# Sungrow Power Supply (300274 CH/Buy/Initiate) Global leader in solar PV inverters

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#### Global leader in solar PV inverters

Rating	Buy (Initiate)					
Target price		CNY103.0				
Current price (3/4/21)	•	С	NY72.49			
Country			China			
Exchange		S	hanghai			
Expected retu		42.1%				
EPS growth (21F	, %)		59.2			
P/E (21F, x)		35.2				
Market P/E (21F,	x)	40.4				
Dividend yield (9	<b>%</b> )	0.2				
Market cap (CNY	'bn)		105.6			
Market cap (Wtr	)		18.53			
Shares outstand	ing (mn)		786.6			
52-week low (CN		9.39				
52-week high (C		122.18				
(%)	1M	6M	12M			
Absolute	-37.1	231.2	480.4			
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Relative	-29.5	217.3	349.7	

#### **Investment points**

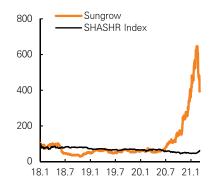
- Leading player in the global PV inverter market
  - In 2020, Sungrow Power Supply (Sungrow) overtook Huawei to become the no. 1 player in the global PV inverter market (24% M/S based on shipment volume).
- Beginning of the inverter replacement cycle
  - New solar PV capacity installations have expanded rapidly worldwide since 2015; we believe the inverter replacement cycle began last year.
- Growth potential of the ESS business
  - Sungrow is a leading player in China's energy storage system (ESS) market, which is expected to grow dramatically, driven by a rise in new installations related to renewable energy power generation.

#### Valuation

- We derived our target price of CNY103 by applying a P/E of 50x to our 2021F EPS
- Although Sungrow is the market leader, our target P/E reflects a 25% discount to the average multiple of global PV inverter peers to account for the "China discount."

#### Risk factors

• 1) Lower-than-expected global solar power demand; 2) US-China trade dispute



FY (Dec.)	2017	2018	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F
Revenue (CNYmn)	8,886	10,369	13,003	20,720	28,917	34,790
OP (CNYmn)	1,145	912	1,048	2,176	3,470	4,523
OP margin (%)	12.9	8.8	8.1	10.5	12.0	13.0
NP (CNYmn)	1,024	810	893	1,883	2,999	3,906
EPS (CNY)	0.72	0.58	0.63	1.29	2.06	2.68
ROE (%)	15.8	10.9	10.8	19.6	25.3	26.0
P/E (x)	25.9	15.5	16.7	56.3	35.2	27.0
P/B (x)	3.8	1.6	1.7	10.1	8.0	6.3

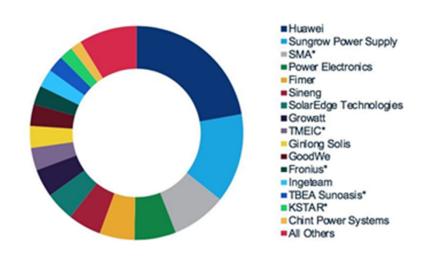
Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

Investment point 1: Leading player in the global PV inverter market

- In 2020, Sungrow overtook Huawei to become the no. 1 player in the global PV inverter market (M/S of 24% based on shipment volume).
- Management is targeting a global market share of 30% through overseas capacity expansions.
- We project that the global PV inverter market will expand at a 2020-25 CAGR of 15%.
- President Xi's pledge to reach carbon neutrality by 2060 should stimulate solar PV market growth in China, leading to a steady rise in inverter demand. And export opportunities should also increase on the back of robust global solar PV demand.
- Sungrow is rapidly extending its global reach, especially in the US and the EU. The revenue contribution of exports grew to 29% in 1H20.

