

Company Report

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China Lilang (1234 HK)

Earnings growth turnaround, back on the right track

- FY14 net profit grew 8% YoY above CMS/consensus estimates by 6%/3%. Lilang proposed a FY14 DPS of HK37cents (69% payout).
- Expect upcoming trade fairs to post high single-digit growth.
- Maintain BUY, TP HKD6.10, attractive FY15E dividend yield of 8%.

FY14 net profit resumes positive growth

Net profit grew 8% YoY to RMB555mn (above CMS/consensus estimates by 6%/3%) and proposed a FY14 DPS of HK40cents (69% payout). Net profit was above our expectation as revenue grew 6% YoY to RMB2.4bn (3% above CMS expectation) as Lilang's main brand "LILANZ" (91% of total revenue) reported a revenue growth of 5% YoY while its sub-brand "L2" (9% of total revenue) reported a revenue growth of 17% YoY. Gross margin remained flat at 42.6% despite decline in raw material prices as the group maintained its "improving quality without raising price" strategy. Operating margin improved 2.7ppt YoY to 27% as selling expenses declined 10% YoY due to write-back in accounts receivable provision of RMB14.5mn. The group had a total POS of 3,079 in FY14 (net closure of 376 POS). Overall, the group's FY14 ASP declined mid-single digit YoY while volume sold increased double digits YoY.

Outlook remains positive

Channel inventory remains healthy as all 2014 seasons' products have a sell-through ratio of >80% and improving SSSG (1H14: 2%-3% vs 2H14: 5%-6%). Retail discounts have also narrowed from about 20% off in Spring/Summer to currently about 15% off. Lilang also remains positive in the upcoming Autumn 2015 season trade fair and we expect sales growth to remain at high-single digit growth YoY. For POS network, Lilang remains conservative, focusing on improving store productivity/SSSG and increase sales floor area instead network expansion.

Maintain BUY with new TP HKD6.10

We increase our FY15E/16E earnings by 5%/6% on higher revenue and lower selling expense. Maintain BUY with higher TP of HKD6.10 based on an unchanged target FY15E P/E of 10x (post-IPO mean forward P/E) and higher EPS. Valuation undemanding at 9x FY15E P/E coupled with an attractive and sustainable dividend yield (FY15E: 8%).

Financials

RMB mn	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E
Revenue	2,299	2,433	2,640	2,867	3,095
Growth (%)	-17.7%	5.8%	8.5%	8.6%	8.0%
Net profit	516	555	588	654	704
Growth (%)	-17.7%	7.5%	5.9%	11.3%	7.6%
EPS (RMB)	0.43	0.46	0.49	0.54	0.58
DPS (RMB)	0.30	0.32	0.34	0.37	0.40
P/E (x)	10.0	9.3	8.8	7.9	7.4
P/B (x)	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
ROAE (%)	21.1	21.3	21.0	21.8	22.1

Source: Company data, CMS (HK) estimates

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WHAT'S NEW

TP and earnings estimate upgrade

BUY

Previous	BUY
Price	HK\$5.42
12-month Target Price (Potential upside)	HK\$6.10 (+13%)
Previous	HK\$5.85



Source: Bigdata				
%	1m	6m	12m	
1234 HK	4.5	(4.9)	0.3	
HSI	(2.1)	(4.3)	6.4	

Industry: Textile & Garment	
Hang Seng Index	24123
HSCEI	11676
Key Data	
52-week range (HK\$)	4.66-6.19
Market cap (HK\$ mn)	6525
Avg. daily volume (mn)	1.05
BVPS (HK\$)	2.78
Shareholdings Structure	
Xiao Sheng International Limited	55.13%
Ming Lang Investments Limited	6.01%
Value Partners Group Limited	5.94%
No. of shares outstanding (mn)	1204
Free float	31.77%

Related Research

- 1. China Lilang(1234 HK) Expect improvements to continue in 2015. "BUY" December 17, 2014
- China Lilang(1234 HK) Further catalysts ahead for share price upside, "BUY" September 10, 2014



