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# Sunny Optical (2382 HK)

# Shipment weakness likely to persist into 1Q23E; Maintain HOLD

Sunny Optical reported Dec HLS/HCM shipment with 40%/29% YoY decline (vs -26%/-23% in Nov), below our expectations mainly due to Android inventory destocking and order correction after a soft holiday season. In addition, VLS shipment decelerated to 1% YoY in Dec (vs 47% YoY in Nov). Our below-consensus EPS (10%/8% below in FY22/23E) mainly reflected our concerns on continued shipment/margin pressure into 1H23E. Despite potential upside in iPhone HLS, AR/VR and auto modules in 2023E, we expect high sales exposure to Android clients (75%+ of sales) will remain an overhang in near term. We trimmed FY22-24E EPS by 3-7% to reflect slower demand recovery. For 2H22E, we estimate rev/NP to decline 14%/44% YoY. Trading at 34.2x/24.1x FY22/23E P/E, we think the stock is fairly valued. Maintain HOLD and lowered SOTP-based TP to HK\$96.3.

- Worse-than-expected HLS/HCM shipment in Dec; Expect near-term order correction after soft holiday season. Sunny posted Dec HLS/HCM shipment of 72.4mn/36.9mn, -40% /-29% YoY (vs -26%/-23% in Jul). FY22 HLS/HCM shipment reached 1,193mn/517mn, -17%/-23% YoY (vs full-year guidance -15/-20% YoY). Overall, we believe Android ongoing destocking and Apple's potential order cut will remain an overhang in the near term. While Sunny's iPhone HLS business is growing, its sales contribution (6% of full-year shipment) will not become major growth driver at this stage.
- Auto lens momentum faded in Dec; Positive on auto cam module and AR/VR. VLS shipment in Dec was 4.9mn unit (+1.4% YoY/-34% MoM), below market expectations, while FY22 shipment came in at 78.9mn, +16% YoY, in-line with guidance of 10-15% YoY, as auto demand is gradually recovering in 2H22. Looking ahead, we are positive on auto lens ASP upside on spec upgrade in 2H23E, and mgmt. guided for RMB10bn revenue for auto camera module on LiDAR/AU-HUD order wins. For AR/VR, mgmt. guided 50% YoY revenue growth for VR/AR segment in 2022.
- Our FY22-24E EPS are 8-14% below consensus; Maintain HOLD. While we maintain our positive view on Sunny's industry leadership and product roadmap, we believe inventory destocking and high exposure to handset segment (79% of sales, vs 8% for auto-related) will remain the overhang for the stock. We cut FY22-24E EPS by 3-7% to reflect slower demand recovery. We think the stock is fairly valued at 34.2x/24.1x FY22/23E P/E. Maintain HOLD with new SOTP-based TP of HK\$96.3 (23.0x FY23E P/E).

#### **Earnings Summary**

FY20A	FY21A	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
38,002	37,497	32,136	36,324	41,303
0.4	(1.3)	(14.3)	13.0	13.7
4,950.3	5,061.1	2,704.5	3,833.9	4,641.7
23.2	2.2	(46.6)	41.8	21.1
4.47	4.57	2.43	3.45	4.17
0.00	4.57	2.71	3.76	4.86
25.5	38.3	34.2	24.1	19.9
7.4	9.2	3.9	3.5	3.0
0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0
33.5	26.8	12.3	15.6	16.5
(4.6)	(16.1)	(21.2)	(21.5)	(30.6)
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Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



## HOLD (Maintain)

### Target Price

(Previous TP Up/Downside Current Price HK\$96.30 HK\$102.30) +0.7% HK\$95.65

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#### Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	104,928.1
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	86.5
52w High/Low (HK\$)	225.40/67.55
Total Issued Shares (mn)	1097.0
Source: FactSet	

#### **Shareholding Structure**

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Sun Xu Ltd	35.5%
JP Morgan Chase & Co	4.9%
Source: HKEx	

#### Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative
1-mth	-10.7%	-16.7%
3-mth	29.3%	4.3%
6-mth	-17.8%	-16.2%
Source: FactSet		



