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Hikvision (002415 CH)

Innovative business gaining momentum

Hikvision FY2Q21 beat our estimates as revenue continued to rebound strongly (+34% YoY). Key highlight of FY1H21 is the innovative business: (1) revenue grew +122% YoY to RMB5.6bn (16% of revenue) and (2) gross margin +3.1 pct pts YoY to 42% (vs. core surveillance 47%). Also, high inventory level strategy helps secure customers amid global raw material shortage. Maintain BUY and raised target price to RMB80.00 (prior RMB75.65).

- FY2Q21 beat. Revenue was at RMB19.9bn (+34% YoY), and net profit was at RMB4.3bn (+38% YoY). GPM missed (-5.3 pct pts YoY to 45.9%) on higher raw material price and product mix change. Opex control was better than expected with opex ratio of 26.4% (vs. CMBI estimate 28.1%). R&D expense increased 19% YoY while G&A expense declined 8% YoY. Net profit was boosted by tax credit (RMB570mn) that usually came in 3Q instead of 2Q. On operating level, profit was up +26% YoY to RMB3.9bn.
- Innovative business taking shape. We maintain our view that Hikvision is more than a surveillance company as camera applications are expanded by embedding Al/ sensor technology. Innovative business segments (smart home products/ robotics/ thermal/ x-ray products etc.) revenue was up +122% YoY to RMB5.6bn in FY1H21 and revenue contribution reached 16%. It is also positive to see innovative business GPM improvement (+3.1 pct pts to 41.6% in FY1H21), narrowing the gap with core surveillance GPM 47.2%.
- High raw material level ensures stable supply to customers. Hikvision has adopted high inventory level strategy since Hisilicon ban in 2019. This helps secure customers in FY1H21 amid global raw material shortage, especially for SMBG (revenue +106% YoY) and overseas business (+26%YoY). Inventory level increased further to RMB15.1bn (+35% YoY) in FY2Q21, of which RMB6.9bn are raw materials (+35% YoY). Customers are accepting shorter credit period to ensure stable supply and thus AR days shortened to 114 in FY2Q21 (vs. 139 in FY2Q20). However, if raw material price hike persists, Hikvision could face increasing margin pressure.
- Maintain BUY. We raised FY21-23E net profit by 5-7% to reflect stronger topline growth and better opex control. Maintain BUY with new target price of RMB80.00 (based on unchanged 36x FY22 P/E). Key downside risk is that chip shortage may last for longer than expected.

Earnings Summary

(YE 31 Dec)	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue (RMB mn)	57,658	63,503	80,603	95,313	109,022
YoY growth (%)	16%	10%	27%	18%	14%
Net profit (RMB mn)	12,415	13,386	16,969	20,747	24,187
EPS (RMB)	1.33	1.43	1.82	2.22	2.59
YoY growth (%)	8%	8%	27%	22%	17%
Consensus EPS (RMB)	1.33	1.43	1.79	2.16	2.55
PE (x)	50.7	47.0	37.1	30.3	26.0
PB (x)	14.0	11.7	9.9	8.4	7.2
Dividend Yield (%)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.02
ROE (%)	30%	27%	29%	30%	30%
Net debt to equity	net cash				

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIS estimates

BUY (Maintain)

Target Price RMB80.00 (Previous TP RMB75.65)
Up/Downside +18.7%
Current Price RMB67.40

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Stock Data

Mkt Cap (RMB mn)	629,233
Avg 3 mths t/o (RMB mn)	1,959.28
52w High/Low (RMB)	70.48/ 33.48
Total Issued Shares (mn)	9,336
Source: Bloomberg	

Shareholding Structure

CETC	38.9%
Kung Hong Ka - Chairman	10.3%

Source: Bloomberg

Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	12.7%	12.0%
3-mth	7.4%	6.1%
6-mth	1.2%	9.4%

Source: Bloomberg

12-mth Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Auditor: Deloitte

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Focus Charts

Figure 1: Quarterly revenue and YoY growth

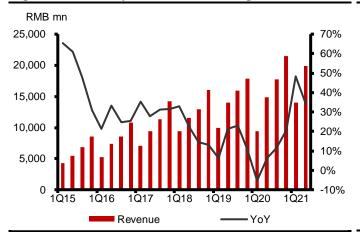
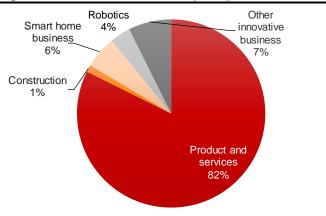


Figure 2: Revenue breakdown (1H21)



