

## Financial results Q3 \& 9M FY2018/19

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## Overview - Q3 FY2018/19



Profit on operating activities
Sか P ? ? million
-8.5\% YoY
(+9.8\% excluding US businesses)

Q3 interim dividend

0,5 cent per share
same as last year

Good revenue growth over the peak season

## Q3 FY2018/19 financial statement

| S\$M | Q3 FY17/18 | Q3 FY18/19 | YoY <br> \% change | Revenue growth across all business segments |
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| Revenue | 410.4 | 441.4 | +7.6\% |  |
| Operating expenses | (366.2) | (398.3) | +8.8\% |  |
| Profit on operating activities | 46.1 | 42.2 | (8.5\%) | offset by continued losses in the US |
| Share of associated companies \& JV | 1.0 | 0.0 | (98.2\%) | Ceased equity accounting for 4PX \& ITL |
| Exceptional items | 0.9 | 31.8 | @ | Due largely to dilution gain on 4PX |
| Income tax expense | (2.9) | (9.4) | +219.0\% | One-off adjustment of deferred tax |
| Net profit attributable to equity holders | 43.4 | 50.2 | +15.6\% | from a reduction in the US corporate tax rate |
| Underlying net profit | 35.6 | 32.9 | (7.5\%) |  |

## Q3 FY2018/19 operating expenses

| S\$M | Q3 FY17/18 | Q3 FY18/19 | YoY <br> \% change |  |
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| Volume-related | (225.7) | (258.6) | +14.6\% | Higher volume-related expenses with the increase in volumes handled |
| Labour \& related | (83.5) | (80.9) | (3.1\%) | Productivity and cost management |
| Admin, selling-related \& others | (42.2) | (44.2) | +4.7\% | labour services as well as staff costs |
| Depreciation \& amortisation | (14.8) | (14.6) | (1.5\%) | Largely due to provisions for ongoing contractual disputes with |
| Operating expenses | (366.2) | (398.3) | +8.8\% |  |

## Highlights - Q3 FY2018/19

## Strong volumes in the peak season

Average daily parcel sorting

## volumes at the Logistics Hub

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+15\% year-on-year
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Highest volume in a single day

47,000 parcels
compared to 33,000 last year


New proprietary logistics software Last Mile Platform (LaMP)

Consolidates various last-mile delivery services across Southeast Asia onto a single platform.

## Exceptional gain on dilution in 4PX

SingPost's share of exceptional dilution gain from 4PX

## Q3 FY18/19 Underlying net profit movement

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1. Profit on operating activities
2. Includes net finance expense, unallocated corporate overhead items, trade-related foreign currency differences, tax and non-controlling interests
3. Profit on operating activities for the eCommerce segment declined largely due to losses in the US


## Free cash flow

| S\$M | 9M FY17/18 | 9M FY18/19 | Negative working capital movement this year due to timing of receivables for international eCommerce deliveries <br> Due to negative working capital movements <br> Lower with the completion of the SingPost Centre retail mall redevelopment |
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| Operating cash flow before capital charges | 152.2 | 159.0 |  |
| Changes in working capital | 24.7 | (27.0) |  |
| Income tax paid | (30.4) | (32.7) |  |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 146.5 | 99.3 |  |
| Capital expenditure | (52.9) | (25.4) |  |
| Free cash flow | 93.6 | 73.9 |  |

## Financial indicators

|  | Financial indicators | As at <br> Mar 2018 | As at <br> Dec 2018 |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash \& cash equivalents at end of financial period | 314.1 | 345.9 | The Group switched from an <br> intercompany loan for a foreign <br> subsidiary, to an external loan <br> taken by the foreign subsidiary, <br> for better matching of currency |
| Borrowings | 244.0 | 293.2 | for |
| Net cash / (debt) position | 70.1 | 52.7 | - Net cash position |

## 9M FY17/18 9M FY18/19

|  | EBITDA | 167.4 | 180.5 |  |
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| EBITDAto interest expense (times) | $20.3 x$ | $25.2 x$ | - | Improved interest cover |



Segment revenue and profit on operating activities
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| S\$M Revenue | 410.4 | 441.4 |  | Profit on operating activities | 46.1 | 42.2 |  |
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|  |  | 23.0 | $\uparrow_{4.0 \%}$ | Property |  | 13.9 | $\uparrow^{18.2 \%}$ |
| Property | 22.1 | 82.5 | $\uparrow_{8.7 \%}$ |  | 11.7 |  |  |
| Logistics | 129.3 | 134.0 | $\uparrow_{3.6 \%}$ | Post and Parcel | 43.3 | 47.6 | $\uparrow 10.0 \%$ |
|  |  |  | $\uparrow$ | Logistics | 1.0 | 1.8 | 个 67.4\% |
| Post and Parcel | 195.6 | 213.2 |  | eCommerce Others ${ }^{1}$ | $\frac{(4.5)}{(5.4)}$ | (13.4) | $\downarrow^{196.2 \%}$ |
| gme | - 12.0$)^{\text {a }}$ | - (t1-3) |  |  |  | (7.6) |  |
|  | Q3 FY17/18 | Q3 FY18/1 |  |  | FY17/18 | Q3 FY18/1 |  |

