



Initial signs of rental stabilization

- **Dubai rentals stabilize in November and December 2009 (+2%,+1%) while take-up ratio continued to decline (4.3 months in December 2009 from the peak of 10.8 months in December 2008), a sign the market is reaching equilibrium**
- **Tightened liquidity (mortgage values down to 21% in November 2009 from 32% in September 2009) ahead of the Nakheel sukuk maturity impacted prices (-5% in October and November 2009); signs of improvement seen in December 2009 with prices up 3% MoM**
- **Initial signs of global recovery and improving risk appetite mean cyclical sectors are likely to outperform in 2010—our preferred exposure is Emaar (Buy, TP 6.5)**

Initial signs of rental stabilization and a continued decline in the take-up ratio suggest the market is reaching equilibrium. Rentals in Dubai recorded MoM gains of 2% in November 2009 and 1% in December 2009. Moreover, the take-up ratio continued to trend downwards, declining to 3.7 months in November 2009 before slightly rising to 4.3 months in December 2009. Available for sale stock fell by 71% YoY from 18,000 units in December 2008 to 5,000 units in December 2009. On the other hand, transaction volumes remained robust in 2009, averaging 1,821 units/month compared to 1,300 units/month last year.

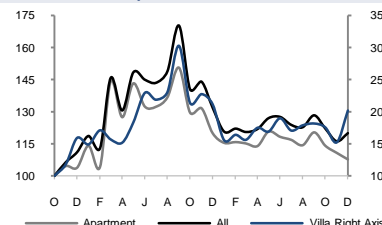
Tightened liquidity ahead of the Nakheel sukuk maturity as well as a slowdown during Ramadan adversely impacted prices. Our data show that mortgage values dropped to 21% of total transactions in November 2009, from a strong recovery to 32% in September 2009. Volumes fell to 13% in November from 25% in September. Also, since typically there is a one month lag between price setting and registration, the slowdown during Ramadan was likely reflected in October 2009. That said, liquidity improved in December 2009 as mortgage values rebounded to 26% and volumes to 22%, which we feel could be partially attributed to improved sentiment following the Abu Dhabi bailout.

Dubai agreed prices -5% in October and November 2009 due to a decline in mortgage lending and to some extent deliveries as final installments come due. The price declines in October and November 2009 likely have to do with a drop in mortgage lending and hence affordability. Also, areas where deliveries were made (mainly Downtown Burj Khalifa and Dubai Marina) lead the declines as buyers seem to be offloading their properties ahead of the final bullet payment. Nonetheless, a slight rebound was recorded in December 2009 with agreed prices rising 3% MoM.

Emaar (Buy, TP 6.5, 65% potential upside) remains our preferred exposure. Given initial signs of global recovery and improving risk appetite, we believe cyclical sectors are likely to outperform this year. However, we remain cautious about the domestic demand story in the UAE as the restructuring process unwinds. Our preferred play is Emaar (Buy, TP 6.5) given its exposure to the tourism sector through its hospitality and retail portfolios as well as its geographic diversification. Also, the company's liquidity position remains comfortable with net debt/equity at 18% and operating cash flows sufficient to meet short-term obligations of AED4.1 billion. Emaar currently trades at 0.3x 2009e NAV (Aldar at 0.4x, Sorouh at 0.5x) and 0.9x 2009e BV (Aldar at 1.2x (ex-reval.), Sorouh at 1.2x).

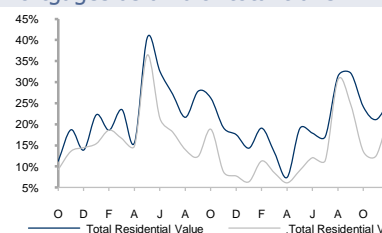
December 2009

Dubai trans. price index



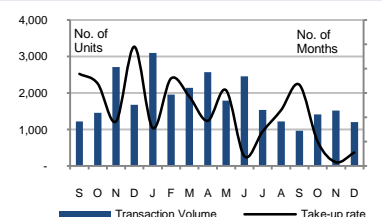
Source: Dubai Government, HC Research

Mortgages as a % of total trans.



Source: Dubai Government, HC Research

Take-up rate



Source: Dubai Government, Better Homes, HC Research

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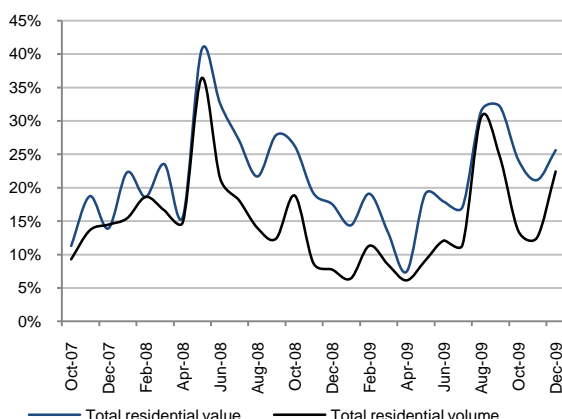
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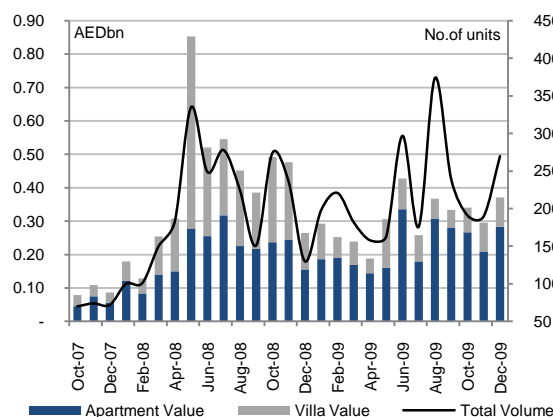
Chart 1

