



# Company Report: 361 Degrees International (01361 HK)

公司报告: 361度 (01361 HK)

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# Significantly Weaker-than-expected 2H18 Business, Downgrade to "Neutral"

2018年下半年业务严重差于预期,下调至"中性"

- 4Q18 channel performance was worse than expected. Retail sales of 361° core branded products was basically flat YoY, the worst growth rate over the past 4 years. Growth of the Company's core brand slowed down in 3Q18 and was even worse in 4Q18, indicating continued pressure from declining customer traffic in retail channels. Retail sales of 361° Kids branded products recorded low-teens YoY growth, the same as the previous two quarters.
- Revise down 2018-2020 EPS forecasts by 23.5%, 26.6% and 29.6% to RMB0.185, RMB0.199 and RMB0.211, respectively. According to the management of 361 Degrees, the Company received almost no replenishment orders in 2H18, which was very unexpected and will result in a significant decline in the Company's 2H18 revenue. Besides, there was foreign exchange loss amounting to around RMB70 million in 2018. Therefore, we forecast net profit in 2018 to drop by 16.4% YoY.
- Cut TP to HK\$2.03 and downgrade to "Neutral". The 361° kids business has become the only growth driver for the Company, while the other business segments, including the core brand, the One Way brand and international business, are becoming less competitive and are unable to maintain stable growth in the weak market environment. We cut our TP from HK\$3.00 to HK\$2.03 to reflect our revision in earnings forecasts as well as increased concern on the Company's business in 2019. Our new TP represents 9.7x, 9.0x and 8.5x 2018, 2019 and 2020 PER, respectively, as well as 12.2% upside potential.
- 2018 年 4 季度渠道表现差于预期。361°核心品牌产品的零售销售额同比持平,这是过去 4 年中的最差增速。公司核心品牌的增速从 2018 年 3 季度开始放缓,并在 4 季度变得更差,反映了来自零售渠道客流量减少的压力。361°童装品牌产品的零售销售额录得了低双位数同比增长,与前两个季度增速一致。
- 分别下调 2018-2020 年每股盈利预测 23.5%、26.6%和 29.6%至人民币 0.185 元、0.199 元和 0.211 元。361 度管理层表示公司在 2018 年下半年几乎没有收到补单,这严重出乎 意料,并将导致公司 2018 年下半年收入大幅下滑。此外,2018 年产生了约 7,000 万元人 民币的汇兑损失。因此我们预测 2018 年净利润将同比下滑 16.4%。
- 下调目标价至 2.03 港元并下调评级至 "中性"。361° 童装品牌成为了公司目前唯一的增长 引擎,而其他业务板块(包括核心品牌、One Way 品牌和国际业务)则在目前较弱的市场 环境当中变得更加没有竞争力并难以保持稳定增长。我们将目标价从 3.00 港元下调至 2.03 港元以反映我们对盈利预测的调整以及对公司 2019 年业务更多的担忧。我们的目标价分 别相当于 9.7 倍、9.0 倍和 8.5 倍 2018 年、2019 年和 2020 年市盈率,以及 12.2%的上升空间。

Rating:	Neutral
	Downgraded

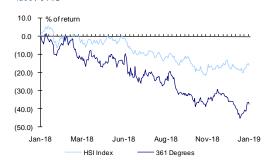
**评级:** 中性 (下调)

6-18m TP目标价: **HK\$2.03**Revised from 原目标价: HK\$3.00

Share price 股价: HK\$1.810

# 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 %	0.0	(1.6)	(37.4)
Rel. % to HS Index 相对恒指变动 %	(3.1)	(7.3)	(21.7)
Avg. Share price(HK\$) 平均股价(港元)	1.7	1.8	2.3

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	5,023	403	0.195	(22.2)	8.3	2.620	0.6	0.110	6.8	7.6
2017A	5,158	457	0.221	13.4	6.8	2.820	0.5	0.091	6.0	8.3
2018F	5,131	382	0.185	(16.4)	8.6	2.916	0.5	0.076	4.8	6.6
2019F	5,236	412	0.199	7.9	8.0	3.056	0.5	0.082	5.1	6.8
2020F	5,429	437	0.211	6.2	7.5	3.185	0.5	0.088	5.5	6.9

