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JD Logistics Inc

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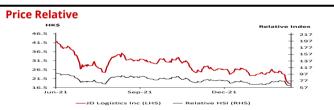
Last Traded Price (14 Mar 2022): HK\$18.38 (HSI: 19,532) Price Target 12-mth: HK\$30.50 (66% upside) (Prev HK\$38.00)

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What's New

- Acquisition of Deppon enhances infrastructure network
- Strong external expansion to drive revenue growth
- Raised revenue forecasts by 7%/9% in FY22-23F, and expect gradual margin improvements ahead
- Maintain BUY with TP revised to HK\$30.5



Forecasts a	nd Val	luation
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FY Dec (RMBm) Turnover EBITDA Pre-tax Profit Net Profit Net Profit Net Pft (Pre Ex) (core profit) Net Profit Gth (Pre-ex) (%) EPS (RMB) EPS (HK\$) Core EPS (RMB) Core EPS (RMB) Core EPS (HK\$) EPS Gth (%) Core EPS Gth (%) Diluted EPS (HK\$) BV Per Share (HK\$) PE (X) CorePE (X) P/Cash Flow (X) P/Free CF (X) EV/EBITDA (X) Net Div Yield (%) P/Book Value (X) Net Debt/Equity (X)	2020A 73,375 6,263 (4,049) (4,134) 1,795 N/A (1.05) (1.30) 0,46 0,56 (85.1) N/A 0,56 0,00 (1.62) nm 32.6 5.7 8.3 8.7 0.0 nm CASH	2021A 104,693 5,560 (15,600) (15,842) (1,226) N/A (3,19) (3,94) (0,25) (0,31) (203,2) N/A (0,31) 0,00 9,44 nm nm 11,9 nm 10,5	2022F 132.826 8.035 (1.990) (2.153) (450) 63.3 (0.35) (0.43) (0.07) (0.09) 89.1 70.5 (0.09) 0.00 7.15 nm nm 3.9 11.4 8.6 0.0 2.6 CASH	2023F 164.665 11.557 (754) (901) 803 N/A (0.15) (0.18) 0.13 0.16 58.1 N/A 0.16 0.00 6.97 nm 114.6 3.1 8.8 5.2 0.0 2.6 CASH
ROAE(%) Earnings Rev (%): Consensus EPS (RMB)	113.9	(96.6)	(5.8) n.m. (0.17)	(2.6) n.m. 0.13
Other Broker Recs:		B:19	S:0	H:2

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

Strengthening infrastructure to drive market expansion

Investment Thesis

Expect infrastructure network to strengthen with acquisition of Deppon (603056 CH), a leading 3PL providing diversified solutions. We expect this acquisition to further facilitate JD Logistics' expansion prospects, backed by solid network, sufficient customer resources and superior branding.

Strong expansion to support revenue growth. External revenue made up 56.5% of total in FY21 (up from 47% in FY20). JD Logistics strives to grow its external customer base through a modularization strategy, and is seeing encouraging growth in both the number of external integrated supply chain customers and average revenue per customer.

Maintain strategic focus and confident of margin improvements. Gross margin improved from 3.7% in 1H21 to 5.5% in FY21. Supported by improving operational efficiency, enhanced scale effect and technology upgrade, we expect margins to gradually improve in FY22-FY23F, while the company targets non-IFRS net profit to break even by FY22F (excl. Deppon acquisition).

Valuation:

Given encouraging expansion, we raise our revenue estimates by 7%/9% in FY22-23F. Maintain BUY with TP revised to HK\$30.5, based on 1.2x FY22F P/S (vs. 1.6x FY22F P/S previously), with a premium to 1.1x FY22F P/S of weighted average multiple of Chinese and global logistics peers and logistics-related internet players factoring in its strengthening infrastructure for long-term growth.

Where we differ:

Expect to see enhanced synergies from its diversified product mix and strengthened infrastructure, which should underpin external market expansion.

Key Risks to Our View:

Slower-than-expected acquisition progress; intensifying labour market competition; potential oil price hike.

