

Q-Tech (1478 HK)

1H22 in-line with profit warning; positive on Auto/IoT expansion

Q-tech's 1H22 earnings decline of 71% YoY is largely in-line with previous profit warning (50-70% decline), mainly due to sluggish smartphone demand, lower utilization and higher opex. Looking into 2H22E, mgmt. expected CCM shipment to narrow the declining trend in 3Q22E and return to positive YoY growth in Sept, driven by share gain from Samsung/Lenovo/Honor and auto/IoT products. We believe 3Q22 will be trough for Q-tech and remain positive on HCM share gain and IoT/auto CCM expansion in 2023. Maintain BUY with new TP of HK\$5.6.

- 1H22 weakness in-line on sluggish demand and product mix. 1H22 revenue was RMB 7.1bn (-24% YoY) and net profit decline of 71% is largely in-line with prior profit warning (down 50-70% YoY). By segment: 1) mobile CCM shipment declined 5% YoY% and other CCM grew 53% YoY, while blended ASP was down 19% YoY; 2) FPM shipment declined 24% YoY with 34% ASP decline. Blended GPM came in at 5.3% in 1H22 (vs 7.3% in 2H21), due to sluggish high-end demand and product mix. We expect margin pressure to remain in 3Q but gradually recover in 4Q as high-end CCM and auto/loT expansion will accelerate in 2H22 (+100% YoY in 2H22).
- Lowered 2022 guidance: mobile CCM/FPM revised down but auto/IoT CCM maintained. Given challenging 3Q end-demand, mgmt. guided not more than 5% YoY decline in mobile CCM shipment (vs. DD YoY growth prior) and not more than 5% YoY in FPM shipment (vs. 20%+ YoY prior). As for IoT/auto CCM, mgmt. maintained 100%+ YoY growth shipment guidance in 2022. Qtech currently offers wide range of AR/VR products including head tracking (6DoF), Video See Through, Pancake lens (main focus in 2022) and Eye Tracking, and industry leaders such as Pico, HTC, OPPO and iQiYi are all qualified customers. Mgmt. believes auto CCM will benefit from NEV demand in China, and Q-tech will focus on Tier-1 customer acquisition, automaker qualification and multiple product offerings per vehicle.
- Attractive risk-reward; maintain BUY. We cut FY22-24E EPS by 22-60% to factor in 1H22 weakness and lower margin in early ramp up of Samsung/auto orders. Our new TP of HK\$5.6 is based on rollovered 10x FY23E P/E (20% discount to 5-yr avg). Current valuation at 8.2x FY23E P/E is close to 1-sd below historical average, implying attractive risk/reward. Catalysts include 3Q shipment recovery, Samsung/auto CCM and A-share spin-off.

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue (RMB mn)	17,400.4	18,662.6	15,206.8	15,622.8	17,720.2
YoY growth (%)	32.1%	7.3%	(18.5%)	2.7%	13.4%
Net profit (RMB mn)	840.1	862.8	273.3	552.7	943.5
EPS (Reported)(RMB)	0.72	0.73	0.23	0.47	0.80
YoY growth (%)	51.1%	1.8%	(68.3%)	102.2%	70.7%
Consensus EPS (RMB)	n/a	n/a	0.56	0.78	0.99
P/E (x)	12.8	15.3	16.5	8.2	4.8
P/B (x)	2.8	2.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Yield (%)	5.4%	0.0%	1.2%	2.4%	4.2%
ROE (%)	22.2%	18.3%	5.6%	10.3%	15.4%
Net gearing (%)	(23.2%)	(0.8%)	(24.6%)	(3.7%)	(30.9%)

BUY (Maintain)

 Target Price
 HK\$5.60

 (Previous TP
 HK\$7.0)

 Up/Downside
 25.8%

 Current Price
 HK\$4.45

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 Stock Data

 Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)
 5,273.3

 Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)
 5.1

13.82/4.18

1185.0

52w High/Low (HK\$)
Total Issued Shares (mn)
Source: FactSet

Shareholding Structure

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Harvest Fund Management Co	2.7%
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Source: HKEx

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-13.1%	-6.0%
3-mth	-17.9%	-15.5%
6-mth	-49.1%	-38.1%

Source: FactSet

12-mth Price Performance



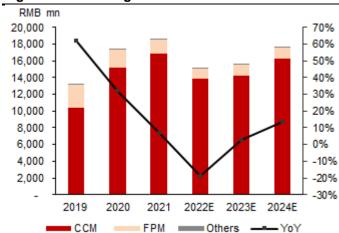
Source: FactSet

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



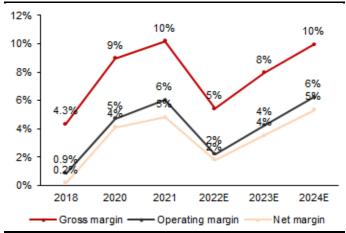
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Figure 1: Revenue growth trend



