

Anta Sports (2020 HK)

An inline 1Q24 plus an improving outlook

Retail sales growth in 1Q24 was slow, but it was widely expected. We see FY24E growth supported by: 1) healthy momentum in late Mar, 2) an exciting product launch pipeline, 3) further segmentation by Anta in terms of products and store format, and 4) gradual improvement in retail discounts (rather achievable for e-commerce). We maintain BUY and continue to see Anta as our sportswear sector top pick. It is trading at 16x FY24E P/E, undemanding given its turnaround trend.

- The recovery pace may not be linear but we still believe the outlook is positive. While management reiterated their guidance of 10%-15% retail sales growth in FY24E, they do not think the recovery has to be linear. But we do concur with their positive view, supported by: 1) constructive momentum in late Mar 2024, when the retail sales execution rate surged to over 120%, 2) an exciting product launch pipeline (more Olympics-related products in 2Q24E and Kyrie Irving products (mass-market positioned) in 3Q24E and 4Q24E, 3) ticket size and item per ticket could still increase even though the ASP may stay flattish, 4) more segmentation for Anta, e.g., the Champion stores will increase from 40-50 in FY23 to 90 in FY24E, where retail sales growth was decent thanks to improved product designs (e.g., Olympics-related), expansion of categories (e.g., outdoor) and more new store formats (different sets of products and designs to cater to various levels of customers in lower-tier cities), and 5) potential speed-up in store expansion and store upgrades (esp. for FILA, even though they have no plan to open stores in lower-tier cities).
- Retail sales growth in 1Q24 was inline as e-commerce outperformed. Anta/ FILA's retail sales growth was at MSD/ HSD in 1Q24, slowing down from high-teens/ 25%-30% in 4Q23, but roughly in line with CMBI est. of 7%/ 6%. We deem these understandable given the high base last year. In fact, the execution rate was over 100% in 1Q24; therefore it was in line with the company's guidance. By channel, e-commerce had a strong rebound with 20%-25%/ 25% growth for Anta/ FILA (the base was high for FILA with over 40% growth in 1Q23) while offline sales growth was negative (FILA had a small drop in store count YoY). By segment, basketball outperformed with the launches of Kyrie Irving shoes, while running and other categories also enjoyed a decent boost in sales growth.
- Maintain BUY and TP of HK\$101.73, based on 20x FY24E P/E (unchanged), supported by 13%/ 17% sales/ NP CAGRs during FY23-26E. The stock is trading at 16x FY24E P/E, around 1.4 s.d below its 5-year average of 26x.

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (RMB mn)	53,651	62,356	71,378	80,503	89,372
YoY growth (%)	8.8	16.2	14.5	12.8	11.0
Operating profit (RMB mn)	11,229.0	15,409.0	17,307.4	18,980.3	21,863.1
Net profit (RMB mn)	8,245.0	11,277.0	14,119.1	15,730.3	18,213.9
EPS (Reported) (RMB)	2.72	3.67	4.54	5.06	5.86
YoY growth (%)	(1.8)	34.8	23.9	11.4	15.8
P/E (x)	26.8	19.9	16.0	14.4	12.4
P/B (x)	5.7	4.8	4.1	3.5	3.0
Yield (%)	1.6	2.5	2.5	3.1	3.6
ROE (%)	26.0	30.0	31.7	30.0	29.6
Net gearing (%)	43.5	60.6	67.3	72.3	76.4
Source: Company data, Bloomber	g, CMBIGM es	timates			

BUY (Maintain)

 Target Price
 HK\$101.73

 (Previous TP
 HK\$101.73)

 Up/Downside
 24.7%

 Current Price
 HK\$81.60

China Consumer Discretionary

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	220,591.6
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	709.1
52w High/Low (HK\$)	100.70/64.15
Total Issued Shares (mn)	2703.3

Source: FactSet

Shareholding Structure

Mr. Ding Shi zhong & Family	54.5%
BlackRock Fund	1.6%
Source: HKEx	

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	4.2%	7.2%
3-mth	21.5%	14.2%
6-mth	-10.3%	-1.9%

Source: FactSet

12-mth Price Performance



Source: FactSet

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■ Retail discounts continued to improve along with the inventory level. Inventory to sales for Anta/ FILA was below 5 months in 1Q24, similar to 4Q23, but was the lowest among the last few quarters. Hence the retail discounts for Anta was kind of stable (flattish/ small improvement for offline/ online YoY) and that for FILA was decent (around 1ppt improvement for offline/ online YoY). For 2Q24E, management believe the base is not high last year and further improvement is reasonably achievable.

