# March 10, 2014 Company Report Rating: BUY TP: HK\$ 2.20

Share price (HK\$) 1.48
Est. share price return 48.6%
Est. dividend yield 4.3%
Est. total return 52.9%

Previous Rating &TP
Previous Report Date

BUY; HK\$2.20 January 29, 2014

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#### **Key Data**

| 52Wk H/L(HK\$)                     | 1.69/1.16 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|
| Issued shares (mn)                 | 2,783     |
| Market cap (HK\$mn)                | 4,146     |
| 3-mth avg daily turnover (HK\$ mn) | 2.1       |
| Major shareholder(s) (%):          |           |
| Mr GUO Zi Wen                      | 46.7      |

Source(s): Company, Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

#### FY12 Revenue breakdown (%)

| Property development | 98.0 |
|----------------------|------|
| Property investment  | 0.8  |
| Others               | 1.2  |

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

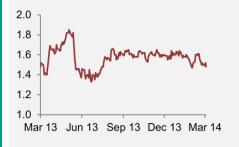
### Share performance (%)

|       | <u>Absolute</u> | Relative* |
|-------|-----------------|-----------|
| 1-mth | (2.0)           | (4.6)     |
| 3-mth | (6.3)           | 0.1       |
| 6-mth | (9.1)           | (7.1)     |

\*Relative to HSI

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

#### 1-Year stock performance (HK\$)



Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities

# Aoyuan (3883 HK) Site visit to Guangzhou: Key takeaways

- We are impressed by Aoyuan's product quality after visiting its projects in Guangzhou
- Projects are located in prime or convenient locations near the subway stations
   Aoyuan City landmark is located right next to Hanxi Changlong station;
   Aoyuan Beyong Era is close to Guangzhou South Station
- The projects are commercial buildings and therefore are not subjected to home purchase restriction; ASPs are in the range of RMB 20-23k/sqm for loft apartments and RMB 60k-80k/sqm for retail shops
- 2M14 presale grew 146% YoY to RMB1,383mn
- Maintain BUY with TP at HK\$ 2.20 based on a 60% discount to 2014E NAV

Site visit to Guangzhou reaffirms our positive view. We have conducted a site visit to Aoyuan's major projects in Guangzhou in early March this year. These projects included Aoyuan City Landmark (奧園城市天地), Aoyuan Beyond Era (奧園越時代), Aoyuan International Centre (奧园国际中心) and Aoyuan Plaza (奧園廣場). Overall, we are impressed by Aoyuan's superior product quality and competitive pricing.

Aoyuan City landmark- primely located at metro station intersection. Located next to the Hanxi Changlong station (center of the Panyu district, intersection of metro Line 3 and 7), the project is only 15 minutes away from Zhujiang Newtown, Guangzhou's major CBD. It is right next to one of the most popular Guangzhou tourist hot spots, the Chimelong Safari Park. Key features of this project include 1) Commercial use. As a commercial project, it is not subjected to home-purchase restriction and attracts demand from second-home buyers. Homebuyers usually are able to obtain a commercial mortgage with a 50% down payment and an interest rate at 10%-20% above the PBOC rate; 2) Duplex structure. With a floor height of 4.6m, a mezzanine floor of 28 sqm can be constructed as gift area within an apartment of 45 sqm. This implies an efficiency ratio of 162%. However, homebuyers would need to undertake the conversion themselves at a renovation fee of ~ RMB 100k.

Its prime location, low lump-sum payment (~RMB 1mn per unit) and commercial nature attracts huge demand form homebuyers. In 2013, the project generated about RMB 1.4bn in presale at an ASP of RMB 22k/sqm for loft apartments and RMB 70-80k/sqm for retail shops.

**Aoyuan Beyond Era- a high-speed rail story.** The project is located next to Guangzhou high-speed rail station (Guangzhou South station). Once the HK-Shenzhen rail section completes, travelling time between the two regions will be shortened to 45 minutes from 2 hours at present. Also, an underground commercial area of 680k sqm is built close to the station. Although Aoyuan Beyond Era and Aoyuan City Landmark are *(continue next page)* 

