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## Topsports (6110 HK)

## This is likely a rocky-road turnaround

High bases are tough for both industry and Topsorts and we are cautious about 1Q25E. However, the turnaround in next few quarters is still an important catalyst. Also, thanks to the $7 \%$ FY2/25E yield, we think the downside is limited.

- 4Q24 retail sales growth was slow and there are still some pressure in 1Q25E. Topsports' retail sales growth was only at LSD in 4Q24 (Dec 2023 to Feb 2024), slowing down from low-teens in 3Q24. However, given the weak macro and high base, we believe investors should have certain expectations already. In fact, this is already better than Pou Sheng's 7\% drop. For 1Q25E, we would not be surprised to see certain pressure, because of the high base and delay of some new product launches, and the retail sales trend could even be negative in Mar to Apr 2024. Thanks to a much healthier inventory level (around 4 to 4.5 months), the pressure on retail discounts was less, however. Recently, retail discounts were flattish in offline channels but widened in e-commerce channels (mostly affected by the traditional and content-driven e-commerce platforms).
- We still think a turnaround in FY25E is likely (even the growth was slower than expected). After the slowdown in recent quarters, we have turned more conservative about FY25E. However, we still think the trend is constructive, because: 1) online sales growth could accelerate (esp. for traditional platforms), as the base is lower this year and the growth in content-driven e-commerce (e.g. XHS and Douyin) is still rapid; 2) offline sales growth could also speed up (SSSG could be positive and gross selling area growth could be resumed), as the one-off drags from closures of Adidas NEO stores will fade out and store productivity may continue to improve, supported by improvements in private domain operations (e.g. Wechat and livestreaming sales) and engagement with members and customer communities; 3) of the potential benefits from greater investment from brands on product launches and marketing for the Paris Olympics. For margin, we expect GP margin to be stable, as the improvement in retail discounts is partially offset by the increase in e-commerce sales mix, and net profit margin could mildly improve, helped by potential operating leverage.
- Maintain BUY but cut TP to HK\$6.78, based on 15x FY2/25E P/E (cut from 18x). We revise down net profit by 10\%/ 13\% in FY25E/ 26E, in order to factor in: 1) a slowdown in industry sales growth, 2) less-than-expected retail discounts improvement, and 3) weaker operating leverage. We have turned more conservative, but a turnaround in FY25E and onwards is still possible, plus the 7\% FY25E dividend yield is fairly protective; we thus maintain our BUY rating. The stock is trading at 12x, still below its 4-year average of 13x.
Earnings Summary

| (YE 28 Feb) | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue (RMB mn) | 27,073 | 28,933 | 31,072 | 33,648 | 36,240 |
| YoY growth (\%) | $(15.1)$ | 6.9 | 7.4 | 8.3 | 7.7 |
| Operating profit (RMB mn) | $2,430.9$ | $2,786.5$ | $3,167.0$ | $3,550.7$ | $3,970.9$ |
| Net profit (RMB mn) | $1,836.6$ | $2,213.0$ | $2,531.6$ | $2,840.3$ | $3,177.1$ |
| EPS (Reported) (RMB) | 0.30 | 0.36 | 0.41 | 0.46 | 0.51 |
| YoY growth (\%) | $(24.9)$ | 20.5 | 14.4 | 12.2 | 11.9 |
| P/E (x) | 16.4 | 13.9 | 12.1 | 10.8 | 9.7 |
| P/B (x) | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| Yield (\%) | 6.5 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 7.6 | 8.6 |
| ROE (\%) | 18.0 | 22.5 | 25.4 | 27.2 | 28.8 |
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## BUY (Maintain)

Target Price
HK\$6.78
(Previous TP
HK\$9.23)
Up/Downside
23.5\%

Current Price
HK\$5.49
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Stock Data

| Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn) | 34,044.7 |
| :---: | :---: |
| Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn) | 30.6 |
| 52w High/Low (HK\$) | 7.43/4.91 |
| Total Issued Shares (mn) | 6201.2 |
| Source: FactSet |  |
| Shareholding Structure |  |
| Hillhouse Capital | 34.9\% |
| WMVL Limited | 20.2\% |
| Source: HKEx |  |
| Share Performance |  |
| Absolute | Relative |
| 1-mth 6.2\% | -5.3\% |
| 3-mth 2.2\% | -9.4\% |
| 6-mth -17.7\% | -21.9\% |

Source: FactSet


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(22 Apr 24)
Xtep (2020 HK) - Steady recovery shall continue with high yield (19 Apr 24)

Anta (2020 HK) - An inline 1 Q24 plus an improving outlook
(18 Apr 24)
China Lilang ( 1234 HK) - Impressive FY24E guidance with decent yield (20 Mar 24)

