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## Xtep（1368 HK）

## Prudent on 2Q22 but guidance maintained

Xtep＇s numbers in 1Q22 was resilient，in our view．Management maintained its FY22E guidance but turned slightly more conservative on 2Q22E retail sales condition．Due to its rapid growth ahead and attractive valuation（20x FY22E P／E）， we maintain BUY and keep our SOTP－based TP at HK\＄16．21，implying～28x FY22E P／E（unchanged）．
－1Q22 retail sales growth inline，but already strong given the pandemic in late Mar．Xtep＇s retail sales grew by $30-35 \%$ YoY in 1Q22，inline with cons．and slightly above CMBI est．of $28 \%$ ，and even accelerated from $20-$ $25 \%$ in 4Q21．All channel retail sales growth was fast at $35 \%(40 \%+/ 50 \%+$ for e－commerce／kids）during Jan－Feb 2022．Such trend had sustained into first 2 weeks of Mar，but offline retail sales growth slowed down to mid－teens （ $40 \%+$ for e－commerce），which should be better than Li Ning and Anta according to our understanding．Inventory to sales was at 4 months，same as 4Q21 while retail sales discounts was at $25 \%$ off，slightly higher than 20 － $25 \%$ off in 4 Q21．
－Management have become more prudent on retail sales in 2Q22E．Due to the Covid－19 outbreaks in Shanghai and Jilin，etc．，logistic and supply chain was interrupted and hence both offline and e－commerce sales wwere affected．But because 2Q and April tend to be low seasons，as long as the outbreaks can be under control by 5－1 golden week，management is still confident on achieving a rather prudent $15-20 \%$ retail sales growth．Noted that 2Q22E may become more promotional with retail discounts of $25-30 \%$ off．Moreover，the size of re－orders（often accounted for 10\％of sales in that quarter）could depend highly on the post pandemic recovery．
－But the guidance for listed co．was maintained．Management maintained guidance of $25-30 \%$ sales growth in FY22E（and $35-45 \%$ in 1H22E）because it has already factored in this round of COVID－19 outbreak in Shanghai and Shenzhen back in the result in Mar．Also，the supports provided so far for its distributors are rather limited（no higher rebates，no cancelled orders and no refunds，etc．），hence the negative financial impact on listed co．level is also limited．Sales and net profit guidance for the new brands were also maintained．
－Maintain BUY and keep TP at HK\＄16．21．We maintain BUY with a TP at HK\＄16．21，based on SOTP valuation（24x FY22E P／E for Xtep，cost for K\＆P and 2．0x P／S for JV），implying～28x for group，reasonable given the $26 \%$ NP CAGR in FY21－24E．
Earnings Summary

| （YE 31 Dec） | FY20A | FY21A | FY22E | FY23E | FY24E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue（RMB mn） | 8,172 | 10,013 | 12,568 | 14,587 | 16,430 |
| YoY growth（\％） | $(0.1)$ | 22.5 | 25.5 | 16.1 | 12.6 |
| Net income（RMB mn） | 513 | 908 | 1,210 | 1,508 | 1,811 |
| EPS（RMB） | 0.206 | 0.355 | 0.475 | 0.592 | 0.711 |
| YoY growth（\％） | $(31.6)$ | 72.1 | 33.8 | 24.6 | 20.1 |
| Consensus EPS（RMB） | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 0.461 | 0.579 | 0.800 |
| P／E（x） | 47.2 | 27.0 | 20.2 | 16.2 | 13.5 |
| P／B（x） | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 2.4 |
| Yield（\％） | 1.2 | 2.2 | 3.0 | 3.7 | 4.4 |
| ROE（\％） | 7.0 | 11.4 | 14.1 | 16.3 | 18.0 |
| Net gearing（\％） | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash |