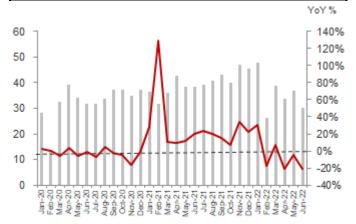
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Figure 3: Margins trend



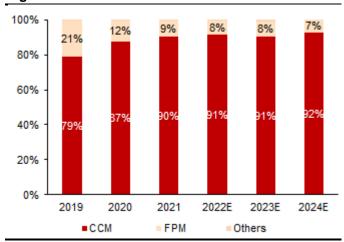
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Figure 5: CCM monthly shipment



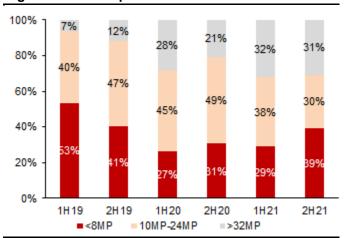
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Figure 2: Revenue breakdown



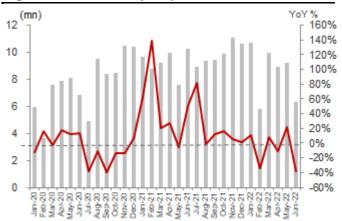
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Figure 4: CCM shipment mix



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 6: FPM monthly shipment



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



Key takeaways from analyst call:

1H22 Review:

- Revenue was RMB7.1bn, down 24% YoY, due to CCM&FPM shipment and ASP decline
- GPM was down 6.3pts YoY to 5.3%, due to: 1) 32M and above high-end smartphone CCM sales volume proportion decreased by 4.4pts to 27.6%; 2) sluggish demand and disruption of logistics caused by the pandemic in China led to drop in utilization rate; 3) rising costs due to pandemic control; 4) procurement costs maintain; 5) labor shortage, higher expense for minimum wage and social security payment in Suzhou in 1Q22; 6) early stage of automotive/IoT business expansion
- Net profit margin was down 3.8pts YoY and 0.8pts QoQ
- EPS was RMB14 cents, down 71.1% YoY and 43.3% QoQ

2022 Guidance:

- Mobile CCM shipment: decline not more than 5% YoY, vs. double digit growth YoY prior (2021 earnings call guidance)
- FPM shipment: decline not more than 5% YoY, vs. 20%+ YoY prior (2021 earnings call guidance)
- Other CCM: shipment to grow 100%+ YoY; maintained previous guidance
- Auto/AR/VR/IoT/smart home CCM: revenue mix to exceed 25% in 2025

Compact Camera module (CCM):

- 1H22 mobile CCM shipment was 211mn units, down 5.1% YoY and 16.7% QoQ
- 1H22 other CCM shipment was 1.66mn units, up 53.2% YoY but down 12.1% QoQ
- 1H22 ASP was RMB 30.5, down 18.7% YoY, vs. RMB 37.5 in 1H21

Fingerprint module (FPM)

- 1H22 mobile FPM shipment reached 50.7mn units, down 24.0% YoY and 23.9% QoQ
- 1H22 ASP was RMB 10.9, down 34.3% YoY, vs. RMB16.6 in 1H21

IOT CCM

- Target markets include Drone, AR/VR, RVC, and smart watch markets.
- AR/VR optics are focus market for 2022: Head Tracking (6 DoF), video see through, depth sensing, and eye tracking

Auto CCM

- Focus on three major trends of auto CCM: DMS/OMS cameras, ADS cameras, main body camera
- Expect China L2+ vehicle penetration to reach 43% in 2025 (vs 27% in 2022)
- Expect auto CCM TTM to reach RMB22.5bn in 2025 (vs RMB13.5bn in 2022)
- Successful projects: Xpeng P5, Xpeng G9, ZEEKR 001, LYNK 09, SMART, VOTYAH H53, SAIC ES33, Changan ES33, LOTUS Lambda



Earnings Revision

Lowered FY22-24E EPS by 22-60% to reflect 2022 weakness and new client early ramp up

We lowered FY22-24E EPS by 22-60% to factor in 2022 weakness and margin impact on new client ramp up from Samsung smartphone and automobile CCM. Our EPS are 19-59% below consensus, but we think recent share price has reflected 1H22 weakness.

