

Rating Buy

Asia China

Energy Chemicals

Company Wanhua Chemical

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Date 19 October 2017

Forecast Change

Price at 17 Oct 2017 (CNY)	38.89
Price target - 12mth (CNY)	47.50
52-week range (CNY)	43.45 - 20.05
Shanghai Composite	3,373

Volatile near-term MDI prices provide good entry opportunity; reiterate Buy

Buy on share price weakness after strong 3Q results; raising TP to RMB47.5 WHC posted strong 3Q17 results with EPS of RMB1.08, +30% QoQ/+145% YoY; meanwhile, 9M17 recorded EPS of RMB2.87, +212% YoY. We believe the strong set of results was driven by: 1) robust MDI spread surge due to tight supply situation created by Hurricane Harvey, which took out capacity in Texas; and 2) healthy performances from petrochemical and functional materials. The results beat expectations. Following the strong 3Q17 results, we lift our 2017E/18E EPS by 14.8%/14.0% and our target price by 14% to RM47.5, factoring in higher MDI spreads in 2017/18E (RMB17.5k /17.0k per ton); we reiterate our Buy rating.

Bumpy near-term MDI prices while long-term prospects bright

Our channel check suggests that China MDI prices for Oct 12 fell by RMB1.5k-2k/ton (-4-5.5%), and the upcoming batch may sell at RMB33k/ton (a further RMb1.5k/ton drop). Given the tight supply-demand dynamics and high entry barriers, we remain positive on the MDI cycle and believe near-term pressure on MDI prices in China could provide better entry point for Wanhua (WHC).

Beat expectations: 3Q results backed by 46% QoQ rise in MDI spreads

MDI-Benzene spread picked up by 46% and averaged US\$3,565 in 3Q17 (MDI-Benzene spread rose 71% to US\$4,467/ton as of Sep 30 from Jun 30). The strong MDI spreads performance was boosted by the tight supply situation as a result of:1) overseas capacity going into force majeure maintenance due to Hurricane Harvey hitting Texas; and 2) China domestic environmental scrutiny. Also, strong downstream demand in China continues, from both white appliances and construction materials, which has led to a short-term supply shortage in China with WHC twice changing its indicated selling prices, in Aug and Sep.

Valuation and risks

We base our RMB47.5 target price on 8.0x EV/EBITDA by using Gordon Growth Model which is at an 16% discount to its historical average of 9.5x. Our target price implies 5.0x 2017-18E P/B; we believe the premium to global peers is justified as its ROE averages 42.4% in 2017-18E, which is at a c.160% premium over the MDI peers. At the current price, the share trades at 6.4x 12-month forward EV/EBITDA, 3.8x 12-month forward P/B and 11x 12-month forward P/E. The 6.4x forward EV/EBITDA represents a 33% discount to its historical average. Key risks: 1) unplanned maintenance turnaround; 2) fluctuations in

Valuation & Risks

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Key changes			
TP	42.00 to 47.50	↑	13.1%
Sales (FYE)	41,398 to 43,051	1	4.0%
Op prof margin (FYE)	30.2 to 33.0	1	9.4%
Net profit (FYE)	7,609.7 to 8,737.2	1	14.8%
Source: Deutsche Bank			

Price/price relative



Performance (%) 1m 3m 12m

Shanghai Composite (Rebased)

Absolute -6.4 33.3 89.0 Shanghai Composite 0.6 6.2 10.9 Source: Deutsche Bank

Key indicators (FY1)	
ROE (%)	46.2
Net debt/equity (%)	44.1
Book value/share (CNY)	8.43
Price/book (x)	4.6
Net interest cover (x)	17.2
Operating profit margin (%)	33.0
Source: Deutsche Bank	

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oil and chemical product prices; 3) lower-than-expected GDP growth; and 4) unexpected corporate actions with demanding valuations.

