

Company Report: Longfor Group (00960 HK)

公司报告:龙湖集团 (00960 HK)

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# Sustainable Growth Prospects, Maintain "Accumulate"

持续增长预期,维持"收集"

- 2018 underlying net profit beat our expectation by 9.6% given higher-than-expected gross margin. The Company's top line increased sharply by 60.7% YoY to RMB115,798 mn. Underlying net profit increased 43.1% YoY to RMB14,557 mn.
- The Company's growth is expected to be sustainable. Contracted sales is likely to maintain a steady growth rate given saleable resources of RMB350 bn, mainly in higher-tier cities. Rental income is expected to grow fast. In addition, the growth of apartment rental business is expected to remain fast. We expect rental income to increase from RMB4,090 mn in 2018 to RMB11,947 mn in 2021, or at a CAGR of 42.9% in 2018-2021.
- We expect stable margins and a sustained healthy financial position for the Company. A quality land bank, appropriate unit land cost (32.2% of ASP in 2018) and low funding costs could result in stable margins of over 32.0%.
- The Company will maintain healthy fundamentals alongside decreasing operating risk. We think that Longfor deserves a low NAV discount. We revise up our target price from HK\$25.71 to HK\$32.19, representing a 33% discount to its 2019E NAV, 7.3x 2019 underlying PER and 2.1x 2019 PBR. We maintain "Accumulate". Risk: lower-than-expected contracted sales and absent rental income growth.
- 基于高于预期的毛利率,2018 年核心净利好于我们预期9.6%。总收入同比迅猛增长60.7%
  到人民币115,798 百万元。核心净利同比上升43.1%到人民币14,557 百万元。
- 公司预计可持续增长。基于主要位于高线城市的人民币 3,500 亿元的可售货值,合约销售 很有可能稳定增长。租金收入将快速增长。另外,长租公寓业务的增长预计会保持较快速 度。我们预计租金收入将会从 2018 年的人民币 40.90 亿元上升到 2021 年的人民币 119.47 亿元,相当于 2018-2021 年的复合增长率为 42.9%。
- 我们预计公司拥有稳定的利润率和健康的财务状况。有质量的土储,合适的单位土地成本 (2018 年销售单价的 32.2%)以及低的财务成本能导致高于 32.0%的稳定的利润率。
- 公司将会维持一个运营风险降低下的健康基本面。我们认为龙湖地产应适用较低的每股净资产折让。我们将目标价从 25.71 港元上调至 32.19 港元,相当于较其 2019 年每股净资产有 33%折让,也相当于 7.3 倍 2019 年核心市盈率和 2.1 倍 2019 年市净率。我们维持"收集"。风险:低于预期的合约销售和强劲的租金收入增长无法实现。

Rating:	Accumulate Maintained
评级:	<b>收集</b> (维持)
<b>6-18m TP目标价:</b> Revised from 原目标价:	HK\$32.19 HK\$25.71
Share price 股价:	HK\$28.250

# Stock performance





Apr/18 May/18 Jul/18 Aug/18 Oct/18 Nov/18 Jan/19 Feb/19 Apr/19

HSINdex	Longtor Group

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 %	16.0	25.8	22.4
Rel. % to HS Index 相对恒指变动 %	12.2	13.2	22.2
Avg. Share price(HK\$) 平均股价(港元)	27.5	25.3	22.7

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)	(%)	(%)
2017A	72,075	12,599	2.134	36.1	11.0	11.952	2.0	0.481	2.0	19.0
2018A	115,798	16,237	2.726	27.7	9.1	13.712	1.8	0.701	2.8	21.3
2019F	171,203	20,432	3.738	37.1	6.4	17.625	1.4	1.057	4.4	23.0
2020F	206,989	25,438	4.644	24.2	5.2	20.926	1.1	1.314	5.5	24.1
2021F	249,785	30,738	5.251	13.1	4.6	23.354	1.0	1.483	6.2	24.5
Shares in issu	ue (m) 总股数	(m)		5,949.8	Major sl	hareholder 大服	东 H	SBC Internatio	nal Trustee	Limited 67.5%
Market cap. (	HK\$m)市值 (	HK\$ m)		168,081.9	Free flo	oat (%) 自由流道	恿比率 <b>(%)</b>			32.5
3 month aver	age vol. 3 个月	平均成交股数('00	00)	9,784.6	34.6 FY19 Net gearing (%) FY19 净负债/股东资金 (%)				35.6	
52 Weeks hig	h/low (HK\$) 52	2周高/低 (HK\$)		30.400 / 16.080	FY19 E	st. NAV (HK\$) I	<b>-Y19</b> 每股估付	值(港元)		48.0

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.



Fundamental bounced back in Mar. 2019. During Jan.-Mar. 2019, YoY increase in commodity house sales increased 2.80 ppts compared to that during Jan.-Feb. 2019. Investment maintained a strong YoY growth rate. Sources of funds for real estate development enterprises rebounded to 5.9%. We see a fundamental bounce back alongside some stimulative measures related to policy and credit environment.

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Figure 2: Cumulative House Sales GFA in China

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GFA Sold of Commodity Houses (RHS)

GFA Sold of Residential Houses (RHS)

Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China, Guotai Junan International.

