

Sunny Optical (2382 HK)

FY22 profit warning below expectations; Still too early to bottom fish

Sunny Optical announced FY22 profit warnings with net profit decline of 50-55% YoY, and the mid-point is 11%/22% below our/consensus estimates. The miss was mainly due to weak smartphone demand, cam de-spec and RMB353mn unrealised FX loss (US\$600mn bond) on RMB depreciation. This echoes our previous view that sluggish shipment and intense competition would lead to margin downside in 2H22. Jan monthly shipment and our recent check also suggested that demand weakness will extend into 1Q23E given inventory destocking and order cut after a soft 4Q22. We trimmed FY22-24E EPS by 5-9% to reflect FY22 miss and slower recovery. Our FY23-24E EPS are 15-17% below consensus. Trading at 27.2x/22.4x FY23/24E P/E, the stock is fairly valued in our view. Maintain HOLD and reduced SOTP-based TP to HK\$92.5.

- **2022 profit warning worse-than-feared on weaker ASP/GPM.** Sunny expected FY22 earnings to decline 50-55% YoY to reach RMB2,245-2,494mn, below our and consensus estimates of -47% YoY and -39% YoY. Mgmt. attributed the miss to weak smartphone demand, camera de-spec and RMB353mn non-cash FX loss (US\$600mn bond). For 2H22, mid-point of net profit dropped 56% YoY, worse than -50% YoY in 1H22. Sunny will announce full set of results in mid-March and provide 2023 guidance in analyst meeting the next day.
- **Jan shipment showed sign of prolonged weakness into 1Q23E.** Sunny also reported Jan monthly shipment with handset-related products (HCM/HLS) decline of -19%/-49% YoY (vs -29%/-40% in Dec), partly due to less working days on early CNY. However, our recent checks suggested demand weakness will persist into 1Q23E due to Android ongoing destocking and Apple's order correction. While Sunny's iPhone HLS shipment is growing, its sales contribution (6% of full-year shipment) will not become major growth driver at this stage.
- **Our FY23-24E EPS are 15-17% below consensus; Maintain HOLD.** While we maintain our positive view on Sunny's industry leadership, product roadmap and opportunities in auto camera/LiDAR/AU-HUD, we believe inventory destocking and high exposure to handset segment (70% of sales, vs 10% for auto-related) will remain the overhang for the stock. We cut FY23-24E EPS by 5-9% to reflect FY22 miss and slower recovery. We think the stock is fairly valued at 27.2x/22.4x FY23/24E P/E. Maintain HOLD with new SOTP-based TP of HK\$92.5 (23.6x FY23E P/E).

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue (RMB mn)	38,002	37,497	29,813	32,213	37,781
YoY growth (%)	0.4	(1.3)	(20.5)	8.0	17.3
Net profit (RMB mn)	4,950.3	5,061.1	2,454.2	3,625.5	4,405.0
YoY growth (%)	23.2	2.2	(51.5)	47.7	21.5
EPS (Reported) (RMB)	4.47	4.57	2.20	3.26	3.96
Consensus EPS (RMB)	0.00	4.57	2.71	3.76	4.86
P/E (x)	25.5	38.3	40.2	27.2	22.4
P/B (x)	7.4	9.2	4.2	3.8	3.3
Yield (%)	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9
ROE (%)	33.5	26.8	11.2	14.9	16.0
Net gearing (%)	(4.6)	(16.1)	(22.1)	(21.6)	(30.2)

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

HOLD (Maintain)

Target Price **HK\$92.51**
 (Previous TP) **HK\$96.3**
Up/Downside **(9.7%)**
Current Price **HK\$102.40**

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	112,332.8
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	97.1
52w High/Low (HK\$)	195.60/67.55
Total Issued Shares (mn)	1097.0

Source: FactSet

Shareholding Structure

Sun Xu Ltd	35.5%
JP Morgan Chase & Co	4.9%

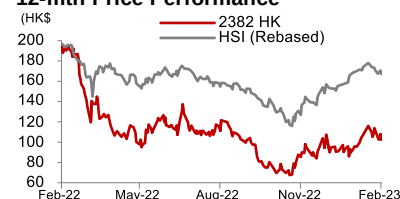
Source: HKEx

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	7.1%	7.8%
3-mth	19.9%	-9.0%
6-mth	-8.0%	-14.9%

