China/Hong Kong Company Update

Tingyi Holdings

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BUY

Last Traded Price (20 Jan 2022): HK\$16.12 (HSI: 24,952)
Price Target 12-mth: HK\$18.10 (12% upside)
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What's New

- Tingyi has reverted some of its earlier price hikes due to competitors not following suit in price increases
- Beverage sales to see further demand improving from water, carbonated beverages in FY22F
- Reiterate BUY, TP unchanged



Forecasts and Valuation

| Turnover 61,978 67,618 74,008 78,52 EBITDA 9,083 10,029 9,661 10,02 | 8 9 |
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| Pre-tax Profit 5,412 6,532 6,224 6,93 | \cap |
| Net Profit 3,331 4,062 3,934 4,41 | U |
| Net Profit Gth (Pre-ex) (%) 35.2 22.0 (3.1) 12. | 1 |
| EPS (RMB) 0.59 0.72 0.70 0.7 | 8 |
| EPS (HK\$) 0.73 0.89 0.86 0.9 | 6 |
| EPS Gth (%) 35.3 22.0 (3.1) 12. | 1 |
| Diluted EPS (HK\$) 0.73 0.89 0.86 0.9 | 6 |
| DPS (HK\$) 0.73 0.89 0.86 0.9 | |
| BV Per Share (HK\$) 4.27 4.61 4.58 4.6 | 9 |
| PE (X) 22.2 18.2 18.8 16. | 7 |
| P/Cash Flow (X) 9.4 8.6 10.0 12. | 7 |
| P/Free CF (X) 12.2 11.5 12.6 17. | 3 |
| EV/EBITDA (X) 8.0 7.0 7.0 6. | 6 |
| Net Div Yield (%) 4.5 5.5 5.3 6. | 0 |
| P/Book Value (X) 3.8 3.5 3.5 3. | |
| Net Debt/Equity (X) CASH CASH CASH CASH | Н |
| ROAE(%) 17.0 20.0 18.7 20. | 8 |
| Earnings Rev (%): Nil N | lil |
| Consensus EPS (RMB) 0.67 0.7 | 6 |
| Other Broker Recs: B:16 S:0 H: | 9 |

Source of all data on this page: Company, DBS Bank (Hong Kong) Limited ("DBS HK"), Thomson Reuters

Investment Thesis

Stabilising growth

Instant noodles demand stabilising. In Jan'22, Tingyi had reverted some of its price hikes on mid-priced packets, and large packs as competitors did not follow suit in price hikes. That said, due to increased demand from COVID'19, 2H21 sales should see further stabilisation versus 1H21, and we forecast instant noodle sales to rise 4% in FY22F.

Beverage packaging mix adjustment. The strongest performers include coffee, water, and carbonated beverages within Tingyi's portfolio in FY21. The group is optimistic on Rmb2 sales growth whereas contribution (c.20% of total water sales) is likely to expand steadily, which should drive improvement in the gross profit margin. We forecast beverage sales to rise 7% in FY22F.

Strong cash position to sustain higher dividend payout. As of Jun'21, the net cash position stood at Rmb7.8bn (Dec'20: Rmb7.8bn). The group had announced a special dividend during interim results, driving overall dividend payout to exceed 150%. We believe the Group can sustain dividend payout >100% in the medium term, due to its strong cash position and lower capex needs.

Valuation:

We value Tingyi at 8x FY22F EV/EBITDA, equivalent to its three-year average.

Where we differ:

Our FY22F earnings is 4% higher than consensus estimate on margin recovery in instant noodles.

Key Risks to Our View:

Commodity prices such as palm oil, wheat, PET, and sugar, food safety concerns, and/or the number of COVID-19 cases.

