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Manageable impact of Henan village banks' incident

The Henan village banks' default on deposits flagged the vulnerability of corporate governance among small regional banks which aroused investors' concerns about the valuation of R&C banks. Based on our analysis, the incident had no material impacts neither on the stability of banking system nor sector fundamentals. Maintain OUTPERFORM on banking sector with PSBC (1658 HK, BUY) as the top pick with target price of HK\$8.40. On the insurance front, CBIRC recently released industry data in April, with an industry-wide P&C loss ratio improving 2.4ppt YoY in 4M22 (vs 2.1ppt YoY improvement in 1Q22). We also notice that average premium income per policy of auto insurance slightly increased by 2% year-over-year in 4M22, driven by higher pricing of NEV insurance and inflation factors. The published industry data as well implied insurers' higher weights on bond investment to 40% in April (vs 39% in March) in advance of the 5-yr LPR cut announced in May. We maintain PICC P&C (2328 HK, BUY) as our top pick, and remain positive on Ping An (2318 HK) given its ongoing proactive agency reform.

- Village banks' default on deposits will not have material negative impacts to financial system. As reported by CBIRC Henan office (河南银保 监局), some clients encountered difficulties in withdrawing deposits from four village banks in Henan. Yet, this incident occurred last month, noted as the "Red QR Code Event" (河南红码事件), and was pulled back to the spotlight. By now, six village banks were involved, with four in Henan and two in Anhui. In our view, the incident reflected problems of village banks on their corporate governance, rather than asset quality or cash flow, which as a result would not exert any significant impact to the overall financial system. As reported, roughly RMB40bn deposits could not be taken out. By end of April, total liability of R&C banks amounted to RMB45tn, among which we projected the deposit balance at approx. RMB40tn. Given RMB20tn deposits were contributed by village banks, the reported amount that could not be withdrawn merely took a share of 0.2%. Now the four village banks start to register personal information for relevant customers to build up repayment plans, yet it is still uncertain to know if the banks' clients are able to receive appropriate compensation in the short run. The Financial Stability Law (draft), which was introduced in April, clearly stated the risk disposal to reduce reliance on public funds. Thus, from our perspective, the process of information registration was still in the first stage, and repayment plans in specific are hard to be determined for the time being.
- From a regulatory perspective, it will not exert significant impacts to current outstanding loans issued by village banks. Referring to the regulation of the insurance industry (Qianhai Life, Tian'an P&C, etc.) in previous years, we expected that even if there were some irregularities, China's regulators would mitigate financial impacts by using the old and new zoned off ("新老划断") measure, and thus minimal risks of original credit funds would be delivered. In such case, the regulator would leave borrowers with certain buffers, so as to exit in an orderly manner. Concerning to investors, this event exerted little impact to the fundamentals of relevant listed banks. Rather, corporate governance would be a key concern for R&C banks. In the short run, we would recommend bank investors to avoid small R&C banks yet focus on large SOEs and city banks in developed economic regions.



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Stocks Covered:

Ticker	Rating	Target Price	Upside
2318 HK	BUY	81.40	59%
601318CH	BUY	67.56	49%
2628 HK	BUY	18.18	43%
601628CH	SELL	18.10	-37%
2601 HK	BUY	30.49	69%
601601CH	BUY	30.37	32%
1336 HK	BUY	32.35	49%
601336CH	SELL	26.85	-13%
966 HK	BUY	11.48	23%
1339 HK	BUY	3.58	39%
601319CH	SELL	3.72	-26%
2328 HK	BUY	11.64	41%
6060 HK	BUY	33.20	37%
1658 HK	BUY	8.40	40%
939 HK	BUY	8.10	47%
600000CH	HOLD	9.00	14%
601229CH	BUY	8.68	33%
3618 HK	HOLD	3.05	8%
601577CH	HOLD	8.30	6%
601658CH	BUY	7.07	38%
601939CH	BUY	7.50	25%
601077CH	HOLD	3.60	-8%
Source: Comp	any data, C	MBIS estim	nates

Recent Reports:

- 1. Expect higher NPL in 2Q & 2H; P&C loss ratio improved during COVID lockdowns (link)
- ST loan and special bond drive TSF beat; P&C momentum rebounded (<u>link</u>)

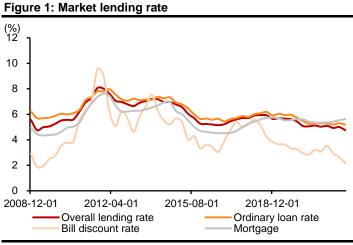


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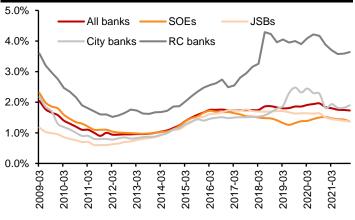


Banking Focus Charts



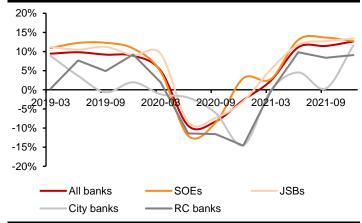
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Figure 3: Sub-sector NPL ratio



