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Kuaishou (1024 HK)

Share gain to continue with earnings upside

Kuaishou would deliver another upbeat results in 2Q23E, with stronger topline (+26% YoY) and bottom line (RMB1.4bn). Given eye-catching 618 sales, KS ecommerce is expected to outperform with GMV/rev +34%/55% YoY (vs. prior +30%/50%). We expect further ecommerce upside from shelf-based mall and higher traffic efficiency with Chuanliu Plan and upgraded ecosystem. Ads would accelerate to +28% YoY, in which external ads resumed growth. We expect 2H23E ads momentum to continue, with low base and multiple vertical recovery. We trimmed its topline by 0.7%-1.0%, but lifted its earnings forecast by 8-9% in FY23-25E, with unchanged TP at HK\$97.

- Stronger 2Q23E ahead. We expect KS to deliver upbeat 2Q23 results, with rev up 26% YoY (vs. prior +25%), and adj. net profit at RMB1.4bn (vs. RMB1.1-1.2bn of guidance). Such stronger topline was driven by other services (+55% YoY, vs. prior +50%) and solid ads (+28% YoY, vs. prior +25%), while margin beat on higher GPM and narrower overseas loss. 2Q23E user metrics trends well, and we forecast DAU at 370mn and time spent per DAU stable at 115-120mins.
- Ecommerce & ads to outperform, despite livestreaming disruptions. Given eye-catching 618 promotions, we are more positive on KS's ecommerce growth in 2Q23E (forecasting GMV/rev +34%/55% YoY), backed by its mechanism enhancement and higher merchants ROI. We forecast ecommerce GMV >20% CAGR in FY23-25E, with rising penetration, richer offerings and algorithm optimization, and shelf-based mall would unlock its TAM (mall feature entered into Level I access testing in 2Q23). Ads share gain continued in 2Q23E (forecasting +28% YoY), in which externals ads resumed positive YoY growth with multiple verticals recovery (e.g. game, online services), and internal ads delivered higher growth than GMV. Livestreaming momentum might be disrupted by self-inspection and adjustment of agents & MCN from Jun (forecasting rev +16% YoY in 2Q23E, vs. prior + 20%), and would normalize to high-single-digit growth in 2H23E.
- Expecting further earnings upside. We forecast 2Q23E adj. NP at RMB1.4bn, with higher GPM (forecasting 47.5% vs. prior 46.5%, for strong ecommerce). S&M expense would be largely in line. Overseas market performed well, with improving topline and narrowing loss.
- Maintain BUY. To factor in livestreaming normalization and better margin outlook, we trimmed FY23-25E topline by 0.7-1.0% but raised earnings by 8-9%. Our SOTP-based TP was unchanged at HK\$97, with higher ecommerce & ads valuation (multiple unchanged) to offset currency change.

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue (RMB mn)	81,082	94,183	112,326	128,336	144,335
YoY growth (%)	37.9	16.2	19.3	14.3	12.5
Adj. net income (RMB mn)	(18,852)	(5,751)	4,176	9,634	17,228
Adj. EPS (RMB)	(4.7)	(1.3)	0.9	2.1	3.6
YoY growth (%)	NA	NA	NA	131	79
Consensus EPS (RMB)	NA	NA	8.0	2.6	4.5
P/E (x)	NA	NA	53	23	13
P/S (x)	2.7	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.5
Net gearing (%)	Net cash				

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

BUY (Maintain)

Target Price HK\$97 (Previous TP HK\$97) Up/Downside +70.2% Current Price HK\$57.0

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	249,098
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	1,089.89
52w High/Low (HK\$)	86.30/31.75
Total Issued Shares (mn)	3,570

Source: Bloomberg

Shareholding StructureTencent19.0%Morningside Venture Cap15.8%DCM LP5.0%

Source: Bloomberg

Share Performance Absolute Relative 1-mth 0.2% 5.3% 3-mth 12.0% 20.4% 6-mth -15.0% -2.9%