Figure 7: Earnings revision

(242)		New			Old		Change (%)			
(RMB mn)	FY22E	2023E	2024E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	
Revenue	15,207	15,623	17,720	16,592	18,855	21,917	-8%	-17%	-19%	
Gross profit	824	1,241	1,762	1,481	1,823	2,236	-44%	-32%	-21%	
Operating profit	337	663	1,106	857	1,116	1,415	-61%	-41%	-22%	
Net profit	273	553	944	687	944	1,206	-60%	-41%	-22%	
EPS (RMB)	23.2	46.9	80.0	58.3	80.1	102.3	-60%	-41%	-22%	
Gross margin	5.4%	7.9%	9.9%	8.9%	9.7%	10.2%	-3.5 ppt	-1.8 ppt	-0.3 ppt	
Operating margin	2.2%	4.2%	6.2%	5.2%	5.9%	6.5%	-3 ppt	-1.7 ppt	-0.3 ppt	
Net Margin	1.8%	3.5%	5.3%	4.1%	5.0%	5.5%	-2.3 ppt	-1.5 ppt	-0.2 ppt	

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 8: CMBI estimates vs consensus

(DMD)		СМВІ		(Consensus		Diff (%)			
(RMB mn)	FY22E	2023E	2024E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	
Revenue	15,207	15,623	17,720	18,282	20,875	24,028	-17%	-25%	-26%	
Gross profit	824	1,241	1,762	1,539	1,946	2,365	-46%	-36%	-25%	
Operating profit	337	663	1,106	773	1,062	1,334	-56%	-38%	-17%	
Net profit	273	553	944	653	909	1,158	-58%	-39%	-19%	
EPS (RMB)	23.2	46.9	80.0	56.4	78.2	99.0	-59%	-40%	-19%	
Gross margin	5.4%	7.9%	9.9%	8.4%	9.3%	9.8%	-3 ppt	-1.4 ppt	0.1 ppt	
Operating margin	2.2%	4.2%	6.2%	4.2%	5.1%	5.6%	-2 ppt	-0.8 ppt	0.7 ppt	
Net Margin	1.8%	3.5%	5.3%	3.6%	4.4%	4.8%	-1.8 ppt	-0.8 ppt	0.5 ppt	

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 9: P&L forecast

RMB mn	FY19	FY20	FY21	1H22	2H22E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	8,135	17,400	18,663	7,095	8,004	15,207	15,623	17,720
YoY	2.5%	32.1%	7.3%	-24.0%	-14.2%	-18.5%	2.7%	13.4%
Cost of sales	(7,782)	(15,630)	(16,901)	(6,719)	(7,556)	(14,275)	(14,382)	(15,958)
Gross profit	353	1,771	1,762	376	449	824	1,241	1,762
GPM (%)	4.3%	10.2%	9.4%	5.3%	5.6%	5.4%	7.9%	9.9%
YoY	-60.0%	50.1%	-0.5%	-65.3%	-34.0%	-53.2%	50.5%	42.0%
SG&A	(100)	(179)	(184)	(78)	(80)	(158)	(156)	(177)
% of rev	-1.2%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.1%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%
R&D	(266)	(590)	(642)	(261)	(260)	(521)	(516)	(585)
% of rev	-3.3%	-3.4%	-3.4%	-3.7%	-3.3%	-3.4%	-3.3%	-3.3%
Operating profit	70	1,046	1,039	185	152	337	663	1,106
OPM (%)	0.9%	6.0%	5.6%	2.6%	1.9%	2.2%	4.2%	6.2%
YoY	-87.1%	68.9%	-0.7%	-73.6%	-55.1%	-67.6%	96.6%	66.9%
Profit of associates.	(25)	(23)	(52)	(18)	(10)	(28)	20	30
Net profit	14	840	863	166	105	273	553	944
NPM (%)	0.2%	4.8%	4.6%	2.3%	1.3%	1.8%	3.5%	5.3%
YoY	-96.7%	54.9%	2.7%	-71.5%	-62.8%	-68.3%	102.2%	70.7%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



