth in contributions supported by amicable market conditions. Globe's operations are unlikely to come under heavy threat from the new entrants over FY20/21F. For Bharti, we expect losses to narrow in FY20F vs FY19 with potential refinancing of debt through the rights issue and Bharti's ongoing "War on Waste" programme. FY21F is likely to be a turning point for Bharti as we expect 10-20% tariff revision in India over the next 12 months. Associate profits should see a rebound towards the end of FY20F and accelerate in FY21F.

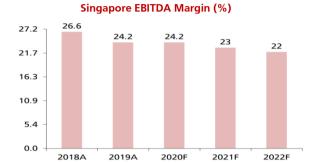
# Associates' pre-tax profit contribution to see sharp growth in FY21F from Bharti's turnaround

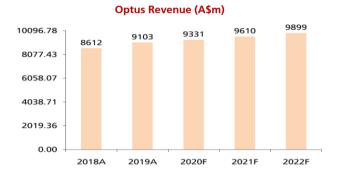
| Telkomsel        | 1,372 | 1,128 | 1,195 | 1,265 | 1,329 |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Bharti Airtel    | 216   | -511  | -474  | 245   | 510   |
| AIS              | 347   | 343   | 357   | 365   | 384   |
| InTouch          | 103   | 96    | 99    | 104   | 110   |
| Globe            | 266   | 368   | 376   | 383   | 391   |
| NetLink          | 82    | 52    | 53    | 54    | 55    |
| Others including |       |       |       |       |       |
| SingPost         | 68    | 60    | 51    | 52    | 54    |
| Total            | 2,454 | 1,536 | 1,656 | 2,469 | 2,831 |
| Growth           | -17%  | -37%  | 8%    | 49%   | 15%   |

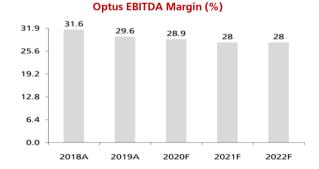
Source: DBS Bank

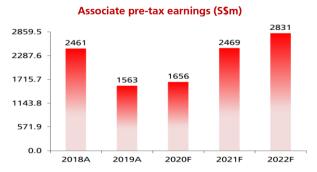
We project a 2% decline in core EBITDA in FY21F. We expect Singtel to record a ~2.1% y-o-y decline in core EBITDA, largely due to weakness of Group Enterprise which is seeing margin erosion as new ICT businesses command lower margins than legacy businesses. Stabilisation in the enterprise segment is also dependent on timing of government contracts in Singapore, which has been slow to come in the recent past. Ongoing depreciation of the AUD against SGD remains another key concern as the outlook for the Australian economy continues to weaken.









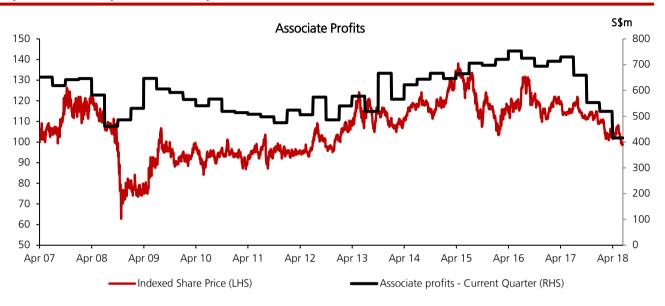




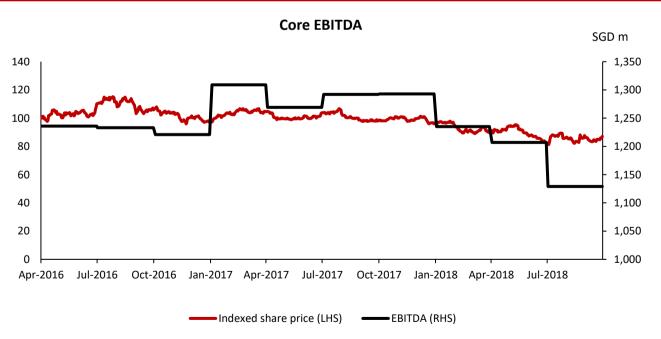
## Appendix 1: A look at Company's listed history – what drives its share price?

Associate profits is the most critical factor followed by EBITDA. In the critical factor analysis, which we conducted for the past ~10 years, Singtel's share price seems to follow its current quarter associate profits. Singtel's share price had a positive correlation of 0.62 with its associate profits. Core EBITDA has also become an important metric to watch out for over the recent past, exhibiting a positive correlation of 0.6 with share price over the past 10 quarters.

