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Strong earnings growth on improving profitability and upbeat outlook; raise TP to HK\$3.41

FY14 results missed on a decline in government grants FY14 net profit increased by 56% YoY to Rmb197m, below consensus of Rmb230m and our estimate, mainly due to a decrease of Rmb50m in government grants. FY14 revenue declined by just 3% to Rmb1,547m (in line), mainly due to the short-term impact of its indirect sales strategy.

Margin expansion amid transition to indirect sales Net margin rose 4.8pp to 12.7% in FY14 on a significant improvement in gross margin from 75.3% in FY13 to 82.5% in FY14. This was mainly thanks to the significant progress in its business transition from direct sales to high-margin indirect sales. Both its KIS and K/3 product lines have already fully transferred to third party distribution channels. Revenue contribution from indirect sales channels surged to 35% in FY14 from 28% in FY13. With this indirect sales strategy, the company has guit part of its labor intensive implementation service business and is now offering price discounts to partners to distribute software licenses. Implementation revenue therefore decreased, coming in down 23% YoY, and revenue from software license and maintenance services was flat, while software shipments saw double-digit growth. The revenue contribution from its low margin implementation segment declined from 27% in FY13 to 21% in FY14.

Strong growth momentum in cloud services Cloud service revenue posted a significant increase of 87% YoY to Rmb106m in FY14 from Rmb57m in FY13. The company now has a clearer strategy for its cloud business with four types of cloud service: mobile office cloud, finance cloud, ERP cloud and industry cloud. The company may begin to cooperate with a leading international cloud services provider in 2Q15. Revenue contribution from cloud services rose from 3.6% in FY13 to 6.9% in FY14. Management has given guidance for a 30% revenue contribution from its cloud services business by 2017.

Upbeat outlook FY14 results were in line with our estimates, apart from the change in non-core government grants. Management has said that government grants should be higher in FY15. With the completion of its sales channel transition, the company expects to regain stable growth in its ERP business, mainly driven by strong demand for ERP software from Chinese companies. The guidance of 30% revenue contribution from cloud services suggests the company expects a strong cloud services revenue CAGR of 100% in FY14-17. Net margin should continue to expand thanks to improvements in operating efficiency and economies of scale over the next two years. Meanwhile, management also stated that they aim to sell their software park property in Beijing this year (estimated CMV of Rmb1.92bn), which should further improve its balance sheet and lower financing costs.

Maintain Buy and raise target price to HK\$3.41 We maintain our Buy rating on a positive outlook given heathy growth in its ERP business and strong momentum in cloud services, as well as the benefits from the likely disposal of the Beijing software park. We see further re-rating given its shift in focus to cloud services. We raise our SOTP-based target price from HK\$2.90 to HK\$3.41, representing a higher 17x 2015E P/E (up from 14x) for its core software business, after stripping out property items. Key risks include increasing staff costs, slow progress in cloud product promotion and property disposal delays.

Stock valuation

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	Turnover	YoY	Net profit	* Adjusted net	EPS	YoY	P/E	P/B	ROE	Net gearing
	(Rmb m)	(%)	(Rmb m)	profit (Rmb m)	(Rmb cents)	(%)			(%)	(%)
2013	1,602	-9	126	92	4.8	N/A	49.4	3.6	7.2	32.9
2014	1,547	-3	197	143	7.4	53	32.3	3.2	9.9	15.9
2015E	1,886	22	298	245	11.1	51	21.4	2.8	13.3	1.3
2016E	2,329	24	392	338	14.6	31	16.3	2.5	15.1	cash
2017E	3,018	30	526	473	19.7	34	12.1	2.1	17.3	cash

Sources: Company data, GF Securities (HK)

Note: Calculated based on diluted shares; * excluding gains from property

Buy (maintained) Target price: HK\$3.41



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Stock performance

Key data

Mar 20 close (HK\$)	2.95
Shares in issue (m)	2,577
Major shareholder	Xu Shaochun 30.69%
Market cap (HK\$ bn)	7.60
3M avg. vol. (m)	11.9
52W high/low (HK\$)	3.52 / 2.08