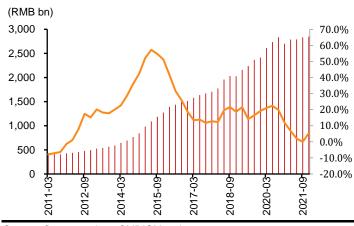
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Figure 5: Sub-sector earnings growth

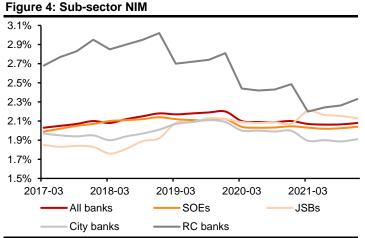


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Figure 2: Sector NPL balance and growth

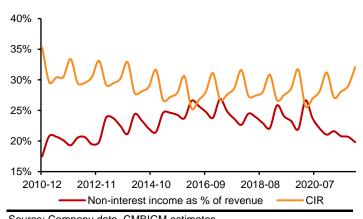


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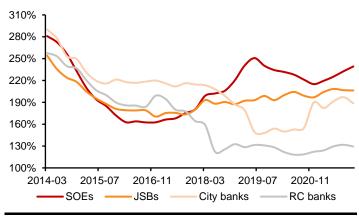
Figure 6: CIR and non-interest income as % of revenue



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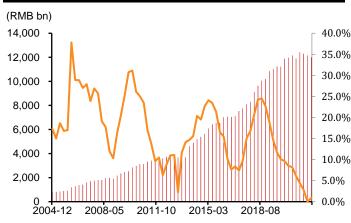


Figure 7: Sub sector provision coverage ratio changes



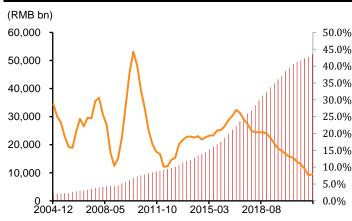
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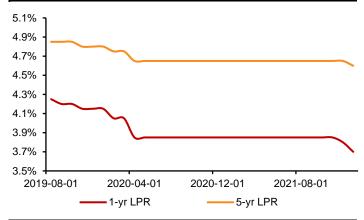
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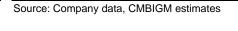


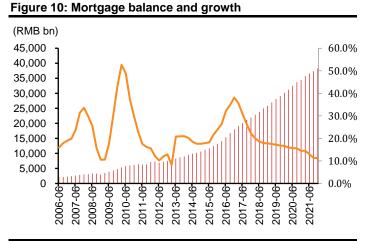


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Figure 8: Loan Prime Rate (LPR) changes

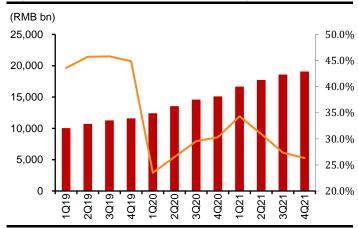






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Figure 12: Sector SME loan balance changes



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Insurance Focus Charts

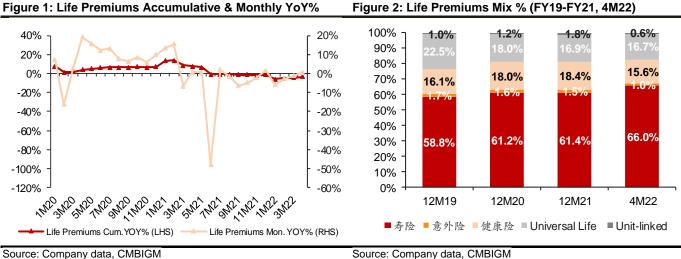
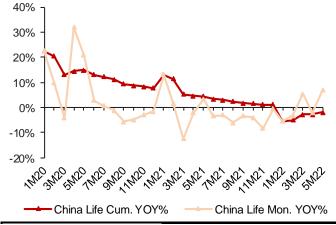
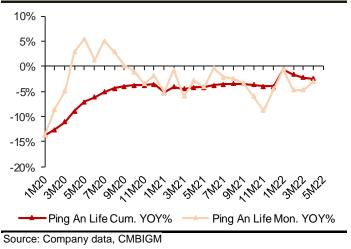


Figure 3: China Life (2628 HK) Premiums Cum.& Mon. YoY% Figure 4: Ping An (2318 HK) Life Premiums Cum.& Mon. YoY%

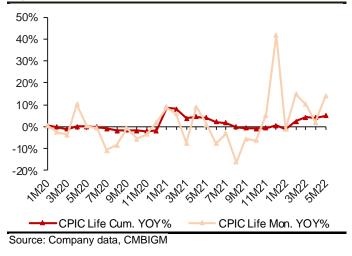


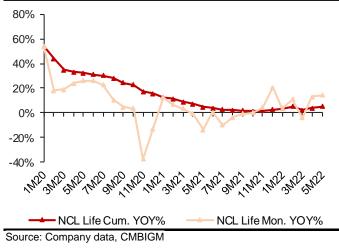


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Figure5: CPIC(2601 HK) Life Premiums Cum.& Mon. YoY%