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates
－Topsports reported inline FY2／24 results and dividend is still attractive．In FY2／24，sales increased by 7\％to RMB28．9bn，in line with BBG and CMBI est．；net profit jumped by $21 \%$ YoY to RMB2．21bn， $3 \% / 2 \%$ below BBG／CMBI est．；GP margin was flattish at $41.8 \%$ ，only up 0.1 ppt vs last year，but NP margin jumped to $7.6 \%$ ，up 0．8ppt from last year，driven by closures of Adidas NEO stores，rigid control on staff costs（ $+1 \%$ YoY only）and the drop in D\＆A expenses（ $-21 \% \mathrm{YoY}$ ），which in our view is rather impressive，esp．when other income dropped significantly（ $-41 \% \mathrm{YoY}$ ）． Inventory days fell meaningfully by 13 days to 136 days．Final dividend（RMB0．05） and special dividend（RMB0．16）were also announced，the same as last year＇s，but the payout ratio is still high at $101 \%$ ．Based on current market cap，the yield is attractive at $7.3 \%$ ．
－Direct retail and e－commerce sales outperformed while sales growth for both principal brands was resilient．In FY2／24，direct retail sales growth was fast at 9\％ while wholesale sales had dropped by $3 \%$ ．Also，e－commerce sales growth（CMBI est．$+21 \%$ ）was way faster than offline（CMBI est．$+5 \%$ ），as the share of e－commerce sales increased to mid－20\％（from low－20\％in FY2／23）．Moreover，sales growth for leading／lagging brands maintained at mid－teens／improved to negative LSD in FY2／24 vs mid－teens／negative MSD in $1 \mathrm{H} 2 / 24$ ．

## Earnings revision

Figure 1：Earnings revision

| RMB mn | FY25E | $\begin{aligned} & \text { New } \\ & \text { FY26E } \end{aligned}$ | FY27E | FY25E | $\begin{aligned} & \text { Old } \\ & \text { FY26E } \end{aligned}$ | FY27E | FY25E | Diff（\％） <br> FY26E | FY27E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue | 31，072 | 33，648 | 36，240 | 32，657 | 36，249 | n／a | －4．9\％ | －7．2\％ | n／a |
| Gross profit | 13，042 | 14，163 | 15，303 | 13，891 | 15，499 | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | －6．1\％ | －8．6\％ | n／a |
| EBIT | 3，167 | 3，551 | 3，971 | 3，849 | 4，411 | n／a | －17．7\％ | －19．5\％ | n／a |
| Net profit att． | 2，532 | 2，840 | 3，177 | 2，809 | 3，246 | n／a | －9．9\％ | －12．5\％ | n／a |
| Diluted EPS（RMB） | 0.408 | 0.458 | 0.512 | 0.453 | 0.523 | n／a | －9．9\％ | －12．5\％ | n／a |
| Gross margin | 42．0\％ | 42．1\％ | 42．2\％ | 42．5\％ | 42．8\％ | n／a | －0．6ppt | －0．7ppt | n／a |
| EBIT margin | 10．2\％ | 10．6\％ | 11．0\％ | 11．8\％ | 12．2\％ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | －1．6ppt | －1．6ppt | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ |
| Net profit att．margin | 8．1\％ | 8．4\％ | 8．8\％ | 8．6\％ | 9．0\％ | n／a | －0．5ppt | －0．5ppt | n／a |

Source：Company data，CMBIGM estimates
Figure 2：CMBIGM estimates vs consensus

| RMB mn | CMBIGM |  |  | Consensus |  |  | Diff（\％） |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| Revenue | 31，072 | 33，648 | 36，240 | 33，101 | 36，580 | n／a | －6．1\％ | －8．0\％ | n／a |
| Gross profit | 13，042 | 14，163 | 15，303 | 14，167 | 15，729 | n／a | －7．9\％ | －10．0\％ | n／a |
| EBIT | 3，167 | 3，551 | 3，971 | 3，528 | 3，999 | n／a | －10．2\％ | －11．2\％ | n／a |
| Net profit att． | 2，532 | 2，840 | 3，177 | 2，625 | 3，036 | n／a | －3．6\％ | －6．4\％ | n／a |
| Diluted EPS（RMB） | 0.408 | 0.458 | 0.512 | 0.440 | 0.496 | n／a | －7．2\％ | －7．7\％ | n／a |
| Gross margin | 42．0\％ | 42．1\％ | 42．2\％ | 42．8\％ | 43．0\％ | n／a | －0．8ppt | －0．9ppt | n／a |
| EBIT margin | 10．2\％ | 10．6\％ | 11．0\％ | 10．7\％ | 10．9\％ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | －0．5ppt | －0．4ppt | n／a |
| Net profit att．margin | 8．1\％ | 8．4\％ | 8．8\％ | 7．9\％ | 8．3\％ | n／a | 0．2ppt | 0．1ppt | n／a |

