Gwangju Shinsegae Value Unlocking

Value Investment Division of KB Asset Management

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#### **Gwangju Shinsegae Value Unlocking (Summary)**



- Value Investment Division of KBAM has invested in Gwangju Shinsegae for the last five years in favor of its capability of maintaining high margins and ability to generate steady cashflow. KBAM has been a friendly investor with an 8.5% stake and is grateful for the company's steady earnings despite economic downturn in the domestic market and intensifying competition with on-line distributors.
- Despite the company's high profitability, its ROE has dropped from 18% to 9% over the past 10 years due to a lack of new investment and poor shareholders return policy.
- The company has a payout ratio of 4.2% and a dividend yield of 0.5%, which are the lowest level among domestic retailers (excluding companies in deficit)
- The company announced the plan for landmark complex facility in 2015, which could be a future growth driver. However, there has been no follow-up regarding the progress, only a few newflows came out, implying that the project approval had been postponed.
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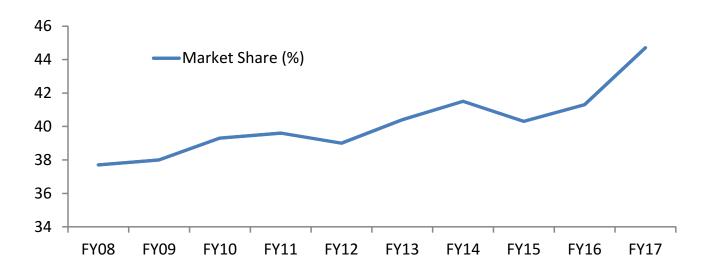
#### History

1995 Gwangju Shinsegae department store started2002 Listed on KRX2006 Started the E-Mart business2013 Contract renewal for lease of department store with Kumho Terminal

#### Ownership

Jung, Yong Jin 52.08% Shinsegae 10.42% KB Asset Management 8.48% Fidelity Puritan Trust 6.08%

#### > Its department store division is a monopolistic business with a market share of 45%

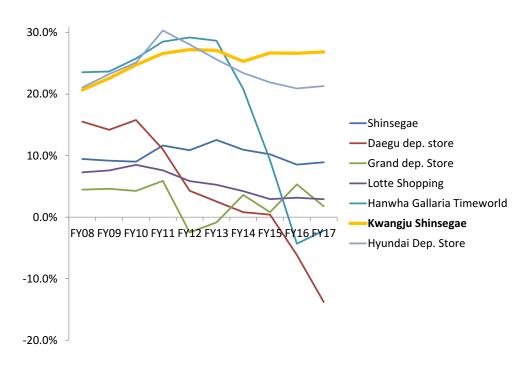


<sup>\*</sup>Source: DART, Statistics Korea

## Unlike competitors whose profits have worsened due to unreasonable business expansion, Gwangju Shinsegae has concentrated on maintaining its competitiveness, resulting in an operating margin of 27%



#### Highest OPM among peers



#### Only four overseas luxury brands



#### High-margin structure thanks to its high proportion of domestic brands

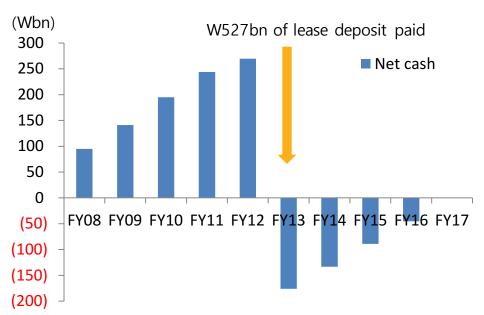
|                | Oversees Luxuries | Domestic brands |
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| Commision rate | 0–10%             | 30–40%          |

