Consumer & Retail Food & Staples Retailing Equity - China



### Greatview (468 HK)

Upgrade to Hold: Better-than-expected results

- ▶ 2014 net profit 8% above consensus estimates on lowerthan-expected operating expenses
- ▶ ASP and margins still likely under pressure in 2015-16e due to head-on competition with Tetra Pak and low pricing power
- Upgrade to Hold (from UW(V) under the previous rating system); we set a fair value target price of HKD3.90 on higher earnings estimates

What's new? Greatview's net profit for 2014 came in at RMB280m, down 12% y-o-y, and was 15% above our forecast and 8% ahead of consensus. The difference with our estimates was mainly due to lower operating expenses, especially transportation and staff costs. Gross margin shrank 2.4ppt to 24.4% as a result of a 3% decrease in ASP and volume deleveraging on higher depreciation, despite lower unit cost of raw materials. Sales volume dropped 8% y-o-y in 2H14, compared to 24% growth in 1H14. We raise earnings by 7-9% for 2015-16e, largely to reflect lower operating expenses, and our numbers are 7% and 15% below consensus for 2015 and 2016, respectively.

**ASP and margin still under pressure.** We are still of the view that the company will continue to face margin pressure as it aims to grow volume and market share amid the competition with Tetra Pak and the company will likely cut ASP due to low pricing power. We expect ASP to go down 3-4% each year in 2015-16e, and gross margin should also decline from 24.4% in 2014 to 23.0% in 2016e. The company has sourced more suppliers of liquid packaging board (LPB, about 45% of COGS) to reduce costs, but we do not think this is enough to offset the impact from ASP cut.

**International business on track.** The international business turned to a small gross profit of RMB5.6m but was still making a net loss in 2014. Management indicated that the utilization at the German factory is picking up with workers' production efficiency improving, and they target to break even this year for the international business.

**Dividend and valuation.** The company proposed a final dividend of HKD0.10 per share, and the payout ratio was 76% including the interim dividend, higher than our expected 65%. We believe the company will likely maintain a high payout in the next two years due to low capex in the near term given the weak macro demand. The share price has dropped 10% year-to-date and we see fair value at 14x 2015e earnings with a 9% earnings CAGR for 2015-17e and c5% dividend yield. We set a fair value target price of HKD3.90 (from HKD3.60), based on an unchanged multiple of 14x 2015e PE. We upgrade the stock to Hold (from Underweight (V) under our previous rating system).

Source: HSBC

| Index^      | HSCEI   |
|-------------|---------|
| Index level | 11.920  |
| RIC         | 0468.HK |
| Bloomberg   | 468 HK  |
|             |         |

Source: HSBC

3598 Enterprise value (RMBm) Free float (%) 100 Market cap (USDm) 626 Market cap (HKDm) 4,852

#### Hold Target price (HKD)

| Share price<br>Upside/Dowr |        |        | 3.65<br>6.8 |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------------|
| Dec                        | 2014 a | 2015 e | 2016 e      |
| HSBC EPS                   | 0.21   | 0.22   | 0.24        |
| HSBC PE                    | 13.9   | 13.0   | 12.1        |
| Performance                | 1M     | 3M     | 12M         |

3.90

-12.6 -27.8

#### 29 March 2015

Relative<sup>^</sup>(%)

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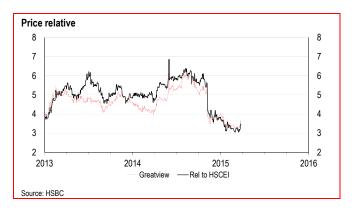
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### Financials & valuation

| Financial statements        |          |          |          |          |  |  |
|-----------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|--|--|
| Year to                     | 12/2014a | 12/2015e | 12/2016e | 12/2017e |  |  |
| Profit & loss summary (CN)  | Ym)      |          |          |          |  |  |
| Revenue                     | 2,232    | 2,479    | 2,879    | 3,357    |  |  |
| EBITDA                      | 469      | 507      | 547      | 610      |  |  |
| Depreciation & amortisation | -105     | -112     | -122     | -131     |  |  |
| Operating profit/EBIT       | 364      | 394      | 425      | 479      |  |  |
| Net interest                | 4        | 0        | -2       | -2       |  |  |
| PBT                         | 369      | 394      | 423      | 477      |  |  |
| HSBC PBT                    | 369      | 394      | 423      | 477      |  |  |
| Taxation                    | -89      | -95      | -102     | -115     |  |  |
| Net profit                  | 280      | 299      | 321      | 362      |  |  |
| HSBC net profit             | 280      | 299      | 321      | 362      |  |  |
| Cash flow summary (CNYn     | 1)       |          |          |          |  |  |
| Cash flow from operations   | 550      | 247      | 344      | 373      |  |  |
| Capex                       | -151     | -150     | -150     | -150     |  |  |
| Cash flow from investment   | -144     | -166     | -166     | -166     |  |  |
| Dividends                   | -212     | -227     | -244     | -275     |  |  |
| Change in net debt          | -223     | 146      | 66       | 68       |  |  |
| FCF equity                  | 406      | 84       | 181      | 210      |  |  |
| Balance sheet summary (C    | CNYm)    |          |          |          |  |  |
| Intangible fixed assets     | 57       | 60       | 63       | 66       |  |  |
| Tangible fixed assets       | 1,254    | 1,302    | 1,340    | 1,368    |  |  |
| Current assets              | 1,672    | 1,750    | 1,874    | 2,029    |  |  |
| Cash & others               | 768      | 623      | 557      | 489      |  |  |
| Total assets                | 3,018    | 3,146    | 3,311    | 3,497    |  |  |
| Operating liabilities       | 537      | 594      | 682      | 782      |  |  |
| Gross debt                  | 336      | 336      | 336      | 330      |  |  |
| Net debt                    | -432     | -287     | -221     | -15      |  |  |
| Shareholders funds          | 2,144    | 2,216    | 2,293    | 2,379    |  |  |
| Invested capital            | 1,678    | 1,895    | 2,038    | 2,192    |  |  |