Source: Company data

Figure 3: Quarterly inventory and YoY growth

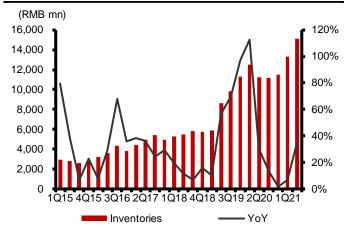
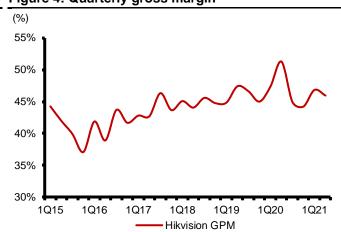


Figure 4: Quarterly gross margin

Source: Company data

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Figure 5: R&D

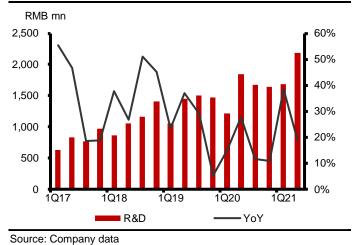
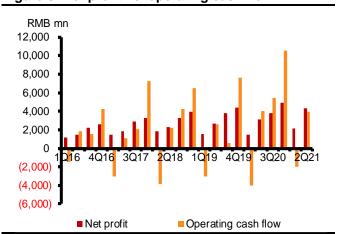


Figure 6: Net profit vs. operating cash flow



Source: Company data



FY2Q21 results review

- Revenue was at RMB19,914mn (+34% YoY, +42% QoQ), beat our estimate by 14% and in-line with consensus.
- Gross profit was at RMB9,148mn (+20% YoY, +40% QoQ), beat our estimate by 9% and in-line with consensus.
- **Gross margin** was at 45.9%, (-5.3 pct pts YoY, -0.9 pct pts QoQ), below our estimate by 1.9 pct pts and consensus by 0.2 pct pts.
- Operating profit was at RMB3,899mn (+26% YoY, +52% QoQ), beat our estimate by 13%.
- Operating margin was at 19.6% (-1.2 pct pts YoY, +1.2 pct pts QoQ), below our estimate by 0.1 pct pts.
- **Net profit** was at RMB4,312mn (+38% YoY, +99% QoQ), beat our estimate by 21% and consensus by 13%
- EPS was at RMB0.46 (+38% YoY, +99% QoQ), above our estimate by 21% and consensus by 22%.

Figure 7: FY2Q21 results review

	Jun-20 2Q20	Mar-21 1Q21	Jun-21 2Q21			Jun-21 2Q21	versus	Jun-21 2Q21	versus
RMB mn	actual	actual	actual	YoY	QoQ	СМВІ	СМВІ	consensus	consensus
Revenue	14,842	13,988	19,914	34%	42%	17,507	14%	19,810	1%
Gross profit	7,612	6,549	9,148	20%	40%	8,376	9%	9,145	0%
Gross margin	51.3%	46.8%	45.9%	-5.3 pct pts	-0.9 pct pts	47.8%	-1.9 pct pts	46.2%	-0.2 pct pts
Operating profit (adjusted)	3,088	2,569	3,899	26%	52%	3,446	13%	4,837	-19%
Operating margin (adjusted)	20.8%	18.4%	19.6%	-1.2 pct pts	1.2 pct pts	19.7%	-0.1 pct pts	24.4%	-4.8 pct pts
Net non-op	660	341	474			485		-372	
PBT	3,748	2,910	4,372	17%	50%	3,931	11%	4,465	-2%
Tax	-635	-476	48			-373		-645	
Minorities	14	-265	-108			-7			
Net income	3,128	2,169	4,312	38%	99%	3,551	21%	3,820	13%
EPS RMB	0.33	0.23	0.46	38%	99%	0.38	21%	0.38	22%

Source: Company data, CMBIS



Earnings revision

Figure 8: Hikvision earnings revision

		2021E			2022E		2023E			
RMB mn	New	Old	%Diff	New	Old	%Diff	New	Old	%Diff	
Sales	80,603	76,630	5%	95,313	88,942	7%	109,022	100,315	9%	
Gross profit	37,267	35,552	5%	44,260	41,853	6%	51,101	47,749	7%	
OP Profit	17,315	16,375	6%	21,359	19,675	9%	25,215	22,983	10%	
PBT	19,618	18,499	6%	23,632	22,006	7%	27,846	25,572	9%	
Net profit	16,969	16,114	5%	20,747	19,546	6%	24,187	22,559	7%	
EPS	1.82	1.72	5%	2.22	2.09	6%	2.59	2.41	7%	
Margins										
GM	46.2%	46.4%	-16 bps	46.4%	47.1%	-62 bps	46.9%	47.6%	-73 bps	
OPM	21.5%	21.4%	11 bps	22.4%	22.1%	29 bps	23.1%	22.9%	22 bps	
PBT margin	24.3%	24.1%	20 bps	24.8%	24.7%	5 bps	25.5%	25.5%	5 bps	
Net margin	21.1%	21.0%	2 bps	21.8%	22.0%	-21 bps	22.2%	22.5%	-30 bps	