<sup>\*</sup>Source: Quantiwise, Kwangju Shinsegae, Industry data

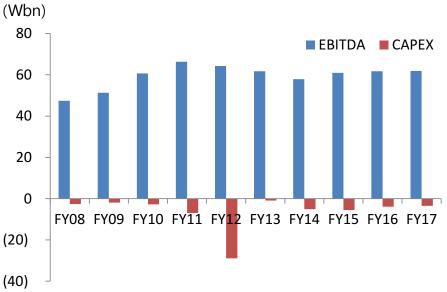
## The company's financial structure deteriorated due to the lease contract renewal for Kumho Terminal in 2013, which amount to W527bn, but the company's B/S bounded back to net cash balance in 2017



Gwangju Shinsegae's net cash



Its cashflow structure is capable of generating 60 billion EBITDA without large-scale CAPEX



<sup>\*</sup>Source: Quantiwise, DART

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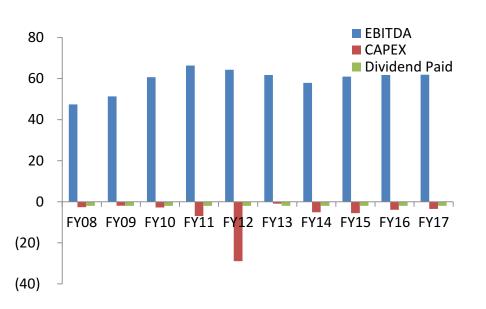
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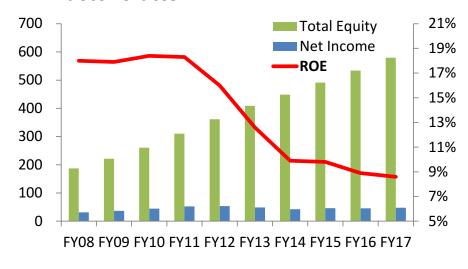
# Despite high profitability, ROE has dropped from 18% to 9% over the past decade due to the absence of new investments and poor shareholder return policy.



#### Lack of new investment and poor shareholder policy



#### ROE declining as capital efficiency deteriorates

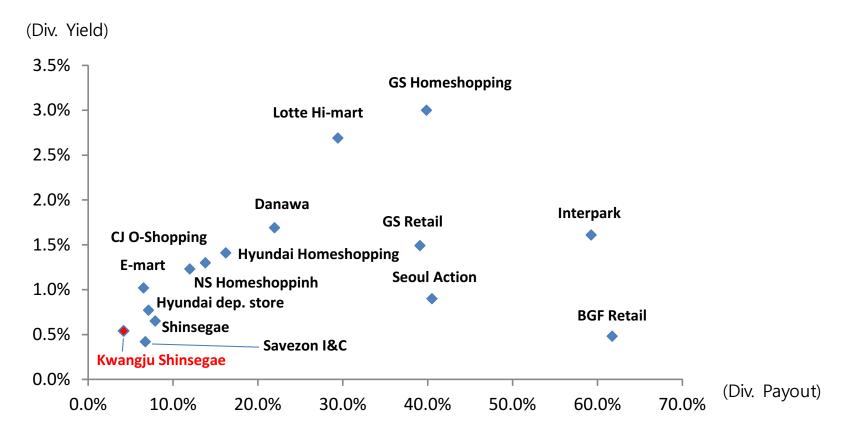


<sup>\*</sup>Source: Quantiwise

## Gwangju Shinsegae has the lowest payout ratio and dividend yield among Korean retailers



#### Domestic retailers' div. payout and div. yield comparison (FY17)



<sup>\*</sup>Source: Quantiwise, Retailers classified by WISEFN (FY17 Loss-making comps excluded)

### Valuation discounts have widened as poor shareholder policies had driven its ROE deteriorated.



#### > PBR band



#### > PER band



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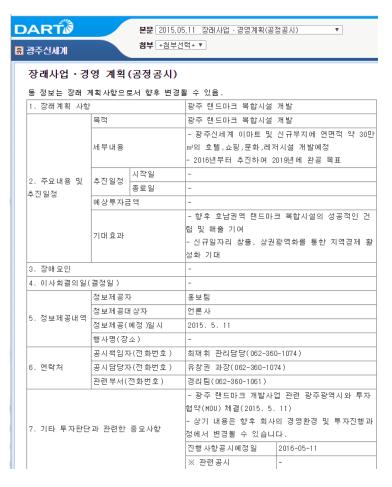
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According to the business plan announced in May 2015, Gwangju Shinsegae is planning to develop hotel, shopping center and leisure facility with a floor space of 300,000 square meters at current E-Mart site.



