

JD.com (JD US)

1Q26 preview: expecting upbeat results driven by food delivery loss reduction and core JDR

For 1Q26E, we anticipate JD.com (JD) to post total revenue of RMB310.6bn, up 3.2% YoY, in line with Bloomberg consensus, and to report non-GAAP net profit of RMB5.9bn, down 54% YoY due to investments in the food delivery (FD) business and international expansion. However, our forecast on non-GAAP NP is above consensus at RMB5.1bn, driven by better-than-expected QoQ loss reduction in FD and stronger-than-expected performance in the core JD Retail business, aided by operating efficiency improvements. For 1Q26E, we estimate JD Retail OP to increase by 3% YoY to RMB13.2bn, and FD operating loss to narrow to RMB7.0bn (4Q25: CMBI estimates of RMB10.5bn loss). We maintain our 2026E revenue forecast largely unchanged, while raising our non-GAAP net profit forecast by 4% to reflect a better-than-expected loss reduction trajectory for the FD business, driven by easing industry competition. We continue to expect 5% YoY growth in both revenue and OP for the core JDR business in 2026E. Greater visibility on group-level earnings growth, as well as shareholder returns, remain key stock price drivers, in our view. Maintain BUY, with our DCF-based TP unchanged at US\$47.5.

- **QoQ recovery in revenue growth in line with our expectation.** Supported by a slight QoQ recovery in consumption sentiment, we forecast total revenue growth of 3.2% YoY (4Q25: 1.5%) for 1Q26E, driven by 18.9% YoY growth in net services revenue, partially offset by a 0.7% YoY decline in net product revenue. In 1Q26E, we expect a slight QoQ acceleration in YoY growth of marketplace and advertising revenue to 15.4% (4Q25: 15.0%), driven by optimization of platform ecosystem. We also anticipate healthy YoY growth of 12.8% in general merchandise revenue (4Q25: 12.1%).
- **Core JDR business to deliver better-than-expected OP growth.** For JDR, despite facing a high base in the electronics and home appliance categories, we forecast revenue growth of 0.6% YoY to RMB265.4bn, supported by solid performance in both general merchandise and marketplace and advertising revenue. We expect OPM of 5.0% in 1Q26E (1Q25: 4.9%), driven by operating efficiency improvements and scale effects. Our OP forecast of RMB13.2bn for JDR is above consensus of RMB12.5bn.
- **FD business loss reduction likely better than expected.** We expect FD operating loss to narrow to RMB7.0bn in 1Q26E, from RMB13.1bn/ RMB10.5bn in 3Q25/4Q25 based on our estimate, driven by optimization in user subsidies, improved operating efficiency, better order mix, and increased commission and advertising revenue generation.

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY24A	FY25A	FY26E	FY27E	FY28E
Revenue (RMB mn)	1,158,819	1,309,085	1,403,338	1,498,988	1,574,398
YoY growth (%)	6.8	13.0	7.2	6.8	5.0
Net profit (RMB mn)	41,359.0	19,631.0	25,298.5	36,946.6	43,456.8
Adjusted net profit (RMB mn)	47,827.0	27,032.0	30,350.8	41,928.6	48,587.0
EPS (Adjusted) (RMB)	31.07	17.02	20.38	28.16	32.63
Consensus EPS (RMB)	31.07	17.82	20.41	27.74	32.62
P/E (x)	7.7	15.4	12.0	8.2	7.0

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

BUY (Maintain)

Target Price	US\$47.50
Up/Downside	52.0%
Current Price	US\$31.25

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (US\$ mn)	46,531.3
Avg 3 mths t/o (US\$ mn)	217.2
52w High/Low (US\$)	37.25/25.40
Total Issued Shares (mn)	1489.0
Source: FactSet	

Shareholding Structure

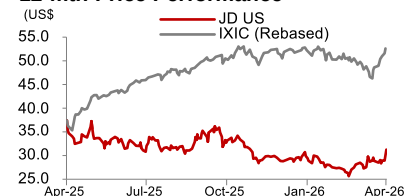
Max Smart Limited	9.6%
BlackRock	4.7%
Source: HKEx	

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	10.3%	3.2%
3-mth	6.3%	5.8%
6-mth	-5.7%	-9.6%

Source: FactSet

12-mth Price Performance



Source: FactSet

Revision in financial forecast and valuation

Figure 1: JD: forecast revision

RMB bn	Current			Previous			Change (%)		
	2026E	2027E	2028E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2026E	2027E	2028E
Revenue	1,403.3	1,499.0	1,574.4	1,402.3	1,497.1	1,571.9	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
Gross profit	225.7	244.1	258.0	224.7	242.5	255.9	0.4%	0.7%	0.8%
Operating profit	15.6	32.9	46.1	14.1	34.6	44.3	10.2%	-4.8%	4.0%
Non-GAAP net profit	30.4	41.9	48.6	29.1	43.3	47.2	4.3%	-3.1%	3.0%
Gross margin	16.1%	16.3%	16.4%	16.0%	16.2%	16.3%	0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt
OPM	1.1%	2.2%	2.9%	1.0%	2.3%	2.8%	0.1 ppt	-0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt
- JD Retail	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt
Non-GAAP net margin	2.2%	2.8%	3.1%	2.1%	2.9%	3.0%	0.1 ppt	-0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt

Source: CMBIGM estimates

Figure 2: JD: CMBI forecast vs consensus

RMB bn	Current			Consensus			Diff (%)		
	2026E	2027E	2028E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2026E	2027E	2028E
Revenue	1,403.3	1,499.0	1,574.4	1,391.1	1,476.7	1,553.7	0.9%	1.5%	1.3%
Gross profit	225.7	244.1	258.0	225.4	240.4	261.3	0.1%	1.5%	-1.3%
Operating profit	15.6	32.9	46.1	14.6	27.3	38.0	6.9%	20.4%	21.1%
Non-GAAP net profit	30.4	41.9	48.6	29.9	40.5	48.3	1.4%	3.7%	0.5%
Gross margin	16.1%	16.3%	16.4%	16.2%	16.3%	16.8%	-0.1 ppt	0.0 ppt	-0.4 ppt
Non-GAAP net margin	2.2%	2.8%	3.1%	2.2%	2.7%	3.1%	0.0 ppt	0.1 ppt	0.0 ppt

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

DCF-based target price of US\$47.5

Our target price of US\$47.5 is derived from the DCF valuation methodology (WACC of 11.8% and terminal growth of 1.0%; both unchanged), translating into 16x/12x 2026/2027E.

Figure 3: JD: DCF valuation (WACC of 11.8% and terminal growth of 1.0%)

(RMBbn)	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	2032E	2033E	2034E
Total revenue	1,403	1,499	1,574	1,636	1,687	1,729	1,763	1,791	1,813
NPV of FCF	174								
Discounted terminal value	188								
Total equity valuation	495								
No. of ADS (diluted, mn)	1,489								
Valuation per ADS (US\$)	47.5								
TP per share (US\$)	47.5								

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

Risks

1) Consumption recovery takes longer than we expect; 2) more intensified-than-expected business competition.

Financial Summary

INCOME STATEMENT	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Revenue	1,084,662	1,158,819	1,309,085	1,403,338	1,498,988	1,574,398
Cost of goods sold	(924,958)	(974,951)	(1,099,057)	(1,177,686)	(1,254,903)	(1,316,439)
Gross profit	159,704	183,868	210,028	225,651	244,085	257,959
Operating expenses	(132,663)	(143,570)	(207,641)	(210,064)	(211,191)	(211,897)
Selling expense	(40,133)	(47,953)	(83,953)	(79,289)	(73,450)	(69,274)
Admin expense	(9,710)	(8,888)	(11,980)	(12,702)	(13,418)	(13,936)
R&D expense	(16,393)	(17,031)	(22,229)	(23,549)	(24,854)	(25,790)
Others	(66,427)	(69,698)	(89,479)	(94,525)	(99,468)	(102,898)
Operating profit	27,041	40,298	2,387	15,587	32,894	46,063
Other gains/(losses)	7,496	13,371	17,327	12,129	9,703	7,762
Share of (losses)/profits of associates/JV	1,010	2,327	8,025	8,025	8,025	8,025
EBIT	35,547	55,996	27,739	35,741	50,622	61,850
Interest income	(2,881)	(2,896)	(2,803)	(2,803)	(2,803)	(2,803)
Others	(1,016)	(1,562)	387	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	31,650	51,538	25,323	32,938	47,819	59,047
Income tax	8,393	6,878	2,181	5,040	8,273	12,990
After tax profit	23,257	44,660	23,142	27,899	39,547	46,057
Minority interest	(910)	3,301	3,511	2,600	2,600	2,600
Discontinued operations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	24,167	41,359	19,631	25,299	36,947	43,457
Adjusted net profit	35,200	47,827	27,032	30,351	41,929	48,587