Balance sheet and cashflow

Lilang's balance sheet remains healthy with strong FY14 net cash position of RMB1.9bn (including RMB946mn in bank deposits) vs FY13's RMB1.6bn. The improvement in cash position was mainly due RMB568mn in net cash inflow from operating activities which, was in turn driven by improvement in pretax profit. In terms of working capital, receivable days and inventory days both saw declines. Payable days increased 5 days to 59 as longer payment terms were adopted for new suppliers. We may see pressure on the group's free cashflow in FY15E-17E given cap-ex need to build the group's new headquarters (current head quarters is rented) which Lilang expects to recquire RMB100mn/RMB240mn respectively for FY15E-17E.

	Old Estimates	Actual	Difference	Old Estimates	New Estimates	Difference	Old Estimates	New Estimates	Difference
(RMBmn)	FY14E	FY14		FY15E	FY15E		FY16E	FY16E	
Revenue	2,367	2,433	2.8%	2,569	2,640	2.8%	2,779	2,867	3.2%
Gross profit	1,030	1,036	0.6%	1,123	1,125	0.2%	1,217	1,224	0.6%
Gross margin	43.5%	42.6%	-0.9ppt	43.7%	42.6%	-1.1ppt	43.8%	42.7%	-1.1ppt
Operating profit	642	681	6.0%	693	736	6.3%	767	815	6.3%
Operating margin	27.1%	28.0%	0.9ppt	27.0%	27.9%	0.9ppt	27.6%	28.4%	0.8ppt
Recurring net profit	522	555	6.4%	562	588	4.6%	618	654	5.9%
Recurring net margin	22.0%	22.8%	0.8ppt	21.9%	22.3%	0.4ppt	22.2%	22.8%	0.6ppt

Source: Company, CMS (HK)

				NEW			OLD	
	FY13	FY14	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E	FY14E	FY15E	FY16E
otal revenue (RMBmn)	2,299	2,433	2,640	2,867	3,095	2,367	2,569	2,779
oY change	-17.7%	5.8%	8.5%	8.6%	8.0%	3.0%	8.53%	8.2%
ILANZ revenue (RMBmn)	2,091	2,200	2,361	2,538	2,726	2,115	2,256	2,414
oY change	-18.6%	5.2%	7.3%	7.5%	7.4%	1.1%	6.67%	7.0%
2 revenue (RMBmn)	191	224	270	319	359	232	293	344
oY change	-1.8%	17.3%	20.8%	18.2%	12.6%	21.6%	26.25%	17.7%
Others (RMBmn)	17	10	10	10	10	20	20	20
oY change	34.4%	-42.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	20.0%	0.00%	0.0%
ales assumptions								
SP (RMB) - Wholesale	202	192	192	192	192	196	196	196
oY change	-8.6%	-5.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-3.0%	0.00%	0.0%
ales volume ('000) - Wholesale	11,376	12,684	13,762	14,932	16,127	12,081	13,108	14,183
oY change	-10.0%	11.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.0%	6.2%	8.50%	8.2%
istribution network								
ILANZ POS	3,180	2,783	2,783	2,783	2,783	2,880	2,880	2,880
t additions	-47	-397	0	0	0	-300	0	0
erage store area (sq.m)	103	108	114	117	119	114	115	116
oY change	-7.4%	5.1%	5.0%	3.0%	2.0%	0.8%	1.00%	1.0%
POS	275	296	321	336	346	315	340	355
et additions	23	21	25	15	10	40	25	15
verage store area (sq.m)	108	110	111	112	112	110	111	112
oY change	2.3%	1.6%	0.8%	0.9%	0.0%	1.5%	0.91%	0.9%
ost ratios								
Gross margin	42.6%	42.6%	42.6%	42.7%	42.7%	43.5%	43.70%	43.8%
dmin expense / turnover	4.3%	4.2%	4.0%	3.8%	3.6%	4.2%	3.99%	3.8%
dvertising & promotion / turnover	9.8%	9.7%	9.4%	9.1%	9.1%	9.7%	9.42%	9.1%
ther selling expense / turnover	3.6%	1.6%	1.8%	1.8%	1.9%	3.1%	3.83%	3.7%
ffective tax rate	20.1%	27.6%	28.3%	28.3%	28.3%	26.8%	26.80%	26.8%

