

# Frasers Hospitality Trust (FHT SP) Supportive Valuations

### Slow quarter, dragged by currency headwinds

FHT's 2Q19 DPU was in line with both MKE and consensus estimates; DPU fell 11.5% YoY on a weaker performance at its portfolios in Australia, Malaysia and Japan. This was exacerbated by depreciation in their respective currencies, which contributed to a 53%/40% decline in their gross revenues/NPIs. Our forecasts are unchanged and our DDM-based TP stays at SGD0.85 (COE: 7.4%, LTG: 2.0%). We reiterate BUY with the shares undervalued vs. historical mean and peers at 0.8x FY19E P/B. For now, a re-rating could be led from a potential portfolio reshuffle, given tight cap rates for Sofitel Wentworth Sydney and positive yield-spreads in Europe, supported by its low 34.1% gearing and sponsor's growing AUM.

### S'pore stable amid micro-market supply pressures

Its Singapore operations were stable in 2Q19 with GOR/GOP at +0.9%/-0.7% YoY. RevPAR rose 2.2% YoY to SGD253 on stronger occupancies, up from 84.3% to 88.7% mainly at its Fraser Suites serviced residence units. Competitive pressures from new supply in the Bugis micro-market (Andaz and JW Marriott) coupled with the reopening of 329 rooms at the Swissotel post its AEI has pushed down RevPARs at Intercontinental Hotel by more than 4% YoY, according to management. We see a muted near-term RevPAR growth outlook as new supply gets absorbed.

### Australia weak - Sydney remains difficult

The Australian portfolio, at 47.0% of its gross revenue and 40.0% of NPI, saw GOR/ NPI fall 4.0%/ 6.1% YoY. RevPARs declined 5.4% YoY on the back of lower ADRs and occupancy. We believe that Sydney's trading backdrop remains challenging against new room supply, at 5.7% YoY p.a. over the next 3 years and ahead of an estimated 4.0% YoY in tourist arrivals.

### Catalyst from capital-recycling opportunities

Supply-side headwinds in Australia should prompt management to recycle its assets (a third of its AUM) into Europe with stronger growth fundamentals, as they target expansion opportunities from both sponsor's ROFR assets and third-party deals. A successful transaction at a 4.0-4.5% cap rate for the Sofitel Wentworth Sydney could result in a SGD110-150m gain, based on our estimates to fund other deals.

FYE Sep (SGD m)	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Revenue	159	156	158	166	174
Net property income	120	117	130	137	143
Core net profit	98	75	98	104	109
Core EPU (cts)	5.4	4.0	5.2	5.5	5.7
Core EPU growth (%)	(14.8)	(25.3)	30.7	5.3	3.6
DPU (cts)	5.1	4.8	4.9	5.2	5.4
DPU growth (%)	11.5	(6.9)	3.4	4.6	3.9
P/NTA (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
DPU yield (%)	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.9	7.2
ROAE (%)	11.6	4.5	5.1	5.0	4.9
ROAA (%)	4.2	3.0	3.8	3.9	3.9
Debt/Assets (x)	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.30	0.29
Consensus DPU	-	-	4.8	5.0	5.1
MKE vs. Consensus (%)	-	-	2.3	2.9	5.0

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# **BUY**

Share Price SGD 0.75

12m Price Target SGD 0.85 (+15%)

Previous Price Target SGD 0.85

#### **Company Description**

Frasers Hospitality Trust engages in the investment of income-producing hospitality real estate and real estate related assets.

