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Sunny Optical (2382 HK)

Investor Day takeaways: Well-positioned to capture auto/XR/robots opportunities

We attended Sunny Optical's Investor Day at its Yuyao headquarters. Mgmt. shared the latest business opportunities and product strategies across handset lens, VLS/LiDAR/HUD/lighting, automotive-cam modules and XR/Robots. Key highlights include: 1) HCM/HLS: global No.1 and solid upgrade roadmap despite NT headwinds, 2) VLS: accelerated share gain to 38% in FY23E (vs. 31% in FY21), 3) Auto-module: EEA evolution and rising cam penetration to drive growth in intelligent driving/intelligent cabin; 4) XR: Apple Vision Pro to set new industry standard for supply chain (12 cam/1 SL/1 ToF/2IR). Overall, despite smartphone NT weakness, we are positive on Sunny's long-term strategic roadmap and huge opportunities in automobile/XR/Robot markets. Our TP/forecasts is under review.

- Global No.1 leadership in HCM/HLS/VLS; Upgrade trends remain intact. Key discussions include 1) 2023 shipment guidance unchanged; 2) HLS: spec upgrade on track for main/tele-cam and foldable phones in near term; 3) HCM: next-gen cam upgrade to focus on continuous variable aperture, fold tele w/ large image format/large aperture, sensor shift OIS, miniaturized/ internal AF, D-ToF and miniaturized AR light engine; 4) VLS: accelerated share gain to 38% in FY23E (vs 31% in FY21) and ASP upside on ADAS upgrade; 5) smartphone market: sluggish global/China shipment of 6.3%/ 5.1% YoY decline while foldable phone jumped 29.4% YoY in 2023.
- Huge opportunities in VLS/LiDAR/AR-HUD, auto-cam modules and XR/ Robots. Mgmt. stated that Sunny's LiDAR/HUD revenue jumped 200%/ 90% YoY in FY22, and LiDAR/AR-HUD market will grow 73%/46% CAGR in FY22-27E given rising penetration. For auto-cam modules, Sunny is well-placed to benefit from EEA evolution and rising adoption of auto-camera (10 per car by 2040, vs 3 per car in 2022). For XR market, mgmt. believe Apple Vision Pro has set new industry standard for supply chain (12 cam+1 SL+1 ToF+2IR) and optical components accounted for 15.2% of its BOM cost, implying huge market potential for Sunny Optical.
- Non-smartphone as the bright spots; Positive on 2H23E recovery. Overall, we are impressed by Sunny's technology/product roadmap across all segments, and non-smartphone now emerges as major earnings driver (50%+ mix in FY22). In near term, we expect HCM/HLS shipment recovery to continue in 2H23E driven by share gain and product launches in 2H23E, and VLS shipment to maintain strong growth given inventory restocking. Our TP/forecasts is under review.

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue (RMB mn)	37,497	33,197	35,763	40,427	42,729
YoY growth (%)	(1.3)	(11.5)	7.7	13.0	5.7
Net profit (RMB mn)	5,061.1	2,474.1	3,305.3	3,829.3	4,299.5
YoY growth (%)	2.2	(51.1)	33.6	15.9	12.3
EPS (Reported) (RMB)	4.57	2.20	2.94	3.40	3.82
Consensus EPS (RMB)	Na	na	3.44	4.31	4.59
P/E (x)	38.3	46.8	23.8	20.5	18.3
P/B (x)	9.2	5.1	3.2	2.9	2.6
Yield (%)	0.5	0.9	1.8	2.1	2.4
ROE (%)	26.8	11.5	14.3	15.2	15.6
Net gearing (%)	(16.1)	(22.6)	(0.8)	(25.4)	(12.9)

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



HOLD (Maintain)

Target Price (Previous TP

Up/Downside

Current Price

HK\$86.75 HK\$86.75) 13.0% HK\$76.80

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	84,249.6
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	423.4
52w High/Low (HK\$)	137.00/67.55
Total Issued Shares (mn)	1097.0
Source: FactSet	

Shareholding Structure

Sun Xu Ltd	35.5%
JP Morgan Chase & Co	4.9%
Source: HKEx	

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-4.7%	-0.7%
3-mth	-17.5%	-12.0%
6-mth	-18.7%	-20.6%