Figure 1: MDI - Benzene spread vs. WHC share price

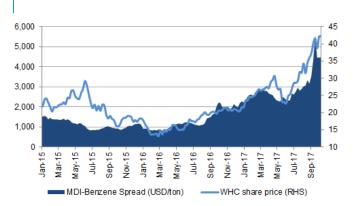


Figure 2: WHC target price: sensitivity to MDI / benzene prices



Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, WIND, Deutsche Bank

Source: Deutsche Bank estimates

Figure 3: 12-month forward EV/EBITDA



Source: Company data, Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank estimates



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2015A	2016A	2017E	2018E	2019E
19,492.4	30,099.9	43,051.2	47,474.6	53,041.4
4,636.7	8,108.0	17,554.5	19,676.0	21,232.9
1,609.7	3,679.4	8,737.2	10,063.5	11,021.7
0.62	1.42	3.20	3.68	4.03
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_	128.6	125.9	14.9	9.5
4.0	3.8	4.6	3.7	3.0
34.2	12.5	12.1	10.6	9.6
17.6	8.7	7.1	6.1	5.4
0.17	0.44	1.12	1.47	1.61
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Figure 5: Key changes

	Nev	v	Ole	d	Changes			
RMB mn	2017E	2018E	2017E	2018E	2017E	2018E		
Revenue	43,051	47,475	41,398	46,413	4%	2%		
GPM (%)	42.5%	43.3%	39.6%	40.0%	2.9% pt	3.4% pt		
EBITDA	16,990	19,423	15,263	17,496	11.3%	11.0%		
Net income	8,737	10,064	7,610	8,805	14.8%	14.3%		
EPS (Rmb/sh)	3.2	3.7	2.8	3.2	14.8%	14.3%		
ROIC (%)	26.0%	25.8%	23.4%	23.7%	2.6% pt	2.1% pt		

Source: Company data, Deutsche Bank

Figure 6: WHC quarterly P&L									
RMB mn	1Q16	2Q16	3Q16	4Q16	1Q17	2Q17	3Q17	QoQ	YoY
Revenue	5,299.6	7,176.2	8,456.4	9,167.7	11,007.0	13,423.0	14,533.4	8%	72%
Cost of Goods Sold	-3,869.0	-4,983.0	-5,776.8	-6,116.1	-6,688.9	-8,257.3	-8,816.2	7%	53%
Gross Profit	1,430.6	2,193.2	2,679.6	3,051.6	4,318.1	5,165.8	5,717.3	11%	113%
GPM%	27%	31%	32%	33%	39%	38%	39%	1%	8%
Operating expenses									
Tax other than income tax	-12.4	-34.2	-24.8	-132.4	-65.7	-102.4	-136.4	33%	450%
Sales/Marketing/Advertising Expenses	-244.1	-273.8	-286.1	-362.0	-304.2	-367.3	-365.1	-1%	28%
General and Administrative Expenses	-274.1	-353.0	-444.4	-351.8	-393.7	-417.8	-602.2	44%	36%
EBIT	900.1	1,532.2	1,924.4	2,205.3	3,554.6	4,278.2	4,613.6	8%	140%
EBIT margin	17%	21%	23%	24%	32%	32%	32%		
Total Financial Costs	-216.3	-211.4	-230.4	-231.8	-207.3	-243.1	-267.0	10%	16%
Write-Down/Impairment Of Fixed Assets	-28.3	-28.1	-0.3	-17.6	-72.0	-88.5	-48.3	-45%	16506%
Investment Income	-1.4	31.9	6.0	16.2	22.8	32.8	23.9	-27%	296%
Profits from operations (reported)	654.1	1,324.7	1,699.7	1,972.1	3,298.1	3,979.4	4,322.3	9%	154%
Other Non-Operating Income	22.4	28.7	17.5	21.1	55.2	-38.1	2.2	-106%	-87%
Other Non-Operating Expenses	-5.4	-2.6	-38.1	-41.1	-2.0	-6.8	-54.5	697%	43%
Profit before tax	671.0	1,350.8	1,679.1	1,952.2	3,351.4	3,934.4	4,269.9		
Income Tax Expense	-126.3	-262.1	-338.8	-377.8	-763.6	-817.1	-846.8	4%	150%
Effective tax rate (%)	19%	19%	20%	19%	23%	21%	20%	-5%	-2%
Profit after tax	544.8	1,088.7	1,340.2	1,574.4	2,587.8	3,117.3	3,423.2	10%	155%
Minority incmoe	101.1	164.3	207.9	395.2	392.8	555.8	503.2	-9%	142%
MI as %	19%	15%	16%	25%	15%	18%	15%	-18%	-5%
Net income	443.6	924.3	1,132.3	1,179.2	2,195.1	2,561.6	2,919.9	14%	158%
NI Margin %	8%	13%	13%	13%	20%	19%	20%	1%	7%
EPS (RMB/share) - Basic	0.21	0.32	0.44	0.73	0.96	0.83	1.08	30%	145%
EPS (RMB/share) - Diluted	0.21	0.32	0.44	0.73	0.96	0.83	1.08	30%	145%
Source: Company data, Deutsche Bank									