Shares in issue (m) 总股数 (m)	2,067.6	Major shareholder 大股东	Ding's Family 47.8%
Market cap. (HK\$ m) 市值 (HK\$ m)	3,742.4	Free float (%) 自由流通比率(%)	35.9
3 month average vol. 3 个月平均成交股数('000)	1,129.7	FY19 Net gearing (%) FY19 净负债/股东资金 (%)	Net Cash
52 Weeks high/low (HK\$) 52 周高/低 (HK\$)	2.970 / 1.530	FY19 Est. NAV (HK\$) FY19 每股估值(港元)	2.4

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

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**4Q18 channel performance was worse than expected.** 361 Degrees (the "Company") announced its 4Q18 operational results. Retail sales of 361° core branded products was basically flat YoY, the worst growth rate over the past 4 years (normally high-single-digit growth) and was significantly worse than expected. Growth of the Company's core brand slowed down in 3Q18 and got even worse in 4Q18, indicating continued pressure from declining customer traffic in retail channels. Distributors continued to close low-efficiency stores in 2H18, and the total number of 361° core branded retail stores amounted to around 5,500 by the end of 2018, which was down from 5,604 stores as at 30 June 2018, and lower than what we previously expected. The 361° Kids brand, on the contrary, maintained strong growth. Retail sales of 361° Kids branded products recorded low-teens YoY growth, the same as the previous two quarters. We expect the 361° Kids brand to remain as the Company's main growth driver in 2019, while pressure on its core brand may continue at least into 1H19. The Company didn't reveal retail performance of the One Way brand in 3Q18 and 4Q18, but according the management of the Company, the One Way brand has not been performing well and is going through a transformation stage. We still don't expect very significant impact to the top line from this brand during 2019 as the One Way brand only contributes less than 1% of total revenue at the current stage.

Figure-1: SSSG & Retail Sales Growth of The 361° Core Brand

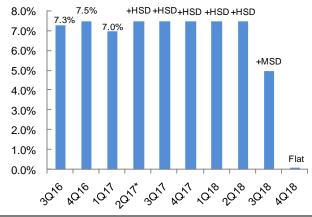


Figure-2: SSSG & Retail Sales Growth of The 361° Kids Brand



Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

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Figure-3: 361 Degrees - Total No. of Stores in China

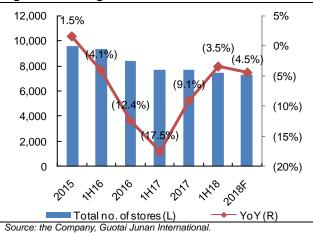
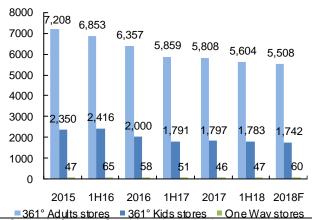


Figure-4: 361 Degrees - Stores in China by Brand



Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

The Company introduced a strategic investor in its children's wear business. On 9 November 2018, 361 Degrees announced to have entered into an investment agreement with Zhuji Yingshi Chuangjia Equity Investment Limited Partnership (the "Investor"). The Investor agreed to acquire 14.93% of the equity interest in Zhuji 361 Degrees, a wholly owned subsidiary of 361 Degrees. 361 Degrees will transfer all its children's wear business to Zhuji 361 Degrees over time. The total consideration for the acquisition is RMB 500 million, which will be used for the expansion of the Company's children's wear business. The Company's kids segment recorded net profit of RMB121 million in 2017, representing a YoY decrease of 23.7%. The acquisition of 14.93% of total equity for RMB500 million implies a valuation amounting to RMB3.34 billion for the Company's kids business, which represents 27.6x 2017 PER, much higher than the Company's current valuation of around 7x-8x 2017 PER. The acquisition is not expected to have any significant impact to the Company's profit or loss, and neither will it change the capital structure of the Company. The high valuation of the 361° kids business showed strong confidence of both the Company and the

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Investor in the future development of 361° kids business. In addition, the Investor may also bring some useful resources to strengthen growth of the Company's kids business over the next few years.

Revise down 2018-2020 EPS forecasts by 23.5%, 26.6% and 29.6% to RMB0.185, RMB0.199 and RMB0.211, respectively. The Company's business in 2H18 was much worse than expected. The Company has implemented a more flexible trade fair model, which allows distributors to make replenishment orders after trade fairs. Distributors normally place a very conservative amount of orders during trade fairs, and then make replenishment orders according to the actual performance in retail channels. However, according to the management of 361 Degrees, the Company received almost no replenishment orders in 2H18, which was very unexpected and will result in a significant decline in the Company's 2H18 revenue. The management of 361 Degrees forecasts revenue for the full year of 2018 to record relatively flat YoY growth, which implies that 2H18 revenue may have dropped by around 10% YoY. According to the management of 361 Degrees, there was foreign exchange loss amounting to around RMB70 million in 2018 due to the depreciation of the RMB. Therefore, we forecast net profit in 2018 to drop by 16.4% YoY, which is significantly worse than our previous forecast. Due to lower revenue forecasts, we revise down 2018-2020 net margin forecasts by 1.5 ppt, 1.4 ppt and 1.5 ppt to 7.4%, 7.9% and 8.1%, respectively.

