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Embassy Office Parks REIT

Real Estate

Gradual recovery on the cards

The Embassy Office Parks REIT (Embassy REIT) delivered a resilient performance in Q1FY24 with NOI of INR7.4bn (up 8% QoQ) and NDCF of INR5.1bn or INR5.4/unit. During the quarter, the REIT manager achieved 1.1msf of leasing and expects to achieve 6.0msf of gross leasing in FY24. While recovery in leasing decisions by GCCs and possible floor-wise denotification on the cards in H2FY24, the REIT manager has now chosen to give formal FY24 guidance range for NOI of INR29.3-31.4bn and NDCF of INR19.4-20.9bn or INR20.5-22.0/unit of distribution vs. I-sec estimate of INR21.8/unit. We retain our BUY rating with a revised Mar'24E NAV based target price of INR390/unit (earlier INR403) owing to balance sheet adjustments and occupancy adjustments post FY25E at asset level. Key risks are a slower recovery in office leasing and higher portfolio vacancy levels.

Stable Q1FY24 performance

The REIT saw overall same-store portfolio occupancy remaining flattish QoQ at 87% (overall portfolio occupancy of 85%) with Q1FY24 NOI of INR7.4bn (increase of 8% QoQ). During the quarter, the REIT manager achieved 1.1msf of gross leasing including 0.4msf of new leases at 68% re-leasing spreads along with 0.49msf of pre-commitments in Bengaluru and renewals of 0.21msf at 15% renewal spread. The REIT manager expects to achieve 6.0msf of overall leasing in FY24.

Cloudy outlook in FY24, recovery hinges on global macro/SEZ floor-wise denotification

As of Mar'23, the REIT portfolio had scheduled expiries of 2.5msf in FY24, which now stand at 2.8msf as of Jun'23. With the probable floor-wise denotification of existing SEZ likely in H2FY24, along with revival in leasing decisions by GCCs, the REIT manager expects overall portfolio vacancy to be marginally lower as compared to Jun'23 levels by Mar'24.

Formal guidance given for FY24E NOI/NDCF

For Q1FY24, the REIT manager declared an NDCF of INR5.1bn or INR5.4/unit and while the REIT manager had refrained from giving NOI/NDCF guidance in May'23, it has now given a formal FY24 guidance range for NOI of INR29.3-31.4bn and NDCF of INR19.4-20.9bn or INR20.5-22.0/unit of distribution vs. I-sec estimate of INR21.8/unit.

Financial Summary

Y/E Mar (INR mn)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Net Revenue	29,626	34,195	36,976	43,084
EBITDA	22,981	25,444	27,225	31,648
EBITDA Margin (%)	77.6%	74.4%	73.6%	73.5%
Net Profit	8,884	5,060	6,795	9,347
Distribution/Unit (INR)	21.8	21.7	21.8	24.0
NDCF (INR mn)	20,626	20,578	20,646	22,716
P/E (x)	32.4	56.9	42.3	30.8
Distribution Yield (%)	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.9
RoCE (%)	3.8	3.6	3.9	5.0
RoE (%)	3.4	2.0	2.9	4.4

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Market Data

Market Cap (INR)	287bn
Market Cap (USD)	3,497mn
Bloomberg Code	EMBASSY IN
Reuters Code	EMBA BO
52-week Range (INR)	379 /288
Free Float (%)	0.0
ADTV-3M (mn) (USD)	4

Price Performance (%)	3m	6m	12m
Absolute	(4.5)	(7.9)	(11.0)
Relative to Sensex	11.4	11.8	22.2

ESG Disclosure	2021	2022	Change
ESG score	45.6	52.0	6.5
Environment	41.4	51.0	9.6
Social	16.6	26.4	9.8
Governance	78.6	78.6	0.0

Note - Score ranges from 0 - 100 with a higher score indicating higher ESG disclosures.