#### Statistics

52w high/low (SGD)	0.77/0.67
3m avg turnover (USDm)	0.4
Free float (%)	37.4
Issued shares (m)	1,869
Market capitalisation	SGD1.4B
	USD1.0B

Major shareholders:
Tcc Group Investments Ltd. 37.8%
Frasers Property Ltd. 23.2%
Metro Holdings Ltd. 1.1%

#### Price Performance



-1M -3M -12M Absolute (%) 1 1 (1)

-Frasers Hosp. / Straits Times Index - (RHS, %)

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Source: FactSet

Relative to index (%)

Frasers Hosp. - (LHS, SGD)

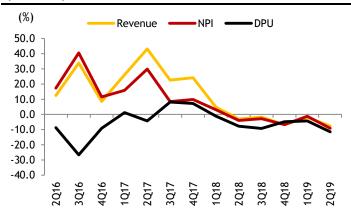
Fig 1: Summary financials 2Q19A comparison

FYE 31 Mar	2Q18	1Q19	2Q19	Chang	e	YTD19	% of FYE	FY19E
	(SGD m)	(SGD m)	(SGD m)	(% YoY)	(% QoQ)	(SGD m)		(SGD m)
Gross revenue	37.5	40.6	34.6	(7.6)	(14.8)	75.3	47.6	158.0
Property expenses	(9.7)	(9.6)	(9.4)	(3.4)	(1.6)	(19.0)	68.5	(27.7)
Net property income	27.7	31.1	25.2	(9.1)	(18.8)	56.3	43.2	130.3
Borrowing costs	(4.9)	(5.0)	(5.1)	2.7	0.5	(10.1)	48.3	(20.9)
Distributable income to unitholders	20.9	23.7	18.7	(10.4)	(21.1)	42.4	45.6	92.9
Distribution per unit (SGD cts)	1.11	1.25	0.98	(11.5)	(21.5)	2.2	45.2	4.95
NAV per unit (SGD)	0.80	0.75	0.76					
Aggregate leverage (%)^	33.1	34.4	34.1	100	(30)			
All-in financing cost (%)^	2.7	2.5	2.6	(10)	10			
Singapore Occupancy (%)^	84.3	82.0	88.7	440	670			
RevPAR growth (%)	(4.1)	(1.8)	2.2					
NPI margin (%)^	74.0	76.5	72.8	(120)	(364)			

^Change in basis points

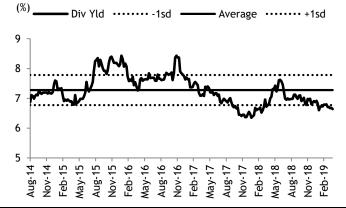
Source: Company data, Maybank Kim Eng

Fig 2: Revenue, NPI and DPU growth - weak and exacerbated by currency headwinds



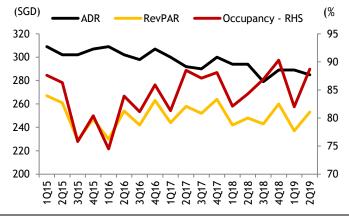
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Fig 4: DPU yields have been compressed by recent acquisitions to 1SD below their 4-year avg.



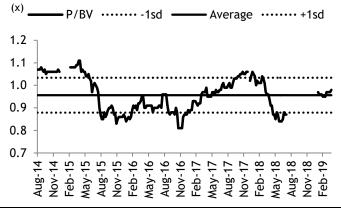
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Fig 3: Singapore ADR, RevPAR and occupancy has stabilised against strong supply in micro-market



Source: Company data

Fig 5: P/BV has fallen despite growth in AUM but should expand as RevPARs improve



