

Henderson Land (0012.HK)

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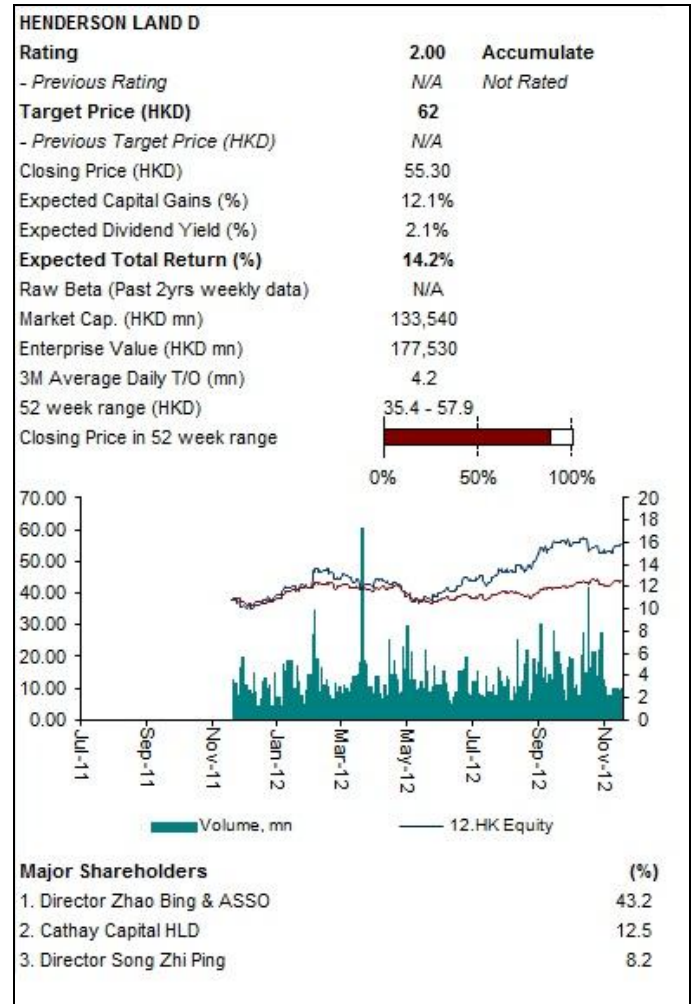
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Company Profile

Henderson Land is one of the largest Hong Kong property developers. Its core business comprises property development and property investment. It also holds direct equity interests in a listed subsidiary, Henderson Investment Limited (0097.HK) and three listed associates including The Hong Kong and China Gas Company Limited (0003.HK), Hong Kong Ferry (Holdings) Company Limited (0050.HK) and Miramar Hotel and Investment Company Limited (0071.HK).

Less housing policy impact

The government launched BSD and new SSD policies on October 27, 2012. We think the impact to Henderson Land is relatively small. BSD: non-Hong Kong permanent residents (non-HKPR) and all companies are required to pay additional 15% BSD. It is believed that BSD will effectively dampen the demand of mainland buyers. However, for Q3 2012, mainland individual buyers accounted for about 16.2% in private residential property turnover. For the property valued 12 million or above, the ratio will be approximately 33.7%. It showed that the purchasing power of mainland buyers is mainly reflected in HK's luxury market. The major new properties launched by Henderson Land on 2012 are Yuen Long the Reach and Wu Kai Sha Double Cove, which is selling at about HKD7000 to HKD9000 psf. More than 600 and 400 units were sold respectively. The influence from reduced purchasing power of mainland buyers is limited to Henderson Land. After news digestion, buyers will regain market confidence. New SSD: HK government started the implementation of SSD since 2010. But property prices still surged under the low interest rate and stable employment environment in HK which reflected that the user-driven demand is high. HK government increased SSD and its valid period which will reduce the supply of secondary market property. It would favor local property sector instead as the users will shift to primary market.



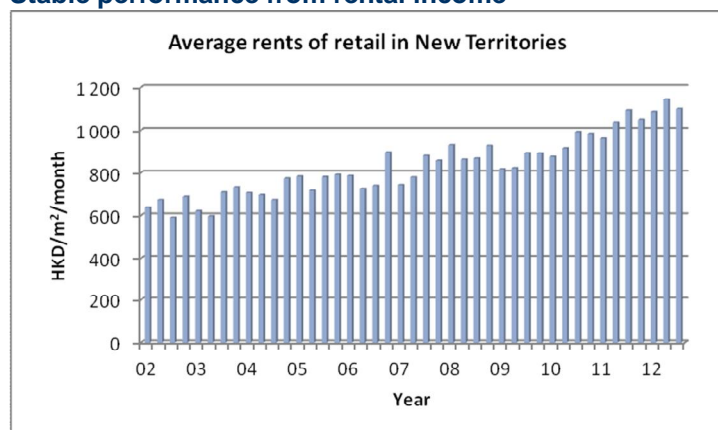
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Strong user-driven demand supporting the home prices