Table-1: Key Assumptions and Adjustments

DMD		OLD			NEW			CHANGE	
RMB mn	2018F	2019F	2020F	2018F	2019F	2020F	2018F	2019F	2020F
Revenue	5,582	6,010	6,434	5,131	5,236	5,429	(8.1%)	(12.9%)	(15.6%)
Gross profit	2,311	2,499	2,681	2,127	2,179	2,264	(8.0%)	(12.8%)	(15.6%)
Operating profit	1,015	1,079	1,169	830	852	891	(18.2%)	(21.0%)	(23.8%)
Net profit	499	561	621	382	412	437	(23.5%)	(26.6%)	(29.6%)
Basic EPS (RMB)	0.241	0.271	0.300	0.185	0.199	0.211	(23.5%)	(26.6%)	(29.6%)
Gross margin	41.4%	41.6%	41.7%	41.5%	41.6%	41.7%	0.1 ppt	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt
% A&P of turnover	9.6%	9.5%	9.3%	10.4%	10.4%	10.2%	0.7 ppt	0.9 ppt	0.9 ppt
% SG&A of turnover	26.7%	26.3%	25.9%	28.0%	28.4%	28.4%	1.3 ppt	2.1 ppt	2.4 ppt
Operating margin	18.2%	18.0%	18.2%	16.2%	16.3%	16.4%	(2.0) ppt	(1.7) ppt	(1.8) ppt
Effective tax rate	36.5%	34.0%	34.0%	36.5%	34.0%	34.0%	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt	0.0 ppt
Net margin	8.9%	9.3%	9.6%	7.4%	7.9%	8.1%	(1.5) ppt	(1.4) ppt	(1.5) ppt

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

Cut TP to HK\$2.03 and downgrade investment rating to "Neutral". According to the management's latest guidance, the Company's financial performance in 2H18 is expected to largely miss our previous forecasts. The 361° kids business has become the only growth driver for the Company, while the other business segments, including the core brand, the One Way brand and the international business, are becoming less competitive and unable to maintain stable growth in the weak market environment. The absence of replenishment orders in 2H18 was an important signal indicating distributors' weak confidence in the market, which is likely to result in more conservative trade fair orders in 2019 and may even affect the Company's collection of trade receivables. We cut our TP from HK\$3.00 to HK\$2.03 to reflect our revision in earnings forecasts as well as increased concern on the Company's business in 2019. Our new TP represents 9.7x, 9.0x and 8.5x 2018, 2019 and 2020 PER, respectively. Our TP reflects 12.2% upside potential, and therefore we downgrade our investment rating from "Buy" to "Neutral".

**Risks:** 1) a slowdown in China's sportswear industry growth, 2) fierce competition in the e-commerce business sector, 3) unexpected fluctuations in foreign exchange rates and 4) potential impact from Sino-US trade friction.



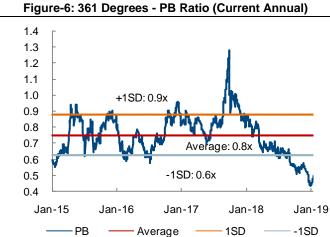
**Table-2: Peers Valuation Comparison Table** 

