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Hikvision Alert

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10bn investment plan paves the way for future growth outlook

RMB10bn investment for the next four years

Hikvision's board of directors has decided to invest RMB10bn capex to build 4 R&D centers and 2 industrial bases in five cities in the next four years. We maintain BUY rating on Hikvision.

Building new R&D centers and production bases

The four R&D centers will cost RMB6.5bn and be deployed in the cities of Xi'an, Wuhan, Chengdu and Hangzhou. The construction period for each project will take ~ 40 months and be completed during 2H21-1H22. Combined with Hangzhou R&D center, its R&D network will cover the mid-western provinces in China and utilize the local science and education talents to further strengthen its R&D team. The two production bases will cost RMB4bn and be deployed in Chongqing and Wuhan. The completion of production bases will help Hikvision leverage local labor resources and increase capacity.

Focus on the R&D talents and increasing capacity

We expect these R&D centers to strengthen its core competence in video surveillance and develop the innovation businesses (such as industry automation and automotive applications) with new applications. The new production bases will increase capacity and vertical integration capability as the company grows in size. We expect upside to our current capex forecast but should be manageable given Hikvision's 2017E profits of RMB9.5bn and net cash position of RMB9.2bn at the end of 2Q17.

Valuation and risks

We believe the investment plan is in sync's management's strategy in securing its leadership in the video surveillance sector while diversifying into new growth segments. Our TP of RMB34.5 is based on 25x 2018E EPS, which is supported by 34%/36% ROE and 28%/33% earnings growth in 2017/2018, respectively. Risks: market share loss and weak demand.

Project Type	Name	Amount (RMBI)	Area (000 m2)	Construction period
R&D Center	Xi'an Technology Base	1.18bn	229.7	Sep 2018 - Feb 2022,
	Wuhan Technology Base	2.61bn	514.8	Apr 2018 - Jun 2021,
	Chengdu Technology Base	1.67bn	273.1	Sep 2018 - Feb 2022,
	Hangzhou Innovation Base	1.03bn	171.8	Mar 2018 - Dec 2021,
Production Base	Chongqing Technology Base	1.26bn	171.0	Sep 2017 -Dec 2019,
	Wuhan Intelligence Industrial Base	2.68bn	515.0	Apr 2018 - Jun 2021,

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Price at 26 Sep 2017 (CNY)	31.48	
Price target - 12mth (CNY)	34.50	
52-week range (CNY)	40.16 - 22.91	
Shenzhen Index	2,054	

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Stock data

Yield (net) (%)

Source: Deutsche Bank

Market cap (CNYm	288,191					
Market cap (USDn	43,564					
Shares outstanding	9,154.7					
Major shareholder	_					
Free float (%)	24					
Avg daily value tra (USDm)	190.2					
Source: Deutsche Bank						
Key data						
FYE 12/31	2016A	2017E	2018E			
Sales (CNYm)	31,924	40,986	52,357			
Net Profit	7,422.3	9,481.4	12,619.2			
(CNYm)						
DB EPS (CNY)	1.23	1.04	1.38			
PER (x)	18.0	30.4	22.8			

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