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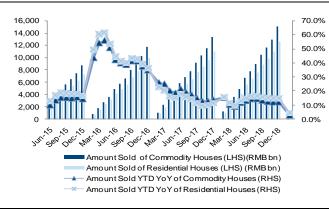
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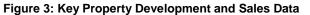
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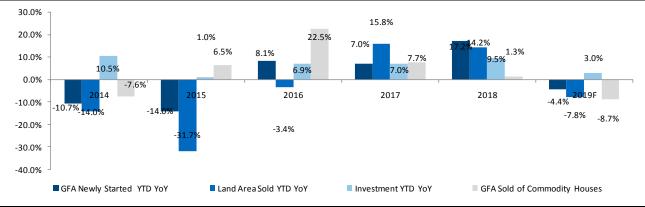
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#### Figure 1: Cumulative House Sales Amount in China



Source: National Bureau of Statistics of China, Guotai Junan International.





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External environment is likely to ease at a slower rate than our previous expectation due to the rebound in fundamentals. Targeted policies will be maintained to promote the steady and sound development of the property sector. In Apr. 2019, the National Development and Reform Commission ("NDRC") announced new easing measures in the household register system, which will accelerate urbanization and lead to population inflow in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. Considering the stable development of the property sector and recovery in fundamentals, we expect that governments will slow down its steps in advancing loosening measures in the external environment. However, with downside pressure in the property sector in 2H19, we expect easing measures to be published by local governments in 2H19. Overall, for the policy and monetary environment, the key note of healthy property market maintenance will not change.

2018 underlying net profit beat our expectation by 9.6% given higher-than-expected gross margin. Total revenue increased sharply by 60.7% YoY to RMB115,798 mn. Because of strong rental income growth and GFA delivered with higher GPM, we see GPM improvement of 0.2 ppt increase. Gross profit amounted to RMB39,529 mn, surging up 61.8% YoY. With more land appreciation tax paid and higher ratio of minority interests, net profit increased 28.9% YoY to RMB16,237 mn, which beat our expectation by 5.7%. Underlying net profit increased 43.1% YoY to RMB14,557 mn, also beating our expectation. Net profit margin fell 1.5 ppts YoY to 12.6%. Net gearing ratio increased by 7.1 ppts YoY on decreasing cash collection. Cash balance rose by 22.9% YoY to RMB84,596 mn.

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### Table 1: Comparison of the Company's Balance Sheet and Income Statement in 2017 and 2018

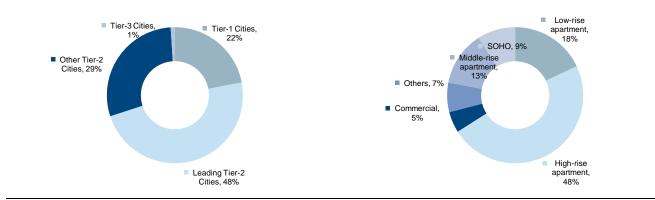
RMB mn	2017	2018	Change
Total revenue	72,075	115,798	60.7%
Gross profit	24,436	39,529	61.8%
GPM	33.9%	34.1%	0.2 ppts
Net profit (Inc. after-tax fair value gains on IP)	12,599	16,237	28.9%
Net profit (Ex. after-tax fair value gains on IP)	10,174	14,557	43.1%
NPM (Inc. after-tax fair value gains on IP)	17.5%	14.0%	-3.5 ppts
NPM (Ex. after-tax fair value gains on IP)	14.1%	12.6%	-1.5 ppts
DPS (RMB cent)	0.481	0.701	45.7%
Underlying EPS (RMB cent)	2.170	2.779	28.0%
Land appreciation tax	4,605	8,625	87.3%
Cash and cash equivalents	86,691	102,442	18.2%
Total assets	362,764	506,884	39.7%
Properties under development	151,421	232,015	53.2%
Total debt	75,426	119,820	58.9%
Shareholders' equity	70,567	81,661	15.7%
ROE	19.0%	21.3%	2.1 ppts
Net gearing ratio	45.8%	52.9%	7.1 ppts

**Contracted sales is expected to maintain sustainable growth.** In 2018, contracted sales reached RMB200.64 billion, up by 28.5% YoY, achieving 100.3% of its 2018 sales target. Sales target and saleable resources for 2019 is expected to reach RMB 220 bn (indicating 10.0% YoY growth) and RMB 350 bn (indicating 62.9% target sale-through rate), respectively. As per the

Company's plan, saleable resources in tier-1 cities, leading tier-2 cities, other tier-2 cities, satellite cities and tier-3 cities will account for 22%, 48%, 25%, 4% and 1% of total saleable resources, respectively. Moreover, the company's future pipeline will mainly focus on tier-1, tier-2 and satellite cities. With population inflows given the loosening measures related to the household register system, we expect the sales target to be achievable. During Jan. to Mar. 2018, Longfor Properties recorded RMB44.48 bn in contracted sales, increasing 1.0% YoY. GFA amounted to 2.8 mn sq.m., up 0.6% YoY. The company has achieved 20.22% of its 2019 annual sales target.





