

Dmall Inc (2586 HK)

1H25 review: Al empowers retail solutions and enhances operational efficiency

Dmall announced 1H25 results: total revenue grew by 15% YoY to RMB1.08bn, equivalent to 49% of our full-year estimate; adjusted net profit grew by 153% YoY to RMB77mn, representing 57% of our full-year estimate, mainly thanks to the optimized business structure and improved efficiency. Dmall continued to upgrade its retail solutions in 1H25, and leverages AI to drive business growth and operational efficiency. The company also actively participates in the Web3 opportunities, forming cooperation with HashKey and initiating preparations to apply for a stablecoin license in 1H25. We maintain our financial forecast and target price of HK\$16.00 (based on 6x FY25E EV/sales). Maintain BUY.

- Solid revenue growth across business lines. By segment: 1) Revenue from AI retail core solution increased by 16% YoY to RMB488mn in 1H25, mainly driven by growth of client base (+13% YoY to 319 customers). Dmall signed several key accounts in 1H25, such as Shanghai Tangjiu and Xinjiang Wuika Times. The company also expanded its cooperation with existing customers like Pangdonglai and Lawson China. 2) Revenue from AI retail value-added service grew by 14% YoY to RMB591mn in 1H25, primarily attributable to the deepening cooperation with existing customers in areas like intelligent loss prevention, remote monitoring, and intelligent cashier. The company also signed new client Xinjiang Aijia in 1H25.
- Al to empower retail solutions and enhance internal efficiency. Dmall leverages Al to improve its product offerings. 1) The company has launched the Al-powered Transportation Management System at DFI's Wellcome Supermarket Hong Kong, which significantly improves logistic efficiency through Al scheduling and route planning. 2) The company has also built an Al-powered Next-Gen Retail Solution upon in-depth research on Pangdonglai and Al applications such as Al intelligent customer flow and intelligent inspection. Through adopting this solution, daily average sales of several Wumart Supermarket stores reached 4-8 times that of prerenovation levels. Besides, Dmall also leverages Al to improve its internal efficiency. The company has applied Gen Al coding tools like Cursor, which drives continued improvement in R&D efficiency and code quality.
- Committed to Web3 technology development. Dmall opened a trading account on HashKey Exchange and made investment in Bitcoin in 1H25. Management noted that the amount of the investment remained insignificant and it is for the purpose of exploring stablecoin opportunities. The company has initiated preparations to apply for a stablecoin license and reached cooperation with Hailstone Labs to develop stablecoin solutions.

Earnings Summary

| (YE 31 Dec) | FY23A | FY24A | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | |
|---|---------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
| Revenue (RMB mn) | 1,585 | 1,859 | 2,190 | 2,572 | 2,936 | |
| YoY growth (%) | 19.4 | 17.3 | 17.8 | 17.5 | 14.1 | |
| Adjusted net profit (RMB mn) | (233.3) | 29.8 | 134.4 | 337.8 | 517.5 | |
| YoY growth (%) | na | na | 351.0 | 151.4 | 53.2 | |
| EPS (Adjusted) (RMB cents) | (44.43) | 5.39 | 14.94 | 37.56 | 57.55 | |
| P/S (x) | 5.8 | 4.9 | 4.2 | 3.6 | 3.1 | |
| Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates | | | | | | |

BUY (Maintain)

Target Price HK\$16.00 Up/Downside 44.0% Current Price HK\$11.11

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Stock Data

| Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn) | 9,990.8 |
|--------------------------|---------|
| Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn) | 143.0 |
| 52w High/Low (HK\$) | NA/NA |
| Total Issued Shares (mn) | 899.3 |
| Source: FactSet | |

Shareholding Structure

| Celestial | 47.8% |
|---------------|-------|
| Vigorous Link | 8.5% |
| Source: HKEx | |

Share Performance

| | Absolute | Relative |
|-------|----------|----------|
| 1-mth | -5.8% | -11.3% |
| 3-mth | 1.4% | -8.5% |
| 6-mth | 82.1% | 55.1% |

