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# **Excellence Commercial Property (6989 HK)**

# Corporate services to fuel its 35% CAGR plan; Maintain Buy

If we look closer at its strong 2021 growth, the contribution from business VAS has improved to 22% vs. 14% in 2020. We believe this segment will see further growth potential as the Company has a dominant position in large-corporate property management (30% market share) that allows more penetration opportunities. For example, its VAS service fees for some clients are even higher than basic management fee at a ratio of 1.25 to 1. We believe this new growth engine would lead to its guided 35% NP CAGR towards 2024. On the parentco side, the group's financial position remains healthy within the green category which could lessen investors' worries. We maintain Buy and the Company is trading at attractive valuation of 5x 2022E P/E.

- 2021 results in line: The Company delivered 57% growth in 2021 earnings at RMB510mn, at the higher bounds of its 50-60% profit alert. The total revenue grew 37% YoY to RMB3.5bn in 2021 mainly driven by VAS (+118% YoY). GP Margin widened 1.4ppt YoY to 27.7% in 2021 and NPM widened to 14.7% in 2021 (+1.8ppt YoY), also driven by VAS segment (+6.9ppts YoY). EPS was RMB0.42/share (+24% YoY) and the Company declared a relatively generous dividend of HK\$0.36/share (+279% YoY), representing 72% payout ratio (+48ppts YoY).
- Community and business VAS rose 118% YoY in 2021 to account for 23% of revenue (+8.3ppts YoY). This growth has further facilitated the establishment of value chain for commercial asset services and corporates services, of which corporates services saw a high growth in performance. Gross profit margin were lifted to 41.5% (+6.9% YoY) attributable to the increased proportion of higher GPM businesses.
- Basic PM Business grew a steady 25% YoY in 2021, mainly driven by 29% growth in managed GFA to 41.2mn sq m (contracted GFA at 56.8mn sq m). It is worth noting that third-party GFA contribution is maintained at a stable and healthy 83% of total commercial properties, which shows the organic growth capabilities of the Company. However, similar industry wide, because there is no longer social security subsidies in 2021 so GPM narrowed slightly to 22.9% in 2021 (-1.2ppts YoY).

**Earnings Summary** 

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|----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| (YE 31 Dec)          | FY18A    | FY19A    | FY20A    | FY21A    | FY22E    |
| Revenue (RMB mn)     | 1,223    | 1,836    | 2,525    | 3,467    | 4,980    |
| YoY growth (%)       | 29.1     | 50.1     | 37.5     | 37.3     | 43.6     |
| Net income (RMB mn)  | 126      | 179      | 325      | 510      | 733      |
| EPS (RMB)            | N/A      | N/A      | 0.34     | 0.42     | 0.60     |
| YoY growth (%)       | N/A      | N/A      | N/A      | 23.5     | 42.9     |
| Consensus EPS (RMB)  | N/A      | N/A      | N/A      | N/A      | 0.63     |
| P/E (x)              | N/A      | N/A      | 9.2      | 7.5      | 5.2      |
| P/B (x)              | N/A      | N/A      | 1.2      | 1.1      | 0.9      |
| Yield (%)            | N/A      | N/A      | 2.7      | 4.0      | 5.7      |
| ROE (%)              | 55.4     | 59.8     | 11.2     | 15.9     | 20.7     |
| Net gearing (%)      | Net cash |

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

# **BUY (Maintain)**

Target Price HK\$14.90 (Previous TP HK\$14.90) Up/Downside +297.1% Current Price HK\$3.75

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#### Stock Data

| Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)        | 4,576       |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn) | 8.55        |
| 52w High/Low (HK\$)      | 10.76/ 2.70 |
| Total Issued Shares (mn) | 1,220       |
| Source: Bloomberg        |             |

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| Shareholding Structure |       |
|------------------------|-------|
| Li Wa                  | 59.4% |
| Li Xiaoping            | 11.0% |
| Free float             | 29.6% |

Source: HKEx

# Share Performance

|        | Absolute | Relative |
|--------|----------|----------|
| 1-mth  | -18.4%   | -13.2%   |
| 3-mth  | -12.2%   | -4.8%    |
| 6-mth  | -27.4%   | -17.9%   |
| 12-mth | -58.1%   | -44.5%   |

