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# **China Construction Machinery**

# Consensus yet to reflect the earnings downside; D/G SANY Heavy & Zoomlion-A

We downgrade SANY Heavy (600031 CH) and Zoomlion (000157 CH) to HOLD as we expect the release of 1Q22 results next week will likely disappoint market and trigger further earnings cut given the aggressive consensus estimates. While we see on-track issuance of special bonds and strong contract intakes for contractors, we do not expect meaningful recovery on the machinery demand over the coming months. We expect the demand for excavator to drop 15% YoY this year. In contrast to the weak demand for overall construction machinery, mining machinery demand is robust with high visibility and we see good upside potential for SANY International (631 HK, BUY), our sector top pick.

- Some signs of recovery from the top-down perspective but yet to reflect on the sector level. In 1Q22, the issued local government special bond (new issuance + refinancing) amounted to ~RMB1.4tn (+2.8x YoY, due to low base), which paved the way for upcoming project investment. On the other hand, CRG (390 HK / 601390 CH) recently reported 84% YoY increase in contract intakes in 1Q22. All these are good signs that imply potential improvement of machinery demand. However, we do not expect meaningful recovery on the machinery demand over the coming months, given (1) Jiangsu Hengli (601100 CH, HOLD)'s planned production volume of hydraulic components for excavators saw further decline in Apr, which suggests no recovery on the downstream; (2) ongoing city lockdown will likely potentially result in supply chain disruption; (3) recovery of infrastructure spending will be partially offset by the weak property investment; (4) replacement demand, a key growth driver before 2021, will likely drop based on our estimates.
- More conservative industry sales forecast. We have been applying the construction FAI (construction FAI = Infrastructure + property + mining) per unit of excavator to test the machine's demand/supply balance. Our industry model indicates that the ratio remained at RMB21mn in 2021, close to the historical average (figure 3), suggesting that oversupply is still not severe so far. Given a 39% YoY decline in excavator sales in 1Q22, we trim our excavator sales forecast in 2022E/23E both by 13% to 291k/277k units. Our new volume growth forecast in 2022E/23E is -15%/-5% YoY. We also revise down our assumptions on wheel loader, crane and concrete machinery.
- SANY Heavy Downgrade to HOLD. We take our earnings forecast in 2021E/22E/23E down by 9%/27%/25%, after incorporating our new industry sales forecast and lower margin assumptions. Our earnings forecast in 2021E/22E/23E is now 9%/20%/21% below consensus, a key reason for our downgrade. We trim our TP from RMB30 to RMB19.5, based on 12.7x 2022E P/E, the average since the upcycle in 2017.
- Zoomlion-A Downgrade to HOLD. We slash our earnings forecast in 2022E/23E by 32%/34%, making us 8%/15% below consensus. We trim our TP from RMB9.3 to RMB6.7, based on 10x 2022E P/E (the average since the upcycle starting 2019).
- Zoomlion-H Maintain BUY on attractive valuation. Zoomlion-H is trading at 6.5x 2022E P/E and 0.6x P/B. In terms of P/B, the current valuation has already reached the average valuation (0.6x P/B) in 2015-2018 (trough cycle). With >7% dividend yield, we believe the downside risk is limited. Our TP is revised down from HK\$8.8 to HK\$6.14, based on 7.5x 2022E P/E (the average since the upcycle starting 2019).

# OUTPERFORM (Maintain)

#### **China Capital Goods**

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#### New rating and TP

| Company       | SANY Heavy | Zoom      | lion    |
|---------------|------------|-----------|---------|
| Ticker        | 600031 CH  | 000157 CH | 1157 HK |
| Rating        |            |           |         |
| New           | HOLD       | HOLD      | BUY     |
| Old           | BUY        | BUY       | BUY     |
| Currency      | RMB        | RMB       | HK\$    |
| Current price | 18.01      | 6.56      | 5.29    |
| TP            |            |           |         |
| New           | 19.5       | 6.70      | 6.14    |
| Old           | 30.0       | 9.30      | 8.80    |
| Upside        | 8%         | 2%        | 16%     |

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

### **CMBIGM** vs consensus forecast

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|---------------------|-------------|--------------|
|                     | SANY Heavy  | Zoomlion     |
| Net profit forecast |             |              |
| RMB mn              |             |              |
| <u>CMBIGM</u>       |             |              |
| 2021E               | 13,983      | -            |
| 2022E               | 12,995      | 5,714        |
| 2023E               | 13,943      | 6,029        |
| Consensus           |             |              |
| 2021E               | 15,311      | -            |
| 2022E               | 16,312      | 6,194        |
| 2023E               | 17,605      | 7,085        |
| <u>Diff</u>         |             |              |
| 2021E               | -9%         | -            |
| 2022E               | -20%        | -8%          |
| 2023E               | -21%        | -15%         |
| Reporting date      |             |              |
| 2021 results        | 22-Apr      | -            |
| 1Q22 results        | 28-Apr      | 26-Apr       |

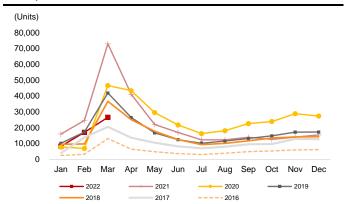
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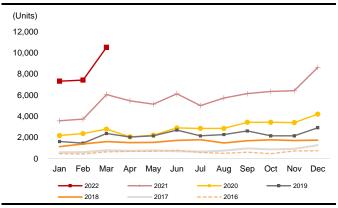
#### **Related Reports**

- Weichai Power A (000338 CH, HOLD) – Short-term earnings under pressure; Import substitution strategy to support long-term earnings – 4 Apr 2022 (link)
- Sinotruk (3808 HK, HOLD) Expect earnings downside following weak results in 2H21; D/G to HOLD – 4 Apr 2022 (link)
- SANY International (631 HK, BUY) Post-results and NDR takeaways: Expect a strong year in 2022E – 31 Mar 2022 (link)
- Zhejiang Dingli (603338 CH, BUY) Higher-than-expected anti-dumping duties but overhang largely removed – 18 Feb 2022 (link)
- Jiangsu Hengli Hydraulic (601100 CH, HOLD) – Recovery weaker-thanexpected; Rich valuation along with earnings risk – 10 Feb 2022 (link)