Figure 10: Revenue breakdown

RMB mn	FY19	FY20	FY21	1H22	2H22E	FY22E	FY23E	FY23E
CCM Revenue	10,360	15,202	16,875	6,502	7,277	13,887	14,164	16,315
YoY	65%	47%	11%	-23%	-14%	-18%	2%	15%
Shipment (mn)	406	392	479	213	250	463	494	552
YoY	54%	-3%	22%	-5%	-2%	-3%	7%	12%
ASP (RMB)	25.5	38.7	35.2	30.5	29.1	30.0	28.7	29.5
YoY	7%	52%	-9%	-19%	-12%	-15%	-4%	3%
FPM Revenue	2,759	2,101	1,675	551	635	1,186	1,325	1,272
YoY	51%	-24%	-20%	-40%	-16%	-29%	12%	-4%
Shipment (mn)	102	92	115	51	58	109	120	126
YoY	-5%	-10%	25%	-9%	-2%	-5%	10%	5%
ASP (RMB)	27.1	22.8	14.6	10.9	10.9	10.9	11.1	10.1
YoY	58%	-16%	-36%	-34%	-14%	-25%	2%	-9%
Others	51	97	112	42	92	134	134	134
YoY	66%	91%	16%	107%	0%	19%	0%	0%
Total	13,170	17,400	18,663	7,095	8,004	15,207	15,623	17,720
YoY	62%	32%	7%	-24%	-14%	-19%	3%	13%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



Valuation

Maintain BUY with new TP of HK\$5.6 (26% upside)

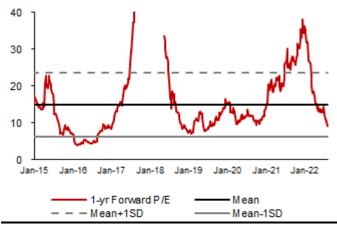
Our new 12m TP of HK\$ 5.6 is based on rollovered 10x FY23E P/E. We believe smartphone recovery in 4Q22, share allocation gain and Newmax integration will drive earnings growth in 2023. Upcoming catalysts include Samsung order ramp and A-share spin-off.

Figure 11: Peers' valuation

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Company	Ticker	Rating	US\$(mn)	(LC)	(LC)	-side						
Q tech	1478 HK	BUY	664	4.40	5.60	26%	16.5	8.2	0.9	0.8	5.6	10.3
FIT Hon Teng	6088 HK	BUY	1,231	1.33	1.78	34%	7.5	6.6	0.5	0.5	6.0	5.9
AAC Tech	2018 HK	HOLD	2,334	15.16	14.00	-8%	17.9	12.5	0.7	0.7	4.0	5.6
Sunny Optical	2382 HK	HOLD	16,180	115.80	108.60	-6%	32.5	26.8	4.8	4.2	14.7	15.6
Tongda	698 HK	BUY	154	0.12	0.22	77%	3.1	2.1	0.1	0.1	3.1	4.5
BYDE	285 HK	HOLD	6,430	22.40	12.45	-44%	25.4	15.1	1.8	1.6	6.9	10.6
TK Group	2283 HK	BUY	187	1.76	3.38	92%	4.3	3.4	8.0	0.7	18.6	20.7
FIH	2038 HK	NR	1,055	1.04	NA	NA	-	22.1	0.6	0.6	2.7	2.8
Truly	732 HK	NR	697	1.67	NA	NA	4.2	3.4	0.5	0.4	10.6	12.4
SMIC	981 HK	NR	25,671	17.54	NA	NA	10.5	11.7	0.9	8.0	9.6	7.9
YOFC	6869 HK	NR	2,679	14.24	NA	NA	9.9	9.0	0.9	8.0	9.1	9.7
Ju Teng	3336 HK	NR	219	1.43	NA	NA	7.2	4.9	0.2	0.2	3.5	5.0
Cowell	1415 HK	NR	1,723	16.18	NA	NA	23.2	17.2	4.1	3.4	20.3	23.2
			Average				13.6	11.0	1.3	1.1	8.8	10.3

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM, * TP under review

Figure 12: 12M forward P/E band



Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Figure 13: 12M forward P/B band



