Corporate Presentation (Covid-19 updates)







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Introduction

 Increasing disclosures on business segments to help investors independently assess and make informed decisions

Updates in line with latest SGX Regco column (22 April) recommendations

"As issuers plans to deal with the wide-ranging effects of COVID-19 on their businesses, issuers' Boards should keep in mind whether these plans will give rise to material information that must be disclosed".



Outline

Business Review and COVID-19 impact

- > Media, Telecommunications, Technology
- ➢ Retail, PBSA
- Capital Management
- Summary
- Annex



Update: Media, Retail, PBSA, Financials

• Media

- > Digital subscriptions up 4% in Mar over Feb with News Tablet subscriptions
- Providing news content with minimal staff on-site
- Newspaper distribution impacted by labour availability

Retail

> Further rental rebates for Singapore malls with extended circuit breaker period

• PBSA

- Refunds of £4.5m at lower end of expected range (20 April 2020); 20% via credits
- Achieved 65% of target revenue (20 April 2020)

Financials

- Estimated S\$46m from Govt Budget measures, bulk from Jobs Support Scheme
- Drawdown S\$325m of additional credit in April
- Cash balances up 60% to approx. S\$800m

Others

Continue disciplined approach to recycling of capital







Media Telecommunications Technology

PBSA refunds lower than expected the second second

Occupancy at 60% higher the evice

THE STRAITS TIMES NEWS TABLET

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THE STRAITS TIMES

China vows action as US moves to blacklist Huawei

Update: Managing disruption





Essential service provider

- Keeping minimal staff on-site
- Continuing to deliver quality content

Newspaper distribution affected by labour availability

- Using alternative means to supplement print distribution workforce
- Promote digital subscription



Update: News Tablet subscriptions

Newspaper Title	No. of Subs 8 April, 2020	Change from 1HFY20	
THE STRAITS TIMES	10,070 (54% are new)	670 7.1%	
ZAOBAO, WANBAO & SHIN MIN	13,860 (75% are new)	160 1.2%	
BERITA HARIAN	1,650 (85% are new)	50 3.1%	

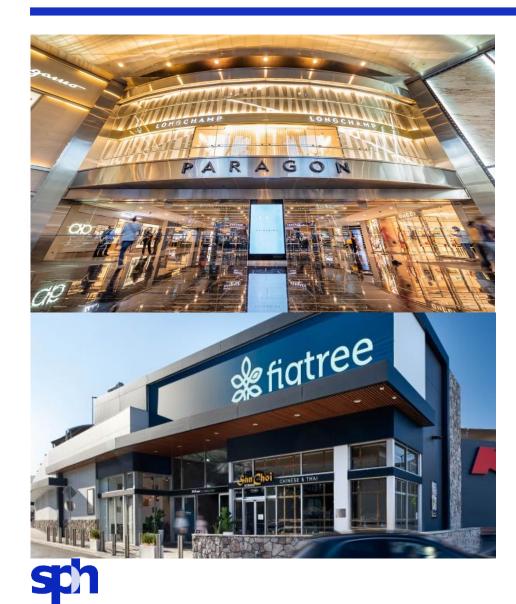


Retail/PBSA

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Update: Further rental rebates in May by SPH REIT



Landlord actions

- Committed to 100% return of property tax
- In February and March 2020, tenant rebates amounting to approximately S\$4.6 million have been granted to those affected tenants
- Considering extension of support to tenants in view of extended circuit breaker

MAS policy support to prevent breach of gearing limit

- ➤ Gearing threshold raised to 50% from 45%
- Deferral of interest coverage requirement

Refinancing outstanding loan due July; no further refinancing until June 2021

Update: Flagship developments in progress





Minimal disruptions to construction from Covid-19, bookings still coming in for our upcoming Oxford and Brighton assets