Source: Bloomberg

12-mth Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Auditor: PwC



Figure 1: 2Q23E financial preview

RMB mn	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23E	QoQ	YoY	Consensus	Diff %
Revenue	17,019	19,139	20,493	24,430	21,067	21,695	23,128	28,292	25,217	27,243	8%	26%	27,155	0%
Operating Profit	(7,292)	(7,215)	(7,404)	(5,790)	(5,643)	(3,059)	(2,612)	(1,243)	(698)	626	NA	NA	(60)	NA
Net profit	(57,750)	(7,035)	(7,086)	(6,202)	(6,254)	(3,176)	(2,712)	(1,547)	(876)	379	NA	NA	(82)	NA
Adj. net profit	(5,896)	(4,770)	(4,616)	(3,569)	(3,722)	(1,312)	(672)	(45)	42	1,379	NA	NA	1,168	18%
Margin (%)														
Gross Margin	41.1%	43.8%	41.5%	41.5%	41.7%	45.0%	46.3%	45.5%	46.4%	47.5%			45.5%	
Operating Margin	-42.8%	-37.7%	-36.1%	-23.7%	-26.8%	-14.1%	-11.3%	-4.4%	-2.8%	2.3%			-0.2%	
Adj. net margin	-34.6%	-24.9%	-22.5%	-14.6%	-17.7%	-6.0%	-2.9%	-0.2%	0.2%	5.1%			4.3%	
Growth (%)														
Revenue (YoY)	36.6%	48.8%	33.4%	35.0%	23.8%	13.4%	12.9%	15.8%	19.7%	25.6%			25.2%	
Revenue (QoQ)	-6.0%	12.5%	7.1%	19.2%	-13.8%	3.0%	6.6%	22.3%	-10.9%	8.0%			7.7%	
Operating Profit	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			NA	
Adj. net profit	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA			NA	

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 2: 2Q23E revenue breakdown

RMB mn	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23E	QoQ	YoY
Total revenue	17,019	19,139	20,493	24,430	21,067	21,695	23,128	28,292	25,217	27,243	8%	26%
Online marketing services	8,558	9,962	10,909	13,236	11,351	11,006	11,590	15,094	13,064	14,053	8%	28%
Live streaming	7,250	7,193	7,724	8,827	7,842	8,565	8,947	10,034	9,319	9,908	6%	16%
Other services	1,211	1,983	1,860	2,367	1,873	2,124	2,592	3,164	2,834	3,282	16%	55%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 3: Quarterly DAU estimates

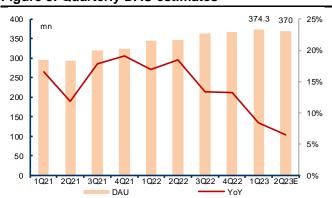
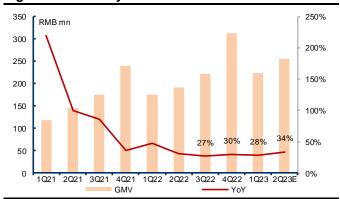


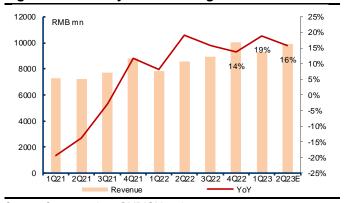


Figure 4: Quarterly GMV estimates



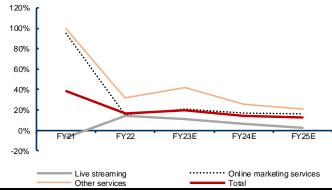
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Figure 6: Quarterly livestreaming rev estimates



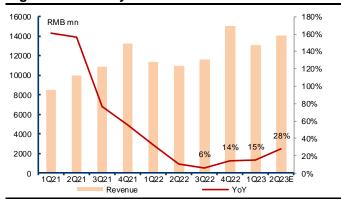
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Figure 8: Yearly revenue growth estimates



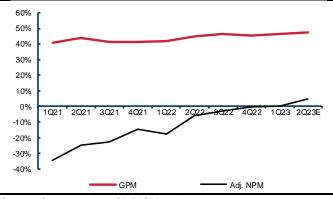
Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 5: Quarterly ads rev estimates