Source: Company data, Bloomberg, Maybank Kim Eng

Fig 6: S-REITs valuation comparison

Company	Rating	Price	TP	Upside	Yield	Total return	MC	ADTV	Free Float	BVPS	P/BV	D	ividen	d yield	(%)	Gearing (D/A)
		(SGD)	(SGD)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(SGD b)	(SGD m)	(%)	(SGD)	(x)	17	18	19E	20E	(%)
Retail							15.5	30.2			1.07	5.3	5.4	5.6	5.7	32
Capita Mall Trust (CMT)	Hold	2.42	2.40	(0.8)	4.8	4.0	8.9	24.1	65	2.04	1.19	4.6	4.8	4.8	5.2	34
Frasers Ctr Trust (FCT)	Buy	2.39	2.60	8.8	5.7	14.5	2.2	3.2	58	2.08	1.15	4.9	5.5	5.7	5.8	29
Starhill Global (SGREIT)	Hold	0.76	0.70	(7.9)	6.3	(1.6)	1.7	2.0	63	0.90	0.84	6.5	6.0	6.3	6.3	36
SPH REIT	Hold	1.03	1.05	1.9	5.5	7.4	2.7	1.0	25	0.94	1.10	5.4	5.4	5.5	5.7	30
Retail & Office							10.5	30.2			1.05	5.0	26.4	5.2	5.4	36
Suntec REIT (SUN)	NR	1.85					5.0	14.0	62	2.09	0.88	5.4	5.5	5.5	5.7	39
Mapletree Comm. (MCT)	Hold	1.93	1.80	(6.7)	4.9	(1.9)	5.6	16.1	66	1.60	1.21	4.7	47.4	4.9	5.1	33
Office							14.2	41.8			0.90	6.3	6.2	6.2	6.1	35
CapitaLand Comm. (CCT)	NR	1.94					7.3	27.1	70	1.82	1.07	4.5	4.6	4.6	4.6	35
Keppel REIT (KREIT)	NR	1.22					4.2	10.5	52	1.38	0.88	4.7	5.1	5.2	5.4	36
Frasers Comm. (FCOT)	NR	1.48					1.3	3.6	74	1.57	0.94	6.6	6.6	6.5	6.5	29
OUE Comm. (OUECT)	NR	0.50					1.4	0.6	24	0.71	0.70	9.4	8.7	8.4	7.9	39
Industrial							25.5	71.1			1.17	6.6	6.6	6.7	6.8	37
Ascendas REIT (AREIT)	Buy	3.00	3.20	6.7	5.5	12.2	9.3	30.0	81	2.13	1.41	5.3	5.3	5.5	5.8	37
Mapletree Ind. (MINT)	Buy	2.06	2.25	9.2	6.2	15.4	4.2	9.2	68	1.51	1.37	5.7	5.9	6.2	6.6	36
Mapletree Log. (MLT)	Hold	1.48	1.40	(5.4)	5.6	0.2	5.4	20.5	68	1.17	1.27	5.2	5.4	5.6	5.7	38
Cache Logistics Trust	Buy	0.76	0.88	15.8	8.0	23.8	0.8	2.0	90	0.66	1.15	8.7	7.8	8.0	8.3	36
AIMS AMP (AAREIT)	Buy	1.42	1.50	5.6	7.2	12.9	1.0	0.6	72	1.34	1.06	6.9	7.2	7.2	7.3	34
Keppel DC REIT (KDCREIT)	NR	1.51			=		2.0	5.6	75	1.05	1.44	4.7	5.1	5.3	5.6	33
ESR REIT	NR	0.53					1.7	2.3	58	0.47	1.13	7.2	7.5	7.7	8.1	42
Soilbuild BS REIT	NR	0.61					0.6	0.5	66	0.62	0.97	9.4	8.3	8.3	n.a.	39
Sabana SC Ind. REIT	NR	0.42					0.4	0.3	68	0.57	0.73	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	34
