

LONG HAU CORP. (LHG)

There have been clear signs of improvement in the company's performance and financials positions in 1H15. The company also benefited from expanding of manufacturing sector and industrial production. In addition, the company valuation remains attractive with low P/B. Key risk includes disposal of financial investment, which might result in further provisions.

Long Hau Corporation

The company is engaged in the development and construction of infrastructures for industrial zones and residential areas. The leasing of industrial parks (IP) is the primary source of revenue contributing to 67% of total revenue. Other activities include leasing of buildings/workshops, resident land plot sales, and other revenues, which accounted for 15%, 8% and 10% of total revenue, respectively.

Positive 1H15 results due to lower financial expenses

LHG's 1H15 revenue reached approximately VND143 bil, up by 72% YOY, reaching 48% of FY15 target, thanks to an increase from leasing IP and workshop sales. Since 2014, the second phase of LongHau IP (83 ha) has been available for rent and currently 50% of the expanded area is leased. However, this phase had higher construction costs resulting in lower gross margin of these activities. Hence, the gross profit grew only by 36% YoY, lower than revenue growth.

The firm's 1H15 financial expenses decreased sharply by 81% YoY, to VND9.7 bil (This is because of 1) lower interst rate; 2)the company made loss of VND 53.6bn divestment from VinhTuong Co. and BAC Co. in 2013-2014). As a result, the 1H15 profit-after-tax was VND25.7 bil, equivalent to 72% of annual target, much better than the loss of VND21.4 bil of 1H14. According to AGM 2015, projected revenue and net profit are set at VND295.5 bil (-7% YoY) and VND36.03 bil (+43% YoY).

Healthier financial position

As at the end of 2015, the company net debt was VND 91bn, much improved from VND 200 bn as at the end of 2Q14. Besides, the debt/equity ratio is also declining from 47% as at end of 2Q14 to only 26% as at end of 2Q15. This implies lower interest payment for the firm in the coming quarters.

Quick ratio as at end of 2Q15 reached 1.2 x, which is safe compared to peers. With constant cash operating activities, we have observed that LHG has no problem in meeting its short-term liabilities.

Benefits from expansion of Vietnam manufacturing sector

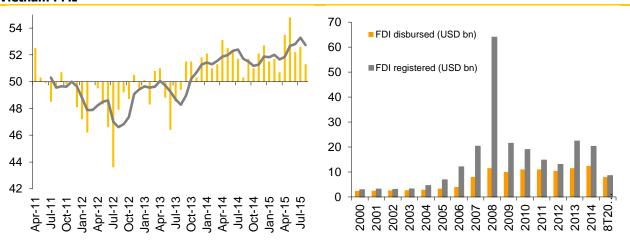
Vietnam's Manufaturing sector has constantly expanded over the lasts few years. This can be demonstrated by the fact that PMI has remained

above 50 over the last 24 months. In addition, Index of Industrial Production (IIP) growth remains intact.

8M15 actual disbursed FDI increased by 7.6% YoY to USD 8.5bn. 8M15 register FDI increased by 30.4% YoY, to USD 13.3 bn, which signal constant growth in actual disbursed FDI.

These are good signs for increase in demand of Industrial Park in the near future, which in turn will benefit LHG.

Vietnam PMI



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Attractive valuation

LHG's book–value-per-share as of 1H15 was VND24,545 per share, implying PB 0.5 times, which is relatively attractive compared to its peers with the industry average of 1 time.

Capital injection needed for LongHau phase 3 development

Alongside the two operating industrial zones namely Long Hau IP phase 1 (90 ha rentable area) and Long Hau IP phase 2 (83 ha rentable area), LHG is planning to develop the Long Hau IP phase 3 (909 ha area). We note that the third-phase has not been compensated for yet. LHG plans to compensate for the first stage of phase 3 in 2016 & 2017. As a result, we expect LHG need sizable amount of capital in order to proceed its expansion project prior to sale periods.

Key risk

 We are concerned that business results will be negatively affected by the disposal of financial investments, which may result in higher provision. Currently, long-term financial investment accounted for 13% of total assets or VND187 bil, in which VND85 bil is allocated to Investment & Construction Infrastructure HoaBinh Co., VND80 bil

from SaiGon-Hiep Phuoc port Co., and VND20 bil from Igreen Co. We note that Igreen Co. is proceeding for bankruptcy. LHG made provision on this issue but have not recorded on the expense yet. Therefore, we think that LHG is likely to book the loss from this investment of VND20 bil if Igreen Co. officially goes bankrupt.

• In addition, according to circular 200/2014 of the Ministry of Finance, revenue from property leasing must be allocated over the rental period instead of being recorded as a one off income at the beginning of the contract. . LHG currently follows the old principle of recording revenue; therefore there is a risk that LHG will would need to adjust its accounting principles in accordance to with Circular 200/2014. However, the change in new accounting policies will not affect the company cashflow.



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DPS = Dividend Per Share

EBIT = Earnings Before Interest And Tax

EBITDA = EBIT, Depreciation And

EPS = Earnings Per Share

EV = Enterprise Value

FCF = Free Cashflow

FV = Fair Value

FY = Financial Year

FYE = Financial Year End MoM = Month-On-Month

NAV = Net Asset Value

NTA = Net Tangible Asset

P = PriceP.A. = Per Annum

PAT = Profit After Tax PBT = Profit Before Tax PE = Price Earnings

PEG = PE Ratio To Growth

PER = PE Ratio

QoQ = Quarter-On-Quarter

ROA = Return On Asset

ROE = Return On Equity

ROSF = Return On Shareholders' Funds

WACC = Weighted Average Cost Of

YoY = Year-On-Year

YTD = Year-To-Date



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