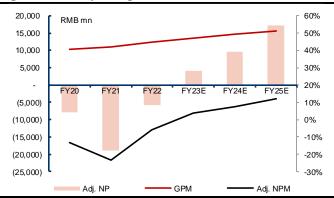
Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 7: Quarterly margin estimates



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 9: Yearly margin estimates





Maintain BUY with unchanged TP at HK\$97

To factor in livestreaming normalization and stronger ads & ecommerce momentum, we trimmed FY23-25E rev forecast by 0.7-1.0%. We lifted its adj. NPM by 0.3-0.9ppt in FY23-25E, to reflect better GPM and effective cost control in overseas biz. Our SOTP-based TP was unchanged at HK\$97, considering higher valuation of ecommerce (stronger GMV) and ads to offset currency change and lower valuation of livestreaming (multiple assigned unchanged).

Figure 10: CMBIGM estimates vs consensus

	CMBIGM				Consensus		Diff (%)			
RMB mn, Dec-YE	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	
Revenue	112,326	128,336	144,335	113,542	130,654	147,308	-1.1%	-1.8%	-2.0%	
Gross Profit	52,823	63,377	74,234	52,817	64,180	76,113	0.0%	-1.3%	-2.5%	
Operating Profit	(1,810)	4,543	12,393	(1,017)	5,692	13,711	NA	-20.2%	-9.6%	
Adj. net profit	4,176	9,634	17,228	3,609	10,969	19,457	15.7%	-12.2%	-11.5%	
Adj. EPS (RMB)	0.92	2.08	3.65	0.8	2.6	4.5	10.6%	-18.7%	-18.3%	
Gross Margin	47.0%	49.4%	51.4%	46.5%	49.1%	51.7%	+0.5ppts	+0.3ppts	-0.2ppts	
Operating Margin	-1.6%	3.5%	8.6%	-0.9%	4.4%	9.3%	-0.7ppts	-0.8ppts	-0.7ppts	
Adj. net margin	3.7%	7.5%	11.9%	3.2%	8.4%	13.2%	+0.5ppts	-0.9ppts	-1.3ppts	

Source: CMBIGM estimates, Bloomberg

Figure 11: Earnings revision

		New			Old		Diff (%)			
RMB mn, Dec-YE	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	
Revenue	112,326	128,336	144,335	113,461	129,466	145,390	-1.0%	-0.9%	-0.7%	
Gross Profit	52,823	63,377	74,234	52,804	63,295	74,052	0.0%	0.1%	0.2%	
Operating Profit	(1,810)	4,543	12,393	(2,182)	3,714	10,929	NA	22.3%	13.4%	
Adj. net profit	4,176	9,634	17,228	3,823	8,929	15,983	9.2%	7.9%	7.8%	
EPS (RMB)	0.92	2.08	3.65	0.84	1.93	3.4	9.2%	7.9%	7.8%	
Gross Margin	47.0%	49.4%	51.4%	46.5%	48.9%	50.9%	+0.5ppts	+0.5ppts	+0.5ppts	
Operating Margin	-1.6%	3.5%	8.6%	-1.9%	2.9%	7.5%	+0.3ppts	+0.7ppts	+1.1ppts	
Net Margin	3.7%	7.5%	11.9%	3.4%	6.9%	11.0%	+0.3ppts	+0.6ppts	+0.9ppts	



Figure 12: SOTP Valuation

Business (RMB mn)	'23E Rev or GMV	Methodology	Multiple	Valuation	Stakes	Value
Live streaming	39,333	EV/Sales	1.0x	39,333	100%	39,333
Advertising	59,161	EV/Sales	2.0x	118,322	100%	118,322
Ecommerce	1,207,550	P/GMV	0.16x	193,208	100%	193,208
Enterprise Value						350,863
(+) Net Cash						25,828
Equity Value						376,691
FX						0.9
Valuation (HK\$ mn)						423,248
TP (HK\$) based on SOTP						97