Source：Company data，Bloomberg，CMBIGM estimates

## Operating numbers

Figure 1：Sportswear brands sales growth trend


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

## Assumptions

## Figure 2：Major assumptions

| Major assumptions | FY20A | FY21A | FY22E | FY23E | FY24E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales by segment（RMB mn） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shoes | 5，047 | 5，928 | 7，497 | 8，724 | 9，877 |
| Apparels | 2，964 | 3，887 | 4，859 | 5，637 | 6，313 |
| Accessories | 161 | 198 | 211 | 226 | 240 |
| Total | 8，172 | 10，013 | 12，568 | 14，587 | 16，430 |
| Sales by segment growth（\％） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shoes | 8．5\％ | 17．5\％ | 26．5\％ | 16．4\％ | 13．2\％ |
| Apparels | －11．4\％ | 31．2\％ | 25．0\％ | 16．0\％ | 12．0\％ |
| Accessories | －12．9\％ | 22．5\％ | 7．0\％ | 7．0\％ | 6．0\％ |
| Total | －0．1\％ | 22．5\％ | 25．5\％ | 16．1\％ | 12．6\％ |
| Sales by segment（RMB mn） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mass market | 7，101 | 8，841 | 11，038 | 12，748 | 14，225 |
| Athleisure | 999 | 971 | 1，220 | 1，374 | 1，549 |
| Professional sports | 72 | 201 | 310 | 465 | 656 |
| Total | 8，172 | 10，013 | 12，568 | 14，587 | 16，430 |
| Sales by segment growth（YoY） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mass market | －7．9\％ | 24．5\％ | 24．8\％ | 15．5\％ | 11．6\％ |
| Athleisure | 114．4\％ | －2．8\％ | 25．7\％ | 12．6\％ | 12．8\％ |
| Professional sports | 609．9\％ | 180．3\％ | 54．1\％ | 50．2\％ | 41．0\％ |
| Total | －0．1\％ | 22．5\％ | 25．5\％ | 16．1\％ | 12．6\％ |
| Sales network |  |  |  |  |  |
| Xtep | 4，971 | 4，722 | 4，864 | 5，010 | 5，160 |
| Xtep kids | 800 | 1，179 | 1，297 | 1，401 | 1，499 |
| Oversea stores | 250 | 250 | 300 | 300 | 300 |
| Total | 6，021 | 6，151 | 6，461 | 6，710 | 6，959 |
| GP margins | 39．1\％ | 41．7\％ | 42．3\％ | 43．1\％ | 43．3\％ |
| Opex breakdown |  |  |  |  |  |
| A\＆P／sales | 11．2\％ | 10．2\％ | 10．5\％ | 11．0\％ | 11．0\％ |
| Staff costs／sales | 12．1\％ | 11．1\％ | 10．5\％ | 10．5\％ | 10．4\％ |
| R\＆D／sales | 2．7\％ | 2．5\％ | 2．4\％ | 2．3\％ | 2．3\％ |
| D\＆A／sales | 2．0\％ | 1．7\％ | 1．5\％ | 1．5\％ | 1．4\％ |
| Provisions（write backs）／sales | 0．7\％ | －0．2\％ | 0．0\％ | 0．0\％ | 0．0\％ |
| Rental／sales | 0．1\％ | 0．1\％ | 0．3\％ | 0．4\％ | 0．4\％ |
| Selling \＆distribution costs／sales | 18．8\％ | 18．9\％ | 19．0\％ | 19．3\％ | 19．1\％ |
| Admin expenses／sales | 12．9\％ | 11．9\％ | 11．4\％ | 11．1\％ | 10．9\％ |
| Total | 31．7\％ | 30．8\％ | 30．4\％ | 30．4\％ | 30．0\％ |
| OP margins | 11．2\％ | 13．9\％ | 14．4\％ | 15．2\％ | 15．8\％ |
| Effective tax rate | 33．7\％ | 30．9\％ | 31．0\％ | 30．0\％ | 29．0\％ |
| Net profit att．margins | 6．3\％ | 9．1\％ | 9．6\％ | 10．3\％ | 11．0\％ |
| Net profit att．growth（\％） | －29．5\％ | 77．1\％ | 33．2\％ | 24．6\％ | 20．1\％ |

