Aug 18, 2016 Company Report Rating: BUY TP: HK\$ 3.20

Share price (HK\$) Est. share price return Est. dividend yield Est. total return 2.22 44.1% 6.8% 50.9%

Previous Rating &TP
Previous Report Date

BUY; HK\$2.40 Mar 10, 2016

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Key Data

 52Wk H/L(HK\$)
 2.36/1.33

 Issued shares (mn)
 6,676

 Market cap (HK\$ mn)
 15,564

 3-mth avg daily turnover (HK\$ mn)
 9.38

 Major shareholder(s) (%):
 Lin's family

 53.82

Lin's family 53
Source(s): Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

1H16 Revenue breakdown (%)

Property development	91.3
Property management	8.6
Property investment	0.1

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

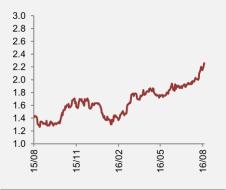
Share performance (%)

	<u>Absolute</u>	Relative*
1-mth	18.4	11.3
3-mth	32.6	14.2
6-mth	58.7	33.3

*Relative to HSI

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

1-Year stock performance (HK\$)



Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

CIFI (884 HK)

Growing fast and hard; reiterate BUY

- 1H16 core profit jumped 52% YoY to RMB 948mn; gross margin expanded 5.5ppt YoY to 27.1%
- Net gearing improved 1.7ppt HoH to 57.5% as at Jun 2016; finance cost dropped to 5.8% in June 16 from 7.2% in Dec15
- 7M16 presales soared 174%YoY to RMB 32.6bnm, achieving 74% of the revised sales target at RMB43.8bn
- Maintain BUY with revised TP of HK\$ 3.20 (from HK\$ 2.40) based on a 50% discount to NAV

Core profit increased 52% YoY to RMB 948mn. CIFI's 1H16 core profit increased 52% YoY to RMB 948mn. Revenue increased 80%YoY to RMB 8,744mn while gross margin was up 5.5ppt YoY to 27.1% despite a 20% YoY drop in booked ASP (RMB 11,120/sqm). We expect gross margin to increase further for FY16 as 1H16 presales ASP at RMB18.5k/sqm was 66% higher than the 1H16 booked ASP. Helped by strong cash inflow as 1H16 presale was up163% YoY to RMB 27.6bn, net gearing declined 1.7ppt HoH to 57.5%. 1H16 cash collection rate reached a new high at 95%. Weighted average interest cost declined 1.4ppt to 5.8% in June 16 from 7.2% in Dec15, driven by lower cost of onshore bank loans (from 6.6% in Dec 15 to 5.6% in June 16) and offshore senior notes (from 9.8% in Dec 15 to 8.3% in June 16). CIFI announced an interim DPS of HK\$ 0.04 (vs. HK\$ 0.03 in 1H15). In our view, CIFI is exceptional in the sense that it can achieve a rapid growth in both revenue and profit without significantly raising its gearing.

Raising 2016 sales target by 20% to RMB 43.8bn. Driven by CIFI's favorable geographic exposure in tier-1/2 cities, 7M16 presales grew 174% YoY to RMB 32.6bn with a 41% YoY growth in ASP and 94% YoY increase in GFA sold. Hence, CIFI raises its sales target to RMB 43.8bn from its original target of RMB 36.5bn. Key tier-1/2 cities including Shanghai (26%), Suzhou (25%), Hangzhou(13%), Beijing (11%), Nanjing (6%), and Hefei (5%) jointly accounted for 86% of total 1H16 presale. By presales revenue, CIFI was ranked 1st in Suzhou and 4th in Shanghai. CIFI acquired 2.68mn sqm of landbank at RMB 11.3bn (attributable: RMB 6.7bn), or RMB 4,197/sqm. The average land cost represents only 23% of 1H16 presales ASP, reflecting its prudent landbanking practice to defend margins. As of June 2016, CIFI has a total landbank of 13.5mn sqm at an average land cost of RMB 5,600/sqm. In the future, the Group will focus on laggard second-tier cities with great re-rating potentials. This year, CIFI forages into the Foshan and Ningbo markets by purchasing new sites in the regions.

Maintain BUY and raise TP to HK\$ 3.20. We factor in the value of the latest land acquisitions and raise our 2016E NAV forecast by 9% to HK\$ 6.42/share (from HK\$ 5.88). We also lift our TP to HK\$ 3.20 (from HK\$ 2.40) as a result of the lower discount to NAV applied at 50% (from 60%) given the rapid sales growth and lower gearing. Attractively valued at 4.1x 2016E P/E with a FY16E yield of 6.8%, CIFI is a fast-growing developer demonstrating good financial disciplines and is therefore one of our preferred sector picks. Maintain BUY.

