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Zhejiang Dingli - A (603338 CH)

4Q20 & 1Q21 results below expectation; margin pressure a concern

Dingli's net profit in 2020 unexpectedly dropped 4% YoY to RMB664mn, 31%/27% below our/consensus estimates, as Dingli generated only RMB44mn net profit in 4Q20 (-83% YoY). In 1Q21, while net profit grew 40% YoY to RMB170mn, gross margin sharply narrowed 10ppt YoY to 30%. We are concerned about the pricing power erosion due to the raw material cost hike and threat from the fast-growing aerial working platform (AWP) players in the domestic market. We slash our earnings forecast in 2021E/22E by 30%/27%. Our TP is lowered to RMB82 from RMB117, based on unchanged 42x 2021E target P/E (on the back of ~42% earnings growth in 2021E). Downgrade to **HOLD** from Buy.

- 2020 earnings miss: Revenue grew 27% YoY to RMB2.96bn in 2020 while gross margin narrowed 5ppt YoY to 34.9%. This, together with a FX loss of RMB57mn, resulted a 4% YoY decline in net profit. In 4Q20, revenue dropped 49% YoY to RMB483mn, which we believe was due to a temporary slowdown of domestic customer's orders.
- 1Q21 beat on revenue but miss on gross margin and cash flow. Revenue surged 105% YoY to RMB841mn in 1Q21. In spite of the strong revenue growth, gross margin narrowed 10ppt YoY to 30% which is weaker than expected. Besides, Dingli reported net operating cash outflow of RMB350mn in 1Q21, versus inflow of RMB79mn in 1Q20.
- What will make us more constructive on the stock? We continue to like Dingli as rising penetration of AWP in China remains a structural growth trend due to the shortage of construction workers. In the near term, however, we are waiting for (1) further ramp-up of Dingli's new production line of boom lift that will potentially improve gross margin; (2) the speed-up of AWP fleet expansion by Far East Horizon (3360 HK, BUY) which will provide Dingli with potential earnings growth recovery; (3) more attractive valuation after consensus earnings cut in the near future.
- **Upside risks:** (1) Significant decline in raw material price; (2) Stronger-thanexpected order intakes; **Downside risks:** (1) Further price competition due to more new entrants in the AWP market; (2) unexpected slowdown of construction activities in China.

Earnings Summary

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(YE 31 Dec)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue (RMB mn)	2,389	2,957	4,364	5,332	6,189
YoY growth (%)	39.9	23.7	47.6	22.2	16.1
Net income (RMB mn)	694	664	948	1,193	1,400
EPS (RMB)	1.43	1.37	1.95	2.46	2.88
YoY growth (%)	44.5	-4.3	42.8	25.8	17.4
Consensus EPS (RMB)	n/a	n/a	2.64	3.41	n/a
EV/EBITDA (x)	60.4	53.6	41.3	31.8	27.3
P/E (x)	63.4	66.2	46.4	36.9	31.4
P/B (x)	13.7	11.7	9.6	7.9	6.5
Yield (%)	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.6
ROE (%)	23.9	19.1	22.8	23.5	22.7
Net gearing (%)	Net cash				

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIS estimates

HOLD (Down)

Target Price RMB82.00
(Previous TP RMB117.00)
Up/Downside -10%
Current Price RMB90.60

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (RMB mn)	43,985
Avg 3 mths t/o (RMB mn)	318
52w High/Low (RMB)	140.3/45.34
Total Issued Shares (mn)	485.5
Source: Bloomberg	

Shareholding Structure

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XU Shug	47.5%								
Deqing	Zhongding	Equity	12.1%						
Investment Management									
CCASS (11.7%							
National :	Social Securi	ty Fund	1.6%						
Others			27.1%						

Source: Shanghai Stock Exchange

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-7.2%	-8.2%
3-mth	-25.8%	-19.4%
6-mth	-3.6%	-11.0%

Source: Bloomberg

Share Performance

12-mth Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Auditor: BDO

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Figure 1: 2020 results highlight

YE Dec 31(RMB mn)	2019	2020	Chg (YoY)	2020E	A vs E
Total revenue	2,389	2,957	23.7%	3,622	-18.4%
Cost of sales	(1,437)	(1,925)	33.9%	(2,252)	-14.5%
Gross profit	952	1,032	8.4%	1,370	-24.7%
Surcharge	(10)	(12)	17.8%	(18)	-32.6%
S&D expenses	(105)	(100)	-4.7%	(163)	-38.8%
Administrative expenses	(136)	(162)	18.8%	(181)	-10.5%
Asset impairment	(15)	6	n/a	(4)	n/a
EBIT	686	764	11.3%	1,004	-23.9%
Net finance income/(cost)	39	(46)	-219.4%	47	-199.0%
Finance income	42	12	-70.1%	52	-75.9%
Finance expenses	(3)	(59)	n/a	(5)	n/a
Other gains/(losses)	41	45	8.7%	36	23.7%
Share of profit of JV and associates	39	11	-71.5%	29	-61.7%
Pretax profit	805	773	-3.9%	1,116	-30.7%
Income tax	(111)	(109)	-1.4%	(156)	-30.1%
After tax profit	694	664	-4.3%	960	-30.8%
MI	0	0	n/a	0	n/a
Net profit	694	664	-4.3%	960	-30.8%
D&A	28	41	44.0%	44	-7.9%
EBITDA	714	805	12.6%	1,049	-23.3%

