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JD.com (09618.HK)

Revenue rebounded to double-digit growth with untapped potential in profit growth

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Financial performance

In Q4 2024, the company's revenue rebounded to double-digit growth, rising 13.4% YoY to CNY 347 billion, driven mainly by strong product revenue growth. Product sales (1P) increased 14.0% YoY to CNY 281.0 billion, while service revenue (3P) grew 10.8% to CNY 66.0 billion. By segment, JD Retail revenue climbed 14.7% to CNY 307.1 billion, JD Logistics revenue rose 10.4% to CNY 52.1 billion, and New Business revenue declined 31.0% to CNY 4.7 billion. Operating profit surged 319.3% YoY to CNY 8.5 billion, with a 2.4% margin, while Non-GAAP net profit attributable to shareholders jumped 34.2% to CNY 11.3 billion.

For full-year 2024, total revenue reached CNY 1,158.8 billion (+6.8% YoY), operating profit grew 48.8% to CNY 38.7 billion (3.3% margin), and Non-GAAP net profit rose 35.9% to CNY 47.8 billion. The company enhanced shareholder returns, raising dividends to 1.5 billion and 3.6 billion in shares, achieving a record 7.6% total shareholder return ratio.

Performance summary

JD Retail

In Q4 2024, JD Retail (including JD Health, JD Industry, and other components) reported revenue of CNY 307.1 billion, up 14.7% YoY, with an operating profit of CNY 10.0 billion and an operating profit margin (excluding unallocated items) of 3.3%, an increase of 2.6 percentage points YoY. Product revenue rose 14.0% YoY to CNY 281.0 billion, with both electronics & home appliances and general merchandise categories achieving double-digit growth. Electronics and home appliance sales reached CNY 174.1 billion (+15.8% YoY), while daily necessities revenue grew 11.1%. Service revenue increased 10.8% to CNY 66.0 billion, with platform and advertising service revenue up 12.7%.

On the product revenue (1P) side, according to China's National Bureau of Statistics, total retail sales of consumer goods in 2024 reached CNY 48.8 trillion (+3.5% YoY), while online retail sales grew 7.2% to CNY 15.5 trillion. Within this, online sales of physical goods rose 6.5% to CNY 13.08 trillion, accounting for 26.8% of total retail sales—outpacing overall consumption growth and reflecting steady recovery.

For service revenue (3P), JD continued to enhance its third-party merchant ecosystem and strengthen user engagement, with both quarterly active users and purchase frequency maintaining double-digit YoY growth in Q4 2024. The company also expanded its 3P ecosystem—in January 2025, JD announced a major upgrade to its PLUS membership program, introducing a "Lifestyle Services Package" (allowing members to redeem seven premium services with points), a new "180-Day No-Questions-Asked Replacement" policy (covering appliances and 3C products), and an expanded "Unlimited Free Shipping" benefit (now including instant-delivery services).

On the user experience front, JD has revamped its search and recommendation systems using AI, improving search satisfaction and traffic distribution efficiency. For consumers, the company introduced an AI shopping assistant and AI digital avatars to provide comprehensive product information and professional advice, reducing the time and effort required to find and select products. For merchants, JD rolled out a suite of AI-powered tools covering product listings, order management, after-sales service, customer support, and data analytics to enhance operational efficiency and reduce costs.

Given that JD Retail's business adjustments have shown initial success and continue to benefit from China's "trade-in" policy, but factoring in the high base effect in the second half of 2024, we estimate JD Retail's segment valuation at CNY 444.0 billion based on a 12.0x forward 2025 P/E ratio.

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Buy

CMP HKD 160.8 (Closing price as of 31 Mar) Target HKD 200.3 (+24.6%)

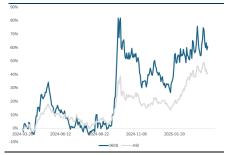
COMPANY DATA

O/S SHARES (MN):	3,183.434
MARKET CAP (HKD MN):	4,668.020
52 - WK HI/LO (HKD):	192.30/94.65

SHARE HOLDING PATTERN, %

Max Smart Limited	9.60%
Walmart	4.55%

PRICE VS. HSI



Source: Phillip Securities (HK) Research

KEY FINANCIALS

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CNY mn	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E
Revenue	1,084,662	1,158,819	1,233,976	1,317,141
Net profit	24,167	41,359	44,155	48,515
Diluted EPS	7.6	13.0	13.9	15.2
P/E ratio, x	19.6	11.5	10.7	9.8
Dividend Yield %	2.6%	2.9%	2.6%	2.8%

Source: Company reports, Phillip Securities Est.