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Issued Capital (m shrs)	6,183
Mkt Cap (HK\$m/US\$m)	113,644 / 14,514
Major Shareholders (%)	
JD.com, Inc.	63.5
Free Float (%)	36.5
3m Avg. Daily Val. (US\$m)	18.85
GICS Industry: Industrials / Transportation	







WHAT'S NEW

Strengthening infrastructure to facilitate market expansion

Infrastructure network strengthened with acquisition of Deppon (603056 CH). JD Logistics announced that it is acquiring a 66.5% stake in Deppon for a total consideration of c.Rmb9.0bn (equivalent to 0.4x FY22F P/S) and will make a mandatory general offer for all Deppon Offer Shares at Rmb13.15 per share. This acquisition is pending approval by the relevant PRC authorities in relation to antitrust review, as well as necessary internal approvals. JD Logistics intends to finance the consideration by its own funds and/or financing, supported by sufficient cash of Rmb18bn by end-2020.

Founded in 1996, Deppon was the market leader in the midto-high-end Less-Than-Truckload (LTL) transportation industry in 2010, before stepping into the bulky express delivery industry in 2013. With its new focus, it changed its brand name to "Deppon Express" in 2018. As a result, Deppon achieved a 5-Yr revenue CAGR of 17% in 2015-20, with express business revenue contribution surging from 5% in 2014 to 61% in 2020 (37% from LTL segment, and 3% from other businesses).

Deppon is now a well-recognized leading third-party logistics (3PL) player providing diversified solutions of high service quality under a direct operation model. It has a solid infrastructure network, with over 30,000 service stations, 143 strategically located transfer centers covering over 1.8mn sqm, and more than 2,000 well-designed transportation routes as of mid-2021.

We expect this acquisition to significantly strengthen JD Logistics' infrastructure in the LTL industry, and facilitate its market expansion capability, with benefits stemming from optimizing its product mix, enhanced economies of scale, solid nationwide network, sufficient customer resources and superior brand reputation.

Strong external expansion to support revenue growth. JD Logistics announced its 2021 annual results with revenue largely in-line with our estimates, of which external revenue making up 56.5% of total revenue of Rmb104.7bn (+43% y-o-y) in FY21. JD Logistics strives to expand its external customer base through a modularization strategy. The number of external integrated supply chain (ISC) customers reached 74,602 (+42% y-o-y) in FY21, while average revenue per customer (ARPC) rose to Rmb341k (+9% y-o-y).

Maintain strategic focus and confident of margin improvements ahead. Gross margin improved from 3.7% in 1H21 to 5.5% in FY21, better than market estimate, driven by improving operational efficiency and enhanced scale effect. Meanwhile, its non-IFRS loss narrowed from Rmb1.5bn in 1H21 to Rmb1.2bn in FY21 (vs. non-IFRS profit of Rmb1.8bn in FY20), mainly thanks to margin improvement in 2H21, offset by reduction of government support for COVID-19, and continuous investment in logistics infrastructure network. Moreover, it continues to invest in technology. Research and development expenses grew 37% y-o-y to Rmb2.8bn in FY21, remained stable at 2.7% of total revenue. Supported by improving operational efficiency, enhanced scale effect and technology upgrade, we expect to see gradual margin improvements ahead.

Maintain BUY rating with TP revised to HK\$30.5. Given encouraging external expansion, we raised our revenue estimates by 7%/9% in FY22-23F. Maintain BUY with TP revised to HK\$30.5, based on 1.2x FY22F P/S (vs. 1.6x FY22F P/S previously), with a premium to 1.1x FY22F P/S of weighted average multiple of Chinese and global logistics peers and logistics-related internet players, factoring in enhanced synergies generated from its diversified product mix and strengthened infrastructure.

Company Background

JD Logistics is the largest player in China's integrated supply chain logistics services market in terms of total revenue in 2020. Established in 2007, JD Logistics first operated as an internal logistics department to provide inhouse logistics services to JD Group. It started to operate as a stand-alone business segment of JD Group in April 2017. Meanwhile, it has opened its solutions and services to external customers in an effort to transform the company from a First Party Logistics (1PL) provider to a third-party logistics (3PL) provider serving a broader market. JD Logistics has developed an extensive network of over 1,300 warehouses that are strategically located near end consumers and over 200,000 in-house delivery personnel, which allows it to cover consumers across different city tiers in China.





