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# **Equity Focus**

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Share price (HK\$)	8.48
Target price(HK\$)	6.55
Downside potencial(%)	22.7
52Wk H/L(HK\$)	11.84 / 6.67
Issued shares (mn)	1,641
Market cap (HK\$mn)	13,970
30-day avg vol (HK\$mn)	35.2
Major shareholders (%):	
Chang Chih-Kai's family	24.47
TPGAsia	18.23

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

#### Revenue composition in 1HFY12 (%)

Core brands (Daphne, Shoebox)	90.0
Other brands	7.0
OEM	3.0

Source: Company

#### Share performance (%)

	Absolute	Relative*
1-mth	8.7%	2.8%
3-mth	16.0%	5.5%
6-mth	(25.4%)	(27.8%)

Source: Bloomberg

# 1 year price performance



Source: Bloomberg

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Previous report Date: 20 Sept 2012 Rating: Sell

# Daphne (210 HK) - Sell

# **Footwear Industry**

We maintain our cautious view of Daphne as we expect that its hard to achieve its full year SSSG target of 12% after it released its 3Q SSSG. The group will continue to provide attractive discount to boost sales in 4Q, while its gross profit margin will still under pressure.

SSSG slowed down to 5% in 3Q: Daphne achieved 5% SSSG in the 3QFY12, worse than our forecast of 8-10%. Despite its sales volume increased by double digits in 3Q, the drop of ASP and a high base of 23% for the 3Q of last year contribute the weak SSSG in 3Q. Management still maintained its full year SSSG target of 12% (reported SSSG for first nine months at 12%). We doubt it can achieve its announced SSSG target in view of low SSSG growth in 3Q.

**Improving inventory turnover days:** Due to the inventory clear-up effect for last several months, the management stated that the inventory turnover days for its core brands have returned to nearly optimal level. This will ease market concern of high inventory risk. We anticipate its inventory turnover days reduced to 150-180 days in 3Q from over 200 days in 1HFY12.

Waiting for improving of operating efficiency: The group has launched several initiatives to improve operating efficiency, such as inventory optimization and supplier chain efficiency improving. The group implemented CRM (customer relationship management) system to organizing and analyzing customer data and provide training to the front line sales to improve productivity. These effects will take more time to improve its operating margin in FY13.

**Maintain cautious view:** The group implemented heavy discount to boost sales and clear-up its inventory. Due to lack of pricing power in the intensified competition of women's footwear market, we expect that the group will continue to provide attractive discount to boost sales. We maintain our "SELL" rating and target price at HK\$6.55, representing 12.0x PER of FY12 or 10.4x PER of FY13.

**Risk factors:** Slower-than-expected recovery of retail market; increasing inventory risk; worse-than-expected margin erosion; keen market competition.

#### **Forecast and Valuation**

FY ended Dec 31	FY10A	FY11A	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
Sales(HK\$ mn)	6,623.9	8,576.8	10,637.7	12,538.1	14,929.3
Chg (YoY%)	13.6%	29.5%	24.0%	17.9%	19.1%
Net Income(HK\$mn)	595.6	933.1	1,029.6	1,191.7	1,469.7
Chg (YoY%)	51.2%	56.7%	10.4%	15.7%	23.3%
FD EPS(HK\$)	0.319	0.498	0.546	0.631	0.779
Chg (YoY%)	40.8%	56.0%	9.6%	15.7%	23.3%
PER(x)	-	17.03	16.21	13.11	11.01

Source: Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities estimates

<sup>\*</sup>Relative to Hang Seng Index

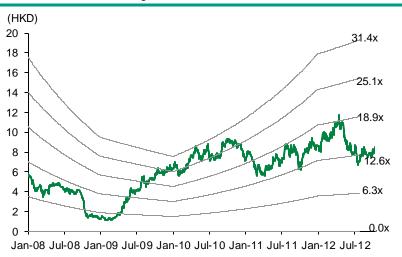


Exhibit 1: Quarterly SSSG

								ABCI estimate
	1Q 2011	2Q 2011	3Q 2011	4Q 2011	1Q 2012	2Q 2012	3Q 2012	2012
Belle(Footwear)	22.0%	20.0%	18.5%	8.2%	2.8%	10.50%	-	7%
Daphne(Core brands)	1.0%	32.0%	23.0%	26.0%	22.0%	14%	5%	12%
C.Banner	-	-	22.7%	12.2%	3.6%	9.80%	-	8%

Source: ABCI Securities estimates

Exhibit2: PE chart of Daphne



Source: Bloomberg, ABCI Securities estimates

Exhibit3: Standard deviation of Daphne



Source: Bloomberg, ABCI Securities estimates



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Rating	Definition
Buy	Stock return ≥ M arket 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

Market return: 5-year average market return rate from 2007-2011 (~15%)

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	$1.0 \le 180$ 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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