ABCI SECURITIES COMPANY LIMITED

### November 22, 2013 Company Report Rating: BUY TP: HK\$ 3.30

Share price (HK\$) 2.54
Est. share price return 29.92%
Est. dividend yield 3.90%
Est. total return 33.82%

Previous Rating &TP
Previous Report Date

BUY; HK\$ 2.90 Jul 25, 2013

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#### **Key Data**

52Wk H/L(HK\$)	3.02/2.19
Issued shares (mn)	9,161
Market cap	23,911
3-mth avg daily turnover (HK\$ mn)	13.4
Major shareholder(s) (%):	
Sinochem Group	62.90

Source(s): Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

#### FY12 Revenue breakdown (%)

Property Development	62.9
Property Leasing	6.4
Hotels	11.7
Land Development	15.4
Others	3.6
Source(s): Company ARCI Securities	

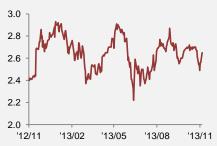
#### Share performance (%)

	Absolute	<u>Relative</u>
1-mth	(3.0)	(4.3)
3-mth	(4.0)	(11.5)
6-mth	(8.7)	(9.9)

\*Relative to HSI

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

#### 1-Year stock performance (HK\$)



Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

# Franshion (817 HK) Defensive and diversified; maintain BUY

- Franshion achieved RMB 6.1bn in land sales for 10M13 from the Meixi Lake primary land development project, beating its 2013 target of RMB 5bn. Further growth will be supported by recent acquisition of Meixi lake Phase 2 with a GFA of 12.7mn sqm
- Franshion's Nanjing International Centre will boost income in retail rental
- Raised earnings forecasts by 2.5%-5.7% for FY13-E15E on better-than -expected primary land sales.
- Maintain BUY with a revised TP of HK\$ 3.30 based on a 40% discount to our revised end-2014E NAV of HK\$ 5.57/share

**Scaling up primary land business.** Franshion has become an investor in Phase 2 of the Meixi Lake Project with a GFA of 12.7mn sqm. The land capex would be RMB17.4bn (70% of total investment cost), or RMB1,963/sqm (45% higher than Phase 1 that was acquired two years ago), and the amount will be paid in installments. We believe the acquisition will further strengthen Franshion's primary land development business. For 10M13, Franshion's primary land presale reached RMB 6.1bn, exceeding its original 2013 target of RMB 5bn by 22%.

Ramping up its retail rental. Being one of the most widely recognized office landlords in China, the Group also seeks to further expand its retail rental business. The Group acquired the Nanjing International Centre (NIC) in Feb 2013. The building will undergo major renovations that will increase its GFA by 100k sqm. The Group will also introduce a wide range of retailers as tenants. Before Franshion's acquisition, retail portion of NIC had an occupancy of 79% and a rent rate of RMB 2.6/sqm/day (vs. Franshion's Shanghai J-Life: RMB 14/sqm/day; Sanya J-Life: RMB 35/sqm/day). The estimated capex of such renovation will be ~RMB 300mn-400mn, but we expect the rent rate will increase by 53% to RMB 4.0/sqm/day once the renovation is completed by 2016, which implies a gross yield on cost of ~12%.

Limited policy headwind, maintain BUY. On the back of better-than -expected 10M13 presale, we raised our 2013E/14E/15E core profit estimates by 5.7%/5.6%/2.5%, respectively. We also roll over our NAV forecast to end-2014 and raise our TP by 13.7% to HK\$ 3.30 (from HK\$2.90 previously). Our TP is based on a 40% discount to end-2014 NAV (HK\$ 5.57/share), comparable to its trading at historical average discount of 38% since listing. Given the Group's significant exposure in commercial real estate, we believe it is less likely to be affected by the government's austerity measures on property sector. Maintain BUY.

