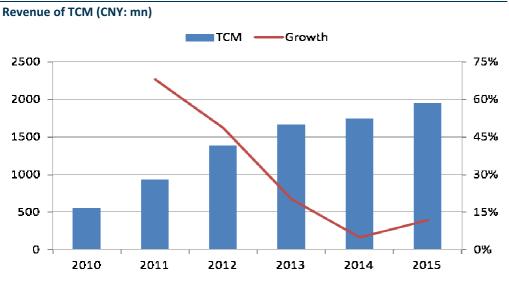
Livzon Pharmaceutical (1513.HK) Greatly increased performance in 1H16

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Greatly increased performance in 1H16

Livzon Pharma has announced its satisfying operating result recently. Its net profit in the first half year reached RMB399 to 426 million with a year-on-year increase of 17% to 25%. We believe that this was mainly because of the nationwide implementation of contract sales mode of its sales teams in 2015, which effectively alleviated the negative impacts of two-invoice system reform and tender arrangements for drug price reductions. In addition, the company recorded a steady growth of the sales of Shengqi Fuzheng Injection which was a featured product and the surge of sales of specialist medicines.

Although TCM injections as a whole were restricted by policies, Livzon actively promoted the safety reassessment and pharmacoeconomics research of Shengqi Fuzheng Injection. A total of over 50,000 big samples had been reassessed. Moreover, compared with its counterpart adjuvant drugs for cancer, Shengqi Fuzheng did not have the restriction conditions of medical insurance reimbursement. With its reasonable price, it had significant advantages. Therefore, we are convinced that Shengqi Fuzheng is surviving despite of industrial restrictions with expanded market shares. In 2015, the sales of TCM injections kept at the same level as 2014, while the sales of Shengqi Fuzheng exceeded RMB1.5 billion with a year-on-year growth of 17.2%. In the first half of this year, it is expected to further increase by over 10%.



Source: Company reports, Phillip Securities (HK) Research

Besides, after the downturn in 2015, the two-child policy might bring about an increase of over 20% of newborns. Assisted reproductive market is expected to continue to boom. In the first quarter, Urofollitropin and Menotrophin, two core products of the Company, increased by 35% and 29% respectively. The sales of other new drugs, such as mouse nerve growth factor (NGF), Leuprorelin Injectable Microspheres, and Ilaprazole, reached RMB200 to 300 million, maintaining a high growth rate of more than 50%. Thanks to the factors like expanding demands, price advantage, and good competition, the above-mentioned drugs are expected to continue to rise by 20% or 30%.



25 JULY 2015

Accumulate (Initially)

CMP: HKD 39.90 (Closing price as at 21 July 2016) TARGET: HKD 44.85 (+12.4%)

COMPANY DATA

O/S SHARES (MN) :	397
MARKET CAP (HKDMN) :	20,250
52 - WK HI/LO (HKD):	42.45/31

SHARE HOLDING PATTERN, %

Joincare Pharmaceutical Grou	p: 25.39
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IM 3M IY Livzon Pharma 9.16 15.78 -5.57 HSI 3.28 14.58 8.74

PRICE VS. HSI



Source: Phillip Securities (HK) Research

KEY FINANCIALS

CNY mn	FY14	FY15	FY16E	FY17E
Net Sales	5544	6621	7757	9081
Net Profit	516	623	752	933
EPS, CNY	1.34	1.62	1.93	2.40
PER, x	25.7	21.2	17.8	14.3
BVPS, CNY	9.62	11.23	12.66	14.46
P/BV, x	3.58	3.06	2.72	2.38
ROE, %	14.7	15.5	14.8	16.3
Debt/Equity (%)	78.9	67.9	61.3	61.3

Source: Company reports, Phillip Securities Est.

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Source: Company reports, Phillip Securities (HK) Research

Optimistic Outlook for Private Placement Fund-Raising Projects

The size of the proposed private placement shall not be more than RMB1.46 billion, mainly for the R&D of Ilaprazole and McAb drugs. Through independent R&D and overseas investment, overall speaking, the Company is expected to form a complete and precise layout of medical treatment based on liquid biopsy, McAb, and so on. We think the layout will face an optimistic outlook.

