

Recommendation:

BUY

TP: HK\$33.54 (+31%)

China Overseas Land & Investment (688.HK)

30 August 2016

SECTOR: Real Estate HSI: 22,821 PRICE: HK\$25.65

EARNINGS (reported in HK\$m)			KEY DATA				
For the fiscal year ended 31 Dec	2014	2015	2016E	2017E	2018E	Issued Capital (m Shrs)	9,860.6
Turnover	130,957	140,131	179,840	228,962	254,517	Market Cap (HK\$m)	252,924
Operating Profit	35,319	38,098	46,593	60,160	68,807	Avg. 6M Turnover (HK\$m)	504.1
Net Profit	27,200	33,312	35,971	46,490	53,143	52 Week High/Low (HK\$)	28.25 / 20.45
Net Profit (Underlying)	21,563	25,867	35,971	46,490	53,143	Net Gearing (%)	6.62
Underlying EPS (HK\$)	2.92	2.99	3.65	4.28	4.85	Book Value per Share (HK\$)	20.76
% Change	25.7%	2.5%	22.1%	17.3%	13.4%	Free Float (%)	38.82
DPS (HK\$)	0.55	0.92	0.73	0.86	0.97	Major Shareholder(s)	CSCEC (61.18%)
Dividend yield (%)	2.1%	3.6%	2.8%	3.3%	3.8%		

INTERIM RESULTS (reported in HK\$m)			
For the fiscal year ended 31 Dec	1H15	1H16	% change
Turnover	61,585	74,715	21.3%
Operating Profit	23,294	28,313	21.5%
Net Profit	16,317	19,686	20.6%
Net Profit (Underlying)	13,627	15,786	15.8%
Underlying EPS (HK\$)	1.59	1.60	0.8%

Note: Differences may arise due to rounding errors

Time-sensitive data and value were retrieved as at 29 August 2016.

Source: Bloomberg, HKEx, Company data, Platinum estimates

SECTION 1 Positive outlook on accretive M&A

A distinct property developer that has two national forces joining hands.

Shareholder approval has been obtained, though the Company is still awaiting approvals from Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Commerce, expected in August/September.

- The acquisition of CITIC's property portfolio includes 77 major projects (developed into varying phases), located in 25 Chinese cities. Total GFA acquired is 31.6m SqM (attributable interest of 23.5m SqM).
- The initial consideration is to be settled through the issuance of new shares to CITIC as well as an asset transfer to CITIC with no outright cash outflow involved. Including a HK\$62.8b net debt assumed by COLI, the total consideration is HK\$99.9b.
- This implies a unit cost of RMB3,548 per SqM, which also includes a portion of construction cost invested by CITIC already.
- The acquisition represents a premium of 17% over CITIC's book value but a substantial discount of 33% compared to CITIC's estimated GAV.
- Post transaction, CITIC with a state background will become the second largest shareholder of COLI, alongside CSCEC whose interest will be reduced from 61% to 55%.
 - The deal is NAV accretive despite the increase in issued share capital.
- We estimate that if COLI refinanced CITIC's debt at COLI's borrowing cost of 4% pa, it would result in a cost reduction of HK\$2.6b.
- Extra sellable resources of RMB 574b from CITIC's assets are paving the way for COLI's stronger earnings in the years ahead.