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Mildly positive if the government relaxes pre-sales funds regulation

Comparing to PBOC's confidence boost, we think this rumored relaxation on presales funds regulation is more positive to the industry as it may offer some liquidity to those who need. If the rumor were true, the official document could be rolling out before CNY to help on the salary payment to migrant workers in the near end. Quantitatively speaking, the actual impact could be mild as 1) the relaxation of required ratio could be only 3-5% (in recent Yantai's case) which means it could release 10% of funds held in escrow accounts. A massive relaxation is unlikely due to housing delivery task. 2) The relaxation will be based on credit rating which means distressed names may still benefit less while SOEs and high-quality names could benefit more. Therefore key beneficiaries would be those in between: Country Garden, Sunac, CIFI, Agile, Times, Shimao.

- What's new: According to Reuters, MOHURD is drafting nationwide rules to make it easier for property developers to access pre-sale funds held in escrow accounts. The new rules could help developers meet debt obligations, pay suppliers, and finance operations.
- How quick this new rule could be out if it were true? As this rule could be an advisory document, rather than a law, it can be rolled out pretty quickly. We think before CNY would be a good timing as it is the peak of salary payments to migrant workers.
- How much the rules could be relaxed? Based on Yantai Government's case, it has mildly adjusted down the ratio of pre-sales that need to be held in escrow accounts by 3-5% based on developers' credit categories. As originally the required ratio is about 30-50% of pre-sales, so the relaxation could release 10% of funds from escrow accounts if a similar case is rolled out nationally. A massively relaxation is unlikely as it will put the house deliveries in danger.
- Are local governments willing to cooperate massively? As local MOHURD is part of the government, it will lead to internal agreement across the board. We think most of the local governments have the incentives to execute it as 1) it could help solve the problem of migrants' salaries which is important to the social stability. 2) It also could provide some liquidity to developers which may indirectly support the land markets. 3) Lastly, it could benefit its own liquidity issue of city development entity.
- Who will benefit? As the rules are likely to benefit more on developers with high credibility in Yantai's case, therefore SOEs and high-quality names like Longfor would certainly be the beneficiaries. Distressed names like Aoyuan, Kaisa, Evergrande, Sinic are unlikely to benefit much as they are facing house deliveries issue. Those in between like Country Garden, Sunac, CIFI Agile, Times, Shimao are the real ones that could get some needed liquidities from this.



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Figure 1: Accounts payable as % of total liabilities

Company	AP / Total Liabilities								
%	F2013A	F2014A	F2015A	F2016A	F2017A	F2018A	F2019A	F2020A	
Evergrande	42%	39%	35%	29%	30%	42%	46%	50%	
Times China	59%	56%	54%	27%	25%	29%	38%	40%	
Country Garden	24%	24%	30%	33%	38%	36%	38%	40%	
Shimao	31%	34%	36%	39%	38%	39%	40%	40%	
Agile	39%	36%	36%	36%	31%	34%	34%	39%	
CIFI	25%	38%	32%	35%	35%	34%	37%	38%	
Vanke	38%	36%	38%	39%	38%	40%	41%	36%	
Longfor	19%	26%	26%	28%	31%	34%	34%	35%	
Sunac	38%	42%	37%	38%	30%	28%	29%	34%	
China Aoyuan	21%	20%	24%	19%	19%	23%	27%	30%	
CR Land	22%	24%	24%	27%	28%	28%	27%	29%	
COLI	57%	61%	23%	22%	26%	29%	29%	28%	
Dexin			13%	18%	23%	22%	23%	27%	
China SCE	20%	17%	18%	18%	22%	28%	32%	26%	
KWG	37%	39%	44%	44%	41%	17%	21%	25%	
Dafa			10%	11%	14%	19%	25%	23%	
Shinsun					16%	13%	14%	20%	
Radiance					16%	15%	15%	16%	
Redsun			22%	20%	18%	12%	15%	16%	

