### **ZTE Corporation**

# Beneficiary of government policy; upgrade to Buy

#### Domestic capex likely to remain high in the next three years

Premier Li visited the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MII) on 15 June 2015. We believe this is a clear sign that the central leadership would like to push for further pricing cuts and accelerate the network upgrade progress. We believe this is in general negative for telcos but positive for equipment vendors like ZTE. Lower data tariffs should trigger an exponential growth of mobile data usage which could lead to rising capex pressure in our view.

#### Domestic capex to remain a major growth driver in 2015-16

We estimate the top-three telecom operators' capex increased 14.1% YoY in 2014 and for it to rise 6.2% YoY in 2015, becoming a major revenue growth driver in 2015-16. Although we estimate the top-three telecom operators' capex will fall 1.5% in 2016, revenue from some of the businesses in 2015 is likely to be booked in 2016. Therefore, downside pressure on industry capex may not show up until 2017.

#### New businesses and overseas business to be mid/long-term growth drivers

We expect revenue growth to accelerate from 8.3% in 2014 to 11.3%/9.1% in 2015/16, and then slow to 6.1%/8.1% in 2017/18 based on lower industry capex. As new businesses (eg, government and enterprise, automobile battery charging, big data and cloud computing) and overseas businesses grow, we expect revenue growth to rebound to 10.3%/10.4% in 2019/20. Since 2012, business development in Europe and the US has played a major role in driving the company forward.

#### Valuation: Upgrade to Buy given recent share price pull back

We raise our rating from Neutral to Buy for two reasons: 1) government policy becomes incrementally positive for ZTE; 2) share price pulled back by 15% from recent high. We remain price target at HK\$25, which implies 27% upside potential from current share price. We derive our price target from a DCF-based methodology and explicitly forecast long-term valuation drivers using UBS/s VCAM tool with WACC assumption of 9%.

#### **Equities**

#### China

Communications Technology

12-month rating Buy Prior: Neutral
12m price target HK\$25.00

Price HK\$19.70

RIC: 0763.HK BBG: 763 HK

#### **Trading data and key metrics**

52-wk range HK\$23.65-12.32 HK\$124bn/US\$16.1bn Market cap. Shares o/s 756m (ORD) Free float 67% Avg. daily volume ('000) 9.154 Avg. daily value (m) HK\$180.2 Rmb27.7bn Common s/h equity (12/15E) P/BV (12/15E) 2.3x Net debt / EBITDA (12/15E) 0.9x

EPS (UBS, diluted) (Rmb)

	UBS	Cons.
12/15E	0.86	0.82
12/16E	0.97	0.94
12/17E	1.08	1.05

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Highlights (Rmbm)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15E	12/16E	12/17E	12/18E	12/19E
Revenues	84,219	75,234	81,471	90,702	98,953	105,019	113,510	125,181
EBIT (UBS)	(1,272)	3,247	5,435	6,318	6,953	7,218	7,915	9,007
Net earnings (UBS)	(2,841)	1,358	2,637	3,557	3,990	4,438	4,937	5,722
EPS (UBS, diluted) (Rmb)	(0.80)	0.38	0.74	0.86	0.97	1.08	1.20	1.39
DPS (Rmb)	0.00	0.02	0.19	0.22	0.24	0.27	0.30	0.35
Net (debt) / cash	(5,420)	(5,945)	(9,096)	(7,225)	(5,119)	(3,235)	(1,605)	1,128
Profitability/valuation	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15E	12/16E	12/17E	12/18E	12/19E
EBIT margin %	-1.5	4.3	6.7	7.0	7.0	6.9	7.0	7.2
ROIC (EBIT) %	(4.7)	11.8	17.6	18.5	19.7	19.2	19.5	21.1
EV/EBITDA (core) x	>100	9.6	8.5	13.9	12.7	12.3	11.3	10.0
P/E (UBS, diluted) x	(13.3)	24.9	14.7	18.3	16.3	14.7	13.2	11.4
Equity FCF (UBS) yield %	2.9	(1.0)	(3.7)	2.7	3.1	2.9	2.8	4.0
Net dividend yield %	0.0	0.3	1.8	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.9	2.2

Source: Company accounts, Thomson Reuters, UBS estimates. Metrics marked as (UBS) have had analyst adjustments applied. Valuations: based on an average share price that year, (E): based on a share price of HK\$19.70 on 19 Jun 2015 15:56 HKT

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# Investment Thesis ZTE Corporation

#### Investment case

Our views on ZTE are intact: we believe it is still the best proxy to the robust growth of domestic 4G subscribers, mobile internet, and fibre broadband in the next three to five years. With the implementation of China's national cyber security strategy, the Chinese government's support for domestic telecom suppliers has helped ZTE to increase domestic market share, ZTE's products are becoming more competitive and the gap with European and US suppliers is narrowing, the 4G investment boom is a strategic opportunity for domestic equipment suppliers. We have a Buy rating and view the recent share price pull back as a buying opportunity.

#### **Upside scenario**

The key upside catalyst would be higher-than-expected revenue growth driven by new businesses (such as the government and enterprise business, automobile battery charging, big data and cloud computing) and overseas businesses. If the new business and globalisation strategy performs well and assuming revenue is 2-3% higher from 2016E, our valuation would be HK\$30.00.

#### **Downside scenario**

The key downside risks are slow realisation of the company's new business strategy and intense competition leading to a sluggish globalisation process. In developed markets (like Europe and Oceania), the competition may come from high-end device providers. If the new business and globalisation strategy does not perform well and assuming revenue is 5% lower from 2016E, our valuation would be HK\$12.50.