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## Results summary

## Figure 3：Results review－Half Year

| Half yearly <br> （RMB mn） | 1H24 | 2H24 | 1H25E | 2H25E | $\begin{gathered} \text { 1H24 } \\ \text { YoY } \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 2H24 } \\ & \text { YoY } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { 1H25 } \\ & \text { E YoY } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 2 \mathrm{H} 25 \\ & \mathrm{E} \mathrm{YoY} \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { 2H24E } \\ \text { CMBIG } \\ M \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Actual } \\ \text { vs } \\ \text { CMBIG } \\ \text { M } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue | 14，177 | 14，757 | 15，073 | 15，998 | 7\％ | 7\％ | 6\％ | 8\％ | 15，064 | －2\％ |
| COGS | －7，836 | －9，017 | －8，290 | －9，739 |  |  |  |  | －9，107 |  |
| Gross profit | 6，341 | 5，740 | 6，783 | 6，259 | 5\％ | 9\％ | 7\％ | 9\％ | 5，957 | －4\％ |
| GP margins | 44．7\％ | 38．9\％ | 45．0\％ | 39．1\％ |  |  |  |  | 39．5\％ |  |
| Other income \＆gains | 48 | 129 | 90 | 100 |  |  |  |  | 159 | －19\％ |
| S \＆D expenses | －4，110 | －4，246 | －4，266 | －4，494 | 0\％ | 7\％ | 4\％ | 6\％ | －4，039 | 5\％ |
| S \＆D exp／sales | －29．0\％ | －28．8\％ | －28．3\％ | －28．1\％ |  |  |  |  | －26．8\％ |  |
| Admin expenses | －553 | －563 | －648 | －657 | －4\％ | 7\％ | 17\％ | 17\％ | －657 | －14\％ |
| Admin exp／sales | －3．9\％ | －3．8\％ | －4．3\％ | －4．1\％ |  |  |  |  | －4．4\％ |  |
| Other opex | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| Operating profit（EBIT） | 1，726 | 1，061 | 1，959 | 1，207 | 9\％ | 25\％ | 14\％ | 14\％ | 1，421 | －25\％ |
| OP margins | 12．2\％ | 7．2\％ | 13．0\％ | 7．5\％ |  |  |  |  | 9．4\％ |  |
| Other items | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| Net finance income | －18 | －9 | －15 | 10 |  |  |  |  | －114 | －92\％ |
| Net fin．income／sales | －0．1\％ | －0．1\％ | －0．1\％ | 0．1\％ |  |  |  |  | －0．8\％ |  |
| Profit after financing costs | 1，708 | 1，052 | 1，944 | 1，218 |  |  |  |  | 1，307 |  |
| Associated coms | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| Jointly controlled coms | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| Pre－tax profit | 1，708 | 1，052 | 1，944 | 1，218 | 13\％ | 31\％ | 14\％ | 16\％ | 1，307 | －20\％ |
| Tax | －371 | －177 | －428 | －205 |  |  |  |  | －383 |  |
| Tax／sales | －2．6\％ | －1．2\％ | －2．8\％ | －1．3\％ |  |  |  |  | －2．5\％ |  |
| Effective tax rate | －21．7\％ | －16．8\％ | －22．0\％ | －16．8\％ |  |  |  |  | －29．3\％ |  |
| Minority interests | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  | 0 |  |
| Net profit att． | 1，337 | 875 | 1，517 | 1，013 | 17\％ | 27\％ | 13\％ | 16\％ | 924 | －5\％ |
| NP margins | 9．4\％ | 5．9\％ | 10．1\％ | 6．3\％ |  |  |  |  | 6．1\％ |  |