Results and Valuation

FY ended Dec 31	2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	2018E
Revenue (RMB mn)	16,179	18,231	27,304	26,366	26,056
Chg (%,YoY)	35.9	12.7	49.8	(3.4)	(1.2)
Underlying Net Income (RMB mn) ¹	1,939	2,210	3,009	3,503	3,776
Chg (%, YoY)	27.6	14.0	36.2	16.4	7.8
Underlying EPS (RMB)	0.32	0.35	0.45	0.53	0.57
Chg (%,YoY)	27.6	7.7	31.0	16.4	7.8
BVPS (RMB)	1.69	2.01	2.24	2.61	3.01
Chg (%,YoY)	18.5	18.8	11.3	16.5	15.3
Underlying PE (x)	5.8	5.4	4.1	3.6	3.3
P/B (x)	1.1	0.9	0.8	0.7	0.6
ROE (%)	19.0	17.2	20.3	20.3	18.9
ROA (%)	4.5	3.3	4.1	4.4	4.4
DPS(HK\$)	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17
Yield (%)	5.0	6.3	6.8	7.2	7.7
Net gearing ² (%)	58.2	59.2	74.2	9.3	Net cash

¹Underlying net income =Net profit - revaluation gain of investment properties and one-off items

²Net gearing=Net debt/Total equity

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities estimates



Risk factors: 1) Potential policy tightening in second-tier cities; 2) Expensive land acquisition may erode margins

Exhibit 1: CIFI's 1H16 results			
P&L	1H16	1H15	YoY
			Chg
	RMBmn	RMBmn	(%)
Turnover	8,744	4,860	79.9
Cost of Sales & direct operating costs	(6,377)	(3,813)	67.2
Gross Profit	2,367	1,047	126.1
Gross Margin (%)	27.1	21.5	+5.5ppt
Selling and distribution costs	(218)	(114)	91.7
Administrative expense	(315)	(215)	46.4
EBIT	1,834	718	155.3
EBIT Margin (%)	21.0	14.8	+6.2ppt
Other income/(loss)	157	319	(50.8)
Exceptional items	(284)	(13)	na
Fair Value gains on IP	(66)	328	na
Share of profit from JCE/ Associates	239	53	352.1
Finance cost	(108)	(97)	12.1
Profit before tax	1,772	1,309	35.4
Тах	(723)	(397)	82.0
- LAT	(305)	(196)	55.8
- Enterprise tax	(417)	(206)	102.8
Profit after tax	1,049	912	15.1
Minority Interest	(211)	(109)	93.0
Net profit	838	802	4.5
Core net profit	948	623	52.2
Core net margin	10.8	12.8	-2.0ppt
Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities			===

Operating statistics	1H16	1H15	YoY Chg
			%
Presales GFA (mn sqm)	1.49	0.84	77.4
Presales ASP (RMB/sqm)	18,504	12,519	47.8
Presales (RMB mn)	27,590	10,520	162.3
GFA Delivered (mn sqm)	0.72	0.33	119.7
Booked ASP (RMB/sqm)	11,120	13,880	(19.9)
Property sales booked (RMB mn)	7,985	4,536	76.0

Balance sheet	June-16	Dec-15	HoH chg
	RMBmn	RMBmn	ppt
Gross debt	25,570	23,955	6.7
Cash	16,570	14,905	11.2
Net debt	9,000	9,050	(0.6)
Net gearing (%)	57.5%	59.2%	-1.7ppt

Exhibit 2: CIFI's 1H16 presales by city (RMB27.6bn, +173%YoY)

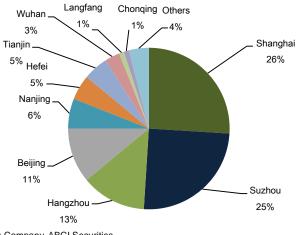


Exhibit 3: CIFI's average cost of debt (Jun 2016)

Average cost of debt	June-16 5.8%	Dec-15 7.2%	HoH -1.4ppt
Average cost of :			
Onshore bank loan	5.6%	6.6%	-1.0ppt
Onshore corporate bond	5.0%	5.0%	-
Offshore bank loans	4.5%	4.5%	-
offshore senior note	8.3%	9.8%	-1.5ppt