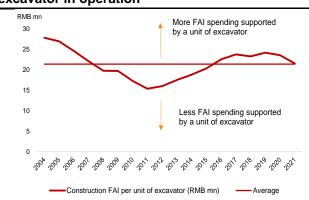
Figure 1: Excavator sales in China dropped 54% YoY Figure 2: Excavator export surged 89% in 1Q22 in 1Q22

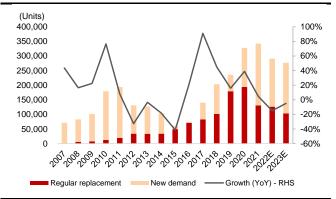




Source: CCMA, CMBIGM Source: CCMA, CMBIGM

Figure 3: Construction related FAI per unit of Figure 4: CMBIGM excavator sales projection excavator in operation





Note: Construction related FAI = Infrastructure + property + mining

Source: CCMA, Wind, CMBIGM

Source: CCMA, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 5: Change in construction machinery industry sales assumptions

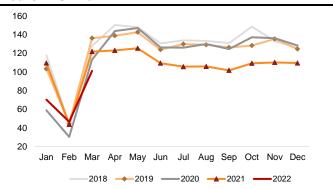
|                        | Old     |         | New     |         | Change |       |
|------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|-------|
|                        | 2022E   | 2023E   | 2022E   | 2023E   | 2022E  | 2023E |
| Sales volume (unit)    |         |         |         |         |        |       |
| Earth moving machinery |         |         |         |         |        |       |
| Excavator              | 333,666 | 316,982 | 291,366 | 276,798 | -13%   | -13%  |
| Wheel loader           | 139,571 | 125,614 | 119,974 | 107,976 | -14%   | -14%  |
| Crane                  |         |         |         |         |        |       |
| Truck crane            | 50,119  | 46,610  | 44,222  | 41,127  | -12%   | -12%  |
| Tower crane            | 60,375  | 54,338  | 37,500  | 30,000  | -38%   | -45%  |
| Concrete machinery     |         |         |         |         |        |       |
| Concrete mixer truck   | 112,715 | 112,715 | 101,065 | 99,044  | -10%   | -12%  |
| Concrete pump truck    | 11,321  | 10,982  | 8,717   | 8,717   | -23%   | -21%  |

|                           | Old   |       | New   |       | Change |        |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
|                           | 2022E | 2023E | 2022E | 2023E | 2022E  | 2023E  |
| Sales volume growth (YoY) |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| Earth moving machinery    |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| Excavator                 | -3%   | -5%   | -15%  | -5%   | (12.0) | 0.0    |
| Wheel loader              | -5%   | -10%  | -15%  | -10%  | (10.0) | 0.0    |
| Crane                     |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| Truck crane               | 2%    | -7%   | -10%  | -7%   | (12.0) | 0.0    |
| Tower crane               | 5%    | -10%  | -25%  | -20%  | (30.0) | (10.0) |
| Concrete machinery        |       |       |       |       |        |        |
| Concrete mixer truck      | 5%    | 0%    | -1%   | -2%   | (6.0)  | (2.0)  |
| Concrete pump truck       | -5%   | -3%   | -5%   | 0%    | 0.0    | 3.0    |

Source: CMBIGM estimates

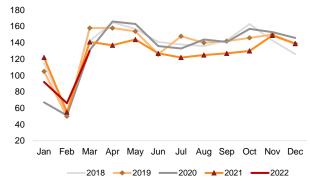


Figure 6: Komatsu excavator's monthly utilisation hours in China



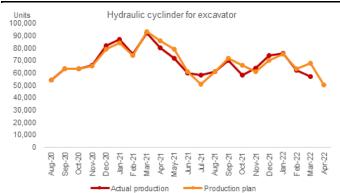
Source: Komatsu, CMBIGM

Figure 7: Hitachi Construction Machinery excavator's monthly utilisation hours in China



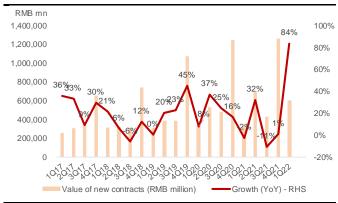
Source: Hitachi Construction Machinery, CMBIGM

Figure 8: Hengli's planned production volume of hydraulic cylinders in Apr drop 42% YoY



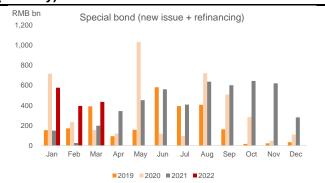
Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Figure 9: CRG's newly signed contract surged 84% YoY in 1Q22



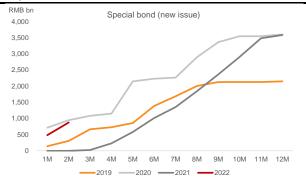
Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Figure 10: Local gov't special bond issue amount (monthly)



Note: Preliminary data for Mar 2022 Source: Ministry of Finance, CMBIGM

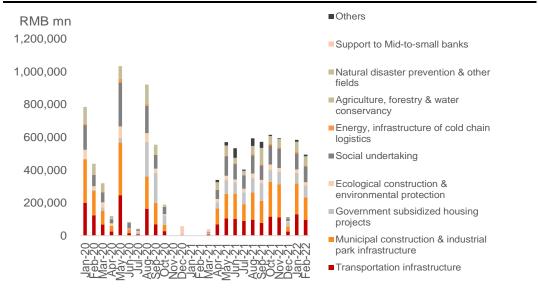
Figure 11: Local gov't special bond issue amount (YTD)



Source: Ministry of Finance, CMBIGM



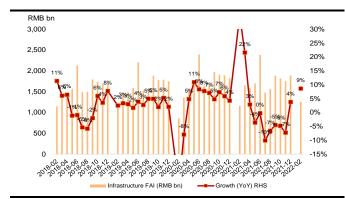
Figure 12: Use of proceed from the newly issued local gov't bonds



Note: There were no newly issued bonds in Nov 20 and Jan-Feb 21.