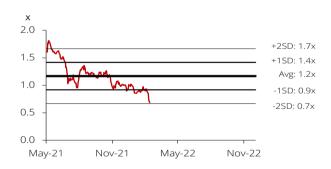
Income Statement (RMB m)

FY Dec	2020A	2021A	% cha_vov	
Revenue	73,375	104,693	42.7	
Cost of Goods Sold	(67,081)	(98,909)	47.4	
Gross Profit	6,294	5,784	(8.1)	
Other Opng (Exp)/Inc	(10,088)	(20,862)	106.8	
Operating Profit	(3,795)	(15,078)	297.3	
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0	0	nm	
Associates & JV Inc	(64)	(37)	42.6	
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(190)	(485)	(154.9)	
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	0	0	nm	
Pre-tax Profit	(4,049)	(15,600)	(285.3)	
Tax	12	(60)	nm	
Minority Interest	(97)	(181)	(87.4)	
Net Profit	(4,134)	(15,842)	(283.2)	
Net Profit before Except.	1,795	(1,226)	nm	
EBITDA	6,263	5,560	(11.2)	
Margins & Ratio				
Gross Margins (%)	8.6	5.5		
Opg Profit Margin (%)	(5.2)	(14.4)		
Net Profit Margin (%)	(5.6)	(15.1)		

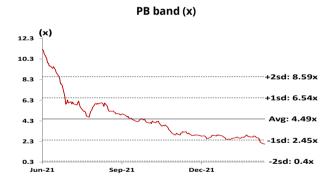
Source: Company, DBS HK

Historical PS and PB band

Forward PS band (x)



Source: Thomson Reuters, DBS HK







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FY22: FY23; FY23: FY24

Source: Thomson Reuters, *DBS HK





Income Statement (RMB m)

FY Dec	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Revenue	49,848	73,375	104,693	132,826	164,665
Cost of Goods Sold	(46,415)	(67,081)	(98,909)	(123,528)	(151,821)
Gross Profit	3,432	6,294	5,784	9,298	12,844
Other Opng (Exp)/Inc	(5,480)	(10,088)	(20,862)	(10,793)	(13,152)
Operating Profit	(2,048)	(3,795)	(15,078)	(1,495)	(308)
Other Non Opg (Exp)/Inc	0	0	0	0	0
Associates & JV Inc	(69)	(64)	(37)	0	0
Net Interest (Exp)/Inc	(44)	(190)	(485)	(494)	(446)
Dividend Income	0	0	0	0	0
Exceptional Gain/(Loss)	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	(2,160)	(4,049)	(15,600)	(1,990)	(754)
Tax	(77)	12	(60)	20	38
Minority Interest	4	(97)	(181)	(183)	(185)
Preference Dividend	0	0	0	0	0
Net Profit	(2,234)	(4,134)	(15,842)	(2,153)	(901)
Net Profit before Except.	(455)	1,795	(1,226)	(450)	803
EBITDA	2,201	6,263	5,560	8,035	11,557
Growth					
Revenue Gth (%)	31.6	47.2	42.7	26.9	24.0
EBITDA Gth (%)	N/A	184.5	(11.2)	44.5	43.8
Opg Profit Gth (%)	(32.4)	85.3	297.3	(90.1)	(79.4)
Net Profit Gth (%)	19.2	(85.1)	(283.2)	86.4	58.1
Margins & Ratio					
Gross Margins (%)	6.9	8.6	5.5	7.0	7.8
Opg Profit Margin (%)	(4.1)	(5.2)	(14.4)	(1.1)	(0.2)
Net Profit Margin (%)	(4.5)	(5.6)	(15.1)	(1.6)	(0.5)
ROAE (%)	147.3	113.9	(96.6)	(5.8)	(2.6)
ROA (%)	(6.5)	(8.7)	(24.1)	(2.5)	(0.9)
ROCE (%)	(10.7)	(15.2)	(37.4)	(2.9)	(0.6)
Div Payout Ratio (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Net Interest Cover (x)	(46.6)	(19.9)	(31.1)	(3.0)	(0.7)
Source: Company, DBS HK					





