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Hong Kong

ADD (no change)

Consensus ratings*:	Buy 7	Hold 0	Sell 0			
Current price:		ł	HK\$7.45			
Target price:	•	HK\$13.16				
Previous target:		Н	K\$16.65			
Up/downside:			76.6%			
CGS-CIMB / Consens	sus:		-11.0%			
Reuters:		2	2138.HK			
Bloomberg:		2	2138 HK			
Market cap:		USS	\$1,123m			
		HKS	\$8,779m			
Average daily turnove	r:	US	S\$1.82m			
		HKS	\$14.17m			
Current shares o/s			1,109m			
Free float:			36.1%			
*Source: Bloomberg						

Key changes in this note

- > FY22-24F revenue decreased by 3-8%.
- FY22-24F EBITDA decreased by 4-11%.
- FY22-24F EPS decreased by 8-29%.



		Source:	Bloomberg
Price performance	1M	ЗМ	12M
Absolute (%)	-16.4	-37.9	5.7
Relative (%)	-10.3	-31.8	28.9
Major shareholders TANG Chi Fai (Chairr	% held 63.9		
The Goldman Sachs	6.5		
OrbiMed Advisors III I	_td		5.8

EC Healthcare

Growth outlook largely immune to pandemic

- We expect ECH's business to remain resilient due to stable medical and aesthetic medical services demand, despite the rising Covid-19 cases.
- We see the M&A trend continuing in FY23F and a strong recovery in beauty/ aesthetic medical services once the Omicron outbreak in HK is contained.
- Maintain Add. TP lowered to HK\$13.16 on 28%/29% EPS cuts in FY22F/23F.

Short-term pandemic headwinds provide good buying opportunity

We believe the recent share price weakness, following HK's fifth Covid-19 wave caused by the Omicron variant, provides a good buying opportunity as we expect EC Healthcare's (ECH) overall business to remain resilient due to stable medical and aesthetic medical services demand. We expect the pandemic in HK to be largely contained after universal Covid-19 testing (likely a lockdown of the city for 9-15 days, with 3 tests for all c.7.5m residents) in late-Mar (likely on 17 Mar). We also expect beauty parlours to reopen after a closure of 103 days (8 Jan to 20 Apr) with the high possibility of a relaxation in socialdistancing measures, even though there may still be a few Covid-19 cases.

Ongoing M&As continue to lead medical services' rapid growth

ECH spent c.HK\$400m to complete six major acquisitions in FY22F, namely a physiotherapy business; 2 veterinary chains; 5 medical centres with 30 registered medical practitioners (Premier Medical Group); 7 dental clinics with 32 dentists (Bayley & Jackson); 12 clinics; and a medical network. We estimate the above acquired medical assets to contribute profits of c.HK\$15m in FY22F and c.HK\$35m in FY23F. We are positive on ECH's M&As strategy in a market downturn which will help the company expand its medical services coverage and strengthen its practitioners count at a relatively low price (most of the acquisitions at 5-8x P/E). We expect continued strong revenue growth for medical services of 52%/24% yoy in FY23F/24F, remaining the company's earnings driver.

Cut FY22-24F EPS, mainly due to suspension of beauty services

We cut FY22F/23F EPS by 28%/29% to reflect the 103 days of service suspension in beauty services (c.20% of FY22F revenue), c.30% decrease in visitors to aesthetic medical services (c.30% of FY22F revenue) and c.15% decrease to medical services (c.46% of FY22F revenue) during the pandemic. Our model assumes the Omicron variant in HK will be contained by Jun 22, after which there will be a strong recovery in beauty/aesthetic medical services in 2QFY23F, boosted by the relaxation in social-distancing measures and HK\$10,000 consumption voucher. We lower our FY24F EPS mainly due to slower network expansion in China in FY23F, with the further delay in China-HK border re-opening.

Maintain Add with a lower target price of HK\$13.16

Stay invested. We expect solid EPS growth of 33%/66% in FY23F/24F helped by a rapidlygrowing medical services segment (expanding discipline coverage and increase in specialists via organic growth and M&As) as well as stable growth of services floor space in aesthetic/beauty services. Our TP is lower at HK\$13.16 due to EPS cuts and lower target multiple of 25x (previously 30x), still 1x PEG, reflecting the long-term earnings outlook. Rerating catalysts include inclusion in the Stock-Connect programme (effective 7 Mar 2022), easing of Omicron pandemic in HK, China-HK border reopening in summer 2022, and accelerating China network expansion. Risk: prolonged Omicron pandemic in HK.

