# China / Hong Kong Company Update

# **New World Development**

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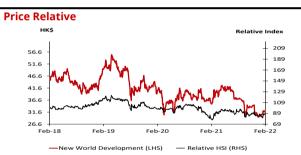
Last Traded Price (28 Jan 2022): HK\$31.65 (HSI: 23,550) Price Target 12-mth: HK\$39.25 (24% upside) (Prev HK\$39.70)

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#### **What's New**

- K11 Musea will see remarkable earnings improvement
- Portfolio expansion to boost rentals
- Decent returns from quick win projects expected
- BUY with HK\$39.25 TP



#### **Forecasts and Valuation**

FY lun (HK\$ m) Turnover EBITDA Pre-tax Profit Underlving Profit Gth (%) EPS (HK\$) EPS Gth (%) PE (X) P/Cash Flow (X) EV/EBITDA (X) DPS (HK\$) Div Yield (%) Net Gearing (%)	2020A 59.008 14.530 10.794 6.589 (25.2) 2.58 (25.3) 12.3 60.4 18.5 2.04 6.4 42	2021A 68.233 12.897 10.366 6.978 5.9 2.74 6.3 11.5 3.0 20.8 2.06 6.5	79.855 18.276 14.621 7.440 6.6 2.96 7.8 10.7 7.2 14.7 2.06 6.5	2023F 86.789 20.383 15,942 8.146 9.5 3.24 9.5 9.8 5.6 13.2 2.06 6.5
Earnings Rev (%): Consensus EPS (HK\$): Other Broker Recs:		B:12	(1) 2.96 S:2	1 3.78 H:4

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## Good long-term value

#### **Investment Thesis**

**BUY with HK\$39.25 TP.** The stock is trading 60% below our appraised current NAV with dividend yield of 6.5% for FY22. We are positive on its long-term value in view of improving earnings quality led by growing recurrent income base. Major shareholder Chow Tai Fook Enterprises raised its stake in the company reflecting a vote of confidence over its prospects.

Growing rental income stream. During Jul-Nov 21, K11 malls in Hong Kong registered 23% growth in tenants' sales, outperforming the overall retail market. With improving turnover rents on one hand and efficient cost control on the other, K11 Musea should see noticeable earnings growth in FY22. The office portion of 11 Skies is scheduled to open in May-22. Rental portfolio expansion in Hong Kong and China should bolster the company's recurrent income, which is expected to make up of 50% of net earnings by FY24 from 39% in FY21.

Decent return from quick win projects expected. In Nov-21, New World Development joined hands with Far East Consortium to buy a residential site in Kai Tak from financially ridden Kaisa Group for HK\$7.95bn. This under-construction project should provide the company with a decent return on equity. In 4Q21, New World Development secured two urban renewal projects in Shenzhen and one in Guangzhou from distressed developers at attractive costs. These quick-win acquisitions should enable the company to accelerate returns and achieve better margins.

#### Valuation:

Our target price is derived from assigning a 55% discount to our Dec-2022 NAV estimate.

#### Where we differ:

We are more positive on the company's long-term growth led by an expanding recurring income base in Hong Kong and China.

#### **Key Risks to Our View:**

Any deterioration in residential demand in Hong Kong and China could drag the company's earnings and share price performance. Any further drop in leasing demand for office and retail properties in Hong Kong and China could impact its earnings and valuations.

#### At A Glance

At A Giance	
Issued Capital (m shrs)	2,542
Mkt Cap (HK\$m/US\$m)	82,234 / 10,559
Major Shareholders (%)	
Chow Tai Fook Enterprises, Ltd.	45.2
Free Float (%)	54.8
3m Avg. Daily Val. (US\$m)	13.66
GICS Industry: Real Estate / Real Estate Management &	Development







#### **WHAT'S NEW**

#### Major shareholder raising its stake

During Jul-Nov 2021, K11 malls in Hong Kong achieved retail sales growth of 23%, with average occupancy rate of 97%. This compared favourably with 8% for the overall retail market in the same period,

For K11 Musea, revenue grew 20% y-o-y and operating expense fell 30% in 1HFY22. This resulted in operating profit jumping 150% with operating margins expanding to >65%. This should make it the key rental earnings growth engine in the near term. In mid-2022, leases for >70 tenants, representing one-third of total, are scheduled for renewal. Besides, the company is also revamping the tenant mix at K11 Art Mall.