#### Share price vs. current quarter associate profits



#### Share price vs. current quarter EBITDA



Source: DBS Bank, Company



# Singtel's HoldCo discount is slightly above the historical average of 14%



Source: DBS Bank

Singtel's 12-month forward PE is near its historical average of 17.7x



Source: DBS Bank



#### **Balance Sheet:**

Balance sheet would need to be managed carefully. Singtel's 1Q20 net debt-to-FY20F projected EBITDA adjusted for guided cash dividends from associates of S\$1.2bn stood at 2.02x, slightly above the 2x required by credit rating agencies. We believe that Singtel would need to manage its balance sheet carefully given that 5G capex would likely kick in by FY21F. A potential exit from Digital businesses over the next 2-3 years could further buttress cash flows.

#### **Share Price Drivers:**

**Potential recovery in Associate contributions.** Signs of lower losses from Bharti, due to improving tariffs and market conditions in India, would put an end to Bharti's troubles.

**Potential exit from Digital businesses.** Singtel is open to exit opportunities over the next three years for the digital businesses via a sale to a strategic investor or public listing.

#### **Key Risks:**

**Bear-case valuation of S\$3.05.** This assumes (i) 20% drop in valuation of core businesses in Singapore and Australia; (ii) 20% drop in Bharti's valuation and 10% drop in the valuation of regional associates including Telkomsel; and (iii) HoldCo discount of 15% vs. 10% under our base case.

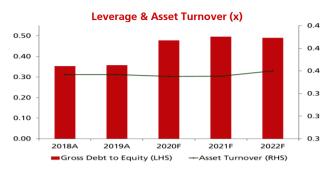
**Bull-case valuation is \$\$3.80**. This assumes (i) 10% higher valuation of core business; and (ii) improved valuation of Digital Life Segment. We have also assumed a 10% rise in Bharti's fair value and 10% improvement to Telkomsel's valuation.

#### **Environment, Social, Governance:**

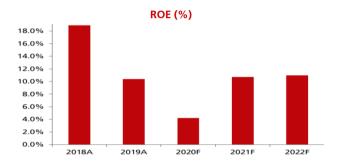
Singtel rewards management on various ESG KPIs. For example, the target is to reduce carbon emission intensity (kWh/TB) by 30% by 2020 and 50% by 2030, using 2015 as a baseline. At least 80% of waste generated within its operations is disposed via reuse, recycling or incineration with energy recovered. The company also set a community investment target of \$\$100m to support vulnerable persons through various enabling and inclusion initiatives during 2016-2020.

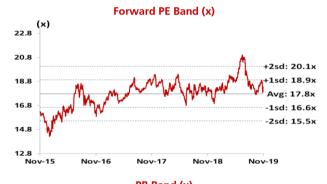
#### **Company Background**

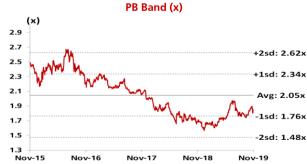
Singtel is the largest telecom operator in Singapore and its Australian subsidiary Optus is the second largest operator in Australia. Singtel also has substantial stakes in telcos in the region – Telkomsel in Indonesia, Bharti Airtel (Bharti) in India, AIS in Thailand and Globe in the Philippines.















**Key Assumptions** 

| FY Mar                     | 2018A | 2019A | 2020F | 2021F | 2022F |
|----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Singapore Revenue (S\$m)   | 8,235 | 8,365 | 8,656 | 8,948 | 9,239 |
| Singapore EBITDA Margin    | 26.6  | 24.2  | 24.2  | 23.0  | 22.0  |
| Optus Revenue (A\$m)       | 8,612 | 9,103 | 9,331 | 9,610 | 9,899 |
| Optus EBITDA Margin (%)    | 31.6  | 29.7  | 28.9  | 28.0  | 28.0  |
| Associate pre-tax earnings | 2,461 | 1,563 | 1,656 | 2,469 | 2,831 |

Income Statement (S\$m)

