

Hotel Investment Highlights

Asia Pacific

# Single Asset Transactions

1	Hilton Tokyo Odaiba				
<u>-</u> 80	Tokyo, Japan		LOCAL CURRENCY	USD	
		Sale Price	JPY 62.4 billion	\$563.5 million	
	<b>453</b> Keys	Price per key	JPY 137.7 million	\$1.2 million	
2	Beijing Jade Palace H	lotel			
4	China, Beijing		LOCAL CURRENCY	USD	
		Sale Price	CNY 2.7 billion	\$402.5 million	
	<b>411</b> Keys	Price per key	CNY 6.5 million	\$979,000	
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		Sale Price	SGD 475.0 million	\$344.0 million	
	<b>342</b> Keys	Price per key	SGD <b>1.4</b> million	\$1.0 million	
1	Ascott Raffles Place				
7	Singapore		LOCAL CURRENCY	USD	
		Sale Price	SGD 353.3 million	\$261.4 million	
	<b>146</b> Keys	Price per key	SGD 2.4 million	\$1.8 million	
5	Radegast Hotel Beijing Bohao				
	China, Beijing		LOCAL CURRENCY	USD	
		Sale Price	CNY 1.6 billion	\$242.6 million	
	<b>313</b> Keys	Price per key	CNY 5.2 million	\$775,000	

5	The Grand Ho Tram Strip Resort Ho Tram, Vietnam LOCAL CURRENCY USD					
		Sale Price	Confidential	Confidential		
	<b>541</b> Keys	Price per key	Confidential	Confidential		
7	OneHome Art Hotel Shanghai					
	Shanghai, China		LOCAL CURRENCY	USD		
		Sale Price	CNY <b>1.4</b> billion	\$210.0 million		



Price per key

**319** Keys



10	Bay Hotel Singap	ore		
	Singapore		LOCAL CURRENCY	USD
		Sale Price	SGD 235.0 million	\$169.2 million
	<b>319</b> Keys	Price per key	sgD 737,000	\$530,000

\$658,000

CNY 4.4 million





It took Japanese star rugby winger Kenki Fukuoka just a few seconds to accomplish what thousands in the Shizuoka Stadium thought impossible.

He surged past the try-line, leaving three Irish players in his wake. It marked a turning point in a famous Rugby World Cup victory for the unfancied Cherry Blossoms against one of the tournament favourites.

Like the national rugby team, the booming Japanese hospitality industry is also in full bloom, with the 2019 World Cup a resounding victory for the sector as it packed in an estimated 600,000 tourists.

Hotel investors have similar reason to cheer, with hotel transactions in Japan set to increase by approximately

60 per cent year-on-year for 2019 to around US\$4.0 billion – likely the top-performing country in Asia Pacific and the highest on record for Japan, exceeding the country's previous 2007 peak.

And the run is anticipated to continue. The country will host a series of mega events over the next few years including the 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games and 2025 World Expo, events that will boost the sector and bring in a deluge of visitors. Moreover, Osaka is widely considered the favourite for Japan's first large-scale integrated casino resort complex which alone is predicted to draw over 24.0 million visitors a year. These will, in turn, lead to soaring demand for hospitality assets, with investors looking to capitalise on the wave of demand.

The optimistic outlook is also true for the wider Asia Pacific region. The value of regional transactions is expected to rise by between 25 per cent and 30 per cent to more than US\$11.0 billion for 2019.

The first nine months of the year have already seen US\$7.8 billion worth of transactions in the region,

which means it is likely the US\$11.0 billion mark will be breached for only the third time in the past ten years. To date, only 2017 and 2015 have seen such numbers.

Indeed, a scan of the key markets in the region shows that the demand for hotels will continue unabated.



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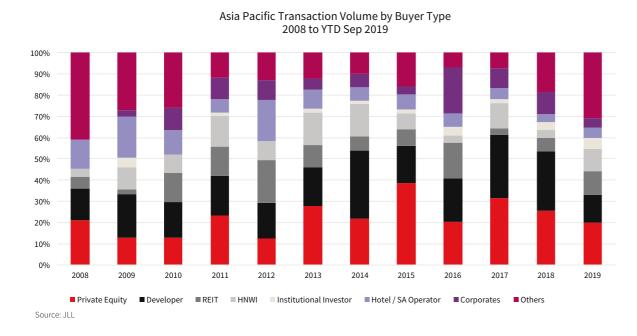
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## Foreign Funds Bearing Fruit

Despite a more cautious economic climate due to trade tensions and wider political and economic headwinds, hotels still present an attractive yield profile amid booming tourism demand and now falling interest rates and bond yields.

Much demand this year has so far been buoyed by private equity firms (20.1 per cent) and developers (12.9 per cent), with record levels of unspent capital set to drive investments.

Domestic transactions still form the bulk of deals, comprising approximately 75 per cent of the total transaction volume during the nine-month period. Japanese and Chinese buyers make up the largest demand, representing nearly 60 per cent of the total domestic transactions in the region, or US\$3.5 billion.





presence of higher yields, particularly for emerging destinations, has meant continued interest from foreign buyers, which totalled US\$1.2 billion as at year-to-date September.