Financial Summary	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Revenue (HK\$m)	1,949	2,080	3,059	4,126	5,154
Operating EBITDA (HK\$m)	423	289	681	795	1,160
Net Profit (HK\$m)	286.6	192.9	309.4	415.4	659.2
Normalised EPS (HK\$)	0.28	0.12	0.27	0.35	0.58
Normalised EPS Growth	(28%)	(55%)	114%	33%	66%
FD Normalised P/E (x)	27.16	60.27	29.27	22.09	13.32
DPS (HK\$)	0.23	0.16	0.19	0.26	0.41
Dividend Yield	3.09%	2.13%	2.58%	3.46%	5.49%
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.76	26.10	12.09	9.65	5.93
P/FCFE (x)	11.18	27.71	30.81	10.98	7.93
Net Gearing	(31.7%)	(25.2%)	(29.2%)	(48.1%)	(66.0%)
P/BV (x)	7.38	6.51	6.42	4.66	3.48
ROE	26.5%	11.2%	23.3%	25.5%	31.3%
% Change In Normalised EPS Estimates			(27.7%)	(28.7%)	(7.5%)
Normalised EPS/consensus EPS (x)			0.79	0.80	0.91

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS

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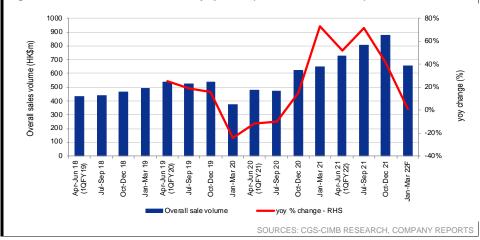
Growth outlook largely immune to pandemic

FYE Mar (HK\$m)	2HFY22F	2HFY21	yoy %	1HFY22	hoh %	2HFY22F	2HFY21	yoy %	FY22F	
			chg		chg	Cum	Cum	chg	Prev.	Comments
Revenue	1,616	1,283	25.9	1,444	11.9	3,059	2,080	47.1	3,006	2HFY22F revenue likely grew 26% yoy, mainly driven by medical services
Operating costs	(1,258)	(1,084)	16.0	(1,130)	11.3	(2,441)	(1,791)	36.3	(2,296)	(+54% yoy), aesthetic medical (+4% yoy) and beauty services
EBITDA	358	199	79.8	313	14.3	618	289	113.8	711	(+2% yoy).
EBITDA margin (%)	22.2	15.5		21.7		20.2	13.9		23.6	EBITDA margin likley improved by 6.7% pts yoy due to no. of visits increa
Depn & amort.	(123)	(41)	199.6	(74)	65.0	(166)	(110)	51.9	(121)	in asethetic medical and medical services, but partially offset by beauty
EBIT	222	128	74.1	230	(3.3)	452	180	151.5	557	services (clousure since 8 Jan 2022)
Interest expense	(19)	(15)	27.7	(18)	1.3	(37)	(24)	56.0	(42)	
Interest & invt inc	13	31	(56.2)	10	41.3	23	40	(41.9)	33	
Associates' contrib	5	4	2.4	1	228.0	6	5	N/M	2	
Exceptionals	0	57	(100.0)	9	-	10	65	-	9	Government subsidy in 2HFY21
Pretax profit	222	206	7.8	232	(4.3)	453	266	70.5	554	
Tax	(32)	(33)	(1.2)	(36)	(9.3)	(68)	(40)	68.7	(89)	
Tax rate (%)	14.6	15.9		15.4	-	15.0	15.2		16.0	
Minority interests	(40)	(23)	71.9	(36)	12.0	(76)	(33)	132.2	(58)	2HFY22F core net profit likely rose 62% yoy due to strong recovery of
Net profit	149	149	(0.2)	160	(6.9)	309	193	60.4	408	local aesthetic medical/beauty services demand and incresae of
Core net profit	149	92	61.8	151	(1.0)	300	127	135.3	408	contribution from the newly-acquired medical assets.
EPS (HK\$ cts)	13.2	14.6	(9.2)	14.2	(6.9)	27.4	18.8	46.0	36.1	FY22F net proft likely formed 74% of our FY22F forecast,
Core EPS (HK\$ cts)	13.2	9.0	47.3	13.4	(1.0)	26.6	12.4	114.1	36.1	no thanks to unexpected Omicorn pandemic in HK in spring guarter.