Source: Bloomberg

# 12-mth Price Performance



Source: Bloomberg

Auditor: KPMG



Figure 1: 2021 results summary

| RMB mn                         | 2020  | 2021  | YoY      | Diff. vs. Estimate |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|----------|--------------------|
| Revenue                        | 2,525 | 3,467 | 37%      | -14%               |
| - Property management services | 2,111 | 2,631 | 25%      |                    |
| - VAS                          | 359   | 781   | 118%     |                    |
| - Other                        | 55    | 56    | 1%       |                    |
| Gross profit                   | 664   | 960   | 45%      |                    |
| Net profit                     | 325   | 510   | 57%      | -9%                |
| EPS (RMB)                      | 0.34  | 0.42  | 24%      |                    |
| DPS (RMB)                      | 0.08  | 0.30  | 279%     |                    |
| Dividend payout ratio          | 23%   | 72%   | 48.2 ppt |                    |
| GP Margin                      | 26.3% | 27.7% | 1.4 ppt  | 2.7 ppt            |
| Net Margin                     | 12.9% | 14.7% | 1.8 ppt  | 0.7 ppt            |
| Managed GFA (mn sq m)          | 32.0  | 41.2  | 29%      |                    |
| Contracted GFA (mn sq m)       | 44.7  | 56.8  | 27%      |                    |

Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Figure 2: Excellence CM PE trend



Source: Bloomberg

Figure 3: PM sector comps

| Company                 | Ticker  | CMBI rating | TP     | Last price | Mkt Cap   | P/E  |      | Net profit gr | profit growth (%) |      |
|-------------------------|---------|-------------|--------|------------|-----------|------|------|---------------|-------------------|------|
|                         |         |             | (HK\$) | (HK\$)     | (HK\$ mn) | 21A  | 22E  | 23E           | 22E               | 23E  |
| Country Garden Services | 6098 HK | BUY         | 91.2   | 32.9       | 110,695   | 19.6 | 13.5 | 9.6           | 49.6              | 38.5 |
| CR MixC Lifestyle       | 1209 HK | BUY         | 56.0   | 36.0       | 82,056    | 43.2 | 30.9 | 22.9          | 37.7              | 34.4 |
| A-Living                | 3319 HK | HOLD        | 34.2   | 11.9       | 16,898    | 5.6  | 4.5  | 3.6           | 25.6              | 25.0 |
| Greentown Services      | 2869 HK | HOLD        | 9.5    | 7.4        | 23,954    | 21.0 | 17.3 | 13.6          | 30.3              | 24.1 |
| Ever Sunshine           | 1995 HK | HOLD        | 12.7   | 10.0       | 17,455    | 21.7 | 15.4 | 11.2          | 43.4              | 38.1 |
| Poly Services           | 6049 HK | HOLD        | 53.4   | 54.9       | 30,378    | 28.3 | 22.8 | 18.0          | 23.5              | 27.0 |
| S-Enjoy                 | 1755 HK | SELL        | 8.6    | 9.0        | 7,814     | 9.2  | 6.7  | 4.9           | 42.7              | 36.4 |
| Powerlong Commercial    | 9909 HK | BUY         | 33.2   | 5.8        | 3,729     | 6.7  | 4.9  | 3.6           | 38.4              | 33.3 |
| Excellence CM           | 6989 HK | BUY         | 14.9   | 3.8        | 4,576     | 6.8  | 5.0  | 3.7           | 35.5              | 30.0 |
| Central China New Life  | 9983 HK | BUY         | 12.9   | 4.1        | 5,204     | 6.7  | 5.0  | 3.8           | 31.9              | 30.4 |
| Sino-Ocean Services     | 6677 HK | BUY         | 7.1    | 3.7        | 4,416     | 8.7  | 6.0  | 4.4           | 37.9              | 36.5 |
| New Hope Services       | 3658 HK | BUY         | 4.4    | 2.4        | 1,913     | 8.2  | 4.8  | NA            | 55.5              | NA   |
| Redsun Services         | 1971 HK | BUY         | 9.4    | 3.0        | 1,257     | 6.5  | 4.4  | 3.1           | 50.2              | 44.1 |
| Evergrande Services     | 6666 HK | BUY         | 10.4   | 2.3        | 24,865    | 5.6  | 4.2  | 3.2           | 32.1              | 31.2 |
| Sunac Services          | 1516 HK | BUY         | 29.8   | 4.4        | 13,391    | 8.4  | 5.7  | 4.1           | 45.0              | 37.9 |
| COPH                    | 2669 HK | NR          | NA     | 9.6        | 31,620    | 34.1 | 24.9 | 19.0          | 30.7              | 28.8 |
| Times Neighborhood      | 9928 HK | NR          | NA     | 2.2        | 2,159     | 4.4  | 2.4  | 2.0           | 39.9              | 30.1 |
| Aoyuan Healthy Life     | 3662 HK | NR          | NA     | 1.8        | 1,285     | 2.8  | 1.9  | 1.5           | 41.3              | 31.2 |
| Shimao Services         | 873 HK  | NR          | NA     | 4.0        | 9,873     | 6.3  | 4.4  | 3.2           | 40.7              | 38.2 |
| KWG Living              | 3913 HK | NR          | NA     | 2.8        | 5,729     | 6.5  | 4.3  | 3.2           | 51.7              | 32.7 |
| Jinke Smart Services    | 9666 HK | NR          | NA     | 25.5       | 16,615    | 12.2 | 8.2  | 5.8           | 47.3              | 41.1 |
|                         |         | ·           |        |            | Average   | 22.6 | 16.4 | 12.2          | 39.4              | 33.8 |

