

# **Industry Report**

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# **China Property**

Invest on fundamentals not on rumours

- Sector tumbled due to rumours on cancellation of presales in Guangdong province, despite government denial
- We expect the policy will roll out in an orderly manner i.e. with minimal earnings impact in NT and LT impact well-contained
- Market is sensitive to rumours amid macro-uncertainties. We recommend investors to hold on quality big caps i.e. Longfor, COLI

### **Guangdong government denied on rumours**

On 21 Sep 2018, local media reported that Guangdong province might put an end to property presales policy. Guangdong housing authority clarified over the weekend that the policy adjustment remains on consultation stage. The policy adjustment aims to avoid inefficient/ over-leveraged property investment, unfinished construction, lack of standardization and dispute over presales process etc.

## Minimal earnings impact, LT impact well-contained

We expect the policy will eventually roll out in the medium term i.e. 3-5 years and in an orderly manner i.e. in pilot cities first and on new land sales only. In the near term, we analyse the impact should be minimal, as developers have already secured 80-90%/60-70% of their 2018-19E earnings and have ~3 years landbank on hand. The longer-term cashflow impact should be well contained too, as developers will have enough time to accommodate their construction and financing. The longer-term earnings prospect may be impaired with the longer project cycle, yet we remind investors that policy change may take much longer than expected time to roll out i.e. Guangxi mentioned about cancellation of presales since 2010 but have yet rolled out till now.

#### Don't be too sensitive to rumours

The sector corrected 4% in today's morning session, ending the rally since mid-Sep (+12%). With the macro-uncertainties (trade war, economic slowdown), we expect the sector will remain lumpy in NT and market/media may be sensitive to rumours. We retain NEUTRAL rating to sector and recommend investors to buy quality big caps i.e. Longfor, COLI. Guangdong based developers i.e. Country Garden, Evergrande etc may be under pressure in NT yet we believe the correction is overdone. Upside risks to our sector call: relaxation policies, resolution of trade war; downside risks: further tightening policies, slowdown in economy.

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## **NEUTRAL**

Previous	NEUTRAL
HSI	27954
HSCEI	11027



Source: Bigdata			
%	1m	6m	12m
Absolute return	0.1	(9.4)	(5.7)
Relative return	(0.6)	1.6	(5.1)

#### Related Research

- 1. China Property Eye on Golden September sales (NEUTRAL)
- China Property Macro uncertainties hinder re-rating (NEUTRAL) 2018/09/04
- 3. China Property Policy is good for health (NEUTRAL) 2018/08/08

## Financials

			Current	Target	+/-	NAV	NAV	Adj. P/E (x)		Div yield (%)		Net gearing (%)	
Company	Ticker	Rating	Price (HK\$)	Price (HK\$)	(%)	(HK\$)	disc (%)	2018E	2019E	2018E	2019E	2018E	2019E
Vanke	2202 HK	BUY	27.9	36.0	29	40	30	7.5	6.1	4.8	5.9	12	18
Country Garden	2007 HK	NEUTRAL	11.5	13.0	13	15	25	6.5	5.0	5.9	7.6	53	44
Evergrande	3333 HK	BUY	26.8	36.0	35	42	37	7.5	5.8	11.6	8.6	103	71
COLI	688 HK	BUY	26.2	32.0	22	35	25	6.8	5.6	4.1	5.0	37	39
Sunac	1918 HK	BUY	27.4	36.0	32	45	39	9.0	5.3	2.8	4.7	186	121
Longfor	960 HK	BUY	23.0	28.0	22	31	26	9.3	7.4	4.3	5.4	46	45

