

Analyst Coverage



House	Target Price	Recommendation
GCGSCIMB	\$1.03	ADD
CREDIT SUISSE	\$1.06	OUTPERFORM
DBS VICKERS SECURITIES	\$0.85	HOLD
RHB	\$0.94	BUY
AVERAGE TP	\$0.97	



Attractive Valuations



	Stock	Current	Target	Upside	Mkt Cap	Ave 3M	Biz	PE	(x)	EPS grov	wth (%)	PB	(x)	ROI	E (%)	EV/EBI	TDA (x)	Div Yield (%)
	Curr	price	price	(%)	(US\$m)	T/O (mn)	Type	19E	20E	19E	20E	19E	20E	19E	20E	19E	20E	19E
HRnetGroup	SGD	0.77	1.06	37.7	571	0.2	Diversified	14.2	13.0	5.5	8.9	2.2	2.0	15.3	15.5	6.6	5.6	3.8
Japan recruitment firms																		
Recruit Holdings	JPY	3,295.00	3700.00	12.3	50,156	107.5	Diversified	31.0	27.4	7.3	12.9	5.2	4.7	16.8	17.0	16.4	14.5	0.9
Persol Holdings	JPY	2,007.0	n.a	n.a	4,329	20.1	Diversified	17.2	14.9	34.6	15.8	2.6	2.3	16.5	16.5	7.3	6.1	1.2
En-Japan	JPY	3,195.0	n.a	n.a	1,447	14.0	Portal	15.5	13.5	21.3	15.3	3.7	3.2	25.4	25.1	8.0	6.7	2.4
JAC Recruitment	JPY	2,690	n.a	n.a	1,012	3.4	Search	23.1	20.0	21.2	15.1	6.8	5.8	31.2	32.5	16.4	13.6	3.0
Meitec	JPY	5,130.00	n.a	n.a	1,370	4.5	Staffing	16.6	16.1	4.9	3.5	3.2	3.0	19.6	18.6	7.8	7.4	3.6
Technopro	JPY	6,040.00	n.a	n.a	1,998	11.0	Staffing	21.2	18.2	12.5	16.5	4.4	3.9	22.0	22.9	12.8	10.7	2.4
India recruitment firms																		
Quess	INR	660.4	n.a	n.a	1,375	0.9	Staffing	26.8	19.8	28.0	35.3	3.1	2.6	12.7	15.0	21.1	16.0	0.0
TeamLease Servs	INR	2,922.9	n.a	n.a	711	0.9	Staffing	39.4	29.9	35.5	31.6	7.8	6.2	21.6	22.9	47.7	34.6	0.1
Rest of Asia recruitment fir	ms_																	
Beijing Career International	CNY	32.6	n.a	n.a	860	12.2		37.0	29.0	35.7	27.3	6.3	5.2	17.6	18.7	23.5	18.3	0.4
Humanica	THB	8.1	n.a	n.a	173	0.3		31.9	25.4	26.4	25.6	4.5	4.1	14.4	16.7	22.9	18.3	1.4
Asian average								26.0	21.4	22.7	19.9	4.8	4.1	19.8	20.6	18.4	14.6	1.5
European recruitment firms	•																	
Adecco	CHF	56.00	57.00	1.8	9,190	57.9	Staffing	10.9	9.7	7.3	13.4	2.1	1.9	19.1	19.6	7.4	6.5	4.6
Robert Walters	GBp	586.00	700.00	19.5	579	0.1	Diversified	11.1	10.3	4.5	8.3	2.5	2.4	22.3	23.3	6.6	6.2	2.8
Randstad	EUR	48.61	50.00	2.9	9,997	30.0	Diversified	10.6	10.7	0.5	(8.0)	1.9	1.9	18.0	17.4	7.0	6.9	8.2
PageGroup	GBp	522.00	575.00	10.2	2,232	5.2	Diversified	14.6	13.5	9.7	8.4	4.9	4.6	33.6	34.0	9.0	8.7	5.4
Hays	GBp	146.50	150.00	2.4	2,778	6.5	Diversified	12.5	11.9	1.8	4.3	2.8	2.8	22.9	23.1	7.4	7.1	6.8
US recruitment firms																		
Manpower	USD	92.22	102.00	10.6	5,537	13.7	Diversified	11.7	10.9	(12.2)	1.3	2.0	1.8	17.7	17.1	7.8	7.9	2.3
Robert Half	USD	57.45	57.00	-0.8	6,811	20.0	Staffing	14.5	13.6	7.7	0.0	5.5	4.7	41.0	38.9	9.5	9.4	2.1
ASGN Inc	USD	59.8	70.00	17.2	3,155	6.4	Staffing	12.8	11.8	6.3	8.7	2.2	1.9	18.1	16.4	9.0	8.1	0.0
Recources Connection	USD	16.2	n.a	n.a	519	1.0	Staffing	15.6	n.a	14.6	n.a.	2.0	n.a	11.7	n.a	n.a	n.a	n.a
Korn Ferry	USD	45.8	40.00	-12.7	2,584	4.1	Diversified	13.5	12.4	18.5	9.1	1.9	n.a	14.3	n.a	7.0	n.a	0.9
Heidrick & Struggles	USD	35.0	38.00	8.4	670	2.1	Search	13.6	13.2	1.9	3.0	2.2	2.0	16.9	15.4	4.3	3.9	1.7
Europe+US average								12.9	11.8	5.5	5.6	2.7	2.7	21.4	22.8	7.5	7.2	3.5
Average								19.1	16.6	13.7	12.7	3.7	3.4	20.6	21.6	12.9	11.1	2.5