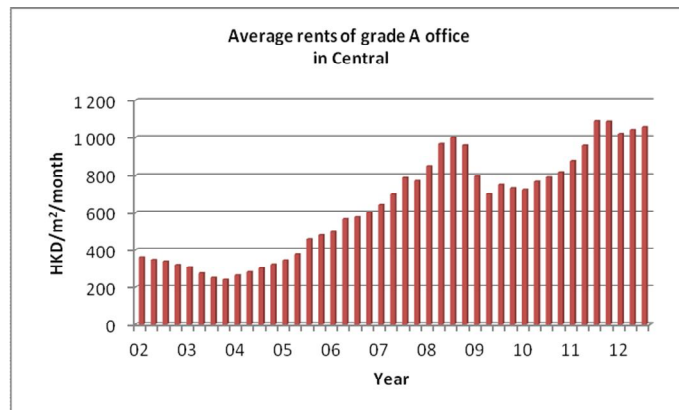
Since HK government launched SSD two years ago, the number of confirmor transactions fell nearly 80%. But the home prices still recorded an increase of about 15% this year, reflecting the strong user-driven demand. Although the number of transactions in HK residential market dropped sharply after the new housing policies launched. Transaction of 10 largest housing estates only recorded around 10 cases in the last 5 consecutive weeks but home prices had no significant adjustment, reflecting strong holding power of house owners. We still expect the home prices won't have a great drop due to low interest rate and stable employment environment. In addition, household income to mortgage payment is about 56% now, which is relatively low compared with the 1997 high of 109%. We don't expect great drop in home prices in the short term due to resident's adequate affordability and undersupply in terms of actual completions. But new housing policies dampen demand of non-HKPR buyers and government efforts to prevent property bubbles increase bargaining power of the buyers. We forecast a 5-10% decrease yoy in 2013 and the developers won't be too aggressive on the pricing.

Stable performance from rental income



Source: Rating and valuation department, PSR

Henderson Land's rental income rose 17% to HKD3.2b in 2012H1, mainly due to the rising retail rents and low vacancy rate. Group's retail rents is mainly from the New Territories, such as Metro City in Tseung Kwan O and Sunshine city in Ma On Shan. Retail rents in this area have already recorded about 12% increase in this year. Even China's economic slowdown reduced mainland shoppers' consumer sentiment, we believe it has little effect on the retail market of New Territories and the Group's active renovation and reorganization of tenant mix will support steady growth of the retail rents.



Source: Rating and valuation department, PSR

For the office leasing, the rents of Henderson Land are mainly from IFC in Central and AIA Tower in North Point. However, the grade A office rents in Central showed downward trend since September 2011, which dropped nearly 3% yoy in 2012Q3. The main reason is the unstable global economy caused the lack of leasing demand from the financial sector. But comparing to 2012Q2, the rents actually rose 1.4%. We will keep observing the downside risk on Central office rents and the occupancy rate. On the other hand, Kowloon office rent, especially Tsim Sha Tsui area surged 5.4% qoq with the vacancy rate dropped to 0.9%. If the global economy is still unstable, HK Island rents still have downside potential. But under the effect of "Energizing Kowloon East", we are optimistic on the Kowloon office rental income. Henderson Land has approximately 200m sqf portfolio of office and industrial buildings in Kowloon East with current vacancy rate less than 1%. We believe it can offset the downside risk of HK Island office rents and expect the Group's integrated rental income can be maintained at present high level in the coming year.

Potential growth momentum

At the end of June 2012, Henderson Land has the largest agricultural landbank among local property developers in Hong Kong, held New Territories land reserves amounting to around 42.4m sqf. 9.1m sqf in those area are involving in two of government's new development area plans. Increasing demand for home ownership in Hong Kong from mainlanders causes those development plans to be potential growth momentum of Henderson Land. However, existing transportation facilities and infrastructures are not enough in those area, we are not going to price in this factor into our valuation.

