# Singapore Strategy Surviving Liberation Day

## Trump Tariffs are bad, but not that bad

Singapore has not been spared from Liberation Day tariffs, but it is in a less bad position than the region. This may further reinforce its safe haven status. We see opportunities from themes such as supply chain relocations, China stimulus and domestic spending. Cash flow rich, secular theme-linked sectors such as Industrials, Telcos, Land Transport, Healthcare, SMIDs should be relative beneficiaries. Higher rate cut risks could be a tailwind for REITs, especially those with domestic exposure. Reciprocally, banks may see some stress from tighter margins, but high capital returns visibility could provide some offset. Our Trump Tariff Winners: STE, SCI, RFMD, CD, CICT, FCT, ST, CSE, ISOTEAM, SE, GRAB.

## Singapore has not been spared, but less impacted

Despite an FTA, low tariffs on US goods and a trade deficit, Singapore has not been spared on Trump's Liberation Day. However, the 10% tariff is significantly less bad than the region. Of course, the secondary impact from a global growth shock needs to be watched. However, we see a silver lining from Singapore's fiscal health, which gives dry powder to cushion the blow. Plus, there are opportunities to accelerate infrastructure spending for more relief. Singapore may likely remain a destination for safe haven flows, and projects such as the JS-SEZ could become strategic advantages in garnering share in supply chain relocations.

## Banks, Manufacturing, Gaming to see bumps

A global growth shock may impact banks from falling credit demand, while potential rate cuts could hurt margins. However, Chinese stimulus and supply chain relocation to SE Asia should give the sector an advantage in gaining share. At the same time, highly visible capital returns, especially amidst falling rate risks, could support flows to the sector despite the operational uncertainty. Elsewhere, there may be demand destruction in tech manufacturing in the near term. However, the overall tariffs faced by the sector - which manufactures and exports predominantly from Singapore and Malaysia - is a lot lower than competitors. This may provide some cushioning. Gaming may see indirect demand destruction from lower VIP turnouts from Vietnam and China as tariffs bite in these countries.

## Cash generating, theme-linked sectors likely winners

Industrials have strong bottom-up growth drivers. STE is benefitting from a global upcycle in defense spending, plus corporate restructuring could further optimize capital returns. SCI has significant earnings visibility driven by contracted utilities, while also enjoying energy transition growth. Domestic operators in healthcare such as RFMD, and transport such as CD, should be less impacted by export tariffs. E-commerce players such as SE and Grab may experience weaker demand in the near term but eventually could register market share gains as customers use their platforms as cheaper alternatives. A falling rate environment could be a boon to REITs, especially those with domestic exposure - CICT, FCT. Defensive cash flows and limited US export exposure should benefit SingTel. Finally, SMIDs are beneficiaries of multiple secular themes linked to infrastructure spending, decarbonization and domestic US capacity -CSE, ISOteam.



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### Trump Tariff Winners

Company Name	BBG Code	Current Price (LCY)	Target Price (LCY)	Rating
ST Engineering Sembcorp	STE SP	6.75	7.10	Buy
Industries Raffles Medical	SCI SP	6.62	7.1	Buy
Group	RFMD SP	0.97	1.03	Buy
ComfortDelGro CapitaLand Integrated	CD SP	1.48	1.64	Buy
Commercial Trust Frasers	CICT SP	2.17	2.25	Buy
Centrepoint Trust	FCT SP	2.21	2.49	Buy
Singtel	ST SP	3.6	3.72	Buy
CSE Global	CSE SP	0.46	0.67	Buy
ISOTeam	ISO SP	0.08	0.104	Buy
Sea	SE US	117.92	174	Buy
Grab	GRAB US	4.25	5.75	Buy