Source: Company data, CMBIS

Figure 2: Sales volume, revenue and gross margin breakdown in 2020

	2019	2020	Chg (YoY)
Sales volume (units)			
Boom lifts	807	1,399	73.4%
Scissor lifts	26,660	34,589	29.7%
Vertical lifts	3,744	2,070	-44.7%
Total (lifts)	31,211	38,058	21.9%
ASP (RMB/unit)			
Boom lifts	360,549	404,234	12.1%
Scissor lifts	68,965	62,245	-9.7%
Vertical lifts	34,006	50,082	47.3%
(RMB mn)	2019	2020	Chg (YoY)
Revenue			
Boom lifts	291	566	94.4%
Scissor lifts	1,839	2,153	17.1%
Vertical lifts	127	104	-18.6%
Revenue (core business)	2,257	2,822	25.0%
Other business	132	135	1.6%
Total revenue	2,389	2,957	23.7%
Gross margin			
Boom lifts	27.7%	19.0%	-8.7
Scissor lifts	39.8%	36.2%	-3.5
Vertical lifts	39.7%	47.1%	7.3
Gross margin (core business)	38.2%	33.2%	-5.0
Other business	68.0%	71.0%	3.0
Average gross margin	39.9%	34.9%	-4.9

Source: Company data, CMBIS



Figure 3: Quarterly results highlight

(RMB mn)	1Q20	1Q21	Change YoY	2Q19	2Q20	Change YoY	3Q19	3Q20	Change YoY	4Q19	4Q20	Change YoY
Total revenue	411	841	104.7%	464	1,090	134.8%	597	973	63.0%	944	483	-48.9%
Cost of sales	(247)	(589)	138.7%	(275)	(682)	148.0%	(360)	(627)	74.1%	(582)	(368)	-36.7%
Gross profit	164	253	53.7%	189	408	115.6%	236	346	46.2%	362	114	-68.4%
Other income	(4)	(1)	-84.4%	(2)	(4)	119.7%	(3)	(1)	-69.5%	(2)	(3)	49.5%
S&D expenses	(18)	(25)	38.0%	(27)	(49)	79.1%	(21)	(34)	64.9%	(39)	2	n/a
Administrative expenses	(23)	(43)	85.9%	(31)	(51)	65.5%	(24)	(44)	85.1%	(62)	(44)	-28.8%
Asset impairment	1	(13)	n/a	(1)	5	n/a	0	(5)	n/a	(11)	5	n/a
EBIT	121	171	42.0%	128	309	141.3%	189	261	38.0%	247	73	-70.4%
Net finance income/(cost)	6	10	54.6%	24	21	n/a	20	(13)	n/a	1	(61)	n/a
Other gains/(losses)	6	15	151.7%	29	10	-65.1%	5	3	-34.3%	6	25	338.0%
Share of profit of JV and associates	10	4	-57.7%	9	1	-86.3%	0	(3)	n/a	27	3	-89.4%
Pretax profit	143	200	40.1%	190	342	80.1%	215	249	15.8%	280	40	-85.7%
Income tax	(21)	(30)	43.3%	(30)	(55)	80.3%	(31)	(37)	17.8%	(30)	4	n/a
After tax profit	122	170	39.6%	159	287	80.0%	183	212	15.5%	250	44	-82.5%
MI	0	0	n/a									
Net profit	122	170	39.6%	159	287	80.0%	183	212	15.5%	250	44	-82.5%
			ppt			ppt			ppt			ppt
Gross margin	40.0%	30.0%	-10.0	40.8%	37.4%	-3.3	39.6%	35.5%	-4.1	38.3%	23.7%	-14.6
S&D expense ratio	4.5%	3.0%	-1.5	5.9%	4.5%	-1.4	3.5%	3.5%	0.0	4.2%	-0.3%	-4.5
Administrative expense ratio	5.6%	5.1%	-0.5	6.6%	4.6%	-1.9	4.0%	4.6%	0.5	6.6%	9.2%	2.6
Effective tax rate	14.8%	15.1%	0.3	16.1%	16.1%	0.0	14.6%	14.9%	0.2	10.7%	-9.3%	-20.0

