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Investore (IPL) reported a steady FY20 result with distributable profit of NZ\$21.1m, underpinned by solid rent growth and lower finance costs offsetting higher management fees. Distributable profit was slightly ahead of our expectations while adjusted funds from operations (AFFO) per share was -13.9% YoY to 6.5cps, largely due to higher tenant incentives and maintenance capex as well as capital raising dilution. FY21 DPS guidance of 7.6cps was unchanged although upside potential was tempered. IPL's appeal is its defensive supermarket based rental income which underpins its 4.5% cash yield was well as its low gearing (30% vs. maximum of 48%), providing headroom to drive better distribution growth via opportunistic acquisitions. We have made minor adjustments to our AFFO per share forecasts but our NZ\$1.85 target price and OUTPERFORM rating remain unchanged.

NZX Code	IPL	Financials: Mar/	20A	21E	22E	23E	Valuation (x)	20A	21E	22E	23E
Share price	NZ\$1.70	NPAT* (NZ\$m)	21.1	27.5	29.9	30.7	EV/EBITDA	19.9	17.0	16.7	16.5
Target price	NZ\$1.85	EPS* (NZc)	7.7	7.6	8.1	8.3	EV/EBIT	19.9	17.0	16.7	16.5
Risk rating	Low	EPS growth* (%)	-4.4	-1.4	6.8	2.7	PE	22.2	22.5	21.1	20.5
Issued shares	304.5m	DPS (NZc)	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.7	Price / NTA	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Market cap	NZ\$518m	Imputation (%)	100	100	100	100	Cash div yld (%)	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Avg daily turnover	226.1k (NZ\$401k)	*Based on normalis	ed profit	s			Gross div yld (%)	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.5

Balance sheet headroom for acquisitions

The April 2020 capital raise reduced IPL's gearing to 30.4% and provides acquisition headroom of NZ\$300m, based on its maximum LVR of 48% (covenant 65%) or NZ\$148m based on current bank facilities. IPL's strategy remains acquiring and/or developing Large Format Retail (LFR) assets with a focus on tenants who provide everyday needs. While IPL's assets are typically standalone stores, the recent acquisition of two shopping centres with a higher proportion of specialty tenants suggests its mandate has broadened slightly. Furthermore, IPL has a goal to diversify its tenant base, with Countdown currently being 63% of contract rent. However, LFR assets remain in demand and vendor motivation to sell is low, potentially limiting near-term acquisition opportunities.

An uptick in lease expiry and potential vacancy

Expires over the next two years are 4.3%/3.5% of contract rent (vs. 1.1%/2.1% in FY20) with key FY21 expiries being Johnsonville Warehouse (1.1% of contract rent) and Countdown Mt Wellington (2.3%). FY22 expiries include The Warehouse MacLaggan St, Dunedin (1.5%) and NZ Post at Bay Central (0.8%). This is the most significant forward leasing in IPL's short history. Management were confident of Countdown renewals but expected vacancy at both Warehouse sites.

FY21 guidance unchanged

FY21 DPS guidance of 7.6cps was unchanged and upside potential was tempered. While COVID-19 tenant support is tracking in line with management expectations (NZ\$1-2m) and smaller tenant vacancy is yet to materialise, this slight change to guidance likely reflects a more cautious view on leasing up of vacancy and expiry as well as acquisition execution. Our earnings adjustments (FY21-23E AFFO per share -0.5%/-1.2%/-2.2%) are largely driven by vacancy at both Warehouse sites with 12 months downtime in our forecasts. Our modest DPS growth track reflects IPL tracking back to an AFFO covered payout over the next 4 years, FY20 payout was 117%.