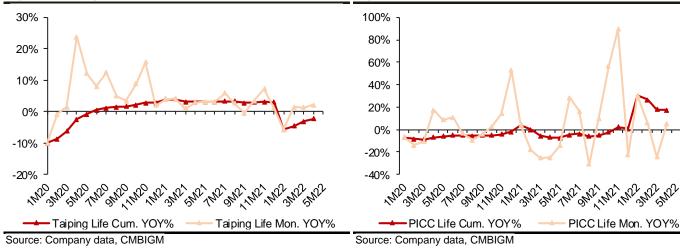






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Figure7: Taiping(966 HK)Life Premiums Cum. & Mon. YoY% Figure 8: PICC Life (1339 HK) Premiums Cum. & Mon. YoY%





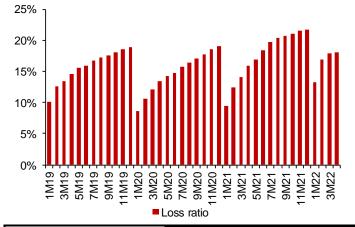
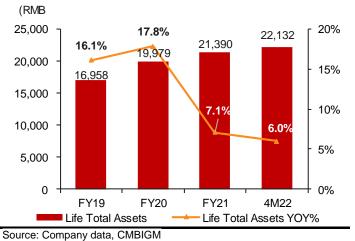


Figure 10: Life Industry Total Assets & YoY% (incl. 4M22)



Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Figure 11: P&C Premiums Accumulative & Monthly YoY%

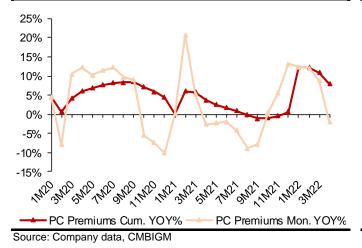
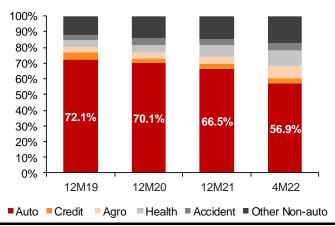


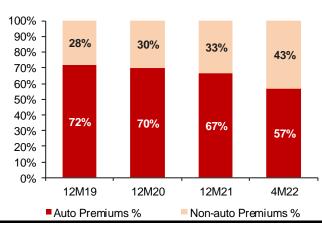
Figure 12: P&C Insurance Premiums Mix (%) (FY19-3M22)

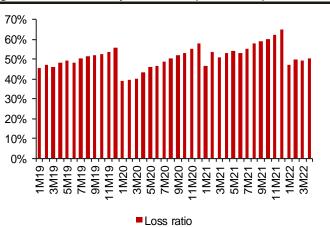


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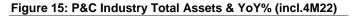


Figure 13: P&C Auto VS Non-auto Premiums Mix (incl.4M22) Figure 14: P&C Industry Loss Ratio (1M19-4M22)





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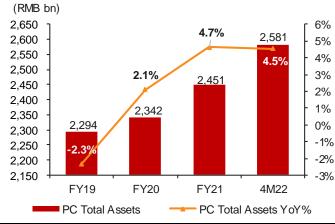


Figure16:PICC PC(2328 HK) Premiums Cum.& Mon. YoY%

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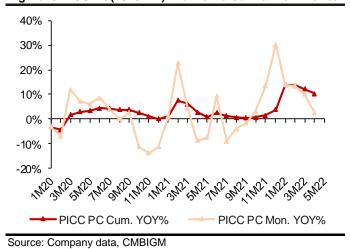
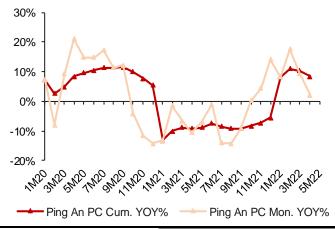
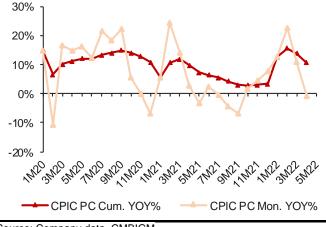


Fig 17: Ping An (2318 HK)PC Premiums Cum.& Mon. YoY% Figure 18: CPIC (2601 HK)PC Premiums Cum.& Mon. YoY%





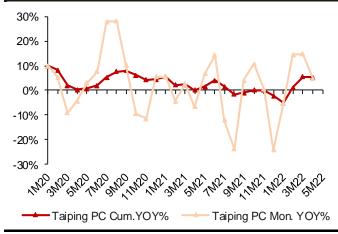
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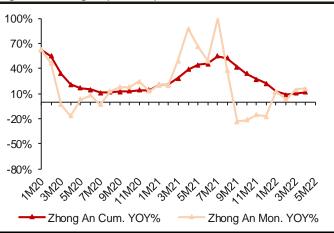
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Figure19:Taiping(966 HK)PC Premiums Cum.& Mon.YoY%

Figure20: Zhong An(6060 HK) Premiums Cum. & Mon. YoY%



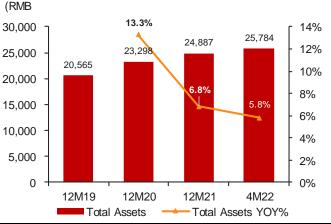


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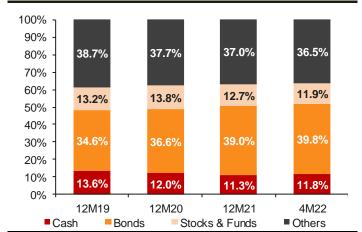


