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宇华教育集团 (06169:HK)

Financial summary and valuation

	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Revenue (US\$m)	846.22	1,195.11	1,563.80	1,695.44	1,847.01
YOY (%)	8.31	41.23	30.85	8.42	8.94
Net income (US\$m)	313.80	588.23	791.12	940.14	1,096.21
YOY (%)	0.68	87.45	34.49	18.84	16.60
EPS (US\$)	0.12	0.17	0.22	0.27	0.31
Diluted EPS (US\$)	0.12	0.16	0.22	0.27	0.31
ROE (%)	12.67	15.65	23.26	21.55	20.00
Debt/asset (%)	26.59	38.70	34.89	28.30	25.19
Dividend Yield (%)	3.30	3.80	4.72	5.48	6.36
P/E (x)	20.76	15.15	11.18	9.42	8.05
P/B (x)	2.63	2.14	2.40	1.87	1.49
EV/EBITDA (x)	18.92	9.01	7.37	5.60	4.25

Note: Diluted EPS is calculated as if all outstanding convertible securities, such as convertible preferred shares, convertible debentures, stock options and warrants, were exercised.

宇华教育发行本金总额 9.4 亿港币的可转债,转换价较 1 月 9 日收盘价溢价 7.96%,债券利率 为 3%。转股后预计将扩大公司股本约 8.63%。公司计划使用本次募集资金以及自有的 22 亿现 金为资金来源支撑未来的收购计划(预计为海外并购项目)。我们维持公司每股盈利预测不 变,2019 财年 0.22 元(同比增长 37.7%),2020 财年 0.27 元(同比增长 20.4%),2021 财年 每股盈利预测 0.31 元(同比增长 17.1%)。我们维持目标价 7.5 港币不变,对应 165%的上升 空间,维持买入评级。

卖出策略。我们注意到 30%的可转债认购方为对冲基金。该基金在债券发行后立即向股东借入股票并在市场上出售,以实现其无风险套利的策略。美银美林作为宇华本次可转债发行的 唯一全球协调人和账簿管理人,帮助该对冲基金寻求出售相应的买家(以 1 月 9 日收盘价折价 10%出售)。

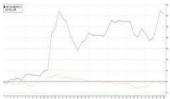
并购业绩出众。受益于公司对湖南涉外经济学院(HEIU)的成功收购以及后续的优化运营, 我们预计湖南涉外将在 19 财年贡献 1.41 亿元人民币的利润,占公司 19 年总利润的 18%(湖 南涉外 17 年利润仅为 4500 万元人民币)。因此,我们维持公司 19 财年同比 30.9%的增速预 测。

海外扩张。根据 2018 年 8 月 10 日送审稿的描述,国内监管机构计划禁止对非营利性学校的 并购行为,民办学校将只考虑收购其他营利性学校。然而,由于目前政策层面仍缺乏关于营 利性学校转设的详细规定,国内并购市场已陷入停滞状态。而宇华近一年来一直在积极寻找 海外并购标的。我们认为未来的潜在收购将对公司的盈利带来积极的影响。

维持买入。我们预计未来并购扩张的推进将给公司带来稳定的业绩增长。我们维持公司每股 盈利预测不变,2019 财年0.22元(同比增长37.7%),2020 财年0.27元(同比增长20.4%),2021 财年每股盈利预测 0.31元(同比增长17.1%)。我们维持目标价7.5港币不变,对应165%的上升空间,维持买入评级。

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Closing Price (HK\$)	2.83
Price Target (HK\$)	7.5
HSCEI	10,395
HSCCI	4,243
52-week High/Low (HK\$)	6.34/2.67
Market Cap (USD Mn)	1,184
Market Cap (HK\$ Mn)	9,240
Shares Outstanding (Mn)	3,265
Exchange Rate (RMB-HK\$) Price Performance Chart:	1.13

Market Data: January 10, 2019



Source: Bloomberg

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Bringing China to the World

China Yuhua Education issued HK\$940m worth of convertible bonds with a conversion premium of 7.96% and interest rate of 3% per annum. We note a conversion would increase the number of shares outstanding by 8.63%. The company intends to use the proceeds together with its Rmb2.2bn of cash on hand to finance future acquisitions, most likely overseas higher education institutions. We maintain our diluted EPS forecasts of Rmb0.22 in FY19E (+37.5% YoY), Rmb0.27 in FY20E (+22.7% YoY), and Rmb0.31 in FY21E (+14.8% YoY). Our target price is unchanged at HK\$7.50. With 165% upside, we maintain our BUY recommendation.

Short-selling. We note c.30% of the convertible bonds were issued to hedge funds, which borrowed stocks from shareholders and sold them in the market immediately after the convertible bond issue, as part of their delta-neutral strategy. Bank of America Merrill Lynch, the sole global coordinator and sole bookrunner for Yuhua's convertible bond issue, helped the hedge funds find buyers for the shares they planned to sell (executed at a c.10% discount to the closing price on 9 January).

Successful acquisition. Thanks to the successful acquisition of Hunan Economics International University (HEIU) and optimisation of the university's operations, we expect HEIU to contribute profit of Rmb141m only two years after Yuhua's acquisition, accounting for 18% of the firm's total profit in FY19E (we note HEIU's net profit was only Rmb45m in 2017). As a result, we maintain our profit growth forecast at 30.9% YoY in FY19E.

