



Singapore

ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*:	Buy 2	Hold 0	Sell 0
Current price:		;	S\$0.405
Target price:	•		S\$0.58
Previous target:			S\$0.58
Up/downside:			43.2%
CGSI / Consensus:			3.6%
Reuters:		S	SPOS.SI
Bloomberg:		SP	OST SP
Market cap:		US	676.6m
		S	911.2m
Average daily turnove	r:	US	\$0.53m
		S	\$0.78m
Current shares o/s:			2,249m
Free float:			62.0%
*Source: Bloomberg			

Key changes in this note

No changes.



		Source: Bl	oomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	-1.2	-12	-19
Relative (%)	0.4	-13.8	-18.7

% held
21.8
14.6
1.9

Singapore Post Ltd

Transformation is underway

- We believe SPOST has S\$2.5bn worth of assets (S\$2bn previously) ripe for value unlocking in the next 3 years as it embarks on strategic transformation.
- We think SPOST has plenty of levers to pull to optimise margins of its SG and AU units, providing a good PATMI recovery runway for FY3/25F-26F.
- Foundation is in place for SPOST to refocus on topline growth for its crossborder e-commerce business in FY25F. Reiterate Add with TP of S\$0.58.

5 strategic thrusts to drive growth and unlock value

Post-completion of its strategic review, Singapore Post (SPOST) unveiled 5 action points to drive its next phase of growth as an asset-light international logistics enterprise and unlock shareholder value. The plan largely echoes <u>our previous expectations</u>, as follows:

1) reorganisation of group structure by markets for better clarity on operational performance and future financing optionality, 2) capital recycling, 3) sustainable commercial framework for SG postal unit, 4) operational synergies and equity financing to fund further growth in AU, and 5) refocus on topline growth for international business.

S\$2.5bn worth of assets ripe for value unlocking

We now estimate c.S\$2.5bn (S\$2bn previously) worth of assets ripe for value unlocking over the next 3 years. Non-core assets identified for capital recycling by SPOST include SingPost Centre (valued at S\$1.1bn) and freight forwarding business Famous Holdings; SPOST plans to use the sale proceeds to: 1) reduce debt, 2) grow investments, and 3) reward shareholders. SPOST is also exploring strategic partnership for equity financing to scale its fast-growing Australian logistics business and unlock shareholder value. We currently value the Famous Holdings and SPOST's Australian business combined at S\$1.3bn, based on 10x CY24F EV/EBITDA.

Various levers to pull to further optimise AU and SG profitability

We believe SPOST will focus on post-acquisition integration for its AU unit in FY3/25F as it recently completed: 1) stake increase in fourth-party logistics (4PL) business FMH from 88% to 100% in Dec 2023, and 2) acquisition of Border Express in Mar 2024 (effectively turning it into a top 5 logistics company in AU by revenue). Even without considering cross-selling potential, we estimate SPOST can derive cost synergies of S\$25m annually within the next 2 years in Australia. Meanwhile, SPOST's SG unit has returned to profitability in 3QFY3/24 after implementation of a postage rate hike in Oct 2023; we believe there is room to rationalise the post office network to further lower fixed costs.

Plans in place to capture fast growing cross-border opportunities

SPOST's cross-border e-commerce business has seen good margin recovery in 9MFY3/24 on easing air conveyance costs and improved sales mix towards commercial offerings. Management said that SPOST will refocus on driving growth in FY25F riding on its recent launch of its 4PL tech platform, ARRIV, in Nov 2023. Reiterate Add for SPOST's strong FY25F EPS growth, with an unchanged SOP-based TP of S\$0.58. Downside risks: steeper drop in letter volumes, forex translation impact from weaker A\$ and Rmb vs. S\$.

