

# Li Auto

# Mild cut to sales forecast based on orders win

Reiterate Rating: BUY | PO: 55.00 USD | Price: 37.77 USD

# Delivery of lower-priced variants for Li L7/L8 in May

Li Auto launched 2024-facelifted Li L7, L8, and L9 models equipped with enhanced functions and features on 1 March. Li Auto also plans to introduce new versions of 2024 Li L7 and L8, with their suspension systems using coil springs and CDC dampers. The new versions of the Li L7/L8 will be named as L7 Air and L8 Air, and will begin deliveries in May. The 2024 Li L7/L8 Air has a starting price of RMB301.8k/RMB321.8k, RMB18k lower than previous entry-level version. In addition, Li Auto is offering an extra RMB5k cash subsidy to customers who order a 2024 L-series model before 31 March.

# Lower 2024/25E volume sales by 6%/4%

We lower 2024/25E volume sales by 6%/4% to 662k/1.0mn units, given lower-than-expected new orders from MEGA MPV. We also lower our GPM by 0.4ppt/0.3ppt in 2024/25E as Li Auto lowered entry-level price and widened discount for 2024 Li L-series models. Net-net, we cut 2024/25E net income by 9%/7%.

# New PO USD55, maintain Buy

Our new PO is USD55/ADS (HKD215/share), vs. USD60/ADS (HKD234/share) previously. **DCF-based fair value**: We derive a fair value of USD55.3 (previously USD58.5) from our DCF calculation, with assumptions of 2% FCF perpetuity growth and discount rate (WACC) of 13% (unchanged). **EV/sales-based fair value**: We derive a fair value of USD54 (previously USD61). We apply an unchanged target EV/sales multiple of 1.6x to latest 2024E sales. We reiterate our Buy rating for its strong model pipeline, well-managed GPM, and strong FCF.

Estimates (Dec) (CNY)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net Income (Adjusted - mn)	(2,012)	11,704	14,064	23,794	26,037
EPS	(1.93)	11.03	13.26	22.43	24.54
EPS Change (YoY)	-520.5%	NM	20.2%	69.2%	9.4%
Dividend / Share	0	0	0	0	0
Free Cash Flow / Share	2.16	41.65	7.29	43.91	32.03
Common EPS (CNY)	(0.966)	5.52	6.63	11.21	12.27
Common Dividend / Share (CNY)	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	NM	24.28x	20.51x	12.12x	11.08x
EV / EBITDA*	NM	25.73x	13.98x	8.37x	7.60x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	0.796%	15.61%	2.73%	16.46%	12.01%
* For full definitions of <i>IQ</i> method SM measures, see page 7.					

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Equity

Key Changes		
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(CNY)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	US\$60	US\$55
2024E Rev (m)	213,792	200,693
2025E Rev (m)	305,779	292,200
2026E Rev (m)	332,857	318,141
2024E EPS	14.53	13.26
2025E EPS	24.06	22.43
2026E EPS	26.86	24.54
2024E EBITDA (m)	18,866	17,274
2025E EBITDA (m)	30,901	28,863
2026E EBITDA (m)	34,660	31,765

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#### **Stock Data**

Price (ADR / Common)	37.77 USD / 147.30 HKD
Price Objective	55.00 USD / 215.00 HKD
Date Established	18-Mar-2024/18-Mar-2024
Investment Opinion	C-1-9 / C-1-9
52-Week Range	20.80 USD-47.33 USD
Market Value (mn)	39,356 USD
Shares Outstanding (mn)	1,042.0 / 2,084.0
Average Daily Value (mn)	337.97 USD
Free Float	17.4%
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ROE (2024E)	20.9%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2023A)	-156.1%

CDC: Continuous Damping Control

FCF: Free cashflow

GPM: Gross profit margin

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# **iQ**profile<sup>™</sup>Li Auto

