

## Sunway REIT third-quarter profit takes a dip

**PETALING JAYA:** Sunway Real Estate Investment Trust (SUNREIT) posted a net profit of RM68.9mil for the third quarter ended March 31, down from RM70.4mil, dragged down by income tax expenses.

During the quarter in review, revenue rose 7.1% year-on-year (y-o-y) to RM151.5mil, driven primarily by a firmer financial performance from the retail and office segments.

This was further boosted by a higher income contribution from Sunway Clio Property.

Correspondingly, SUNREIT's net property income (NPI) grew 8% year-on-year to RM113.8mil.

The group has declared a third income distribution of 2.58 sen per unit.

SUNREIT closed unchanged at RM1.87 yesterday.

In a statement, SUNREIT said its retail segment posted a revenue growth of 2.5% y-o-y to RM110.7mil, while its NPI improved 3.2% y-o-y to RM79.5mil.

"The financial performance for the retail segment during the quarter was primarily contributed by a higher turnover rent at Sunway Pyramid Mall, however, partially offset by a softer performance at Sunway Putra Mall," it said.

Revenue for the hotel segment soared 30.2% y-o-y to RM23.4mil, while NPI jumped in tandem with revenue growth by 28.9% y-o-y to RM21.5mil.

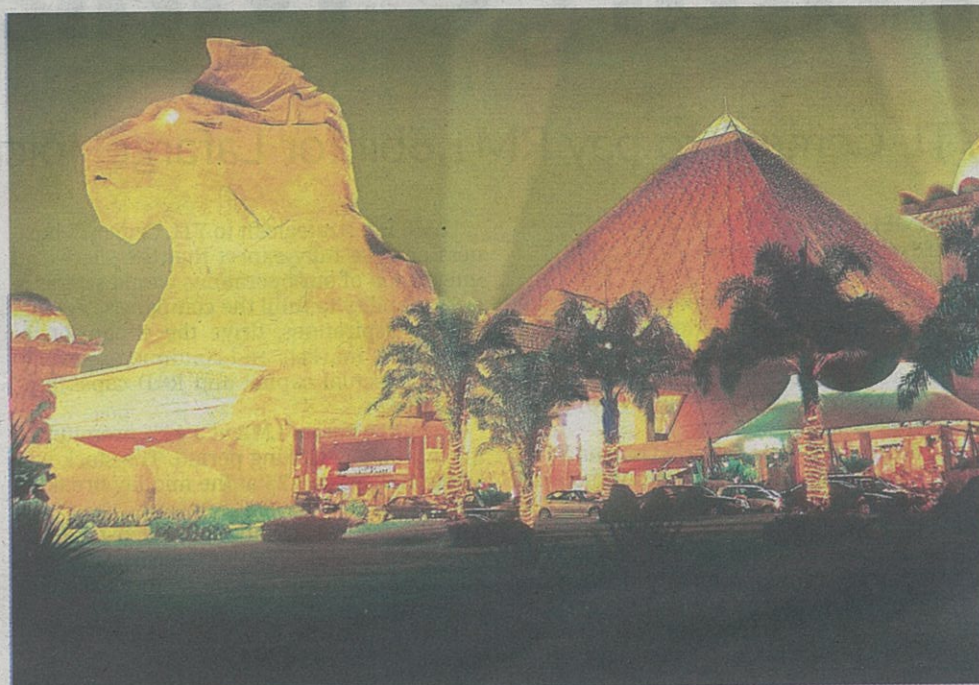
This was mainly contributed by higher income contribution from Sunway Resort Hotel & Spa and Sunway Clio Property.

In the office segment, revenue rose 17.5% y-o-y to RM9.9mil, while NPI grew 18.4% y-o-y to RM5.3mil, driven by higher average occupancy rates at Sunway Putra Tower and Wisma Sunway.

For the cumulative period, SUNREIT's net profit stood at RM208.4mil, down from RM220.6mil in the nine months to March 31, 2018.

It achieved a revenue growth of 2.5% y-o-y to RM434.7mil, while NPI grew 2.8% y-o-y to RM328.5mil, driven by higher contributions from the retail and office segments.

For the nine-month period, its retail segment recorded a revenue of RM320.9mil, up 1.8% y-o-y, where growth was largely driven by a higher average gross rent at Sunway Pyramid Mall. NPI rose by 3.1% y-o-y to RM233. The office segment's revenue, on the other hand, grew 16.5% year on year to RM28.4mil, while NPI soared 28.5% year on year to RM15.5mil.



**Good business:** The exterior of Sunway Pyramid Mall. Sunway REIT says the financial performance of the retail segment during the quarter was primarily contributed by a higher turnover rent at Sunway Pyramid Mall.