Source: FactSet

12-mth Price Performance



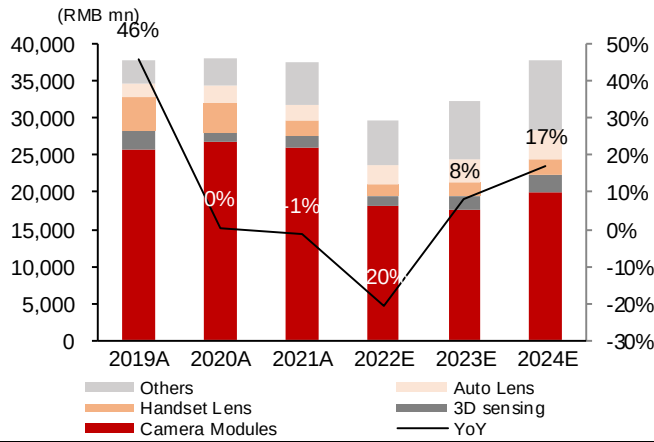
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Related Reports:

- 1) Shipment weakness likely to persist into 1Q23E; Maintain HOLD – 11 Jan 2023 ([link](#))
- 2) Soft HLS/HCM in Aug; Still awaiting turning point – 13 Sep 2022 ([link](#))
- 3) Shipment guidance lowered as expected; Awaiting market recovery – 17 Aug 2022 ([link](#))

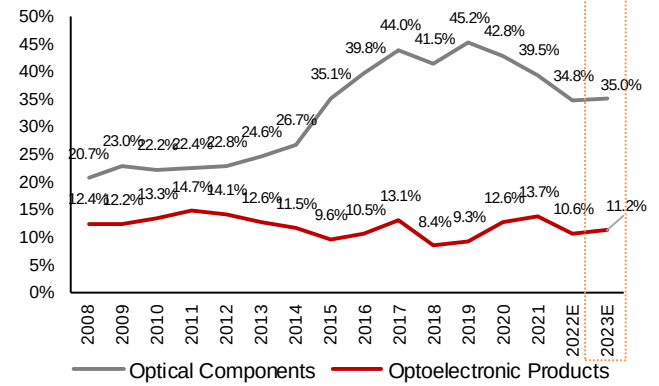
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Figure 1: Sunny Optical revenue trend



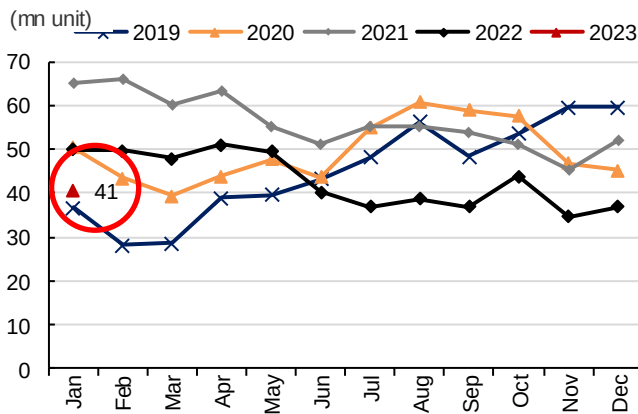
Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 2: Sunny Optical GPM trend



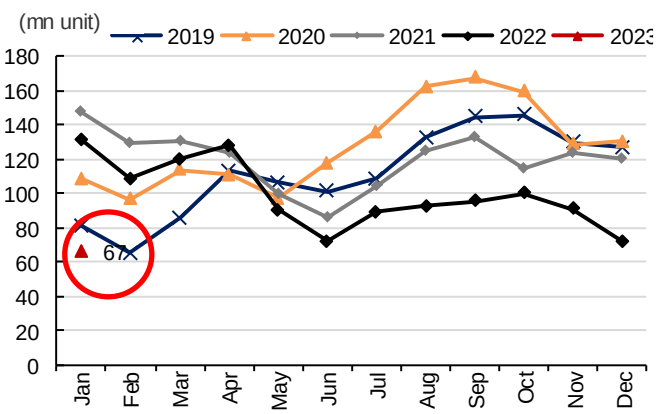
Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 3: Sunny HCM shipment trend



