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Equity Focus

Key Data

Share price (HK\$)	10.30
Target price (HK\$)	NA
Upside potential (%)	NA
52Wk H/L(HK\$)	14.8 / 7.4
Issued shares (mn)	1,721
Market cap (HK\$mn)	17,619
30-day avg vol (HK\$mn)	19.9
Major shareholder (%):	
Honorich Holdings	50.4
Vanguard Group	2.0

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Pretax profit composition in 2011 (%)

Asset Management	(13.5)
Asset Investment	0.1
Direct Investment	34.2
Structure Investment & Treasury	18.3
Strategic Investment	10.6
Others	3.8
Corporate Expenses / Incentives	15.2
CES profit contribution	31.4

Source: Company

Share performance (%)

	Absolute	Relative*
1-mth	(2.5)	(4.1)
3-mth	(1.3)	(3.9)
6-mth	(27.5)	(18.5)

Source: Bloomberg *Relative to MSCI China

1 year price performance



Source: Bloomberg

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China Everbright (165 HK) – Unrated **Diversified capital markets**

Growth achieved in a difficult half (1H12 result review)

China Everbright Ltd. (CEL) just reported 1H12 earnings at HK\$766.6bn, down 51% YoY. We noted that such decline was mainly driven by a one-off disposal gain on Everbright Securities International (HK\$512mn) in 1H11, and an accounting adjustment on AFS reserves (HK\$190mn). In fact, revenue grew by 22% YoY and operating profits rose by 17.8% YoY. Total comprehensive income, including AFS unrealized gains, jumped 80.2% YoY to HK\$821.4mn.

Better dividends from China Everbright Bank. Dividends from CEB rose 43% YoY to HK\$267mn, in light of better NIM and lower credit cost. CEB is currently planning its H-share IPO, for raising about US\$1.5bn.

Everbright Securities (EBS) dragging. Equity-accounted profits from EBS declined by 24.5% YoY to HK\$339mn, on the back of weakening A-share turnover throughout 1H12.

Bright prospects of Private Equity projects. Currently, CEL has 40 primary investment projects, with an AUM of HK\$19.2bn, yielding good return historically. In 1H12, CEL reported disposal gains or unrealized gains amounting to HK\$575.6mn, up 3.3% YoY. Also, the newly acquired aircraft leasing company is expanding its fleet fast. We expect it to generate better profits for CEL in 2H12 and 2013.

Appealing discount to Sum of the Parts (SOTP). CEL's SOTP valuation remained stable at HK\$22.0 per share year to date. CEL's trading discount to SOTP was low at 53.5%, compared to the average discount of 45.2% since 2010. Per Bloomberg, the stock is trading at HK\$10.30, or 10.0x 2012E PER (2010-12 average at 11.1x) and 0.63x 2012E PBV (2010-12 average at 0.85x). We consider the stock trading at an attractive valuation.

Risk factors: Better/worse-than-expected operating performance of EBS, CEB, private equity holdings and aircraft leasing unit.

Valuation

FY ended Dec 31	2009	2010	2011
Revenue (HK\$ mn)	387	1,721	1,425
Chg (YoY %)	(71)	344	(17)
Net profit (HK\$ mn)	4,758	1,927	1,923
Chg (YoY %)	409	(59)	(0)
EPS (HK\$)	2.98	1.19	1.12
Chg (YoY %)	409	(60)	(6)
PER (x)	3.45	8.67	9.23
BVPS (HK\$)	13.18	17.35	15.36
PBV(x)	0.78	0.59	0.67
DPS (HK\$)	0.38	0.43	0.45
Yield (%)	3.7	4.2	4.4
ROE (%)	27.8	6.8	7.3