Source: Ministry of Finance, CMBIGM

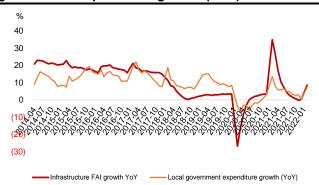
Figure 13: China infrastructure FAI



Source: Wind, NBS, CMBIGM

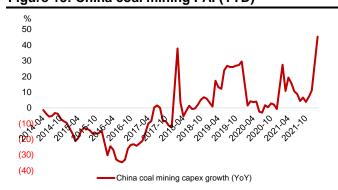
government expenditure growth (YTD)

Figure 14: Infrastructure FAI growth vs local



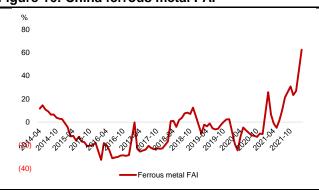
Source: Wind, NBS, Ministry of Finance, CMBIGM

Figure 15: China coal mining FAI (YTD)



Source: Wind, NBS, CMBIGM

Figure 16: China ferrous metal FAI



Source: Wind, NBS, CMBIGM



# SANY Heavy (600031 CH, HOLD)

**Downgrade to HOLD.** We like SANY's long-term story, given the ambitious overseas expansion as well as the enhancing competitive edge on the back of the commencement of lighthouse factories. However, we see pressure on the earnings in the foreseeable future. We slash our earnings forecast in 2021E/22E/23E by 9%/27%/25%, after incorporating our new industry sales forecast and lower margin assumptions. Our earnings forecast in 2021E/22E/23E is 9%/20%/21% below consensus, a key reason for our downgrade. We trim our TP from RMB30 to RMB19.5, based on 12.7x 2022E P/E, the average since the upcycle starting 2017 (previous: 14x 2021 P/E).

Figure 17: Financial summary

| (YE 31 Dec)           | FY19A    | FY20A    | FY21E    | FY22E    | FY23E    |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue (RMB mn)      | 76,233   | 100,054  | 107,046  | 97,964   | 102,255  |
| YoY growth (%)        | 37       | 31       | 7        | -8       | 4        |
| Net income (RMB mn)   | 11,325   | 15,431   | 13,983   | 12,995   | 13,943   |
| EPS (RMB)             | 1.37     | 1.82     | 1.65     | 1.54     | 1.65     |
| YoY growth (%)        | 73.2     | 33.2     | -9.4     | -7.1     | 7.3      |
| Consensus EPS (RMB)   | NA       | NA       | 1.81     | 1.93     | 2.08     |
| EV/EBITDA (x)         | 9.7      | 7.5      | 8.8      | 9.5      | 8.8      |
| P/E (x)               | 13.2     | 9.9      | 10.9     | 11.7     | 10.9     |
| P/B (x)               | 3.2      | 2.7      | 2.3      | 2.1      | 1.8      |
| Yield (%)             | 2.4      | 3.3      | 2.9      | 2.7      | 2.9      |
| ROE (%)               | 28.8     | 29.8     | 22.9     | 18.6     | 17.7     |
| Net debt / equity (%) | Net cash |

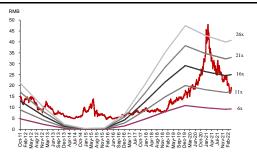
Last closing price: RMB18.01 Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 18: Change in key assumptions and earnings forecast

|                                       |         | Old     |         |         | New    |         |        | Change |        |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|--------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| (RMB mn)                              | 2021E   | 2022E   | 2023E   | 2021E   | 2022E  | 2023E   | 2021E  | 2022E  | 2023E  |
| Revenue                               |         |         |         |         |        |         |        |        |        |
| Concrete machinery                    | 30,244  | 33,781  | 37,159  | 27,962  | 25,329 | 26,595  | -7.5%  | -25.0% | -28.4% |
| Excavator                             | 45,559  | 48,293  | 49,259  | 42,362  | 38,550 | 39,321  | -7.0%  | -20.2% | -20.2% |
| Crane machinery                       | 20,550  | 22,423  | 24,216  | 20,147  | 18,319 | 19,785  | -2.0%  | -18.3% | -18.3% |
| Piling machinery                      | 7,376   | 7,745   | 7,745   | 7,234   | 6,511  | 6,836   | -1.9%  | -15.9% | -11.7% |
| Earth moving machinery                | 2,640   | 2,719   | 2,719   | 2,244   | 2,019  | 2,120   | -15.0% | -25.7% | -22.0% |
| Other machinery                       | 4,328   | 4,545   | 4,772   | 4,328   | 4,328  | 4,545   | 0.0%   | -4.8%  | -4.8%  |
| Revenue (construction machinery)      | 110,697 | 119,504 | 125,869 | 104,277 | 95,056 | 99,202  | -5.8%  | -20.5% | -21.2% |
| Interest income from financing        | 841     | 941     | 1,017   | 841     | 941    | 1,017   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   | 0.0%   |
| Other business                        | 2,769   | 3,046   | 3,290   | 2,769   | 2,908  | 3,053   | 0.0%   | -4.5%  | -7.2%  |
| Total revenue                         | 113,466 | 122,550 | 129,159 | 107,046 | 97,964 | 102,255 | -5.7%  | -20.1% | -20.8% |
| Gross margin                          |         |         |         |         |        |         | ppt    |        |        |
| Concrete machinery                    | 25.0%   | 25.9%   | 25.9%   | 24.7%   | 24.2%  | 24.5%   | (0.3)  | (1.7)  | (1.4)  |
| Excavator                             | 28.5%   | 30.0%   | 30.0%   | 30.0%   | 29.5%  | 30.0%   | 1.5    | (0.5)  | 0.0    |
| Crane machinery                       | 21.0%   | 22.0%   | 22.0%   | 21.0%   | 20.0%  | 21.0%   | 0.0    | (2.0)  | (1.0)  |
| Piling machinery                      | 44.0%   | 44.0%   | 43.0%   | 42.0%   | 42.0%  | 42.0%   | (2.0)  | (2.0)  | (1.0)  |
| Earth moving machinery                | 29.7%   | 29.0%   | 29.0%   | 29.4%   | 29.0%  | 29.0%   | (0.3)  | 0.0    | 0.0    |
| Other machinery                       | 19.0%   | 22.0%   | 22.0%   | 19.0%   | 19.0%  | 19.0%   | 0.0    | (3.0)  | (3.0)  |
| Gross margin (construction machinery) | 26.8%   | 27.9%   | 27.7%   | 27.2%   | 26.6%  | 27.0%   | 0.4    | (1.3)  | (0.7)  |
| Interest income from financing        | 56.0%   | 56.0%   | 56.0%   | 58.0%   | 58.0%  | 58.0%   | -      | -      | -      |
| Other business                        | 15.0%   | 14.0%   | 14.0%   | 15.0%   | 14.0%  | 14.0%   | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |
| Blended gross margin                  | 27.0%   | 28.0%   | 27.8%   | 27.3%   | 26.8%  | 27.2%   | 0.4    | (1.2)  | (0.6)  |
| S&D expense ratio                     | 5.5%    | 5.3%    | 5.3%    | 5.8%    | 5.6%   | 5.6%    | 0.3    | 0.3    | 0.3    |
| Administrative, R&D expense ratio     | 1.5%    | 1.3%    | 1.2%    | 2.4%    | 2.3%   | 2.3%    | 0.9    | 1.0    | 1.1    |
| Net profit                            | 15.315  | 17.878  | 18.628  | 13.983  | 12.995 | 13.943  | -8.7%  | -27.3% | -25.1% |