Hospitality & Residential	-						9.6	11,0			0.95	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.9	36
Ascott Res. Trust (ART)	Hold	1.20	1.25	4.2	6.0	10.2	2.6	3.7	55	1.22	0.98	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.2	37
CDL HT (CDLHT)	Buy	1.60	1.80	12.5	6.1	18.6	1.9	3.0	62	1.53	1.05	5.8	5.8	6.1	6.4	34
OUE HT (OUEHT)	NR	0.72					1.3	1.3	52	0.75	0.95	7.1	7.1	7.5	8.1	39
Far East HT (FEHT)	Buy	0.66	0.80	21.2	6.6	27.8	1.3	1.8	40	0.87	0.76	6.0	6.5	6.6	7.1	40
Frasers HT (FHT)	Buy	0.77	0.85	11.1	6.5	17.6	1.4	0.6	38	0.75	1.01	6.3	6.3	6.5	6.8	34
Ascendas HT (AHT)	NR	0.93					1.1	0.7	64	0.98	0.95	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	33
Offshore REITs							18.6	28.4			0.92	7.7	7.4	7.6	7.8	34
Sasseur REIT	Buy	0.80	0.90	13.2	7.8	21.1	0.9	1.1	21	0.91	0.87	n.a.	7.5	7.8	8.1	29
Mapletree Greater China	NR	1.36	0170				4.3	10.7	67	1.32	1.03	5.5	5.6	5.7	5.7	39
CapitaLand Retail China	NR	1.51					1.5	2.7	62	1.59	0.95	6.7	7.0	7.1	7.4	35
Fortune REIT (HKD)	NR	10.18					3.4	0.7	72	16.61	0.61	5.0	5.1	5.2	5.6	21
Lippo Malls Ind. RT	NR	0.22					0.6	0.9	63	0.30	0.73	15.8	12.1	12.1	12.6	34
Manulife REIT (USD)	Buy	0.87	1.00	14.9	6.8	21.8	1.5	1.1	91	0.83	1.05	6.8	7.0	6.8	7.1	37
Keppel_KBS US REIT	NR	0.75					0.8	0.5	75	0.89	0.84	n.a.	8.0	8.4	8.5	38
IREIT Global	NR	0.77					0.5	0.2	31	0.75	1.02	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37
BHG Retail REIT	NR	0.71					0.4	0.0	37	0.81	0.87	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	31
Frasers Log. & Ind. (FLT)	NR	1.18					2.4	10.0	73	0.92	1.29	6.5	5.8	5.9	5.9	36
EC World REIT	NR	0.79					0.6	0.3	41	0.87	0.90	7.6	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	35
Cromwell REIT (EUR)	NR	0.49					1.6	0.4	33	0.53		n.a.	8.6	9.4	9.3	33
Healthcare							2.5	3.8			1.24	6.7	6.7	6.9	6.9	36
Parkway Life REIT	NR	2.89					1.7	1.5	64	1.88	1.54	4.6	4.3	4.5	4.5	38
First REIT	NR	0.97					0.8	2.3	61	1.02	0.95	8.9	9.1	9.3	9.3	35
Total REITs							96	216			1,02	6.5	7.8	6.7	6.8	35
S-REIT yield spread											.,,,_		.,.	2.4		
FSTREI Index														4.6		
SGS 10Y bond yield														2.2		
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Prices as of 30 Apr 2019. NR = Not Rated.