Figure 23: Industry – Investment Assets Mix% (FY19-4M22)



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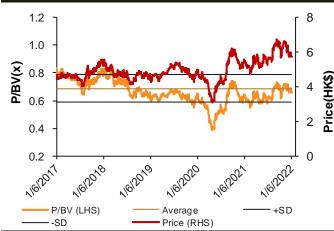
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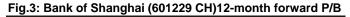
Price(HK\$)

Trading Bands of PBV by banks

Fig.1: Postal Savings-H (1658 HK) 12-month forward P/B



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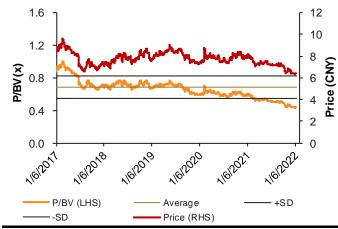


Fig.4: SPDB-CH (600000 CH) 12-month forward P/B

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Fig.2: CCB-H (0939 HK) 12-month forward P/B

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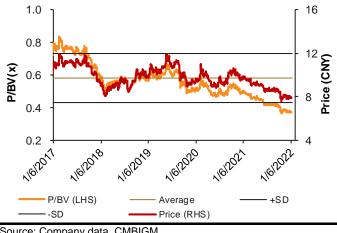
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P/BV (LHS)

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Price (RHS)

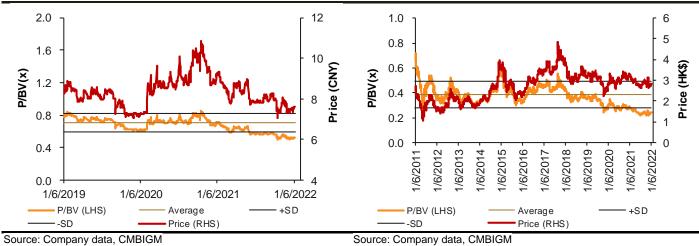
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Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Fig.5: Bank of Changsha (601577 CH) 12-month forward P/B Fig.6: CQRC-H (3618 HK) 12-month forward P/B



Source: Company data, CMBIGM



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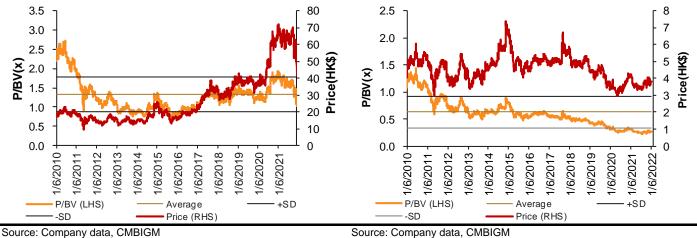
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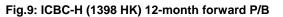
Fig.8: CITIC BANK-H (0998 HK) 12-month forward P/B

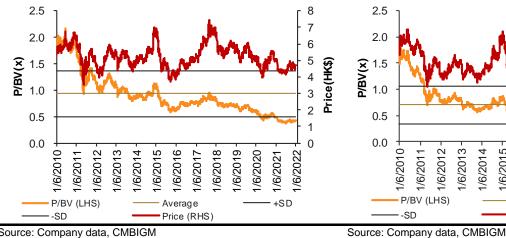
Fig.10: BANKCOMM-H (3328 HK) 12-month forward P/B

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Source: Company data, CMBIGM





Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Fig.11: CEB BANK-H (6818 HK) 12-month forward P/B

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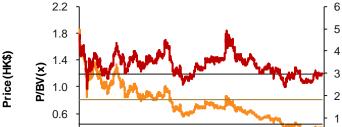
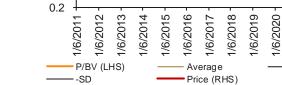


Fig.12: ABC-H (1288 HK) 12-month forward P/B



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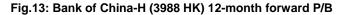
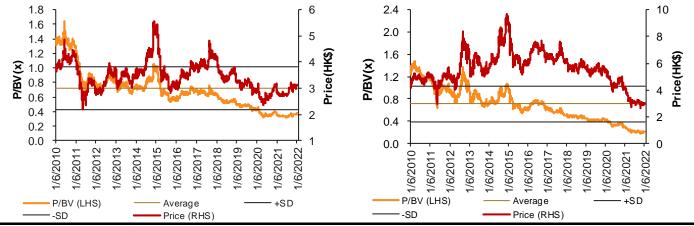


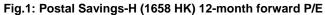
Fig.14: China Minsheng-H (1988 HK)12-month forward P/B

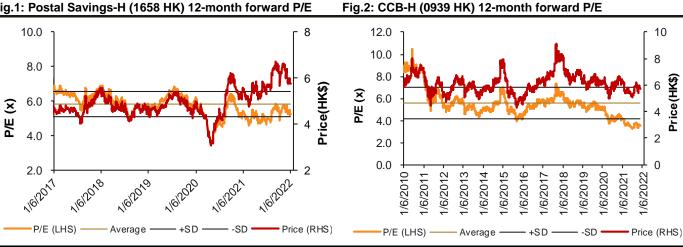


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Trading Bands of PER by banks