Mortgage as a % of total transactions



Source: Government of Dubai, HC Research

Mortgage values and volumes in freehold areas (ex. plots)



Source: Government of Dubai, HC Research

Dubai agreed prices driven down 5% in October and November 2009 by a decline in mortgage lending and deliveries as final installments come due

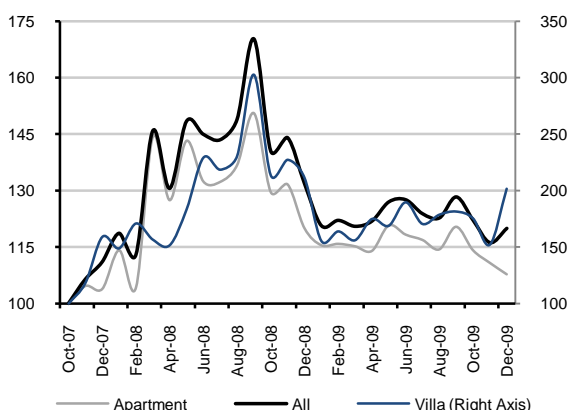
As highlighted in the chart above, mortgage values dropped to 21% of total transactions in November 2009, from a strong recovery to 30% in September 2009. Volumes fell to 13% in November from 25% in September. In absolute terms, mortgages in freehold areas (ex. plots) dropped to AED296 million in November 2009 from AED333 million in September 2009 and AED340 million in October 2009. Mortgage volumes also fell to 190 units in November 2009 from 239 units in September 2009 and a two-year high of 374 units in August 2009.

While the Dubai property market remains dominated by cash buyers (74% of total transactions), affordability is typically boosted by the availability of financing. Accordingly, prices appear to have been driven down by the decline in mortgage financing during those months, but also negative sentiment following the standstill announcement. The Burj Khalifa area and Dubai Marina where deliveries were made lead the declines, which is likely another contributor as buyers try to offload their properties ahead of the final bullet payment. Dubai agreed prices were down 5% in October and November 2009, but up 3% in December 2009 on improved liquidity as mortgage values increased to 26% from 21% in November 2009 and volumes 22% from 13%.

The total value of mortgages awarded in freehold areas in 2009 dropped 24% to AED3.7 billion from AED4.9 billion in 2008. This is mainly the result of a 12% decline in the average price during the year as mortgage volumes recorded a 10% increase in 2009, rising to 2,659 units from 2,412 in 2008. Nonetheless, higher mortgage volumes were mainly driven by a 40% jump in transaction volumes (from 15,600 in 2008 to 21,856 units in 2009) boosted by cash buyers and affordability. Cash buyers accounted for 80% on average of total transaction in 2009, compared to 76% on average last year.

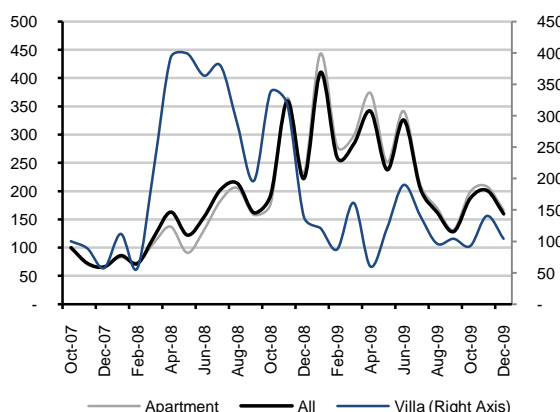
Chart 2

Dubai transaction price index



Source: Government of Dubai, HC Research

Dubai trans. vol average 1,821 units per month in 2009



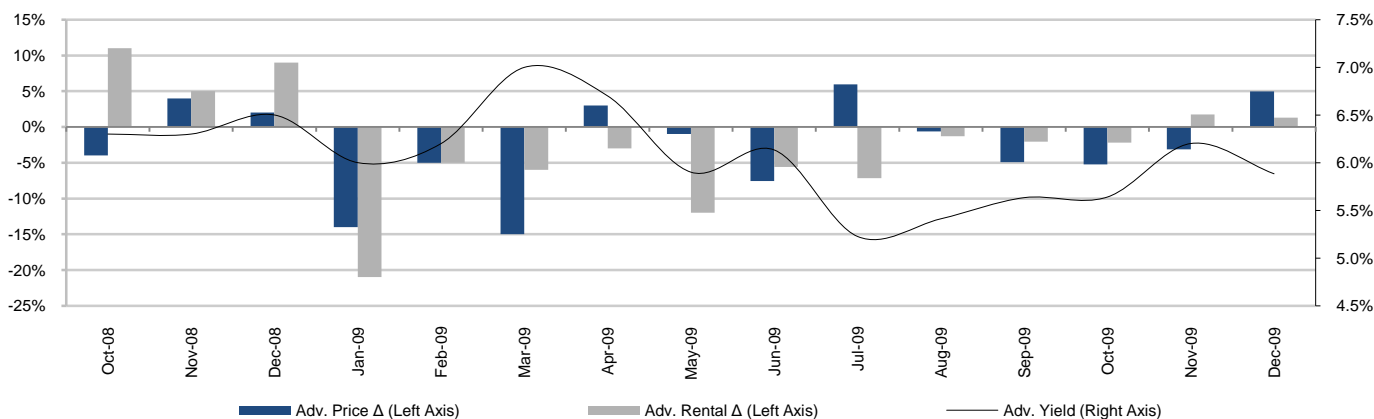
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Going forward, given the initial signs of global recovery, which is likely to drive commodity prices/inflation higher, and improving risk appetite with liquidity gradually returning to the system, we feel the UAE real estate sector is likely to see renewed interest as the restructuring process unwinds towards the second half of the year.