### **Results and Valuation**

| FY ended Dec 31                             | 2011A | 2012A | 2013E | 2014E | 2015E  |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|
| Revenue (RMB mn)                            | 3,022 | 3,943 | 5,614 | 9,960 | 13,630 |
| Chg (%, YoY)                                | 23.7  | 30.5  | 42.4  | 77.4  | 36.8   |
| Underlying Net Income (RMB mn) <sup>1</sup> | 238   | 243   | 368   | 1,087 | 1,836  |
| Chg (%, YoY)                                | 86.7  | 2.3   | 51.7  | 194.9 | 69.0   |
| Underlying EPS (RMB)                        | 0.09  | 0.09  | 0.14  | 0.42  | 0.70   |
| Chg (%, YoY)                                | 86.7  | 2.1   | 51.7  | 194.9 | 69.0   |
| BVPS (RMB)                                  | 2.4   | 2.7   | 2.8   | 3.1   | 3.6    |
| Chg (%, YoY)                                | 3.9   | 12.7  | 4.0   | 11.4  | 17.9   |
| Underlying PE (x)                           | 12.8  | 12.5  | 8.2   | 2.8   | 1.7    |
| P/B (x)                                     | 0.5   | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.4   | 0.3    |
| ROE (%)                                     | 3.9   | 3.5   | 5.1   | 13.5  | 19.3   |
| ROA (%)                                     | 1.4   | 1.2   | 1.3   | 3.2   | 4.7    |
| DPS(RMB)                                    | 0.05  | 0.31  | 0.05  | 0.10  | 0.15   |
| Yield (%)                                   | 4.44  | 26.88 | 4.25  | 8.61  | 12.92  |
| Net gearing <sup>2</sup> (%)                | 13.1  | 25.6  | 64.3  | 35.2  | 1.2    |

<sup>1</sup>Underlying net income =Net profit - revaluation gain of investment properties and one-off items

<sup>2</sup>Net gearing=Net debt/Shareholders' equity

Source(s): Bloomberg, ABCI Securities estimates



similar in nature, the former generated more demand from commercial users in comparison (e.g. office and display showroom etc). In 2013, the project achieved RMB 742mn in presale. The current ASP is about RMB 23k/sqm for loft apartments and RMB 60k/sqm for retail shops.

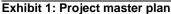
Aoyuan International Centre- a landmark business complex. Located in Wanbo, the key commercial district in Panyu, the project is positioned as a landmark business complex. According to the current design plan, the project has an above-ground area of about 200k sqm and underground space of 100k sqm. The project is still at the foundation stage, and presale for retail space is likely to begin by end -2014 or early-2015. Wanda's project nearby is selling at RMB 20k/sqm for apartments and RMB 40-50k/sqm for retails.

Aoyuan Plaza- regional shopping mall with international brands. The shopping mall within Aoyuan Plaza is the Group's flagship investment property. Being a regional shopping mall in Panyu, the plaza houses a wide range of global retail brands H&M, Zara, and Starbucks, etc. The Group generated a rental income of RMB 31mn in 2012 and RMB 27mn in 1H13, with Aoyuan Plaza contributing most of them.

**Maintain Buy with TP at HK\$ 2.20.** In 2M14, Aoyuan's presale was RMB 1,383mn, up 146% YoY, with commercial properties accounting for 69% of total. Our site visit to Guangzhou reaffirms our positive view on the Group's prospect and we believe its annual presales target of RMB 16bn (+60% YoY) for 2014 is achievable. Our TP of HK\$ 2.20 is based on a 60% discount to 2014E NAV. Maintain **BUY**.

**Risk factors:** 1) Guangdong-concentrated project portfolio; 2) Policy risk; 3) Rising land cost may hurt margins.

## Site visit pictures: Aoyuan City Landmark





Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

Exhibit 2: Project master plan



Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

## Site visit photos: Aoyuan City Landmark (cont'd)

Exhibit 3: Loft apartment's floor plan



Exhibit 4: Lower level of the loft apartment



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**Exhibit 5: Mezzanine floor of the loft apartment** 



Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities



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## Site visit photos: Aoyuan City Beyond Era

## **Exhibit 7: Construction site**



Exhibit 8: The nearby Guangzhou South station and the underground commercial space



Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

## Site visit photos: Aoyuan Plaza

Exhibit 9: Aoyuan Plaza- the shopping mall



Exhibit 10: Aoyuan Plaza- the shopping mall



Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities

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## Consolidated income statement (2011A-2015E)

