

Maxscend (300782 CH)

Long-term positive outlook unchanged despite short term fluctuation

Maxscend (300782 CH) announced FY21 preliminary results. FY21 net profit is expected to grow 91-101% YoY to RMB2.05bn-2.157bn, implying 4Q21 net profit of RMB576mn with 62% YoY and 12% QoQ growth. Mid-point of FY21 earnings is 2%/1% above consensus/our forecasts. Excluding one-time gain of RMB196mn, FY21 adjusted net profit will be RMB1.87bn, +81% YoY, and 4Q21 adjusted net profit will be RMB361mn, +9% YoY/-30% QoQ. Reiterate BUY.

- **Company delivered a quality earning to close FY21 despite tough macro environment and extended COVID outbreak.** We noticed that 4Q adj. NP would decline 30% QoQ if excluding one-time gain. Our view: 1) Q4 is normally relatively weak comparing to Q3 for semi names; 2) the company continues to invest heavily in R&D for future products, 3) higher one-time loss due to high inventory (Android phones faced intense competition from Apple) and 4) constrained filter capacity limited company's sales. Looking forward, we may see another QoQ decline in 1Q22E, considering 1Q21 high base due to build-up inventory by OEMs during chip shortage.
- **In longer term, we remain positive on Maxscend.** For FY22E, catalysts for the stock include: 1) favorable product mix as module revenue will continue growth with opportunities in top Android OEMs; 2) launch of new receiver/transmitter modules; 3) progress in new manufacturing plant: ongoing pilot production and initiation of small batch production later this year.
- **Maintain BUY with TP of RMB450.0.** Our TP is based on 50x FY22E P/E. Maxscend is currently trading 1-SD below historical P/E. We believe this valuation is attractive given 1) its leading position in China's RFFE market, 2) broad in-house designed product offerings, and 3) transiting into fab-lite model to secure production capacity and take full control of its manufacturing process. We view recent weakness in stock as an attractive opportunity for investors to gain exposure to quality Chinese semi names that can ride strategic trends.
- **Potential risks** include 1) slower-than-expected R&D progress and commercial launch of new products, 2) intensified competition that erode both top and bottom lines and 3) further deteriorated Macro environment.

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Turnover (RMB mn)	1,512	2,792	4,811	6,955	9,070
YoY growth (%)	170.0%	84.6%	72.3%	44.6%	30.4%
Gross margin (%)	52.5%	52.8%	57.6%	56.2%	55.1%
Net profit (RMB mn)	497	1,073	2,073	2,945	3,712
YoY growth (%)	206.3%	115.8%	93.2%	42.1%	26.0%
Diluted EPS (RMB)	3.16	3.31	6.31	8.97	11.30
Consensus EPS (RMB)	NA	NA	6.31	8.39	10.76
PE (x)	100.1	95.4	49.3	35.2	28.0
PB (x)	29.2	38.5	22.7	14.6	10.1
Yield (%)	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Roe (%)	29.2%	40.3%	45.7%	41.6%	36.3%
Net gearing (%)	Net cash	Net cash	Net cash	Net cash	Net cash

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIS estimates



BUY (Maintain)

Target Price	RMB450.0
(Previous TP)	RMB450.0)
Up/Downside	+42%
Current Price	RMB316.0

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (RMB mn)	99,868
Avg 3 mths t/o (RMB\$ mn)	1,357
52w High/Low (RMB\$)	544.68/291.2
Total Issued Shares (mn)	333.6

Source: Bloomberg

Shareholding Structure

WX HUIZHI UNITED INV ENT	12.8%
Feng Chenhui	7.87%
Tang Zhuang	7.67%

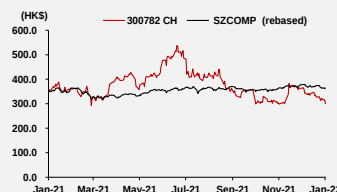
Source: HKEx

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-13.0%	-9.2%
3-mth	-0.7%	-2.3%
6-mth	-35.0%	-35.1%

Source: Bloomberg

12-mth Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Auditor: BDO

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Earnings preview

Figure 1: Quarterly results

RMBmn	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	QoQ	YoY
Revenue	451	547	975	820	1,183	1,176	1,124			
Gross Profit	237	288	489	461	684	676	660			
Operating Profit	177	230	404	407	572	607	566			
Net profit	152	201	364	355	492	522	513	576	12.4%	62.2%
EPS (US\$ cents)	0.84	0.25	1.13	1.10	2.68	0.37	1.54			
Gross Margin	52.7%	52.6%	50.2%	56.3%	57.8%	57.4%	58.7%			
Operating Margin	39.2%	42.1%	41.5%	49.6%	48.4%	51.6%	50.4%			
Net Margin	33.7%	36.8%	37.4%	43.3%	41.6%	44.4%	45.6%	43.4%	-2.2 ppt	0.1 ppt