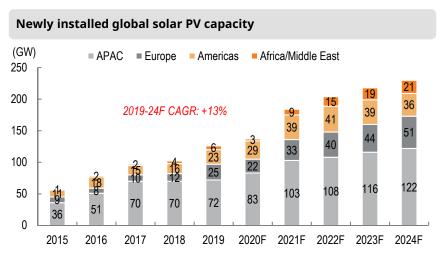
Shift	Shifts in global PV inverter market rankings							
	2016	2017	2018	2019				
1	Huawei (24%)	Huawei (26%)	Huawei (22%)	Huawei				
2	Sungrow (14%)	Sungrow (17%)	Sungrow (15%)	Sungrow (14%)				
3	SMA (10%)	SMA (9%)	SMA (8%)	SMA				
4	ABB (6%)	ABB (6%)	Power Elec. (6%)	Power Elec.				
5	TMEIC (6%)	Sineng (5%)	ABB (5%)	Fimer				
6	Sineng	TBEA SunOasis	Sineng	Sineng				
7	TBEA SunOasis	Power Elec.	Goodwe	SolarEdge				
8	Power Elec.	TMEIC	SolarEdge	Growatt				
9	Kstar	Schneider	Ingeteam	TMEIC				
10	Schneider	SolarEdge	TBEA SunOasis	Ginlong Solis				

#### Global PV inverter M/S breakdown (2019)



Source: Wood Mackenzie, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

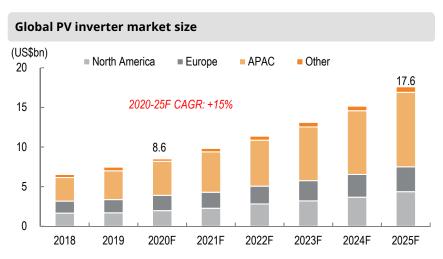
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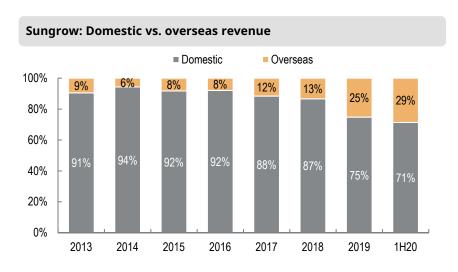
Source: SolarEdge, IHS, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

#### Sungrow: PV inverter shipment volume (GW) 40 Domestic Overseas 30 20 10 12 12 12 10 0 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research



Source: Industry data, MarketsandMarkets, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research



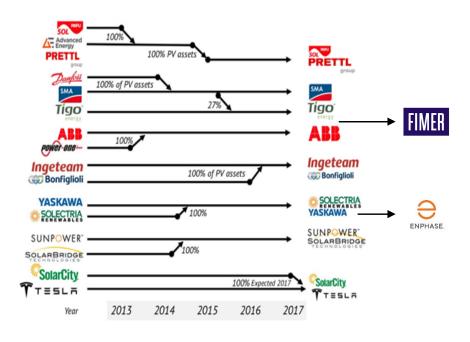
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Investment point 2: Beginning of inverter replacement cycle

- Sungrow stands to benefit from not only new demand but also growing replacement demand.
- While a solar farm typically has a life span of 20-25 years, solar inverters are usually warrantied for five to 15
  years.
- New solar PV capacity installations, both in China and globally, have expanded rapidly since 2015. Given this, we believe the inverter replacement cycle began last year (with some warranty periods beginning to expire).
- It should also be noted that the global PV inverter market is undergoing consolidation. Accordingly, large, well-established players are expanding their market shares by forcing out or taking over less competitive players.

#### Newly installed solar PV capacity (2009-20): Global vs. China (GW) ■ Global China 120 100 80 60 40 20 2010 2011 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2009

#### Major M&As in the global PV inverter market



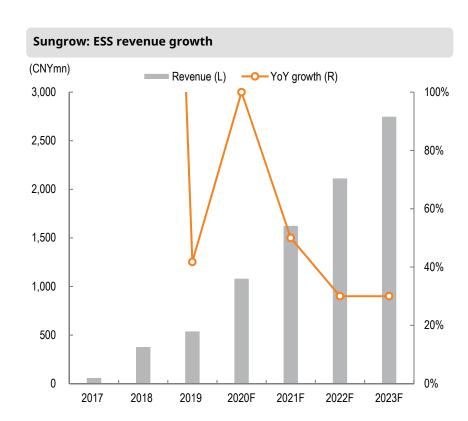
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#### Investment point 3: Growth potential of ESS business