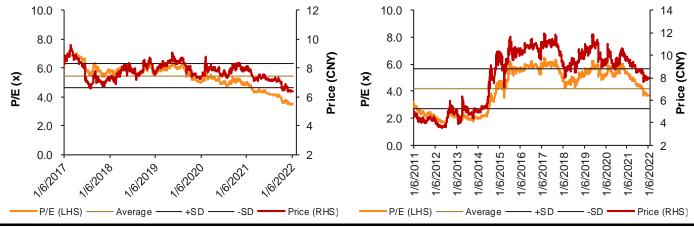




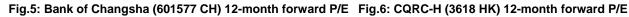
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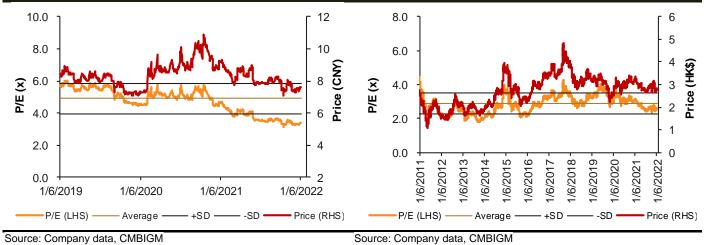
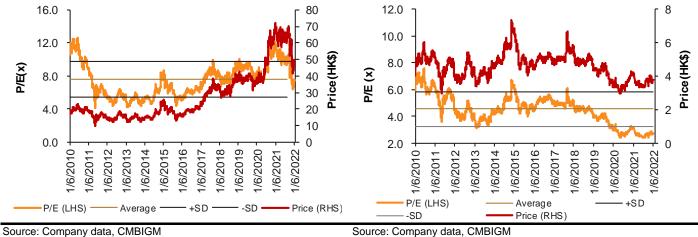


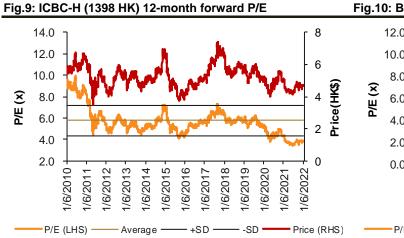




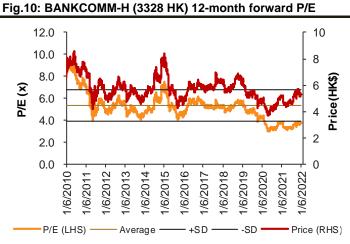
Fig.8: CITIC BANK-H (0998 HK) 12-month forward P/E







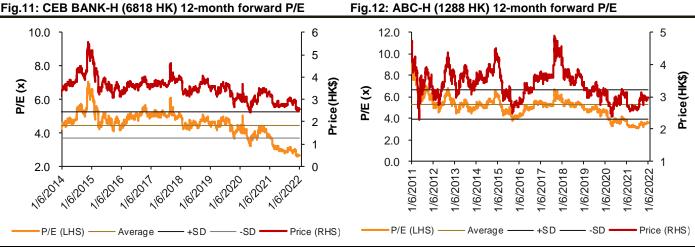
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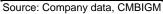


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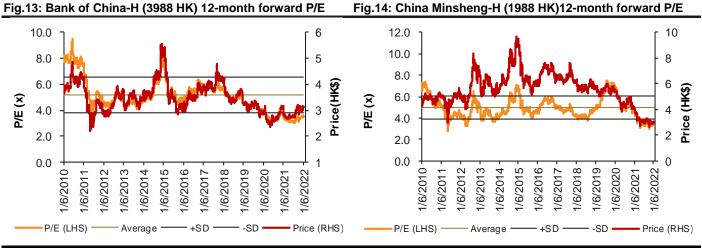
Fig.11: CEB BANK-H (6818 HK) 12-month forward P/E

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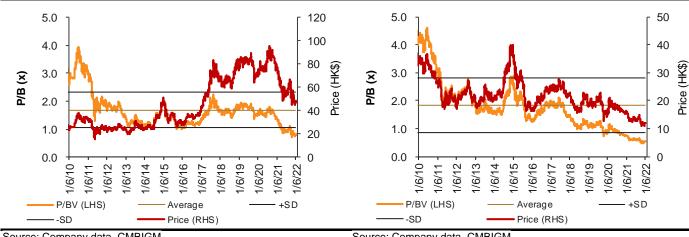
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Trading Bands of PBV by insurers

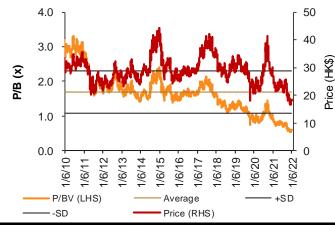


Fig.2: China Life-H (2628 HK) 12-month forward P/B



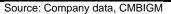
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Fig.3: CPIC-H (2601 HK) 12-month forward P/B



Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Fig.5: China Taiping-H (966 HK) 12-month forward P/B







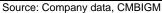
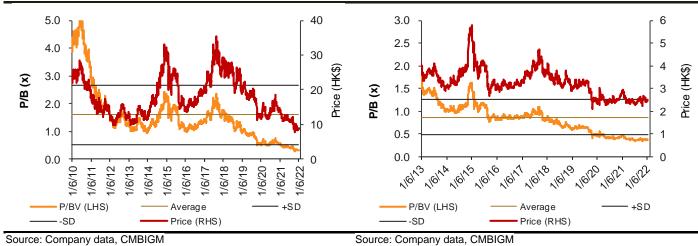