Source: Company data, CMBIGM



Financial Summary

INCOME STATEMENT	2040.4	20204	2024 A	20225	20225	20245
INCOME STATEMENT	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	40.450	4= 400	40.000	45.00=	45.000	47 700
Revenue	13,170	17,400	18,663	15,207	15,623	17,720
Cost of goods sold	(11,990)	(15,630)	(16,901)	(14,275)	(14,382)	(15,958)
Gross profit	1,180	1,771	1,762	824	1,241	1,762
Operating expenses	(560)	(724)	(723)	(487)	(578)	(656)
Selling expense	(15)	(26)	(23)	(21)	(23)	(27)
Admin expense	(128)	(153)	(161)	(137)	(133)	(151)
R&D expense Others	(396)	(590) 44	(642) 104	(521) 191	(516) 94	(585) 106
	(21) 620	1,046		337	663	1,106
Operating profit Share of (losses)/profits of associates	40	(23)	1,039 (52)	(28)	20	30
Others	(53)	(54)	(30)	(44)	(48)	(52)
Pre-tax profit	607	9 70	9 57	265	635	1,084
Income tax	(65)	(130)	(94)	8	(83)	(141)
Net profit	542	840	8 63	273	553	944
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit to shareholders	542	840	863	273	553	944
BALANCE SHEET	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	2013A	2020A	2021A	20222	20232	20272
Current assets	7,363	7,882	9,315	7,734	10,445	10,260
Cash & equivalents	412	1,984	1,743	3,475	2,668	4,706
Account receivables	4,919	3,589	4,446	2,101	4,625	3,004
Inventories	1,913	1,943	2,258	1,290	2,285	1,682
ST bank deposits	93	267	811	811	811	811
Other current assets	26	100	57	57	57	57
Non-current assets	3,272	3,521	3,733	3,937	4,102	4,304
PP&E	2,704	2,960	3,144	3,349	3,514	3,715
Intangibles	5	4	20	20	20	20
Other non-current assets	563	557	569	569	569	569
Total assets	10,635	11,403	13,048	11,672	14,548	14,564
Current liabilities	7,543	7,276	8,079	6,484	8,918	8,179
Short-term borrowings	1,270	1,104	1,708	2,265	2,468	2,816
Account payables	5,935	6,013	6,259	4,107	6,337	5,251
Tax payable	49	77	49	49	49	49
Other current liabilities	290	82	64	64	64	64
Non-current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred income	130	138	200	200	200	200
Other non-current liabilities	5	25	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities	7,768	7,617	8,343	6,748	9,182	8,443
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Share capital	9	9	9	9	9	9
Other reserves	2,858	3,776	4,690	4,909	5,351	6,106
Total shareholders equity	2,867	3,786	4,705	4,924	5,366	6,121
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total equity and liabilities	10,635	11,403	13,048	11,672	14,548	14,564
CASH FLOW	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	607	970	957	265	635	1,084
Depreciation & amortization	302	413	498	556	616	684
Change in working capital	1,497	2,177	(1,017)	1,160	(1,288)	1,138
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0



Net cash from operations	2,400	3,604	1,596	2,034	(72)	2,818
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(1,133)	(523)	(1,558)	(760)	(781)	(886)
Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash from investing	(1,271)	(696)	(880)	(760)	(781)	(886)
Financing						
Dividend paid	0	(107)	0	(55)	(111)	(189)
Net borrowings	(1,086)	(1,015)	604	557	203	347
Others	270	(193)	(1,546)	(44)	(48)	(52)
Net cash from financing	(817)	(1,315)	(942)	459	45	107
Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	100	412	1,984	1,743	3,475	2,668
Exchange difference	0	(21)	(14)	0	0	0
Cash at the end of the year	412	1,984	1,743	3,475	2,668	4,706
GROWTH	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	61.9%	32.1%	7.3%	(18.5%)	2.7%	13.4%
Gross profit	234.1%	50.1%	(0.5%)	(53.2%)	50.5%	42.0%
Operating profit	784.8%	68.9%	(0.7%)	(67.6%)	96.6%	66.9%
Net profit	3,666.7%	54.9%	2.7%	(68.3%)	102.2%	70.7%
PROFITABILITY	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
Gross profit margin	9.0%	10.2%	9.4%	5.4%	7.9%	9.9%
Operating margin	4.7%	6.0%	5.6%	2.2%	4.2%	6.2%
Net profit margin	4.1%	4.8%	4.6%	1.8%	3.5%	5.3%
Return on assets (ROA)	5.1%	7.4%	6.6%	2.3%	3.8%	6.5%
Return on equity (ROE)	18.9%	22.2%	18.3%	5.6%	10.3%	15.4%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
Net debt to equity (x)	0.3	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.3)
Current ratio (x)	1.0	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3
Receivable turnover days	110.2	89.2	78.6	78.6	78.6	78.6
Inventory turnover days	39.8	45.0	45.4	45.4	45.4	45.4
Payable turnover days	136.9	139.5	132.5	132.5	132.5	132.5
VALUATION	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
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P/E	14.7	12.8	15.3	16.5	8.2	4.8
P/B	2.8	2.8	2.8	0.9	0.8	0.7
Div yield (%)	1.3%	5.4%	0.0%	1.2%	2.4%	4.2%
EV	2,867.0	3,785.8	4,705.2	4,923.9	5,366.0	6,120.8
EV/Sales	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3

Note: The calculation of net cash includes financial assets. Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



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