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# FIT Hon Teng (6088 HK)

# Upbeat 3-year guidance reaffirmed our positive view; Raise TP to HK\$4.38

We raise TP to HK\$4.38 (40% upside) following a strong set of three-year guidance (2025-27) announced for the first time: 1) 20% revenue CAGR during FY25-27E, 2) GPM/OPM target of 22%/8% by FY27E. Mgmt. reiterated key growth drivers into 2025-27: 1) AI server/networking: biz momentum backed by GB200 ramp and product portfolio expansion (e.g. backplane, optical modules), 2) consolidation of the Auto-Kabel Group deal and improving efficiency, and 3) AirPods: capacity ramp in India plant and order wins. We lift our FY25/26E EPS by 3%/5% to factor in 3Q results and stronger guidance. Reiterate BUY. Catalysts includes GB200 AI server component order wins, AirPods shipment progress and Auto-Kabel M&A progress.

- 3Q24 in-line with accelerated margin recovery. On the earnings call, mgmt. attributed solid 3Q24 results to solid growth of AI products offsetting overall weakness in consumer electronics. 3Q24 GPM came in at 21.7% despite a weaker EV segment, and core OPM reached 8.2% (vs. 1Q/2Q24 2.5%/4.1%), thanks to efforts to streamline production costs, efficiency improvements and better expense control. For 4Q24/2024E, mgmt. reiterated guidance of high single-digit revenue growth, GPM of 20%+, and OPM target of 4.5% (vs prior 5.0%). Overall, we estimate revenue/ net profit to grow 9%/43% YoY in FY24E.
- FY25-27E 3-year guidance: 20% revenue CAGR, 22%/8% GPM/OPM target, backed by AI server/Mobility/Audio products. Mgmt. announced a solid set of 3-year guidance for the first time, which suggested their strong confidence in product roadmap and execution of the "3+3" strategy. Looking ahead to 4Q24E, for AI server, mgmt. expects power busbar and CDU liquid cooling connectors to start delivery in 4Q24E on the top of interconnectors/cables, while GB200 backplane connectors/cables are under evaluation with the customers. For EV mobility, integration with Auto-Kabel is about to close and contribute meaningful revenue in FY25E. For AirPods, the first production line in India is on track to start mass production in early FY25E, and the second line will begin construction in 1H25E.
- Promising growth with attractive valuation; Raise TP to HK\$4.38. We believe the market reacted positively after FIT announced FY25-27E guidance and solid business outlook. We lift our FY25/26E EPS by 3%/5% to factor in 3Q results and stronger guidance. The stock now trades at 9.3x/7.1x FY25/26E P/E, which is attractive compared to 67%/31% EPS growth. Reiterate BUY with new TP of HK\$ 4.38 (the same 13x FY25E P/E).

### **Earnings Summary**

(YE 31 Dec)	FY22A	FY23A	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue (US\$ mn)	4,531	4,196	4,555	5,896	7,131
YoY growth (%)	0.9	(7.4)	8.6	29.4	20.9
Net profit (US\$ mn)	170.1	129.6	184.2	308.1	403.2
YoY growth (%)	24.5	(23.8)	42.2	67.2	30.9
EPS (Reported) (US\$ cents)	2.42	1.82	2.59	4.34	5.67
Consensus EPS (US\$)	N/A	N/A	2.60	3.94	4.76
P/E (x)	16.7	22.2	15.6	9.3	7.1
P/B (x)	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
ROE (%)	7.2	5.4	7.3	11.1	12.9
Net gearing (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates



# **BUY (Maintain)**

# Target PriceHK\$4.38

(Previous TP Up/Downside Current Price HK\$4.25) 39.6% HK\$3.14

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#### Stock Data

Mkt Cap (HK\$ mn)	22,818.4
Avg 3 mths t/o (HK\$ mn)	94.7
52w High/Low (HK\$)	3.73/0.90
Total Issued Shares (mn)	7267.0
Source: FactSet	

#### **Shareholding Structure**

Foxconn Far East Ltd	71.1%
Lu Sung-Ching	5.5%
Source: HKEx	

#### Share Performance

	Absolute	Relative			
1-mth	6.4%	14.1%			
3-mth	38.9%	20.4%			
6-mth	43.4%	38.3%			
Source: FactSet					