Source: Credit Suisse, 10 May 2019

WHO WE ARE





Our Twin Engines of Growth



PROFESSIONAL RECRUITMENT













Mid to Senior permanent positions



9,448^(a) permanent placements



18-25% placement fee



In all 13 cities

FLEXIBLE STAFFING









Temp/Contract
Mid to Junior positions



12,112^(b) contractor employees



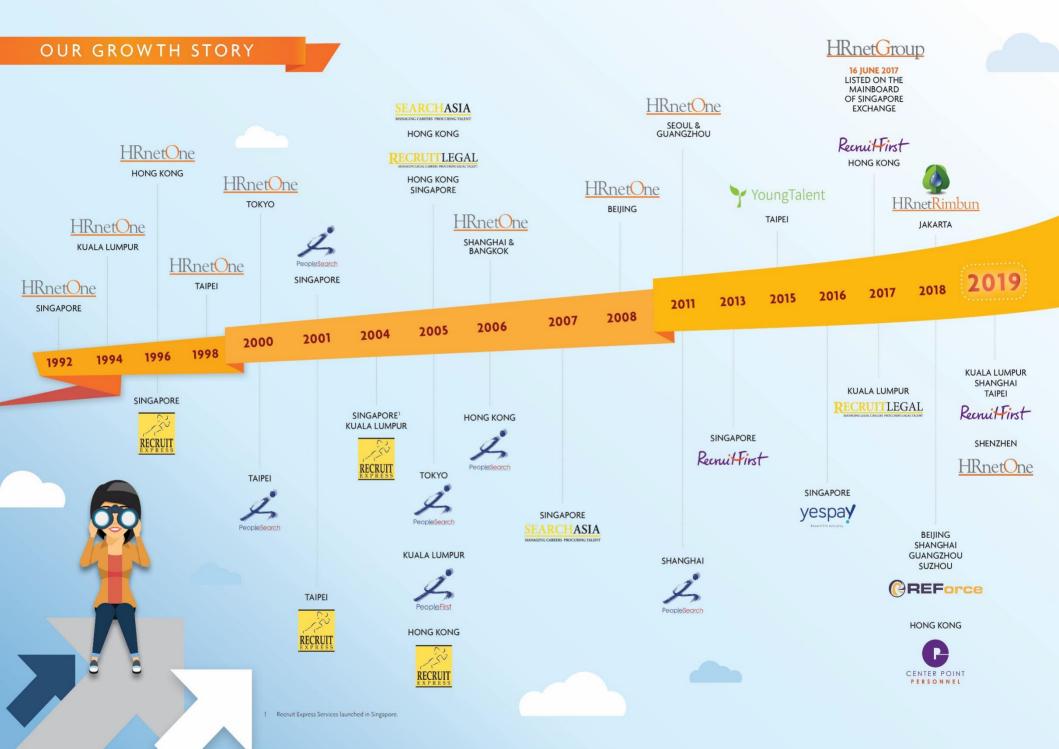
Back-to-back contracts with clients & candidates.
Employer responsibility, upfront payroll financing



In Singapore, Hong Kong, Taipei, Kuala Lumpur and Shanghai

⁽a) Data for FY2018

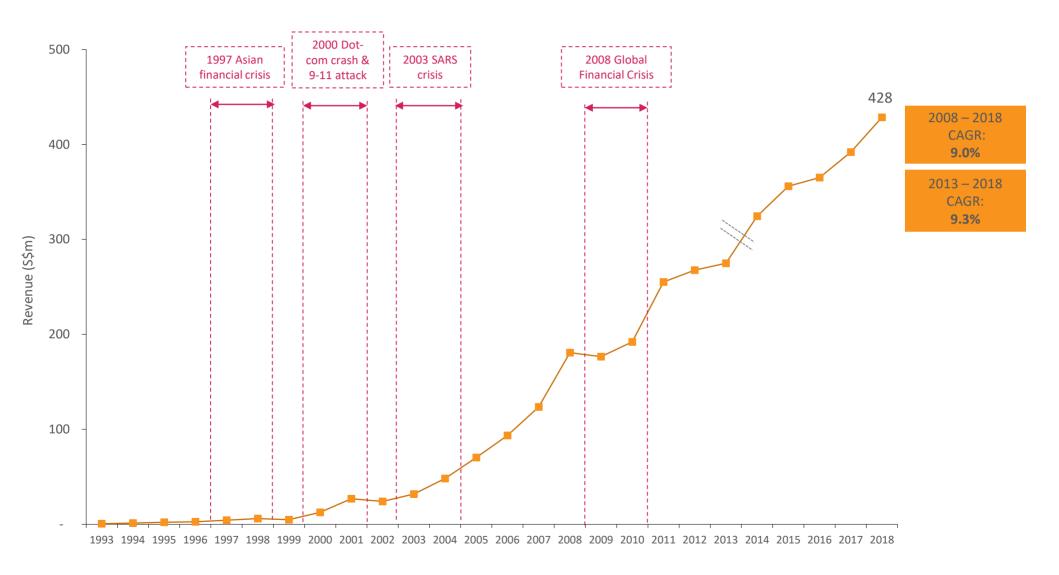
⁽b) As of 4Q2018



Strong Growth since Inception



25-year Revenue History (S\$'million)(a)