FYE 31 Mar	Mar-19A	1H20	2H20	Mar-20A	1H21	2H21	Mar-21A	1H22	2H22F	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Revenue breakdown by servcies segments (HK\$ mill	ion)											
Medical services	523	324	299	623	361	598	960	758	923	1,681	2,554	3,172
Total aesthetic and beauty services	1,314	734	529	1,262	406	650	1,056	658	669	1,327	1,521	1,926
- Medical aesthetic services	835	463	318	781	249	393	642	400	409	809	930	1,182
- Wellness & beauty services and healthcare products	479	271	211	481	158	256	414	258	260	518	590	744
Performance marketing	16	61	2	63	30	35	64	28	24	51	51	56
Total	1,852	1,118	830	1,949	797	1,283	2,080	1,444	1,616	3,059	4,126	5,154
- Local customers	1,154	682	636	1,319	738	1,207	1,946	1,364	1,485	2,849	3,793	4,562
- Mainland Chinese customers	698	436	194	630	59	76	135	80	130	210	333	592
Revenue breakdown by servcies segments (yoy char	nge %)											
Medical services	77%	102%	-17%	19%	12%	100%	54%	110%	54%	75%	52%	24%
Total aesthetic and beauty services	30%	6%	-15%	-4%	-45%	23%	-16%	62%	3%	26%	15%	27%
- Aesthetic medical ervices	47%	8%	-22%	-6%	-46%	24%	-18%	61%	4%	26%	15%	27%
- Wellness & beauty services and healthcare products (traditional t	8%	2%	-2%	1%	-42%	22%	-14%	63%	1%	25%	14%	26%
Performance marketing	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	0%	-51%	1623%	2%	-6%	-32%	-20%	0%	10%
Total	42%	28%	-15%	5%	-29%	55%	7%	81%	26%	47%	35%	25%
- Local customers	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	14%	8%	90%	48%	85%	23%	0%	0%	0%
- Mainland Chinese customers	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-10%	-86%	-61%	-79%	35%	72%	0%	0%	0%
Revenue breakdown by servcies segments (weightir	ng %)											
Medical services	28%	29%	36%	32%	45%	47%	46%	53%	57%	55%	62%	62%
Total aesthetic and beauty services	71%	66%	64%	65%	51%	51%	51%	46%	41%	43%	37%	37%
- Medical aesthetic services	45%	41%	38%	40%	31%	31%	31%	28%	25%	26%	23%	23%
- Wellness & beauty services and healthcare products	26%	24%	25%	25%	20%	20%	20%	18%	16%	17%	14%	14%
Performance marketing	1%	5%	0%	3%	4%	3%	3%	2%	1%	2%	1%	1%
Total	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
- Local customers	62%	61%	77%	68%	93%	94%	94%	94%	92%	93%	92%	89%
- Mainland Chinese customers	38%	39%	23%	32%	7%	6%	6%	6%	8%	7%	8%	11%



Figure 3: Estimated sales volume, by quarter (1QFY19 to 4QFY22F)