				Market											EV/	Gross	Operating
Company	Stock	_	Last	Сар		PE(				PB(			ROE(%)	D/Y(%)	EBITDA(x)	Margin(%)	Margin(%)
	Code	Currency	price	HKD mn	17A	18F	19F	20F	17A	18F	19F	20F	18F	18F	18F	18F	18F
Sportswear																	
361 Degrees Intl	1361 HK	HKD	1.81	3,742	6.8	8.6	8.0	7.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	6.6	4.8	0.3	41.5	16.2
Anta	2020 HK	HKD	35.65	95,717	26.4	20.6	16.8	14.1	5.8	5.2	4.6	4.0	27.3	3.5	12.9	52.3	23.8
China Dongxiang	3818 HK	HKD	1.16	6,828	6.9	7.8	7.8	8.1	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	7.8	7.9	7.5	56.6	60.0
Xtep Intl	1368 HK	HKD	4.56	10,230	21.0	13.9	11.9	10.4	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.4	11.7	4.2	5.9	43.8	16.5
Lining	2331 HK	HKD	9.53	20,884	38.4	28.0	21.5	17.7	3.4	3.4	3.1	2.7	12.9	0.6	12.9	48.2	7.2
Simple Average					19.9	15.8	13.2	11.6	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.8	13.3	4.2	7.9	48.5	24.7
Weighted Average	Э				26.3	20.3	16.4	13.9	4.7	4.3	3.8	3.3	22.4	3.3	11.8	50.9	22.3
Ladies' Footwear	,																
Daphne	210 HK	HKD	0.24	401	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Stella Intl	1836 HK	HKD	10.10	8,023	16.6	14.2	11.7	10.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0	8.8	6.0	8.6	18.5	3.6
Le Saunda **	738 HK	HKD	0.88	621	7.1	8.9	n.a.	n.a.	0.4	0.4	n.a.	n.a.	4.7	6.2	1.1	65.8	6.9
C.Banner Intl	1028 HK	HKD	0.47	976	40.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.4	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Simple Average					21.5	11.6	11.7	10.2	0.5	0.7	1.0	1.0	6.8	6.1	4.8	42.1	5.2
Weighted Average	•				18.4	13.9	11.7	10.2	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	8.5	6.0	8.0	21.9	3.8
Apparel																	
China Lilang	1234 HK	HKD	6.49	7,772	11.1	8.7	7.4	6.5	2.1	2.0	1.8	1.6	23.5	8.3	5.4	41.0	26.5
Trinity	891 HK	HKD	0.33	1,169	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
I.T**	999 HK	HKD	4.20	5,022	16.2	11.7	8.5	7.2	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.2	13.1	5.0	3.1	63.5	8.8
Giordano Intl	709 HK	HKD	3.72	5,872	11.7	11.4	10.9	10.5	2.0	2.1	2.1	2.2	18.8	8.9	6.5	59.2	11.6
Esprit*	330 HK	HKD	1.64	3,095	54.7	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	(24.8)	0.0	n.a.	51.3	(14.8)
Simple Average					13.0	10.6	9.0	8.1	1.5	1.8	1.7	1.7	18.5	7.4	5.0	54.6	15.6
Weighted Average	e				12.6	10.4	8.8	7.9	1.8	1.9	1.8	1.7	19.2	7.6	5.1	52.8	17.1

Source: Bloomberg, Guotai Junan International. All forecasts are based on Bloomberg consensus.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Note: The financial year end date of Le Saunda (738) and IT (999) is the end of February. For easier comparison with peers, "17A" means "FY18A" and "18F" means FY19F and so on for the two companies.





12.0 11.0 +1SD: 9.7x 10.0 9.0 8.0 7.0 6.0 -1SD: 7.1x 5.0 4.0 Jan-15 Jan-16 Jan-17 Jan-18 Jan-19 PER - Average 1SD -1SD

Source: Bloomberg, Guotai Junan International.

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<sup>\*</sup> Note: Esprit (330) as outliers is excluded from the calculation of simple and weighted average.

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# **Financial Statements and Ratios**

	Income S	tatement			
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F	2020F
Total Revenue	5,023	5,158	5,131	5,236	5,429
Cost of Sales	(2,913)	(3,002)	(3,004)	(3,057)	(3,165)
Gross Profit	2,110	2,156	2,127	2,179	2,264
Other Revenue	113	180	208	158	164
Other Net Income/(Loss)	(10)	46	(70)	5	3
Selling and Distribution Expenses	(794)	(892)	(945)	(981)	(1,016)
Administrative Expenses	(469)	(503)	(491)	(508)	(523)
Operating Profit	949	988	830	852	891
Fair Value of Derivatives	0	0	0	0	0
Repurchase of Senior Unsecured Notes	(55)	0	0	0	0
Net Finance Income (costs)	(187)	(214)	(213)	(213)	(213)
Profit Before Tax	707	774	618	640	678
Income Tax	(287)	(307)	(225)	(217)	(231)
Profit After Tax	421	467	392	422	448
Non-controlling Interest	(18)	(11)	(11)	(11)	(11)
Shareholders' Profit / Loss	403	457	382	412	437
Basic EPS	0.195	0.221	0.185	0.199	0.211
YoY	(22.2%)	13.4%	(16.4%)	7.9%	6.2%
101	(22.2/0)	13.4 /0	(10.470)	1.0/0	0.

