

LVGEM (China) Real Estate Investment Company Limited

Asset Injection Propels Stock to New Heights, Upgrade to Buy

We are positively surprised by the minimal consideration for the Baishizhou asset injection announced on 25 Aug 2020. We raise our target price by 93% to HK\$5.0/sh (implying 78% upside) as the acquisition is significantly value accretive. Upgrade to Buy.

Major Positive Surprise, Raise Target Price by 93%, Upgrade to BUY We upgrade LVGEM to a BUY rating (from Hold), as LVGEM announced

the asset injection of Baishizhou project which will raise LVGEM's project stake to 80%. The consideration of the transaction was minimal at ~RMB4m which was a major positive surprise and is significantly value accretive. We have thus raised our Target Price by 93% to HK\$5.0/sh. This is based on our DCF analysis of the Baishizhou project, which we believe has increased our estimated NAV of LVGEM to HK\$13.54/sh (up 93% from HK\$7.03/sh).

Controlling Shareholder retain a 20% stake in the project as MI

Controlling shareholder of LVGEM, Mr. Wong Hong King, has retained a 20% stake in the Baishizhou project as Minority Interest (MI). We believe this remaining stake will unlikely be injected into list co. in the future, after injecting 80% of the Baishizhou project into list co. for a minimal consideration. We believe Mr. Wong will retain the minority stake as a long term profit sharing mechanism instead.

Contracted sales and Net Profit to at least double by 2023

As the progress for resettlement contract signing of Baishizhou project has been hampered by COVID-19 during 1H20, we now expect the contract signing to complete by end-2020. This implies that demolishing and construction work will begin in early 2021 and contracted sales to begin by end-2022/early-2023, in our view. We estimate Phase 1 of the Project to have ~300,000 sqm, or ~RMB36bn, of sellable resources, with a GP Margin of at least 50%. Annual contracted sales from this single project could reach ~RMB18bn, more than double our 2020E target for the whole company, in our view.

Net Gearing Outlook to Hinge on Valuation of Baishizhou Phase 3

Due to the tight pre-sale permit requirement in Shenzhen, we estimate that Phase 1 of the project will initially have to incur a RMB23bn CAPEX until it reaches pre-sale standard. The required project financing has already been secured through a ~RMB20bn loan facility from China Everbright Bank, plus internal resources. Nonetheless, this will imply a negative operating cash outflow for 2021E-2022E, in our view, and we calculate that it could potentially result in a rise in net gearing to 237% by end-2022E. However, we believe that the actual net gearing will be lower as our forecasts have not factored in revaluation gains. Since Phase 3 of Baishizhou (~600,000sqm) is mostly investment properties, and considering the low acquisition cost by the company, there will be revaluation gains from Investment Property Under Development, in our view, enlarging the equity base.

Key Risks

We believe the key downside risks lie with (1) any potential delays in the resettlement progress of Baishizhou project; (2) tightening policies in the real estate sector on financing, as well as sales of properties in Shenzhen.

Stock code: 0095.HK Rating: Buv

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Price target (HK\$)	5.00
Previous Price target (HK\$)	2.58
Current price (HK\$, 25 Aug 2020)	2.81
Upside/downside %	78%
Market cap (HK\$ m)	14,309
Market cap (US\$ m)	1,846
Avg daily turnover (US\$m)	1.76
Source: Bloomberg, AMTD Research	

Key forecasts

(RMB m)	2019	2020e	2021e	2022e
Revenue	6,902	7,894	10,747	12,079
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Gross Profit	4,430	5,325	5,653	7,073
yoy %	64.9%	20.2%	6.2%	25.1%
Core Net Profit	1,236	1,655	1,722	2,506
yoy %	43.2%	33.9%	4.1%	45.6%
Gross margin	64.2%	67.5%	52.6%	58.6%
Net gearing	135.3%	133.9%	215.1%	237.3%
EPS	0.25	0.33	0.35	0.50
DPS	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.11
BPS	2.59	2.85	3.12	3.51

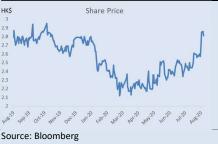
Source: Company data, AMTD Research

Valuation

	2019	2020e	2021e	2022e
P/E	10.2	7.6	7.3	5.0
P/BV	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7
Div. yield	2.2%	2.9%	3.0%	4.4%
ROE	9.6%	11.6%	11.1%	14.3%
ROA	2.5%	3.1%	2.9%	4.1%