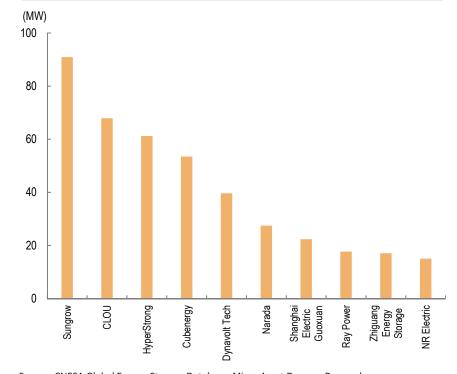
- We forecast revenue from ESS to expand at a three-year CAGR of 36%.
- For 2020, management guided ESS revenue of CNY1bn (+100% YoY).
- We expect ESS demand to grow steadily, driven by a rise in new ESS installations related to renewable energy power generation.
- The Chinese government is committed to fostering the ESS sector.\* Some grid companies are calling for ESS to be introduced into new solar PV/wind power generation projects.
- Sungrow plans to collaborate with lithium battery manufacturers and export ESS through its existing inverter customer networks. As the market grows, we believe Sungrow is poised to benefit from its early lead in ESS.

<sup>\* &</sup>quot;Guiding Opinions on Integration of Wind-Solar-Hydro-Thermal-Storage and Integration of Generation-Grid-Load-Storage"



#### Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

#### Chinese ESS market rankings based on newly installed capacity (2019)



Source: CNESA Global Energy Storage Database, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

### **Earnings and forecasts**

(CNYmn)	2017	2018	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F
Revenue	8,886	10,369	13,003	20,720	28,917	34,790
Solar PV	8,598	9,650	11,855	18,968	26,556	31,867
ESS	64	383	543	1,086	1,629	2,118
Other	224	336	605	666	732	805
COGS	(6,464)	(7,791)	(9,907)	(15,436)	(21,109)	(25,049)
GP	2,422	2,578	3,096	5,284	7,808	9,741
SG&A	(1,157)	(1,028)	(1,314)	(2,072)	(2,892)	(3,479)
R&D	(192)	(482)	(636)	(1,036)	(1,446)	(1,740)
Other operating income/expenses	72	(155)	(98)	0	0	0
EBIT	1,145	912	1,048	2,176	3,470	4,523
Non-operating income/expenses	16	10	(16)	10	10	10
РВТ	1,162	923	1,032	2,186	3,480	4,533
Tax	(147)	(105)	(120)	(262)	(418)	(544)
PAT	1,014	817	912	1,923	3,062	3,989
Minority interests	(10)	8	19	40	64	83
NP	1,024	810	893	1,883	2,999	3,906
Revenue (YoY)	48%	17%	25%	59%	40%	20%
GP (YoY)	64%	6%	20%	71%	48%	25%
PBT (YoY)	74%	-21%	12%	112%	59%	30%
NP (YoY)	85%	-21%	10%	111%	59%	30%
Gross margin	27%	25%	24%	26%	27%	28%
SG&A/revenue	13%	10%	10%	10%	10%	10%
R&D/revenue	2%	5%	5%	5%	5%	5%
Net margin	12%	8%	7%	9%	10%	11%

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

#### **Valuation**

- At a 2021F P/E of 35x and 2022F P/E of 27x, Sungrow is trading well above the five-year average (18x) and at a premium to global solar PV equipment suppliers (29x and 21x, respectively).
- After rising to CNY122 amid a broad rally in the renewable energy sector, Sungrow's stock is now undergoing a correction.
- We derived our target price of CNY103 by applying a fair P/E of 50x (25% discount to 2021F global PV inverter peer average of 65.7x).
- Although Sungrow is the no. 1 player in the global PV inverter market, our target multiple reflects a discount to the global peer average to account for the "China discount."