- Construction has been progressing despite Covid-19 situation, with minimal disruptions
- Construction partners remain committed and are looking into ways to expedite construction progress
- Planning for contingencies if constructions are delayed from an extended UK lockdown
- Digital marketing initiatives and outreach are driving sales locally and internationally during this period

Update: PBSA refunds



Reduction in revenue from rental refunds of £4.5m (20 April) at lower end of our £4-8m expectations

- 20% of this figure in the form of credits, no cashflow impact
- Deadline had been extended by one week for late applicants



Update: PBSA bookings and target revenue



Bookings 60% as at 20 April, higher than this time last year for AY 19/20

- Achieved 65% of target revenue for AY20/21
- Academic Year 20/21 impact less than expected, placement process is continuing with "moderated assessment" grades for students
- > Application levels within UK remain steady



Update: Anticipating universities to start on time





UK Government is working to minimise disruptions to the higher education sector. Booking patterns suggest confidence by students in SPH's PBSA

- While 'A' Level exams have been cancelled, a "moderated assessment" system in lieu of exams has been introduced. This enables students to be placed at universities on time
- The Universities and Colleges Admissions Service ("UCAS") is reporting no significant changes to UK applicant behaviour with a recent survey indicating that 9 out of 10 undergraduate applicants in the UK are still looking to start university this autumn
- Guidelines on visas have been issued to provide more support and flexibility for international students



Capital Management

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Update: Gearing ratios and cash balances

50.8% (31 Mar) 49.9% (29 Feb)	1% (31 Mar) 2.8% (29 Feb) eed average debt o maturity YIS (23 Apr)
0	Interest coverage rati
	4.9x (31 Mar) 5.2x (29 Feb 2020)

Summary

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Update:Well-placed to sustain prolonged Covid-19 impact



Resilient balance sheet

- Healthy cash buffer, with additional drawdown of \$325m credit
- Gearing ratios largely unchanged
- > Ample liquidity
- Refinancing sole term loan due in FY2020, no further loans due till June 2021
- Receiving \$46m in various Govt budget support measures

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Update:Well-placed to sustain prolonged Covid-19 impact



PBSA

- PBSA refunds lower than expected
- Bookings occupancy at 60%, higher than previous year's level

Media

Digital subscriptions improved 4% in Mar over Feb, with News Tablet subscriptions

Others

- Streamlining of businesses for increased efficiency
- Disciplined review of non-core businesses for non-performance



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Annex



Some bright spots in 1H FY2020

• Media:

Straits Times News Tablet, with Zaobao and Berita Harian driving digital circulation growth of 50%, total sales ~25k units[@]

Retail & PBSA: Recurring income up 18%

- Dec 2019: SPH REIT added second mall in Australia, with 50% stake in Westfield Marion Shopping Centre for A\$670m
- Dec 2019: £448m UK student housing deal, acquiring 2,383 beds and premier Student Castle brand with development capabilities

Aged Care: Diversifying away from Singapore

Feb 2020: S\$65.8 million deal to acquire 365 beds in Osaka, Hokkaido and Tokyo

Strong liquidity position

18 March

- Raised S\$500m from Jan 2020 senior bond issue at 3.2%
- SPH REIT Nov 2019 placement at 5.5% discount, raising S\$164.5m







1H FY2020 Group Financial Highlights

	1H FY20 S\$'000	1H FY19 S\$'000	Change %
Operating revenue	<u>471,434</u>	<u>477,643</u>	<u>(1.3)</u>
Total Costs	<u>(377,556)</u>	<u>(365,276)</u>	<u>3.4</u>
Operating profit [#]	102,733	121,303	(15.3)
FV change on investment prop.	10,527	(12,864)	NM
Share of results of associates, JVs	2,479	9,379	(73.6)
Investment income	7,588	2,433	211.9
Profit before taxation	<u>123,327</u>	<u>120,251</u>	<u>2.6</u>
Net profit attributable to shareholders	77,638	85,614	(9.3)

PBT up 2.6% due to higher contribution from Retail and PBSA, offsetting Media's decline