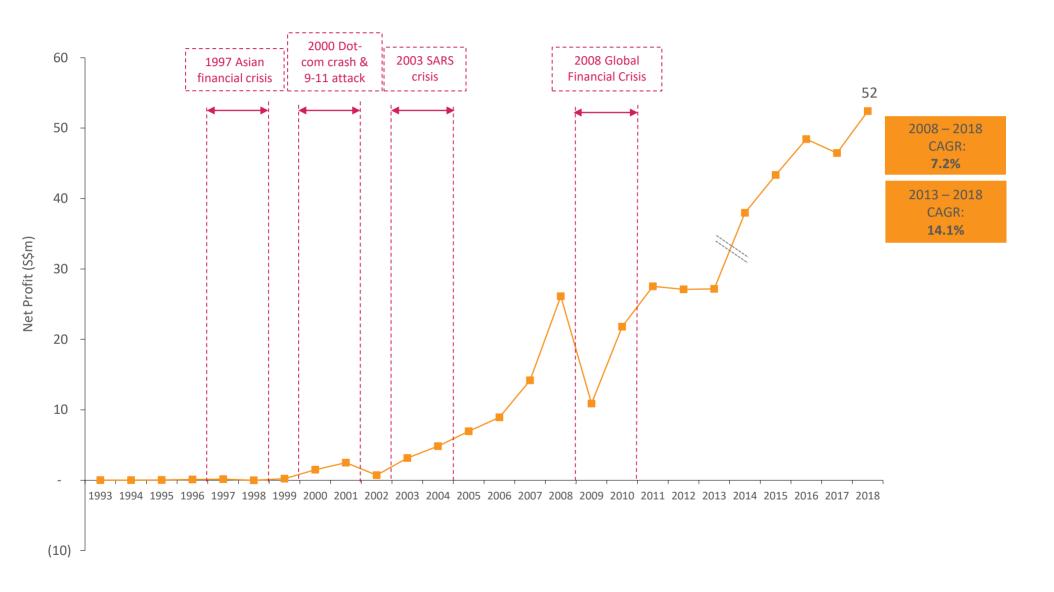


⁽a) Revenue prior to 2014 prepared based on combined results of subsidiary companies with different financial year ends; 2014, 2015 and 2016 based on new financial year ending 31 December

Strong Profitability since Inception



25-year Net Profit History (S\$'million)(a)

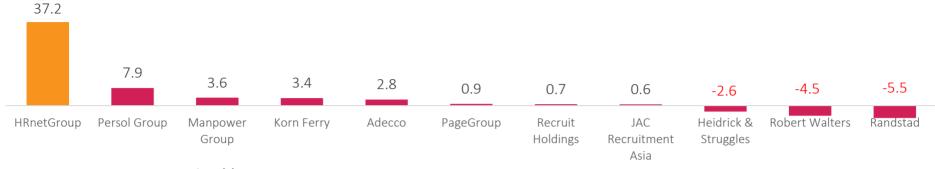


⁽a) Net profit prior to 2014 prepared based on combined results of subsidiary companies with different financial year ends; 2014, 2015 and 2016 based on new financial year ending 31 December

Largest in Singapore



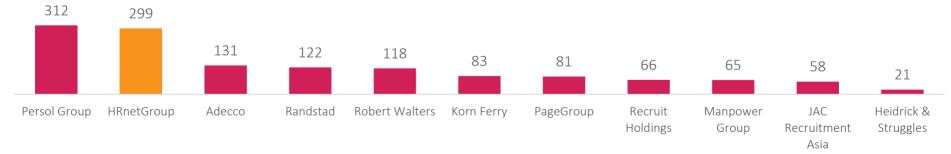
Net Profit Before Tax of Key Players - S\$m (a)



Revenue of Key Players - S\$m (a)



Licensed Consultants (b)



Note: All metrics refer to Singapore-only operations

- (a) Source: ACRA of Company filings last accessed in February 2019
- (b) Source: Ministry of Manpower records as of 31 December 2018
- c) Persol's metrices were based on summation of Capital, Kelly Services and KellyOCG Singapore
- (d) Adecco's metrices were based on summation of Adecco and Spring Professional
- (e) Robert Walters' metrices were based on summation of Robert Walters and Resource Solutions Consulting
- (f) Recruit Holdings' metrices were based on summation of RGF Talent Solutions, PeopleBank and Chandler Macleod
- (g) Except for Persol (based on Financial Year (FY) ended 31 Dec 2016) and Korn Ferry (based on FY ended 30 April 2018), the rest of the data was based on FY ended 31 Dec 2017

OUR PERFORMANCE - 1Q19



Snapshot of 1Q19 Results





Top Lines

Revenue

S\$104.0m

down 2.8%

(1Q18: S\$107.0m)

Gross Profit

S\$35.4m

down 2.8%

(1Q18: S\$36.4m)



Record Profits

NPAT

\$\$20.2m

up 16.9%

(1Q18: S\$17.3m)



PATMI

S\$19.3m

up 18.5%

(1Q18: S\$16.3m)



Record High

Efficiency Ratio

(EBITDA/GP)

64.5%

up 10.6% points (1Q18: 53.9%)





Business Volume

Contractor Employees

11,920

up 320 (2.8%)

(1Q18: 11,600)

Placements

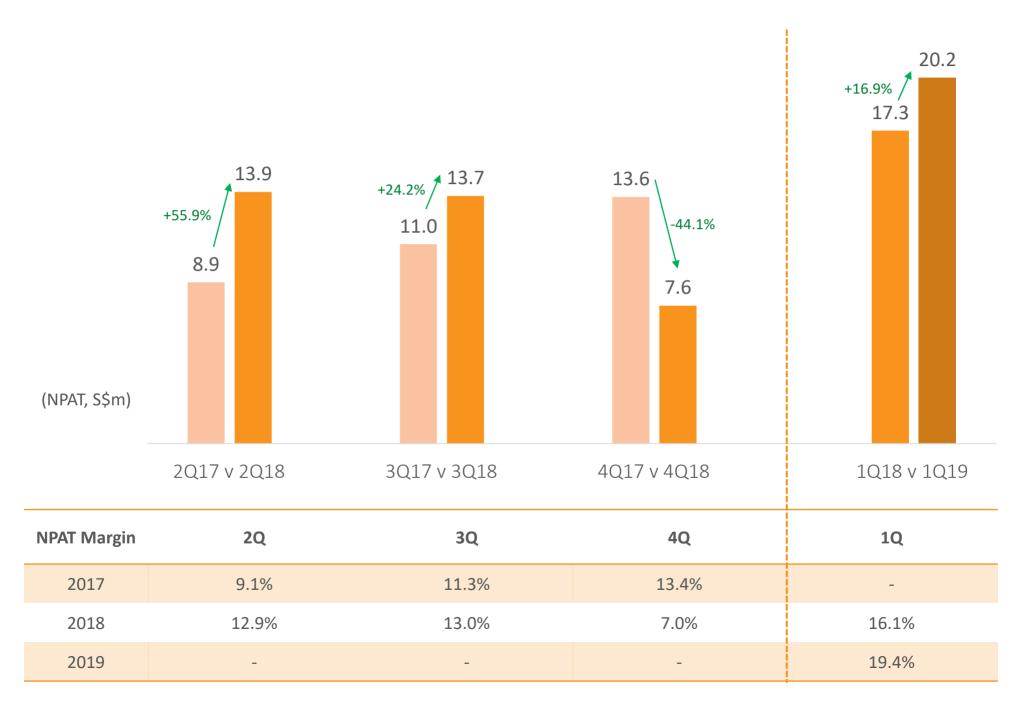
1,994

down 69 (3.3%)