Source: Bloomberg, AMTD Research

Share price performance



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Financial Summary

Figure 1: LVGEM Financial Analysis

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PnL, RMB mn	2018	2019	2020e	2021e	2022e
Revenue	4,516	6,902	7,894	10,747	12,079
COGS	(1,830)	(2,472)	(2,569)	(5,095)	(5,005)
Gross Profit	2,686	4,430	5,325	5,653	7,073
Selling and marketing exp	(133)	(134)	(153)	(209)	(235)
General and admin exp	(390)	(461)	(528)	(719)	(808)
Share of results of JV & Asso	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)	(0)
Reval Gains from Inv Prop	323	(20)	-	-	-
Others	327	809	128	175	196
Net Finance costs	(658)	(1,256)	(910)	(1,019)	(1,128)
Profit before tax	2,156	3,367	3,862	3,881	5,100
Income tax expense	(925)	(1,617)	(2,198)	(2,150)	(2,580)
Net profit	1,230	1,750	1,664	1,731	2,520
Shareholders' Profit	1,237	1,740	1,655	1,722	2,506
Minority Interest	(7)	10	9	10	14
Shareholders' Core Net Profit	863	1,236	1,655	1,722	2,506
Dividends	234	276	369	384	559
EPS - Basic (RMB)	0.25	0.35	0.33	0.35	0.50
Core EPS - Basic (RMB)	0.18	0.25	0.33	0.35	0.50
Core EPS - Diluted (RMB)	0.10	0.14	0.19	0.20	0.29
DPS - basic (RMB)	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.08	0.11
DPS - Diluted (RMB)	0.03	0.03	0.04	0.04	0.07
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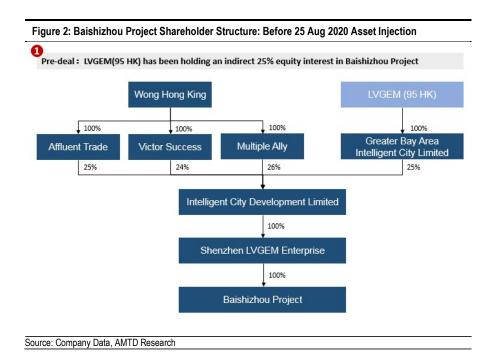
Balance Sheet, RMB mn	2018	2019	2020e	2021e	2022e
Investment Properties	22,117	23,568	23,568	23,568	23,568
Interest in JV/Asso	522	522	522	522	522
PP&E and Others	1,532	2,370	2,370	2,370	2,370
Non-current assets	24,171	26,460	26,460	26,460	26,460
PUD & Held for Sale	10,710	10,633	12,633	19,781	26,958
Deposits and prepayments	890	3,231	3,231	3,231	3,231
Cash & Cash Equivalents	3,674	5,543	8,146	11,607	11,475
Others	3,967	2,870	2,870	2,870	2,870
Current assets	19,241	22,277	26,879	37,488	44,533
Total Assets	43,412	48,736	53,339	63,948	70,993
Contract Liabilities	2,268	2,505	1,653	2,916	-
Bank and Other Borrowings	5,824	11,049	11,049	11,049	11,049
Trade and Other Payables	1,384	1,112	1,112	1,112	1,112
Others	2,214	3,095	3,095	3,095	3,095
Current liabilities	11,690	17,761	16,909	18,171	15,255
Bank and Other Borrowings	17,500	15,150	19,309	27,309	35,309
Others	2,783	2,791	2,791	2,791	2,791
Non-current liabilities	20,283	17,941	22,100	30,100	38,100
Capital and reserves	11,331	12,928	14,213	15,551	17,498
Shareholders' equity	11,331	12,928	14,213	15,551	17,498
Non-controlling interests & Perp	107	107	116	126	139
Total equity	11,439	13,035	14,330	15,677	17,637
Total Liabilities and Equity	43,412	48,736	53,339	63,948	70,993

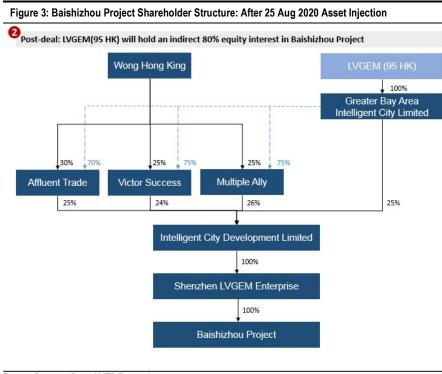
Cash Flow Statement, RMB mn	2018	2019	2020e	2021e	2022e	
Profit Before Tax	2,156	3,367	3,862	3,881	5,100	
Operating CF before Working Cap	2,308	4,623	4,772	4,900	6,228	1
PUD	(1,381)	77	(2,000)	(7,149)	(7,177)	
Deposits & Prepayments	(1,194)	-	-	-	-	
Trade & Other Payables	783	(272)	-	-	-	
Increase in contract liabilities	2,268	237	(852)	1,262	(2,916)	
Others	(29)	(1,617)	(2,198)	(2,150)	(2,580)	
Net Operating Cashflows	2,756	3,048	(278)	(3,136)	(6,445)	
Net Investing Cashflows	(6,419)	(2,079)	-	-	•	
Bank & Other Borrowings	(4,995)	2,914	4,160	8,000	8,000	
Others	8,534	(1,572)	(1,279)	(1,403)	(1,687)	
Net Financing Cashflows	3,539	1,342	2,880	6,597	6,313	
Net Cash Flows	(124)	2,311	2,603	3,461	(131)	

