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## Xtep（1368 HK）

Upbeat guidance with multiple growth drivers

We are satisfied by Xtep＇s accelerated growth in 4Q21，given weak macro and COVID－19 environment．Following its guidance raised，we maintain BUY and revised up SOTP－based TP to HK\＄16．43，implying～30x FY22E P／E（unchanged）． We think it is still attractive at $23 x$ FY22E P／E．
－ 4 Q21 numbers were roughly in－line and Jan－TD in 2022E stay strong． Xtep retail sales grew by $20-25 \%$ YoY in 4Q21，and speeded up from mid－ teens in 3Q21，which is impressive given tougher macro and COVID environment．Growth for Xtep adult／kids／e－commerce were double－digit／ $40 \%+/$ high double－digit．Inventory to sales ratio was 4 months and retail discounts was $20 \%$ to $25 \%$ off in 4Q21，both are the same as 3Q21．Noted that the sell－through rate was satisfactory，$\sim 80 \%$ for 3 Q21 and $\sim 60 \%$ for 4Q21，which should be better than the industry．Following a $30 \%+$ retail sales growth in FY21E，momentum stayed strong at $20 \%+$ in Jan－TD 2022E．
－Positive profit alert for FY21E．Xtep also reported a $70 \%+$ NP growth in FY21E，which was a result of：1）more 9th gen．stores，2）product and brand upgrades（XDNA，160X and 260X series），3）ramp up of Kids and e－ commerce and 4）core brand＇s GP margin expansion．
－Revised up sales growth target to $25 \%$（ from 20\％＋）in FY22E．For FY22E，management is now expecting $25 \%$＋sales growth $(30 \%+$ in 1 H 22 E$)$ for Xtep core brand， $50 \%+$ for kids， $30 \%+$ for new brands（K－Swiss and Palladium）and $50 \%+$ for JV（Saucony \＆Merrell）．We are confident as well， thanks to：1）ramp up of 9th gen．stores（large size at 200＋sq m，better locations，higher items per tickets at $3.0+$ ， $10 \%+$ volume growth），2）higher ASP through brand and product upgrades，3）200－300 new stores for Xtep＇s adult and 200－300／ 100 more shop－in－shops for kids／XNDA and 4）rapid growth from kids and e－commerce．We also expect both GP and OP margin to gradually trend up in FY22E，with A\＆P expenses still at 11－13\％of sales．
－There is also a management change，but we think it is positive．Xtep hired a new CEO lately for the Xtep brand．He worked in Nike／Topsports for $20+$ years and is likely to help Xtep＇s channel expansion（e．g．malls）．The original CEO will become CEO of the new brands（ K －Swiss and Palladium）． We believe Xtep is slightly ahead of schedule to achieve RMB 24bn sales target（in its 5 －year plan）and all these changes are part of the process．
－Maintain BUY and lift TP to HK\＄16．43．We revised up FY21E／22E／23E NP by $0 \% / 7 \% / 5 \%$ to factor in faster sales growth，more stores and greater operating leverage．We lift TP to HK\＄16．43，based on SOTP valuation（26x FY22E P／E for Xtep，cost for K\＆P and 2．0x P／S for JV），implying～30x for group，which is reasonable given $43 \%$ NP CAGR in FY20－23E．
Earnings Summary

| （YE 31 Dec） | FY19A | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Revenue（RMB mn） | 8,183 | 8,172 | 10,070 | 12,558 | 14,567 |
| YoY growth（\％） | 28.2 | $(0.1)$ | 23.2 | 24.7 | 16.0 |
| Net income（RMB mn） | 728 | 513 | 880 | 1,168 | 1,509 |
| EPS（RMB） | 0.302 | 0.206 | 0.346 | 0.459 | 0.592 |
| YoY growth（\％） | 2.3 | $(31.6)$ | 67.5 | 32.7 | 29.2 |
| Consensus EPS（RMB） | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 0.338 | 0.434 | 0.541 |
| P／E（x） | 38.2 | 52.6 | 31.0 | 23.3 | 18.1 |
| P／B（x） | 4.1 | 3.8 | 3.5 | 3.3 | 3.0 |
| Yield（\％） | 1.5 | 1.1 | 1.9 | 2.6 | 3.3 |
| ROE（\％） | 10.5 | 7.0 | 11.3 | 14.0 | 16.7 |
| Net gearing（\％） | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash |

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## Focus charts

Figure 1：Sum of the parts（SOTP）valuation for Xtep Int＇l

| Sum of the parts |
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| valuation |