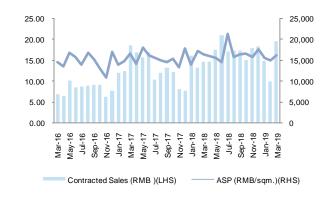


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#### Figure 6: The Company's Contracted Sales

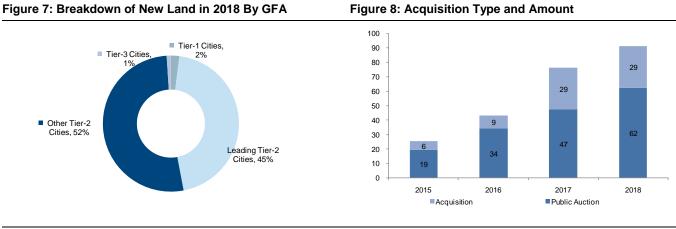


#### Source: the Company.

Longfor's rental income growth will maintain high levels. In 2018, gross rental revenue recorded 42.2% YoY growth with 97.4% occupancy rate. Rental GFA under development amounted to 2.089 mn sq.m. as at 31 Dec. 2018. During 2019-2020, there will be around 25 malls added to the company's investment property portfolios. With recently opened malls gradually turning into mature ones and new malls being added to their investment property portfolios, we expect rental income to increase from RMB4,090 mn in 2018 to RMB11,947 mn in 2021, or at a CAGR of 42.9% in 2018-2021. As a result of the high gross margins of rental income (amounting to over 64.9% during 2015-2018), the fast growth in rental income will also help to stabilize Longfor's gross margins.

Apartment rental business will maintain fast growth and is likely to meet breakeven in 2021. As at the end of 2018, the Company's apartment rental business operated over 53,000 rooms with occupancy rate of approximately 50.1%. As per the Company's plan, rental income from apartment rental business will reach RMB2.0 bn and meet breakeven in 2020.

Numerous land bank replenishments will support contracted sales growth but the quality has fallen somewhat. In 2018, the Company acquired 91 new projects with total GFA of 21.9 mn sq.m., up 8.4% YoY. Attributable GFA was 13.72 mn sq.m., up 19.3% YoY. Total consideration amounted to RMB 72.7 bn, down 1.8% YoY. Longfor Properties entered into 11 cities to spread coverage to 47 cities. In addition, 29 of 91 acquired new projects were through M&As. Average land cost only decreased by 17.8% YoY to 5,297 per sq.m. However, the new cities entered are mainly tier-3 cities, so the quality of land bank decreased somewhat.



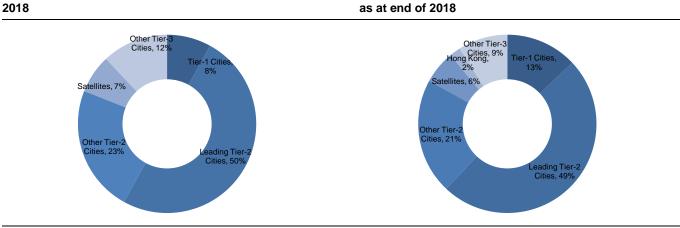
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**Proper unit land costs stabilize Longfor's margins.** As at the end of 2018, the Company had a total land bank of 66.36 mn sq.m., up 21.6% comparing to the end of 2017. Land banks in tier-1 and tier-2 cities accounted for approximately 81% of total land bank. According to the Company, its unit land cost amounted to RMB5,218 per sq.m., 32.2% of ASP in 2018. We think that this quality land bank and proper unit land cost could protect the Company's gross margins over the next three years.



## Figure 9: Breakdown of Total Land Bank By GFA as at end of Figure 10: Breakdown of Total Land Bank By Amount



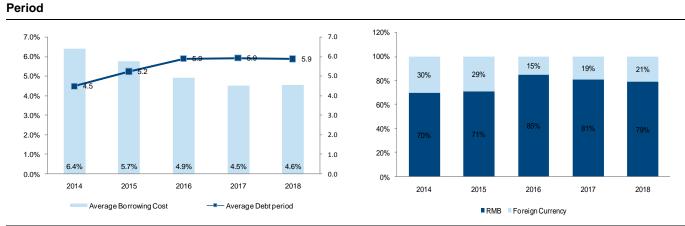
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The Company's funding costs are expected to slightly decrease and remain at a low level. In 2018, Longfor's funding costs increased by 0.05 ppts to 4.55%. However, funding cost of the Company could slightly decrease in 2018 because of easing monetary policies. As at Dec. 2018, the Company's net gearing ratio was 52.9%, up by 7.1 ppt from last year. With expected double-digit growth of contract sales and restrained land acquisition initiatives in 2019, we expect net gearing ratios to gradually decline. The Company should maintain a healthy financial position.

