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Bilibili (BILI US)

Monetization improvement while driving for ecosystem growth

BiliBili announced 2Q23 financial results on 17 Aug: total revenue increased by 8% YoY to RMB5.3bn, in line with CMBI/consensus estimate. Adjusted net loss narrowed by 51% YoY to RMB964mn, in line with CMBI/consensus estimate of RMB1.02/1.04bn. Bili lowers its full-year total revenue guidance from RMB24.0-26.0bn (+10% to 19% YoY) to RMB22.5-23.5bn (+3% to 7% YoY), mainly reflecting the delay of key game launches and softer-than-expected performance of IP derivatives business. Looking into 3Q23E, we project total revenue (+25% YoY) but offset by decline in mobile games revenue (-30% YoY). We lower FY23 total revenue forecast by 5% mainly due to the softer mobile game outlook, but the company remains on track of achieving its breakeven target by FY24-end. We trim our SOTP-based TP by 6% to US\$25.5. Maintain BUY.

- Strong ad business on monetization innovation. Ad revenue increased by 36% YoY to RMB1.6bn in 2Q23 (30% of total revenue) and was ahead of our expectation by 9%, mainly due to strong growth of performance-based ad revenue (+60% YoY). Bili's ad revenue from e-commerce sector grew by 144% YoY in 2Q23, thanks to the introduction of video commerce ad product, which is expected to account for 10-15% of FY23 ad revenue per management. To further capture the commercial opportunities, Bili will introduce the shopping tab to its homepage in the coming months. VAS revenue grew 9% YoY to RMB2.3bn in 2Q23 (43% of total revenue), driven by 32% YoY growth of live streaming revenue. Mobile games revenue decreased by 15% YoY to RMB891mn in 2Q23 (17% of total revenue), mainly due to lack of new games, while the revenue from the top two titles Azure Lane and FGO remained stable. Bili has 7 games lined up for launch in 2H23, including highly-anticipated title Pretty Derby on 30 Aug, which already recorded pre-registration of 2mn players.
- Quality growth of user community. Bili continues to execute its strategy to achieve quality growth in user community. Average DAUs increased by 15% YoY to 96.5mn in 2Q23, with DAU/MAU ratio up by 2.5pct YoY to 29.8%. Average daily video views increased by 31% YoY in 2Q23, with Story Mode video views up by 76% YoY. Looking into 3Q23E, the management expect the average DAUs to surpass 100mn and the average daily time spend to reach a new record high.
- Intact profitability improvement target. Gross margin increased by 8.1pct YoY and 1.4pct QoQ to 23.1% in 2Q23, supported by the strengthening cost control. We expect GPM to further expand sequentially to 24/28% in 3Q23/4Q23E. Adjusted net loss margin narrowed from -40.0% in 2Q22 to -18.1% in 2Q23. We see the company remains on track of achieving its non-GAAP OP breakeven target by FY24-end, driven by both enhanced gross margin and control in operating expenses.

Earnings Summary

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(YE 31 Dec)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue (RMB mn)	19,384	21,899	22,894	25,419	27,678
YoY growth (%)	61.5	13.0	4.5	11.0	8.9
Gross margin (%)	20.9	17.6	24.6	29.1	31.7
Adjusted net profit (RMB mn)	(5,478.1)	(6,691.7)	(3,349.8)	(1,417.7)	301.5
EPS (Adjusted) (RMB cents)	(1,442.44)	(1,700.40)	(810.20)	(342.89)	72.93
Consensus EPS (RMB cents)	(1,442.44)	(1,700.40)	(856.11)	(255.92)	240.00
P/S (x)	2.4	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.7
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Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



BUY (Maintain)

Target Price

(Previous TP Up/Downside Current Price US\$25.50 US\$27.20) 67.3% US\$15.24

13.7%

9.3%

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (US\$ mn)	6,300.9
Avg 3 mths t/o (US\$ mn)	82.7
52w High/Low (US\$)	29.20/8.92
Total Issued Shares (mn)	413.4
Source: FactSet	

Shareholding Structure

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Source: Company data

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-8.4%	-3.2%
3-mth	-17.9%	-23.9%
6-mth	-30.9%	-39.5%
Source: FactSet		