Source：Bloomberg，CMBIS estimates

Figure 2：Xtep Int＇l performance by brand segment

| Sales（RMB mn） | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | FY24E | FY25E | FY20－23E CAGR |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Xtep core brand | 7，707 | 7，101 | 8，911 | 11，027 | 12，701 | 14，153 | 15，606 | 21．4\％ |
| K－swiss and Palladium | 466 | 999 | 989 | 1，272 | 1，432 | 1，614 | 1，822 | 12．7\％ |
| Saucony and Merrell JV | 10 | 72 | 170 | 260 | 434 | 642 | 862 | 82．3\％ |
| Total | 8，183 | 8，172 | 10，070 | 12，558 | 14，567 | 16，410 | 18，291 | 21．3\％ |
| Net profit（RMB mn） | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | FY24E | FY25E | FY20－23E CAGR |
| Xtep core brand | 790 | 656 | 1，016 | 1，251 | 1，480 | 1，710 | 1，964 | 31．2\％ |
| K－swiss and Palladium | （60） | （126） | （93） | （57） | 16 | 67 | 112 | －150．5\％ |
| Saucony and Merrell JV | （2） | （17） | （42） | （26） | 13 | 32 | 60 | －191．5\％ |
| Total | 728 | 513 | 880 | 1，168 | 1，509 | 1，809 | 2，137 | 43．3\％ |
| NP margin | FY19 | FY20 | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | FY24E | FY25E |  |
| Xtep core brand | 10．2\％ | 9．2\％ | 11．4\％ | 11．3\％ | 11．7\％ | 12．1\％ | 12．6\％ |  |
| K－swiss and Palladium | －12．9\％ | －12．6\％ | －9．4\％ | －4．5\％ | 1．1\％ | 4．2\％ | 6．2\％ |  |
| Saucony and Merrell JV | －19．6\％ | －23．7\％ | －25．0\％ | －10．0\％ | 3．0\％ | 5．0\％ | 7．0\％ |  |
| Total | 8．9\％ | 6．3\％ | 8．7\％ | 9．3\％ | 10．4\％ | 11．0\％ | 11．7\％ |  |

Source：Company data，CMBIS estimates

## Operating numbers

Figure 3：Sportswear brands sales growth trend

| Operating numbers | 1 Q18 | 2Q18 | 3Q18 | 4Q18 | 1Q19 | 2 Q19 | 3Q19 | 4Q19 | 1Q20 | 2Q20 | 3Q20 | 4Q20 | 1Q21 | 2Q21 | 3Q21 | 4Q21E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nike China sales | 19．0\％ | 25．0\％ | 20．0\％ | 31．0\％ | 24．0\％ | 22．0\％ | 27．0\％ | 23．0\％ | －4．0\％ | 1．0\％ | 8．0\％ | 19．0\％ | 42．0\％ | 9．0\％ | 1．0\％ |  |
| Adidas China sales | 26．0\％ | 27．0\％ | 26．0\％ | 23．0\％ | 16．0\％ | 14．0\％ | 11．0\％ | 15．0\％ | －58．0\％ | 0．0\％ | －5．0\％ | 7．0\％ | 156．0\％ | －16．0\％ | －15．0\％ |  |
| Anta brand＇s SSSG |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Anta brand＇s retail sales | 20\％－25\％ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline+\mathrm{ve} \text { Low- } \\ \text { teens } \end{array}$ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve High－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text {-ve 20\%- } \\ 25 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | －ve LSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve LSD | 40\％－45\％ | 35\％－40\％ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline+\mathrm{ve} \text { Low- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 14．0\％ |
| Core brand | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve HSD | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text {-ve } 20 \%- \\ 25 \% \end{array}$ | －ve LSD | －ve MSD | －ve MSD | 35\％－40\％ | 35\％－40\％ | ＋ve HSD |  |
| Kids | over 40\％ | over 25\％ | Over 25\％ | Over 25\％ | Over 20\％ | 30\％ | Over 25\％ | 25\％ | $\begin{array}{r} \text {-ve } 20 \% \text { - } \\ 25 \% \end{array}$ | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | －ve Low－ teens | 45\％－50\％ | Over 20\％ | ＋ve MSD |  |
| Online | over 40\％ | over 25\％ | Over 20\％ | Over 25\％ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | 25\％ | 35\％ | Over 40\％ | ＋ve MSD | Over 40\％ | Over 50\％ | Over 25\％ | Over 60\％ | Over 45\％ | 20\％－25\％ |  |

