Release Public Wealth



What if it didn't take higher taxes for governments to build bridges and repair crumbling infrastructures?

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IMF Fiscal Monitor on Public Wealth



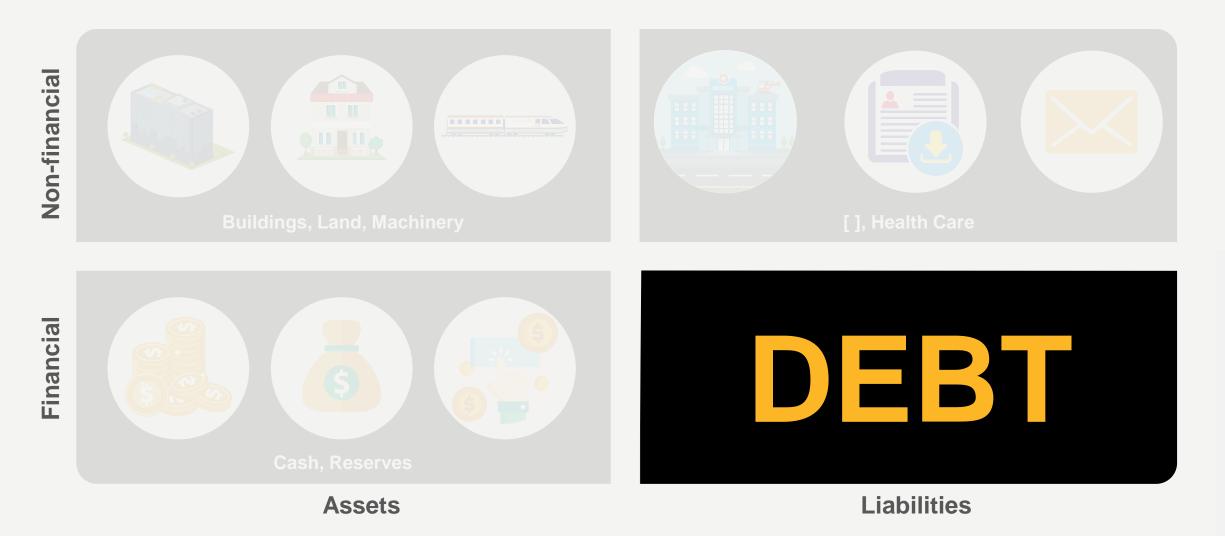
Christine Lagarde, October 2018

"Public Wealth has a value of at least twice GDP"

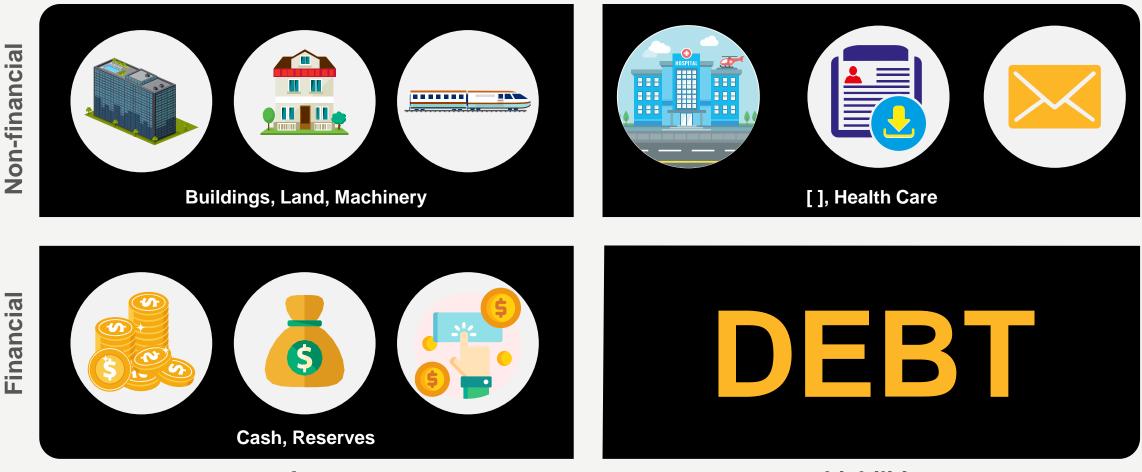
"Professional management could deliver extra revenues, equal to what advanced economies collect in corporate tax in a year"



