

FIT Hon Teng (6088 HK)

Recent sell-off looks overdone; AirPods production in Vietnam on track in 1H24E

We hosted a NDR call with FIT Hon Teng (FIT)'s mgmt. yesterday (11 Apr). Share price has been weak recently, partly due to investor concerns on Apple's TWS order ramp-up and allocation, in our view. Mgmt. stated that first production line of AirPods already started shipment in Vietnam in 1Q24, which we estimate to contribute 5-7% of sales in FY24E. By 2025, six more production lines will be added in its Indian plant. Overall, we believe recent stock price correction is overdone, and we maintain our positive view on FIT's growth drivers in 2024 (AirPods, AI server connectors, auto business). Maintain BUY with TP of HK\$ 2.42. Upcoming catalysts include 1Q24 update in late April, AirPods ramp-up, and AI server product launches.

- First AirPods production line in Vietnam started shipment in Feb 2024, accounting for 5-7% of FY24E sales. Mgmt. stated that AirPods capacity expansion in Vietnam kicked off in 2023, and first batch of shipment already started in Feb 2024. Mgmt. expected related revenue to ramp up in 2H24E, which we estimate to account for 5-7% of sales in FY24E. By 2025, FIT plans to add six more production lines in India (vs one in Vietnam now). We believe FIT and Luxshare will become two largest AirPods suppliers with 30/70% share allocation in 2025.
- Solid outlook in 2024: AirPods, Al server connectors/cables and auto business. Mgmt. reiterated positive outlook and maintained guidance for 2024: high-teens revenue growth, 15%+ GP YoY growth and 15%+ OP YoY growth, backed by AirPods share gain (5-7% of FY24E sales), Al server products in compute tray (7-9%) and Voltaira auto business consolidation (8%). Overall, we expect revenue/net profit to grow 12%/55% YoY in FY24E and 15%/27% YoY in FY25E.
- Recent correction offers buying opportunities; Reiterate BUY. We believe recent share price correction related to Apple TWS order allocation provides good buying opportunities. Trading at 9.7x/7.6x FY24/25 P/E, we think valuation remains attractive (vs 15x 5-year hist. avg. P/E). Maintain BUY with TP of HK\$ 2.42, based on 11x FY24E P/E. Near-term catalysts include 1Q24 update in late April, AirPods ramp-up, and Al server product launches.

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (US\$ m n)	4,531	4,196	4,715	5,412	6,233
YoY growth (%)	0.9	(7.4)	12.4	14.8	15.2
Net profit (US\$ m n)	170.3	129.6	201.2	256.3	340.1
YoY growth (%)	24.5	(23.9)	55.3	27.4	32.7
EPS (Reported) (US\$ cents)	2.42	1.82	2.83	3.60	4.78
Consensus EPS (US\$)	N/A	N/A	2.30	3.07	4.20
P/E (x)	11.3	15.1	9.7	7.6	5.7
P/B (x)	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ROE (%)	7.2	5.4	7.9	9.3	11.1
Net gearing (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

BUY (Maintain)

 Target Price
 HK\$2.42

 (Previous TP
 HK\$2.42)

 Up/Downside
 12.6%

 Current Price
 HK\$2.15

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	15,624.1
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	22.9
52w High/Low (HK\$)	2.44/0.90
Total Issued Shares (mn)	7267.0

Source: FactSet

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Foxconn Far East Ltd	71.1%
Lu Suna-China	5.5%

Source: HKEx

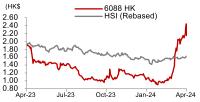
Share Performance

Shareholding Structure

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	73.4%	68.2%
3-mth	106.7%	97.1%
6-mth	92.0%	100.9%

Source: FactSet

12-mth Price Performance



Source: FactSet

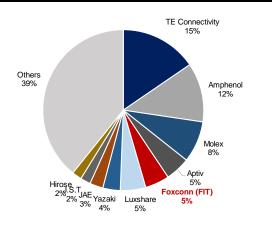
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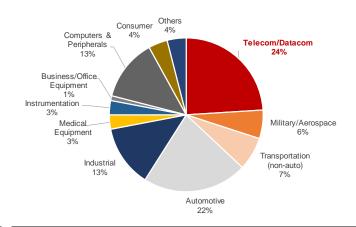
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Figure 1: Global connector industry market share (2020)

Figure 2: Global connector industry end market mix (2022)





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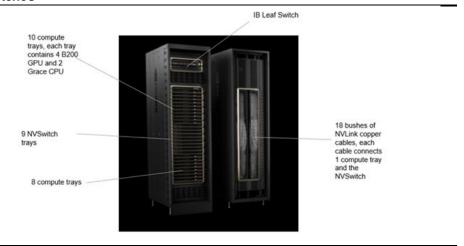
Figure 3: FIT's Server connector & Cable TAM size (US\$ 1.7bn in 2025)

Al Opens up OCP Market Opportunities



Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Figure 4: NVIDIA GH200 topology: DAC copper cables in Level 1 NVLink Switches