Source: FactSet

12-mth Price Performance



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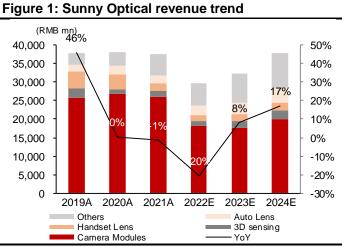
1) NDR takeaways: a bumpy 1H23 ahead; Auto/VR/AR biz to drive long-term growth 28 Mar 2023 (link)

2) Strong auto/XR pipeline to weather smartphone headwinds – 22 Mar 2023 (<u>link</u>)

3) 2H22 first take: weakness in-line; awaiting recovery – 21 Mar 2023 (link)



Focus Charts



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 3: Sunny's opportunities in XR business



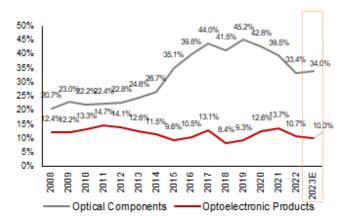
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Figure 5: Sunny's roadmap in automotive modules



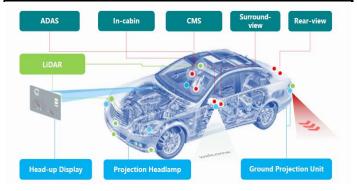
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Figure 2: Sunny Optical GPM trend



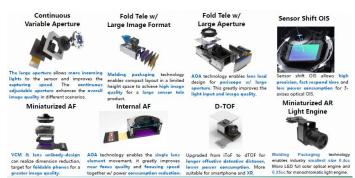
Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 4: Rapid progress of auto camera market



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 6: Upgrade trend for next-gen cameras



Source: Company, CMBIGM



Earnings Forecasts

Figure 7: P&L forecast

RMB mn	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Revenue	37,497	33,197	35,763	40,427	42,729
YoY	-1.3%	-11.5%	7.7%	13.0%	5.7%
Cost of sales	(28,761)	(26,592)	(28,657)	(32,190)	(33,722)
Gross profit	8,736	6,605	7,106	8,237	9,008
GPM (%)	23.3%	19.9%	19.9%	20.4%	21.1%
ҮоҮ	0.4%	-24.4%	7.6%	15.9%	9.4%
SG&A	(1,032)	(1,281)	(1,048)	(1,193)	(1,261)
% of rev	-2.8%	-3.9%	-2.9%	-3.0%	-3.0%
R&D	(2,642)	(2,803)	(2,861)	(3,234)	(3,418)
% of rev	-7.0%	-8.4%	-8.0%	-8.0%	-8.0%
Other gain & loss	252	537	151	418	-
Operating profit	5,851	3,014	4,084	4,712	5,282
OPM (%)	15.6%	9.1%	11.4%	11.7%	12.4%
ҮоҮ	-0.4%	-48.5%	35.5%	15.4%	12.1%
Net profit	4,993	2,408	3,212	3,721	4,178
NPM (%)	13.3%	7.3%	9.0%	9.2%	9.8%
YoY	2.3%	-51.8%	33.4%	15.9%	12.3%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 8: Major assumptions

	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Shipment volume (mn unit)					
Optical Components					
Handset lens sets	1,440	1,193	1,227	712	(0)
YoY(%)	-6%	-17%	3%	-42%	-100%
Vehicle lens sets	68	79	94	64	0
YoY(%)	21%	16%	19%	-32%	-100%
Optoelectronic Products					
Handset camera modules	674	517	530	307	(0)
YoY(%)	14%	-23%	3%	-42%	-100%
Other optoelectronic (3D sensing)	59	51	54	34	0
YoY(%)	45%	-14%	7%	-38%	-100%
Optical Instruments					
Microscopic instruments	258	320	352	177	0
YoY(%)	32%	24%	10%	-50%	-100%
Revenue (RMB mn)					
Optical components	8,776	9,468	11,095	12,932	14,843
Optoelectronic products	28,334	23,326	24,329	27,123	27,476
Optical instruments	387	403	339	373	410
Total Revenue	37,497	33,197	35,763	40,427	42,729
YoY(%)	-1.3%	-11.5%	7.7%	13.0%	5.7%
Gross Margin	23.3%	19.9%	19.9%	20.4%	21.1%
Optical components	39.5%	33.4%	34.0%	34.0%	34.0%
Optoelectronic products	13.7%	10.7%	10.0%	10.5%	10.5%
Optical instruments	45.1%	42.0%	45.5%	45.5%	45.5%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



Valuation

Maintain HOLD with TP of HK\$86.75

We maintain HOLD with TP of HK\$86.75. We derived our 12-month TP from SOTP valuation methodology and our TP is based on weighted-average target P/E multiple of 24.5x FY23E EPS, in order to reflect 1) Sunny's diversification in multiple businesses with different growth profiles, and 2) visibility of product upcycles across different segments.

