# **Tongda Group (698.HK)** Technical Advantages Facilitate Market Expansion

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Metal casing has become the major driving force for Tongda Group. Currently, few mobile phones produced in China use metal casing, accounting for only 10%. However, the newly released models more often use metal casing and the market will be in a rapid expansion. According to estimates, the proportion of Huawei mobile phones using metal casing will increase from 3% in 2014 to 20% in 2015 and 50% in 2016; that of Xiaomi mobile phones using metal casing will rise from 15% in 2015 and 25% in 2016. Also, mobile phones of other brands using metal casing are expected to soar from around 8 million in 2015 to 46 million in 2016, a five-time increase.

It is worth mentioning that metal casing will break into the market of mobile phones at RMB1,000. Tongda Group's technical advantage of "Composite Die-casting Technology + Nano Molding Technology (NMT) + CNC Processing" can half the time of metal casing production compared with that of competitors. Also, the overall yield of 70-80% also outperforms its peers. Meanwhile, the company's metal casing price around RMB100 is also half. Therefore, the company is more competitive in this market. Furthermore, the company will expand its CNC machine from the current 1700 sets to 2000-2300. As a result, the metal casing business will sustains the company's rapid growth, and its 28-30% gross profit margin will also enhance the profitability.

# Sales breakdown in 1H15 Handset casings Notebook computers Electrical appliances Communication

Source: Company report, Phillip Securities (HK) Research

# Brand Users Support Emerging Business Development

In the last decade, the diversified product mix of handsets, notebook computers and electrical appliances supported the stable growth of the Company's business. Presently, the company has already expanded business to the production of interior components for automobiles, which has been recognized by well-known clients. In addition to the existing clients such as Cisco, Decathlon, Ford and BYD, GM, Geely and Mazda have become the company's new clients since 2015. Despite the present small proportion of automotive interior components business, its market is huge with up to 30% of gross profit margin. We believe the business will become a new driver for the company.



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# **Buy (Maintain)**

CMP: HKD 1.25 (Closing price as at 3 Feb 2016) TARGET: HKD 1.64 (+31%)

#### COMPANY DATA

O/S SHARES (MN) :	5,726
MARKET CAP (HKDMN) :	7,158
52 - WK HI/LO (HKD):	1.75/1.00

SHARE HOLDING PATTERN •	%	
Wang Yanan :		41.40

PRICE PERFORMANCE • %				
	1M	3M	1Y	
Tongda Group	-6.57	-17.95	23.08	
HSI	4.69	-4.12	43.88	



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#### **KEY FINANCIALS**

HKD mn	FY13	FY14	FY15E	FY16E
Net Sales	3627	4791	6301	7545
Net Profit	360	502	730	938
EPS, HKD	0.075	0.094	0.130	0.164
PER, x	16.7	13.3	9.6	7.6
BVPS, HKD	0.525	0.640	0.740	0.869
P/BV, x	2.4	2.0	1.7	1.4
ROE, %	15.2	16.9	18.6	20.6
Debt/Equity (%)	82.7	75.10	92.31	92.31

Source: Company reports, Phillip Securities Est.

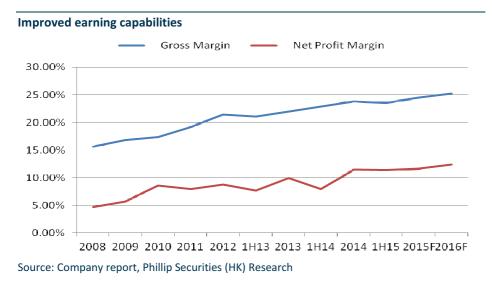
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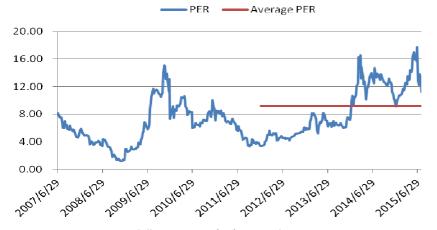
Additionally, Tongda has been developing the rubber compression molding technology which can be used in the waterproof rubber band for smart phones and wearable devices. Moreover, Apple Inc. is likely to become the company's potential client. At present, this field is not fully competitive, and the gross profit margin can reach 30%. Once an agreement is concluded, the company's R&D strength will be further demonstrated, and the brand effect of the company will increase, laying groundwork for its further expansion. In the meantime, the agreement is also expected to contribute to performance growth of 1-3 percentage points.