#### **Upcoming catalysts**

ZTE reporting strong interim results in late August 2015 and Q315 results in late October 2015.

The share price could also benefit from fund inflow from the A-share market, as ZTE - A is trading at a premium to the H share.

#### 12-month rating

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Buy

#### 12m price target

HK\$25.00

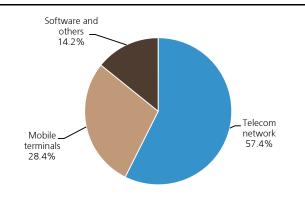
#### **Business description**

ZTE is one of China's top-two networking hardware companies, with products ranging from wireless, wireline, data/optical equipment and handsets, to services and software. It has one of the top market shares among Chinese vendors in China and sells its GSM/CDMA 2G/2.5G products in South Asia and Africa. ZTE competes for China's 3G and 4G network contracts, particularly for the country's self-developed TD-SCDMA technology.

#### **Industry outlook**

Rising capex for 4G investment is a bright spot for ZTE, but the handset segment has started to indicate weakness in domestic and overseas markets.

#### Revenues by region (%)



Source: Company data

#### **Gross profit by product segment**

Rmb bn	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E
Telecom network	14.1	17.2	19.9	21.6	21.8
Mobile terminals	3.2	3.5	3.6	3.8	3.9
Software and others	3.2	2.9	3.1	3.7	4.8
Total gross profit	20.5	23.6	26.6	29.0	30.5

Source: Company data, UBS-S estimate

# Government intention to upgrade network and lower tariff

#### Domestic capex likely to remain high in the next three years

Premier Li visited the Ministry of Industry and Information Technology (MII) on 15 June 2015. We believe this is a clear sign that the central leadership would like to push for further pricing cuts and accelerate the network upgrade progress. The backdrop is that Premier Li made some remarks around mid-April that data speed in China is still relatively slow and data pricing is still high. Consequently, the State Council, together with the MII, issued various guidelines on 16 May 2015 aimed at strengthening infrastructure build-out and lowering tariffs. The three Chinese telcos launched new data plans with lower tariffs on 17 May. However, various press reports called them cosmetic rather than material. We believe the three telcos will cut tariffs further following Premier Li's visit to the MII.

Following remarks by Premier Li in mid-April that data transmission speeds are relatively slow and data pricing is still high, the State Council together with the MII issued the following guidelines on 16 May 2015 aimed at strengthening infrastructure build-out in China.

#### By the end of 2015:

- 100Mbps optical fibre coverage ratio in big cities (all municipal-level cities and parts of non-municipal-level cities) should reach 80%.
- Over 50% municipal-level cities should be fully covered by optical fibre.
- The average broadband speed should be faster than 20Mbps in major municipal cities and provincial capitals, and faster than 10Mbps in remaining cities.
- The broadband network (either fixed-line or mobile) should cover over 95% of administrative villages.
- 4G base stations should reach 1.3m and 4G subscribers 300m by the end of 2015.

#### By the end of 2017:

- 100Mbps optical fibre should cover all municipal-level cities and most nonmunicipal-level cities.
- Average broadband speed should be faster than 30Mbps/20Mbps in major/non-major cities, respectively.
- Optical fibre should cover over 80% of administrative villages.
- 4G network should cover all cities and villages.

The Chinese government wants to see higher capex and lower tariffs

Figure 1: Network build-out KPIs issued by the State Council on 16 May 2015

	By 2015	By 2017
100Mbps, municipal	80%	100%
Optical fibre full coverage, municipal	50%	100%
Broadband speed, major cities	>20Mbps	>30Mbps
Broadband speed, other cities	>10Mbps	>20Mbps
Network, villages	95%	100%
4G coverage	Most cities and villages	All cities and villages

Source: MII

# The State Council also announced the following policies to reduce data pricing

- Free upgrade of 4Mbps network to 8Mbps.
- Cut 100Mbps optical fibre service prices.
- Encourage the three telcos to transfer unused data to the following month.

### The three telcos launched price cuts right away

On 15 May 2015 (two days before "Telecom Day" on 17 May in China), China Mobile, China Unicom and China Telecom announced sharply reduced mobile data and broadband prices. We believe this could trigger the exponential growth of mobile data in China, while leading to capex pressure in our view.

The three telcos cut mobile data pricing right after State Council announced guidelines

- Mobile data price cut significantly. China Mobile, China Unicom and China Telecom cut data package prices 29%, 80% and 50%, respectively. China Mobile lowered its 2GB data package from Rmb70.00 to Rmb50.00 while China Unicom cut the 1.5GB data package from Rmb48.00 to Rmb10.00. China Telecom cut its 2GB data package price from Rmb100.00 to Rmb50.00.
- **Broadband price cut moderately.** China Unicom offered different discounts depending on bandwidth. The discounts range from 17% to 40% (see the Figure 2 below). China Telecom announced a reduction in the 100M broadband price from Rmb3,000 per year to Rmb2,000 per year.
- Minimal voice and SMS changes. China Unicom and China Telecom did not cut voice and SMS prices. China Mobile introduced three unlimited plans for voice and SMS usage. However, these plans are expensive (the cheapest costs Rmb338.00 per month) and we do not expect significant uptake.

