

Dexus

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KEY METRICS

Price	Mkt Cap	Fwd P/E	EV/EBITDA
A\$6.69	A\$6.9B	Pending	Pending
52wk Range	Div Yield	Revenue	NPAT
Pending	Pending	Pending	Pending

OVERALL SENTIMENT

Overall Sentiment	+0 NEUTRAL
External Environment	+0
Company Research	+0

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Dexus continues its strategic pivot from pure office toward a diversified real assets platform. Industrial development delivers strong returns, funds management fees grow steadily, and distributions remain well-covered. The stock trades at a discount to...
- If office valuations continue to decline, the NTA discount persists and distributions may come under pressure.
- External environment is neutral (score: +0). Macro and sector contributions are incorporated in the three-layer sentiment model.

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COMPANY OVERVIEW

Dexus is Australia's largest listed office REIT and a leading integrated real asset manager with \$50.1 billion in assets under management. The company owns, manages, and develops premium office, industrial, and alternative assets primarily in Australian CBDs.

NARRATIVE ASSESSMENT

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MARKET CONTEXT

Macro Environment: NEUTRAL (external signal: +0)

Indicator	Value	Change
ASX 200	9,101.3	+3.2% 1mo
AUD/USD	0.7066	-0.8% 5d
RBA Cash Rate	4.10%	cutting gradually
VIX	19.6	

SECTOR CONTEXT

Model: REIT OFFICE | Sector signal: -5 (reit rate)

COMPETING HYPOTHESES

Dominant Narrative: T2: Steady-State REIT (survival probability: 45%)

T2: Steady-State REIT [DOMINANT]

45%

Dexus continues its strategic pivot from pure office toward a diversified real assets platform. Industrial development delivers strong returns, funds management fees grow steadily, and distributions remain well-covered. The stock trades at a discount to NTA but reflects the market's fair assessment of the office headwinds.

Watch: FY26 distribution guidance and AFFO per security. If AFFO holds above 45 cents and distributions are maintained, the base case holds.

Supporting evidence:

- Earnings Report: FY25 AFFO 45.0 cents per security; delivered on guidance; distribution 37.0 cents
- Market Data: Positive net absorption across all four major Australian CBDs; Sydney CBD vacancy declining from peak
- Operational Data: 190,400 sqm industrial construction across 10 projects; 6 fully leased pre-completion

T1: Office Market Recovery

35%

The worst of the Australian office downturn is over. CBD net absorption is turning positive, vacancy rates are stabilising, and Dexus's premium office portfolio in Sydney and Melbourne is well-positioned to capture the recovery. If cap rates compress and rents grow, NTA per unit will recover and close the gap with the current share price.

Watch: H1 FY26 results (18 February 2026): office occupancy, like-for-like income growth, and cap rate movements.

Positive net absorption across CBDs would confirm the recovery thesis.

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T3: Structural Office Decline

30%

The shift to hybrid work is permanent and accelerating. Companies continue to reduce their office footprint, sublease space floods the market, and CBD vacancy rates stay elevated. Dexus's office-heavy portfolio suffers ongoing valuation writedowns, and the NTA discount to share price persists or widens.

Watch: CBD vacancy rates (PCA data), tenant lease expiry profiles, and any major tenant downsizing announcements.

Rising sublease availability is the clearest negative signal.

Contradicting evidence:

- Earnings Report: FY25 AFFO 45.0 cents per security; delivered on guidance; distribution 37.0 cents

T4: Interest Rate & Refinancing Risk

25%

If interest rates stay higher for longer than the market expects, REIT valuations face a double hit: higher discount rates compress asset values, and higher debt costs eat into distributable earnings. Dexus, with significant debt facilities, is exposed to refinancing risk at higher rates.

Watch: RBA cash rate trajectory and bond yields. If the 10-year government bond yield rises above 5%, REIT valuations face further pressure.

- Evidence gathering in progress.

DIAGNOSTIC EVIDENCE

The following evidence items have the highest discriminating power between hypotheses:

Evidence Item	T2	T1	T3	T4	Diagnosticity
FY25 AFFO 45.0 cents per security; delivered on guidance; distribution...	C	N	I	N	HIGH
Positive net absorption across all four major Australian CBDs; Sydney...	C	C	I	N	HIGH
190,400 sqm industrial construction across 10 projects; 6 fully leased...	C	N	N	N	MEDIUM
Funds management platform grown to \$50.1B AUM; fee income diversifying...	C	N	N	N	MEDIUM

C = Consistent, I = Inconsistent, N = Neutral. Diagnosticity = ability to discriminate between hypotheses. HIGH/CRITICAL items are most informative.

KEY DISCRIMINATORS

The following high-diagnosticity evidence items are most informative for discriminating between hypotheses:

- FY25 AFFO 45.0 cents per security; delivered on guidance; distribution 37.0 cents (Supports: T2; Contradicts: T3)
- Positive net absorption across all four major Australian CBDs; Sydney CBD vacancy declining from peak (Supports: T1, T2; Contradicts: T3)

TRIPWIRES

Condition	Trigger	Action
FY26 distribution guidance and AFFO per security. If AFFO holds above 45...	Per hypothesis thresholds	Reassess T2 narrative
H1 FY26 results (18 February 2026): office occupancy, like-for-like income growth, and...	Per hypothesis thresholds	Reassess T1 narrative
CBD vacancy rates (PCA data), tenant lease expiry profiles, and any major...	Per hypothesis thresholds	Reassess T3 narrative

TECHNICAL PICTURE

Technical analysis pending - signals will be incorporated when the TA agent is deployed.

ANALYTICAL GAPS

The following information would materially improve the confidence of this analysis:

- Management guidance on forward P/E and revenue trajectory - required to validate Growth/Recovery hypothesis.
 - Independent market share data - needed to assess competitive dynamics and test downside scenarios.
 - Balance sheet composition and net debt position - required to stress-test valuation under rate scenarios.
 - Analyst consensus estimates and revision trends - to calibrate sentiment score against market positioning.
 - Customer cohort data or NPS trends - to validate operational execution claims in company guidance.
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UPCOMING CATALYSTS

Catalyst calendar pending. Key items to monitor:

- Last narrative event: 2025-08-20 - FY25 results delivered on AFFO guidance; office occupancy stabilising; positive net absorption in Sydney CBD
- Next results date: Pending (monitor ASX announcements)
- Monitor hypothesis tripwires for narrative-change signals.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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METHODOLOGY

This analysis uses the Analysis of Competing Hypotheses (ACH) framework, originally developed by Richards Heuer at the CIA for intelligence analysis and adapted here for equity research. ACH evaluates multiple competing explanations against diagnostic evidence, ranking hypotheses by the fewest inconsistencies rather than the most confirmations. This approach is designed to reduce confirmation bias and anchoring effects common in traditional equity research.

Sentiment scores are generated by a three-layer decomposition model separating macro environment, sector/commodity factors, and company-specific research. The 40/60 rule ensures company-specific research always contributes at least 60% of the overall sentiment, maintaining focus on idiosyncratic stock drivers.

LIMITATIONS

- Hypothesis scores are model outputs, not price targets or investment recommendations.
- Evidence assessment involves subjective judgement and may contain errors.
- Past price performance is not indicative of future returns.
- This analysis does not account for individual investor circumstances, risk tolerance, or tax position.
- Data sources include ASX announcements, broker research, company filings, and market data. Errors in source data will propagate.

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