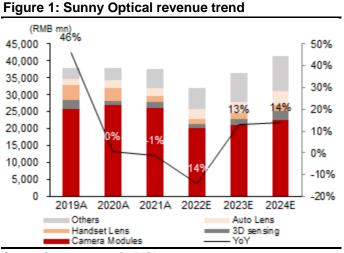
#### **Related Reports:**

1) <u>Soft HLS/HCM in Aug; Still</u> awaiting turning point – 13 Sep 2022

2) <u>Shipment guidance lowered as</u> <u>expected</u>; <u>Awaiting market recovery</u> <u>– 17 Aug 2022</u>

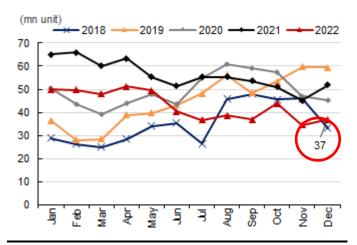


# **Focus Charts**



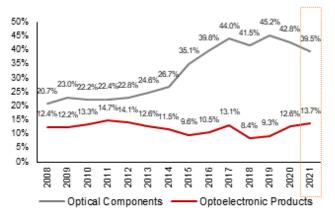
#### Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

#### Figure 3: Sunny HCM shipment trend



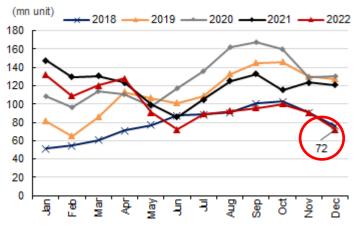
Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

Figure 2: Sunny Optical GPM trend



Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

#### Figure 4: Sunny HLS shipment trend



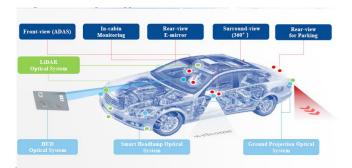
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#### Main Camera Hybrid (G+P) Ultra-thin (foldable screen) arge image siz Large aperture Variable apertu Dual OIS & sensor-shif Front Camera ernal f Ultra-wide Angle Ultra-miniaturizee head Fisheye camera ( >150°) Video stabilisation Front AF/OIS Wide angle Small distortion Under-screen camera with large aperture · Freeform Combination of main camera with wide angle Telephoto 2X--3X pr High resolution with large image size 5X~10X ultra-long focal length Telephoto & macro-shooting . ntical

Figure 5: Sunny next-gen handset camera products

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

#### Figure 6: Sunny opportunities in vehicle cameras



Source: Counterpoint, CMBIGM estimates



# **Earnings Revision**

#### Figure 7: CMBIGM earnings revisions

<u> </u>		New			Old		Change (%)			
RMB mn	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	
Revenue	32,136	36,324	41,303	34,253	39,141	44,853	-6%	-7%	-8%	
Gross profit	6,497	7,679	9,003	6,777	8,191	9,622	-4%	-6%	-6%	
Operating profit	3,377	4,591	5,533	3,463	4,903	5,855	-2%	-6%	-5%	
Net profit	2,656	3,765	4,558	2,731	4,035	4,836	-3%	-7%	-6%	
EPS (RMB)	2.43	3.45	4.17	2.50	3.69	4.43	-3%	-7%	-6%	
Gross margin	20.2%	21.1%	21.8%	19.8%	20.9%	21.5%	0.4 ppt	0.2 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Operating margin	10.5%	12.6%	13.4%	10.1%	12.5%	13.1%	0.4 ppt	0.1 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Net margin	8.3%	10.4%	11.0%	8.0%	10.3%	10.8%	0.3 ppt	0.1 ppt	0.3 ppt	