Earnings revision

Figure 1: Earnings revision

		New			Old		Diff (%)			
RMB mn	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	
Revenue	71,378	80,503	89,372	71,378	80,503	89,372	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Gross profit	44,833	50,795	56,479	44,833	50,795	56,479	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
EBIT	17,307	18,980	21,863	17,307	18,980	21,863	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Net profit att.	12,680	14,127	16,358	12,680	14,127	16,358	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Diluted EPS (RMB)	4.541	5.060	5.859	4.541	5.060	5.859	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	
Gross margin	62.8%	63.1%	63.2%	62.8%	63.1%	63.2%	0ppt	0ppt	0ppt	
EBIT margin	24.2%	23.6%	24.5%	24.2%	23.6%	24.5%	0ppt	0ppt	0ppt	
Net profit att. margin	17.8%	17.5%	18.3%	17.8%	17.5%	18.3%	0ppt	0ppt	0ppt	

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 2: CMBIGM estimates vs consensus

		CMBIGM			Consensus			Diff (%)	
RMB mn	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	71,378	80,503	89,372	70,778	79,855	89,102	0.8%	0.8%	0.3%
Gross profit	44,833	50,795	56,479	44,423	50,391	56,601	0.9%	0.8%	-0.2%
EBIT	17,307	18,980	21,863	16,900	19,076	21,877	2.4%	-0.5%	-0.1%
Net profit att.	12,680	14,127	16,358	12,766	14,084	16,215	-0.7%	0.3%	0.9%
Diluted EPS (RMB)	4.541	5.060	5.859	4.505	4.977	5.713	0.8%	1.7%	2.5%
Gross margin	62.8%	63.1%	63.2%	62.8%	63.1%	63.5%	0ppt	0ppt	-0.3ppt
EBIT margin	24.2%	23.6%	24.5%	23.9%	23.9%	24.6%	0.4ppt	-0.3ppt	-0.1ppt
Net profit att. margin	17.8%	17.5%	18.3%	18.0%	17.6%	18.2%	-0.3ppt	-0.1ppt	0.1ppt

