

Property

Sales show recovery sign, banks may help semi-SOE

The property sector surged 8% yesterday (12 March) as YY's Asia reported that 12 national banks were guided to provide RMB 80bn syndicate loan for Vanke. In our view, such move confirms that "regulators have reached a consensus on Vanke's position as a systematically important developer", indicating Vanke is not likely to default in the short term under the support of regulators. We think the key points to watch are: Will the guidance to be executed and whether Vanke can provide enough collateral to balance between loan holders and non-standard debt holders. Property sales showed preliminary improvement on a weekly basis with secondary market performed better than the new home market, while the buying sentiment is still low compared to the same period last year, since new/secondary home transaction volume in the 3rd week post-CNY only recovered to 40/65% of the same period last year.

- What is new. YY's Asia reported that 12 national banks are planning to provide RMB 80bn syndicate loan for Vanke to repay its future maturing debt, and several banks have confirmed this news. We think this confirms our previous statement that "regulators have reached a consensus on Vanke's position as a systematically important developer", showing a clear attitude to provide financial assistance to Vanke. This would bring more confidence to the market during the debt repayment peak. The key points to watch should be whether this loan can be executed. We think the potential challenges lie in 1) whether Vanke can provide sufficient collateral for the loan. 2) If collateral is offered for the syndicated loan holders, nonstandard debt holders (like insurance companies) may also require additional collateral, if Vanke has the ability to balance between them. 3) Against the backdrop of a significant decline in asset prices, whether Vanke can secure favourable loan-to-value ratios.
- Property sales. Four points we would like to share: 1) On a weekly basis, property sales showed preliminary signs of improvement post-CNY especially in tier-1 cities, with secondary market recovering better than the new home market. 2) We think new home recovery was mainly driven by project supply, while secondary home was boosted by home price declines.

 3) Compared to the post-CNY last year, overall new home/secondary home transaction volume have only recovered to c.38/65% of the same period last year (Figure 1). In Shanghai, weekly transaction for new home/secondary home recovered to 42/90% of the same period last year (Figure 4). The still-low buying sentiment could also be evidenced by avg. project subscription rate of 95% for Shanghai's project supply in 2024 vs. 193% for 1st batch launched similar period in 2023 (Figure 6).4) We think the recovery trend of secondary market may sustain as the downward trend in price may continue while that of new home market may depend on whether there is further relaxation on demand-side policy.
- Sector performance and stock pick: After a mild recovery in the week following the CNY-holiday, the property sector entered another period of volatility influenced by developers' debt crisis concerns. Yesterday, the developers surged 8% due to the Vanke's news mentioned above. We believe news related to developers debt repayment will continue to affect sector performance in Mar and Apr. Stock selection: for asset-light companies, we prefer beneficiaries in the secondary market like BEKE and PM companies with stable cash flow, high dividend yield and a trend of further increasing dividend payout ratios such as CR MixC, COPH, Poly Services, Yuexiu Service and Onewo etc. Others we like PJM company Greentown Mgmt. with good fulfilment on results guidance. For developers, we recommend CR Land with long-term value.

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Figure 1: Property sales recovery process from the same period in 2023

% recovered from same period in 2023	1st week post-CNY 0219-0225	2nd week post-CNY 0226-0303	3rd week post-CNY 0304-0310	
New home sales in 30 major cities	29%	46%	38%	
Secondary home sales in 14 cities	53%	62%	65%	

Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Figure 2: YTD new home sales declined 44% YoY as of end of 12 Mar 2024



