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## **CMBI Credit Commentary – SUNSHI**

# Yango's relative slower sales to be mitigated by vigilant land investment; we are neutral on SUNSHIs

1H21 sales growth (+13% yoy) is lagging to peers due to lower sellthrough rate (60%-65% vs. ~ 70% industry average), but the run-rate (46%) is satisfactory; cash collection and attributable ratio maintained stable as 2020; land investment remained vigilant; company looks to keep net gearing ratio below 100% and remain as yellow developer in interim result; confident to achieve profits guarantee to Taikang in 2021; active in repurchase onshore and offshore bonds;

We revisited Yango Group's 1H21 operational performance and previewed its interim results. We think Yango Group is on track to achieve its annual sales target of RMB220bn (2020A: RMB218bn) with run-rate of 46%, although sales growth (+13% yoy) is lagging to peers. Its investment strategy stays conservative as attributable land investment below 30% of the annual budget. We think the recent land acquisition in Zhejiang is supportive to its land bank and margin. Yango expects to remain in yellow camp under the "3 red lines" in interim result. We expect Yango's credit profile to remain stable in 2021. However, due to the recent weak sentiment on China property bonds (especially single B names), we are neutral on the SUNSHI curve (10-15%).

**Relatively slower sales growth accompanied by vigilant investment spending. Recent land acquisition is good supplement.** Yango's 1H21 sales growth (+13% yoy) is lagging to peers (+50% yoy for top 50 developers by CRIC) due to lower sell-through rate (60%-65% vs. ~70% industry average), but the run-rate (46%) is satisfactory for its annual sales target of RMB220bn. We estimated that the sale-able resources in the second half would be over RMB220bn (requires sell-through of 53% to hit the target).

On the investment front, Yango spent RMB13.3bn for GFA of 4.4mm sqm at RMB5.2k per sqm. The actual land investment is only 23% of its land investment upper limit or 27% of the lower limit, or 26% of its cash collection. On 22 Jul'21, Yango announced its unit has acquired 7 land parcels (GFA of 856.5k sqm; avg. land cost at RMB7.2k per sqm) in Yongkang City, Zhejiang with RMB6.1bn through an M&A loan from a trust company with costs of 8%-9%. We think the acquisition is a good supplement to its land reserve to maintain its operational size, under the centralized land supply system.

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Yango Group expects slightly drop in total borrowings, while keeping net gearing below 100% and remain as a yellow developer. Yango's gross margin sharply dropped 6.5ppts to 20.1% in 2020, but we expect the company's profitability to remain stable in 1H21. Company guided 2021FY profits to meet the profits guarantee with Taikang (2020A: 5.2bn; 2021 profit guarantee: 5.6bn), which is in line with our expectation.

Yango was active in bonds buy-back onshore and offshore, following the wave of bonds repurchase by developers. Yango repurchased USD10mn of SUNSHI '24 bonds and RMB227mn of onshore bonds in July amid the volatile markets. In the rest 2021, Yango has ~RMB4.3bn maturities onshore. Management guided that they will to use internal cash flow and new issuance for the bond repayment.

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