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#### **Related Reports:**

- FIT Hon Teng (6088 HK) first take: Earnings in-line with solid margin recovery; Focus on GB200 products in 4Q24E- 13 Nov 2024 (link)
- FIT Hon Teng (6088 HK)-Beneficiary of GB200 server ramp in 4Q24E; Assessing the AI server opportunity-23 Oct 2024 (link)
- FIT Hon Teng (6088 HK)-2Q24 inline; Upbeat guidance on power busbar and liquid cooling order wins-14 Aug 2024 (<u>link</u>)



# **3Q24 Results review**

## Figure 1 3Q24 results review

						С		Conse	ensus	
(US\$ mn)	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	YoY	FY24E	% Track	FY24E	% Track
Revenue	1,165	1,247	965	1,102	1,174	0.8%	4,555	71.2%	4,642	69.8%
Gross profit	260	264	196	225	255	-1.9%	942	71.8%	937	72.2%
Operating profit	86	91	24	45	96	11.6%	321	51.5%	313	52.8%
Net profit	55	74	10	22	68	23.9%	184	54.7%	182	55.3%
EPS (USD cents)	0.77	1.18	0.14	0.32	0.94	22.1%	2.59	54.0%	2.60	53.8%
Gross margin	22.3%	21.2%	20.3%	20.4%	21.7%	-0.6ppt	20.7%		20.2%	
Operating margin	7.4%	7.3%	2.5%	4.1%	8.2%	0.8ppt	7.0%		6.7%	
Net Margin	4.7%	5.9%	1.1%	2.0%	5.8%	1.1ppt	4.0%		3.9%	

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

## Figure 2: CMBIGM estimates vs consensus

(116¢ mm)		CMBIGM		(	Consensus		Diff (%)			
(US\$ mn)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	
Revenue	4,555	5,896	7,131	4,642	5,783	6,626	-2%	2%	8%	
Gross profit	942	1,245	1,528	937	1,196	1,381	1%	4%	11%	
Operating profit	321	479	601	313	436	536	3%	10%	12%	
Net profit	184	307	402	182	273	333	1%	13%	21%	
EPS (USD cents)	2.59	4.34	5.67	2.60	3.94	4.76	0%	10%	19%	
Gross margin	20.7%	21.1%	21.4%	20.2%	20.7%	20.8%	0.5 ppt	0.4 ppt	0.6 ppt	
Operating margin	7.0%	8.1%	8.4%	6.7%	7.5%	8.1%	0.3 ppt	0.6 ppt	0.3 ppt	
Net Margin	4.0%	5.2%	5.6%	3.9%	4.7%	5.0%	0.1 ppt	0.5 ppt	0.6 ppt	

Source: Bloomberg, CMBIGM estimates

## Figure 3: CMBIGM earnings revisions

		New			Old		Diff (%)			
(US\$ mn)	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E	
Revenue	4,555	5,896	7,131	4,677	6,117	7,347	-3%	-4%	-3%	
Gross profit	942	1,245	1,528	965	1,268	1,546	-2%	-2%	-1%	
Operating profit	321	479	601	328	473	584	-2%	1%	3%	
Net profit	184	307	402	183	298	384	0%	3%	5%	
EPS (USD cents)	2.59	4.34	5.67	2.58	4.20	5.42	0%	3%	5%	
Gross margin	20.7%	21.1%	21.4%	20.6%	20.7%	21.0%	0 ppt	0.4 ppt	0.4 ppt	
Operating margin	7.0%	8.1%	8.4%	7.0%	7.7%	7.9%	0 ppt	0.4 ppt	0.5 ppt	
Net Margin	4.0%	5.2%	5.6%	3.9%	4.9%	5.2%	0.1 ppt	0.3 ppt	0.4 ppt	

