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Business Overview

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Revenue

3Q 2024 **S\$62.1m**

▲ 22% from S\$51.1m in 3Q 2023

9M 2024 **S\$186.5m**

▲ 25% from S\$149.0m in 9M 2023

Financial Occupancy



PBWA

95% for 9M 2024

96% for 9M 2023

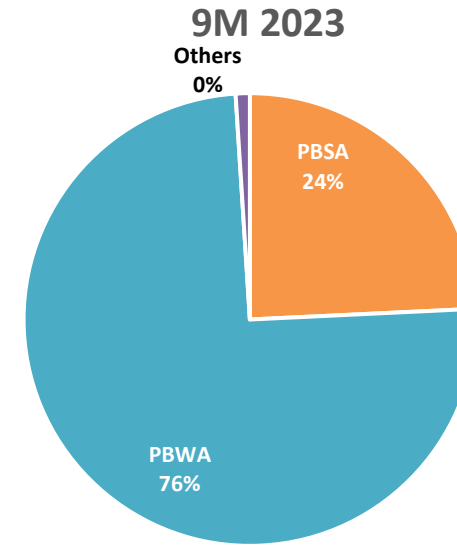
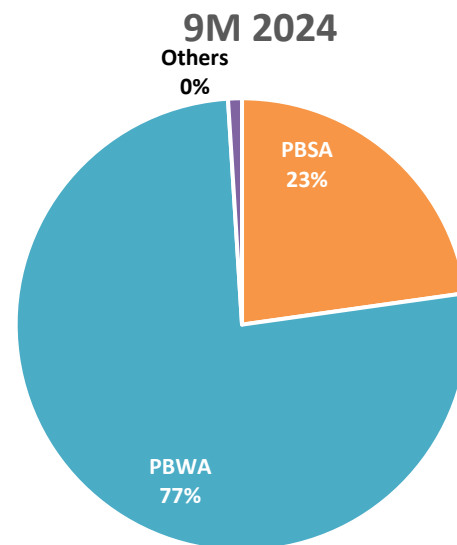


PBSA

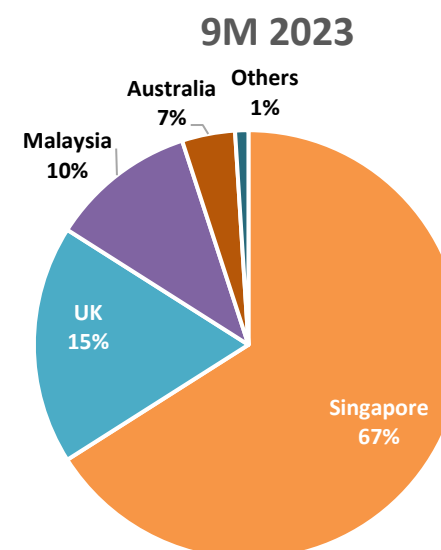
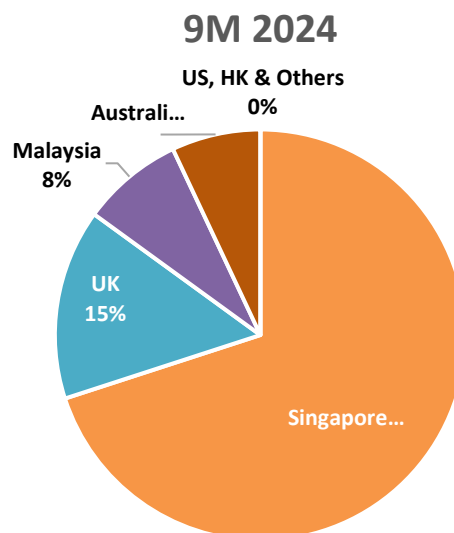
98%¹ for 9M 2024

90%¹ for 9M 2023

Revenue by business Segment



Revenue by Country



Note:

¹ Occupancy excludes US where the properties are held under a private fund structure, South Korea where the property has been disposed in 2023 and HKSAR, China which assets became operational in Sep 2024.

Performance Highlights



25% increase in 9M 2024 revenue YOY
22% increase in 3Q 2024 revenue YOY



Higher contributions mainly from

- Positive rental revisions across all PBWAs and PBSAs
- Strong occupancies across Singapore PBWA, Australia and UK PBSAs



Partly offset by

- A weaker Malaysia Ringgit which reduced the revenue reported in Singapore dollars
 - in its local currency, Malaysian revenue increased 1% in 9M 2024 as compared to 9M 2023 due to positive rental rate revisions, despite a lower occupancy rate resulting from beds unavailable due to an AEI in progress

