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Momo (MOMO US)

Heading into Tantan's transition

Momo 1Q21 results beat on low expectation, with revenue/adj. net profit -3%/-14% YoY, 2%/20% above consensus. 2Q21E rev guidance beat 1%. Tantan's user and financials would bear short-term pressure, given Tantan's mgmt. change and strategy adjustment. Its net loss would widen to RMB350mn-450mn in FY21E. Mgmt expects Tantan to rebound in 2H21E, if executed well. Momo core trends well, and mgmt. guided to turn positive YoY growth in 2H21E. To reflect Tantan's transition impact, we cut our earnings forecast by 21%/19%/19% in FY21/22/23E, but maintain our TP at US\$15.0 (12x FY21E P/E).

- 1Q21 beat on low expectation, with guidance in line. 1Q21 rev/adj. net profit -3%/-14% YoY, 2%/20% above consensus. Margin beat on lighter S&M and G&A. 2Q21E rev guidance came in at -4% to -7% YoY, midpoint 1% above consensus. User metrics is mixed, with Momo MAU +1% QoQ & paying users -2% QoQ/ Tantan paying users -8% QoQ.
- ST pressure from Tantan transition with mgmt. change. In Apr, Tantan's founder & CEO Wang Yu stepped down, and Wang Li is taking over the role. After the adjustment, mgmt. targets Tantan 20-35% user growth by the end of 2021, with more younger generations and balanced gender mix in new users. The transition would pose temporary pressure on user trend and rev growth, particularly in Apr and May. Besides, Tantan would enhance its user experience and dating ecosystem by removing some short-term oriented rev efforts, thus affecting paying conversion temporarily. In terms of monetization, mgmt. plans to strengthen its core dating experience, while deemphasize livestreaming. Mgmt expects both users and rev to rebound in 2H21E, if executed well. Given slower monetization & heavier marketing ahead in this transition, mgmt. guided Tantan's net loss at RMB350mn-450mn in FY21E (vs. previously RMB100mn).
- Momo to see positive YoY growth in 2H21E. Momo core trends well with stable recovery, and mgmt. stated that it has fully completed the adjustment. Looking ahead, momo core would focus more on product enhancement, rather than aggressive VAS monetization. Mgmt. expects momo rev to turn positive YoY growth in 2H21E, with double-digit YoY growth in 4Q21E.
- Maintain HOLD. We cut our earnings forecast by 21%/19%/19% in FY21/22/23E, but maintain our TP at US\$15.0. Given multiple challenges, we suggest to wait for more clear signs for Tantan reform.

Earnings Summary

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(YE 31 Dec)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue (RMB mn)	17,142	15,024	14,636	16,458	18,916
YoY growth (%)	22.5	(12.4)	(2.6)	12.4	14.9
Net income (RMB mn)	4,304	2,896	2,043	3,026	3,745
EPS (RMB)	18.9	15.9	8.7	11.8	12.9
YoY growth (%)	12.3	(16.5)	(45.8)	48.6	21.4
Consensus EPS (RMB)	NA	NA	11.4	13.7	15.7
P/E (x)	5.2	6.2	11.4	7.7	6.3
P/B (x)	2.6	2.2	2.4	2.3	2.1
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ROE (%)	29.8	23.5	11.5	18.7	23.4
Net gearing (%)	Net cash				

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIS estimates

HOLD (Maintain)

Target Price US\$15.0 (Previous TP US\$15.0) Up/Downside +6.4% Current Price US\$14.1

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (US\$ mn)	2,865
Avg 3 mths t/o (US\$ mn)	41.34
52w High/Low (US\$)	21.15/ 12.01
Total Issued Shares (mn)	166
Source: Bloomberg	

Shareholding Structure

Renaissance Tech	8.2%
Investco	5.3%
BlackRock	4.4%

Source: Bloomberg

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-2.3%	-3.5%
3-mth	-15.9%	-21.4%
6-mth	2.3%	-7.7%

Source: Bloomberg

12-mth Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Auditor: Deloitte

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Figure 1: CMBIS estimates vs consensus

		CMBIS		(Consensus			Diff (%)	
RMB mn, Dec-YE	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	14,636	16,458	18,916	15,130	16,911	18,835	-3.3%	-2.7%	0.4%
Gross Profit	6,502	7,415	8,629	6,711	7,618	8,533	-3.1%	-2.7%	1.1%
Operating Profit	1,362	2,505	3,166	1,945	2,574	3,186	-30.0%	-2.7%	-0.6%
Net profit	2,043	3,026	3,745	2,523	3,080	3,697	-19.0%	-1.7%	1.3%
EPS (RMB)	8.74	11.79	12.90	11.35	13.69	15.72	-23.0%	-13.9%	-17.9%
Gross Margin	44.4%	45.1%	45.6%	44.4%	45.0%	45.3%	+0.1ppts	+0.0ppts	+0.3ppts
Operating Margin	9.3%	15.2%	16.7%	12.9%	15.2%	16.9%	-3.5ppts	-0.0ppts	-0.2ppts
Net Margin	14.0%	18.4%	19.8%	16.7%	18.2%	19.6%	-2.7ppts	+0.2ppts	+0.2ppts