At A Glance

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| Issued Capital (m shrs) | 5,624 |
| Mkt Cap (HK\$m/US\$m) | 90,659 / 11,643 |
| Major Shareholders (%) | |
| Sanyo Foods Company Ltd. | 33.4 |
| Ting Hsin (Cayman Islands) Holding Corporation | n 33.4 |
| Free Float (%) | 33.1 |
| 3m Avg. Daily Val. (US\$m) | 11.39 |
| GICS Industry: Consumer Staples / Food, Beverag | e & Tobacco |







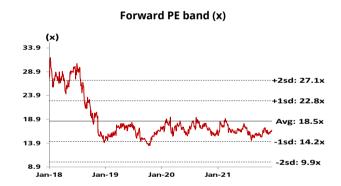


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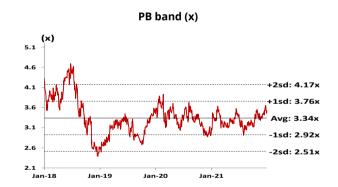
Market leader in instant noodles and RTD tea. Tingyi is engaged in the production and distribution of instant noodles, beverages, and instant food products mainly under the Master Kong brand in China. The group commenced its instant noodle business in China in 1992 and expanded into beverages and instant food products in 1996. In March 2012, Tingyi formed a strategic alliance with PepsiCo, and became the exclusive manufacturer and distributor of Pepsi's non-alcoholic drinks in China.

With a nationwide presence of around 365 sales offices serving 47,898 wholesalers and 210,366 direct retailers as of December 2020, Tingyi's network is one of the most extensive among peers. This makes the company an attractive partner for global brands. Apart from the Tingyi-Pepsi alliance, the company has also partnered with Starbucks to produce and sell RTD coffee in China starting from 2016.

Historical PE and PB band



Source: Thomson Reuters, DBS HK







Segmental Breakdown (RMB m)

| FY Dec | 2018A | 2019A | 2020A | 2021F | 2022F |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenues (RMB m) | | | | | _ |
| Noodles | 23,916 | 25,295 | 29,501 | 29,426 | 30,733 |
| Beverages | 35,311 | 35,580 | 37,266 | 43,774 | 46,942 |
| Others | 1,459 | 1,102 | 851 | 808 | 848 |
| Total | 60,686 | 61,978 | 67,618 | 74,008 | 78,524 |
| Gross Profit (RMB m) | | | | | |
| Noodles | 7,230 | 7,338 | 8,644 | 7,651 | 8,298 |
| Beverages | 11,038 | 11,987 | 13,393 | 15,321 | 16,899 |
| Others | 459 | 434 | 395 | 407 | 407 |
| Total | 18,727 | 19,759 | 22,432 | 23,378 | 25,604 |
| Gross Profit Margins (%) | | | | | |
| Noodles | 30.2 | 29.0 | 29.3 | 26.0 | 27.0 |
| Beverages | 31.3 | 33.7 | 35.9 | 35.0 | 36.0 |
| Others | 31.5 | 39.4 | 46.4 | 50.4 | 48.0 |
| Total | 30.9 | 31.9 | 33.2 | 31.6 | 32.6 |

Source: Company, DBS HK

Income Statement (RMB m)

| FY Dec | 2018A | 2019A | 2020A | 2021F | 2022F |
|-------------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Revenue | 60,686 | 61,978 | 67,618 | 74,008 | 78,524 |
| Cost of Goods Sold | (41,958) | (42,219) | (45,186) | (50,629) | (52,920) |
| Gross Profit | 18,727 | 19,759 | 22,432 | 23,378 | 25,604 |
| Other Opng (Exp)/Inc | (14,398) | (14,168) | (15,682) | (16,894) | (18,415) |
| Operating Profit | 4,329 | 5,591 | 6,750 | 6,484 | 7,189 |
| Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Associates & JV Inc | 72 | 234 | 130 | 140 | 149 |
| Net Interest (Exp)/Inc | (422) | (414) | (349) | (400) | (400) |
| Dividend Income | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Exceptional Gain/(Loss) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre-tax Profit | 3,979 | 5,412 | 6,532 | 6,224 | 6,939 |
| Tax | (1,251) | (1,693) | (1,958) | (1,743) | (1,943) |
| Minority Interest | (265) | (387) | (511) | (547) | (586) |
| Preference Dividend | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Profit | 2,463 | 3,331 | 4,062 | 3,934 | 4,410 |
| EBITDA | 7,725 | 9,083 | 10,029 | 9,661 | 10,028 |
| Growth | | | | | |
| Revenue Gth (%) | 2.9 | 2.1 | 9.1 | 9.4 | 6.1 |
| EBITDA Gth (%) | 3.4 | 17.6 | 10.4 | (3.7) | 3.8 |
| Opg Profit Gth (%) | 15.6 | 29.1 | 20.7 | (3.9) | 10.9 |
| Net Profit Gth (%) | 35.4 | 35.2 | 22.0 | (3.1) | 12.1 |
| Margins & Ratio | | | | | |
| Gross Margins (%) | 30.9 | 31.9 | 33.2 | 31.6 | 32.6 |
| Opg Profit Margin (%) | 7.1 | 9.0 | 10.0 | 8.8 | 9.2 |
| Net Profit Margin (%) | 4.1 | 5.4 | 6.0 | 5.3 | 5.6 |
| ROAE (%) | 12.9 | 17.0 | 20.0 | 18.7 | 20.8 |
| ROA (%) | 4.6 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 6.2 | 6.7 |
| ROCE (%) | 8.1 | 10.6 | 12.2 | 11.5 | 12.6 |
| Div Payout Ratio (%) | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| Net Interest Cover (x) | 10.3 | 13.5 | 19.4 | 16.2 | 18.0 |
| Source: Company, DBS HK | | | | | |
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Interim Income Statement (RMB m)