Fig.6: PICC Group-H (1339 HK) 12-month forward P/B





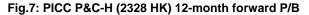
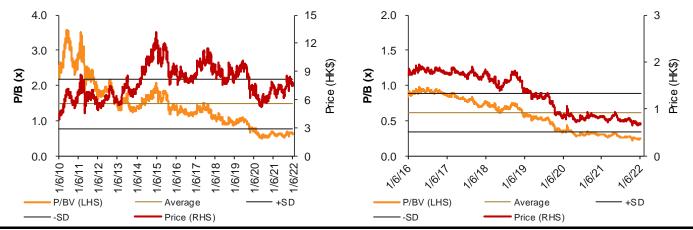
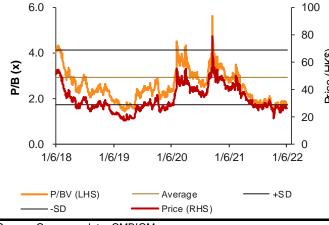


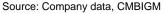
Fig.8: China Re-H (1508 HK) 12-month forward P/B



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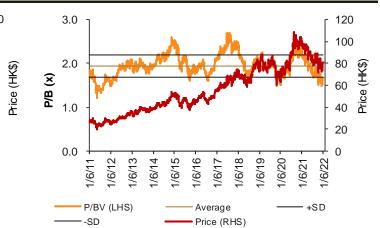


Fig.10: AIA-H (1299 HK) 12-month forward P/B

Source: Company data, CMBIGM

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Fig.11: Prudential-H (2378 HK) 12-month forward P/B

Source: Company data, CMBIGM

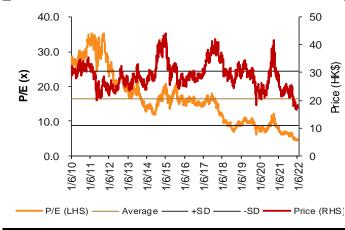


Price (HK\$)

Trading Bands of PER by insurers



Fig.3: CPIC-H (2601 HK) 12-month forward P/E



Source: Company data, CMBIGM

Fig.5: China Taiping-H (966 HK) 12-month forward P/E

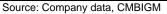


Fig.4: New China Life-H (1336 CH) 12-month forward P/E

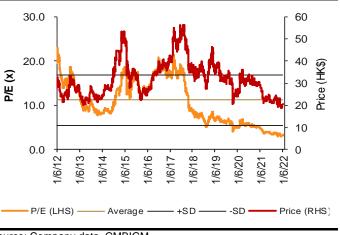
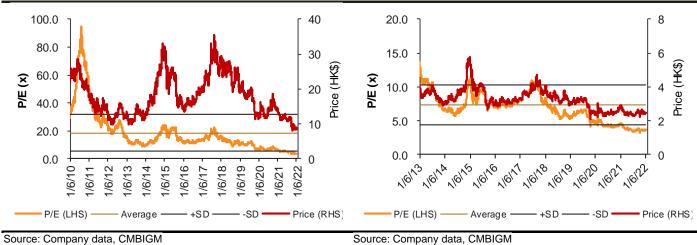


Fig.6: PICC Group-H (1339 HK) 12-month forward P/E

Source: Company data, CMBIGM



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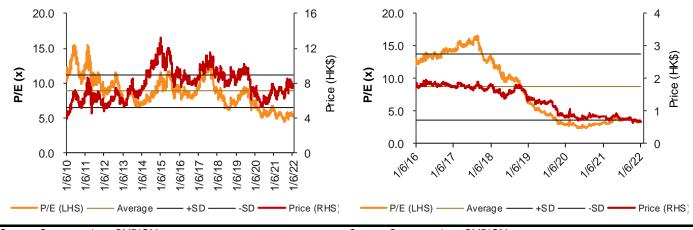
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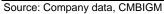
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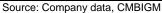
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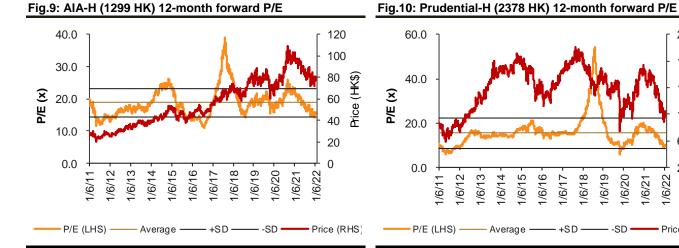


Fig.8: China Re-H (1508 HK) 12-month forward P/E









Source: Company data, CMBIGM



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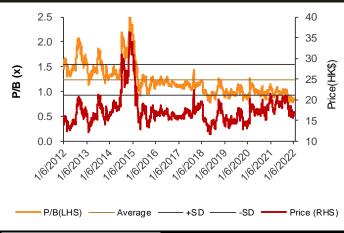
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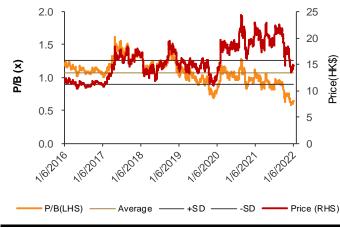
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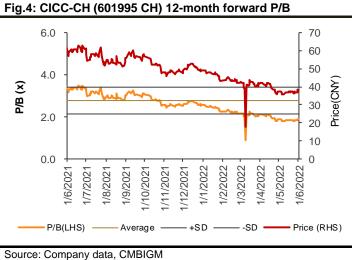


