Xinyi Glass Holdings (868 HK)

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Target Price
Current Price

% Upside

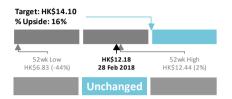
HK\$14.10 HK\$12.18

16%

Expecting Better GPM for Float Glass Division in FY18

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Basic Share Information

Market cap	HK\$48.94b / US\$6.25b
Daily traded value (3mth)	US\$19.44m
Shares outstanding	3,882m
Free float	55%
Net debt-to-equity	31.2%
1 yr high	HK\$12.44
1 yr low	HK\$6.83
Major shareholding	21.6%
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Price/Volume



Source: Bloomberg

	1mth	3mth	12mth
Absolute	0%	35.5%	73%
Absolute USD	-0.1%	35.1%	71.6%
Relative to HSI	5.7%	30.2%	41.3%



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Management Remains Upbeat on FY18 Outlook

Summary: We expect Xinyi Glass Holdings' (XYG) GPM to improve in FY18 due to rising profitability at its float-glass division. According to glass.org.cn, Hebei's Shahe city has shut down nine float-glass production lines as they lacked environmental permits. Total capacity involved was about 1.74mn tonnes, about 2.6% of total float-glass capacity in China. We believe that float-glass demand is likely to remain solid in 2018 as property sales in China remained strong in 2017. Glass windows are typically installed 12 months after property sales, so this should translate into stable demand in 2018. With no new production lines in China and some production lines being shut down, we expect float-glass prices to rise further in 2018. We revise up our EPS forecasts by 5.4% for FY18 and 19.1% for FY19 to factor in a rising GPM in FY18 and XYG's capacity-expansion plans.

Target Price and Catalyst: We raise our target price from HK\$9.30 to HK\$14.10, based on 12x the average of our EPS forecasts of HK\$1.10 for FY18 and HK\$1.24 for FY19. Major catalysts for the share price include float glass prices rising in August–September 2018 when the peak season starts, and the interim results announcement scheduled for August 2018. Any news related to the government shutting down float-glass production capacity should also be positive for the share price.

Earnings: We revise up our EPS forecasts by 5.4% for FY18 and 19.1% for FY19. For FY18, the earnings revision mainly reflects our optimism about rising float-glass prices this year and an improving GPM. We expect the average selling price to increase by 12% in FY18. For FY19, our revision mainly reflects the contribution of two new float-glass production lines in Malaysia, which are set to begin operations in H2 FY18 and start contributing to NP in FY19. We introduce our FY20 forecasts in this report.

Valuation: We value the stock at 12x forward PER, previously 9x or the average of its historical trading range. XYG has enjoyed peak-cycle margins at its float-glass division for more than 18 months. We believe that it is a beneficiary of industry consolidation and strengthening pricing power and hence deserves a higher valuation multiple. A-share peer Zhuzhou Kibing Group (601636 CH), for which we have a BUY rating and target price of Rmb6.50, trades at 15.6x FY17 PER on Bloomberg-consensus estimates compared with XYG's 12.0x. The main risk to our rating and the attainment of our target price is a slowdown in property sales in China, which would likely have a negative impact on float-glass prices. In addition all XYG's production lines use natural gas, so any increases in natural-gas prices would be negative for the company.

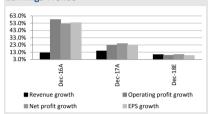
	Dec-16A	Dec-17A	Dec-18E	Dec-19E	Dec-20E	Trend
Total turnover (HK\$m)	12,848	14,728	16,140	18,831	21,665	
Operating profit (HK\$m)	3,338	4,093	4,453	5,340	6,149 _	
Pre-tax profit (HK\$m)	3,823	4,696	5,191	6,102	6,931 _	
Net income to ord equity (HK\$m)	3,213	4,014	4,407	5,001	5,542	
Net profit growth	52.1%	24.9%	9.8%	13.5%	10.8%	I -
P/E (x)	14.71	12.04	11.11	9.79	8.84	I -
Adj EV/EBITDA (x)	9.39	8.43	7.63	6.29	5.35	I=
P/B (x)	3.59	3.01	2.65	2.31	2.02	I -
ROE	24.8%	27.4%	25.5%	25.2%	24.4%	
Dividend yield	3.3%	4.0%	4.3%	4.9%	5.4% _	
EPS HTI old (HK\$)	0.83	0.90	1.04	1.04	-	
EPS HTI New (HK\$)	0.83	1.01	1.10	1.24	1.38 _	
Consensus EPS (HK\$)	0.80	0.94	1.10	1.20	0.70 _	
HTI EPS vs Consensus	3.2%	7.8%	(0.4%)	3.5%	96.9% _	