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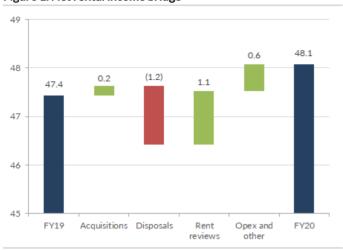
Investore (IPL)

12-month target price (NZ\$)*					1.85	Spot valuations (NZ\$)						
Expected share price return					8.8%	1. DCF						1.
Net dividend yield					4.5%	2. NAV						1.
Estimated 12-month return					13.3%	n/a						n
Key WACC assumptions						DCF valuation summary (NZ\$m)						
Risk free rate					2.00%	Total firm value						85
Equity beta					0.70	(Net debt)/cash						(23
WACC					4.9%	Less: Capitalised operating leases						
Terminal growth					1.5%	Value of equity						61
Profit and Loss Account (NZ\$m)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	Valuation Ratios	2019A	2020A	202:	1E 2	022E	2023
Sales revenue	46.1	46.9	53.0	54.6	55.1	EV/EBITDA (x)	20.6	19.9	17	'.O	16.7	16
Normalised EBITDA	40.1	39.6	45.3	47.5	48.0	EV/EBIT (x)	20.6	19.9	17	.0	16.7	16
Depreciation and amortisation	0	0	0	0	0	PE (x)	21.2	22.2	22	5	21.1	20
Normalised EBIT	40.1	39.6	45.3	47.5	48.0	Price/NTA (x)	1.0	1.0	1	.0	1.0	1
Net interest	(13.8)	(13.4)	(12.7)	(12.0)	(11.1)	Free cash flow yield (%)	3.0	3.6	3	3.6	5.0	5
Associate income	0	0	0	0	0	Net dividend yield (%)	4.5	4.5		.5	4.5	4
Tax	(5.3)	(5.2)	(5.1)	(5.7)	(6.2)	Gross dividend yield (%)	6.4	6.4		.4	6.4	6
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	, , , -,						
Normalised NPAT	20.9	21.1	27.5	29.9	30.7	Capital Structure	2019A	2020A	202:	1E 2	022E	2023
Abnormals/other	(17.7)	(7.5)	(2.1)	(6.7)	(7.6)	Interest cover EBIT (x)	2.9	3.0		1.6	4.0	4
Reported NPAT	38.6	28.6	29.6	36.6	38.3	Interest cover EBITDA (x)	2.9	3.0		3.6	4.0	4
Normalised EPS (cps)	8.0	7.7	7.6	8.1	8.3	Net debt/ND+E (%)	41.3	30.2			30.0	29
DPS (cps)	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.6	7.7	Net debt/EBITDA (x)	7.8	5.9		.1	5.8	5
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Growth Rates	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	Key Ratios	2019A	2020A	202:	1E 2	022E	2023
Revenue (%)	6.8	1.8	12.9	2.9	1.1	Return on assets (%)	5.2	5.0	4	.9	5.1	5
EBITDA (%)	6.2	-1.0	14.3	4.8	1.1	Return on equity (%)	4.7	3.9	4	.3	4.6	4
EBIT (%)	6.2	-1.0	14.3	4.8	1.1	Return on funds employed (%)	4.1	4.0	4	.4	4.2	4
Normalised NPAT (%)	1.8	0.8	30.4	8.7	2.7	EBITDA margin (%)	86.9	84.5	85	.5	87.0	87
Normalised EPS (%)	2.1	-4.4	-1.4	6.8	2.7	EBIT margin (%)	86.9	84.5	85	.5	87.0	87
Ordinary DPS (%)	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.5	8.0	Capex to sales (%)	12.0	3.1	16	.5	6.9	5
						Capex to depreciation (%)	n/a	n/a	n	/a	n/a	n,
Cash Flow (NZ\$m)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	Imputation (%)	100	100	10	00	100	10
EBITDA	40.1	39.6	45.3	47.5	48.0	Pay-out ratio (%)	95	99	10	01	95	9
Working capital change	0.2	1.1	0	0	0							
Interest & tax paid	(19.0)	(20.8)	(17.8)	(17.6)	(17.3)	Portfolio Summary			*2016A	2017A	2018A	2019
Other	0	0	0	0	0	Investment properties (NZ\$m)			641.4	660.4	738.3	761
Operating cash flow	21.2	19.9	27.5	29.9	30.7	Weighted average lease term (yrs)			14.8	14.3	13.1	12
Capital expenditure	(5.5)	(1.4)	(8.7)	(3.8)	(2.8)	Occupancy rate (%)			99.7	99.8	99.9	99
(Acquisitions)/divestments	0	7.1	(130.4)	0	0	M'ment/Admin cost % of assets (%)			n/a	0.6	0.8	0
Other	98.5	(1.6)	0	0	0	NTA per share (NZ\$)			1.46	1.55	1.64	1.7
Funding available/(required)	114.1	24.0	(111.6)	26.1	27.9	Portfolio cap rate (%)			6.44	6.36	6.19	6.0
Dividends paid	(19.7)	(20.7)	(27.7)	(28.3)	(28.5)	Portfolio initial yield (%)			6.68	6.57	6.36	
Equity raised/(returned)	(2.6)	76.0	97.7	0	0	*metrics shown on a pro-forma basis	as at March	2016				
(Increase)/decrease in net debt	91.8	79.2	(41.6)	(2.2)	(0.7)	·						
Balance Sheet (NZ\$m)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E							
Working capital	(3.8)	(5.4)	(5.4)	(5.4)	(5.4)							
Fixed assets	742.1	772.5	919.1	929.6	940.1							
Intangibles	0	0	0	0	0							
Right of use asset	0	0	0	0	0							
Other assets	22.2	9.3	3.9	3.9	3.9							
Total funds employed	760.6	776.5	917.7	928.2	938.7							
Net debt/(cash)	311.5	232.7	274.3	276.5	277.1							
Lease liability	0	0	0	0	0							
Other liabilities	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0							
Shareholder's funds	443.2	537.8	637.4	645.8	655.6							
Minority interests	443.2	0	037.4	045.8	033.6							