| FY Mar                      | 2018A    | 2019A    | 2020F    | 2021F             | 2022F    |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|-------------------|----------|
| Revenue                     | 17,268   | 17,372   | 17,613   | 18,078            | 18,643   |
| Cost of Goods Sold          | (12,476) | (12,905) | (13,154) | (13,688)          | (14,277) |
| Gross Profit                | 4,792    | 4,467    | 4,459    | 4,390             | 4,366    |
| Other Opng (Exp)/Inc        | (1,991)  | (1,998)  | (2,407)  | (2,421)           | (2,557)  |
| Operating Profit            | 2,801    | 2,470    | 2,052    | 1,9 <del>68</del> | 1,809    |
| Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc     | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0               | 0.0      |
| Associates & JV Inc         | 2,461    | 1,563    | 1,656    | 2,469             | 2,831    |
| Net Interest (Exp)/Inc      | (345)    | (355)    | (265)    | (469)             | (474)    |
| Exceptional Gain/(Loss)     | 1,880    | 68.2     | (1,439)  | 0.0               | 0.0      |
| Pre-tax Profit              | 6,797    | 3,746    | 2,004    | 3,969             | 4,165    |
| Tax                         | (1,344)  | (675)    | (802)    | (953)             | (1,041)  |
| Minority Interest           | 21.0     | 23.4     | 24.4     | 24.4              | 24.4     |
| Preference Dividend         | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0      | 0.0               | 0.0      |
| Net Profit                  | 5,474    | 3,095    | 1,226    | 3,041             | 3,148    |
| Net Profit before Except.   | 3,594    | 3,026    | 2,665    | 3,041             | 3,148    |
| EBITDA                      | 7,512    | 6,255    | 6,340    | 7,084             | 7,422    |
| Growth                      |          |          |          |                   |          |
| Revenue Gth (%)             | 3.3      | 0.6      | 1.4      | 2.6               | 3.1      |
| EBITDA Gth (%)              | (5.6)    | (16.7)   | 1.4      | 11.7              | 4.8      |
| Opg Profit Gth (%)          | 1.5      | (11.8)   | (16.9)   | (4.1)             | (8.1)    |
| Net Profit Gth (Pre-ex) (%) | (7.5)    | (15.8)   | (11.9)   | 14.1              | 3.5      |
| Margins & Ratio             |          |          |          |                   |          |
| Gross Margins (%)           | 27.8     | 25.7     | 25.3     | 24.3              | 23.4     |
| Opg Profit Margin (%)       | 16.2     | 14.2     | 11.6     | 10.9              | 9.7      |
| Net Profit Margin (%)       | 31.7     | 17.8     | 7.0      | 16.8              | 16.9     |
| ROAE (%)                    | 18.9     | 10.4     | 4.2      | 10.7              | 11.0     |
| ROA (%)                     | 11.3     | 6.4      | 2.5      | 6.0               | 6.1      |
| ROCE (%)                    | 5.3      | 4.8      | 2.9      | 3.4               | 3.1      |
| Div Payout Ratio (%)        | 61.1     | 92.3     | 232.9    | 90.0              | 90.0     |
| Net Interest Cover (x)      | 8.1      | 7.0      | 7.7      | 4.2               | 3.8      |

Core businesses in Singapore and Australia may remain weak due to margin erosion across Group Enterprise

FY20F should benefit from lower losses from Bharti while FY21F should benefit from Bharti's earnings turnaround