# Figure 11:Longfor's Average Borrowing Cost and Debt





Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

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We revise up underlying profit estimations. We expect that the Company's contracted sales will steadily grow due to sufficient saleable resources in higher-tier cities and a favorable pipeline. In addition, we expect faster rental income than our previous expectation. Apartment rental income will be a new growth engine for the Company. We revise up 2019F and 2020F total revenue by 13.7% and 8.7% to RMB171,203 mn and RMB206,989 mn, respectively. We expect stable gross margin; gross margin in 2018 was higher than our previous assumption. Therefore we revise up gross margin in 2019F and 2020F by 1.1 ppt and 1.9 ppt, respectively. We also expect higher land appreciation tax, which partially offsets the gross margin increase in 2019F and 2020F. Overall, we revise up 2019F and 2020F underlying net profit by 11.0% and 10.0% to RMB18,137 mn and RMB21,409 mn, respectively. Due to more cash collection from contracted sales and restrained land replenishment initiatives, net gearing ratios should be lower than our previous assumptions; we revise down net gearing ratio in 2019F and 2020F by 19.4 ppts and 20.4 ppts, respectively.

#### Table 2: Revisions to 2019-2021 Profit Estimations

	New estimation			Ol	d estimation			Change	
	2019F	2020F	2021F	2019F	2020F	2021F	2019F	2020F	2021F
Total revenue	171,203	206,989	249,785	150,518	190,363	n.a.	13.7%	8.7%	n.a.
Gross profit	55,861	67,263	81,596	47,524	58,150	n.a.	17.5%	15.7%	n.a.
Operating profit	50,488	63,740	75,824	40,471	50,202	n.a.	24.8%	27.0%	n.a.
Net profit	20,432	25,438	30,738	19,033	23,364	n.a.	7.3%	8.9%	n.a.
Underlying profit	18,137	21,409	26,319	16,342	19,465	n.a.	11.0%	10.0%	n.a.
Gross margin	32.6%	32.5%	32.7%	31.6%	30.5%	n.a.	1.1 ppts	1.9 ppts	n.a.
Operating profit margin	29.5%	30.8%	30.4%	26.9%	26.4%	n.a.	2.6 ppts	4.4 ppts	n.a.
Net profit margin	11.9%	12.3%	12.3%	12.6%	12.3%	n.a.	-0.7 ppts	0.0 ppts	n.a.
Underlying net profit margin	10.6%	10.3%	10.5%	10.9%	10.2%	n.a.	-0.3 ppts	0.1 ppts	n.a.
ROE	23.0%	24.1%	24.5%	21.9%	23.2%	n.a.	1.0 ppts	0.9 ppts	n.a.
ROCE	23.1%	26.3%	27.1%	18.5%	19.4%	n.a.	4.6 ppts	6.9 ppts	n.a.
ROA	7.9%	8.7%	9.2%	6.4%	6.6%	n.a.	1.5 ppts	2.0 ppts	n.a.
Net gearing ratio	35.6%	35.8%	30.3%	55.0%	56.2%	n.a.	-19.4 ppts	-20.4 ppts	n.a.

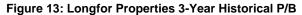
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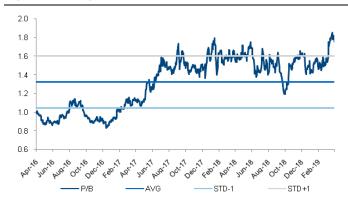
**Maintain "Buy".** With some stimulative measures, the property sector bounced back in Mar. 2019. Longfor's contracted sales will maintain steady growth. Rental income is likely to accelerate. Apartment rental business is expected to experience fast growth. Therefore, we expect Longfor to maintain sustainable revenue growth at a fairly fast pace. Despite quality decreasing somewhat, reasonable proper unit land cost will drive stability for Longfor's margins. The Company will retain their healthy financial position. The Company will maintain its healthy fundamentals alongside decreasing operating risk. Therefore, we think that the positive factors justify a low NAV discount. As we revise up underlying net profit, we revise up our target price from HK\$25.71 to HK\$32.19, representing a 33% discount to its 2019E NAV, 7.3x 2019 underlying PER and 2.1x 2019 PBR. Therefore, we maintain "Buy". Risk factors include lower-than-expected contracted sales and absent strong rental income growth.

#### Table 3: Breakdown of the Company's 2019 NAV

	NAV/share								
	(RMB m)	(HK\$ m)	(HK\$)	% of NAV	% of GAV				
Development property	243,133	286,039	48.03	100.0%	80.6%				
Investment property	58,435	68,747	11.54	24.0%	19.4%				
Gross asset value	301,569	354,787	59.57	124.0%	100.0%				
(Net debt)/Net cash	-58,353	-68,651	(11.53)	-24.0%					
NAV	243,215	286,136	48.04	100.0%					
NAV/Share	40.84	48.04							

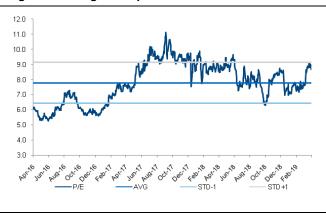
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Figure 14: Longfor Properties 3-Year Historical P/E



Source: Bloomberg, Guotai Junan International.