| Year to            | 12/2014a | 12/2015e | 12/2016e | 12/2017e |
|--------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| EV/sales           | 1.5      | 1.5      | 1.3      | 1.1      |
| EV/EBITDA          | 7.4      | 7.1      | 6.7      | 6.1      |
| EV/IC              | 2.1      | 1.9      | 1.8      | 1.7      |
| PE*                | 13.9     | 13.0     | 12.1     | 10.8     |
| P/Book value       | 1.8      | 1.8      | 1.7      | 1.6      |
| FCF yield (%)      | 10.5     | 2.2      | 4.7      | 5.4      |
| Dividend yield (%) | 5.5      | 5.8      | 6.3      | 7.1      |



Note: price at close of 27 Mar 2015

| Ratio, growth and per share analysis  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|
| Year to   | 12/2014a  | 12/2015e  | 12/2016e  | 12/2017e   |  |  |  |
| Y-o-y % change  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue EBITDA Operating profit PBT HSBC EPS  | 3.3<br>-7.5<br>-12.6<br>-11.5<br>-12.3                      | 11.1<br>7.9<br>8.2<br>6.8<br>6.4                                      | 16.2<br>7.9<br>7.9<br>7.5<br>7.5                                    | 16.6<br>11.6<br>12.7<br>12.6<br>12.6                                 |  |  |  |
| Ratios (%)  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| Revenue/IC (x) ROIC ROE ROA EBITDA margin Operating profit margin EBITDA/net interest (x) Net debt/equity Net debt/EBITDA (x) CF from operations/net debt | 1.3<br>15.7<br>13.2<br>9.7<br>21.0<br>16.3<br>-20.2<br>-0.9 | 1.4<br>16.7<br>13.7<br>9.7<br>20.4<br>15.9<br>1612.2<br>-12.9<br>-0.6 | 1.5<br>16.4<br>14.2<br>9.9<br>19.0<br>14.8<br>308.8<br>-9.6<br>-0.4 | 1.6<br>17.2<br>15.5<br>10.6<br>18.2<br>14.3<br>251.1<br>-6.4<br>-0.3 |  |  |  |
| Per share data (CNY)  |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |
| EPS reported (fully diluted)<br>HSBC EPS (fully diluted)<br>DPS<br>Book value   | 0.21<br>0.21<br>0.16<br>1.60                                | 0.22<br>0.22<br>0.17<br>1.65  | 0.24<br>0.24<br>0.18<br>1.70  | 0.27<br>0.27<br>0.20<br>1.76   |  |  |  |



## Results review

- ▶ 2014 results 15% ahead of our forecast and 8% above consensus estimates
- Gross margin declined by 2.4ppt mainly resulting from a 3% decrease in ASP
- International business still making a net loss, but had a small gross profit of RMB5.6m

#### Results summary

Greatview reported a 12% decline in 2014 net profit on the back of 3% revenue growth. Sales in 2H14 slowed down significantly due to the weakened demand, and gross margin also dropped on lower ASP and volume deleveraging due to higher depreciation charge. The company has started to source LPB from more suppliers since last year which should help to lower the procurement cost. Operating expense ratio slightly improved from 10.1% to 9.6% in 2014, largely due to lower transportation and staff expenses.