Source: Company data, CMBIS

Figure 2: Annual results

RMBmn	FY18	FY19	FY20	FY21	YoY
Revenue	560	1,512	2,792		
Gross Profit	290	793	1,475		
Operating Profit	176	563	1,218		
Net profit	162	497	1,073	2,104	96%
EPS (US\$ cents)	2.16	3.16	3.31		
Gross Margin	51.7%	52.5%	52.8%		
Operating Margin	31.5%	37.2%	43.6%		
Net Margin	29.0%	32.9%	38.4%	43.7%	5.3 ppt

Source: Company data, CMBIS

Figure 3: CMBI estimates vs consensus

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US\$ mn	CMBI			Consensus			Diff (%)		
	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	4,811	6,955	9,070	4,859	6,801	8,842	-1%	2%	3%
Gross Profit	2,773	3,908	4,998	2,749	3,711	4,736	1%	5%	6%
Operating Profit	2,366	3,353	4,232	2,337	3,121	4,027	1%	7%	5%
Net profit	2,073	2,945	3,712	2,070	2,776	3,577	0%	6%	4%
EPS (US\$ cents)	6.31	8.97	11.30	6.31	8.39	10.76	0%	7%	5%
Gross Margin	57.6%	56.2%	55.1%	56.6%	54.6%	53.6%	1.1 ppt	1.6 ppt	1.5 ppt
Operating Margin	49.2%	48.2%	46.7%	48.1%	45.9%	45.5%	1.1 ppt	2.3 ppt	1.1 ppt
Net Margin	43.1%	42.3%	40.9%	42.6%	40.8%	40.5%	0.5 ppt	1.5 ppt	0.5 ppt

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates

Figure 4: P&L forecast

RMB mn	FY18	FY19	FY20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	560	1,512	2,792	1,183	1,176	1,124	1,327	4,811	6,955	9,070
...YoY	-5.3%	170.0%	84.6%	162%	115%	15%	62%	72.3%	44.6%	30.4%
Cost of sales	270	719	1,317	499	501	465	574	2,038	3,047	4,073
Gross profit	290	793	1,475	684	676	660	753	2,773	3,908	4,998
...YoY	(12.4%)	173.8%	85.9%	188%	135%	35%	63%	87.9%	41.0%	27.9%
GPM (%)	51.7%	52.5%	52.8%	57.8%	57.4%	58.7%	56.8%	57.6%	56.2%	55.1%
SG&A	55	76	66	18	17	23	31	89	128	167
...% of rev	9.8%	5.0%	2.4%	1.5%	1.5%	2.0%	2.3%	1.8%	1.8%	1.8%
R&D	68	138	182	61	62	72	86	280	405	529
...% of rev	12.1%	9.1%	6.5%	5.1%	5.3%	6.4%	6.5%	5.8%	5.8%	5.8%
Operating profit	176	563	1,218	572	607	566	620	2,366	3,353	4,232
...YoY	-8.9%	219.3%	116.5%	223.7%	163.7%	40.1%	52.4%	94.2%	41.7%	26.2%
OPM (%)	31.5%	37.2%	43.6%	48.4%	51.6%	50.4%	46.7%	49.2%	48.2%	46.7%
Net profit	162	497	1,073	492	522	513	545	2,073	2,945	3,712
...YoY	-4.4%	206.3%	115.8%	224.3%	159.5%	40.7%	53.5%	93.2%	42.1%	26.0%
NPM (%)	29.0%	32.9%	38.4%	41.6%	44.4%	45.6%	41.1%	43.1%	42.3%	40.9%

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates

Valuation

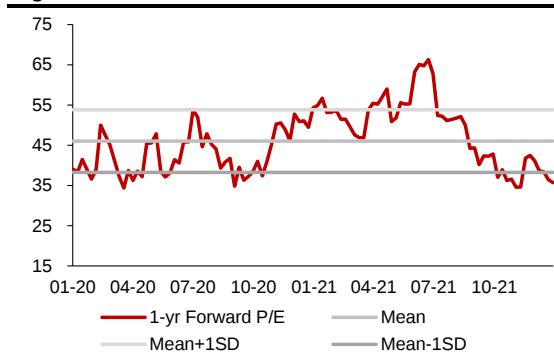
Maintain BUY with TP of RMB450.0 (42% upside)

We derive our TP of RMB450.0 by applying 50x FY22 P/E, slightly above 2-year historical average forward P/E. Maxscend is currently trading 1-SD below historical P/E, which is very attractive. We believe this valuation is justified given 1) its leading position in China's RFFE market, 2) broader product offerings, which are all self-designed and 3) transiting into fab-lite model to secure filter production and enhance its technology strength.

We take the recent volatility as an attractive opportunity for investors to gain exposure to quality Chinese semi fabless names that can ride strategic trends.

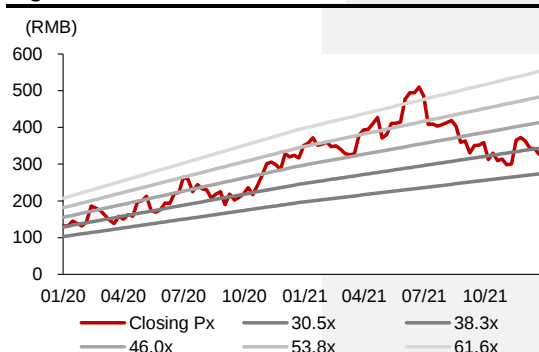
Potential risks include 1) slower-than-expected R&D progress and introduction of new products, 2) intensified competition and 3) worsened Sino/U.S. trade tension.

