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COMPANY UPDATE

Aoxin Q & M Dental Group (AOXIN SP)

Potential Unlocking Of Huge Value Via Nasdag Listing Of Associated Company

Aoxin's 49% associated company, Acumen, is exploring a listing on Nasdaq. Our basecase estimate using 22x 2021F PE for Acumen, based on Q&M Dental's historical mean PE, will unlock value of S\$216m (S\$0.42/share) for Aoxin. Compared to current market cap of Aoxin at S\$127m (S\$0.25/share), shareholders will enjoy more than 70% upside in value accretion upon successful of listing, with continued ownership of the China dental business. Maintain BUY and target price of S\$0.37 (16x 2022F PE).

WHAT'S NEW

- 49% owned associated company is exploring a proposed listing on Nasdaq. On 17 Jan 22, Aoxin Q & M Dental Group (Aoxin) announced that its 49% associated company, Acumen Diagnostics (Acumen) is exploring a proposed listing of its securities on the NASDAQ stock exchange in New York, USA. Furthermore, Acumen has appointed an advisors to assist with the listing evaluation and all relevant preparatory work including the selection of professional advisors and underwriting banks.
- . Expects to reap many benefits from listing in one of the most prestigious platforms in the world. The reasons for choosing NASDAQ is because it is one of the most well-known listing platforms in the world. Nasdaq is known for its technology, innovation, and it is home to digital, biotechnology, and other cutting edge companies. In addition, Acumen believes that having a listing status in a leading global capital market of the status of NASDAQ is beneficial as this provides Acumen with ready access to the world's largest economy, an expanded investor base and additional sources of financing. The proposed NASDAQ listing is also an excellent opportunity for ADPL to enhance its corporate profile as it seeks to further expand its business.
- Our base-case estimate indicates unlocking of huge value with more than 70% upside. Our base-case estimate using 22x 2021F PE for Acumen (S\$20m estimated earnings for 2021F), based on Q&M Dental's historical mean PE, will unlock value of S\$216m (S\$0.42/share) for Aoxin. We believe our base-case estimate is relatively conservative vs Acumen's peers that are trading at 27x 2021F PE. Compared to current market cap of Aoxin at S\$127m (S\$0.25/share), shareholders will enjoy more than 70% upside in value accretion upon successful listing, with continued ownership of the China dental business. Our bear/base/bull case estimate is based on Q&M Dental's 1SD/mean/+1SD historical PE band.

ESTIMATION OF UPSIDE FOR AOXIN FROM LISTING OF ACUMEN IN NASDAQ

Scenarios	Ascribed PE multiple	Post-listing market cap	Aoxin's share of 49%	Upside vs current market cap
Bear case	16x 2021F earnings of S\$20m	S\$320m	S\$157m	23%
Base case	22x 2021F earnings of S\$20m	S\$440m	S\$216m	70%
Bull case	28x 2021F earnings of S\$20m	S\$560m	S\$274m	116%

Source: UOB Kay Hian

KEY FINANCIALS

Year to 31 Dec (RMBm)	2019	2020	2021F	2022F	2023F
Net turnover	141.1	133.6	153.9	172.6	190.9
EBITDA	9.5	9.5	11.8	27.4	34.1
Operating profit	(8.1)	(8.6)	(5.0)	11.4	19.2
Net profit (rep./act.)	(13.5)	(12.1)	(0.5)	56.2	62.8
Net profit (adj.)	(13.5)	(12.1)	(0.5)	56.2	62.8
EPS (Fen)	(3.5)	(3.2)	(0.1)	11.1	12.3
PE (x)	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	10.4	9.3
P/B (x)	1.9	2.0	1.6	1.4	1.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	52.5	53.0	42.5	18.3	14.7
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.4	3.8
Net margin (%)	(9.6)	(9.1)	(0.3)	32.6	32.9
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	(9.7)	(9.1)	(7.5)	(20.5)	(31.3)
Interest cover (x)	3.0	2.9	3.5	7.9	9.5
ROE (%)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	14.5	14.0
Consensus net profit	-	-	(1)	56	63
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	1.04	1.00	1.00

Source: Aoxin, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

BUY

(Maintained)

Share Price	S\$0.245
Target Price	S\$0.37
Upside	+51.0%

COMPANY DESCRIPTION

Aoxin Q & M Dental Group provides dental equipment and services. The company offers endodontics, orthodontics, periodontics, dental implantology and general dentistry services to customers in Singapore.

