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Lower-than-expected dividend for 1H18; Hold

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Lower-than-expected dividend for 1H18

Power Asset reported 1H18 results after market close on 26 July with recurring earnings up 8% yoy. We believe the flat yoy interim dividend of HKD0.77/share is lower than market expectation. We fine-tune our earnings forecasts and but lower target price to HKD59.3 on lower value creation from potential acquisitions (as result of weaker balance sheet after special dividend distributions/acquisitions). With rising outlook for US treasury yield, we find PAH's yield spread of ~2ppt over US 10-year treasury yield not to be particularly attractive - maintain Hold.

Results key highlights

Reported earnings were HKD4,120m for 1H18, up 2% yoy while recurring earnings (excluding one-off gains of HKD10m for 1H18 and one-off gains of HKD213m for 1H17) were HKD4,110m, up 8% yoy. Management attributes the growth to the full-period effect of DUET for 1H18.

PAH was in net cash position of HKD3.4bn by Jun 2018 (vs. HKD18.2bn by Dec 2017), indicating net cash per share of HKD1.6 (vs. HKD8.5 by Dec 2017).

Positive surprises: Earnings from China reached HKD234m for 1H18, up 44% yoy and driven by higher electricity sales.

Negative surprises: Bank interest income for 1H18 was only HKD147m, down 54% yoy and driven by the lower cash balances after several special dividend distributions/acquisitions. Interim dividend was only HKD0.77/share, flat yoy.

Earnings/target price revisions

We fine-tune our earnings forecast as we 1) factor in DB's latest foreign exchange rate forecasts and 2) update HK Electric's SoC capex plan. We lower our target price to HKD59.3 due to 1) ex-dividend effect of the special dividend (HKD6.0/sh) paid in Apr 2018; 2) us assuming slower dividend growth: we now assume PAH's interim dividend to keep flat yoy while final dividend to increase by HKD0.035/ sh every year; 3) less value creation from PAH's potential acquisition: our target price now incorporates only HKD8.3 (vs. previous: HKD9.0) from PAH's potential acquisition, as result of the company's weaker balance sheet after the special dividends and intensive M&A deals.

Date 26 July 2018 Forecast Change

Price at 25 Jul 2018 (HKD)	57.20
Price target - 12mth (HKD)	59.30
52-week range (HKD)	78.75 - 54.10
HANG SENG INDEX	28,921

Valuation & Risks

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Key changes			
TP	64.90 to 59.30	\downarrow	-8.6%
Sales (FYE)	1,387 to 1,513	Ŷ	9.1%
Op prof margin (FYE)	45.9 to 85.5	Ŷ	86.2%
Net profit (FYE)	8,005.3 to 8,131.2	Ŷ	1.6%
Source: Deutsche Bank			

Price/price relative



Power Assets — HANG SENG INDEX (Rebased)

Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	4.6	-1.2	-25.7
HANG SENG INDEX	-0.1	-4.6	7.7
Source: Deutsche Bank			
Key indicators (FY1)			
ROE (%)			9.0
Net debt/equity (%)			-5.4
Book value/share (HKD)		:	39.72
Price/book (x)			1.4
Net interest cover (x)			_
Operating profit margin (%)			85.5
Source: Deutsche Bank			

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Earnings breakdown

(HK\$ m)	1H17	2H17	1H18	2H18e	уоу	HoH	1H18/2018e
Hong Kong	335	780	328	807	-2%	-58%	29%
Australia	621	767	830	767	34%	8%	52%
UK	2,078	1,712	2,205	1,887	6%	29%	54%
Mainland China	163	206	234	215	44%	13%	52%
Other countries	356	232	397	257	12%	71%	61%
Others	471	598	126	78	-73%	-79%	62%
Total reported earnings	4,024	4,295	4,120	4,011	2%	-4%	51%
One offs	213	930	10	(10)	-95%	-99%	
Total recurring earnings	3,811	3,365	4,110	4,021	8%	22%	51%

Earnings and target price revision

We fine tune our earnings forecast for 2018/19e driven by foreign exchange rate forecast change and update on HKE's SoC capex plan (higher than our previous estimate). Our earnings forecasts are broadly in line with market consensus. We lower our target price to HKD59.3 due to 1) ex-dividend effect of the special dividend (HKD6.0/sh) paid in Apr 2018; 2) us assuming slower dividend growth: we now assume PAH's interim dividend to keep flat yoy while final dividend to increase by HKD0.035/sh every year; 3) less value creation from PAH's potential acquisition: our target price now incorporates only HKD8.3 (vs. previous: HKD9.0) from PAH's potential acquisition, as result of the company's weaker balance sheet after the special dividends and intensive M&A deals.