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, HTI estimates

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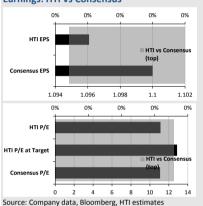
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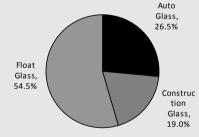


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Earnings: HTI vs Consensus

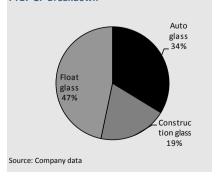


FY17 Sales Breakdown



Source: Company data

FY17 GP Breakdown



Investment Thesis

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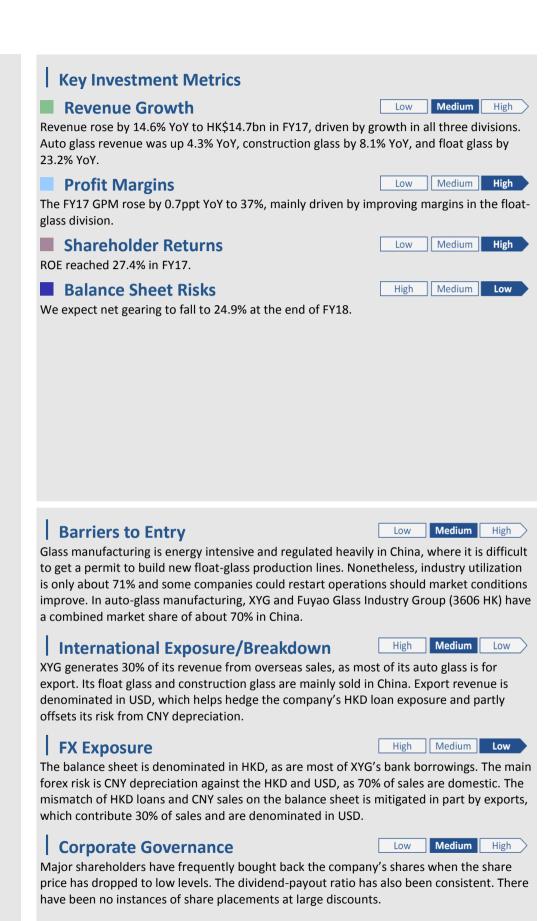
- ➤ According to Wind statistics, the average float-glass spot price on 27 February 2018 was up by 12% YoY and soda ash, XYG's major cost, was about Rmb1,743 per tonne, down by 22.7% YoY.
- ➤ The rise in float-glass price was mainly due to capacity shutdowns in Shahe city, Hebei province. Given the increase in average selling price and fall in production cost, we believe that XYG's GPM is likely to expand in FY18.
- ➤ We expect float glass demand to remain stable over the medium term as strong property sales are usually favorable for future glass demand. Glass installation is usually the last stage of property construction, so strong property sales in 2017 are likely to translate into solid float-glass demand 12–18 months later.
- ➤ We continue to see XYG as a champion in China's float-glass industry. Industry consolidation is likely in our view to benefit market leaders such as XYG. All its production lines use natural gas as the major energy source, which is in line with the government's policy of enforcing strict environmental-emissions standards.

Company Snapshot

Click here for relevant SCNet visits: China Glass Holdings (3300 HK).

XYG is one of the largest glass manufacturers in China. It has three major business lines, auto glass, construction glass and float glass. For auto glass, it is the largest supplier of auto-replacement glass globally, with a market share of around 20%. For construction glass, the company is the second largest supplier of low-emissivity glass in China. For float glass, it is the largest float-glass manufacturer in China, with 5.4mn tons of annual melting capacity and production lines in Guangdong, Anhui, Tianjin, Liaoning, and Sichuan.