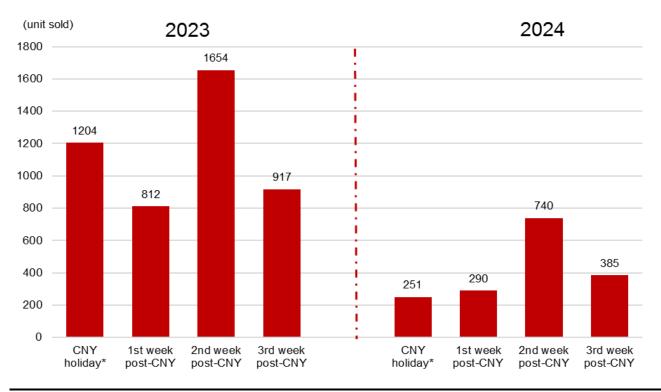
Source: Wind, CMBIGM

Figure 3: YTD new home sales declined 13% YoY as of end of 12 Mar 2024



Source: Wind, CMBIGM

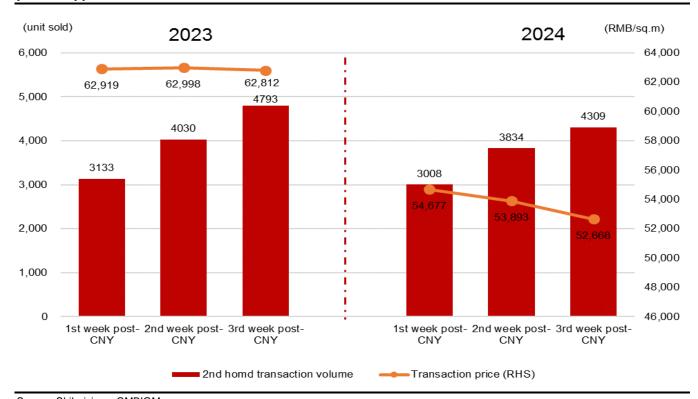
Figure 4: New home sales in Shanghai recovered to 42% of the same period last year



Source: baishengpg, CMBIGM

Note: Data of CNY holiday refers to data in two weeks covering CNY holiday. Updated as of 10 March 2024.

Figure 5: Second-hand home transaction in Shanghai recovered to 90% of the same period last year, the price dropped 4% in two weeks



Source: Shibeizixun, CMBIGM Note: Updated as of 10 March 2024



Figure 6: Observing buying sentiment through project subscription rate in Shanghai

Project launched in	Unit	Subscription	Subscription	Project in 1st batch of	Unit	Subscription	Subscription
2024	supplied	number	rate	2023	supplied	number	rate
香港置地招商汇元玺	48	320	667%	象屿招商公园1872北区	144	800	555%
招商苏河玺	30	147	490%	华发半岛华庭	335	1671	499%
天汇玺	16	55	344%	越秀保利嘉悦云上	177	760	430%
保利滨江天珺	20	60	300%	象屿招商公园1872南区	364	1439	395%
绿城外滩兰庭臻兰	166	450	271%	古美华府	295	1001	339%
中建万科理想之地	212	510	241%	钱江大家文澜府	217	700	323%
绿城沁蘭园	412	786	190%	保利建工海明天汇	183	580	319%
华润中环置地中心润府	260	360	138%	泗水和鸣	20	60	300%
中环金茂府	266	310	117%	中铁湖光逸景	103	244	237%
露香园云宸二期	262	280	107%	华发四季河滨	350	730	209%
黄浦庆成府	226	242	107%	安联湖山悦	124	232	187%
嘉俊庭	440	448	102%	中企云萃森林	245	420	171%
上江南 璟荟名庭	379	320	84%	金鼎阅府	466	701	150%
万科海上映像	39	23	59%	保利中企和颂	365	490	135%
金地丰盛道	51	30	56%	奉发名邸	100	119	119%
中铁建花语前湾	394	205	55%	金鼎阅府	525	598	114%
华发海上都荟	315	139	44%	保利联发光合臻园	176	180	102%
华润观宸润府	178	77	43%	鹏瑞云璟湾	193	184	95%
日月光伯爵天地	216	75	35%	天安象屿萃湖臻境	298	221	74%
象屿交控 中环云悦府	329	102	31%	象屿同进虹桥嘉悦	262	175	67%
众禾嘉苑	312	74	24%	蟠龙府二期	468	280	60%
中建玖海云天	482	95	20%	上实望海	587	137	23%
深业深安上居	360	30	8%	新城尚品	88	18	20%
Total	5413	5138	95%	Total	6085	11740	193%

Source: Fangdi.com, CMBIGM



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