Source: CMBIGM estimates

Figure 13: Comps table

Company	Ticker	Mkt cap C	urrency	Price	CMBI	CMBI		PE			PS		FY23-25 EPS
		(USD mn)			Raiting	TP	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	CAGR
Kuaishou	1024 HK	31,842	HKD	57	BUY	97	53.3	23.1	12.9	2.0	1.7	1.5	103%
Game													
Tencent	700 HK	408,010	HKD	333	BUY	455	20.2	16.8	15.1	4.7	4.2	3.8	16%
NetEase	NTES US	66,372	USD	103	BUY	123	18.2	16.7	15.1	4.5	4.1	3.7	7%
XD Inc.	2400 HK	1,089	HKD	18	NA	NA	67.1	22.7	12.7	1.8	1.5	1.2	212%
Average							19.2	16.7	14.3	3.7	3.3	2.9	12%
Livestreaming	& VAS												
Bilibili	BILI US	6,540	USD	16	BUY	27	NA	NA	49.4	1.9	1.7	1.5	NA
Momo	MOMO US	1,941	USD	10	HOLD	14	6.5	6.0	5.7	1.1	1.1	1.0	6%
YY	YY US	2,297	USD	33	BUY	46	16.3	14.3	11.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	21%
Huya	HUYA US	758	USD	3	BUY	7	NA	68.1	25.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	NA
Douyu	DOYU US	337	USD	1	NA	NA	NA	NA	56.0	0.4	0.4	0.4	352%
TME	TME US	12,047	USD	7	BUY	11	13.9	13.1	11.9	2.9	2.7	2.5	9%
Mango	300413 CH	8,701	CNY	33	NA	NA	26.1	22.3	19.3	3.9	3.5	3.2	17%
iQIYI	IQ US	5,030	USD	5	BUY	9	15.5	10.6	8.3	1.1	1.0	1.0	34%
Average							15.6	13.3	11.4	1.6	1.5	1.4	17%
Advertising													
Baidu	BIDU US	50,237	USD	144	BUY	195	15.3	13.9	12.1	2.6	2.4	2.2	10%
Weibo	WB US	3,244	USD	14	BUY	22	6.2	5.5	5.1	1.7	1.6	1.5	10%
Average							10.7	9.7	8.6	2.2	2.0	1.8	10%
Ecommerce													
Alibaba	BABA US	238,057	USD	92	BUY	157	10.7	10.2	8.9	1.8	1.7	1.5	13%
JD.com	JD US	57,306	USD	36	BUY	63	12.8	10.8	9.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	17%
Pinduoduo	PDD US	95,120	USD	75	BUY	109	14.8	11.6	9.3	3.8	3.1	2.6	22%
Vipshop	VIPS US	9,302	USD	17	NA	NA	8.5	8.1	7.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	5%
Average							11.7	10.2	8.8	1.6	1.4	1.3	14%
Global entertain	nment												
Meta Platforms	META US	809,849	USD	316	NA	NA	25.6	20.5	18.8	6.4	5.7	5.2	16%
Netflix	NFLX US	212,308	USD	478	NA	NA	41.2	31.3	25.3	6.2	5.5	5.0	28%
Snapchat	SNAP US	21,091	USD	13	NA	NA	NA	68.4	31.2	4.7	4.1	3.5	118%
Average							33.4	25.9	22.1	5.8	5.1	4.5	22%
Average							16.8	14.1	12.3	2.6	2.3	2.1	16%