ey Income Statement Data (Dec)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
CNY Millions)					
Sales	45,287	123,851	200,693	292,200	318,141
Gross Profit	8,790	27,497	43,244	63,916	70,201
Sell General & Admin Expense	(5,665)	(9,768)	(14,488)	(20,728)	(22,635)
Operating Profit	(3,655)	7,407	13,741	25,109	27,747
Net Interest & Other Income	1,496	3,045	2,805	2,885	2,885
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Pretax Income	(2,159)	10,452	16,546	27,994	30,632
Tax (expense) / Benefit	127	1,357	(2,482)	(4,199)	(4,595)
Net Income (Adjusted)	(2,012)	11,704	14,064	23,794	26,037
Average Fully Diluted Shares Outstanding	1,042	1,061	1,061	1,061	1,061
ey Cash Flow Statement Data					
Net Income	(2,012)	11,704	14,064	23,794	26,037
Depreciation & Amortization	1,214	1,982	3,534	3,755	4,019
Change in Working Capital	4,746	31,683	4,641	24,044	6,927
Deferred Taxation Charge	0	0	0	0	0
Other Adjustments, Net	3,433	5,324	0	0	0
Cash Flow from Operations	7,380	50,694	22,239	51,593	36,982
Capital Expenditure	(5,128)	(6,507)	(14,500)	(5,000)	(3,000)
(Acquisition) / Disposal of Investments	1,686	0	0	0	0
Other Cash Inflow / (Outflow)	(922)	6,495	0	0	0
Cash Flow from Investing	(4,365)	(12)	(14,500)	(5,000)	(3,000)
Shares Issue / (Repurchase)	2,559	0	0	0	0
Cost of Dividends Paid	0	0	0	0	0
Cash Flow from Financing	5,639	185	0	0	0
Free Cash Flow	2,252	44,186	7.739	46,593	33,982
Net Debt	(48,828)	(94,540)	(102,279)	(148,872)	(182,854)
Change in Net Debt	(6,845)	(46,411)	(7,739)	(46,593)	(33,982)
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Property, Plant & Equipment	11,188	15,745	26,766	28,103	27,239
Other Non-Current Assets	8,358	13,197	13,143	13,051	12,896
Trade Receivables	48	144	406	394	477
Cash & Equivalents	58,450	103,263	111,001	157,594	191,577
Other Current Assets	8,495	11,119	18,944	22,074	21,744
Total Assets	86,538	143,467	170,260	221,216	253,933
Long-Term Debt	9,231	1,747	1,747	1,747	1,747
Other Non-Current Liabilities	4,748	8,402	8,402	8,402	8,402
Short-Term Debt	391	6,975	6,975	6,975	6,975
Other Current Liabilities	26,982	65,767	78,496	105,657	112,337
Total Liabilities	41,352	82,892	95,621	122,782	129,462
Total Equity	45,186	60,575	74,639	98,433	124,470
Total Equity & Liabilities	86,538	143,467	170,260	221,216	253,933
Qmethod <sup>SM</sup> - Bus Performance*					
Return On Capital Employed	-4.4%	12.4%	16.0%	22.4%	19.8%
Return On Equity	-4.7%	22.3%	20.9%	27.6%	23.5%
Operating Margin	-8.1%	6.0%	6.8%	8.6%	8.7%
EBITDA Margin	-5.4%	7.6%	8.6%	9.9%	10.0%
Qmethod <sup>sm</sup> - Quality of Earnings*					
Cash Realization Ratio	NM	4.3x	1.6x	2.2x	1.4x
Asset Replacement Ratio	4.3x	3.3x	4.2x	1.4x	0.8x
Tax Rate (Reported)	5.9%	NM	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	-108.1%	-156.1%	-137.0%	-151.2%	-146.9%
Interest Cover	-34.4x	NM	NM	NM	NM

<sup>\*</sup> For full definitions of *IQ*method<sup>SM</sup> measures, see page 7.

### **Company Sector**

Autos/Car Manufacturers

### **Company Description**

Li Auto was founded in 2015, and it mainly manufactures and sells premium smart electric vehicles (EVs). Li Auto is the first Chinese auto company to sell Extended-Range Electric Vehicles (EREV) in China. Li Auto was listed on the Nasdaq in July 2020.

### **Investment Rationale**

We have a Buy rating on Li Auto: 1) rising EV penetration and robust demand on luxury/premium segment, 2) solid new model pipeline, 3) fast point of sales (POS) expansion, 4) extended range EV (EREV) is a practical solution to mitigate consumers' concern about range anxiety and proven by Li Auto to create demand in China EV market.