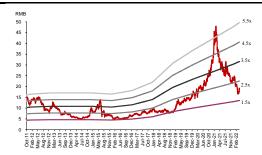
Company data, CMBIS estimates

Figure 19: SANY's P/E band



Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 20: SANY's P/B band



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Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



# **Financial Summary - SANY Heavy**

| Income statement  |                 |                |                |                |                 | Cash flow summary               |             |          |         |         |               |
|---|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|---------------------------------|-------------|----------|---------|---------|---------------|
| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)  | FY19A           | -              | FY21E          | FY22E          | FY23E           | YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)              | FY19A       | FY20A    | FY21E   | FY22E   | FY23          |
| Total revenue   | 76,233          |                | 107,046        |                | 102,255         | Pretax profit                   | 13,621      | 18,531   | 16,355  | 15,304  | 16,51         |
| Cost of sales   | (51,204)        | (70,034)       |                | (71,703)       |                 | Finance cost                    | 120         | 797      | 477     | 491     | 50            |
| Gross profit  | 25,029          | 30,021         | 29,269         | 26,261         | 27,834          | Interest income                 | (489)       | (515)    | (638)   | (884)   | (1,113        |
| Surcharge   | (373)           | (408)          | (321)          | (294)          | (307)           | Profit or loss of associates    | (140)       | (29)     | (176)   | (187)   | (200          |
| S&D expenses  | (5,488)         | (5,332)        | (6,155)        | (5,486)        | (5,726)         | Fair value change               | (673)       | (1,341)  | 0       | 0       |               |
| Administrative expenses   | (2,067)         | (2,201)        | (2,569)        | (2,253)        | (2,352)         | Provision for assets            | 241         | 495      | 0       | 0       |               |
| R&D Expense   | (3,650)         | (4,992)        | (5,566)        | (4,898)        | (5,113)         | Depreciation and amortization   | 2,020       | 1,894    | 1,965   | 2,055   | 2,13          |
| Fair value change   | 290             | 436            | 150            | 200            | 200             | Income tax paid                 | (2,001)     | (2,671)  | (2,028) | (1,990) | (2,230        |
| Asset impairment  | (1,363)         | (681)          | (749)          | (784)          | (818)           | Change in working capital       | (1,066)     | (3,531)  | (2,164) | (240)   | (4,260        |
| EBIT  | 12,378          | 16,844         | 14,058         | 12,746         | 13,718          | Others                          | 1,631       | (267)    | 0       | 0       |               |
| Net finance income/(cost)   | 46              | (282)          | 161            | 393            | 611             | Cash flow from operation        | 13,265      | 13,363   | 13,791  | 14,549  | 11,35         |
| Finance income  | 489             | 515            | 638            | 884            | 1,113           | Net capex on PP&E               | (2,157)     | (4,133)  | (4,000) | (4,000) | (3,500        |
| Finance expenses  | (442)           | (797)          | (477)          | (491)          | (502)           | Investment in JV/associates     | (11)        | (47)     | (50)    | (50)    | (50           |
| Other gains/(losses)  | 1,058           | 1,941          | 1,960          | 1,978          | 1,987           | Investment in subsidiaries      | 153         | 4        | 0       | 0       |               |
| Profit of JV and associates   | 140             | 29             | 176            | 187            | 200             | Dividend received               | 14          | 11       | 18      | 0       |               |
| Pretax profit   | 13,621          | 18,531         | 16,355         | 15,304         | 16,515          | Interest received               | 489         | 515      | 638     | 884     | 1,11          |
| ncome tax   | (2,001)         | (2,671)        | (2,028)        | (1,990)        | (2,230)         | Others                          | (9,031)     | (7,599)  | (180)   | (180)   | (18           |
| After tax profit  | 11,620          | 15,861         | 14,327         | 13,315         | 14,286          | Cash flow from investing        |             | (11,250) | (3,575) | (3,346) | (2,61         |
| MI  | (295)           | (429)          | (344)          | (320)          | (343)           | Equity financing/(repurchase)   | 0           |          | 0       | 0       |               |
| Net profit  | 11,325          | 15,431         | 13,983         | 12,995         | 13,943          | Net bank borrowings             | 1,756       | 3,020    | 500     | 300     | 30            |
|   |                 |                |                |                |                 | Dividend paid                   | (2,165)     | (3,516)  | (5,057) | (4,475) | (4,15         |
| D&A   | 2,020           | 1,894          | 1,965          | 2,055          | 2,134           | Interest paid                   | (442)       | 0        | (477)   | (491)   | (50           |
| EBITDA  | 14,398          | 18,738         | 16,024         | 14,801         | 15,852          | Others                          | (1,187)     | (1,956)  | 0       | 0       |               |
|   |                 |                |                |                |                 | Cash flow from financing        | (2,039)     | (2,452)  | (5,034) | (4,666) | (4,36         |
|   |                 |                |                |                |                 | Change in cash                  | 683         | (339)    | 5,182   | 6,537   | 4,37          |
|   |                 |                |                |                |                 | Cash at beginning of the year   | 11,985      | 12,157   | 12,596  | 17,778  | 24,31         |
|   |                 |                |                |                |                 | Exchange and others             | (511)       | 778      | 0       | 0       |               |
|   |                 |                |                |                |                 | Cash at the end of the year     | 12,157      | 12,596   | 17,778  | 24,315  | 28,68         |