| FY Dec | 1H2019 | 2H2019 | 1H2020 | 2H2020 | 1H2021 |
|---|----------|----------|----------|----------|--------|
| | | | | | |
| Revenue | 30,495 | 31,483 | 32,934 | 34,683 | N/A |
| Cost of Goods Sold | (20,759) | (21,460) | (21,925) | (23,261) | N/A |
| Gross Profit | 9,736 | 10,023 | 11,010 | 11,422 | N/A |
| Other Oper. (Exp)/Inc | (7,250) | (6,918) | (7,256) | (8,426) | N/A |
| Operating Profit | 2,486 | 3,105 | 3,754 | 2,996 | N/A |
| Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Associates & JV Inc | 271 | (37) | 125 | 5 | N/A |
| Net Interest (Exp)/Inc | (206) | (208) | (214) | (134) | N/A |
| Exceptional Gain/(Loss) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Pre-tax Profit | 2,551 | 2,860 | 3,665 | 2,867 | N/A |
| Tax | (749) | (944) | (1,012) | (947) | N/A |
| Minority Interest | (299) | (88) | (273) | (238) | N/A |
| Net Profit | 1,503 | 1,828 | 2,380 | 1,682 | N/A |
| Growth | | | | | |
| Revenue Gth (%) | (1.6) | 6.0 | 8.0 | 10.2 | N/A |
| Opg Profit Gth (%) | 17.1 | 40.7 | 51.0 | (3.5) | N/A |
| Net Profit Gth (%) | 15.0 | 58.0 | 58.4 | (8.0) | N/A |
| Margins | | | | | |
| Gross Margins (%) | 31.9 | 31.8 | 33.4 | 32.9 | N/A |
| Opg Profit Margins (%) | 8.2 | 9.9 | 11.4 | 8.6 | N/A |
| Net Profit Margins (%) Source: Company, DBS HK | 4.9 | 5.8 | 7.2 | 4.8 | N/A |

Balance Sheet (RMB m)