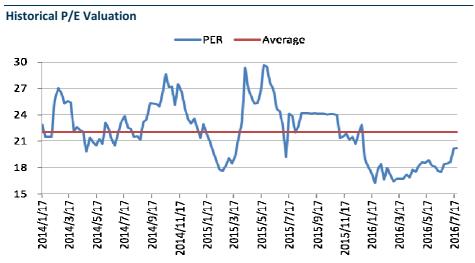
In 2015, among the world's top ten best-selling drugs, McAb took up 60% of all, highlighting its leading position internationally. Domestic McAb market experienced a drastic growth of nearly 50% since 2005. The market share of domestic McAb surged from 0% to 13%. However, it is still in its early stage of development and is expected to maintain a sustainable and rapid growth. As early as 2010, Livzon started to establish a company centered on McAb to implement its strategic transformation. Among the eight McAb under research currently, TNF- α had gone through phase Ib/IIa clinical trials, while another three were accepted for the application of clinical trials. TNF- α is expected to be launched in 2018. Based on the complete preparation of hospital channels, it may bring about annual revenue of hundreds of millions. In the long run, McAb is promising to become the company's pillar product.

Valuation

TCM business had steady growth in face of adverse factors in the market. And specialist medicines had dramatic growth which might be continued. Meanwhile, the precision medical strategy progressed smoothly. Hence, we are optimistic about the future of the Company, its annual growth may reach about 20% in middle term. We give an estimation of 20x EPS in 2016 and the target price is HKD44.85, with the "Accumulate" rating initially. (Closing price as at 21 July 2016)



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Source: Bloomberg, Phillip Securities (HK) Research

Risks

Risk of substantial price drop in drugs; Risk of R&D of new drugs.

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Financials

FYE	2013	2014	2015	2016F	2017F
Valuation Ratios					
Price Earnings	27.10	25.70	21.23	17.79	14.34
Price to Book	3.95	3.58	3.06	2.72	2.38
Dividend Yield	1.1%	0.2%	1.5%	1.7%	2.00
Per share data(RMB))	4.07	4.04	4.00	1.00	0.40
EPS Adjusted	1.27	1.34	1.62	1.93	2.40
Book Value Per Share	8.70	9.62	11.23	12.66	14.46
Dividends Per Share	0.38	0.08	0.50	0.60	0.72
Growth& Margin					
Revenue growth	-	21.6%	19.4%	17.1%	17.1%
Gross Profit growth	-	18.7%	19.0%	16.6%	17.5%
Net Profit growth		5.8%	20.7%	20.8%	24.1%
Profitability Ratios					
Gross Margin	62.8%	61.3%	61.1%	60.8%	61.0%
Net Profit Margin	10.7%	9.3%	9.4%	9.7%	10.3%
Dividend Payout Ratio %	30.3%	5.7%	30.9%	31.0%	30.0%
Key Ratios					
Return on Assets	8.0%	7.4%	8.1%	9.0%	10.1%
Return on Equity	15.3%	14.7%	15.5%	14.8%	16.3%
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Effective Tax Rate	16.7%	15.1%	18.4%	16.0%	16.0%
Liability ratio	45.1%	44.1%	40.5%	38.0%	38.0%
Income Statement(RMB: mn)					
Revenue	4,560	5,544	6,621	7,757	9,081
- Cost of Goods Sold	1,695	2,143	2,575	3,041	3,541
Gross Income	2,866	3,401	4,046	4,716	5,539
- Selling, General & Admin Expen	2,293	2,729	3,186	3,723	4,313
Operating Income	573	603	778	898	1,118
- Interest Expense	9	27	31	25	30
- Net Non-Operating Losses (Gain	-59	-77	-64	-75	-85
Pretax Income	629	652	808	947	1,172
- Income Tax Expense	105	98	148	151	188
Income Before XO Items	524	554	660	795	984
- Minority Interests	36	38	37	43	51
Net Profit	488	516	623	752	933

Source: Company, Phillip Securities (HK) Research Estimates

(Financial figures as at 21 July 2016)



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>+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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