



### Company Report: AAC Tech (02018 HK)

公司报告: 瑞声科技 (02018 HK)

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## Affected by Slower iPhone Shipments, "Buy"

受较慢的iPhone出货量影响,"买入"

- AAC Tech's 1Q18 results came in weaker than expected with 6.0% yoy growth in net profit due to lower-than-expected gross margin. Gross margin lowered by 3.6 ppt yoy to 38.0% in 1Q18 due to RMB appreciation and a change in product mix. Albeit, gross margin declined 3.6 ppt yoy, net profit margin only decreased by 0.9 ppt to 24.3%, thanks to the contribution from fair value change in investment gains.
- We cut FY18-FY20 revenue by 5.1%/ 6.5%/ 6.9%, respectively, to reflect the impact from weaker iPhone shipment growth. AAC Tech's 1Q18 revenue grew 10% yoy, driven by acoustic components contributions, offset by decline in haptics revenue. 1Q18 acoustic revenue grew 27% yoy thanks to super linear structure SLS platform and specification upgrade cycle contributions.
- We lower FY18-FY20 gross margin by 2.7 ppt/ 2.3 ppt/ 1.9 ppt to 39.0%/ 39.7%/ 40.3%, respectively, due to market competition, lower contributions from iPhone shipments and different product mix. Gross margin is expected to be affected by weaker iPhone shipments, fierce market competition and a change in product mix.
- We maintain the Company's investment rating of "Buy" but cut the TP from HK\$200.00 to HK\$155.00. We lower FY18-FY20 EPS by 6.4%/ 7.3%/ 7.8%, respectively. The new TP represents 22.5x FY18 PER, 17.6x FY19 PER and 14.2x FY20 PER.
- 由于毛利率低于预期,瑞声科技 2018 年第 1 季度业绩低于预期,净利润同比增长 6.0%。由于人民币升值和产品结构变化,第 1 季度毛利率同比下降 3.6 个百分点至 38.0%。尽管毛利率同比下降 3.6 个百分点,但净利润率仅下降了 0.9 个百分点至 24.3%,因受益于投资收益公允变化的贡献。
- 我们分别下调 2018-2020 財车收入 5.1%/ 6.5%/ 6.9%, 以反映 iPhone 出货增长放缓的 影响。瑞声科技第 1 季度营收同比增长 10%, 因触控产品收入的下降抵消了声学组件收入上升的贡献。凭借超线性结构 SLS 平台和升级周期贡献,第 1 季度声学收入同比增长 27%。
- 我们分别下调 2018-2020 年毛利率 2.7 个百分点/ 2.3 个百分点/ 1.9 个百分点至 39.0%/ 39.7%/ 40.3%, 因市场竞争激烈、iPhone 出货增长放缓和不同产品组合贡献。 预计毛利率将受到 iPhone 出货量疲软,市场竞争激烈以及产品结构变化的影响。
- 我们维持公司的投资评级为"买入"及目标价从 200.00 港元下调至 155.00 港元。我们分别下调 2018-2020 财年每股净利 6.4%/ 7.3%/ 7.8%。新目标价相当于 22.5 倍 2018 财年市盈率、17.6 倍 2019 财年市盈率及 14.2 倍 2020 财年市盈率。

Rating:	Buy
	Maintained

评级: 买入 (维持)

6-18m TP 目标价: **HK\$155.00** Revised from 原目标价: HK\$200.00

Share price 股价: HK\$113.400

# Stock performance 股价表现



Change in Share Price	1 M	3 M	1 Y
股价变动	1 个月	3个月	1年
Abs. % 绝对变动 %	(20.2)	(26.7)	25.2
Rel. % to HS Index 相对恒指变动 %	(22.7)	(26.6)	2.5
Avg. Share price(HK\$) 平均股价(港元)	121.6	139.9	130.6

Source: Bloomberg, Guotai Junan International.