(1Q18: 2,063)

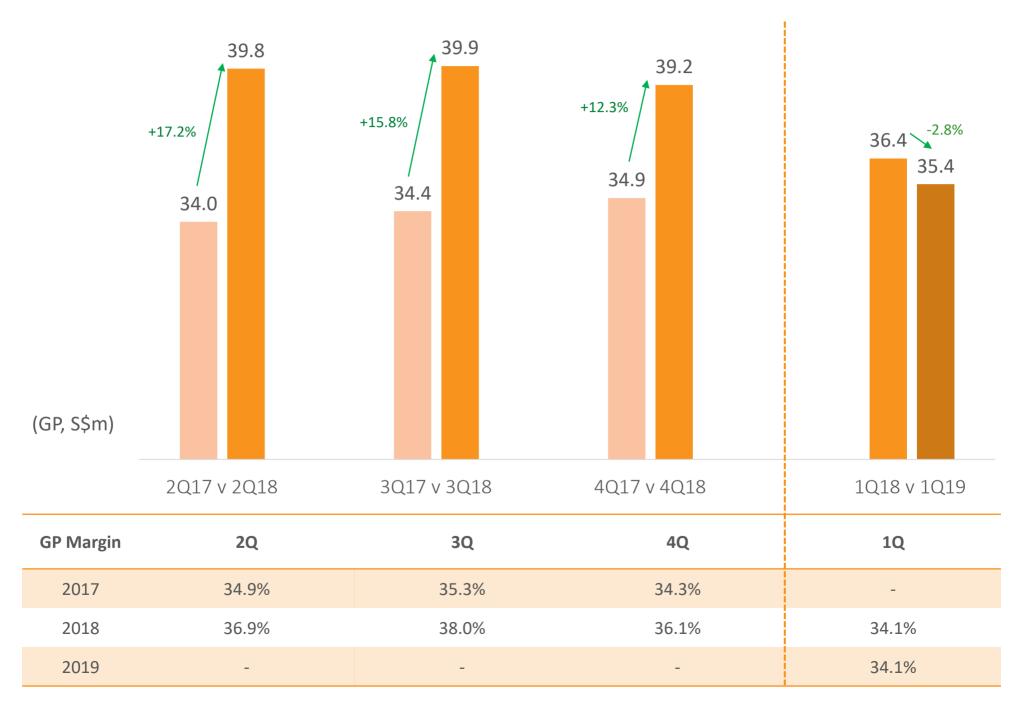
Quarterly Net Profit – Positive Start to the Year





Quarterly Gross Profit – Stable GP Margin





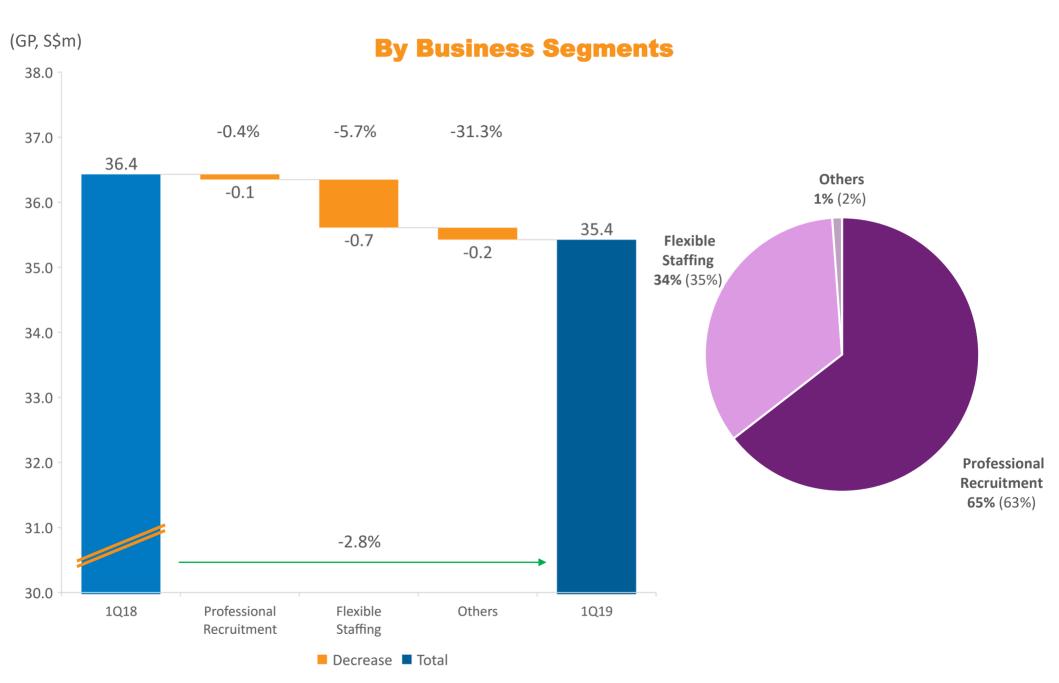




	1Q19	1Q18	Change
PROFIT & LOSS	S\$'m	S\$'m	%
Revenue	104.0	107.0	(2.8)
Gross profit	35.4	36.4	(2.8)
Other income			
Government subsidies	4.5	5.0	(10.9)
Unrealised gain on revaluation of other financial assets	4.4	0.8	>100
Others	2.3	0.8	>100
Expenses			
Employee benefit expenses	(18.4)	(18.8)	(2.0)
Facilities and depreciation expenses	(2.9)	(2.6)	11.3
Selling expenses	(1.1)	(0.8)	40.3
Other expenses	(0.5)	(0.7)	(12.7)
Finance costs ¹	(0.1)		n.m.
Profit before tax	23.6	20.1	16.9
Income tax	(3.4)	(2.8)	17.2
Profit after tax	20.2	17.3	16.9
PATMI	19.3	16.3	18.5
KEY FINANCIAL RATIOS			
Earnings per share (EPS) (cents)			
Basic	1.92	1.61	
Diluted	1.91	1.60	
Efficiency Ratio (%) (EBITDA / GP)	64.5	53.9	