STOCK DATA

GICS sector	Health Care
Bloomberg ticker:	AOXIN SP
Shares issued (m):	508.8
Market cap (S\$\$m):	124.7
Market cap (US\$m):	92.4
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m):	0.1

Price Performance (%)

52-week h	nigh/low	S\$0.270/S\$0.160			
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD	
4.3	4.3	44.1	31.7	2.1	
Major S	hareholder	's		%	
Quan Min	Holdings Pte	e. Ltd.		33.0	
Dr. Shao	Yongxin			21.5	
Dr. Ong S	liew Hwa			18.2	
FY22 NAV	//Share (RMI	В)		0.82	
FY22 Net	Cash/Share	(RMB)		0.17	

PRICE CHART



Source: Bloomberg

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STOCK IMPACT

Q&M Dental (QNM SP/BUY/Target: \$\$0.78) also stands to benefit with 40% upside.
 Similarly, Q&M Dental will also benefit from the successful listing of Acumen in Nasdaq given its 51% ownership in Acumen. Our base-case estimate indicates a 40% upside to current share price.

ESTIMATION OF UPSIDE FOR Q&M DENTAL FROM LISTING OF ACUMEN IN NASDAQ

Scenarios	Ascribed PE multiple	Post-listing market cap	Q&M Dental's share of 51%	Upside vs current market cap
Bear case	16x 2021F earnings of S\$20m	S\$320m	S\$163m	29%
Base case	22x 2021F earnings of S\$20m	S\$440m	S\$224m	40%
Bull case	28x 2021F earnings of S\$20m	S\$560m	S\$286m	51%

Source: UOB Kay Hian

EARNINGS REVISION/RISK

Risks include: a) Stringent lockdown measures due to resurgence of COVID-19, b) increased competition in dental service industry, and c) inability to attract and groom dental professionals. We maintain our earnings estimates.

VALUATION/RECOMMENDATION

Maintain BUY and target price of \$\$0.37, pegged to 16x 2022F PE, based on a 20% discount to parent company, Q&M Dental's historical mean PE, due to a shorter profitable track record. We think the current valuation of 11x 2022F PE for Aoxin is attractive, given its strong growth profile, potential expansion into the lucrative ART business and proven capabilities in the dental space in China. Peers are trading at 39x 2022F PE.

SHARE PRICE CATALYST

- Successful expansion into the ART business and new precision medicine products.
- Better-than-expected earnings and dividend.
- Successful listing of Acumen in Nasdaq.

PEER COMPARISON

		Price @	Market		PE		P/B	EV/EBITDA	ROE	Yield	Net N	largin
Company	Ticker	20 Jan 22	Cap	2021	2022	2023	2021	2021	2021	2021	2021	2022
		(lcy)	(US\$m)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)
Singapore Peers												
IHH Healthcare	IHH MK	6.55	13,765	39.3	35.2	32.9	2.53	16.3	6.6	0.8	8.4	8.4
Raffles Medical	RFMD SP	1.32	1,832	33.6	30.4	30.2	2.63	19.3	7.9	1.9	10.0	10.1
Q & M Dental	QNM SP	0.595	415	17.0	15.3	14.0	4.83	9.2	27.8	6.7	15.9	16.3
ISEC Healthcare	ISEC SP	0.335	129	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Average				30.0	26.9	25.7	3.3	14.9	14.1	3.1	11.5	11.6
China Peers												
TopChoice Medical	600763 CH	161.88	8,184	73.9	56.4	44.0	18.0	48.8	26.2	0.0	25.3	25.7
Modern Dental	3600 HK	4.85	596	10.3	8.5	7.1	1.7	6.5	18.4	2.4	16.3	17.2
Average				42.1	32.4	25.5	9.9	27.6	22.3	1.2	20.8	21.4
Average of Singapore	and China Pe	ers		89.0	38.7	34.8	29.1	20.0	17.4	2.4	15.2	15.6
Aoxin Q & M	AOXIN SP	0.245	93	n.a.	10.4	9.3	1.6	42.5	n.a.	0.0	(0.3)	32.6
Acumen Peers												
Abbott Laboratories	ABT US	126.05	222,893	24.7	26.5	24.3	6.10	18.4	26.7	1.4	21.5	20.9
Quest Diagnostics	DGX US	138.98	17,049	9.9	15.8	15.7	2.67	7.2	26.9	1.7	16.8	11.7
Agilent Tech	A US	140.43	42,410	35.3	29.0	26.3	7.87	25.5	23.6	0.6	19.1	21.9
Thermo Fisher	TMO US	593.37	233,816	25.0	27.7	24.9	8.07	19.8	27.7	0.2	25.1	21.2
Siemens Healthineers	SHL GR	60.34	77,266	38.4	28.2	25.0	4.17	22.5	12.0	1.4	9.6	12.1
Average				26.7	25.4	23.3	5.8	18.7	23.4	1.1	18.4	17.6

Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

STRONG TURNAROUND IN 2022 EARNINGS



Source: Aoxin, UOB Kay Hian

HISTORICAL PE BAND OF Q&M DENTAL





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PROFIT & LOSS					BALANCE SHEET				
Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2020	2021F	2022F	2023F	Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2020	2021F	2022F	2023F
Net turnover	133.6	153.9	172.6	190.9	Fixed assets	95.5	89.8	84.7	80.6
EBITDA	9.5	11.8	27.4	34.1	Other LT assets	130.8	268.8	268.8	268.8
Deprec. & amort.	18.1	16.8	16.0	14.9	Cash/ST investment	37.9	44.5	103.3	167.8
EBIT	(8.6)	(5.0)	11.4	19.2	Other current assets	40.4	41.5	45.5	49.6
Associate contributions	0.0	7.8	58.3	58.3	Total assets	304.6	444.6	502.3	566.8
Net interest income/(expense)	(3.3)	(3.4)	(3.5)	(3.6)	ST debt	4.6	4.6	4.6	4.6
Pre-tax profit	(11.9)	(0.6)	66.2	73.9	Other current liabilities	29.9	32.5	33.9	35.6
Tax	(0.2)	0.1	(9.9)	(11.1)	LT debt	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Other LT liabilities	33.7	33.7	33.7	33.7
Net profit	(12.1)	(0.5)	56.2	62.8	Shareholders' equity	223.3	360.8	417.1	479.9
Net profit (adj.)	(12.1)	(0.5)	56.2	62.8	Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
					Total liabilities & equity	304.6	444.6	502.3	566.8
CASH FLOW					KEY METRICS				
Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2020	2021F	2022F	2023F	Year to 31 Dec (%)	2020	2021F	2022F	2023F
Operating	12.6	17.7	69.7	75.3	Profitability				
Pre-tax profit	(11.9)	(0.6)	66.2	73.9	EBITDA margin	7.1	7.7	15.9	17.9
Tax	0.2	(0.1)	9.9	11.1	Pre-tax margin	(8.9)	(0.4)	38.3	38.7
Deprec. & amort.	18.1	16.8	16.0	14.9	Net margin	(9.1)	(0.3)	32.6	32.9
Working capital changes	(5.6)	1.4	(2.6)	(2.4)	ROA	n.a.	n.a.	11.9	11.8
Non-cash items	3.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	ROE	n.a.	n.a.	14.5	14.0
Other operating cashflows	8.5	0.2	(19.9)	(22.2)					
Investing	(6.6)	(142.1)	(4.1)	(4.1)	Growth				
Capex (growth)	(3.3)	(4.1)	(4.1)	(4.1)	Turnover	(5.3)	15.2	12.2	10.6
Investments	0.0	(138.0)	0.0	0.0	EBITDA	(0.8)	24.7	132.5	24.4
Proceeds from sale of assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Pre-tax profit	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.7
Others	(3.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Net profit	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.7
Financing	5.1	131.0	(6.9)	(6.7)	Net profit (adj.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.7
Issue of shares	0.0	138.0	0.0	0.0	EPS	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	11.7
Proceeds from borrowings	25.0	0.0	0.0	0.0					
Loan repayment	(11.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Leverage				
Others/interest paid	(8.2)	(7.0)	(6.9)	(6.7)	Debt to total capital	7.3	4.7	4.1	3.5
Net cash inflow (outflow)	11.1	6.6	58.8	64.5	Debt to equity	7.9	4.9	4.2	3.7
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	27.0	37.9	44.5	103.3	Net debt/(cash) to equity	(9.1)	(7.5)	(20.5)	(31.3)
Changes due to forex impact	(0.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0	Interest cover (x)	2.9	3.5	7.9	9.5
Ending cash & cash equivalent	37.9	44.5	103.3	167.8	.,				



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