XYG has a 29.5% equity interest in associate company Xinyi Solar Holdings (968 HK), which is the largest solar-glass manufacturer in China.





We expect revenue to grow by 9.6% YoY in FY18

We assume an effective tax rate of 15% for FY18

Profit & Loss (HK\$m)	Dec-16A	Dec-17A	Dec-18E	Dec-19E	Dec-20E
Total turnover	12,848	14,728	16,140	18,831	21,665
Cost of sales	(8,189)	(9,283)	(9,859)	(11,477)	(13,220)
Gross profit	4,659	5,444	6,280	7,355	8,445
Total operating costs	(1,822)	(2,045)	(2,167)	(2,373)	(2,708)
Net other operating income	501	694	339	358	412
Operating profit	3,338	4,093	4,453	5,340	6,149
Operating EBITDA	4,165	4,794	5,247	6,206	7,073
Depreciation and amortisation	(827)	(701)	(794)	(866)	(925)
Net income from investments	563	700	842	858	857
Interest income	51	55	62	66	83
Interest expense	(128)	(151)	(166)	(161)	(158)
Pre-tax profit	3,823	4,696	5,191	6,102	6,931
Taxation	(607)	(682)	(781)	(1,098)	(1,386)
Minority interests	(3)	(0)	(2)	(3)	(3)
Net income to ord equity	3,213	4,014	4,407	5,001	5,542

Source: Company, HTI estimates

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Key P/L Takeaway

We expect NP to grow by 9.8% YoY to HK\$4.4bn in FY18

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The inventory turnover period was steady at 62 days in FY17

We expect net gearing to fall YoY to 24.9% at the end of FY18

Balance Sheet (HK\$m)	Dec-16A	Dec-17A	Dec-18E	Dec-19E	Dec-20E
Total cash and equivalents	2,763	2,472	2,637	3,331	4,419
Inventories	1,321	1,578	1,676	2,008	2,313
Accounts receivable	2,377	2,798	3,147	3,766	4,333
Other current assets	76	95	95	95	95
Total current assets	6,537	6,943	7,555	9,201	11,160
Tangible fixed assets	13,560	15,362	16,270	17,107	17,884
Intangible assets	72	69	67	64	62
Total investments	3,854	4,538	5,380	6,238	7,095
Total non-current assets	17,486	19,969	21,717	23,409	25,041
Total assets	24,022	26,912	29,272	32,610	36,201
Short-term debt	3,165	2,253	2,177	2,124	2,087
Accounts payable	2,297	2,507	2,662	3,099	3,569
Other current liabilities	538	478	547	879	1,109
Total current liabilities	6,000	5,237	5,386	6,101	6,765
Long-term debt	4,509	5,256	5,079	4,956	4,869
Other liabilities	266	266	266	266	266
Total non-current liabilities	4,775	5,522	5,346	5,222	5,135
Total liabilities	10,775	10,759	10,731	11,323	11,900
Common stocks	389	402	402	402	402
Retained earnings reserve	(31)	15,678	18,065	20,808	23,819
Other reserves	12,823	-	-	-	-
Shareholders' equity	13,181	16,080	18,467	21,210	24,222
Minority interests	66	72	74	77	79
Other equity	-	0	(0)	0	(0)
Total equity	13,247	16,152	18,541	21,287	24,301
Total liabilities & shareholders' equity	24,022	26,912	29,272	32,610	36,201

Source: Company, HTI estimates

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We expect XYG's balance sheet risk to remain manageable

We expect net gearing to fall YoY to 24.9% at the end of FY18, fairly low compared with other glass manufacturers.



We forecast HK\$4.1bn of cash flow from operations for FY18

The dividend-payout ratio was steady at 48% in FY17 and we expect a similar level for FY18

