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Asset injection to fuel strong growth

Strong FY14 results with sustainable high gross margins; maintain as top pick

Maintain as top pick for strong sales growth visibility

After achieving HKD140.8bn contracted sales in FY14, COLI set a FY15 sales target of HKD168bn (+20% y-y), supported with ~HKD260bn saleable resources. We like COLI's strong sales growth, and hence, maintain it as our top pick with revised TP of HKD30.12, based on 10% premium to end-FY15F NAV of HKD27.38, after factoring in FY14 results and recent land acquisitions.

Minimal EPS and NAV per share impact, but asset injection should improve medium-term growth visibility

On 24 March, COLI announced to acquire 30 projects located in 12 cities with a total GFA of 10.9mn sqm from its parent for a total consideration of CNY33.8bn. COLI will issue 1.69bn shares at HKD25.38 (7.8% premium to its latest price) for payment, representing 17.1% of the enlarged share capital. The deal will be closed in May per management's guidance; our financials and TP do not factored in the deal details due to non-disclosure yet. However, if we assume 20% of the injected GFA have been pre-sold, while the remaining GFA are sold evenly over the next four years, and the injected projects have similar GMs as COLI's current projects, there would be minimal

impact on EPS and NAV/sh after new shares dilution, based on our estimates. Sustainable high gross margin to achieve 20% earnings growth in FY15F

Thanks to its low construction costs and funding cost (4.3% in FY14), COLI should maintain its GMs high at ~32% level in the next few years, which in turn supports FY15F earnings to grow 20% y-y to HKD28.3bn, and FY16-17F growth will likely come from asset injections.

Strong FY14 results

COLI reported revenues up 46% y-y to HKD120bn and core profits up 25.6% y-y to HKD23.8bn. GM remained stable at 32.7% (vs. 32.5% in FY13). Net gearing on attributable equity remained low at 32% vs. 28% at end-FY13. COLI has proposed a final dividend of HKD0.35/sh to offer a total dividend of HKD0.55/sh, which implies a 2.3% dividend yield on the current price.

Year-end 31 Dec	FY14		FY15F		FY16F		FY17F
Currency (HKD)	Actual	Old	New	Old	New	Old	New
Revenue (mn)	119,997	127,849	131,400	147,624	143,683		123,074
Reported net profit (mn)	27,680	29,311	29,540	33,269	32,807		29,352
Normalised net profit (mn)	23,830	27,491	28,257	32,229	31,382		28,589
Normalised EPS	2.92	3.36	3.46	3.94	3.84		3.50
Norm. EPS growth (%)	25.7	19.8	18.6	17.2	11.1		-8.9
Norm. P/E (x)	8.1	N/A	6.8	N/A	6.1	N/A	6.7
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.2	N/A	3.9	N/A	1.5	N/A	-0.6
Price/book (x)	1.4	N/A	1.2	N/A	1.0	N/A	0.9
Dividend yield (%)	2.3	N/A	2.9	N/A	3.3	N/A	3.0
ROE (%)	20.8	19.0	18.8	18.3	17.9		14.2
Net debt/equity (%)	32.5	net cash	net cash	net cash	net cash		net cash

Source: Company data, Nomura estimates

Key company data: See page 2 for company data and detailed price/index chart

Global Markets Research

25 March 2015

Rating Remains	Buy
Target price Increased from 30.05	HKD 30.12
Closing price 24 March 2015	HKD 23.55
Potential upside	+27.9%

Anchor themes

We expect overall property sector sales growth to be flat in 2015F, but big developers should see ~10% y-y growth, in view of market consolidation. We believe policy / credit will remain supportive and companies' balance sheets shall improve, with slower growth targets.

Nomura vs consensus

Our 2015F/16F core earnings are more positive than consensus. Our TP implies 28% potential upside.