Risk factors: 1) Potential dilution by CB; 2) Depletion of high-quality commercial landbank

#### **Results and Valuation**

FY ended Dec 31	2011A	2012A	2013E	2014E	2015E
Revenue (HK\$ mn)	6,592	17,176	20,087	29,373	37,278
Chg (% YoY)	3.8	160.6	17.0	46.2	26.9
Core net profit (HK\$ mn)	1,455	2,154	3,004	3,923	5,441
Chg (% YoY)	45.9	48.0	39.4	30.6	38.7
Underlying EPS (HK\$)	0.16	0.23	0.31	0.39	0.53
Chg (% YoY)	53.2	39.6	34.4	27.7	35.9
BVPS (HK\$)	2.32	2.58	2.81	3.12	3.55
Chg (% YoY)	14.5	11.5	8.8	11.0	13.9
Underlying PE (x)	15.5	11.1	8.3	6.5	4.8
PB (x)	1.1	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
ROE (%)	6.7	8.9	11.4	13.4	16.4
ROA (%)	2.1	2.6	3.1	3.6	4.6
DPS (HK\$)	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.16
Dividend yield (%)	1.6	2.8	3.9	4.7	6.3
Net gearing (%)	48.2	51.3	68.9	34.9	(15.8)

\*Net gearing=Net debt/Total Shareholders' equity Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities estimates



## Meixi Lake Phase 2: Hot land market to drive primary land development profit

Franshion has become an investor the Meixi Lake Project Phase 2 that has a GFA of 12.7mn sqm. The land capex would be RMB17.4bn (70% of total investment cost), or RMB 1,963/sqm (45% higher than Phase 1 that was acquired two years ago), and it will be paid in installments. Due to higher land cost, gross margin will be lower for Phase 2 at 13% based on the current ASP of RMB 3,200/sqm.

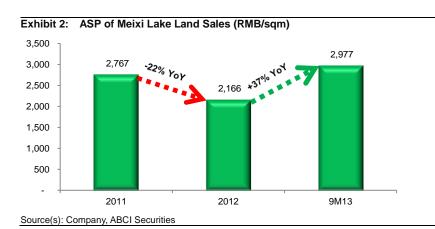
Back in 2011, when Franshion announced its one-off investment of RMB 12.8bn in Meixi Lake, investors were concerned about the sudden surge in gearing and the Group's limited experience in primary land development. We believe Franshion primary land business has been a successful one, generating RMB 3bn-5bn in sales in 2011 and 2012. Furthermore, the payment for Phase 2 will be made in installments, easing the concerns of gearing surge.

In fact, land price of Meixi Lake Phase 1 rebounded 37%YoY to RMB 2,977/sqm for 9M13. Franshion will start acquiring Phase 2 as the reserves in Phase 1 depleted. We expect gross margin of Phase 2 to reach 17% in FY15E based on an estimated ASP of RMB3,400/sqm pricing.

Exhibit 1: Meixi Lake development comparison

	Stake	Total investment cost	GFA	Average land cost	Profit sharing to government	Payment terms	Estimated Gross margin on current ASP (RMB3,200/sqm)
Phase 1 (acquired in Jan 2011)	(%) 80%	RMB bn 12.8	mn sqm 9.45	RMB/sqm 1,354	(%) 8%	Upfront	(%) 42%
Phase 2 ( acquired in Oct 2013)	70%	24.9	12.68	1,963	40%	By instalment	13%

Source(s): Franshion, ABCI Securities



In fact, its primary land business has performed well in 10M13, registering RMB 6.1bn in presale, beating the original 2013 target of RMB 5bn. Franshion's residential/ office presales reached RMB11.8bn, achieving 87% of full-year target of RMB 13.5bn for this segment.

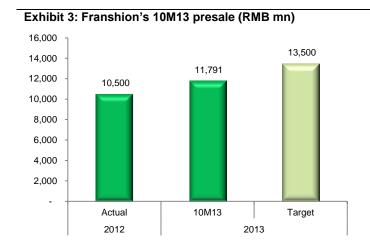
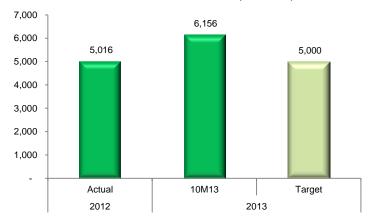


Exhibit 4: Franshion's 10M13 land sales (RMB mn)



Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

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Exhibit 5: Franshion- Monthly presale (RMB mn)

Exhibit 6: Franshion- Monthly land sales in Meixi Lake (RMB mn)

