

Minmetals Land Limited

Consolidating for a Brighter Future

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Weaker than expected 2020 results amid lower revenue and margins

Minmetals' results came in weaker than expected with core net profit declining 85% YoY to RMB112m. This is due to a revenue decline of 34% YoY to RMB7,661m coupled with a decline in GP Margins to 16% (2019: 24%). As a result, the core net profit margin was only at 1.6% (2019: 7.3%). A final dividend of HK\$0.01/sh is declared along with a special dividend of HK\$0.01/sh.

Asset restructuring during 2020 will underpin future growth

We believe that the assets acquired through the asset injection during 2020, will underpin the developers' future contracted sales and earnings growth. The assets acquired from its controlling shareholder comprises of 11 property projects across five cities and also includes a property management company. This acquisition added 3.03m sqm to the developer's land bank and contributes to the results since Sep 2020 onwards. In addition to the improved financials and scale of operations, we believe the asset injection also removes an overhang relating to investors' concerns on potential conflicts with the controlling shareholder's real estate development operations.

Fairly Valued at 0.31x P/B, Maintain Hold

We believe the stock is currently valued at a P/B of 0.31x. We slightly revise down our target price to HK\$1.01/sh as we lower our Target 2021E PE Multiple to 3.75x amid the weaker than expected net profit reported. Our new target price implies 13% upside from the current share price levels. We maintain our Hold rating.

Stock code: 0230.HK

Rating: Hold

Price target (HK\$)	1.01
Previous price target (HK\$)	1.18
Current price (HK\$, 26 Mar 2021)	0.89
Upside/downside %	13%
Market cap (HK\$ m)	2,979
Market cap (US\$ m)	384
Avg daily turnover (US\$m)	0.05

Source: Bloomberg, AMTD Research

Key forecasts

(HK\$ m)	2019	2020	2021e	2022e
Revenue	11,261	7,662	13,778	15,742
yoy %	3.0%	-32.0%	79.8%	14.3%
Gross Profit	2,673	1,230	3,031	3,463
yoy %	-31.2%	-54.0%	146.3%	14.3%
Core Net Profit	827	122	912	1,354
yoy %	-6.2%	-85.2%	646.8%	48.5%
Gross margin	23.7%	16.1%	22.0%	22.0%
Net gearing	79.1%	50.0%	87.4%	85.9%
EPS	0.25	0.04	0.27	0.40
DPS	0.08	0.02	0.09	0.13
BPS	2.75	2.87	3.06	3.34

Source: Company data, AMTD Research

Valuation

	2019	2020	2021e	2022e
P/E	3.6	24.4	3.3	2.2
P/BV	0.32	0.31	0.29	0.27
Div. yield	9.0%	1.9%	10.1%	14.6%
ROE	9.0%	1.3%	7.6%	12.9%
ROA	1.7%	0.2%	1.2%	2.0%

Source: Bloomberg, AMTD Research

Share price performance



Source: Bloomberg

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Figure 1: Minmetals FY20 Financial Results Summary

FY20 Results (HKD '000)	FY20A	FY20E	Diff (%)	FY19A	YoY/Chg
Sale of properties	7,071,620	10,614,996	-33%	10,329,101	-32%
Revenue from specialised construction contracts	529,429	907,833	-42%	864,603	-39%
Rental and management fee income from investment properties	60,597	71,113	-15%	67,727	-11%
Total Revenue	7,661,646	11,593,942	-34%	11,261,431	-32%
Cost of sales	(6,431,192)	(9,159,214)	-30%	(8,588,071)	-25%
Gross profit	1,230,454	2,434,728	-49%	2,673,360	-54%
Other income, other gains and losses	495,945	106,675	365%	103,616	379%
Fair value changes on investment properties	(50,586)	-		107,550	-147%
Selling and marketing expenses	(255,866)	(415,133)	-38%	(242,035)	6%
Administrative and other expenses	(752,540)	(583,832)	29%	(567,088)	33%
Expected credit losses, net of reversal	(14,534)	-		3,832	-479%
Finance income	222,799	221,744	0%	221,744	0%
Finance costs	(69,471)	(37,034)	88%	(26,739)	160%
Share of results of associates	4,469	-		(3,761)	-219%
Share of results of joint ventures	(2,260)	-		(10,380)	-78%
Profit before tax	808,410	1,727,148	-53%	2,260,099	-64%
Income tax expense	(371,070)	(702,577)	-47%	(907,516)	-59%
Net profit	437,340	1,024,570	-57%	1,352,583	-68%
Owners of the Company	112,370	660,948	-83%	942,689	-88%
Holders of perpetual capital instruments	220,578	219,089	1%	219,089	1%
Non-controlling interests	104,392	144,533	-28%	190,805	-45%
Core attributable NP	122,118	660,948	-82%	826,780	-85%
Key Ratios					
GP Margins	16.1%	21.0%		23.7%	-7.7ppt
Core Net Margins	1.6%	6.0%		7.3%	-5.7ppt
	FY20A	FY20E		FY19A	YoY/Chg
Net Debt to Equity	50%	87%		79%	-29.4ppt
Total Assets to Total Equity	2.9x	3.3x		3.0x	-0.1x

Source: Company data, E=AMTD Equity Research Estimates

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Hold	Stock with potential return of -20% to +20% over the next 12 months
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