Prudent capital management and ample liquidity



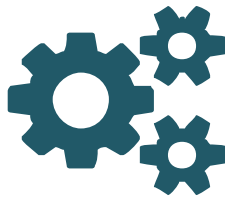
Total Assets
S\$2.0b



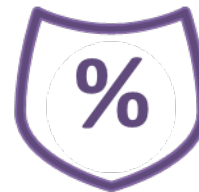
Total Borrowings
S\$0.7b



**Cash and undrawn
committed facilities**
S\$229m



Net Gearing Ratio
32%¹



Interest Cover Ratio
4.5x²



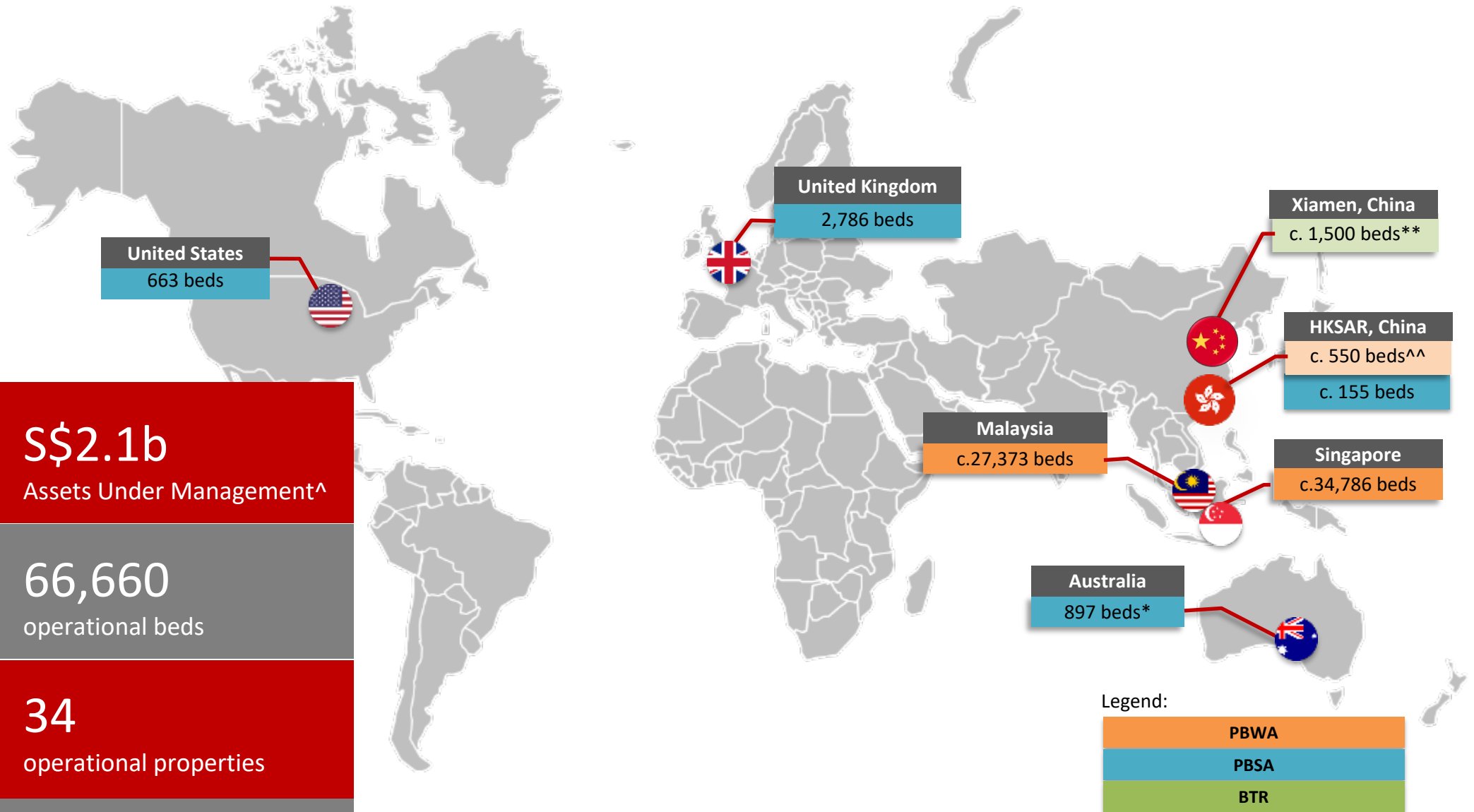
Average debt maturity
6 years

Note:

¹ Net gearing ratio is computed as borrowings less cash and bank balances divided by total capital. Total capital is calculated as borrowings plus net assets of the Group.

² Excluding bank facility fees and amortization transaction costs

Diversified Business Portfolio across Geography and Asset Type[#]



\$2.1b
Assets Under Management[^]