Chart 3

Rentals rise 2% in Nov 09 and 1% in Dec. 09 after nine months of successive declines



Source: Better Homes, HC Research

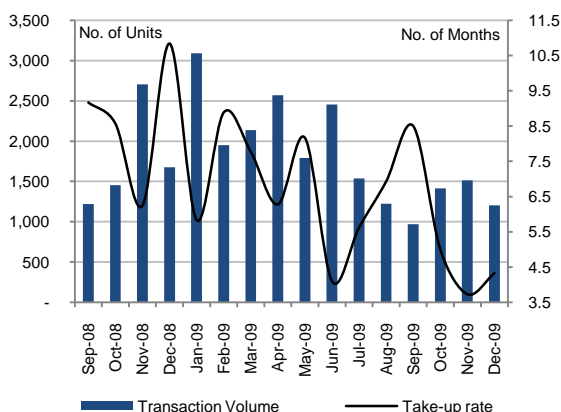
Rental stabilization and continued decline in the take-up ratio suggest market is reaching equilibrium

Rentals in Dubai recorded MoM gains of 2% in November 2009 and 1% in December 2009. Since rentals, unlike prices, are a pure reflection of demand/supply dynamics, the turnaround in November 2009 following nine months of successive declines suggests the market is reaching equilibrium. Rentals in Dubai were helped by the spillover from neighboring emirates (particularly Abu Dhabi), which anecdotal evidence suggests gained momentum last year. Moreover, the take-up ratio continued to trend downwards, declining to 3.7 months in November 2009 before slightly rising to 4.3 months in December 2009. Available for-sale stock fell 71% YoY from 18,000 units in December 2008 to 5,000 units in December 2009. On the other hand, transaction volumes remained robust in 2009, averaging 1,821 units/month compared to 1,300 units/month last year.

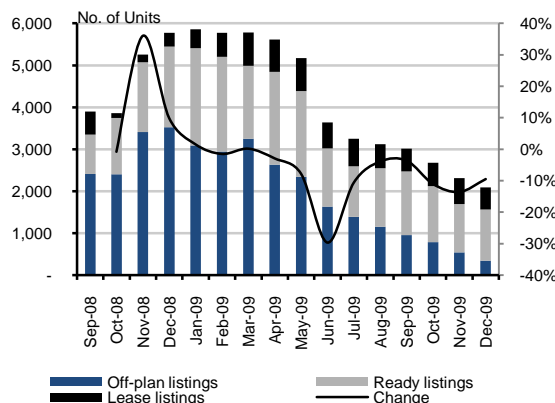
Better Homes listings dropped 64% to 2,092 units in December 2009 from a peak of 5,862 units in January 2009, which suggests that distressed stock is clearing and/or listings are being pulled off the market. Furthermore, off-plan listings dropped 89% to 341 units in December 2009 from 3,091 units in January 2009. We believe this is partly a reflection of projects put on hold, deliveries taking place during the year, and a weaker demand for unready units. Ready listings, however, declined at a slower pace of 48% to 1,221 units in December 2009 from 2,317 units in January 2009. Lease units on the other hand increased by 17% to 530 units in December 2009 from 454 units in January 2009 as able investors increasingly choose to hold their property, especially with signs of rising rentals and yield expansion.

Chart 4

Take-up ratio continues to decline at 4.3 months in Dec. 09



Available for-sale/lease stock -64% since Jan. 09



Source: Government of Dubai, Better Homes, HC Research

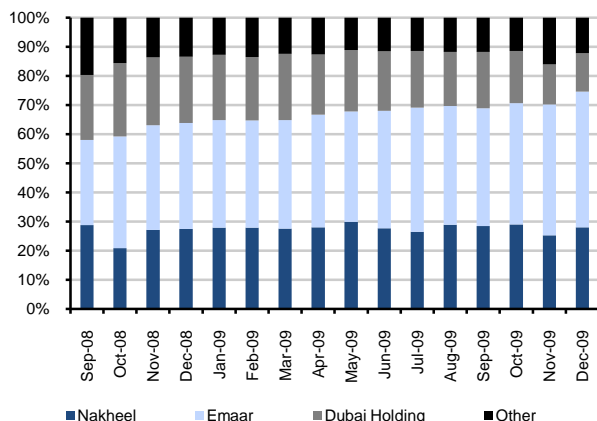
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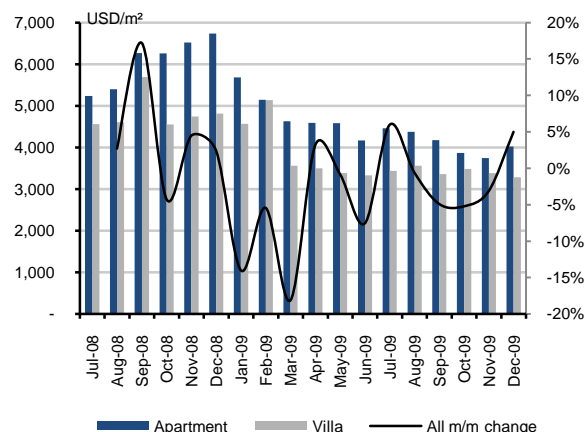
While initial signs of rental stabilization are emerging, forthcoming supply might again put pressure on rentals in 2010. That said, the restructuring of Nakheel, which controls 50% of expected supply on our estimates (please refer to our October Property Beat), is bound to lead to further project delays and cancellations, which is supportive sector dynamics in Dubai and Abu Dhabi. The expected recovery in the global economy and stronger economic growth in the UAE this year is likely to support demand.