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 4: Sunny HLS shipment trend



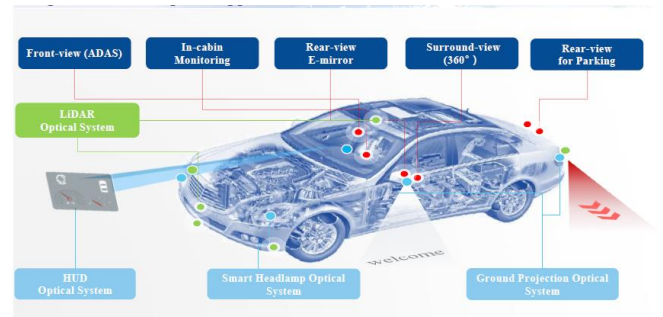
Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 5: Sunny next-gen handset camera products



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 6: Sunny opportunities in vehicle cameras



Source: Counterpoint, CMBIGM estimates

Earnings Revision

Figure 7: CMBIGM earnings revisions

RMB mn	New			Old			Change (%)		
	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	29,813	32,213	37,781	32,136	36,324	41,303	-7%	-11%	-9%
Gross profit	6,164	7,021	8,415	6,497	7,679	9,003	-5%	-9%	-7%
Operating profit	3,117	4,364	5,272	3,377	4,591	5,533	-8%	-5%	-5%
Net profit	2,411	3,561	4,327	2,656	3,765	4,558	-9%	-5%	-5%
EPS (RMB)	2.20	3.26	3.96	2.43	3.45	4.17	-9%	-5%	-5%
Gross margin	20.7%	21.8%	22.3%	20.2%	21.1%	21.8%	0.5 ppt	0.7 ppt	0.5 ppt
Operating margin	10.5%	13.5%	14.0%	10.5%	12.6%	13.4%	-0.1 ppt	0.9 ppt	0.6 ppt
Net margin	8.1%	11.1%	11.5%	8.3%	10.4%	11.0%	-0.2 ppt	0.7 ppt	0.4 ppt

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 8: CMBIGM estimates vs consensus

RMB mn	CMBIGM			Consensus			Diff (%)		
	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	29,813	32,213	37,781	33,063	37,847	43,861	-10%	-15%	-14%
Gross profit	6,164	7,021	8,415	6,817	8,275	10,142	-10%	-15%	-17%
Operating profit	3,117	4,364	5,272	3,161	4,336	5,434	-1%	1%	-3%
Net profit	2,411	3,561	4,327	3,022	4,178	5,239	-20%	-15%	-17%
EPS (RMB)	2.20	3.26	3.96	2.71	3.76	4.86	-19%	-13%	-18%
Gross margin	20.7%	21.8%	22.3%	20.6%	21.9%	23.1%	0.1 ppt	-0.1 ppt	-0.8 ppt
Operating margin	10.5%	13.5%	14.0%	9.6%	11.5%	12.4%	0.9 ppt	2.1 ppt	1.6 ppt
Net margin	8.1%	11.1%	11.5%	9.1%	11.0%	11.9%	-1.1 ppt	0 ppt	-0.5 ppt

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 9: P&L forecast

RMB mn	FY20	FY21	1H22	2H22E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	38,002	37,497	16,972	12,841	29,813	32,213	37,781
...YoY	0.4%	-1.3%	-14.4%	-27.3%	-20.5%	8.0%	17.3%
Cost of sales	(29,304)	(28,761)	(13,449)	(10,200)	(23,649)	(25,192)	(29,366)
Gross profit	8,698	8,736	3,522	2,642	6,164	7,021	8,415
GPM (%)	22.9%	23.3%	20.8%	20.6%	20.6%	21.8%	22.3%
...YoY	12.2%	0.4%	-28.8%	-30.3%	-29.4%	13.9%	19.9%
SG&A	(1,032)	(1,032)	(601)	(437)	(1,038)	(944)	(1,077)
...% of rev	-2.7%	-2.8%	-3.5%	-3.4%	-3.5%	-2.9%	-2.9%
R&D	(2,499)	(2,642)	(1,468)	(1,092)	(2,560)	(2,384)	(2,758)
...% of rev	-6.6%	-7.0%	-8.7%	-8.5%	-8.6%	-7.4%	-7.3%
Other gain & loss	698	252	698	252	537	205	-
Operating profit	5,877	5,851	1,798	1,319	3,117	4,364	5,272
OPM (%)	15.5%	15.6%	10.6%	10.3%	10.5%	13.5%	14.0%
...YoY	22.3%	-0.4%	-46.3%	-47.4%	-46.7%	40.0%	20.8%
Net profit	4,882	4,993	1,358	1,053	2,411	3,561	4,327
NPM (%)	12.8%	13.3%	8.0%	8.2%	8.1%	11.1%	11.5%
...YoY	22.3%	2.3%	-49.5%	-54.3%	-51.7%	47.7%	21.5%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 10: Major assumptions