Figure 2: The three telcos cut various prices following State Council guidelines

	China Mobile	China Unicom	China Telecom
Cheaper voice & SMS plan	Introduced three plans with unlimited voice and SMS usage: Rmb338/m including 3GB data usage Rmb418/m including 6GB data usage Rmb518/m including 11GB data usage	N.A	N.A
Special data plan	Off-peak data plan: Night data plan: Rmb10/GB, only available from 23:00 to 7:00 Holiday data plan: Rmb10/GB, only available during holidays	Video website data plan: Cheapest plan: Rmb18/month for 6GB data usage	N.A
Cheaper data plan	Cheaper data package: cut 2GB data package price from Rmb70 to Rmb50 Cheaper data unit price: Rmb0.06-Rmb0.1/MB	Cheaper data package: Rmb10 for 1.5GB local data usage expires in six months	Cheaper data package: cut 2GB data package price from Rmb100 to Rmb49 for 2GB data usage
International data roaming plan	International data plan: Rmb30/Rmb60/Rmb90 per day for unlimited data usage in 48 countries and regions	N.A	N.A
Surplus data rollover	Surplus data can be rolled over to following month	N.A	Multi-month data package
Data transfer	Data can be transferred to others	Data can be transferred to others	Data can be transferred to others
Fixed-line	N.A	Cheaper broadband plans:	Cheaper broadband plans:
broadband		20M: Cut from Rmb1,780/yr to Rmb1480/yr 50M: Cut from Rmb2,680/yr to Rmb1790/yr 100M: Cut from Rmb3,280/yr to Rmb1,980/yr	100M: cut from Rmb3,000/yr to Rmb2,000/yr

Source: Company data

# Domestic capex likely to remain major growth driver in 2015-16

**ZTE's domestic market share has increased in the past three years for the following reasons:** 1) with the implementation of China's national cyber security strategy, government support for domestic telecom suppliers has helped ZTE to increase domestic market share; 2) ZTE's products are becoming more competitive, and the gap with European and US suppliers is narrowing; 3) the 4G investment boom is a strategic opportunity for domestic equipment suppliers.

As the domestic 4G business has a high gross margin, growth in 4G revenue drove up ZTE's overall gross margin. As shown in the Figure 4 below, the gross margin of ZTE's Chinese business bottomed at 23.7% in H212 and rebounded to 34.7% in 2014.

We expect ZTE to continue to benefit from the capex upcycle in China

Figure 3: ZTE has been improving its market share in three telcos' capex

	2010	2013	2014
China Mobile			
4G access network	N.M.	26%	33%-34%
4G core network (EPC)	N.M.	23%	25%
3G (TD-SCDMA)	28%	28%	35%
2G (GSM)	5%	7%	7%
Transmission network	15%	25%	30%
China Telecom			
4G access network	N.M.	40%	40%
4G core network (EPC)	N.M.	55%	55%
3G (CDMA 2000)	35%	40%	45%
Transmission network	20%	25%	30%
Fibre broadband	30%	30%	40%
China Unicom			
4G access network	N.M.	21%	34%
4G core network (EPC)	N.M.	35%	25%
3G (WCDMA)	20%	25%	25%
2G (GSM)	25%	25%	25%
Transmission network	20%	25%	30%
Fibre broadband	25%	35%	35%

Source: Company data, UBS-S estimates

Domestic operators' network market should be ZTE's main growth driver in the next two years. We raise our industry capex forecasts 1.7% in 2015, and 10.3%/11.0%/12.5% in 2016/17/18. Previously we expected industry capex to decline by a high single-digit percentage in 2016-18, but we now forecast a flat trend. As shown in the Figure 4 below, we estimate the top-three telecom operators' capex increased 14.1% YoY in 2014 and we expect it to rise 6.2% in 2015, becoming the main driver of revenue growth in 2015-16.

Although we estimate the top-three telecom operators' capex will fall 1.5% in 2016, some capex in 2015 will not be booked into revenue until 2016, and pressure from reduced capex in the industry will not appear until 2017E. For example, we estimate that ZTE only booked half of the revenue from China Mobile's 4G equipment purchase in 2014/15 in the year of purchase, and the other half was booked in the next year (as shown in the Figure 5 below). We therefore expect ZTE's revenue from domestic telecom operators to peak in 2016, one year after the peak of capex in China's telecom industry.

Therefore, we estimate ZTE's revenue growth will improve from 8.3% in 2014 to 11.3%/9.1% in 2015/16E and then slow to 6.1%/8.1% in 2017/18E.

Figure 4: We expect industry capex to grow 6.2% in 2015

in RMB mn	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
China Mobile Group	164,800	168,400	179,900	226,696	257,673	242,459	241,262	244,228	239,482	238,749	238,355
China Unicom Group	70,190	76,659	99,790	73,459	84,881	99,626	97,056	93,748	88,460	87,840	87,163
China Telecom Group	77,037	84,001	85,025	68,694	78,389	104,753	101,746	98,796	90,190	86,588	82,889
Total industry capex	312,027	329,060	364,715	368,849	420,943	446,837	440,064	436,772	418,131	413,177	408,408
Growth %											
China Mobile Group	-14%	2.2%	6.8%	26.0%	13.7%	-5.9%	-0.5%	1.2%	-1.9%	-0.3%	-0.2%
China Unicom Group	-38%	9.2%	30.2%	-26.4%	15.5%	17.4%	-2.6%	-3.4%	-5.6%	-0.7%	-0.8%
China Telecom Group	-20%	9.0%	1.2%	-19.2%	14.1%	33.6%	-2.9%	-2.9%	-8.7%	-4.0%	-4.3%
Total industry capex	-22%	5.5%	10.8%	1.1%	14.1%	6.2%	-1.5%	-0.7%	-4.3%	-1.2%	-1.2%