Operating revenue stable despite Media decline, due to higher revenue from Retail and PBSA

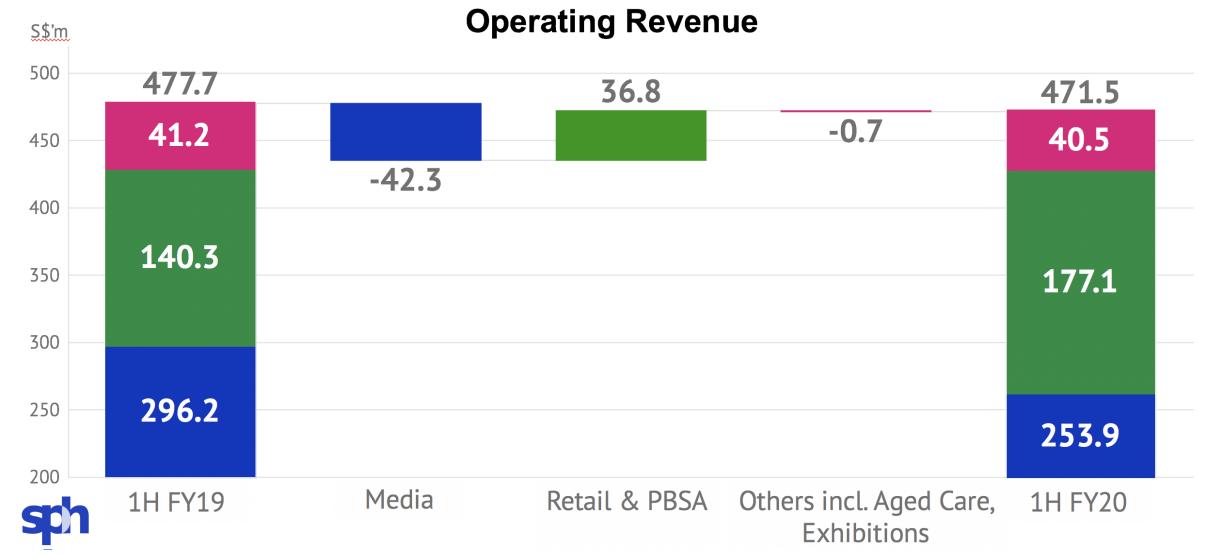
Total Costs well-controlled, increased by 3.4%

- In line with operational needs from scaling of Retail and PBSA business
- Lower Media costs due to control measures

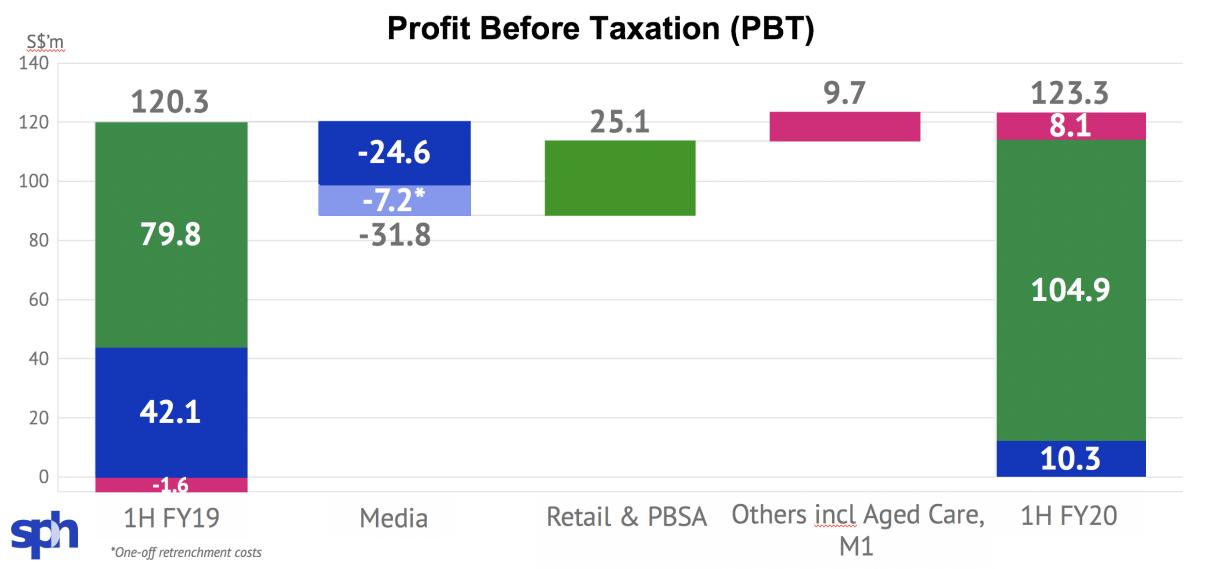
This represents the recurring earnings of the media, property and other businesses.
NM: Not Meaningful