|   |                 |                |                |                |                 |                                 |             |          |         |         |               |
| Balance sheet   |                 |                |                |                |                 | Key ratios                      | =>//-       | =>/      |         |         | =3/22         |
| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)  | FY19A           |                | FY21E          | FY22E          | FY23E           | YE 31 Dec                       | FY19A       | FY20A    | FY21E   | FY22E   | FY23          |
| Non-current assets  | 26,555          | 34,827         | 33,634         | 41,340         | 38,638          | Sales mix (%)                   |             | 070/     | 000/    | 000/    | 000           |
| PP&E  | 10,615          | 10,841         | 13,183         | 15,445         | 17,137          | Concrete machinery              | 30%         | 27%      | 26%     | 26%     | 269           |
| JV/associates   | 2,985           | 3,420          | 3,628          | 3,866          | 4,115           | Excavator                       | 36%         | 38%      | 40%     | 39%     | 389           |
| Goodwill  | 49              | 50             | 50             | 50             | 50              | Crane machinery                 | 18%         | 19%      | 19%     | 19%     | 199           |
| LT trade receivables  | 1,286           | 5,555          | 1,777          | 6,275          | 2,130           | Piling machinery                | 6%          | 7%       | 7%      | 7%      | 79            |
| ntangible assets  | 3,339           | 3,228          | 3,100          | 2,963          | 2,817           | Earth moving machinery          | 3%          |          | 2%      | 2%      | 29            |
| AFS investments   | 0               | 0              | 0              | 0              | 0               | Other machinery                 | 3%          | 3%       | 4%      | 4%      | 49            |
| Others  | 2,580           | 5,240          | 5,240          | 5,240          | 5,240           | Interest income                 | 1%          |          | 1%      | 1%      | 1             |
| Deferred tax assets   | 1,147           | 1,441          | 1,441          | 1,441          | 1,441           | Other business                  | 2%          | 3%       | 3%      | 3%      | 3             |
| Current assets  | 72,686          | 91,428         | 97,640         |                | 113,866         |                                 | 100%        | 100%     | 100%    | 100%    | 1009          |
| nventories  | 14,252          | 19,198         | 18,305         | 16,269         |                 | Profit & loss ratio (%)         |             |          |         |         |               |
| Trade and bills receivables   | 21,775          | 21,512         | 22,479         | 19,390         |                 | Gross margin                    | 32.8        |          | 27.3    | 26.8    | 27            |
| Other receivables   | 2,787           | 1,869          | 2,824          | 2,544          | 4,180           | EBIT margin                     | 16.2        |          | 13.1    | 13.0    | 13            |
| Others  | 9,061           | 13,446         | 13,446         | 13,446         | 13,446          | Net profit margin               | 15.2        | 15.9     | 13.4    | 13.6    | 14            |
| Cash  | 12,157          | 12,596         | 17,778         | 24,315         | 28,688          | Growth (%)                      |             |          |         |         |               |
|   |                 |                |                |                |                 | Revenue                         | 36.6        | 31.2     | 7.0     | (8.5)   | 4             |
| Current liabilities   | 47,953          | 62,049         | 56,799         | 56,297         |                 | Gross profit                    | 46.4        | 19.9     | (2.5)   | (10.3)  | 6             |
|   | 20,295          | 32,207         | 27,457         | 27,155         | 29,120          | EBIT                            | 75.2        | 36.1     | (16.5)  | (9.3)   | 7             |
| Trade and bills payables  |                 |                |                |                |                 |                                 |             |          |         |         |               |
|   | 10,771          | 8,466          | 7,966          | 7,766          | 7,566           | Net profit                      | 85.2        | 36.3     | (9.4)   | (7.1)   | 7             |
| Bank borrowings   | 10,771<br>1,515 | 8,466<br>2,030 | 7,966<br>2,030 | 7,766<br>2,030 | 7,566<br>2,030  | Net profit  Balance sheet ratio | 85.2        | 36.3     | (9.4)   | (7.1)   | 7.            |
| Bank borrowings<br>Tax payable  |                 |                |                |                | 2,030           | •                               | 85.2<br>1.5 |          | (9.4)   | (7.1)   |               |
| Trade and bills payables Bank borrowings Tax payable Others Non-current liabilities | 1,515           | 2,030          | 2,030          | 2,030          | 2,030<br>11,413 | Balance sheet ratio             |             | 1.5      |         |         | 7.<br>2.<br>9 |

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Bank borrowings

Others

**Equity** 

MI

Deferred tax liabilities

Shareholders' equity

1,303

714

728

48,423

47,151

1,272

4,532

600

849

58,188

56,562

1,625

6,032

600

849

76,298

74,009

2,289

6,532

86,425

83,793

Inventory turnover days

600 Payable turnover days

Profitability (%)

Per share data EPS (RMB)

BVPS (RMB)

DPS (RMB)

ROA

2,632 ROE

849 Net debt / total equity (%)

92

134

13.1

28.8

1.37

5.60

0.43

87

137

13.7

29.8

1.82

6.68

0.60

88

140

10.9

22.9

1.65

7.74

0.53

Net cash Net cash Net cash Net cash

88

139

9.6

18.6

1.54

8.75

0.49

90

138

9.5

17.7

1.65

9.90

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5,532

600

849

67,458

65,488

1,969



# **Zoomlion (000157 CH, HOLD / 1157 HK, BUY)**

**Zoomlion-A - Downgrade to HOLD.** We slash our earnings forecast in 2022E/23E by 32%/34%, after incorporating our new industry sales forecast and lower margin assumptions. Our earnings forecast in 2022E/23E is 8%/15% below consensus. We cut our TP from RMB9.3 to RMB6.7, based on 10x 2022E P/E (the average since the upcycle starting 2019).

