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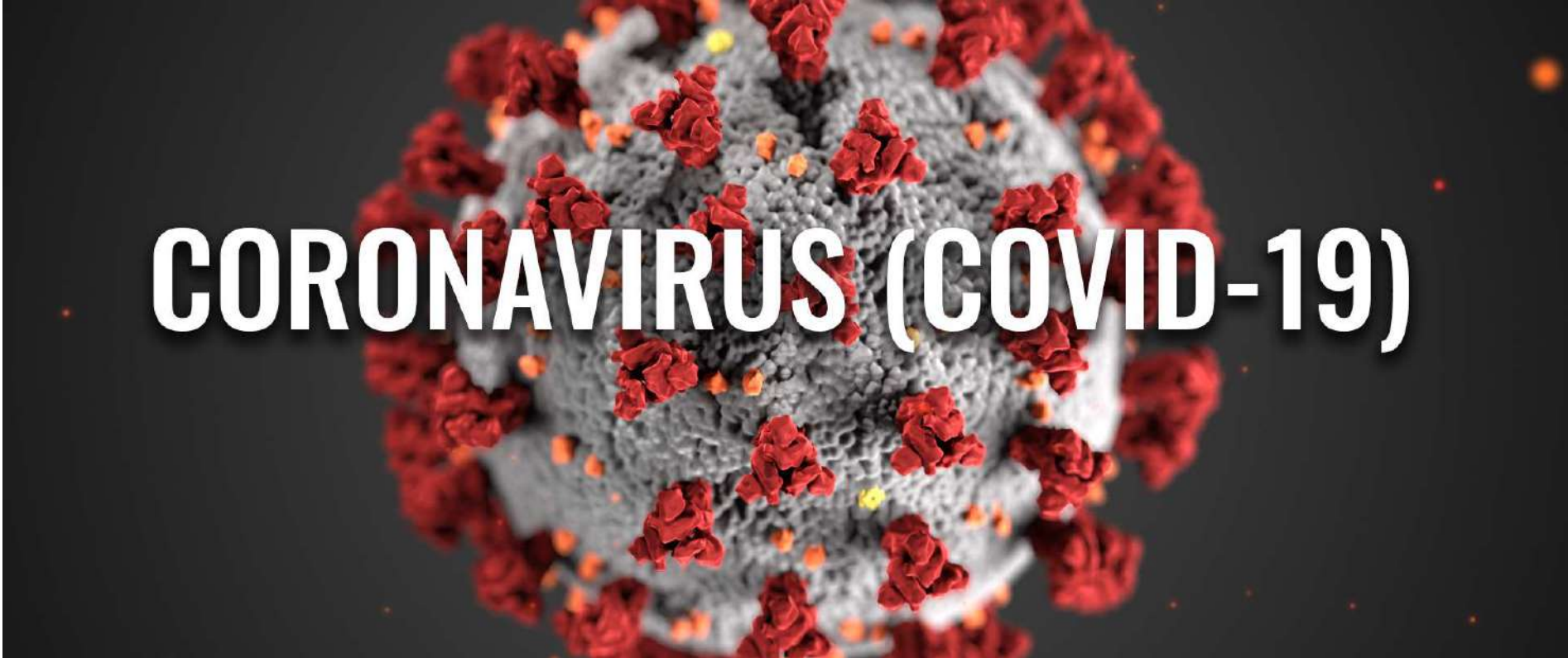
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Singapore recession deepens: Weak economy, high uncertainty mean hard adjustments



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Gloomy economic prognosis is bad news for the job market, and efforts must continue to cushion impact on workers

Source: The Straits Times, 12 Aug 2020

HDB resale volume in July highest in two years; prices also up

Ng Keng Gene

The number of resale transactions of Housing Board (HDB) flats last month hit the highest in two years, even as prices crept up, according to flash data released by real estate portal SRX Property yesterday.

An estimated 2,470 HDB resale flats were sold last month, a 0.7 per cent increase from June when 2,453 units were sold.

July's sales estimates are the highest monthly figures in two years since July 2018, when 2,553 units were transacted.

The high sales for June and July came after exceptionally low numbers of 423 and 364 flats sold in April and May respectively, during the circuit breaker period that lasted from April 7 to June 1.

The July sales were concluded even as the latest estimates show HDB resale prices had increased 0.4 per cent last month compared with the month before, with the re-

sale price index at 132.9 in July, up from 132.3 in June.

Property analysts said that despite the bleak economic outlook, the HDB resale market will likely weather the coronavirus pandemic.

ERA Realty's head of research and consultancy Nicholas Mak said: "Some home buyers prefer to purchase HDB flats during periods of economic uncertainties as they remain the most affordable housing."

He predicted that the resale price index is likely to rise gradually, and estimated that there would be an increase of between 0.6 per cent and 1.2 per cent by the end of this year owing partly to an increase in sales of newer flats.

Ms Wong Siew Ying, head of research and content at PropNex, said: "The strong resale volume in July would likely put to rest any doubts that June's sales spike was a blip caused by pent-up demand owing to the lockdown in April and May."

She added that the fact that HDB

HDB resale volume



NOTE: *Flash estimate

Source: SRX PROPERTY
STRAITS TIMES GRAPHICS

prices have held up in the recent quarters – amid the pandemic – also reflects the strength of the HDB resale market, where sellers still have sufficient financial holding power and are generally able to maintain their asking prices.

Ms Christine Sun, head of research and consultancy at Orange-Tee & Tie, attributed the high sales volume to a backlog of transactions that were accumulated during the circuit breaker period.

She added that during the current economic slowdown, HDB resale numbers could remain high as buyers could be looking for more af-

fordable homes.

Last month, four-room units were the most popular, making up 40.1 per cent of the flats sold, followed by three-room units at 25.1 per cent and five-room flats at 24.3 per cent.

Executive units made up 7.8 per cent, while the rest were two-room and one-room flats.

Looking forward, Ms Sun said: "Given that the HDB resale market has not been heavily battered by the pandemic, the road to recovery may not be a lengthy one."

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Source: The Straits Times, 07 Aug 2020



In the rest of central region, the highest transacted price was \$5.85 million for a unit at Reflections at Keppel Bay (above), while Skyline @ Orchard Boulevard once again took the top spot for the highest transacted price, with a unit resold for \$14.99 million. ST PHOTO: JAVIN FOO

Condo resales rebound, with July volume nearly double that of June

Pent-up demand during circuit breaker helps push up numbers

Wong Shiying

The volume of resale condominiums changing hands nearly doubled last month, with about 978 units sold compared with 496 units in June.

Resale volume last month was up 10 per cent from July last year, and 9.3 per cent higher than the five-year average volumes for the month of July, according to real estate portal SRX Property's flash estimates released yesterday.

Just over half of the units sold last month were located in the outside central region (OCR).

Units in the rest of central region (RCR) and core central region (CCR) accounted for 27.8 per cent and 16.6 per cent, respectively.

ERA Realty's head of research and consultancy Nicholas Mak said the transaction volume last month showed that the condominium resale market had made a full recovery from the effects of the circuit breaker.

He added that there had been pent-up demand during the circuit breaker period from April 7 to June 1.

Condo resale volumes



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In addition, he said, a large number of Housing Board flats had reached the five-year mark and become eligible to be sold in the open market.

"These flats, which have completed the five-year minimum occupation period (MOP) in 2019 and 2020, would result in growing buying demand (for private property) from HDB upgraders," he said.

"Some of these flat owners would

need to buy completed resale condominiums for their own stay, hence contributing to the increase in resale condominium transactions."

An average of 26,600 additional HDB flats hit the five-year mark in each of the two years. This is triple the annual average of 8,800 HDB flats that fulfilled the MOP from 2008 to 2018.

Overall, condominium resale prices rose 0.1 per cent month on

month over June.

However, year on year, overall prices were down 0.1 per cent last month. July prices for OCR and RCR resale units decreased by 1.7 per cent and 1.4 per cent, respectively. Units in the OCR rose by 1.6 per cent.

PropNex Realty's head of research and content Wong Siew Ying said the price trends continue to reflect the resilience of the OCR, or mass market segment.

In this segment, prices tend to be more stable as they are supported by healthy demand from a larger pool of upgraders and owner-occupiers.

In contrast, CCR and RCR resale prices could face more pressure amid a crisis as these regions boast pricier properties and would appeal to a relatively smaller group of buyers and investors compared with the mass market segment," Ms Wong said.

Orange Tree & Tie's head of research and consultancy Christine Sun said some buyers may find the current pricing level comfortable enough to enter the market, fearing a price rise later. "Others may view the current market slowdown to be an opportunity to negotiate a better deal with sellers," she added.

She said buyers are going for more affordable resale properties below \$1.5 million.

According to URA Realis data, 61.9 per cent of non-landed resale homes sold last month were below \$1.5 million, compared with 48.7 per cent in June this year and 56.3 per cent in June last year.

Skyline @ Orchard Boulevard once again took the top spot for the highest transacted price, with a unit resold for \$14.99 million.

In the RCR, the highest transacted price was \$5.85 million for a unit at Reflections at Keppel Bay.

As for the OCR, the highest transacted price was for a unit at Ocean Park, which was resold for \$2.8 million. July's overall SRX transaction over X-value (TOX) data stands at negative \$10,000, no change from the figures for June and May.

TOX measures how much a buyer is overpaying (positive value) or underpaying (negative value) for a property based on SRX's computer-generated market value.

The data covers districts with more than 10 resale transactions.

District 18 (Pasir Ris/Tampines) posted the highest median TOX at positive \$9,500, followed by District 16 (Bedok/Upper East Coast) at positive \$5,000.

The lowest medians were found in District 4 (Sentosa/HarbourFront) at negative \$90,000 followed by District 10 (Tanglin/Holland/Bukit Timah) at negative \$70,000.

ERA's Mr Mak said resale condominium transaction volume could return to a monthly sale volume of between 600 and 1,000 units in the coming months, assuming the COVID-19 pandemic is managed well in Singapore.

But he added that economic uncertainty would put a cap on property prices, causing the resale condominium price index to vary between +1.5 per cent and -1.0 per cent year on year for 2020.

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Source: The Straits Times, 12 Aug 2020

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EXERCISING CAUTION

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WONG TECK HUI, senior director of research and consultancy at JLL, on the absence of new launches last month.

Visitors at the Treasure at Tampines show gallery. Last month's take-up was led by projects in the suburban sub-market (outside central region) with 548 sales, followed by 419 units sold in the city fringes or rest of central region, and 113 in the prime districts or core central region.

PHOTO: SIM LIAN LAM

New private home sales up for 3rd month in row

July's 8.2% increase in number of units sold comes even as economic outlook worsens

Grace Leong
Business Correspondent

New home sales continued to rise for a third straight month amid a worsening economic outlook, with developers selling 1,080 non-landed private homes last month, up 8.2 per cent from June.

This is up from a near six-year low during the circuit breaker period in April, but sales were down 8.4 per cent from 1,179 a year ago.

There were 869 private homes launched in July, up nearly 46 per cent from 597 in June, but down 4.6

per cent from 911 a year ago.

The bulk of the units sold were from earlier launches, which accounted for 68 per cent of July's total sales, analysts say.

The figures, released by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) yesterday, excluded executive condominium (EC) units, a public-private housing hybrid. Including EC units, 1,142 new non-landed homes were taken up last month, up nearly 11 per cent from June, but down about 27 per cent from 1,557 a year ago, the URA data showed.

Mr Wong Siow Ying, head of research at PropSax, noted that while

the relatively brisk sales in recent months may seem at odds with the gloomy economic prognosis, the current downturn is not felt evenly across all sectors of the economy.

"Some sectors - such as financial services and tech - have held up better than others, and (those who) feel more secure about their job prospects or have built up substantial savings may see this as an opportunity to enter the market."

However, the absence of new launches last month shows caution among some developers. Although showflats reopened on June 19, they did not rush to launch new projects before the start of the Hungry Ghost month tomorrow, a period that typically sees a quieter market.

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Top 10 selling projects in July (including EC)

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Treasure At Tampines	Tampines Lane	OCR	112	1,344	62%
Parc Clematis	Jalan Lempeng	OCR	87	1,649	57%
The Florence Residences	Hougang Avenue 2	OCR	78	1,559	58%
Jadekiss	Shunfu Road	RCR	75	1,739	75%
Daintree Residence	Toh Tuck Road	RCR	56	1,641	60%
Parc Esta	Sims Avenue	RCR	50	1,710	96%
The Tapestry	Tampines Street 86	OCR	44	1,365	98%
Stirling Residences	Stirling Road	RCR	38	1,979	86%
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Sources: COLLIER'S INTERNATIONAL, URA

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well as to (implement) safe management measures, especially for larger-scale projects," said Mr Ong Teck Hui, senior director of research and consultancy at JLL.

Potentially affecting new launches and sales take-up for the rest of the year are factors like the severity of the recession and whether the pandemic remains under control, he added. Upcoming launches include Pentose in Sims Drive and The Landmark in Chin Swee Road.

Last month's take-up was led by projects in the suburban sub-market (outside central region) with 548 sales, followed by 419 units sold in the city fringes or rest of central region, and 113 in the prime districts or core central region.

So far this month, freehold Forest at Bukit Timah is the only new

launch, selling 172 units at a median price of \$1,931 psf, JLL said.

Ms Tricia Song, head of research for Singapore at Colliers International, noted that foreign buying slowed last month, with only 34 or 3.2 per cent of new sales caveats lodged by foreigners, compared with 47 or 4.9 per cent in June.

Disputing talk of discounts, Mr Wong Xian Yang, Cushman & Wakefield's associate director of research for Singapore and South-east Asia, said median prices of the top five selling projects in July were similar to or even higher compared with those from the time of their launch to July.

For instance, the median price for The Florence Residences from the time of its launch to July was \$1,471 per sq ft (psf), but it rose to \$1,559 psf in July, he pointed out.

Interest in pricier units has picked up, analysts say. This is despite Singapore suffering a deeper recession in the second quarter than expected, with the economy contracting 13.2 per cent year on year, sharper than a 12.6 per cent plunge earlier estimated and the worst on record, the Ministry of Trade and Industry said last week.

URA Beads data showed 147 deals transacted at more than \$2 million each in July compared with 118 such deals in June, said CBRE's head of research for South-east Asia Desmond Sim. "There were also some large quantum deals of more than \$5 million in luxury projects such as IS Holland Hill last month."

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Source: The Straits Times, 18 Aug 2020

Warren Buffett once said...

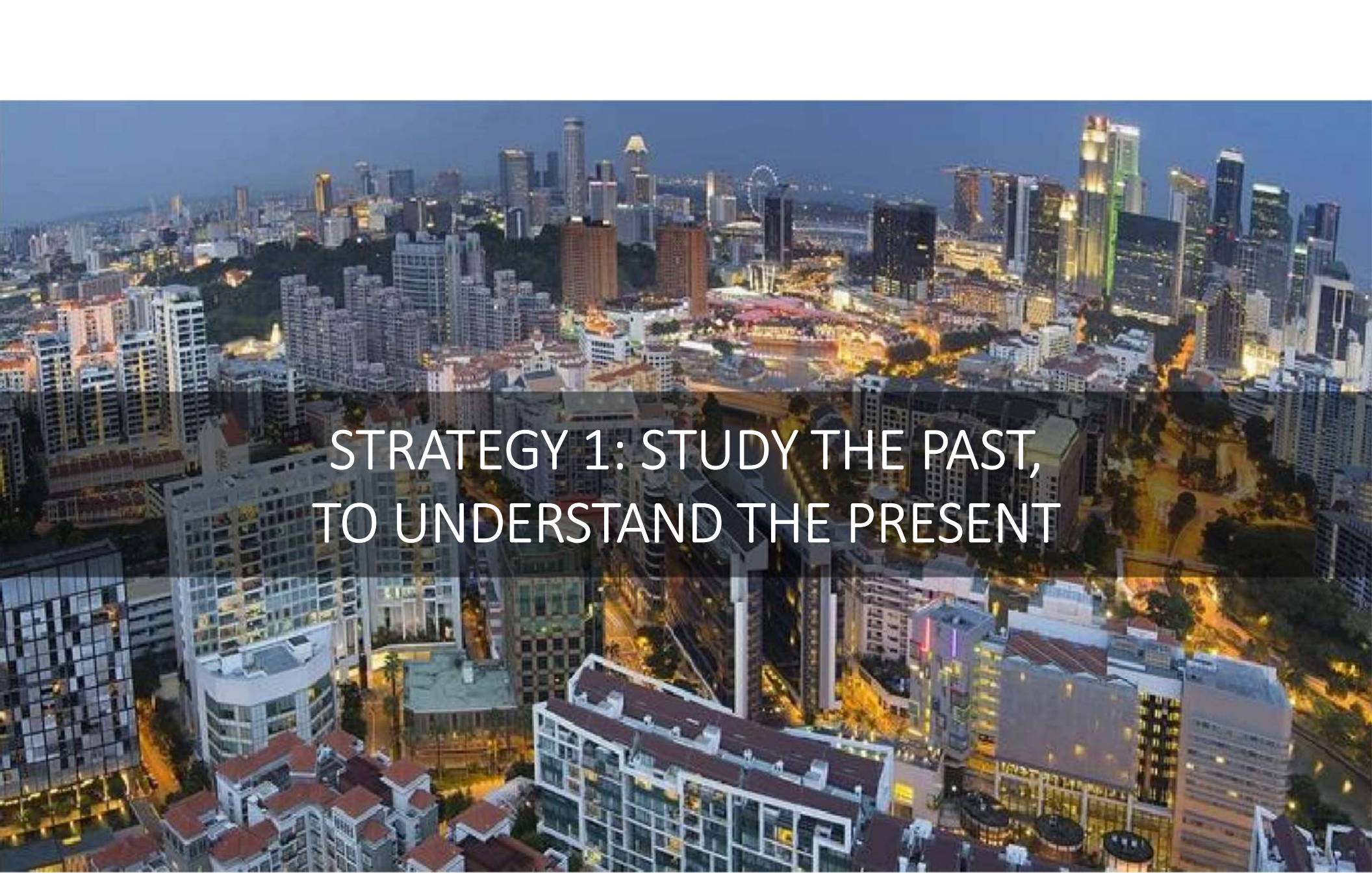
“Be fearful when others
are greedy and greedy
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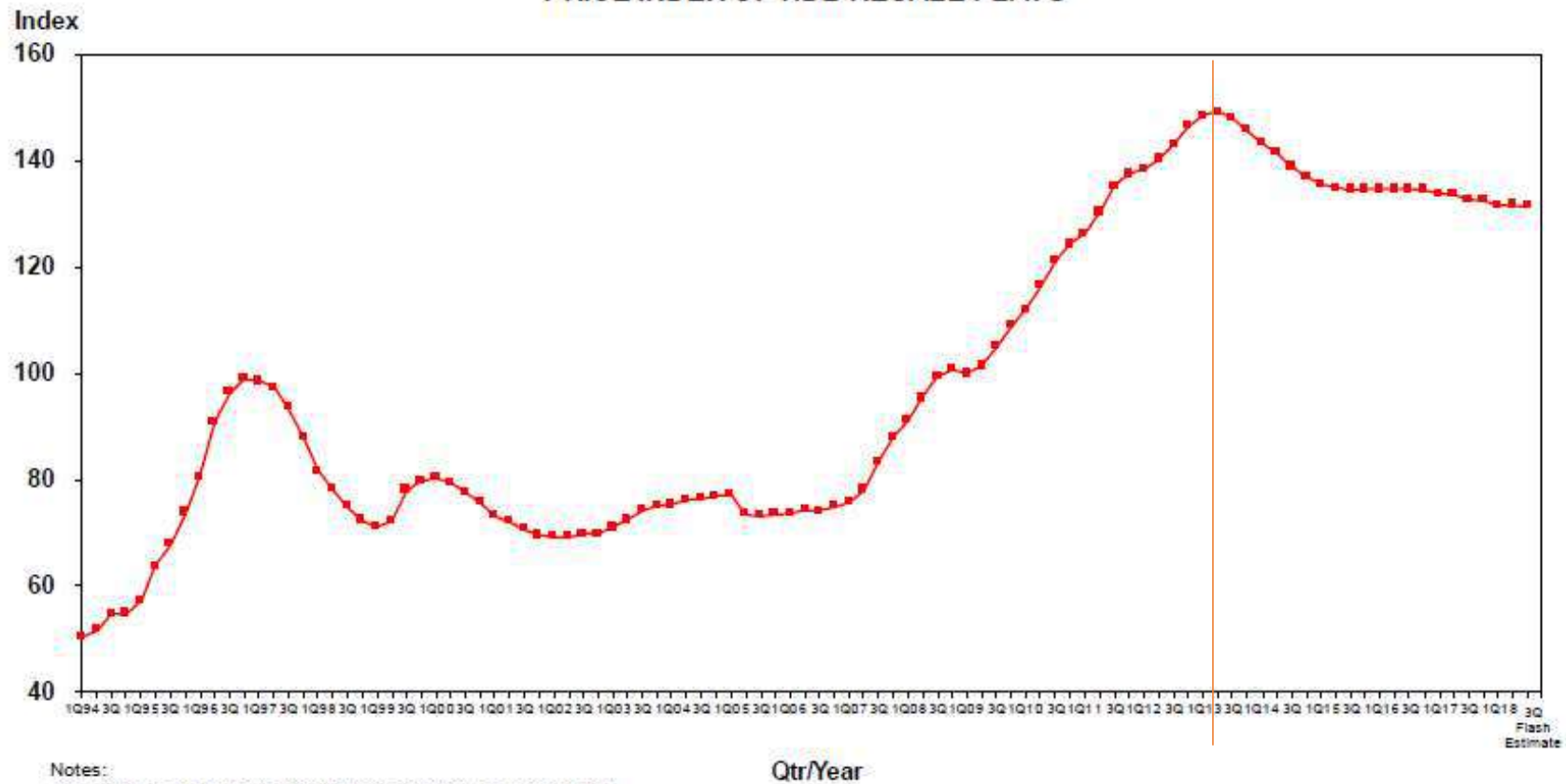


The **PAST** *is where you learned the lesson.*
The **FUTURE** *is where you apply the lesson.*

An aerial night view of a city skyline, likely Singapore, with numerous illuminated skyscrapers and residential buildings. A semi-transparent dark rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text "STRATEGY 1: STUDY THE PAST, TO UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT" in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters.