Source: CMBIGM estimates



## Figure 4: Revenue breakdown

US\$ 000	FY22	FY23	1H24	2H24E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Smartphones	1,261,047	1,044,335	415,228	514,230	929,458	975,931	1,034,487
YoY	-3%	-17%	-7%	-14%	-11%	5%	6%
Networking	753,854	424,793	260,729	414,692	675,421	938,453	1,313,773
YoY	-14%	-44%	19%	101%	59%	39%	40%
Traditional server		382,314			420,545	454,189	490,524
AI server		42,479			254,876	484,264	823,249
Computing	819,708	773,285	378,226	410,525	788,751	851,851	937,036
YoY	2%	-6%	0%	4%	2%	8%	10%
Mobility	152,814	305,098	227,270	247,884	475,154	929,234	978,175
YoY	10%	100%	217%	6%	56%	96%	5%
EV business	152,814	137,553	73,793	43,127	116,920	123,935	132,611
Voltaira	-	167,545	153,477	204,757	358,234	376,145	394,953
AK Group						429,153	450,611
Systems Products	1,335,580	1,415,280	671,576	793,468	1,465,044	1,946,023	2,600,244
YoY	20%	6%	16%	-5%	4%	33%	34%
AirPods					233,750	591,600	1,178,100
Others					1,231,294	1,354,423	1,422,144
Others	207,600	232,759	113,731	107,390	221,121	254,289	267,004
YoY	-17%	12%	24%	-24%	-5%	15%	5%
Total	4,530,603	4,195,550	2,066,760	2,488,188	4,554,948	5,895,781	7,130,718
YoY	0.9%	-7.4%	15.8%	3.2%	8.6%	29.4%	20.9%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

## Figure 5: P&L forecast

US\$ mn	FY22	FY23	1H24	2H24E	FY24E	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	4,531	4,196	2,067	2,488	4,555	5,896	7,131
YoY	0.9%	-7.4%	15.8%	3.2%	8.6%	29.4%	20.9%
Cost of sales	-3,763	-3,388	-1,646	(1,968)	(3,613)	(4,651)	(5,603)
Gross profit	768	807	421	521	942	1,245	1,528
GPM (%)	17%	19%	20%	21%	21%	21%	21%
YoY	14.1%	5.1%	48.8%	-0.6%	16.7%	32.2%	22.7%
SG&A	-223	-295	-180	(157)	(337)	(407)	(485)
% of rev	-4.9%	-7.0%	-8.7%	-6.3%	-7.4%	-6.9%	-6.8%
R&D	-296	-308	-172	(181)	(353)	(430)	(513)
% of rev	-6.5%	-7.3%	-8.3%	-7.3%	-7.8%	-7.3%	-7.2%
Operating profit	307	263	93	227	321	479	601
OPM (%)	6.8%	6.3%	4.5%	9.1%	7.0%	8.1%	8.4%
YoY	74.0%	-14.4%	97.5%	5.5%	22.0%	49.2%	25.6%
Net profit	169	129	33	151	184	307	402
NPM (%)	3.7%	3.1%	1.6%	6.1%	4.0%	5.2%	5.6%
YoY	23.2%	-23.9%	263.3%	9.6%	42.5%	67.1%	30.9%

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates

# Assessing FIT's AI server opportunity:

# Figure 6: Scenario analysis of FIT NVDA AI server revenue (2025)

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# Valuation

Maintain BUY with new TP of HK\$4.38

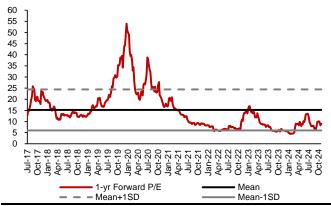
Our new TP of HK\$ 4.38 is based on the same 13x FY25E P/E, given accelerated growth on "3+3 Strategy" and profitability recovery. Trading at 9.3x/7.1x FY25/26E P/E, we think the risk-reward is attractive. Catalysts includes GB200 AI server component order wins, AirPods shipment progress and Auto-Kabel M&A progress.