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

#### Figure 8: CMBIGM estimates vs consensus

CMBIGM			C	Consensus		Diff (%)			
RMB mn	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	32,136	36,324	41,303	33,063	37,847	43,861	-3%	-4%	-6%
Gross profit	6,497	7,679	9,003	6,817	8,275	10,142	-5%	-7%	-11%
Operating profit	3,377	4,591	5,533	3,161	4,336	5,434	7%	6%	2%
Net profit	2,656	3,765	4,558	3,022	4,178	5,239	-12%	-10%	-13%
EPS (RMB)	2.43	3.45	4.17	2.71	3.76	4.86	-10%	-8%	-14%
Gross margin	20.2%	21.1%	21.8%	20.6%	21.9%	23.1%	-0.4 ppt	-0.7 ppt	-1.3 ppt
Operating margin	10.5%	12.6%	13.4%	9.6%	11.5%	12.4%	0.9 ppt	1.2 ppt	1 ppt
Net margin	8.3%	10.4%	11.0%	9.1%	11.0%	11.9%	-0.9 ppt	-0.7 ppt	-0.9 ppt

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

#### Figure 9: P&L forecast

RMB mn	FY20	FY21	1H22	2H22E	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	38,002	37,497	16,972	15,164	32,136	36,324	41,303
YoY	0.4%	-1.3%	-14.4%	-14.1%	-14.3%	13.0%	13.7%
Cost of sales	(29,304)	(28,761)	(13,449)	(12,190)	(25,639)	(28,646)	(32,300)
Gross profit	8,698	8,736	3,522	2,974	6,497	7,679	9,003
GPM (%)	22.9%	23.3%	20.8%	19.6%	20.2%	21.1%	21.8%
YoY	12.2%	0.4%	-28.8%	-21.5%	-25.6%	18.2%	17.2%
SG&A	(1,032)	(1,032)	(601)	(500)	(1,102)	(1,053)	(1,156)
% of rev	-2.7%	-2.8%	-3.5%	-3.3%	-3.4%	-2.9%	-2.8%
R&D	(2,499)	(2,642)	(1,468)	(1,289)	(2,757)	(2,652)	(3,015)
% of rev	-6.6%	-7.0%	-8.7%	-8.5%	-8.6%	-7.3%	-7.3%
Other gain & loss	698	252	698	252	537	394	-
Operating profit	5,877	5,851	1,798	1,579	3,377	4,591	5,533
OPM (%)	15.5%	15.6%	10.6%	10.4%	10.5%	12.6%	13.4%
YoY	22.3%	-0.4%	-46.3%	-37.0%	-42.3%	36.0%	20.5%
Net profit	4,882	4,993	1,358	1,298	2,656	3,765	4,558
NPM (%)	12.8%	13.3%	8.0%	8.6%	8.3%	10.4%	11.0%
YoY	22.3%	2.3%	-49.5%	-43.7%	-46.8%	41.8%	21.1%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



### Figure 10: Major assumptions

	FY20	FY21	FY22E	FY23E	FY24E
Shipment volume (mn unit)					
Optical Components					
Handset lens sets	1,530	1,440	1,193	1,247	1,371
YoY(%)	14%	-6%	-17%	5%	10%
Vehicle lens sets	56	68	79	93	111
YoY(%)	12%	21%	16%	18%	20%
Optoelectronic Products					
Handset camera modules	593	674	517	554	609
YoY(%)	10%	14%	-23%	7%	10%
Other optoelectronic (3D sensing)	41	59	51	73	106
YoY(%)	-18%	45%	-14%	45%	45%
Optical Instruments					
Microscopic instruments	195	258	320	352	387
YoY(%)	-1%	32%	24%	10%	10%
Revenue (RMB mn)					
Optical Components	9,181	8,776	9,455	11,599	13,582
Optoelectronic Products	28,494	28,334	22,324	24,386	27,347
Optical instruments	326	387	357	339	373
Total Revenue	38,002	37,497	32,136	36,324	41,303
YoY(%)	0.4%	-1.3%	-14.3%	13.0%	13.7%
Gross Margin	22.9%	23.3%	20.2%	21.1%	21.8%
Optical Components	42.8%	39.5%	34.7%	35.0%	35.0%
Optoelectronic products	12.6%	13.7%	10.4%	11.2%	11.9%
Optical instruments	39.2%	45.1%	45.2%	45.5%	45.5%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates



# Valuation

#### Maintain HOLD with new TP of HK\$96.3

We maintain HOLD with new TP of HK\$96.3. We derived our 12-month TP from SOTP valuation methodology and our TP is based on weighted-average target P/E multiple of 23.2x FY23E EPS, in order to reflect 1) Sunny's diversification in multiple businesses with different growth profiles, and 2) visibility of product upcycles across different segments.