STRATEGY 1: STUDY THE PAST, TO UNDERSTAND THE PRESENT

PRICE INDEX OF HDB RESALE FLATS

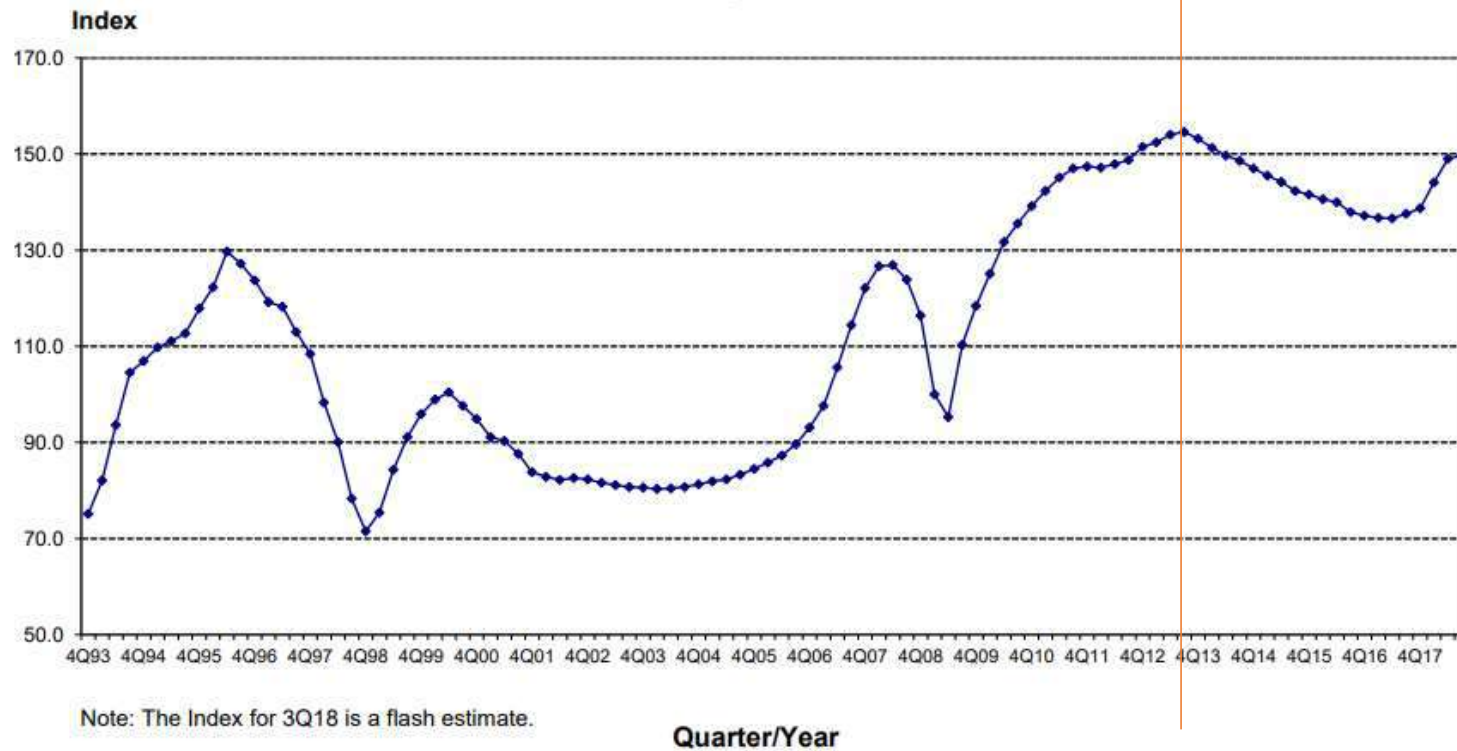


Notes:

- 1) 1Q2009 is adopted as the new base period with index at 100.
- 2) The index from 1Q1990 to 3Q2014 is rebased to the new base period at 1Q2009.
- 3) The index from 4Q2014 onwards is computed using the stratified hedonic regression method.
- 4) The index for 3Q2018 is a flash estimate.

Source: HDB, 1st Oct 2018

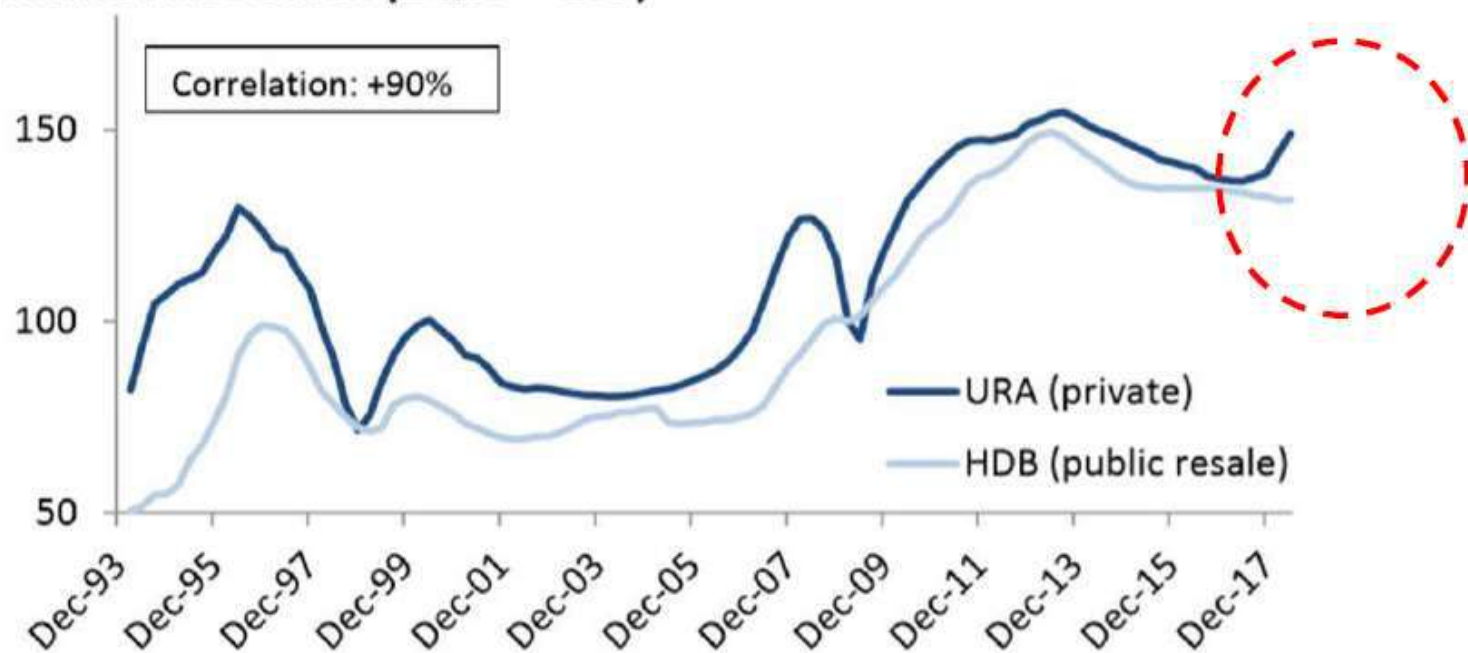
Private Residential Property Price Index (1Q09=100)



Source: URA, 1st Oct 2018

Private home prices move with HDB resale prices

Home Price Index (1Q09 = 100)



Source: URA, HDB, Morgan Stanley Research

HDB 99-YR LEASE **TICKING CLOCK** BEGINS...



Don't assume all old HDB flats will become eligible for Sers, cautions Lawrence Wong



Blocks 1, 2 and 3 in East Coast Road. These blocks are about 48 years old, and there are 82 households in total. In the Selective En bloc Redevelopment Scheme (Sers), residents are compensated for their existing homes and given discounts on brand new flats. PHOTO: ST FILE

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SINGAPORE - National Development Minister Lawrence Wong has cautioned home buyers not to assume that all old Housing Board flats will be automatically eligible for the Selective En bloc Redevelopment Scheme (Sers).

He said in a blog post on Friday (March 24) that the Government will continue to maintain the strict selection criteria for blocks eligible for Sers, noting that only 4 per cent of HDB flats have been identified for Sers since it was launched in 1995.



'...less than 4% eligible for SERS since 1995'

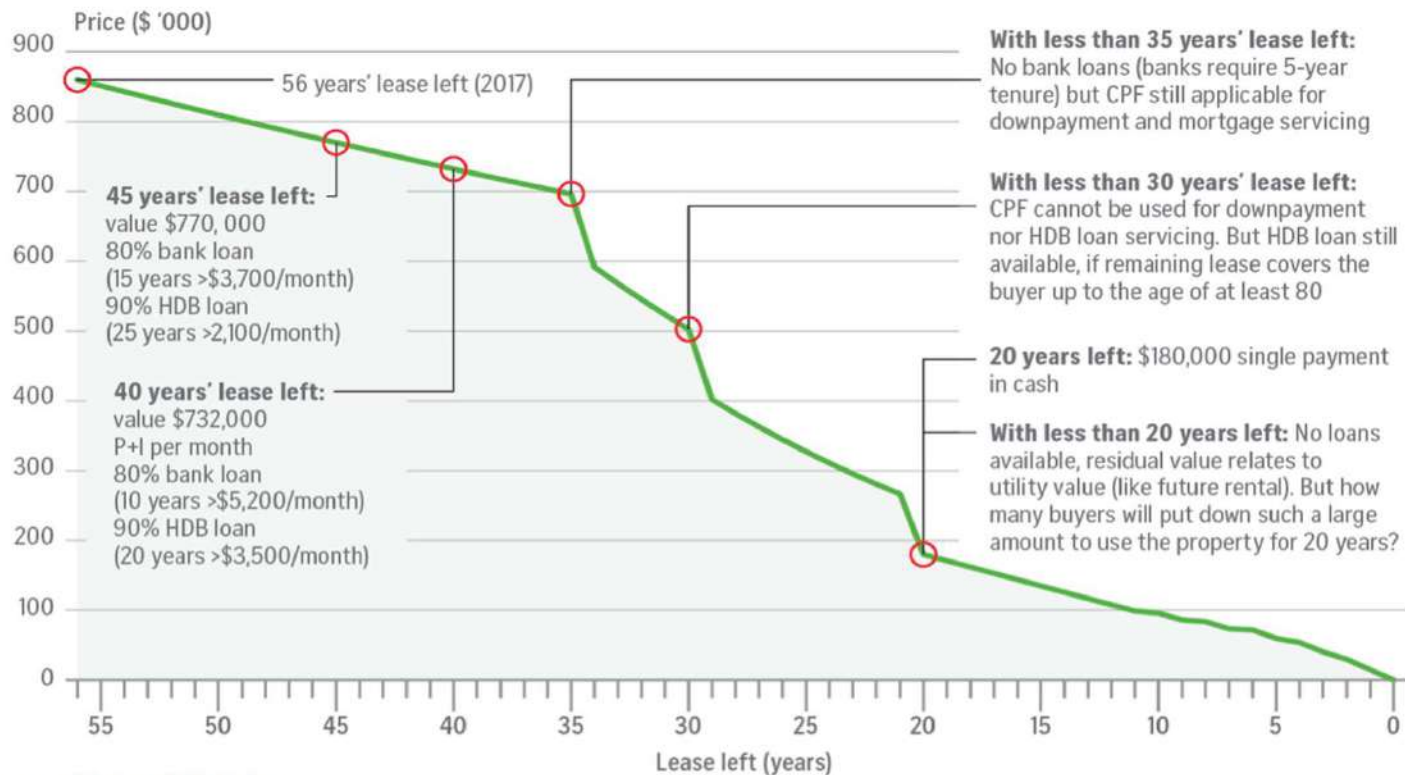
**"For the vast majority of HDB flats, the leases will eventually run out, and the flats will be returned to HDB, who will in turn have to surrender the land to the State."
- National Development Minister Lawrence Wong**

The Straits Times: 24 March 2017

When the lease of a HDB flat expires, its **Value** will be **ZERO**

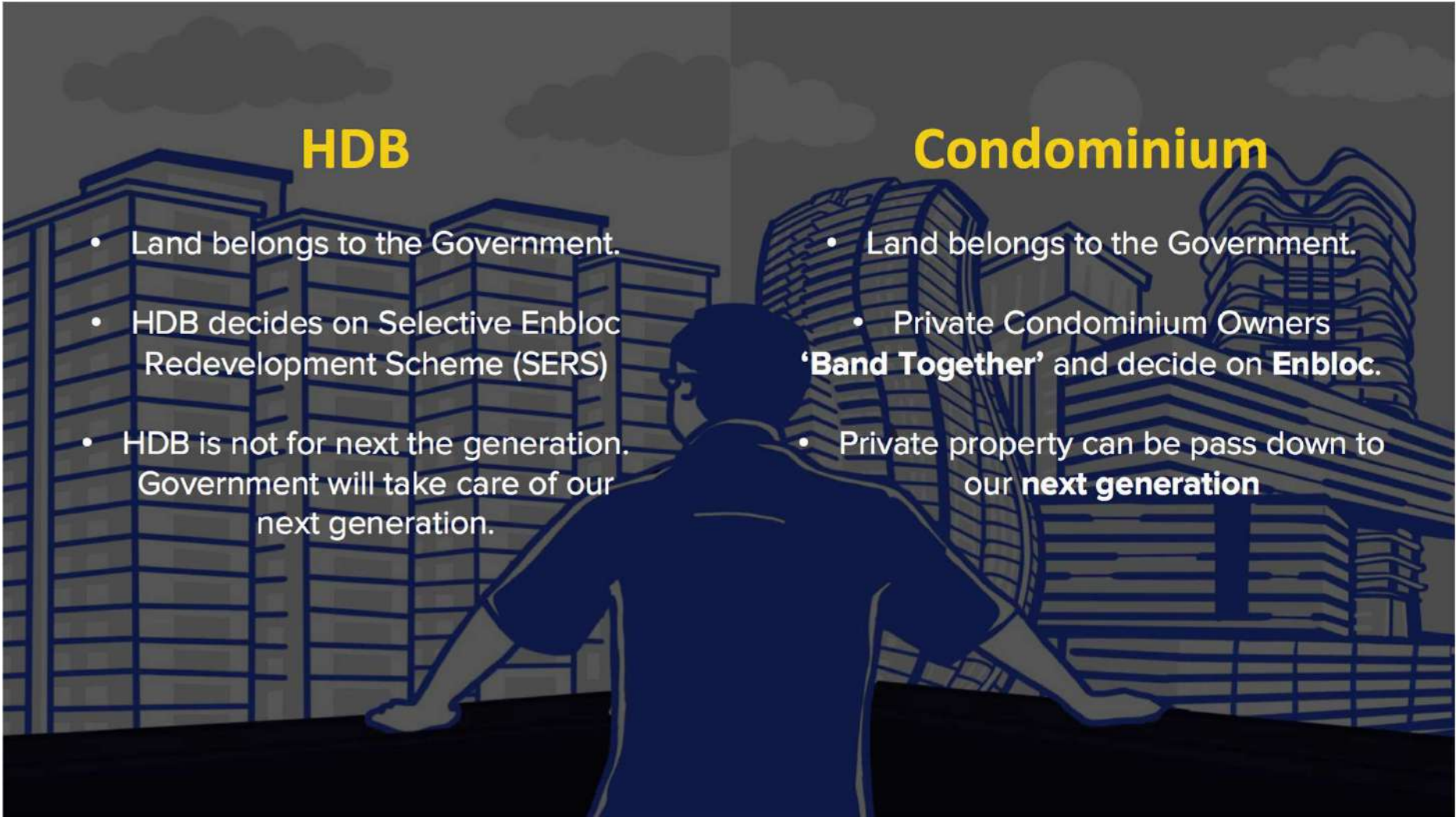
How a HDB flat might depreciate over time

Assume HDB 5 room flat, bought for \$860,000 in 2017



The Straits Times: 12 April 2017

Source: INTERNATIONAL PROPERTY ADVISOR, SOH YUN YEE STRAITS TIMES GRAPHICS



HDB

- Land belongs to the Government.
- HDB decides on Selective Enbloc Redevelopment Scheme (SERS)
- HDB is not for next the generation. Government will take care of our next generation.

Condominium

- Land belongs to the Government.
- Private Condominium Owners **'Band Together'** and decide on **Enbloc**.
- Private property can be pass down to our **next generation**

Demand for mass market condos expected to continue

Despite the slew of property measures introduced in recent years, prices of non-landed private homes have continued to rise across the board.

BY CHRISTINE SUN AND JOHN TAY

THE first half of the year saw financial markets across the globe rallying in response to hopes of a trade war resolution between the US and China, as well as a halt in the interest rate hike by the US Federal Reserve. Whilst a US-China trade truce was agreed for the time being after the June 2019 G-20 summit, trade tensions and regional geopolitical frictions may remain as the principal drivers of the global economy for the rest of the year.

Advisers around the world have generally recommended a more defensive investing stance and preference for a conservative portfolio in case of a market correction or recessionary risk. Many investors have already begun rebalancing their mix of assets – potentially transferring funds from more volatile capital markets to safer investment alternatives like property. This may explain why some foreign buyers have been streaming steadily back into Singapore's property market and many luxury homes have been snapped up by well-heeled investors.

Singapore has long been regarded as an attractive investment destination and safe haven given our political stability, positive economic growth, market transparency, effective legal system, and strong currency. Therefore, our property market may continue to thrive in the face of the current economic uncertainties and global market volatility.