Source: UBS-S estimates

Figure 5: UBS assumptions for ZTE's recognition ratio of the three telecom operators' 4G capex

	2013E	2014E	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
China Mobile Group	25%	50%	50%	70%	80%	80%	80%	80%
China Unicom Group	80%	60%	60%	70%	80%	80%	80%	80%
China Telecom Group	80%	60%	60%	70%	80%	80%	80%	80%

Source: UBS-S estimates

# Growth in new and overseas businesses to be mid-to-long-term growth drivers

As new businesses (such as the government and enterprise business, automobile battery charging, big data and cloud computing) and overseas businesses grow, we expect revenue growth to rebound to 10.3%/10.4% in 2019/20.

- Launched a strategic transformation to focus on emerging industries. The telecom industry as a whole has seen growth slow, putting heavy pressure on equipment suppliers. ZTE's management recognises this challenge and proposed a strategic target of "rebuilding ZTE in emerging industries" in early 2014. After a year of effort, ZTE has made some progress in the government and enterprise network, smart city and automobile battery charging businesses.
- The development of the overseas business since 2013, especially in the US and European markets, has contributed significantly to getting the company out of the trough. As shown in the Figure 6 below, ZTE's revenue from the US, Europe and Oceania accounted for 23.7% of the total in 2011, but this share rose to 27.7% in 2014. Gross margin in these regions climbed to 24.5% in 2014 from 18.8% in 2011. We note that revenue from overseas markets accounted for 50.2% of the total in Q115, which indicates ZTE's international strategy is progressing well and business growth is no longer limited to the Chinese market.

In addition, ZTE's historical bad debt (from the Middle Eastern, African and Asian markets) was digested in 2012-14. Management also made multiple changes to the internal management mechanism in order to control bad-debt risk.

We forecast ZTE's telecom network revenue growth to slow to 9.6% in 2016 after strong growth of 15.1%/15.3% in 2014/15, and barely any growth in 2017. This forecast mainly reflects the three major operators' investment cycles. We expect

revenue growth to resume in 2018, mainly due to government and enterprise customers (domestic non-operator clients) and growth in overseas business revenue.

Figure 6: ZTE's revenue and gross margin by region

	H111	H211	2011	H112	H212	2012	H113	H213	2013	H114	H214	2014
Revenue ratio by region												
China	44.1%	47.1%	45.8%	49.0%	44.9%	47.0%	50.1%	44.7%	47.4%	51.1%	48.7%	49.8%
Asia (excluding China)	18.3%	18.0%	18.1%	18.8%	19.4%	19.1%	16.8%	20.0%	18.4%	15.6%	14.3%	14.9%
Africa	13.5%	11.6%	12.4%	9.2%	9.4%	9.3%	8.1%	7.5%	7.8%	5.9%	9.1%	7.6%
Europe, America and Oceania	24.2%	23.4%	23.7%	23.0%	26.4%	24.7%	25.0%	27.9%	26.4%	27.5%	27.9%	27.7%
Gross margin by region												
China	33.9%	33.2%	33.5%	29.1%	23.7%	26.6%	29.5%	37.6%	33.3%	37.0%	32.6%	34.7%
Asia (excluding China)	22.5%	28.5%	25.9%	23.1%	18.0%	20.5%	22.2%	26.6%	24.6%	31.4%	31.5%	31.4%
Africa	41.4%	51.3%	46.7%	38.8%	20.2%	29.6%	27.8%	23.6%	25.8%	28.2%	41.6%	36.8%
Europe, America and Oceania	21.2%	16.9%	18.8%	19.5%	19.2%	19.3%	27.2%	26.4%	26.8%	25.1%	24.1%	24.5%

Source: Company data

Figure 7: Revenue by segment

Rmb bn	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E
Telecom network	42.0	46.6	41.6	40.7	46.8	54.0	59.2	59.6	63.0	71.1	80.2
Mobile terminals	17.9	26.9	25.8	21.7	23.1	24.0	25.1	26.3	27.6	28.9	30.3
Software and others	10.3	12.8	16.8	12.8	11.6	12.7	14.7	19.1	22.9	25.2	27.7
Total revenue	70.3	86.3	84.2	75.2	81.5	90.7	99.0	105.0	113.5	125.2	138.2
Annual growth%											
Telecom network	5.0%	10.9%	-10.6%	-2.2%	15.1%	15.3%	9.6%	0.8%	5.7%	12.8%	12.8%
Mobile terminals	37.1%	50.2%	-4.1%	-16.0%	6.5%	3.7%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%	4.8%
Software and others	43.3%	23.7%	31.1%	-23.5%	-9.7%	10.0%	15.0%	30.0%	20.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Total revenue	16.6%	22.8%	-2.4%	-10.7%	8.4%	11.2%	9.1%	6.1%	8.1%	10.3%	10.4%
Revenue breakdown											
Telecom network	59.8%	54.0%	49.4%	54.1%	57.4%	59.5%	59.8%	56.8%	55.5%	56.8%	58.0%
Mobile terminals	25.5%	31.2%	30.7%	28.8%	28.4%	26.4%	25.4%	25.1%	24.3%	23.1%	21.9%
Software and others	14.7%	14.8%	19.9%	17.1%	14.2%	14.1%	14.8%	18.1%	20.1%	20.1%	20.0%
Total revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Company data, UBS-S estimates

### Valuation: upgrade to Buy, remain PT of HK\$25

We raise our rating from Neutral to Buy for two reasons: 1) government policy becomes incrementally positive for ZTE; 2) share price pulled back by 15% from recent high. We remain price target at HK\$25. We derive our price target from a DCF-based methodology and explicitly forecast long-term valuation drivers using UBS/s VCAM tool with WACC assumption of 9%.