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

Exhibit 4: C	IFI's cos	t of debt				
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Exhibit 5: CIFI's cash flow guida		
	1H16	FY16E
	RMBbn	RMBbn
Cash inflow	16.0	27.0
(Presales + other operating income)		
Land acquisition	(6.0)	(12.0)
Construction capex	(4.8)	(8.0)
Tax	(2.6)	(3.5)
Interest	(0.7)	(1.5)
SG&A	(0.5)	(1.1)
Cash outflow	(14.6)	(26.1)
Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estima	ates	

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities



	Attr. GFA	Net assets value		Valuation	Implied value per sqm
	(M sqm)	(RMB m)	% of total	Method	(RMB)
Property development		•			
Shanghai	1.5	9,976	20%		6,582
Suzhou	1.7	7,520	15%		4,51
Hangzhou	0.9	4,654	9%		5,200
Beijing	0.6	4,256	8%	DCF at WACC of 10.4%	7,66
Tianjin	1.4	3,330	7%		2,41
Chongqing	1.4	3,594	7%		2,65
Others	5.8	16,231	32%		2,78
Subtotal	13.2	49,560	99%		3,75
Property investment & management		738	1%	6.0% cap rate	on 2016E net rental incom
Total 2016E GAV		50,297	100%	·	
2016E Net debt		(14,249)	-28%		
Total 2016E NAV		36,048	72%		
No. of share outstanding (diluted)		6,627			
NAV per share (RMB)		5.44			
Ex rate		1.18			
NAV per share (HKD)		6.42			
Target discount (%)		50%			
Target Price (HKD)	r r	3.20			

WACC	10.4%
Cost of debt	9.4%
Cost of equity	15.0%
Debt/ (Debt + Equity)	58%

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates



Consolidated income statement (2013A-2018E)

FY Ended Dec 31 (RMB mn)	2013A	2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	2018E
Revenue	11,909	16,179	18,231	27,304	26,366	26,056
Cost of sales	(8,841)	(11,993)	(14,087)	(19,710)	(18,812)	(18,505)
Gross Profit	3,069	4,187	4,144	7,593	7,554	7,551
SG&A expenses	(822)	(849)	(978)	(1,330)	(1,418)	(1,527)
EBIT	2,246	3,338	3,165	6,263	6,136	6,024
Finance cost	(188)	(386)	(203)	(299)	(216)	(232)
Share of profit of associates	(14)	(119)	173	1,128	1,780	2,050
Other income/ (expenses)	75	103 [°]	321	133	188	334
Fair value gain of investment properties	757	245	-	-	-	-
Disposal/one-off items	100	143	348	-	-	-
Profit before tax	2,975	3,325	3,805	7,225	7,888	8,176
Tax	(934)	(1,325)	(1,334)	(3,012)	(3,118)	(3,169)
Profit after tax	2,041	2,000	2,471	4,212	4,770	5,007
Minority interest	(147)	(138)	(375)	(1,203)	(1,268)	(1,232)
Reported net profit	1,894	1,861	2,095	3,009	3,503	3,776
Less: exceptional items	(375)	78	115	-	-	-
Underlying net profit	1,519	1,939	2,210	3,009	3,503	3,776
Per share						
Underlying EPS (RMB)	0.25	0.32	0.35	0.45	0.53	0.57
DPS (RMB)	0.07	0.11	0.14	0.15	0.16	0.17
Payout ratio (%)	28%	34%	40%	33%	30%	30%
BVPS (RMB)	1.43	1.69	2.01	2.24	2.61	3.01
Growth %						
Revenue	46.2%	35.9%	12.7%	49.8%	-3.4%	-1.2%
Gross Profit	59.3%	36.4%	-1.0%	83.2%	-0.5%	0.0%
EBIT	63.2%	48.6%	-5.2%	97.9%	-2.0%	-1.8%
Underlying net profit	64.9%	27.6%	14.0%	36.2%	16.4%	7.8%
Margin %						
Gross margin	25.8%	25.9%	22.7%	27.8%	28.7%	29.0%
Gross margin (post-LAT)	23.7%	23.7%	22.4%	21.5%	21.7%	21.8%
EBIT margin	18.9%	20.6%	17.4%	22.9%	23.3%	23.1%
Core net margin	11.9%	11.3%	11.2%	11.3%	11.3%	11.4%
Key assumptions						
Contracted Sales (RMB mn)	15,319	21,205	30,223	44,523	51,657	57,443
GFA sold (mn sqm)	1.43	1.73	2.06	2.43	2.59	2.81
ASP (RMB/sqm)	10,725	12,236	14,700	18,305	19,939	20,432
Booked Sales (RMB mn)	11,579	15,654	17,047	26,059	25,058	24,681
GFA delivered (mn sqm)	1.24	1.42	1.32	1.74	1.48	1.30
Booked ASP (RMB/sqm)	9,346	11,048	12,875	15,015	16,968	19,005
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Source: Company, ABCI Securities estimates