	2018E				2019E			2020E			
Avg.	Before	Current	%chg.	Before	Current	%chg.	Before	Current	%chg.		
AUD/HKD	5.77	6.02	4%	5.77	5.94	3%	NA	5.94	NA		
GBP/HKD	10.25	10.79	5%	10.25	11.01	7%	NA	11.01	NA		
NZD/HKD	5.34	5.39	1%	5.34	5.23	-2%	NA	5.23	NA		
CAD/HKD	6.00	6.03	0%	6.00	5.83	-3%	NA	5.83	NA		
EUR/HKD	9.31	9.38	1%	9.31	9.37	1%	NA	9.37	NA		
HKD/JPY	14.83	13.75	-7%	14.83	13.06	-12%	NA	13.06	NA		

Figure 3	B: Earning	s and targ	get price	revisions								
		2018E			2019E			2020E		Ta	rget Price H	<\$
	Before	Current	%chg.	Before	Current	%chg.	Before	Current	%chg.	Before	Current	%chg.
PAH	8,005	8,131	2%	7,410	7,599	3%	NA	7,728	NA	64.9	59.3	-9%

Figure 4: DB vs. Consensus

		201	BE recurring ea	irnings	2019	9E recurring ea	rnings	202	DE recurring ea	arnings
				DBe vs.			DBe vs.			DBe vs.
Company name	Ticker	DB	Consensus	consensus	DB	Consensus	consensus	DB	Consensus	consensus
PAH	0006.HK	8,131	7,915	3%	7,599	7,926	-4%	7,728	8,127	-5%

