# Singapore Company Update Tuan Sing Holdings

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# BUY

Last Traded Price (15 Sep 2020): S\$0.295 (STI: 2,485.83) Price Target 12-mth: S\$0.44 (50% upside)

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## What's New

- Office fundamentals favourable for completion of Robinson Point sale
- Gultech to extend hot streak and ride semiconductor upcycle
- Resilient Singapore property market a plus for potential launch of Peak Residence
- COVID-19 impact likely priced in; reiterate BUY



#### Forecasts and Valuation

2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F
311	205	375	339
72.0	60.6	89.6	84.8
42.0	134	48.2	45.4
33.2	121	40.4	34.3
0.01	(4.9)	40.4	34.3
(100.0)	nm	nm	(15.1)
2.80	10.2	3.41	2.89
0.00	(0.4)	3.41	2.89
(100)	nm	nm	(15)
2.80	10.2	3.41	2.89
0.60	0.60	0.60	0.60
93.2	103	106	108
10.5	2.9	8.7	10.2
nm	nm	8.7	10.2
17.1	814.7	11.5	13.3
26.4	22.6	14.8	14.9
2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
1.4	0.8	0.8	0.7
3.0	10.4	3.3	2.7
	(3)	0	0
	(0.1)	3.40	2.90
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Source of all data on this page: Company, DBS Bank, Bloomberg Finance L.P.



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## Making a case

#### **Investment Thesis:**

**Undervalued property play.** We maintain our BUY call and TP of S\$0.44. Trading at 0.3x P/NAV (between -1SD and -2SD from 3-year mean), we continue to see good value in the stock. In addition, office fundamentals favour a completion of the S\$500m sale of Robinson Point which could drive a re-rating in valuation following improved balance sheet metrics.

**Transformation into partial tech play.** GulTech's earnings have grown by a CAGR of 26% in the past five years and may be ripe for unlocking through dividends to Tuan Sing.

**Resilient property market.** The Singapore private property market has held up well amid the pandemic, a successful sales launch of Peak Residences could catalyse share price.

#### Valuation:

Our TP of S\$0.44 is based on SOTP. We assume a valuation of 11.0x FY20F PE for Gultech, a 65% discount to RNAV of S\$676.8m, and a further 10% conglomerate discount. The TP represents a P/BV of 0.47x compared to the current P/BV of 0.31x (-1SD below 3-year mean of 0.42x) and peer P/BV of 0.46x.

#### Where we differ:

We are the only house covering the counter. That said, we have assumed more conservative earnings growth for GulTech.

#### Key Risks to Our View:

Resurfacing of COVID-19 could lead to construction delays, factory and hotel disruptions, FX risk, soft office market, termination of Robinson Point sale.

#### At A Glance

Issued Capital (m shrs)	1,188
Mkt. Cap (S\$m/US\$m) 3	851/256
Major Shareholders (%)	
Nuri Holdings S Pte Ltd	52.9
Koh Wee Meng	5.9
Free Float (%)	41.2
3m Avg. Daily Val (US\$m)	0.16
GIC Industry : Real Estate / Real Estate Holding & Development	t



#### WHAT'S NEW

#### Making a case

**Reiterate BUY; TP of \$\$0.44.** We reiterate our BUY recommendation as we think the stock remains undervalued at its current P/NAV of 0.3x (between -1SD and -2SD from 3-year mean). While we have revised FY20F earnings slightly by -3% due to the lockdown affecting the Australian hotel business, we think the share price may have yet to fully price in the completion of the Robinson Point sale and may appreciate further once the deal is confirmed. In the meantime, GulTech looks set to continue riding the semiconductor upcycle while a recovery in the Australian hospitality business may be on the cards as COVID-19 subsides.

#### Market may be awaiting further confirmation of Robinson

**Point sale.** While worries over the attractiveness of office properties and in turn cast doubts over the completion of the deal arising from pandemic-led work-from-home trends. We think a case can still be made for the deal.

We note that the structure of the deal (1% initial deposit and due diligence conducted before sale and purchase agreement) is similar to the 2016 sale of the Straits Trading Building. In addition, while Robinson Point is being sold at a significant 70% premium to AXA Tower on a per NLA basis, the former is a freehold property compared to the 61-year leasehold period of the latter. A fairer comparison could be with Straits Trading Building Where the premium is a lower 5.6%.