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## Valuation

Figure 3：Peers valuation table

| Company | Ticker | Rating | $\begin{gathered} 12 \mathrm{~m} \\ \mathrm{TP} \\ \text { (LC) } \end{gathered}$ | Price(LC) | Up／ Down－ side | Mkt．Cap <br> （HK\＄mn） | Year <br> End | FY1E | FY2E | FY1E | FY2E | ROE <br> （\％） <br> FY1E | $\begin{gathered} \text { 3yrs } \\ \text { PEG } \\ (\mathrm{x}) \\ \text { FY1E } \end{gathered}$ | Yield <br> （\％） <br> FY1E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| H shares Sportswear |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Xtep Intl | 1368 HK | BUY | 16.21 | 11.58 | 40\％ | 30，459 | Dec－21 | 17.5 | 14.0 | 2.9 | 2.6 | 12.0 | 0.7 | 3.4 |
| Anta Sports | 2020 HK | BUY | 121.33 | 94.30 | 29\％ | 254，924 | Dec－21 | 22.4 | 18.0 | 5.8 | 4.7 | 29.2 | 1.0 | 1.8 |
| Li Ning | 2331 HK | BUY | 81.04 | 63.60 | 27\％ | 166，431 | Dec－21 | 27.9 | 22.4 | 5.8 | 4.8 | 26.9 | 1.3 | 1.1 |
| 361 Degrees | 1361 HK | NR | n／a | 4.00 | n／a | 8，270 | Dec－21 | 10.0 | 8.8 | 0.8 | 0.8 | 8.8 | 1.0 | 3.4 |
| Topsports | 6110 HK | NR | n／a | 6.47 | n／a | 40，122 | Feb－21 | 11.5 | 9.7 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 26.5 | 0.7 | 4.4 |
| Pou Sheng | 3813 HK | NR | n／a | 0.90 | n／a | 4，794 | Dec－21 | 5.0 | 3.6 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 4.5 | 0.1 | 3.3 |
| China DX | 3818 HK | NR | n／a | 0.47 | n／a | 2，767 | Mar－21 | n／a | 3.5 | 0.2 | 0.2 | （0．5） | 0.0 | n／a |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Avg． | 15.7 | 11.4 | 2.7 | 2.3 | 15.3 | 0.7 | 2.9 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Med． | 14.5 | 9.7 | 2.9 | 2.5 | 12.0 | 0.7 | 3.3 |
| International Sportswear |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nike Inc | NKE US | NR | n／a | 128.36 | n／a | 1，583，284 | May－21 | 34.5 | 27.7 | 13.9 | 12.0 | 45.7 | 2.3 | 0.9 |
| Adidas | ADS GY | NR | n／a | 205.75 | n／a | 338，653 | Dec－21 | 21.2 | 17.5 | 5.4 | 4.8 | 30.3 | 3.4 | 1.9 |
| Puma | PUM GY | NR | n／a | 73.74 | n／a | 95，294 | Dec－21 | 26.7 | 21.0 | 4.6 | 4.0 | 15.7 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Under Armour | UAA US | NR | n／a | 16.15 | n／a | 57，602 | Mar－23 | 22.2 | 20.5 | n／a | 2.7 | 19.1 | 2.5 | n／a |
| Lululemon | LULU US | NR | n／a | 371.83 | n／a | 372，777 | Jan－22 | 39.5 | 33.5 | 13.7 | 10.6 | 36.8 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| Skechers | SKX US | NR | n／a | 38.63 | n／a | 47，246 | Dec－21 | 13.2 | 10.7 | 1.6 | 1.4 | 25.8 | （6．3） | 0.0 |
| Vf Corp | VFC US | NR | n／a | 55.75 | n／a | 169，931 | Apr－21 | 17.4 | 15.4 | 6.4 | 5.9 | 41.1 | 0.3 | 3.6 |
| Columbia | COLM US | NR | n／a | 86.40 | n／a | 43，687 | Dec－21 | 15.0 | 13.4 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 18.5 | 1.3 | 1.4 |
| Wolverine | WWW US | NR | n／a | 21.66 | n／a | 13，817 | Jan－22 | 8.4 | 7.4 | 2.3 | 2.0 | 11.3 | 0.1 | 2.6 |
| Mizuno Corp | 8022 JP | NR | n／a | 2063.00 | n／a | 3，469 | Mar－21 | 17.4 | 12.6 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 7.6 | 1.7 | 2.4 |
| Asics Corp | 7936 JP | NR | n／a | 2226.00 | n／a | 26，738 | Dec－21 | 25.5 | 19.6 | 2.7 | 2.5 | 6.9 | 0.8 | 1.4 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Avg． | 21.9 | 18.1 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 23.5 | 0.9 | 1.5 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Med． | 21.2 | 17.5 | 3.7 | 2.7 | 19.1 | 1.3 | 1.4 |