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Shares / Common	0.50
Price to Book Value	3.8x

Key Changes		
(CNY)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	HK\$234	HK\$215
2024E EPS	7.27	6.63
2025E EPS	12.03	11.21
2026E EPS	13.43	12.27



Exhibit 1: Li Auto's new vs. old estimates

We cut 2024/25E net income by 9%/7%

		2024F			2025F	
RMB mn	Old	New	diff. (%)	Old	New	diff. (%)
Volume (units)	700,781	661,522	-5.6%	1,049,399	1,008,265	-3.9%
Consolidated sales	213,792	200,693	-6.1%	305,779	292,200	-4.4%
Gross Profit	46,722	43,244	-7.4%	67,737	63,916	-5.6%
Income/(Loss) from operation	15,333	13,741	-10.4%	27,146	25,109	-7.5%
Non-GAAP income/(loss) from operations	18,333	16,741	-8.7%	30,146	28,109	-6.8%
Income/(Loss) before Income tax expense	18,138	16,546	-8.8%	30,031	27,994	-6.8%
Net income/(loss)	15,417	14,064	-8.8%	25,527	23,794	-6.8%
Net income/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders	15,417	14,064	-8.8%	25,527	23,794	-6.8%
Non-GAAP net income/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders	18,417	17,064	-7.3%	28,527	26,794	-6.1%
Earnings/(Loss) per ADS (RMB)	14.53	13.26	-8.8%	24.06	22.43	-6.8%
Earnings/(Loss) per ADS (USD)	2.05	1.87	-8.8%	3.39	3.16	-6.8%
ASP per car (RMB, K)	296	294	-0.7%	284	282	-0.7%
Key ratios (%)						
Sales growth	72.6%	62.0%		43.0%	45.6%	
Earnings/(Loss) per ADS growth	31.7%	20.2%		65.6%	69.2%	
Gross margin	21.9%	21.5%		22.2%	21.9%	
Operating margin	7.2%	6.8%		8.9%	8.6%	
Net margin	7.2%	7.0%		8.3%	8.1%	
OPEX to sales	14.7%	14.7%		13.3%	13.3%	

**Source:** BofA Global Research estimates

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### Exhibit 2: Li Auto's P&L summary

We expect gross margin to improve QoQ from 1Q24

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(RMB mn)	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	FY '23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24	4Q24	FYE '24
Revenue	18,787	28,653	34,679	41,732	123,851	29,853	45,115	56,406	69,319	200,693
Total cost of goods sold	14,957	22,417	27,035	31,945	96,355	23,641	35,566	44,181	54,060	157,448
Gross profit	3,830	6,235	7,644	9,787	27,497	6,212	9,549	12,224	15,259	43,244
SG&A	1,645	2,309	2,544	3,270	9,768	2,537	3,384	4,061	4,506	14,488
R&D	1,852	2,426	2,817	3,491	10,586	2,388	3,609	4,512	4,506	15,016
Operating expenses	3,498	4,735	5,361	6,761	20,354	4,926	6,993	8,574	9,011	29,504
Income/(Loss) from operation	333	1,500	2,284	3,026	7,143	1,286	2,556	3,651	6,247	13,741
Non-GAAP income/(loss) from operations	885	2,043	2,994	3,863	9,786	1,936	3,306	4,426	7,072	16,741
Income/(Loss) before Income tax expense	973	2,352	2,951	4,176	10,452	1,931	3,251	4,371	6,992	16,546
Taxes or tax credit	39	42	138	-1,576	-1,357	290	488	656	1,049	2,482
Net income/(loss)	934	2,310	2,813	5,752	11,809	1,642	2,763	3,715	5,944	14,064
Net income/(loss) attribute to shareholder	930	2,293	2,823	5,658	11,704	1,642	2,763	3,715	5,944	14,064
Non-GAAP net income/(loss) attributable to ordinary shareholders	1,410	2,711	3,478	4,494	12,092	2,292	3,513	4,490	6,769	17,064
Earnings/(Loss) per ADS (RMB)	0.88	2.16	2.66	5.33	11.03	1.55	2.60	3.50	5.60	13.26
Fully diluted shares (mn)	1,061	1,061	1,061	1,061	1,061	1,061	1,061	1,061	1,061	1,061
Operating Ratios										
Gross margin	20.4%	21.8%	22.0%	23.5%	22.2%	20.8%	21.2%	21.7%	22.0%	21.5%
SG&A/sales	8.8%	8.1%	7.3%	7.8%	7.9%	8.5%	7.5%	7.2%	6.5%	7.2%
R&D/sales	9.9%	8.5%	8.1%	8.4%	8.5%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	6.5%	7.5%
Operating margin	1.8%	5.2%	6.6%	7.3%	5.8%	4.3%	5.7%	6.5%	9.0%	6.8%
Pre-tax margin	5.2%	8.2%	8.5%	10.0%	8.4%	6.5%	7.2%	7.7%	10.1%	8.2%
Tax rate	4.0%	1.8%	4.7%	-37.7%	-13.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%
Net margin	5.0%	8.1%	8.1%	13.8%	9.5%	5.5%	6.1%	6.6%	8.6%	7.0%

 $\textbf{Source:} \ \mathsf{BofA} \ \mathsf{Global} \ \mathsf{Research} \ \mathsf{estimates}, \mathsf{company} \ \mathsf{report}$ 

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#### Valuation

Our new PO is USD55/ADS (HKD215/share), vs. USD60/ADS (HKD234/share) previously. **DCF-based fair value**: We derive a fair value of USD55.3 (previously USD58.5) from our DCF calculation, with assumptions of 2% FCF perpetuity growth and discount rate (WACC) of 13% (unchanged). **EV/sales-based fair value**: We derive a fair value of USD54 (previously USD61). We apply an unchanged target EV/sales multiple of 1.6x to latest 2024E sales.