Merger and acquisitions (M	Mar 20 to Feb 22)				
Asset	Equity stake post deal	Main services	Considerations		
Acquisition of New Medical Center Limited	51%	One multi-disciplinary clinic with 11 registered medical practitioners in Hong Kong	Total HK\$136m (estimate P/E at 9)		
Increase in 24% shareholding in NYMG (Hong Kong Pain and Wellness Solution Limited)	Increased to 75% from 51%	21 clinics in Hong Kong with 24 chiropractors and four registered medical practitioners in orthopaedics and traumatology	Total HK\$106m (estimate P/E at 10x)		
Acquisition of Obstetrics And Gynaecology Chain (Zenith)					
Acquisition of PathLab Medical Laboratories First tranche: 75%		Five medical laboratories in Hong Kong with over 40 full-time registered medical practitioners	First tranche: HK\$337.5m		
Acquisition of PathLab Medical Laboratories (final tranche) Final tranche: 97%		Laboratory technologies; also one of the first local Covid-19 nucleic acid testing institutions recognised by the Hong Kong government	Final tranche: Cash consideration depending on financial performance of the target group: HK\$108m-238n		
Acquisition of Physiotherary business	51%	Operates a physiotherapy centre in Central with 7 registered physiotherapists, 5 rehabilitation therapists, 1 sport therapist and 1 personal trainer.	Total HK\$10m (estimate P/E at 5x)		
Acquisition of Veterinary business	51%	The veterinary company operates two veterinary hospitals and two veterinary imaging centres in HK with 14 registered veterinary surgeons.	Total HK\$66m (estimate P/E at 6x)		
Acquisition of Veterinary business	First tranche: 51%	The veterinary company operates two registered veterinary surgeons and two veterinary hospitals in HK.	Total HK\$26m (historical P/E at 6.2x)		
Acquisition of Premier Medical Group	70%	5 medical centres in Hong Kong with 30 full-time registered medical practitioiners and covering 18 specialist disciplines.	Total HK\$100m (historical P/E at 10x)		
Acquisition of Bayley & Jackson Dental Surgeons	55%	7 dental clinics in Hong Kong with 32 dentists and owns an extensive loyal corporate clinet base.	Total HK\$129.4m (historical P/E at 15.5x)		
Feb-22 Acquisition of multi-disciplinary medical services centers 100%		12 clinics including dental services, chronic disease management services, specalty services, imaging and diagnostic services and medical network of over 250 affiliated clinics providing GP, specialist and physiotherapy services.	Total HK\$68m (historical P/E at 6.7x)		
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Figure 5: Organic business expansion (Mar 20 to Feb 22)										
Date	Medical discipline	Location	Main services	Estimated expenses						
Mar 20	Haircare Centre	Mongkok, Hong Kong (Langham Place)	Opening of Hair Forest: Hair regeneration	Estimated expenses HK\$5m						
Sep 20	Advanced Imaging Service Centre	Yuen Long, Hong Kong	Provision of high-end image detection such as magnetic resonance MRI, ultrasound Ultrasound and X-ray to new customers in the New Territories.	Estimated expenses HK\$20m						
Jan 21	Shenzhen Headquarter	Shenzhen, China	Mainland China Head office : total 12,000 sq ft, in Futian, Shenzhen	Estimated expenses HK\$10m						
Mar 21	lealth management and Haircare Causeway Bay, Hong Kong (World Trade Centre)		Provision of full range of comprehensive health screening, health product, health management and hair treatment services.	Estimated expenses HK\$40m						
Apr-20 to Mar-21	8 new Pain Treatment Centres	Kwun Tong, Hong Kong	Two flagship stores in Kwun Tong (APM office tower) and Tusen Wan, and 6 new pain treatment clinics.	Estimated expenses HK\$38m						
Apr-20 to Mar-21	3 new beauty services clinics	Greater Bay Area, China	Opening of 3 new clinics in the Greater Bay Area, China	Estimated expenses HK\$12m						
May 21	Advanced Imaging Service Centre	Tsim Sha Tsui, Hong Kong	The third Advanced Imaging service Centre with GFA of approximately 3,200 square feet in Tsim Sha Tsui.	Estimated expenses HK\$35m						
Jul 21	Ophthalmology centre	Mongkok, Hong Kong (Langham Place)	Add 17,900 sq ft in Langham Place. Opening of the first ophthalmology centre and a new obstetrics and gynaecology centre.	Estimated expenses HK\$30m						
Nov 21	Pain management flagship store	Tai Koo Shing, Hong Kong	Provision of full range of pain management services	Estimated expenses HK\$10m						
Feb 22	Healthcare medical centre and advanced imaging centre	Tai Koo Shing, Hong Kong	Provision of full range of comprehensive healthcare services and high-end image detection.	Estimated expenses HK\$10m						