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Figure	7.	Target	price	va	luation

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Target price valuation		2017E	2018E	2017-18E
EBITDA	RMB mn	16,990	19,423	18,206
Target EV/EBITDA		8.3	7.7	8.0
Enterprise value	RMB mn	141,806	149,501	146,049
Net Debt/ (Cash)	RMB mn	12,599	6,247	9,423
MI	RMB mn	5,575	7,951	6,763
Equity value	RMB mn	123,632	135,303	129,863
No. of Existing Shares	mn	2,734	2,734	2,734
Target Price	RMB/sh			47.5

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TP Implied Valuation	2017E	2018E	2019E
P/E	14.83x	12.90x	11.78x
P/B	5.63x	4.47x	3.64x
EV/EBITDA	8.6x	7.5x	7.0x
EV/Sales	3.39x	3.08x	2.75x
ROIC	26.0%	25.8%	24.3%
ROE	46.2%	38.7%	34.1%
EPS (RMB/shr)	3.20	3.68	4.03
DPS (RMB/shr)	1.12	1.47	1.61
Source: Deutsche Bank estimates			

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Comps

Figure 9: Comps

		Trading	DB)B 18-Oct	18-Oct Mkt Cap P/E (x) P/B (x) ROE (%) Dvc			t Cap P/E (x) P/B (x) ROE (%) Dvd yield (%) EV				EV/EBI	TDA (x)		
Name	Ticker	Curr	Rating	Shr price	(USD mn)	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E	FY17E	FY18E
Wanhua Chemical	600309.SS	CNY	Buy	38.89	16,064	12.1	10.6	4.6	3.7	46.2	38.7	2.9	3.8	7.1	6.1
China - A Share Liste	ed														
SPC - A	600688.SS	CNY	Sell	6.18	9,022	11.6	10.0	2.4	2.1	21.9	22.5	3.9	4.5	5.6	4.6
Oriental Energy	002221.SZ	CNY	NR	10.66	2,656	13.4	10.2	2.2	1.8	16.9	18.4	1.2	1.3	NA	NA
Cangzhou Dahua	600230.SS	CNY	NR	53.11	2,360	12.5	11.8	5.7	3.8	53.4	38.3	NA	NA	NA	NA
Satellite Petrochemica	I 002648.SZ	CNY	NR	15.85	2,547	16.8	14.2	2.3	2.0	16.8	17.2	1.8	2.1	12.9	11.3
Luxi Chemical	000830.SZ	CNY	NR	10.92	2,416	13.9	10.0	1.7	1.5	12.9	15.1	5.5	7.4	8.7	7.5
Befar	601678.SS	CNY	NR	8.88	1,593	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Jiangshan Chemical	002061.SZ	CNY	NR	11.92	1,191	17.0	15.3	2.1	1.8	16.4	15.9	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.0
Skshu Paint	603737.SS	CNY	NR	72.01	1,088	37.9	26.3	6.0	5.3	16.8	20.5	0.5	0.8	26.7	20.0
Haiyue	600387.SS	CNY	NR	11.63	678	89.5	68.4	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Hongbaoli	002165.SZ	CNY	NR	6.65	605	47.5	18.0	NA	NA	13.0	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Honghui New Materials	002802.SZ	CNY	NR	37.87	620	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Weighted average						14.5	11.7	3.3	2.7	30.1	26.6	2.6	3.2	6.1	5.2
Wanhua Chemical vs	China - A Po	eers				-16%	-10%	41%	38%	53%	46%	12%	18%	16%	18%
Overseas Listed															
BASF	BASFn.DE	EUR	Buy	89.31	96,840	15.5	14.2	2.4	2.2	15.9	16.1	3.7	4.0	8.6	8.1
Covestro	1COV.DE	EUR	Buy	71.84	17,174	9.3	10.0	2.8	2.4	33.1	25.6	3.5	3.7	5.3	5.5
Solvay	SOLB.BR	EUR	Sell	124.60	15,184	15.5	18.1	1.3	1.2	8.4	6.9	2.9	3.0	9.3	8.0
Arkema	AKE.PA	EUR	Buy	103.10	9,216	15.8	13.4	1.7	1.6	11.3	12.4	2.4	2.7	7.4	6.6
Lanxess	LXSG.DE	EUR	Buy	66.14	7,146	38.2	15.3	2.3	2.1	6.1	14.2	1.2	1.7	9.0	8.5
Synthomer	SYNTS.L	GBP	Buy	480.70	2,169	19.2	16.1	4.4	3.8	24.4	25.4	2.5	2.7	12.6	11.1
Weighted average						15.9	14.1	2.3	2.1	16.5	16.0	3.4	3.6	8.3	7.7
Wanhua Chemical vs	Oversea Pe	ers				-24%	-25%	102%	74%	180%	141%	-15%	4%	-15%	-21%
HK Listed															
PetroChina	0857.HK	HKD	Hold	5.05	211,577	36.0	19.1	0.6	0.6	1.8	3.4	2.9	2.4	5.9	5.5
Sinopec	0386.HK	HKD	Buy	5.82	103,324	11.6	9.5	0.8	0.8	7.1	8.3	4.5	5.8	3.6	3.1
CNOOC Ltd	0883.HK	HKD	Buy	10.20	58,334	12.2	10.8	1.0	0.9	8.1	8.8	4.9	5.6	4.6	4.3
SPC - H	0338.HK	HKD	Buy	4.84	9,022	7.7	6.6	1.6	1.4	21.9	22.5	5.9	6.8	5.6	4.6
Weighted average						25.1	15.0	8.0	0.7	4.7	6.0	3.7	3.9	5.1	4.6
Wanhua Chemical vs	HK Listed P	eers				-52%	-29%	504%	395%	891%	546%	-22%	-2%	40%	31%