Non－Anta brands（FILA｜80\％－85\％90\％－95\％90\％－95\％80\％－85\％65\％－70\％$\quad \mathbf{5 5 \%} \%$－60\％

| FILA brand＇s retail sales | 50\％－55\％ | 50\％－55\％ | －ve MSD | +ve Low－ teens | 20\％－25\％ | 25\％－30\％ | 75\％－80\％ | 30\％－35\％ | ＋ve MSD | 12．0\％ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Classic／Core brand |  | Over 40\％ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text {-ve } 20 \%- \\ 25 \% \end{array}$ | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve MSD | 80\％ | Over 20\％ | Flat |  |
| Kids |  | Over 70\％ | －ve LSD | Over 30\％ | Over 30\％ | Over 20\％ | 100\％ | Over 40\％ | ＋ve Mid－ teens |  |
| Fusion |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 100 \% \end{gathered}$ | ＋ve MSD | Over 70\％ | Over 50\％ | Over 50\％ | 150\％ | Over 80\％ | ＋ve Mid－ teens |  |
| Online |  | Over 70\％ | 160\％ | Over 80\％ | Over 90\％ | 70\％－80\％ | Over 40\％ | Over 40\％ | 20\％－25\％ |  |


| lin |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Over 70\％ | 160\％ | Over 80\％ | Over 90\％ | 70\％－80 | ver 40\％ | Over 40\％ | 20\％－25\％ |  |
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| Other brands |  |  |  |  |  |  | 30\％－35\％ | 25\％－30\％ | －ve HSD | 25\％－30\％ | 50\％－55\％ | 55\％－60\％ | $\begin{gathered} \hline 115 \%- \\ 120 \% \end{gathered}$ | 70\％－75\％ | 35\％－40\％ |  |
| Descente |  |  |  | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 100 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { Over } \\ 100 \% \end{gathered}$ | Over 90\％ | 50\％ | 50\％ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | Over 60\％ | 90\％ | Over 80\％ | 150\％ | 100\％ | 50\％ |  |
| Kolon |  |  |  |  |  | 15\％ | 20\％ | 20\％ | －ve High－ teens | ＋ve LSD | 20\％－25\％ | 30\％－40\％ | Over 75\％ | 40\％ | 30\％ |  |
| Li Ning group＇s SSSG | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low- } \\ \text { teens } \end{array}$ | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \hline+\mathrm{ve} \mathrm{Mid-} \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve High－ teens | ＋ve Low－ twenties | n／a | －ve MSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | n／a | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low } \\ 80 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve High } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| Direct retail | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{gathered} \hline \text { +ve Low- } \\ \text { teens } \end{gathered}$ | + ve High－ teens | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | －ve High－ teens | －ve MSD | ＋ve HSD | n／a | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low } \\ 90 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ |  |
| Wholesales | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} \text { Low- } \\ \text { teens } \end{array}$ | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | n／a | －ve Low－ teens | －ve MSD | ＋ve MSD | n／a | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 70 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ |  |
| E－Commerce | $\begin{gathered} \text { +ve High" } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid- } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { +ve High }{ }^{\prime} \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 50 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} \text { Mid } \\ 50 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 40 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} \text { Mid } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | n／a | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 80 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| Li Ning group＇s retail sa | $\begin{gathered} + \text { ve Mid- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve High－ teens | $\begin{aligned} & \text { +ve Low } \\ & \text { 20\%-25\% } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { +ve Low } \\ & \text { 20\%-25\% } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { +ve Low } \\ & \text { 30\%-35\% } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 30 \%-40 \% \\ \hline \end{gathered}$ | －ve High－ teens | －ve MSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Mid－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 80 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 90 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 40 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 29．0\％ |
| Direct retail | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Low } 20 \%- \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | + ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve Mid－ teens | $+ \text { ve High- }{ }^{-1}$ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text {-ve Mid } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | －ve Low－ teens | Flat | ＋ve MSD | $\begin{gathered} + \text { ve Low } \\ 90 \% \end{gathered}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 80 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ |  |
| Wholesales | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{aligned} & \text { +ve Low } \\ & 20 \%-25 \% \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid- } \\ 20 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid- } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 40 \% \end{array}$ | －ve High－ teens | －ve HSD | －ve LSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 80 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 90 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ |  |
| E－Commerce | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} \text { Mid } \\ 50 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 40 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} \mathrm{High} \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 50 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 40 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve High } \\ 20 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Low } \\ 40 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} \text { Mid } \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 100\％ | $\begin{array}{r} + \text { ve High } \\ 90 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve Mid } \\ 50 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |
| Xtep＇s SSSG | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { +ve Low- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Mid－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \hline+\mathrm{ve} \text { Low- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{array}$ | + ve Low－ teens | 10\％ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline+\mathrm{ve} \text { Low- } \\ \text { teens } \\ \hline \end{array}$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Xtep＇s retail sales |  |  |  |  | Over 20\％ | Over 20\％ | 20\％ | Over 20\％ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text {-ve 20\%- } \\ 25 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | －ve LSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve HSD | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text { Mid 50\%- } \\ 60 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 30\％－35\％ | ＋ve Mid－ teens | 20\％－25\％ |
| 361 Degrees＇SSSG | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve MSD | Flat | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve LSD |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 361 Degree＇s retail sales |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \hline \text {-ve 20\%- } \\ 25 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | －ve Low－ teens | －ve HSD | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve High－ teens | 15\％－20\％ | $\begin{array}{r} \hline+\mathrm{ve} \text { Low- } \\ \text { teens } \end{array}$ |  |
| Pou Sheng＇s SSSG | 10．1\％ | 2．2\％ | 8．9\％ | 8．7\％ | 8．4\％ | 4．2\％ | 6．0\％ | 1．9\％ | －32．5\％ | －17．8\％ |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pou Sheng＇s sales | 17．7\％ | 17．7\％ | 24．4\％ | 22．0\％ | 19．9\％ | 18．9\％ | 21．9\％ | 19．1\％ | －25．1\％ | 0．3\％ | －0．3\％ | 1．0\％ | 47．8\％ | －15．0\％ | －25．1\％ | －26．7\％ |
| Dong Xiang＇s SSSG | ＋ve Mid to High SD | －ve Mid to High SD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve LSD | －ve LSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Mid to High SD | ＋ve Mid to High SD | －ve Low to Mid SD | －ve MSD | ＋ve Low to Mid SD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve Mid to High SD | －ve High－ teens |  |
| Dong Xiang＇s retail sales |  |  |  |  | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Mid－ teens | ＋ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} \text {-ve 25\%- } \\ 30 \% \end{array}$ | －ve Low－ Mid SD | ＋ve MSD | ＋ve Low－ teens | 60\％－70\％ | $\begin{array}{r} + \text { +ve Low } \\ \text { to Mid- } \\ \text { teens } \end{array}$ | ve Mid to High－ teens |  |
| Direct retail | ＋ve HSD | Flat | $\begin{gathered} + \text { ve Low- } \\ \text { teens } \end{gathered}$ | ＋ve HSD | Flat | ＋ve LSD | ＋ve HSD | ＋ve MSD | $\begin{array}{r} - \text { ve } 30 \%-{ }^{-1} \\ 35 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{gathered} \text {-ve Low- } \\ \text { teens } \end{gathered}$ | Flat | ＋ve MSD | 70\％－75\％ |  |  |  |
| E－Commerce |  |  |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve } 35 \%- \\ 45 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} 30 \% \\ 35 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve } 55 \%- \\ 60 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} + \text { ve } 40 \%- \\ 45 \% \end{array}$ | －ve Low－ teens | $\begin{array}{r} +\mathrm{ve} 30 \%- \\ 35 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve } 30 \%- \\ 35 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | $\begin{array}{r} \text { +ve } 20 \%- \\ 30 \% \\ \hline \end{array}$ | 35\％－40\％ |  |  |  |