1H FY2020: Property revenue up 26%

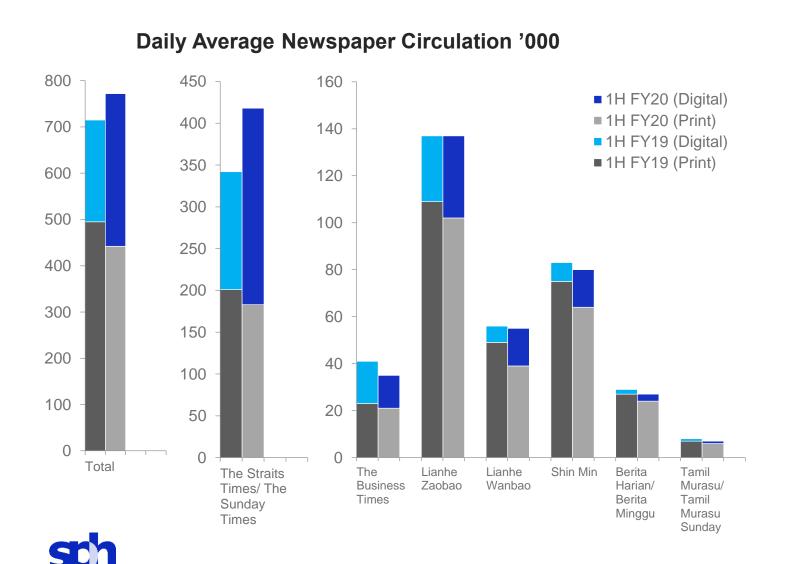
Property-related revenue increases after SPH REIT and PBSA additions



1H FY2020: Property profits offset Media decline



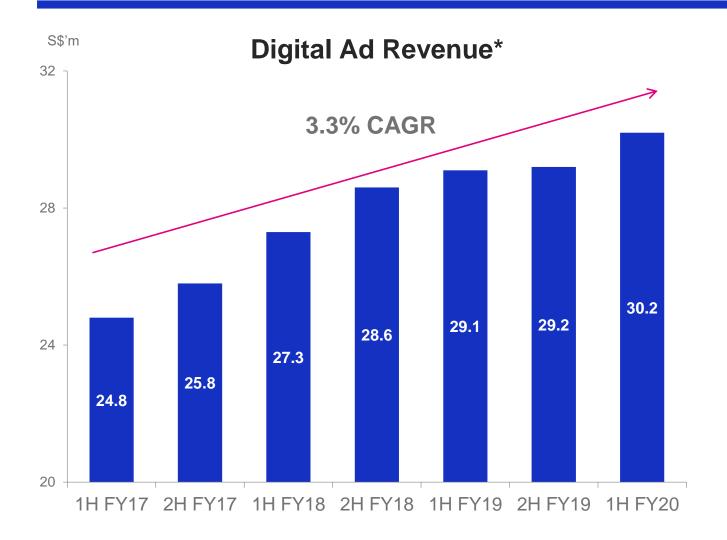
Digital subs successfully driving circulation growth