	Cash Flow S	Statement			
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F	2020F
Profit Before Taxation	707	774	618	640	678
D&A	110	121	120	127	134
Other Adjustments	189	59	208	139	144
Changes in Working Capital	321	89	(681)	(293)	(281)
Income Tax Paid	(196)	(210)	(163)	(169)	(187)
Cash from Operating Activities	1,132	832	101	444	489
Capital Expenditure	(147)	(44)	(118)	(121)	(125)
Pledged Bank Deposits	(64)	(150)	50	50	50
Deposits with Banks	(1,037)	(1,069)	500	100	100
Others	99	85	67	61	59
Cash from Investing Activities	(1,149)	(1,177)	499	91	84
Net Borrowings	2,657	(62)	(75)	(73)	(71)
Interest Paid	(198)	(202)	(213)	(213)	(213)
Dividends Paid	(316)	(147)	(194)	(132)	(182)
Others	(1,538)	0	0	0	0
Cash from Financing Activities	604	(411)	(482)	(418)	(466)
Net Changes in Cash	587	(757)	118	117	107
Cash at Beg of Year	2,286	2,882	2,116	2,164	2,286
Foreign Exchange Effect	8	(9)	(70)	5	3
Cash at End of Year	2,882	2,116	2,164	2,286	2,396

Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F	2020F
Property, Plant and Equipment	1,325	1,237	1,235	1,229	1,219
Others	131	156	158	169	178
Total Non-current Assets	1,456	1,393	1,393	1,398	1,398
Inventories	541	814	977	1,055	1,118
Trade Debtors	2,037	1,929	2,247	2,500	2,730
Bills Receivable	184	221	205	209	217
Deposits, Prepayments and Other					
Receivables	668	728	786	849	916
Pledged Bank Deposits	186	335	285	235	185
Deposits with Banks	2,537	3,606	3,106	3,006	2,906
Cash & Cash Equivalents	2,882	2,116	2,164	2,286	2,396
Total Current Assets	9,034	9,748	9,769	10,140	10,469
Total Assets	10,490	11,141	11,163	11,537	11,866
Trade and Other Payables	1,928	2,264	2,105	2,210	2,299
Bank Loans	76	13	15	17	18
Current Taxation	339	468	524	577	623
Total Current Liabilities	2,343	2,744	2,644	2,803	2,939
Deferred Tax Liabilities	2	0	1	1	1
Interest-bearing Borrowings	2,727	2,565	2,489	2,414	2,341
Total Non-current Liabilities	2,729	2,565	2,489	2,415	2,342
Total Liabilities	5,072	5,310	5,133	5,218	5,282
Share Capital	182	182	182	182	182
Reserves	5,121	5,524	5,711	5,991	6,246
Total Shareholders' Equity	5,303	5,706	5,894	6,173	6,428
Minority Interest	114	125	136	146	157
Total Equity	5,418	5,831	6,029	6,319	6,585

Balance Sheet

Financial Ratios						
	2016A	2017A	2018F	2019F	2020F	
Gross Margin (%)	42.0	41.8	41.5	41.6	41.7	
Operating Margin (%)	18.9	19.1	16.2	16.3	16.4	
Net Margin (%)	8.0	8.9	7.4	7.9	8.1	
ROE (%)	7.6	8.3	6.6	6.8	6.9	
ROA (%)	4.2	4.2	3.4	3.6	3.7	
ROCE (%)	31.4	39.3	30.8	27.2	26.4	
Payout Ratio (%)	56.5	41.2	41.2	41.2	41.6	
Inventory Days	68.5	82.3	108.8	121.3	125.3	
A/C Receivable Days	162.6	154.7	163.7	179.9	190.2	
A/C Payable Days	155.1	176.7	193.0	198.2	203.9	
Net Gearing (%)	Net cash					
Current Ratio (x)	3.9	3.6	3.7	3.6	3.6	
Interest coverage (x)	7.9	7.6	6.0	5.8	6.0	

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

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#### **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.

#### **Sector Rating Definition**

The Benchmark: Hong Kong Hang Seng Index

Time Horizon: 6 to 18 months

Rating		Definition
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Neutral	中性	Relative Performanceis -5% to 5%; or the fundamental outlook of the sector is neutral.
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