#### **Table 4: Peers Comparison**

		2019F	2020F	2021F	2019F	2020F	2021F	2018F	2018F	2018F
with major reve	nue from mainland									
00688 HK	29.750	7.2	6.1	5.5	1.0	0.9	0.8	3.7	15.1	3.7
03333 HK	25.600	5.5	5.1	4.5	1.7	1.4	1.1	9.2	34.8	9.2
01109 HK	34.250	8.4	7.3	6.3	1.3	1.2	1.0	4.7	16.6	4.7
02007 HK	13.160	5.8	5.0	4.5	1.6	1.3	1.0	5.4	29.9	5.4
00960 HK	28.850	8.8	7.3	6.2	1.6	1.4	1.2	4.9	19.0	4.9
02202 HK	33.250	7.6	6.8	5.9	1.7	1.4	1.2	4.5	23.3	4.5
01918 HK	43.200	6.7	5.4	4.3	2.1	1.5	1.2	3.2	33.1	3.2
03383 HK	12.720	5.2	4.6	4.2	0.9	0.8	0.7	8.6	16.9	8.6
00813 HK	25.600	6.4	5.3	4.4	1.0	0.9	0.8	6.2	17.0	6.2
02777 HK	17.020	3.7	3.1	2.7	0.6	0.5	0.5	10.9	17.5	10.9
02009 HK	3.000	6.3	5.9	6.2	0.5	0.4	0.4	2.9	8.2	2.9
03377 HK	3.830	6.2	4.8	4.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	7.0	7.6	7.0
00817 HK	5.580	8.2	6.4	5.1	1.3	1.1	1.0	4.9	15.6	4.9
00754 HK	9.250	10.1	9.2	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	2.9	n.a.	2.9
06158 HK	5.350	5.9	4.2	3.4	1.1	0.9	0.8	n.a.	17.9	n.a.
01813 HK	9.560	5.0	4.1	3.3	0.8	0.7	0.6	7.4	16.1	7.4
00123 HK	1.940	7.2	6.5	6.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	5.5	7.9	5.5
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00081 HK	4.430	5.4	4.2	3.3	0.7	0.6	0.5	4.1	13.0	4.1
00119 HK	3.530	4.4	4.0	3.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	6.5	10.0	6.5
00563 HK	1.710	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
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4.5      0.5      0.4        0377 HK      3.830      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5      0.4        0371 HK      9.500      5.0      4.1      3.3      0.8      0.7        0131 HK      1.940      7.2      6.5      6.6&lt;</td><td>00688 HK      22 750      7.2      6.1      5.5      1.0      0.9      0.8        0033 HK      22 600      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4      1.1        0199 HK      32 4200      8.4      7.3      6.3      1.3      1.0        0050 HK      28 80      8.8      7.3      6.2      1.6      1.4      1.2        02202 HK      33 250      7.6      6.8      5.9      1.7      1.4      1.2        0333 HK      12.720      5.2      4.6      4.2      0.9      0.8      0.7        0913 HK      2500      6.4      5.3      4.4      1.0      0.9      0.8        0917 HK      3.800      6.2      4.8      5.0      0.4      0.4        0337 MK      3.830      5.9      4.2      3.4      1.1      0.9      0.8        0917 HK      3.830      5.9      4.2      3.4      1.1      0.9      0.8      0.7      0.6        0917 HK      3.500      5.9      4.1</td><td>0088 HK      29 750      72      6.1      55      10      0.9      0.8      3.7        0033 HK      25 600      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4      1.1      9.2        0039 HK      3450      8.8      5.0      4.5      1.6      1.3      1.0      5.4        0090 HK      28 850      8.8      7.3      6.2      1.6      1.4      1.2      4.9        0091 HK      33200      7.6      6.4      5.9      1.7      1.4      1.2      3.2        0033 HK      1.2720      5.2      4.6      4.2      0.9      0.8      0.7      6.6        0033 HK      1.2720      5.2      4.6      4.3      2.1      1.5      1.2      3.2        0203 HK      1.020      3.7      3.1      2.7      0.6      0.5      0.5      10.9        0203 HK      3.80      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5      0.4      0.4      2.4      2.9      3.4      1.1      1.0      4.9      0.6</td><td>00889HK      29.750      7.2      6.1      5.5      1.0      0.9      0.8      3.7      15.1        033281K      25.600      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4      1.1      1.9      2.368        01091HK      31.80      5.8      5.0      4.5      1.6      1.3      1.0      5.4      2.9      0.08      0.4      2.9      0.08      0.4      2.23      3.1      2.23      3.31      0.03      0.6      0.8      0.7      3.6      1.0      1.0      2.9      2.2      3.1      0.03      0.6      0.</td></td></t<>	Обеве нк      29,750      7.2        03333 HK      25,600      5.5        01109 HK      34,250      8.4        02007 HK      13,160      5.8        00960 HK      28,850      8.8        02202 HK      33,250      7.6        01918 HK      43,200      6.7        03383 HK      12,720      5.2        00813 HK      25,600      6.4        02777 HK      17,020      3.7        02009 HK      3,000      6.3        033377 HK      3,830      6.2        00754 HK      9,250      10.1        06158 HK      5,350      5.9        01813 HK      9,560      5.0       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6.5        03604 HK      3.210      7.5      6.9        03301 HK      1.820      4.0      3.3        03883 HK      9.680 </td <td>00688 HK      29750      7.2      6.1      5.5        0333 HK      25600      5.5      5.1      4.5        0109 HK      34 250      8.4      7.3      6.3        02007 HK      13 160      5.8      5.0      4.5        00900 HK      28.860      8.8      7.3      6.2        02222 HK      33.250      7.6      6.8      5.9        01918 HK      4.200      6.7      5.4      4.3        03333 HK      12.720      5.2      4.6      4.2        00613 HK      25.600      6.4      5.3      4.4        02777 HK      17.020      3.7      3.1      2.7        02009 HK      3.800      6.2      4.8      4.5        00817 HK      5.800      8.2      6.4      5.1        00754 HK      9.250      10.1      9.2      na.        06158 HK      5.360      5.9      4.2      3.4        01813 HK      1940      7.2      6.9      6.6        03301 HK      11820      4.0&lt;</td> <td>00688 HK      29,750      72      6.1      55      1.0        03333 HK      25,000      55      5.1      4.5      1.7        01109 HK      32,250      8.4      7.3      6.3      1.3        02007 HK      13,160      5.8      5.0      4.5      1.6        02007 HK      33,250      7.6      6.8      5.9      1.7        0119 HK      43,200      6.7      5.4      4.3      2.1        03333 HK      12,720      5.2      4.6      4.2      0.9        0013 HK      17,020      3.7      3.1      2.7      0.6        02009 HK      3,000      6.3      5.9      6.2      0.5        03377 HK      3,830      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5        00754 HK      5,550      5.9      4.2      3.4      1.1        0113 HK      1,940      7.2      6.5      6.6      0.6        03301 HK      1,820      4.0      3.3      2.9      0.8        03301 HK      1,820</td> <td>00688 HK      29,750      7.2      6.1      5.5      1.0      0.9        03333 HK      25,500      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4        01109 HK      34,250      8.4      7.3      6.3      1.3      1.2        02071 HK      13,160      5.8      5.0      4.5      1.5      1.4        020207 