| FY Dec | 2018A | 2019A | 2020A | 2021F | 2022F |
|--|----------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Not Fixed Assets | 24020 | 22.01.4 | 21.025 | 20.460 | 10.250 |
| Net Fixed Assets | 24,928 0 | 23,014 0 | 21,935 0 | 20,469 | 19,350 |
| Invts in Associates & JVs Other LT Assets | 7,168 | 9,508 | 10,896 | 0 12,149 | 0 13,557 |
| Cash & ST Invts | , | , | , | , | |
| | 13,840 | 17,430 | 21,431 | 24,013 3,751 | 25,118 |
| Inventory Debtors | 2,652 4,415 | 3,445 | 3,348 | , | 3,921 |
| | , - | 4,562 | 3,922 | 4,555 | 5,061 |
| Other Current Assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total Assets | 53,003 | 57,960 | 61,531 | 64,937 | 67,006 |
| ST Debt | 6,462 | 7,454 | 5,891 | 5,891 | 5,891 |
| Creditors | 15,477 | 18,639 | 18,226 | 21,584 | 22,560 |
| Other Current Liab | 1,946 | 2,214 | 2,954 | 2,761 | 2,985 |
| LT Debt | 4,373 | 4,920 | 7,805 | 7,805 | 7,805 |
| Other LT Liabilities | 1,133 | 1,686 | 1,915 | 2,011 | 2,111 |
| Shareholder's Equity | 19,653 | 19,579 | 21,113 | 20,985 | 21,460 |
| Minority Interests | 3,959 | 3,468 | 3,627 | 3,900 | 4,193 |
| Total Cap. & Liab. | 53,003 | 57,960 | 61,531 | 64,937 | 67,006 |
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| Non-Cash Wkg. Capital | (10,356) | (12,846) | (13,910) | (16,039) | (16,564) |
| Net Cash/(Debt) | 3,006 | 5,056 | 7,735 | 10,317 | 11,421 |
| Debtors Turn (avg days) | 10.3 | 10.1 | 9.7 | 9.7 | 9.7 |
| Creditors Turn (avg days) | 134.6 | 164.2 | 155.6 | 155.6 | 155.6 |
| Inventory Turn (avg days) | 23.1 | 29.8 | 27.0 | 27.0 | 27.0 |
| Asset Turnover (x) | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.2 | 1.2 |
| Current Ratio (x) | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 1.1 | 1.1 |
| Quick Ratio (x) | 0.8 | 0.8 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 1.0 |
| Net Debt/Equity (X) | CASH | CASH | CASH | CASH | CASH |
| Net Debt/Equity ex MI (X) | CASH | CASH | CASH | CASH | CASH |
| Capex to Debt (%) | 12.5 | 14.4 | 15.7 | 11.4 | 11.4 |
| Z-Score (X) | 2.8 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 | 2.6 |
| Source: Company, DBS HK | | | | | |
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Cash Flow Statement (RMB m)

| FY Dec | 2018A | 2019A | 2020A | 2021F | 2022F |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| | | | | | |
| Pre-Tax Profit | 3,979 | 5,412 | 6,532 | 6,224 | 6,939 |
| Dep. & Amort. | 3,210 | 3,251 | 3,142 | 3,031 | 2,683 |
| Tax Paid | (1,555) | (1,344) | (1,529) | (1,958) | (1,743) |
| Assoc. & JV Inc/(loss) | (72) | (234) | (130) | (140) | (149) |
| (Pft)/ Loss on disposal of FAs | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Chg in Wkg.Cap. | 1,757 | 928 | 756 | 1,186 | (982) |
| Other Operating CF | (352) | (182) | (217) | (928) | (918) |
| Net Operating CF | 6,968 | 7,831 | 8,554 | 7,415 | 5,829 |
| Capital Exp.(net) | (1,359) | (1,788) | (2,147) | (1,565) | (1,565) |
| Other Invts.(net) | 2,499 | (754) | (1,955) | 0 | 0 |
| Invts in Assoc. & JV | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Div from Assoc & JV | 414 | 1,137 | 1,213 | 1,068 | 1,068 |
| Other Investing CF | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net Investing CF | 1,555 | (1,405) | (2,889) | (497) | (497) |
| Div Paid | (1,070) | (2,601) | (3,730) | (4,336) | (4,228) |
| Chg in Gross Debt | (3,987) | 1,427 | (1,074) | 0 | 0 |
| Capital Issues | 40 | 46 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Other Financing CF | 15 | (1,721) | 3,169 | 0 | 38 |
| Net Financing CF | (5,002) | (2,849) | (1,631) | (4,335) | (4,190) |
| Currency Adjustments | 35 | 12 | (33) | 0 | 0 |
| Chg in Cash | 3,556 | 3,590 | 4,001 | 2,582 | 1,143 |
| Opg CFPS (RMB) | 0.93 | 1.23 | 1.39 | 1.11 | 1.21 |
| Free CFPS (RMB) | 1.00 | 1.07 | 1.14 | 1.04 | 0.76 |

Source: Company, DBS HK



Target Price & Ratings History



| S.No | o. Date | Closing Price | 12-mth Target Price | Rating |
|------|-----------|------------------|---------------------------|--------|
| 1: | 27-Jan-21 | HK\$13.90 | HK\$16.50 | Buy |
| 2: | 23-Mar-21 | HK\$15.14 | HK\$16.40 | Hold |
| 3: | 16-Nov-21 | HK\$16.06 | HK\$18.10 | Buy |

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