Strong 8% circulation rise despite print circulation decline

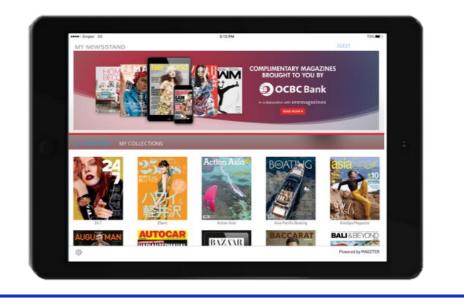
 Digital subscription growth in double digits, driven by News Tablet and other campaigns

Digital Ad revenue growth of 3.3% CAGR



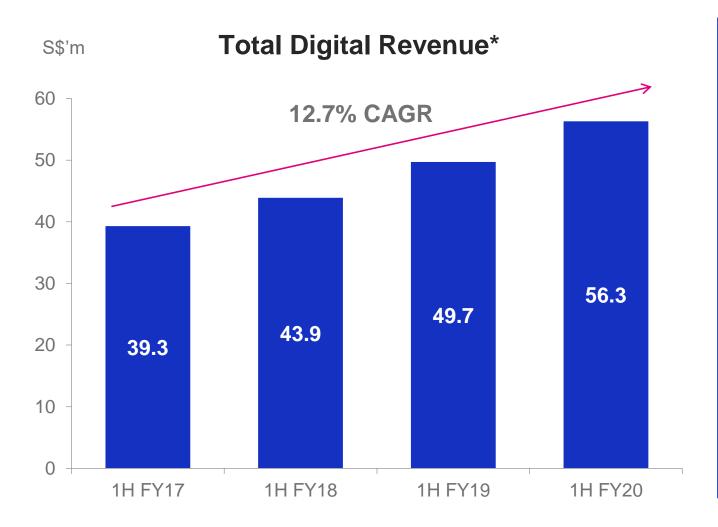
Digital ad revenue shows 3.3% CAGR since 1H FY2017

- Digital ad revenue holding up despite weaker economic sentiment
- ➤ 3.8% rise Y-O-Y, compared to 1HFY19



*Total digital ad revenue from ads, online classifieds, magazines and other digital portals (excluding ShareInvestor)

Steady growth rate of 12.7% for digital revenue



Led by digital circulation growth

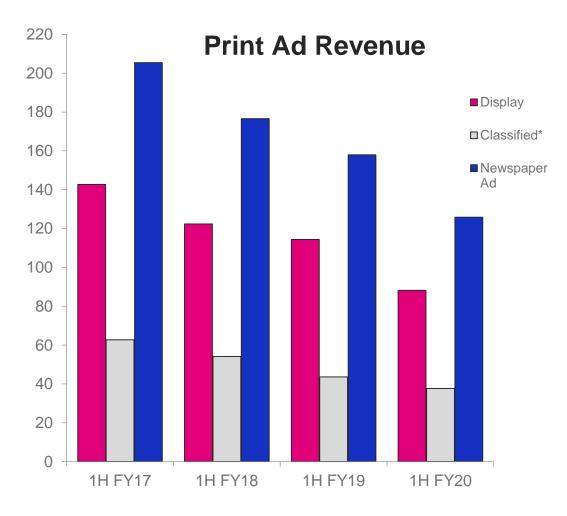
H FY20's digital revenue grew 13.3% vs 1H FY19





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Managing print Media decline; digital continues to grow



Newspaper Print Ad down worldwide

SPH gaining market share in local ad market

Adex down 29% and 25%[@] for Dec 2019 and Jan 2020 respectively but SPH's total ad revenue down less, at 21% and 20%

Revamped ZB Classified ads displaying positive results

Overall Classified decline slowed to 13.6% y-o-y



*Classified includes Recruitment and Notices @ Nielsen Advertising Spend