Source：Bloomberg，CMBIGM estimates
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Financial Summary

| Income statement |  |  |  |  |  | Cash flow summary |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YE 31 Dec（RMB mn） | FY20A | FY21A | FY22E | FY23E | FY24E | YE 31 Dec（RMB mn） | FY20A | FY21A | FY22E | FY23E | FY24E |
| Revenue | 8，172 | 10，013 | 12，568 | 14，587 | 16，430 | EBIT | 918 | 1，396 | 1，806 | 2，214 | 2，590 |
| Footwear | 5，047 | 5，928 | 7，497 | 8，724 | 9，877 | D \＆A | 78 | 84 | 132 | 167 | 182 |
| Apparel | 2，964 | 3，887 | 4，859 | 5，637 | 6，313 | Change in working capital | （320） | （447） | （787） | （634） | （569） |
| Accessories | 161 | 198 | 211 | 226 | 240 | Income tax paid | （325） | （329） | （536） | （649） | （745） |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Others | （32） | （3） | （47） | （51） | （54） |
| Cost of goods sold | $(4,973)$ | $(5,835)$ | $(7,255)$ | $(8,298)$ | $(9,310)$ | Net cash from operating | 320 | 701 | 568 | 1，047 | 1，404 |
| Gross profit | 3，198 | 4，178 | 5，314 | 6，290 | 7，120 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other income | 307 | 299 | 314 | 365 | 394 | Capex \＆investments | （207） | （414） | （440） | （511） | （575） |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Associated companies | （20） |  |  |  |  |
| Operating expenses | $(2,588)$ | $(3,081)$ | $(3,822)$ | $(4,440)$ | $(4,924)$ | Interest received | － | － |  |  |  |
| S \＆D costs | $(1,537)$ | $(1,891)$ | $(2,385)$ | $(2,819)$ | $(3,137)$ | Others | 800 | 86 | － | － |  |
| Admin exp． | （827） | （937） | $(1,135)$ | $(1,285)$ | $(1,410)$ | Net cash from investing | 573 | （329） | （440） | （511） | （575） |
| R \＆D | （223） | （252） | （302） | （336） | （378） |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other operating expenses |  |  |  |  |  | Equity raised | 31 | － |  |  |  |
| EBIT | 918 | 1，396 | 1，806 | 2，214 | 2，590 | Net change in bank loans | （77） | （312） | － | － |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Dividend paid | （279） | （356） | （628） | （808） | （988） |
| Finance costs，net | （140） | （63） | （47） | （51） | （54） | Others | （55） | 764 | － |  |  |
| JVs \＆associates | （17） | （46） | （31） | － | 33 | Net cash from financing | （380） | 96 | （628） | （808） | （988） |
| Exceptional | － | － | － | － | － |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pre－tax profit | 762 | 1，287 | 1，728 | 2，163 | 2，569 | Net change in cash | 513 | 469 | （500） | （271） | （160） |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Beginning cash balance | 2，970 | 3，472 | 3，930 | 3，430 | 3，159 |
| Income tax | （257） | （397） | （536） | （649） | （745） | Exchange difference | （11） | （11） |  |  |  |
| Less：Minority interests | （8） | （19） | （17） | 6 | 13 | Cash at the end of the year | 3，472 | 3，930 | 3，430 | 3，159 | 2，999 |
| Net profit | 513 | 908 | 1，210 | 1，508 | 1，811 |  |  |  |  |  |  |