Source: Company data, Bloomberg

Figure 2: Earnings revision

		New			Old		Diff (%)			
RMB mn, Dec-YE	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	
Revenue	14,636	16,458	18,916	15,038	16,631	19,111	-2.7%	-1.0%	-1.0%	
Gross Profit	6,502	7,415	8,629	6,715	7,993	9,381	-3.2%	-7.2%	-8.0%	
Operating Profit	1,362	2,505	3,166	2,111	3,326	4,152	-35.5%	-24.7%	-23.8%	
Net profit	2,043	3,026	3,745	2,573	3,725	4,600	-20.6%	-18.8%	-18.6%	
EPS (RMB)	8.74	11.79	12.90	11.00	14.52	15.85	-20.6%	-18.8%	-18.6%	
Gross Margin	44.4%	45.1%	45.6%	44.7%	48.1%	49.1%	-0.2ppts	-3.0ppts	-3.5ppts	
Operating Margin	9.3%	15.2%	16.7%	14.0%	20.0%	21.7%	-4.7ppts	-4.8ppts	-5.0ppts	
Net Margin	14.0%	18.4%	19.8%	17.1%	22.4%	24.1%	-3.2ppts	-4.0ppts	-4.3ppts	

Source: CMBIS estimates

Figure 3: Momo's 1Q21 review

RMB mn	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	QoQ	YoY	Consensus	Diff %
Revenue	3,723	4,153	4,452	4,688	3,594	3,868	3,767	3,795	3,471	-8.6%	-3.4%	3,404	2%
Operating profit	422	966	1,033	1,249	594	813	531	88	480	443.3%	-19.2%	360	33%
Net profit	289	789	945	1,056	539	456	457	651	462	-29.1%	-14.3%	348	33%
Adj. net profit	910	928	1,088	1,253	736	669	654	836	634	-24.2%	-13.9%	526	20%
Adj. EPS	4.15	4.12	4.90	5.61	3.34	3.05	2.98	3.80	2.91	-23.4%	-12.9%	2.41	21%
Margin (%)													
Gross Margin	50.3%	50.9%	51.1%	49.8%	47.8%	47.4%	47.0%	46.2%	44.2%			44.5%	
Operating margin	11.3%	23.3%	23.2%	26.7%	16.5%	21.0%	14.1%	2.3%	13.8%			10.6%	
Adj. net margin	24.5%	22.4%	24.4%	26.7%	20.5%	17.3%	17.4%	22.0%	18.3%			15.5%	
Growth (%)													
Revenue (YoY)	34.7%	31.7%	22.0%	22.0%	-3.5%	-6.8%	-15.4%	-19.0%	-3.4%			-5.3%	
Revenue (QoQ)	-3.1%	11.5%	7.2%	5.3%	-23.3%	7.6%	-2.6%	0.8%	-8.6%			-10.3%	
Operating profit	-55.0%	7.7%	60.4%	57.4%	40.9%	-15.8%	-48.6%	-92.9%	-19.2%			-39.3%	
Adj. net profit	0.7%	4.9%	45.2%	41.1%	-19.1%	-27.9%	-39.9%	-33.2%	-13.9%			-28.5%	

Source: Company data, Bloomberg

Figure 4: 1Q21 Revenue breakdown

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RMB mn	1Q19	2Q19	3Q19	4Q19	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	QoQ	YoY
Total revenue	3,723	4,153	4,452	4,688	3,594	3,868	3,767	3,795	3,471	-9%	-3%
Live broadcasting	2,689	3,100	3,275	3,383	2,332	2,603	2,375	2,328	1,962	-16%	-16%
VAS	904	948	1,065	1,189	1,176	1,204	1,331	1,401	1,456	4%	24%
Mobile marketing	81	76	82	93	57	38	50	53	39	-26%	-32%
Mobile games	39	23	16	14	13	12	8	7	11	52%	-12%
Other services	10	5	14	8	16	12	3	6	3	-49%	-81%