Balance Sheet (RMB m)

FY Dec	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Net Fixed Assets	5,338	6,652	8,875	11,566	14,895
Invts in Associates & JVs	288	232	156	156	156
Other LT Assets	10,440	18,931	22,519	25,752	29,876
Cash & ST Invts	9,274	6,347	17,923	25,252	34,971
Inventory	260	393	683	683	683
Debtors	3,230	5,371	12,164	13,283	16,466
Other Current Assets	11,512	17,029	14,631	19,967	16,601
Total Assets	40,053	54,723	76,795	96,504	113,492
ST Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Creditors	15,155	21,290	17,943	39,586	57,253
Other Current Liab	3,298	5,049	6,603	6,603	6,603
LT Debt	0	0,049	0,003	0,003	0,003
Other LT Liabilities	23,685	31,278	11,860	11,896	11,933
Shareholder's Equity	(2,117)	(5,142)	37,938	35,785	34,884
Minority Interests	32	2,248	2,451	2,634	2,819
Total Cap. & Liab.	40,053	54,723	76,795	96,504	113,492
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Non-Cash Wkg. Capital	(3,452)	(3,546)	2,933	(12,256)	(30,106)
Net Cash/(Debt)	9,274	6,347	17,923	25,252	34,971
Debtors Turn (avg days)	17.8	21.4	30.6	35.0	33.0
Creditors Turn (avg days)	116.2	107.5	78.6	92.1	126.3
Inventory Turn (avg days)	2.1	1.9	2.2	2.2	1.8
Asset Turnover (x)	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.6
Current Ratio (x)	1.3	1.1	1.8	1.3	1.1
Quick Ratio (x)	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.8
Net Debt/Equity (X)	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH	CASH
Net Debt/Equity ex MI (X)	4.4	1.2	CASH	CASH	CASH
Capex to Debt (%)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
Z-Score (X)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Source: Company, DBS HK					

Cash Flow Statement (RMB m) FY Dec

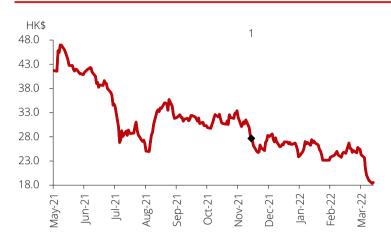
<u>FY Dec</u>	2019A	2020A	2021A	2022F	2023F
Pre-Tax Profit	(2,160)	(4,049)	(15,600)	(1,990)	(754)
Dep. & Amort.	3,933	5,196	7,795	9,530	11,866
Tax Paid	(19)	(46)	0	0	0
Assoc. & JV Inc/(loss)	0	0	0	0	0
(Pft)/ Loss on disposal of FAs	69	64	0	0	0
Chg in Wkg.Cap.	(1,659)	2,728	(6,479)	15,189	17,850
Other Operating CF	2,466	6,308	20,492	809	827
Net Operating CF	2,630	10,201	6,207	23,538	29,788
Capital Exp.(net)	(1,774)	(3,181)	(12,181)	(15,455)	(19,318)
Other Invts.(net)	(389)	(295)	0	0	0
Invts in Assoc. & JV	(357)	0	0	0	0
Div from Assoc & JV	0	0	0	0	0
Other Investing CF	(90)	(5,295)	1,059	0	0
Net Investing CF	(2,610)	(8,771)	(11,122)	(15,455)	(19,318)
Div Paid	0	0	0	0	0
Chg in Gross Debt	0	(686)	0	0	0
Capital Issues	(3)	437	22,451	0	0
Other Financing CF	(9,892)	(3,483)	(5,855)	(754)	(752)
Net Financing CF	(9,895)	(3,733)	16,597	(754)	(752)
Currency Adjustments	0	0	0	0	0
Chg in Cash	(9,875)	(2,302)	11,682	7,329	9,718
Opg CFPS (RMB)	1.09	1.90	2.56	1.35	1.93
Free CFPS (RMB)	0.22	1.79	(1.20)	1.31	1.69

Source: Company, DBS HK





Target Price & Ratings History



S.N	o. Date	Closing Price	12-mth Target Price	Rating
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