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM



# **Financial Summary**

### Income statement

# **Cash flow summary**

| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)      | FY18A | FY19A   | FY20A   | FY21A   | FY22E   | YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)            | FY18A | FY19A | FY20A | FY21A | FY22E |
|-------------------------|-------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Revenue                 | 1,223 | 1,836   | 2,525   | 3,467   | 4,980   | EBIT                          | 205   | 331   | 498   | NA    | 1,028 |
| Basic property mgnt     | 1,067 | 1,576   | 2,111   | 2,631   | 3,736   | Depreciation and amortization | (15)  | (28)  | (28)  | NA    | (31)  |
| VAS                     | 133   | 204     | 359     | 781     | 1,239   | Change in working capital     | (332) | (103) | (17)  | NA    | 315   |
| Other                   | 24    | 56      | 55      | 56      | 6       | Income tax paid               | (60)  | (74)  | (131) | NA    | (248) |
| Cost of sales           | (929) | (1,403) | (1,861) | (2,507) | (3,643) | Others                        | 7     | 3     | 202   | NA    | (1)   |
| Gross profit            | 294   | 433     | 664     | 960     | 1,337   | Net cash from operating       | (164) | 185   | 525   | NA    | 1,125 |
| Other income            | 3     | 17      | 23      | 46      | 39      | Capex                         | (16)  | (306) | 42    | NA    | (172) |
| Other net losses        | (7)   | (16)    | 21      | (6)     | (9)     | Associates/JV                 | (21)  | 1     | (11)  | NA    | (2)   |
| Distribution expenses   | (8)   | (7)     | (15)    | (19)    | (25)    | Other                         | (54)  | (460) | 0     | NA    | -     |
| Administrative expenses | (77)  | (97)    | (195)   | (203)   | (314)   | Net cash from investing       | (92)  | (765) | 30    | NA    | (174) |
| Operating profit        | 205   | 331     | 498     | 778     | 1,028   |                               |       |       |       |       |       |
|                         |       |         |         |         |         | Equity raised                 | -     | -     | 2,894 | NA    | -     |
| Finance expenses        | (1)   | (20)    | (30)    | (21)    | (2)     | Change of Debts               | 150   | 315   | (91)  | NA    | (110) |
| Associates/JV           | 7     | 6       | 9       | 9       | 10      | Dividend paid                 | -     | -     | (458) | NA    | (166) |
| Exceptional             | -     | -       | -       | -       | -       | Other                         | 37    | 227   | (30)  | NA    | (1)   |
| Pre-tax profit          | 211   | 317     | 477     | 766     | 1,036   | Net cash from financing       | 187   | 542   | 2,315 | NA    | (277) |
| Profits tax             | (55)  | (83)    | (121)   | (218)   | (257)   | Net change in cash            | (69)  | (38)  | 2,870 | (310) | 674   |
| After-tax profit        | 157   | 234     | 356     | 547     | 779     | Cash at the beginning         | 554   | 485   | 447   | 3,317 | 3,537 |
| Minority interest       | (31)  | (55)    | (31)    | (37)    | (46)    | Exchange difference           | -     | -     | -     | -     | -     |
| Net profit              | 126   | 179     | 325     | 510     | 733     | Cash at the end               | 485   | 447   | 3,317 | 3,007 | 4,210 |