Cash Flow (HK\$m)	Dec-16A	Dec-17A	Dec-18E	Dec-19E	Dec-20E
Operating profit	3,338	4,093	4,453	5,340	6,149
Depreciation and amortisation	827	701	794	866	925
Changes in working capital	(218)	(530)	(222)	(183)	(171)
Other operating cash flow	86	-	(0)	(0)	(0)
Operating cash flow	4,032	4,264	5,025	6,023	6,902
Interest received	51	55	62	66	83
Interest paid	(126)	(151)	(166)	(161)	(158)
Tax paid	(342)	(682)	(781)	(1,098)	(1,386)
Cash flow from operations	3,616	3,485	4,139	4,830	5,442
Capex	(1,756)	(2,500)	(1,700)	(1,700)	(1,700)
Other new investments	(97)	3	-	-	-
Other investing cash flow	(426)	(0)	-	-	-
Cash flow from investing activities	(2,280)	(2,497)	(1,700)	(1,700)	(1,700)
Dividends paid to ordinary shareholders	(1,321)	(1,859)	(2,021)	(2,258)	(2,530)
Shares repurchased	(265)	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from issue of shares	142	-	-	-	-
Increase in debt	1,611	579	(253)	(177)	(124)
Other financing cash flow	-	-	(0)	0	0
Cash flow from financing activities	169	(1,280)	(2,274)	(2,435)	(2,654)
Cash at beginning of period	1,298	2,763	2,472	2,637	3,331
Total cash generated	1,510	(292)	165	695	1,088
Forex effects	(45)				
Implied cash at end of period	2,763	2,472	2,637	3,331	4,419
Free cash flow	1,859	985	2,439	3,130	3,742

Source: Company, HTI estimates

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Key Cash Flow Takeaway

XYG continues to generate solid cash flows from its glass manufacturing operations

In FY17, the dividend-payout ratio was 48%. The five-year average payout ratio is 47.2%. We expect XYG to maintain a dividend-payout ratio of about 48% for FY18.



Dec-18E Per Share Data Dec-16A Dec-17A Dec-19E Dec-20E EPS (HK\$) 0.83 1.01 1.10 1.24 1.38 FDEPS (HK\$) 0.81 1.00 1.10 1.24 1.38 Revenue per share (HK\$) 3.31 3.71 4.01 4.68 5.39 Operating EBITDA per share (HK\$) 1.07 1.21 1.30 1.54 1.76 BVPS (HK\$) 3.40 4.05 4.59 5.27 6.02 DPS (HK\$) 0.40 0.49 0.53 0.60 0.66 Recurrent cash flow per share (HK\$) 0.93 0.88 1.03 1.20 1.35 Shares in issue (million) 3,892 4,021 4,021 4,021 4,021 Year end adjusted shares in issue (m) 3,882 3,969 4,021 4,021 4,021 **Key Ratios** Dec-16A Dec-17A Dec-18E Dec-19E Dec-20E 3.68 3.28 3.03 2.60 2.26 12.04 11.11 9.79 8.84 14.71 13.08 13.87 11.83 10.14 9.00 3.59 3.01 2.65 2.31 2.02 9.39 8.43 7.63 6.29 5.35

We expect ROE to fall YoY to 25.5% for FY18, mainly due to a decline in net gearing

Valuation Measures P/Sales (x) P/E (x) P/CF(x) P/B (x) Adj EV/EBITDA (x) Dividend yield 3.3% 4.0% 4.3% 4.9% 5.4% Growth 12.1% 9.6% 16.7% 15.0% Revenue growth 14.6% Operating profit growth 58.0% 22.6% 8.8% 19.9% 15.1% Net profit growth 52.1% 24.9% 9.8% 13.5% 10.8% Margins Gross margin 36.3% 37.0% 38.9% 39.1% 39.0% Operating EBITDA margin 32.4% 32.6% 32.5% 33.0% 32.6% 26.0% 28.4% 28.4% Operating margin 27.8% 27.6% 29.8% 31.9% Pretax profit margin 32.2% 32.4% 32.0% 15.9% 14.5% 15.0% 18.0% 20.0% Tax rate Net profit margin 25.0% 27.3% 27.3% 26.6% 25.6% **Key Ratios** ROE 24.8% 27.4% 25.5% 25.2% 24.4% ROA 14.1% 15.8% 15.7% 16.2% 16.1% Capex/revenue 13.7% 17.0% 10.5% 9.0% 7.8% Current ratio (x) 1.09 1.33 1.40 1.51 1.65 Creditor days 102.7 98.6 98.6 98.6 98.8 Debtor days 67.71 69.35 71.18 73.00 73.20 Inventory days 59.02 62.05 62.05 63.88 64.05 Sales/avg assets 0.57 0.58 0.57 0.61 0.63 Credit analysis EBITDA/interest paid (x) 38.48 44.80 33.13 31.72 31.59 OCF/interest paid (x) 28.76 23.06 24.92 29.95 34.46 Debt/EBITDA (x) 1.84 1.57 1.38 1.14 0.98 Debt/equity 57.9% 46.5% 39.1% 33.3% 28.6% Net debt to equity 37.1% 31.2% 24.9% 17.6% 10.4%