Record-smashing prices
Singapore's property home prices

Top gains for mass market leasehold condominiums

Transacted over the past five years (2014 to 2018)

PROJECT NAME	LOCATION	PLANNING AREA	PURCHASE DATE	PURCHASE PRICE (\$)	RESALE DATE	RESALE PRICE (\$)	GROSS PROFIT (AFTER SSD IF APPLICABLE)	HOLDING PERIOD	PROFIT AS % OF PURCHASE PRICE
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High Park Residences*	29 Fernvale Road #25-XX	Sengkang	July 2015	895,000	Feb 2018	1,250,000	\$305,000	2 yrs 7 mths	34.1
Lakeville	5 Jurong Lake Link #08-XX	Jurong West	Aug 2014	1,378,000	Aug 2018	1,680,000	\$302,000	4 yrs	21.9

* Unit incurred SSD and gross profit was \$335,000 before SSD

Source: URA, ChangiTree & The Research & Consultancy

sold at higher price tags recently. An analysis of URA Realis data showed that 13.1 per cent or 117 resale mass market condominiums were transacted above \$51,300 per sq foot (psf) last quarter as opposed to none being transacted 10 years ago. Of the 117 resale transactions, 16.2 per cent or 19 units were sold for more than \$51,500 psf but under \$52,000 psf.

New project launches have also shattered previous price records. Last quarter, 52 new mass market homes breached the \$51,800 psf mark while 28 sales soared past \$52,000 psf. The mass market homes that were sold

for more than \$52,000 psf were freehold units at The Gazania and The Lilium, and the 99-year leasehold units at Seaside Residences in Siglap which command breathtaking sea views at the eastern part of the island.

While higher per sq foot prices are usually driven by small format units, not all condominiums sold above \$52,000 psf last quarter were small units. More than half of the 28 units were fairly large-sized condominiums that were 82 to 161 sq m transacted at \$51.8 million to \$53.7 million each. This indicates that deep-pocketed buyers are now willing to shell

out extra for premium mass market condominiums.

Attractive capital appreciation

The attractive capital appreciation of mass market condominiums may have sustained buying interest for these homes. Looking purely at data caveats from URA's Realis website, more than 90 per cent of mass market leasehold condominiums bought directly from developers and resold over the past 10 years have fetched an average gross profit of about \$160,000 after taking into account

the Seller's Stamp Duty (SSD). The average holding period for these properties is about 4.5 years.

The gains and losses of individual units were calculated by matching URA Realis new sale caveats in OCR between 2009 and 2018 to the resale caveat (if any) of the same unit over the same time frame. The calculation takes into account the SSD but does not consider other costs such as legal fees, interest, and the additional buyer's stamp duty (ABSD).

As at July 24, 2019, there were 7,068 matched caveats mined from the database. Out of this number,



92.5%
New Launches
Made A Profit

92.5 per cent or 6,537 units made gross profits averaging \$515,680 after SSD. 531 units or 7.5 per cent made losses averaging \$558,590. Of those that made profit, the majority resold their units between four and seven years, which is after the period when SSD would be applicable.

From the total matched caveats, 192 mass market leasehold condominiums made a gross profit of \$550,000 and above after SSD. The highest profit recorded was \$51,004 million for a 10th floor unit at Kovan Residences that was bought in April 2009 for \$51.214 million and resold for \$52.218 million in August 2018. Another seven units at the same project also made more than \$570,000 gross profit.

Many units at projects such as Double Bay Residences, Optima @ Tanah Merah and Waterfront Waves in the eastern part of the island were resold for more than \$550,000 gross profits. Most of these units were bought in 2009 when home prices were at a low after the 2007-2008 global financial crisis.

In recent years (2014 to 2018), three units at Coco Palms in Pasir Ris Grove made gross profit after SSD of between \$335,000 and \$440,000 with an average holding period of around four years. Other units at High Park Residences, Riverbank @ Fernvale, The Panorama and Lakeville had similarly made more than \$530,000 gross profit over the same period. The profit as a percentage of purchase price was at a relatively high of between 18.9 per cent and 34.1 per cent for these units.

Source: The Business Times, 9 Sep 2019

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The Panorama	18 Ang Mo Kio Avenue 2 #15-XX	Ang Mo Kio	Mar 2015	1,321,760	Mar 2018	1,630,000	\$308,240	3 yrs	23.3
High Park Residences*	29 Fernvale Road #25-XX	Sengkang	July 2015	895,000	Feb 2018	1,250,000	\$305,000	2 yrs 7 mths	34.1
Lakeville	5 Jurong Lake Link #08-XX	Jurong West	Aug 2014	1,378,000	Aug 2018	1,680,000	\$302,000	4 yrs	21.9

* Unit incurred SSD and gross profit was \$335,000 before SSD

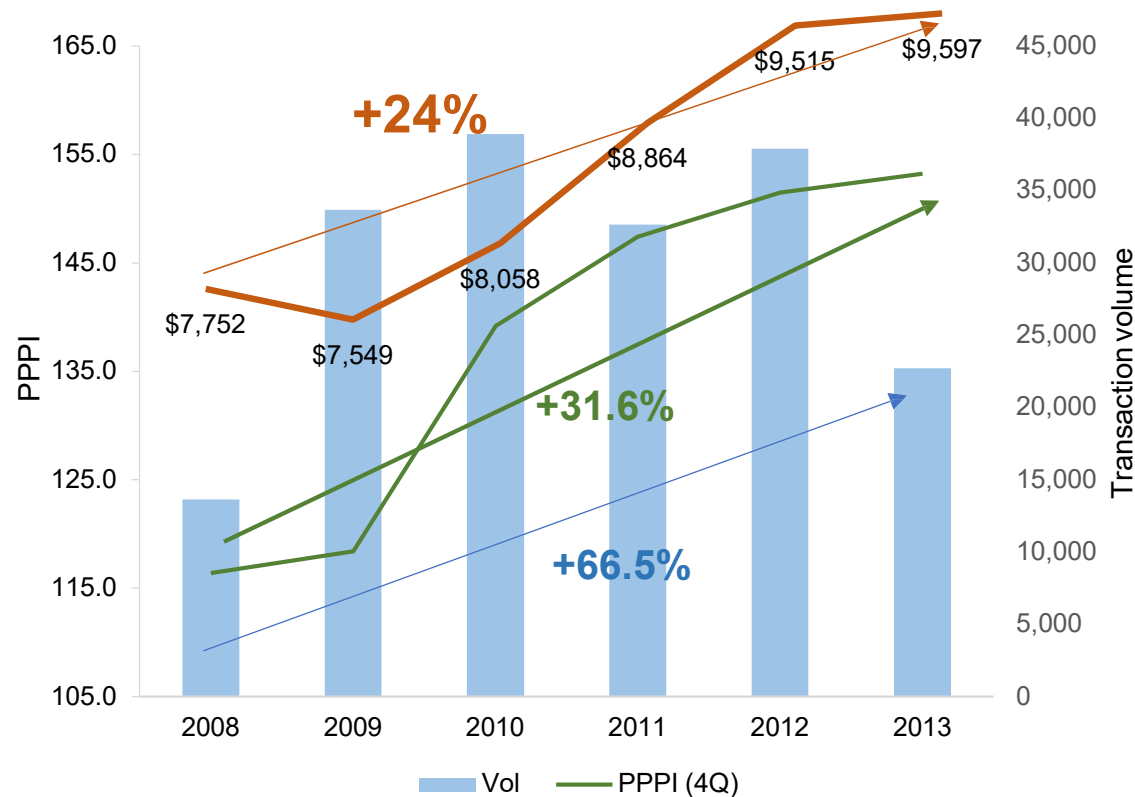
Source: URA, OrangeTee & Tie Research & Consultancy

Source: The Business Times, 9 Sep 2019



LET'S DIVE DEEPER

Run-up in prices from 2009 to 2013 ahead of Household Income growth



Price index grew by 31.6% in 2013 from the last low in 2008

Transaction volume grew 66.5% to 22,000 units in 2013

Household income only increased by 24%

Source: URA, ERA Research & Consultancy

Prudent Cooling Measures from 2009 – 2013, but not enough

- **Priced-out protection for locals** (ABSD for foreigners was only introduced in Dec 2011, followed by Dec 2012)
- **Deterrence against short term speculation** (3X review of SSD from 2009 to 2011)
- **Easy assess to credits in check** (5XLTV review, No TDSR)

HDB Rolls Out Record Number of Flats for Sale

26 Nov 2013

Today, HDB launched 8,952 flats for sale in a mix of mature and non-mature towns/estates under the Nov 2013 joint Build-To-Order (BTO) and Sale of Balance Flats (SBF) exercise. This is HDB's largest joint BTO and SBF exercise so far.

2 This launch brings the total BTO flat supply in 2013 to 25,139 units, in line with HDB's commitment to launch 25,000 BTO flats for sale this year. Together with the 7,074 balance flats offered under the May and Nov 2013 SBF exercises, as well as an additional 1,355 bonus 2-room flats in the Jul and Sep 2013 BTO exercises, HDB has offered a total of 33,568 flats for sale in 2013 to meet the housing demand of our people.

BTO Exercise Offering 4,978 Flats

Bumper Launch to Meet Diverse Housing Needs

30 May 2013

Today, HDB launched 8,000 flats for sale under the joint Build-To-Order (BTO) and Sale of Balance Flats (SBF) exercise. Three new housing measures announced during the 2013 Committee of Supply debate to help first-timers, second-timers, divorcees, and the elderly will also take effect from this sales exercise.

Extension of Parenthood Priority Scheme (PPS) to Expectant Mothers

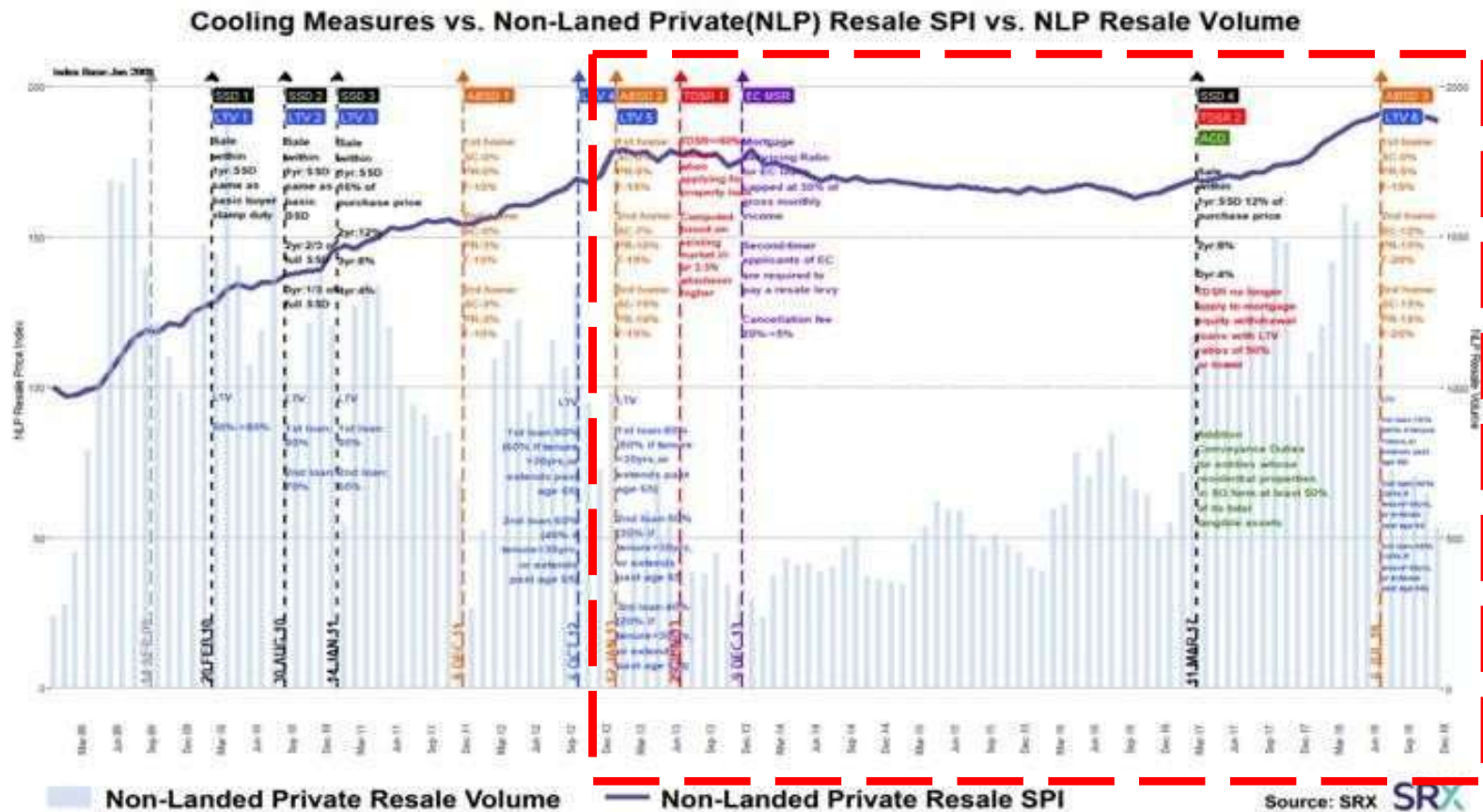
2 Under the existing Parenthood Priority Scheme (PPS), HDB sets aside 30% and 50% of the flat supply under BTO and SBF exercises, respectively, for first-timers who are married with a citizen child below 16 years old. To help more first-timers buy a flat earlier, HDB will extend the PPS to married first-timers who are expecting a child.

Doubling the Quota of 2- and 3-room BTO Flats for Second-Timers

More Supply:
Construction
of BTO HDB
Flat ramp up
for local first-
timers from
2013.

Source: HDB

More Stringent Cooling Measures from 2013-2019: TDSR, MSR, ABSD, LTV



Additional Cooling Measures To Ensure A Stable And Sustainable Property Market



- Anti-Speculation SSD
- Prudent Credit Limits
Control TDSR review
on tighten bank lending)
- Prevent Asset Inflation
from local & foreign investment with ABSD.

Source: MAS

Property prices would have increased by up to 15% in 2018 without cooling measures: Lawrence Wong

By JANICE LIM



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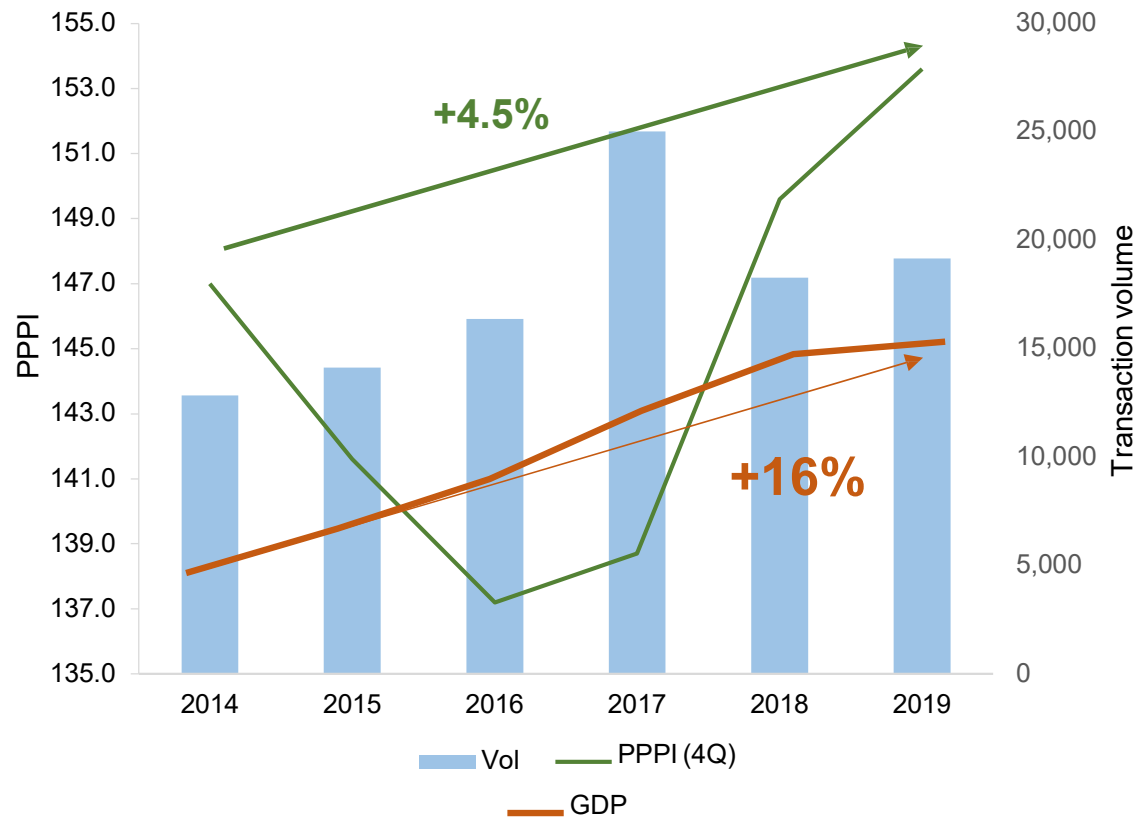
SINGAPORE — If the Government had not stepped in with measures in July to cool the property market such that there are now signs of moderation, property prices would have surged ahead, possibly going up by 10 to 15 per cent, National Development Minister Lawrence Wong said.

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- Lawrence Wong

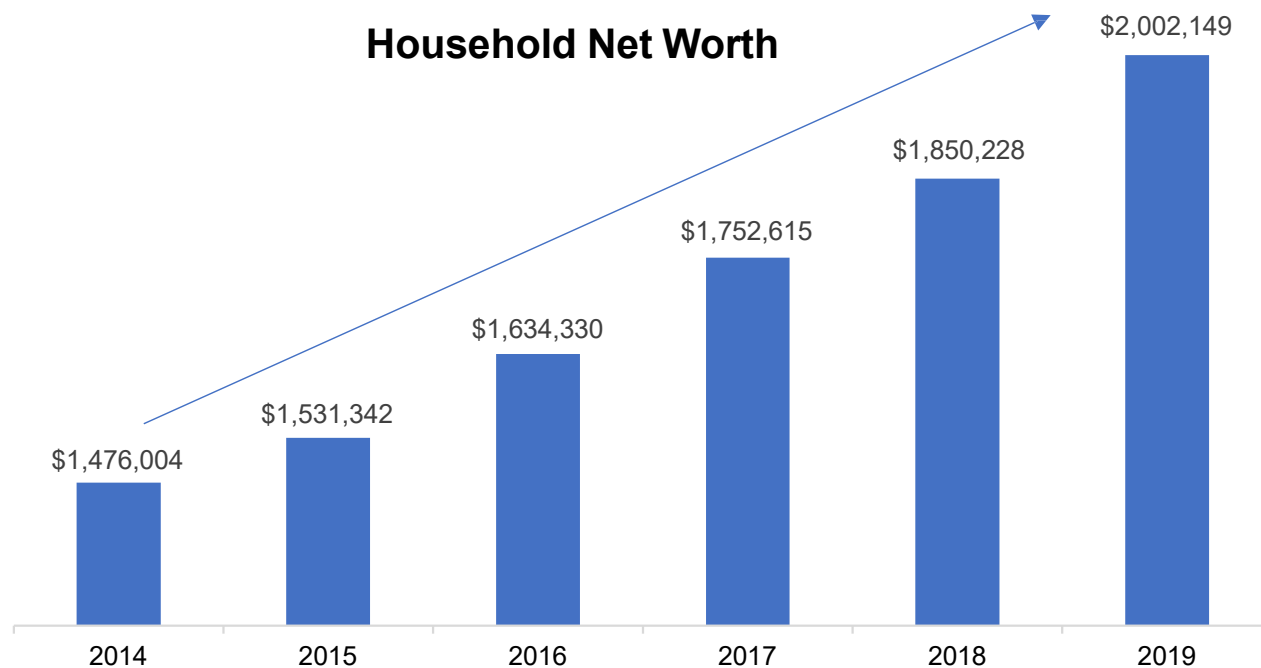
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Private Home Price Growth (+4.5%) lags Economic Growth (+16%) from 2014 to 2019