Chart 5

Secondary listings breakdown by developer



Dubai asking prices -3% in Nov. 09, +5% in Dec. 09



Source: Better Homes, HC Research

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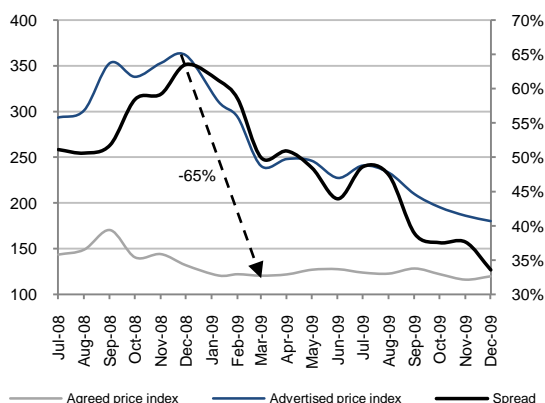
Abu Dhabi advertised prices down 33% YoY versus 39% in Dubai

Asking prices in Dubai followed a similar trend to agreed prices, dropping 5% in October 2009 and 3% in November 2009, but rising by 5% in December 2009. Since the onset of the global financial crisis, headline prices have corrected by 39% compared to 30% for agreed prices. This comes as no surprise as transaction prices naturally lead advertised aspirations. Also, advertised prices tend to be more rigid as they are not updated frequently enough to reflect a real-time trend. Regardless, as highlighted in the chart below, the bid/ask spread continues to narrow (to 34% in December 2009 from a high of 63% in December 2008), a sign that volatility is abating.

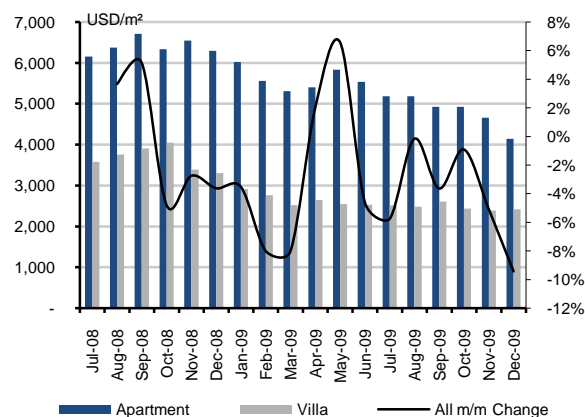
The Abu Dhabi property market outperformed that of Dubai in 2009, despite roughly 90% of transactions being off-plan. While data on actual transactions are scarce, our survey of advertised listings suggests that prices have corrected by 33% in 2009, outperforming asking prices in Dubai, which retreated by 39% over the same period. This is despite the fact that roughly 90% of listings in Abu Dhabi are off-plan compared to c40% in Dubai. This may be attributed to stronger fundamentals in Abu Dhabi given the acute shortage and higher rentals yields of up to 14%. That said, asking prices in Abu Dhabi retreated 4% in November 2009 and 9% in and December 2009 lead by Al Reem Island where deliveries took place during those months. As with Dubai, we believe the commencement of deliveries is likely to put pressure on prices in the short term as buyers try to avoid the final installment (typically the largest).

Chart 6

Dubai bid/ask spread continues to narrow



Abu Dhabi asking prices -33% YoY vs. -39% in Dubai



Source: Government of Dubai, Better Homes, HC Research

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Table 1: Dubai Advertised Price Survey