Source：Company data，CMBIS estimates，＊Nike＇s year end is in May（e．g．4Q18 calendar year＝2Q19 fiscal year＝Sep－Nov 2018）

## Earnings revision

## Figure 4：Earnings revision

| RMB mn | New |  |  | Old |  |  | Diff（\％） |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
| Revenue | 10，070 | 12，558 | 14，567 | 10，070 | 11，967 | 13，888 | 0．0\％ | 4．9\％ | 4．9\％ |
| Gross profit | 4，176 | 5，269 | 6，225 | 4，176 | 5，047 | 5，961 | 0．0\％ | 4．4\％ | 4．4\％ |
| EBIT | 1，453 | 1，855 | 2，284 | 1，453 | 1，738 | 2，169 | 0．0\％ | 6．7\％ | 5．3\％ |
| Net profit att． | 880 | 1，168 | 1，509 | 880 | 1，089 | 1，431 | 0．0\％ | 7．2\％ | 5．5\％ |
| Diluted EPS（RMB） | 0.346 | 0.459 | 0.592 | 0.346 | 0.428 | 0.562 | 0．0\％ | 7．2\％ | 5．5\％ |
| Gross margin | 41．5\％ | 42．0\％ | 42．7\％ | 41．5\％ | 42．2\％ | 42．9\％ | Oppt | －0．2ppt | －0．2ppt |
| EBIT margin | 14．4\％ | 14．8\％ | 15．7\％ | 14．4\％ | 14．5\％ | 15．6\％ | Oppt | 0．2ppt | 0.1 ppt |
| Net profit att．margin | 8．7\％ | 9．3\％ | 10．4\％ | 8．7\％ | 9．1\％ | 10．3\％ | Oppt | $0.2 p p t$ | 0．1ppt |