HK      32,250      7.6      6.6      5.9      1.7      1.4        02333 HK      12,220      7.6      6.6      5.9      1.7      1.4        02383 HK      12,220      7.6      6.6      5.9      0.7      1.4      0.9        02377 HK      10,20      3.7      3.1      2.7      0.6      0.5        0377 HK      3.830      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5      0.4        0377 HK      3.830      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5      0.4        0371 HK      9.500      5.0      4.1      3.3      0.8      0.7        0131 HK      1.940      7.2      6.5      6.6&lt;</td> <td>00688 HK      22 750      7.2      6.1      5.5      1.0      0.9      0.8        0033 HK      22 600      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4      1.1        0199 HK      32 4200      8.4      7.3      6.3      1.3      1.0        0050 HK      28 80      8.8      7.3      6.2      1.6      1.4      1.2        02202 HK      33 250      7.6      6.8      5.9      1.7      1.4      1.2        0333 HK      12.720      5.2      4.6      4.2      0.9      0.8      0.7        0913 HK      2500      6.4      5.3      4.4      1.0      0.9      0.8        0917 HK      3.800      6.2      4.8      5.0      0.4      0.4        0337 MK      3.830      5.9      4.2      3.4      1.1      0.9      0.8        0917 HK      3.830      5.9      4.2      3.4      1.1      0.9      0.8      0.7      0.6        0917 HK      3.500      5.9      4.1</td> <td>0088 HK      29 750      72      6.1      55      10      0.9      0.8      3.7        0033 HK      25 600      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4      1.1      9.2        0039 HK      3450      8.8      5.0      4.5      1.6      1.3      1.0      5.4        0090 HK      28 850      8.8      7.3      6.2      1.6      1.4      1.2      4.9        0091 HK      33200      7.6      6.4      5.9      1.7      1.4      1.2      3.2        0033 HK      1.2720      5.2      4.6      4.2      0.9      0.8      0.7      6.6        0033 HK      1.2720      5.2      4.6      4.3      2.1      1.5      1.2      3.2        0203 HK      1.020      3.7      3.1      2.7      0.6      0.5      0.5      10.9        0203 HK      3.80      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5      0.4      0.4      2.4      2.9      3.4      1.1      1.0      4.9      0.6</td> <td>00889HK      29.750      7.2      6.1      5.5      1.0      0.9      0.8      3.7      15.1        033281K      25.600      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4      1.1      1.9      2.368        01091HK      31.80      5.8      5.0      4.5      1.6      1.3      1.0      5.4      2.9      0.08      0.4      2.9      0.08      0.4      2.23      3.1      2.23      3.31      0.03      0.6      0.8      0.7      3.6      1.0      1.0      2.9      2.2      3.1      0.03      0.6      0.</td>	00688 HK      29750      7.2      6.1      5.5        0333 HK      25600      5.5     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1.6        02007 HK      33,250      7.6      6.8      5.9      1.7        0119 HK      43,200      6.7      5.4      4.3      2.1        03333 HK      12,720      5.2      4.6      4.2      0.9        0013 HK      17,020      3.7      3.1      2.7      0.6        02009 HK      3,000      6.3      5.9      6.2      0.5        03377 HK      3,830      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5        00754 HK      5,550      5.9      4.2      3.4      1.1        0113 HK      1,940      7.2      6.5      6.6      0.6        03301 HK      1,820      4.0      3.3      2.9      0.8        03301 HK      1,820	00688 HK      29,750      7.2      6.1      5.5      1.0      0.9        03333 HK      25,500      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4        01109 HK      34,250      8.4      7.3      6.3      1.3      1.2        02071 HK      13,160      5.8      5.0      4.5      1.5      1.4        020207 HK      32,250      7.6      6.6      5.9      1.7      1.4        02333 HK      12,220      7.6      6.6      5.9      1.7      1.4        02383 HK      12,220      7.6      6.6      5.9      0.7      1.4      0.9        02377 HK      10,20      3.7      3.1      2.7      0.6      0.5        0377 HK      3.830      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5      0.4        0377 HK      3.830      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5      0.4        0371 HK      9.500      5.0      4.1      3.3      0.8      0.7        0131 HK      1.940      7.2      6.5      6.6<	00688 HK      22 750      7.2      6.1      5.5      1.0      0.9      0.8        0033 HK      22 600      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4      1.1        0199 HK      32 4200      8.4      7.3      6.3      1.3      1.0        0050 HK      28 80      8.8      7.3      6.2      1.6      1.4      1.2        02202 HK      33 250      7.6      6.8      5.9      1.7      1.4      1.2        0333 HK      12.720      5.2      4.6      4.2      0.9      0.8      0.7        0913 HK      2500      6.4      5.3      4.4      1.0      0.9      0.8        0917 HK      3.800      6.2      4.8      5.0      0.4      0.4        0337 MK      3.830      5.9      4.2      3.4      1.1      0.9      0.8        0917 HK      3.830      5.9      4.2      3.4      1.1      0.9      0.8      0.7      0.6        0917 HK      3.500      5.9      4.1	0088 HK      29 750      72      6.1      55      10      0.9      0.8      3.7        0033 HK      25 600      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4      1.1      9.2        0039 HK      3450      8.8      5.0      4.5      1.6      1.3      1.0      5.4        0090 HK      28 850      8.8      7.3      6.2      1.6      1.4      1.2      4.9        0091 HK      33200      7.6      6.4      5.9      1.7      1.4      1.2      3.2        0033 HK      1.2720      5.2      4.6      4.2      0.9      0.8      0.7      6.6        0033 HK      1.2720      5.2      4.6      4.3      2.1      1.5      1.2      3.2        0203 HK      1.020      3.7      3.1      2.7      0.6      0.5      0.5      10.9        0203 HK      3.80      6.2      4.8      4.5      0.5      0.4      0.4      2.4      2.9      3.4      1.1      1.0      4.9      0.6	00889HK      29.750      7.2      6.1      5.5      1.0      0.9      0.8      3.7      15.1        033281K      25.600      5.5      5.1      4.5      1.7      1.4      1.1      1.9      2.368        01091HK      31.80      5.8      5.0      4.5      1.6      1.3      1.0      5.4      2.9      0.08      0.4      2.9      0.08      0.4      2.23      3.1      2.23      3.31      0.03      0.6      0.8      0.7      3.6      1.0      1.0      2.9      2.2      3.1      0.03      0.6      0.