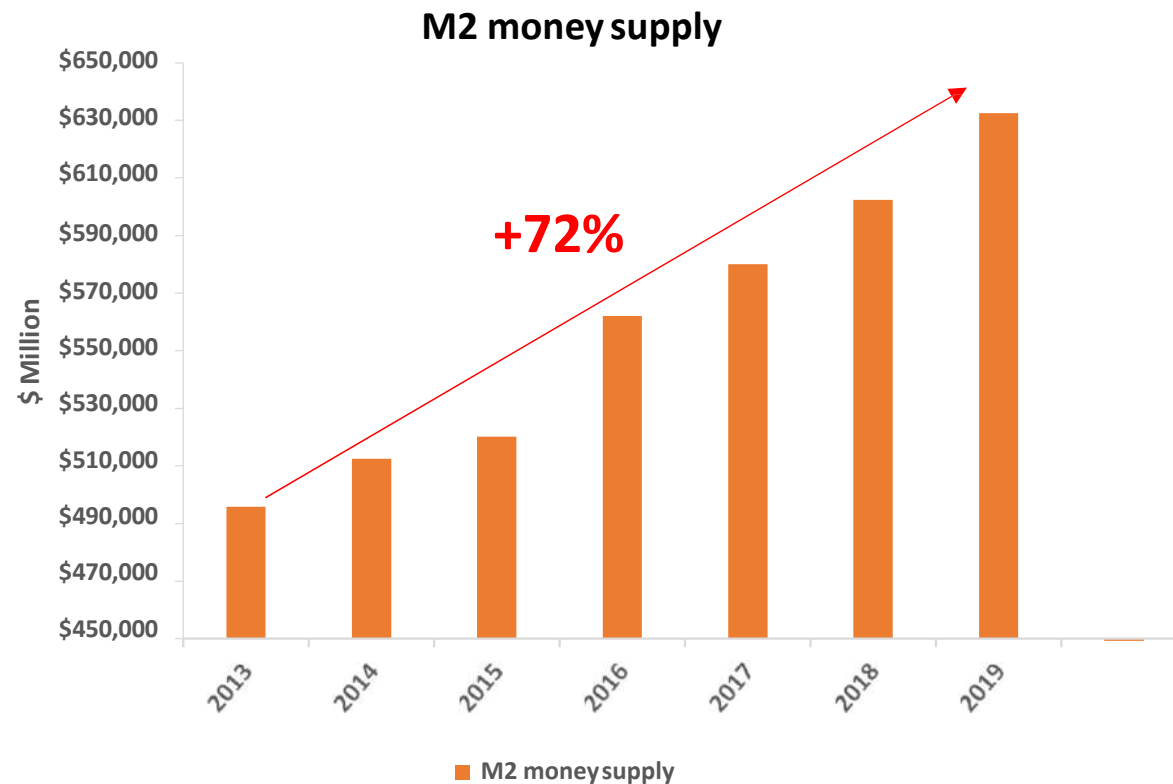
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Private Home Price Growth (+4.5%) lags Household Net worth Growth (+36%) from 2014 to 2019



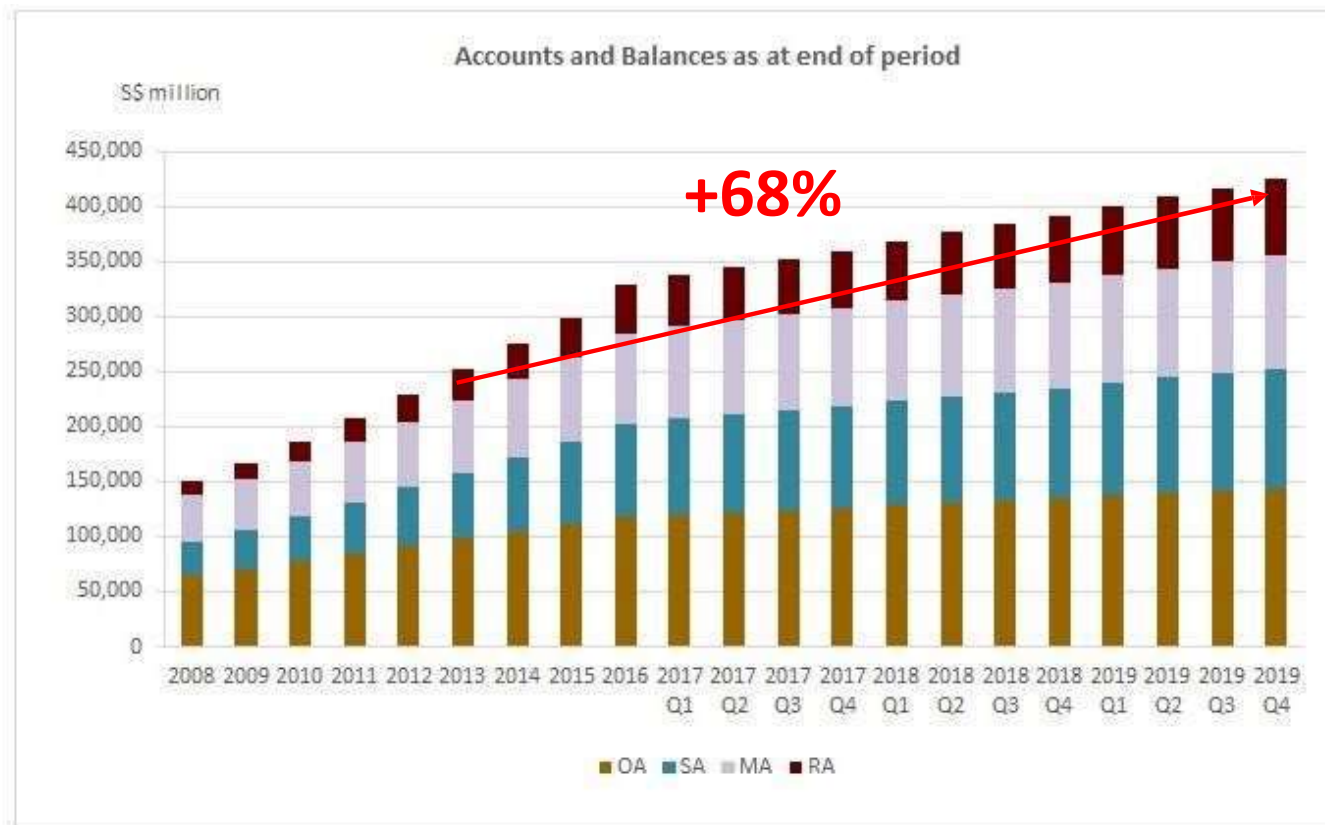
Source: DOS, ERA Research & Consultancy

More Savings from 2013 to 2019 Cash Deposits increase by 72%



Source: MAS, ERA Research & Consultancy

More Savings from 2013 to 2019 CPF Balance increase by 68%



Source: CPF, ERA Research & Consultancy

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EXERCISING CAUTION

Developers need more time to recalibrate their pricing strategies as well as to (implement) safe management measures, especially for larger-scale projects.

WONG TECK HUI, senior director of research and consultancy at JLL, on the absence of new launches last month.

Visitors at the Treasure at Tampines show gallery. Last month's take-up was led by projects in the suburban sub-market (outside central region) with 548 sales, followed by 419 units sold in the city fringes or rest of central region, and 113 in the prime districts or core central region.

PHOTO: SIM LIAN LAM

New private home sales up for 3rd month in row

July's 8.2% increase in number of units sold comes even as economic outlook worsens

Grace Leong
Business Correspondent

New home sales continued to rise for a third straight month amid a worsening economic outlook, with developers selling 1,080 non-landed private homes last month, up 8.2 per cent from June.

This is up from a near six-year low during the circuit breaker period in April, but sales were down 8.4 per cent from 1,179 a year ago.

There were 869 private homes launched in July, up nearly 46 per cent from 597 in June, but down 4.6

per cent from 911 a year ago.

The bulk of the units sold were from earlier launches, which accounted for 68 per cent of July's total sales, analysts say.

The figures, released by the Urban Redevelopment Authority (URA) yesterday, excluded executive condominium (EC) units, a public-private housing hybrid. Including EC units, 1,142 new non-landed homes were taken up last month, up nearly 11 per cent from June, but down about 27 per cent from 1,557 a year ago, the URA data showed.

Mr Wong Siow Ying, head of research at PropSax, noted that while

the relatively brisk sales in recent months may seem at odds with the gloomy economic prognosis, the current downturn is not felt evenly across all sectors of the economy.

"Some sectors - such as financial services and tech - have held up better than others, and (those who) feel more secure about their job prospects or have built up substantial savings may see this as an opportunity to enter the market."

However, the absence of new launches last month shows caution among some developers. Although showflats reopened on June 19, they did not rush to launch new projects before the start of the Hungry Ghost month tomorrow, a period that typically sees a quieter market.

"Developers need more time to recalibrate their pricing strategies as

Top 10 selling projects in July (including EC)

Project name	Street name	Locality*	Units sold in the month	Median price (\$psf) in the month	% sold to date (of total)
Treasure At Tampines	Tampines Lane	OCR	112	1,344	62%
Parc Clematis	Jalan Lempeng	OCR	87	1,649	57%
The Florence Residences	Hougang Avenue 2	OCR	78	1,559	58%
Jadekiss	Shunfu Road	RCR	75	1,739	75%
Daintree Residence	Toh Tuck Road	RCR	56	1,641	60%
Parc Esta	Sims Avenue	RCR	50	1,710	96%
The Tapestry	Tampines Street 86	OCR	44	1,365	98%
Stirling Residences	Stirling Road	RCR	38	1,979	86%
Affinity At Serangoon	Serangoon North Avenue 1	OCR	34	1,534	73%
Piermont Grand (EC)	Sumang Walk	OCR	34	1,133	70%

Sources: COLLIER'S INTERNATIONAL, URA

NOTE: *CCR: CORE CENTRAL REGION; RCR: REST OF CENTRAL REGION; OCR: OUTSIDE CENTRAL REGION

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well as to (implement) safe management measures, especially for larger-scale projects," said Mr Ong Teck Hui, senior director of research and consultancy at JLL.

Potentially affecting new launches and sales take-up for the rest of the year are factors like the severity of the recession and whether the pandemic remains under control, he added. Upcoming launches include Pentose in Sims Drive and The Landmark in Chin Swee Road.

Last month's take-up was led by projects in the suburban sub-market (outside central region) with 548 sales, followed by 419 units sold in the city fringes or rest of central region, and 113 in the prime districts or core central region.

So far this month, freehold Forest at Bukit Timah is the only new

launch, selling 172 units at a median price of \$1,931 psf, JLL said.

Ms Tricia Song, head of research for Singapore at Colliers International, noted that foreign buying slowed last month, with only 34 or 3.2 per cent of new sales caveats lodged by foreigners, compared with 47 or 4.9 per cent in June.

Disputing talk of discounts, Mr Wong Xian Yang, Cushman & Wakefield's associate director of research for Singapore and South-east Asia, said median prices of the top five selling projects in July were similar to or even higher compared with those from the time of their launch to July.

For instance, the median price for The Florence Residences from the time of its launch to July was \$1,471 per sq ft (psf), but it rose to \$1,559 psf in July, he pointed out.

Interest in pricier units has picked up, analysts say. This is despite Singapore suffering a deeper recession in the second quarter than expected, with the economy contracting 13.2 per cent year on year, sharper than a 12.6 per cent plunge earlier estimated and the worst on record, the Ministry of Trade and Industry said last week.

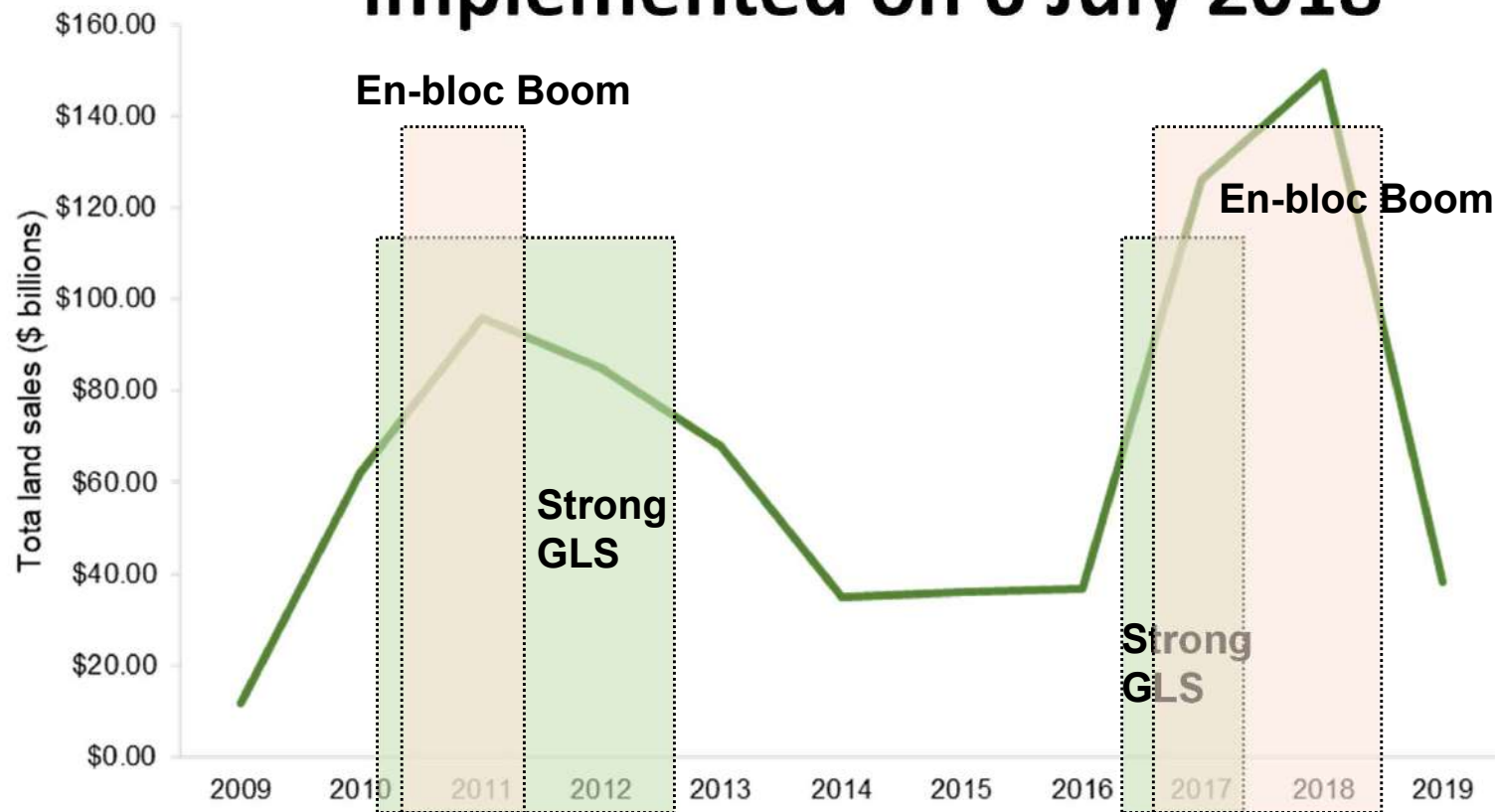
URA Beads data showed 147 deals transacted at more than \$2 million each in July compared with 118 such deals in June, said CBRE's head of research for South-east Asia Desmond Sim. "There were also some large quantum deals of more than \$5 million in luxury projects such as IS Holland Hill last month."

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An aerial night view of a city skyline, likely Singapore, with numerous illuminated skyscrapers and residential buildings. A semi-transparent dark rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text 'STRATEGY 2: UNDERSTAND MARKET SUPPLY' in white capital letters.

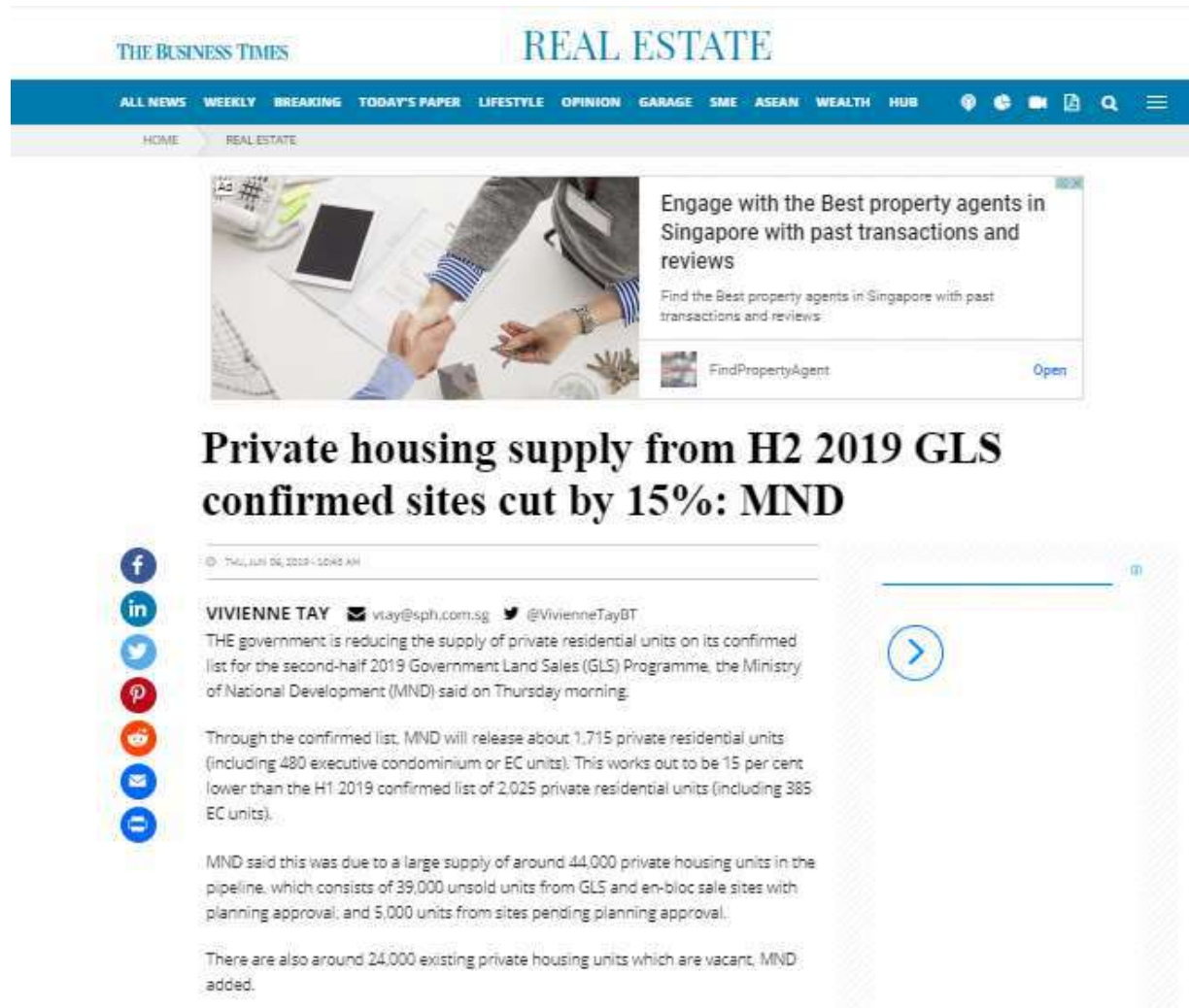
STRATEGY 2: UNDERSTAND MARKET SUPPLY

Land sales has come off sharply post cooling measures implemented on 6 July 2018



Source: HDB, URA, ERA Research & Consultancy

Government Reduced GLS



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Private housing supply from H2 2019 GLS confirmed sites cut by 15%: MND

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THE government is reducing the supply of private residential units on its confirmed list for the second-half 2019 Government Land Sales (GLS) Programme, the Ministry of National Development (MND) said on Thursday morning.

Through the confirmed list, MND will release about 1,715 private residential units (including 480 executive condominium or EC units). This works out to be 15 per cent lower than the H1 2019 confirmed list of 2,025 private residential units (including 385 EC units).

MND said this was due to a large supply of around 44,000 private housing units in the pipeline, which consists of 39,000 unsold units from GLS and en-bloc sale sites with planning approval, and 5,000 units from sites pending planning approval.

There are also around 24,000 existing private housing units which are vacant, MND added.