	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Shipment volume (mn unit)					
Optical Components					
Handset lens sets	1,530	1,440	1,193	1,274	1,401
...YoY(%)	14%	-6%	-17%	7%	10%
Vehicle lens sets	56	68	79	94	113
...YoY(%)	12%	21%	16%	19%	20%
Optoelectronic Products					
Handset camera modules	593	674	517	544	598
...YoY(%)	10%	14%	-23%	5%	10%
Other optoelectronic (3D sensing)	41	59	51	73	106
...YoY(%)	-18%	45%	-14%	45%	45%
Optical Instruments					
Microscopic instruments	195	258	320	352	387
...YoY(%)	-1%	32%	24%	10%	10%
Revenue (RMB mn)					
Optical Components	9,181	8,776	9,049	10,823	12,767
Optoelectronic Products	28,494	28,334	20,408	21,051	24,641
Optical instruments	326	387	357	339	373
Total Revenue	38,002	37,497	29,813	32,213	37,781
...YoY(%)	0.4%	-1.3%	-20.5%	8.0%	17.3%
Gross Margin					
Optical Components	42.8%	39.5%	34.8%	35.0%	35.0%
Optoelectronic products	12.6%	13.7%	10.6%	11.2%	11.9%
Optical instruments	39.2%	45.1%	44.8%	45.5%	45.5%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Valuation

Maintain HOLD with new TP of HK\$92.5

We maintain HOLD with new TP of HK\$92.5. We derived our 12-month TP from SOTP valuation methodology and our TP is based on weighted-average target P/E multiple of 23.6x FY23E EPS, in order to reflect 1) Sunny's diversification in multiple businesses with different growth profiles, and 2) visibility of product upcycles across different segments.

We assign 15x P/E to its CCM business to reflect its China No.1 position, product upcycle and advanced technology capacity. We assign 35x P/E for its vehicle lens business to reflect the high-margin and high-growth industry nature of vehicle lens (25% CAGR FY20-23E) and Sunny's No.1 global market share. We apply a 25x P/E to its handset lens segment given secular upgrade trend and continued share gains from peers.

Figure 11: Sunny Optical – SOTP valuation

Business segment	% of FY23E Profit	FY23E EPS (RMB)	Target P/E
Camera modules	33.7%	1.10	15x
Handset lenses	45.0%	1.47	25x
Vehicle lenses	19.3%	0.63	35x
Others	2.1%	0.07	25x
Total (RMB) /Implied P/E		3.26	23.6x
TP (HK\$)			92.5

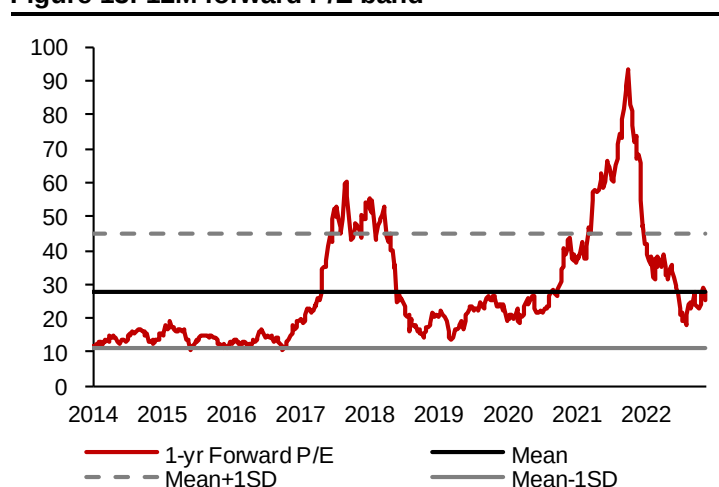
Sources: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 12: Peers' valuation