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Key data on China Overseas Land & Inv



Source: Thomson Reuters, Nomura research

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(%)	1M	ЗМ	12M		
Absolute (HKD)	1.9	9.8	18.2	M cap (USDmn)	24,819.4
Absolute (USD)	2.0	9.9	18.3	Free float (%)	43.5
Rel to MSCI China	-4.8	3.0	-1.6	3-mth ADT (USDmn)	72.0

Income statement (HKDm	n)				
Year-end 31 Dec	FY13	FY14	FY15F	FY16F	FY17F
Investment properties	858	1,185	1,566	1,964	2,193
Property development	78,615	116,254	127,148	138,898	117,919
Hotels/serviced apartments					
Other Revenue	2,997	2,558	2,686	2,821	2,962
Revenue	82,469	119,997	131,400	143,683	123,074
EBIT contributions					
Investment properties	858	1,185	1,566	1,964	2,193
Property development	22,968	35,494	37,898	41,283	34,332
Hotels/serviced apartments					
Other income	3,229	4,136	4,343	4,560	4,788
Management expenses	-2,817	-3,570	-4,336	-4,310	-3,692
EBITDA	24,237	37,245	39,470	43,497	37,620
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EBIT	24,237	37,245	39,470	43,497	37,620
Net interest expense	369	-346	693	2,190	4,147
Associates & JCEs	5,231	1,599	2,921	2,005	1,268
Other income	0	0	0	0	0
Earnings before tax	29,838	38,498	43,085	47,691	43,035
Income tax	-9,250	-14,170	-14,178	-15,496	-13,698
Net profit after tax	20,588	24,329	28,906	32,195	29,337
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Minority interests	-135	-525	-650	-813	-748
Other items	-1,492	27	0	0	0
Preferred dividends					
Normalised NPAT	18,960	23,830	28,257	31,382	28,589
Extraordinary items	4,084	3,850	1,283	1,425	763
Reported NPAT	23,044	27,680	29,540	32,807	29,352
Dividends	-3,841	-4,496	-5,651	-6,276	-5,718
Transfer to reserves	19,203	23,184	23,888	26,531	23,634
Valuations and ratios					
Reported P/E (x)	8.4	7.0	6.5	5.9	6.6
Normalised P/E (x)	10.2	8.1	6.8	6.1	6.7
FD normalised P/E (x)	10.2	8.1	6.8	6.1	6.7
Dividend yield (%)	2.0	2.3	2.9	3.3	3.0
Price/cashflow (x)	na	na	2.4	1.9	2.1
Price/book (x)	1.8	1.4	1.2	1.0	0.9
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.6	6.2	3.9	1.5	-0.6
EV/EBIT (x)	7.6	6.2	3.9	1.5	-0.6
EBIT margin (%)	29.4	31.0	30.0	30.3	30.6
Effective tax rate (%)	31.0	36.8	32.9	32.5	31.8
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ROA (pretax %) Source: Company data, Nomura estimates

Dividend payout (%)

Cashflow statement (HKDmn)	Cashf	low st	atement	(HKC	mn)
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Year-end 31 Dec	FY13	FY14	FY15F	FY16F	FY17F
EBITDA	24,237	37,245	39,470	43,497	37,620
Change in working capital	-31,222	-27,258	52,617	69,203	66,743
Other operating cashflow	-3,933	-10,070	-10,997	-12,215	-10,687
Cashflow from operations	-10,917	-83	81,090	100,485	93,676
Capital expenditure					
Free cashflow	-10,917	-83	81,090	100,485	93,676
Reduction in investments	-4,094	-12,223	-2,565	-643	-1,313
Net acquisitions	-789	109	-982	981	848
Dec in other LT assets					
Inc in other LT liabilities					
Adjustments	1,815	-221	0	0	0
CF after investing acts	-13,986	-12,417	77,543	100,823	93,212
Cash dividends	-3,432	-4,496	-5,651	-6,276	-5,718
Equity issue	0	0	0	0	0
Debt issue	13,636	21,833	0	0	0
Convertible debt issue					
Others	4,313	4,884	2,926	3,297	4,909
CF from financial acts	14,517	22,221	-2,726	-2,980	-809
Net cashflow	531	9,804	74,818	97,843	92,403
Beginning cash	40,880	41,411	51,215	126,033	223,876
Ending cash	41,411	51,215	126,033	223,876	316,280
Ending net debt	31,288	43,317	-31,501	-129,344	-221,748

Balance sheet (HKDmn)