Financial Summary	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue (S\$m)	1,666	1,872	1,689	1,949	2,036
Operating EBITDA (S\$m)	186.5	175.7	167.7	216.4	226.9
Net Profit (S\$m)	81.25	32.38	40.29	72.51	80.39
Normalised EPS (S\$)	0.036	0.014	0.018	0.032	0.036
Normalised EPS Growth	35.2%	(60.1%)	24.4%	80.0%	10.9%
FD Normalised P/E (x)	11.21	28.13	22.62	12.57	11.33
DPS (S\$)	0.018	0.006	0.007	0.013	0.014
Dividend Yield	4.44%	1.43%	1.68%	3.18%	3.53%
EV/EBITDA (x)	5.04	5.69	6.02	4.18	3.67
P/FCFE (x)	24.29	8.78	17.47	4.97	5.90
Net Gearing	20.0%	9.3%	9.7%	2.2%	(2.7%)
P/BV (x)	0.70	0.66	0.65	0.64	0.62
ROE	5.54%	2.41%	2.90%	5.13%	5.54%
Normalised EPS/consensus EPS (x)			1.05	1.01	0.92

SOURCES: CGSI RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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Figure 1: Transforming into an international logistics enterprise via 5 strategic thrusts **Building Tech-Driven Excellence to** Serve Cross-border Customers 01 Reorganisation of the Group An international, tech-driven 4PL provider with an asset- light model and an extensive partnership Focus on growth as an international logistics ecosystem. enterprise. Position each business unit for 02 05 growth in its respective market segment. Create flexibility and facilitate future optionalities. Achieving Scale in Australia Top 5 national integrated network offering B2B2C logistics. Market leading tech-driven 4PL platform Strategic Management of Capital with organic 3PL assets. Each business unit to generate a spread above 04 03 the cost of capital. Monetise non-core assets and Transforming Urban Logistics businesses to recycle capital. and Deliveries in Singapore To be the country's market leader in deliveries. Continue

To be the country's market leader in deliveries. Continue to re-engineer this network to be best-in-class in service, efficiency and sustainability.

Making Every Delivery Count for People & Planet

Simplifying eCommerce Logistics

- International tech enabled logistics player capturing trend in B2C growth
- Hybrid postal/commercial platform
- Asset-light
- Strong home markets in Singapore and Australia



Leading National Delivery Network

Most pervasive network Optimised and efficient



International

International Tech-driven 4PL

Asset light
Extensive partnership ecosystem



Australia

World Class National Logistics Enterprise

Among top 5 in Australia
Asset light 4PL/3PL capabilities

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Figure 2: Strategic review milestones for the next 3 years

Achieved to date

Over the next 3 years



- Became a top 5 logistics player in Australia by revenue
- Re-engineered International business with strengthened cross border network and offerings
- Greater market diversity

- · Corporate restructuring to facilitate future optionalities
- · Non-core divestments
- · Selective investments
- A sustainable commercial framework for Singapore postal business
- Optimisation of Singapore postal infrastructure
- · Australia business integration
- · Strategic partners and fund raising in Australia
- · Expansion of International networks
- · Partnerships in International business

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We value SPOST with a blended valuation methodology (P/E and SOP). Our rationale for a blended valuation methodology is because we believe SPOST's strategic review exercise can open up opportunities to unlock value of assets worth more than S\$2.5bn. We believe our SOP valuation remains conservative as we factor in a 40% discount to fair value for SPOST's investment properties.

Re-rating catalysts: updates on capital recycling plan with announcement of strategic review outcome in Mar 2024, and cross-border business volume recovery. Downside risks: steeper drop in letter volumes, or further spike in operating costs due to the inflationary environment hurting margins.

Sum-of-part valuation model					
Parts	Basis	EBITDA CY24F (S\$ m)	Multiple	Valuation (S\$ m)	Notes
Post and Parcel	EV/EBITDA	44	4.0	175	In line with industry peers
Logistics	EV/EBITDA	130	10.0	1,303	In line with industry peers
Property				579	Assume 40% discount to fair value (as of end-FY23)
Net Debt/(Cash)	As of end-FY24F			(642)	Includes perpetual securities
Equity value (S\$ m)				1,415	
Shares outstanding (m)				2,250	
Implied per share value (S\$)				0.63	
Implied CY24F P/E based on target value				22.0	
Implied CY23F P/BV based on target value				1.02	