| FY Ended Dec 31 (RMB mn)   | 2011A                  | 2012A                  | 2013E                  | 2014E                  | 2015E   |
|--|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|---------|
| Revenue  | 3,022                  | 3,943                  | 5,614                  | 9,960                  | 13,630  |
| Cost of sales  | (2,205)                | (2,757)                | (3,920)                | (6,755)                | (8,999) |
| Gross Profit   | 818                    | 1,187                  | 1,694                  | 3,205                  | 4,631   |
| SG&A expenses  | (413)                  | (607)                  | (826)                  | (1,010)                | (1,087) |
| EBIT   | 405                    | 580                    | 868                    | 2,195                  | 3,544   |
| Finance cost   | (26)                   | (66)                   | (104)                  | (116)                  | (114)   |
| Share of profit of associates  | (22)                   | (7)                    | 0                      | 0                      | 0       |
| Other income/ (expenses)   | 162                    | 102                    | 74                     | 114                    | 179     |
| Fair value gain of investment properties                             | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0                      | 0       |
| Disposal/one-off items   | 261                    | 916                    | 52                     | 0                      | 0       |
| Profit before tax  | 779                    | 1,525                  | 891                    | 2,193                  | 3,609   |
| Tax  | (336)                  | (593)                  | (437)                  | (991)                  | (1,575) |
| Profit after tax   | 443                    | 933                    | 454                    | 1,203                  | 2,034   |
| Minority interest  | (10)                   | (2)                    | (46)                   | (116)                  | (198)   |
| Reported net profit  | 433                    | 930                    | 408                    | 1,087                  | 1,836   |
| Less: exceptional items  | (196)                  | (687)                  | (39)                   | 0                      | 0       |
| Underlying net profit  | 238                    | 243                    | 368                    | 1,087                  | 1,836   |
| Per share  |                        |                        |                        |                        |         |
| Underlying EPS (RMB)   | 0.09                   | 0.09                   | 0.14                   | 0.42                   | 0.70    |
| DPS (RMB)  | 0.05                   | 0.31                   | 0.05                   | 0.10                   | 0.15    |
| Payout ratio (%)   | 57%                    | 336%                   | 35%                    | 24%                    | 21%     |
| BVPS (RMB)   | 2.36                   | 2.66                   | 2.76                   | 3.08                   | 3.63    |
| Growth %   |                        |                        |                        |                        |         |
| Revenue  | 23.7%                  | 30.5%                  | 42.4%                  | 77.4%                  | 36.8%   |
| Gross Profit   | 24.7%                  | 45.1%                  | 42.8%                  | 89.2%                  | 44.5%   |
| EBIT   | 9.9%                   | 43.3%                  | 49.7%                  | 152.8%                 | 61.4%   |
| Underlying net profit  | 86.7%                  | 2.3%                   | 51.7%                  | 194.9%                 | 69.0%   |
| Margin %   |                        |                        |                        |                        |         |
| Gross margin   | 27.1%                  | 30.1%                  | 30.2%                  | 32.2%                  | 34.0%   |
| Gross margin (post-LAT)  | 18.2%                  | 24.9%                  | 25.5%                  | 26.5%                  | 27.6%   |
| EBIT margin  | 13.4%                  | 14.7%                  | 15.5%                  | 22.0%                  | 26.0%   |
| Core net margin  | 8.9%                   | 6.4%                   | 7.4%                   | 12.1%                  | 14.9%   |
| Key assumptions  |                        |                        |                        |                        |         |
| Presales (RMB mn)  | 5,016                  | 5,250                  | 10,040                 | 14,413                 | 16,340  |
| GFA sold (m sqm)   | 0.55                   | 0.84                   | 1.07                   | 1.62                   | 1.73    |
| ASP (RMB/sqm)  | 9,118                  | 6,281                  | 9,366                  | 8,909                  | 9,459   |
| Booked Sales (RMB)   | 3 004                  | 3 865                  | 5 529                  | 9 867                  | 13,531  |
| ,  | ,                      | •                      | •                      | ·                      | 1.53    |
| Booked ASP (RMB/sqm)   | 9,685                  | 7,938                  | 6,954                  | 8,068                  | 8,863   |
| Booked Sales (RMB)<br>GFA delivered (mn sqm)<br>Booked ASP (RMB/sqm) | 3,004<br>0.31<br>9,685 | 3,865<br>0.49<br>7,938 | 5,529<br>0.80<br>6,954 | 9,867<br>1.22<br>8,068 |         |

Source: Company, ABCI Securities estimates

Consolidated balance sheet (2011A-2015E)