**Potential downside risks:** 1) if the emerging and overseas businesses do not make up for the drop in domestic telecom operators' capex, the company may come under double pressure from sluggish growth and a declining profit margin; and 2) in a UBS Evidence Lab survey in November 2014, ZTE's mobile phones

Upgrade to Buy given recent share price pull back

received a relatively low score compared with international and domestic brands. A sluggish performance in its mobile phone business is a downside risk.

Figure 8: Key assumptions of VCAM model of ZTE

Relative year		+1E	+2E	+3E	+4E	+5E	+6E	+7E	+8E	+9E	+10E
Fiscal year		2015E	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E
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EBIT		6,318	6,953	7,218	7,915	9,007	9,280	9,981	10,710	11,464	12,241
D&A*		1,366	1,379	1,356	1,319	1,387	1,591	1,681	1,773	1,865	1,959
Capex		(1,814)	(1,979)	(2,100)	(2,270)	(2,504)	(2,519)	(2,592)	(2,659)	(2,720)	(2,775)
Chg. in wkg. cap.		(2,156)	(1,920)	(2,121)	(3,020)	(3,016)	(2,542)	(2,637)	(2,677)	(2,708)	(2,729)
Tax (operating)		(1,375)	(1,516)	(1,575)	(1,728)	(1,969)	(1,531)	(1,647)	(1,767)	(1,892)	(2,020)
Other		(277)	(248)	(182)	(255)	(350)	(222)	(226)	(229)	(232)	(233)
Free Cash Flow		2,061	2,669	2,596	1,961	2,556	4,057	4,562	5,150	5,778	6,444
	arowth	·	29.5%	-2.7%	-24.5%	30.4%	58.7%	12.4%	12.9%	12.2%	11.5%

Valuation	
PV of explicit cash flow	48,659
PV of terminal value (yr. 20)	38,751
Enterprise Value	87,410
% terminal	44%
Associates & other	1,720
- Minority interests	1,465
Surplus cash**	16,410
- Debt***	27,349
Equity value	76,726
Shares outstanding [m]	4,125.0
Equity per share (HK\$/sh)	23.20
Cost of equity	9.6%
Dividend yield	1.4%
1-year Price Target (HK\$/sh)	25.20

Long Term Assumptions						
Relative year	<u>+10E</u>	<u>+15E</u>	<u>+25E</u>			
Sales growth	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%			
EBIT margin	7.5%	8.0%	8.0%			
Capex/sales	1.7%	1.4%	1.4%			
ROIC	13.9%	14.9%	15.6%			

Valuation-Implied Metrics						
Fiscal year	2015E	2016E	1-yr Fwd.			
EV / EBITDA	11.4x	10.5x	10.9x			
EV / EBIT	13.8x	12.6x	13.2x			
FCF Yield	2.4%	3.1%	2.7%			
P / E (PV)	21.6x	19.2x	20.4x			
P / E (Target)	23.4x	20.8x	22.1x			

WACC	
Risk free rate	4.19%
ERP	5.0%
Beta	1.08
Debt / equity **	39.8%
Marg. tax rate	20.0%
Cost of equity	9.6%
Cost of debt	5.2%
WACC	9.0%

Terminal Assumptions				
VCH (years)	20			
Impl. FCF gr.	2.7%			
Incr. ROIC	16.7%			
EV / EBITDA	8.1x			

Figures in Rmb m, unless noted otherwise.

Source: UBS-S estimate

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star}$  Depreciation and non-goodwill amortization

 $<sup>^{\</sup>star\star}$  The portion of cash not required to maintain operations

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Assumes market value of equity and includes market value/seasonal adjustments for debt and debt-deemed obligations.