# **Exhibit 3: Li Auto's EV/sales valuation**Our EV/sales fair value is USD54

(RMB mn)	
2024E Estimated volume sales (units)	661,522
2024E Estimated sales	200,693
Assumed enterprise value/sales	1.5
Implied enterprise value	301,039
Net cash (net debt) as of 2024E	102,279
Equity value (RMB mn)	403,318
Equity value (USD mn)	56,016
Shares count (mn)	1,033
Implied value per share (USD)	54

**Source:** BofA Global Research estimates

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**Exhibit 4: Li Auto's valuation summary** Li's new PO is USD55 per ADS (HKD215 per share)

Valuation methodology	Implied value	Upside/downside potential	Parameters
Methodology 1			
EV/Sales (USD)	54.0		1.6x EV/sales
Methodology 2			
DCF (USD)	55.3		WACC of 13%
Price Objective (rounded) (USD)	55.0	43%	
Price Objective (rounded) (HKD)	215.0	44%	

**Source:** BofA Global Research estimates

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# Price objective basis & risk

### Li Auto (LI / LAAOF)

We derive our PO of USD55 per ADS (HKD215 per share) using an average of EV/sales valuation method and DCF valuation method.

DCF-based fair value: We derive a fair value of USD55.3 from our DCF calculation, with assumptions of 2% FCF perpetuity growth. For WACC, we use a 4.0% risk-free rate, 12% market return and Beta of 1.1 to calculate and derive the discount rate (WACC) of 13%.

EV/sales-based fair value: We derive a fair value of USD54 from our EV/sales calculation. We apply a target EV/sales multiple of 1.6x to 2024E sales. The 1.6x target multiple is based on updated one standard deviation below historical average one-year forward EV/sales since IPO.

Downside risk: weak macro, competition from Tesla and other EV startups, policy change on subsidy, raw material cost hike.

# **Analyst Certification**

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	Minth	MNTHF	425 HK	Jessie Lo
	Ningbo Tuopu	XNCGF	601689 CH	Joey Yang, CFA
	Nissan Motor	NSANF	7201 JP	Kentaro Hosoda
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	SAMIL (Motherson International)	XMSUF	MOTHERSO IN	Gunjan Prithyani
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Business Performance	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) $\times$ (1 – Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets — Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill
Return On Equity Operating Margin Earnings Growth Free Cash Flow	Net Income Operating Profit Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex	Amortization Shareholders' Equity Sales N/A N/A
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EV / EBITDA Enterprise Value Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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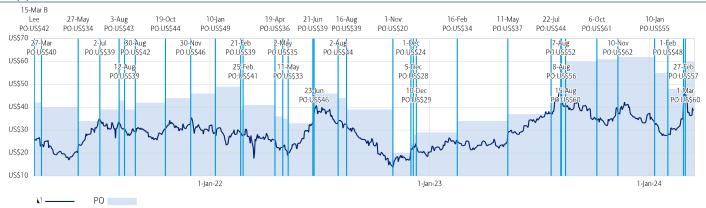
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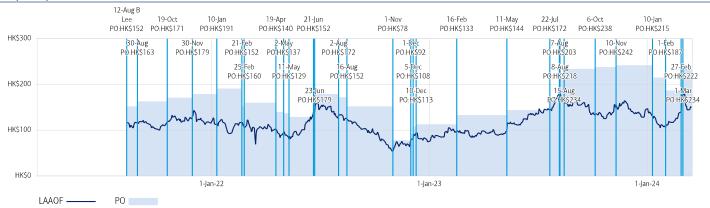
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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
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Hold	30	25.00%	Hold	15	50.00%
Sell	23	19.17%	Sell	12	52.17%

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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
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Hold	832	23.54%	Hold	454	54.57%
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 ≥ 10%
 ≤ 70%

 Neutral
 ≥ 0%
 ≤ 30%

 Underperform
 N/A
 ≥ 20%

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