Date	Placees / organisations	New shares / Price	Descriptions	Fund raising
30-Apr-20	Champion REIT	8.078m new shares at HK\$4.20	5 months rental (Mar 2020 to July 2020) for Langham Place headquarter	HK\$34m
18-May-20	Acquisition of New Medical Center	4.76m new shares at HK\$4.20	Part of the consideration, 4.76m new UMH Shares priced at HK\$4.2 and issued to the First Seller.	HK\$20m
17-Jul-20	Increase in 24% shareholding in NYMG (Hong Kong Pain and Wellness Solution Limited)	22.5m new shares at HK\$4.20	Increased EC Healthcare's stake in Hong Kong Pain and Wellness Solution Limited by a 24% equity at a total consideration of HK\$94.6m. The total consideration will be settled by issuing 22.5m new shares at HK\$4.20 per share and 10m warrants to the two chiropractic doctors, Dr. Eric Chu and Dr. Andy Lin	HK\$94.6m
24-Jul-20	EC Healthcare senior management	3.2m new shares at HK\$3.9612	Issuance of 3.2m new shares prusuant to the co-ownership programme.	HK\$12.7m
24-Sep-20	Champion REIT	4.8m new shares at HK\$4.25	Rental for Langham Place headquarter	HK\$20m
28-Sep-20	Chan Cheuk Yin	10m new shares at HK\$4.25	Issuance of 10m new shares to Chan Cheuk Yin (non-executive Director of Agile Group)	HK\$42.5m
18-Nov-20	Goldman Sachs Asia Strategic II (GS), OrbiMed Asia Partners III (OrbiMed) and Gaw Captial Partners (GAW)	HK\$305m converitable bonds (CB) and HK\$309m warrants	GS, OrbiMed and GAW subscribe to 5-year CBs, with principal amounts of HK\$234m, HK\$32m and HK\$39m, respectively. The conversion price is HK\$5.69. GS and OrbiMed subscribe to 5-year warrants, at HK\$273, and HK\$36m, respectively.	HK\$614m
14-Dec-20	PathLab Medical Laboratories acquisition (first tranche)	19.9m new shares at HK\$5.425	Total consideration for the franche of the 75% interests is HK\$337.5m, which is satisfied by cash HK\$229.5m and issue HK\$108m of consideration shares (HK\$5.425 per share) to pay the remainder.	HK\$108m
19-Apr-21	Dr. Cheng Chi Kong and Aspex Master Fund	29.6m new shares at HK\$7.80	New share placement to Cheng Chi Kong (Executive VP and CEO of New World Development) and Aspex Master Fund. The funding will invest fo the clinic network expansion in HK and Greater Bay Area and potential M&As.	HK\$231m
7-Aug-21	Dr. Cheng Chi Kong and Aspex Master Fund	17.2m new shares at HK\$14.50	New share placement to Cheng Chi Kong (Executive VP and CEO of New World Development) and Aspex Master Fund.	HK\$249m

SOURCES: CGS-CIMB RESEARCH, COMPANY REPORTS



Figure 7: Earnings revisions

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	Mar-21A Mar-22F				Mar-23F		Mar-24F			
FYE Mar (HK\$ m)		Old	New	% chg	Old	New	% chg	Old	New	% chg
Revenue	2,080	3,319	3,059	-7.8%	4,311	4,126	-4.3%	5,288	5,154	-2.5%
EBITDA	318	720	639	-11.2%	775	725	-6.4%	1,121	1,082	-3.5%
EBITDA margin (%)	15.3%	21.7%	20.9%	-0.8% pts	18.0%	17.6%	-0.4% pts	21.2%	21.0%	-0.2% pts
Net profit	193	408	309	-24.1%	548	415	-24.2%	700	659	-5.9%
EPS (HK\$)	0.124	0.368	0.266	-27.7%	0.494	0.352	-28.7%	0.632	0.584	-7.5%
							SOURCES:	CGS-CIMB RESEA	RCH, COMPAN	NY REPORTS