26 July 2018 Utilities Power Assets



Model updated: 26 July 2018	Fiscal year end 31-Dec	2015	2016	2017	2018E	2019E	2020E
Running the numbers	Financial Summary						
Asia	DB EPS (HKD)	3.91	3.38	3.37	3.81	3.56	3.62
Hong Kong	Reported EPS (HKD)	3.62	3.01	3.90	3.81	3.56	3.62
	DPS (HKD) BVPS (HKD)	2.70 57.9	7.72 55.5	10.36 44.8	8.90 39.7	2.93 40.4	2.97 41.1
Utilities	Weighted average shares (m)	2,134	2,134	2,134	2,134	2,134	2,134
Power Assets	Average market cap (HKDm)	158,082	158,035	148,481	122,080	122,080	122,080
	Enterprise value (HKDm)	32,790	37,898	49,293	33,689	32,268	30,793
Reuters: 0006.HK Bloomberg: 6 HK	Valuation Metrics						
Hold	P/E (DB) (x) P/E (Reported) (x)	18.9 20.4	21.9 24.6	20.7 17.8	15.0 15.0	16.1 16.1	15.8 15.8
Price (25 Jul 18) HKD 57.20	P/BV (x) FCF Yield (%)	1.23 4.1	1.23 2.9	1.47 3.9	1.44 4.4	1.42 4.1	1.39 4.1
Target Price HKD 59.30	Dividend Yield (%)	3.6	10.4	14.9	15.6	5.1	5.2
52 Week range HKD 54.10 - 78.75	EV/Sales (x) EV/EBITDA (x)	25.1 17.7	29.4 80.1	34.7 55.1	22.3 26.1	21.4 22.9	20.4 21.8
Market cap (m) HKDm 122,080	EV/EBIT (x)	17.7	80.1	55.1	26.1	22.9	21.8
USDm 15,560	Income Statement (HKDm)						
Company Profile	Sales revenue	1,308	1,288	1,420	1,513	1,511	1,511
PAH's primary business is owning and operating a vertically-	Gross profit EBITDA	1,308 1,849	1,288 473	1,420 894	1,513 1,293	1,511 1,411	1,511 1,411
integrated electric utility serving 544,000 customers located on	Depreciation	2	0	0	0	0	0
Hong Kong and Lamma islands. PAH owns 3,736MW (majority coal fired) capacity in Hong Kong. The HK operations of PAH	Amortisation EBIT	0 1,847	0 473	0	1 202	0	0
are governed by the SoC which sets generous permitted	Net interest income(expense)	612	473 550	894 515	1,293 212	1,411 99	1,411 89
returns based on fixed assets. Outside Hong Kong, PAH also	Associates/affiliates	6,747	6,401	6,154	6,728	6,346	6,484
holds investments in Australia, the UK, Canada, New Zealand,	Exceptionals/extraordinaries	-1,221	-771	1,148	200	17	17
	Other pre-tax income/(expense) Profit before tax	-264 7,721	-248 6,405	-295 8,416	-281 8,152	-281 7,591	-282 7,719
Price Performance	Income tax expense	-11	-12	97	21	-8	-10
120	Minorities	0	0	0	0	0	0
100	Other post-tax income/(expense) Net profit	0 7,732	0 6,417	0 8,319	0 8,131	0 7,599	0 7,728
80	DB adjustments (including dilution)	616	787	-1,131	0	0	0
60	DB Net profit	8,348	7,204	7,188	8,131	7,599	7,728
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Jan '17 Jul '17 Jan '18 Jul '18	Cash Flow (HKDm)	6,454	4,564	4,879	5,321	5,015	5,012
Power Assets — HANG SENG INDEX (Rebased)	Cash flow from operations Net Capex	0,454	4,504	4,879	0,521	5,015	5,012
Margin Trends	Free cash flow	6,454	4,564	5,814	5,321	5,015	5,012
150	Equity raised/(bought back) Dividends paid	0 -5,741	0 -5,805	0 -32,632	0 -18,910	0 -6,179	0 -6,253
	Net inc/(dec) in borrowings	-5,741	-3,003	-2,032	-10,910	-0,179	-0,233
	Other investing/financing cash flows	18,582	-49,686	38,192	0	0	0
50	Net cash flow	19,295	-50,927	9,346	-13,588 -1,273	-1,164	-1,242 -1,454
0	Change in working capital	-1,615	-1,244	-1,406	-1,273	-1,454	-1,404
15 16 17 18E 19E 20E	Balance Sheet (HKDm)						
EBITDA Margin 🔶 EBIT Margin	Cash and other liquid assets Tangible fixed assets	68,149 30	61,710 29	25,407 14	11,819 14	10,655 14	9,413 14
Growth & Profitibility	Goodwill/intangible assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
40 1 10	Associates/investments	66,548	66,941	81,004	83,814	86,399	89,116
20 9	Other assets Total assets	631 135,358	1,097 129,777	576 107,001	576 96,223	576 97,643	576 99,119
0	Interest bearing debt	9,405	8,514	7,223	7,242	7,242	7,242
-20 -7	Other liabilities	2,356	2,852	4,198	4,198	4,198	4,198
-40 6	Total liabilities	11,761	11,366	11,421	11,440	11,440	11,440
-60 +	Shareholders' equity Minorities	123,597 0	118,411 0	95,580 0	84,783 0	86,204 0	87,679 0
15 16 17 18E 19E 20E	Total shareholders' equity Net debt	123,597 -58,744	118,411 -53,196	95,580 -18,184	84,783 -4,577	86,204 -3,413	87,679 -2,171
Sales growth (LHS)		,	,	.,	,=	- ,	-,
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Solvency	Key Company Metrics	20.6	4 5	40.0		0.4	0.0
Solvency 0	Sales growth (%)	-38.6 1.4	-1.5 -13.7	10.2 -0.2	6.6 13.1	-0.1 -6.5	0.0 1.7
Solvency	Sales growth (%) DB EPS growth (%) EBITDA Margin (%)	1.4 141.4	-13.7 36.7	-0.2 63.0	13.1 85.5	-6.5 93.4	1.7 93.4
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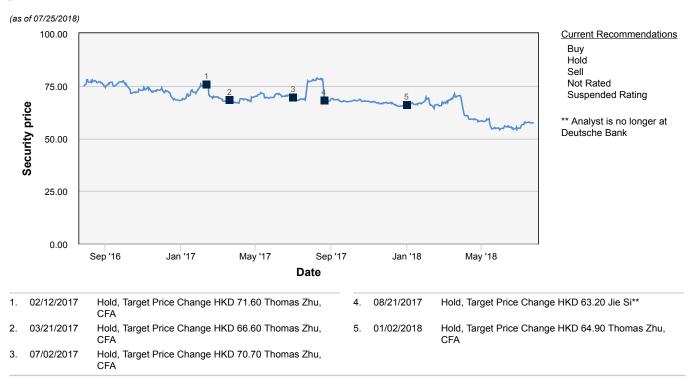
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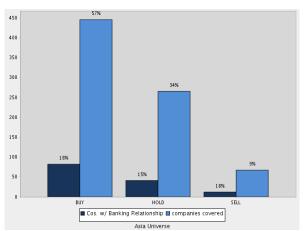
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