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	Amount	GFA	ASP		Amount	GFA	ASP
	RMB mn	mn sqm	RMB/sqm		RMB mn	mn sqm	RMB/sqm
Jan-13	1,292	0.0512	25,234	Jan-13	1,600	0.62	2,572
Feb-13	2,000	0.0320	62,500	Feb-13	1,009	0.34	3,001
Mar-13	648	0.0329	19,696	Mar-13	=	-	NA
Apr-13	769	0.0490	15,694	Apr-13	-	-	NA
May-13	1,413	0.0494	28,603	May-13	63	0.04	1,602
Jun-13	1,212	0.0478	25,356	Jun-13	-	-	NA
Jul-13	1,325	0.0739	17,930	Jul-13	964	0.31	3,091
Aug-13	768	0.0272	28,267	Aug-13	480	0.12	4,111
Sep-13	1,520	0.0513	29,616	Sep-13	2,040	0.64	3,180
Oct-13	844	0.0530	15,925	Oct-13	· •	-	NA
10M13	10,947	0.4150	26,398	10M13	6,156	2.07	2,977

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

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#### Retail revenue driver: Nanjing International Centre

In Oct, we visited Franshion's Nanjing International Centre (NIC), which was 51%-owned by the Group after its acquisition in Feb 2013 from a local developer. Situated at the heart of Zhongyang Road, Gulou District in Nanjing, Nanjing International Center faces Xuanwu Lake and comprises one ultra-high-rise Main Tower, North Tower, South Tower, and an eight-storey podium. Based on its prime location, we expect office rent could reach 4.0/sqm/day with a 95% occupancy rate. Currently, its residential units are selling at ~RMB 50k/sqm. However, retail portion have not been performing well. It has an occupancy rate of 79% and a rent rate of RMB2.6/sqm/day (vs. Franshion's Shanghai J-Life: RMB14/sqm/day; Sanya J-Life: RMB35/sqm/day).

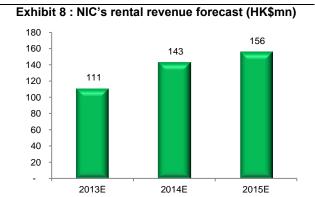
Franshion plans to renovate the building (estimated capex: RMB 300-400mn) to increase the building's GFA by 100k sqm and introduce a wider range of retailers as tenants. We expect such investment will boost rent rate by 53% to RMB 4.0/sqm/day once the renovation is completed by 2016, implying a gross yield of ~12% on cost (cost is calculated by summing the acquisition cost of RMB 9,400/sqm and renovation cost of RMB 2,600/sqm), as opposed to the 7%-8% yield for most investment properties in China.



#### **Exhibit 7: Nanjing International Centre-Operating statistics**

Statistics	
GFA breakdown ('000sqm)	
Phase 1 (completed)	189.5
- Office	53.8
- Retail	86.0
- Hotel	32.5
- Residential	17.2
Phase 2 (Under development) - Office - Retail - Hotel - Residential	<b>196.0</b> 72.2 48.5 23.5 51.8

Property valuation (RMB mn)	2,510
Consideration paid (RMB mn)	816
Stake acquired	51.0%



Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates

Total

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

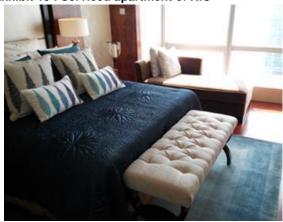
#### **Exhibit 9: Retail mall of NIC**



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Source(s): Company

**Exhibit 10: Serviced apartment of NIC** 

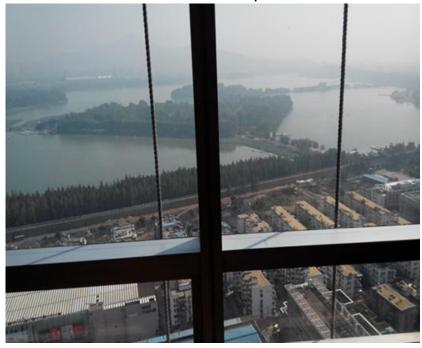


Source(s): Company

Exhibit 11: NIC Phase 1 & 2



Exhibit 12: Window view of NIC's serviced apartment



Source(s): Company

<sup>\*</sup> as at Jun 2013



#### Limited policy headwinds; maintain BUY

On the back of better-than-expected 10M13 presale, we raise our 2013E/14E/15E core profit forecasts by 5.7%/5.6%/2.5%, respectively. We also roll over our NAV estimate to end-2014 and raise our TP by 13.7% to HK\$ 3.30 (from HK\$ 2.90 previously). Our TP is based on a 40% discount to FY14E NAV (HK\$ 5.62), comparable to the stock's trading at the historical average discount of 38% since its listing. Franshion is currently trading at 6.9x 2014E P/E, reflecting a 52% discount to end-FY14E NAV.