## Sector Impact from Trump Tariffs and Top Picks

## Fig 1: Impact of Trump's reciprocal tariffs on sectors

Sector	Potential impact of sweeping reciprocal tariffs	Top Picks	Analyst
Banks & Financials	Slower growth expectations are a key headwind for the sector as this may impact new credit formation and risk taking by customers. While still unclear, potential Fed rate cuts could compress NIMs faster than anticipated pressuring NII. On the other hand, lower rates may drive higher fee income, particularly in wealth management. This may provide some offset to NII declines. SE Asia, while negatively impacted, is less so on a relative scale. The tariff differential with China has widened, which may further encourage supply chains shifting from North to South. The Singapore banks with their integrated regional businesses should be key beneficiaries from this trend. At the same time, China may respond with increased domestic stimulus to offset tariffs impact. This may provide opportunities for the banks given their North Asian exposure, With tariffs impacting multiple sectors, asset quality risks may rise. On the other hand, the sector has announced clear capital return trajectories giving significant visibility to dividend yields. Together with strong balance sheets, a potentially stronger SGD and falling interest rates, the banks may still enjoy safe haven flows. We prefer banks with a larger domestic footprint and North Asia exposure which could benefit from Chinese stimulus.	DBS, OCBC	Thilan Wickramasinghe
Gaming	No direct impact to gaming. That said, the tariffs may limit room for growth and recovery. At its peak, Chinese VIPs accounted for half of Singapore VIP volume (20-30pct currently). The heavy tariffs on China will limit room for growth. Of late, Vietnamese VIPs have also made their presence felt in Singapore. With heavy tariffs on Vietnam too, room for growth will be limited too. GENS is a BUY for cheap valuations and potential expansion into Thailand.	GENS	Samuel Yin
Healthcare/ Transport	We do not see any material direct impact from the latest Trump tariffs. For SIA however, there may be some adverse ramification to its cargo business on softer e-commerce demand amid higher costs to consumers. We prefer critical service providers such as Raffles Medical (RFMD SP, BUY, TP: SGD1.03) and ComfortDelgro (CD SP, BUY, SGD1.64), which operates in their respective domestic markets with relatively inelastic demand in spite of slower GDP growth.	RFMD, CD	Eric Ong
Industrials	Potential negative demand shock from new tariffs poses downside risks. That said, industrials within our coverage have favourable bottom-up themes to counter the threat. ST Engineering benefits from ongoing global upcycle in defence spending, its own effort to improve operating and capital efficiency as well as growing order book provides earnings visibility and position it as yield + growth stock. SCI remains a play on energy security and infrastructure and should benefit in the medium term from energy transition tail winds. Its portfolio of utility contracts provide more than two-thirds of profit. While there is risk from new tariffs in operating geographies like Vietnam, China and India, there are offsets such as accretion from its recent acquisition of Senoko Energy, completion of energy projects under construction and disposal gains from wate management business.	STE, SCI	Krishna Guha
Internet	Internet companies have no US export exposure or operations and as such are shielded from higher tariffs. However, an indirect impact could accrue if ASEAN GDP growth slows down leading to consumer spending cuts as there is 77% correlation between GDP growth to consumer spending. Our economics team expect 1-3% negative GDP impact due to higher tariffs. <b>Ecommerce.</b> While ecommerce sales such as apparel, footwear, cosmetics is seen as discretionary in nature and could take a hit, we see impact potentially offset by consumers turning to ecommerce platforms for cheaper alternatives or bargain hunting. <b>On demand.</b> On demand services like ride hailing and online food delivery is highly discretionary spending and the impact of cut could be potentially higher than the correlation of GDP to retail sales imply.	Sea Ltd	Hussaini Saifee
Plantation	Sector wise we expect some minor negative impact on Indonesia's palm oil exports in the immediate term, mitigated by rising domestic usage for its B40 biofuel mandate. Overall we maintain our Neutral view on the sector.	BAL	Chee Ting

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Property -	According to our macro team, new tariffs would be deflationary for the broader macro but		
Developers &	may not result in recession in Singapore. This may provide more room for rate cuts in		
REITs	Singapore. In US, we are maintaining our view of 50bps of rate cuts for this year. We think	CICT, CLAR,	
	REITs could benefit from rate cuts and safe haven flows. Given the trade uncertainty from the	CLAS, FCT,	Krishna
	new tariffs, we rank the domestic consumption oriented names in the near term. While	LREIT, MLT,	Guha
	industrials are impacted by trade uncertainty, they have relatively longer WALE and may	OUEREIT, PREIT	
	benefit from Singapore's relatively low level of overall tariffs. Hotels have tough comps from		
	last year, and new tariffs may further negatively impact the revival of corporate travel.		
SMIDs	Quite positive for SMIDS like CSE, Isoteam and Singapore as they are not directly impacted by		
	tariffs. We expect these to continue to ride on their respective market trends and		
	growth/monetisation plans, which could be a safe haven for regional investors. Along with		
	this, we think the upcoming SGD5bn MAS disbursement to revise the domestic equity market		
	could be another key catalyst for the sector. We like the construction sub sector among the	Isoteam, CSE,	Jarick
	SMIDs due to the upcoming construction boom in Singapore, which involves key projects like	Singpost	Seet
	RWS, MBS expansion, T5 as well as the new port. These should be key drivers to drive		
	demand for the sector and may not be impacted by tariffs. CSE could also benefit as they		
	have a local manufacturing facility in the US for their US business which will not be subjected		
	to tariffs.		
Technology	A negative hit to the sector, but milder as compared to the tariffs for the rest of the world.	Frencken	
Manufacturing	Singapore have one of the lowest tariffs (10%) being applied and that will serve as an		
	advantage for players who have a manufacturing presence here. Many of the players also have		
	manufacturing presence also in Malaysia. This is also tariffed at a lower rate as compared to		Jarick
	its neighbours like Vietnam as well as China and Europe. We expect costs would likely be		Seet
	passed on to customers and relocation of facilities out of Singapore and Malaysia is unlikely		
	as the cost of setting up a plant in US is still outweighs the tariff pain. Semi-con players are		
	not impacted for now as there may be a sector tariffs introduced down the road instead.		
Telecom	Telcom companies have no US export exposure or operations and as such are shielded from		
	higher tariffs. An indirect impact of GDP growth on telco spending is also likely to be limited		
	given only 0.5-1.5% of telco spend is on telecom services and telecom services are essentially		
	seen as a basic spending.		
	Telcos with its defensive cash flows and higher dividend yields should benefit from the asset	Singtel	Hussaini
	allocation standpoint as investors look for safe heavens.		Saifee
	Telcos share prices are highly negatively correlated (60-90%) to bond yields. Telcos should		
	benefit if central banks cut rates and bond yield contracts expanding the telco dividend yield		
	to bond yield spread.		

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