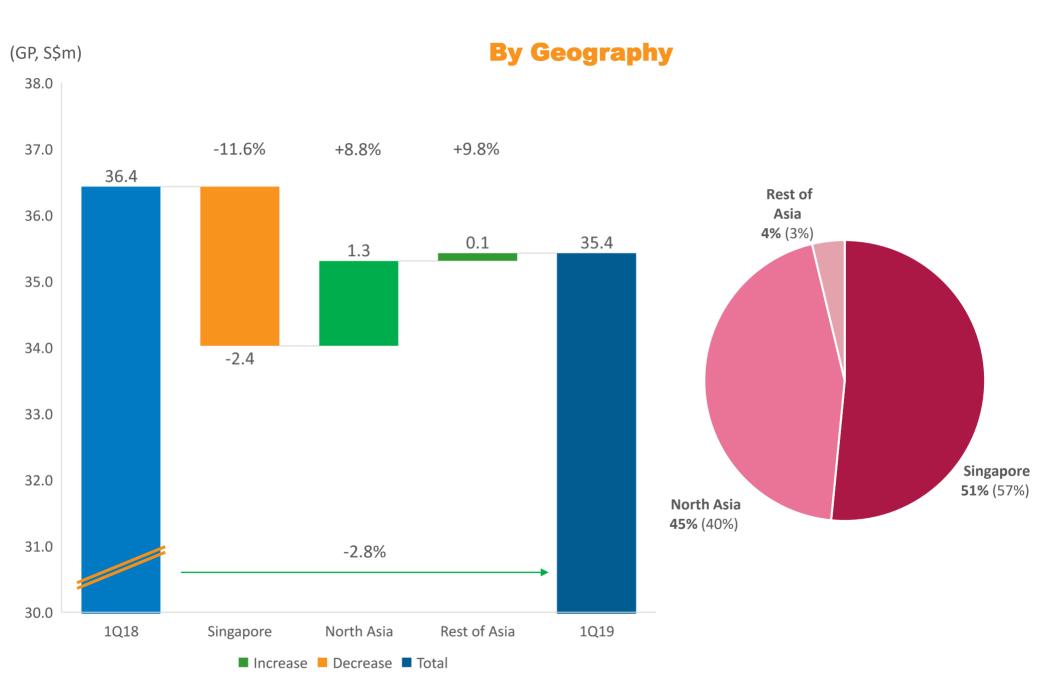
Gross Profits for the Quarter





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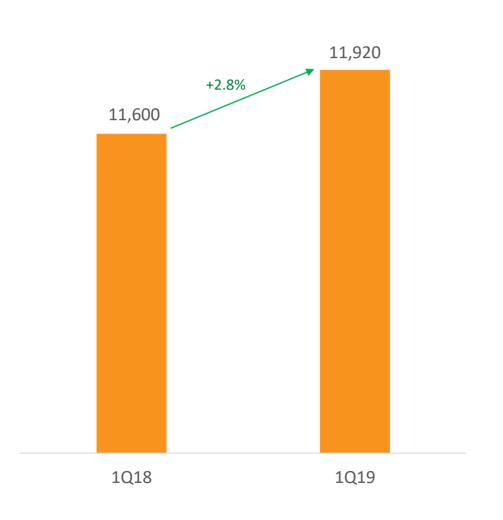




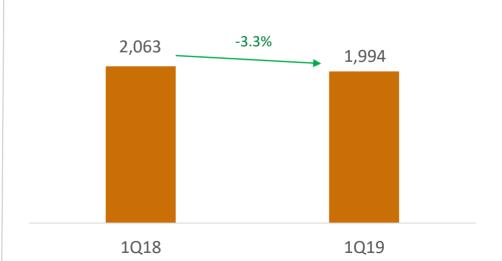








Placements







	31 Mar 2019 S\$'m	31 Dec 2018 S\$'m	Change S\$'m
Cash	304.5	281.8	22.7
Trade Receivables	77.5	81.3	(3.8)
Other Financial Assets	28.1	28.3	(0.2)
Right-of-use Assets ¹	13.3	-	13.3
Goodwill	12.3	12.3	-
Other Assets	12.3	11.6	0.7
Total Assets	448.0	415.3	32.7
Debt	-	-	-
Trade and Other Payables	42.0	45.8	(3.8)
Deferred Considerations	13.6	13.4	0.2
Lease Liabilities ¹	13.3	-	13.3
Tax Payable and Deferred Tax Liabilities	13.5	11.3	2.2
Total Equity	365.6	344.8	20.8
Total Liabilities & Equity	448.0	415.3	32.7
NAV	352.7	333.3	19.4
NTA	338.0	318.6	19.4
Receivables Turnover (Days)	69	69	

^{1.} Relates to long-term office leases commitments.

Singapore Government Subsidies





Wage Credit Scheme (WCS)

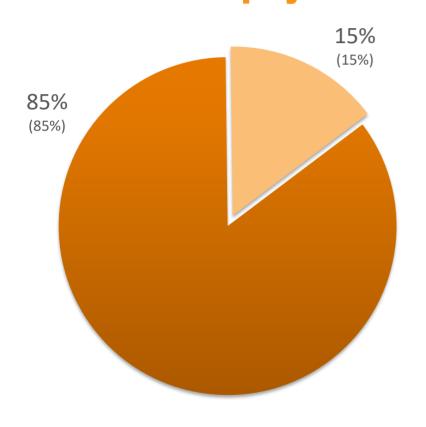
• Government co-funding was maintained at 20% for 2018, which was received in 2019. Subsequently, the co-funding ratio will be stepped down to 15% in 2019 (to be received in 2020) and 10% in 2020 (to be received in 2021).