Source: Company data, CMBIS

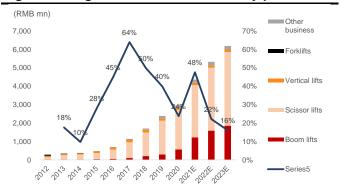
Figure 4: Key assumptions for Dingli

	Old		New		Change	
	2021E	2022E	2021E	2022E	2021E	2022E
Sales volume (units)						
Boom lifts	3,018	3,924	3,018	3,924	0.0%	0.0%
Scissor lifts	51,803	60,610	46,695	56,034	-9.9%	-7.5%
Vertical lifts	4,530	4,983	2,277	2,505	-49.7%	-49.7%
Total (lifts)	59,351	69,516	51,990	62,463	-12.4%	-10.1%
ASP (RMB/unit)						
Boom lifts	362,000	362,000	405,000	405,000	11.9%	11.9%
Scissor lifts	70,000	70,000	61,000	61,000	-12.9%	-12.9%
Vertical lifts	34,000	34,000	50,000	50,000	47.1%	47.1%
(RMB mn)						
Revenue						
Boom lifts	1,093	1,420	1,222	1,589	11.9%	11.9%
Scissor lifts	3,626	4,243	2,848	3,418	-21.4%	-19.4%
Vertical lifts	154	169	114	125	-26.1%	-26.1%
Revenue (core business)	4,873	5,832	4,185	5,132	-14.1%	-12.0%
Other business	165	199	180	200	9.0%	0.7%
Total revenue	5,038	6,031	4,364	5,332	-13.4%	-11.6%
Gross margin					ppt	
Boom lifts	34.0%	34.0%	22.0%	24.0%	-12.0	-10.0
Scissor lifts	37.5%	37.3%	32.0%	33.0%	-5.5	-4.3
Vertical lifts	37.5%	37.3%	40.0%	40.0%	2.5	2.7
Gross margin (core business)	36.7%	36.5%	29.3%	30.4%	-7.4	-6.1
Other business	67.0%	67.0%	71.0%	71.0%	4.0	4.0
Blended gross margin	37.7%	37.5%	31.0%	31.9%	-6.7	-5.6
Gross profit	1,900	2,262	1,354	1,701	-28.7%	-24.8%
Net profit	1,348	1,627	948	1,193	-29.6%	-26.7%

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates

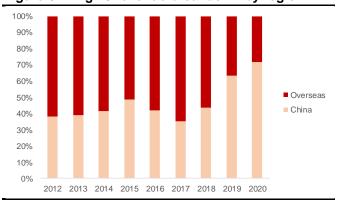


Figure 5: Dingli's revenue breakdown by product



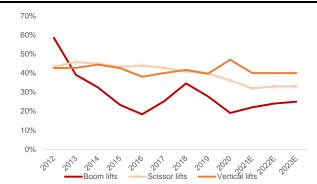
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Figure 6: Dingli's revenue breakdown by region



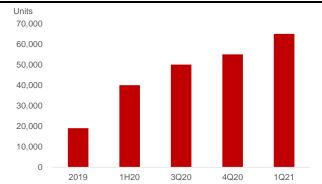
Source: Company data, CMBIS

Figure 7: Gross margin by product



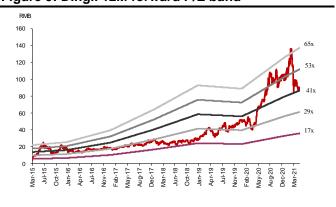
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Figure 8: Far East Horizon's AWP fleet size



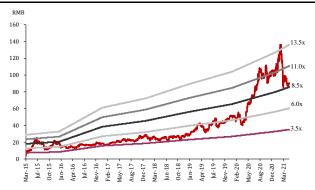
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Figure 9: Dingli 12M forward P/E band