Source：Company data，CMBIGM estimates

Figure 4：Results review－full year

| Full yearly（RMB mn） | FY23 | FY24E | FY25E | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY24E } \\ & \text { YoY } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { FY25E } \\ & \text { YoY } \end{aligned}$ | FY24E CMBB CB GM | $\begin{gathered} \text { Actual } \\ \text { vs } \\ \text { CMBI } \\ \text { GM } \end{gathered}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue | 27，073 | 28，933 | 31，072 | 7\％ | 7\％ | 29，241 | －1\％ |
| COGS | －15，789 | －16，852 | －18，030 |  |  | 16，943 |  |
| Gross profit | 11，284 | 12，081 | 13，042 | 7\％ | 8\％ | 12，298 | －2\％ |
| GP margins | 41．7\％ | 41．8\％ | 42．0\％ |  |  | 42．1\％ |  |
| Other income \＆gains | 300 | 177 | 190 |  |  | 207 | －14\％ |
| S \＆D expenses | －8，052 | －8，356 | －8，760 | 4\％ | 5\％ | －8，149 | 3\％ |
| S \＆D exp／sales | －29．7\％ | －28．9\％ | －28．2\％ |  |  | 27．9\％ |  |
| Admin expenses | －1，101 | －1，115 | －1，305 | 1\％ | 17\％ | －1，209 | －8\％ |
| Admin exp／sales | －4．1\％ | －3．9\％ | －4．2\％ |  |  | －4．1\％ |  |
| Other opex | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 |  |
| Operating profit（EBIT） | 2，431 | 2，787 | 3，167 | 15\％ | 14\％ | 3，146 | －11\％ |
| OP margins | 9．0\％ | 9．6\％ | 10．2\％ |  |  | 10．8\％ |  |
| Other items | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 |  |
| Net finance income | －109 | －27 | －5 |  |  | －132 | －79\％ |
| Net fin．income／sales | －0．4\％ | －0．1\％ | 0．0\％ |  |  | －0．5\％ |  |
| Profit after financing costs | 2，322 | 2，759 | 3，162 |  |  | 3，015 |  |
| Associated coms | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 |  |
| Jointly controlled coms | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 |  |
| Pre－tax profit | 2，322 | 2，759 | 3，162 | 19\％ | 15\％ | 3，015 | －8\％ |
| Tax | －486 | －548 | －632 |  |  | －754 |  |
| Tax／sales | －1．8\％ | －1．9\％ | －2．0\％ |  |  | －2．6\％ |  |
| Effective tax rate | －20．9\％ | －19．9\％ | －20．0\％ |  |  | 25．0\％ |  |
| Minority interests | 0 | 0 | 0 |  |  | 0 |  |
| Net profit att． | 1，837 | 2，211 | 2，530 | 20\％ | 14\％ | 2，261 | －2\％ |
| NP margins | 6．8\％ | 7．6\％ | 8．1\％ |  |  | 7．7\％ |  |