Given the Group's significant exposure in commercial property sector, we believe it is less likely to be affected by the government's austerity measures that usually target at the residential sector. Together with Franshion's success in primary land development (9M13 revenue: RMB6.2bn, +24% higher than 2012 full-year revenue), we believe it should stand out among other SOE developers such as COLI and CR Land based on its diversified and defensive income streams. Maintain **BUY**.

Exhibit 13: Major forecast changes for Franshion									
		Previous			Current			Change (%)	
	2013E	2014E	2015E	2013E	2014E	2015E	2013E	2014E	2015E
GFA delivery (mn sqm)									
- Residential	0.29	0.66	0.87	0.26	0.65	0.95	-8.6%	-2.4%	9.5%
YoY chg (%)	-38%	132%	31%	-43%	148%	47%			
- Meixi Lake land sales	0.93	0.88	0.70	1.55	1.38	1.04	67.5%	56.3%	47.2%
YoY chg (%)	-7%	-5%	-20%	55%	-11%	-25%			
Contracted sales (RMB mn)									
- Residential	14,096	18,709	29,084	13,993	19,060	28,749	-0.7%	1.9%	-1.2%
YoY chg (%)	34%	33%	55%	33%	36%	51%			
- Meixi Lake land sales	5,000	5,225	4,389	6,156	6,433	7,123	23.1%	23.1%	62.3%
YoY chg (%)	0%	4%	-16%	23%	4%	11%			
Core net profit (HK\$ mn)	2,841	3,715	5,308	3,004	3,923	5,441	5.7%	5.6%	2.5%
YoY chg (%)	32%	31%	43%	39%	31%	39%	5.1,0	2.370	_,,,,
Source(s): ABCI Securities estimat		2170	.370	2370	2.70	2370			



Exhibit 14: Franshion's FY14E NAV

	Attr. GFA	Net assets value		Valuation	Implied value per
	(M sqm)	(HK\$ mn)	% of total	Methodology	sqm (HK\$)
Property development	( 54)	(**************************************	70 01 10141	ca.icaciogy	(:)
Beijing	0.8	12,444	18%		14,773
Shanghai	0.4	5,836	9%		16,596
Changsha	1.5	4,341	6%	DCF at	2,956
Suzhou	0.3	2,395	4%	WACC of 9.6%	8,744
Chongqing	0.5	2,003	3%	3.070	4,000
Others	1.8	5,734	9%		3,274
Subtotal	4.7	32,753	49%		6,987
Primary Land Development	4.1	15,478	23%	Mkt value	3,751
Investment Properties	0.5	14,837	22%	6% cap rate	on net rental income
Hotels		4,377	6%	5x EBITDA multiple	
Total 2014E GAV		67,444	100%		
2014E Net debt (including Perpetual convertible securities)		(16,371)	-24%		
Total 2014E NAV		51,073	76%		
No. of share outstanding		9,161			
NAV per share (HK\$)		5.57			
Target discount (%)		40%			
Target Price (HK\$)		3.30			
WACC	9.6%				
Cost of debt	6.5%				
Cost of Equity	15.0%				
Debt/ ( Debt + Equity)	53%				
urce(s): Company, ABCI Securities esti	imates				



hibit 15: Franshion's 1H13 res	1H13	1H12	YoY Chg
<u></u>	HK\$ mn	HK\$ mn	(%)
Turnover	11,132	3,618	207.6
Property sales	4,478	1,677	167.0
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Primary land development	4,707	76	6,110.0
Property leasing	629	547	14.9
Hotel	1,042	1,063	(2.0)
Others	276	255	8.2
Cost of Sales & direct operating costs	(6,295)	(1,604)	292.4
Gross Profit	4,837	2,014	140.2
Gross Margin (%)	43.5	55.7	(12.2)
Selling and distribution costs	(208)	(120)	72.8
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Administrative expense	(499)	(431)	15.7
EBIT	4,130	1,463	182.4
EBIT Margin (%)	37.1	40.4	
Other income, gains and losses	145	164	(11.7)
Fair value gain of investment properties	587	1,348	(56.5)
Other exceptional items	142	(1)	na
Share of profit from JCE/ Associates	1	1	(3.2)
Finance cost	(603)	(487)	23.8
Profit before tax	4,403	2,489	76.9
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- LAT	(681)	(156)	336.1
- Enterprise tax	(1,037)	(524)	97.8
Duelit eften ten	0.005	4 000	40.5
Profit after tax	2,685	1,808	48.5
Minority Interest	(450)	(205)	120.0
Net profit	2,235	1,603	39.4
Underlying net profit	1,827	593	208.4
Operating statistics	1H13	1H12	YoY Chg
GFA Delivered (mn sqm)	63.5	34.5	84.0
Booked ASP (HK\$/sqm)	70,471	48,564	<b>4</b> 5.1
Property sales booked (HK\$/sqm)	4,478	1,677	167.0
Gross margin by segment	1H13	1H12	YoY Chg (ppt)
Property development	40%	49%	-9ppt
Property sales + Land development)	200/	2007	
Property leasing	90%	92%	-2ppt
Hotel	53%	56%	-3ppt
Balance sheet	Jun-13	Dec-12	НоН %
	HK\$ mn	HK\$ mn	
Gross debt	31,809	28,275	12.5
Cash	9,511	13,109	(27.4)
Net debt	22,298	15,166	47.0
Net gearing (%)	71.9	52.5	19.4