Source: Bloomberg, Company data, CMBIS estimates

Figure 10: 12M forward P/B band



Source: Bloomberg, Company data, CMBIS estimates



Financial Summary

Income statement						Cash flow summary					
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Total revenue	2,389	2,957	4,364	5,332	6,189	Pretax profit	805	773	1,103	1,387	1,628
Cost of sales	(1,437)	(1,925)	(3,011)	(3,631)	(4,212)	Finance cost	3	59	4	5	5
Gross profit	952	1,032	1,354	1,701	1,976	Interest income	(14)	42	(57)	(52)	(72)
Surcharge	(10)	(12)	(17)	(21)	(25)	Profit / loss of associates	(39)	(11)	(15)	(17)	(19)
S&D expenses	(105)	(100)	(135)	(160)	(186)	Depreciation and amortization	28	41	76	115	133
Administrative expenses	(136)	(162)	(223)	(267)	(297)	Income tax paid	(101)	(144)	(154)	(194)	(228)
Asset impairment	(15)	6	(9)	(11)	(19)	Change in working capital	(6)	163	(291)	(450)	(249)
EBIT	686	764	970	1,243	1,450	Others	20	(32)	0	0	0
Net finance income/(cost)	39	(46)	52	47	66	Cash flow from operation	696	892	666	794	1,199
Finance income	42	12	57	52	72	Net capex on PP&E	(285)	(234)	(300)	(300)	(200)
Finance expenses	(3)	(59)	(4)	(5)	(5)	Interest received	6	(42)	57	52	72
Other gains/(losses)	41	45	65	80	93	Others	(392)	(378)	0	0	0
Profit of JV & associates	39	11	15	17	19	Cash flow from investing	(666)	(707)	(243)	(248)	(128)
Pretax profit	805	773	1,103	1,387	1,628	Proceeds from equity	0	0	0	0	0
Income tax	(111)	(109)	(154)	(194)	(228)	Net bank borrowings	252	(55)	30	60	61
After tax profit	694	664	948	1,193	1,400	Dividend paid	(87)	(121)	(126)	(180)	(227)
MI	0	0	0	0	0	Interest paid	(17)	(16)	(4)	(5)	(5)
Net profit	694	664	948	1,193	1,400	Others	(0)	(0)	0	0	0
						Cash flow from financing	147	(192)	(101)	(125)	(171)
D&A	28	41	76	115	133	Change in cash	177	(8)	322	421	900
EBITDA	714	805	1,046	1,358	1,584	Cash at beginning of the year	1,045	874	1,191	1,513	1,934
						FX gains/(losses) & others	(349)	325	0	0	0
						Cash at the end of the year	874	1,191	1,513	1,934	2,833

Balance sheet						Key ratios					
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	YE 31 Dec	FY19A	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Non-current assets	1,471	1,722	2,204	2,487	2,736	Revenue mix (%)					
PP&E	245	722	949	1,138	1,208	Boom lifts	12	19	28	30	30
JV/associates	89	119	134	151	170	Scissor lifts	77	73	65	64	65
LT trade receivables	465	477	719	800	963	Vertical lifts	5	4	3	2	2
Intangible assets	140	158	154	151	147	Others	6	5	4	4	3
AFS investments	0	0	0	0	0	Total	100	100	100	100	100
Others	529	246	246	246	246	Profit & loss ratio (%)					
Deferred tax assets	2	2	2	2	2	Gross margin	39.9	34.9	31.0	31.9	31.9
Current assets	3,389	4,147	5,222	5,956	7,606	EBITDA margin	29.9	27.2	24.0	25.5	25.6
Inventories	461	942	1,203	1,403	1,690	EBIT margin	28.7	25.8	22.2	23.3	23.4
Trade and bill receivables	1,325	1,249	1,740	1,854	2,317	Net profit margin	29.0	22.5	21.7	22.4	22.6
Prepayment	11	32	32	32	32	Growth (%)					
Others	718	733	733	733	733	Revenue	39.9	23.7	47.6	22.2	16.1
Cash	874	1,191	1,513	1,934	2,833	Gross profit	34.4	8.4	31.1	25.7	16.2
						EBITDA	41.0	12.6	30.0	29.9	16.6
Current liabilities	1,450	1,891	2,616	2,610	3,324	EBIT	42.4	11.3	26.9	28.2	16.7
Trade and bill payables	783	1,223	1,928	1,872	2,536	Net profit	44.5	(4.3)	42.8	25.8	17.4
Bank borrowings	369	303	323	373	423	Balance sheet ratio					
Tax payable	107	102	102	102	102	Current ratio (x)	2.3	2.2	2.0	2.3	2.3
Advance from customers	7	69	69	69	69	Receivable turnover days	170	159	125	123	123
Others	183	194	194	194	194	Inventory turnover days	104	133	130	131	134
Non-current liabilities	202	233	243	253	264	Payable turnover days	166	190	191	191	191
Bank borrowings	109	121	131	141	152	Net debt / total equity (%)	Net cash				
Deferred tax liabilities	1	0	0	0	0	Profitability (%)					
Deferred income	73	95	95	95	95	ROA	16.3	12.4	14.3	15.0	14.9
Others	19	18	18	18	18	ROE	23.9	19.1	22.8	23.5	22.7
Equity	3,207	3,744	4,566	5,579	6,752	Per share data					
Shareholders' equity	3,207	3,744	4,566	5,579	6,752	EPS (RMB)	1.43	1.37	1.95	2.46	2.88
MI	0	0	0	0	0	BVPS (RMB)	6.61	7.71	9.41	11.49	13.91
						DPS (RMB)	0.25	0.26	0.37	0.47	0.55

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates



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