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Fig.3: CICC-H (3908 HK) 12-month forward P/B







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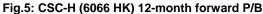
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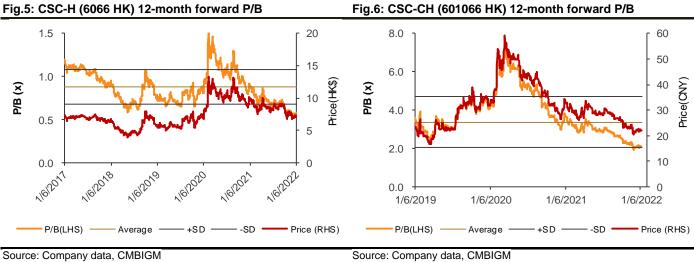
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Source: Company data, CMBIGM





Source: Company data, CMBIGM

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Fig.2: CITIC-CH (600030 CH) 12-month forward P/B

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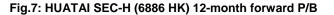
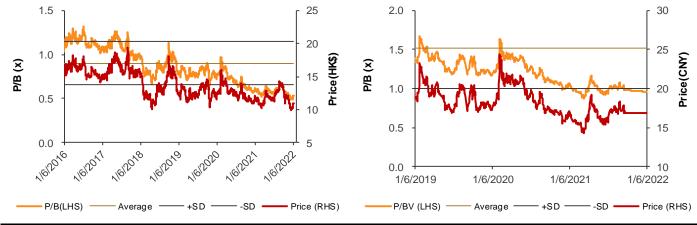


Fig.8: HUATAI SEC-CH (601688 CH) 12-month forward P/B



Source: Company data, CMBIGM



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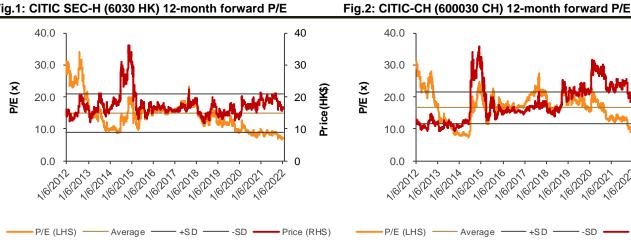
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Trading Bands of PER by brokers





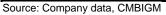
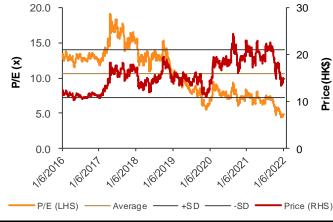


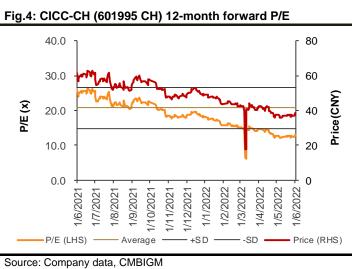
Fig.3: CICC-H (3908 HK) 12-month forward P/E



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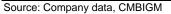


Fig.5: CSC-H (6066 HK) 12-month forward P/E

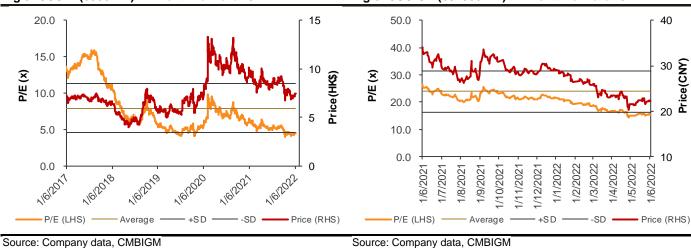


Fig.6: CSC-CH (601066 HK) 12-month forward P/E



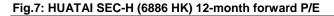
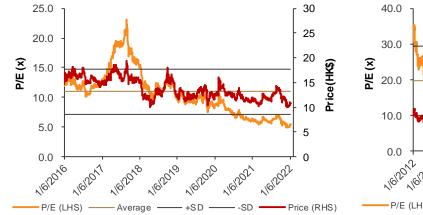


Fig.8: HUATAI SEC-CH (601688 CH) 12-month forward P/E





Source: Company data, CMBIGM

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Valuation

Banking Industry

Ticker	Name	Mkt Cap (LC)	Price (LC)	Rating	TP (LC)	Upside	P/E (x)		P/B (x)		Dividend yields	
TICKET							FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E
1658 HK	PSBC-H	567.7	5.98	Buy	8.40	40%	6.9	6.3	0.8	0.7	4.7%	5.1%
939 HK	CCB-H	1,412.0	5.50	Buy	8.10	47%	4.3	3.9	0.5	0.5	7.1%	7.9%
600000.CH	SPDB-A	233.4	7.91	Hold	9.00	14%	4.5	4.1	0.4	0.4	5.5%	6.0%
601229.CH	BOSH-A	92.8	6.52	Buy	8.68	33%	3.9	3.5	0.5	0.4	7.2%	8.1%
3618 HK	CQRCB-H	48.3	2.82	Hold	3.05	8%	3.2	2.9	0.3	0.3	9.5%	10.3%
601577.CH	BOCS-A	31.6	7.84	Hold	8.30	6%	4.6	4.0	0.6	0.5	5.5%	6.3%
601658.SH	PSBC-A	481.5	5.14	Buy	7.07	38%	5.9	5.4	0.7	0.6	5.5%	6.0%
601939.SH	CCB-A	1,187.0	5.99	Buy	7.50	25%	4.7	4.2	0.6	0.5	6.5%	7.2%
601077.SH	CQRCB-A	40.8	3.92	Hold	3.60	-8%	4.4	4.1	0.4	0.4	6.9%	7.4%