66,660
operational beds

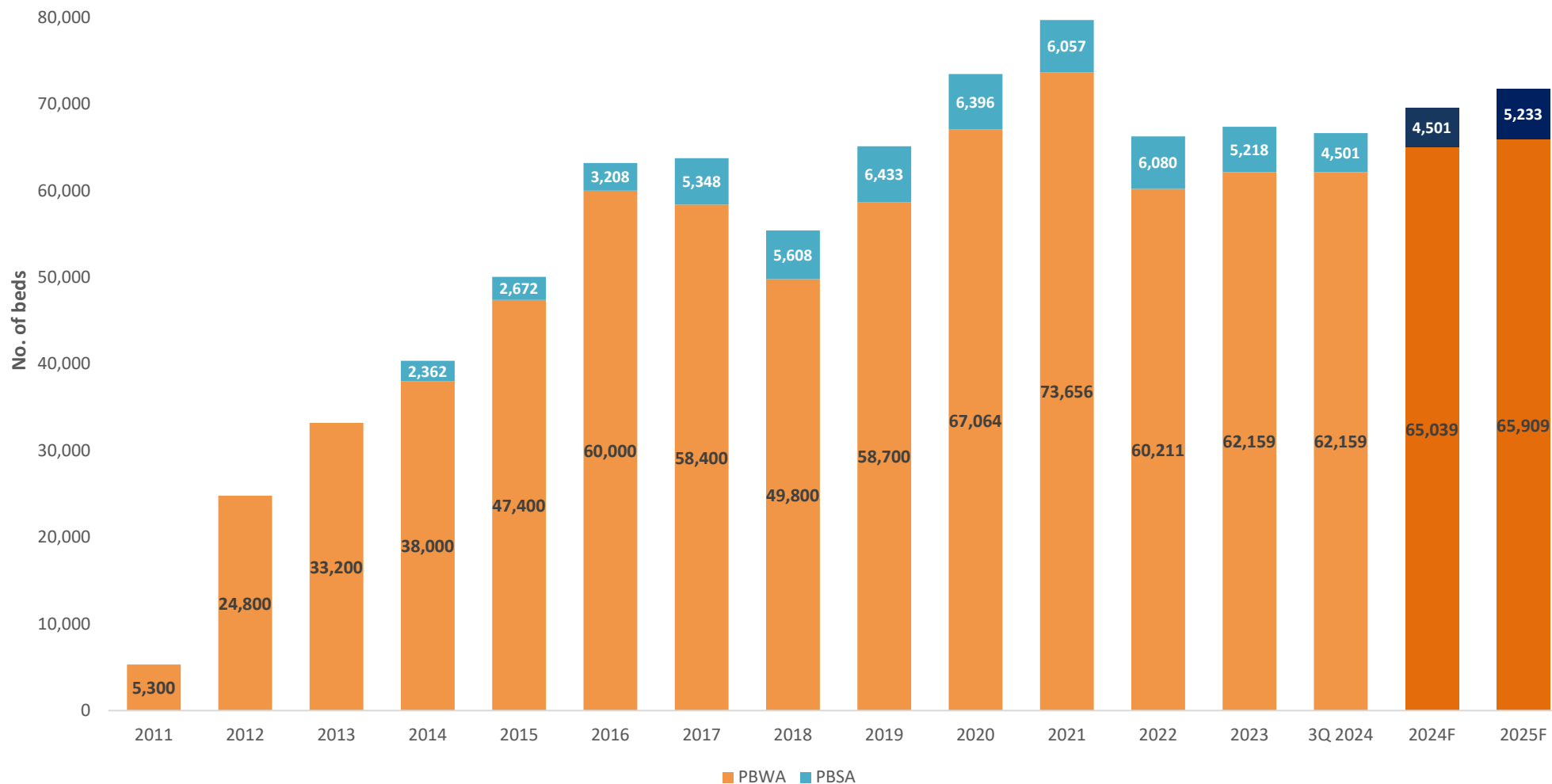
34
operational properties

15 cities in **6** countries

as at 30 Sep 2024
[^] Based on 100% of total carrying value of investment properties managed by the Group which includes investment properties of its associated companies
^{^^} HK PBWA expected to be operational in Dec 2024
^{*} Reduction of 14 beds due to planned redevelopment of carpark into additional PBSA block in Melbourne.
^{**} Centurion-Cityhome Xiamen : 2 Build to Rent assets of 1,000 beds and 500 beds, to be secured by master leases of 20 years, expected operational in 2025

Accommodation Growth Portfolio

1,086 beds were added to the portfolio in FY 2023.
 Net bed capacity growth in FY 2024 is expected to be c.2,163 beds.



Note:

Excludes additional 1,764 beds from Westlite Toh Guan redevelopment

Excludes Centurion Cityhome BTR asset in Xiamen, China.