Business forecasts update and valuation

Figure 1: Bili: forecast revision

		Current			Previous		C	hange (%)	
RMB mn	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	22,894	25,419	27,678	24,149	26,334	28,622	-5.2%	-3.5%	-3.3%
Gross Profit	5,632	7,397	8,764	5,979	7,640	9,033	-5.8%	-3.2%	-3.0%
Operating Profit	(4,555)	(2,770)	(1,339)	(5,009)	(2,893)	(1,414)	na	na	na
Adjusted net profit	(3,350)	(1,418)	302	(3,669)	(1,495)	269	na	na	na
Adjusted EPS (RMB)	(8.2)	(3.5)	0.7	(8.9)	(3.6)	0.7	na	na	na
Gross Margin	24.6%	29.1%	31.7%	24.8%	29.0%	31.6%	-0.2 ppt	0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt
Operating Margin	-19.9%	-10.9%	-4.8%	-20.7%	-11.0%	-4.9%	0.8 ppt	0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt
Adjusted net margin	-14.6%	-5.6%	1.1%	-15.2%	-5.7%	0.9%	0.6 ppt	0.1 ppt	0.1 ppt

Source: CMBIGM estimates

Figure 2: CMBIGM estimates vs consensus

		CMBIGM		(Consensus			Diff (%)	
RMB mn	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	22,894	25,419	27,678	24,279	28,211	31,860	-5.7%	-9.9%	-13.1%
Gross Profit	5,632	7,397	8,764	5,921	8,042	9,987	-4.9%	-8.0%	-12.3%
Operating Profit	(4,555)	(2,770)	(1,339)	(4,306)	(1,712)	177	na	na	na
Adjusted net profit	(3,350)	(1,418)	302	(3,338)	(1,224)	926	na	na	na
Adjusted EPS (RMB)	(8.2)	(3.5)	0.7	(8.6)	(2.6)	2.4	na	na	na
Gross Margin	24.6%	29.1%	31.7%	24.4%	28.5%	31.3%	0.2 ppt	0.6 ppt	0.3 ppt
Operating Margin	-19.9%	-10.9%	-4.8%	-17.7%	-6.1%	0.6%	-2.2 ppt	-4.8 ppt	-5.4 ppt
Adjusted net margin	-14.6%	-5.6%	1.1%	-13.7%	-4.3%	2.9%	-0.9 ppt	-1.2 ppt	-1.8 ppt

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 3: Bili: Quarterly financial figures

(RMB mn)	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	Cons.	Diff%	СМВІ	Diff%
Mobile games	1,295	1,358	1,046	1,471	1,146	1,132	891			940	-5.2%
YoY%	14.7%	16.0%	-15.2%	5.7%	-11.5%	-16.7%	-14.8%				
VAS	1,895	2,052	2,103	2,210	2,350	2,156	2,302			2,340	-1.7%
YoY%	51.9%	37.1%	28.7%	15.8%	24.0%	5.1%	9.4%				
Advertising	1,588	1,041	1,158	1,355	1,512	1,272	1,573			1,443	9.0%
YoY%	119.8%	45.6%	10.4%	15.6%	-4.7%	22.2%	35.8%				
IP derivatives and others	1,003	603	601	758	1,134	510	539			510	5.6%
YoY%	35.4%	16.2%	4.0%	3.2%	13.1%	-15.5%	-10.4%				
Total revenue	5,781	5,054	4,909	5,794	6,142	5,070	5,304	5,224	1.5%	5,233	1.4%
YoY%	50.5%	29.6%	9.2%	11.3%	6.3%	0.3%	8.1%				
Average MAUs	272	294	306	333	326	315	324				
YoY%	5.0%	7.0%	6.0%	3.9%	2.5%	1.6%	1.1%				
Gross profit margin	19.0%	16.0%	15.0%	18.2%	20.3%	21.8%	23.1%				
S&M ratio (%)	30.5%	24.8%	23.9%	21.2%	20.6%	17.4%	17.3%				
R&D ratio (%)	13.8%	20.0%	23.1%	19.5%	24.3%	20.3%	19.7%				
Adjusted net margin (%)	-28.6%	-32.7%	-40.0%	-30.4%	-21.4%	-20.3%	-18.1%				
Adjusted net profit	(1,652)	(1,653)	(1,964)	(1,763)	(1,312)	(1,029)	(963)	(1,036)		(1,018)	

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



SOTP Valuation

Based on the SOTP valuation, our target price for Bili is US\$25.5 per ADS, which implies 3.2/2.9x 2023E/2024E PS. Our target price of US\$25.2 includes:

1) US\$11.2 for the advertising business (43.9% of the total valuation), based on a 20x 2023E PE. The target PE multiple is at a premium to the average PE of the mature advertising platforms (15x 2023E PE), to reflect Bili's unique value proposition in video advertising market and its strong growth outlook.

2) US\$8.4 for the VAS business (33.1% of the total valuation), based on a 2.5x 2023E PS. The target PS multiple is at a premium to the average PS of other video platforms (2.1x 2023E PS), mainly due to its growing user base and improving monetization efficiency.

3) US\$5.5 for mobile games (21.5% of the total valuation), based on an 18x 2023E PE. The target PE multiple has a discount over the industry average (21x 2023E PE), as Bili has yet to establish successful track record in in-house games development.