Blended valuations		
Method	Value per share (S\$)	Basis
P/E	0.54	18.7x CY24 EPS (Based on 5-year historical average)
Sum-of-part valuation	0.63	Refer assumptions above
Average	0.58	
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P/BV	year EPS	/BV (x)	Recurrin	g ROE (%)	EV/EBIT	DA (x)
CY2023F (CAGR (%)	3F CY2024F	F CY2023F	CY2024F	CY2023F	CY2024
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2.4	15.0%	2.4 2.2	2 15.9%	17.2%	7.6	7.
2.1	-6.4%	2.1 1.9	9 16.1%	15.7%	6.2	6.3
3.2	-5.6%	3.2 3.1	1 17.6%	16.3%	11.4	12.
8.9	-20.1%	3.9 8.2	2 39.2%	35.8%	10.6	11.
2.0	28.1%	2.0 1.8	8 9.2%	10.5%	8.0	7.
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DATA AS AT 19 MAR 2024

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Note: Estimates for Not rated companies are based on Bloomberg consensus



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ESG in a nutshell

As Singapore's national postal service provider, Singapore Post (SPOST) has been upholding its service quality, generally meeting its quality of service (QoS) standards, which we think can ensure the continuity of its status. We are pleased to see SPOST committing to a target of net-zero carbon (Scopes 1 and 2 emissions) for its Singapore operations by 2030F and net-zero carbon (Scopes 1, 2 and 3 emissions) globally by 2050F. Considering SPOST's role as a postal/logistics operator, we believe this signifies its strong commitment towards environmental protection.

Keep your eye on

Infocomm Media Development Authority (IMDA) regulates and assesses SPOST's postal performance by setting QoS standards for letter deliveries. For the period of Jan to Dec 2022, SingPost met all QoS standards with no penalty imposition.

Implications

As Singapore's national postal service provider, it is crucial that SPOST satisfies its QoS consistently. This will ensure continuity of its status as the national provider. We are pleased to see improvements in QoS following the implementation of service improvement measures.

ESG highlights

SPOST has committed to a target of net-zero carbon (Scopes 1 and 2 emissions) for its Singapore operations by 2030F and net-zero carbon (Scopes 1, 2 and 3 emissions) globally by 2050F.

Implications

Considering SPOST's role as a postal/logistics operator, we believe these long-term targets signify the company's firm commitment towards environmental protection. To achieve the target, SPOST will not only have to optimise resources across the value chain but also apply innovative solutions to optimise and upgrade its fleets, reduce mileage, as well as explore alternative fuel-saving options and implement initiatives to reduce delivery trips.

Trends

Over the past two years, SPOST's Singapore operations have reduced its absolute Scope 1 and 2 emissions collectively by 25% from the FY18/19 baseline level.

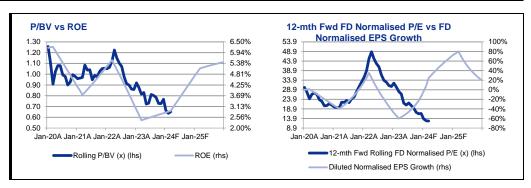
Implications

While this is partially attributable to reduced business activities during the continued Covid-19 pandemic measures in FY21/22, it puts SPOST on track to achieving its previous target of 35% reduction in absolute greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions by FY29F/30F (from FY18/19 baseline levels). SPOST has since embarked on a more ambitious target of net-zero carbon (Scope 1, 2, 3 emissions) globally by 2050F.

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(S\$m)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Net Revenues	1,672	1,876	1,692	1,952	2,039
Gross Profit	1,672	1,876	1,692	1,952	2,039
Operating EBITDA	186	176	168	216	227
Depreciation And Amortisation	(74)	(83)	(85)	(85)	(85)
Operating EBIT	112	93	83	131	142
Financial Income/(Expense)	(11)	(17)	(23)	(32)	(33)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	5	0	0	0	0
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	2	(8)	(2)	0	0
Profit Before Tax (pre-EI)	107	68	58	99	109
Exceptional Items					
Pre-tax Profit	107	68	58	99	109
Taxation	(20)	(29)	(16)	(27)	(29)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	88	39	41	73	80
Minority Interests	(5)	(14)	(3)	0	0
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax	(2)	8	2	0	0
Net Profit	81	32	40	73	80
Normalised Net Profit	88	39	41	73	80
Fully Diluted Normalised Profit	81	32	40	73	80