Source: The Business Times, 06 Jun 2019

Private housing supply cut due to Covid-19 fallout

Units from confirmed sites lowest since 2009; reduction calibrated to avoid shortfalls: MND

Michelle Ng

The supply of private residential housing from confirmed sites under the government land sales (GLS) programme for the second half of this year has been reduced to take into account the fallout from the global Covid-19 situation, the Ministry of National Development (MND) announced yesterday.

The private home supply of 1,370 units from three confirmed list sites is 405 units, or nearly 23 per cent, less than the 1,775 units from such sites under the first half of the 2020 GLS programme.

It is also the lowest number since the second half of 2009, during the global financial crisis when no confirmed list sites were released, said Ms Christine Li, Cushman & Wakefield's head of research for Singapore and South-east Asia.

The confirmed list includes one executive condominium site at Tengah Garden Walk that can yield 615 units.

Together with eight reserve list sites that can accommodate another 5,300 residential units, the total potential supply of private housing for the second half of this year comes to 6,670 units, slightly more than the 6,490 units under the GLS programme for the first half-year.

One hotel site in River Valley Road, which can yield 530 hotel

rooms, has been carried over from the first half-year GLS programme and rounds up the reserve list.

MND said that it also will not introduce any new sites for predominantly commercial or hotel use, given the economic contraction and uncertain business outlook resulting from the pandemic.

As to residential supply, MND said it had "to calibrate the reduction carefully to avoid potential supply shortfalls over the medium to longer term". "Hence we have maintained a good selection of sites with additional supply in the reserve list that developers can initiate for development if they assess that there is demand," it said.

MND said it has provided a "moderate supply" in the confirmed list

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this time round, as the number of the unsold inventory of private housing units has declined by a cumulative 20 per cent between the first half of last year and this year.

"Together with the supply of units already in the pipeline, this will cater to the housing needs of the population when completed in about four to five years' time," it added.

Ms Li said the "err on the side of caution" move is in line with the current market conditions where there is an expected demand shock to the residential market, coupled with ample unsold inventory due to dampened investment sentiment and employment prospects.

MND said the sites on the confirmed list will be launched only in the last quarter of this year. Each will also be given a longer tender period of about six months to allow developers more time to make their assessment in view of the ongoing Covid-19 situation. More time has already been given to confirmed list sites in the first half-year, with the last of three sites to be launched for sale by the end of this month.

While a lowered housing supply could lead to higher prices in theory, PropNex head of research and content Wong Siew Ying said it is not necessarily the case, given the current market headwinds.

"Buyers also remain price sensitive, perhaps more so in the current economic climate. Developers would be well aware of these factors and are unlikely to be overly bullish with their land bids."

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Second-half 2020 government land sales programme

CONFIRMED LIST

RESIDENTIAL SITES

Northumberland Road



Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1



Location	Site area (ha)	No. of units	Estimated launch date
Northumberland Road	0.83	385	Oct 2020
Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1	1.26	370	Nov 2020

Tengah Garden Walk (EC)



Location	Site area (ha)	No. of units	Estimated launch date
Tengah Garden Walk (EC)	2.2	615	Nov 2020

RESERVE LIST

RESIDENTIAL SITES

Location	Site area (ha)	No. of units	Estimated available date
Dairy Farm Walk	1.56	385	Available
Dunman Road	2.52	1,035	Available
Hillview Rise	1.03	335	Available
Tampines Street 62 (EC)	2.37	590	Available
Lentor Central	1.72	610	Dec 2020

WHITE SITES

Location	Site area (ha)	No. of housing units	Commercial space (sq m)
Kampong Bugis	8.29	1,000	10,000
Marina View**	0.78	905	2,000
Woodlands Avenue 2	2.75	440	78,000

HOTEL SITES

Location	Site area (ha)	No. of hotel rooms	Estimated available date
River Valley Road	1.02	530	Available

**Includes 540 hotel rooms.

Source: MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRAITS TIMES GRAPHICS

Source: The Straits Times, 25 Jun 2020

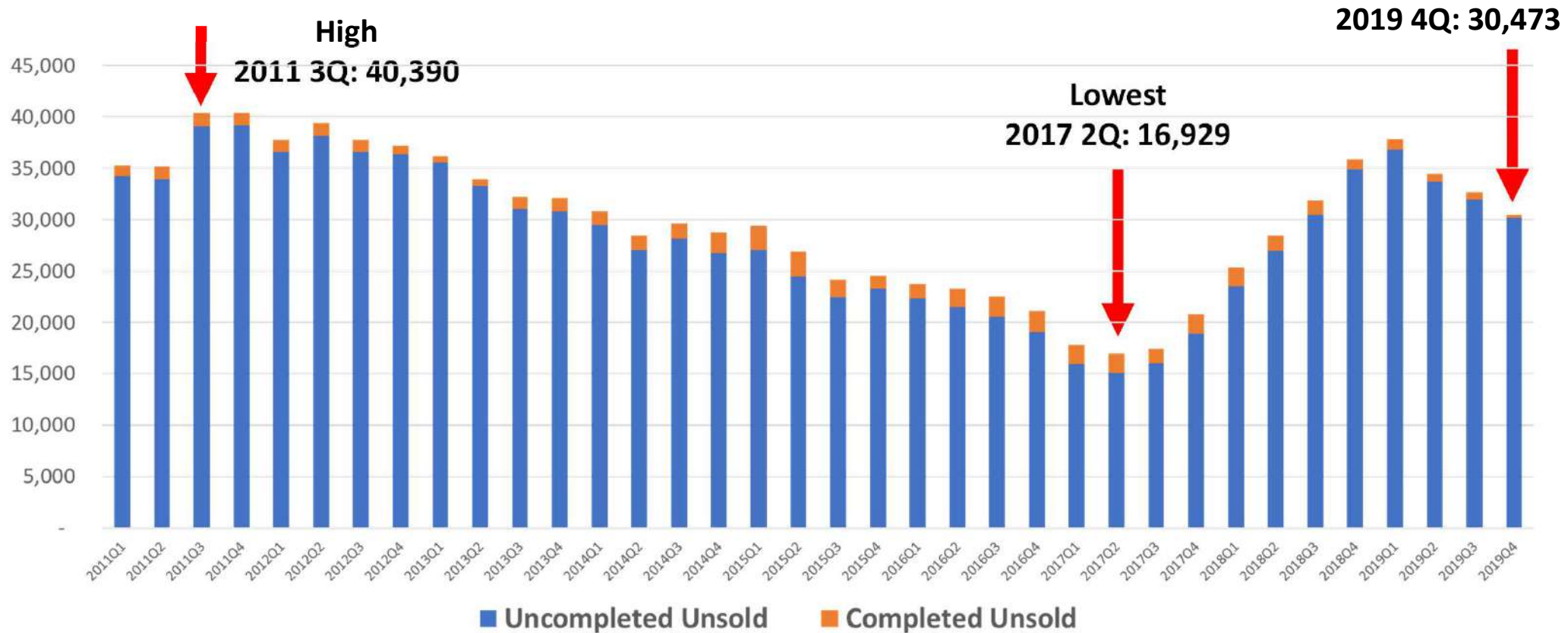
Current URA GLS Sites

No	Location	Site Area (Ha)	Gross Plot Ratio	Status
Residential Sites				
1	Tanah Merah Kechil Link	0.88	2.8	Open for Tender
2	Northumberland Road	0.83	4.2	Oct 2020*
3	Ang Mo Kio Avenue 1	1.26	2.5	Nov 2020*
Commercial & Residential Sites				
4	Jalan Anak Bukit	3.21	3.0	Open for Tender
* Estimated launch date. Detailed sales conditions will be made available when the site is launched for sale.				

Source: URA, 30 Aug 2020

Is there an Oversupply of Private Housing Now?

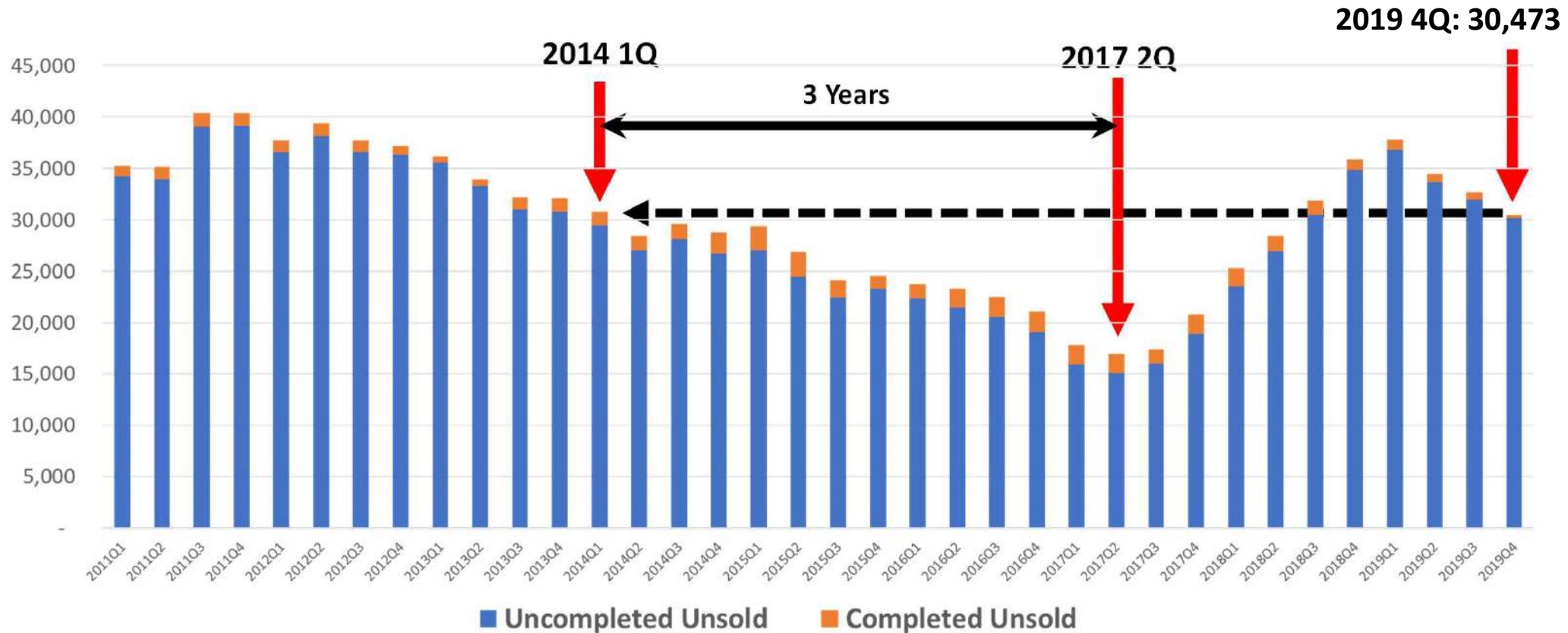
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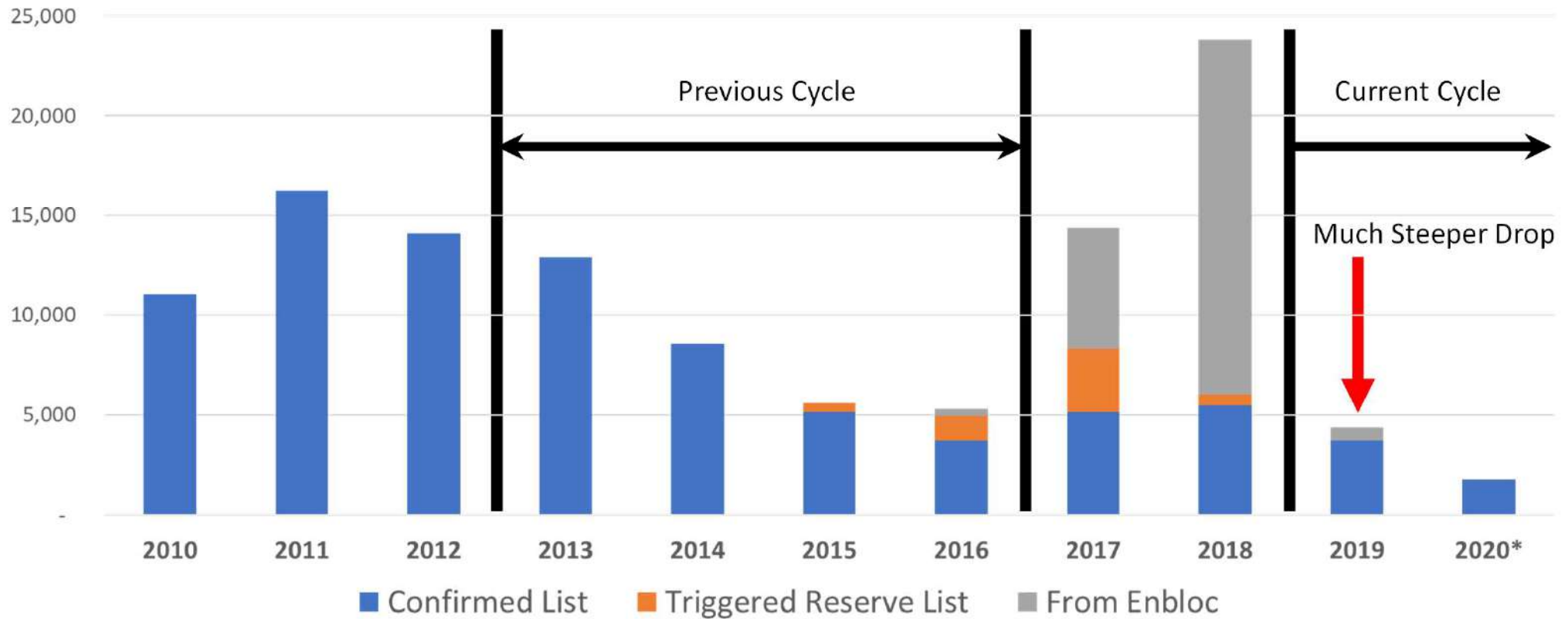
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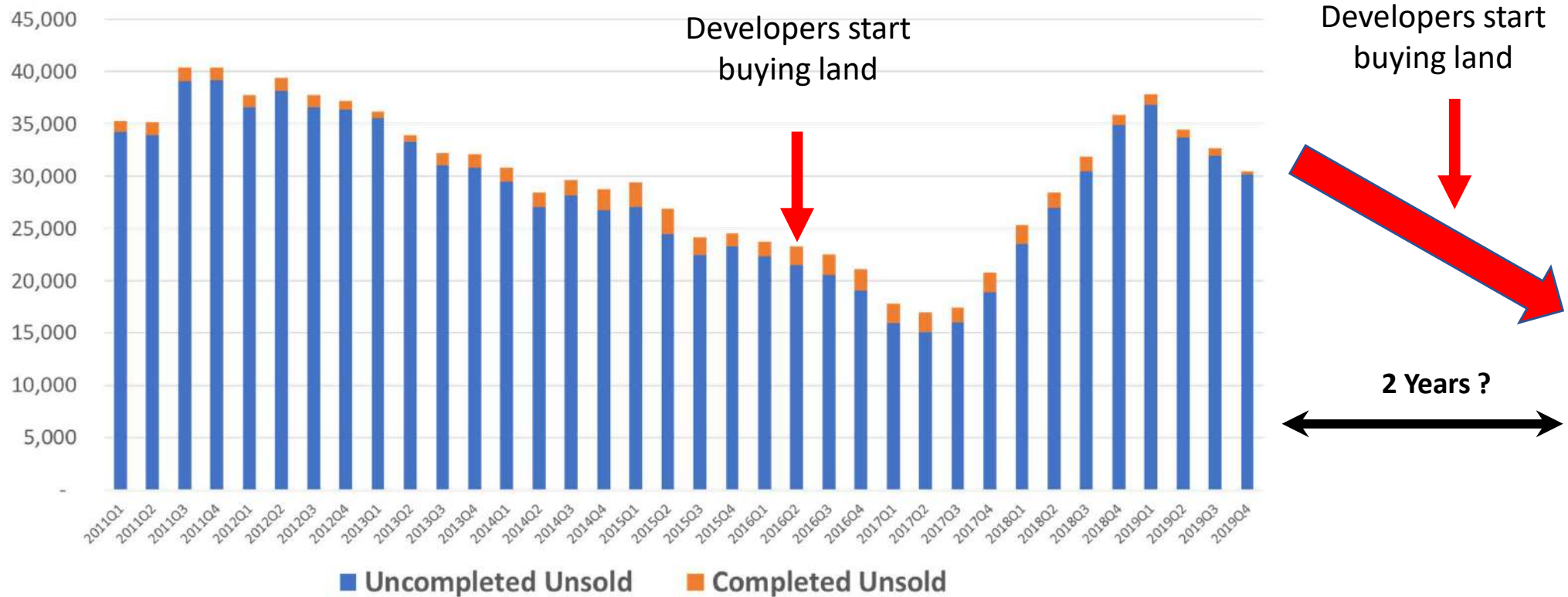
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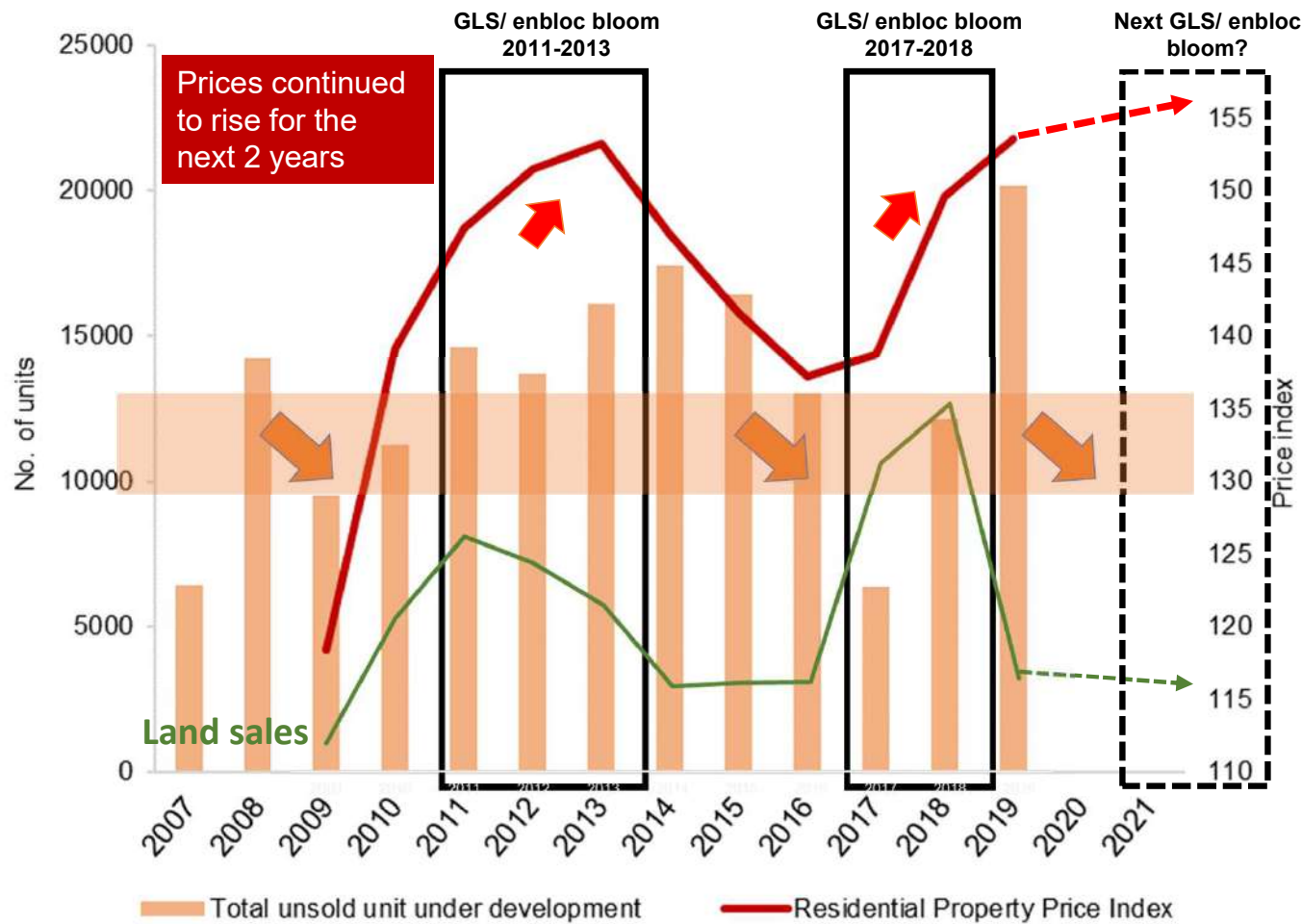
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Will prices continue to rise in 2020 & beyond?