Source: Bloomberg, I-sec research

Previous Reports

28-04-2023: <u>Q4FY23 results review</u> 28-03-2023: <u>Company update</u>



Company Profile

Embassy Office Parks is India's first listed REIT that owns eight high-quality office parks and four prime city centre office buildings with 34.3msf of completed leasable area and under construction and development pipeline of 10.7msf. In addition to the offices, the REIT owns three operational hotels across 1,096 keys, an underconstruction hotel of 518 keys and a solar park with 100MW of output. It was listed on April 1, 2019. Embassy REIT is sponsored by Embassy Group (Embassy Property Developments Private Limited) and Blackstone Group.

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Exhibit 1: Embassy Office Parks REIT Company Structure as of June 2023

Source: I-Sec research, Company data, (1) Balance 50% owned by JV partner, (2) The 100% owned entities are held jointly with nominee shareholders for the Embassy REIT

Exhibit 2: Embassy Office Parks REIT Asset Portfolio (as of June 2023)

	Leas	able Area (msf)/Keys	/MW	WALE ⁽²⁾	Occupancy	Rent (₹ psf / mth		h)	
Property	Completed	Development	Total	(yrs)	(%)	In-place	Market	MTM (%)	
Embassy Manyata	11.4	3.9	15.2	6.5	91%	76	93	22%	
EmbassyTech\/illage	7.3	2.3	9.6	9.1	97%	77	94	22%	
Embassy GolfLinks ⁽¹⁾	3.1	-	3.1	6.2	95%	132	155	17%	
Embassy One	0.3	-	0.3	8.2	60%	144	147	2%	
Embassy Business Hub	0.0	1.4	1.4	-	-	-	67	0%	
Bengaluru Sub-total	22.0	7.6	29.6	7.3	94%	85	103	20%	
Express Towers	0.5	-	0.5	3.9	82%	284	275	(3%)	
Embassy247	1.2	-	1.2	3.5	95%	111	112	1%	
FIFC	0.4	-	0.4	3.2	91%	300	280	(7%)	
Mumbai Sub-total	2.0	-	2.0	3.5	91%	181	176	(3%)	
EmbassyTechZone	3.0	2.4	5.5	4.1	65%	54	48	(10%)	
Embassy Quadron	1.9	-	1.9	4.9	50%	53	48	(9%)	
Embassy Qubix	1.5	-	1.5	4.8	91%	43	48	11%	
Pune Sub-total	6.4	2.4	8.8	4.5	66%	50	48	(4%)	
Embassy Oxygen	2.5	0.7	3.3	9.1	67%	54	48	(11%)	
Embassy Galaxy	1.4	-	1.4	6.4	60%	46	47	3%	
Noida Sub-total	3.9	0.7	4.6	8.3	65%	51	48	(7%)	
Subtotal (Office)	34.3	10.7	45.0	6.6	85%	82	95	15%	
Four Seasons at Embassy One	230 Keys	-	230 Keys	-	36%	-	-	-	
Hilton at Embassy GolfLinks	247 Keys	-	247 Keys	-	63%	-	-	-	
Hilton & Hilton Garden Inn at Embassy Manyata (5 & 3 star)	619 Keys	-	619 Keys	-	54%	-	-	-	
Hilton & Hilton Garden Inn at EmbassyTech∀illage (5 & 3 star)	-	518 Keys	518 Keys	-	NA	-	-	-	
Embassy Energy	100MW	-	100MW		NA	-	-	-	
Subtotal (Infrastructure Assets)	1,096 Keys / 100MW	518 Keys	1,614 Keys / 100MW						
Total	34.3 msf/1,096 Keys/100MW	10.7 msf / 518 Keys	45.0 msf / 1,614 Keys /100MW						