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Result in charts

Figure 1. Net rental income bridge



Source: Forsyth Barr analysis, Company reports

Figure 3. Portfolio contract yield and cap rate



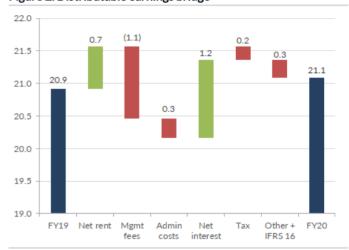
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Figure 5. Portfolio vacancy and 3-year forward lease expiry



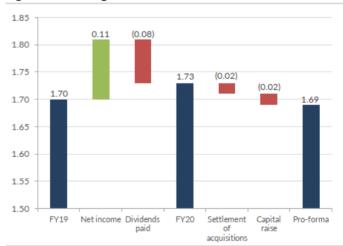
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Figure 2. Distributable earnings bridge



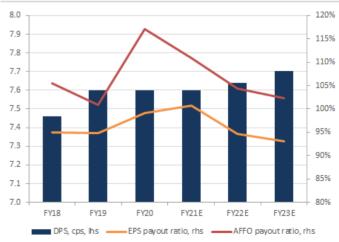
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Figure 4. NTA bridge



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Figure 6. DPS and payout



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FY20 result summary and forecast changes

Figure 7. FY20 result summary

Financial period	FY19	FY20	Change	Forsyth Barr	Variance	
Twelve months ending:	03/19	03/20		03/20		
Net rental income	46.1	46.9	1.8%	46.3	1.4%	
Base corporate costs	(5.5)	(5.8)	4.2%	(5.9)	-1.5%	
Performance fees	(0.5)	(1.5)	n/a	(1.5)	1.0%	
EBITDA	40.1	39.6	-1.0%	38.9	1.8%	
Net interest	(13.8)	(13.4)	-3.1%	(13.0)	2.7%	
PBT	26.3	26.3	0.0%	25.9	1.4%	
Current tax	(5.3)	(5.2)	-3.3%	(5.4)	-4.4%	
NPAT (underlying)	20.9	21.1	0.8%	20.5	2.9%	
Adjustments:						
nvestment property revaluations	17.2	7.7	-55.2%			
Other non-operating adjustments	0.4	(0.2)	n/a			
NPAT (reported)	38.6	28.6	-25.8%	29.0	-1.4%	
EPS	8.01	7.66	-4.4%	7.45	2.8%	
AFFO	7.53	6.49	-13.9%	6.77	(4.1%)	
DPS	7.60	7.60	-	7.60	-	
NTA	1.7	1.73	1.8%			
Gearing (NZ / total assets)	42.0%	30.1%	-28.2%			