We assign 18x P/E to its CCM business to reflect its China's No.1 position, product upcycle and advanced technology capacity. We assign 35x P/E for its vehicle lens business to reflect the high-margin and high-growth industry nature of vehicle lens (25% CAGR FY20-23E) and Sunny's No.1 global market share. We apply a 25x P/E to its handset lens segment given secular upgrade trend and continued share gains from peers.

Figure 9: Sunny Optical – SOTP valuation

Business segment	% of FY23E Profit	FY23E EPS (RMB)	Target P/E
Camera modules	34.2%	1.01	18x
Handset lenses	44.7%	1.31	25x
Vehicle lenses	19.0%	0.56	35x
Others	2.0%	0.06	25x
Total (RMB) /Implied P/E		2.94	24.5x
TP (HK\$)			86.75

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 10: Peers' valuation

			Market			Up/						
			Сар	Price	TP	Down	P/E	E (X)	P/E	3 (X)	ROE	. (%)
Company	Ticker	Rating	(US\$ mn)	(LC)	(LC)	-side	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E	FY23E	FY24E
Sunny Optical	2382 HK	Hold	11,675	83.4	86.8	4%	25.4	22.0	3.4	3.1	13.4	14.1
Q tech	1478 HK	Buy	501	3.3	5.2	57%	6.9	5.1	0.7	0.6	9.8	12.0
Cowell	1415 HK	NR	1,871	17.26	NA	NA	18.7	13.0	4.1	3.1	23.6	26.7
Truly	732 HK	NR	359	0.89	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catcher	2474 TT	NR	4,249	192.00	NA	NA	19.0	19.4	0.8	0.8	4.3	4.2
Largan	3008 TT	NR	9,746	2245.00	NA	NA	17.6	15.9	1.8	1.7	11.0	11.2
Lite-on	2301 TT	NR	8,551	111.00	NA	NA	19.7	16.6	3.1	2.9	15.7	18.6
Primax	4915 TT	NR	986	66.00	NA	NA	10.7	10.0	1.7	1.6	15.5	15.8
O-film	002456 CH	NR	2,499	5.49	NA	NA	-	-	7.5	7.5	(42.5)	(22.5)
			Average				16.9	14.6	2.9	2.7	6.4	10.0

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates





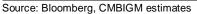
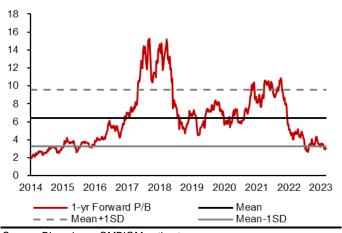