Source: Company data, CMBIS

Figure 9: Hikvision CMBI estimates vs. consensus

	2021E				2022E		2023E			
RMB mn	CMBI	Street	Diff	CMBI	Street	Diff	CMBI	Street	Diff	
Sales	80,603	76,903	5%	95,313	91,107	5%	109,022	107,216	2%	
Gross profit	37,267	35,361	5%	44,260	42,009	5%	51,101	49,504	3%	
OP Profit	17,315	18,510	-6%	21,359	22,465	-5%	25,215	26,276	-4%	
PBT	19,618	18,896	4%	23,632	22,702	4%	27,846	26,839	4%	
Net profit	16,969	16,672	2%	20,747	20,098	3%	24,187	23,760	2%	
EPS	1.82	1.77	3%	2.22	2.13	4%	2.59	2.52	3%	
Margins										
GM	46.2%	46.0%	25 bps	46.4%	46.1%	33 bps	46.9%	46.2%	70 bps	
OPM	21.5%	24.1%	-259 bps	22.4%	24.7%	-225 bps	23.1%	24.5%	-138 bps	
PBT margin	24.3%	24.6%	-23 bps	24.8%	24.9%	-12 bps	25.5%	25.0%	51 bps	
Net margin	21.1%	21.7%	-63 bps	21.8%	22.1%	-29 bps	22.2%	22.2%	2 bps	

Source: Company data, CMBIS, Bloomberg



Operating model

Figure 10: Operating model

RMB mn	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Revenues	57,658	63,503	80,603	95,313	109,022
Cost of sales	(31,140)	(33,958)	(43,336)	(51,053)	(57,922)
Gross Profit	26,518	29,546	37,267	44,260	51,101
Gross margin	46.0%	46.5%	46.2%	46.4%	46.9%
R&D	(5,484)	(6,379)	(8,172)	(9,663)	(10,837)
SG&A	(9,079)	(9,168)	(11,194)	(12,585)	(14,287)
Operating Income	11,538	13,583	17,315	21,359	25,215
Operating margin	20.0%	21.4%	21.5%	22.4%	23.1%
Non-Operating Income	2,218	1,690	2,302	2,273	2,630
Profit Before Tax	13,755	15,273	19,618	23,632	27,846
Income tax (expense) gain	(1,290)	(1,595)	(2,072)	(2,245)	(2,785)
Minorities	(51)	(293)	(576)	(640)	(874)
Net Income to Shareholders	12,415	13,386	16,969	20,747	24,187
Net margin	21.5%	21.1%	21.1%	21.8%	22.2%
EPS (RMB)	1.33	1.43	1.82	2.22	2.59
DPS (RMB)	0.60	0.70	0.80	1.02	1.24
Revenue breakdown					
Core camera solution	52,130	55,721	67,247	77,024	86,267
Construction	1,091	1,614	1,857	2,042	2,247
Smart home business	2,592	2,919	4,085	5,311	6,638
Robotics	814	1,359	2,644	4,019	5,225
Other innovative business	1,030	1,891	4,770	6,917	8,646
PBG	15,586	16,304			
EBG	12,591	15,180			
SMBG	9,356	9,683			
Domestic	41,420	45,807			
Export	16,239	17,697			
Gross margin breakdown					
Core camera solution	47.3%	48.4%	47.9%	48.1%	48.3%
Construction	22.7%	16.2%	19.1%	18.8%	19.0%
Innovative business	36.7%	37.3%	41.2%	42.2%	43.9%
Domestic	46.0%	44.9%			
Export	45.9%	50.7%			
Growth YoY					
Revenues	16%	10%	27%	18%	14%
Gross profit	19%	11%	26%	19%	15%
Operating Income	13%	18%	27%	23%	18%
EPS Common data CMBIC	8%	8%	27%	22%	17%