#### Development of Gwangju Landmark complex facility





- Gwangju Shinsegae will develop hotel, shopping, culture and leisure facilities with a total floor area of 300,000 square meters at current Emart site and additional area
- The facility is planned to develop from 2016 to 2019

\*Source: DART



#### **Current layout**



#### **Future layout**

-Shinsegae Dep. store (73k square meters)

E-Mart (40k square meters, *KBAM* assumption)

Parking lot (10k square meters)

Duty-free/

1) Existing Shinsegae Department Store is remodeled to a duty-Young casual free and young casual store

Dep. store/Hotel/ Complex shopping center (16-story

E-Mart

2) New construction of 16-story shopping mall with hotel and department store at current Emart site

3) E-Mart will be moved to a new building at current parking lot

Total 113k square meters -> 200k square meters

<sup>\*</sup>Source: NAVER map, domestic media, Emart floor area was estimated based on a site area of 15k square meters.

# Even after three years of initial disclosure, there has been no additional information announced, and we are only hearing that the business is being postponed through media.



#### Newsflow regarding complex facility delay



'<u>새정부서 어떻게 될까' **광주 신세계 복합**시설 계획 '주목'</u> 연합뉴스 | 2017,05,16,

수도권은 대형쇼핑시설 건립 **연기**·포기···**광주 신세계는** "포기 검토 안해" 새 정부 출범 미후 대형... 앞서 민주당 을지로위원회는 "**광주**시가 **광주 신세계 복합쇼핑몰** 건립을 위한 지구 단위 계획을 승인한다면...

부천신세계쇼핑몰 또 계약연기 '뒷말 무성' 내일신문 | 2017,04,03, | C'

**신세계복합쇼핑몰** 건립을 위해 부천시와 **신세계컨소**시엄이 맺으려던 토지매매계약이 두 차례나 **연기**됐다.... 문 후보는 최근 **광주신세계 복합**시설 건립을 반대한다는 을지로위원회 판단을 존중한다고 밝힌 바 있다. 이 에...



<u>광주신세계 특급호텔 복합시설 건립 위기</u> 뉴시스 | 2017,06,04, | 네이버뉴스 | 다 문재인 대통령과 더불어민주당이 복합쇼핑을 입점을 반대하고 있기 때문이다. 중소상인들 은 **광주신세계**의... 광주시가 요구한 보완사항 추진이 중단된 상태다'며 '대외적인 분위기가 중지 않은 것은 사실이지만 연기...



광주 신세계 복합시설 건립 차질 빛나? 노컷뉴스 2017,05,29, I 네이버뉴스 IC가 설제로 모기업인 신세계가 최근 경기도 부천 상동에 지으려던 백화점 계획을 연기하기도 했다. 이와 함께... 이와 관련해 (주) 광주 신세계 관계자는 "복합 시설 건립이 백화점 사업임에 도 복한 소필통로 잘못 알고 있는...



#### <u>광주시, '신세계 복합시설물' 보완책 요구 왜?</u>

머니S | 2017,03,15, | 네이버뉴스 | 🚅

'백화점 이전, 호텔 증축 '그것인데, **복합쇼핑몰** 건설한다고 있지도 않은 사실을 호도하면서 답답하지요, 팩트를 가지고 이야기 해야지요, 반대를 하더라도"라며 불만을 토로했다. 한편 광주시와 ㈜신세계는 2015년 5월...



#### <u>광주시 "특급호텔 약속대로"…신세계 복합시설 머디로?</u>

뉴스1 | 2017,03,14, | 네이버뉴스 | 🗹

포함된 '광주신세계 복합시설'에 대해 강도높은 보완책을 요구하고 나섰다. 신세계 혹은 검 토할 시간을 달라'며 답변을 일단 연기한 상황으로 입점 찬반 논란이 뜨거운 복합시설 건립 이 새로운 국면에 접어들...