Source: Company data, CMBIGM



Earnings forecasts

Figure 5: Revenue breakdown

US\$ 000	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Computing	819,708	773,285	827,415	934,979	1,056,526
YoY	2%	-6%	7%	13%	13%
Sm artphones	1,261,047	1,044,335	960,788	1,008,828	1,059,269
YoY	-3%	-17%	-8%	5%	5%
Networking	753,854	424,793	509,752	626,994	783,743
YoY	-14%	-44%	20%	23%	25%
EV Mobility	152,814	305,098	558,341	694,232	865,122
YoY	10%	100%	83%	24%	25%
EV business	152,814	137,553	158,186	181,914	209,201
Prettl SWH	-	167,545	400,155	512,318	655,921
System Products	1,335,580	1,415,280	1,579,127	1,853,283	2,160,230
YoY	20%	6%	12%	17%	17%
Others	207,600	232,759	279,311	293,276	307,940
YoY	-17%	12%	20%	5%	5%
Total	4,530,603	4,195,550	4,714,734	5,411,592	6,232,830
YoY	0.9%	-7.4%	12.4%	14.8%	15.2%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 6: P&L forecast

US\$ mn	FY22	FY23	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	4,531	4,196	4,715	5,412	6,233
YoY	0.9%	-7.4%	12.4%	14.8%	15.2%
Cost of sales	-3,763	(3,388)	(3,759)	(4,284)	(4,884)
Gross profit	768	807	956	1,128	1,349
GPM (%)	17%	19%	20%	21%	22%
YoY	14.1%	5.1%	18.5%	18.0%	19.6%
SG&A	-223	(295)	(325)	(373)	(430)
% of rev	-4.9%	-7.0%	-6.9%	-6.9%	-6.9%
R&D	-296	(308)	(342)	(392)	(452)
% of rev	-6.5%	-7.3%	-7.3%	-7.3%	-7.3%
Operatingprofit	307	263	352	422	529
OPM (%)	6.8%	6.3%	7.5%	7.8%	8.5%
YoY	74.0%	-14.5%	33.7%	19.9%	25.5%
Net profit	170	129	200	255	339
NPM (%)	3.7%	3.1%	4.3%	4.7%	5.4%
YoY	23.2%	-24.0%	55.4%	27.4%	32.7%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



Valuation

Maintain BUY with TP of HK\$2.42

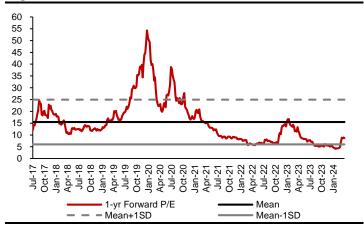
Our 12m TP of HK\$ 2.42 is based on 11x FY24E P/E (33% discount to 5-year hist. avg.), given accelerated growth on "3+3 Strategy" and probability recovery. Trading at 9.7x/7.6x FY24/25E P/E, we think risk-reward is attractive. Upcoming catalysts include TWS product shipment progress and AI server related product design wins.

Figure 7: Peers' valuation

rigule 7. Pee			Market Cap	Price	TP	Up/ Down	P/E	(x)	P/B	(x)	ROE	(%)
Company	Ticker	Rating	US\$(mn)	(LC)	(LC)	-side	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E
Global Connec	ctors											
TE	TEL US	NR	45,304	146.71	NA	NA	21.9	19.3	4.0	3.4	19.1	18.6
Amphenol	APH US	NR	69,710	115.88	NA	NA	39.1	35.1	8.7	7.3	24.4	22.9
Fabrinet	FN US	NR	6,480	178.48	NA	NA	23.4	21.5	4.4	3.8	20.6	18.2
Aviat	6807 JP	NR	1,449	2405.00	NA	NA	14.1	16.6	1.3	1.2	9.4	7.4
Hirose	6806 JP	NR	3,749	15840.00	NA	NA	15.6	20.3	1.6	1.5	10.1	7.5
Luxshare	002475 CH	BUY	28,071	28.30	47.0	66%	18.3	14.4	2.0	1.8	10.9	12.3
Foxconn	2354 TT	NR	2,569	58.60	NA	NA	13.5	10.8	0.5	0.5	5.8	7.0
Hon Hai	2317 TT	NR	65,308	152.00	NA	NA	16.0	13.4	1.4	1.2	8.8	9.5
			Average				19.2	18.9	2.8	2.6	13.0	12.9
Chinatechnol	ogy											
FIT Hon Teng	6088 HK	BUY	1,898	2.15	2.42	13%	15.1	9.7	0.8	0.7	5.4	7.9
AACTech	2018 HK	HOLD	3,992	26.10	22.4	-14%	37.2	20.4	1.2	1.2	3.3	5.8
Sunny Optical	2382 HK	HOLD	5,836	41.70	47.3	13%	37.0	30.2	1.8	1.7	4.8	5.7
Tongda	698 HK	BUY	92	0.07	0.2	130%	4.1	2.6	0.1	0.1	2.3	3.5
BYDE	285 HK	BUY	7,777	27.05	46.5	72%	13.6	9.9	1.9	2.9	13.7	29.0
Q tech	1478 HK	BUY	511	3.38	3.9	16%	12.1	9.2	0.7	0.7	6.1	7.6
TK Group	2283 HK	BUY	159	1.50	2.8	86%	6.0	4.4	0.7	0.7	12.3	15.3
YOFC	6869 HK	NR	1,963	8.91	NA	NA	5.2	5.8	0.6	0.5	11.8	10.1
Cow ell	1415 HK	NR	1,842	16.92	NA	NA	28.0	18.0	4.3	3.6	14.4	21.9
			Average				17.5	12.2	1.3	1.3	8.2	11.8