Weighted Average Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.



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

	Income S	tatement			
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2017A	2018A	2019F	2020F	2021F
Total Revenue	72,075	115,798	171,203	206,989	249,785
- Sales of properties	67,462	108,719	161,205	193,164	231,120
- Property management	2,019	2,989	3,945	5,168	6,718
- Property investment	2,593	4,090	6,054	8,657	11,947
Cost of sales	(47,639)	(76,270)	(115,342)	(139,727)	(168,189)
Gross Profit	24,436	39,529	55,861	67,263	81,596
- Change in Fair Value of IPs	4,923	4,702	5,831	10,280	11,075
- SG&A	(5,064)	(8,590)	(12,827)	(15,353)	(18,342)
- Other Gains, Net	436	1,274	1,622	1,550	1,495
Operating Profit	24,731	36,914	50,488	63,740	75,824
- Finance income/(costs), net	(45)	(75)	(81)	(91)	(100)
- Others	1,868	643	772	888	1,021
Profit before Tax	26,554	37,483	51,178	64,537	76,745
Income Tax	(10,075)	(16,592)	(22,401)	(28,196)	(33,452)
Profit after Tax	16,478	20,891	28,778	36,340	43,293
Non-controlling Interest	(3,880)	(4,654)	(8,346)	(10,902)	(12,555)
Shareholders' Profit / Loss	12,599	16,237	20,432	25,438	30,738
Adjusted net profit	10,174	14,557	18,137	21,409	26,319
Basic EPS	2.134	2.726	3.738	4.644	5.251
Underlying EPS (RMB)	1.723	2.444	3.318	3.909	4.496