Source：Company data，CMBIGM estimates

## Operating numbers

Figure 5：Sportswear brands sales growth trend

| Operating numbers | 1Q21 | 2Q21 | 3Q21 | 4Q21 | 1Q22 | 2Q22 | 3 Q 22 | 4Q22 | 1Q23 | 2Q23 | 3Q23 | 4Q23 | 1Q24 | 2Q24E | 3Q24E | 4Q24E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nike China sales | 42\％ | 9\％ | 1\％ | －24\％ | －8\％ | －20\％ | －13\％ | 6\％ | 1\％ | 25\％ | 12\％ | 8\％ | 6\％ | 9\％ | 9\％ | 9\％ |
| Adidas China sales | 156\％ | －16\％ | －15\％ | －24\％ | －35\％ | －35\％ | －27\％ | －50\％ | －9\％ | 16\％ | 6\％ | 37\％ | 8\％ | 5\％ | 5\％ | 5\％ |
| Anta brand＇s SSSG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anta brand＇s retail sales | s 40\％－45\％ | 35\％－40\％ | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve High－ teens | －ve MSD | ＋ve MSD | －ve HSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve High－ teens | ＋ve MSD | 9\％ | 14\％ | 18\％ |
| Core brand | 35\％－40\％ | 35\％－40\％ | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Mid－ teens | －ve Low－ teens | ＋ve LSD | －ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve HSD | 25\％－30\％ | ＋ve LSD |  |  |  |
| Kids | 45\％－50\％ | Over 20\％ | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Mid－ teens | 20\％－25\％ | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve HSD | －ve High－ teens | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve HSD | 30\％－35\％ | Flat |  |  |  |
| Online | Over 60\％ | Over 45\％ | 25\％－30\％ | 30\％－35\％ | Over 30\％ | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve MSD | －ve LSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve MSD | 20\％－25\％ |  |  |  |
| FILA brand＇s retail sales | s 75\％－80\％ | 30\％－35\％ | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve MSD | －ve HSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | －ve Low－ teens | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve High－ teens | ＋ve Low－ teens | 25\％－30\％ | ＋ve HSD | 6\％ | 11\％ | 13\％ |
| Classic／Core brand | 80\％ | Over 20\％ | Flat | Flat | －ve MSD | －ve DD | －ve LSD | －ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve HSD | 40\％－45\％ | ＋ve MSD |  |  |  |
| Kids | 100\％ | Over 40\％ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve LSD | －ve Low－ teens | －ve HSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve HSD | 30\％－35\％ | －ve LSD |  |  |  |
| Fusion | 150\％ | Over 80\％ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | $\begin{aligned} & \text { +ve Low- } \\ & \text { teens } \end{aligned}$ | Over 20\％ | －ve MSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve HSD | －ve HSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve HSD | 20\％－25\％ | －ve MSD |  |  |  |
| Online | Over 40\％ | Over 40\％ | 20\％－25\％ | 25\％－30\％ | Over 20\％ | ＋ve MSD | Over 65\％ | Over 40\％ | Over 40\％ | 60\％－65\％ | －ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | 20\％ |  |  |  |
| Other brands | $\begin{gathered} 115 \%- \\ 120 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | 70\％－75\％ | 35\％－40\％ | 30\％－35\％ | 40\％－45\％ | 20\％－25\％ | 40\％－45\％ | ＋ve Low－ teens | 75\％－80\％ | 70\％－75\％ | 45\％－50\％ | 55\％－60\％ | 25\％－30\％ |  |  |  |
| Descente | 150\％ | 100\％ | 50\％ | 40\％－45\％ | 40\％－45\％ | Over 20\％ | Over 35\％ | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} \text { Low- } \\ \text { teens } \end{array}$ | 70\％－75\％ | 60\％－65\％ | 40\％－45\％ | 50\％－55\％ | 20－25\％ |  |  |  |
| Kolon | Over 75\％ | 40\％ | 30\％ | －ve High－ <br> teens | 40\％－45\％ | Over 20\％ | Over 55\％ | ＋ve High－ teens | 100\％ | 100\％ | 60\％－65\％ | 65\％－70\％ | 50\％ |  |  |  |
| Li Ning group＇s SSSG | n／a | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low } \\ 80 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve High } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | －ve Low－ teens | ＋ve HSD | －ve High－ teens | －ve HSD | ＋ve LSD | －ve MSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | －ve MSD |  |  |  |
| Direct retail | n／a | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 90 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text {-ve High- } \\ & \text { teens } \end{aligned}$ | ＋ve MSD | $\begin{array}{r} \text {-ve High } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | －ve LSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve MSD | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | －ve LSD |  |  |  |
| Wholesales | n／a | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 70 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | ＋ve High－ teens | ＋ve Low－ teens | －ve High－ teens | ＋ve HSD | $\begin{array}{r} \text {-ve Low } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | －ve LSD | ＋ve LSD | －ve Low－ teens | ＋ve MSD | －ve Mid－ teens |  |  |  |
| E－Commerce | n／a | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 80 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} + \text { ve Mid } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | －ve LSD | －ve Low 20\％ | ＋ve LSD | －ve LSD | ＋ve MSD | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Li Ning group＇s retail sa | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 80 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { +ve Low } \\ 90 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 40 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} + \text { ve Low } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve High } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | －ve HSD | ＋ve Mid－ teens | －ve Low－ teens | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve MSD | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ＋ve LSD | 6\％ | 5\％ | 17\％ |
| Direct retail | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 90 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 80 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { +ve Mid' } \\ 30 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { +ve High } \\ & 20 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Mid } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | －ve HSD | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | －ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 50 \% \end{array}$ | ＋ve MSD |  |  |  |
| Wholesales | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 80 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 90 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { +ve High } \\ 20 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | －ve HSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text {-ve Low } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Mid－ teens | +ve LSD | ＋ve High－ teens | －ve MSD |  |  |  |
| E－Commerce | 100\％ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 90 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} \text { Mid } \\ 50 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 40 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} + \text { ve Mid } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ＋ve MSD | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} \text { Mid } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ＋ve MSD | －ve Low－ <br> teens | ＋ve Low－ teens | －ve LSD | ＋ve MSD | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |
| Xtep brand＇s SSSG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Xtep brand＇s retail sales | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Mid 50\%- } \\ 60 \% \end{array}$ | 30\％－35\％ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | 20\％－25\％ | 30\％－35\％ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | 20\％－25\％ | －ve HSD | 20\％ | ＋ve High－ teens | ＋ve High－ teens | 30\％－35\％ | ＋ve HSD | 8\％ | 10\％ | 16\％ |
| 361 Degree brand＇s SSSG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 361 Degree brand＇s reta | $\begin{array}{r} \text { te High- } \\ \text { teens } \end{array}$ | 15\％－20\％ | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} + \text { ve High- } \\ \text { teens } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low- } \\ \text { teens } \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Mid- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | Flat | $\begin{array}{r} \hline+\mathrm{ve} \text { Low- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 15．0\％ | 20．0\％ | ＋ve High－ teens | 15\％ | 13\％ | 12\％ |
| Kids | 20\％－25\％ | 30\％－35\％ | 15\％－20\％ | 25\％－30\％ | 20\％－25\％ | 20\％－25\％ | 20\％－25\％ | ＋ve LSD | 20\％－25\％ | 20\％－25\％ | 25\％－30\％ | 40\％ | 20\％－25\％ |  |  |  |
| E－Commerce |  |  |  | $35 \%-40 \%$ | 50\％ | 40\％ | 45\％ | 25\％ | 35\％ | 30\％ | 30\％ | Over 30\％ | 20\％－25\％ |  |  |  |
| Pou Sheng＇s SSSG | 32\％ | －11\％ | －25\％ | －29\％ | －21\％ | －25\％ | －10\％ | －27\％ | 0\％ | 13\％ | －3\％ | 12\％ | －17\％ |  |  |  |
| Pou Sheng＇s sales | 48\％ | －15\％ | －25\％ | －27\％ | －25\％ | －24\％ | －8\％ | －20\％ | 7\％ | 17\％ | －1\％ | 9\％ | －7\％ | －6\％ | 3\％ | 6\％ |
| Topsports＇retail sales |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text {-ve 20\%- } \\ 25 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | －ve High－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text {-ve High } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | －ve LSD | －ve High－ teens | －ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low- } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | －ve LSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve LSD | 2\％ | 5\％ | 9\％ |
| Dong Xiang＇s SSSG | ＋ve HSD | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ \text { to High } \\ \text { SD } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | －ve High－ teens | －ve Mid to High－ teens | －ve MSD | －ve Low to Mid－ teens | －ve Low to Mid SD | －ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Low to Mid－ teens | ＋ve Low to Mid－ teens | ＋ve Low to Mid SD | $\begin{array}{r} 25 \% \text { to } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | －ve HSD |  |  |  |
| Dong Xiang＇s retail sale | 60\％－70\％ | $\begin{gathered} \text { +ve Low -1 } \\ \text { to Mid- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | －ve Mid to High－ teens | －ve Mid－ teens | －ve MSD | －ve Mid to High－ teens | ＋ve LSD | －ve Mid 20\％to 30\％ | ＋ve Low to Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve MSD | Mid 40\％ to 50\％ | －ve Low $10 \%$ to 20\％ |  |  |  |
| Direct retail | 70\％－75\％ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| E－Commerce | 35\％－40\％ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