Source: Company, CMS (HK)



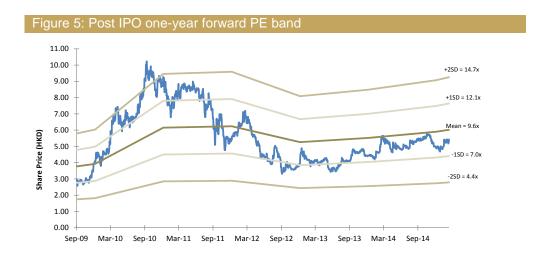
Figure 3:	Lilang's his	torical trad	e fair sale	s (sales va	lue growth	on YoY ba	asis)			
Date announced	8 Sep 11	30 Mar 12	5 Jun 12	20 Sep 12	8 April 13	28 May 13	12 Sep 13	12 Mar 14	3 Jun 14	12 Sep 14
Season	Spring/ Summer 12	Autumn 12	Winter 12	Spring/ Summer 13	Autumn 13	Winter 13	Spring/ Summer 14	Autumn 14	Winter 14	Spring/ Summer 15
LILANZ	28.5%	16.0%	11.5%	-9.0%	-26.0%	-16.0%	-ve low SD	+ve mid SD	+ve high SD	+ve high SD
L2	100.0%	61.0%	40.5%	17.0%	0.0%	0-5%	6-9%	10-15%	+ve low DD	+ve low DD

Source: Company, CMS (HK)

(RMBmn) FY end- Dec	FY13	FY14	FY15E	FY16E	FY17E	1H13	2H13	1H14	2H14
Total revenue	2,299	2,433	2,640	2,867	3,095	1,093	1,206	1,091	1,342
YoY change	-17.7%	5.8%	8.5%	8.6%	8.0%	-13.2%	-21.4%	-0.2%	11.3%
-LILANZ	2,091	2,200	2,361	2,538	2,726	1,013	1,078	992	1,208
YoY change	-18.6%	5.2%	7.3%	7.5%	7.4%	-14.0%	-22.5%	-2.1%	12.1%
-L2	191	224	270	319 🚪	359	79	111	95	128
YoY change	-1.8%	17.3%	20.8%	18.2%	12.6%	-2.1%	-1.6%	20.2%	15.3%
-Others	17	10	10	10	10	0	17	4	6
YoY change	34.4%	-42.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	34.4%	NA	-63.1%
COGS	(1,319)	(1,397)	(1,516)	(1,643)	(1,773)	(656)	(663)	(645)	(753)
Gross Profit	980	1,036	1,125	1,224	1,321	437	543	446	590
YoY change	-12.8%	5.7%	8.6%	8.8%	8.0%	-12.6%	-13.1%	2.1%	8.6%
Gross margin	42.6%	42.6%	42.6%	42.7%	42.7%	40.0%	45.0%	40.9%	43.9%
Selling expenses	(307)	(276)	(295)	(313)	(347)	(116)	(191)	(110)	(166
YoY change	-5.6%	-10.2%	7.2%	5.8%	11.2%	10.4%	-13.2%	-5.2%	-13.1%
Administrative expenses	(100)	(103)	(106)	(109)	(104)	(44)	(55)	(44)	(59)
YoY change	-3.3%	3.5%	3.0%	3.0%	-5.1%	-12.9%	6.1%	0.1%	6.2%
Other costs	(8)	(4)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(3)	(0)	(4
Other revenue	16	28	18	18	18	3	14	3	24
Operating Profit	582	681	736	815	883	275	307	295	386
YoY change	-18.0%	17.0%	8.2%	10.7%	8.3%	-20.0%	-16.2%	7.3%	25.7%
Operating margin	25.3%	28.0%	27.9%	28.4%	28.5%	25.2%	25.4%	27.1%	28.7%
Net finance costs	64	86	83	97	99	29	35	43	43
Pre-tax profits	646	767	820	912	982	304	342	338	428
Tax	(130)	(212)	(232)	(258)	(278)	(61)	(68)	(90)	(122
Effective tax rate	20.1%	27.6%	28.3%	28.3%	28.3%	20.2%	20.0%	26.6%	28.4%
Net Profit	516	555	588	654	704	242	274	248	307
YoY change	-17.7%	7.5%	5.9%	11.3%	7.6%	-12.9%	-21.5%	2.4%	12.0%
Net margin	22.5%	22.8%	22.3%	22.8%	22.7%	22.2%	22.7%	22.7%	22.9%