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Income statement (Rmbm)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15E	% ch	12/16E	% ch	12/17E	12/18E	12/19E
Revenues Cross profit	<b>84,219</b>	<b>75,234</b>	<b>81,471</b> 23.712	90,702	11.3	<b>98,953</b>	<b>9.1</b>	105,019	113,510	<b>125,181</b>
Gross profit EBITDA (UBS)	18,674 <b>260</b>	20,459 <b>4,425</b>	6,497	26,595 <b>7,683</b>	12.2 <b>18.3</b>	29,002 <b>8,332</b>	9.0 <b>8.4</b>	30,496 <b>8,574</b>	32,858 <b>9,234</b>	36,518 <b>10,395</b>
Depreciation & amortisation	(1,532)	(1,178)	(1,062)	(1,366)	28.6	(1,379)	1.0	(1,356)	(1,319)	(1,387)
EBIT (UBS)	(1,272)	3,247	5,435	6,318	16.2	6,953	10.1	7,218	7,915	9,007
Associates & investment income	1,313	1,096	258	(50)	-	(50)	0.0	(50)	(50)	(50)
Other non-operating income	(136)	(865)	(590)	(109)	81.6	(99)	9.1	(105)	(114)	(125)
Net interest	(1,888)	(1,650)	(1,562)	(1,409)	9.8	(1,476)	-4.8	(1,137)	(1,159)	(1,191)
Exceptionals (incl goodwill)	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Profit before tax	(1,983)	1,828	3,542	4,750	34.1	5,328	12.2	5,927	6,593	7,641
Tax	(621)	(394)	(810)	(1,045)	-28.9	(1,172)	-12.2	(1,304)	(1,450)	(1,681)
Profit after tax	(2,605)	1,434	2,731	3,705	<i>35.7</i>	4,156	12.2	4,623	5,142	5,960
Preference dividends and Minorities	(236)	(76)	(94)	(148)	-57.4	(166)	-12.2	(185)	(206)	(238)
Extraordinary items	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Net earnings (local GAAP)	(2,841)	1,358	2,637	3,557	34.9	3,990	12.2	4,438	4,937	5,722
Net earnings (UBS)	(2,841)	1,358	2,637	3,557	34.9	3,990	12.2	4,438	4,937	5,722
Tax rate (%)	0.0	21.6	22.9	22.0	-3.9	22.0	0.0	22.0	22.0	22.0
Per share (Rmb)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15E	% ch	12/16E	% ch	12/17E	12/18E	12/19E
EPS (UBS, diluted)	(0.80)	0.38	0.74	0.86	16.3	0.97	12.2	1.08	1.20	1.39
EPS (local GAAP, diluted)	(0.80)	0.38	0.74	0.86	16.3	0.97	12.2	1.08	1.20	1.39
EPS (UBS, basic)	(0.80)	0.38	0.74	0.86	16.3	0.97	12.2	1.08	1.20	1.39
Net DPS (Rmb) Book value per share	0.00 6.03	0.02 6.32	0.19 6.98	0.22 6.73	11.8 -3.6	0.24 7.48	12.2 11.2	0.27 8.31	0.30 9.24	0.35 10.33
Average shares (diluted)	3,565.99	3,565.99	3,556.00	4.125.05	-3.6 16.0	4,125.05	0.0	4,125.05	9.24 4,125.05	4.125.05
Average shares (unuted)	5,505.55	5,505.55	5,550.00	4,125.05	70.0	4,123.03	0.0	4,123.03	4,123.03	4,123.03
Balance sheet (Rmbm)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15E	% ch	12/16E	% ch	12/17E	12/18E	12/19E
Cash and equivalents	24,126	20,903	18,116	19,987	10.3	22,093	10.5	23,977	25,607	28,340
Other current assets	60,977	57,919	68,175	72,220	5.9	77,640	7.5	82,465	89,141	96,983
Total current assets	85,104	78,822	86,290	92,207	6.9	99,733	8.2	106,442	114,748	125,324
Net tangible fixed assets	8,011	7,698	7,664	8,235	7.4	8,896	8.0	9,636	10,514	11,483
Net intangible fixed assets	2,625	3,081	3,742	3,619	-3.3	3,558	-1.7	3,563	3,636	3,784
Investments / other assets	14,172	12,871	12,558	13,343	6.2	13,593	1.9	13,778	14,035	14,390
Total assets	109,911	102,473	110,255	117,404	6.5	125,781	7.1	133,418	142,933	154,980
Trade payables & other ST liabilities	52,976	48,021	52,793	56,345	6.7	61,268	8.7	65,144	70,422	77,451
Short term debt	22,448	15,343	17,172	17,172	0.00	17,172	0.00	17,172	17,172	17,172
Total current liabilities	75,424	63,364	69,965	73,517	5.1	78,441	6.7	82,316	87,594	94,623
Long term debt	7,098	11,505	10,040	10,040	0.0	10,040	0.0	10,040	10,040	10,040
Other long term liabilities	4,751	3,978	3,957	4,575	15.6	4,792	4.7	4,951	5,174	5,480
Preferred shares	0	0	0	0		0		0	0	0
Total liabilities (incl pref shares)	87,273	78,847	83,962	88,132	5.0	93,272	5.8	97,307	102,808	110,143
Common s/h equity	21,502	22,533	24,879	27,748	11.5 7.8	30,848	11.2 8.9	34,289	38,116 2,009	42,604 2,233
Minority interests  Total liabilities & equity	1,136 <b>109,911</b>	1,093 <b>102,473</b>	1,414 <b>110.255</b>	1,524 <b>117.404</b>	6.5	1,660 <b>125,781</b>	7.1	1,822 <b>133,418</b>	142,933	154,980
rotal habilities & equity	109,911	102,473	110,233	117,404	0.5	123,761	7.1	133,410	142,933	134,360
Cash flow (Rmbm)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15E	% ch	12/16E	% ch	12/17E	12/18E	12/19E
Net income (before pref divs)	(2,841)	1,358	2,637	3,557	34.9	3,990	12.2	4,438	4,937	5,722
Depreciation & amortisation	1,532	1,178	1,062	1,366	28.6	1,379	1.0	1,356	1,319	1,387
Net change in working capital	4,569	(3,070)	(4,655)	(600)	87.1	(530)	11.7	(974)	(1,433)	(862)
Other operating	(700)	981	1,212	160	-86.8	186	16.4	211	237	273
Operating cash flow	2,559	447	256	4,482	NM	5,025	12.1	5,031	5,060	6,521
Tangible capital expenditure	(1,258)	(904)	(2,026)	(1,814)	10.4	(1,979)	-9.1	(2,100)	(2,270)	(2,504)
Intangible capital expenditure	0	0	0	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Net (acquisitions) / disposals	42	6	72	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Other investing	(3,161)	(273)	260	(110)	-	(50)	-	(50)	(50)	(50)
Investing cash flow	(4,377)	(1,171)	(1,693)	(1,924)	-13.6	(2,029)	-5.4	(2,150)	(2,320)	(2,553)
Equity dividends paid	(686)	0	(103)	(688)	NM	(889)	-29.3	(997)	(1,110)	(1,234)
Share issues / (buybacks)	8	19	254	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Other financing	222	18	(860)	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Change in debt & pref shares	4,306	(1,082)	(1,310)	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	3,850	(1,045)	(2,019)	(688)	65.9	(889)	-29.3	(997)	(1,110)	(1,234)
Cash flow inc/(dec) in cash	2,033	(1,769)	(3,456)	1,871	-	2,107	12.6	1,883	1,630	2,733
FX / non cash items	622	(1,454)	669	0	-	0	-	0	0	0
Balance sheet inc/(dec) in cash	2,654	(3,223)	(2,787)	1,871		2,107	12.6	1,883	1,630	2,733