Source: CMBIGM estimates, Company data, Wind; Note: share price dated to 20 Jun 2022

Insurance Industry

Tieker	Company	Drice	Rating	РО	Upside	P/BV		Dividend yields		P/E			
Ticker		Price				FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E		
2318 HK	Ping An	51.15	Buy	81.40	59%	0.9 x	0.8 x	6.0%	6.8%	6.7 x	5.9 x		
2628 HK	China Life	12.68	Buy	18.18	43%	0.6 x	0.5 x	6.9%	7.4%	5.1 x	4.8 x		
2601 HK	CPIC	18.06	Buy	30.49	69%	0.6 x	0.5 x	9.8%	11.2%	4.9 x	4.4 x		
1336 HK	NCL	21.75	Buy	32.35	49%	0.4 x	0.4 x	9.0%	10.2%	3.4 x	3.0 x		
966 HK	Taiping	9.37	Buy	11.48	23%	0.3 x	0.3 x	7.8%	8.7%	3.9 x	3.4 x		
1339 HK	PICC Group	2.58	Buy	3.58	39%	0.4 x	0.4 x	9.2%	10.6%	3.7 x	3.3 x		
2328 HK	PICC P&C	8.27	Buy	11.64	41%	0.7 x	0.6 x	6.9%	8.2%	6.0 x	5.1 x		
6060 HK	Zhong An	24.30	Buy	33.20	37%	1.5 x	1.4 x	0.0%	0.0%	30.6 x	19.9 x		
601318 CH	Ping An	45.36	Buy	67.56	49%	0.9 x	0.9 x	5.6%	6.3%	7.1 x	6.3 x		
601628 CH	China Life	28.88	Sell	18.10	-37%	1.5 x	1.4 x	2.5%	2.7%	14.1 x	13.1 x		
601601 CH	CPIC	23.03	Buy	30.37	32%	0.9 x	0.8 x	6.4%	7.3%	7.6 x	6.7 x		
601336 CH	NCL	31.01	Sell	26.85	-13%	0.8 x	0.7 x	5.2%	5.9%	5.8 x	5.1 x		
601319 CH	PICC Group	5.05	Sell	3.72	-26%	0.9 x	0.9 x	3.9%	4.5%	8.8 x	7.7 x		
Ticker	Company		P/EV (Group)			New Business Multiplier			ROE		ROEV		
		FY22E		Y23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY2		FY23E	FY22E	FY23E		
2318 HK	Ping An	0.5 x		0.5 x	(21.1) x	(23.4) x			14.1%	8.9%	10.3%		
2628 HK	China Life	0.2 x).2 x	(21.4) x	(23.0) x			11.3%	8.4%	8.4%		
2601 HK	CPIC	0.3 x).3 x	(28.7) x	(28.0) x			12.6%	7.4%	7.5%		
1336 HK	NCL	0.2 x).2 x	(33.7) x	(33.9) x			14.0%	5.8%	5.5%		
966 HK	Taiping	0.2 x		0.1 x	(23.4) x	(23.8) x			8.7%	6.5%	6.4%		
1339 HK	PICC Group	0.3 x		0.3 x	(69.0) x	(74.0) x			11.8%	7.3%	7.7%		
601318 CH	Ping An	0.5 x		0.5 x	(19.6) x	(22.1) x			14.1%	8.9%	10.3%		
601628 CH	China Life	0.6 x		0.6 x	(10.0) x	(12.0) x			11.3%	8.4%	8.4%		
601601 CH		0.4 x		0.4 x	(22.8) x	(22.8) x			12.6%	7.4%	7.5%		
601336 CH	-	0.4 x		0.3 x	(27.4) x	(28.0) x			14.0%	5.8%	5.5%		
601319 CH	PICC Group	0.7 x).7 x	(27.1) x	(33.7) x			11.8%	7.3%	7.7%		
Ticker	Company	P&C p	emium growth		Comb	ined ratio	l	Expense ratio		Loss ratio			
TIONOI		FY22E	F F	Y23E	FY22E	FY23E	FY2	2E	FY23E	FY22E	FY23E		
2318 HK	Ping An	10.0%	1	0.0%	98.0%	98.0%	36.5	5%	36.5%	61.5%	61.5%		
2601 HK	CPIC	9.6%	9	9.6%	99.7%	99.7%	27.0)%	27.0%	72.7%	72.7%		
966 HK	Taiping	5.0%	5	5.0%	103.0%	101.0%	45.0)%	45.0%	56.0%	55.0%		
2328 HK	PICC P&C	10.0%	, 1	0.0%	99.0%	98.6%	25.0)%	25.0%	74.0%	73.6%		
6060 HK	Zhong An	0.2%	C).2%	98.5%	97.7%	49.8	3%	49.0%	48.7%	48.7%		

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