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities



China Everbright: 1H12 profit & loss

			YoY Chg				YoY Ch
HK\$ '000			1H12	1H11	(%)		
Operating income	532,716	428,905	24.2	Operating income			
Other net income	587,161	488,903	20.1	Consultancy & Mgt fees	41,267	36,354	13.
Total revenue	1,119,877	917,808	22.0	Interest income	165,505	143,356	15.
Staff costs	(131,289)	(103,376)	27.0	Dividend income	324,914	247,616	31.
Depreciation & amortisation	(15,074)	(7,579)	98.9	Gross rental income	1,030	1,579	(34.8
Impairment loss on AFS	(32,695)	(9,480)	244.9	Total	532,716	428,905	24.
Other operating expenses	(55,515)	(45,549)	21.9				
Profit from operations	885,304	751,824	17.8	Other net income			
Finance costs	(42,532)	(28,557)	48.9	Net realised gain/(loss) - trading	(6,103)	(48,936)	(87.5
Disposal gain (loss)		511,576	(100.0)	Net unrealised gain/(loss) - trading	14,526	(30,860)	(147.)
Associates profits (losses)	330,270	446,188	(26.0)	Net disposal gain on AFS	375,165	433,071	(13.4
JV profits (losses)	39,823	(10,219)	(489.7)	Realised gain (asset) on P&L		0	(100.0
Profit from discontinued operations		10,871	NA	Unrealised gain (asset) on P&L	200,396	124,085	61.
Accounting adj. to reserve	(189,967)		NA	Unrealised gain (liability) on P&L	14,573	8,268	(100.0
Profit before tax	1,022,898	1,681,683	(39.2)	Unrealised loss on notes payable	(14,222)	(8,329)	70.
Income tax	(135,573)	(127,405)	6.4	Exchange gain/(loss), net	(9,330)	5,146	(281.3
Profit after tax	887,325	1,554,278	(42.9)	Others	12,156	6,458	88.
Minority interest	(120,770)	9,514	(1,369.4)	Total	587,161	488,903	20.
Profit attributable to Shareholders	766,555	1,563,792	(51.0)				
Other comprehensive income	(65,904)	(1,098,344)	(94.0)				
Total comprehensive income	821,421	455,934	80.2				

Source: Company, ABCI Securities

China Everbright: Sum of the Parts (SOTP) Valuation

	Stock code	Stake	Status	# of shares (mn)	Share Price (l'cy)	Value (L'cy mn)	Exch Rate	Value (HKD mn)	HK\$ per share	MIX (%)	Bal. Sheet	HK\$ per share	MIX (%)
EBS	601788 CH	33.30%	listed	3,418	11.13	12,668	1.22	15,454	8.98	40.8%			
EBS International			unlisted					1,652	0.96	4.4%			
Other associates			unlisted					500	0.29	1.3%			
Total Associates								17,606	10.2	46.4%	10,153	5.9	33.5%
CEB	601818 CH	4.51%	listed	40,435	2.76	5,033	1.22	6,140	3.57	16.2%			
Being Mate	002570 CH	3.31%	listed	427	22.39	316	1.22	386	0.22	1.0%			
Sunshine	2002 HK	8.90%	listed	803	0.77			55	0.03	0.1%			
Beijing Jing Neng	579 HK	2.25%	listed	6,150	1.80			249	0.14	0.7%			
China Outfitter	1146 HK	3.39%	listed	3,452	1.51			177	0.10	0.5%			
iSoft Stone	ISS US	1.24%	listed	55	4.70	3	7.76	25	0.01	0.1%			
Other listed AFS			listed					1,505	0.87	4.0%			
Others unlisted AFS			unlisted					3,094	1.80	8.2%			
Total AFS								11,630	6.8	30.7%	11,548	6.7	38.1%
Trading Securities + Financial Assets								1,487	0.9	3.9%			
Cash & Equivalents								4,597	2.7	12.1%			
Advances to customers								2,702	1.6	7.1%			
Misc Assets								2,406	1.4	6.4%			
Total Other Assets								11,192	6.5	29.6%	11,192	6.5	36.9%
(-) Total Liabilities excluding deferred tax or provisions								(2,563)	(1.5)	-6.8%	(2,563)	(1.5)	-8.4%
Sum of the parts valuation								37,866	22.0	100%	30,330	17.6	100%
CEL (HK\$)									10.30			10.30	
% Discount									(53.5)			(41.8)	

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

CEL: Forward PER (2010 - present)



Source: Bloomberg, ABCI securities

CEL: Sum of the Parts (SOTP) versus share price (2010 - present)



Source: Bloomberg, ABCI securities

CEL: Forward PBV (2010 - present)



Source: Bloomberg, ABCI securities

CEL: Trading discount to SOTP (2010 – present) [Average Discount at 45.2%]



Source: Bloomberg, ABCI securities



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