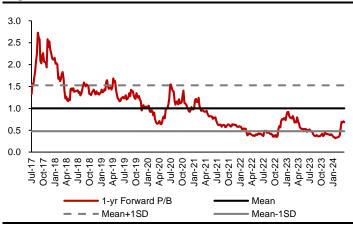
Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Figure 8: 12M forward P/E band



Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Figure 9: 12M forward P/B band



Source: Company data, CMBIGM



Financial Summary

INCOME STATEMENT	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec (US\$ mn)						
Revenue	4,490	4,531	4,196	4,715	5,412	6,233
Cost of goods sold	(3,817)	(3,763)	(3,388)	(3,759)	(4,284)	(4,884)
Gross profit	673	768	807	956	1,128	1,349
Selling expense	(105)	(93)	(105)	(118)	(135)	(156)
Admin expense	(161)	(130)	(191)	(207)	(238)	(274)
R&D expense	(301)	(296)	(308)	(342)	(392)	(452)
Others	70	58	61	63	60	62
Operating profit	177	307	263	352	422	529
Share of (losses)/profits of associates/JV	(8)	(46)	(50)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Interest expense	(2)	(14)	(33)	(33)	(30)	(26)
Pre-tax profit	167	248	179	268	342	454
Income tax	(31)	(78)	(50)	(67)	(85)	(113)
Minority interest	(1)	1	1	1	1	1
Net profit	137	170	130	201	256	340
BALANCE SHEET	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec (US\$ mn)						
Current assets	3,034	2,764	3,112	2,899	3,445	4,042
Cash & equiv alents	769	914	1,316	903	1,164	1,457
Account receiv ables	1,033	720	807	909	1,061	1,208
Inv entories	982	967	802	901	1,034	1,191
ST bank deposits	98	66	4	4	4	4
Non-current assets	1,973	1,783	1,982	2,498	2,426	2,317
PP&E	823	753	900	1,416	1,344	1,235
Deferred income tax	133	131	126	126	126	126
Investment in JVs & assos	172	123	73	73	73	73



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CASH FLOW	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec (US\$ mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	167	248	179	268	342	454
Depreciation & amortization	251	232	345	434	472	509
Tax paid	(91) (257)	(79) 93	(50) 201	(67) (99)	(85)	(113)
Change in working capital Others	15	62	0	(99)	(67) 0	(156) 0
Net cash from operations	85	556	676	537	661	693
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(216)	(113)	(800)	(950)	(400)	(400)
Acquisition of subsidiaries/investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	(4)	47	0	0	0	0
Net cash from investing	(220)	(66)	(800)	(950)	(400)	(400)
Financing						
Div idend paid	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from share issues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Share repurchases	(1)	(2)	0	0	0	0
Others	121	(268)	0	0	0	0
Net cash from financing	120	(270)	0	0	0	0
Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	766	769	914	1,316	903	1,164
Exchange difference	19	(75)	0	0	0	0
Cash at the end of the year	769	914	1,316	903	1,164	1,457
GROWTH	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	4.1%	0.9%	(7.4%)	12.4%	14.8%	15.2%
Gross profit	16.1%	14.1%	5.1%	18.5%	18.0%	19.6%
Operating profit	41.6%	74.0%	(14.5%)	33.7%	19.9%	25.5%
Net profit	221.3%	24.5%	(23.9%)	55.3%	27.4%	32.7%
PROFITABILITY	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec						
Gross profit margin	15.0%	16.9%	19.2%	20.3%	20.8%	21.6%
Operating margin	3.9%	6.8%	6.3%	7.5%	7.8%	8.5%
Return on equity (ROE)	6.0%	7.2%	5.4%	7.9%	9.3%	11.1%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec						
Net debt to equity (x)	na	na	0.0	0.0	0.0	na
Current ratio (x)	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.3
Receiv able turnov er day s	84.0	58.0	70.2	70.4	71.6	70.7
Inventory turnover days	93.9	93.8	86.4	87.5	88.1	89.0
Pay able turnov er day s	108.8	94.2	117.9	116.2	120.5	116.8
VALUATION	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec	40.5	44.0	45.4	0.7	7.0	
P/E B/B	13.5	11.3	15.1	9.7	7.6	5.7
P/B Div yield (%)	0.8 163.5	0.8 0.0	0.8 0.0	0.7 0.0	0.7 0.0	0.6 0.0
Div yielu (%)	103.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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



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