We assign 15x P/E to its CCM business to reflect its China No.1 position, product upcycle and advanced technology capacity. We assign 35x P/E for its vehicle lens business to reflect the high-margin and high-growth industry nature of vehicle lens (25% CAGR FY20-23E) and Sunny's No.1 global market share. We apply a 25x P/E to its handset lens segment given secular upgrade trend and continued share gains from peers.

#### Figure 11: Sunny Optical – SOTP valuation

Business segment	% of FY23E Profit	FY23E EPS (RMB)	Target P/E
Camera modules	35.6%	1.23	15x
Handset lenses	44.8%	1.54	25x
Vehicle lenses	17.7%	0.61	35x
Others	1.9%	0.06	25x
Total (RMB) /Implied P/E		3.45	23.2x
TP (HK\$)			96.3

Sources: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

#### Figure 12: Peers' valuation

			Market			Up/						
			Сар	Price	TP	Down	P/E	E (X)	P/E	3 (x)	ROE	(%)
Company	Ticker	Rating	(US\$ mn)	(LC)	(LC)	-side	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E
Sunny Optical	2382 HK	Hold	13,435	95.65	96.3	1%	34.2	24.1	3.9	3.5	12.3	15.6
Q tech	1478 HK	Buy	780	5.1	5.6	9%	20.0	9.8	1.1	1.0	5.5	10.3
Cowell	1415 HK	NR	1,421	13.22	NA	NA	17.6	13.0	3.5	2.8	22.2	24.6
Truly	732 HK	NR	547	1.35	NA	NA	-	-	-	-	-	-
Catcher	2474 TT	NR	4,163	177.50	NA	NA	9.8	16.2	0.8	0.8	8.3	4.9
Largan	3008 TT	NR	9,551	2180.00	NA	NA	12.2	16.1	1.9	1.8	15.5	11.9
Lite-on	2301 TT	NR	5,128	66.10	NA	NA	10.8	9.9	2.0	1.9	19.0	19.7
Primax	4915 TT	NR	858	57.00	NA	NA	9.3	8.7	1.5	1.5	16.6	16.9
O-film	002456 CH	NR	2,345	4.88	NA	NA	-	-	3.2	3.7	(35.0)	(12.8)
			Average				16.4	14.1	2.2	2.1	8.0	11.2

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

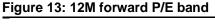




Figure 14: 12M forward P/B band



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# **Financial Summary**

INCOME STATEMENT	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Revenue	37,849	38,002	37,497	32,136	36,324	41,303
Cost of goods sold	(30,098)	(29,304)	(28,761)	(25,639)	(28,646)	(32,300)
Gross profit	7,751	8,698	8,736	6,497	7,679	9,003
Selling expense	(279)	(313)	(274)	(285)	(291)	(330)
Admin expense	(650)	(719)	(758)	(817)	(763)	(826)
R&D expense	(2,209)	(2,499)	(2,642)	(2,757)	(2,652)	(3,015)
Others	205	698	789	747	618	702
Operating profit	4,806	5,877	5,851	3,377	4,591	5,533
Share of (losses)/profits of associates/JV	(6)	0	19	20	20	20
Net Interest income/(expense)	(250)	(224)	(230)	(240)	(264)	(291)
Pre-tax profit	4,550	5,653	5,640	3,157	4,347	5,263
Income tax	(531)	(703)	(579)	(452)	(513)	(621)
Minority interest	28	68	68	49	69	84
Net profit	4,019	4,950	5,061	2,704	3,834	4,642
Net dividends	623	799	974	518	734	889
BALANCE SHEET	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Current assets	22,446	25,630	27,989	25,498	32,994	33,062
Cash & equivalents	1,917	2,842	5,605	7,123	7,873	11,407
Account receivables	9,630	8,212	7,448	5,973	9,198	8,052
Inventories	5,146	5,783	5,482	2,948	6,470	4,149
ST bank deposits	21	238	1,112	1,112	1,112	1,112
Financial assets at FVTPL	5,663	8,480	8,314	8,314	8,314	8,314
Other current assets	69	74	28	28	28	28
Non-current assets	8,247	9,809	10,785	11,995	12,970	13,651
PP&E	6,567	7,513	8,303	9,550	10,497	11,144
Other non-current assets	1,680	2,295	2,481	2,445	2,473	2,507
Total assets	30,693	35,438	38,774	37,493	45,965	46,714
Current liabilities	12,630	13,411	11,873	8,406	13,778	10,775
Short-term borrowings	1,119	2,071	1,539	1,539	1,539	1,539
Account payables	11,322	10,733	9,869	6,428	11,780	8,751
Other current liabilities	5,622	9,223	15,493	21,120	18,868	25,649
Non-current liabilities	5,336	5,201	6,005	6,005	6,005	6,005
Long-term borrowings	0	0	700	700	700	700
Other non-current liabilities	5,336	5,201	5,305	5,305	5,305	5,305
Total liabilities	17,967	18,612	17,879	14,411	19,784	16,780
Share capital	105	105	105	105	105	105
Other reserves	12,448	16,492	20,483	22,621	25,651	29,320
Total shareholders equity	12,726	16,826	20,895	23,082	26,181	29,934
Minority interest	173	229	307	356	425	508
Total equity and liabilities	30,693	35,438	38,774	37,493	45,965	46,714