4) US\$0.4 for IP derivatives and others (1.5% of the total valuation, previously disclosed as e-commerce and others), based on a 0.5x 2023E PS. The target PS multiple is on par with the average PS of the other e-commerce platforms.

Figure 4: Bili: SOTP Valuation

(RMBmn)	2023E MAU Rev	enue per MAU	2023E revenue	Net margin (%)	Target PS (x)	Target PE (x)	Target valuation	As of total valuation
VAS (Live streaming + Membership)	330.2	29.7	9,797		2.5		24,493	33.1%
Advertising	330.2	19.7	6,501	25%		20	32,504	43.9%
Mobile games	33.0	133.8	4,418	20%		18	15,903	21.5%
IP derivatives and others*	16.5	131.9	2,178		0.5		1,089	1.5%
Total valuation (RMBmn)							73,990	
Number of ADS (mn)							413	
Valuation per ADS (US\$)							25.5	

Note: IP derivatives and others previously disclosed as e-commerce and others Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 5: Peer comparison: online games and advertising sector

		Price	EPS gr	owth (YoY %)		PE (x)	
Companies	Ticker	(Local)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Online games								
NetEase	NTES US	101.5	6	9	3	18	17	17
Activision Blizzard	ATVI US	90.9	37	4	6	22	21	20
Electronic Arts	EA US	120.7	(14)	13	13	20	18	16
Take Two Interactive	TTWO US	140.3	(27)	(10)	145	39	43	18
NetDragon	777 HK	14.0	(36)	26	15	8	6	5
Nexon	3659 JP	2,719.0	5	7	11	21	19	17
Nintendo	7974 JP	6,179.0	(9)	4	(13)	19	18	21
Bandai Namco	7832 JP	3,357.0	18	5	10	24	23	21
Perfect World	002624 CH	13.9	(5)	23	16	18	15	13
37 Interactive	002555 CH	25.7	12	15	14	17	15	13
Average PE						20	19	16
Online advertising								
Weibo	WB US	13.2	6	11	8	6	5	5
Baidu	BIDU US	130.6	24	3	9	14	14	12
Meta	Meta US	294.3	23	28	15	22	17	15
Google	GOOG US	129.1	14	16	20	22	19	16
Average PE						16	14	12

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM

Note: data as at the 16 Aug market close



		Price	Revenue	growth (YoY	%)		PS (x)	
Companies	Ticker	(Local)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Online video								
iQiyi	IQ US	5.5	5.2	7.5	6.7	1.2	1.1	1.0
Mango Excellent Media	300413 CH	30.7	7.5	12.9	10.3	3.6	3.2	2.9
Average PS						2.4	2.1	1.9
First-party e-commerce	e de la companya de l							
JD	JD US	34.9	(1.0)	9.6	9.2	0.4	0.3	0.3
Vipshop	VIPS US	15.7	4.5	5.7	4.2	0.6	0.5	0.5
Average PS						0.5	0.4	0.4

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM Note: data as at the 16 Aug market close