Fiscal Analysis Typically Focuses on Debt

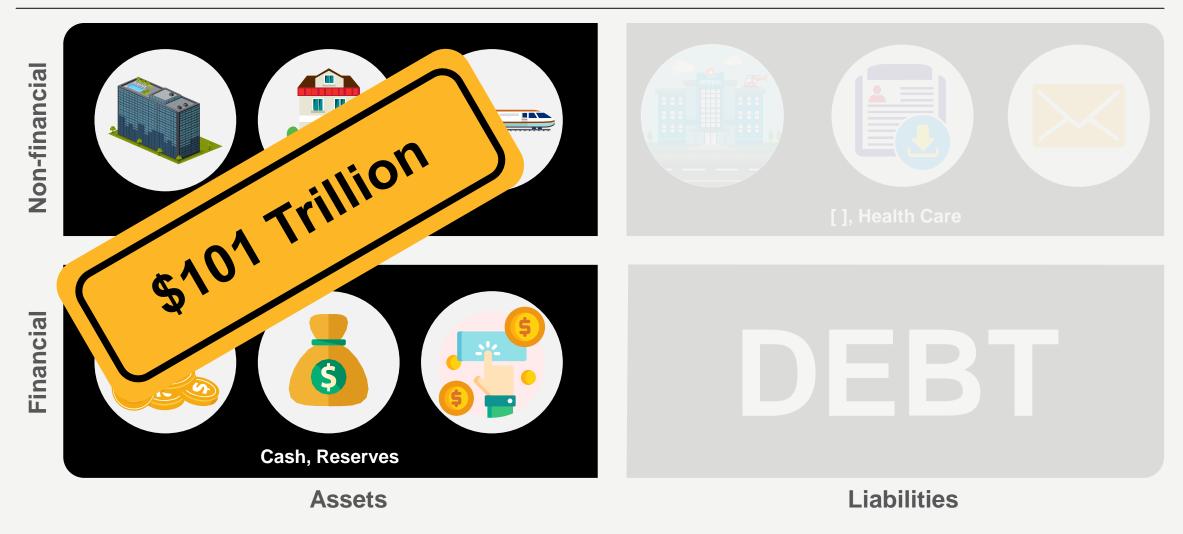


The Public Sector Balance Sheet Adds Information on Assets and Non-debt Liabilities