We forecast net gearing of 24.9% at the end of FY18

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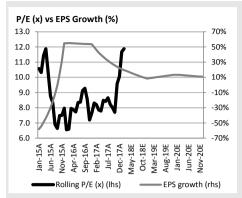


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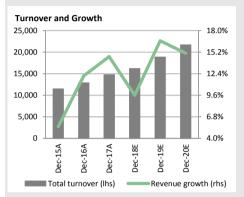
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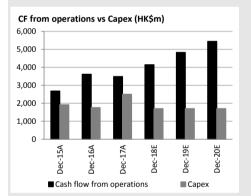




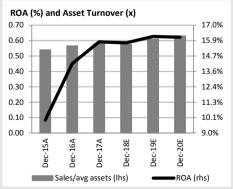
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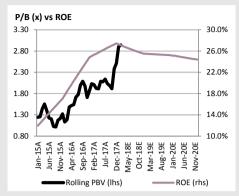
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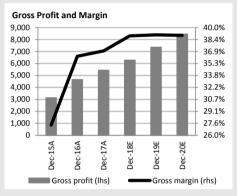
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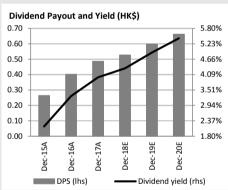
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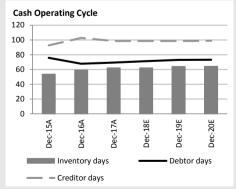
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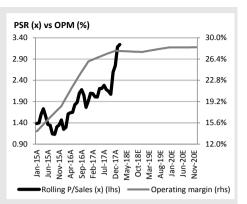
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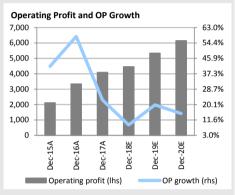
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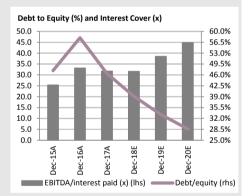
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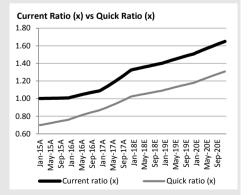
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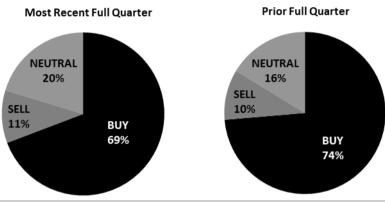
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Recommendation Chart: Xinyi Glass Holdings (868 HK)



Date	Recommendation	Target (HK\$)	Price (HK\$)
2017-11-01	Buy	9.30	7.61
2017-08-01	Buy	9.20	7.76
2017-06-22	Buy	8.80	7.28
2017-03-01	Buy	8.50	7.28
2016-12-09	Buy	7.50	6.19
2016-08-05	Buy	7.70	6.65
2016-04-25	Buy	6.30	5.05
2016-03-16	Buy	5.60	4.53
2016-02-05	Buy	5.20	3.64
2015-01-30	Not rated	-	3.85
2013-08-12	Buy	9.00	6.17

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, HTI estimates

Recommendation Chart: Zhuzhou Kibing Group (601636 CH, BUY, CP: Rmb6.70, TP: Rmb6.50)



Date	Recommendation	Target (Rmb)	Price (Rmb)
2017-09-25	Buy	6.50	4.89
2016-09-21	Buy	6.44	3.71

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, HTI estimates

Our target price of Rmb6.50 is based on 13x our FY18 EPS forecast, in line with the peer-group average on Wind-consensus estimates. The main risks to our rating and the attainment of our target price are sharp increases in raw-material prices and weak float-glass demand due to a slowdown in property sales in China.

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Business profit

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Shareholder Returns

Return on Equity

Balance Sheet Risk

Net Debt to Equity