## WORLD BANK AND UNDERSECRETARIAT OF TREASURY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON CORPORATE GOVERNANCE PRACTICES IN SOEs

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## **LESSONS FROM SOE GOVERNANCE REFORMS – SINGAPORE**

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- The Singapore Experience
- Highly positive and intricably linked to Temasek Holdings Pte Ltd.

- CG Reform in Singapore SOEs effectively started in 1974 with incorporation of Temasek under Singapore Companies Act (Chapter 50)
- A holding company wholly owned by the Minister of Finance
- Formed to hold and commercially manage the State's investment in various sectors of the economy
- Early realisation by its leaders that its enterprises needed to be run commercially to be successful
- Initial portfolio was S\$354 million and S\$215 billion in March 2013

## **Critical Success Factors**

- Separation of the Government's role as owner and shareholder and as policy maker and regulator.
- SOEs (or GLCs) operate as commercial entities with adherence to highest standards of corporate governance
- Focus on long term sustainable stakeholder value

## Separation of ownership from regulatory function

- Temasek (SOE) and investee companies (TLCs or GLCs) able to operate commercially without agency interference and conflicts of interest
- Expected to comply with all regulations without special preference



#### **Temasek – Performance Overview**

#### **Group Net Profit**

Average annual group net profit of S\$10 billion over the decade



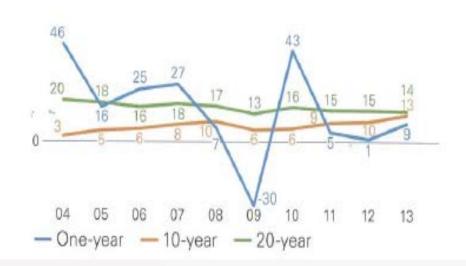
S\$11b Group net profit

1 As at 31 March 2013.

## Total Return to Shareholder

Compounded annual return of 13% to shareholder over 10 years

8.86% One-year return to shareholder Rolling S\$ Total Shareholder Return (%)



#### **Temasek – Performance Overview**

#### Ten-year Returns to Temasek by Vintage

Annualised 16% returns over last decade for investments older than 10 years

20% Ten-year returns to Temasek on post-March 2003 investments



#### **Temasek – Total Shareholder Return**



#### Source : Temasek Review 2013

## Key features of Temasek's operating model

- An active shareholder and investor
- Clear mandate with long term orientation (See Temasek Charter)
- Listing on local exchange where appropriate
- Highly competent and independent board and relevant committees at both Temasek and investee company level

## Key features of Temasek's operating model

- Effective Risk Management Geography and Sector
- Disclosure and Transparency
- Accountability to President, Shareholder, Portfolio companies and Community

## The Temasek Charter

## Temasek is an active investor and shareholder.

We deliver sustainable value over the long term.

## Temasek is a forward looking institution.

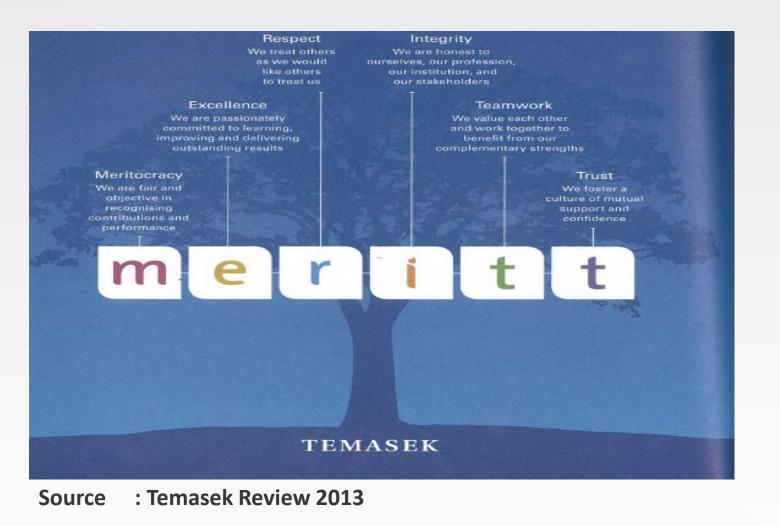
We act with integrity and are committed to the pursuit of excellence.

### Temasek is a trusted steward.

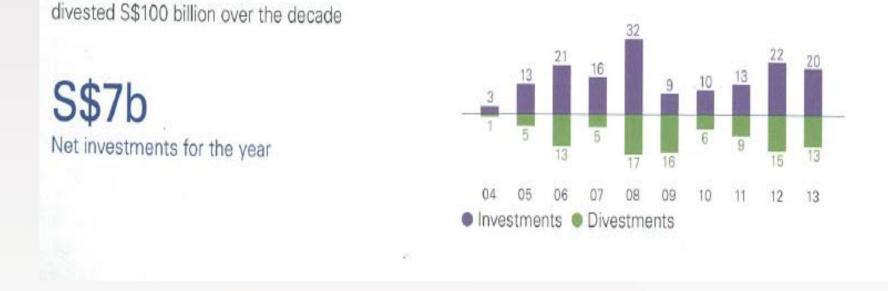
We strive for the advancement of our communities across generations.

Source : Temasek Review 2013

#### **Temasek CORE Values**



#### **Temasek – Performance Overview**



## Investments & Divestments (S\$b)

Source : Temasek Review 2013 (as at 31<sup>st</sup> March 2013)

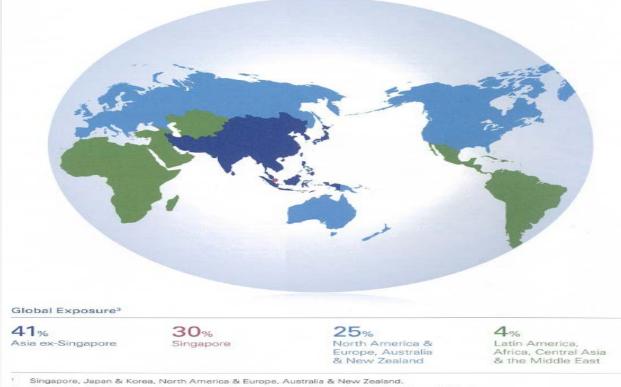
Active Investor

Invested S\$159 billion and

#### Temasek – Portfolio highlights

## Portfolio Highlights (as at 31 March)

Temasek has a net portfolio of S\$215 billion, comprising mostly equities. It has an underlying exposure of 58% to mature economies1 and 42% to growth regions2.



Asia (excluding Singapore, Japan & Korea), Latin America, Africa, Central Asia & the Middle East.

Distribution based on underlying assets.

#### Source : Temasek Review 2013

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		2013	2012
quidity (%)	■ Listed large blocs (≥20% share)	38	37
	Liquid & sub-20% listed assets	35	36
/	Unlisted assets	27	27
	5°	2013	2012
	Singapore dollars	65	65
	<ul> <li>Hong Kong dollars</li> </ul>	11	12
	US dollars	6	7
	<ul> <li>British pounds sterling</li> </ul>	6	6
/	<ul> <li>Euros</li> </ul>	2	1

Distribution based on currency of denomination.

- Temasek's success and high CG standards well acknowledged in both domestic and regional markets
- Temasek's listed investee companies feature prominently as winners in both domestic and regional CG scorecards and Corporate Governance awards
  - Governance and Transparency Index (GTI)
  - ASEAN CG Scorecard
  - Best Managed Board Award

## **Can Temasek's Success be duplicated?**

- YES
- Need holistic approach and sustained concerted efforts by all stakeholders
- Grouping collection of SOEs under a common holding company alone is not sufficient for success

# Thank You