| November 2009 | | | | | | | | | | December 2009 | | | | | | | | | | MoM | MoM | |
|-----------------------|------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------|-------------------|--------------|---------|----------|-----|--|
| Apartment | % of Total | Av. Unit price USD | Av. Price USD/sq.m | Av. Apt. size/sq.m | Down-pmt USD | Monthly pmt USD | Av. Monthly rental USD | Av. Rent USD/sq.m | Rental yield | % of Total | Av. Unit price USD | Av. Price USD/sq.m | Av. Apt. size/sq.m | Down-pmt USD | Monthly pmt USD | Av. Monthly rental USD | Av. Rent USD/sq.m | Rental yield | price Δ | rental Δ | | |
| Dubai Investment Park | 3% | 314,247 | 2,395 | 131 | 78,562 | 2,045 | 2,268 | 207 | 8.7% | 3% | 307,494 | 2,413 | 127 | 76,873 | 2,001 | 2,101 | 198 | 8.2% | 1% | -5% | | |
| Impz | 2% | 214,654 | 3,128 | 69 | 53,663 | 1,397 | 1,739 | 304 | 9.7% | 2% | 213,962 | 3,140 | 68 | 53,491 | 1,393 | 1,032 | 182 | 5.8% | 0% | -40% | | |
| Downtown Jebel Ali | 0% | 732,274 | 6,781 | 108 | 183,068 | 4,766 | - | - | 0.0% | 0% | 732,274 | 6,781 | 108 | 183,068 | 4,766 | - | - | 0.0% | 0% | - | | |
| International City | 2% | 136,156 | 1,803 | 75 | 34,039 | 886 | 1,195 | 190 | 10.5% | 2% | 132,742 | 1,803 | 74 | 33,186 | 864 | 1,108 | 181 | 10.0% | 0% | -5% | | |
| Jumeirah Village | 3% | 240,756 | 2,387 | 101 | 60,189 | 1,567 | - | - | 0.0% | 5% | 310,704 | 3,518 | 88 | 77,676 | 2,022 | - | - | 0.0% | 47% | - | | |
| Dubailand | 8% | 279,838 | 2,407 | 116 | 69,960 | 1,821 | 1,315 | 136 | 5.6% | 6% | 258,638 | 2,445 | 106 | 64,660 | 1,683 | 1,100 | 125 | 5.1% | 2% | -8% | | |
| Dubai Silicon Oasis | 3% | 262,867 | 2,550 | 103 | 65,717 | 1,711 | 1,490 | 173 | 6.8% | 2% | 256,274 | 2,730 | 94 | 64,069 | 1,668 | 1,357 | 173 | 6.4% | 7% | 0% | | |
| Jumeirah Lake Towers | 10% | 334,829 | 3,049 | 110 | 83,707 | 2,179 | 1,893 | 207 | 6.8% | 8% | 336,627 | 3,093 | 109 | 84,157 | 2,191 | 1,951 | 215 | 7.0% | 1% | 4% | | |
| The Greens | 2% | 447,703 | 3,437 | 130 | 111,926 | 2,914 | 2,868 | 264 | 7.7% | 2% | 725,805 | 5,682 | 128 | 181,451 | 4,724 | 2,778 | 261 | 4.6% | 65% | -1% | | |
| Emirates Living | 5% | 437,918 | 4,154 | 105 | 109,479 | 2,850 | 2,730 | 311 | 7.5% | 5% | 455,665 | 4,170 | 109 | 113,916 | 2,966 | 3,019 | 332 | 8.0% | 0% | 7% | | |
| Dubai Marina | 31% | 574,446 | 3,844 | 149 | 143,611 | 3,739 | 3,491 | 280 | 7.3% | 32% | 522,434 | 4,014 | 130 | 130,608 | 3,400 | 2,920 | 269 | 6.7% | 4% | -4% | | |
| DIFC | 2% | 447,578 | 6,772 | 66 | 111,895 | 2,913 | 1,863 | 338 | 5.0% | 3% | 758,312 | 6,569 | 115 | 189,578 | 4,936 | 3,254 | 338 | 5.1% | -3% | 0% | | |
| Culture Village | 1% | 608,854 | 6,339 | 96 | 152,214 | 3,963 | - | - | 0.0% | 1% | 911,767 | 3,242 | 281 | 227,942 | 5,934 | - | - | 0.0% | -49% | - | | |
| Business Bay | 5% | 498,379 | 3,984 | 125 | 124,595 | 3,244 | 2,453 | 235 | 5.9% | 5% | 585,953 | 3,883 | 151 | 146,488 | 3,814 | 2,919 | 232 | 6.0% | -3% | - | | |
| Downtown Burj Khalifa | 12% | 630,712 | 5,893 | 107 | 157,678 | 4,105 | 2,511 | 281 | 4.8% | 12% | 567,970 | 6,133 | 93 | 141,992 | 3,697 | 2,688 | 348 | 5.7% | 4% | 24% | | |
| Palm Jumeirah | 8% | 859,003 | 3,769 | 228 | 214,751 | 5,591 | 5,212 | 274 | 7.3% | 9% | 1,038,677 | 4,612 | 225 | 259,669 | 6,760 | 5,393 | 287 | 6.2% | 22% | 5% | | |
| Weighted Average | | 486,722 | 3,748 | 130 | 121,680 | 3,168 | 2,894 | 254 | 6.4% | | 513,175 | 4,022 | 128 | 128,294 | 3,340 | 2,614 | 253 | 6.0% | 7% | 0% | | |
| Villas | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dubai Marina | 0% | 904,797 | 4,486 | 202 | 226,199 | 5,889 | 4,284 | 255 | 5.7% | 0% | 1,038,420 | 5,148 | 202 | 259,605 | 6,759 | 3,745 | 223 | 4.3% | 15% | -13% | | |
| Jumeirah Village | 3% | 536,663 | 2,164 | 248 | 134,166 | 3,493 | 3,513 | 170 | 7.9% | 15% | 581,413 | 2,292 | 254 | 145,353 | 3,784 | 3,424 | 162 | 7.1% | 6% | -5% | | |
| Al Furjan | 4% | 2,040,665 | 4,697 | 434 | 510,166 | 13,282 | - | - | 0.0% | 4% | 2,040,665 | 4,697 | 434 | 510,166 | 13,282 | - | - | 0.0% | 0% | - | | |
| Dubai Investment Park | 5% | 895,831 | 2,041 | 439 | 223,958 | 5,831 | 4,791 | 131 | 6.4% | 7% | 1,044,333 | 2,038 | 512 | 261,083 | 6,797 | 5,675 | 133 | 6.5% | 0% | 1% | | |
| Jumeirah Park | 8% | 1,054,074 | 3,161 | 334 | 263,518 | 6,861 | - | - | 0.0% | 7% | 1,054,074 | 3,161 | 334 | 263,518 | 6,861 | - | - | 0.0% | 0% | - | | |
| Jumeirah Golf Estates | 9% | 1,513,007 | 4,028 | 376 | 378,252 | 9,848 | - | - | 0.0% | 3% | 1,694,351 | 4,089 | 414 | 423,588 | 11,028 | - | - | 0.0% | 2% | - | | |
| Dubailand | 18% | 961,073 | 2,957 | 325 | 240,268 | 6,255 | 4,054 | 150 | 5.1% | 17% | 978,339 | 2,862 | 342 | 244,585 | 6,368 | 4,232 | 149 | 5.2% | -3% | -1% | | |
| Arabian Ranches | 13% | 952,034 | 3,236 | 294 | 238,009 | 6,196 | 4,611 | 188 | 5.8% | 13% | 1,089,775 | 3,032 | 359 | 272,444 | 7,093 | 5,553 | 185 | 6.1% | -6% | -1% | | |
| Emirates Living | 33% | 946,927 | 3,228 | 293 | 236,732 | 6,163 | 4,372 | 179 | 5.5% | 29% | 1,205,042 | 3,664 | 329 | 301,260 | 7,843 | 5,143 | 188 | 5.1% | 14% | 5% | | |
| Palm Jebel Ali | 0% | 3,407,206 | 5,788 | 589 | 851,802 | 22,176 | - | - | 0.0% | 0% | 3,407,206 | 5,788 | 589 | 851,802 | 22,176 | - | - | 0.0% | 0% | - | | |
| Palm Jumeirah | 7% | 2,854,732 | 5,424 | 526 | 713,683 | 18,581 | 9,130 | 208 | 3.8% | 6% | 3,199,455 | 5,650 | 566 | 799,864 | 20,824 | 9,824 | 208 | 3.7% | 4% | 0% | | |
| Dubai Waterfront | 1% | 2,941,388 | 5,011 | 587 | 735,347 | 19,145 | - | - | 0.0% | 0% | 2,941,388 | 5,011 | 587 | 735,347 | 19,145 | - | - | 0.0% | 0% | - | | |
| Weighted Average | | 1,182,179 | 3,381 | 350 | 295,545 | 7,694 | 4,856 | 180 | 5.0% | | 1,213,606 | 3,283 | 370 | 303,402 | 7,899 | 5,633 | 190 | 5.0% | -3% | 6% | | |
| Total weighted avg. | | 656,167 | 3,658 | 179 | 164,042 | 4,271 | 3,183 | 243 | 6.2% | | 685,641 | 3,840 | 179 | 171,410 | 4,463 | 2,938 | 246 | 5.9% | 5% | 1% | | |