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



Financial Summary

Income statemen						Cash flow summa					
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	81,082	94,183	112,326	128,336	144,335	Net income	(78,077)	(13,689)	(1,864)	3,254	9,979
Live streaming	30,995	35,388	39,333	41,692	42,735	D&A	6,885	6,306	6,936	8,000	8,697
Online marketing services	42,665	49,042	59,161	69,296	80,614	Change in WC	2,444	(2,631)	3,473	2,446	2,266
Other services	7,421	9,753	13,832	17,348	20,987	Others	63,229	12,203	4,500	4,900	5,100
COGS	(47,052)	(52,051)	(59,503)	(64,960)	(70,101)	Operating CF	(5,519)	2,189	13,045	18,600	26,041
Gross profit	34,030	42,131	52,823	63,377	74,234	Capex	(5,789)	(9,181)	(11,210)	(10,802)	(13,228)
S&M	(44 176)	(27 121)	(27 500)	(39,984)	(41,811)	Purchase of investments	(3,769)	(9,101)	(11,210)	(10,002)	(13,220)
Admin.Exp.	(44,176) (3,400)	(37,121) (3,921)	(37,509)	(4,576)	(41,811)	Others	(12,572)	(8,367)	47	47	47
R&D	(3,400)		(4,168)		(15,733)		(12,372)	(17,548)	(11,163)	(10,755)	(13,180)
		(13,784)	(13,556)	(14,773)		Investing CF	(10,301)	(17,346)	(11,103)	(10,755)	(13,160)
Other gains	801	137	600	500	500	Facility and and	00.000				
Operating profit	(27,701)	(12,558)	(1,810)	4,543	12,393	Equity raised Change of Debts	39,386 -	-	-	-	-
Other income/(exp)	(51,314)	166	97	153	247	Cash from CB raised	-	-	-	-	-
Pre-tax Income	(79,102)	(12,531)	(1,725)	4,693	12,640	Others	(2,885)	(4,482)	-	-	-
						Financing CF	36,500	(4,482)	-	-	_
Income Tax	1,025	(1,158)	(139)	(1,439)	(2,661)		,	, ,			
Net profit	(78,077)	(13,689)	(1,864)	3,254	9,979	Net change in cash	12,620	(19,841)	1,883	7,845	12,861
Adj. net profit	(18,852)	(5,751)	4,176	9,634	17,228	Cash (beg of yr)	20,392	32,612	13,274	15,651	23,991
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						Cash (end of yr)	32,612	13,274	15,651	23,991	37,346
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YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	Key ratios YE 31 Dec	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
,	39,505		49,027	51,287	55,277		FIZIA	FIZZA	FIZSE	F1Z4E	FIZJE
Non-current assets						Sales mix (%)	38.2	37.6	25.0	32.5	29.6
Property and equipment Right-of-use assets	11,051 12,562	13,215 10,806	11,828 18,769	14,905 18,417	19,981 17,796	Live streaming Online marketing	52.6	52.1	35.0 52.7	54.0	55.9
						services					
Intangible assets	1,172		1,336	1,413	1,489	Other services	9.2	10.4	12.3	13.5	14.5
Others	14,720	18,305	17,094	16,553	16,011	Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Current assets	53,011	45,859	49,309	59,148	73,976						
Cash	32,612	13,274	15,651	23,991	37,346	Growth rate (%)					
Prepayments	3,278	4,106	4,694	5,125	5,530	Revenue	37.9	16.2	19.3	14.3	12.5
Financial assets at fair	8,842	13,087	13,087	13,087	13,087	Gross profit	42.9	23.8	25.4	20.0	17.1
value through profit or loss											
Trade receivables	4,450	6,288	7,499	8,568	9,636	EBIT	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Others	3,828	9,103	8,377	8,377	8,377	Adj. net profit	NA	NA	NA	130.7	78.8
Current liabilities	37,256	40,710	45,982	49,927	53,667	P&L ratios (%)					
Accounts payables	20,021		26,142	28,540	30,798	Operating margin	(34.2)	(13.3)	(1.6)	3.5	8.6
Other payables and accruals	9,123			12,717	13,723	Pre-tax margin	(97.6)	(13.3)	(1.5)	3.7	8.8
Advances from customer	s 3,503	3,240	3,780	4,260	4,734	Adj. net margin	(23.3)	(6.1)	3.7	7.5	11.9
Others	4,608		4,411	4,411	4,411	Effective tax rate	(1.3)	9.2	8.0	15.0	15.0
						Returns (%)					
Non-current liabilities	10,108	8,744	8,744	8,744	8,760	ROE	NA	NA	NA	20.7	29.6
Convertible redeemable	-		-	-	-		•				
preferred shares Others	10,108	8,744	8,744	8,744	8,760						
MI	-	-	-	_	-						
Total Equity	45,096	39,838	42,474	50,627	65,706						
Shareholders' equity	45,096	39,838	42,474	50,627	65,706						



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