#### Increase of Shareholder Equity Holdings that Highlight Confidence in Development

Since the end of last year, Wang Yanan, the actual controller of the company has increased his holdings from 40.92% to 41.4%. And the acquisition price has dropped from the previous HK\$1.4 to the current HK\$1.25. This demonstrates his confidence in the company's development. We believe that Tongda Group equips itself with the core competitive technologies in all segments that constantly win the recognition of well-known clients. Also, the new businesses such as metal casing will not only support the Company's growth, but will improve its profitability as well. We grant it 10x P/E corresponding to 2016 EPS and the price target is HK\$ 1.64, with the "Buy" rating maintained. (Closing price as at 3 Feb 2016)



### **Historical P/E valuation**



Source: Company report, Phillip Securities (HK) Research

# Risk

Intense competition in the smart phone market that will result in price wars; The new capacity cannot be put into production as expected.

# **Financials**

Periodicity:	2012	2013	2014	2015F	2016F
Valuation Ratios					
Price Earnings	19.5x	16.7x	13.3x	9.6x	7.6x
Price to Book	2.8x	2.4x	2.0x	1.7x	1.4x
Dividend Yield	1.6%	2.0%	1.6%	2.4%	2.8%
Per share data(HK\$)					
EPS Adjusted	0.064	0.075	0.094	0.130	0.164
Book Value Per Share	0.441	0.525	0.640	0.740	0.869
Dividends Per Share	0.020	0.025	0.020	0.030	0.035
Growth & Margin					
Revenue growth	8.29%	6.42%	32.09%	31.52%	19.75%
Gross profit growth	20.70%	9.22%	43.36%	34.94%	23.17%
Net profit growth	19.85%	20.00%	39.44%	45.45%	28.45%
Gross Margin	21.4%	22.0%	23.9%	24.5%	25.2%
Operating Margin	13.1%	12.9%	14.5%	15.5%	16.2%
Net Profit Margin	8.8%	9.9%	10.5%	11.6%	10.2%
Dividend Payout Ratio %	31.8%	33.5%	21.2%	23.0%	21.4%
Key ratios					
Return on Assets	7.6%	8.1%	10.0%	10.1%	10.7%
Return on Equity	15.2%	15.2%	16.9%	18.6%	20.6%
Liability ratio	47.84%	45.27%	42.89%	48.00%	48.00%
Effective Tax Rate	16.8%	11.1%	14.6%	13.0%	13.0%
Income Statement(HK\$: mn)					
Revenue	3,408	3,627	4,791	6,301	7,545
- Cost of Goods Sold	2,677	2,829	3,648	4,757	5,644
Gross Income	731	798	1,144	1,544	1,901
- Selling, General & Admin Expenses	295	357	450	599	717
Operating Income	448	468	694	975	1,222
- Interest Expense	49	52	57	55	52
Pretax Income	401	415	642	915	1,175
- Income Tax Expense	67	46	94	119	153
Income Before XO Items	334	369	548	796	1,022
- Minority Interests	34	9	46	66	84
Net Profit	300	360	502	730	938

Source: Company, Phillip Securities (HK) Research Estimates

(Financial figures as at 3 Feb 2015)



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Total Return	Recommendation	Rating	Remarks
>+20%	Buy	1	>20% upside from the current price
+5% to +20%	Accumulate	2	+5% to +20% upside from the current price
-5% to +5%	Neutral	3	Trade within $\pm 5\%$ from the current price
-5% to -20%	Reduce	4	-5% to -20% downside from the current price
<-20%	Sell	5	>20%downside from the current price

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