Source：Company data，CMBIS estimates
Figure 5：CMBIS estimates vs consensus

| RMB mn | CMBIS |  |  | Consensus |  |  | Diff（\％） |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
| Revenue | 10，070 | 12，558 | 14，567 | 9，933 | 12，213 | 14，801 | 1．4\％ | 2．8\％ | －1．6\％ |
| Gross profit | 4，176 | 5，269 | 6，225 | 4，135 | 5，130 | 6，258 | 1．0\％ | 2．7\％ | －0．5\％ |
| EBIT | 1，453 | 1，855 | 2，284 | 1，343 | 1，681 | 2，076 | 8．2\％ | 10．4\％ | 10．0\％ |
| Net profit att． | 880 | 1，168 | 1，509 | 872 | 1，117 | 1，395 | 1．0\％ | 4．6\％ | 8．2\％ |
| Diluted EPS（RMB） | 0.346 | 0.459 | 0.592 | 0.338 | 0.434 | 0.541 | 2．1\％ | 5．7\％ | 9．5\％ |
| Gross margin | 41．5\％ | 42．0\％ | 42．7\％ | 41．6\％ | 42．0\％ | 42．3\％ | －0．2ppt | －0．1ppt | 0．5ppt |
| EBIT margin | 14．4\％ | 14．8\％ | 15．7\％ | 13．5\％ | 13．8\％ | 14．0\％ | 0．9ppt | 1ppt | 1．7ppt |
| Net profit att．margin | 8．7\％ | 9．3\％ | 10．4\％ | 8．8\％ | 9．1\％ | 9．4\％ | Oppt | 0.2 ppt | 0．9ppt |

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## Assumptions

## Figure 6：Major assumptions

| Major assumptions | FY19A | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Sales by segment（RMB mn） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shoes | 4，653 | 5，047 | 6，344 | 8，073 | 9，424 |
| Apparels | 3，344 | 2，964 | 3，557 | 4，304 | 4，949 |
| Accessories | 185 | 161 | 169 | 181 | 194 |
| Total | 8，183 | 8，172 | 10，070 | 12，558 | 14，567 |
| Sales by segment growth（\％） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Shoes | 18．6\％ | 8．5\％ | 25．7\％ | 27．3\％ | 16．7\％ |
| Apparels | 43．7\％ | －11．4\％ | 20．0\％ | 21．0\％ | 15．0\％ |
| Accessories | 41．0\％ | －12．9\％ | 5．0\％ | 7．0\％ | 7．0\％ |
| Total | 28．2\％ | －0．1\％ | 23．2\％ | 24．7\％ | 16．0\％ |
| Sales by segment（RMB mn） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mass market | 7，707 | 7，101 | 8，911 | 11，027 | 12，701 |
| Athleisure | 466 | 999 | 989 | 1，272 | 1，432 |
| Professional sports | 10 | 72 | 170 | 260 | 434 |
| Total | 8，183 | 8，172 | 10，070 | 12，558 | 14，567 |
| Sales by segment growth（YoY） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mass market | 20．7\％ | －7．9\％ | 25．5\％ | 23．7\％ | 15．2\％ |
| Athleisure | $\mathrm{n} / \mathrm{a}$ | 114．4\％ | －1．0\％ | 28．6\％ | 12．6\％ |
| Professional sports | n／a | 609．9\％ | 137．0\％ | 52．8\％ | 67．2\％ |
| Total | 28．2\％ | －0．1\％ | 23．2\％ | 24．7\％ | 16．0\％ |
| Sales network |  |  |  |  |  |
| Xtep | 5，279 | 4，971 | 4，822 | 5，039 | 5，240 |
| Xtep kids | 850 | 800 | 1，000 | 1，150 | 1，242 |
| Oversea stores | 250 | 250 | 250 | 300 | 300 |
| Total | 6，379 | 6，021 | 6，072 | 6，489 | 6，782 |
| GP margins | 43．4\％ | 39．1\％ | 41．5\％ | 42．0\％ | 42．7\％ |
| Opex breakdown |  |  |  |  |  |
| A\＆P／sales | 14．4\％ | 11．2\％ | 11．1\％ | 11．3\％ | 11．5\％ |
| Staff costs／sales | 11．0\％ | 12．1\％ | 11．4\％ | 11．0\％ | 10．6\％ |
| R\＆D／sales | 2．4\％ | 2．7\％ | 2．6\％ | 2．4\％ | 2．3\％ |
| D\＆A／sales | 1．7\％ | 2．0\％ | 2．5\％ | 2．1\％ | 1．9\％ |
| Provisions（write backs）／sales | －0．9\％ | 0．7\％ | 0．0\％ | 0．0\％ | 0．0\％ |
| Rental／sales | 0．1\％ | 0．1\％ | 1．0\％ | 1．2\％ | 1．3\％ |
| Selling \＆distribution costs／sales | 21．0\％ | 18．8\％ | 18．9\％ | 18．7\％ | 18．8\％ |
| Admin expenses／sales | 11．1\％ | 12．9\％ | 11．3\％ | 11．0\％ | 10．6\％ |
| Total | 32．1\％ | 31．7\％ | 30．2\％ | 29．7\％ | 29．4\％ |
| OP margins | 15．1\％ | 11．2\％ | 14．4\％ | 14．8\％ | 15．7\％ |
| Effective tax rate | 34．8\％ | 33．7\％ | 32．0\％ | 31．0\％ | 30．0\％ |
| Net profit att．margins | 8．9\％ | 6．3\％ | 8．7\％ | 9．3\％ | 10．4\％ |
| Net profit att．growth（\％） | 10．8\％ | －29．5\％ | 71．6\％ | 32．7\％ | 29．2\％ |