Source: Company data, CMBIS



Figure 11: Quarterly operating model

RMB mn	1Q20	2Q20	3Q20	4Q20	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21E	4Q21E
Revenues	9,429	14,842	17,750	21,482	13,988	19,914	21,674	25,027
Gross Profit	4,466	7,612	7,973	9,495	6,549	9,148	9,961	11,610
Operating profit	1,472	3,088	3,896	5,126	2,569	3,899	4,694	6,154
Net profit (loss)	1,496	3,128	3,815	4,947	2,169	4,312	4,446	6,042
EPS (RMB)	0.16	0.33	0.41	0.53	0.23	0.46	0.48	0.65
<u>Margins</u>								
Gross margin	47.4%	51.3%	44.9%	44.2%	46.8%	45.9%	46.0%	46.4%
Operating margin	15.6%	20.8%	21.9%	23.9%	18.4%	19.6%	21.7%	24.6%
Net margin	15.9%	21.1%	21.5%	23.0%	15.5%	21.7%	20.5%	24.1%
Growth (QoQ)								
Revenues	-47%	57%	20%	21%	-35%	42%	9%	15%
Gross Profit	-44%	70%	5%	19%	-31%	40%	9%	17%
Operating profit	-60%	110%	26%	32%	-50%	52%	20%	31%
Net profit (loss)	-66%	109%	22%	30%	-56%	99%	3%	36%
Growth (YoY)								
Revenues	-5%	6%	12%	21%	48%	34%	22%	16%
Gross Profit	0%	15%	7%	18%	47%	20%	25%	22%
Operating profit	-11%	10%	13%	41%	74%	26%	20%	20%
Net profit (loss)	-3%	17%	0%	13%	45%	38%	17%	22%

Source: Company data, CMBIS



Valuation

Hikvision (002415 CH, BUY, TP RMB80.00)

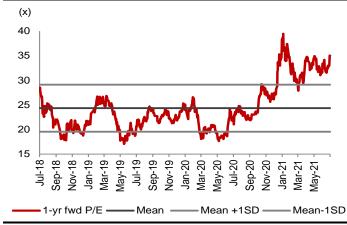
We raised our target price to RMB80.00 (prior RMB75.65), based on unchanged 36x FY22 P/E, 50% above its 3-year mean. We believe Hikvision deserves re-rating as supply chain risk is mitigated after two years of product re-design. Also, strong growth in innovative business proves Hikvision transformation to an intelligent camera solution provider rather than a pure surveillance company. Hikvision announced plan to spin off its smart home business (Ezviz Network) on STAR board. We believe the spin-off could provide new financing channel to support IoT/ AI R&D.

Figure 12: Peers' valuation

										Sales	EPS
			Mkt Cap	Price	TP	P/E		ROE		CAGR	CAGR
Company	Ticker	Rating	(US\$ mn)	(LC)	(LC)	FY21E	FY22E	FY21E	FY22E	FY20-23	FY20-23
Hikvision	002415 CH	BUY	97,173	67.40	80.00	37.1	30.3	29.0	30.1	20%	22%
Dahua	002236 CH	HOLD	10,390	22.46	23.36	15.7	13.1	18.9	19.0	18%	16%
China Transinfo	002373 CH	NR	3,713	15.21	n.a.	19.1	15.4	11.4	12.6	17%	22%
Thunisoft	300271 CH	NR	2,280	17.80	n.a.	22.7	17.7	9.0	10.3	33%	29%
iFlytek	002230 CH	NR	22,240	62.60	n.a.	80.4	59.5	12.5	15.0	32%	37%
Cambricon Tech	688256 CH	NR	6,319	102.27	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-11.9	-13.0	29%	-1%
					Mean	35.1	27.4	11.3	12.0	25%	21%
					Median	22.7	17.7	11.9	13.8	24%	21%