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



Operating numbers

Figure 3: Sportswear brands sales growth trend

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



Valuation

Figure 4: Peers valuation table

		on tabl	12m TP	Price	Up/ Down-	Mkt. Cap	Year	P/E	: (x)	P/B (x)	ROE (%)	3yrs PEG (x)	Yield (%)	YTD perf.
Company	Ticker	Rating	(LC)	(LC)	side	(HK\$mn)	End	FY1E	FY2E	FY2E	FY0	FY1E	FY1E	FY1E
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Anta Sports	2020 HK	BUY	101.73	81.60	25%	231,142	Dec-23	16.0	14.4	3.2	23.8	0.9	3.1	7.7
Li Ning Co	2331 HK	BUY	24.86	17.24	44%	44,556	Dec-23	11.5	9.9	1.3	13.1	1.1	3.6	(17.5)
Xtep Intl	1368 HK	BUY	6.31	4.37	44%	11,543	Dec-23	8.7	7.5	1.0	12.0	0.7	5.8	(0.9)
361 Degrees Intl	1361 HK	BUY	6.25	4.35	44%	8,994	Dec-23	7.3	6.2	0.7	11.3	0.5	4.0	25.4
Topsports Intl	6110 HK	BUY	9.23	5.07	82%	31,440	Feb-23	12.2	10.5	2.5	20.4	0.7	7.1	(16.6)
Pou Sheng Intl	3813 HK	NR	n/a	0.61	n/a	3,249	Dec-23	4.6	3.6	0.3	5.9	0.2	6.7	(10.3)
China DX	3818 HK	NR	n/a	0.35	n/a	2,031	Mar-23	10.6	6.4	0.2	1.0	0.3	6.3	21.1
							Avg.	10.1	8.4	1.3	12.5	0.6	5.2	1.3
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International S Nike	NKE US	NR	n/a	94.85	n/a	1,120,933	May-23	25.6	24.0	9.9	36.4	2.3	1.5	(12.6)
Adidas	ADS GY	NR	n/a	220.00	n/a	330,851	Dec-23	72.1	32.0	6.6	(1.6)	(0.2)	0.5	19.5
Puma	PUM GY	NR	n/a	41.42	n/a	52,194	Dec-23	17.8	14.2	2.0	12.1	1.0	2.0	(18.0)
Under Armour	UAA US	NR	n/a	6.60	n/a	22,011	Mar-23	12.6	11.1	1.2	20.1	(1.8)	0.0	(25.0)
Lululemon	LULU US	NR	n/a	345.31	n/a	340,707	Jan-24	24.5	21.7	6.2	42.0	1.8	0.0	(32.5)
Skechers	SKX US	NR	n/a	56.68	n/a	69,296	Dec-23	14.5	12.4	1.6	14.4	1.1	0.1	(9.1)
On Holding	ONON US	NR	n/a	33.60	n/a	83,864	Dec-23	46.7	34.4	6.2	7.8	0.8	n/a	24.6
Deckers	DECK US	NR	n/a	824.43	n/a	165,700	Mar-23	30.4	27.3	8.6	37.4	1.4	0.0	23.3
Vf Corp	VFC US	NR	n/a	12.39	n/a	37,706	Apr-23	11.4	9.5	1.8	(28.2)	0.2	6.3	(34.1)
Columbia	COLM US	NR	n/a	75.19	n/a	35,203	Dec-23	20.5	17.3	2.0	13.0	4.0	1.6	(5.5)
Wolverine	www us	NR	n/a	9.47	n/a	5,922	Dec-23	12.7	8.5	1.8	(13.4)	(0.1)	4.6	6.5
Mizuno Corp	8022 JP	NR	n/a	7260.00	n/a	9,791	Mar-23	15.0	14.7	1.4	10.3	2.1	1.4	84.7
Asics Corp	7936 JP	NR	n/a	6688.00	n/a	64,432	Dec-23	31.3	27.0	5.1	18.8	2.7	1.1	51.4
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Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



Figure 5: Forward 12M P/E valuation band



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



Assumptions

Figure 6: Major assumptions

Major assumptions	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Sales by segment growth (%)					
Shoes	17.4%	12.7%	13.0%	11.0%	9.0%
Apparels	3.1%	18.8%	15.7%	14.1%	12.3%
Accessories	6.4%	18.1%	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%
Total	8.8%	16.2%	14.5%	12.8%	11.0%
Sales by brand growth (%)					
Anta	14.1%	12.7%	13.0%	11.0%	9.0%
Anta Kids	15.0%	14.0%	14.0%	13.0%	10.0%
FILA	-1.4%	16.6%	12.0%	10.0%	9.0%
Descente & Others	26.1%	57.7%	25.0%	24.0%	20.0%
E-commerce	17.7%	2.6%	16.0%	14.0%	12.0%
Total	8.8%	16.2%	14.5%	12.8%	11.0%
Sales network					
Anta	6,924	7,053	7,153	7,203	7,253
Anta Kids	2,679	2,778	2,853	2,903	2,953
FILA	1,984	1,972	2,147	2,197	2,247
Descente & Others	477	476	531	571	611
Total	12,064	12,279	12,684	12,874	13,064
GP margins					
Anta	53.6%	54.9%	55.2%	55.4%	55.4%
FILA	66.4%	69.0%	69.0%	69.0%	69.0%
Others	71.8%	72.9%	73.0%	74.0%	74.0%
Total	60.2%	62.6%	62.8%	63.1%	63.2%
Opex breakdown					
A&P expenses / sales	10.3%	8.2%	12.0%	11.3%	11.0%
Labour costs / sales	15.1%	14.9%	14.9%	14.8%	14.7%
R &D expenses / sales	6.0%	6.9%	6.3%	6.0%	6.0%
Rental expenses/ sales	11.5%	11.0%	11.0%	10.7%	10.5%
Selling & distribution costs / sales	36.6%	34.8%	37.7%	36.5%	35.8%
Admin expenses / sales	6.7%	5.9%	6.1%	5.9%	5.8%
OP margin					
Anta	21.7%	21.7%	21.6%	21.0%	22.6%
FILA	20.0%	27.6%	27.0%	26.0%	26.3%
Others	20.6%	27.1%	25.0%	25.0%	25.3%
Total	20.9%	24.6%	24.1%	23.5%	24.4%
Effective tax rate	27.4%	27.9%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%
NP att. margin	14.1%	16.4%	17.8%	17.5%	18.3%
NP att. growth	-1.7%	34.8%	23.9%	11.4%	15.8%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