Key Ratios	2018	2019	2020e	2021e	2022e
GP Margins	59%	64%	67%	53%	59%
Net Margins	27%	25%	21%	16%	21%
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ROE	8%	10%	12%	11%	14%
ROA	2%	3%	3%	3%	4%
Net Debt / Total Equity	138%	135%	134%	215%	237%
Net Debt / Shareholders' Equity	139%	136%	135%	217%	239%
Total Assets / Total Equity	380%	374%	372%	408%	403%
Total Assets / Shareholders' Eq	383%	377%	375%	411%	406%
Asset Turnover (Contracted Sale	5%	10%	14%	17%	0%

Source: Company Data, AMTD Research

Asset Injection of Baishizhou Project





Source: Company Data, AMTD Research

Figure 4: AMTD Estimated Preliminary Cash Flow Projection of Baishizhou Project					
RMB mn					
	Phase 1	l (Residential)) - 300,000 sq	m sellable	
	2021E	2022E	2023E		
Cash inflow			18,000		
CAPEX	(11,667)	(11,667)	(11,667)		
Net Cashflow	(11,667)	(11,667)	6,333		

Phase 2 (Residential) - 900,000 sqm sellable						
	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E
Cash inflow	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000	18,000
CAPEX	(11,667)	(11,667)	(11,667)	(11,667)	(11,667)	(11,667)
Net Cashflow	6,333	6,333	6,333	6,333	6,333	6,333

* cash inflow in 2024 comes from the sale of residential property in Phase 1

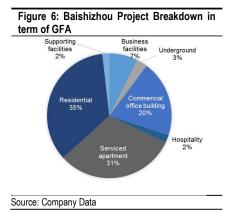
Phase 3 (Commercial) - 600,000sqm leasable					
	Co	Construction		Est. Annual Rental Income	
	2030E	2031E	2032E		
Cash inflow	18,000			2,160	
CAPEX	(11,667)	(11,667)	(11,667)		
Net Cashflow	6,333	(11,667)	(11,667)	2,160	
* cash inflow in 20	30 comes from t	he sale of res	idential pro	perty in Phase 2	

Source: AMTD Research Estimates

Figure 5: Baishizhou Project Planning



Source: Company Data



Facilities	Total Area (sq.m.)	%
Business facilities	265,000	7.4%
Underground	100,450	2.8%
Commercial office building	710,000	19.8%
Hospitality	70,000	2.0%
Serviced apartment	1,120,000	31.3%
Residential	1,250,000	34.9%
Supporting facilities	64,550	1.8%
Total	3,580,000	100.0%

Source: Company Data

Valuation Methodology

We derive our new Target Price of HK\$5.0/sh based on a target discount to NAV of 63% and it implies a target 2020E P/E multiple of 15x. We have adopted a WACC of 12% for our DCF-based NAV and a cap rate of 3.0-5.5% for its investment properties.

Our Implied Target 2020E P/E Multiple of 15x is above the China Property peers as the Baishizhou net profit will only deliver and reflect into net profit from 2023E onwards. This implies that it has a more secure longer term earnings stream compared to peers. LVGEM also has a higher profitability as represented by its profit margins.

NAV (RMBm)	20208
Dev Properties	56,407
Inv Properties	21,942
Total GAV	78,349
Net Debt	(17,629
NAV	60,720
No. of Shares	4,983
NAV/sh(RMB)	12.19
NAV/sh (HKD)	13.54
Target Price(HKD)	5.00
Target Disc. to NAV	-63%
Target P/E	15.0