#### **Robinson Point transaction comparables**

	Robinson Point	Straits Trading Building*	AXA Tower
Transacted Value (S\$m)	500	560	1,680
Land Tenure	Freehold	999 years	61 years
GFA ('000 sqft)	169	200	1,029
NLA ('000 sqft)	134	159	767
S\$/GFA	2,959	2,802	1,632
S\$/NLA	3,721	3,520	2,189

*\*transaction conducted in 2016 Source: DBS Bank* 

#### Low upcoming office supply favourable for deal completion.

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New space in the office market is expected to remain low over the next few years with 2Q20 pipeline supply of office space at 708,000 sqm. Indeed, the previous time pipeline supply was at or below this level was in 3Q06 at 692,000 sqm. While demand for office space may have tapered off temporarily due to the pandemic, it is worth noting that the current office environment is still better than in 3Q17 when vacancy rates hit 13.3% and pipeline supply stood at 1,054,000 sqm.

While we acknowledge that work-from-home trends may bring about structural changes in the office market, we believe a lack of supply could help mitigate any impact. Work-from-home is not without its fair share of issues. Some matters that have been discussed include a weakening in company culture and difficulty in onboarding of new hires. As such, while work-fromhome trends could lead to a reduction in space needed, we think companies will prefer to retain some space and utilise it more efficiently (e.g. through conversion to hot desking).

**Successful sale could catalyse P/BV re-rating.** We observe that a high net debt-to-equity and low interest coverage ratio may have dragged on Tuan Sing's valuations. With most of the proceeds from the sale being used to repay borrowings, we estimate that net debt-to-equity could improve to 0.90 from 1H20's 1.37, with NAV uplifted to S\$1,252.7m (vs S\$1,129.5m in 1H20). As such, an improved interest coverage ratio and net debt-to-equity could catalyse P/BV to re-rate closer to peers' mean P/BV of 0.46x.





Source: Company, DBS Bank



Pipeline supply of office space (GFA '000 sqm)



Source: URA, DBS Bank





Source: URA, DBS Bank

GulTech remains on hot streak. While we have taken a conservative stance on GulTech's earnings growth, forecasting a c.25% rise for FY20F (vs +c.38.8% y-o-y in 1H20), recent Chinese semiconductor production data has remained strong. Specifically. China's July semiconductor integrated circuit production hit a record high of 22.2bn pieces (+28.8% y-o-y, +5.2% m-o-m). As such, the semiconductor upcycle appears to have more room to run and could benefit GulTech as demand flows down to its printed circuit boards.

#### China semiconductor integrated circuit production (mn pieces)



Source: CEIC, DBS Bank

#### Singapore residential properties showing signs of resilience.

Prices of residential projects inched up 0.3% in 2Q20 despite the COVID-19 pandemic circuit breaker. Notably, private residential unit take-up for 2Q20 fell 20.2% g-o-g, coinciding with the Singapore Circuit Breaker and may also be partially due to the 11.5% g-o-g decrease in units launched. Encouragingly, private residential sales in July was up 8.2% mo-m (-8.4% y-o-y) to 1,080 units with 869 units launched (+46% m-o-m, -4.6% y-o-y). August resale volume of nonlanded private homes also hit a two-year high with 1,052 units sold in the month. Given these indicators, a strong sales launch of Peak Residence may be possible.



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Downsides look to be mostly priced in. Unfortunately, a key risk in the form of a second COVID-19 wave played out in Australia which dented the recovery of Tuan Sing's Grand Hyatt Melbourne and Hyatt Regency Perth. The state of Victoria, where Grand Hyatt Melbourne is located, has enacted movement restrictions with the hospitality sector only allowed to accept patrons from 23 November at the earliest. In Western Australia, where Hyatt Regency Perth is situated, borders remain closed. As such, we have revised our occupancy estimates for the hotels to between 20 - 40% for FY20F. That said, things are once again looking more optimistic in Australia with c.39 cases reported on 14 September, a nearly 3-month low. Barring a third wave, Tuan Sing's Hyatt Regency Perth should see an improvement in the coming months, albeit at a gradual pace.