Figure 12: 12M forward P/B band



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



Financial Summary

INCOME STATEMENT	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Revenue	38,002	37,497	33,197	35,763	40,427	42,729
Cost of goods sold	(29,304)	(28,761)	(26,592)	(28,657)	(32,190)	(33,722)
Gross profit	8,698	8,736	6,605	7,106	8,237	9,008
Selling expense	(313)	(274)	(353)	(261)	(303)	(320)
Admin expense	(719)	(758)	(929)	(787)	(889)	(940)
R&D expense	(2,499)	(2,642)	(2,803)	(2,861)	(3,234)	(3,418)
Others	698 5,877	789 5,851	504 3,014	887 4,084	902 4,712	953 5,282
Operating profit Share of (losses)/profits of associates/JV	3,877 0	19	(6)	(6)	(6)	5,262 (6)
Net Interest income/(expense)	(224)	(230)	(293)	(322)	(354)	(390)
Pre-tax profit	5,653	5,640	2,715	3,756	4,351	4,886
Income tax	(703)	(579)	(241)	(451)	(522)	(586)
Minority interest	68	68	66	93	108	121
Net profit	4,950	5,061	2,474	3,305	3,829	4,300
Net dividends	799	974	1,048	1,398	1,619	1,818
BALANCE SHEET	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Current assets	25,630	27,989	30,646	28,919	35,744	34,048
Cash & equivalents	2,842	5,605	7,033	2,223	8,698	5,740
Account receivables	8,212	7,448	7,205	8,581	9,264	9,597
Inventories	5,783	5,482	4,721	6,428	6,096	7,023
ST bank deposits	238	1,112	485	485	485	485
Financial assets at FVTPL	8,480	8,314	10,086	10,086	10,086	10,086
Other current assets	74	28	1,115	1,115	1,115	1,115
Non-current assets	9,809	10,785	12,356	13,709	14,279	14,530
PP&E	7,513	8,303	10,120	11,453	11,987	12,221
Other non-current assets Total assets	2,295 35,438	2,481 38,774	2,236 43,001	2,256 42,628	2,292 50,023	2,310 48,578
	55,450	30,774	43,001	42,020	50,025	40,570
Current liabilities	13,411	11,873	19,337	17,056	22,241	18,314
Short-term borrowings	2,071	1,539	1,990	1,990	1,990	1,990
Account payables	10,733	9,869	12,917	10,636	15,822	11,895
Other current liabilities	9,223	15,493	8,757	12,946	9,970	16,379
Non-current liabilities	5,201	6,005	1,482	1,482	1,482	1,482
Long-term borrowings	0	700	30	30	30	30
Other non-current liabilities	5,201	5,305	1,452	1,452	1,452	1,452
Total liabilities	18,612	17,879	20,819	18,538	23,723	19,796
Share capital	105	105	105	105	105	105
Other reserves	16,492	20,483	21,733	23,548	25,650	28,010
Total shareholders equity	16,826	20,895	22,182	24,090	26,300	28,781
Minority interest	229	307	344	437	545	667
Total equity and liabilities	35,438	38,774	43,001	42,628	50,023	48,578
CASH FLOW	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	5,643	5,640	2,715	3,756	4,351	4,886
Depreciation & amortization	1,570	1,638	1,816	2,166	2,466	2,766
Change in working capital	115	200	4,053	(5,364)	4,835	(5,188)
Others	(168)	(499)	(1,207)	(148)	(204)	(214)
Net cash from operations	7,160	6,979	7,377	410	11,449	2,250
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(2,271)	(2,498)	(3,633)	(3,500)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Others	(3,705)	(403)	(201)	0	0	0
Net cash from investing	(5,976)	(2,902)	(3,834)	(3,500)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Financing						
Dividend paid	(796)	(974)	(1,048)	(1,398)	(1,619)	(1,818)
Net borrowings	1,017	0	0	0	0	0
Share repurchases	(151)	0	0	0	0	0
Others	(291)	(267)	(1,111)	(322)	(354)	(390)
Net cash from financing	(222)	(1,241)	(2,159)	(1,720)	(1,974)	(2,208)



Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	1,917	2,842	5,605	7,033	2,223	8,698
Exchange difference	(37)	(73)	44	0	0	0
Cash at the end of the year	2,842	5,605	7,033	2,223	8,698	5,740
GROWTH	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	0.4%	(1.3%)	(11.5%)	7.7%	13.0%	5.7%
Gross profit	12.2%	0.4%	(24.4%)	7.6%	15.9%	9.4%
Operating profit	22.3%	(0.4%)	(48.5%)	35.5%	15.4%	12.1%
Net profit	23.2%	2.2%	(51.1%)	33.6%	15.9%	12.3%
PROFITABILITY	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec						
Gross profit margin	22.9%	23.3%	19.9%	19.9%	20.4%	21.1%
Operating margin	15.5%	15.6%	9.1%	11.4%	11.7%	12.4%
Return on equity (ROE)	33.5%	26.8%	11.5%	14.3%	15.2%	15.6%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec						
Net debt to equity (x)	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.0)	(0.3)	(0.1)
Current ratio (x)	1.9	2.4	1.6	1.7	1.6	1.9
Receivable turnover days	85.7	76.2	80.6	80.6	80.6	80.6
Inventory turnover days	68.1	71.5	70.0	71.0	71.0	71.0
Payable turnover days	137.4	130.7	156.4	150.0	150.0	150.0
VALUATION	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
YE 31 Dec						
P/E	25.5	38.3	46.8	23.8	20.5	18.3
P/B	7.4	9.2	5.1	3.2	2.9	2.6
Div yield (%)	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.8	2.1	2.4
EV	16,826.1	20,895.3	22,182.4	24,090.0	26,300.0	28,781.5
EV/Sales	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7

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



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