Business Outlook



**Purpose Built
Workers Accommodation**



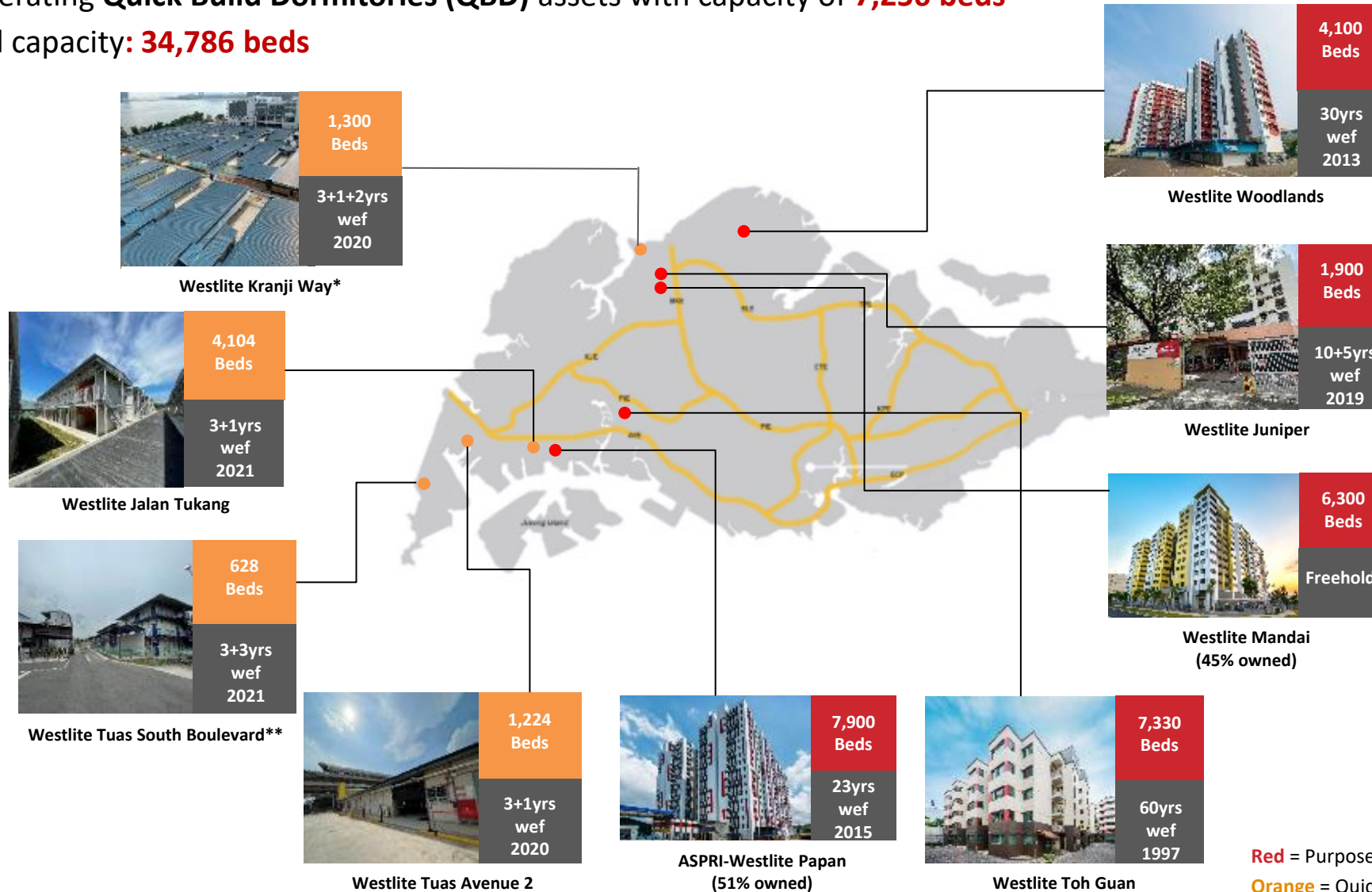
Workers Accommodation Portfolio – Singapore



5 operating Purpose Built Dormitories (PBD) assets with capacity of **27,530 beds**