Financial Summary

INCOME STATEMENT	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Revenue	11,999	19,384	21,899	22,894	25,419	27,678
Cost of goods sold	9,159	15,341	18,050	17,262	18,022	18,914
Gross profit	2,840	4,043	3,849	5,632	7,397	8,764
Operating expenses	5,981	10,472	12,207	10,188	10,168	10,103
Selling expense	3,492	5,795	4,921	3,892	3,813	3,875
Admin expense	976	1,838	2,521	2,175	2,288	2,214
R&D expense	1,513	2,840	4,765	4,121	4,067	4,013
Operating profit	(3,141)	(6,429)	(8,358)	(4,555)	(2,770)	(1,339)
Investment gain/loss	28	(194)	(532)	(56)	(56)	(58)
Other gains/(losses)	137	(5)	1,457	329	0	0
EBIT	(2,975)	(6,628)	(7,434)	(4,282)	(2,826)	(1,396)
Interest income	83	70	281	389	555	595
Interest expense	(109)	(155)	(251)	(168)	(356)	(416)
Pre-tax profit	(3,001)	(6,713)	(7,404)	(4,061)	(2,627)	(1,217)
Income tax	53	95	104	81	53	(183)
After tax profit	(3,054)	(6,809)	(7,508)	(4,142)	(2,679)	(1,034)
Minority interest	47	20	11	83	54	21
Others	(4)	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	(3,012)	(6,789)	(7,497)	(4,059)	(2,626)	(1,014)
Adjusted net profit	(2,560)	(5,478)	(6,692)	(3,350)	(1,418)	302
BALANCE SHEET	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Current assets	15,740	36,447	24,453	34,175	36,617	37,843
Cash & equivalents	4,678	7,523	10,187	16,436	17,827	18,091
Account receivables	1,218	1,382	1,329	2,478	2,751	2,995
Prepayment	1,766	4,848	3,545	5,726	6,358	6,923
ST bank deposits	4,720	7,632	4,768	4,911	5,058	5,210
Other current assets	3,357	15,061	4,623	4,623	4,623	4,623
Non-current assets	8,126	15,606	17,378	17,018	17,291	17,468
PP&E	762	1,350	1,227	1,428	1,592	1,733
Investment in JVs & assos	2,233	5,503	5,651	5,710	5,654	5,597
Intangibles	2,357	3,836	4,327	4,439	4,475	4,426
Goodwill	1,296	2,338	2,725	2,725	2,725	2,725
Other non-current assets	1,478	2,580	3,448	2,716	2,845	2,987
Total assets	23,866	52,053	41,831	51,192	53,909	55,311
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Current liabilities	7,392	12,071	17,093	20,454	21,514	22,548
Short-term borrowings	100	1,232	6,621	6,621	6,621	6,621
Account payables	3,074	4,361	4,292	5,912	6,172	6,478
Tax payable	100	1,232	6,621	6,621	6,621	6,621
Other current liabilities	2,880	2,613	(2,084)	(1,811)	(1,354)	(932)
Accrued expenses	1,238	2,633	1,643	3,110	3,453	3,760
Non-current liabilities	8,692	18,266	9,498	18,454	21,528	21,594
Long-term borrowings	8,341	17,784	8,683	17,784	20,784	20,784
Other non-current liabilities	351	482	814	670	743	810
Total liabilities	16,083	30,337	26,591	38,907	43,041	44,142
Share capital	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital surplus	14,616	35,930	35,930	35,930	35,930	35,930
Retained earnings	(7,175)	(13,971)	(20,437)	(23,475)	(24,946)	(24,665)
Other reserves	159	(255)	(255)	(255)	(255)	(255)
Total shareholders equity	7,600	21,704	15,238	12,200	10,729	11,010
Minority interest	182	12	2	85	138	159
Total equity and liabilities	23,866	52,053	41,831	51,192	53,909	55,311



CASH FLOW	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	(3,001)	(6,713)	(7,404)	(4,061)	(2,627)	(1,217)
Depreciation & amortization	327	539	755	462	532	589
Tax paid	53	95	104	81	53	(183)
Change in working capital	1,487	(9)	(1,246)	30	155	225
Others	1,887	3,442	3,878	3,617	4,200	4,972
Net cash from operations	753	(2,647)	(3,911)	130	2,313	4,386
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(2,239)	(3,687)	(2,738)	(3,472)	(3,646)	(3,828)
Acquisition of subsidiaries/ investments	(1,757)	(7,238)	(2,646)	(114)	0	0
Others	(4,911)	(13,652)	15,994	589	(276)	(293)
Net cash from investing	(8,907)	(24,578)	10,609	(2,998)	(3,922)	(4,122)
Financing						
Net borrowings	5,695	11,203	251	9,101	3,000	0
Proceeds from share issues	2,817	19,288	0	0	0	0
Others	(177)	(103)	(4,606)	0	0	0
Net cash from financing	8,335	30,389	(4,355)	9,101	3,000	0
Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	4,963	4,678	7,523	10,187	16,436	17,827
Exchange difference	(466)	(319)	321	17	0	0
Cash at the end of the year	4,678	7,523	10,187	16,436	17,827	18,091
GROWTH	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	77.0%	61.5%	13.0%	4.5%	11.0%	8.9%
Gross profit	138.6%	42.4%	(4.8%)	46.3%	31.3%	18.5%
PROFITABILITY	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec						
Gross profit margin	23.7%	20.9%	17.6%	24.6%	29.1%	31.7%
Operating margin	(26.2%)	(33.2%)	(38.2%)	(19.9%)	(10.9%)	(4.8%)
Adj. net profit margin	(21.3%)	(28.3%)	(30.6%)	(14.6%)	(5.6%)	1.1%
Return on equity (ROE)	(41.1%)	(46.3%)	(40.6%)	(29.6%)	(22.9%)	(9.3%)
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec						
Net debt to equity (x)	0.5	0.5	0.3	0.7	0.9	0.8
Current ratio (x)	2.1	3.0	1.4	1.7	1.7	1.7
Receivable turnover days	37.1 122.5	26.0	22.1 86.8	39.5 125.0	39.5 125.0	39.5 125.0
Payable turnover days		103.8				
VALUATION	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec	40.4	40.0			4.0	4.0
P/B	12.4	10.8	4.1	3.8	4.3	4.2

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



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