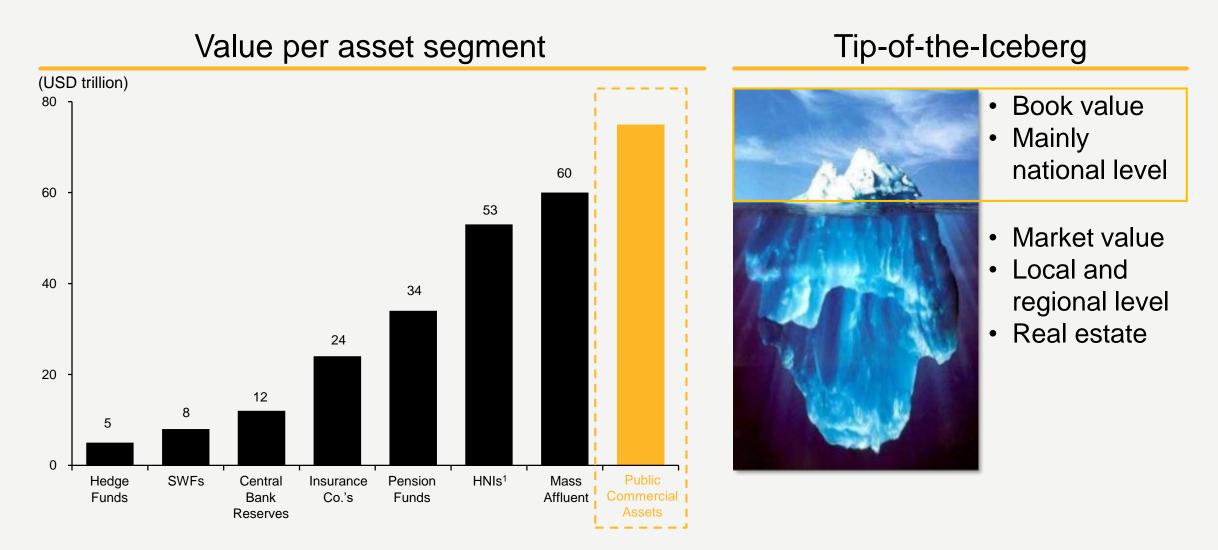


Assets

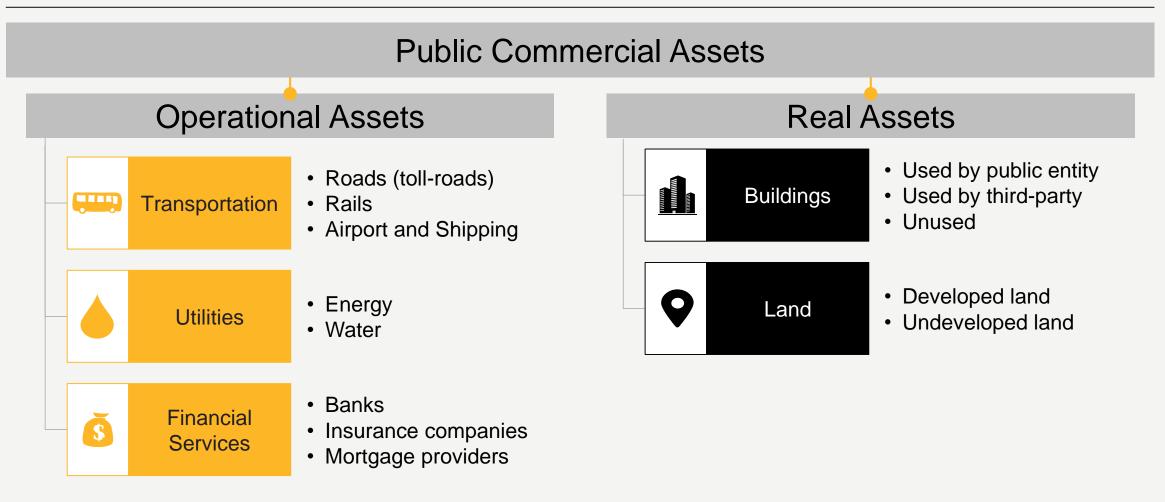
These Assets are Worth \$101 Trillion or 219 Percent of GDP in 31 Countries



Governments are - sitting on a 'goldmine'



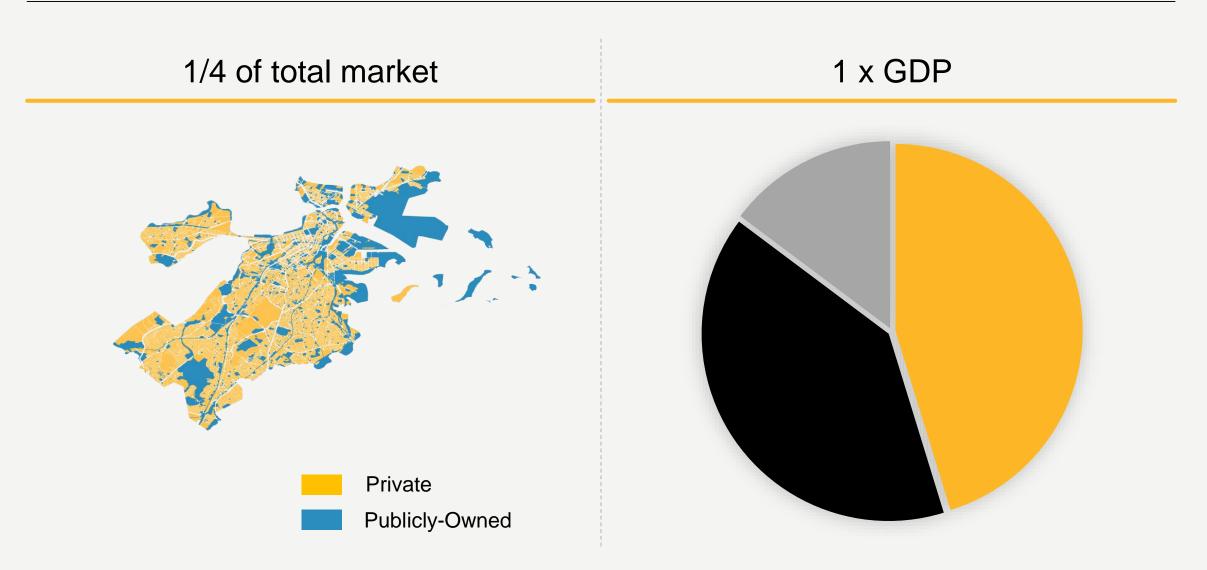
Public Wealth - generate revenues, if managed professionally