Source: Better Homes, HC Research



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Table 2: Abu Dhabi Advertised Price Survey (USD/sq m)

| Apartment | Developer | Sep. 08 | Dec. 08 | QoQ Δ | Mar. 09 | QoQ Δ | Jun. 09 | QoQ Δ | Sep. 09 | QoQ Δ | Dec. 09 | QoQ Δ |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|-----------|--------------|------------|--------------|-------------|
| Al Reef | Manazel | 3,723 | 3,096 | -17% | 3,295 | 6% | 3,407 | 3% | 3,181 | -7% | 2,612 | -18% |
| Al Ghadeer | Sorouh | 5,591 | 5,225 | -7% | 5,222 | 0% | 5,377 | 3% | 5,377 | 0% | 5,377 | 0% |
| Al Raha Beach | Aldar | 7,207 | 6,262 | -13% | 5,585 | -11% | 5,225 | -6% | 4,893 | -6% | 4,181 | -15% |
| Al Reem Island | Sorouh/Other | 6,614 | 6,521 | -1% | 5,353 | -18% | 5,704 | 7% | 5,008 | -12% | 4,301 | -14% |
| Weighted average | | 6,706 | 6,299 | -6% | 5,312 | -16% | 5,536 | 4% | 4,928 | -11% | 4,143 | -16% |
| Villas | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Hydra Village | Hydra | 2,510 | 2,451 | -2% | 1,422 | -42% | 2,021 | 42% | 2,021 | 0% | 1,662 | -18% |
| Al Reef | Manazel | 3,231 | 3,111 | -4% | 2,207 | -29% | 2,076 | -6% | 2,225 | 7% | 2,041 | -8% |
| Al Raha Gardens | Aldar | 4,369 | 4,932 | 13% | 3,938 | -20% | 3,723 | -5% | 3,301 | -11% | 2,800 | -15% |
| Al Ghadeer | Sorouh | 5,107 | 4,732 | -7% | 4,638 | -2% | 4,773 | 3% | 4,733 | -1% | 4,733 | 0% |
| Weighted average | | 3,909 | 3,305 | -15% | 2,523 | -24% | 2,527 | 0% | 2,610 | 3% | 2,420 | -7% |
| Total weighted average | | 6,313 | 5,634 | -11% | 4,692 | -17% | 4,867 | 4% | 4,413 | -9% | 3,760 | -15% |