Source: Forsyth Barr analysis, Company reports

Figure 8. Forecast changes

	2021E				2022E			2023E	
	Old	New	% chg	Old	New	% chg	Old	New	% chg
Net income	51.1	53.0	3.7%	55.0	54.6	-0.8%	55.6	55.1	-0.8%
Corporate costs	(6.3)	(7.7)	22.7%	(6.6)	(7.1)	6.7%	(6.7)	(7.1)	6.7%
EBITDA	44.8	45.3	1.1%	48.4	47.5	-1.8%	48.9	48.0	-1.9%
Net interest	(12.8)	(12.7)	-0.6%	(13.2)	(12.0)	-9.1%	(12.0)	(11.1)	-7.3%
Current tax	(5.1)	(5.1)	0.6%	(5.7)	(5.7)	-1.3%	(6.4)	(6.2)	-2.8%
NPAT (underlying)	27.0	27.5	1.9%	29.5	29.9	1.3%	30.5	30.7	0.4%
Maintenance capex	(2.1)	(2.5)	22.1%	(2.3)	(2.8)	22.4%	(2.3)	(2.8)	22.4%
AFFO	24.9	25.0	0.3%	27.2	27.1	-0.4%	28.3	27.9	-1.4%
EPS (cps)	7.47	7.55	1.1%	8.03	8.07	0.5%	8.32	8.28	-0.4%
AFFO (cps)	6.89	6.86	-0.5%	7.41	7.32	-1.2%	7.69	7.52	-2.2%
DPS (cps)	7.60	7.60	-	7.60	7.64	0.5%	7.73	7.70	-0.4%
Payout - EPS	102%	101%	-1.1%	95%	95%	-	93%	93%	-
Payout - AFFO	110%	111%	0.5%	103%	104%	1.8%	101%	102%	1.8%

Source: Forsyth Barr analysis

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Investment Summary

Investore (IPL) is a listed property company which owns NZ\$895m of large format retail (LFR) properties throughout New Zealand. Its 43 asset portfolio comprises mostly of supermarkets, with its key tenant General Distributors (operator of Countdown) accounting for ~63% of contracted rent. We have been cautious on the medium-term outlook for rental growth with the majority of IPL's rent reviews linked to turnover but it may now get a near-term boost from this. The leases typically include hard-ratchets and as a result are defensive. OUTPERFORM.

Business quality

• Long lease terms and high occupancy: IPL's WALT of 11.5 years is significantly higher than the sector average of 6.8 years (ex VHP) and its occupancy of 99.7% is also sector leading. FY20 expiries have all been renewed and only 9.0% of rental income expires over the next three years.

Earnings and cashflow outlook

- Acquisitions: IPL has recently acquired three LFR properties for NZ\$140.8m which settled in April 2020. IPL has balance sheet headroom of NZ\$148m to drive earnings growth.
- Externally managed: IPL is managed by Stride Investment Management Limited (SIML), the management arm of Stride Property (SPG). Due to shareholder total returns above the hurdle rate (10%) IPL has been paying performance fees.

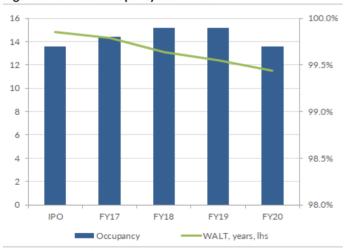
Financial structure

Balance sheet: IPL has a target maximum gearing ratio of 48% but is currently geared at 31.3% (FY20).

Risk factors

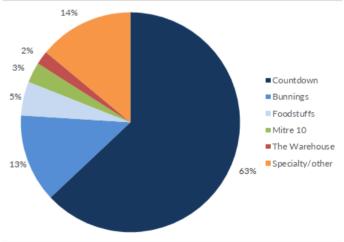
- Retail exposure: IPL is the only listed property vehicle with a 100% weighting to retail assets.
- Interest rates: IPL's relatively high gearing target relative to the sector means it can be more sensitive to interest rate movements versus its listed peers but is appropriate given the low risk nature of its portfolio.