CASH FLOW	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec (RMB mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	4,550	5,643	5,640	3,157	4,347	5,263
Depreciation & amortization	1,227	1,570	1,638	1,753	2,053	2,353
Change in working capital	(1,477)	115	200	569	(1,396)	438
Others	361	(168)	(499)	(202)	(256)	(339)
Net cash from operations	4,662	7,160	6,979	5,276	4,748	7,714
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(2,760)	(2,271)	(2,498)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Others	(796)	(3,705)	5,400	0	0	0
Net cash from investing	(3,556)	(5,976)	2,902	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Financing						
Dividend paid	(623)	(796)	(974)	(518)	(734)	(889)
Net borrowings	(382)	1,017	0	0	0	0
Share repurchases	(170)	(151)	0	0	0	0
Others	(266)	(291)	2,215	(240)	(264)	(291)
Net cash from financing	(1,441)	(222)	1,241	(758)	(999)	(1,180)
Net change in cash						
Cash at the beginning of the year	2,254	1,917	2,842	5,605	7,123	7,873
Exchange difference	(2)	(37)	(8,358)	0	0	0
Cash at the end of the year	1,917	2,842	5,605	7,123	7,873	11,407
GROWTH	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
Revenue	46.0%	0.4%	(1.3%)	(14.3%)	13.0%	13.7%
Gross profit	57.8%	12.2%	0.4%	(25.6%)	18.2%	17.2%
Operating profit	56.2%	22.3%	(0.4%)	(42.3%)	36.0%	20.5%
Net profit	60.0%	23.2%	2.2%	(46.6%)	41.8%	21.1%
PROFITABILITY	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
Gross profit margin	20.5%	22.9%	23.3%	20.2%	21.1%	21.8%
Operating margin	12.7%	15.5%	15.6%	10.5%	12.6%	13.4%
Return on equity (ROE)	36.5%	33.5%	26.8%	12.3%	15.6%	16.5%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
Net debt to equity (x)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Current ratio (x)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(0.2)	3.0	(0.2)	(0.3)
Receivable turnover days	76.5	85.7	76.2	76.2	76.2	76.2
Inventory turnover days	49.8	68.1	68.1	60.0	60.0	60.0
Payable turnover days	111.5	137.4	137.4	116.0	116.0	116.0
VALUATION	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022E	2023E	2024E
YE 31 Dec						
P/E	24.0	25.5	38.3	34.2	24.1	19.9
P/B	7.4	7.4	9.2	3.9	3.5	3.0
Div yield (%)	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0
EV	12,726.2	16,826.1	20,895.3	23,081.7	26,181.2	29,933.8
EV/Sales	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
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Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates. Note: The calculation of net cash includes financial assets.



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