#### Sungrow: P/E valuation table

(CNYmn)	2017	2018	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F
Net profit	1,024	810	893	1,883	2,999	3,906
YoY	85%	-21%	10%	111%	59%	30%
EPS	0.72	0.58	0.63	1.29	2.06	2.68
YoY	85%	-21%	10%	105%	59%	30%
P/E (x)	25.9	15.5	16.7	56.3	35.2	27.0

12MF EPS (CNY)	2.06	
Target P/E (x)	50	
Target price (CNY)	103	

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

#### **Peer valuation table**

Company	Tickor	Price (local	Market cap	P/E (x	()	P/B (x	)	ROE (%	б)	EPS grow	th (%)
Company	Ticker	currency)	(US\$mn)	21F	22F	21F	22F	21F	22F	21F	22F
Sungrow	300274 CH	72.5	16,324	35.2	27.0	8.0	6.3	25.2	26.0	59.2	30.2
Enphase Energy	ENPH US	149.9	19,338	76.0	56.9	23.9	17.1	41.6	43.3	33.5	42.1
SolarEdge	SEDG US	256.3	13,218	53.9	42.5	9.9	8.2	20.9	21.9	26.7	28.7
SMA Solar Technology	S92 GR	48.7	2,022	67.1	55.7	3.9	3.4	6.6	6.3	20.4	41.9
Avg. of PV inverter players				65.7	51.7	12.5	9.6	23.0	23.8	26.9	37.5
LONGi Green Energy Technology	601012 CH	98.1	57,189	44.1	33.1	10.5	8.2	24.6	25.3	33.2	22.6
Tongwei	600438 CH	38.8	26,988	38.6	30.8	6.9	5.8	19.6	19.8	25.0	25.2
Xinyi Solar	968 HK	13.1	14,918	16.9	15.3	3.8	3.3	24.6	23.7	10.8	17.7
Tianjin Zhonghuan Semi.	002129 CH	26.6	12,479	58.0	38.8	4.7	4.2	8.1	10.8	49.5	31.2
Flat Glass Group	601865 CH	30.8	9,417	40.4	25.3	9.0	7.0	24.8	28.2	60.0	26.8
Daqo New Energy	DQ US	110.3	6,883	18.0	16.4	2.2	2.0	13.0	13.1	9.7	9.5
Wacker Chemie	WCH GY	44,700.0	6,523	13.1	11.7	1.1	1.0	8.8	9.0	11.6	(15.6)
Hanwha Solutions	009830 KS	86.1	5,985	42.0	18.2	8.4	4.6	22.5	31.6	130.6	14.7
Canadian Solar	CSIQ US	127,000.0	2,670	22.3	16.9	1.2	1.1	5.3	6.7	32.3	34.2
OCI	010060 KS	41.5	2,448	25.2	20.8	1.5	1.3	6.8	9.1	21.1	38.0
JinkoSolar	JKS US	14.1	1,969	19.4	10.5	1.5	1.3	7.3	12.1	85.3	36.6
Risen Energy	300118 CH	40.9	1,914	13.1	9.6	1.0	0.9	8.6	10.9	37.1	1.2
Avg. of solar PV equipment players				29.3	20.6	4.3	3.4	14.5	16.7	42.2	20.2
CATL	300750 CH	325.6	117,219	146.1	98.9	13.5	12.0	10.1	12.8	47.6	32.6
NARI Technology	600406 CH	28.4	20,316	25.3	21.4	3.8	3.4	15.2	16.0	18.3	17.2
Shanghai Putailai	603659 CH	90.3	6,925	53.0	38.2	7.1	6.1	16.6	18.0	39.0	29.2
Hongfa Technology	600885 CH	51.1	5,887	36.6	29.9	5.9	5.1	16.5	17.3	22.5	24.0
Avg. of other notable players				65.3	47.1	7.6	6.6	14.6	16.0	31.9	25.7