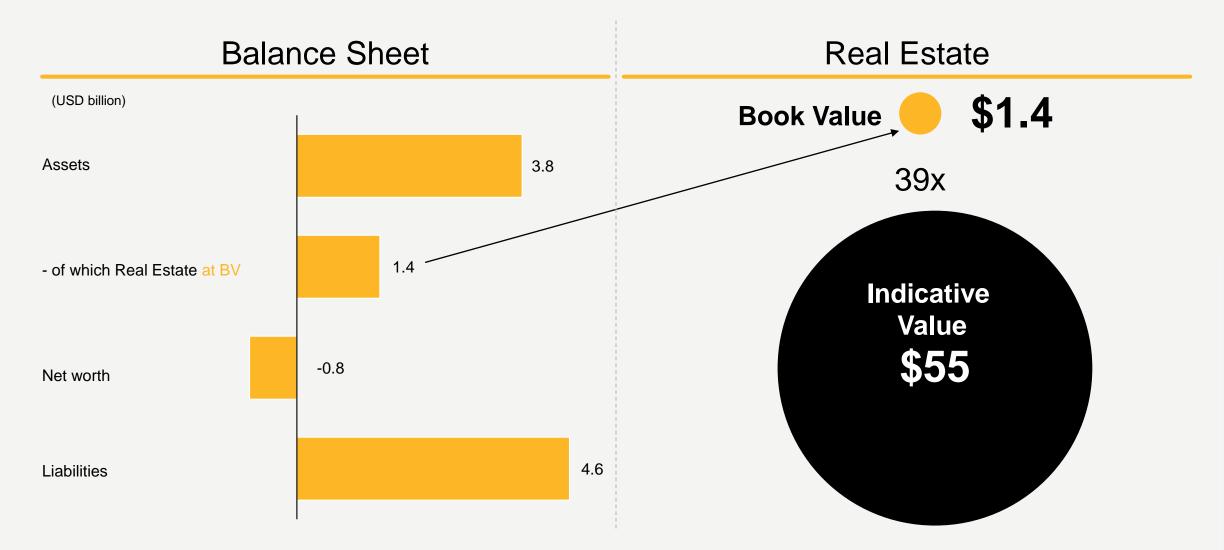
Like IKEA and McDonalds – governments are also in the real estate business?

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Hidden values in Real Estate

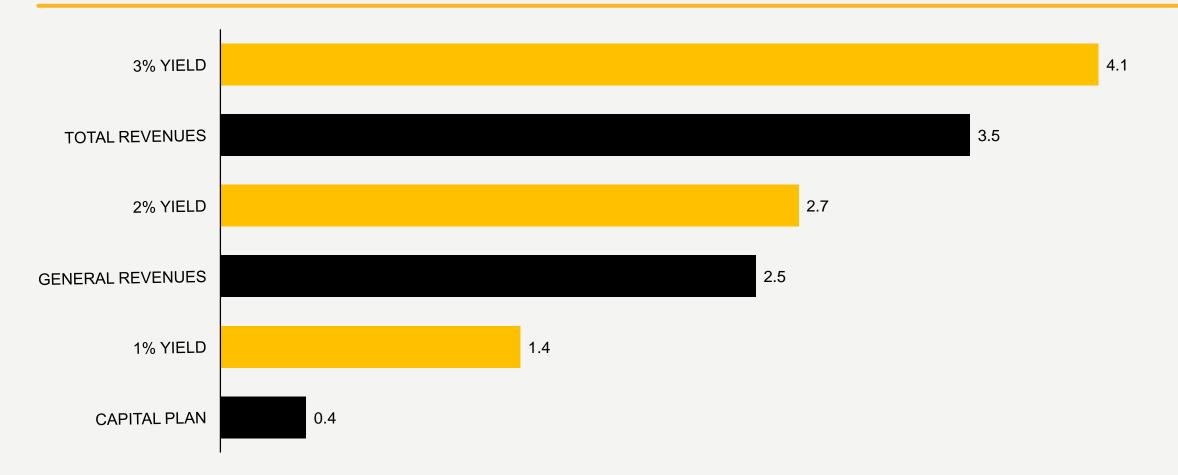


City of Boston – Financial Statements 2016



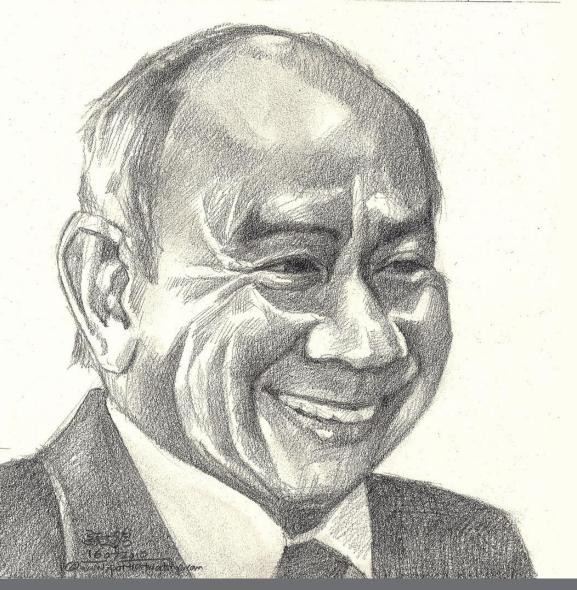
Potential Yield

A Penny in Yield from Assets, is a Penny saved in Taxes



Threatened colonial outpost - to prosperous city state





"One of the tragic illusions that many countries entertain is the notion that politicians and civil servants can successfully perform entrepreneurial functions.