**Zoomlion-H - Maintain BUY on attractive valuation**. Zoomlion-H is trading at 6.5x 2022E P/E and 0.6x P/B. In terms of P/B, the current valuation has already reached the average valuation in 2015-2018 (trough cycle). This, together with >7% dividend yield, suggests that downside risk is limited. Our TP is revised down from HK\$8.8 to HK\$6.14, based on 7.5x 2022E P/E (the average since the upcycle starting 2019).

Figure 21: Financial summary - Zoomlion-H

| (YE 31 Dec)              | FY20A  | FY21A    | FY22E    | FY23E    | FY24E    |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue (RMB mn)         | 65,109 | 67,131   | 64,540   | 69,265   | 75,448   |
| YoY growth (%)           | 50.3   | 3.1      | -3.9     | 7.3      | 8.9      |
| Core net profit (RMB mn) | 7,296  | 6,303    | 5,714    | 6,029    | 6,597    |
| Core EPS (RMB)           | 0.97   | 0.76     | 0.67     | 0.70     | 0.77     |
| YoY growth (%)           | 65.9   | -21.6    | -12.1    | 5.5      | 9.4      |
| Consensus EPS (RMB)      | n/a    | n/a      | 0.72     | 0.83     | 0.98     |
| EV/EBITDA (x)            | 4.3    | 5.0      | 5.6      | 5.3      | 5.0      |
| P/E (x)                  | 4.8    | 5.8      | 6.5      | 6.1      | 5.6      |
| P/B (x)                  | 0.8    | 0.7      | 0.6      | 0.6      | 0.5      |
| Yield (%)                | 11.6   | 7.4      | 6.8      | 7.2      | 7.9      |
| ROE (%)                  | 17.1   | 12.2     | 9.8      | 9.8      | 10.1     |
| Net gearing (%)          | 9.9    | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash |

Last closing price: HK\$5.29 Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 22: Financial summary - Zoomlion-A

| (YE 31 Dec)              | FY20A  | FY21A    | FY22E    | FY23E    | FY24E    |
|--------------------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue (RMB mn)         | 65,109 | 67,131   | 64,540   | 69,265   | 75,448   |
| YoY growth (%)           | 50.3   | 3.1      | -3.9     | 7.3      | 8.9      |
| Core net profit (RMB mn) | 7,296  | 6,303    | 5,714    | 6,029    | 6,597    |
| Core EPS (RMB)           | 0.97   | 0.76     | 0.67     | 0.70     | 0.77     |
| YoY growth (%)           | 65.9   | -21.6    | -12.1    | 5.5      | 9.4      |
| Consensus EPS (RMB)      | n/a    | n/a      | 0.72     | 0.83     | 0.98     |
| EV/EBITDA (x)            | 6.2    | 7.2      | 8.1      | 7.7      | 7.2      |
| P/E (x)                  | 7.3    | 8.8      | 9.9      | 9.3      | 8.5      |
| P/B (x)                  | 1.2    | 1.0      | 0.9      | 0.9      | 0.8      |
| Yield (%)                | 7.6    | 4.9      | 4.5      | 4.7      | 5.2      |
| ROE (%)                  | 17.1   | 12.2     | 9.8      | 9.8      | 10.1     |
| Net gearing (%)          | 9.9    | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash |

Last closing price: RMB6.56 Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

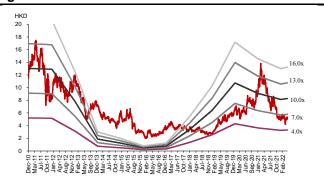


Figure 23: Change in key assumptions and earnings forecast

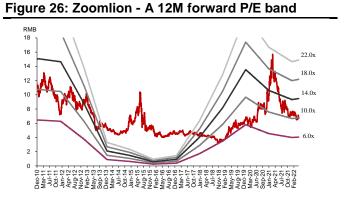
|                               | Old    |        | New    |        | Change       |        |
|-------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------------|--------|
|                               | 2022E  | 2023E  | 2022E  | 2023E  | 2022E        | 2023E  |
| (RMB mn)                      |        |        |        |        |              |        |
| Revenue                       |        |        |        |        |              |        |
| Construction machinery        | 79,254 | 86,431 | 60,496 | 64,851 | -24%         | -25%   |
| Concrete machinery            | 22,972 | 25,269 | 15,070 | 15,823 | -34%         | -37%   |
| Crane machinery               | 39,573 | 41,948 | 32,115 | 33,720 | -19%         | -20%   |
| Others                        | 16,708 | 19,215 | 13,311 | 15,308 | -20%         | -20%   |
| Agricultural machinery        | 4,984  | 6,230  | 3,343  | 3,677  | -33%         | -41%   |
| Financial services and others | 1,542  | 1,850  | 701    | 736    | -55%         | -60%   |
| Total revenue                 | 85,779 | 94,512 | 64,540 | 69,265 | -25%         | -27%   |
| Gross margin                  |        |        |        |        | Change in pp | t      |
| Construction machinery        | 24.7%  | 25.1%  | 22.5%  | 22.6%  | (2.27)       | (2.51) |
| Concrete machinery            | 26.0%  | 26.0%  | 23.0%  | 23.0%  | (3.00)       | (3.00) |
| Crane machinery               | 26.0%  | 26.0%  | 22.0%  | 22.0%  | (4.00)       | (4.00) |
| Others                        | 20.0%  | 22.0%  | 23.0%  | 23.5%  | 3.00         | 1.50   |
| Agricultural machinery        | 20.0%  | 20.0%  | 17.0%  | 18.0%  | (3.00)       | (2.00) |
| Financial services            | 81.0%  | 81.0%  | 97.0%  | 97.0%  | 16.00        | 16.00  |
| Average gross margin          | 25.5%  | 25.9%  | 23.0%  | 23.1%  | (2.48)       | (2.72) |
| S&D expense ratio             | 5.6%   | 5.6%   | 5.3%   | 5.3%   | (0.3)        | (0.3)  |
| Administrative expense ratio  | 5.6%   | 5.7%   | 5.0%   | 5.0%   | (0.6)        | (0.7)  |
| R&D expense ratio             | 5.4%   | 5.5%   | 5.4%   | 5.5%   | 0.0          | 0.0    |
| Net profit                    | 8,405  | 9,196  | 5,714  | 6,029  | -32%         | -34%   |