Source: Bloomberg, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

# Sungrow: 12-month forward P/E band chart (CNY) 120 90 40x 30x 20x 10x

2019

2020

2021

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2018

2017

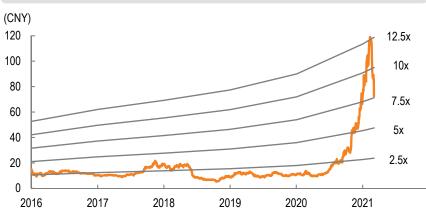
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#### Sungrow:12-month forward P/E ±2 SD



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#### Sungrow: 12-month forward P/B band chart



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#### Sungrow: 12-month forward P/B ±2 SD



Source: Bloomberg, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

#### **Company overview**

- Sungrow is one of the world's most trusted manufacturers of PV inverters.
- Founded in 1997 by Cao Renxian, Sungrow has supplied solar PV inverters with cumulative capacity of over 154GW to about 150 countries.
- Sungrow's businesses include PV inverters (commercial, residential, and utility-scale), ESS, and floating solar PV.
- Sungrow has over 1,800 employees, and its in-house test center is certified by UL, CSA, and TÜV Rheinland.

#### **Sungrow: Company history**

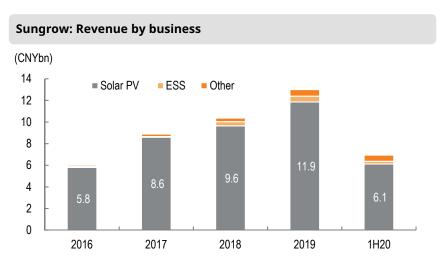
#### 2020 2015 1997 2012 Cumulative supply Founded as a Expanded into solar Inverter efficiency of PV inverters exceeded manufacturer of PV integration exceeded 154GW PV inverters and 99%; no. 1 globally projects in wind converters collaboration with in terms of China Three Gorges inverter shipment volume Renewables 2014 2018 2011 Established an Listed on the Established first Shenzhen ESS ioint overseas plant in Stock venture with India Exchange Samsung SDI

#### Cao Renxian: Professor turned CEO



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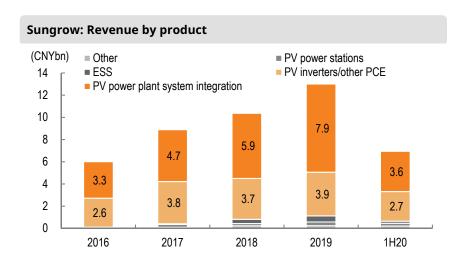
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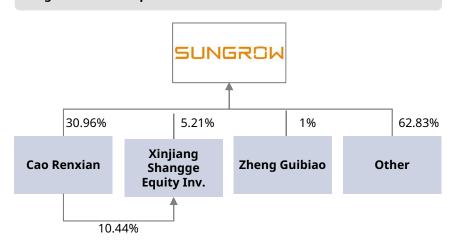
	2018	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F	2023F
PV inverters	18.5	21.5	23	50.5	71.5	95
Industrial Park I	18	20	20	30	40	50
Industrial Park II				10	20	30
Indian factory	0.5	1.5	3	10	10	10
SE Asia factory				0.5	1.5	5
ESS	3	3	5	10	15	20
Wind converters	7	8	10	15	20	25
Total	28.5	32.5	38.0	75.5	106.5	140.0

Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research



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#### **Sungrow: Ownership structure**



Source: Company data, Mirae Asset Daewoo Research

# **Financial data**

Income statement (summarized)							
	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F			
Revenue	13,003	20,720	28,917	34,790			
Cost of revenue	-9,907	-15,436	-21,109	-25,049			
GP	3,096	5,284	7,808	9,741			
Operating expenses	-2,049	-3,108	-4,338	-5,219			
ОР	1,048	2,176	3,470	4,523			
EBITDA	1,268	2,417	3,736	4,815			
Net non-operating income	-16	10	10	10			
РВТ	1,032	2,186	3,480	4,533			
Тах	-120	-262	-418	-544			
PAT	912	1,923	3,062	3,989			
Minority interests	19	40	64	83			
NP	893	1.883	2.999	3.906			