Source: Bloomberg Finance LP, Deutsche Bank estimates; Note: Bloomberg consensus estimates for non-rated (NR) companies



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Running the numbers
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Target Price	CNY 47.50
52 Week range	CNY 20.05 - 43.45
Market cap (m)	CNYm 106,326 USDm 16,074

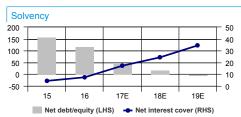
Company Profile

Wanhua Chemical Group Co. Ltd (WHC) was founded in 1998. The company engages in the production, sales, R&D of downstream chemical products such as isocyanate, polyol, and polyurethane. WHC is the largest MDI producer in the world with more than 24% market shares globally as of 2016. Moreover, the company started six new business segments, including intermediate chemicals products, polycarbonate (PC), TPU,









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Fiscal year end 31-Dec	2015	2016	2017E	2018E	2019E
Financial Summary	2010	2010	20112	20102	20102
DB EPS (CNY)	0.62	1.42	3.20	3.68	4.03
Reported EPS (CNY)	0.62	1.42	3.20	3.68	4.03
DPS (CNY) BVPS (CNY)	0.17 4.5	0.44 5.7	1.12 8.4	1.47 10.6	1.61 13.0
Weighted average shares (m)	2,595	2,595	2,728	2,734	2,734
Average market cap (CNYm) Enterprise value (CNYm)	54,994 81,640	45,932 70,766	106,326 124,137	106,326 120,160	106,326 114,821
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Valuation Metrics					
P/E (DB) (x) P/E (Reported) (x)	34.2 34.2	12.5 12.5	12.1 12.1	10.6 10.6	9.6 9.6
P/BV (x)	3.96	3.77	4.61	3.66	2.98
FCF Yield (%) Dividend Yield (%)	nm 0.8	nm 2.5	9.9 2.9	10.4 3.8	12.1 4.1
EV/Sales (x)	4.2	2.4	2.9	2.5	2.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	17.6	8.7	7.1	6.1	5.4
EV/EBIT (x)	22.4	10.8	8.7	7.5	6.6
Income Statement (CNYm)					
Sales revenue Gross profit	19,492 5,872	30,100 9,355	43,051 18,291	47,475 20,576	53,041 22,418
EBITDA EBITDA	4,637	8,108	17,554	19,676	21,233
Depreciation Amortisation	934 55	1,473 73	3,153 174	3,390 190	3,616 205
EBIT	3,648	6,562	14,228	16,096	17,412
Net interest income(expense) Associates/affiliates	-841 0	-890 0	-826 0	-660 0	-504 0
Exceptionals/extraordinaries	5	-74	0	0	0
Other pre-tax income/(expense)	143	55 5 6 5 2	22	25 15 462	25
Profit before tax Income tax expense	2,954 675	5,653 1,105	13,424 2,624	15,462 3,022	16,934 3,310
Minorities Other post toy income/(synapse)	670	869	2,063	2,376	2,602