#### **Company Background**

Tuan Sing Holdings Limited (Tuan Sing) is a Singapore-based investment holding company with core interests in property development, property investment and hotel ownership. The Group's real estate businesses are mainly focused in the key Asia Pacific markets of Singapore, China, Indonesia and Australia. The Group also has interests in PCB manufacturing, commodity trading and production of polypropylene packaging bags. In recent years, GulTech, the Group's PCB manufacturing arm, has grown in importance and contributions to Tuan Sing's profit.



#### Peer comparison table

	Last Price			P/E
Name	11 Sep 2020	Market Capitalisation (S\$m)	FY20F	FY21F
AEM Holdings	3.63	996.5	10.8	9.9
UMS Holdings	0.97	514.8	11.9	10.7
Valuetronics	0.53	230.6	9.9	9.4
Frencken Group	0.99	421.8	10.7	9.1
Hi-P	1.14	919.9	12.0	11.0
Venture Corporation	19.20	5,564.5	17.7	15.1
Average			10.9	9.8

	Last Price	Market Capitalisation (S\$m)	P/NAV
Hiap Hoe Ltd	0.64	298.8	0.40
Bukit Sembawang Estates Ltd	3.68	952.8	0.72
Chip Eng Seng Corp	0.45	352.3	0.36
SingHaiyi Group	0.07	307.5	0.47
Far East Orchard Ltd	0.98	446.4	0.36
Average			0.46
Tuan Sing Holdings	0.31	362.4	0.32

Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS Bank

#### **Historical PB band**



Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS Bank estimates



Development Properties	Interest (%)	Number of Units	Surplus Value (S\$m)
Kandis Residences	100	130	4.7
Mont Botanik	100	108	13.0
Key Investment Properties	NLA (sq ft)	Est. Market Value (S\$m)	Change in FV (S\$m)
18 Robinson	191,965	540.0	(141.5)
Link@896 Dunearn Road	202,708	202.7	(185.3)
SOTP Breakdown			S\$m
NAV			1,236.3
Total Surplus Value			17.7
Total Change in FV			(323.9)
Less: NAV of Equity Accounted Investments, SP Corporation and Goodwill Property Inv*			(253.3)
RNAV			676.8
Discount to RNAV			65%
Discounted RNAV			236.9
Add: Gultech (based on FY20F P/E of 11.0x)			296.5
Add: SP Corporation			10.0
Add: Sanya Summer Real Estate			14.9
Add: Goodwill Propery Investment			25.2
Total			583.6
Conglomerate Discount			10%
Est. Tuan Sing Market Value			525.2
Number of shares (millions)			1,185
Share Price			S\$0.44

\*equity accounted investments also include Sanya Summer Real Estate Source: DBS Bank

#### Segmental Breakdown

FY Dec	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F
Revenues (S\$m)					
Property	81.9	108	142	176	118
Hotels investment	109	101	28.0	75.8	97.5
Industrial services	145	101	35.0	123	123
Other investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	0.18	0.18	0.20	0.20	0.20
Total	336	311	205	375	339
PBTFV (S\$m)					
Property	14.0	(0.8)	17.7	36.3	27.0
Hotels investment	5.95	3.87	(15.0)	1.52	4.88
Industrial services	1.42	1.54	1.48	1.48	1.48
Other investments	19.3	21.8	27.0	31.7	34.8
Others	7.13	4.51	0.90	0.90	0.90
Total	22.5	8.83	8.38	48.2	45.4
PBTFV Margins (%)					
Property	17.1	(0.8)	12.5	20.6	22.9
Hotels investment	7.3	3.6	(10.6)	0.9	4.1
Industrial services	1.0	1.5	4.2	1.2	1.2
Other investments	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Others	3,982.1	2,477.5	454.5	454.5	454.5
Total	6.7	2.8	4.1	12.8	13.4