S\$'m	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
2017	WCS & SEC 4.5	TEC 0.9	SEC 0.1	тес 0.5
2018	wcs & sec 5.0	TEC 0.5	SEC 0.1	No more payout
2019	wcs & sec 4.5	No more payout	To receive	-
2019			To receive	-

Efficiency & Productivity



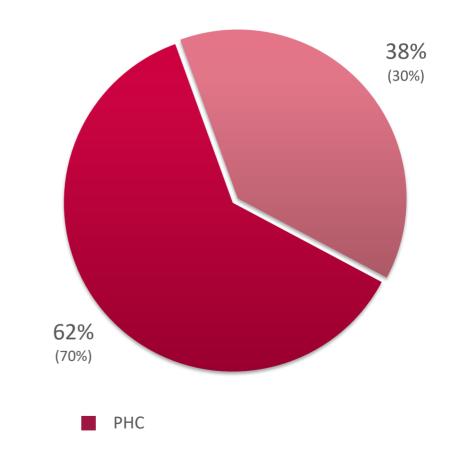
Sales Employees



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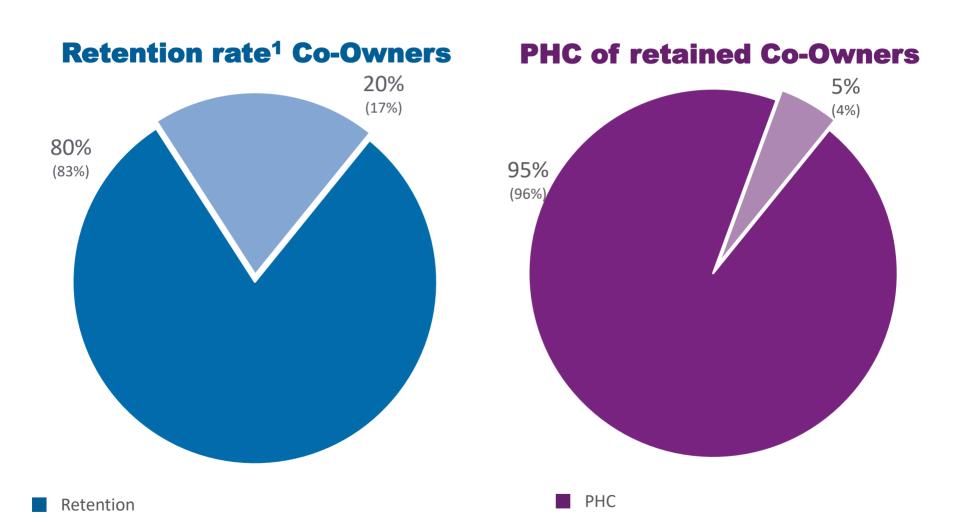
- Data as of 1Q19
- Permanent employees: 905 (1Q18: 791)
- 1. Productive heartcount is defined as sales people who achieves gross profit of 3 times his payroll costs.
- 2. % in brackets denotes 1Q18 figures

Productive HeartCount (PHC)¹



Effectiveness of 123GROW





Data as of 31 Mar 2019. Notes:

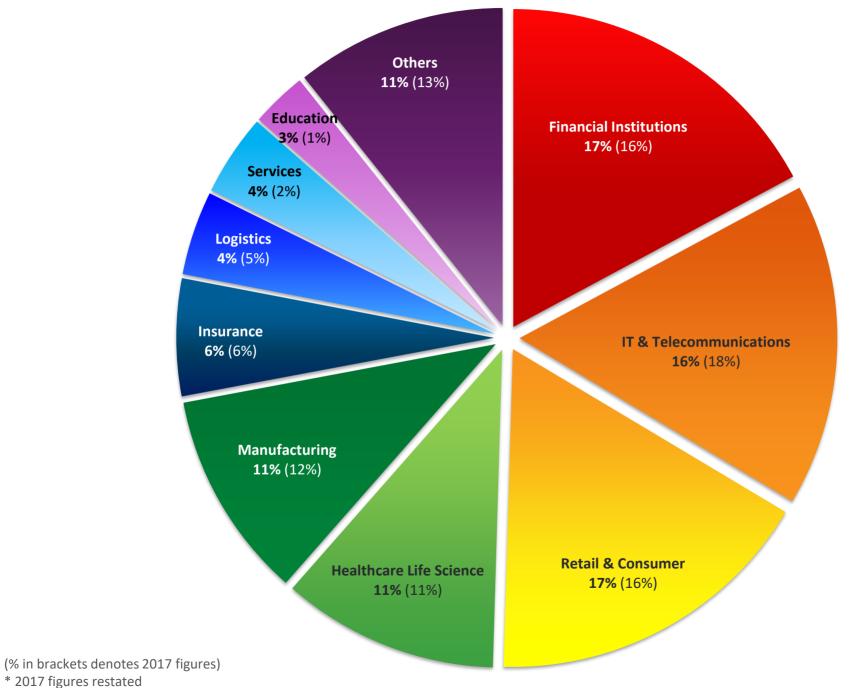
- 1. Retention rate for 31 Mar 2019 is an annualised rate.
- 2. 123GROW Co-Owners as of 31 Mar 2019: 286 (31 Dec 2018: 301)
- 3. % in brackets denotes 31 Dec 2018 figures