Cash Flow					
(S\$m)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
EBITDA	186.5	175.7	167.7	216.4	226.9
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	(55.5)	(8.2)	(49.1)	43.7	6.5
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense	(4.7)	13.7	22.9	32.1	32.5
Other Operating Cashflow					
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(11.4)	(17.5)	(22.9)	(32.1)	(32.5)
Tax Paid	(24.0)	(32.8)	(16.5)	(26.8)	(29.0)
Cashflow From Operations	90.8	131.0	102.2	233.3	204.4
Capex	(24.3)	(28.4)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries					
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	(39.7)	(18.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Investing Cashflow	10.6	19.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow From Investing	(53.3)	(27.2)	(50.0)	(50.0)	(50.0)
Debt Raised/(repaid)					
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	(350.0)	249.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shares Repurchased	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends Paid	(24.7)	(33.3)	(15.3)	(29.0)	(32.2)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	117.7	(88.9)	223.9	(40.3)	(40.7)
Cash Flow From Financing	(257.0)	126.8	208.6	(69.3)	(72.9)
Total Cash Generated	(219.5)	230.6	260.7	114.0	81.5
Free Cashflow To Equity	37.5	103.8	52.2	183.3	154.4
Free Cashflow To Firm	48.9	121.3	75.1	215.4	186.9

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Balance Sheet					
(S\$m)	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Total Cash And Equivalents	289	496	744	848	919
Total Debtors	234	230	217	261	283
Inventories	1	1	1	1	1
Total Other Current Assets	41	37	37	37	37
Total Current Assets	564	764	999	1,147	1,240
Fixed Assets	412	387	362	337	312
Total Investments	34	32	32	33	33
Intangible Assets	529	501	501	501	501
Total Other Non-Current Assets	1,139	1,154	1,154	1,154	1,154
Total Non-current Assets	2,115	2,074	2,050	2,025	2,001
Short-term Debt	78	1	1	1	1
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	668	633	571	658	688
Other Current Liabilities	86	86	86	86	86
Total Current Liabilities	831	720	658	746	775
Total Long-term Debt	439	623	878	878	878
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	202	69	69	69	69
Total Non-current Liabilities	642	692	947	947	947
Total Provisions	64	51	51	51	51
Total Liabilities	1,537	1,463	1,657	1,744	1,774
Shareholders' Equity	1,307	1,382	1,396	1,432	1,472
Minority Interests	(165)	(7)	(4)	(4)	(4)
Total Equity	1,142	1,374	1,392	1,427	1,467

Key Ratios					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Revenue Growth	18.6%	12.4%	(9.8%)	15.4%	4.4%
Operating EBITDA Growth	26.0%	(5.8%)	(4.6%)	29.1%	4.8%
Operating EBITDA Margin	11.2%	9.4%	9.9%	11.1%	11.1%
Net Cash Per Share (S\$)	(0.10)	(0.06)	(0.06)	(0.01)	0.02
BVPS (S\$)	0.58	0.61	0.62	0.64	0.65
Gross Interest Cover	9.82	5.33	3.61	4.09	4.36
Effective Tax Rate	18.3%	43.0%	28.5%	27.0%	26.5%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	30%	103%	38%	40%	40%
Accounts Receivables Days	43.88	45.22	48.37	44.68	48.77
Inventory Days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Accounts Payables Days	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
ROIC (%)	7.32%	5.81%	5.20%	8.14%	9.18%
ROCE (%)	6.00%	4.97%	3.79%	5.63%	5.99%
Return On Average Assets	3.60%	2.32%	2.25%	3.36%	3.52%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-22A	Mar-23A	Mar-24F	Mar-25F	Mar-26F
Postal/ Mail segment revenue (S\$ m)	622.3	521.3	514.8	559.1	585.9
Logistics segment revenue (S\$ m)	998.5	1,322.4	1,154.5	1,373.2	1,433.5
Property segment revenue (S\$ m)	114.9	88.3	76.4	77.9	79.5
Postal/ Mail segment profit (S\$ m)	24.9	(15.9)	(0.5)	28.0	29.3
Logistics segment profit (S\$ m)	44.3	84.7	69.3	89.3	97.5
Property segment profit (S\$ m)	52.9	44.0	42.8	43.6	44.5

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