Lockdown measures in Australia to lead to more losses

## Income Statement (S\$m)

FY Dec	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F	
Revenue	336	311	205	375	339	
Cost of Goods Sold	(267)	(239)	(153)	(289)	(261)	
Gross Profit	69.5	71.5	52.3	86.3	77.9	
Other Opng (Exp)/Inc	(26.0)	(31.8)	(29.1)	(38.5)	(38.9)	
Operating Profit	43.5	39.8	23.3	47.7	39.0	
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Associates & JV Inc	19.2	21.6	27.0	31.7	34.8	
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(40.2)	(52.5)	(41.9)	(31.2)	(28.4)	
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	113	33.2	126 —	0.0	0.0	
Pre-tax Profit	136	42.0	134	48.2	45.4	
Тах	(4.2)	(9.4)	(13.4)	(6.0)	(6.8)	- Gain on sale of
Minority Interest	0.11	0.53	0.10	(1.8)	(4.3)	Robinson Point
Preference Dividend	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Net Profit	132	33.2	121	40.4	34.3	
Net Profit before Except.	18.5	0.01	(4.9)	40.4	34.3	
EBITDA	71.4	72.0	60.6	89.6	84.8	
Growth						
Revenue Gth (%)	(5.6)	(7.6)	(33.9)	82.7	(9.7)	
EBITDA Gth (%)	18.4	0.8	(15.8)	47.8	(5.4)	
Opg Profit Gth (%)	19.2	(8.7)	(41.4)	104.9	(18.3)	
Net Profit Gth (Pre-ex) (%)	3.6	(100.0)	nm	nm	(15.1)	
Margins & Ratio						
Gross Margins (%)	20.7	23.0	25.5	23.0	23.0	
Opg Profit Margin (%)	13.0	12.8	11.3	12.7	11.5	
Net Profit Margin (%)	39.1	10.7	58.8	10.8	10.1	
ROAE (%)	12.7	3.0	10.4	3.3	2.7	
ROA (%)	4.7	1.1	4.2	1.5	1.3	
ROCE (%)	1.6	1.1	0.8	1.6	1.3	
Div Payout Ratio (%)	8.1	21.4	5.9	17.6	20.8	
Net Interest Cover (x)	1.1	0.8	0.6	1.5	1.4	
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Source: Company, DBS Bank

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#### Interim Income Statement (S\$m)

FY Dec	1H2018	2H2018	1H2019	2H2019	1H2020
Revenue	158	178	151	159	91.9
Cost of Goods Sold	(126)	(141)	(121)	(119)	(67.4)
Gross Profit	32.1	36.6	30.3	40.3	24.4
Other Oper. (Exp)/Inc	(9.2)	(16.4)	(10.1)	(20.7)	(13.2)
Operating Profit	22.8	20.3	20.2	19.6	11.3
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates & JV Inc	9.12	10.1	10.3	11.3	14.3
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(18.0)	(18.7)	(24.3)	(28.2)	(21.8)
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	(0.2)	113	(0.2)	33.4	3.20
Pre-tax Profit	13.8	125	5.95	36.1	6.98
Tax	(2.5)	(1.7)	(4.2)	(5.2)	(0.5)
Minority Interest	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.67	0.11
Net Profit	11.1	123	1.64	31.6	6.61
Net profit bef Except.	11.3	9.95	1.81	(1.8)	3.41
EBITDA	36.3	34.7	34.5	34.9	25.6
Growth					
Revenue Gth (%)	nm	12.5	(14.9)	5.2	(42.3)
EBITDA Gth (%)	nm	(4.4)	(0.6)	1.2	(26.7)
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Margins	11111	1,005.8	(90.7)	1,023.2	(79.1)
Gross Margins (%)	20.3	20.6	20.0	25.3	26.6
Opg Profit Margins (%)	14.4	11.4	13.3	12.3	12.3
Net Profit Margins (%)	7.0	69.2	1.1	19.8	7.2