Figure 8: Peers compar	ison																
			Price	Target price		Market Cap		P/E(x)		P/BV	(x)	RC	E	ev/ebit	DA (X)	Yie	ld
Company	Code	Recom. (local curr)	(local curr)	Upside (%)	(US\$m)	CY21F	CY22F	CY23F	CY21F	CY22F	CY21F	CY22F	CY21F	CY22F	CY21F	CY22F
EC Healthcare	2138 HK	Add	7.45	13.16	77%	1,123	31.8	22.4	14.2	6.4	5.0	20.7%	25.2%	13.8	10.0	2.5%	3.2%
Angelalign Technology	6699 HK	Not Rated	178.70	N/A	N/A	3,994	77.0	62.5	48.2	7.3	6.6	16.0%	13.8%	62.8	44.2	0.2%	0.2%
China Medical System	867 HK	Not Rated	13.50	N/A	N/A	4,338	9.2	8.4	7.6	2.1	1.9	25.5%	24.3%	7.5	6.8	4.3%	3.8%
China Resurces Phoenix Healthcare	1515 HK	Not Rated	4.36	N/A	N/A	743	11.8	11.3	10.6	0.7	0.7	6.3%	6.2%	6.6	6.9	2.0%	2.1%
Modern Dental	3600 HK	Add	4.02	9.48	136%	492	8.9	7.0	5.5	1.4	1.3	17.7%	19.8%	5.2	4.0	4.9%	5.0%
Sihuan Pharmaceutical	460 HK	Not Rated	1.61	N/A	N/A	1,921	13.8	9.4	6.2	1.3	1.1	9.4%	12.2%	6.2	4.6	1.9%	3.2%
Average of medical and healthcare	services pr	oviders and	medical re	lated compa	anies		35.2	25.8	22.5	3.7	3.3	18.2%	15.2%	17.4	15.1	2.1%	1.9%
Bangkok Chain Hospital	BCH TB	Add	19.40	24.50	26%	1,479	7.1	13.3	16.7	3.7	3.3	71.6%	26.0%	4.9	8.6	6.2%	3.8%
Bangkok Dusit	BDMS TB	Add	23.80	27.00	13%	11,562	47.8	40.8	36.4	4.5	4.5	9.6%	10.9%	23.3	21.9	1.9%	2.3%
Bumrungrad Hospital	BH TB	Hold	163.00	162.00	-1%	3,959	102.0	70.2	58.3	7.5	7.8	7.4%	10.8%	47.5	40.6	2.0%	2.0%
IHH Healthcare Bhd	IHH MK	Add	6.57	8.33	27%	13,786	36.2	37.4	32.5	2.3	2.3	7.3%	6.8%	14.4	15.3	0.9%	0.9%
KPJ Healthcare	KPJ MK	Hold	1.04	1.10	6%	1,077	84.1	34.0	31.9	2.1	2.0	2.6%	6.1%	11.0	9.6	0.7%	1.5%
Raffles Medical	RFMD SP	Hold	1.16	1.33	15%	1,594	29.9	32.9	31.2	2.3	2.2	7.8%	6.8%	13.0	15.5	2.4%	2.4%
Average of regional healthcare ser	vices provid	ers					51.2	38.1	34.5	3.7	3.7	17.7%	11.2%	19.0	18.6	2.3%	2.1%
Centene Corp	CNC US	Not Rated	83.15	N/A	N/A	48,465	36.1	15.4	13.2	1.8	1.6	n.a.	10.6%	15.1	9.7	n.a.	0.0%
Molina Healthcare	MOH US	Not Rated	311.88	N/A	N/A	18,214	28.3	18.1	16.0	7.0	4.6	27.9%	30.2%	10.4	8.5	n.a.	0.0%
UnitedHealth Group	UNH US	Not Rated	476.25	N/A	N/A	448,103	27.8	22.0	19.3	6.6	5.5	n.a.	26.0%	17.6	15.5	1.1%	1.2%
Average of US healthcare services	providers						30.7	18.5	16.2	5.1	3.9	27.9%	22.2%	14.4	11.2	1.1%	0.4%
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ESG in a nutshell

EC Healthcare (ECH) believes there should be a balance between economic development, society, and the environment. Therefore, ECH said it regards ESG as one of the main priorities in mapping its business development.