| Greatview - 2014 results summary |         |            |         |             |         |       |         |
|----------------------------------|---------|------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------|---------|
| Year to 31 Dec (RMBm)            | 2013    | 2014       | %YoY    | 1H14        | %YoY    | 2H14  | %YoY    |
| Sales                            | 2,160   | 2,232      | 3.3%    | 1,182       | 20.2%   | 1,050 | -10.7%  |
| COGS                             | (1,580) | (1,686)    | 6.7%    | (886)       | 24.1%   | (801) | -7.6%   |
| Gross profit                     | 579     | 545        | -5.9%   | 296         | 9.8%    | 249   | -19.5%  |
| Other income, net                | 56      | 33         | -42.2%  | 17          | 25.7%   | 16    | -63.0%  |
| Distribution costs               | (105)   | (99)       | -5.7%   | (52)        | 9.1%    | (47)  | -17.9%  |
| Admin expenses                   | (114)   | (114)      | 0.7%    | (57)        | 12.0%   | (57)  | -8.6%   |
| EBIT                             | `41Ź    | 364        | -12.6%  | 20 <b>4</b> | 10.4%   | 161   | -30.9%  |
| Finance income, net              | (0)     | 4          | nm      | 3           | nm      | 2     | nm      |
| PBT                              | 4Ì7     | 369        | -11.5%  | 206         | 11.9%   | 162   | -30.1%  |
| Tax                              | (99)    | (89)       | -10.5%  | (50)        | 18.2%   | (39)  | -31.5%  |
| Net profit                       | 317     | <b>280</b> | -11.8%  | 156.7       | 10.0%   | 123.0 | -29.6%  |
| Margins                          |         |            |         |             |         |       |         |
| Gross Margin                     | 26.8%   | 24.4%      | -2.4ppt | 25.1%       | -2.4ppt | 23.7% | -2.6ppt |
| EBIT Margin                      | 19.3%   | 16.3%      | -3.0ppt | 17.3%       | -1.5ppt | 15.3% | -4.5ppt |
| Net Margin                       | 14.7%   | 12.5%      | -2.2ppt | 13.3%       | -1.2ppt | 11.7% | -3.1ppt |
| Key ratios                       |         |            |         |             |         |       |         |
| Distribution costs as % of sales | 4.9%    | 4.4%       | -0.4ppt | 4.4%        | -0.4ppt | 4.5%  | -0.4ppt |
| Adm exp as % of sales            | 5.3%    | 5.1%       | -0.1ppt | 4.8%        | -0.4ppt | 5.4%  | +0.1ppt |
| Effective tax rate               | 23.9%   | 24.1%      | +0.3ppt | 24.1%       | +1.3ppt | 24.2% | -0.5ppt |

Source: Company data, HSBC

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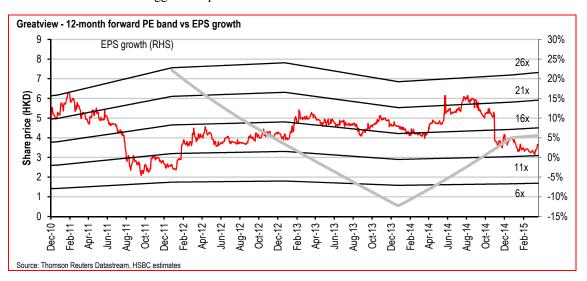
On the positive side, operating cash flow rose 57% to RMB367m, thanks to improved working capital. Capex was also lower at RMB151m (from RMB205m in 2013) and the company increased dividend payout for the full year to 76% from 33% in 2013. Management expect capex to stay low in the near term as they are not planning to aggressively add production capacity due to the weak demand.

#### Valuation and risks

We set a fair value target price of HKD3.90 (from HKD3.60). The increase is on higher earnings forecasts, mainly due to lower operating expenses. Our new target price is based on an unchanged 14x 2015e PE, which is about 0.5 standard deviation below the historical average of 16x forward PE since the IPO in 2010. We upgrade the stock to Hold (from Underweight (V) under the old rating system) as we see fair value at 14x 2015e earnings with a 9% earnings CAGR for 2015-17e and about 5% dividend yield.

Key upside risks include new product development which helps to increase ASP, higher-than-expected growth of the liquid milk market, faster-than-expected turnaround of the international business, and a decline in raw material prices.

Key downside risks are slower-than-expected demand for liquid milk and other beverage products that use aseptic packaging, contingent claims by competitors on patent infringement, and higher competition with Tetra Pak with more aggressive price discounts.



| Greatview - Earnings revision, 2015-16e |           |          |  |
|---|-----------|----------|--|
| Year to 31 Dec                          | 2015e     | 2016e    |  |
| Sales<br>EBIT                           | -2%       | -3%      |  |
| Net profit                              | 10%<br>9% | 7%<br>7% |  |

Source: HSBC estimates.

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|
| From                                  | То              | Date             |  |  |  |  |
| N/A                                   | Overweight      | 29 July 2014     |  |  |  |  |
| Overweight                            | Underweight     | 06 November 2014 |  |  |  |  |
| Underweight                           | Underweight (V) | 10 December 2014 |  |  |  |  |
| Target Price                          | Value           | Date             |  |  |  |  |
| Price 1                               | 6.90            | 29 July 2014     |  |  |  |  |
| Price 2                               | 3.80            | 06 November 2014 |  |  |  |  |
| Price 3                               | 3.60            | 10 December 2014 |  |  |  |  |
|                                       |                 |                  |  |  |  |  |

Source: HSBC



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