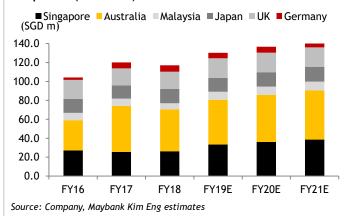
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## **Value Proposition**

- 15 assets valued at SGD2.4b in prime locations in gateway cities in Asia, Australia and Europe. Comprise nine hotels and six serviced residences with a total of 3,914 rooms.
- Sponsor Frasers Property is a diversified real-estate player with SGD27.7 AUM as of end-Dec 2018. Owns & operates more than 24,000 serviced apartments / hotel rooms.
- Strategic partner TCC Group is among Southeast Asia's largest conglomerates.
- Organic growth led by recovery in Singapore's hotel RevPAR & new contributions from Australia, Germany.
- Acquisition growth to be supported by low 34.4% gearing and sponsor's visible ROFR pipeline.

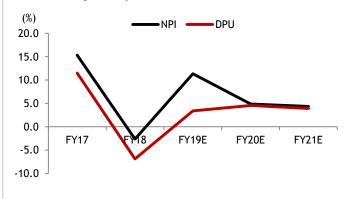
#### NPI profile (FY16-21E)



# **Financial Metrics**

- We expect occupancies across its hotel portfolio to remain well-supported by strong leisure demand.
- We forecast stronger RevPARs for Singapore, Melbourne, Japan, Germany and the UK to mitigate weaker Sydney and Malaysia operations.
- DPUs to recover in FY19 after weakness in FY18 helped by rising contributions from Intercontinental Singapore and acquisitions in Australia and Germany.

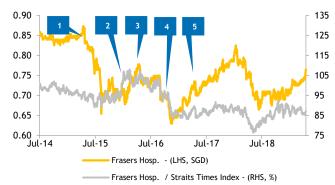
### NPI and DPU growth profile



Source: Company, Maybank Kim Eng estimates

### **Price Drivers**





Source: Company, FactSet, Maybank Kim Eng

- May-15: Announced first acquisition post-IPO of AUD224m (SGD231m) for a 75-year leasehold interest in Sofitel Sydney Wentworth, via SGD123m equity fund raising.
- 2. Feb-16: Completed SGD26m AEI at Intercontinental Singapore, with hotel inventory back to 403 rooms.
- May-16: Raised SGD100m from perpetual securities at 4.45% to acquire 328-room Maritim Hotel Dresden for EUR58.4m (SGD90.4m) at 6.8% NPI yields.
- 4. Sep-16: Launched 32-for-100 renounceable rights which raised SGD266.3m in gross proceeds, to acquire the 380-room Novotel Melbourne on Collins.
- 5. Mar-17: Announced JPY4.25b (SGD53.1m) AEI for the retail component of ANA Crowne Plaza.

# **Swing Factors**

# Upside

- Earlier-than-expected pick-up in corporate demand.
- Better-than-anticipated RevPAR.
- Accretive acquisitions where cap rates exceed cost of funds, or divestments at low cap rates which unlock asset values.

### Downside

- Sizeable increases in hotel and SR room supply without corresponding growth in demand.
- Deterioration in global economy, resulting in declines in RevPARs.
- Significant volatility in FX rates could impede hedging efforts and affect DPU.
- Sharper-than-expected rise in interest rates could increase cost of debt and hit earnings, with higher cost of capital lowering valuations.