Financial Summary

	2026E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	
Revenue 49,328 53,651 62,356 71,378 80,503	89,372
Cost of goods sold (18,924) (21,333) (23,328) (26,545) (29,708)	(32,893)
Gross profit 30,404 32,318 39,028 44,833 50,795	56,479
Operating expenses (20,681) (23,216) (25,366) (31,251) (34,149)	(37,208)
Selling expense (17,753) (19,629) (21,673) (27,085) (29,614)	(32,324)
Admin expense (1,812) (2,308) (2,079) (2,321) (2,465)	(2,596)
R&D expense (1,116) (1,279) (1,614) (1,846) (2,071)	(2,288)
Others 0 0 0 0 0 0	0
Operating profit 11,372 11,229 15,409 17,307 18,980	21,863
Other income 1,649 2,127 1,747 3,726 2,335	2,592
Share of (losses)/profits of associates/JV (81) 28 (718) 428 564	626
EBITDA 11,944 12,212 16,016 17,897 19,452	22,215
Depreciation (443) (860) (353) (341) (325)	(311)
Other amortisation (129) (123) (254) (248) (147)	(41)
Interest income 392 609 1,470 1,865 2,234	2,646
Interest expense (443) (511) (521) (521)	(521)
Other income/expense 0 0 0 0 0 0	0
Pre-tax profit 11,240 11,355 15,640 19,080 21,257	24,613
Income tax (3,021) (3,110) (4,363) (4,961) (5,527)	(6,399)
Minority interest (499) (655) (1,043) (1,439) (1,603)	(1,856)
Net profit 8,219 8,245 11,277 14,119 15,730	18,214
Net profit 6,219 6,245 11,211 14,119 15,150	10,214
BALANCE SHEET 2021A 2022A 2023A 2024E 2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	
Current assets 39,902 42,596 51,798 61,522 72,034	83,591
Cash & equivalents 17,592 17,378 27,099 34,877 43,450	53,089
Account receivables 6,914 5,800 6,741 7,716 8,703	9,662
Inventories 7,644 8,490 7,030 8,000 8,953	9,913
Prepayment 0 0 0 0 0 0	0
ST bank deposits 6,989 10,310 10,310 10,310 10,310	10,310
Other current assets 763 618 618 618 618	618
Non-current assets 22,766 26,599 26,022 26,717 27,774	29,121
PP&E 2,853 3,716 4,111 4,627 5,267	6,029
Investment in JVs & assos 9,027 9,343 8,625 9,053 9,617	10,242
Intangibles 1,531 1,480 1,244 1,014 886	863
Other non-current assets 9,355 12,060 12,041 12,023 12,004	11,986
Total assets 62,668 69,195 77,820 88,239 99,809	112,712
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Current liabilities 15,943 26,207 27,470 28,927 30,389	31,824
Short-term borrowings 1,748 12,198 12,198 12,198 12,198	12,198
Account payables 3,146 2,750 3,007 3,422 3,830	4,240
Tax payable 1,816 2,169 2,169 2,169 2,169	2,169
Other current liabilities 9,233 9,090 10,096 11,138 12,192	13,217
Non-current liabilities 15,062 5,149 5,149 5,149 5,149	5,149
Long-term borrowings 11,425 492 492 492 492 492 492	492
Other non-current liabilities 3,637 4,657 4,657 4,657	4,657
Total liabilities 31,005 31,356 32,619 34,076 35,538	36,973
Share capital 261 262 262 262 262	262
Retained earnings 22,663 26,963 30,264 37,830 45,628	54,660
Other reserves 5,999 7,175 10,193 10,150 10,857	11,437
Total shareholders equity 28,923 34,400 40,719 48,242 56,747	66,359
Minority interest 2,740 3,439 4,482 5,921 7,524	9,380
Total equity and liabilities 62,668 69,195 77,820 88,239 99,809	112,712