난항 / **신세계**도 부천 신규 백화점 **연기** / 골목 상권 반발에 일단 몸 낮춰 / 업체 "당분간 신 규 출점 힘들 듯" '백화점→마트→마울렛→**복합쇼핑몰**' 백화점과 마트 등이 포화상태에 도 달하면서 대형 유통업체들이... Landmark complex facility at bird's eye view



<sup>\*</sup>Source: NAVER, Yeonhapnews

Based on the total floor area, Shinsegae Department Store is expanding from 70,000 square meters to 120,000 square meters, and net profit increases by 66 percent. However, this includes lots of assumptions as further information is limited.



#### Scenario analysis reflecting assumptions of KBAM

Assumption 1) E-Mart maintains current sales volume and profitability

Assumption 2) Shinsegae Department Store will expand 70% from 70,000 square meters to 120,000 square meters and maintain it profitability

Assumption 3) Hotel / complex shopping mall accounts for 150,000 sqm area, but it is at a BEP level due to an its fixed cost increase

#### Results

Result) 66% increase in net profit

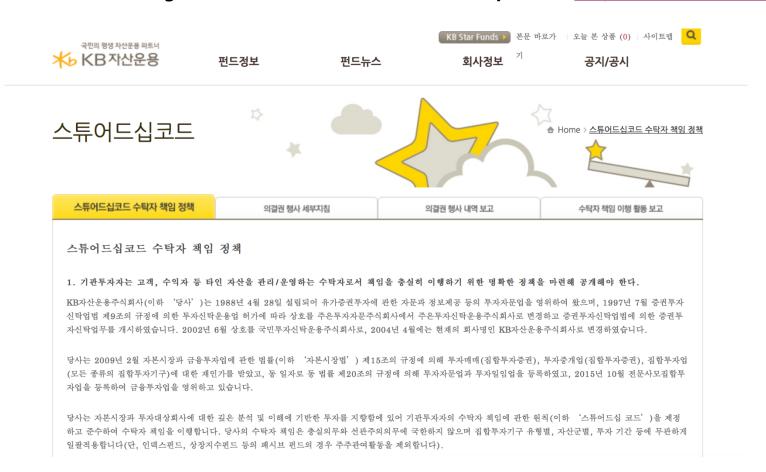
- \* This could be an uncertain result because the information such as specific floor space, site allocation, investment amount, and financing plan is undisclosed.
- \* This simulation means that this landmark complex facility business is an important business for Gwangju Shinsegae's shareholders, that can increase the net profit by 66%

<sup>\*</sup>Source: KBAM assumption

## Since December 2017, KB Asset Management has introduced the Stewardship code to fulfill our faithfulness obligations.



KB Asset Management introduced the Stewardship code (http://www.kbam.co.kr)



We do not intend to participate in management of the company. However, in order to fulfill our role as trustee, we would like to ask some questions through the official route.



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## KB Asset Management Value Management Division has been maintaining its management philosophy of investing in undervalued companies over the past eight years



#### Investment philosophy

## Investing in undervalued companies

- Investing in undervalued stocks compared to intrinsic values such as asset value or profit value
- Investing in stocks that are expected to have stable earnings growth while being less affected by external changes such as economic fluctuations.

### Bottom-up approach

- Selecting stocks based on fundamentals excluding market forecast and economic outlook
- Investments focused on stocks with strong intrinsic value, actively investing in the event of a sharp decline due to factors other than fundamentals.

### Risk management

 High ethical awareness and integrity-based investment through strict adherence to compliance "Investment in value stock based on fundamentals"

"Maximize long-term compounded income"

## We have also been able to maximize compound returns through long-term investments.



Investment case (1)

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: Semiconductor material manufacturer A



Investment case (2)

: Auto parts supplier B



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### **THANK YOU**

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