### Figure 7: Peers' valuation

			Market Cap	Price	ТР	Up/ Down	P/E	(x)	P/B	3 (x)	ROF	E (%)
Company	Ticker	Pating	(US\$mn)			-side	FY24E	FY25E	FY24E	FY25E	FY24E	FY25E
Company Global Connect		Rating	(US\$IIII)	(LC)	(LC)	-side		THE		TIDE		- TEOE
TE	TEL US	NR	45,882	153.37	NA	NA	20.3	19.0	3.7	3.6	19.1	18.9
	APH US	NR	86,792	71.99	NA	NA	39.0	33.1	9.0	7.6	24.9	25.2
Amphenol Exprinct	FN US	NR	9,388	258.85	NA	NA	29.7	26.3	5.4	4.6	18.2	19.0
Fabrinet		NR	9,388 1,280	238.85	NA	NA	18.5	20.3 15.1	5.4 1.4	4.0	7.5	9.6
Aviat	6807 JP	NR	4,266	18510.00	NA	NA	24.0	13.1 20.1	1.4	1.4	7.5	9.0 8.3
Hirose	6806 JP		,		55.09	NA 32%	24.0 22.1	20.1 18.1		1.7 3.0	7.4 16.0	6.3 16.4
Luxshare	002475 CH	Buy	41,662	41.59				-	3.5			-
Foxconn	2354 TT	NR	4,077	93.60	NA	NA	31.9	22.8	0.8	0.8	3.9	5.3
Hon Hai	2317 TT	NR	91,580	214.50	NA	NA	18.7	14.1	1.8	1.6	9.7	11.7
			Average				25.5	21.1	3.4	3.0	13.3	14.3
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FIT Hon Teng	6088 HK	Buy	2,943	3.14	4.38	40%	15.6	9.3	1.1	1.0	7.3	11.1
AAC Tech	2018 HK	Buy	4,784	31.05	37.80	22%	19.8	15.8	1.4	1.3	7.0	8.2
Sunny Optical	2382 HK	Buy	7,860	55.85	72.52	30%	22.3	18.7	2.2	2.1	10.1	11.2
Tongda	698 HK	Buy	111	0.09	0.12	37%	29.7	4.5	0.1	0.1	0.4	2.7
BYDE	285 HK	Buy	8,574	29.60	44.41	50%	13.5	9.9	3.3	2.6	24.2	26.8
Q tech	1478 HK	Buy	804	5.28	6.43	22%	15.8	10.5	1.1	1.0	6.9	9.6
YOFC	6869 HK	NR	2,199	11.46	NA	NA	10.8	8.2	0.7	0.6	7.3	8.9
Cowell	1415 HK	NR	2,944	26.65	NA	NA	30.3	17.7	5.8	4.4	21.0	26.9
			Average				18.1	11.0	1.8	1.5	11.0	13.6

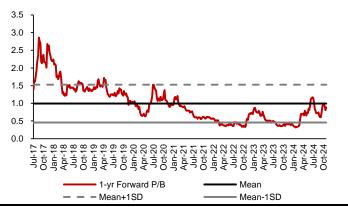
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Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM

## Figure 9: 12M forward P/B band



Source: Company data, Bloomberg, CMBIGM



# Financial Summary

INCOME STATEMENT	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec (US\$ mn)						
Revenue	4,490	4,531	4,196	4,555	5,896	7,131
Cost of goods sold	(3,817)	(3,763)	(3,388)	(3,613)	(4,651)	(5,603)
Gross profit	673	768	807	942	1,245	1,528
Selling expense	(105)	(93)	(105)	(128)	(147)	(178)
Admin expense	(161)	(130)	(191)	(210)	(259)	(307)
R&D expense	(301)	(296)	(308)	(353)	(430)	(513)
Others	70	58	61	69	71	71
Operating profit	177	307	263	321	479	601
Share of (losses)/profits of associates/JV	(8)	(46)	(50)	(38)	(38)	(38)
Interest expense	(2)	(14)	(33)	(33)	(30)	(26)
Pre-tax profit	167	248	179	250	411	538
Income tax	(31)	(78)	(50)	(65)	(103)	(134)
Minority interest	(1)	1	1	0	1	1
Net profit	137	170	130	184	308	403
BALANCE SHEET	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec (US\$ mn)						
Current assets	3,034	2,764	3,112	2,794	3,793	4,266
Cash & equivalents	769	914	1,316	886	1,184	1,416
Account receivables	1,033	720	807	851	1,295	1,300
Inventories	982	967	802	870	1,127	1,363
ST bank deposits	98	66	4	4	4	4
Non-current assets	1,973	1,783	1,982	2,498	2,426	2,317
PP&E	823	753	900	1,416	1,344	1,235
Deferred income tax	133	131	126	126	126	126
Investment in JVs & assos	172	123	73	73	73	73
Intangibles	634	601	700	700	700	700
Other non-current assets	211	175	182	182	182	182
Total assets	5,007	4,547	5,094	5,291	6,219	6,583
Current liabilities	1,937	1,539	2,563	2,577	3,196	3,157
Short-term borrowings	690	453	1,383	1,383	1,383	1,383
Account payables	1,138	971	1,095	1,108	1,727	1,688
Tax payable	94	98	70	70	70	70
Other current liabilities	15	18	17	17	17	17
Non-current liabilities	674	661	93	93	93	93
Long-term borrowings	576	575	0	0	0	0
Obligations under finance leases	46	43	41	41	41	41
Other non-current liabilities	52	43	52	52	52	52
Total liabilities	2,611	2,200	2,656	2,670	3,289	3,250
Share capital	139	142	142	142	142	142
Other reserves	2,348	2,295	2,384	2,569	2,877	3,280
Total shareholders equity	2,396	2,347	2,437	2,622	2,930	3,333
Minority interest	1	2	3	3	3	3
Total equity and liabilities	5,007	4,547	5,094	5,291	6,219	6,583