Source: Bloomberg

Figure 1: FY14 and 2H14 results summary

Rmb m	2012	2013	2014	Our estimates	YoY
Turnover	1765	1602	1547	1572	-3%
YoY (%)	(13)	(9)	(3)	(2)	570
Cost of sales	(619)	(396)	(271)	(330)	
Gross profit	1147	1206	1276	1242	6%
Gross margin (%)	65	75	82	79	7
Selling & marketing exp.	(1154)	(828)	(784)	(770)	-5%
Admin exp.	(217)	(205)	(202)	(173)	-1%
R&D costs	(200)	(233)	(223)	(220)	-4%
Fair value on inv properties	61	1	5	0	
Other gains	260	297	230	282	-23%
Operating profit	(103)	239	300	360	26%
operating margin (%)	(6)	15	19	23	5
Finance income	7	9	24	8	171%
Finance costs	(66)	(111)	(97)	(90)	-12%
Share in associates	0	(0)	(1)	0	
Pre-tax income	(162)	137	226	278	65%
Taxation	(2)	(17)	(25)	(28)	
Taxiation rate (%)	(1)	13	11	10	
Net profit	(140)	126	197	250	56%
Net margin (%)	(8)	8	13	16	5
Diluted EPS (Rmb cents)	(6)	5	7	9	53%

Sources: Company data, GF Securities (HK)



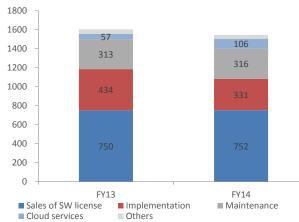
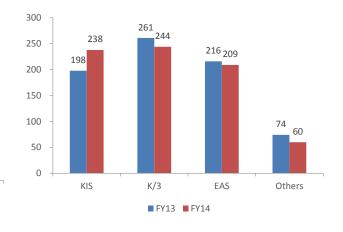
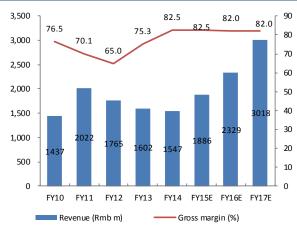


Figure 3: Software sales by segment (Rmb m)

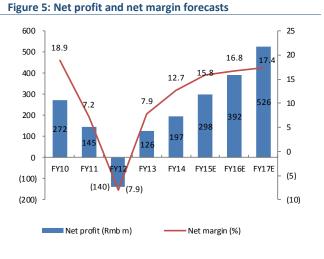


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Figure 6: Sum-of-the-parts valuation table

Sum-of-the-parts Valuation (Rmb bn)		Per share value (HK\$)	% of total	Remarks				
Shenzhen software park	1.2	0.6	16%	60,000 sq m @ Rmb20,000 per sq m; completed in 2009 (Nanshan district)				
Shanghai software park	0.4	0.2	5%	27,000 sq m @ Rmb15,000 per sq m; completed in 2008 (Zhangjiang district)				
Beijing software park	1.9	0.9	26%	160,000 sq m @ Rmb12,000 per sq m; completed in 2013 (Shunyi district)				
Software business	4.2	1.9	56%	Implying 2015 PER of 17x for core software business				
Subtotal	7.7	3.6	104%					
Less debt*	(1.8)	(0.9)	-25%					
Add cash*	1.5	0.7	21%					
Valuation	7.4	3.41	-					

Sources: Company data, GF Securities (HK)