Three office towers at 11 Skies are expected to be partially opened in May 22. Currently, over 40% of office space has been pre-committed by tenants from the wealth management, wellness and medical sectors. By mid-2022, the commitment rate is expected to reach 65%. Given its close proximity to the Hong Kong-Zhu-Macau Bridge, these office towers should hold strong appeal to those tenants serving the Greater Bay Area after the border re-opens. New contributions from 11 Skies should further strengthen its rental income stream from Hong Kong.

Despite challenging market condition, New World achieved its half-year contracted sales target in China. The bulk of contracted sales (>80%) came from the Greater Bay Area where the projects are selling well. For example, in Dec-21, New World achieved contracted sales of Rmb1.17bn on the first day of pre-sale of The Glory of Legend (GFA: 87,000sm) in Guangzhou with ASP cap increased to Rmb68,000psm

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acquisitions should enable the company to accelerate returns and achieve better margins. In Hong Kong, New World Development has also joined hands with Far East Consortium to buy a residential site in Kai Tak from financially ridden Kaisa Group for HK\$7.95bn.

In 2H21, the Town Planning Board has approved the development plan for its Sa Ha project in Sai Kung which will provide 972 units in 15 residential blocks with a GFA of 956,000sf subject to the land premium payment.

Major shareholder Chow Tai Fook Enterprises bought 1.62m shares from the market for HK\$48.9m or HK\$30.19/sh on average in late Dec 2021. This represents a vote of confidence over the company's prospects.

The stock is trading at a 60% discount to our assessed current NAV, 1SD below its 10-year average of 54%. Improving contributions from Victoria Dockside and portfolio expansion in Hong Kong/China should continue to drive the company's rental income thus improve the earnings quality. This should lead to better valuation over the long term. We reiterate our BUY rating with HK\$39.25 TP, based on target discount of 55% to our Dec-2022 NAV estimate.

#### **Company Background**

New World Development is engaged in property development, property investment and hotel businesses in Hong Kong and China. The company is focused on growing its China property business in the Greater Bay Area. The company also owns a 61% stake in NWS Holdings and 75% interest in New World Department Store.



#### **Discount to NAV**

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Source: Bloomberg Finance L.P., DBS HK



#### **Key Assumptions (%)**

	2022F	2023F
Residential price - HK	0	2
Office rental - HK	0	0
Retail rental (Shopping	5	5
centre) - HK		
Source: DBS HK		

#### Segmental Breakdown (HK\$ m)

FY lun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Revenues (HK\$ m)					
Property Investment	3,669	4,350	4,701	5,524	6,132
Property Development	38,512	19,208	22,582	32,379	35,387
Services	26,598	16,691	22,074	21,682	21,956
Infrastrcture	2,699	2,071	3,033	3,230	3,424
Hotels	1,491	1,212	808	1,058	1,253
Department Stores &	3,795	15.477	15.036	15.982	18.637
Others	3,793	13,477	13,030	13,362	10,037
Total	76,764	59,008	68,233	79,855	86,789

Source: DBS HK

#### Income Statement (HK\$ m)

FY Jun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Turnover	76,764	59,008	68,233	79,855	86,789
EBITDA	17,012	14,530	12,897	18,276	20,383
Depr / Amort	(2,454)	(3,695)	(3,850)	(4,158)	(4,491)
EBIT	14,558	10,835	9,047	14,118	15,892
Associates Inc	4,683	770	1,783	1,903	1,750
Interest (Exp)/Inc	(756)	(2,808)	(1,276)	(1,400)	(1,700)
Exceptionals	10,645	1,998	811	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	29,129	10,794	10,366	14,621	15,942
Tax	(7,490)	(7,528)	(5,662)	(3,815)	(4,258)
Non-controlling interests	(2,676)	(482)	(1,250)	(1,351)	(1,524)
Holders of Perpetual Securities	(803)	(1,688)	(2,283)	(2,015)	(2,015)
Net Profit	18,160	1,096	1,172	7,440	8,146
Underlying Profit	8,814	6,589	6,978	7,440	8,146
Sales Gth (%)	26	(23)	16	17	9
Net Profit Gth (%)	(22)	(94)	7	535	9
EBITDA Margins (%)	22	25	19	23	23
EBIT Margin (%)	19	18	13	18	18
Tax Rate (%)	26	70	55	26	27

