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SUN ART RETAIL GROUP Alert

Consumer Retail / Wholesale Trade

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Key takeaways from NDR in EU

Reuters

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We took Sun Art to meet investors in London/Frankfurt after the FY14 results announcement. While investors agree on Sun Art's strength in offline operation under a tough macro, they care about when sssg is back to positive and the potential of Feiniu.com. Management highlighted that prepaid card remains an overhang and yet has bottomed. They are optimizing mix at both hypermarket and gallery to attract traffic. For Feiniu.com, the company aims to be the No.1 food retailer online, leveraging on strength in fresh food, offline network and supply chain, and reach breakeven in 2019 when Feiniu achieves sales of RMB20-30bn. Given the recent sell-off, we believe the current price provides an attractive entry level; we maintain our Buy rating.

2015: no worse, no better

SSSG is affected by prepaid card and ecommerce; turnaround depends on when decline in prepaid card will bottom and ecommerce behavior becomes rational. Mgmt expects the prepaid card portion will lower to 5-7% from the current 13% within two years. While sssg was negative, they remain the best player in the hypermarket segment. Sun Art continues to gain market share through organic growth and has a high-quality store portfolio while its peers either slowed down expansion or closed stores. There remains room for GPM improvement driven by better sourcing, mix change and rental income. The rental per sqm charged to gallery tenant sees 10% annual increase as Sun Art enjoys best traffic among peers. Management targets to maintain a stable EBITM excluding Feiniu loss.

Feiniu - target breakeven in 2019 when sales reach RMB20-30bn

The company's ambition is to be the No.1 food retailer online. While Feiniu is a late comer to ecommerce and requires a different skill set from offline retail, mgmt is confident that their offline advantage in procurement, fresh food and supply chain will facilitate the online expansion and enjoy better margin, i.e they are able to launch online fresh business and expansion nationwide after one-year online operation. Customer acquisition faces more challenges than the tech setup. Therefore, it would be a key category to invest in 2015. In 2015 they plan to launch marketplace. The order growth online in Jan/Feb was 10x yoy and mgmt expects faster growth going forward given nationwide coverage since March.

Put option is not a concern

They have extended the put option to 1 Jan 2016. The company explained that the option is just a mechanism to align interests by both parties. Ruentex has no intention to exercise.

Date 13 March 2015 Company Update

Price at 13 Mar 2015 (HKD)	6.16
Price target - 12mth (HKD)	8.80
52-week range (HKD)	10.38 - 6.16
HANG SENG INDEX	23,798

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Stock data

SLUCK UALA				
Market cap (HKDm)		58,766		
Market cap (USDm)		7,569		
Shares outstanding (m)		9,540.0		
Major shareholders		Ruextex Group (41.29%)		
Free float (%)			23	
Avg daily value traded (USDm)		7.721		
Source: Deutsche Bank				
Key data				
FYE 12/31	2014A	2015E	2016E	
Sales (CNYm)	91,855	99,188	109,244	
Net Profit (CNYm)	2,908.0	3,102.8	3,413.0	
DB EPS (CNY)	0.30	0.33	0.36	
PER (x)	24.2	15.3	13.9	
Yield (net) (%)	1.8	2.8	3.1	
Source: Deutsche Bank				

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