BALANCE SHEET	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Current assets	307,810	386,698	374,421	420,886	473,162	528,960
Cash & equivalents	71,892	108,350	137,488	151,344	193,040	240,404
Restricted cash	7,506	7,366	12,137	12,137	12,137	12,137
Account receivables	20,302	25,596	27,333	30,758	32,855	34,507
Inventories	68,058	89,326	95,428	121,963	129,960	136,333
Prepayment	15,639	15,951	17,898	17,898	17,898	17,898
Other current assets	124,413	140,109	84,137	86,786	87,273	87,681
Non-current assets	321,148	311,536	320,780	332,701	342,181	352,349
PP&E	70,035	82,737	91,349	103,270	112,750	122,918
Right-of-use assets	20,863	24,532	31,128	31,128	31,128	31,128
Deferred income tax	1,744	2,459	5,237	5,237	5,237	5,237
Investment in JVs & assos	56,746	56,850	51,978	51,978	51,978	51,978
Intangibles	6,935	7,793	7,723	7,723	7,723	7,723
Goodwill	19,980	25,709	26,291	26,291	26,291	26,291
Other non-current assets	144,845	111,456	107,074	107,074	107,074	107,074
Total assets	628,958	698,234	695,201	753,587	815,344	881,309
Current liabilities	265,650	299,521	306,072	310,199	324,846	336,609
Short-term borrowings	5,034	7,581	8,014	8,014	8,014	8,014
Account payables	166,167	192,860	188,379	190,366	202,847	212,794
Tax payable	7,313	9,487	7,008	7,008	7,008	7,008
Other current liabilities	35,848	36,002	43,227	45,368	47,532	49,349
Lease liabilities	7,755	7,606	9,399	9,399	9,399	9,399
Accrued expenses	43,533	45,985	50,045	50,045	50,045	50,045
Non-current liabilities	66,928	85,416	95,346	117,136	120,251	123,835
Long-term borrowings	10,411	24,770	20,798	43,895	47,009	50,593
Deferred income	964	502	0	0	0	0
Other non-current liabilities	55,553	60,144	74,548	73,242	73,242	73,242
Total liabilities	332,578	384,937	401,418	427,336	445,097	460,444
Share capital	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital surplus	231,858	239,347	225,040	232,210	239,259	246,421
Retained earnings	0	0	0	25,299	62,245	105,702
Other reserves	614	484	0	0	0	0
Total shareholders equity	232,472	239,831	225,040	257,508	301,504	352,123
Minority interest	63,908	73,466	68,743	68,743	68,743	68,743
Total equity and liabilities	628,958	698,234	695,201	753,587	815,344	881,309

CASH FLOW	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	31,650	51,538	25,323	32,938	47,819	59,047
Depreciation & amortization	8,292	8,904	9,990	10,313	10,865	11,201
Tax paid	(8,393)	(6,878)	(2,181)	(5,040)	(8,273)	(12,990)
Change in working capital	16,547	5,350	(10,986)	(28,482)	4,066	3,329
Others	11,425	(819)	(3,155)	4,570	4,449	4,562
Net cash from operations	59,521	58,095	18,991	14,300	58,927	65,149
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(15,050)	(16,950)	(20,386)	(20,450)	(20,345)	(21,369)
Acquisition of subsidiaries/ investments	(194,987)	(151,608)	0	0	0	0
Net proceeds from disposal of short-term investments	225,889	168,481	0	0	0	0
Others	(75,395)	(794)	62,218	0	0	0
Net cash from investing	(59,543)	(871)	41,832	(20,450)	(20,345)	(21,369)
Financing						
Net borrowings	1,562	13,113	(3,539)	23,097	3,115	3,583
Proceeds from share issues	(7,370)	(34,117)	0	0	0	0
Others	0	0	(23,189)	0	0	0
Net cash from financing	(5,808)	(21,004)	(26,728)	23,097	3,115	3,583
Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	82,013	76,308	112,626	146,535	163,481	205,177
Exchange difference	125	98	(186)	0	0	0
Cash at the end of the year	76,308	112,626	146,535	163,481	205,177	252,541
GROWTH	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	3.7%	6.8%	13.0%	7.2%	6.8%	5.0%
Gross profit	8.6%	15.1%	14.2%	7.4%	8.2%	5.7%
Operating profit	37.1%	49.0%	(94.1%)	553.0%	111.0%	40.0%
EBIT	122.5%	57.5%	(50.5%)	28.8%	41.6%	22.2%
Net profit	132.8%	71.1%	(52.5%)	28.9%	46.0%	17.6%
Adj. net profit	24.7%	35.9%	(43.5%)	12.3%	38.1%	15.9%
PROFITABILITY	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec						
Gross profit margin	14.7%	15.9%	16.0%	16.1%	16.3%	16.4%
Operating margin	2.5%	3.5%	0.2%	1.1%	2.2%	2.9%
Adj. net profit margin	3.2%	4.1%	2.1%	2.2%	2.8%	3.1%
Return on equity (ROE)	10.8%	17.5%	8.4%	10.5%	13.2%	13.3%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec						
Net debt to equity (x)	(0.2)	(0.3)	(0.5)	(0.4)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Current ratio (x)	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.6
Receivable turnover days	6.9	7.2	7.4	7.6	7.7	7.8
Inventory turnover days	(28.8)	(29.5)	(30.7)	(33.7)	(36.6)	(36.9)
Payable turnover days	(64.5)	(67.2)	(63.3)	(58.7)	(57.2)	(57.6)
VALUATION	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
YE 31 Dec						
P/E	13.9	7.7	15.4	12.0	8.2	7.0
P/E (diluted)	14.0	7.9	16.2	12.5	8.6	7.3
P/B	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.0	0.9

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

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