Figure 9. Portfolio occupancy and WALT



Source: Forsyth Barr analysis

Figure 10. Contract rent by tenant



Source: Forsyth Barr analysis, Company reports

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Figure 11. Price performance



Source: Forsyth Barr analysis

Figure 12. Substantial shareholders

Shareholder	Latest Holding
Stride Property	18.8%
ANZ NZ Investments	10.2%
Salt Funds Management	9.2%
ACC	8.8%

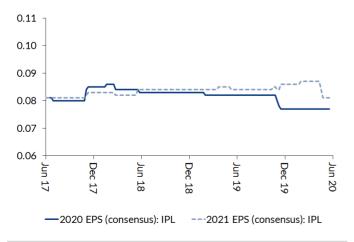
Source: NZX, Forsyth Barr analysis, NOTE: based on SSH notices only

Figure 13. International valuation comparisons

Company	Code	Price Mkt Cap		Р	E	EV/EBITDA		EV/EBIT		Cash Yld
(metrics re-weighted to reflect IPL's balan	metrics re-weighted to reflect IPL's balance date - March)					2021E	2022E	2021E	2022E	2022E
Investore	IPL NZ	NZ\$1.70	NZ\$518	22.5x	21.1x	16.6x	15.8x	16.6x	15.8x	4.5%
Argosy Property *	ARG NZ	NZ\$1.13	NZ\$931	16.1x	16.1x	18.3x	17.8x	18.3x	17.8x	5.6%
Goodman Property Trust *	GMT NZ	NZ\$2.22	NZ\$3,076	33.9x	33.0x	28.4x	27.1x	28.4x	27.1x	2.5%
Kiwi Property Group *	KPG NZ	NZ\$0.95	NZ\$1,483	16.4x	13.8x	18.1x	14.6x	18.1x	14.6x	6.5%
Precinct Properties NZ*	PCT NZ	NZ\$1.54	NZ\$2,023	22.6x	22.9x	20.9x	19.2x	20.9x	19.2x	3.3%
Property For Industry *	PFINZ	NZ\$2.43	NZ\$1,212	27.6x	27.4x	21.7x	21.5x	21.7x	21.5x	2.9%
Stride Property *	SPG NZ	NZ\$1.49	NZ\$544	14.2x	15.3x	15.5x	17.4x	15.5x	17.4x	4.6%
BWP TRUST	BWP AT	A\$3.62	A\$2,325	20.1x	19.7x	n/a	20.7x	21.0x	20.7x	5.1%
CHARTER HALL LONG WALE REIT	CLW AT	A\$4.19	A\$2,049	14.3x	13.8x	n/a	13.8x	14.7x	13.8x	7.3%
CHARTER HALL RETAIL REIT	CQR AT	A\$3.03	A\$1,699	11.2x	11.1x	n/a	16.5x	16.9x	16.2x	8.0%
SHOPPING CENTRES AUSTRALASIA	SCP AT	A\$2.20	A\$2,357	14.5x	14.3x	n/a	18.3x	19.0x	18.4x	6.3%
		C	ompco Average:	19.1x	18.7x	20.5x	18.7x	19.4x	18.7x	5.2%
EV = Current Market Cap + Actual Net De		IPL Relative:	18%	12%	-19%	-15%	-15%	-15%	-14%	

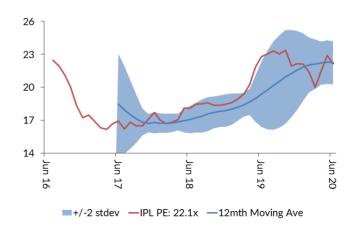
Source: *Forsyth Barr analysis, Bloomberg Consensus, Compco metrics re-weighted to reflect headline (IPL) companies fiscal year end

Figure 14. Consensus EPS momentum (NZ\$)



Source: Forsyth Barr analysis

Figure 15. One year forward PE (x)



Source: Forsyth Barr analysis



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