#### Consolidated income statement (2011A-2015E)

FY Ended Dec 31 (HK\$ mn)	2011A	2012A	2013E	2014E	2015E
Revenue	6,592	17,176	20,087	29,373	37,278
Cost of sales	(3,017)	(9,977)	(9,351)	(14,312)	(17,927)
Gross Profit	3,575	7,199	10,736	15,061	19,351
SG&A expenses	(1,158)	(1,407)	(1,671)	(2,144)	(2,777)
EBIT	2,417	5,792	9,065	12,917	16,574
Finance cost	(859)	(986)	(1,100)	(1,279)	(1,368)
Share of profit of associates	4	2	-	-	-
Other income/ (expenses)	213	284	214	288	531
Fair value gain of investment properties	931	1,626	-	-	-
Disposal/one-off items	1,392	5	-	-	-
Profit before tax	4,097	6,723	8,178	11,926	15,736
Tax	(1,187)	(2,783)	(3,854)	(5,430)	(7,654)
Profit after tax	2,911	3,940	4,325	6,496	8,082
Minority interest	(566)	(563)	(1,321)	(2,574)	(2,640)
Reported net profit	2,344	3,378	3,004	3,923	5,441
Less: exceptional items	(889)	(1,223)	-	-	-
Underlying net profit	1,455	2,154	3,004	3,923	5,441
Per share					
Underlying EPS (HK\$)	0.16	0.23	0.31	0.39	0.53
DPS (HK\$)	0.04	0.07	0.10	0.12	0.16
Payout ratio (%)	24%	31%	33%	31%	30%
BVPS (HK\$)	2.32	2.58	2.81	3.12	3.55
Growth %					
Revenue	3.8%	160.6%	17.0%	46.2%	26.9%
Gross Profit	8.2%	101.4%	49.1%	40.3%	28.5%
EBIT	0.9%	139.7%	56.5%	42.5%	28.3%
Underlying net profit	45.9%	48.0%	39.4%	30.6%	38.7%
Margin %					
Gross margin	54.2%	41.9%	53.4%	51.3%	51.9%
Gross margin (post-LAT)	8.7%	19.3%	20.6%	23.7%	26.5%
EBIT margin	36.7%	33.7%	45.1%	44.0%	44.5%
Core net margin	17.7%	15.8%	21.5%	22.1%	21.7%
Key assumptions					
Contracted Sales (HK\$ mn)		13,230	17,631	24,015	36,224
GFA sold (m sqm)		0.31	0.51	0.95	1.11
ASP (HK\$/sqm)		43,009	34,647	25,299	32,702
Deal at Oake (HKM)		40.700	40.755	40.504	00.460
Booked Sales (HK\$)		10,796	10,755	19,581	28,196
GFA delivered (m sqm)		0.46	0.26	0.65	0.95
Booked ASP (HK\$/sqm)		23,328	41,054	30,185	29,669

Source: Company, ABCI Securities estimates



Consolidated balance sheet (2011A-2015E)