## Post and Parcel

| S\$M |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Post and Parcel | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY17/18 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{gathered}$ | YoY \% change | $\begin{gathered} \text { 9M } \\ \text { FY17/18 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 9M } \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{gathered}$ | YoY \% change |
| Revenue | 195.6 | 213.2 | +9.0\% | 545.6 | 575.9 | +5.6\% |
| Domestic mail | 58.5 | 59.4 | +1.6\% | 172.6 | 172.1 | (0.3\%) |
| SP Parcels | 24.7 | 24.8 | +0.3\% | 67.7 | 68.1 | +0.6\% |
| International mail ${ }^{\text {a }}$ | 105.1 | 122.2 | +16.3\% | 282.9 | 315.7 | +11.6\% |
| Post office pdts and svcs | 7.4 | 6.8 | (8.3\%) | 22.4 | 20.0 | (10.7\%) |
| Profit on operating activities | 43.3 | 47.6 | +10.0\% | 126.7 | 131.5 | +3.7\% |
| OP margin | 22.1\% | 22.3\% |  | 23.2\% | 22.8\% |  |

Revenue rose $9.0 \%$ in Q3, driven by both domestic and international eCommerce deliveries over the peak season. Domestic mail revenue rose $1.6 \%$, as increased eCommerce deliveries on the domestic postal network helped offset the decline in traditional letter mails. For International mail, revenue rose $16.3 \%$, lifted by cross-border volumes from the Alibaba Group, through 4PX, for the Double Eleven event in November.

Profit on operating activities rose $10.0 \%$ in Q3. Domestic margins improved as the Group reaps operating synergies from the ongoing integration of our last mile delivery capabilities in the post and parcel divisions. International mail contributed to earnings growth on the back of higher volumes over the peak season.

1. Includes cross-border eCommerce items via transhipment

## S\$M

| Logistics | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY17/18 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{gathered}$ | YoY \% change | $\begin{gathered} \text { 9M } \\ \text { FY17/18 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 9M } \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{gathered}$ | YoY \% change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue | 129.3 | 134.0 | +3.6\% | 377.2 | 379.4 | +0.6\% |
| Quantium Solutions | 25.6 | 25.1 | (2.0\%) | 74.5 | 70.7 | (5.1\%) |
| Couriers Please | 41.3 | 41.0 | (0.7\%) | 114.5 | 115.7 | +1.0\% |
| Famous | 62.4 | 67.9 | +8.8\% | 188.2 | 193.1 | +2.6\% |
| Profit on operating activities | 1.0 | 1.8 | +67.4\% | (10.4) | 2.2 | N.M. |
| OP margin | 0.8\% | 1.3\% |  | (2.8\%) | 0.6\% |  |

Revenue rose 3.6\% in Q3, driven by the freight forwarding business under Famous Holdings. At Quantium Solutions, there is an ongoing review of unfavourable customer contracts and revenue declined marginally with the exit of some unprofitable customers.

Profit on operating activities rose $67.4 \%$ in Q3, largely due to a reduction in losses at Quantium Solutions, which was successful in improving profitability of its customers.

## S\$M

| eCommerce | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY17/18 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{gathered}$ | YoY \% change | $\begin{gathered} 9 \mathrm{M} \\ \text { FY17/18 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 9M } \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{gathered}$ | YoY \% change |
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| Revenue | 75.9 | 82.5 | +8.7\% | 188.0 | 191.9 | +2.1\% |
| Profit on operating activities | (4.5) | (13.4) | (196.2\%) | (12.8) | (33.9) | (166.1\%) |
| OP margin | (6.0\%) | (16.2\%) |  | (6.8\%) | (17.7\%) |  |

Revenue rose $8.7 \%$ in Q3, as volumes rose over the peak season in the US.
Operating loss rose year-on-year to $\$ \$ 13.4$ million in Q3, largely due to the US businesses. Competitive pressures have intensified in the US and the industry has seen an increase in bankruptcies. While the US businesses recorded higher revenue during the quarter, costs also rose significantly to support these businesses, including freight and outsourced services, resulting in compressed margins and a loss during the critical peak season.