Higher Profitability Potential with a Higher Efficiency Workforce



		1Q19	1Q18	Change
	Excluding M&A			
Revenue/Sales Employees (\$'000)	144.6 • -8.6%	135.0	158.2	-14.7%
GP/Sales Employees (\$'000)	48.3	46.0	53.9	-14.7%
	-10.4%			
		Mar-19	<u>Mar-18</u>	
Total Employees		1,123	1,066	
Perm Employees		905	791	
Singapore		333	352	
North Asia		471	355	
Rest of Asia		101	84	
Temp/Contract		218	275	
Sales Employees		770	676	
% Sales Employees		85	86	
Productive Sales Employees		475	473	
% Productive Sales Employees		62	70	
Singapore		74	77	
North Asia		57	68	
Rest of Asia		48	49	

Revenue by Sector for FY2018



Highly Diversified Base of Customers



Our Top 5 customers have been with us for an average of 18 years

	Customer since	FY18 Revenue Contribution
Asian Conglomerate One of the top 3 largest technology companies globally by revenue, Fortune 100	1999	3.6%
Singapore Bank One of the top 3 largest banks in ASEAN by assets	2000	3.3%
Regional Telco One of the top 3 largest telcos in Asia by total wireless subscribers, Fortune 500	1999	2.4%
European Bank One of the top 10 largest bank globally by total assets, Fortune 500	2000	2.2%
International Bank One of the top 10 largest banks globally by total assets, Fortune 500	2000	2.2%
Contribution from Top 5 clients		13.7%
Contribution from Top 10 clients		21.1%

Note: Data as of 31 December 2018

Balance Sheet Management



KEY OBJECTIVE

To maintain a strong balance sheet which allows the Group to ride through cycles and sustain the ability to make opportunistic acquisitions



CASHFLOW PRIORITIES

- Maintain healthy level of working capital, particularly to support the staffing business
- To support organic and inorganic expansion
- To deliver sustainable and appropriate core dividends

Cash Requirements	Approximate Amount (S\$m)
Working capital reserve	100
Proposed dividend payment	28
Committed consideration for M&A and strategic investments	14
Earmarked for expansion plans in the pipeline	14
	156

Note: Data as of 31 March 2019

Balance Sheet Management

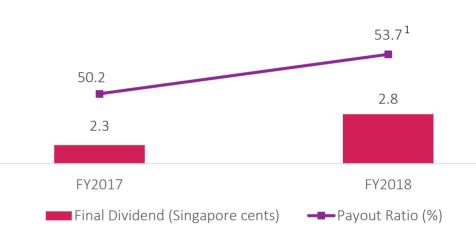
IPO PROCEEDS of S\$174m

Breakdown of Utilisation

Items	Percentage of IPO Proceeds
IPO & Professional Fees Expenses	5%
Investments in Strategic Entities	18%
Invested & Committed Investments in Organic Subsidiaries	2%
Paid & Committed Consideration for Acquisitions	5%
Earmarked for Expansion & Investment Plans in the Pipeline	12%
Total Utilised & Earmarked	42%

CORE DIVIDEND PRACTICE

To maintain a 50% payout ratio, based on NPAT



1. Derived based on 50% of "Normalised NPAT", which excludes unrealised gain / (loss) on revaluation of other financial assets.

Note: Data as of 31 March 2019

Rationale for Shares Repurchase



- One of the capital management tools to enhance shareholder value
- Treasury shares are used for shares incentive plans and/or M&A considerations

For 2018

- Total number of shares repurchased: 7.6m (S\$6.6m)
- 2.0m shares re-issued in pursuant to bonus shares vested for 123GROW plan
- Treasury shares sufficient for projected bonus shares to be granted in 2019 & 2020 under 123GROW plan and GROW Plan

OUR SECRET SAUCE



Growth through Co-Owners



HRnetOne



DAISY TAN*
Chief People
Officer



JENNIFER KANG*
Chief Financial
Officer



MADELINE WAN*
Senior General
Manager

GCIP(a)



CATHERINE YEOW Group Business Leader KTS^(b)



ROGER TAN Director Malaysia



VICKI ONG
Country Director
Taiwan



KHIM GOH
Country Manager
Malaysia



ASAKO YOSHII Senior Business Leader Tokyo



BLISS TSAI Key Account Director Taipei/ Guangzhou



ANGELA KWAK Practice Leader Seoul



DANIEL CHOONG

Business Leader

Kuala Lumpur



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LORENCZ TAY*
Group Managing
Director



STEVEN LIM
Group Business
Leader
Taiwan



JARED NG Senior Business Leader Hong Kong



KUNG SHIH CHAN
Senior Practice
Leader
Shanghai



SHAWNIE SOO Senior Business Leader Kuala Lumpur



ADRIAN CHIA Key Account Director Shanghai



MAVERICK TAN
Business Leader
Guangzhou



DAWNIE YUEN
Senior Practice
Leader
Shanghai





JACELYN CHUA
Group Business
Leader Singapore



AVIEL SIM
Consulting
Director Hong
Kong



SOPHIA OOI Consulting Director Hong Kong

Note: All Co-Owners will be receiving shares under the 88GLOW plan; Asterisks denote Executive Officers

- (a) Greater China & Japan
- (b) South Korea, Thailand, and Singapore

Owner-Manager Team Driving High Performance



1,123 People^(a), **19** Nationalities



303 Co-Owners

88 **GLOW** 123 **GROW**

175 Leaders



Average of 18 years of service

23 Group Business Leaders (Average age: 48)

Average of 11 years of service

24 Business Leaders (Average age: 43)

Average of 7 years of service

128 Practice Leaders (Average age: 35)





4 new Co-Owner leaders in SHANGHAI & TAIPEI



Annie Zhang RecruitFirst Shanghai



Jway Zhu RecruitFirst Shanghai



John Lee RecruitFirst Taiwan



Benny Chang
RecruitFirst Taiwan

Organic Growth

HRnetGroup

Expansion of the RecruitFirst brand into 3 cities



KUALA LUMPUR

Incorporated RecruitFirst Staffing Services Sdn Bhd and Agensi Pekerjaan RecruitFirst and commenced operations on 1 Jan. This business unit is headed up by our existing Co-Owner <u>Daniel Choong</u>





SHANGHAI

Commenced operations on 1 Apr. It is headed up by our Co-Owner Annie Zhang





TAIPEI

Preparations are on track for the rebranding of our flexible staffing business in Taipei, an initiative to streamline our operations and leverage on the strength of the RecruitFirst brandname. The business unit will be headed up by our Co-Owner John Lee.