CASH FLOW	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec (US\$ mn)						
Operating						
Profit before taxation	167	248	179	250	411	538
Depreciation & amortization	251	232	220	434	472	509
Tax paid	(91)	(79)	(75)	(65)	(103)	(134)
Change in working capital	(257)	93	146	(99)	(82)	(280)
Others	15	63	103	0	0	0
Net cash from operations	85	556	574	519	698	632
Investing						
Capital expenditure	(216)	(113)	(243)	(950)	(400)	(400)
Acquisition of subsidiaries/ investments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Others	(4)	47	(167)	0	0	0
Net cash from investing	(220)	(66)	(410)	(950)	(400)	(400)
Financing						
Dividend paid	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net borrowings	0	0	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from share issues	0	0	0	0	0	0
Share repurchases	(1)	(2)	(1)	0	0	0
Others	121	(268)	250	0	0	0
Net cash from financing	120	(270)	249	0	0	0
Net change in cash	700	700		4.040		
Cash at the beginning of the year	766	769	914	1,316	886	1,184
Exchange difference	19 <b>769</b>	(75) <b>914</b>	(10)	0 <b>886</b>	0	0 1,416
Cash at the end of the year GROWTH	2021A	2022A	1,316 2023A	2024E	1,184 2025E	2026E
	2021A	ZUZZA	2023A	20246	ZUZJL	2020
YE 31 Dec	4.40/	0.00/	(7.40())	0.00/	00.49/	00.00/
Revenue	4.1%	0.9%	(7.4%)	8.6%	29.4%	20.9%
Gross profit	16.1%	14.1%	5.1%	16.7%	32.2%	22.7%
Operating profit	41.2% 219.3%	74.0% 24.5%	(14.4%)	22.0% 42.2%	49.2% 67.2%	25.6% 30.9%
Net profit PROFITABILITY	219.3% 2021A	24.5%	(23.8%) <b>2023A</b>	42.2%	2025E	2026E
	20217	LVLLA	2023A	20246	20230	2020
YE 31 Dec	45.00/	40.00/	10.00/	00 70/	04.40/	04 40/
Gross profit margin	15.0% 3.9%	16.9%	19.2% 6.3%	20.7%	21.1%	21.4% 8.4%
Operating margin Return on equity (ROE)	6.0%	6.8% 7.2%	5.4%	7.0% 7.3%	8.1% 11.1%	12.9%
GEARING/LIQUIDITY/ACTIVITIES	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec	202174	LULLA	LULUA	LULTE	LULUL	20202
Net debt to equity (x)	na	na	0.0	0.0	0.0	na
Current ratio (x)	1.6	1.8	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.4
Receivable turnover days	84.0	58.0	70.2	68.2	80.2	66.6
Inventory turnover days	93.9	93.8	86.4	87.9	88.4	88.8
Payable turnover days	108.8	94.2	117.9	111.9	135.6	110.0
VALUATION	2021A	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
YE 31 Dec						
P/E	19.8	16.7	22.2	15.6	9.3	7.1
P/B	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Div yield (%)	111.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Company data, CMBIGM estimates. Note: The calculation of net cash includes financial assets.



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