Looking for overseas targets. With Chinese regulators planning to prohibit mergers and acquisitions (M&A) with not-for-profit schools, as stipulated in a 10 August 2018 draft legislation, private schools are only considering acquiring other for-profit schools. However, due to the lack of detailed guidance on for-profit school registration, the domestic M&A market has come to a standstill. As a result, Yuhua has been proactively looking for overseas targets for nearly a year now. We believe future acquisitions will have a positive impact on the firm's earnings growth.

Maintain BUY. We expect the company to deliver significant earnings growth on the back of future acquisitions. We maintain our diluted EPS forecasts of Rmb0.22 in FY19E (+37.5% YoY), Rmb0.27 in FY20E (+22.7% YoY), and Rmb0.31 in FY21E (+14.8% YoY). Our target price is unchanged at HK\$7.50. With 165% upside, we maintain our BUY recommendation.



Consolidated Income Statement

US\$m	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Revenue	846	1,195	1,564	1,695	1,847
Cost of Sales	-410	-524	-675	-673	-686
Gross Profit	436	671	889	1,022	1,161
Other Income	23	48	16	16	16
Distribution expenses	-4	-7	-5	-7	-7
Adminstrative expenses	-147	-133	-87	-86	-91
EBITDA	383	694	928	1,063	1,198
EBIT	308	579	812	945	1,080
Finance Costs	-10	-11	-13	-9	-6
Profit before tax	314	592	791	940	1,096
Income tax expense	0	-4	0	0	0
Minority interests	0	57	60	73	81
Profit for the year	314	588	791	940	1,096

Source: SWS Research

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

US\$m	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Profit before taxation	314	592	791	940	1,096
Plus: Depr. and amortisation	75	114	116	118	118
Finance cost	-5	-13	-20	-24	-41
Losses from investments	0	0	0	0	0
Change in working capital	133	659	-81	245	120
Others	-11	-12	-13	-9	-6
CF from operating activities	516	750	794	1,270	1,288
CAPEX	-88	-58	-50	-50	-25
Other CF from investing activities	-988	-504	32	33	47
CF from investing activities	-1,076	-562	-18	-17	22
Equity financing	1,362	0	0	0	0
Net change in liabilities	-315	365	-529	0	0
Dividend and interest paid	-97	-239	-385	-448	-520
Other CF from financing activities	-37	0	0	0	0
CF from financing activities	877	764	-915	-448	-520
Net cash flow	316	951	-138	804	790
FCFF	333	-873	635	1,161	1,309
FCFE	7	-356	92	1,152	1,303

Source: SWS Research

Consolidated Balance Sheet

US\$m	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Current Assets	1,641	2,306	1,446	2,255	3,048
Bank balances and cash	643	1,593	1,418	2,223	3,013
Trade and other receivables	13	27	28	33	35
Inventories	0	0	0	1	2
Other current assets	986	686	0	-1	-2
Long-term investment					
PP&E	1,477	2,240	2,229	2,167	2,078
Intangible and other assets	256	1,586	1,549	1,663	2,199
Total Assets	3,375	6,132	5,224	6,085	7,326
Current Liabilities	897	2,035	1,472	1,722	1,845
Borrowings	0	438	0	0	0
Trade and other payables	266	633	300	337	340
Other current liabilities	632	963	1,173	1,385	1,506
Long-term liabilities	0	338	350	0	0
Total Liabilities	897	2,373	1,823	1,722	1,845
Minority Interests	0	0	0	1	2
Shareholder Equity	2,477	3,759	3,401	4,363	5,481
Share Capital	0	0	0	0	0
Reserves	517	583	612	1,073	1,610
Equity attributable	642	762	637	1,117	1,676
Total Liabilities and equity	3,375	6,132	5,224	6,085	7,326

Source: SWS Research

Key Financial Ratios

	FY17	FY18	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Ratios per share (yuan)					
Earnings per share	0.12	0.17	0.22	0.27	0.31
Diluted EPS	0.12	0.16	0.22	0.27	0.31
Operating CF per share	0.19	0.23	0.24	0.39	0.40
Dividend per share	0.08	0.10	0.12	0.14	0.16
Key Operating Ratios(%)					
Net assets per share	0.96	1.17	1.05	1.34	1.68
ROIC	20.26	24.70	23.91	27.45	32.74
ROE	12.67	15.65	23.26	21.55	20.00
Gross profit margin	51.49	56.12	56.82	60.29	62.88
EBITDA Margin	47.21	59.72	58.83	62.93	66.11
EBIT Margin	38.32	50.16	51.42	55.99	59.69
Growth rate of Revenue(YoY)	8.31	41.23	30.85	8.42	8.94
Growth rate of Profit(YoY)	0.68	87.45	34.49	18.84	16.60
Debt-to-asset ratio	26.59	38.70	34.89	28.30	25.19
Turnover rate of net assets	34.16	31.79	45.98	38.86	33.70
Turnover rate of total assets	25.08	19.49	29.93	27.86	25.21
Effective tax rate (%)	0.00	0.63	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividend yield (%)	3.30	3.80	4.72	5.48	6.36
Valuation Ratios (X)					
P/E	20.76	15.15	11.18	9.42	8.05
P/B	2.63	2.14	2.40	1.87	1.49
EV/Sale	8.93	5.38	4.34	3.53	2.81
EV/EBITDA	18.92	9.01	7.37	5.60	4.25

Source: SWS Research



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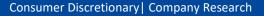
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