In Thailand, cross-border deals made up about 61 per cent of total transaction volume in the country, with Bangkok the most sought-after market. The largest transaction in Thailand in the year-to-date is the 268room Four Points by Sheraton Bangkok (Sukhumvit Soi 15), which sold for US\$73.9 million to Malaysian-listed group, TA Global.

There also remains an influx of foreign investment into safe-haven market Singapore as well, with cross-border transactions making up 13.5 per cent of the volume within the city-state as at year-to-date September. In September, contracts were exchanged for the sale of the 268-room Oakwood Premier OUE Singapore, which was sold to a Hong Kong joint venture for US\$209.0 million.

Continuing the strong run, just weeks later in October, an agreement was signed for the sale of the 342-room Andaz Singapore to local property developer, Hoi Hup Realty, for US\$344.0 million, marking the highest ever single asset transaction in Singapore's history.

Both deals are expected to close in the fourth quarter.

Whilst most purchases remain domestic affairs, the The 151-room Conrad Maldives Rangali Island resort is a further example of how the Maldives is now attracting capital from outside Asia Pacific, a departure from the usual domination by Asian investors. It was sold to global private equity fund Blackstone and was the 9th largest deal of the year as of September. The deal has ignited interest amongst other private equity funds for the tropical paradise. Meanwhile, another idyllic Maldivian resort, Finolhu Baa Atoll, was sold to Germanbased Seaside Collection for US\$85.0 million. Investment demand from European owner operators is expected to be another driver for Asia transaction volumes going into

> There is also a shift towards international capital in the South Korean hotel market, which holds plenty of promise. After an active 2018 which saw South Korea as the fourth most active hotel transaction market in Asia Pacific, investment activity in the country continues to be robust. Up until 2015, transactions were almost purely domestic, but today cross-border deals make up about a quarter of deals, with international investors typically preferring management contract hotels over the masterleased properties, which are typically preferred by domestic investors. It is predicted that foreign investors will continue to make up a larger proportion of trading volumes as the market further matures.



### gapore singing

Singapore's cityscape is set to change dramatically in increase the airport's total handling capacity by around the coming years under state plans, boosting the islandnation's identity as a global business gateway and tourist haven.

due for massive expansions worth an estimated US\$6.5 markets they are active in. billion, in a bid for the city to continuously refresh its tourist offering.

At Changi Airport, ranked by Skytrax as the world's best performance, strong visitor arrivals and new tourism airport for the seventh consecutive year in 2019, a new initiatives. The numbers back this - total transaction landmark "retail-tainment" mall, Jewel Changi Airport, volume in Singapore, including hotel land sale sites, is received a spectacular reception from international expected to surpass US\$1.8 billion in 2019, the highest passengers and Singapore residents alike. When Changi ever on record. Airport Terminal 5 opens in the 2030s, it will significantly

60 per cent to 135.0 million.

In addition to single asset transactions which have occurred within the market, the consolidation of What used to be a large port in the south will become an Singapore REITs has been a central feature of the market extensive waterfront promenade, dubbed the Greater this year. The merger of OUE Commercial REIT and Southern Waterfront. It will be filled with lush greenery OUE Hospitality Trust completed in September, whilst and will allow for seamless connectivity from offshore the announcement of the merging of Ascott REIT and island Sentosa all the way up to the Central Business Ascendas Hospitality Trust followed shortly behind. District. In addition, the two existing integrated resorts, The expanded REITs are likely to benefit from reduced Marina Bays Sands and Resorts World Sentosa, are also borrowing thus enhancing purchasing power in the

> As a key global gateway city, Singapore remains high on investors' radar, largely supported by its positive trading

### China chimes in

Over in China, softening office leasing demand and several well-known deals in the pipeline for Shanghai sluggish retail sales have turned the eyes of investors and Beijing spill over to 2020. towards hotels, where trading performance has been resilient. This included the recent announcement by UOL In Hong Kong, the market is experiencing a significant to sell the 480-room Pan Pacific Suzhou for a net cash pullback in demand as most parties are taking a waitconsideration of approximately US\$57.7 million.

and-see approach in light of the protests, although this appears to have benefited economies such as Singapore Although China's hotel transaction volume is expected — a Goldman Sachs report estimated that investors have to moderate in 2019, it is likely to pick up next year as shifted approximately US\$4.0 billion from Hong Kong to the Southeast Asian nation as at August.



There are also bright spots in Asia Pacific markets that the Great Keppel Island in the Great Barrier Reef which have been relatively quiet in comparison to recent years.