Source: DBS HK



## Balance Sheet (HK\$ m)

FY lun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Fixed Assets	215,538	222,337	240,582	242,342	243,847
Long-term Investments	13,591	54,774	61,919	61,919	61,919
Other LT Assets	45,372	68,966	51,654	51,654	51,654
Intangibles Assets	3,465	8,428	8,246	8,246	8,246
Deferred Tax Asset	764	1,120	1,742	1,742	1,742
Associates/JVs	76,197	64,157	61,239	61,142	60,892
Bank Balance/Cash & Liquid	63,732	67,436	61,955	68,316	69,884
ST Investments	819	10,722	14,253	14,253	14,253
Inventory	58,081	67,067	89,906	99,367	108,630
Debtors	25,722	35,189	34,683	34,783	34,883
Other Non Cash Current	7	1	898	898	898
Total Assets	503,285	600,196	627,077	644,663	656,849
ST Debt	41,776	56,601	38,188	33,619	33,620
Creditors	48,753	54,101	63,978	63,578	63,778
Other Current Liab	10,728	41,907	47,395	47,395	47,395
LT Debt	111,122	129,826	133,490	150,059	155,058
Deferred Tax Liabilities	10,371	11,546	11,129	11,129	11,129
Other LT Liabilities	5,171	26,470	28,705	28,705	28,705
Perpetual Securities	21,506	37,092	48,938	48,938	48,938
Non-controlling interests	29,995	29,630	31,925	31,780	31,809
Shareholder's Equity	223,865	213,023	223,329	229,459	236,417
Total Cap. & Liab.	503,285	600,196	627,077	644,663	656,849
Share Capital (m)	2,556	2,555	2,545	2,517	2,517
Net Cash/(Debt)	(89,288)	(116,459)	(108,195)	(113,834)	(117,266)
Working Capital	47,103	27,805	52,133	73,025	83,755
Net Gearing (%)	32	42	36	37	37

Source: DBS HK

#### Cash Flow Statement (HK\$ m)

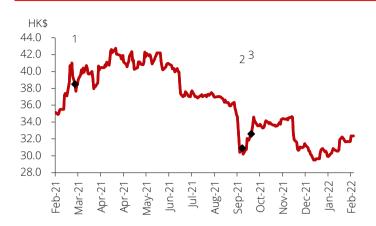
FY lun	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
EBIT	14,558	10,835	9,047	14,118	15,892
Tax Paid	(5,182)	(8,799)	(8,262)	(3,815)	(4,258)
Depr/Amort	2,454	3,695	3,850	4,158	4,491
Profit or loss on disposal of	(978)	(4,568)	(13,473)	0	0
FAs/subsidiaries/investment	(970)	(4,500)	(13,473)	O	O
Chg in Wkg.Cap	(4,765)	(15,414)	7,789	(7,161)	(6,063)
Other Non-Cash	923	3,960	10,695	0	0
Operating CF	7,011	(10,290)	9,646	7,299	10,062
Net Capex	(9,762)	(12,457)	(4,249)	(2,000)	(2,000)
Investments	(1,199)	(540)	(1,513)	0	0
Associates & JVs	(2,983)	1,886	(4,851)	0	0
Associates' Dividends	2,944	2,849	1,480	2,000	2,000
Others	(8,155)	(8,812)	12,176	1,600	1,500
Investing CF	(19,156)	(17,074)	3,042	1,600	1,500
Net Chg in Debt	13,585	28,308	(14,402)	12,000	5,000
New Capital	27	(264)	(232)	0	0
Dividend	(6,207)	(6,370)	(6,328)	(6,723)	(6,679)
Other Financing CF	5,289	6,860	3,056	(7,815)	(8,315)
Financing CF	12,694	28,533	(17,905)	(2,538)	(9,994)
Chg in Cash	549	1,169	(5,217)	6,361	1,568

Source: DBS HK





#### **Target Price & Ratings History**



S.No	o. Date	Closing Price	12-mth Target Price	Rating
1:	1-Mar-21	HK\$39.45	HK\$48.15	Buy
2:	23-Sep-21	HK\$30.95	HK\$39.70	Buy
3:	4-Oct-21	HK\$31.85	HK\$39.70	Buy

Source: DBS HK Analyst: Jeff YAU CFA,



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