Source: FactSet



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Financial Summary

| INCOME STATEMENT | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
|--|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn) | | | | | | |
| Revenue | 1,328 | 1,585 | 1,859 | 2,190 | 2,572 | 2,936 |
| Cost of goods sold | (823) | (1,031) | (1,113) | (1,292) | (1,479) | (1,639) |
| Gross profit | 505 | 555 | 746 | 898 | 1,093 | 1,297 |
| Operating expenses | (891) | (818) | (920) | (777) | (760) | (746) |
| Selling expense | (239) | (151) | (92) | (103) | (105) | (108) |
| Admin expense | (252) | (259) | (308) | (312) | (317) | (322) |
| R&D expense | (586) | (521) | (413) | (385) | (364) | (346) |
| Others | 186 | 114 | (107) | 23 | 26 | 30 |
| Operating profit | (386) | (263) | (174) | 121 | 334 | 551 |
| Share of (losses)/profits of associates/JV | 0 | 0 | (0) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Interest expense | (23) | (13) | (4) | (6) | (6) | (10) |
| Others | (493) | (476) | (2,276) | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre-tax profit | (902) | (752) | (2,454) | 115 | 328 | 541 |
| Income tax | 2 | 3 | 1 | (3) | (16) | (54) |
| After tax profit | (900) | (749) | (2,453) | 112 | 311 | 487 |
| Minority interest | (33) | (63) | (25) | 1 | 3 | 5 |
| Discontinued operations | 59 | 94 | 233 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net profit | (926) | (592) | (2,195) | 111 | 308 | 482 |
| Adjusted net profit | (356) | (233) | 30 | 134 | 338 | 518 |
| BALANCE SHEET | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn) | | | | | | |
| Current assets | 811 | 844 | 1,284 | 1,688 | 2,355 | 3,363 |
| Cash & equivalents | 533 | 533 | 801 | 1,127 | 1,731 | 2,680 |
| Account receivables | 141 | 165 | 248 | 191 | 213 | 231 |
| Inventories | 6 | 11 | 5 | 11 | 12 | 14 |
| Other current assets | 131 | 135 | 230 | 359 | 399 | 439 |
| Non-current assets | 496 | 534 | 376 | 362 | 363 | 380 |
| PP&E | 74 | 77 | 70 | 47 | 33 | 24 |
| Intangibles | 93 | 84 | 144 | 153 | 169 | 194 |
| Other non-current assets | 329 | 373 | 162 | 162 | 162 | 162 |
| Total assets | 1,307 | 1,378 | 1,659 | 2,050 | 2,719 | 3,743 |
| Current liabilities | 7,112 | 7,794 | 918 | 975 | 1,174 | 1,453 |
| Short-term borrowings | 70 | 202 | 445 | 306 | 465 | 723 |
| Account payables | 64 | 87 | 99 | 94 | 108 | 120 |
| Other current liabilities | 6,978 | 7,505 | 374 | 575 | 601 | 611 |
| Non-current liabilities | 273 | 349 | 100 | 322 | 481 | 739 |
| Long-term borrowings | 50 | 112 | 84 | 306 | 465 | 723 |
| Other non-current liabilities | 222 | 237 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 |
| Total liabilities | 7,385 | 8,143 | 1,018 | 1,297 | 1,655 | 2,192 |
| Share capital | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Retained earnings | (6,161) | (6,865) | 565 | 676 | 984 | 1,466 |
| Total shareholders equity | (6,161) | (6,865) | 566 | 676 | 984 | 1,466 |
| Minority interest | 83 | 100 | 75 | 76 | 80 | 85 |
| Total equity and liabilities | 1,307 | 1,378 | 1,659 | 2,050 | 2,719 | 3,743 |



| CASH FLOW | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|-------|
| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn) | | | | | | |
| Operating | | | | | | |
| Profit before taxation | (842) | (659) | (2,454) | 115 | 328 | 541 |
| Depreciation & amortization | 52 | 46 | 50 | 43 | 49 | 57 |
| Tax paid | (0) | 0 | 1 | (3) | (16) | (54) |
| Change in working capital | 178 | (54) | (273) | 118 | (23) | (38) |
| Others | 407 | 487 | 2,286 | 19 | 21 | 24 |
| Net cash from operations | (206) | (179) | (391) | 292 | 358 | 530 |
| Investing | | | | | | |
| Capital expenditure | (17) | (4) | (8) | (21) | (34) | (49) |
| Others | 85 | (27) | (65) | (23) | (30) | (39) |
| Net cash from investing | 69 | (31) | (73) | (44) | (64) | (88) |
| Financing | | | | | | |
| Net borrowings | 110 | 191 | 215 | 83 | 318 | 516 |
| Others | 172 | 16 | 517 | (6) | (6) | (10) |
| Net cash from financing | 282 | 207 | 732 | 77 | 311 | 506 |
| Net change in cash | | | | | | |
| Cash at the beginning of the year | 369 | 533 | 533 | 801 | 1,127 | 1,731 |
| Exchange difference | 19 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cash at the end of the year | 533 | 533 | 801 | 1,127 | 1,731 | 2,680 |
| GROWTH | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 31 Dec | | | | | | |
| Revenue | 56.6% | 19.4% | 17.3% | 17.8% | 17.5% | 14.1% |
| Gross profit | 192.5% | 9.8% | 34.6% | 20.3% | 21.8% | 18.6% |
| Operating profit | na | na | na | na | 176.6% | 65.0% |
| Net profit | na | na | na | na | 178.5% | 56.6% |
| Adj. net profit | na | na | na | 351.0% | 151.4% | 53.2% |
| PROFITABILITY | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 31 Dec | | | | | | |
| Gross profit margin | 38.0% | 35.0% | 40.1% | 41.0% | 42.5% | 44.2% |
| Operating margin | (29.0%) | (16.6%) | (9.4%) | 5.5% | 13.0% | 18.8% |
| Adj. net profit margin | (26.8%) | (14.7%) | 1.6% | 6.1% | 13.1% | 17.6% |
| Return on equity (ROE) | na | na | na | 17.8% | 37.1% | 39.4% |
| GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 31 Dec | | | | | | |
| Current ratio (x) | 0.1 | 0.1 | 1.4 | 1.7 | 2.0 | 2.3 |
| Receivable turnover days | 32.1 | 35.2 | 33.4 | 31.8 | 30.2 | 28.7 |
| Inventory turnover days | 2.9 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 | 3.1 |
| Payable turnover days | 25.1 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 26.6 | 26.6 |
| VALUATION | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
| YE 31 Dec | | | | | | |
| P/E | ns | ns | ns | 82.6 | 29.7 | 18.9 |

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



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