It is curious that, in the face of overwhelming evidence to the contrary, the belief persists." Goh Keng Swee, Former Singapore Deputy PM, 1972

Singapore separated its economic policy from the management of public assets incorporating the governance inside public wealth funds - Temasek ('operational') and GIC ('liquidity') that helped fund the economic development of the city-state, while HDB ('housing') provided almost 80% of citizens with public housing

Sweden blazing the reform trail

On the back of the Swedish financial crisis in the 1990's a number of structural problems was revealed;

- Outsized public expenditures
- Poor industrial competitiveness
- Vital sectors in need of restructuring
- Laid-off workers not to be absorbed by public sector
- Inefficiently regulated markets
- Dysfunctional wage setting
- Incentives to work to be increased
- Transfer systems, including pensions, reformed

Instead of privatisation – Sweden professionalised governance of public assets

'The hidden elephant'

The country's largest business owner

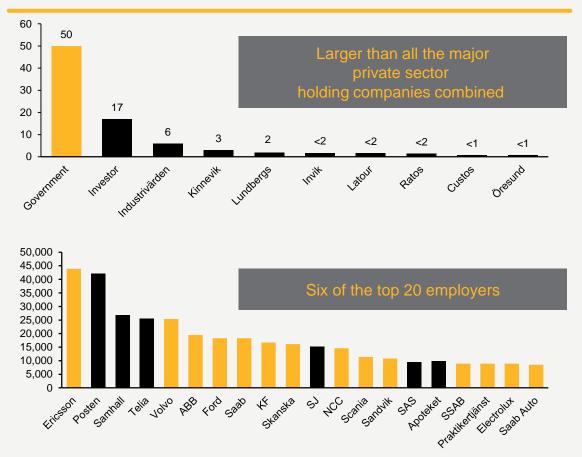
- Representing a 1/4 of the business sector
- Some of largest companies by value and turnover
- The largest employer in the country

All business models disrupted by

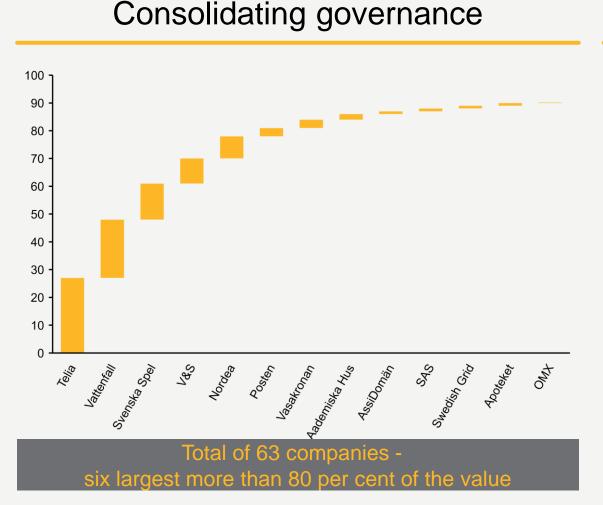
- Globalization
- Market liberalization
- Technology (internet, mobile telephony)

Unions, tax-payers and business community - with vested interest

Consolidation surprised



Introducing an equity culture



"As if privately owned"

Transparency of the portfolio as a whole and for each holding - 'As if listed portfolio'

Value maximization as the single objective

• Outsourcing all policy objectives, subsidies and 'universal service obligations'

Commercial capital structure including

- Commercial dividend policy
- Incentive systems for all employees

Professionalizing boards delegate responsibility, change culture - recruiting new;

- Non-Executive Directors 85 per cent
- CEOs 75 per cent
- CFOs 50 per cent

Boosted economic growth

Metamorphosis of the public portfolio

- · Boosted growth in the economy
- Improved returns from public corporations
- Intensified market competition
- Increased productivity and promoted disinflation

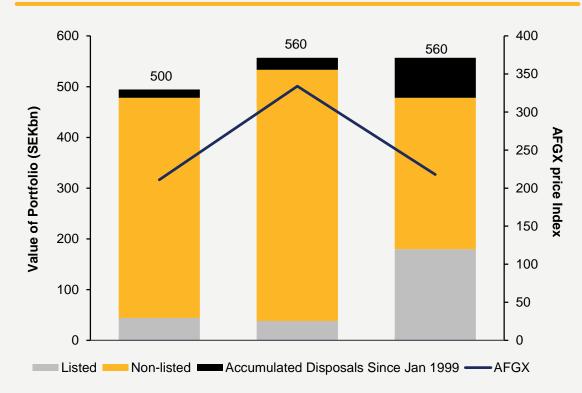
Largest privatization effort ever in Sweden