Source: Better Homes, HC Research

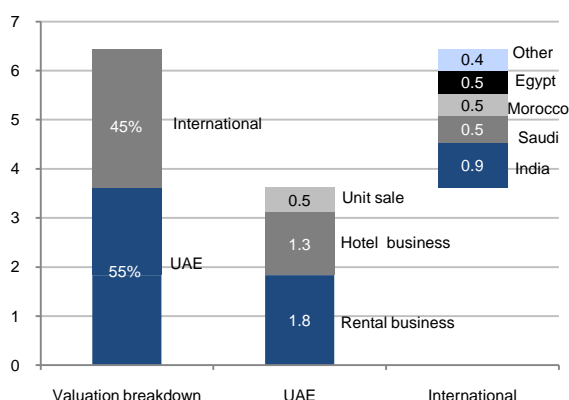
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- Emaar less exposed to systemic risk given its exposure to tourism (retail and hotel portfolio) and overseas markets
- Liquidity position remains comfortable with net debt/equity at 18% and operating cash flows sufficient to meet short-term obligations of AED4.1 billion
- We reiterate our "Buy" recommendation and TP of AED6.5/ share, potential upside of 65%

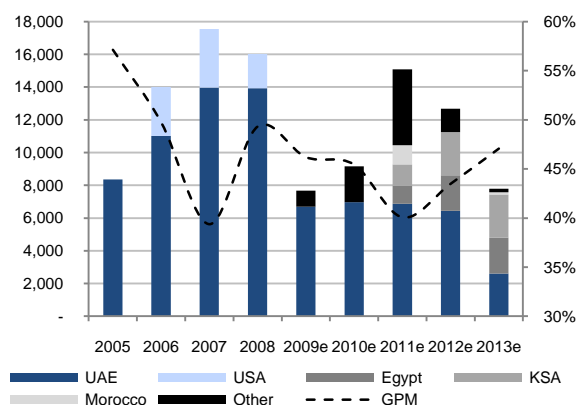
Emaar is our preferred play on exposure to tourism and geographic diversification

Chart 7

Value Drivers: International Markets Gaining Significance



Revenue Breakdown by Geography (AEDmn)



Source: Company Data, HC estimates

Considering that the global slowdown greatly impacted the tourism sector in Dubai in 2009, we feel the downside is limited going forward given the gradual global recovery as well as continued dollar weakness. Accordingly, we believe Emaar's operational Dubai investment properties (mainly retail and hotel) should prove more resilient and thus provide at least a floor to the company's valuation at AED3.1 billion, on our estimates.

Also, Emaar's overseas exposure further supports its valuation. We estimate the overall contribution from the international business has almost doubled to 45% from 27% at the beginning of last year. Going forward, we expect this trend to persist, in part due project delays and cancellations in Dubai following the crisis, but mainly because Emaar's Dubai land bank is rapidly depleting. In terms of revenue, we expect international operations to account for 30% in 2010e, but to jump to 55% in 2011e on deliveries in Egypt, Saudi, Morocco, Pakistan, and Syria. Based on the current pipeline, we estimate international income is likely to surpass that from domestic operations by 2013e.

Table 3: Emaar Delivery Schedule

| Project | Location | 2009e | 2010e | 2011e |
|---------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Downtown Burj Khalifa | UAE | 1,050 | 1,400 | 2,105 |
| Dubai Marina | UAE | 890 | 890 | 445 |
| Emirates living | UAE | 760 | 505 | |
| Arabian Ranches | UAE | 220 | 117 | |
| Al Khobar Lakes | KSA | | | 495 |
| Jeddah Gate | KSA | | | 900 |
| Uptown Cairo | Egypt | | | 900 |
| Marassi | Egypt | | | 924 |
| Tinja | Morocco | | | 738 |
| The Eights Gate | Syria | | | 1,012 |
| Tuscon Valley | Turkey | 277 | 278 | |
| Canyon Views/Crescent Bay | Pakistan | 538 | 1,616 | 2,155 |
| Total | | 3,485 | 4,806 | 9,674 |