Source: Company accounts, UBS estimates. (UBS) metrics use reported figures which have been adjusted by UBS analysts.

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FE   Local GAAP, diluted    NM   249   147   18.3   16.3   14.7   13.2   11.4     PVCEPS   MM   13.4   10.5   13.2   12.1   11.2   10.4   9.2     Capitly FCF (LUBS) yield %   2.9   (1.0   3.7)   2.7   3.1   2.9   2.8   4.0     Not alvidend yield (%)   0.0   0.1   3.6   3.2   2.1   1.1   2.9   2.8   4.0     Not alvidend yield (%)   0.0   0.1   3.6   3.2   2.1   1.1   2.9   2.8   4.0     Not alvidend yield (%)   0.0   0.1   3.6   3.2   2.1   1.1   0.0   0.9     EVERITICA (core)   0.5   0.6   0.7   2.2   2.1   1.0   0.0   0.0     EVERITICA (core)   NM   13.0   10.2   16.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERITICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERITICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERITICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERITICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   11.3   10.0     EVERTICA (core)   NM   9.6   8.5   13.9   12.7   12.3   12.7   12									
PECURS   Gildred   (13.3)   24.9   14.7   18.3   16.3   14.7   13.2   11.4							12/17E		
PCCEPS									
Equity FCF (URS) yield \( \frac{4}{5} \)   2.9   (1.0)   (3.7)   2.7   3.1   2.9   2.8   4.0   Net dividendly piled \( \frac{4}{5} \)   2.0   3   3.8   1.4   1.5   1.7   1.9   2.2   PRV \( \triangle \tria									
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EMOSPICE (core)		>100	9.6	8.5	13.9	12.7	12.3	11.3	10.0
EVOp. invested capital   1.6   1.5   1.8   3.1   3.0   2.8   2.6   2.4	EV/EBIT (core)	NM	13.0		16.9	15.2		13.1	11.6
Part									
Market cap.	EV/op. invested capital	1.6	1.5	1.8	3.1	3.0	2.8	2.6	2.4
Market cap.   44,255   44,623   47,927   99,638   99,638   99,638   99,638   99,638   89,63	Enterprise value (Rmbm)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15E	12/16E	12/17E	12/18E	12/19E
Net debt (cash)   (1,814)   (1,814)   7,521   7,521   6,172   4,177   2,420   2,420		44,255	44,623		99,638		99,638	99,638	99,638
Pension provisions/other   54   96   115   55   55   55   55   55   55	Net debt (cash)		(1,814)						2,420
Total enterprise value	Buy out of minorities		1,093	1,414		1,660		2,009	
Core enterprise value   42,492   42,300   55,169   106,931   105,719   105,625   104,056   104,269   106,000   105,719   105,625   104,056   104,269   106,000   105,719   105,625   104,056   104,269   106,000   105,719   105,625   104,056   104,269   106,000   105,719   105,625   104,056   104,269   106,000   105,719   105,625   104,056   104,269   104,000   105,719   105,625   104,056   104,269   104,000   105,719   105,625   104,056   104,269   104,000   105,719   105,625   104,056   104,269   104,000   105,719   10	Pension provisions/other								
Core enterprise value         42,492         42,300         55,169         106,931         105,719         105,625         104,056         104,269           Growth (%)         12/12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12/18E         12/19E           Revenue         -2.4         -10.7         8.3         11.3         9.1         6.1         8.1         10.3           EBIT (LIBS)         -5.0         NM         46.8         18.3         8.4         2.9         7.7         12.6           EBIT (LIBS)         -5.0         NM         46.8         18.3         8.4         2.9         7.7         12.6           EBIT (LIBS)         -5.0         NM         46.8         18.3         8.4         2.9         7.7         12.6           EBIT (LIBS)         -6.7         4.16.2         10.1         3.8         9.7         13.8           EPS (UBS, diluted)         -7.0         6.7         4.0         1.1         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         11.2         12.93         29.3         29.0         28.9							105,692		104,347
Growth (%)         12/12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12/18E         12/19E           Revenue         -2.4         -10.7         8.3         11.3         9.1         6.1         8.1         10.3           EBIT (JBS)         -95.0         NM         46.8         18.3         8.4         2.9         7.7         12.6           EBIT (JBS)         -         -         67.4         16.2         10.1         3.8         9.7         13.8           EPS (JBS, diluted)         -         -         94.8         16.3         12.2         11.2         11.2         15.9           Net DPS         -         -         NM         11.8         12.2         11.2         11.2         15.9           Margins & Profitability (%)         12/12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12/18E         12/19E           Margins & Profitability (%)         12/12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12/18E         12/19E           Margins & Profitability (%)         12/12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12/18E<	Non core assets		(1,697)	(1,807)	(1,807)	(1,807)	(68)	(68)	(77)
Revenue	Core enterprise value	42,492	42,300	55,169	106,931	105,719	105,625	104,056	104,269
Revenue	Growth (%)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15F	12/16F	12/17F	12/18F	12/19F
BBIT (UBS)									
BIT   Current   Facing   Fac									
Net DPS									
Margins & Profitability (%)         12/12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12/18E         12/19E           Gross profit margin         22.2         27.2         29.1         29.3         29.3         29.0         28.9         29.2           EBIT margin         0.3         5.9         8.0         8.5         8.4         8.2         8.1         8.3           EBIT margin         -1.5         4.3         6.7         7.0         7.0         6.9         7.0         7.2           Net earnings (UBS) margin         NM         1.8         3.2         3.9         4.0         4.2         4.3         4.6           ROIC (EBIT)         (4.7)         11.8         17.6         18.5         19.7         19.2         19.5         21.1           ROIC (DST tax         NM         5.5         13.3         14.4         15.4         15.0         15.3         16.5           ROE (UBS)         12.12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12/18E         12/19E           Capital structure & Coverage (x)         12/12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12	EPS (UBS, diluted)	-	-	94.8	16.3	12.2	11.2	11.2	15.9
Cross profit margin   22.2   27.2   29.1   29.3   29.3   29.0   28.9   29.2	Net DPS	-	-	NM	11.8	12.2	11.2	11.2	15.9
EBITDÁ margin	Margins & Profitability (%)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15E	12/16E	12/17E	12/18E	12/19E
EBIT margin	Gross profit margin	22.2		29.1		29.3		28.9	29.2
Net earnings (UBS) margin   NM	EBITDA margin								
ROIC (EBIT)									
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ROE (ÜBS)         (12.4)         6.2         11.1         13.5         13.6         13.6         13.6         14.2           Capital structure & Coverage (x)         12/12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12/18E         12/19E           Net debt / EBITDA         20.8         1.3         1.4         0.9         0.6         0.4         0.2         (0.1)           Net debt / total equity %         23.9         25.2         34.6         24.7         15.7         9.0         4.0         (2.5)           Net debt / (net debt + total equity) %         19.3         20.1         25.7         19.8         13.6         8.2         3.8         (2.6)           Net debt/EV %         12.8         14.1         16.5         6.8         4.8         3.1         1.5         (1.1)           Capex / depreciation %         82.1         76.7         190.7         132.8         143.5         154.9         172.1         180.5           Capex / revenue %         1.5         1.2         2.5         2.0         2.0         2.0         2.0         2.0           EBIT / net interest         NM         2.0         3.5         4.5         4.7         6.4									
Capital structure & Coverage (x)         12/12         12/13         12/14         12/15E         12/16E         12/17E         12/18E         12/19E           Net debt / EBITDA         20.8         1.3         1.4         0.9         0.6         0.4         0.2         (0.1)           Net debt / total equity %         23.9         25.2         34.6         24.7         15.7         9.0         4.0         (2.5)           Net debt / (net debt + total equity) %         19.3         20.1         25.7         19.8         13.6         8.2         3.8         (2.6)           Net debt/EV %         12.8         14.1         16.5         6.8         4.8         3.1         1.5         (1.1)           Capex / depreciation %         82.1         76.7         190.7         132.8         143.5         154.9         172.1         180.5           Capex / revenue %         1.5         1.2         2.5         2.0	•								
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#### **Forecast returns**