- Combined more than 30% of portfolio
- At SEK 150 bn, almost 4x any previous effort
- Despite not having privatization as an objective

Success with early deregulation

 led to significant fall in prices in these sectors from the late 1990s into the early 2000s

Outperformed the markets



Value increase of portfolio – twice stock market

Obstacles to unlocking value in public ownership



Absence of modern accounting

- Inability to manage fiscal risk
- Lack of accountability
- Inefficient capital allocation
- Higher cost of capital



Undue political interference

- Conflicting financial perspective with short-term budget vs. long-term investments needs
- Mixed objectives preventing aligned interests

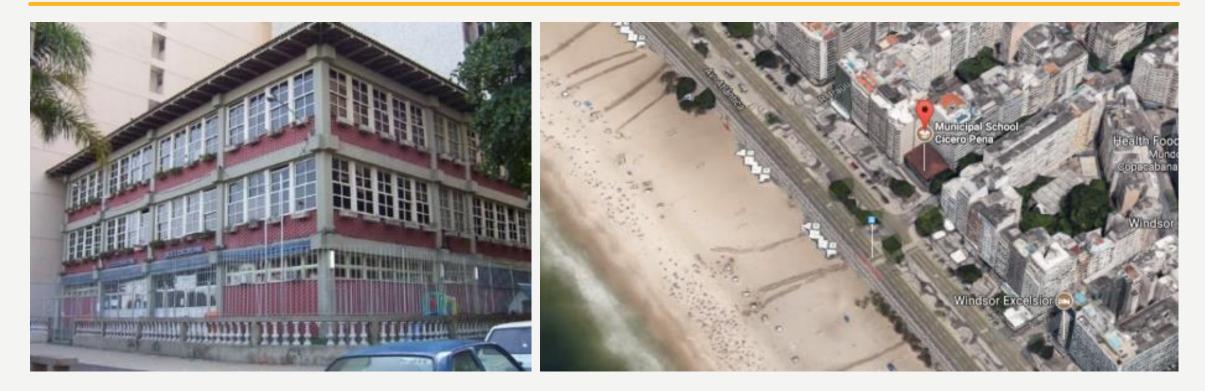


Fragmented ownership

 Vested interests protecting status quo & preventing consolidated management Poor governance leads to wasted resources, hidden obligations and ultimately corruption

Value of assets is hidden – without modern accounting

Escola Municipal Cicero Pena on the luxurious Copacabana in Rio de Janeiro

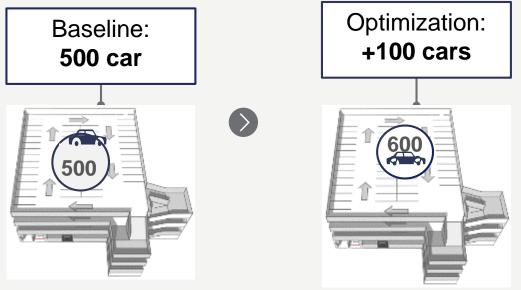


Public school on beachfront property

Relocation- increase city income and student outcomes

Cash perspective

Improve cash flow by increasing parking space and fees - alternatively sell entire asset



'Current use' - limiting the value of asset

Value perspective

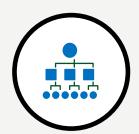
Improve both cash flow and value, by developing the asset



'Best use' - Maximise value and cash flow

Without modern accounting that acknowledge the value of assets governments risk privatising or enter into Public Private Partnerships (PPPs) just to avoid increasing debt

Holding Company - on equal footing with the private sector



Better governance

Transparency:

 Modern accounting, as-if listed company

Political insulation:

• Arms-length distance from short-term political influence

Clear objectives:

 Allowing for professional management of assets to maximize value

Portfolio maximization:

 Putting each asset to its most product use

Financial impact

Development tool:

• Proceeds from investments can be reinvested in the fund



Societal benefits

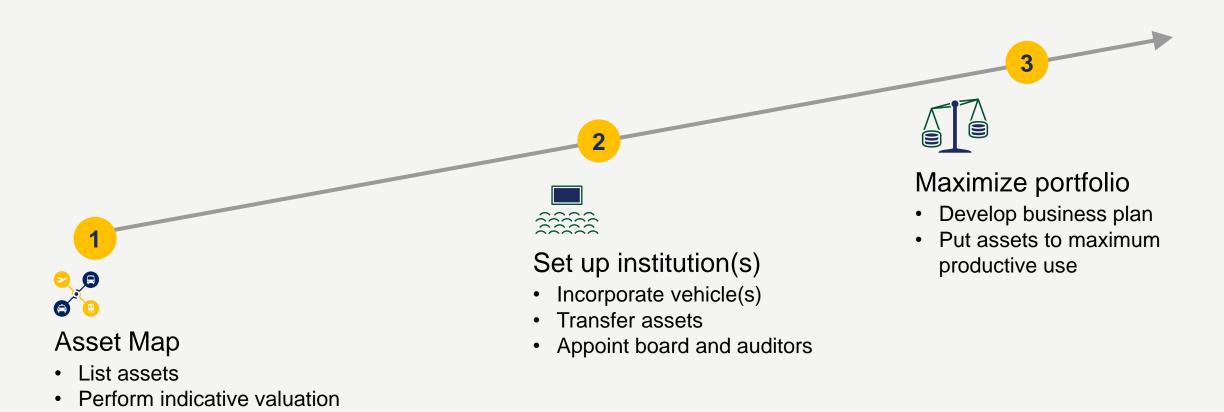
Funding tool:

- Dividend from fund can be can pay for other public expenditures, incl.;
 - Health care
 - Education
 - Infrastructure
 - etc.

Focus on core business – key for success

Conglomeration = obfuscation	 Higher risk and lower returns Impede capitalization Distracts management
Three-ways to streamline	 Piecemeal individual divestitures One-off de-merger into internal vehicle Real estate into internal property company
Benefits of clear separation	 Specializing brings higher returns Minimizing risk Expedience on non-core assets management

3 simple steps – to unlock public wealth



Drive economic development and investments

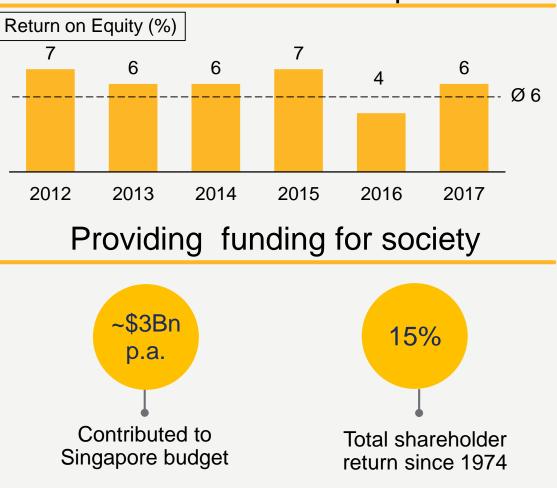
Case Studies



\$275Bn in holdings across industries

- Government owned investment fund, focused on sustainable value over time
- Global footprint, and portfolio covering all large industries
- Aimed at creating public value

15% return since inception



Professional governance

- Transparency: Singapore Audit Standards
- Political insulation:
 - Independent Non-executive from private sector
 - Meddling constitutionally forbidden
- Clear objectives: sustainable value maximization



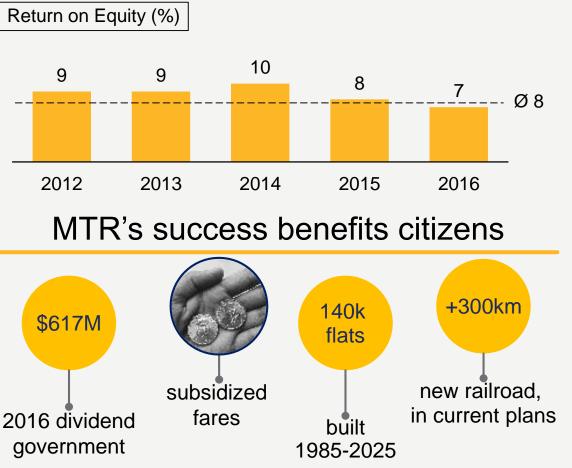
Business is centered around railway

- Builds, operates railway and develops adjacent property in 7 cities
- Listed company, 75% held by government
- The 'Rail + Property' model is widely admired

Sound governance & clear objectives

- Transparency: IFRS accounting & listed on Hong Kong's stock exchange
- Political insulation: Professionally elected nonexecutive board
- Clear objectives: Value maximization

