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Equity Focus

Wind Power Sector – Neutral

Independent Power Producers

Diversified-play will outperform

Stable cost and lower financial expense will provide better return outlook to the wind power operators but upside will be limited by slow recovery in utilization hours. Wind curtailment problem remained as the major concern on the industry which may not be solved until 2014. We therefore favour diversified players who are less affected by natural resources risks.

Better financial position: On the cost side, wind power operators will continue to enjoy stable WTG price due to oversupply in the market. With net D/E ratio over 150%, wind power operators will benefit from interest rate downtrend cycle which has just started in 2012. In addition, the new Subsidy of Renewable Energy Tariff measure is expected to shorten AR from at least 3 months to 30 days. Lower financial costs and working capital improvement provides wind power operators with a better return outlook in 2013 than in 2012.

Utilization hours is expected to recover but slowly: According to the "12th Five Year Plan of Wind Power Industry Development", wind power installed capacity is expected to reach 104GW in 2015 (vs 42.9GW in 2011). Annual newly installed capacity is estimated to be 15.5GW and 27.4% of the newly installed capacity will be located in the traditional northeast region with long lasting wind curtailment problem; 33.6% will be in northern part of China; and 31.3% will be in Southern and Central part of China that can enjoy high utilization hours and on-grid tariffs. The change in geographical mix of wind portfolio from NE to Southern part of China will lead to higher utilization hours. Players who can secure favorable sites are the key to outperform. However, in our view, sharp rebound in utilization hours is unlikely as wind curtailment problem in NE, which accounted for 38% of total installed capacity in China will only be solved when a comprehensive network is built, which may take 2-3 years. We therefore favour diversified players which are more immune from natural resources risks.

Our top picks: Despite improving financial position, wind power operators profitability still depend largely on utilization hours. Therefore, we have a neutral rating on the wind power operators sector. Our top pick is Huadian Fuxin (BUY), who is set to benefit from its diversified business structure, especially the hydro power business.

Risks: Change in government policy, high gearing, low ROAA, slow economic growth, natural resources risks

Key Data

Average FY12E PE (x)	7.73
Average FY12E PB (x)	0.81

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

Results in 1HFY2012

	ROAA(%)	ROAE(%)	D/E(%)
Longyuan	3.0	11.2	168
Datang Re	0.4	1.8	298
Huaneng Re	1.0	4.4	192
JNCEC	3.6	10.3	139
Huadian Fuxin	3.0	14.9	242

Source: CBRC

Average sector performance (%)

	Absolute	Relative*
1-mth	0.0	(5.7)
3-mth	(9.5)	(17.6)
6-mth	(20.5)	(24.8)

*Relative to Hang Seng Index Source: Bloomberg

Share price performance



Source: Bloomberg

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slowdown in

growth, China output growth

only

bv

wind

output in China increased

by over 30% YoY from Jun

to Sep 2012. We expect the

high YoY growth will

sustain till 1H2013 due to

recovery in utilization

hours and low base effect.

power

3.8% YoY in 1H2012 and

dropped to 2.4% YoY from

Due

economic

electricity

increased

Jun-Oct.

Monthly

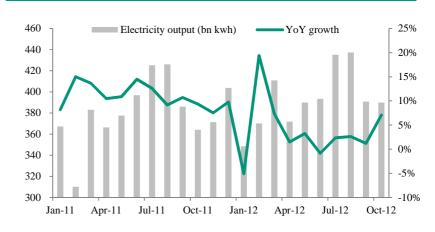
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Exhibit 1: Sector Valuation Summary

Companies	Ticker	Rating	Price	Target	Upside	13E	13E	13E
			(HK\$)	(HK\$)	(%)	PER	PBV	Yield
Datang Re	1798 HK	Sell	0.83	0.55	-33.7	4.58	0.37	0.0%
Huaneng Re	958 HK	Hold	1.13	1.02	-9.7	6.98	0.61	1.7%
JNCEC	579 HK	Hold	1.68	1.74	3.6	6.19	0.82	2.5%
Hudian Fu	816 HK	Buy	1.48	1.70	14.8	7.65	0.82	2.3%
Longyuan	916 HK	-	4.96	-	-	-	-	-

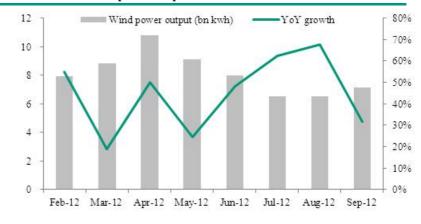
^{*}We assume Rmb1 = HK\$1.23; Source: Company, ABCI Securities estimates

Exhibit 2 China Electricity Output



Source: NBSC

Exhibit 3 China wind power output



Source: NBSC

Relative strong output growth from green energy (hydro and wind power) due to favourable policy as green energy, as opposed to thermal power, has a priority to connect to grid.

Exhibit 4: China electricity output growth and energy sources mix

	Electricity output growth		% of total electricity outpo (%)	
	2011	Jan-Oct/2012	2011	Jan-Oct/2012
China	10.9	3.6	100.0	100.0
Thermal	14.5	-1.6	82.4	78.1
Hydro	-7.6	24.2	13.3	16.3
Wind	34.6	38.6*	1.2	2.0*
Nuclear	17.1	7.3	1.9	1.6

*For wind power, data range is from Jan-Sep

Source: NBSC

^{**}We are restricted to give forecast or rating on Longyuan



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Rating	Definition
Buy	Stock return ≥ Market return rate
Hold	Market return $-6\% \le \text{Stock return} < \text{Market return rate}$
Sell	Stock return < Market return – 6%

Stock return is defined as the expected % change of share price plus gross dividend yield over the next 12 months

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	$1.5 \le 180$ 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

We measure share price risk by its volatility relative to volatility of benchmark index. Benchmark index: Hang Seng Index.

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