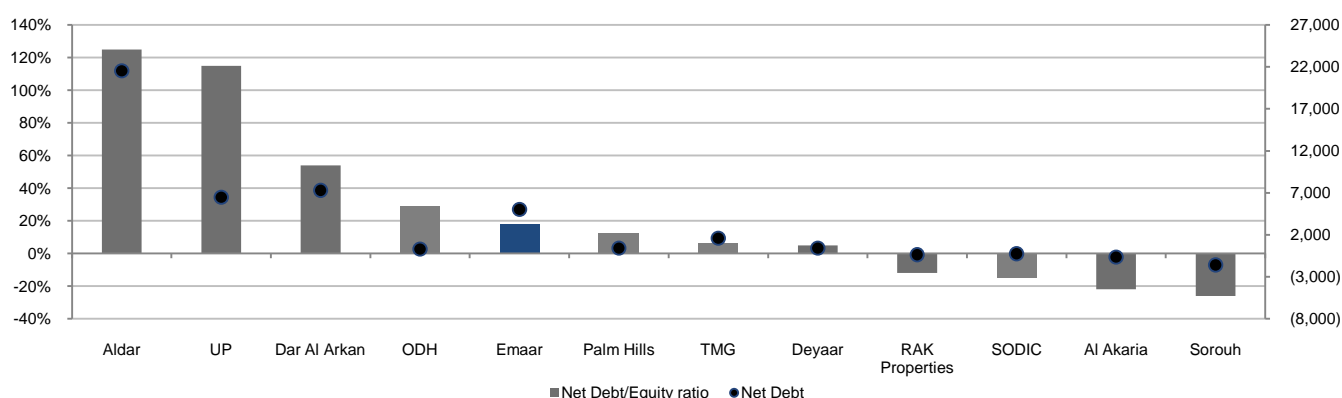
Source: Company Data, HC estimates

Liquidity position comfortable, recurring cash flows another source of funding

Despite raising AED1.1 billion debt in 2Q09, Emaar's liquidity position remains strong with a net debt/equity at 18% (includes cash equivalents held for sale securities of AED1.1 billion). That said, however, the company has AED4.1 billion in short-term obligations, which we believe are likely to be refinanced. Even if the company opts not to refinance or is unable to do so, we feel operating cash flows are sufficient to cover debt repayments. Working backwards from development properties of AED26.4 billion at the end of 3Q09 and assuming an average margin of 45%, we estimate potential revenue of AED48 billion. Taking into account customer advances of AED17.3 billion at the end of 3Q09, based on the current pipeline alone, we estimate AED30 billion in cash is still to be collected. Also, we estimate recurring net cash flows of cAED1.5 billion from the high-margin rental business, which can also be viewed as a financing option.

Chart 8

Liquidity Position Remains Comfortable Relative to Gulf Peers (3Q09)



Source: Company Data

Valuation

We reiterate our "Buy" recommendation and TP of AED6.5/share

Table 4: Valuation Breakdown

| | Unit | Basis | Valuation AED | % of Total value |
|--------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|------------------|
| UAE | Unit Sales | DCF | 0.6 | 9% |
| UAE | Retail and Office | Cap rate | 2.0 | 25% |
| UAE | Hotels | DCF | 1.4 | 24% |
| UAE | Dubai Bank | M Cap | 0.0 | 0% |
| UAE | Amlak Finance | M Cap | 0.0 | 0% |
| UAE | Bawadi | DCF | 0.0 | 0% |
| Saudi Arabia | KAEC | M Cap | 0.5 | 9% |
| Saudi Arabia | Emaar Middle East | DCF | 0.1 | 1% |
| India | | Discount to IPO | 1.0 | 17% |
| Egypt | | DCF | 0.5 | 9% |
| Morocco | | DCF | 0.5 | 8% |
| Turkey | | DCF | 0.0 | 0% |
| Syria | | DCF | 0.1 | 2% |
| Libya | | Land Value | | 0% |
| Pakistan | | DCF | 0.1 | 2% |
| US | | DCF | 0.0 | 0% |
| Jordan | | DCF | 0.2 | 3% |
| Indonesia | | Not valued | | 0% |
| Algeria | | Land Value | | 0% |
| UK | Hampston | | 0.1 | 2% |
| Net Debt | | | -0.6 | -10% |
| Total value | | | 6.5 | 100% |

Source: HC estimates

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We value real estate companies using a combination of DCF analysis and land valuation. Where a final master plan is available, we use a sum-of-the-parts DCF. Otherwise, we rely on land valuation only. We value all projects where development plans have been completed based on built up area (BUA). Hence, projects such as in Algeria and Libya, where the company owns a substantial land bank, are excluded. For the UAE investment properties, which are mostly operational, we use the capitalization method (cap rate of 10%). For associates and subsidiaries, we use market cap if available (KAEC, Amlak) or net asset value (Dubai Bank). Regarding MGF India, we apply a 25% discount to the offering lower range.

Considering the project cancelations, delays, and scale backs initiated by Emaar in early 2009 in response to the weakening macro environment, for UAE sale projects we assume all future projects are canceled and only include those that are nearing completion. For international sale projects we apply a 50% probability.

Our TP of AED6.5/share implies a 45% discount to 2009e NAV

Since Emaar's land is not recognized on its books, we use the latest independent fair valuation conducted at the end of 2008. We also mark-to-market the value of associate and subsidiaries. Additionally, we revalue the company's investment properties, which are recognized at cost using the capitalization method. We use a cap rate of 10% in line with prevailing commercial yields. To compute net operating income, we apply an 85% margin for retail and office and 60% for the hotel. We then mark up the BV of the Indian business by AED6 billion based on the latest listing guidance. Please refer to Table 4.

Table 5: NAV calculation

| (AEDbn) | 2009e |
|-----------------------|--------|
| Equity | 28.2 |
| BV of IP | (13.4) |
| BV of Land | (10.1) |
| Market Value of IP | 12.3 |
| Market Value of Hotel | 3.7 |
| Market value of land | 47.8 |
| Emaar MGF | 2.9 |
| NAV | 71.3 |
| NAV per share (AED) | 11.7 |

Source: HC estimates

Company specific risks

- **Oversupply:** A potential oversupply in Dubai would have a negative implication on future sale, thus forcing Emaar to abandon some projects.
- **Currency revaluation:** Any currency revaluation would lead to translation losses since contribution from foreign subsidiaries as well as value of foreign investments would decline.
- **Governance:** Emaar still operates in an underdeveloped regulatory environment, where minority interests can be overlooked (e.g. the share for land swap in 2007).
- **Execution:** The sheer scale and geographic spread of developments might stretch management and operational capacity, introducing the risk of delays and conception.



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Rating Scale

| Recommendation | Upside |
|----------------|------------------|
| Buy | Greater than 25% |
| Hold | -5%–25% |
| Sell | Less than -5% |

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