12-month forward NAV Estimate			
Item	HKD mn	HKD per share	% of GAV
HK Property Development	38421	16.2	14.7%
HK Agricultural Land	16960	7.2	6.5%
HK Investment Properties	88665	37.4	34.0%
Residential	10264	4.3	
Office	27305	11.5	
Retail	25324	10.7	
Others	25772	10.9	
China Properties	44290	18.7	17.0%
Listed Investments	72685	30.7	27.8%
Hong Kong & China Gas (0003.H)	67826	28.6	
Henderson Investment (0097.HK)	1242	0.5	
Hong Kong Ferry (0050.HK)	814	0.3	
Miramar Hotel (0071.HK)	2538	1.1	
Sunlight REIT (0435.HK)	265	0.1	
Total gross asset value	261021	110.2	100.0%
Net debt	-51195	-21.6	
Net Asset Value	209826	88.6	

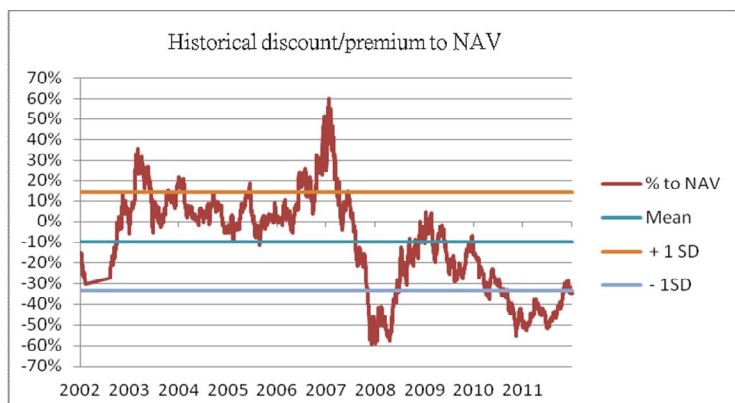
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Valuation

We give Henderson Land "Accumulate" rating and a target price of HKD62. Current discount to NAV is about 35%. Because of government effort to prevent property bubble and already high levels of property prices, we believe discount to NAV will not return to ten years historical average of 10%. But due to Henderson Land's satisfying launch of the Reach and Double Cove this year and global economy stabilize causing investor sentiment increase, narrowing NAV discount to 30% is possible. Therefore, we give 30% discount on 12-month forward NAV of HKD88.6 and get a target price of HKD62.

Major risks

- Great drop in property prices
- HK Island office vacancy rate rise sharply
- Government housing policies



Source: Company report, PSR, Bloomberg

Financial Status

<u>Income Statement (HKD mn)</u>	<u>FY10</u>	<u>FY11</u>	<u>FY12E</u>	<u>FY13E</u>	<u>FY14E</u>
Sale of properties revenue	2522	9692	12531	17853	19647
Property investment & other revenue	4570	5496	6321	6520	6842
Cost of sales	-3843	-8418	-10421	-15762	-16393
Gross profit:	3249	6770	8431	8611	10096
Other revenue & net income	1764	401	451	482	508
Selling & administrative expenses	-2166	-2624	-2947	-3094	-3249
Operating profit:	2847	4547	5935	5999	7355
Revaluation gain	9538	8968	0	0	0
Financial costs	-970	-1169	-1308	-1392	-1542
Net profit before tax:	17239	18981	8792	9593	10427
Income tax	-1601	-1618	-1107	-1178	-1216
Minority interests	182	-179	-189	-167	-154
Net profit attributable to shareholders:	15820	17184	7496	8248	9057
Core profit attributable to shareholders:	5042	5560	7496	8248	9057
Balance Sheet (HKD mn)					
	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
Cash and cash equivalents	9916	19364	28693	38272	47520
Inventories	60717	68204	72364	76820	82631
Other current assets	11422	12928	14584	16334	18458
Current assets:	82055	100496	104515	109219	114680
Fixed assets	84068	92771	97409	101305	105864
Other LT assets	64189	69203	70472	72954	73120
Total assets:	230312	262470	272396	283478	293664
ST loans	7516	19699	19699	19699	19699
Other current liabilities	6545	9828	11302	12997	15077
LT debts	47099	36041	46041	46041	46041
Other non-current liabilities	4729	6977	7825	7825	7825
Minority interest	5385	4589	4818	5059	5312
Shareholders' equity:	159038	185336	182711	191857	199710
Cash flow statement (HKD mn)					
	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
Cash flow from operations	-17282	-600	2173	3982	4586
Capex	-1012	-1455	-1231	-1274	-1298
Disposal/(purchase)	143	1276	107	211	169
Equity raised/(repaid)	5	10026	0	0	0
Debt raised/(repaid)	6409	5068	5587	5519	5095
Dividend paid	-833	-1655	-2865	-3178	-3397
Others	11827	-3609	-2705	-5012	-2569
Change in cash	-743	9051	1066	248	2586
Beginning cash	10495	9752	18803	19869	20117
Ending cash	9752	18803	19869	20117	22703
Key ratios					
	FY10	FY11	FY12E	FY13E	FY14E
ROE (%)	3.10%	3.70%	3.50%	3.90%	3.60%
Net debt/equity (%)	20%	19%	18%	20%	19%
DPS (HKD)	1.00	1.00	1.15	1.25	1.40
EPS (HKD)	7.32	7.44	3.25	3.57	3.92

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