4 operating Quick Build Dormitories (QBD) assets with capacity of **7,256 beds**

Total capacity: **34,786 beds**

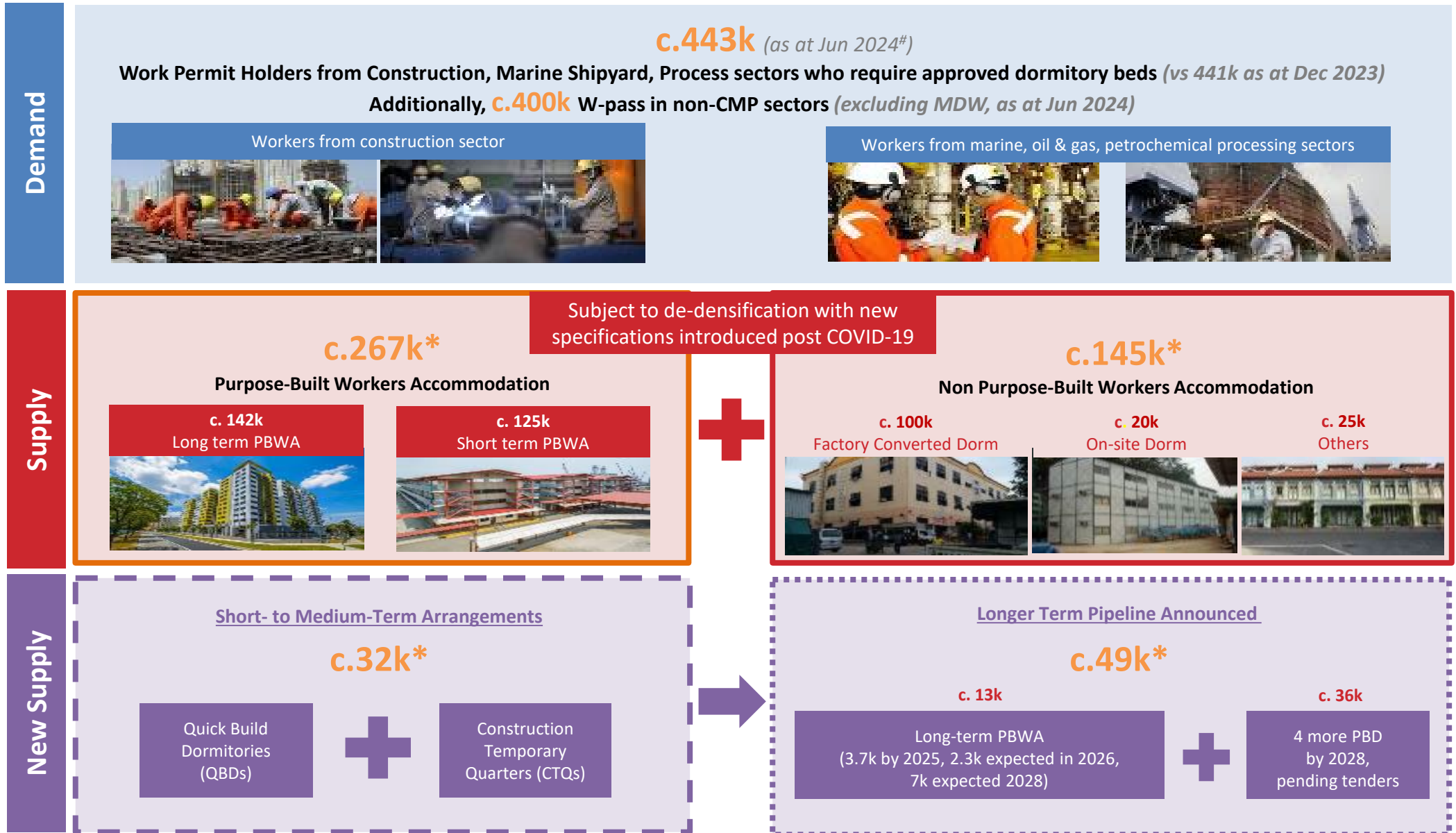


Red = Purpose Built Dormitories
Orange = Quick Build Dormitories

* Westlite Kranji Way's lease term was extended to 31 December 2026

** Westlite Tuas South Boulevard's lease term was extended to 31 December 2027

Workers Accommodation Landscape - SG



<https://www.mom.gov.sg/documents-and-publications/foreign-workforce-numbers>

* Centurion market research

Workers Accommodation Outlook – Singapore



Singapore

- Average financial occupancy of SG PBWAs was 99% for 9M 2024 as compared to 98% in 9M 2023
 - demand and supply dynamics for PBWAs continue to be positive ^{1,2}
- Singapore's PBWA revenue increased 31% to S\$130.0 million in 9M 2024 from S\$99.3 million in 9M 2023
 - supported by tenancies renewed at prevailing market rates, trailing the effects of earlier rental rate revisions
 - as well as increased ancillary services such as provision of environmentally friendly white goods to residents
 - rental rates have begun to moderate, reflected in revenue growth of 3% Q-on-Q from 3Q 2024 and 2Q 2024
 - market rates expected to remain stable
- New 1,650-bed PBD Westlite Ubi is expected to be completed by Dec 2024
- The Group has secured the following lease extensions for its QBDs:
 - Westlite Kranji Way: extended from September 2024 to December 2026
 - Westlite Tuas South Boulevard: extended from September 2024 to December 2027
 - Westlite Jalan Tukang: extended from June 2024 to June 2025
- Transition plans to meet Dormitory Transition Scheme (“DTS”) and New Dormitory Standards (“NDS”) ³
 - QBDs already meet the New Dormitory Specifications, retro-fitting required only for 5 PBDs
 - all SG PBD units are already ensuite with toilets, showers and kitchen
 - redevelopment of Westlite Toh Guan and Westlite Mandai has commenced, to add new bed capacity of c.1,764 and c.3,696 beds respectively by 2026, mitigating an anticipated reduction in beds from DTS and NDS

Note

1 [\\$32b to \\$38b in construction contracts expected to be awarded in 2024: BCA](#), The Straits Times, 15 Jan 2024

2 [MTI-Narrows-2024-GDP-Growth-Forecast-to-2-0-to-3-0-Per-Cent](#), MTI, 20 Aug 2024

3 [MOM to raise standards for around 1,000 migrant worker dormitories by 2030](#), Business Times, 11 Oct 2023

Workers Accommodation Portfolio – Malaysia

8 operating assets with capacity of **27,373 beds**



* AEI in progress; expected completion 4Q 2024, adding c.680 beds

** AEI in progress; expected completion in 2025, adding c.870 beds

Workers Accommodation Outlook – Malaysia



Malaysia

- Average financial occupancy declined to 90% in 9M 2024 as compared to 94% in 9M 2023
 - excluding beds unavailable due to ongoing AEI at Westlite Senai II, and including beds added in 4Q 2023 with AEI completed at Westlite Senai, occupancy for which are being progressively ramped up
 - demand by employers for quality PBWA beds (or CLQs) is expected to remain strong, with continued enforcement of Act 446¹ despite the government's freeze on foreign workers quota applications
- Revenue remained steady at S\$14.3 million in 9M 2024, compared to S\$14.7 million in 9M 2023
 - a weaker Malaysian Ringgit translated to a lower revenue when reported in Singapore dollar
 - in local currency, the Malaysia PBWA portfolio recorded a 1% growth in revenue
 - revenue growth was mainly due to positive rental revisions, especially in rooms enhanced in AEIs
- In Malaysia, several AEIs are underway to expand and enhance portfolio capacity
 - at Westlite Senai II, to add c.680 beds by end 2024
 - at Westlite Johor Tech Park, to add c.870 beds by Q4 2025
- Additionally, the Group is exploring opportunities for a potential development of approx. 7,000 beds in Nusajaya, Iskandar, Johor