As of Dec 31 (HK\$ mn)	2011A	2012A	2013E	2014E	2015E
Current assets	24,968	38,199	34,033	46,233	62,504
Cash	12,224	12,888	11,370	25,916	43,682
Restricted cash	368	576	576	576	576
Trade & other receivables	105	2,003	2,003	2,003	2,003
Properties under development	7,030	10,384	10,384	10,384	10,384
Properties held for sale	840	3,078	3,078	3,078	3,078
Land under development	2,623	6,696	4,049	1,702	207
Other current assets	5,240	12,348	9,701	7,354	5,859
Non-current assets	44,803	44,303	62,105	61,317	54,875
Property, plant & equipment	6,891	6,956	7,018	7,073	7,121
Properties under development	11,844	13,047	30,787	29,944	23,454
Land under development	9,223	5,408	5,408	5,408	5,408
Investment properties	14,890	16,575	16,575	16,575	16,575
Investment in Associate and JCE	36	39	39	39	39
Other non-current assets	1,919	2,279	2,279	2,279	2,279
Total Assets	69,771	82,502	96,138	107,550	117,379
Current Liabilities	17,610	25,726	35,691	42,068	45,644
Short term borrowings	6,028	8,952	13,952	18,952	18,952
Trade & other payables	5,349	6,233	6,233	6,233	6,233
Pre-sales deposits	5,229	8,235	13,201	14,578	18,153
Other current liabilities	1,005	2,306	2,306	2,306	2,306
Non-current liabilities	21,613	22,273	22,273	22,273	22,273
Long term borrowings	19,171	19,323	19,323	19,323	19,323
Other payables	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-current liabilities	2,442	2,950	2,950	2,950	2,950
Total Liabilities	39,224	47,999	57,965	64,342	67,917
Net Assets	30,547	34,503	38,173	43,208	49,462
Shareholders' Equity	21,583	24,290	26,377	29,201	33,176
Perpetual Convertible Securities	4,588	4,588	4,588	4,588	4,588
Minority Interest	4,377	5,625	7,208	9,419	11,698
Total Equity	30,547	34,503	38,173	43,208	49,462
Key ratio					
Gross debt (HK\$ mn)	25,199	28,275	33,275	38,275	38,275
Net debt (HK\$ mn)	12,607	14,811	21,330	11,783	(5,983)
Net gearing (%)	48%	51%	69%	35%	-16%
Contracted sales/ Total assets (x)	-10 /0	0.16	0.18	0.22	0.31

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates



#### Consolidated cash flow statement (2011A-2015E)

FY ended Dec 31 (HK\$ mn)	2011A	2012A	2013E	2014E	2015E
EBITDA	2,641	6,022	9,303	13,162	16,826
Change in Working Capital	(8,642)	(4,186)	(9,227)	5,614	12,679
Tax payment	(1,110)	(1,137)	(3,854)	(5,430)	(7,654)
Operating Cash Flow	(7,111)	699	(3,778)	13,345	21,851
Purchase of PP&E	(207)	(310)	(300)	(300)	(300)
Addition of Investment Properties	(7)	(20)	Ó	Ó	Ô
Investment in Associate/ JCE	0	0	0	0	0
Proceeds from Disposals	0	0	0	0	0
Others	3,488	(968)	214	288	531
Investing Cash Flow	3,274	(1,298)	(86)	(12)	231
Debt raised	30,470	16,488	10,000	10,000	10,000
Debt repaid	(24,338)	(13,369)	(5,000)	(5,000)	(10,000)
Interest expenses	(787)	(949)	(2,000)	(2,325)	(2,488)
Equity raised	0	0	0	0	0
Convertible securities raised	(317)	(317)	(312)	(312)	(312)
Dividend to shareholders	(229)	(366)	(916)	(1,099)	(1,466)
Others	33	(222)	574	(50)	(50)
Financing Cash Flow	4,831	1,264	2,345	1,213	(4,316)
Net cash inflow/ (outflow)	994	665	(1,519)	14,547	17,766
Cash- beginning	11,230	12,224	12,888	11,370	25,916
Cash- year-end	12,224	12,888	11,370	25,916	43,682

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates



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Rating	Definition
Buy	Stock return ≥ Market return rate
Hold	Market return – 6% ≤ Stock return < Market return rate
Sell	Stock return < Market return – 6%
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Stock return is defined as the expected % change of share price plus gross dividend yield over the next 12 months

Market return: 5-year average market return rate from 2007-2011

Time horizon of share price target: 12-month

#### Definition of share price risk

Rating	Definition
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High	1.5 ≤ 180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 2.6
Medium	1.0 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.5
Low	180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 1.0
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We measure share price risk by its volatility relative to volatility of benchmark index. Benchmark index: Hang Seng Index.

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