Year End	Turnover	Net Profit	EPS	EPS	PER	BPS	PBR	DPS	Yield	ROE
年结	收入	股东净利	每股净利	每股净利变动	市盈率	每股净资产	市净率	每股股息	股息率	净资产收益率
12/31	(RMB m)	(RMB m)	(RMB)	(△ %)	(x)	(RMB)	(x)	(RMB)	(%)	(%)
2016A	15,507	4,026	3.278	29.6	31.0	11.576	8.8	1.070	1.1	31.6
2017A	21,119	5,325	4.347	32.6	21.1	14.328	6.4	1.358	1.5	33.6
2018F	27,092	7,161	5.860	34.8	15.7	18.314	5.0	1.758	1.9	35.9
2019F	34,117	9,160	7.496	27.9	12.3	23.410	3.9	2.249	2.4	35.9
2020F	41,911	11,301	9.248	23.4	9.9	29.744	3.1	2.774	3.0	34.8

2020F	41,911	11,301	9.248	23.4	9.9	29.744	3.1	2.774	3.0	34.8
Shares in issue	e (m) 总股数 (	m)		1,222.0	Major sh	areholder 大股系	<b>f</b>	Ms. Ing	rid Chunyuan \	Nu 40.3%
Market cap. (H	K\$ m) 市值 (H	HK\$ m)		138,574.8	Free floa	at (%) 自由流通	比率 (%)			59.7
3 month average	ge vol. 3 个月平	<sup>工</sup> 均成交股数 ('00	00)	6,836.0	FY18 Ne	et gearing (%) F	Y18 净负债//	没东资金 (%)		3.7
52 Weeks high	/low (HK\$) 52	周高/低 (HK\$)		137.000 / 81.250	FY18 Es	st. NAV (HK\$) FY	/18 每股估值	(港元)		170.0

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.



#### 1Q18 Results Review

AAC Tech's 1Q18 results were below expectations due to gross margin decline. Gross margin lowered by 3.6 ppt yoy to 38.0% in 1Q18 due to RMB appreciation and a change in product mix. Albeit, gross margin declined 3.6 ppt yoy, net profit margin only decreased by 0.9 ppt to 24.3%, thanks to the contribution from fair value change in investment gains. The slowing down of iPhone shipments affected AAC Tech's gross margin with a change in product mix with less contribution from high-end components. Android smartphone contribution is ramping up, which helped to partially offset the slowing down of iPhone shipment growth. 1Q18 acoustics revenue improved by 27% yoy in 1Q18 thanks to the launch of SLS platform and specifications upgrade cycle. Optics lens shipments met expectation and is expected to have stronger shipments in 2H18 on the back of capacity improvement completion. However, we expect AAC Tech's gross margin may be affected by market competition, product mix and the slowing down of iPhone shipments. We will lower the Company's gross margin and earnings estimations. The management of AAC Tech had changed revenue guidance for FY18 from over 25% growth to double-digit growth, which signaled weaker business prospects, especially from slower iPhone contributions. Product shipments to Android smartphones are expected to ramp up in 2H18 thanks to robust shipments of Chinese smartphone makers such as Huawei, OPPO, Vivo and Xiaomi.

Table-1. AAC Tech's Income Statement Analysis

RMB (Million)	1Q18	1Q17	YoY	Comments
Total net revenue	4,638	4,215	10.0%	Driven by components upgrade cycle
Cost of goods sold	(2,875)	(2,461)	16.8%	
Gross profit	1,764	1,754	0.6%	
Other income	37	33	12.1%	
Fair value gain on	7.5	0		
available-for-sale investment	75	0	n.a.	
Distribution & selling expenses	(73)	(61)	19.7%	
Administrative expenses	(140)	(126)	11.1%	
R&D expenses	(362)	(337)	7.4%	
Others	0	(2)	n.a.	
Exchange loss	(15)	(4)	275.0%	
Finance costs	(51)	(32)	59.4%	
Profit before tax	1,236	1,226	0.8%	
Tax	(110)	(164)	(32.9%)	
Net income	1,126	1,062	6.0%	
EPS (RMB)	0.92	0.86	7.0 %	
Gross profit margin	38.0%	41.6%	(3.6 ppt)	Due to RMB appreciation and a change in product mix
Net profit margin	24.3%	25.2%	(0.9 ppt)	Gross margin decline offset by fair value gain on available for sale investment

Source: the Company.