Cash flow statement (summarized)								
	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F				
NP	893	1,883	2,999	3,906				
Depreciation & amortization	220	242	266	293				
Non-cash items	271	271	271	271				
Chg. in working capital	977	-823	-2,387	-2,535				
Operating cash flow	2,360	1,573	1,149	1,935				
Capex	-697	-700	-700	-700				
Other	-902	0	0	0				
Cash from investing activities	-1,599	-700	-700	-700				
Dividends	-92	-188	-300	-391				
Debt raised	132	250	250	250				
Equity raised	40	0	0	0				
Cash from financing activities	94	62	-50	-141				
Net chg. in cash	864	935	399	1,094				
Beginning cash	3,176	4,040	4,975	5,374				
Ending cash	4,040	4,975	5,374	6,468				

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Balance sheet (summarized)				
	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F
Current assets	18,429	26,242	33,125	40,732
Cash & equivalents	4,040	4,975	5,374	6,468
Accounts & notes receivable	8,156	11,614	14,660	18,027
Inventories	3,339	5,900	6,994	8,519
Non-current assets	4,390	6,251	7,890	9,702
PP&E	3,044	4,870	6,474	8,248
LT investments & receivables	693	727	764	802
Total assets	22,819	32,493	41,015	50,435
Current liabilities	12,193	19,182	23,679	28,751
Payables & accruals	6,634	13,223	17,280	21,869
ST bank & other borrowings	3,997	4,396	4,836	5,319
Non-current liabilities	1,871	2,829	4,106	4,872
LT bank & other borrowings	1,596	2,554	3,830	4,597
Total liabilities	14,064	22,011	27,784	33,623
Shareholders' equity	8,755	10,481	13,231	16,812

Key metrics (summarized)				
	2019	2020F	2021F	2022F
P/E (x)	16.7	56.3	35.2	27.0
P/B (x)	1.7	10.1	8.0	6.3
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.5	44.5	29.2	22.7
EPS (CNY)	0.63	1.29	2.06	2.68
BPS (CNY)	6.19	7.19	9.08	11.54
DPS (CNY)	0.07	0.13	0.21	0.27
Payout ratio	11.1%	10.0%	10.0%	10.0%
Dividend yield	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
ROAA	4.3%	6.8%	8.2%	8.5%
ROAE	10.8%	19.6%	25.3%	26.0%
Current ratio (x)	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4
Quick ratio (x)	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Net debt/equity	17.7%	18.8%	24.9%	20.5%
Net debt/EBITDA (x)	1.2	0.8	0.9	0.7

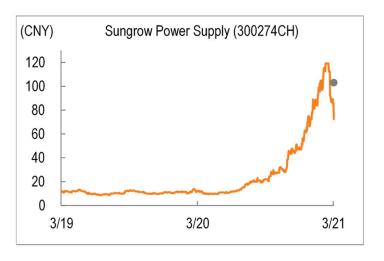
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Two-year rating and TP history

Company	Date	Rating	TP (CNY)
Sungrow Power Supply (300274 CH)	03/05/21	Buy	103



Stock ratings		Sector ratings	
Buy	Expected 12-month performance: +20% or greater	Overweight	Expected to outperform the market over 12 months
Trading Buy	Expected 12-month performance: +10% to +20%	Neutral	Expected to perform in line with the market over 12 months
Hold	Expected 12-month performance: -10% to +10%	Underweight	Expected to underperform the market over 12 months
Sell	Expected 12-month performance: -10% or worse		

Rating and TP history: Share price (–), TP (■), Not Rated (■), Buy (▲), Trading Buy (■), Hold (●), Sell (◆)

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