Company	Ticker	Rating	Market Cap (US\$ mn)	Price (LC)	TP (LC)	Up/Down -side	P/E (x) FY22E	P/E (x) FY23E	P/B (x) FY22E	P/B (x) FY23E	ROE (%) FY22E	ROE (%) FY23E
Sunny Optical	2382 HK	Hold	14,308	102.4	92.5	-9.7%	40.2	27.2	4.2	3.8	11.2	14.9
Q tech	1478 HK	Buy	777	5.2	5.8	12%	23.1	9.6	1.1	1.0	4.8	10.6
Cowell	1415 HK	NR	1,839	17.20	NA	NA	22.6	17.1	4.5	3.6	22.2	24.6
Truly	732 HK	NR	544	1.35	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catcher	2474 TT	NR	4,459	188.00	NA	NA	10.4	17.1	0.8	0.9	8.3	4.9
Largan	3008 TT	NR	9,992	2255.00	NA	NA	13.4	17.0	2.0	1.9	14.2	11.3
Lite-on	2301 TT	NR	5,452	69.50	NA	NA	11.4	10.5	2.1	2.0	19.0	19.7
Primax	4915 TT	NR	884	58.10	NA	NA	9.5	8.9	1.5	1.5	16.3	16.6
O-film	002456 CH	NR	2,539	5.31	NA	NA	-	-	3.9	4.7	-	(13.2)
Average							18.3	15.3	2.5	2.4	13.8	11.1

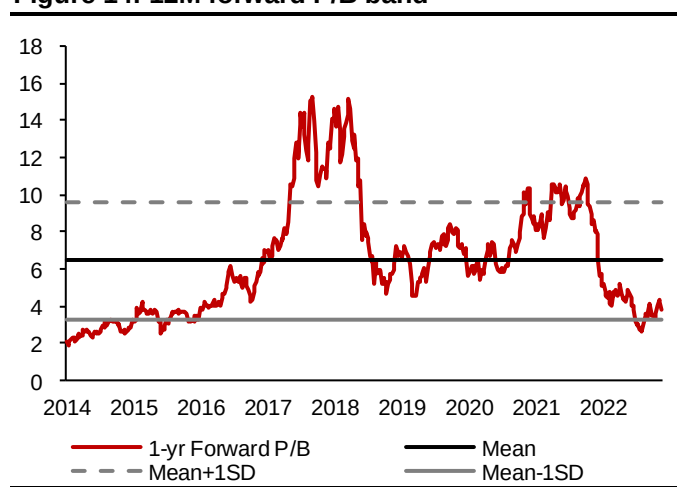
Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 13: 12M forward P/E band



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 14: 12M forward P/B band



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

Financial Summary

INCOME STATEMENT	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Revenue	37,849	38,002	37,497	29,813	32,213	37,781
Cost of goods sold	(30,098)	(29,304)	(28,761)	(23,649)	(25,192)	(29,366)
Gross profit	7,751	8,698	8,736	6,164	7,021	8,415
Selling expense	(279)	(313)	(274)	(266)	(235)	(283)
Admin expense	(650)	(719)	(758)	(772)	(709)	(793)
R&D expense	(2,209)	(2,499)	(2,642)	(2,560)	(2,384)	(2,758)
Others	205	698	789	558	670	691
Operating profit	4,806	5,877	5,851	3,117	4,364	5,272
Share of (losses)/profits of associates/JV	(6)	0	19	2	2	2
Net Interest income/(expense)	(250)	(224)	(230)	(240)	(264)	(291)
Pre-tax profit	4,550	5,653	5,640	2,879	4,101	4,983
Income tax	(531)	(703)	(579)	(424)	(476)	(578)
Minority interest	28	68	68	43	64	78
Net profit	4,019	4,950	5,061	2,454	3,626	4,405
Net dividends	623	799	974	470	695	844