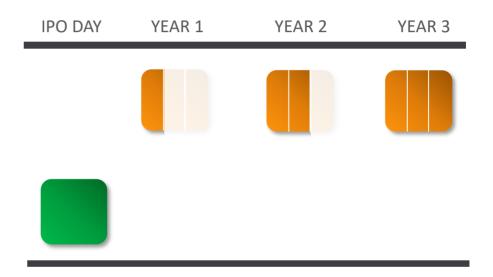


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GROW Shares Plan

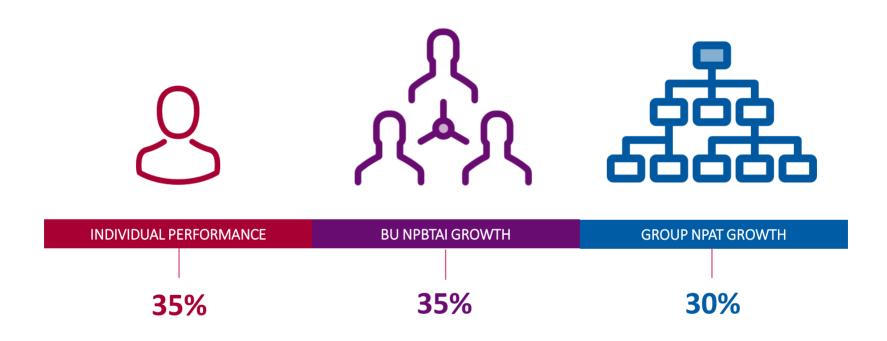




GROW Shares Plan



Number of shares co-owners will ultimately receive is dependent on 3 dimensions



Our Growth Platforms





BUSINESS OPERATIONS



Driving Efficiency & Productivity



Aiming to digitalise and automate our value chain and improve quality of delivery



OPERATIONS & PROCESSES

Integrated Framework of Internal Systems

- Weekly Intervention Transformation Report (WITS) to track work progress, learnings and future planning
- Integrated Human Resource Solutions (iHRS) Proprietary online application for all HR and Company-related matters (including e-Timesheets, e-Claims, e-Payroll)
- Integrated Executive Search (ies) Proprietary client / candidate / project relationship management system
- SAP Business One Accounting System

Driving Efficiency & Productivity



Aiming to digitalise and automate our value chain and improve quality of delivery



CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

- Leveraging on digital means to maximise outreach (e.g. job portals, social media, search engines & instant messaging)
- Digitalising external facing processes (e.g. e-candidate data form, eLA, communications broadcast, zoom meetings, QR cards)
- Measuring level of engagement via our own online survey portal (HeaRtbeats) to track feedback across all contact points and interactions – Consultant, Client and Candidate



QUALITY OF DELIVERY

- Job Ads checker additional level of check to ensure data accuracy
- Experimenting with new technologies to enhance in jobs matching (e.g. Investment in Glints)

HeaRtbeats



An online portal that allows clients and candidates to indicate their level of satisfaction after interacting with our consultants.

















THE GRIN REPORT



Client Engagement



Leaders' Breakfast Club is a quarterly client engagement event that draws an audience of HR decision makers across various industries. Our objective is to create a platform that fosters peer learning and inspiration through the discussion of thought-provoking HR-related matters and topics.

Singapore



Taipei



Jakarta



Tokyo

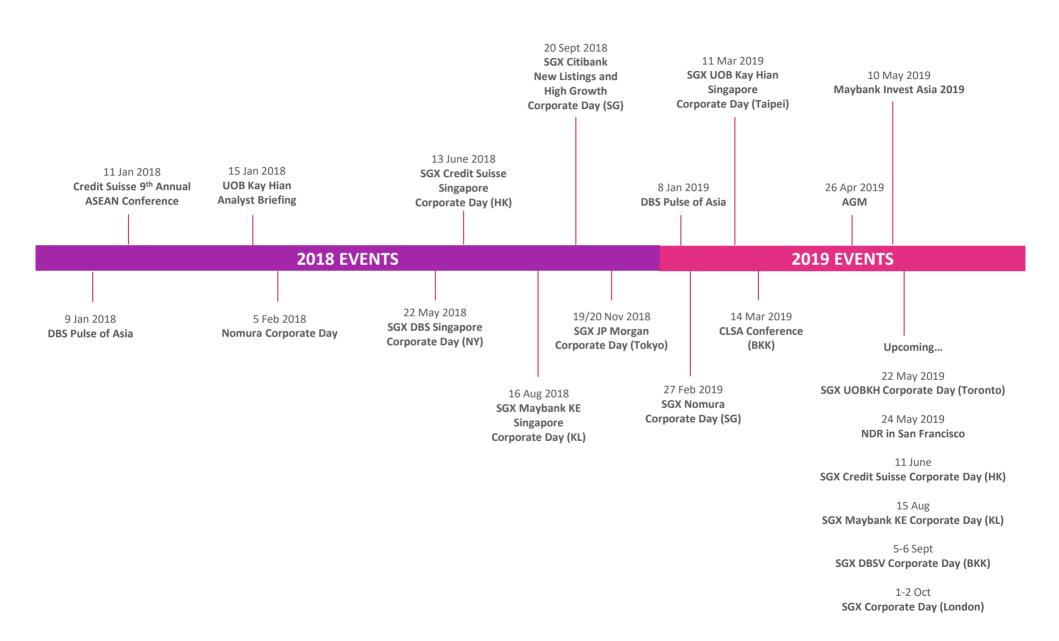


UPCOMING SESSIONS

Kuala Lumpur . Singapore . Jakarta . Hong Kong . Shanghai . Taiwan . Bangkok

Investor Engagement





^{*}And over 40 1-on-1 meetings