Source: Company, CMS (HK)





Source: CMS (HK), Bloomberg

Company	Ticker	Price	Mkt cap (USDmn)	3-mth avg t/o (USDmn)	FY-end	P/E Hist (x)	P/E FY1 (x)	P/E FY2 (x)	EPS FY1 YoY%	EPS FY2 YoY%	3-Yr EPS CAGR (%)	PEG (x)	Div yld Hist (%)	Div yld FY1 (%)	P/BV Hist (x)	P/BV FY
China Lilang Ltd	1234 HK	5.42	841	0.5	Dec	9.3	8.8	7.9	6.9	10.9	8.4	1.1	7.4	7.8	1.9	1.8
HSI		24,123				10.1	11.5	10.3	(12.3)	11.5	2.9	4.01	3.7	3.5	1.4	1.3
HSCEI		11,676				8.2	8.1	7.2	1.5	12.0	7.6	1.07	3.7	3.9	1.2	1.1
CSI300		3,538				15.6	12.9	11.2	20.7	15.7	N/A	N/A	1.6	2.1	2.3	1.9
Adjusted sector avg*						9.2	9.6	8.3	(2.7)	16.5	9.0	7.2	8.6	6.5	1.4	1.9
Bosideng Intl	3998 HK	0.87	898	0.6	Mar	9.0	9.9	8.4	(18.7)	18.3	0.3	33.7	3.7	4.6	0.8	0.7
Trinity Ltd	891 HK	1.49	335	0.6	Dec	8.5	13.1	10.6	(35.2)	22.8	1.5	5.7	8.7	5.5	0.8	4.5
Giordano Intl	709 HK	3.69	747	0.9	Dec	14.2	12.9	11.9	9.6	8.8	10.7	1.3	9.3	7.0	2.0	1.9
China Outfitters	1146 HK	0.89	395	0.0	Dec	6.5	8.2	6.5	(21.0)	25.0	N/A	N/A	27.0	N/A	1.3	N/A
I.T Ltd	999 HK	2.27	359	0.2	Feb	10.0	9.4	8.4	5.7	12.4	14.9	0.7	4.4	4.8	1.0	1.0
Ygm Trading	375 HK	13.42	287	0.1	Mar	10.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	6.7	N/A	1.6	N/A
Evergreen International	238 HK	0.78	95	0.2	Dec	7.8	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	1.5	N/A	0.4	N/A
Cabbeen Fashion	2030 HK	3.05	279	0.4	Dec	7.4	6.8	6.0	8.7	13.9	N/A	N/A	7.4	6.1	2.4	N/A
Bossini Intl	592 HK	0.73	153	0.2	Jun	9.3	7.6	6.3	22.6	19.8	18.4	0.5	9.6	9.6	1.5	1.3
China Fordoo	2399 HK	3.86	239	0.3	Dec	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