Source: I-Sec research, Company data, WALE = Weighted Average Lease Expiry

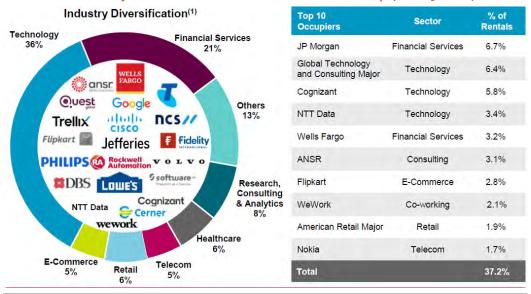


Exhibit 3: Q1FY24 Walkdown of Financial Metrics

Particulars (₹ mn)	Q1 FY2024	Q1 FY2023	YoY Variance (%)	Q4 FY2023	QoQ Variance (%)		
Revenue from Operations	9,136	8,294	10%	8,676	5%		
Property Taxes and Insurance	(326)	(295)	10%	(355)	(8%)	NO NO	
Direct Operating Expenses	(1,434)	(1,226)	17%	(1,519)	(6%)		
Net Operating Income	7,376	6,773	9%	6,802	8%		
Other Income	437	203	115%	212	107%		
Dividends from Embassy GolfLinks	233	395	(41%)	175	33%		NDCF
Property Management Fees ⁽¹⁾	(182)	(174)	5%	(180)	1%		ή a
Indirect Operating Expenses	(313)	(273)	15%	(296)	6%		SBV
EBITDA	7,551	6,925	9%	6,712	12%		at SPV level
Working Capital Adjustments	54	453	(88%)	1,145	(95%)		
Cash Taxes	(334)	(178)	87%	(312)	7%		Distribution
Principal Repayment on external debt	(1)	(49)	(98%)	(10)	(90%)		tion
Interest on external debt	(773)	(725)	7%	(871)	(11%)		
Non-Cash Adjustments	(201)	(117)	71%	(143)	40%		
NDCF at SPV level	6,297	6,309	0%	6,521	(3%)		
Distribution from SPVs to REIT	6,316	6,272	1%	6,509	(3%)		
Distribution from Embassy GolfLinks	567	332	NR	470	NR		
Interest on external debt	(1,709)	(1,466)	17%	(1,565)	9%		
REIT Management Fees ⁽¹⁾	(58)	(59)	(1%)	(62)	(7%)		
Other Inflows at REIT level (Net of Expenses)	(13)	(24)	(46%)	(26)	(50%)		
NDCF at REIT level	5,103	5,056	1%	5,325	(4%)		
Distribution	5,100	5,052	1%	5,318	(4%)		

Source: Company data, I-Sec research, (1) Property management fees includes 3% of facility rentals from only Commercial Office segment and does not include fees on Hospitality and Other segments and REIT Management fees is 1% of REIT distribution

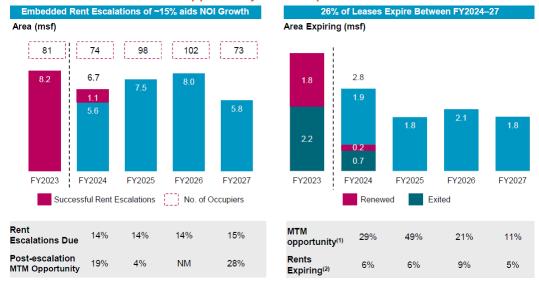
Exhibit 4: Embassy REIT Sectoral and Tenant Wise Breakup (as of Jun'23)



Source: I-Sec research, Company data, (1) Represents industry diversification percentages based on Embassy REIT's share of gross rentals

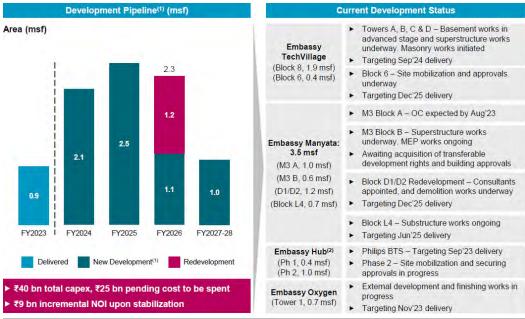


Exhibit 5: Mark-to-Market opportunity for REIT portfolio



Source: I-Sec research, Company data, (1) MTM potential computed basis market rent per latest CBRE estimate and inplace rent for respective leases, (2) Refers to annualized rent obligations

Exhibit 6: Embassy REIT development pipeline



Source: Company data, I-Sec research, (1) Excludes 518 hotel keys at Embassy Tech Village; (2) Embassy Business Hub comprises a total leasable area of approximately 2.1msf upon completion of Phase 1 and Phase 2. Of this, Embassy REIT's area share of entitlement is 1.4msf