Dalance Sheet (HINDIIII)					
As at 31 Dec	FY13	FY14	FY15F	FY16F	FY17F
Cash & equivalents	41,411	51,215	126,033	223,876	316,280
Properties held for sale	184,205	211,517	183,130	121,046	59,260
Accounts receivable	7,953	13,252	13,915	14,610	15,341
Other current assets	7,647	8,037	8,246	8,476	8,728
Total current assets	241,216	284,021	331,324	368,009	399,609
Investment properties	32,532	44,755	47,320	47,963	49,275
Other fixed assets (net)	1,528	1,502	1,513	1,513	1,513
Associates	15,949	15,748	16,611	15,521	14,563
Other LT assets	5,298	4,910	5,056	5,208	5,368
Total assets	296,522	350,937	401,822	438,213	470,329
Short-term debt	3,303	22,542	22,542	22,542	22,542
Accounts payable	22,726	36,831	47,881	62,245	80,919
Other current liabilities	84,899	76,537	90,589	84,269	71,535
Total current liabilities	110,928	135,910	161,011	169,056	174,995
Long-term debt	69,397	71,990	71,990	71,990	71,990
Convertible debt					
Other LT liabilities	5,147	6,229	7,475	8,970	10,763
Total liabilities	185,472	214,129	240,477	250,016	257,749
Minority interest	1,080	3,474	4,124	4,445	5,193
Preferred stock					
Shareholders' Equity	109,971	133,334	157,222	183,752	207,387
Other equity and reserves					
Total shareholders' equity	109,971	133,334	157,222	183,752	207,387
Total equity & liabilities	296,522	350,937	401,822	438,213	470,329
Leverage					
Interest cover	na	107.79	na	na	na
Gross debt/prop assets (%)	24.5	26.9	23.5	21.6	20.1
Net debt/EBITDA (x)	1.3	1.2	net cash	net cash	net cash
Net debt/equity (%)	28.5	32.5	net cash	net cash	net cash
Growth (%)					
Revenue	27.7	45.5	9.5	9.3	-14.3
EBITDA	5.1	53.7	6.0	10.2	-13.5
EBIT	5.1	53.7	6.0	10.2	-13.5
Normalised EPS	20.0	25.7	18.6	11.1	-8.9
Normalised FDEPS	20.0	25.7	18.6	11.1	-8.9
Dupont decomposition					
Net margin (%)	27.9	23.1	22.5	22.8	23.8
Asset utilisation (x)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
ROA (%)	7.8	7.9	7.4	7.5	6.2
Leverage (Assets/Equity x)	2.7	2.6	2.6	2.4	2.3
ROE (%)	20.95	20.76	18.79	17.85	14.15
Per share					
Reported EPS (HKD)	2.82	3.39	3.61	4.01	3.59
Norm EPS (HKD)	2.32	2.92	3.46	3.84	3.50
FD norm EPS (HKD)	2.32	2.92	3.46	3.84	3.50
BVPS (HKD)	13.45	16.31	19.23	22.48	25.37
DPS (HKD)	0.47	0.55	0.69	0.77	0.70
Source: Company data, Nomura e	estimates				

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Fig. 1: COLI: Summary of FY14 results			
(HKD mn)	FY14	FY13	у-у %
Revenue	119,997	82,469	46%
Cost of sales	(80,759)	(55,647)	45%
Gross profit	39,238	26,822	46%
SG&A	(3,570)	(2,817)	27%
Other operating income/expenses	1,578	892	77%
Operating profit	37,245	24,897	50%
Interest expenses	(346)	(290)	19%
Share of results of associates and JCE	1,599	5,231	-69%
Pre-tax exceptional items	5,169	3,451	50%
Profit before tax	43,667	33,289	31%
Income tax	(15,462)	(10,110)	53%
Profit before minority interests	28,205	23,179	22%
Minority interests	525	135	288%
Reported net profit	27,680	23,044	20%
Core net profit	23,830	18,960	26%
Core EPS (basic)	2.92	2.32	26%
Core EPS (diluted)	2.92	2.32	26%
Key ratios			(p.p.)
Gross margin	32.7%	32.5%	0%
Core net margin	19.9%	23.0%	-3%
Net gearing on total equity	32%	28%	3%
Net gearing on attributable equity	32%	28%	4%

Source: Company data, Nomura research

Appendix A-1

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