Provision made by Bharti

| Quarterly | v / Interim  | Income Statement         | (S\$m)  |
|-----------|--------------|--------------------------|---------|
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| FY Mar                                     | 2Q2019                  | 3Q2019                  | 4Q2019                  | 1Q2020              | 2Q2020                 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| Revenue                                    | 4,270                   | 4,626                   | 4,342                   | 4,113               | 4,152                  |
| Cost of Goods Sold                         | (3,191)                 | (3,483)                 | (3,238)                 | (2,978)             | (3,040)                |
| Gross Profit                               | 1,079                   | 1,143                   | 1,104                   | 1,135               | 1,112                  |
| Other Oper. (Exp)/Inc                      | (504)                   | (507)                   | (498)                   | (595)               | (591)                  |
| Operating Profit                           | 575                     | 636                     | 606                     | 540                 | 521                    |
| Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc                    | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                     | 0.0                 | 0.0                    |
| Associates & JV Inc Net Interest (Exp)/Inc | 330<br>(94.0)           | 371<br>(98.0)           | 419<br>(02.0)           | 359<br>(51.0)       | 442<br>18.0            |
| Exceptional Gain/(Loss)                    | (48.0)                  | (96.0)                  | (93.0)<br>76.0          | (34.0)              | (1,405)                |
| Pre-tax Profit                             | 763                     | 1,052                   | 1,008                   | 814                 | (424)                  |
| Tax  | (102)                   | (235)                   | (241)                   | (279)               | (250)                  |
| Minority Interest                          | 6.00                    | 6.00                    | 6.00                    | 6.00                | 6.00                   |
| Net Profit                                 | 667                     | 823                     | 773                     | 541                 | (668)                  |
| Net profit bef Except.                     | 715                     | 680                     | 697                     | 575                 | 737                    |
| EBITDA                                     | 905                     | 1,007                   | 1,025                   | 899                 | 963                    |
| Growth                                     |                         |                         |                         |                     |                        |
| Revenue Gth (%)                            | 3.3                     | 8.3                     | (6.1)                   | (5.3)               | 0.9                    |
| EBITDA Gth (%)                             | (15.3)                  | 11.3                    | 1.8                     | (12.3)              | 7.1                    |
| Opg Profit Gth (%)                         | (11.9)                  | 10.6                    | (4.7)                   | (10.9)              | (3.5)                  |
| Net Profit Gth (Pre-ex) (%)  Margins       | (2.6)                   | (4.9)                   | 2.5                     | (17.5)              | 28.2                   |
| Gross Margins (%)                          | 25.3                    | 24.7                    | 25.4                    | 27.6                | 26.8                   |
| Opg Profit Margins (%)                     | 13.5                    | 13.7                    | 14.0                    | 13.1                | 12.5                   |
| Net Profit Margins (%)                     | 15.6                    | 17.8                    | 17.8                    | 13.2                | (16.1)                 |
| Balance Sheet (S\$m)                       |                         |                         |                         |                     |                        |
| FY Mar                                     | 2018A                   | 2019A                   | 2020F                   | 2021F               | 2022F                  |
| Net Fixed Assets                           | 11,454                  | 11,050                  | 12,845                  | 12,910              | 12,894                 |
| Invts in Associates & JVs                  | ,<br>14,756             | 14,918                  | 14,656                  | 15,658              | 16,949                 |
| Other LT Assets                            | 15,515                  | 15,868                  | 15,535                  | 15,231              | 14,927                 |
| Cash & ST Invts                            | 525                     | 513                     | 734                     | 1,031               | 411                    |
| Inventory                                  | 397                     | 418                     | 405                     | 416                 | 429                    |
| Debtors                                    | 5,818                   | 5,993                   | 5,934                   | 6,091               | 6,281                  |
| Other Current Assets                       | 22.0                    | 155                     | 155                     | 155                 | 155                    |
| Total Assets                               | 48,487                  | 48,915                  | 50,264                  | 51,491              | <u>52,046</u>          |
| ST Debt                                    | 1,824                   | 1,880                   | 1,880                   | 1,880               | 1,880                  |
| Creditor                                   | 5,371                   | 5,817                   | 5,478                   | 5,623               | 5,799                  |
| Other Current Liab                         | 1,235                   | 1,097                   | 1,644                   | 1,795               | 1,883                  |
| LT Debt                                    | 8,668                   | 8,784                   | 11,579                  | 12,231              | 12,231                 |
| Other LT Liabilities                       | 1,709                   | 1,527                   | 1,527                   | 1,527               | 1,527                  |
| Shareholder's Equity                       | 29,706                  | 29,838                  | 28,208                  | 28,512<br>(76.9)    | 28,827                 |
| Minority Interests  Total Cap. & Liab.     | (26.0)<br><b>48,487</b> | (28.1)<br><b>48,915</b> | (52.5)<br><b>50,264</b> | 51,491              | (101)<br><b>52,046</b> |
| Total Cap. & Llab.                         | 40,407                  | 40,313                  | 30,204                  | 31, <del>43</del> 1 | 32,040                 |
| Non-Cash Wkg. Capital                      | (369)                   | (349)                   | (628)                   | (756)               | (817)                  |
| Net Cash/(Debt)                            | (9,967)                 | (10,151)                | (12,725)                | (13,080)            | (13,700)               |
| Debtors Turn (avg days)                    | 113.5                   | 124.1                   | 123.6                   | 121.4               | 121.1                  |
| Creditors Turn (avg days)                  | 183.7                   | 191.1                   | 195.9                   | 183.5               | 181.3                  |
| Inventory Turn (avg days)                  | 13.4                    | 13.9                    | 14.3                    | 13.6                | 13.4                   |
| Asset Turnover (x)                         | 0.4                     | 0.4                     | 0.4                     | 0.4                 | 0.4                    |
| Current Ratio (x)                          | 0.8                     | 0.8                     | 0.8                     | 0.8                 | 0.8                    |
| Quick Ratio (x)                            | 0.8                     | 0.7                     | 0.7                     | 0.8                 | 0.7                    |
| Net Debt/Equity (X)                        | 0.3                     | 0.3                     | 0.5                     | 0.5                 | 0.5                    |
| Net Debt/Equity ex MI (X)                  | 0.3<br>35.0             | 0.3<br>17.8             | 0.5<br>16.0             | 0.5<br>17.1         | 0.5<br>17.5            |
| Capex to Debt (%)<br>Z-Score (X)           | 35.0                    | 3.0                     | 2.7                     | 2.7                 | 2.7                    |
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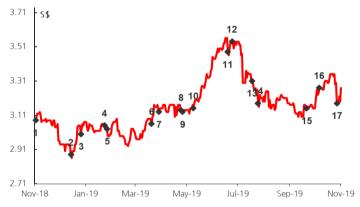
## Cash Flow Statement (S\$m)