Land sales will increase when UNSOLD units under development is low

Source: HDB, URA, ERA Research & Consultancy

Inventory Expected to Decrease Steadily

Developers confident of beating 2020 ABSD deadline

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Developers that BT spoke to are confident of beating their respective ABSD deadlines in 2020, including Far East Consortium-backed FEC Skyline, which pointed to the Artra project's access to Redhill MRT station and full range of facilities as likely draws.

HY Realty also expects to clear its remaining units at Queens Peak at Dundee Road before its June 2020 deadline. A spokesperson for HY Realty said enquiries have been healthy, mostly due to the project's near finished facade, which is piquing interest. He added: "One of our ongoing (marketing) efforts includes plans to sell the four remaining penthouses with a fully-furnished interior design package, which will enable buyers a faster move-in process with less hassle."

As at end September, the 400-unit Artra had 45 unsold units, while at the 736-unit Queens Peak, there were 32 unsold units.

Farther down the line, residential projects which come up against a 2022 ABSD deadline may face more uncertainty given the economic slowdown. Mr Ong said: "A shorter economic downturn with earlier recovery would reduce the risks for these projects but if the downturn deteriorates and is prolonged, negative sentiments could weigh on demand and affect sales adversely."

CBRE head of research for South-east Asia Desmond Sim expects that

developers who launched projects for sale after the latest round of cooling measures in July 2018 – which also brought higher ABSD rates for some groups of home buyers – may face more of an uphill task than those who commenced sales before that.

While buying momentum remains, supply is outpacing demand, and buyers too are prioritising affordability. As such, developments featuring units with larger quantum of S\$2 million and above may face more pressure to clear stock.

Mr Sim added: "For 2021 and beyond, there will be an increasing number of developments with a larger proportion of unsold units. Developers need to be flexible and creative in how they're going to let go of the final units."

Strategies could vary though, depending on how deep-pocketed developers are. As long as demand holds firm at around 9,000 to 10,000 units sold annually. But he added: "Demand is diluted across multiple launches and competition for buyers remain keen... developers have to be strategic about pricing and offer buyers incentives and/or higher agent commissions."

Other marketing schemes include deferred payment or star buy promotions. Still, several developers with ABSD deadlines in 2021 and 2022 remain well-built homes will continue to attract discerning homeowners."

Fraser's also cited its proximity to East Coast Parkway, schools and upcoming Siglap MRT station.

JadeScape (formerly Shunfu Ville), which hits its ABSD deadline in 2022, has sold 470 of the 600 units launched, as at end Sept. It has 1,206 units in total.

Yen Chong, deputy general manager of developer Qingjian Realty (South Pacific) group, said: "I think

"For 2021 and beyond, there will be an increasing number of developments with a larger proportion of unsold units."

CBRE head of research for South-east Asia Desmond Sim

Projects with a 2020 ABSD deadline

PROJECT NAME	TOTAL NUMBER OF UNITS	UNITS LEFT TO SELL*	% SOLD	ABSD YEAR	DEVELOPER(S)
Northwave (EC)	358	1	Nearly 100%	2020	Hao Yuan
The Alps Residences	626	5	99%	2020	MCC Land
Gem Residences	578	1	Nearly 100%	2020	Evia Real Estate (7), Maxdin and Gamuda Berhad
Queens Peak	736	32	96%	2020	HY Realty
Artra	400	45	89%	2020	FEC Skyline
Forest Woods	519	5	99%	2020	City Developments, Hong Leong Hldgs and TID
Cayman Residences	19	6	68%	2020	Pinnacle Assets

*as at end Sept 2019

Source: Cushman & Wakefield

**Most Developers
Have Till 2022-2023
to Sell Out**

Source: The Business Times, 08 Nov 2019

An aerial night view of a city skyline, likely Singapore, with numerous illuminated skyscrapers and residential buildings. A semi-transparent dark rectangular box is centered over the image, containing the text 'STRATEGY 3: UNDERSTAND MARKET DEMAND' in white capital letters.

STRATEGY 3: UNDERSTAND MARKET DEMAND

More HDB Owners are Selling Newer Flats

Sales of newer flats hit 9-year high in 2019

4,578 units that were less than 10 years old changed hands, 33.4% up from previous year

Michelle Ng

Increasing numbers of home owners have been selling their Housing Board flats the moment they hit the minimum occupancy mark.

Sales of HDB flats less than 10 years old hit a nine-year high last year, when 4,578 units changed hands – 33.4 per cent up on the 3,432 moved in 2018. The lowpoint was in 2014 when only 1,021 units were sold.

Owning an HDB flat – more often than not, a Build-To-Order (BTO) unit – is a significant rite of passage for many young Singaporeans. But the growing number of newer flats being sold raises the question of whether this new generation of owners see their flats as a home for life or an investment that they can let go of at any time if the price is right.

Property experts told The Straits Times that the trend reflects the changing lifestyles and upgrading aspirations of younger people.

Ms Christine Sun, head of re-

search and consultancy at Orange-Tee & Tie, said: “With higher education and rising income, it’s unsurprising that the younger generation of home owners are desiring to upgrade to a bigger flat or a private property, after their first BTO purchase.”

Mr Nicholas Mak, head of research and consultancy at ERA Realty, added that some may like the idea of climbing the property ladder to improve both quality of life and to upgrade to a bigger home with more privacy and amenities. Changes in financial or family circumstances may also factor into reasons for selling, he added.

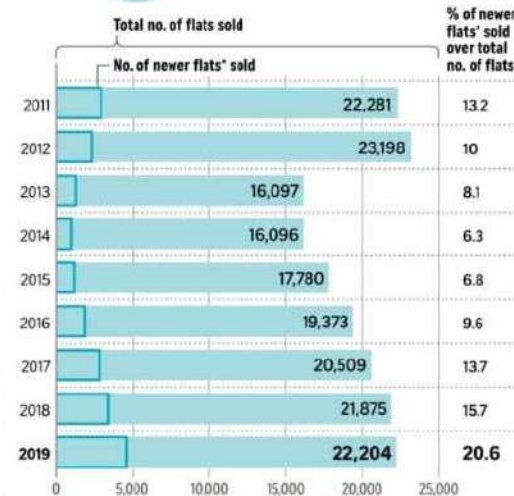
“In that five to eight years of waiting for the BTO to be completed and actually living in it, their family size might have grown. They may want to move closer to their preferred primary school or their parents or in-laws,” noted Mr Mak.

BTO flat dwellers have to fulfil a five-year minimum occupation period (MOP) before they can sell their units on the resale market.

More newer flats sold

Total no. of flats sold (2011-2019)
179,413

Newer flats* sold (2011-2019)
21,479 (12%)



NOTE: * “Newer flats” refers to flats below 10 years old.

CHANGE IN FAMILY NEEDS

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MR NICHOLAS MAK, from ERA Realty, on why owners may choose to sell their flats.

The MOP is calculated from the date that owners collect the keys and excludes any period where the owners do not occupy the unit, such as when he or she is based overseas for work.

An increasing number of flats have reached their MOP in recent years.

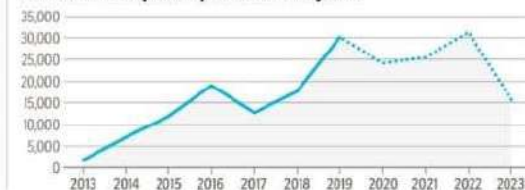
The HDB had boosted the supply of new flats following a housing shortage, with more than 25,000 flats launched each year from 2011 to 2013. As a result, more than 80,000 flats will be eligible for resale in the coming three years, as these units reach their MOP.

Last year, around 30,000 flats

Top 10 hottest estates for new resale flats



Estimated number of flats reaching the minimum occupation period of five years



Sources: DATA.GOV.SG, ORANGETEE & TIE RESEARCH & CONSULTANCY, STRAITS TIMES GRAPHICS

reached their MOP. This year, there will be 24,000, and 2022 is likely to have a bumper crop of 31,000 flats or more.

In contrast, only around 1,700 flats reached their MOP in 2013.

Demand for newer flats has also steadily risen from 2014, when units less than 10 years old formed just 6.3 per cent of the total number of flats sold.

Last year, it was 20.6 per cent. The figure was 15.7 per cent in 2018 and 13.7 per cent in 2017.

Punggol and Sengkang had the highest number of newer flats sold from 2011 to last year. This coincides with the rising number of flats

in both areas that have reached their MOP in recent years.

The next three were Jurong West, Bukit Merah and Yishun.

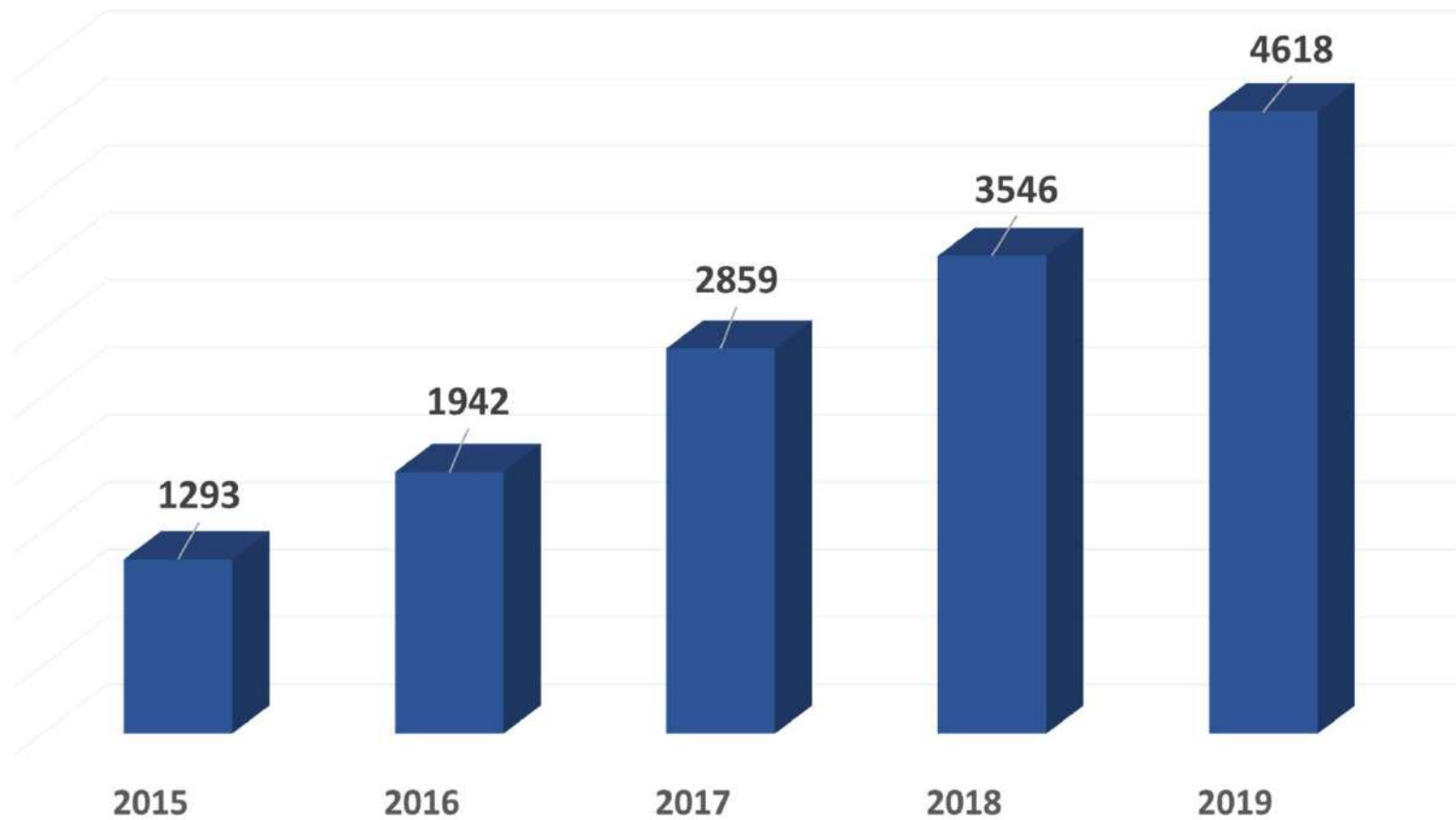
Ms Sun said the number of newer flats being sold will likely continue to rise in tandem with the number reaching their MOP.

“The increase in flat supply may have some downward pressure on the selling price, so price growth could be limited in the coming years,” she said.

“On the bright side, this means buyers will have more options to choose from.”

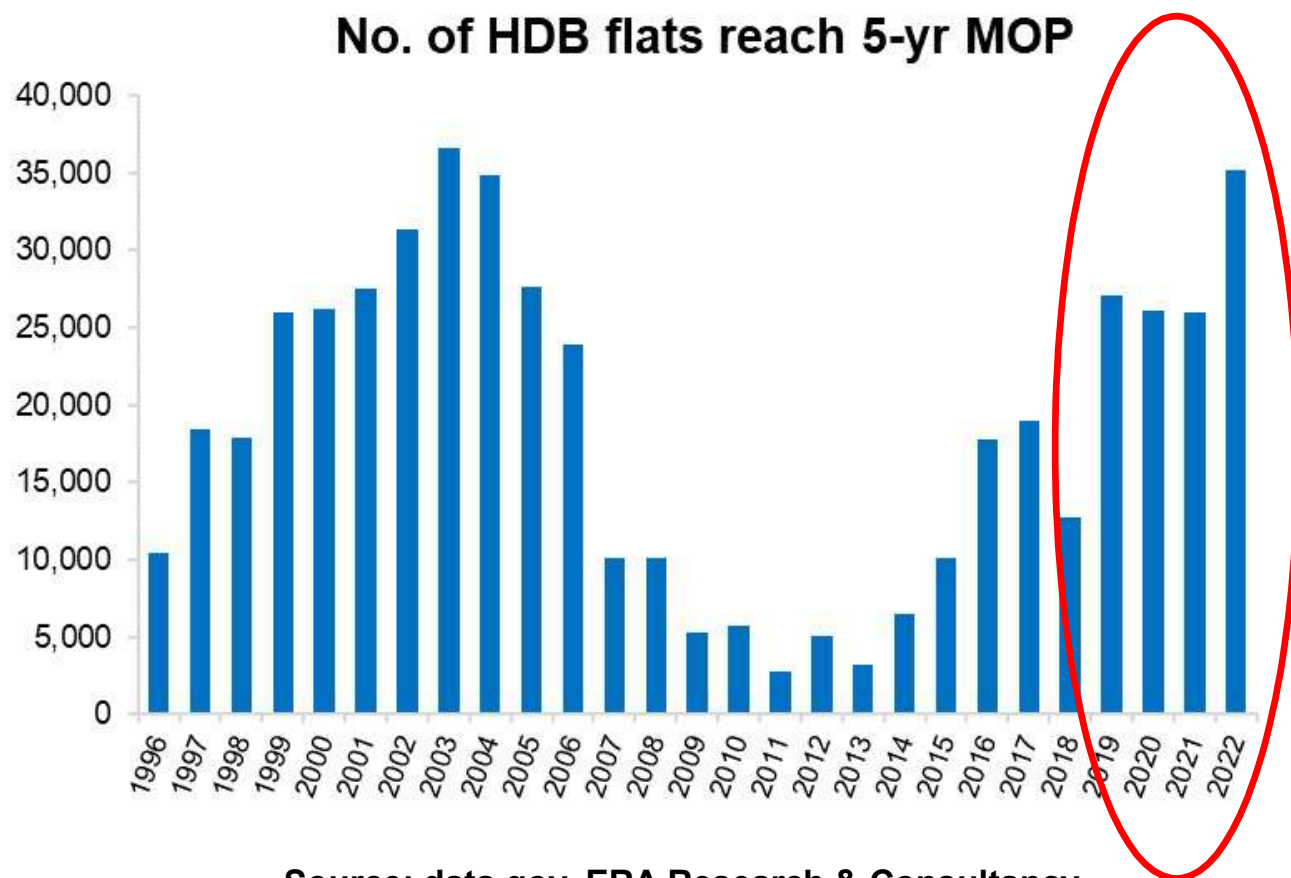
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Increasing no. of flats sold in the first 10 years



Source: HDB, ERA Research and Consultancy

Potentially higher numbers of HDB upgraders



A large number of flats reaching 5-year Minimum Occupation Period and can be sold in the resale market.

Source: data.gov, ERA Research & Consultancy

MOP not up yet, but family already eyeing a bigger flat

His Choa Chu Kang flat will reach the five-year minimum occupation period (MOP) only in a few months from now, but chief engineer Haikal Aziz has already engaged a property agent to suss out potential buyers.

Mr Haikal, 32, wants to upgrade to an executive flat nearby to cater to his family's growing needs.

When he and wife Rashidah Ahmad, 31, a dental assistant, first applied for the four-room Build-To-Order (BTO) flat in 2012, the couple had just two children. Now they have three, aged 14, 11 and three.

An executive flat is typically around 130 sq m, while a four-room unit is about 90 sq m.

The Housing Board has granted him permission to sell his flat early.

Mr Haikal said he is not in a rush to move out and will take his time for the right offer to come along, adding that competition is tough as some of his neighbours are also planning to sell their units.

"We just need a bigger space to live in. If we can make some profit out of the sale, good. If not, break even is okay too, as long as I don't lose money," he said.

Property agents The Straits Times spoke to said sellers these days have to temper their expectations as newer flats may not fetch the same high prices that they did in the past.

The prices of flats under 10 years old have been sliding over the years. The average resale price of such flats dipped 6.5 per cent from \$510,042 in 2018 to \$476,943 last year.

Four-room flats are the most commonly sold unit type as there is a higher proportion of these built in most BTO projects.

Property agent Susan Marian



Mr Haikal Aziz, his wife Rashidah Ahmad, daughter Nur Atiqah Natasya (in blue T-shirt) and sons Md Khalish Rizqin (on bicycle) and Md Hayyan Rizqin, in their four-room BTO flat in Choa Chu Kang. They are looking to upgrade to an executive flat nearby to cater to the family's growing needs. ST PHOTO: KEVIN LIM

said that over 60 per cent of her clients are owners looking to sell their flats that are reaching or have reached the MOP.

However, she noted that 10 years ago, such newer flats could easily be sold for a healthy profit of between \$100,000 and \$200,000. These days, she said, it fluctuates between \$50,000 and \$120,000, depending on location and the remaining lease.

"Sellers know that buyers now have so many options to choose from, so even though a \$50,000 profit is quite little, some will still go for it. People just don't want to

make a loss," said Ms Susan, who has 21 years of experience in the real estate industry.

Investment analyst Mike Wan, 36, said the daily 90-minute journey on a feeder bus and MET from his flat in Vishnu to his workplace in Raffles Place was the factor that pushed him to put it on the market.

He and his wife, who also works in Raffles Place, bought their four-room BTO flat in 2010 for \$267,000 and are hoping to sell it for slightly above \$400,000.

But because they are looking to move into a four-room flat in a more central location such as Toa

Payoh, Novena or Queenstown where resale flats typically cost above \$400,000, they understand they will likely have to fork out more cash.

Mr Wan said a shorter travelling time to their workplaces will be worth it and hopes they will live in their next flat for a longer period.

He said: "We see the flat as a home, not an investment. It is a roof over your head and your loved ones'. I don't think it's good to keep moving here and there, trying to make a profit out of it."

Michelle Ng

AS SMALLER PROFIT IS BETTER THAN A LOSS

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PROPERTY AGENT SUSAN MARIAM, who has 21 years of experience in the real estate industry.