Cash Flow Statement								
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2017A	2018A	2019F	2020F	2021F			
Operating activities								
Profit Before Taxation	26,554	37,483	51,178	64,537	76,745			
Finance Costs	45	75	81	91	100			
D&A	29	0	0	0	0			
Changes in Fair Value of IPs	(4,420)	(4,702)	(5,831)	(10,280)	(11,075)			
Interest income	(315)	(703)	(719)	(736)	(754)			
Others	(2,336)	(643)	(772)	(888)	(1,021)			
Changes in Working Capital:	58,938	(38,320)	9,097	8,774	8,785			
Net Cash from Operations	78,494	(6,811)	53,034	61,497	72,780			
Income Taxes Paid	(7,147)	(10,333)	(7,983)	(20,554)	(27,527)			
Cash from Operating Activities	71,347	(17,144)	45,050	40,943	45,253			
Investing activities								
Additions to IPs	(4,167)	(11,613)	(14,416)	(38,484)	(29,419)			
Payment for land use right	(80,928)	(4,471)	(2,159)	(229)	(229)			
Purchases of PPE	(190)	(2,503)	(1,683)	(1,010)	(1,212)			
Other investing cash flow	(25,620)	(5,501)	(2,816)	(1,870)	(2,232)			
Cash from Investing Activities	(110,904)	(24,088)	(21,073)	(41,592)	(33,091)			
Financing activities								
Debt raised/(repaid)	17,565	42,416	22,014	14,183	15,602			
Dividends paid	(2,739)	(4,098)	(5,751)	(7,161)	(8,652)			
Interests paid	(3,110)	(4,898)	(5,352)	(5,947)	(6,541)			
Other financing cash flow	37,226	26,252	3,347	2,946	3,181			
Cash from Financing Activities	48,941	59,672	14,257	4,022	3,589			
Net Changes in Cash	9,384	18,441	38,235	3,373	15,751			
Cash at Beg of Year	17,258	26,642	45,083	83,318	86,691			
Exchange Losses	0	0	0	0	0			
Cash at End of Year	26,642	45,083	83,318	86,691	102,442			

Balance Sheet									
Year end 31 Dec (RMB m)	2017A	2018A	2019F	2020F	2021F				
Property and equipment	863	3,366	5,049	6,058	7,270				
Prepaid lease payments	37,139	16,519	20,506	21,319	22,157				
Investment properties	68,095	84,410	104,656	153,420	193,914				
Other Non-current Assets	22,999	30,561	39,446	44,435	49,665				
Total Non-current Assets	129,096	134,855	169,657	225,233	273,005				
Cash & Cash Equivalents	26,642	45,083	83,318	86,691	102,442				
Properties for Sale	151,421	232,015	264,413	286,645	296,010				
Trade and Other Receivables	14,184	22,573	32,357	38,338	45,339				
Other Current Assets	41,421	72,358	88,772	99,415	110,987				
Total Current Assets	233,668	372,029	468,860	511,089	554,778				
Total Assets	362,764	506,884	638,516	736,321	827,784				
Accounts payable	125,430	175,674	238,472	278,121	306,297				
Short-term borrowings	3,611	11,743	12,917	14,209	15,630				
Other current liabilities	48,453	62,427	75,116	84,629	93,104				
Total Current Liabilities	177,494	249,844	326,506	376,958	415,03				
Long-term borrowings	65,528	99,456	119,347	131,282	144,410				
Other long-term liabilities	13,563	16,766	28,819	35,056	40,676				
Total Non-current Liabilities	79,091	116,222	148,166	166,338	185,087				
Total Liabilities	256,585	366,066	474,672	543,297	600,118				
Total Shareholders' Equity	70,567	81,661	96,342	114,620	136,706				
Minority Interest	35,612	59,157	67,502	78,404	90,96				
Total Equity	106,179	140,818	163,845	193,024	227,66				
	Financial	Ratios							
	2017A	2018A	2019F	2020F	2021F				

Financial Ratios										
	2017A	2018A	2019F	2020F	2021F					
Revenue Growth (%)	31.5	60.7	47.8	20.9	20.7					
Gross Profit Growth (%)	53.3	61.8	41.3	20.4	21.3					
Reported Net Profit Growth (%)	37.6	28.9	25.8	24.5	20.8					
Underlying EPS Growth (%)	23.2	41.8	35.7	17.8	15.0					
Gross Margin (%)	33.9	34.1	32.6	32.5	32.7					
Operating Profit Margin (%)	34.3	31.9	29.5	30.8	30.4					
Adjusted Net Margin (%)	14.1	12.6	10.6	10.3	10.5					
ROE (%)	19.0	21.3	23.0	24.1	24.5					
ROCE (%)	18.3	19.9	23.1	26.3	27.1					
ROA (%)	6.8	7.3	7.9	8.7	9.2					
Net Gearing Ratio	45.8	52.9	35.6	35.8	30.3					
Debt to Equity Ratio	106.9	146.7	147.2	136.1	125.5					
Underlying P/E (x)	13.6	10.2	7.2	6.1	5.3					
P/E (Basic) (x)	10.8	8.9	6.4	5.1	4.6					
P/E (Diluted) (x)	11.0	9.1	6.4	5.2	4.6					
P/B (x)	2.0	1.8	1.4	1.1	1.0					
Dividend Yield (%)	2.0	2.8	4.4	5.5	6.2					

Source: the Company, Guotai Junan International.

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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.
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