CASH FLOW	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	11,240	11,355	15,640	19,080	21,257	24,613
Depreciation & amortization	572	983	607	590	472	352
Tax paid	(2,677)	(3,046)	(4,363)	(4,961)	(5,527)	(6,399)
Change in working capital	(282)	(1,104)	1,781	(488)	(478)	(483)
Others	3,008	3,959	1,239	93	(43)	(105)
Net cash from operations	11,861	12,147	14,905	14,313	15,682	17,978
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(1,360)	(1,621)	(748)	(857)	(966)	(1,072)
Acquisition of subsidiaries/ investments	(94)	(115)	0	0	0	0
Others	(3,215)	(3,038)	0	0	0	0
Net cash from investing	(4,669)	(4,774)	(748)	(857)	(966)	(1,072)
Financing						
Dividend paid	(2,456)	(3,950)	(3,915)	(5,157)	(5,622)	(6,746)
Net borrowings	(196)	(1,403)	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from share issues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Share repurchases	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	(2,295)	(2,488)	(521)	(521)	(521)	(521)
Net cash from financing	(4,947)	(7,841)	(4,436)	(5,678)	(6,143)	(7,267)
Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	15,323	17,592	17,378	27,099	34,877	43,450
Exchange difference	24	254	0	0	0	0
Others	2,245	(468)	9,721	7,779	8,573	9,638
Cash at the end of the year	17,592	17,378	27,099	34,877	43,450	53,089
GROWTH	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	38.9%	8.8%	16.2%	14.5%	12.8%	11.0%
Gross profit	47.2%	6.3%	20.8%	14.9%	13.3%	11.2%
Operating profit	28.8%	(1.3%)	37.2%	12.3%	9.7%	15.2%
EBITDA	28.2%	2.2%	31.2%	11.7%	8.7%	14.2%
Net profit	47.6%	0.3%	36.8%	25.2%	11.4%	15.8%
PROFITABILITY	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec						
Gross profit margin	61.6%	60.2%	62.6%	62.8%	63.1%	63.2%
Operating margin	23.1%	20.9%	24.7%	24.2%	23.6%	24.5%
EBITDA margin	24.2%	22.8%	25.7%	25.1%	24.2%	24.9%
Return on equity (ROE)	31.1%	26.0%	30.0%	31.7%	30.0%	29.6%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec						
Net debt to equity (x)	0.4	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8
Current ratio (x)	2.5	1.6	1.9	2.1	2.4	2.6
Receivable turnover days	51.2	39.5	39.5	39.5	39.5	39.5
Inventory turnover days	147.4	145.3	110.0	110.0	110.0	110.0
Payable turnover days	60.7	47.1	47.1	47.1	47.1	47.1
VALUATION	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec						
P/E	24.0	26.8	19.9	16.0	14.4	12.4
P/E (diluted)	24.0	26.8	19.9	16.0	14.4	12.4
P/B	6.2	5.7	4.8	4.1	3.5	3.0
P/CFPS	17.7	17.3	14.1	14.7	13.4	11.7
Div yield (%)	1.8	1.6	2.5	2.5	3.1	3.6
EV	209,210.6	205,618.6	195,898.1	188,119.3	179,546.2	169,908.0
EV/Sales	4.2	3.8	3.1	2.6	2.2	1.9
EV/EBITDA	17.5	16.8	12.2	10.5	9.2	7.6

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