Standing majestic in the middle of the Great Barrier Reef An influx of transactions may also be bubbling in is the breathtakingly beautiful Dunk Island, which was neighbouring New Zealand, where there is a significant sold to a London-based group for US\$21.3 million. The amount of new development underway in major tourism transaction is emblematic of an effort by investors to centres such as Queenstown. It may just be a matter reinvest in some of Australia's most stunning islands. This could lay foundations for a tourism boom in the developments are completed and long-term owners country's north coast, after recent years of stagnation prioritise investment. caused by cyclones and economic woes.

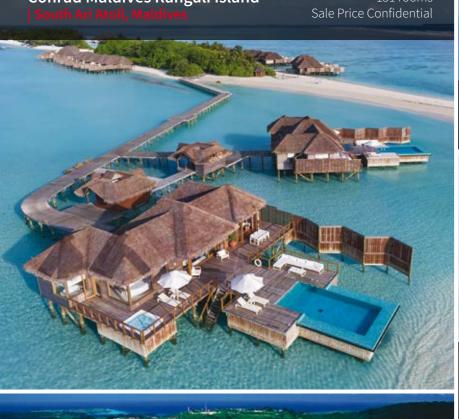
Several other contracts were also recently exchanged in Australia, including the Iririki Island Resort & Casino and

are both expected to close by the year-end.

of time before trading volumes spike when current

Just like Japan's Cherry Blossoms, hotel investments across Asia Pacific look unlikely to wilt under the floodlights. In fact, a gutsy winning run seems to be in store for the region.







Iririki Island Resort & Casino 137 rooms Under Offer



**Dunk Island** 

US\$21.3million



Felix by 8hotels at Sydney Airport (Citadines Connect Sydney Airport)

150 rooms US\$42.4 million US\$282,800 per key



Koh Yao Yai Land (Phuket Long Island)

Sale Price



US\$800,000 per key Note: Contracts exchanged in September 2019

Finolhu Maldives



US\$85.0 million



**Great Keppel Island** 

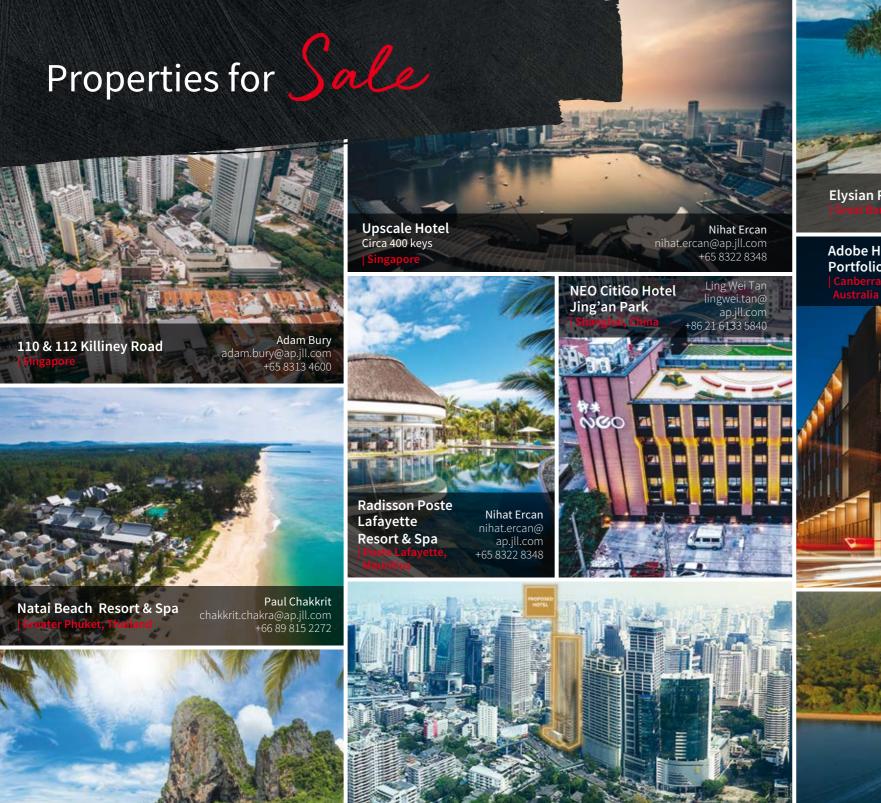
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480 rooms US\$57.7 million US\$120,200 per key

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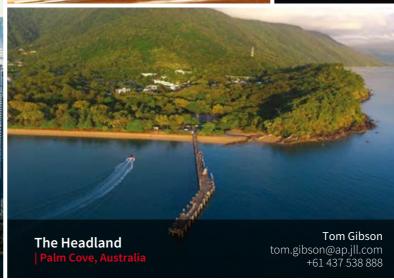










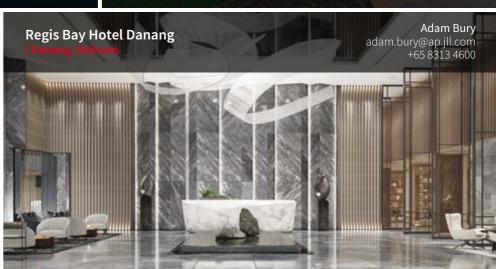












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