| Balance sheet |  |  |  |  |  | Key ratios |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YE 31 Dec（RMB mn） | FY20A | FY21A | FY22E | FY23E | FY24E | YE 31 Dec | FY20A | FY21A | FY22E | FY23E | FY24E |
| Non－current assets | 3，544 | 4，183 | 4，460 | 4，804 | 5，230 | Sales mix（\％） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed asset | 796 | 1，119 | 1，452 | 1，836 | 2，282 | Footwear | 61.8 | 59.2 | 59.7 | 59.8 | 60.1 |
| Intangible assets \＆goodwill | 741 | 700 | 674 | 634 | 582 | Apparel | 36.3 | 38.8 | 38.7 | 38.6 | 38.4 |
| Prepaid lease payments | 573 | 576 | 576 | 576 | 576 | Accessories | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.6 | 1.5 |
| Interest in joint ventures | 218 | 365 | 334 | 334 | 366 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other non－current assets | 1，216 | 1，424 | 1，424 | 1，424 | 1，424 | Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Current assets | 9，027 | 10，432 | 11，565 | 12，564 | 13，579 | P\＆L ratios（\％） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 3，472 | 3，930 | 3，430 | 3，159 | 2，999 | Gross margin | 39.1 | 41.7 | 42.3 | 43.1 | 43.3 |
| Inventories | 975 | 1，497 | 1，862 | 2，129 | 2，389 | Operating margin | 11.2 | 13.9 | 14.4 | 15.2 | 15.8 |
| Trade and other receivables | 3，236 | 3，528 | 4，429 | 5，140 | 5，789 | Pre－tax margin | 9.3 | 12.9 | 13.8 | 14.8 | 15.6 |
| Prepayments | 899 | 1，443 | 1，811 | 2，102 | 2，367 | Net margin | 6.3 | 9.1 | 9.6 | 10.3 | 11.0 |
| Other current assets | 446 | 34 | 34 | 34 | 34 | Effective tax rate | 33.0 | 29.8 | 30.5 | 30.0 | 29.4 |
| Current liabilities | 3，334 | 4，053 | 4，898 | 5，535 | 6，140 | Balance sheet ratios |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank loans | 642 | 405 | 405 | 405 | 405 | Current ratio（x） | 2.7 | 2.6 | 2.4 | 2.3 | 2. |
| Trade payables | 1，479 | 2，352 | 2，925 | 3，345 | 3，753 | Quick ratio（x） | 2.4 | 2.2 | 2.0 | 1.9 | 1.8 |
| Accruals \＆other payables | 1，052 | 1，071 | 1，344 | 1，560 | 1，757 | Cash ratio（x） | 1.0 | 1.0 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.5 |
| Tax payables | 86 | 123 | 123 | 123 | 123 | Inventory turnover days | 72 | 94 | 94 | 94 | 94 |
| Others | 75 | 102 | 102 | 102 | 102 | Trade receivables days | 145 | 129 | 129 | 129 | 129 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Trade payables days | 109 | 147 | 147 | 147 | 47 |
| Non－current liabilities | 1，939 | 2，580 | 2，580 | 2，580 | 2，580 | Total debt／total equity ratio（\％） | 30 | 32 | 30 | 27 | 25 |
| Bank loans | 1，516 | 1，375 | 1，375 | 1，375 | 1，375 | Net debt／equity ratio（\％） | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net |
| CB or Preferred shares | － | 758 | 758 | 758 | 758 | Returns（\％） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred tax | 237 | 253 | 253 | 253 | 253 | ROE | 7.0 | 11.4 | 14.1 | 16.3 | 18.0 |
| Others | 186 | 194 | 194 | 194 | 194 | ROA | 4.1 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 8.7 | 9.6 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Per share |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minority Interest | － | － | －17 | －11 | 2 | EPS（RMB） | 0.21 | 0.36 | 0.48 | 0.59 | 0.71 |
| Total net assets | 7，299 | 7，982 | 8，564 | 9，264 | 10，086 | DPS（RMB） | 0.12 | 0.21 | 0.29 | 0.36 | 0.43 |
| Shareholders＇equity | 7，299 | 7，982 | 8，564 | 9，264 | 10，086 | BVPS（RMB） | 2.87 | 3.13 | 3.36 | 3.64 | 3.96 |

Source：Company data，CMBIGM estimates

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