Company	Rev Hist (USDmn)	NP Hist (USDmn)	EV/ EBITDA Hist	EV/ EBITDA Cur Yr	Net gearing Hist (%)	Net gearing FY1 (%)	Unlev beta	Gross margin Hist (%)	Net margin Hist (%)	ROIC Hist (%)	ROE Hist (%)	ROE FY1 (%)	Sh px 1-mth %	Sh px 3-mth %
China Lilang Ltd	388	89	4.5	4.2	0.0	0.0	0.4	42.6	22.8	13.8	21.3	21.0	8.2	4.8
HSI											13.4	11.0	(1.6)	2.7
HSCEI											15.2	13.6	0.2	3.0
CS1300											14.5	14.7	5.7	13.9
Adjusted sector avg*			5.1	5.5	4.4	0.0	0.3	56.2	14.2	11.3	17.6	17.5	1.8	(0.5)
Bosideng Intl	1,315	111	5.8	6.3	0.0	N/A	0.15	50.0	8.4	7.2	8.7	6.4	(1.1)	(23.0)
rinity Ltd	347	39	5.4	7.5	2.6	0.0	0.72	75.5	11.4	4.3	7.1	34.5	0.7	(8.0)
Giordano Intl	715	53	5.4	7.5	0.0	0.0	0.72	58.0	7.4	13.5	13.6	15.1	(2.4)	7.3
China Outfitters	199	61	3.5	N/A	0.0	N/A	(0.09)	74.3	30.8	10.6	15.1	15.1	1.1	(7.3)
T Ltd	870	36	3.5	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.17	59.9	4.1	6.8	11.5	10.6	(1.3)	(1.3)
/gm Trading	161	28	9.1	N/A	0.0	N/A	0.23	64.0	17.5	6.6	8.8	N/A	(1.0)	(4.1)
evergreen International	111	12	3.2	N/A	0.0	N/A	0.44	66.5	11.1	2.1	2.9	3.8	6.8	(2.5)
Cabbeen Fashion	175	38	5.0	4.6	0.0	N/A	N.A	42.1	21.4	19.4	35.7	32.4	(6.2)	6.6
Bossini Intl	328	16	3.6	3.8	0.0	N/A	0.17	51.1	5.0	N/A	17.5	19.0	9.0	15.9
China Fordoo	232	38	5.2	N/A	45.9	N/A	N.A	34.2	16.4	29.0	51.7	N/A	6.0	5.8

^{* &}quot;N/A" entries excl. from calculations of averages

Source: CMS (HK), Bloomberg

Based on March 9, 2015 closing prices



Financial Summary

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Balance Sheet						Profit & Loss S	<u>State</u>
RMB million	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E	RMB million	
Current Assets	3,071	3,710	3,812	3,914	3,979	Revenues	
Cash & equivalents	1,436	1,845	1,876	1,893	1,906	Cost of sales	(*
Trading investments	-	-	-	-	_	Gross profit	
ST bank deposits	772	946	946	946	946	Selling exp	
Trade receivables	593	670	657	746	772	Admin exp	
Other receivables	-	-	-	-	-	Op expenses	
Inventories	271	249	333	329	355	Other revenue	
Other current assets	-	-	-	-	-	Op Profit	
Non-current assets	430	414	501	628	826	Net fin. costs	
Investment property	-	-	-	-	-	PBT	
Property, Plant & Eqt.	303	284	368	492	688	Taxes	
Intangible assets	6	5	5	5	5	Profit after tax	
Other non-current assets	121	125	128	131	132	Minority interests	
Total assets	3,501	4,124	4,314	4,542	4,804	Net Profit	
Current liabilities	779	1,360	1,333	1,376	1,435	EPS (RMB)	
Bank loans	418	855	855	855	855		
Trade payables	332	417	382	414	465		
Prepaid Accounts	-	-	-	-	-		
Other liquid liabilities	28	88	96	107	115		
Long term Liabilities	208	66	70	77	83	Financial Ratio	S
Loans	145	-	-	-	-		
Others	64	66	70	77	83	YoY growth rate	
Total Liabilities	988	1,426	1,402	1,453	1,518	Revenue	
Issued capital	106	106	106	106	106	Op profit	
Capital reserves	-	-	-	-	-	Net profit	
Reserves	2,408	2,592	2,805	2,983	3,180	Profitability	
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	-	Gross margin	4
						NP margin	- 2
Total equity and liabilities	3,501	4,124	4,314	4,542	4,804	ROAE	- 2
Cashflow Statement						Liquidity	
RMB million	2013	2014	2015F	2016E	2017F	Debt to Asset	
Operating cashflow	655	568	468	536	650	Net Debt to Equity	N
Pretax profit	646	767	820	912	982	Current ratio	
Deprec & Amort.	36	35	32	41	55	Quick ratio	
Finance costs	8	12	15	19	19		
Interest income	(76)	(98)	(103)	(116)	(118)	Operating efficiency Asset turnover	
Working capital chg	171	(90)	(68)	(62)	(11)	Inventory days	
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Source:	Company	data	CMS	(HK)	actimates