Figure 7: Financial statements

	Income Sta	tement			
Year end Dec (Rmb m)	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E
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Software license	750	752	920	1,116	1,344
Implementation	433	331	365	383	402
Maintenance	313	316	348	366	384
Cloud service	57	106	212	424	848
Others	49	41	41	41	41
Turnover	1,602	1,547	1,886	2,329	3,018
YoY (%)	(9)	(3)	22	24	30
Cost of sales	(396)	(271)	(330)	(419)	(543)
Gross profit	1,206	1,276	1,556	1,910	2,475
Selling & marketing exp.	(828)	(784)	(933)	(1,141)	(1,479)
Admin exp.	(205)	(202)	(226)	(268)	(332)
R&D costs	(233)	(223)	(264)	(326)	(407)
Fair value on inv properties	1	5	-	-	-
Other gains	297	230	261	310	372
Operating profit	239	300	393	484	628
Finance income	9	24	25	29	36
Finance costs	(111)	(97)	(83)	(73)	(73)
Share in associates	(0)	(1)	-	-	-
Pre-tax income	137	226	335	440	591
Taxation	(17)	(25)	(37)	(48)	(65)
MI	(7)	3	-	-	-
Net profit	126	197	298	392	526
YoY (%)	n/a	56	51	31	34
Adjusted net profit	92	143	245	338	473
YoY (%)	n/a	56	71	38	40
EPS (Rmb cents)	4.8	7.4	11.1	14.6	19.7
YoY (%)	n/a	53	51	31	34
(Cash Flow St	atement			
Year end Dec (Rmb m)	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E
Duration and St	407	226	225	440	501
Pretax profit	137	226	335	440	591
Tax Paid	(1)	(5)	(37)	(48)	(65)
Depr/Amort	294	341	369	429	498
Change in working capital	(8)	(25)	12	(24)	174
Others	(7)	(31)	(4)	(16)	(16)
Operational cash flow	415	507	675	781	1,182
Capex	(339)	(278)	(380)	(480)	(480)
Assoc, MI, Invsmt	(559)	(278)	(380)	(400)	(400)
Investment cash flow	(328)	(272)	(351)	(480)	(480)
investment cash now	(328)	(272)	(331)	(400)	(400)
Net Change in Debt	(17)	273	_	_	_
New Capital	(17)	13	-	-	-
New Capital	10	(20)	- (27)	- (E1)	- (71)

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	Balanc	e Sheet			
Year end Dec (Rmb m)	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E
Cash/ST Investments	999	1.521	1,808	2,058	2,690
Account receivables	573	546	694	773	880
Inventory	4	4	6	7	9
Other Current Assets	4	33	4	4	4
Total current assets	1,580	2,103	2,512	2,842	3,583
Prop, plant & equipment	760	728	746	775	799
Intangible assets	598	577	571	608	582
Other LT Assets	990	985	985	985	985
Total non-current assents	2,348	2,290	2,302	2,368	2,366
Total Assets	3,928	4,393	4,814	5,210	5,949
ST Debt	420	546	546	546	546
Trade payables	435	384	546	602	886
Other Current Liabilities	96	96	96	96	96
Total current liabilities	952	1,029	1,188	1,244	1,528
LT Debt	1,155	1,291	1,291	1,291	1,291
Other LT Liab	66	74	74	74	74
Total non-current liabilities	1,221	1,366	1,366	1,366	1,366
Minority Interests	4	9	9	9	9
Shareholders' Equity	1,750	1,989	2,250	2,591	3,047
Total Equity & liabilities	3,928	4,393	4,814	5,210	5,949
BPS (Rmb)	0.67	0.74	0.84	0.97	1.14
YoY (%)	6	11	13	15	18

	Financi	al Ratio			
Year end Dec	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017
Margins					
Gross margin (%)	75.3	82.5	82.5	82.0	82.0
EBITDA margin (%)	33.0	41.4	40.4	39.2	37.3
Operating margin (%)	14.9	19.4	20.8	20.8	20.8
Net margin (%)	7.9	12.7	15.8	16.8	17.4
Returns and profitability					
ROE (%)	7.2	9.9	13.3	15.1	17.3
ROA (%)	3.2	4.7	6.5	7.8	9.
Working capital					
Receivables (days)	138.1	132.0	120.0	115.0	100.
Inventory (days)	3.6	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.
Payable (days)	119.2	96.6	90.0	90.0	90.
Financial health					
Current ratio (x)	1.7	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.
Net gearing (%)	32.9	15.9	1.3	cash	cas
Others					
Dividend payout ratio(%)	-	15.2	15.0	15.0	15.
Effective tax ratio(%)	12.6	11.3	11.0	11.0	11.

Sources: Company data, GF Securities (HK)

Dividend

Financing cash flow

FX and others

Chg in Cash Beginning cash

Ending cash

Others

Rating definitions

Benchmark: Hong Kong Hang Seng Index Time horizon: 12 months

Company ratings					
Buy	Stock expected to outperform benchmark by more than 15%				
Accumulate	Stock expected to outperform benchmark by more than 5% but not more than 15%				
Hold	Expected stock relative performance ranges between -5% and 5%				
Underperform	Stock expected to underperform benchmark by more than 5%				
Sector ratings					
Positive	Sector expected to outperform benchmark by more than 10%				
Neutral	Expected sector relative performance ranges between -10% and 10%				
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