We cut FY18-FY20 revenue by 5.1% 6.5% 6.9%, respectively, to reflect impact from weaker iPhone shipment growth amid Android smartphone contributions. AAC Tech's 1Q18 revenue grew 10% yoy, driven by acoustic components contributions offset by decline in haptics revenue. 1Q18 acoustic revenue grew 27% yoy thanks to super linear structure SLS platform and specification upgrade cycle contributions. There was a trend of upgrading smartphones with waterproof, stereo sound acoustic components. The SLS design is expected to further be improved in FY18 with the applications in various area smart speakers, AR/VR and automotive industry markets. AAC Tech may face headwinds from competition from other peers, including Goertek, Merry and Luxshare. Haptics and RF mechanical components revenue declined by 11% yoy in 1Q18, mainly due to slower demand for iPhones. There is a growing number of smartphone gaming apps providing vibration features, which may raise demand of haptics components in the market. The development and shipments of optics products were in line in 1Q18 with 5 million monthly shipments of wafer level glass WLG lenses and 20 million monthly shipments of plastic lenses. The sales of optics lenses accounted for single digits of total revenue in 1Q18. WLG manufacturing capacity is improving, which is expected to push shipments in 2H18. AAC Tech is also preparing hybrid lens design solutions for markets other than the smartphone market in a bid to grow product shipments. AAC Tech is ramping up shipments for 5P and 6P lens solutions. Plastic lens shipments in Jun. 2018 is expected to reach 25 million, compared to 15 million in May 2018.

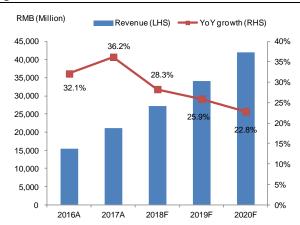


Hatpics & RF mechanical components to be driven from Android smartphone makers. Haptics & RF mechanical revenue grew 51.2% yoy, which accounted for 50% of total revenue in FY17 (up 5 ppt yoy). There was a growing demand for upgrading touch screen sensors with minimal bezels, which helped to drive haptics product ASP. The adoption of AAC Tech's RF components showed significant improvement from Android customers thanks to product quality and unique technology features. AAC Tech is also developing new materials and antenna designs for 5G smartphones, which is expected to drive shipments in FY18. We expect higher adoption of touch sensing functions by Android, which can help AAC Tech to compensate for the slowing down of iPhone shipment growth. We expect FY18-FY20 haptics & RF mechanical revenue to grow yoy by 40.0%/ 35.4%/ 29.7%, respectively.

Figure-1: iPhone Shipments and YoY Growth

Figure-2: AAC Tech's Revenue and YoY Growth





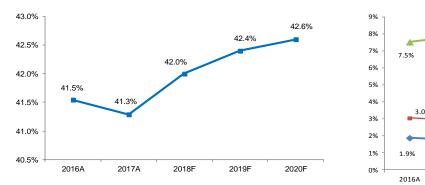
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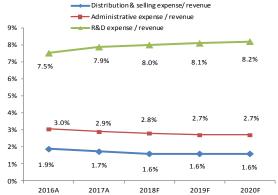
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We lower FY18-FY20 gross margin by 2.7 ppt/ 2.3 ppt/ 1.9 ppt to 39.0%/ 39.7%/ 40.3%, respectively, due to market competition, lower contributions from iPhone and different product mix. Gross margin declined 3.6 ppt yoy to 38.0% in 1Q18 due to RMB appreciation and a change in product mix. The RMB appreciated 7.5% yoy in 1Q18. Due to lower contributions from iPhone, AAC Tech's gross margin was impacted with lower contribution from high-end components. Market competition is also fierce in the smartphone components sector due to the launch of similar electronic components from other peers. We forecast fierce market competition; higher revenue contributions from Android smartphones compared to iPhone smartphones would further affect AAC Tech's gross margin in 2018. Although 1Q18 gross margin lowered by 3.6 ppt yoy, net profit margin only decreased by 0.9 ppt to 24.3%, thanks to the contribution from fair value change in investment gains. We project FY18-FY20 net profit to be 23.7%/ 24.3%/ 24.6%, respectively. We expect AAC Tech's net profit to grow 8.4%/ 20.2%/ 16.4%, respectively.