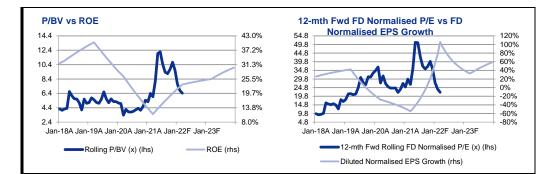
Since 2015, the philosophy of United Nations Sustainable Development Goals has been embedded in ECH's corporate mission, integrating "Good Health and Wellbeing" into the company's mission of "bringing health, beauty, and happiness to everyone". ECH said that it does not see financial success as coming at the expense of society or the environment, while creating a positive impact on society and the environment does not need to come at the expense of profit. By creating shared value within the surrounding communities, the company can ultimately bring prosperity to all stakeholders.

In our view, ECH is not involved in any environmentally-detrimental industry practices and tries to minimise the environmental impact of its operations.

Keep your eye on	Implications
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ESG highlights	Implications
ECH said that sustainability and today's environmental and societal challenges are an important responsibility.	In FY21, ECH invited a number of internal and external stakeholders to participate in discussing the sustainability policies and measures of the company. Besides, the company appreciates the importance of environmental protection and has actively encouraged its staff to participate in environmental protection activities, such as recycling waste batteries and solid waste. ECH encourages employee involvement in worthy causes through its philanthropic and CSR initiatives.
Trends	Implications
In FY21, the company's energy and water consumption decreased from a year earlier.	In FY21, ECH invited a number of internal and external stakeholders to participate in discussing the sustainability policies and measures of the company. Besides, the company appreciates the importance of environmental protection and has actively encouraged its staff to participate in environmental protection activities, such as recycling waste batteries and solid waste. ECH encourages employee involvement in worthy causes through its philanthropic and CSR initiatives.
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Profit & Loss

(HK\$m)	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Total Net Revenues	1,949	2,080	3,059	4,126	5,154
Gross Profit	1,733	1,845	2,713	3,659	4,571
Operating EBITDA	423	289	681	795	1,160
Depreciation And Amortisation	(83)	(110)	(229)	(258)	(275)
Operating EBIT	340	180	452	537	884
Financial Income/(Expense)	5	16	(14)	(23)	(18)
Pretax Income/(Loss) from Assoc.	0	5	6	9	9
Non-Operating Income/(Expense)	0	0	0	0	0
Profit Before Tax (pre-El)	345	200	444	523	875
Exceptional Items	15	65	10	18	0
Pre-tax Profit	361	266	453	541	875
Taxation	(50)	(40)	(68)	(76)	(127)
Exceptional Income - post-tax					
Profit After Tax	310	226	385	465	748
Minority Interests	(24)	(33)	(76)	(50)	(89)
Preferred Dividends					
FX Gain/(Loss) - post tax					
Other Adjustments - post-tax					
Preference Dividends (Australia)					
Net Profit	287	193	309	415	659
Normalised Net Profit	295	160	376	447	748
Fully Diluted Normalised Profit	271	127	300	397	659

Cash Flow

(HK\$m)	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
EBITDA	422.8	289.1	680.5	795.3	1,159.6
Cash Flow from Invt. & Assoc.					
Change In Working Capital	14.0	80.3	(64.3)	(55.4)	(36.9)
(Incr)/Decr in Total Provisions					
Other Non-Cash (Income)/Expense					
Other Operating Cashflow	221.9	327.1	205.2	176.9	146.6
Net Interest (Paid)/Received	(16.9)	(21.9)	(35.0)	(27.2)	(22.4)
Tax Paid	(65.3)	(53.7)	(68.0)	(75.8)	(126.8)
Cashflow From Operations	576.5	620.8	718.3	813.9	1,120.0
Capex	(69.8)	(135.9)	(150.0)	(130.0)	(130.0)
Disposals Of FAs/subsidiaries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acq. Of Subsidiaries/investments	(67.2)	(348.0)	(399.0)	0.0	0.0
Other Investing Cashflow	453.4	114.8	115.6	115.5	116.5
Cash Flow From Investing	316.4	(369.0)	(433.4)	(14.5)	(13.5)
Debt Raised/(repaid)	(234.2)	25.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Proceeds From Issue Of Shares	0.0	106.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shares Repurchased	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends Paid	(344.8)	(113.9)	(171.8)	(216.6)	(290.8)
Preferred Dividends					
Other Financing Cashflow	(160.4)	138.4	(36.9)	(29.0)	(25.2)
Cash Flow From Financing	(739.4)	156.8	(208.7)	(245.6)	(316.0)
Total Cash Generated	153.5	408.6	76.2	553.8	790.5
Free Cashflow To Equity	658.7	277.2	284.9	799.4	1,106.5
Free Cashflow To Firm	910.9	275.4	321.8	828.4	1,131.8