Other post-tax income/(expense) Net profit	0 1,610	0 3,679	0 8,737	0 10,064	0 11,022
DB adjustments (including dilution) DB Net profit	0 1,610	0 3,679	0 8,737	0 10,064	0 11,022
Cash Flow (CNYm)					
Cash flow from operations	4,021	4,602	13,769	14,637	16,453
Net Capex Free cash flow	-9,050 -5,029	-5,097 -495	-3,300 10,469	-3,600 11,037	-3,600 12,853
Equity raised/(bought back)	0	0	2,500	0	0
Dividends paid Net inc/(dec) in borrowings	-2,851 7,706	-1,866 3,607	-3,884 -4,893	-4,685 -2,652	-4,912 -2,214
Other investing/financing cash flows	180	-179	0	0	0
Net cash flow Change in working capital	6 -1,079	1,068 -69	4,193 -1,183	3,700 -2,042	5,727 -1,495
Balance Sheet (CNYm)	0.000	4.007	0.470	0.000	45.007
Cash and other liquid assets Tangible fixed assets	2,066 20,046	1,987 28,468	6,179 28,902	9,880 28,879	15,607 28,518
Goodwill/intangible assets	2,530	2,889	3,135	3,402	3,654
Associates/investments Other assets	186 22,976	363 17,058	363 19,486	363 22,710	363 24,874
Total assets	47,804	50,765	58,065	65,234	73,016
Interest bearing debt Other liabilities	25,646 7,335	23,672 8,759	18,779 10,710	16,127 12,117	13,913 12,898
Total liabilities	32,981	32,431	29,489	28,244	26,811
Shareholders' equity Minorities	11,571 3,252	14,822 3,512	23,001 5,575	29,039 7,951	35,652 10,553
Total shareholders' equity	14,823	18,334	28,576	36,990	46,205
Net debt	23,580	21,685	12,599	6,247	-1,694
Key Company Metrics					
Sales growth (%)	nm	54.4	43.0	10.3	11.7
DB EPS growth (%) EBITDA Margin (%)	na 23.8	128.6 26.9	125.9 40.8	14.9 41.4	9.5 40.0
EBIT Margin (%)	18.7	21.8	33.0	33.9	32.8
Payout ratio (%) ROE (%)	26.9 14.5	31.0 27.9	35.0 46.2	40.0 38.7	40.0 34.1
Capex/sales (%)	46.4	17.1	7.7	7.6	6.8
Capex/depreciation (x) Net debt/equity (%)	9.2 159.1	3.3 118.3	1.0 44.1	1.0 16.9	0.9 -3.7
Net interest cover (x)	4.3	7.4	17.2	24.4	34.6

Source: Company data, Deutsche Securities estimates



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Important Disclosures

*Other information available upon request

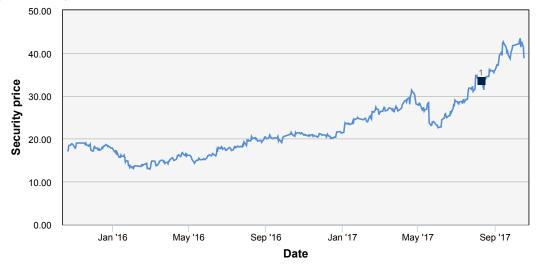
Disclosure checklist			
Company	Ticker	Recent price*	Disclosure
Wanhua Chemical	600309.SS	37.70 (CNY) 18 Oct 2017	NA

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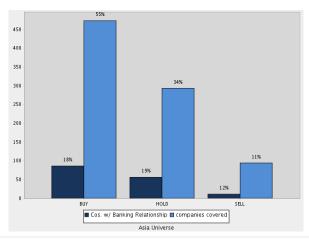
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