Figure-3: AAC Tech's Gross Margin

Figure-4: AAC Tech's Operating Expenses Analysis





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#### **Profit Revisions**

We cut FY18-FY20 EPS by 6.4%/ 7.3%/ 7.8%, respectively, due to revenue and gross margin forecast adjustments. We lower FY18-FY20 revenue forecasts by 5.1%/ 6.5%/ 6.9%, respectively, due to weaker iPhone shipments and market competition. We trim FY18-FY20 gross margin by 2.7 ppt/ 2.3 ppt/ 1.9 ppt due to different product mix.



**Table-2: Financial Estimation Revisions** 

		OLD			NEW			CHANGE	
RMB (Million)	2018F	2019F	2020F	2018F	2019F	2020F	2018F	2019F	2020F
Total revenue	25,689	30,605	35,217	24,379	28,616	32,787	(5.1%)	(6.5%)	(6.9%)
Net profit	6,167	7,488	8,764	5,772	6,941	8,080	(6.4%)	(7.3%)	(7.8%)
EPS (RMB)	5.046	6.127	7.171	4.723	5.680	6.612	(6.4%)	(7.3%)	(7.8%)

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

#### **Valuation**

Maintain the investment rating of "Buy", but cut the TP from HK\$200.00 to HK\$155.00. AAC Tech is expected to benefit from growing demand from Android smartphones, which is expected to be partially offset by slower iPhone shipments. Chinese smartphone shipments are expected to remain robust, which should increase contributions to AAC Tech. The new TP represents 22.5x FY18 PER, 17.6x FY19 PER and 14.2x FY20 PER.

Figure-5: AAC Tech's PE Graph



Source: Bloomberg.



**Table-3: Peers Comparison** 

					PER			PB		ROE (%)	D/Y (%)	ROA (%)
Company	Ticker	Currency	Price	18F	19F	20F	18F	19F	20F	18F	18F	18F
HK Listed												
AAC Tech	2018 HK	HKD	113.400	17.4	14.1	12.1	5.1	4.1	3.4	32.0	2.2	19.6
Sunny Optical Tech	2382 HK	HKD	147.800	32.2	23.5	18.2	12.2	8.7	6.6	44.6	0.8	22.8
Truly Electronics Ltd	732 HK	HKD	1.820	7.1	4.9	4.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	10.2	3.9	3.4
Simple Average				18.9	14.2	11.5	6.0	4.5	3.5	28.9	2.3	15.3
Weighted Average				25.0	18.9	15.2	8.7	6.4	5.0	38.2	1.5	21.0