Source: CMBIS

Figure 2: Debt maturity in 1Q22

Debt Maturing in Jan 2022 (USD Mn)								
Company	Date	Amount	Bond Details	Px as of 01/12	Comments			
Aoyuan	01/20/22	188	USD 188mn Bond CAPG 4.20 01/20/22	18.00	Unable to Pay			
Poly	01/21/22	236	RMB 1500mn Bond POLYRE 3.60 01/21/22	100.03				
CIFI	01/22/22	49	HKD 385mn Term Loan	-	Funds Deposited			
Aoyuan	01/23/22	500	USD 500mn Bond CAPG 8.50 01/23/22	17.00	Unable to Pay			
Yuzhou	01/23/22	242	USD Bond YUZHOU 8.625 01/23/22 with US\$242mn outstanding	27.00	Exchange Offer			
Shinsun	01/23/22	300	USD 300mn Bond SHXREG 12.50 01/23/22	45.00	Exchange Offer			
Sinic	01/24/22	242	USD Bond SINHLD 8.50 01/24/22 with US\$242mn outstanding	5.00				
Yuzhou	01/25/22	347	USD Bond YUZHOU 6.00 01/25/22 with US\$347mn outstanding	27.00	Exchange Offer			
Powerlong	01/26/22	128	HKD 1000mn Bond PWRLNG 6.00 01/26/22	-				
Country Garden	01/27/22	425	USD 245mn Bond COGARD 7.125 01/27/22	99.75				
Zhongliang	01/31/22	203	USD Bond ZHLGHD 7.50 01/31/22 with US\$203mn outstanding	96.50				
Ronshine	02/01/22	198	USD Bond RONXIN 5.50 02/01/22 with US\$197.5mn outstanding	75.00				
China South City	02/12/22	348	USD Bond CSCHCN 11.50 02/12/22 with US\$348mn outstanding	79.00				
Yango	02/20/22	110	USD 110mn Bond YANGOG 12.50 02/20/22	13.00				
Modern Land	02/26/22	200	USD 200mn Bond MOLAND 11.80 02/26/22	19.00				
Ronshine	03/01/22	456	USD Bond RONXIN 10.50 03/01/22 with US\$456.49mn outstanding	61.00				
Jinmao	03/03/22	500	USD 500mn Bond CHJMAO 3.60 03/03/22	100.25				
Agile	03/07/22	500	USD 500mn Bond AGILE 6.70 03/07/22	57.00				
SCE	03/10/22	500	USD 500mn Bond CHINSC 5.875 03/10/22	94.00				
Jiayuan	03/11/22	133	USD Bond JIAYUA 13.75 03/11/22 with US\$132.63mn outstanding	84.90				
Greenland	03/12/22	350	USD 350mn Bond GRNLGR 7.25 03/12/22	90.00				
Yango	03/18/22	23	USD Bond SUNSHI 10.25 03/18/22 with US\$22.758mn outstanding	24.00				
Seazen	03/20/22	200	USD 200mn Bond FTLNHD 7.50 03/20/22	95.00				
Evergrande	03/23/22	2,025	USD 2,025mn Bond EVERRE 8.25 03/23/22	13.50				

Source: CMBIS



Figure 3: Property Sector Comps

Company	Ticker	Last price	Mkt Cap	Rating	TP	P/E			РВ	Dividend Yield	
		(LC)	(LC mn)		(LC)	20A	21E	22E	20A	20A	21E
Vanke - H	2202 HK	19.80	284,338	BUY	33.92	4.2	3.7	3.5	0.9	8%	8%
COLI	688 HK	22.10	241,880	BUY	30.49	4.6	4.4	3.8	0.5	5%	6%
Country Garden	2007 HK	6.39	147,918	BUY	13.36	3.3	2.5	2.2	0.7	9%	8%
CR Land	1109 HK	35.65	254,218	BUY	44.79	7.1	6.6	6.1	1.1	3%	4%
Longfor	960 HK	40.70	247,224	HOLD	34.27	9.9	6.7	6.5	1.9	4%	5%
Shimao	813 HK	4.98	18,913	BUY	44.94	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.2	32%	32%
Agile	3383 HK	3.66	14,336	BUY	13.89	1.2	1.2	1.1	0.2	30%	26%
KWG	1813 HK	4.50	14,324	BUY	17.87	1.8	1.5	1.2	0.3	25%	28%
Times China	1233 HK	3.58	7,103	BUY	16.20	1.2	0.8	0.7	0.3	26%	28%
China SCE	1966 HK	1.70	7,178	BUY	5.60	1.6	1.4	1.1	0.3	21%	21%
Redsun	1996 HK	2.53	8,447	BUY	3.52	4.2	3.3	2.9	0.6	7%	7%
Vanke - A	000002 CH	20.70	232,006	BUY	31.36	5.3	4.7	4.5	1.1	6%	7%
Radiance	9993 HK	4.28	17,314	BUY	5.55	4.0	3.5	2.9	0.8	7%	8%
Dafa	6111 HK	4.37	3,618	BUY	8.32	8.8	4.8	4.2	0.9	2%	4%
Dexin	2019 HK	2.91	7,861	BUY	3.56	6.5	5.8	5.0	1.3	6%	7%
Average						4.3	3.5	3.1	0.7	12.7%	13.2%

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