Exhibit 7: Debt profile of Embassy REIT as of 30th June 2023

									Principal Repayment Schedul			Schedule			
Description	Rating	Fixed/ Floating	Total Facility	Balance Facility	Outstanding Principal	Amortized Cost	Interest Rate	Maturity Date	FY24	FY25	FY26	FY27	FY28	FY29 & Beyond	Total
AI REIT															
Embassy Office Parks REIT Senes II NCD	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Fixed	15,000		15,000	14,980	6.97%	Oct-231	15,000					11.6	15,00
Embassy Office Parks REIT Series III NCD	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Fixed	26,000	-	26,000	25,936	6.40%	Feb-24 ²	26,000	9	- 4	-	1.2	-	26,00
Embassy Office Parks REIT Series IV NCD	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Fixed	3,000		3,000	2,983	6.80%	Sep-26 ³				3,000			3,00
Embassy Office Parks REIT Series V NCD (Tranche A)	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Fixed	20,000		20,000	19,940	6.25%	Oct-24 ^a		20,000		1			20,00
Embassy Office Parks REIT Series V NCD (Tranche B)	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Fixed	11,000	-	11,000	10,950	7.05%	Oct-26 ⁸			-	11,000		+	11,00
Embassy Office Parks REIT Series VI NCD	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Fixed	10,000		10,000	9,959	7.35%	Apr-27 ⁶					10,000		10,00
Embassy Office Parks REIT Senes VII NCD	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Fixed	10,500		10,500	10,469	7.77%	Jun-25 ⁷			10,500		-		10,50
Term Loan		Floating	10,000		10,000	9,969	7.99%	Feb-35		- 5		75	937	8,989	10,00
Sub-total (A)			105,500		105,500	105,186	6.91%		41,000	20,000	10,500	14,075	10,937	8,989	105,50
At SPV															
Term Loan (Embassy Manyata)	CARE AAA/Stable	Floating	10,250		10,250	10,289	7.85%	Oct-26	- 4	- 5	-	10,250	1 14		10,25
Term Loan (Embassy Manyata)	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Floating	3,380	250	3,130	3,102	8.35%	May-33					-	3,130	3,13
Construction Finance (Embassy Manyata)	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Floating.	5,500	550	4,871	4,844	8.35%	May-31			198	396	791	3,486	4.87
Term Loan (Embassy Manyata)	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Floating	4,500	1,790	2,644	2,636	8.15%	Dec-37		46	60	69	88	2,301	2,64
VTPL Series I NCD (Green Bond)	CRISIL AAA/Statile	Fixed	4,950		4,950	4,942	7.65%	Aug-25°			4,950				4,96
Term Loan (Embassy Techl/liage)	CARE AAA/Stable	Floating	7,212	550	6,662	6,640	8.29%	Oct-25	-		6,662		-	-	6,66
Term Loan (Embassy TechVillage)	CARE AAA/Stable	Floating	4,330		4,284	4,282	8.07%	Oct-25	13	43	4,228	100		-	4.28
Construction Finance (Embassy TechVillage)	Not Rated	Floating	6,670	5,700	970	970	8.49%	Dec-25		- 5	970		1.4		97
Term Loan (Embassy Oxygen)	CARE AAA/Stable	Floating	2,000		1,749	1,749	8.55%	Aug-24	701	1,048		-		-	1,74
Term Loan (Embassy Business Hub)	Not Rated	Floating	2,250	350	1,900	1,890	8.37%	Mar-25		1,900					1.90
ECPL Series I NCD	CRISIL AAA/Stable	Fixed	2,500		2,500	2,487	8.10%	May-26*				2,500			2.50
Overdraft Facility (Various)	CARE AAA/Stable	Floating	4,000	-	4,000	3,997	7.99%	Various	225	225	2,550	1,000	11.2	- 0	4,00
Others			109	-	109	109	NM	Various	109	- 5	-		-		10
Sub-total (B)			57,652	9,190	48,020	47,935	8.09%		1,048	3,262	19,618	14,214	879	8,998	48,02
Total (A+B)			163,152	9,190	153,520	153,122	7.28%		42,048	23,262	30,118	28,289	11,815	17,986	153.52

Source: Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 8: Net Debt of Embassy REIT as of June 2023 (in INR mn)