Note:

¹ [Employer fails to provide proper accommodation for foreign workers](#), The Star Malaysia, 30 Jan 2024

Workers Accommodation Portfolio – Hong Kong, China

1 asset with capacity of c.550 beds



Sheung Shui



550 Beds
5.9yrs + 5yrs wef Jul 2024

Westlite Sheung Shui

* Master Lease secured in Jul 2024 by Centurion-Lionrock (HK) Limited, an indirect 60%-owned subsidiary of the Company. Operations expected to commence Dec 2024

Workers Accommodation Outlook – China



Hong Kong, China

- Centurion expanded into the China PBWA market with a master lease asset secured in July 2024
 - Westlite Sheung Shui with c.550 beds will accommodate foreign workers in multiple sectors, including food & beverage (F&B) and service sectors
 - expected to be operational in December 2024
- Rising demand for foreign labour due to implementation of Enhanced Supplementary Labour Scheme (ESLS)
 - the ESLS has received 66,230 worker import applications, with the F&B sector gaining the most approvals – totalling 11,272 workers out of 28,818 approved worker applications^{1,2}

Note

1 <https://news.rthk.hk/rthk/en/component/k2/1775833-20241023.htm> , RTHK, 24 Oct 2024

2 https://gia.info.gov.hk/general/202410/23/P2024102300236_475296_1_1729656286611.pdf , GovHK, 23, Oct 2024



Business Outlook



**Purpose Built
Student Accommodation**



Student Accommodation Portfolio – UK



- **10 operating assets** with a total capacity of **2,786 beds**
- Presence in **five major cities** with well known universities



982
Beds

Freehold

dwell MSV



362
Beds

Freehold

dwell MSV South



145
Beds

Freehold

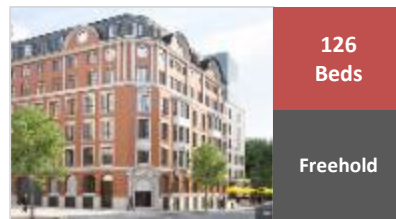
dwell The Grafton



140
Beds

125yrs
wef 2008

dwell Weston Court



126
Beds

Freehold

dwell Princess Street



383
Beds

250yrs
wef 2007

dwell Cathedral Campus



181
Beds

125yrs
wef 1995

dwell Garth Heads



133
Beds

Freehold

dwell Castle Gate Haus[^]
(14.29% owned)



177
Beds

Freehold

dwell Archer House



157
Beds

125yrs
wef 2009

dwell Hotwells House



[^] Centurion owns 14.29% of the Centurion Student Accommodation Fund, which acquired dwell Castle Gate House
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Student Accommodation Outlook – UK



UK

- Average financial occupancy increased to 99% in 9M 2024, as compared to 97% in 9M 2023
 - demand and supply imbalance driving high financial occupancy and healthy rental revisions
- Revenue grew 24% to S\$28.6 million in 9M 2024 from S\$23.0 million in 9M 2023
- While 2024 university applications declined, positive demand-supply dynamics are expected to sustain
 - UK remains popular as a top destination for international students seeking higher education
 - tightened immigration laws to address student visa abuse are expected to benefit PBSA providers by attracting a more genuine student-tenant base¹
 - application rates remain 6% above pre-covid levels²
 - universities remain committed to growing international student numbers, leading to continued high demand for PBSA beds
 - potential shortfall of 620,000 beds by 2029, due to weak new PBSA supply pipeline³
- The Group continues to explore opportunities to enhance its UK portfolio to meet evolving demands through asset enhancement initiatives or asset light means

Note:

- ¹ [Visa integrity: the hunt for 'genuine' students](#), The PIE News, 4 Jan 2024
- ² <https://www.ft.com/content/d4f896d4-5012-4139-98b0-68720fbfefef>, Financial Times, 12 August 2024
- ³ [Crisis-or-opportunity-the-uk-student-housing-shortage](#), CBRE, 4 July 2024

Student Accommodation Portfolio – Australia



- **2 operating assets** in Australia with a capacity of **897 beds**



* Pending finalization of Development Approval, to redevelop existing carpark into new block of PBSA with c.600 beds

Student Accommodation – Australia



Australia

- Average financial occupancy increased to 95% in 9M 2024 from 87% in 9M 2023
 - occupancies are expected to remain resilient, supported by the ongoing shortage for beds
- Occupancies and rental revisions expected to remain at healthy levels
 - genuine student interest driving 'stable and resilient' demand for Australia PBSA
 - student visa controls, including higher student visa fees and university enrolment caps, underscore student housing supply shortage¹
 - median rents for student accommodation studios in Melbourne and Sydney have grown at a CAGR of 6% from 2018 to 2024²
- The Group continues to explore opportunities for portfolio expansion, including development opportunities
 - redevelopment of dwell Village Melbourne City's carpark into new PBSA block of c.600 beds by 2026
 - also evaluating the redevelopment of existing accommodation blocks to further enhance the asset
 - additionally, preparing applications to seek planning approval for a land site in close proximity to RMIT University Melbourne, for c.575 PBSA beds
 - new c.732 beds PBSA accommodation under development in Macquarie Park, Sydney, with expected completion in December 2025