| Key ratios |  |
|------------|--|
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|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--|
|                               |       |       |       |       | •     | YE 31 Dec                    | FY18A | FY19A | FY20A | FY21A | FY22E |  |
|                               |       |       |       |       |       | Sales mix (%)                |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Balance sheet                 |       |       |       |       |       | Basic property mgnt services | 87.2  | 85.9  | 83.6  | 75.9  | 75.0  |  |
| YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)            | FY18A | FY19A | FY20A | FY21A | FY22E | VAS                          | 10.9  | 11.1  | 14.2  | 22.5  | 24.9  |  |
| Non-current assets            | 115   | 589   | 596   | 323   | 799   | Other                        | 2.0   | 3.0   | 2.2   | 1.6   | 0.1   |  |
| Fixed asset                   | 49    | 55    | 64    | 48    | 83    | Total                        | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |  |
| Investment properties         | 11    | 134   | 123   | 112   | 137   |                              |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Associates/JV                 | 40    | 40    | 51    | 58    | 54    | Profit & loss ratios (%)     |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Intangible assets/Goodwill    | 3     | 338   | 326   | 75    | 496   | Gross margin                 | 24.1  | 23.6  | 26.3  | 27.7  | 26.8  |  |
| Other non-current assets      | 11    | 22    | 31    | 29    | 28    | EBIT margin                  | 16.8  | 18.0  | 19.7  | 22.4  | 20.6  |  |
|                               |       |       |       |       |       | Net margin                   | 10.3  | 9.7   | 12.9  | 14.7  | 14.7  |  |
| Current assets                | 1,265 | 1,963 | 4,334 | 4,513 | 5,338 | Effective tax rate           | 25.9  | 26.3  | 25.3  | 28.5  | 24.8  |  |
| Cash                          | 560   | 516   | 3,353 | 3,041 | 4,280 |                              |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Account receivable            | 295   | 929   | 561   | 1,135 | 850   | Growth rate (%)              |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Inventories                   | 0     | 0     | 2     | 5     | 0     | Revenue                      | 29.1  | 50.1  | 37.5  | 37.3  | 43.6  |  |
| Other current assets          | 411   | 517   | 418   | 332   | 209   | Gross profit                 | 26.0  | 47.3  | 53.1  | 44.6  | 39.3  |  |
|                               |       |       |       |       |       | EBIT                         | 12.0  | 61.3  | 50.2  | 56.2  | 32.1  |  |
| Current liabilities           | 1,002 | 1,874 | 1,243 | 1,473 | 2,053 | Net profit attributable      | 15.3  | 41.9  | 82.1  | 57.0  | 43.7  |  |
| Borrowings                    | 150   | 465   | 194   | 75    | 10    |                              |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Trade and other payables      | 766   | 1,276 | 893   | 1,077 | 1,880 | Balance sheet ratios         |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Contract liabilities          | 45    | 63    | 82    | 216   | 96    | Current ratio (x)            | 1.3   | 1.0   | 3.5   | 3.1   | 2.6   |  |
| Deferred taxation             | 34    | 59    | 57    | 91    | 52    | Net gearing ratio (%)        | -1.1  | -0.1  | -0.9  | -0.9  | -1.1  |  |
| Lease liabilities             | 7     | 11    | 18    | 14    | 15    |                              |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                               |       |       |       |       |       | Returns (%)                  |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Non-current liabilities       | 16    | 222   | 431   | 132   | 239   | ROE                          | 55.4  | 59.8  | 11.2  | 15.9  | 20.7  |  |
| Borrowings                    | 0     | 0     | 180   | 0     | 0     | ROA                          | 11.3  | 9.2   | 7.2   | 10.8  | 12.7  |  |
| Other non-current liabilities | 16    | 222   | 251   | 132   | 239   |                              |       |       |       |       |       |  |
|                               |       |       |       |       |       | Per share data               |       |       |       |       |       |  |
| Shareholders' equity          | 283   | 391   | 3,184 | 3,446 | 3,763 | EPS (RMB)                    | N.A.  | N.A.  | 0.34  | 0.42  | 0.60  |  |
| Minority interest             | 80    | 65    | 72    | 21    | 83    | DPS (RMB)                    | N.A.  | N.A.  | 0.09  | 0.13  | 0.18  |  |
| Total equity                  | 363   | 456   | 3,256 | 3,466 | 3,846 | BVPS (RMB)                   | N.A.  | N.A.  | 2.60  | 2.82  | 3.08  |  |

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



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