Forecast price appreciation	+26.9%
Forecast dividend yield	1.4%
Forecast stock return	+28.3%
Market return assumption	9.2%
Forecast excess return	+19.1%

#### **Statement of Risk**

We believe a slowdown in the global telecom industry recovery would be the key risk for ZTE. In China, if 4G subscriber development is slower than expected, the high capex momentum would also slow. We believe the underperformance of handset business could present a downside risk for the company in the medium to longer term.

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Neutral	FSR is between -6% and 6% of the MRA.	43%	33%
Sell	FSR is > 6% below the MRA.	12%	20%
Short-Term Rating	Definition	Coverage <sup>3</sup>	IB Services <sup>4</sup>
Buy	Stock price expected to rise within three months from the time the rating was assigned because of a specific catalyst or event.	less than 1%	less than 1%
Sell	Stock price expected to fall within three months from the time the rating was assigned because of a specific catalyst or event.	less than 1%	less than 1%

Source: UBS. Rating allocations are as of 31 March 2015.

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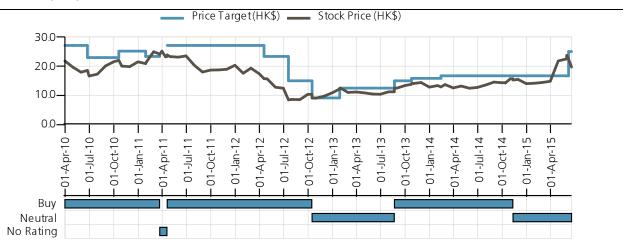
Company Name	Reuters	12-month rating	Short-term rating	Price	Price date
ZTE Corporation <sup>16</sup>	0763.HK	Neutral	N/A	HK\$19.70	19 Jun 2015

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