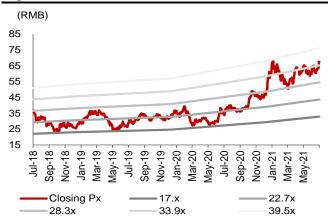
Source: Bloomberg, CMBIS

Figure 13: Hikvision 12M forward P/E chart



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIS

Figure 14: Hikvision 12M forward P/E band



Source: Bloomberg, CMBIS



Financial Summary

Financial Sum	mary										
Income statement						Cash flow summary					
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E	YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Revenue	57,658	63,503	80,603	95,313	109,022	Net profit	12,415	13,386	16,969	20,747	24,187
Cost of sales	(31,140)	(33,958)	(43,336)	(51,053)	(57,922)	Depreciation/amortization	699	845	1,122	1,276	1,399
Gross profit	26,518	29,546	37,267	44,260	51,101	Change in working capital	(7,153)	597	(12,827)	(99)	9,912
						Others	1,807	1,260	787	640	874
Selling exp	(7,257)	(7,378)	(9,264)	(10,202)	(11,619)	Net cash from operating	7,768	16,088	6,052	22,564	36,372
Admin exp	(1,822)	(1,790)	(1,930)	(2,383)	(2,668)						
R&D exp	(5,484)	(6,379)	(8,172)	(9,663)	(10,837)	Capex	(1,927)	(2,004)	(2,409)	(2,172)	(2,251)
Other operating exp.	(417)	(416)	(586)	(652)	(762)	Other	4	(551)	192	Ó	Ó
Operating profit	11,538	13,583	17,315	21,359	25,215	Net cash from investing	(1,923)	(2,555)	(2,218)	(2,172)	(2,251)
Finance costs	640	(396)	498	440	878	Net borrowings	187	2,049	1,144	1,044	(2,445)
Other non-oper exp.	1,578	2,086	1,804	1,833	1,752	Dividend paid	(5,609)	(6,542)	(7,475)	(9,476)	(11,58
Pre-tax profit	13,755	15,273	19,618	23,632	27,846	Other	(14)	(189)	(337)	(640)	(874)
•						Net cash from financing	(5,436)	(4,681)	(6,668)	(9,073)	(14,90
Income tax expense	(1,290)	(1,595)	(2,072)	(2,245)	(2,785)	_					•
Minority interests	(51)	(293)	(576)	(640)	(874)	Net change in cash	408	8,852	(2,834)	11,319	19,216
Net profit to S/H	12,415	13,386	16,969	20,747	24,187	Cash (beginning of the year)	26,552				
•						Exchange difference	111	(464)	(74)	0	0
						Cash (end of the year)	27,072	35,460	32,552	43,871	63,087
Balance sheet						Key ratios					
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)	FY19	FY20	FY21E			YE 31 Dec	FY19	FY20	FY21E	FY22E	FY23E
Current assets	64,026	74,763	•	•	-	Revenue mix		000/	020/	040/	79%
Cash & equivalents	27,072	35,460	32,552	,	63,087	Core camera solution	90%	88%	83%	81% 2%	79% 2%
Account receivables	23,146	24,098	32,363	36,566	-	Construction	2%	3%	2%	_,-	_,,
Inventory	11,268	11,478	12,342	-	-	Smart home business Robotics	4% 1%	5% 2%	5% 3%	6% 4%	6% 5%
Other current assets	2,540	3,727	4,147	4,695	5,573						
Non-current assets	11,332	13,939	15,287	16,183	17,035	Other innovative business	2%	3%	6%	7%	8%
PPE	6,423	7,301	8,422	9,318	10,170	Growth (%)					
Intangible assets	1,407	1,634	1,590	1,590	1,590	Revenue	16%	10%	27%	18%	14%
Other non-current assets	3,502	5,003	5,275	5,275	5,275	Operating profit	13%	18%	27%	23%	18%
Total assets	3,302	3,003	5,275	5,275	5,275	EPS	8%	8%	27%	22%	17%
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Current liabilities	23,521	31,225	28,580	37,319		Margin (%)					
ST borrowings	2,726	7,507	8,151	8,824	6,950	Gross margin	46.0%	46.5%	46.2%		46.9%
Account payables	13,940	14,631	9,557	16,142	•	Operating margin	20.0%	21.4%		22.4%	23.1%
Accrued expense	5,941	6,173	8,228	8,548	9,560	Net profit margin	21.5%	21.1%	21.1%	21.8%	22.2%
Other current liabilities	914	2,914	2,645	3,804	4,779						
						Balance sheet ratio					
Non-current liabilities	6,364	2,997	3,640	4,010	3,438	Current ratio (x)	2.72	2.39	2.85	2.70	2.43

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(1,115)

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88,016 95,614 115,993 142,870 EPS (RMB)

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53,794 63,394 74,665 87,266 Per share data (RMB)

73,863 ROE

(1,115) ROIC

2,279 Receivable turnover days

Net debt to equity

5,183 Profitability (%)

DPS (RMB)

BVPS (RMB)

Inventory turnover days

Payable turnover days

2,481

1,159

32,220

9,336

5,183

49,990

(1,115)

1,076

Source: Company data, CMBIS estimates

LT borrowings

Total liabilities

Share capital

Capital surplus

Other reserves

Total equity

Retained earnings

Minority interest

Total liabilities and

Other non-current liabilities

4,604

1,760

29,885

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