BALANCE SHEET	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Current assets	22,446	25,630	27,989	24,035	31,701	31,571
Cash & equivalents	1,917	2,842	5,605	7,285	7,807	11,123
Account receivables	9,630	8,212	7,448	5,003	8,451	7,328
Inventories	5,146	5,783	5,482	2,293	5,989	3,665
ST bank deposits	21	238	1,112	1,112	1,112	1,112
Financial assets at FVTPL	5,663	8,480	8,314	8,314	8,314	8,314
Other current assets	69	74	28	28	28	28
Non-current assets	8,247	9,809	10,785	11,979	12,942	13,627
PP&E	6,567	7,513	8,303	9,550	10,497	11,144
Other non-current assets	1,680	2,295	2,481	2,429	2,445	2,483
Total assets	30,693	35,438	38,774	36,014	44,643	45,198
Current liabilities	12,630	13,411	11,873	7,129	12,828	9,822
Short-term borrowings	1,119	2,071	1,539	1,539	1,539	1,539
Account payables	11,322	10,733	9,869	5,163	10,849	7,816
Other current liabilities	5,622	9,223	15,493	22,182	19,427	26,021
Non-current liabilities	5,336	5,201	6,005	6,005	6,005	6,005
Long-term borrowings	0	0	700	700	700	700
Other non-current liabilities	5,336	5,201	5,305	5,305	5,305	5,305
Total liabilities	17,967	18,612	17,879	13,134	18,833	15,827
Share capital	105	105	105	105	105	105
Other reserves	12,448	16,492	20,483	22,423	25,290	28,773
Total shareholders equity	12,726	16,826	20,895	22,879	25,810	29,371
Minority interest	173	229	307	351	415	493
Total equity and liabilities	30,693	35,438	38,774	36,014	44,643	45,198

CASH FLOW	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	4,550	5,643	5,640	2,879	4,101	4,983
Depreciation & amortization	1,227	1,570	1,638	1,753	2,053	2,353
Change in working capital	(1,477)	115	200	928	(1,457)	413
Others	361	(168)	(499)	(170)	(216)	(298)
Net cash from operations	4,662	7,160	6,979	5,390	4,481	7,451
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(2,760)	(2,271)	(2,498)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Others	(796)	(3,705)	5,400	0	0	0
Net cash from investing	(3,556)	(5,976)	2,902	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Financing						
Dividend paid	(623)	(796)	(974)	(470)	(695)	(844)
Net borrowings	(382)	1,017	0	0	0	0
Share repurchases	(170)	(151)	0	0	0	0
Others	(266)	(291)	2,215	(240)	(264)	(291)
Net cash from financing	(1,441)	(222)	1,241	(710)	(959)	(1,135)
Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	2,254	1,917	2,842	5,605	7,285	7,807
Exchange difference	(2)	(37)	(8,358)	0	0	0
Cash at the end of the year	1,917	2,842	5,605	7,285	7,807	11,123
GROWTH	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	46.0%	0.4%	(1.3%)	(20.5%)	8.0%	17.3%
Gross profit	57.8%	12.2%	0.4%	(29.4%)	13.9%	19.9%
Operating profit	56.2%	22.3%	(0.4%)	(46.7%)	40.0%	20.8%
Net profit	60.0%	23.2%	2.2%	(51.5%)	47.7%	21.5%
PROFITABILITY	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
Gross profit margin	20.5%	22.9%	23.3%	20.7%	21.8%	22.3%
Operating margin	12.7%	15.5%	15.6%	10.5%	13.5%	14.0%
Return on equity (ROE)	36.5%	33.5%	26.8%	11.2%	14.9%	16.0%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
Net debt to equity (x)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Current ratio (x)	1.8	1.9	2.4	3.4	2.5	3.2
Receivable turnover days	76.5	85.7	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2
Inventory turnover days	49.8	68.1	68.1	60.0	60.0	60.0
Payable turnover days	111.5	137.4	137.4	116.0	116.0	116.0
VALUATION	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
P/E	24.0	25.5	38.3	40.2	27.2	22.4
P/B	7.4	7.4	9.2	4.2	3.8	3.3
Div yield (%)	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.9
EV	12,726.2	16,826.1	20,895.3	22,879.2	25,810.0	29,371.0
EV/Sales	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates. Note: The calculation of net cash includes financial assets.

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