| As of Dec 31 (RMB mn)           | 2011A  | 2012A  | 2013E  | 2014E  | 2015E  |
|---------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Current assets                  | 12,922 | 16,684 | 23,078 | 28,745 | 33,028 |
| Cash                            | 877    | 2,381  | 3,509  | 6,327  | 10,051 |
| Restricted cash                 | 2,946  | 762    | 762    | 762    | 762    |
| Trade & other receivables       | 611    | 735    | 735    | 735    | 735    |
| Property under development      | 8,336  | 11,548 | 16,814 | 19,663 | 20,222 |
| Other current assets            | 152    | 1,257  | 1,257  | 1,257  | 1,257  |
| Non-current assets              | 3,992  | 4,129  | 4,721  | 5,260  | 5,800  |
| Property, plant & equipment     | 492    | 376    | 415    | 455    | 494    |
| Investment properties           | 1,383  | 1,949  | 2,502  | 3,002  | 3,502  |
| Investment in Associate and JCE | 507    | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Other non-current assets        | 1,611  | 1,804  | 1,804  | 1,804  | 1,804  |
| Total Assets                    | 16,914 | 20,813 | 27,799 | 34,005 | 38,828 |
| Current Liabilities             | 8,519  | 10,105 | 16,816 | 22,131 | 25,362 |
| Short term borrowings           | 2,616  | 1,675  | 5,675  | 6,675  | 7,675  |
| Trade & other payables          | 1,409  | 2.299  | 2,299  | 2,299  | 2,299  |
| Pre-sales deposits              | 3,289  | 4,244  | 6,955  | 11,271 | 13,501 |
| Other current assets            | 1,206  | 1,887  | 1,887  | 1,887  | 1,887  |
| Non-current liabilities         | 2,166  | 3,605  | 3,605  | 3,605  | 3,605  |
| Long term borrowings            | 2,016  | 3,248  | 3,248  | 3,248  | 3,248  |
| Other payables                  | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      | 0      |
| Other non-current assets        | 151    | 356    | 356    | 356    | 356    |
| Total Liabilities               | 10,686 | 13,709 | 20,420 | 25,736 | 28,967 |
| Net Assets                      | 6,229  | 7,104  | 7,378  | 8,269  | 9,861  |
| Shareholders Equity             | 6,159  | 6,951  | 7,230  | 8,055  | 9,499  |
| Minority Interest               | 70     | 152    | 148    | 214    | 362    |
| Total Équity                    | 6,229  | 7,104  | 7,378  | 8,269  | 9,861  |
| Key ratio                       |        |        |        |        |        |
| Gross debt (RMB mn)             | 4,632  | 4,923  | 8,923  | 9,923  | 10,923 |
| Net debt (RMB mn)               | 808    | 1,779  | 4,651  | 2,833  | 110    |
| Net gearing (%)                 | 13%    | 26%    | 64%    | 35%    | 1%     |
| Presales/ Total assets (x)      | 0.30   | 0.25   | 0.36   | 0.42   | 0.42   |
|                                 |        |        |        | -      |        |

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates

## Consolidated cash flow statement (2011A-2015E)

| FY ended Dec 31 (RMB mn)              | 2011A   | 2012A   | 2013E   | 2014E   | 2015E   |
|---------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| EBITDA                                | 436     | 610     | 899     | 2,226   | 3,575   |
| Change in Working Capital             | (50)    | (2,862) | (1,897) | 2,199   | 2,391   |
| Tax payment                           | (646)   | (770)   | (437)   | (991)   | (1,575) |
| Operating Cashflow                    | (261)   | (3,021) | (1,435) | 3,434   | 4,391   |
| Purchase of PP&E                      | (75)    | (25)    | (70)    | (70)    | (70)    |
| Addition of Investment Properties     | (177)   | (394)   | (500)   | (500)   | (500)   |
| Proceeds from disposal/ (acquisition) | (2,072) | 4,902   | ` 74    | `114    | `179    |
| Investing Cashflow                    | (2,324) | 4,483   | (496)   | (456)   | (391)   |
| Debt raised                           | 3,559   | 4,695   | 5,000   | 5,000   | 5,000   |
| Debt repaid                           | (2,288) | (4,544) | (1,000) | (4,000) | (4,000) |
| Interest expenses                     | -       | -       | (762)   | (848)   | (834)   |
| Equity raised                         | -       | -       | -       | -       | ` -     |
| Dividend to shareholders              | (86)    | (135)   | (129)   | (262)   | (392)   |
| Others                                | 74      | 26      | (50)    | (50)    | (50)    |
| Financing Cashflow                    | 1,258   | 42      | 3,060   | (160)   | (276)   |
| Net cash inflow/ (outflow)            | (1,326) | 1,504   | 1,128   | 2,818   | 3,723   |
| Cash- beginning                       | 2,203   | 877     | 2,381   | 3,509   | 6,327   |
| Cash- year-end                        | 877     | 2,381   | 3,509   | 6,327   | 10,051  |
| -                                     |         |         |         |         |         |

Source(s): Company, ABCI Securities estimates

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| Rating | Definition   |
|--------|--|
| Buy    | Stock return ≥ Market return rate                      |
| Hold   | Market return – 6% ≤ Stock return < 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 2009-2013

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 ≤ 180 day volatility/180 day benchmark index volatility < 2.6 |
| Medium    | 1.0 ≤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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