## Property

## S\$M

| Property | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY17/18 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{gathered}$ | YoY \% change | $\begin{gathered} 9 \mathrm{M} \\ \text { FY17/18 } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 9M } \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{gathered}$ | YoY \% change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue | 22.1 | 23.0 | +4.0\% | 57.7 | 68.1 | +17.9\% |
| Profit on operating activities | 11.7 | 13.9 | +18.2\% | 28.3 | 40.4 | +42.9\% |
| OP margin | 53.0\% | 60.2\% |  | 49.0\% | 59.3\% |  |

The Property segment comprises commercial property rental and the self-storage business.
In Q3, revenue rose 4.0\% in Q3 and Profit on operating activities rose 18.2\% respectively, due to rental income from the SingPost Centre retail mall, which commenced operations in October 2017 after a period of redevelopment.

Committed occupancy for the mall was $98.5 \%$ as at 31 December 2018, compared to $85.9 \%$ a year ago.


## Outlook

The Post and Parcel business is expected to continue to benefit from the growth in global eCommerce activities.
Although domestic letter mail volumes are expected to trend moderately downwards, the Group is integrating its post and parcel last mile delivery capabilities in Singapore to achieve operational synergies and benefits, and to drive more eCommerce-related deliveries on the network.

International mail has grown due to cross-border eCommerce deliveries. However, transhipment competition is intense and volumes will continue to come under pressure, especially with higher terminal dues.

Meanwhile, the Property business is expected to remain stable.
The Group continues to face challenges in the eCommerce operating environment in the US due to intensifying competition and rising customer bankruptcies. The US businesses are underperforming and are expected to remain loss-making in the current financial year.

In view of this, there is a risk of impairment to the carrying value of the US businesses. Impairments, if any, will be assessed based on the full financial year results and future plans for the businesses.


## Supplementiary information

## 9M FY2018/19 financial statement

| S\$M |  | 9M FY17/18 | 9M FY18/19 | YoY <br> \% change |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Revenue | 1,131.5 | 1,182.6 | +4.5\% |
|  | Operating expenses | $(1,022.4)$ | $(1,063.7)$ | +4.0\% |
|  | Profit on operating activities | 114.8 | 121.4 | +5.7\% |
|  | Share of associated companies \& JV | 3.1 | (7.1) | N.M. |
|  | Exceptional items | 5.8 | 22.9 | 292.3\% |
|  | Income tax expense | (19.8) | (30.3) | +53.0\% |
|  | Net profit attributable to equity holders | 103.7 | 94.1 | (9.3\%) |
|  | Underlying net profit | 90.9 | 85.7 | (5.8\%) |

## 9M FY2018/19 operating expenses

|  |  | YoY <br> S\$M <br>  <br> Volume-related | $(605.3)$ | $(659.2)$ |
| ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | ---: |
| Labour \& related | $(248.1)$ | $(236.0)$ | $(4.9 \%)$ |  |
| Admin, selling-related \& others | $(125.3)$ | $(125.3)$ | $(0.0 \%)$ |  |
| Depreciation \& amortisation | $(43.7)$ | $(43.3)$ | $(0.9 \%)$ |  |
| Operating expenses | $(1,022.4)$ | $\mathbf{( 1 , 0 6 3 . 7})$ | $\mathbf{+ 4 . 0 \%}$ |  |

Segment revenue and profit on operating activities

eCommerce-related as
\% of Group revenue


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## 9M FY18/19 Underlying net profit movement



1. Profit on operating activities
2. Includes net finance expense, unallocated corporate overhead items, trade-related foreign currency differences, tax and non-controlling interests

## Underlying Net Profit Reconciliation Table

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| S\$M | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY17/18 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Q3 } \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9 \mathrm{M} \\ \mathrm{FY} 17 / 18 \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 9 M \\ \text { FY18/19 } \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Profit attributable to equity holders | 43.4 | 50.2 | 103.7 | 94.1 |
| Exceptional items | (0.9) | (31.8) | (5.8) | (22.9) |
| Loss / (Gain) on disposal of PPE | (3.0) | 0.2 | (2.9) | 0.2 |
| Professional fees | 0.0 | 0.6 | 1.5 | 0.8 |
| Fair value loss / (gain) on warrants from an associated company | 2.0 | 7.5 | (5.4) | 16.2 |
| Gain on dilution of interest in an associated company | - | (42.7) | - | (42.7) |
| Additional provision for contingent consideration of a foreign subsidiary | - | 2.5 | - | 2.5 |
| Provision for restructuring of operation | - |  | 1.0 |  |
| Adjustments of deferred tax in respect of change in US tax rate | (6.9) | - | (6.9) | - |
| NCI share of gain on dilution of interest in an associated company | - | 14.5 | - | 14.5 |
| Underlying Net Profit | 35.6 | 32.9 | 90.9 | 85.7 |