Others

CF from IA

CF from FA

Borrowings

Net cash flow

Beginning cash

Forex effects

Ending cash

Others

Capital expenditure

Other investments

Profit & Loss	Statemen	it			
RMB million	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E
Revenues	2,299	2,433	2,640	2,867	3,095
Cost of sales	(1,319)	(1,397)	(1,516)	(1,643)	(1,773)
Gross profit	980	1,036	1,125	1,224	1,321
Selling exp	(307)	(276)	(295)	(313)	(347)
Admin exp	(100)	(103)	(106)	(109)	(104)
Op expenses	(8)	(4)	(5)	(5)	(5)
Other revenue	16	28	18	18	18
Op Profit	582	681	736	815	883
Net fin. costs	64	86	83	97	99
PBT	646	767	820	912	982
Taxes	(130)	(212)	(232)	(258)	(278)
Profit after tax	516	555	588	654	704
Minority interests	-	-	-	-	-
Net Profit	516	555	588	654	704
EPS (RMB)	0.43	0.462	0.488	0.543	0.585

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YoY growth rate					
Revenue	-17.7%	5.8%	8.5%	8.6%	8.0%
Op profit	-18.0%	17.0%	8.2%	10.7%	8.3%
Net profit	-17.7%	7.5%	5.9%	11.3%	7.6%
Profitability					
Gross margin	42.6%	42.6%	42.6%	42.7%	42.7%
NP margin	22.5%	22.8%	22.3%	22.8%	22.7%
ROAE	21.1%	21.3%	21.0%	21.8%	22.1%

Liquidity					
Debt to Asset	16.1%	20.7%	19.8%	18.8%	17.8%
Net Debt to Equity	N.Cash	N.Cash	N.Cash	N.Cash	N.Cash
Current ratio	3.9	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.8
Quick ratio	3.6	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5
Operating efficiency					
Asset turnover	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Inventory days	76	68	70	74	70
AR days	94	82	82	79	79
AP days	54	59	65	63	65
Per share data					
EPS (RMB)	0.43	0.46	0.49	0.54	0.58
CFPS (RMB)	0.52	0.60	0.64	0.71	0.78
BVPS (RMB)	2.09	2.24	2.41	2.56	2.73
DPS (RMB)	0.30	0.32	0.34	0.37	0.40
Valuation ratios					
P/E	10.0	9.3	8.8	7.9	7.4
P/B	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.6
EV/EBITDA	5.7	4.5	4.2	3.7	3.4

(134)

(169)

(15)

(154)

(293)

119

193

(0)

(412)

1,243

1,436

(152)

(76)

(17)

(60)

(83)

292

(375)

409

0

1,436

1,845

(232)

(12)

(115)

103

(425)

(425)

1,845

1,876

31

(258)

(165)

(471)

(471)

1,876

1,893

17

116

(278)

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118



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BUY	Expected to outperform the market index by >10% over the next 12 months
NEUTRAL	Expected to outperform or underperform the market index by 10% or less over the next 12 months
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