PRC Listed												
Jinlong Machinery & Elect-A	300032 CH	CNY	9.120	53.6	50.7	n.a.	1.5	1.5	n.a.	2.9	0.9	1.5
GoerTek Inc.	002241 CH	CNY	11.540	14.8	12.5	11.9	2.2	1.9	1.7	16.3	0.9	9.8
Simple Average				34.2	31.6	11.9	1.9	1.7	1.7	9.6	0.9	5.6
Weighted Average				21.2	18.7	11.9	2.1	1.9	1.7	14.1	0.9	8.4
Japan Listed												
Toshiba Corp	6502 JP	JPY	306.000	1.9	3.9	12.6	2.5	1.0	1.0	n.a.	0.0	18.4
Nec Corp	6701 JP	JPY	3040.000	17.2	21.2	13.7	0.9	0.9	0.8	5.3	2.0	1.7
Fujitsu Ltd	6702 JP	JPY	685.100	8.3	12.0	10.3	1.3	1.3	1.2	17.2	1.7	5.4
Simple Average				9.1	12.4	12.2	1.6	1.1	1.0	11.2	1.2	8.5
Weighted Average				7.0	9.9	12.0	1.8	1.1	1.0	12.9	0.9	10.8
Taiwan Listed												
Htc Corp	2498 TT	TWD	58.300	2.6	n.a.	n.a.	0.9	1.1	1.1	37.4	0.0	22.5
Acer Inc	2353 TT	TWD	24.100	18.4	18.1	18.3	1.2	1.2	1.2	6.6	2.9	2.6
Asustek Computer Inc	2357 TT	TWD	278.000	13.0	12.0	11.7	1.1	1.1	1.1	8.8	5.4	4.6
Primax Electronics Ltd	4915 TT	TWD	55.300	10.8	8.7	7.7	1.9	1.6	1.4	17.4	5.6	5.8
Merry Electronics Co Ltd	2439 TT	TWD	141.000	14.4	10.5	9.6	2.6	2.4	2.1	16.4	7.1	7.8
Largan Precision Co Ltd	3008 TT	TWD	4010.000	21.2	16.9	15.0	4.9	4.2	3.5	25.6	1.9	21.0
Lite-On Technology Corp	2301 TT	TWD	38.150	10.8	9.9	9.6	1.1	1.2	1.1	11.5	7.1	4.7
Simple Average				13.1	12.7	12.0	2.0	1.8	1.6	17.7	4.3	9.9
Weighted Average				17.1	14.9	13.7	3.2	2.8	2.4	19.6	3.3	14.2
US Listed				15.1	14.2	9.5	2.3	1.8	1.6	13.5	1.7	7.9
Motorola Solutions Inc	MSI US	USD		17.6	15.6	13.2	4.0	3.0	2.5	21.2	1.7	13.6
Cisco Systems Inc	CSCO US	USD	113.400	17.4	14.1	12.1	5.1	4.1	3.4	32.0	2.2	19.6
Juniper Networks Inc	JNPR US	USD	147.800	32.2	23.5	18.2	12.2	8.7	6.6	44.6	0.8	22.8
Knowles Corp	KN US	USD	1.820	7.1	4.9	4.1	0.7	0.6	0.6	10.2	3.9	3.4
Simple Average				18.9	14.2	11.5	6.0	4.5	3.5	28.9	2.3	15.3
Weighted Average				25.0	18.9	15.2	8.7	6.4	5.0	38.2	1.5	21.0
Overall Average												
Overall Weighted Average			9.120	53.6	50.7	n.a.	1.5	1.5	n.a.	2.9	0.9	1.5
Source: Bloomberg.												