Gross Debt	153,122
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	4,255
Net Debt	148,867

Source: I-Sec research, Company data



Valuations

REITs derive cash flows in the form of interest, debt repayment and dividend payments from owned assets which have differing cash flow profiles. Unlike assets in Infrastructure Trusts like toll/annuity roads or power transmission assets which have a fixed tenure of operations, the underlying assets in REITs which consist of offices, malls and hotels are perpetual in nature and carry an element of capital appreciation as well through escalation in rentals, addition of new assets and ramp up in occupancies. Hence, the total return offered by a REIT should be measured as a mix of annual distributions and capital appreciation of the units of the REIT. Hence, we prefer a DCF-based approach which captures the upside from uptick in rental income along with the annual distribution of at least 90% of the Net Distributable Cash Flow (NDCF) to REIT unitholders.

Our key assumptions include:

- 5% annual increase in rentals from FY24E.
- Cap rate of 8% on Net Operation Income (NOI) of each asset.
- WACC of 12.0% assuming 0.3x debt/equity with cost of equity of 1% and cost of debt of 9.5%.

We retain our BUY rating with a revised Mar'24E NAV based target price of INR390/unit (earlier INR403) owing to balance sheet adjustments and occupancy adjustments post FY25E at asset level. Key risks to our call are a slower recovery in office leasing and higher portfolio vacancy levels.

Exhibit 9: Return profile of Embassy REIT

Embassy REIT Cash Flows (INR mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue from Operations*	21,449	23,603	29,626	34,195	36,976	43,084
Net Operating Income (NOI)*	18,169	20,324	24,913	27,661	29,306	34,274
EBITDA*	16,656	18,508	22,981	25,444	27,225	31,648
NDCF at SPV level^	16,943	18,740	24,785	25,058	27,583	30,288
NDCF at REIT level^	18,866	18,356	20,638	20,608	20,646	22,716
NDCF Distribution Payout (%)	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
NDCF Distribution by REIT^	18,866	18,364	20,626	20,578	20,646	22,716
Distribution per Unit	24.4	21.5#	21.8	21.7	21.8	24.0
Distribution Yield (%)	8.0	6.0#	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.9

Source: I-Sec research, Company data, *excludes Golflinks and includes Tech Village from Q4FY21 onwards, $^{\land}$ includes Golflinks, #assuming proforma diluted shares post ETV acquisition which was done in Dec'20



Exhibit 10: Valuation of Embassy REIT (in INR mn)

Enterprise Value	533,363
Less: Mar'24 REIT level net debt*	154,001
Less: Security deposits	9,824
Equity Value	369,538
Equity Value per Unit	390

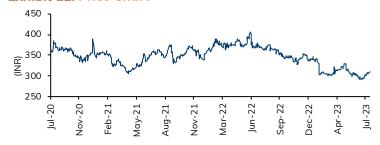
Source: I-Sec research estimates, *adjusted for NDCF distribution in Q4FY24

Exhibit 11: Sensitivity of Target Price to Cap Rate and Cost of Equity

		Cost of Equity (%)							
	Target Price = 390	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%		
	6%	630	587	546	508	473	440		
	7%	548	510	474	440	409	380		
C Dt- (0()	8%	486	452	419	389	361	334		
Cap Rate (%)	9%	438	407	377	349	324	299		
	10%	400	370	343	318	294	271		
	11%	368	341	315	292	269	248		

Source: I-Sec research, Company data

Exhibit 12: Price Chart



Source: Bloomberg



Financial Summary

Exhibit 13: Profit & Loss

(INR mn, year ending Mar)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue from operations	29,626	34,195	36,976	43,084
Operating expenses	4,713	6,534	7,670	8,810
Net Operating Income	24,913	27,661	29,306	34,274
(NOI)				
NOI margin (%)	84.1%	80.9%	79.3%	79.6%
Other expenses/REIT	1,932	2,217	2,081	2,626
expenses				
EBITDA	22,981	25,444	27,225	31,648
% margins	77.6%	74.4%	73.6%	73.5%
Depreciation & Amortisation	7,965	11,284	11,465	11,585
Interest expenses	8,285	9,761	9,614	10,565
Other Income	1,269	1,441	1,513	1,589
Exceptional items	-	-	-	-
PBT	8,000	5,840	7,659	11,087
Less: Taxes	79	1,558	1,915	2,772
PAT before	7,922	4,282	5,744	8,315
Minority/Associate				
Minority Interest	962	777	1,050	1,031
Net Income (Adjusted)	8,884	5,060	6,795	9,347