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## Valuation

Figure 7：Peers valuation table

| Company | Ticker | Rating | $\begin{gathered} 12 \mathrm{~m} \\ \text { TP } \\ \text { (LC) } \end{gathered}$ | Price(LC) | Up／ <br> Down－ <br> side | Mkt．Cap <br> （HK\＄mn） | Year <br> End | P／E（x） |  | P／B（x） |  | ROE <br> （\％） <br> FY1E | 3yrs PEG <br> （x） <br> FY1E | Yield <br> （\％） <br> FY1E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  | FY1E | FY2E | FY1E | FY2E |  |  |  |
| H shares Sportswear |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Xtep Intl | 1368 HK | BUY | 16.43 | 12.90 | 27\％ | 33，931 | Dec－20 | 31.0 | 23.3 | 3.5 | 3.2 | 9.5 | 0.7 | 1.9 |
| Anta Sports | 2020 HK | BUY | 156.06 | 114.00 | 37\％ | 308，180 | Dec－20 | 32.7 | 25.7 | 8.3 | 6.8 | 30.5 | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Li Ning | 2331 HK | BUY | 102.84 | 76.85 | 34\％ | 201，082 | Dec－20 | 43.3 | 34.5 | 13.0 | 10.0 | 33.2 | 0.8 | 0.7 |
| 361 Degrees | 1361 HK | NR | n／a | 3.83 | n／a | 7，919 | Dec－20 | 11.6 | 10.3 | 0.9 | 0.8 | 7.7 | 0.5 | 1.2 |
| Topsports | 6110 HK | NR | n／a | 7.67 | n／a | 47，563 | Feb－21 | 13.5 | 11.3 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 26.5 | 0.8 | 3.9 |
| Pou Sheng | 3813 HK | NR | n／a | 1.22 | n／a | 6，498 | Dec－20 | 6.9 | 4.5 | 0.6 | 0.5 | 11.6 | 0.1 | 1.6 |
| China DX | 3818 HK | NR | n／a | 0.68 | n／a | 4，004 | Mar－21 | n／a | 5.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 | （0．5） | 0.0 | n／a |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Avg． | 23.2 | 16.4 | 4.3 | 3.5 | 16.9 | 0.6 | 1.7 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Med． | 22.2 | 11.3 | 3.5 | 3.0 | 11.6 | 0.7 | 1.4 |
| International Sportswear |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Nike Inc | NKE US | NR | n／a | 148.18 | n／a | 1，824，012 | May－21 | 40.0 | 30.8 | 16.6 | 15.1 | 48.3 | 2.6 | 0.8 |
| Adidas | ADS GY | NR | n／a | 252.35 | n／a | 430，266 | Dec－20 | 34.3 | 26.2 | 6.6 | 6.0 | 29.0 | 0.5 | 1.3 |
| Puma | PUM GY | NR | n／a | 93.16 | n／a | 124，712 | Dec－20 | 46.6 | 32.4 | 7.2 | 6.3 | 16.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Under Armour | UAA US | NR | n／a | 18.86 | n／a | 64，262 | Dec－20 | 24.5 | 24.8 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 25.2 | （0．1） | 0.0 |
| Lululemon | LULU US | NR | n／a | 328.98 | n／a | 331，110 | Jan－21 | 42.7 | 35.8 | 14.4 | 11.3 | 36.1 | 1.3 | 0.0 |
| Skechers | SKX US | NR | n／a | 43.63 | n／a | 52，929 | Dec－20 | 17.4 | 14.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 15.0 | 0.2 | 0.0 |
| Vf Corp | VFC US | NR | n／a | 72.25 | n／a | 220，910 | Apr－21 | 22.7 | 19.6 | 7.5 | 6.9 | 37.4 | 0.4 | 2.7 |
| Columbia | COLM US | NR | n／a | 91.27 | n／a | 46，336 | Dec－20 | 19.2 | 16.6 | 3.0 | 2.7 | 16.3 | 0.3 | 1.2 |
| Wolverine | WWW US | NR | n／a | 26.32 | n／a | 16，876 | Jan－21 | 12.5 | 10.0 | 3.3 | 2.8 | （12．9） | （0．1） | 1.5 |
| Mizuno Corp | 8022 JP | NR | n／a | 2182.00 | n／a | 3，956 | Mar－21 | 16.3 | 12.2 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 7.7 | 1.2 | 2.3 |
| Asics Corp | 7936 JP | NR | n／a | 2291.00 | n／a | 29，669 | Dec－20 | 75.5 | 28.8 | 3.2 | 3.0 | 4.3 | （0．4） | 1.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Avg． | 32.0 | 22.9 | 6.3 | 5.5 | 20.2 | 0.6 | 1.0 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  | Med． | 24.5 | 24.8 | 4.4 | 3.7 | 16.3 | 0.4 | 1.0 |