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#### **Financial Statements and Ratios**

	Income S		Balance Sheet								
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F	2020F	Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F	2020F
Dynamic components revenue	7,956	9,580	10,777	11,801	12,721	PP&E	9,494	13,526	16,877	20,377	24,052
Haptics & RF revenue	6,940	10,496	14,694	19,895	25,804	Available for sale investments	386	752	677	609	548
MEMS components revenue	535	848	1,210	1,619	2,016	Intangible assets	167	256	266	277	288
Others revenue	75	196	411	802	1,369	Others	1,381	1,581	1,600	1,624	1,650
Total Revenue	15,507	21,119	27,092	34,117	41,911	Total Non-current Assets	11,428	16,115	19,420	22,887	26,538
Cost of sales	(9,064)	(12,399)	(15,713)	(19,652)	(24,057)	Inventory	2,623	3,398	3,703	4,037	4,400
Gross profit	6,443	8,720	11,378	14,466	17,854	Trade and other receivables	6,156	7,155	7,298	7,444	7,593
						Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,864	4,034	4,032	5,606	8,761
Other income & gains	149	171	180	185	191	Other current assets	186	20	21	22	23
Distribution & selling expenses	(291)	(365)	(433)	(546)	(671)	Total Current Assets	12,829	14,607	15,054	17,109	20,777
Administrative expenses	(472)	(610)	(759)	(921)	(1,132)						
R&D costs	(1,166)	(1,664)	(2,167)	(2,763)	(3,437)	Total Assets	24,257	30,722	34,474	39,995	47,315
Others	37	(91)	(7)	(6)	(2)						
Finance costs	(67)	(165)	(128)	(99)	(77)	Trade and note payables	5,346	6,369	6,688	7,022	7,373
						Short term loans	3,303	4,349	3,479	2,784	2,22
Profit Before Tax	4,633	5,996	8,064	10,315	12,727	Others	476	379	422	468	52
Income Tax	(609)	(671)	(903)	(1,155)	(1,424)	Total Current Liabilities	9,125	11,097	10,589	10,274	10,120
profit After Tax	4,024	5,325	7,162	9,161	11,303						
Non-controlling Interest	1	(1)	(1)	(1)	(1)	Long term loans	789	1,941	1,358	951	666
Shareholders' Profit / Loss	4,026	5,325	7,161	9,160	11,301	Government grants	80	87	99	113	129
Basic EPS	3.278	4.347	5.860	7.496	9.248	Others	48	46	48	51	5
						Total Non-current Liabilities	917	2,074	1,506	1,115	848
	Cash Flow	Statement				Total Liabilities	10,042	13,171	12,095	11,388	10,967
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F	2020F						
Profit before tax	4,633	5,996	8,064	10,315	12,727	Share capital	100	99	100	101	102
Interest income	(34)	(37)	(40)	(43)	(46)	Reserves	14,089	17,452	22,280	28,506	36,246
Interest expenses	67	165	128	99	77	Total Shareholders' Equity	14,189	17,551	22,379	28,607	36,347
D&A	962	782	1,999	2,099	2,204	Minority Interest	26	0	0	0	(
Others	(79)	(101)	(103)	(101)	(98)	Total Equity	14,215	17,551	22,379	28,607	36,34
Change in working capital	(284)	(848)	(135)	(149)	(165)						
Tax paid	(453)	(671)	(903)	(1,155)	(1,424)		Financial	Ratios			
Cash from Operating Activities	4,812	5,287	9,011	11,066	13,274		2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F	2020F
						Gross margin	41.5	41.3	42.0	42.4	42.6
CAPEX	(3,008)	(5,068)	(5,322)	(5,588)	(5,867)	Net margin	26.0	25.2	26.4	26.8	27.0
Others	(1,110)	60	(32)	(23)	(14)	ROA	19.8	19.4	22.0	24.6	25.9
Cash from Investing Activities	(4,117)	(5,009)	(5,353)	(5,611)	(5,881)	ROE	31.6	33.6	35.9	35.9	34.8

Receivable days

Inventory days

Payable days

Current ratio (x)

Quick ratio (x)

Net gearing (%)

Debt to equity ratio (x)

Cash conversion cycle

121.8

87.4

97.3

112.0

1.4

1.1

0.3

1.2

115.0

88.6

101.2

102.4

1.3

1.0

0.4

13.1

97.4

82.5

88.0

91.9

1.4

1.1

0.2

3.7

78.9

71.9

73.3

77.4

1.7

1.3

0.1

65.5

64.0

62.7

66.8

2.1

1.6

0.1

Net cash

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

5,170

(1,314)

(3,059)

797

1,491

2,224

149

3,864

2,197

(1,664)

(548)

(14)

264

3,864

4,034

(95)

(1,452)

(2,148)

(128)

(3,728)

(70)

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(1,103)

(2,748)

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1,504

4,032

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8,761

72

(77)

Bank loan change

Cash from Financing Activities

Net Changes in Cash

Cash at Beg of Year

Cash at End of Year

FX change

Dividend paid

Others



#### **Company Rating Definition**

The Benchmark: Hong Kong Hang Seng Index

Time Horizon: 6 to 18 months

Rating		Definition
Buy	买入	Relative Performance>15%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is favorable.
Accumulate	收集	Relative Performance is 5% to 15%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is favorable.
Neutral	中性	Relative Performance is -5% to 5%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is neutral.
Reduce	减持	Relative Performance is -5% to -15%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is unfavorable.
Sell	卖出	Relative Performance <-15%; or the fundamental outlook of the company or sector is unfavorable.

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The Benchmark: Hong Kong Hang Seng Index

Time Horizon: 6 to 18 months

Rating		Definition
Outperform	跑赢大市	Relative Performance>5%; or the fundamental outlook of the sector is favorable.
Neutral	中性	Relative Performance is -5% to 5%; or the fundamental outlook of the sector is neutral.
Underperform	跑输大市	Relative Performance<-5%; Or the fundamental outlook of the sector is unfavorable.

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