Consolidated balance sheet (2013A-2018E)

As of Dec 31 (RMB mn)	2013A	2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	2018E
Current assets	29,829	30,052	53,489	57,762	63,082	70,379
Cash	7,061	7,094	14,874	11,674	25,797	40,953
Restricted cash	100	30	32	32	32	32
Trade & other receivables	3,370	5,017	8,305	8,305	8,305	8,305
Property under development	16,996	15,223	27,085	34,558	25,754	17,895
Other current assets	2,302	2,688	3,194	3,194	3,194	3,194
Non-current assets	9,277	13,487	13,963	15,347	15,804	16,316
Property, plant & equipment	47	48	49	50	52	54
Investment properties	4,650	5,206	5,842	5,842	5,842	5,842
Investment in Associate and JCE	4,299	7,907	7,698	9,081	9,537	10,047
Other non-current assets	281	325	374	374	374	374
Total Assets	39,106	43,539	67,452	73,109	78,887	86,695
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Current Liabilities	18,632	20,111	29,733	31,476	33,593	37,571
Short term borrowings	3,017	3,035	2,794	4,794	6,794 14,214	8,794
Trade & other payables	6,330	10,110	14,214	14,214	•	14,214
Pre-sales deposits	8,068	5,016	10,396	10,139	10,256	12,234
Other current assets	1,218	1,950	2,329	2,329	2,329	2,329
Non-current liabilities	11,318	11,845	22,435	22,435	22,435	22,435
Long term borrowings	10,357	10,825	21,161	21,161	21,161	21,161
Other payables	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other non-current assets	961	1,019	1,274	1,274	1,274	1,274
Total Liabilities	29,951	31,956	52,169	53,911	56,029	60,006
Net Assets	9,155	11,583	15,283	19,198	22,858	26,689
Shareholders' Equity	8,611	10,205	12,827	14,843	17,285	19,934
Perpetual capital instrument	-	586	-	-		<u>-</u>
Minority Interest	544	792	2,456	4,355	5,573	6,754
Total Equity	9,155	11,583	15,283	19,198	22,858	26,689
Key ratio						
Gross debt (RMB mn)	13,374	13,861	23,955	25,955	27,955	29,955
Net debt (RMB mn)	6,213	6,737	9,050	14,249	2,126	(11,030)
Net gearing (%)	68%	58%	59%	74%	9%	-41%
Contracted sales/ Total assets (x)	39%	49%	45%	61%	65%	66%

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates



Consolidated cash flow statement (2013A-2018E)

As of Dec 31 (RMB mn)	2013A	2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	2018E
EBITDA	2,259	3,352	3,184	6,281	6,154	6,042
Change in Working Capital	1,545	2,035	(3,783)	(6,034)	10,862	11,921
Tax payment	(817)	(1,325)	(1,334)	(3,012)	(3,118)	(3,169)
Operating Cash flow	2,988	4,062	(1,934)	(2,765)	13,898	14,795
Purchase of PP&E	(17)	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)	(20)
Addition of Investment Properties	35	-	-	-	-	-
Others	(4,233)	(3,135)	359	(121)	1,512	1,874
Investing Cash flow	(4,214)	(3,155)	339	(141)	1,492	1,854
Debt raised	11,288	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	10,000
Debt repaid	(6,825)	(9,508)	(14,198)	(8,000)	(8,000)	(8,000)
Interest expenses	(1,065)	(1,436)	(1,774)	(1,996)	(2,156)	(2,316)
Equity raised	308	-	1,056	-	-	-
Dividend to shareholders	(185)	(663)	(893)	(994)	(1,060)	(1,127)
Others	175	732	15,183	696	(50)	(50)
Financing Cash flow	3,696	(874)	9,374	(294)	(1,267)	(1,493)
Net cash inflow/ (outflow)	2,470	33	7,780	(3,200)	14,123	15,156
Cash- beginning	4,591	7,061	7,094	14,874	11,674	25,797
Cash- year-end	7,061	7,001 7,094	14,874	11,674	25,797	40,953

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates

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Sell	Stock return < Market return – 6%

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Market return: 5-year average market return rate Time horizon of share price target: 12-month

Definition of share price risk

Rating	Definition
Very high	2.6 ≤180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility
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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