Source：Bloomberg，CMBIS estimates

Financial Summary

| Income statement |  |  |  |  |  | Cash flow summary |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| YE 31 Dec（RMB mn） | FY19A | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | YE 31 Dec（RMB mn） | FY19A | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
| Revenue | 8，183 | 8，172 | 10，070 | 12，558 | 14，567 | EBIT | 1，234 | 918 | 1，453 | 1，855 | 2，284 |
| Footwear | 4，653 | 5，047 | 6，344 | 8，073 | 9，424 | D \＆A | 185 | 318 | 331 | 343 | 349 |
| Apparel | 3，344 | 2，964 | 3，557 | 4，304 | 4，949 | Change in working capital | 36 | （320） | （623） | （797） | （651） |
| Accessories | 185 | 161 | 169 | 181 | 194 | Income tax paid | （334） | （325） | （417） | （532） | （655） |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Others | （343） | （272） | （106） | （114） | （113） |
| Cost of goods sold | $(4,632)$ | $(4,973)$ | $(5,895)$ | $(7,290)$ | $(8,342)$ | Net cash from operating | 778 | 320 | 638 | 756 | 1，213 |
| Gross profit | 3，550 | 3，198 | 4，176 | 5，269 | 6，225 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other income | 308 | 307 | 322 | 314 | 335 | Capex \＆investments | （97） | （207） | （151） | （188） | （219） |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Associated companies | （35） | （20） |  |  |  |
| Operating expenses | $(2,625)$ | $(2,588)$ | $(3,045)$ | $(3,728)$ | $(4,276)$ | Interest received | － | － |  |  |  |
| S \＆D costs | $(1,718)$ | $(1,537)$ | $(1,903)$ | $(2,345)$ | $(2,737)$ | Others | $(1,913)$ | 800 | － | － |  |
| Admin exp． | （711） | （827） | （880） | $(1,082)$ | $(1,204)$ | Net cash from investing | $(2,045)$ | 573 | （151） | （188） | （219） |
| R \＆D | （195） | （223） | （262） | （301） | （335） |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other operating expenses |  |  |  |  |  | Equity raised | 1，187 | 31 |  |  |  |
| EBIT | 1，234 | 918 | 1，453 | 1，855 | 2，284 | Net change in bank loans | 386 | （77） | 1，003 | － |  |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Dividend paid | （436） | （279） | （406） | （609） | （796） |
| Finance costs，net | （111） | （140） | （106） | （114） | （113） | Others | （98） | （55） |  |  |  |
| JVs \＆associates | （2） | （17） | （42） | （26） | 13 | Net cash from financing | 1，039 | （380） | 597 | （609） | （796） |
| Exceptional | － | － | － | － | － |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Pre－tax profit | 1，121 | 762 | 1，304 | 1，715 | 2，184 | Net change in cash | （227） | 513 | 1，083 | （42） | 198 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Beginning cash balance | 3，196 | 2，970 | 3，472 | 4，555 | 4，514 |
| Income tax | （390） | （257） | （417） | （532） | （655） | Exchange difference | 1 | （11） |  |  |  |
| Less：Minority interests | ， | （8） | 7 | 15 | 20 | Cash at the end of the year | 2，970 | 3，472 | 4，555 | 4，514 | 4，712 |
| Net profit | 728 | 513 | 880 | 1，168 | 1，509 |  | 1，234 | 918 | 1，453 | 1，855 | 2，284 |