Source：Company data，CMBIGM estimates，＊Nike＇s year end is in May（e．g．4Q18 calendar year＝2Q19 fiscal year＝Sep－Nov 2018）

## Assumptions

Figure 6：CMBIGM＇s assumptions

| Major assumptions | FY22A | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales by segment（RMB mn） |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail operations | 26，420 | 22，741 | 24，742 | 26，794 | 29，152 | 31，559 |
| Wholesale operations | 5，220 | 4，158 | 4，022 | 4，095 | 4，300 | 4，472 |
| Concessionaire fee income | 236 | 175 | 170 | 183 | 196 | 209 |
| Total | 31，877 | 27，073 | 28，933 | 31，072 | 33，648 | 36，240 |
| Sales by segment growth（\％） |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Retail operations | －14\％ | －14\％ | 9\％ | 8\％ | 9\％ | 8\％ |
| Wholesale operations | 5\％ | －20\％ | －3\％ | 2\％ | 5\％ | 4\％ |
| Concessionaire fee income | －2\％ | －26\％ | －3\％ | 8\％ | 7\％ | 7\％ |
| Total | －11\％ | －15\％ | 7\％ | 7\％ | 8\％ | 8\％ |
| Number of stores | 7，695 | 6，565 | 6，144 | 6，244 | 6，365 | 6，480 |
| Total sales area（sq m） | 1，683 | 1，568 | 1，556 | 1，634 | 1，714 | 1，787 |
| Growth（\％） | 5\％ | －7\％ | －1\％ | 5\％ | 5\％ | 4\％ |
| Average store size（sq m） | 219 | 239 | 253 | 262 | 269 | 276 |
| Growth（\％） | 10\％ | 9\％ | 6\％ | 3\％ | 3\％ | 2\％ |
| Retail sales（offline）per store | 2.8 | 2.7 | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Growth（\％） | －13\％ | －6\％ | 13\％ | 6\％ | 5\％ | 5\％ |
| Retail sales（online） | 4，491 | 5，117 | 6，185 | 6，804 | 7，756 | 8，687 |
| Growth（\％） | －1\％ | 14\％ | 21\％ | 10\％ | 14\％ | 12\％ |
| GP margins | 43．4\％ | 41．7\％ | 41．8\％ | 42．0\％ | 42．1\％ | 42．2\％ |
| Rental expenses／sales | －13．9\％ | －13．2\％ | －13．5\％ | －13．5\％ | －13．5\％ | －13．5\％ |
| Staff costs／sales | －10．9\％ | －10．7\％ | －10．1\％ | －10．0\％ | －10．0\％ | －9．9\％ |
| D\＆A／sales | －2．2\％ | －2．3\％ | －1．7\％ | －1．7\％ | －1．7\％ | －1．7\％ |
| S\＆D expenses／sales | －29．6\％ | －29．7\％ | －28．9\％ | －28．2\％ | －28．0\％ | －27．8\％ |
| G\＆A expenses／sales | －4．1\％ | －4．1\％ | －3．9\％ | －4．2\％ | －4．1\％ | －4．1\％ |
| Effective tax rate | －26\％ | －21\％ | －20\％ | －20\％ | －20\％ | －20\％ |
| NP att．margin | 8\％ | 7\％ | 8\％ | 8\％ | 8\％ | 9\％ |
| NP att．growth（\％） | －12\％ | －25\％ | 20\％ | 14\％ | 12\％ | 12\％ |