Date	25/8/2020	Share Price	Mkt cap		P/E			P/B		Div. yield
Ticker	Name(EN)	(HK\$)	(USD mn)	FY19	FY20E	FY21E	FY19	FY20E	FY21E	FY19
China Pro	perty Developers									
2202 HK	Vanke	25.30	44,436	6.7x	6.0x	5.4x	1.4x	1.2x	1.0x	4.7%
688 HK	COLI	22.95	32,442	5.5x	5.9x	5.1x	0.8x	0.8x	0.7x	4.6%
3333 HK	Evergrande	19.04	32,086	13.3x	7.1x	5.9x	1.6x	1.3x	1.2x	3.9%
1109 HK	CR Land	34.40	31,651	7.6x	9.0x	7.8x	1.3x	1.2x	1.1x	3.5%
960 HK	Longfor	40.35	31,229	13.8x	11.5x	9.6x	2.3x	2.1x	1.8x	3.4%
2007 HK	Country Garden	10.16	28,887	5.0x	4.4x	3.9x	1.3x	1.1x	0.9x	6.4%
1918 HK	Sunac	33.70	20,268	6.4x	4.6x	3.8x	1.6x	1.3x	1.0x	4.1%
813 HK	Shimao	34.65	15,816	9.5x	8.5x	7.1x	1.6x	1.4x	1.2x	4.7%
3380 HK	Logan	14.88	10,597	7.4x	6.0x	5.0x	2.3x	1.8x	1.4x	6.3%
884 HK	CIFI	6.80	7,211	8.7x	5.9x	4.9x	1.6x	1.3x	1.1x	5.1%
1813 HK	KWG	15.10	6,192	4.8x	6.7x	5.4x	1.2x	1.1x	0.9x	5.6%
1030 HK	Seazen	7.32	5,865	5.8x	4.8x	4.1x	1.6x	1.2x	1.0x	4.8%
3383 HK	Agile	11.16	5,640	5.8x	4.8x	4.4x	0.9x	0.7x	0.7x	9.4%
2777 HK	R&F	10.04	4,528	3.0x	3.1x	2.6x	0.4x	0.4x	0.3x	14.5%
3883 HK	Aoyuan*	9.47	3,303	5.6x	3.6x	3.2x	1.5x	1.2x	1.0x	6.5%
1238 HK	Powerlong*	5.93	3,169	8.1x	5.5x	4.5x	0.7x	0.6x	0.6x	6.99
3990 HK	Midea RE	19.86	3,153	5.5x	4.2x	3.4x	1.1x	0.9x	0.8x	9.1%
1638 HK	Kaisa	3.98	3,140	8.6x	4.2x	3.3x	0.9x	0.6x	0.5x	2.8%
123 HK	Yuexiu	1.55	3,096	5.8x	5.2x	4.5x	0.5x	0.5x	0.5x	6.7%
3900 HK	Greentown	9.45	3,041	8.1x	7.0x	6.5x	0.7x	0.7x	0.6x	3.6%
1233 HK	Times	12.02	3,012	3.8x	3.5x	3.0x	1.1x	0.9x	0.7x	8.0%
6158 HK	Zhenro	4.81	2,711	7.5x	6.3x	5.0x	1.1x	1.0x	0.9x	2.4%
1628 HK	Yuzhou*	3.65	2,610	4.8x	4.6x	3.2x	0.8x	0.7x	0.6x	11.3%
2772 HK	Zhongliang	5.24	2,422	4.1x	3.6x	2.9x	2.0x	1.3x	1.0x	18.9%
1966 HK	China SCE	4.19	2,272	5.2x	4.6x	3.7x	0.9x	0.8x	0.7x	5.7%
95 HK	Lvgem*	2.81	1,846	10.2x	7.6x	7.3x	1.0x	0.9x	0.8x	2.2%
3301 HK	Ronshine	7.05	1,549	3.4x	2.8x	2.4x	0.7x	0.6x	0.5x	5.2%
832 HK	CCRE*	3.80	1,377	4.8x	3.8x	2.7x	1.0x	0.9x	0.7x	12.4%
272 HK	Shui On Land	1.17	1,217	5.3x	NA	NA	0.2x	0.2x	NA	10.6%
119 HK	Poly Prop	2.53	1,195	2.8x	3.2x	2.7x	0.3x	0.3x	0.3x	8.3%
1996 HK	Redsun*	2.77	1,187	6.7x	4.8x	4.0x	0.6x	0.6x	0.5x	4.5%
2019 HK	Dexin China	2.99	1,042	4.5x	4.2x	3.4x	1.5x	NA	NA	3.09
1098 HK	Roadking	10.64	1,029	2.7x	NA	NA	0.4x	NA	NA	11.19
6111 HK	Dafa*	5.05	539	7.9x	7.5x	7.1x	1.1x	1.0x	0.9x	3.2%
230 HK	Minmetals*	0.96	415	3.9x	4.9x	3.5x	0.3x	0.3x	0.3x	8.3%
Total/Ave	rage		320,172	6.4x	5.4x	4.6x	1.1x	0.9x	0.8x	6.6

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