Steady returns and dividends



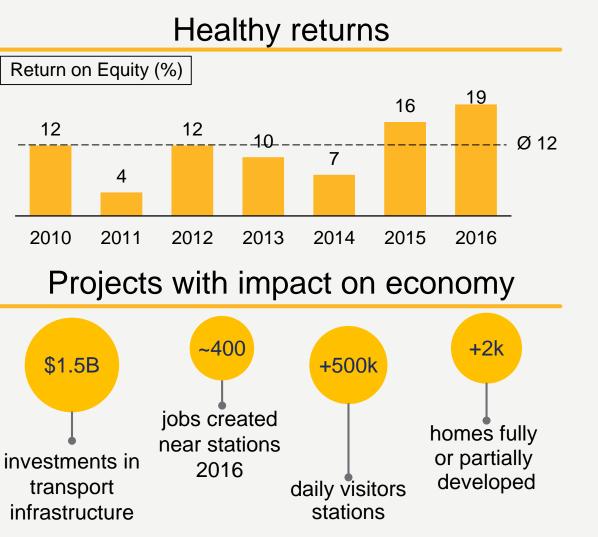


Swedish railway property owner

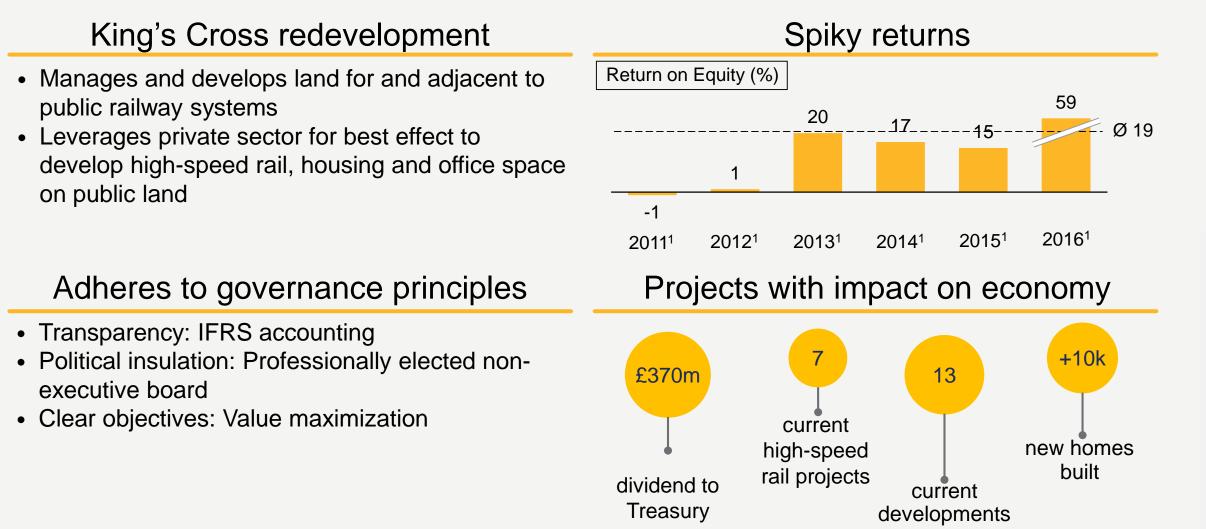
- Company wholly owned by the state
- Formed in 2001 through a separation from the railway operations
- \$2 billion real estate property portfolio incl. railway stations, land, freight terminals and office building

Adheres to governance principles

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- Political insulation: Professionally elected nonexecutive board
- Clear objectives: Value maximization









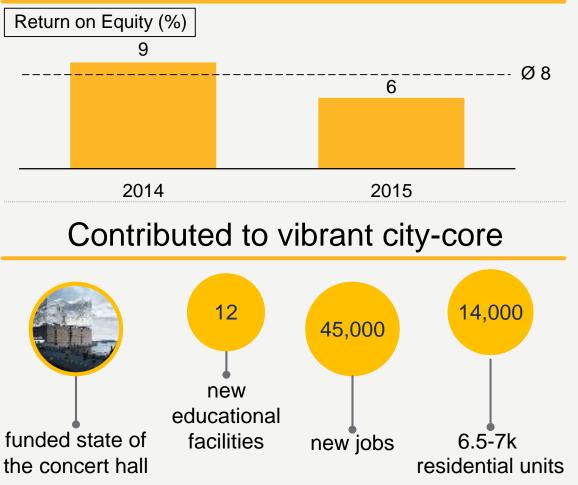
A new city-center

- Company owned by the City established in 1997
- Redeveloping harbor district into commercial and cultural hub
- Large investments in cultural, housing, commercial and educational facilities

Unclear governance

- Transparency: No public financial reports
- Political insulation: No public information on board appointment procedure
- Clear objectives: Stated goal of value maximization

Healthy returns of 8% 2014-'15



1. Showing only 2014-2015 as limited historical data available.

Source: The Public Wealth of Cities (2017), Company website, annual reports & financial data.



Objective to fund metro system

- Owned mainly by the city and 5% by the state.
- Largest UWF in Europe (1,290 acres) established in 2007
- Develops the waterfront and the landlocked Örestad district

Technically a national fund

- Transparency: assets booked at market value (non-IFRS)
- Political insulation: dependent on state government, with state guarantees
- Clear objectives: asset recycling-model, i.e. selling of land instead of developing the assets in-house