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 14: Balance sheet

(INR mn, year ending Mar)

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	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Assets				
Total Current Assets	32,439	35,550	34,584	33,182
of which cash & cash eqv.	6,116	8,754	6,054	1,015
Total Current Liabilities &	23,124	12,396	13,111	14,145
Provisions				
Net Current Assets	9,315	23,154	21,473	19,037
Other non-current	64,045	64,045	64,045	64,045
assets/Goodwill				
Investments	23,635	23,081	22,581	22,081
Net Fixed Assets	3,24,735	3,20,615	3,13,157	3,04,967
Capital WIP	7,105	12,668	13,519	18,704
Total Assets	4,28,835	4,43,564	4,34,775	4,28,834
Liabilities				
Borrowings	1,18,223	1,48,055	1,60,055	1,75,055
Net Worth	2,58,867	2,43,683	2,22,894	2,01,953
Minority Interest	-	_	_	_
Deferred Taxes	51,745	51,826	51,826	51,826
Total Liabilities	4,28,835	4,43,564	4,34,775	4,28,834

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 15: Quarterly trend

(INR mn, year ending Mar)

	Sep-22	Dec-22	Mar-23	Jun-23
Net Sales	8,571	8,654	8,676	9,136
% growth (YOY)	16.6	16.8	15.9	10.2
Net Operating Income	7,037	7,049	6,802	7,376
Margin %	82.1	81.5	78.4	80.7
NDCF (SPV level)	6,174	6,054	6,522	6,296
Extraordinaries	-	-	-	-
NDCF (REIT level)	5,182	5,045	5,326	5,103

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 16: Cashflow statement

(INR mn, year ending Mar)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Operating Cashflow	21,389	24,353	25,762	28,801
Working Capital Changes	2,281	1,302	(1,018)	(2,603)
Capital Commitments	(14,010)	(10,921)	(11,670)	(16,088)
Free Cashflow	9,660	14,735	13,074	10,110
Other investing cashflow	2,189	5,776	3,067	3,131
Cashflow from Investing	(11,820)	(16,697)	(8,603)	(12,957)
Activities				
Issue of Share Capital	(38)	(20)	-	-
Inc (Dec) in Borrowings	12,267	21,439	12,000	15,000
Interest Costs	(6,421)	(9,862)	(9,614)	(10,565)
Distribution	(20,986)	(20, 267)	(20,646)	(22,716)
Cash flow from	(15,178)	(8,710)	(18,260)	(18,280)
Financing Activities				
Chg. in Cash & Bank	(3,329)	249	(2,120)	(5,039)
balance				
Closing cash & balance	6,116	8,754	6,054	1,015

Source Company data, I-Sec research

Exhibit 17: Key ratios

(Year ending Mar)

	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E
Per Share Data (INR)				
Earnings per Unit	9.4	5.3	7.2	9.9
Distribution per unit	21.8	21.7	21.8	24.0
(DPU)				
Book Value per Unit (BV)	273.1	257.1	235.1	213.1
Growth (%)				
Net Sales	25.5	15.4	8.1	16.5
EBITDA	24.2	10.7	7.0	16.2
PAT	27.2	(43.0)	34.3	37.6
Valuation Ratios (x)				
P/E	32.4	56.9	42.3	30.8
P/BV	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4
Distribution Yield	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.9
Operating Ratios				
Debt/EBITDA (x)	5.1	5.8	5.9	5.5
Net D/E	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.9
Profitability Ratios				
RoE	3.4	2.0	2.9	4.4
RoCE	3.8	3.6	3.9	5.0
EBITDA Margins	77.6	74.4	73.6	73.5
Net Income Margins	30.0	14.8	18.4	21.7

Source Company data, I-Sec research



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