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Source: The Straits Times, 30 Jan 2020

Upgrade to private properties for better growth potential



Private condo prices have higher growth potential

HDB resale prices remain moderately flat.

Source: HDB, URA, ERA Research and Consultancy

Another Potential Source of Demand

Executive Condominiums

Check out the list of Executive Condominium (EC) projects and their Temporary Occupation Permit dates. Do keep a lookout for the upcoming ECs and find out whether any **land plots** are available for sale as a future EC site.

Available EC projects

Upcoming EC development

List of EC Temporary Occupation Permit (TOP) dates

These are the TOP dates for completed ECs. Please be reminded that ECs can only be sold in the open market after the 5-year Minimum Occupation Period (from TOP date) has been met.

EC	Location	TOP Date
Hundred Palms Residences	Yio Chu Kang Road	18 December 2019
iNz Residence	Choa Chu Kang Avenue 5	30 April 2019
NorthWave	Woodlands Avenue 12	11 February 2019
Treasure Crest	Anchorvale Crescent	14 September 2018
The Visionaire	Sembawang Road/ Canberra Link	14 June 2018
Sol Acres	Choa Chu Kang Grove	12 March 2018*

WaterColours	Pasir Ris Drive 3/ Pasir Ris Linkg	31 December 2014
Blossom Residences	Segar Road	5 September 2014
Arc at Tampines	Tampines Avenue 8	5 August 2014
RiverParc Residence	Punggol Drive/ Punggol East	19 June 2014
Belysa		28 May 2014
Austville Residences		22 April 2014
The Canopy		14 January 2014
Esparina Residences	Buangkok Drive/ Compassvale Bow	11 September 2013
Privé	Punggol Field	17 July 2013
La Casa	Woodlands Drive 16	22 February 2008*
		23 April 2008
The Quintet	Choa Chu Kang Street 64	23 October 2006
The Esparis	Pasir Ris Drive 4	22 June 2005^
Whitewater	Pasir Ris Street 72	31 January 2005*

**No EC TOP btw
2008 to 2013**

Source: www.hdb.gov.sg, 16 Apr 2020

5- year MOP ECs in 2019:

Ave. 25% profit

Name of EC	Location	5-year MOP date	Nos. of units	District	Median launch price (\$psf)	Median resale price in 4Q 2019 (\$psf)	Est. Price growth (\$psf)	Est. Price growth %	Est. Profit*
The Canopy	Yishun Avenue 11	14-Jan-19	406	27	\$657	\$829	\$172	26%	\$185,220
Austville Residences	Sengkang East Avenue/ Buangkok Drive	22-Apr-19	540	19	\$720	\$888	\$168	23%	\$181,440
Belysa	Pasir Ris Drive 1/ Elias Road	28-May-19	315	18	\$699	\$882	\$183	26%	\$197,640
RiverParc Residence	Punggol Drive/ Punggol East	19-Jun-19	504	19	\$694	\$877	\$183	26%	\$197,640
Arc at Tampines	Tampines Avenue 8	5-Aug-19	574	18	\$734	\$935	\$201	27%	\$216,540
Blossom Residences	Segar Road	5-Sep-19	602	23	\$703	\$895	\$192	27%	\$206,820
WaterColours	Pasir Ris Drive 3/ Pasir Ris Linkg	31-Dec-19	416	18	\$737	\$854	\$117	16%	\$126,360

* Assume the area of a typical 3-bedroom unit to be 1080 sqft

Source: HDB, URA, ERA Research & Consultancy

5- year MOP ECs in 2020:

Sitting on unrealised profits

Name of EC	Location	5-year MOP date	Number of units	District	Median launch price (\$psf)	Median resale price for the same district in 4Q 2019 (\$psf)	Potential price growth (\$psf)	Potential price growth %	Unrealised gain*
The Tampines Trilliant	Tampines Central 7	6-Feb-20	670	18	\$805	\$890	\$85	11%	\$91,800
The Rainforest	Choa Chu Kang Drive	6-Mar-20	466	23	\$758	\$966	\$208	27%	\$224,640
Twin Waterfalls	Punggol Way/ Punggol Field	2-Jun-20	728	19	\$737	\$1,055	\$318	43%	\$342,900
1 Canberra	Yishun Avenue 7/ Canberra Drive	19-Sep-20	665	27	\$722	\$865	\$143	20%	\$153,900
Heron Bay	Upper Serangoon View/ Upper Serangoon Road	7-Oct-20	394	19	\$739	\$1,055	\$316	43%	\$340,740
Waterwoods	Punggol Field Walk/ Punggol East	1-Dec-20	373	19	\$802	\$1,055	\$253	31%	\$272,700

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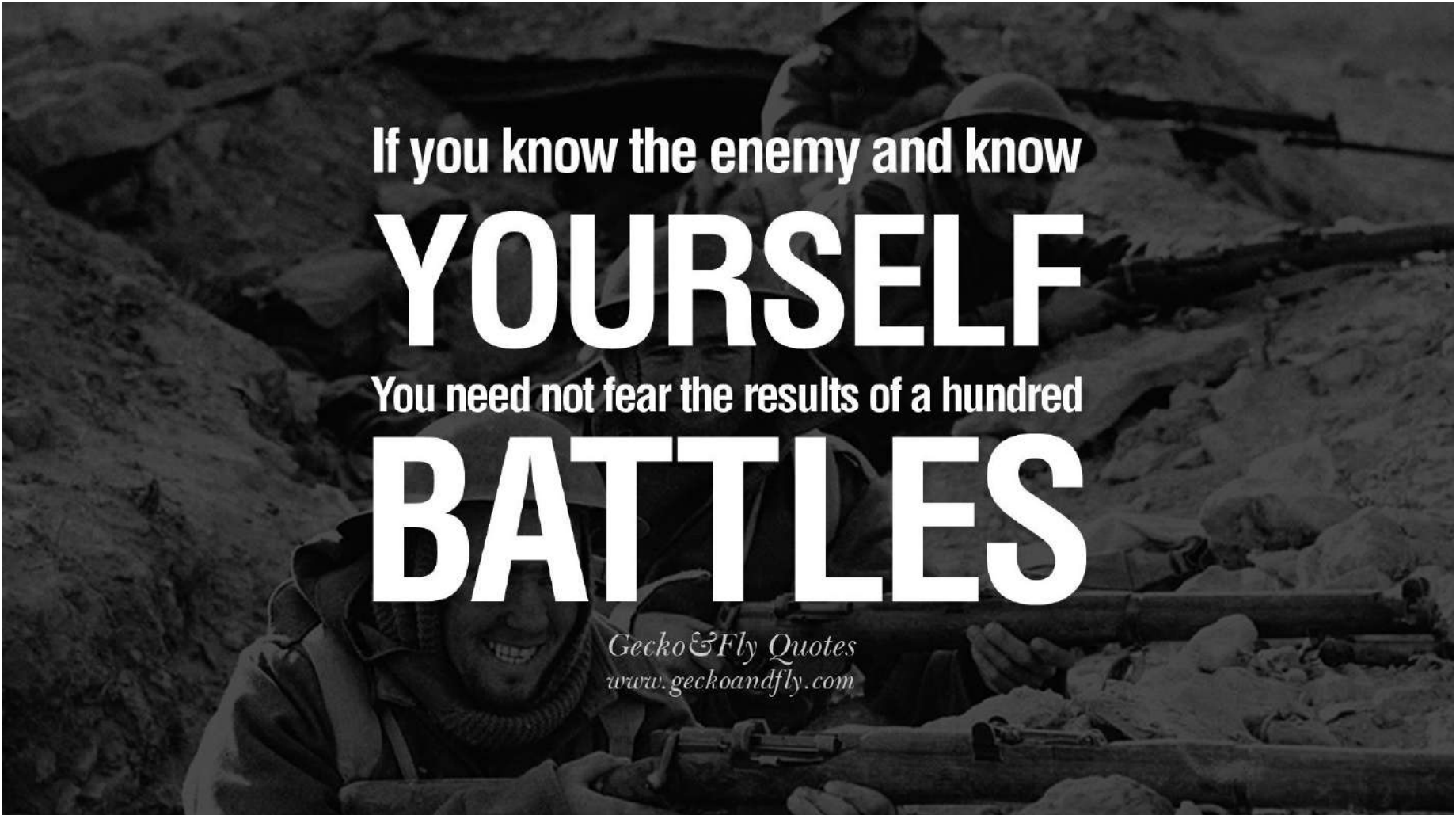
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YOU SEE AN
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FIGHT NOT UNLESS THE
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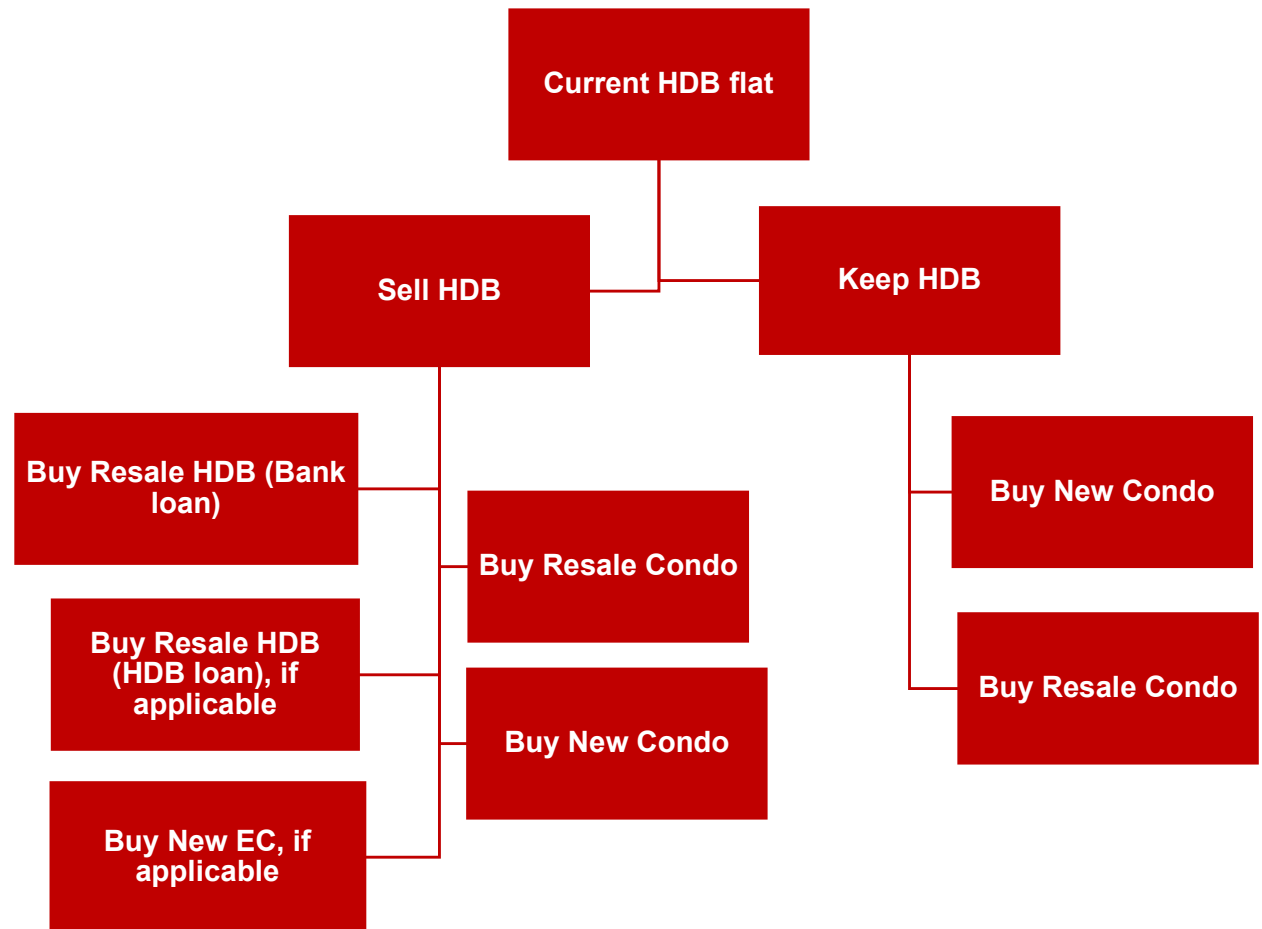
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Step 1: Financial evaluation

- **Maximum loan amount**
- **Maximum property price**

Plan B

Mr Lee & Mrs Lee buy New Condo

FINANCIAL EVALUATION

Summary of Your Financial Position

Income Weighted Average Age (IWAA) of Borrowers	35 years
Total Income of Borrowers	\$20,000
60% TDSR Ceiling	\$12,000
Less:	
Total Debt of Borrowers	\$3,680
Amount Available for Property Loan Instalment	\$8,320

Your Loan & Property Options Summary

Maximum Loan Tenure	30 years
Maximum Loan-to-Value Ratio ⓘ	75%
Maximum Loan Amount	\$1,741,999
Mandatory Cash ⓘ	5%
CPF Ordinary Account ⓘ	20%
Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty ⓘ	0%
Highest Property Price You Can Afford	\$2,322,666

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Step 2: Purchase and Payment Schedule

- Purchase details: Cash required, downpayment amount, monthly installment, important dates

Plan B
Mr Lee & Mrs Lee buy New Condo

PURCHASE & PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Purchase Details

Property Price	2,322,666	Bank Interest Rate	2 %
	Max: \$2,322,666		
Loan Tenure (based on IWAA)	30 years	Loan-to-Value (LTV) Ratio	75%
	Max: 30 years		Max: 75% - \$1,742,000
Option to Purchase (OTP) Date	25 Jun 2020		

Payment Details

Buyer's Stamp Duty (BSD)	\$77,507 (CPF* / Cash)
Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty	0% - \$0 (CPF* / Cash)
Downpayment Amount	\$580,666
Mandatory Cash 5%	\$116,134
Balance 20% Downpayment (Cash/CPF)	\$464,533
Monthly Instalment	\$6,439

Important Dates

Latest Date to Receive S&P from Developer	9 Jul 2020
Latest Date for Purchaser to Sign the S&P	30 Jul 2020
Latest Date to Pay Stamp Duty	13 Aug 2020

Step 2: Purchase and Payment Schedule

Progress	Payment %	Payment \$	Payment Mode	Monthly Mortgage Payment based on Loan Disbursed	Cumulative Monthly Mortgage Payment	Remarks	Assumption (for DCF Calculation)
Booking Upon the grant of Option To Purchase	5%	\$116,134	Cash	\$0	\$0	Actual Date will be in accordance to Developer's Schedule of Construction	Year 1
S&P Upon signing of Sales & Purchase Agreement or within 8 weeks from the Option date	15%	\$348,400	CPF/Cash	\$0	\$0		Year 1
BSD Buyer's Stamp Duty	-	\$77,507	CPF/Cash	\$0	\$0		Year 1
ABSD Additional Buyer's Stamp Duty	0%	\$0	CPF/Cash	\$0	\$0		Year 1
Foundation Completion of foundation work	10%	\$232,267	5% CPF or Cash and 5% Loan	\$430	\$430		Year 1
Framework Completion of reinforced concrete framework of unit	10%	\$232,267	Loan	\$859	\$1,289		Year 1
Wall Completion of partition walls of unit	5%	\$116,134	Loan	\$430	\$1,719		Year 2
Ceiling Completion of roofing/ceiling of unit	5%	\$116,134	Loan	\$430	\$2,149		Year 2
Windows Completion of door sub-frames/door frames, window frames and plumbing of unit	5%	\$116,134	Loan	\$430	\$2,579		Year 2
Car Park Completion of car park, roads and drains serving the housing	5%	\$116,134	Loan	\$430	\$3,009		Year 3
TOP Temporary Occupation Permit	25%	\$580,667	Loan	\$2,147	\$5,156	VP after TOP	Year 3
CSC Legal completion	15%	\$348,400	Loan	\$1,288	\$6,444	Within 3 Years of VP	Year 5

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Step 3: Investment analysis

- Purchase details
- Assumptions

Plan B
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INVESTMENT ANALYSIS

Purchase Details

Property Price	\$2,322,666
Loan Tenure	30 Years
Loan-to-Value (LTV) Ratio	75%
Loan Quantum	\$1,742,000
Monthly Instalment	\$6,439
Own Funds 25%	\$580,667

Assumptions

Monthly Rental	Monthly Fees to MCST
3,500	320
Renovation	Annual Compound Price Appreciation
0	2
Legal Fees (Purchase/Resale)	Resale Commission
3,000	2
Bank Interest Rate	Holding Years (up to)
2	10 years

Step 3: Investment analysis

- Display of cash inflows and outflows over holding years
- Profits/Loss, ROI, ROE

Completion of Walls		\$0								
		5% loan								
Completion of Ceiling		\$0								
		5% loan								
Completion of Windows		\$0								
		5% loan								
Completion of Car Parks			\$0							
		5% loan								
TGP			\$0							
		25% loan								
CSC					\$0					
		15% loan								
Mortgage Instalment	\$10,314	\$25,788	\$48,990	\$81,872	\$77,328	\$77,328	\$77,328	\$77,328	\$77,328	\$77,328
Maintenance & Sinking Fund to MCST				\$3,840	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$3,840	\$3,840
Property Tax				\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200	\$4,200
Renovation			\$0							
Resale Cash Outflow										
Annual Cash Outflow	\$671,489	\$25,788	\$48,990	\$89,912	\$85,368	\$85,368	\$85,368	\$85,368	\$85,368	\$85,368
Annual Accumulated Cash Outflow	\$671,489	\$697,277	\$746,267	\$836,179	\$901,547	\$986,915	\$1,072,283	\$1,157,651	\$1,242,019	\$1,328,387
Agent Commission	\$50,700	\$51,714	\$52,748	\$53,803	\$54,879	\$55,976	\$57,096	\$58,238	\$59,403	\$60,591
Legal Fees	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000	\$3,000
Repayment of Outstanding Loan at Point of Resale	\$1,731,686	\$1,705,899	\$1,656,908	\$1,595,036	\$1,517,708	\$1,440,380	\$1,363,052	\$1,285,724	\$1,208,396	\$1,131,068
Seller's Stamp Duty	12%	8%	4%							
	\$264,295	\$193,321	\$98,594							
Total Cash Outflow	\$2,741,170	\$2,851,210	\$2,557,517	\$2,488,018	\$2,477,134	\$2,486,771	\$2,495,491	\$2,504,613	\$2,513,818	\$2,523,046
Investment Analysis										
Profit & Loss	\$-272,051	\$-234,709	\$-92,686	\$88,110	\$171,276	\$255,428	\$340,582	\$426,760	\$512,982	\$602,270
Return on Investment (ROI)	-13.6%	-8.9%	-3.6%	3.6%	6.9%	10.3%	13.6%	17.0%	20.4%	23.9%
Return on Equity (ROE)	-55.4%	-33.7%	-12.4%	10.8%	19.0%	25.9%	31.8%	36.9%	41.3%	45.3%

What is ROI & ROE?