Figure 5: 12M forward P/E



Source: Company data, CMBIS

Figure 6: 12M forward P/E band



Source: Company data, CMBIS

Financial Summary

Income statement

YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	1,512	2,792	4,811	6,955	9,070
Cost of sales	(719)	(1,317)	(2,038)	(3,047)	(4,073)
Gross profit	793	1,475	2,773	3,908	4,998
Selling exp	(43)	(34)	(34)	(49)	(64)
Admin exp	(33)	(32)	(55)	(79)	(103)
R&D exp	(138)	(182)	(280)	(405)	(529)
Finance costs	12	(19)	6	8	16
Other operating inc./exp.	(30)	10	(44)	(30)	(86)
Operating profit	563	1,218	2,366	3,353	4,232
Other non-oper exp.	0	(1)	(7)	(7)	(11)
Pre-tax profit	563	1,217	2,358	3,346	4,220
Income tax expense	(68)	(147)	(287)	(405)	(512)
Minority interests	(3)	(2)	(1)	(4)	(4)
Net profit to shareholders	497	1,073	2,073	2,945	3,712

Cash flow summary

YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Net profit	494	1,071	2,071	2,941	3,708
Depreciation/amortization	19	28	45	104	205
Change in working capital	(481)	(103)	(973)	(234)	(964)
Others	23	9	(442)	110	(347)
Net cash from operating	56	1,005	702	2,921	2,602
Capex	(96)	(153)	(490)	(775)	(1,081)
Other	(486)	284	(841)	(35)	(35)
Net cash from investing	(582)	130	(1,331)	(810)	(1,116)
Share issuance	841	0	0	0	5
Dividend paid	(100)	(100)	(185)	(387)	(551)
Other	(11)	(1)	(1)	(6)	(4)
Net cash from financing	730	(101)	(186)	(393)	(549)
Net change in cash	204	1,035	(816)	1,718	937
Cash, beg	265	477	1,475	651	2,361
Exchange adj.	7	(37)	(8)	(8)	(8)
Cash, end	477	1,475	651	2,361	3,290

Balance sheet

YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Current assets	1,784	2,652	3,531	5,824	7,683
Cash & equivalents	477	1,475	737	2,447	3,375
Account receivables	378	338	1,021	943	1,619
Inventory	366	632	868	1,408	1,649
Prepayment	32	32	62	84	110
Other current assets	531	175	844	941	929
Non-current assets	139	439	1,414	2,110	3,491
PPE	72	103	319	695	1,214
Deferred tax assets	7	10	10	21	27
Other non-current assets	60	326	1,084	1,393	2,250
Total assets	1,923	3,090	4,945	7,933	11,174
Current liabilities	209	403	386	794	867
ST borrowings	0	0	0	0	0
Account payables	130	224	190	428	398
Tax payable	43	116	136	257	335
Other current liabilities	36	64	60	108	135
Non-current liabilities	17	35	33	71	88
LT borrowings	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liability	14	33	31	67	82
Other non-current	2	2	2	4	5
Total liabilities	226	438	419	865	955
Share capital	100	180	328	328	328
Reserve	940	860	731	731	731
Retained earnings	610	1,556	3,236	5,499	8,289
Other	53	65	241	523	888
Minority interest	-6	-8	-9	-13	-17
Total equity	1,698	2,652	4,526	7,068	10,219
Total liabilities and	1,923	3,090	4,945	7,933	11,174

Key ratios

YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue by segment					
RFFE discrete	1,463	2,462	3,282	3,977	4,714
RFFE module	0	278	1,435	2,832	4,147
Other	49	52	93	146	209
Growth (%)					
Revenue	170.0%	84.6%	72.3%	44.6%	30.4%
Gross profit	173.8%	85.9%	87.9%	41.0%	27.9%
Operating profit	219.3%	116.5%	94.2%	41.7%	26.2%
Net profit	206.3%	115.8%	93.2%	42.1%	26.0%
Profit & loss ratio (%)					
Gross margin	52.5%	52.8%	57.6%	56.2%	55.1%
Operating margin	37.2%	43.6%	49.2%	48.2%	46.7%
Net profit margin	32.9%	38.4%	43.1%	42.3%	40.9%
Balance sheet ratio					
Net debt/total equity (%)	Net cash	Net cash	Net cash	Net cash	Net cash
Current ratio (x)	8.5	6.6	9.2	7.3	8.9
Receivable turnover days	51	47	52	52	52
Inventory turnover days	(127)	(138)	(146)	(146)	(146)
Payable turnover days	(41)	(49)	(37)	(37)	(37)
Profitability (%)					
ROE	29.2%	40.3%	45.7%	41.6%	36.3%
ROA	25.9%	34.7%	41.9%	37.1%	33.2%
Per share data (RMB)					
EPS	3.16	3.31	6.31	8.97	11.30
DPS	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
BPS	10.81	8.21	13.81	21.57	31.17

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates

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