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FYE 30 Sep	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Key Metrics					
Price/DPU(x)	14.6	14.6	15.1	14.4	13.9
P/BV (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
P/NTA (x)	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.7
DPU yield (%)	6.9	6.8	6.6	6.9	7.2
FCF yield (%)	8.3	8.6	8.4	8.7	9.0
INCOME STATEMENT (SCD m)					
INCOME STATEMENT (SGD m)	158.7	155.9	158.0	166.2	173.9
Revenue					
Net property income	120.2	117.0	130.3	136.7	142.6
Management and trustee fees	(12.4)	(13.0)	(15.6)	(16.5)	(17.3)
Net financing costs	(19.1)	(20.6)	(20.9)	(21.5)	(22.0)
Associates & JV	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Exceptionals	110.3	(2.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other pretax income/expenses	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Pretax profit	194.5	76.6	89.2	94.1	98.7
Income tax	(28.9)	(5.9)	(6.6)	(7.0)	(7.3)
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	1.0	2.0	2.0
Total return avail to unitholders	165.6	70.8	82.5	87.1	91.3
Distributable inc to unitholders	93.5	89.4	92.9	98.0	102.7
DALANCE CHEET (CCD)					
BALANCE SHEET (SGD m)  Cash & Short Term Investments	79.8	77.1	77.1	77.1	77.1
Accounts receivable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Property, Plant & Equip (net)	267.3	248.4	248.4	248.4	248.4
Inverstment properties	2,172.1	2,151.9	2,276.0	2,410.9	2,539.1
Intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment in Associates & JVs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other assets	14.7	17.3	17.3	17.3	17.3
Total assets	2,533.9	2,494.7	2,618.8	2,753.7	2,881.9
	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ST interest bearing debt					
Accounts payable	18.0	15.6	15.6	15.6	15.6
LT interest bearing debt	810.9	835.0	835.0	835.0	835.0
Other liabilities	98.8	91.5	91.5	91.5	91.5
Total Liabilities	927.7	942.2	942.2	942.2	942.2
Shareholders Equity	1,606.2	1,552.5	1,676.6	1,811.6	1,939.8
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total shareholder equity Total liabilities and equity	1,606.2 2,533.9	1,552.5 2,494.7	1,676.6 2,618.8	1,811.6 2,753.7	1,939.8 2,881.9
Total liabilities and equity	2,333.9	2,474.7	2,010.0	2,755.7	2,001.9
CASH FLOW (SGD m)					
Cash flow from operations	113.4	112.8	117.8	123.4	128.7
Capex	(0.4)	(0.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acquisitions & investments	(246.9)	(26.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disposal of FA & investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend income from associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other investing cash flow	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.5
CF from investing activities	(247.3)	(26.9)	0.5	0.5	0.5
Dividends paid	(89.6)	(92.1)	(92.9)	(98.0)	(102.7)
Interest expense	(17.8)	(20.7)	(20.9)	(21.5)	(22.0)
Change in debt	0.6	30.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity raised / (purchased)	263.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other financial activities	(4.5)	(4.5)	(4.5)	(4.5)	(4.5)
CF from financing activities	1 <b>52.</b> 0	(87.1)	(118.3)	(123.9)	(129.2)
Effect of exchange rate changes	(2.8)	(1.5)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash flow	15.4	(2.7)	0.0	0.0	0.0

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FYE 30 Sep	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Key Ratios					
Growth ratios (%)					
Revenue growth	28.4	(1.8)	1.4	5.2	4.6
Net property income growth	15.3	(2.6)	11.3	4.9	4.4
Core net profit growth	13.0	(23.5)	31.3	6.2	4.5
Distributable income growth	10.0	(4.4)	3.9	5.5	4.8
Profitability ratios (%)					
Net property income margin	75.7	75.1	82.5	82.2	82.0
Core net profit margin	61.7	48.0	62.3	62.9	62.8
Payout ratio	95.7	119.4	94.5	93.8	94.1
DuPont analysis					
Total return margin (%)	nm	45.4	52.2	52.4	52.5
Gross revenue/Assets (x)	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Assets/Equity (x)	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.5
ROAE (%)	11.6	4.5	5.1	5.0	4.9
ROAA (%)	4.2	3.0	3.8	3.9	3.9
Leverage & Expense Analysis					
Asset/Liability (x)	2.7	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.1
Net gearing (%) (excl. perps)	45.5	48.8	45.2	41.8	39.1
Net interest cover (x)	5.4	4.8	5.2	5.4	5.5
Debt/EBITDA (x)	7.9	8.4	7.6	7.3	6.9
Capex/revenue (%)	0.2	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net debt/ (net cash)	731.2	757.9	757.9	757.9	757.9
Debt/Assets (x)	0.32	0.33	0.32	0.30	0.29

Source: Company; Maybank

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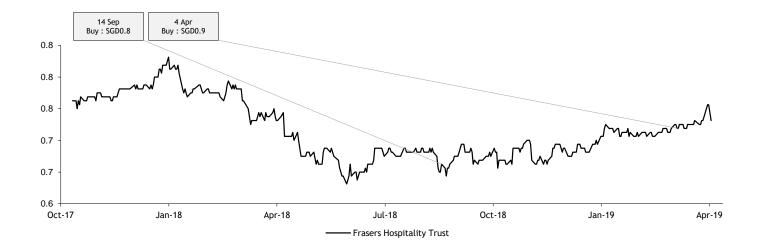
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