Note

¹ <https://www.theguardian.com/australia-news/article/2024/jun/09/australian-universities-student-housing>. The Guardian, 8 Jun 2024

² [cbre.com.au/insights/reports/australian-student-accommodation-2024-edition](https://www.cbre.com.au/insights/reports/australian-student-accommodation-2024-edition), CBRE, 18 July 2024

Student Accommodation Portfolio – US, China



3 operating assets in US with a capacity of **663 beds**

2 assets with capacity of **155 beds** in HKSAR, China

United States*



HK, China**



* Centurion holds approx. 28.74% in the Centurion US Student Housing Fund, which owns the US properties

** Master Leases secured by Centurion-Lionrock (HK) Limited, an indirect 60%-owned subsidiary of the Company

Student Accommodation – US, China



United States

- Centurion US Student Housing Fund portfolio assets continue to deliver healthy and stable occupancy
 - The Fund will come to term in November 2024
 - dwell Tenn Street was sold in 2Q 2023, including Logan Square and Stadium View in 2Q 2024



Hong Kong, China

- The Group entered Hong Kong, China, securing master leases for two properties in Kowloon in 2Q 2024
 - dwell Prince Edward and dwell Ho Man Tin offering 66 and 89 beds respectively.
 - refurbishment completed in Sep 2024, expected to ramp up occupancy gradually
- Hong Kong targets to become an international post-secondary education hub
 - quota for non-local graduates have doubled from 20% to 40%¹
 - HK\$1 billion invested in scholarships for Belt and Road countries' students
 - restrictions on part-time jobs lifted on non-local postgraduate students²
- Estimated shortfall of 40,000 university beds in 2024, expected to increase to 60% by 2027³
 - underserved demand for student accommodation set to increase rental yields⁴
 - Student-Bed ratio projected to remain above 2:1 over the next 5 years⁵

Note:

1. [Hong Kong Policy Address: Universities to welcome more non-local students in push to become global education hub](#), HKFP, 25 Oct 2023

2. [HKSAR Government Scholarship Fund](#), Education Bureau of Hong Kong, 26 April 2024

3. [Hong Kong faces shortfall of up to 59,500 beds for university students, creating opportunity for investors, hotel owners](#), South China Morning Post, 31 Mar 2024

4. [Hong Kong's tertiary education policy shift ignites co-living growth](#), Hong Kong Business, 03 May 2024

5. [Hong Kong Face a shortage of private student accommodation: JLL](#), Re Talk Asia, 09 Apr 2024