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(HK\$m)	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Total Cash And Equivalents	632	939	902	1,402	2,169
Total Debtors	268	370	517	662	786
Inventories	60	40	58	78	98
Total Other Current Assets	92	66	66	66	66
Total Current Assets	1,052	1,415	1,544	2,209	3,119
Fixed Assets	828	961	1,007	1,029	1,048
Total Investments	240	240	240	240	240
Intangible Assets	271	989	989	989	989
Total Other Non-Current Assets	165	186	186	186	186
Total Non-current Assets	1,503	2,376	2,422	2,443	2,462
Short-term Debt	262	287	175	121	97
Current Portion of Long-Term Debt					
Total Creditors	159	215	316	427	533
Other Current Liabilities	649	815	960	1,099	1,333
Total Current Liabilities	1,069	1,317	1,451	1,646	1,963
Total Long-term Debt	0	240	240	240	240
Hybrid Debt - Debt Component					
Total Other Non-Current Liabilities	305	528	528	528	528
Total Non-current Liabilities	305	768	768	768	768
Total Provisions	11	75	75	75	75
Total Liabilities	1,386	2,160	2,294	2,489	2,805
Shareholders' Equity	1,003	1,269	1,310	1,802	2,414
Minority Interests	167	362	362	362	362
Total Equity	1,170	1,631	1,672	2,164	2,776

	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Revenue Growth	5.2%	6.8%	47.1%	34.9%	24.9%
Operating EBITDA Growth	(12%)	(32%)	135%	17%	46%
Operating EBITDA Margin	21.7%	13.9%	22.2%	19.3%	22.5%
Net Cash Per Share (HK\$)	0.37	0.37	0.43	0.92	1.62
BVPS (HK\$)	1.01	1.14	1.16	1.60	2.14
Gross Interest Cover	18.82	7.60	12.24	18.53	35.04
Effective Tax Rate	13.9%	15.2%	15.0%	14.0%	14.5%
Net Dividend Payout Ratio	84%	135%	72%	73%	70%
Accounts Receivables Days	17.25	22.63	25.59	25.23	24.87
Inventory Days	94.81	76.90	51.50	53.38	55.34
Accounts Payables Days	48.88	63.89	60.79	63.02	65.33
ROIC (%)	58.9%	17.1%	23.8%	29.0%	49.7%
ROCE (%)	21.9%	9.9%	20.7%	22.7%	30.7%
Return On Average Assets	11.9%	4.6%	10.0%	10.8%	14.9%

Key Drivers					
	Mar-20A	Mar-21A	Mar-22F	Mar-23F	Mar-24F
Medical services rev (yoy %)	19.2%	54.0%	75.1%	51.9%	24.2%
Aesthetic and beauty services rev (yoy %)	-3.9%	-16.3%	25.6%	14.6%	26.6%
Performance marketing rev (yoy %)	N/A	2.0%	-20.0%	0.0%	10.0%
Medical services OPM (%)	9.0%	9.9%	11.2%	8.7%	12.0%
Aesthetic and beauty services OPM (%)	23.0%	14.0%	21.0%	21.0%	26.0%
Performance marketing OPM (%)	4.1%	12.8%	10.0%	2.0%	12.0%

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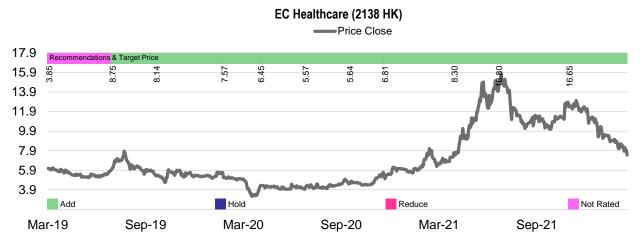
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