Balance sheet

| YE 31 Dec（RMB mn） | FY19A | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E | YE 31 Dec | FY19A | FY20A | FY21E | FY22E | FY23E |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Non－current assets | 3，057 | 3，544 | 3，322 | 3，141 | 3，024 | Sales mix（\％） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Fixed asset | 662 | 796 | 857 | 944 | 1，056 | Footwear | 56.9 | 61.8 | 63.0 | 64.3 | 64.7 |
| Intangible assets \＆goodwill | 1，738 | 1，528 | 1，287 | 1，045 | 803 | Apparel | 40.9 | 36.3 | 35.3 | 34.3 | 34.0 |
| Prepaid lease payments | 104 | 573 | 573 | 573 | 573 | Accessories | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.7 | 1.4 | 1.3 |
| Interest in joint ventures | 197 | 218 | 176 | 150 | 163 |  | － |  | － | － |  |
| Other non－current assets | 356 | 429 | 429 | 429 | 429 | Total | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Current assets | 9，266 | 9，027 | 11，252 | 12，742 | 14，163 | P\＆L ratios（\％） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 2，970 | 3，472 | 4，555 | 4，514 | 4，712 | Gross margin | 43.4 | 39.1 | 41.5 | 42.0 | 42.7 |
| Inventories | 1，046 | 975 | 1，155 | 1，429 | 1，635 | Operating margin | 15.1 | 11.2 | 14.4 | 14.8 | 15.7 |
| Trade and other receivables | 2，910 | 3，236 | 3，988 | 4，973 | 5，768 | Pre－tax margin | 13.7 | 9.3 | 13.0 | 13.7 | 15.0 |
| Prepayments | 818 | 899 | 1，108 | 1，381 | 1，602 | Net margin | 8.9 | 6.3 | 8.7 | 9.3 | 10.4 |
| Other current assets | 1，522 | 446 | 446 | 446 | 446 | Effective tax rate | 34.7 | 33.0 | 31.0 | 30.5 | 30.2 |
| Current liabilities | 3，671 | 3，334 | 3，853 | 4，588 | 5，159 | Balance sheet ratios |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bank loans | 1，086 | 642 | 642 | 642 | 642 | Current ratio（x） | 2.5 | 2.7 | 2.9 | 2.8 | 2.7 |
| Trade payables | 1，420 | 1，479 | 1，753 | 2，168 | 2，480 | Quick ratio（x） | 2.2 | 2.4 | 2.6 | 2.5 | 2.4 |
| Accruals \＆other payables | 981 | 1，052 | 1，296 | 1，617 | 1，875 | Cash ratio（x） | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.2 | 1.0 | 0.9 |
| Tax payables | 115 | 86 | 86 | 86 | 86 | Inventory turnover days | 82 | 72 | 72 | 72 | 72 |
| Others | 69 | 75 | 75 | 75 | 75 | Trade receivables days | 130 | 145 | 145 | 145 | 145 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Trade payables days | 112 | 109 | 109 | 109 | 109 |
| Non－current liabilities | 1，691 | 1，939 | 2，942 | 2，942 | 2，942 | Total debt／total equity ratio（\％） | 34 | 30 | 41 | 38 | 35 |
| Bank loans | 1，269 | 1，516 | 1，516 | 1，516 | 1，516 | Net debt／equity ratio（\％） | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash | Net cash |
| CB or Preferred shares | － | － | 1，003 | 1，003 | 1，003 | Returns（\％） |  |  |  |  |  |
| Deferred tax | 280 | 237 | 237 | 237 | 237 | ROE | 10.5 | 7.0 | 11.3 | 14.0 | 16.7 |
| Others | 142 | 186 | 186 | 186 | 186 | ROA | 5.9 | 4.1 | 6.0 | 7.4 | 8.8 |
|  |  |  |  |  |  | Per share |  |  |  |  |  |
| Minority Interest | － | － | 7 | 22 | 42 | EPS（RMB） | 0.30 | 0.21 | 0.35 | 0.46 | 0.59 |
| Total net assets | 6，960 | 7，299 | 7，773 | 8，332 | 9，044 | DPS（RMB） | 0.18 | 0.12 | 0.21 | 0.28 | 0.36 |
| Shareholders＇equity | 6，960 | 7，299 | 7，773 | 8，332 | 9，044 | BVPS（RMB） | 2.79 | 2.87 | 3.05 | 3.27 | 3.55 |

Source：Company data，CMBIS estimates

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