Entry to New Segment

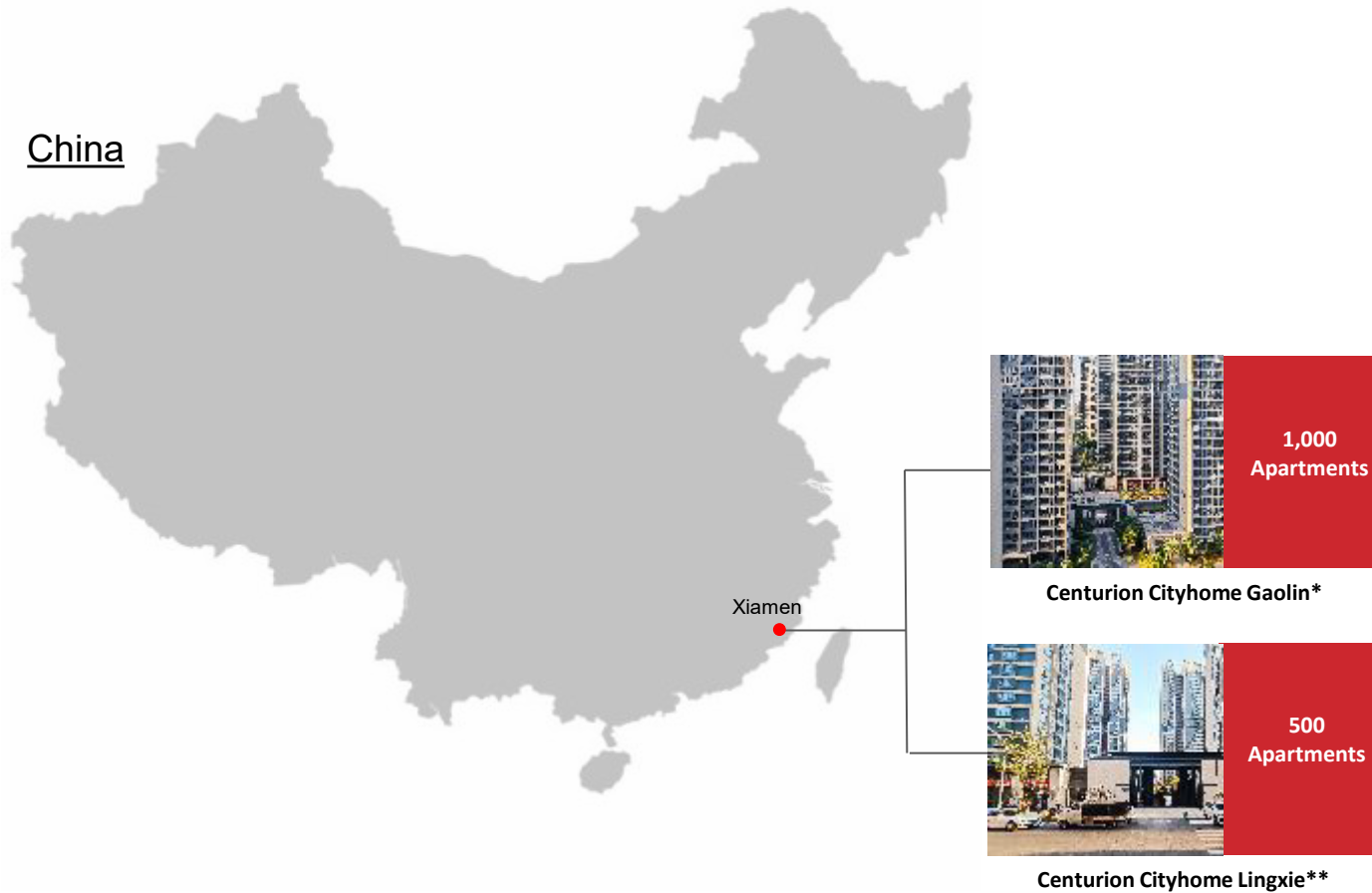


**Build-to-Rent (BTR)
Accommodation**



BTR Accommodation Portfolio – China

2 BTR projects in Xiamen, China with a combined capacity of **c.1,500 beds**



* 400 out of c.1000 units have been secured under master lease agreements, expected to be operational from December 2024

** A newly constructed residential block, will be retrofitted into 500 quality apartments, under a 20-year lease

Workers and BTR Accommodation Outlook – China



Xiamen, China

- The expansion aligns with China's regulatory push to increase bank financing for rental housing projects, supporting the growth of affordable and commercial rental supply across major cities¹
- Centurion Group entered into a cooperation framework agreement with Xiamen's CityHome Apartments to establish two joint ventures
 - Centurion Cityhome Gaolin to retrofit c.1,000 apartments, to be secured under 20-year master leases, aimed at fresh graduates and working professionals in Xiamen
 - Centurion Cityhome Lingxia involves a newly constructed residential block, which will be retrofitted into c.500 quality apartments under a 20-year master lease

Note:

¹ [china-urges-banks-to-provide-more-support-for-construction-of-rental-properties](#), Caixin Global, 6 Jan 2024



Looking Ahead



Portfolio Growth and Enhancements



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PBWA

Singapore

- New PBD Westlite Ubi with c.1,650 beds expected completion in Dec 2024
- Redevelopment of Westlite Toh Guan and Westlite Mandai commenced, to add c.1,764 and c.3,696 with expected completion in 2026

Malaysia

- AEI in progress to add c.680 beds to Westlite Senai II, with expected completion in 4Q 2024
- AEIs planned at Westlite Johor Tech Park to add c.870 beds with completion in 4Q 2025
- Evaluating a new PBWA development in Nusajaya, Johor with capacity of c.7,000 beds

China

- Westlite Sheung Shui with c.550 beds expected to be operational in December 2024

PBSA

Australia

- Redevelopment of dwell Village Melbourne City carpark into new PBSA block of c.600 beds, with expected completion in Jan 2026
- New development of c.732 PBWA accommodation in Macquarie Park, Sydney, with expected completion in December 2025
- Preparing applications for planning approval for a land site in close proximity to RMIT University Melbourne, to develop a PBSA of c. 575 beds.

BTR

China

- Centurion Group established two joint ventures with Xiamen's CityHome Apartments for 2 master-leased BTR projects with a combined capacity of c.1,500 beds

Cautiously Optimistic Outlook



Managing Operating Performance



The Group continues to deliver high occupancies with healthy rental revisions. **Positive demand-supply dynamics** are expected to maintain across the Group's operating markets.

Inflationary pressures and **high interest rate environment is expected to ease**^{1,2}. Centurion remains confident that its portfolio assets will continue to perform well.

The Group will continue to **practice prudent financial management** to mitigate economic uncertainties, until inflation and high interest rates abate.

Enhancing Portfolio Value



Centurion actively pursues opportunities to **redevelop and enhance its portfolio assets** to meet evolving regulatory requirements, address customer needs and wellbeing, **enhance asset values and deliver operating performance**.

Seeking Synergistic Growth



The Group will continue its strategic review of its accommodation portfolio, to execute capital recycling and reallocation for **growth in existing markets and entry to new markets**, mainly in **asset-light models but including development opportunities** where strategic and sensible.

Note:

1 [Bank of England lowers its main interest rate by 0.25%, to 5%, its first cut in over 4 years](#), AP News, 01 Aug 2024

2 [Australia's Cooler Core Inflation Opens Door to Rate Cut](#), Bloomberg, 31 July 2024



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