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates

Figure 24: Zoomlion - H 12M forward P/E band

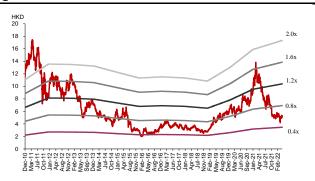


Source: Bloomberg, Company data, CMBIGM estimates



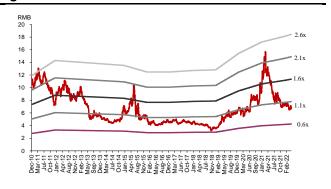
Source: Bloomberg, Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 25: Zoomlion - H 12M forward P/B band



Source: Bloomberg, Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 27: Zoomlion - A 12M forward P/B band



Source: Bloomberg, Company data, CMBIGM estimates



# Financial Summary – Zoomlion

| Income statement            |          |          |          |          |          | Cash flow summary               |         |         |         |         |         |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)          | FY20A    | FY21A    | FY22E    | FY23E    | FY24E    | YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)              | FY20A   | FY21A   | FY22E   | FY23E   | FY24E   |
| Total revenue               | 65,109   | 67,131   | 64,540   | 69,265   | 75,448   | Pretax profit                   | 8,668   | 7,357   | 6,688   | 7,139   | 7,812   |
| Cost of sales               | (46,492) | (51,280) | (49,698) | (53,234) | (57,969) | Finance cost                    | 750     | 964     | 845     | 709     | 699     |
| Gross profit                | 18,617   | 15,851   | 14,841   | 16,031   | 17,479   | Interest income                 | (596)   | (970)   | (1,169) | (1,094) | (1,273) |
| Other income                | 1,462    | 1,413    | 1,441    | 1,441    | 1,441    | Profit or loss of associates    | (182)   | (154)   | (215)   | (226)   | (237)   |
| S&D expenses                | (4,046)  | (3,473)  | (3,421)  | (3,671)  | (3,999)  | Disposal of PP&E/business       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Administrative expenses     | (4,048)  | (2,729)  | (3,227)  | (3,463)  | (3,772)  | Depreciation and amortization   | 827     | 875     | 1,047   | 1,095   | 1,128   |
| R&D expenses                | (3,345)  | (3,865)  | (3,485)  | (3,810)  | (4,150)  | Income tax paid                 | (900)   | (938)   | (869)   | (999)   | (1,094) |
| EBIT                        | 8,640    | 7,197    | 6,150    | 6,529    | 7,000    | Change in working capital       | (1,259) | (2,226) | (877)   | (332)   | (987)   |
| Net finance income/(cost)   | (154)    | 6        | 323      | 385      | 574      | Others                          | (76)    | (2,719) | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Finance income              | 596      | 970      | 1,169    | 1,094    | 1,273    | Cash flow from operation        | 7,232   | 2,189   | 5,451   | 6,291   | 6,047   |
| Finance expenses            | (750)    | (964)    | (845)    | (709)    | (699)    | Net capex on PP&E               | (806)   | (3,063) | (2,500) | (1,500) | (1,000) |
| Other gains/(losses)        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | 0        | Investment in JV/associates     | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Profit of JV and associates | 182      | 154      | 215      | 226      | 237      | Investment in subsidiaries      | (448)   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Pretax profit               | 8,668    | 7,357    | 6,688    | 7,139    | 7,812    | Investment in intangible assets | (107)   | (45)    | (50)    | (50)    | (50)    |
| Income tax                  | (1,297)  | (938)    | (869)    | (999)    | (1,094)  | Dividend received               | 48      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| After tax profit            | 7,371    | 6,419    | 5,819    | 6,140    | 6,718    | Interest received               | 190     | 970     | 1,169   | 1,094   | 1,273   |
| MI/discontinued operation   | (75)     | (116)    | (105)    | (111)    | (121)    | Others                          | 2,099   | 741     | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| Net profit                  | 7,296    | 6,303    | 5,714    | 6,029    | 6,597    | Cash flow from investing        | 976     | (1,397) | (1,381) | (456)   | 223     |
| D&A                         | 827      | 875      | 1,047    | 1,095    | 1,128    | Equity financing/(repurchase)   | 0       | 6,088   | 0       | 0       | 0       |
| EBITDA                      | 9,467    | 8,072    | 7,197    | 7,623    | 8,127    | Net bank borrowings             | (2,309) | (396)   | (4,700) | (500)   | 100     |
|                             |          |          |          |          |          | Dividend paid                   | (1,712) | (4,202) | (2,777) | (2,514) | (2,653) |
|                             |          |          |          |          |          | Interest paid                   | (903)   | 0       | (845)   | (709)   | (699)   |
|                             |          |          |          |          |          | Others                          | 1,680   | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       |
|                             |          |          |          |          |          | Cash flow from financing        | (3,244) | 2,420   | (8,322) | (3,723) | (3,252) |
|                             |          |          |          |          |          | Change in cash                  | 4,964   | 3,212   | (4,253) | 2,112   | 3,018   |
|                             |          |          |          |          |          | Cash at beginning of the year   | 5,073   | 10,086  | 13,190  | 8,937   | 11,049  |
|                             |          |          |          |          |          | Exchange and others             | 49      | (108)   | 0       | 0       | (0)     |
|                             |          |          |          |          |          | Cash at the end of the year     | 10,086  | 13,190  | 8,937   | 11,049  | 14,068  |
|                             |          |          |          |          |          |                                 |         |         |         |         |         |
| Balance sheet               |          |          |          |          |          | Key ratios                      |         |         |         |         |         |
| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)          | FY20A    | FY21A    | FY22E    | FY23E    | FY24E    | YE 31 Dec                       | FY20A   | FY21A   | FY22E   | FY23E   | FY24E   |
| Non-current assets          | 49,287   | 49,268   | 54,439   | 55,369   | 57,231   | Sales mix (%)                   |         |         |         |         |         |
| PP&E                        | 7,342    | 9,740    | 11,442   | 12,098   | 12,225   | Concrete machinery              | 29%     | 24%     | 23%     | 23%     | 22%     |
| Lease prepayment            | 3,068    | 4,113    | 4,063    | 4,013    | 3,963    | Crane machinery                 | 54%     | 54%     | 50%     | 49%     | 49%     |