[^1]Financial Summary

| INCOME STATEMENT | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YE 28 Feb（RMB mn） |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue | 31，877 | 27，073 | 28，933 | 31，072 | 33，648 | 36，240 |
| Cost of goods sold | $(18,052)$ | $(15,789)$ | $(16,852)$ | $(18,030)$ | $(19,484)$ | $(20,937)$ |
| Gross profit | 13，824 | 11，284 | 12，081 | 13，042 | 14，163 | 15，303 |
| Operating expenses | $(10,732)$ | $(9,153)$ | $(9,471)$ | $(10,065)$ | $(10,819)$ | $(11,553)$ |
| Selling expense | $(9,439)$ | $(8,052)$ | $(8,356)$ | $(8,760)$ | $(9,423)$ | $(10,075)$ |
| Admin expense | $(1,293)$ | $(1,101)$ | $(1,115)$ | $(1,305)$ | $(1,395)$ | $(1,478)$ |
| R\＆D expense | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Operating profit | 3，430 | 2，431 | 2，787 | 3，167 | 3，551 | 3，971 |
| Other income | 338 | 300 | 177 | 190 | 206 | 222 |
| Share of（losses）／profits of associates／JV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| EBItDA | 4，128 | 3，019 | 3，561 | 3，863 | 4，116 | 4，402 |
| Depreciation | （667） | （609） | （758） | （680） | （549） | （422） |
| Other amortisation | （31） | 21 | （16） | （16） | （16） | （10） |
| Interest income | 114 | 103 | 120 | 127 | 128 | 129 |
| Interest expense | （218） | （211） | （147） | （131） | （131） | （131） |
| Net Interest income／（expense） | （104） | （109） | （27） | （5） | （3） | （2） |
| Other income／expense | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre－tax profit | 3，326 | 2，322 | 2，759 | 3，162 | 3，548 | 3，969 |
| Income tax | （880） | （486） | （548） | （632） | （710） | （794） |
| After tax profit | 2，447 | 1，837 | 2，211 | 2，530 | 2，838 | 3，175 |
| Minority interest | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Net profit | 2，447 | 1，837 | 2，213 | 2，532 | 2，840 | 3，177 |
| BALANCE SHEET | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 28 Feb（RMB mn） |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current assets | 10，980 | 12，101 | 12，425 | 13，063 | 13，864 | 14，555 |
| Cash \＆equivalents | 1，753 | 2，357 | 2，775 | 2，821 | 2，896 | 2，859 |
| Restricted cash | 0 | 1，286 | 1，286 | 1，286 | 1，286 | 1，286 |
| Account receivables | 1，107 | 1，055 | 1，127 | 1，211 | 1，311 | 1，412 |
| Inventories | 6，686 | 6，247 | 6，002 | 6，421 | 6，940 | 7，457 |
| Prepayment | 1，435 | 1，136 | 1，214 | 1，303 | 1，412 | 1，520 |
| Other current assets | 0 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 | 20 |
| Non－current assets | 6，816 | 4，719 | 4，523 | 4，386 | 4，359 | 4，508 |
| PP\＆E | 1，009 | 733 | 554 | 433 | 423 | 581 |
| Right－of－use assets | 3，100 | 2，425 | 2，425 | 2，425 | 2，425 | 2，425 |
| Investment in JVs \＆assos | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Intangibles | 1，093 | 1，073 | 1，057 | 1，040 | 1，024 | 1，014 |
| Other non－current assets | 1，614 | 488 | 488 | 488 | 488 | 488 |
| Total assets | 17，796 | 16，821 | 16，948 | 17，449 | 18，224 | 19，062 |
| Current liabilities | 4，873 | 5，268 | 5，417 | 5，585 | 5，790 | 5，995 |
| Short－term borrowings | 518 | 1，545 | 1，545 | 1，545 | 1，545 | 1，545 |
| Account payables | 927 | 991 | 1，058 | 1，132 | 1，223 | 1，314 |
| Tax payable | 697 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 | 360 |
| Other current liabilities | 1，645 | 1，192 | 1，273 | 1，367 | 1，481 | 1，595 |
| Lease liabilities | 1，086 | 1，181 | 1，181 | 1，181 | 1，181 | 1，181 |
| Non－current liabilities | 2，342 | 1，719 | 1，717 | 1，715 | 1，713 | 1，711 |
| Long－term borrowings | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Convertible bonds | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other non－current liabilities | 2，342 | 1，719 | 1，717 | 1，715 | 1，713 | 1，711 |
| Total liabilities | 7，215 | 6，987 | 7，134 | 7，300 | 7，503 | 7，706 |
| Share capital | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Retained earnings | 7，070 | 8，092 | 6，832 | 7，212 | 7，638 | 8，114 |
| Other reserves | 3，512 | 1，742 | 2，982 | 2，937 | 3，083 | 3，242 |
| Total shareholders equity | 10，582 | 9，834 | 9，814 | 10，149 | 10，721 | 11，356 |
| Minority interest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 10，582 | 9，834 | 9，814 | 10，149 | 10，721 | 11，356 |