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FY Dec	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F
Net Fixed Assets	426	414	408	438	431
Invts in Associates & JVs	118	138	165	196	231
Other LT Assets	1,747	1,826	1,451	1,451	1,451
Cash & ST Invts	133	172	313	303	265
Inventory	2.79	2.37	1.48	2.89	2.59
Debtors	76.1	70.4	46.5	85.0	76.8
Other Current Assets	409	374	324	253	201
Total Assets	2,912	2,997	2,709	2,730	2,659
ST Debt	884	281	100	300	300
Creditor	125	109	97.9	150	147
Other Current Liab	5.91	5.75	15.0	7.62	8.41
LT Debt	746	1,430	1,219	960	860
Other LT Liabilities	47.4	52.1	45.0	45.0	45.0
Shareholder's Equity	1,088	1,105	1,219	1,252	1,279
Minority Interests	14.7	14.1	14.0	15.8	20.1
Total Cap. & Liab.	2,912	2,997	2,709	2,730	2,659
Non-Cash Wkg. Capital	357	332	259	183	125
Net Cash/(Debt)	(1,497)	(1,539)	(1,005)	(956)	(895)
Debtors Turn (avg days)	89.7	86.1	104.0	64.0	87.2
Creditors Turn (avg days)	174.8	187.0	264.9	162.4	217.1
Inventory Turn (avg days)	4.0	4.1	4.9	2.9	4.0
Asset Turnover (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Current Ratio (x)	0.6	1.6	3.2	1.4	1.2
Quick Ratio (x)	0.2	0.6	1.7	0.8	0.8
Net Debt/Equity (X)	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.7
Net Debt/Equity ex MI (X)	1.4	1.4	0.8	0.8	0.7
Capex to Debt (%)	0.2 NA	0.4 NA	0.3 NA	3.2 NA	0.3 NA
Z-Score (X)					

## Cash Flow Statement (S\$m)

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FY Dec	2018A	2019A	2020F	2021F	2022F
Pre-Tax Profit	136	42.0	134	48.2	45.4
Dep. & Amort.	8.64	10.6	10.3	10.2	10.9
Tax Paid	(12.3)	(5.6)	(4.2)	(13.4)	(6.0)
Assoc. & JV Inc/(loss)	(19.2)	(21.6)	(27.0)	(31.7)	(34.9)
Chg in Wkg.Cap.	(136)	(32.3)	20.0	17.2	10.8
Other Operating CF	(70.9)	27.3	(133)	0.0	0.0
Net Operating CF	(93.9)	20.5	0.43	30.4	26.3
Capital Exp.(net)	(3.4)	(7.1)	(4.0)	(40.0)	(4.0)
Other Invts.(net)	(86.0)	35.1	44.5	65.4	46.7
Invts in Assoc. & JV	(14.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Div from Assoc & JV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Investing CF	(14.8)	(35.1)	500	0.0	0.0
Net Investing CF	(119)	(7.1)	541	25.4	42.7
Div Paid	(5.4)	(9.4)	(7.1)	(7.1)	(7.1)
Chg in Gross Debt	192	98.1	(393)	(58.9)	(100.0)
Capital Issues	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Financing CF	(54.4)	(78.8)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Financing CF	132	9.84	(400)	(66.0)	(107)
Currency Adjustments	(3.5)	(0.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chg in Cash	(84.6)	22.4	141	(10.1)	(38.2)
Opg CFPS (S cts)	3.52	4.45	(1.6)	1.12	1.30
Free CFPS (S cts)	(8.2)	1.13	(0.3)	(0.8)	1.88
Opg CFPS (S cts)	3.52	4.45	(1.6)	1.12	1.3

Proceeds from Robinson Point to repay debt

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Source: Company, DBS Bank

## Target Price & Ratings History



S.No.	Date of Report	Closing Price	12-mth Target Price	Rating
1:	16 Jun 20	0.30	0.38	BUY
2:	11 Aug 20	0.31	0.44	BUY
3:	11 Sep 20	0.31	0.44	BUY

## Source: DBS Bank

Analyst: Singapore Research Team Derek TAN



DBS Bank recommendations are based on an Absolute Total Return\* Rating system, defined as follows:

STRONG BUY (>20% total return over the next 3 months, with identifiable share price catalysts within this time frame)

BUY (>15% total return over the next 12 months for small caps, >10% for large caps)

HOLD (-10% to +15% total return over the next 12 months for small caps, -10% to +10% for large caps)

FULLY VALUED (negative total return, i.e., > -10% over the next 12 months)

SELL (negative total return of > -20% over the next 3 months, with identifiable share price catalysts within this time frame)

\*Share price appreciation + dividends

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