| Balance sheet             |        |        |        |        |        | Key ratios                             |       |          |          |          |          |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--|-------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)        | FY20A  | FY21A  | FY22E  | FY23E  | FY24E  | YE 31 Dec                              | FY20A | FY21A    | FY22E    | FY23E    | FY24E    |
| Non-current assets        | 49,287 | 49,268 | 54,439 | 55,369 | 57,231 | Sales mix (%)                          |       |          |          |          |          |
| PP&E                      | 7,342  | 9,740  | 11,442 | 12,098 | 12,225 | Concrete machinery                     | 29%   | 24%      | 23%      | 23%      | 22%      |
| Lease prepayment          | 3,068  | 4,113  | 4,063  | 4,013  | 3,963  | Crane machinery                        | 54%   | 54%      | 50%      | 49%      | 49%      |
| JV/associates             | 3,388  | 4,190  | 4,405  | 4,631  | 4,868  | Others machinery                       | 12%   | 16%      | 21%      | 22%      | 22%      |
| Finance lease receivables | 13,008 | 7,206  | 12,598 | 8,656  | 13,668 | Agricultural machinery                 | 4%    | 4%       | 5%       | 5%       | 5%       |
| Goodwill                  | 2,054  | 1,908  | 1,908  | 1,908  | 1,908  | Financial services                     | 2%    | 1%       | 1%       | 1%       | 1%       |
| Trade receivables         | 14,131 | 16,353 | 14,414 | 18,606 | 15,294 | Environmental (discontinued)           | 0%    | 0%       | 0%       | 0%       | 0%       |
| Intangible assets         | 1,965  | 1,850  | 1,701  | 1,550  | 1,396  | Total                                  | 100%  | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     | 100%     |
| Financial assets          | 2,703  | 2,418  | 2,418  | 2,418  | 2,418  | Profit & loss ratio (%)                |       |          |          |          |          |
| Others                    | 0      | 140    | 140    | 140    | 140    | Gross margin                           | 28.6  | 23.6     | 23.0     | 23.1     | 23.2     |
| Deferred tax assets       | 1,453  | 1,148  | 1,148  | 1,148  | 1,148  | EBIT margin                            | 13.3  | 10.7     | 9.5      | 9.4      | 9.3      |
| Deposits                  | 175    | 202    | 202    | 202    | 202    | Net profit margin                      | 11.3  | 9.6      | 9.0      | 8.9      | 8.9      |
| Current assets            | 66,956 | 72,714 | 66,212 | 73,310 | 77,716 | Growth (%)                             |       |          |          |          |          |
| Inventories               | 14,652 | 13,501 | 13,731 | 14,855 | 15,321 | Revenue                                | 50.3  | 3.1      | (3.9)    | 7.3      | 8.9      |
| Trade & other receivables | 23,972 | 32,108 | 24,475 | 32,455 | 28,730 | Gross profit                           | 43.3  | (14.9)   | (6.4)    | 8.0      | 9.0      |
| Finance lease receivables | 10,365 | 4,496  | 9,650  | 5,532  | 10,178 | EBIT                                   | 43.5  | (16.7)   | (14.6)   | 6.2      | 7.2      |
| Financial assets at FVPL  | 4,284  | 6,408  | 6,408  | 6,408  | 6,408  | Net profit                             | 66.5  | (13.6)   | (9.3)    | 5.5      | 9.4      |
| Others                    | 1,374  | 1,236  | 1,236  | 1,236  | 1,236  | Balance sheet ratio                    |       |          |          |          |          |
| Pledged deposits          | 2,223  | 1,775  | 1,775  | 1,775  | 1,775  | Current ratio (x)                      | 1.4   | 1.5      | 1.3      | 1.4      | 1.4      |
| Cash                      | 10,086 | 13,190 | 8,937  | 11,049 | 14,068 | Trade receivable turnover days         | 191   | 235      | 247      | 237      | 230      |
| Current liabilities       | 46,928 | 49,675 | 49,502 | 53,905 | 56,107 | Finance lease receivable turnover days | 113   | 95       | 96       | 96       | 92       |
| Trade and other payables  | 40,387 | 36,600 | 36,927 | 41,830 | 43,932 | Inventory turnover days                | 104   | 100      | 100      | 98       | 95       |
| Bank borrowings           | 2,964  | 11,011 | 10,511 | 10,011 | 10,111 | Payable turnover days                  | 257   | 274      | 270      | 270      | 270      |
| Tax payable               | 710    | 97     | 97     | 97     | 97     | Net debt / total equity (%)            | 9.9   | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash |
| Contract liabilities      | 2,777  | 1,874  | 1,874  | 1,874  | 1,874  | Profitability (%)                      |       |          |          |          |          |
| Others                    | 90     | 93     | 93     | 93     | 93     | ROA                                    | 7.0   | 5.3      | 4.7      | 4.8      | 5.0      |
| Non-current liabilities   | 21,465 | 14,047 | 9,847  | 9,847  | 9,847  | ROE                                    | 17.1  | 12.2     | 9.8      | 9.8      | 10.1     |
| Bank borrowings           | 16,337 | 7,894  | 3,694  | 3,694  | 3,694  | Per share data                         |       |          |          |          |          |
| Deferred tax liabilities  | 490    | 405    | 405    | 405    | 405    | EPS (RMB)                              | 0.97  | 0.76     | 0.67     | 0.70     | 0.77     |
| Others                    | 4,638  | 5,748  | 5,748  | 5,748  | 5,748  | BVPS (RMB)                             | 5.93  | 6.62     | 6.97     | 7.38     | 7.84     |
| Equity                    | 47,850 | 58,260 | 61,302 | 64,927 | 68,993 | DPS (RMB)                              | 0.53  | 0.32     | 0.29     | 0.31     | 0.34     |
| Shareholders' equity      | 46,706 | 56,831 | 59,768 | 63,283 | 67,227 | •                                      |       |          |          |          |          |
| MI                        | 1,144  | 1,429  | 1,534  | 1,644  | 1,765  |  |       |          |          |          |          |

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



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