| FY Mar                 | 2018A   | 2019A   | 2020F   | 2021F           | 2022F   |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------|---------|
| Due Terr Duefit        | 6 707   | 2.746   | 2.004   | 2.000           | 4 1 6 5 |
| Pre-Tax Profit         | 6,797   | 3,746   | 2,004   | 3,969           | 4,165   |
| Dep. & Amort.          | 2,250   | 2,222   | 2,632   | 2,646           | 2,782   |
| Tax Paid               | (608)   | (680)   | (255)   | (802)           | (953)   |
| Assoc. & JV Inc/(loss) | (2,461) | (1,563) | (1,656) | (2,469)         | (2,831) |
| Chg in Wkg.Cap.        | (178)   | (126)   | (268)   | (22.7)          | (27.6)  |
| Other Operating CF     | (1,493) | 219     | 1,722   | 496             | 508     |
| Net Operating CF       | 4,308   | 3,819   | 4,179   | 3,817           | 3,644   |
| Capital Exp.(net)      | (3,667) | (1,897) | (2,148) | (2,407)         | (2,463) |
| Other Invts.(net)      | 18.1    | (422)   | 0.0     | 0.0             | 0.0     |
| Invts in Assoc. & JV   | 606     | 6.00    | (735)   | 0.0             | 0.0     |
| Div from Assoc & JV    | 1,648   | 1,549   | 1,215   | 1,467           | 1,540   |
| Other Investing CF     | 1,093   | (15.4)  | 0.0     | 0.0             | 0.0     |
| Net Investing CF       | (303)   | (780)   | (1,668) | (940)           | (922)   |
| Div Paid               | (2,862) | (2,862) | (2,856) | (2,7 <u>37)</u> | (2,834) |
| Chg in Gross Debt      | (312)   | 222     | 850     | 652             | 0.0     |
| Capital Issues         | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0             | 0.0     |
| Other Financing CF     | (835)   | (416)   | (283)   | (496)           | (508)   |
| Net Financing CF       | (4,009) | (3,056) | (2,289) | (2,581)         | (3,342) |
| Currency Adjustments   | (4.2)   | 4.20    | 0.0     | 0.0             | 0.0     |
| Chg in Cash            | (8.8)   | (12.2)  | 221     | 297             | (620)   |
| Opg CFPS (S cts)       | 27.5    | 24.2    | 27.2    | 23.5            | 22.5    |
| Free CFPS (S cts)      | 3.92    | 11.8    | 12.4    | 8.64            | 7.24    |

We have assumed that Singtel may switch to 90% payout ratio in FY21F versus 17.5-Sct commitment in FY20F

Source: Company, DBS Bank

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Note: Share price and Target price are adjusted for corporate actions.

| S.No. | Report    | Price | Target<br>Price | Rating |
|-------|-----------|-------|-----------------|--------|
| 1:    | 21 Nov 18 | 3.08  | 3.59            | BUY    |
| 2:    | 02 Jan 19 | 2.88  | 3.59            | BUY    |
| 3:    | 14 Jan 19 | 3.00  | 3.59            | BUY    |
| 4:    | 11 Feb 19 | 3.05  | 3.50            | BUY    |
| 5:    | 14 Feb 19 | 3.03  | 3.50            | BUY    |
| 6:    | 08 Apr 19 | 3.06  | 3.55            | BUY    |
| 7:    | 17 Apr 19 | 3.13  | 3.55            | BUY    |
| 8:    | 13 May 19 | 3.14  | 3.55            | BUY    |
| 9:    | 15 May 19 | 3.13  | 3.55            | BUY    |
| 10:   | 28 May 19 | 3.15  | 3.55            | BUY    |
| 11:   | 08 Jul 19 | 3.48  | 3.60            | HOLD   |
| 12:   | 13 Jul 19 | 3.54  | 3.60            | HOLD   |
| 13:   | 06 Aug 19 | 3.31  | 3.40            | HOLD   |
| 14:   | 13 Aug 19 | 3.18  | 3.25            | HOLD   |
| 15:   | 10 Oct 19 | 3.15  | 3.12            | HOLD   |
| 16:   | 25 Oct 19 | 3.27  | 3.12            | HOLD   |
| 17:   | 15 Nov 19 | 3.18  | 3.12            | HOLD   |
|       |           |       |                 |        |

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