| CASH FLOW | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YE 28 Feb（RMB mn） |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Operating |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Profit before taxation | 3，326 | 2，322 | 2，759 | 3，162 | 3，548 | 3，969 |
| Depreciation \＆amortization | 698 | 588 | 775 | 696 | 565 | 431 |
| Tax paid | （903） | （891） | （548） | （632） | （710） | （794） |
| Change in working capital | 568 | 483 | 243 | （424） | （522） | （522） |
| Others | 2，000 | 1，848 | 147 | 131 | 131 | 131 |
| Net cash from operations | 5，690 | 4，351 | 3，376 | 2，933 | 3，013 | 3，216 |
| Investing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Capital expenditure | （668） | （357） | （579） | （559） | （538） | （580） |
| Acquisition of subsidiaries／investments | （34） | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | 30 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net cash from investing | （671） | （306） | （579） | （559） | （538） | （580） |
| Financing |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Dividend paid | $(1,550)$ | $(2,667)$ | $(2,233)$ | $(2,197)$ | $(2,268)$ | $(2,541)$ |
| Net borrowings | （805） | 738 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Proceeds from share issues | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Share repurchases | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Others | $(2,140)$ | $(1,512)$ | （147） | （131） | （131） | （131） |
| Net cash from financing | $(4,494)$ | $(3,440)$ | $(2,380)$ | $(2,328)$ | $(2,400)$ | $(2,673)$ |
| Net change in cash |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash at the beginning of the year | 1，229 | 1，753 | 2，357 | 2，775 | 2，821 | 2，896 |
| Exchange difference | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash at the end of the year | 1，753 | 2，357 | 2，775 | 2，821 | 2，896 | 2，859 |
| GROWTH | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 28 Feb |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue | （11．5\％） | （15．1\％） | 6．9\％ | 7．4\％ | 8．3\％ | 7．7\％ |
| Gross profit | （5．8\％） | （18．4\％） | 7．1\％ | 8．0\％ | 8．6\％ | 8．0\％ |
| Operating profit | （14．0\％） | （29．1\％） | 14．6\％ | 13．7\％ | 12．1\％ | 11．8\％ |
| EBITDA | （12．1\％） | （26．9\％） | 17．9\％ | 8．5\％ | 6．5\％ | 7．0\％ |
| Net profit | （11．7\％） | （24．9\％） | 20．5\％ | 14．4\％ | 12．2\％ | 11．9\％ |
| PROFITABILITY | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 28 Feb |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Gross profit margin | 43．4\％ | 41．7\％ | 41．8\％ | 42．0\％ | 42．1\％ | 42．2\％ |
| Operating margin | 10．8\％ | 9．0\％ | 9．6\％ | 10．2\％ | 10．6\％ | 11．0\％ |
| EBITDA margin | 12．9\％ | 11．2\％ | 12．3\％ | 12．4\％ | 12．2\％ | 12．1\％ |
| Return on equity（ROE） | 24．1\％ | 18．0\％ | 22．5\％ | 25．4\％ | 27．2\％ | 28．8\％ |
| GEARING／LIQUIDITY／ACTIVITIES | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 28 Feb |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Current ratio（x） | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.3 | 2.4 | 2.4 |
| Receivable turnover days | 12.7 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.2 | 14.2 |
| Inventory turnover days | 135.2 | 144.4 | 130.0 | 130.0 | 130.0 | 130.0 |
| Payable turnover days | 18.7 | 22.9 | 22.9 | 22.9 | 22.9 | 22.9 |
| VALUATION | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 28 Feb |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| P／E | 11.2 | 16.4 | 13.9 | 12.1 | 10.8 | 9.7 |
| P／E（diluted） | 11.2 | 16.4 | 13.9 | 12.1 | 10.8 | 9.7 |
| P／B | 3.0 | 3.2 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.8 |
| P／CFPS | 5.5 | 7.3 | 9.4 | 10.8 | 10.5 | 9.8 |
| Div yield（\％） | 8.4 | 6.5 | 7.1 | 6.8 | 7.6 | 8.6 |

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

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