Return On Investment:

$\text{ROI} = \text{Capital Gain} / \text{Purchase Price} \times 100\%$

Return on Equity

$\text{ROE} = \text{Capital Gain} / \text{Own Capital Used} \times 100\%$

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Step 3: Investment analysis (Risk assessment)

Best Case:

Ability to finance monthly instalment while holding a job with CPF contribution

Worst Case:

Ability to finance monthly instalment without CPF contribution (example: self employed, lost of job)

Nightmare Case:

Ability to finance monthly instalment and other debts within TDSR framework, without CPF contribution (example: self employed, lost of job)



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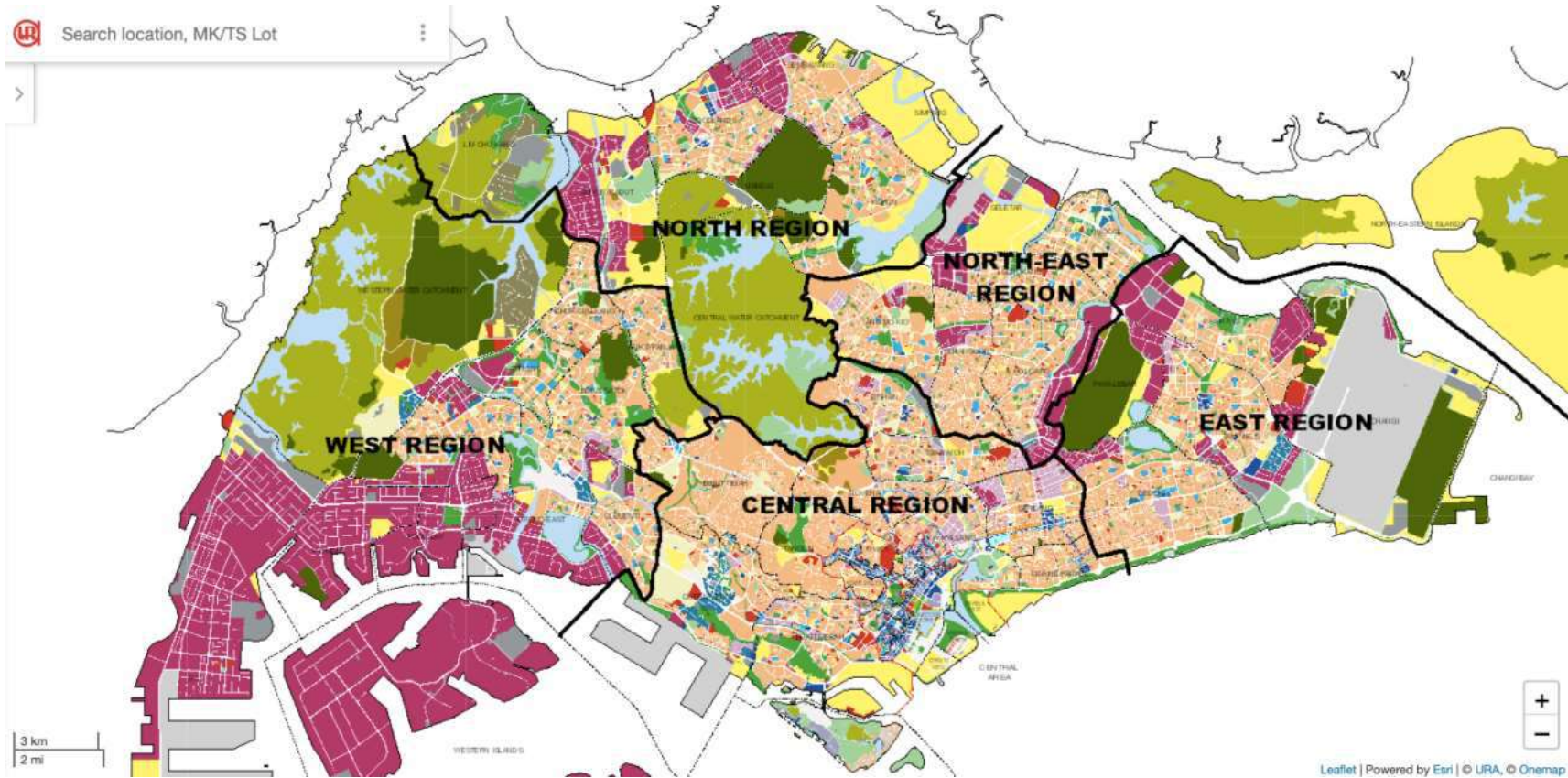
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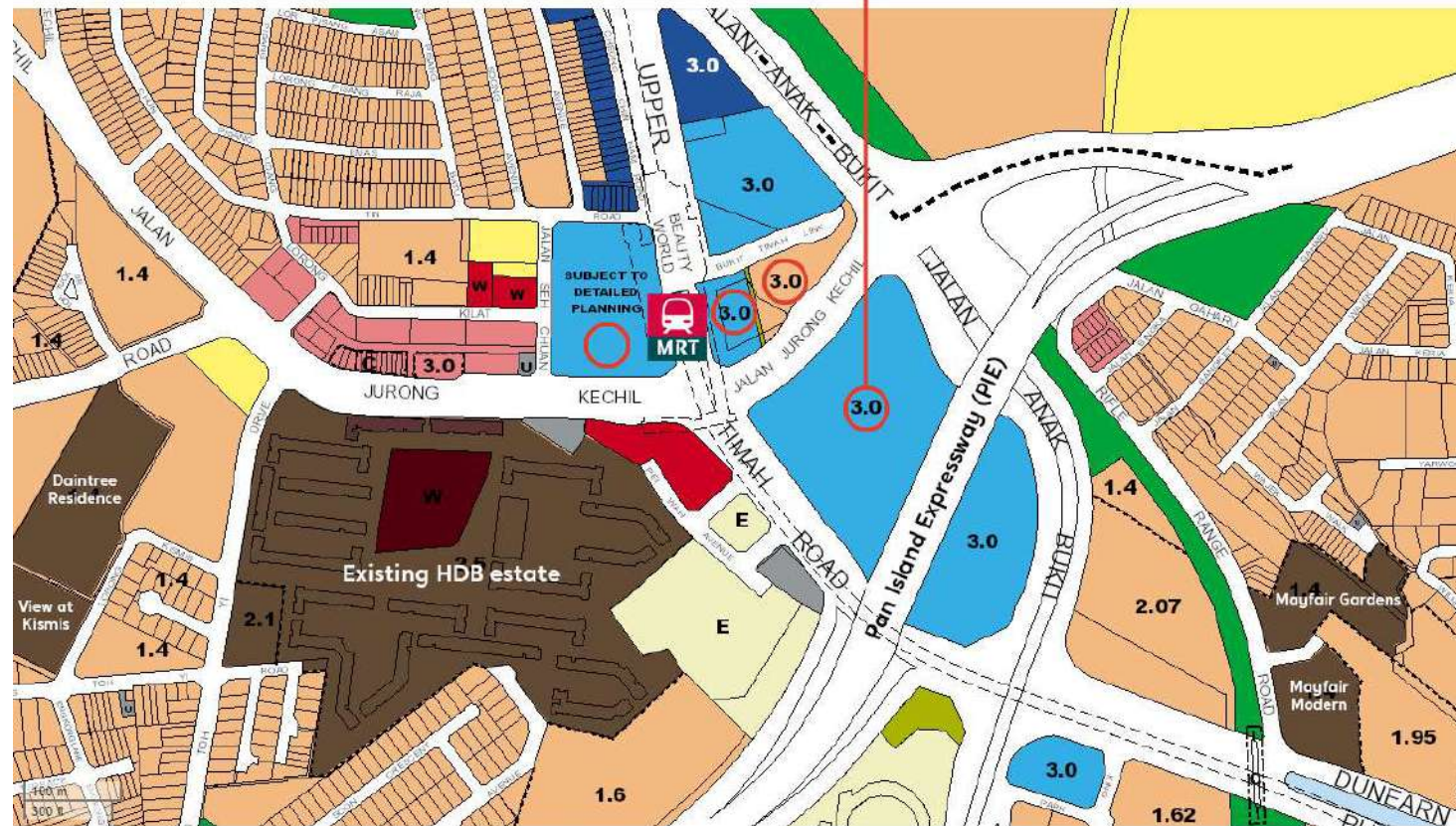
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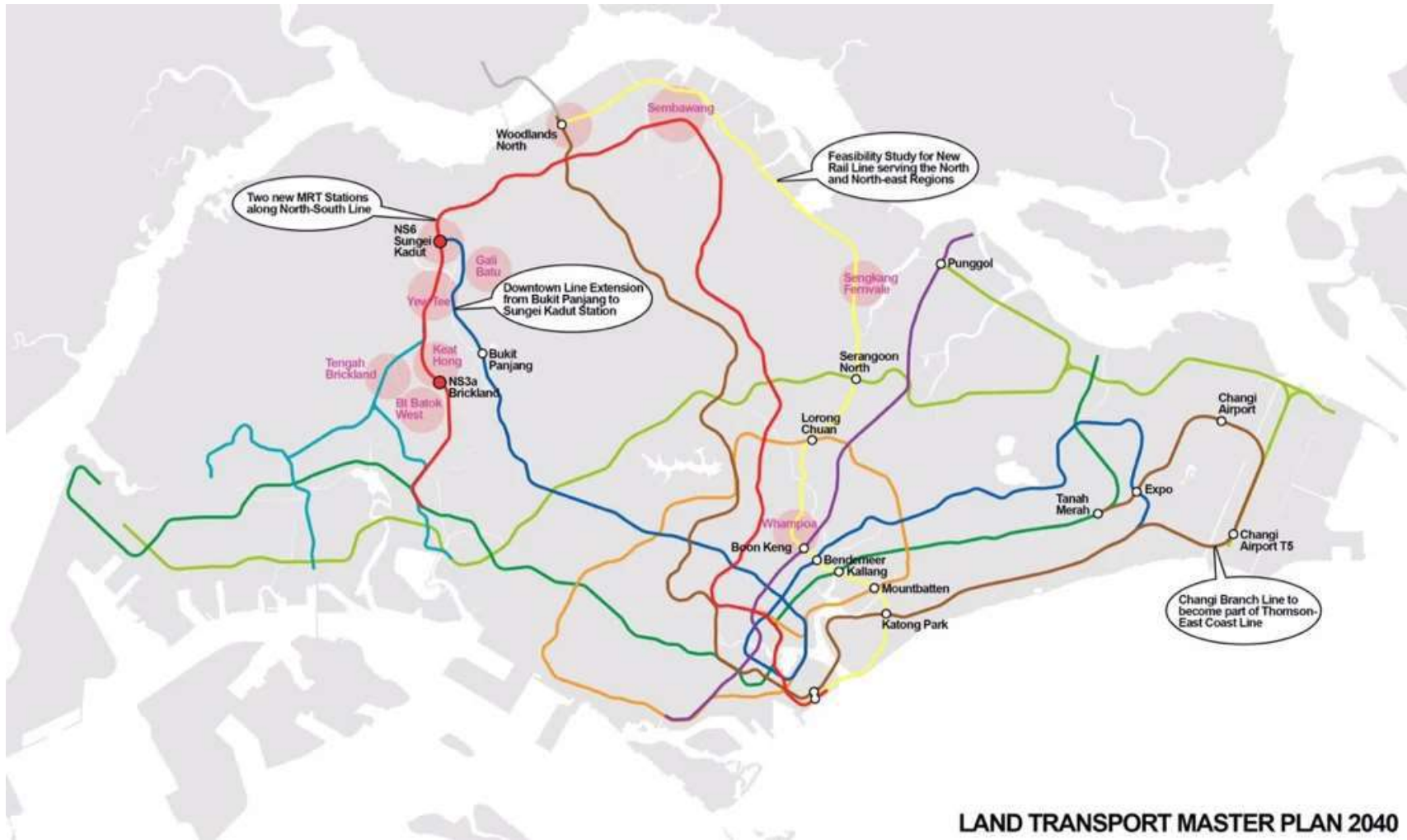
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VERDALE, a private residential development jointly developed by China Overseas Land & Investment Limited (COLI) Singapore and CSC Land Group (Singapore), drew 268 viewings over the weekend.

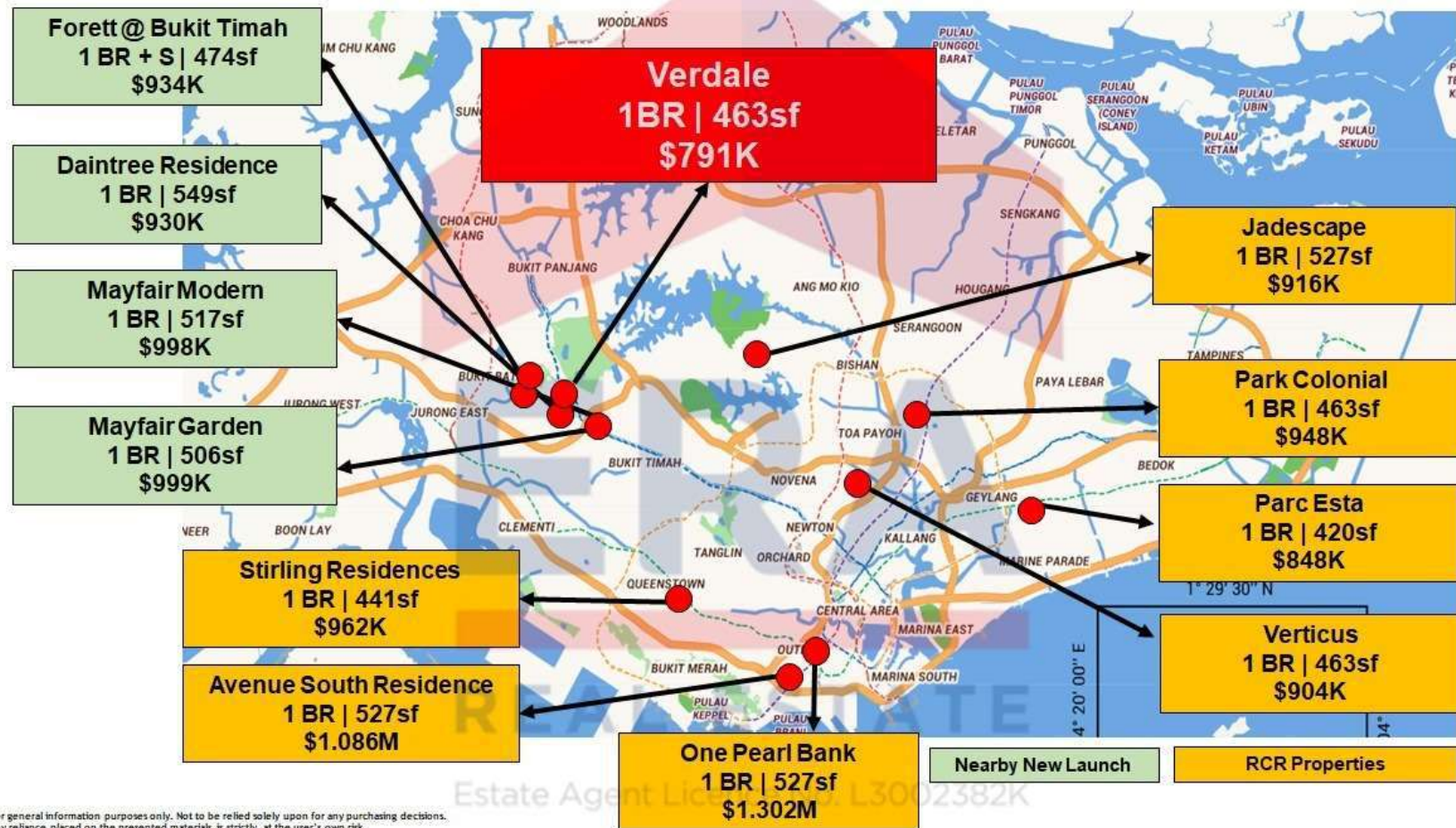
All appointment slots for the weekend preview launch of the 258-unit condominium in Bukit Timah were snapped up. The developers said interest was equally strong across all unit types.

They added that there was strong interest from potential buyers making appointments for the upcoming weeks. Due to the Covid-19 situation, previews were carried out by appointment only and following government advisories.

Public sales are slated to start on Sept 19. The development is a 99-year leasehold property consisting of seven five-storey blocks. The unit mix comprises one to five-bedders, ranging from 463 square feet (sq ft) to 1,873 sq ft, of which there are 12 duplex penthouse units.

The price of one-bedroom units start from S\$791,000 while the price of two-bedroom units start from S\$998,000.

Verdale has the lowest entry quantum amongst all new launches in D21 & RCR

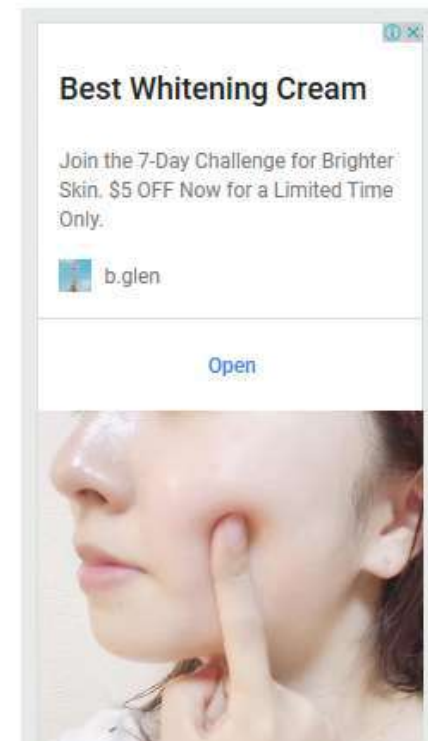


China After Lock-Down Over

China home prices resume upward climb as coronavirus impact abates



A man wearing a face mask walks in China on March 1, 2020. PHOTO: REUTERS

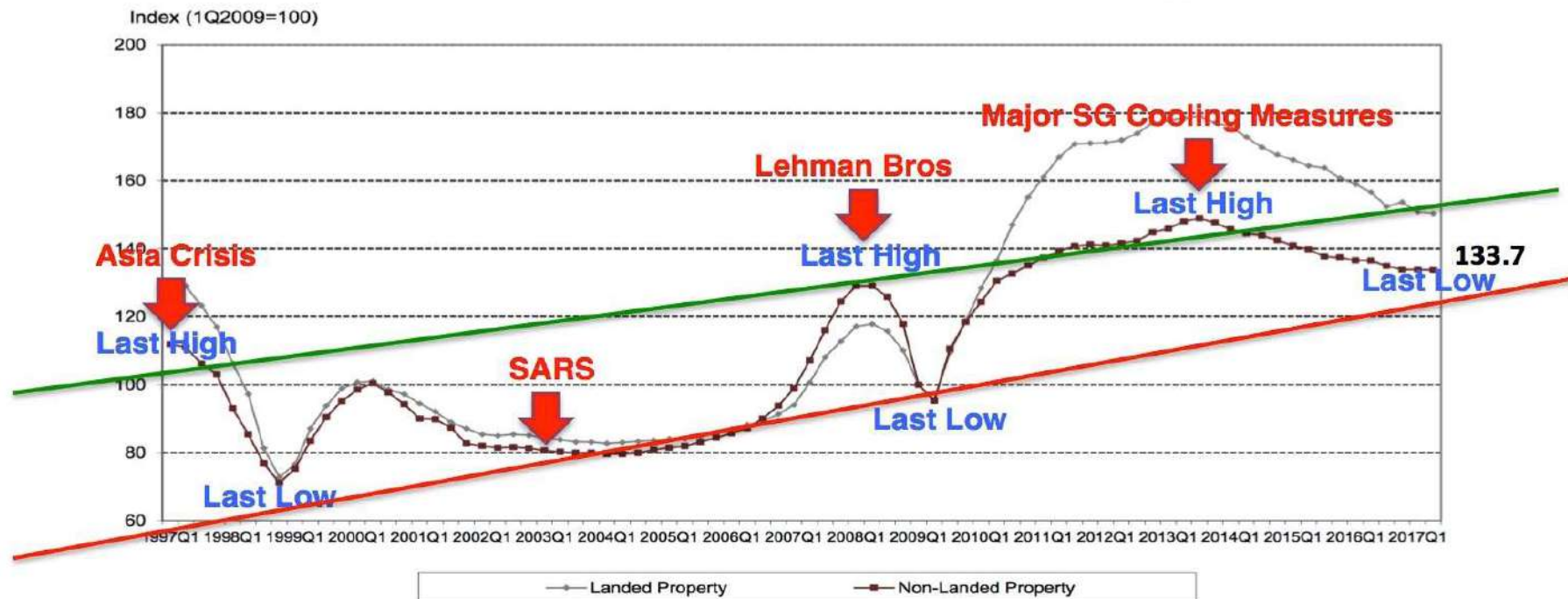


Source: The Straits Times, 16 Apr 2020

The HIGH of Today is the BARGAIN of Tomorrow

Annex A-7

Residential Property Price Index by Type



New High is always Higher than Last High
New Low is always Higher than Last Low



It is better to be prepared for an opportunity and not have one than to have an opportunity and not be prepared.

— Whitney M. Young —

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**Never Waste A Good
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Sir Winston Churchill

Q&A Questions Answers