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates



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YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	
Revenue	17,142	15,024	14,636	16,458	18,916	Net income	3,090	2,873	1,354	2,365	2,985
Live streaming	12,540	9,638	7,433	7,749	8,494	D&A	345	312	295	326	
VAS	4,138	5,112	6,865	8,321	9,988	Change in WC	352	75	(536)	209	351
Mobile game	334	198	186	227	238	Others	603	2,694	623	567	658
Marketing	93	40	138	145	177	Operating CF	4,280	3,081	3,868	1,680	3,558
Other services	37	37	14	16	19		(4.40)	(0.50)	40	(405)	(4.40
COGS	(8,455)	(7,977)	(8,134)	(9,042)	(10,286)	Capex	(148)	(358)	16	(185)	(143
Gross profit	8,687	7,047	6,502	7,415	8,629	Associates	- (2)	- (000)	-	- (4.00)	
	(0.450)	(0.04.4)	(0.045)	(0.045)	(0.000)	Others	(3,777)	(390)	907		(1,109
S&M	(2,458)	(2,814)	(3,315)	(2,945)	(3,208)	Investing CF	(3,925)	(748)	923	(347)	(1,252
Admin.Exp.	(849)	(763)	(502)	(522)	(587)		000	00	(00)		40
R&D	(917)	(1,168)	(807)	(841)	(968)	Equity raised	900	99	(99)	-	104
Others	(1,069)	229	(592)	(658)	(757)	Change of Debts	-	-	-	-	
Operating profit	3,743	2,531	1,362	2,505	3,166	Others	(1,670)	(1,597)	(2,721)	(2,260)	
						Financing CF	(770)	(1,498)	(2,820)	(2,260)	(3,565
Financial Cost	371	366	399	427	541						
Associates	14	2	11	24	24	Net change in cash	138	834	(217)	951	(725
Pre-tax Income	4,128	2,899	1,773	2,956	3,731	Cash (beg of yr)	2,409	2,613	3,456	3,385	4,33
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Income Tax	(891)	(756)	(319)	(591)	(746)	Cash (end of yr)	2,613	3,366	3,240	4,336	3,61
MI	(10)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)						
Net profit	3,206	2,103	1,457	2,368	2,988						
Adj. net profit	4,304	2,896	2,043	3,026	3,745						
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Balance sheet			=>/	=>/20=		Key ratios			=>/-		
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	YE 31 Dec	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Non-current assets	6,449	11,474	6,483	7,473	13,540	Sales mix (%)					
Fixed asset	358	544	402	484	642	Live streaming	73.2	65.9	50.8	47.1	44.9
Associates	280	291	301	302	302	VAS	24.1	32.2	46.9	50.6	52.8
Intangible assets	5,613	- 10,475	5,604	6 440	- 12,361	Mobile game	2.0 0.5	1.2 0.6	1.3 0.9	1.4 0.9	1.3 0.9
Others	5,013	10,475	5,604	6,440	12,301	Mobile marketing	0.3	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.3
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Current assets	15,225 2,519	11,747 3,366	15,900 3,240	19,372 4,770	13,862 3,972	rotai	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cash				•		•					
Deposit over 3 months	11,869	7,566	11,850	13,618	8,929	Growth rate (%)	04.0	(4 =)	(40.4)	40.4	
Account receivable	256	201	230	317	237	Revenue	21.3	(4.7)	(10.1)	12.4	14.9
Others	582	614	581	667	724	Gross profit	31.7	(8.3)	(18.2)	14.0	16.4
						EBIT	7.1	(5.6)	(61.1)	83.9	26.4
Current liabilities	2,513	2,517	2,022	2,607	2,970	Net profit	17.9	(14.8)	(44.1)	48.2	23.7
Borrowings	689	699	568	706	825						
Account payable	689	699	568	706	825	P&L ratios (%)					
Tax payable	-	-	-	-	-	OPM	21.8	16.8	9.3	15.2	16.7
Others	1,136	1,118	887	1,194	1,319	Pre-tax margin	24.1	19.3	12.1	18.0	19.7
						Net margin	25.1	19.3	14.0	18.4	19.8
NC liabilities	5,936	5,868	5,927	6,811	6,925	Tax rate	(21.7)	(20.0)	(18.0)	(20.0)	(20.0
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Others	5,936	5,868	5,927	6,811	6,925	Returns (%)					
Others	0,000	0,000	0,021	0,011	0,020		29.8	23.6	11.5	18.7	23.4
N.41						ROE					
MI	40.005	44005	-	-	47.505	ROA	20.7	15.5	8.3	12.7	15.
Total net assets	13,225	14,835	14,434	17,427	17,507	Dan aha::-					
Shareholders' equity	13,225	14,835	14,434	17,427	17,507	Per share	10.00	1E 04	0.74	14 70	10.0
						EPS (RMB)	18.93	15.94	8.74	11.79	12.90
						DPS (RMB)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
						BVPS (RMB)	61.01	70.05	66.07	69.20	70.00

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates



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