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JD Logistics

In 2024, JD Logistics reported revenue of CNY 182.8 billion, up 9.7% YoY. Revenue from external clients reached CNY 127.8 billion (+9.6% YoY), accounting for nearly 70% of total revenue, with over 80,000 external integrated supply chain customers served. Thanks to continuous operational refinement, JD Logistics achieved an adjusted net profit of CNY 7.9 billion, surging 186.8% YoY.

JD Health

JD Health's 2024 revenue grew 8.6% YoY to CNY 58.2 billion, with gross profit up 12.2% to CNY 13.3 billion. Operating profit jumped 132.9% YoY to CNY 1.47 billion, while adjusted operating profit rose 4.9% to CNY 2.6 billion.

New Business

In Q4 2024, revenue from new businesses declined 31.0% YoY, mainly due to JD Xi's transition from a self-operated to a semi-hosted model. Dada's net revenue fell 11.6% YoY to CNY 2.4 billion, with JD Instant Delivery revenue plunging 52.4% to CNY 700 million. However, Dada Now's revenue surged 40.8% to CNY 1.7 billion, driven by increased orders from chain merchants for intra-city delivery services. The segment reported a net loss of CNY 1.2 billion, slightly narrower than the previous year.

Company valuation

In 2025, JD.com will further enhance supply chain efficiency across its core product categories to unlock additional profit growth potential. Based on the industry-average 12.0x forward 2025 P/E ratio, we have raised our revenue forecasts to CNY 1,234bn/1,317.1bn/1,411.2bn for 2025-2027, with projected net profits of CNY 44.2bn/48.5bn/51.9bn and corresponding EPS of CNY 13.9/15.2/16.3, implying current P/E multiples of 10.7x/9.8x/9.1x. Our sum-of-the-parts valuation, incorporating a 30% holding discount to JD's subsidiaries and investments, yields a target market cap of CNY 585.1bn for JD Group in 2025, equivalent to a target price of CNY 183.8 (HKD200.3) per share, and we maintain our "Buy" rating on the stock.

RMB, mn	Latest valuation	Ownership	Discount	Contribution to JD
JD Retail	443,976	100%		443,976
JD Health (6618.HK)	103,407	67%	30%	48,498
JD Logistics (2618.HK)	84,771	63%	30%	37,384
Dada (DADA.US)	3,528	53%	30%	1,309
ATRenew (RERE.US)	5,350	34%	30%	1,273
Tianju Dihe (2479.HK)	3,619	15%	30%	377
JD Intelligent	49,892	75%	30%	26,193
JD Industrials	48,441	77%	30%	26,110
Total valuation				585,121
Target price, RMB				183.80
Target price, HKD				200.34

Exchange rate: USD/RMB = 7.23, RMB/HKD = 1.08

Risk factors

1) The monetization capabilities of the platform ecosystem may not meet expectations; 2) increased competition in the retail and logistics industries; 3) consumer demand may recover weaker than expected.

Financials





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Dec Y/E, RMB mn	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Electronics and home appliance revenues	538,799	564,982	598,881	634,814	672,903
General merchandise revenues	332,425	363,025	384,807	404,047	428,290
Net product revenues	871,224	928,007	983,687	1,038,861	1,101,192
Marketplace and marketing revenues	84,726	90,111	95,518	100,294	105,308
Logistics and other service revenues	128,712	140,701	154,771	177,987	204,685
Net service revenues	213,438	230,812	250,289	278,280	309,993
Total net revenues	1,084,662	1,158,819	1,233,976	1,317,141	1,411,185
Cost of revenues	-924,958	-974,951	-1,038,183	-1,108,152	-1,187,275
Gross profit	159,704	183,868	195,793	208,989	223,911
Fulfullment	-64,558	-70,426	-76,764	-82,905	-89,538
Marketing	-40,133	-47,953	-54,187	-61,231	-68,579
Research and development	-16,393	-17,031	-17,372	-17,719	-17,719
General and administrative	-9,710	-8,888	-9,066	-9,338	-9,618
Income from operations	26,025	38,736	43,716	49,297	53,625
Other income	5,625	12,802	12,802	12,802	12,802
Income/(loss) before tax	31,650	51,538	56,518	62,099	66,427
Income tax expense	-8,393	-6,878	-14,130	-15,525	-16,607
Net income/(loss)	23,257	44,660	42,389	46,574	49,820
Net income/(loss) attributable to owners of the parent	24,167	41,359	44,155	48,515	51,896

Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

Dec Y/E, RMB mn	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Cash and cash equivalents	71,892	108,350	147,313	186,580	232,872
Other short-term investments	118,254	125,645	133,184	139,843	142,640
Accounts receivable and notes	20,302	25,596	26,108	26,630	27,163
Other receivables	20,506	28,375	28,943	29,521	30,112
Inventory	68,058	89,326	93,792	97,544	99,495
Other current assets	8,798	9,406	9,406	9,406	9,406
Total current assets	307,810	386,698	438,745	489,524	541,687
Net fixed assets	79,955	88,901	78,233	68,845	60,584
Equity investments	56,746	56,850	58,556	60,312	62,122
Other long-term investments	80,840	59,370	59,370	59,370	59,370
Goodwill and intangible assets	26,915	33,502	30,152	27,137	27,137
Land use rights	39,563	36,833	36,833	36,833	36,833
Other non-current assets	37,129	36,080	36,080	36,080	36,080
Total non-current assets	321,148	311,536	299,223	288,577	282,125
Total assets	628,958	698,234	737,968	778,101	823,812
Accounts payable and notes	166,167	192,860	202,503	216,678	227,512
Taxes payable	7,313	9,487	9,487	9,487	9,487
Current portion of short-term and long-term loans	5,034	7,581	7,733	7,887	8,045
Other current liabilities	87,136	89,593	89,593	89,593	89,593
Total current liabilities	265,650	299,521	309,316	323,645	334,637
Long-term loans	41,966	56,475	67,770	77,936	89,626
Other non-current liabilities	24,962	28,941	31,835	35,019	38,520
Total non-current liabilities	66,928	85,416	99,605	112,954	128,146
Total liabilities	332,578	384,937	408,921	436,600	462,783
Total common stock equity	232,472	239,831	255,581	268,035	287,562
Equity attributable to parent company shareholders	232,472	239,831	255,581	268,035	287,562
Minority interest	63,908	73,466	73,466	73,466	73,466
Total shareholders' equity	296,380	313,297	329,047	341,501	361,028
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	628,958	698,234	737,968	778,101	823,812



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Dec Y/E, RMB mn	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Adjusting net profit to operating cash flows:					
Net profit	24,167	41,359	42,389	46,574	49,820
Plus: Depreciation and amortization	8,304	9,009	9,910	10,901	11,991
Other non-cash adjustments	27,050	7,727	8,701	6,575	5,441
Net cash flows from operating activities	59,521	58,095	61,000	64,050	67,252
Investing activities:					
Minus: Capital expenditures	(20,015)	(14,000)	(12,600)	(11,340)	(10,206)
Net cash flows from other investing activities	(39,528)	13,129	-	-	-
Net cash flows from investing activities	(59,543)	(871)	(12,600)	(11,340)	(10,206)
Financing activities:					
Net cash flows from financing activities	(5,808)	(21,004)	(16,803)	(13,443)	(10,754)
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	(5,717)	(5,717)	9,136	7,854	10,714
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	85,115	79,398	115,716	147,313	186,580
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	79,398	115,716	147,313	186,580	232,872

Key Financial Data

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Dec Y/E, RMB	FY23	FY24	FY25E	FY26E	FY27E
Valuation Ratio					
P/E, x	19.6	11.5	10.7	9.8	9.1
Dividend Yield, %	2.6%	2.9%	2.6%	2.8%	3.0%
Per Share					
EPS	7.61	12.99	13.87	15.24	16.30
BVPS	73.20	75.34	80.28	84.20	90.33
Growth&Margin					
Growth					
Revenue	3.7%	4.9%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%
Gross Profit	8.6%	15.1%	6.5%	6.7%	7.1%
Net Profit	140.0%	71.1%	6.8%	9.9%	7.0%
Margin					
Gross Profit Margin	14.7%	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%	15.9%
Net Profit Margin	2.1%	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%
Key Ratios					
ROE	10.8%	13.2%	13.4%	14.2%	14.4%
ROA	3.9%	5.9%	6.0%	6.2%	6.3%

Current Price as of: Mar 31

Source: PSHK Est.



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+5% to +20%	Accumulate	2	+5% to +20%upside from the current price
-5% to +5%	Neutral	3	Trade within ± 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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