Sources: Bloomberg, CMS (HK); share price as of 21 Sep 2018

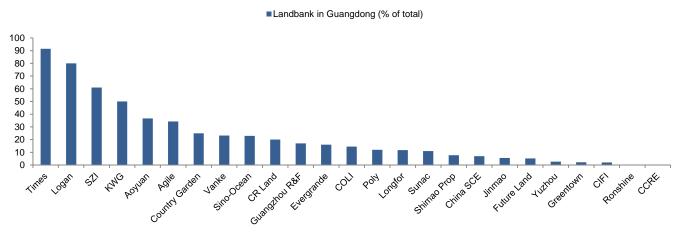


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Figure 1: Pres	ale requirement
Cities	Requirement
Beijing	1-7 floors: topping-out; >8 floors: 1/2 completed
Shanghai	Topping-out
Guangzhou	1-3 floors: topping-out; >4 floors with basement: 1st floor completed; >4 floors without basement: 4 floors completed
Shenzhen	1-7 floors: topping-out; >8 floors: 2/3 completed
Foshan	1-7 floors: topping-out; >8 floors: 2/3 completed
Huizhou	1-7 floors: topping-out; >8 floors: 2/3 completed
Dongguan	1-7 floors: topping-out; >8 floors: 2/3 completed
Zhuhai	1-7 floors: topping-out; >8 floors: 2/3 completed
Chengdu	1-7 floors: topping-out; >8 floors: 2/3 completed
Chongqing	1-8 floors: topping-out; >9 floors: 1/2 completed
Hangzhou	1-10 floors topping-out; >11 floors: 1/2 completed; >100m: 1/3 completed
Suzhou	Investment more than 25%: 1-6 floors: 0-1/2 completed; >7 floors: 1/5-1/3 completed
Hefei	1-6 floors: topping-out; >7 floors: 1/3 completed
Xiamen	1-7 floors: topping-out; >8 floors: 1/2 completed and investment >25%

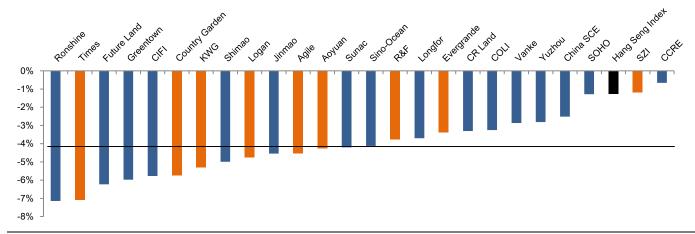
Sources: Local governments, CMS (HK)

Figure 2: Key developers' land bank exposure in Guangdong



Source: Company data, CMS (HK)

Figure 3: Sector corrected 4% in today's morning session (Orange color represents companies based in Guangdong)



Source: Bloomberg, CMS (HK)



Figure 4: P	eers <u>co</u>	mpar	ison															
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		Share			Mkt		to	to									N	et
		Price	TP		Сар	NAV	NAV	Mkt NAV	Upside		P/E (x)		P/B (x)		Yield (%)		gea	
Company	Ticker	(HK\$)	(HK\$)	Rating	(US\$ m)	(HK\$)	(%)	(%)	(%)	2017	2018E	2019E	2018E	2019E	2018E	2019E	2017	1H18
Vanke	2202 HK	27.90	36.0	Buy	41.3	40	30	40	29	9.4	7.5	6.1	1.7	1.4	4.8	5.9	9	33
Country Garden	2007 HK	11.48	13.0	Neutral	31.9	15	25	50	13	9.6	6.5	5.0	1.7	1.4	5.9	7.6	57	59
Evergrande	3333 HK	26.75	36.0	Buy	44.7	42	37	28	35	11.2	7.5	5.8	2.1	1.7	11.6	8.6	184	127
COLI	688 HK	26.15	32.0	Buy	36.7	35	25	35	22	8.4	6.8	5.6	0.8	0.7	4.1	5.0	28	27
Sunac	1918 HK	27.35	36.0	Buy	15.4	45	39	55	32	23.1	9.0	5.3	1.9	1.5	2.8	4.7	257	232
Longfor	960 HK	22.95	28.0	Buy	17.4	31	26	41	22	11.9	9.3	7.4	1.5	1.3	4.3	5.4	48	55
CR Land	1109 HK	29.37	-	NR	26.2	-	-	34	-	10.6	8.0	6.9	1.3	1.1	4.8	5.7	43	47
Shimao Prop	813 HK	22.05	-	NR	9.4	-	-	40	-	9.3	6.9	5.5	1.0	0.9	5.6	7.1	61	63
Logan	3380 HK	9.88	-	NR	7.0	-	-	47	-	10.3	6.6	4.9	1.7	1.3	6.3	8.6	51	66
Guangzhou R&F	2777 HK	15.44	-	NR	6.4	-	-	57	-	5.7	4.1	3.3	0.6	0.6	9.6	11.6	189	187
Agile	3383 HK	12.36	-	NR	6.2	-	-	51	-	6.9	5.4	4.4	0.9	0.8	8.9	10.8	94	88
Jinmao	817 HK	3.96	-	NR	5.9	-	-	52	-	9.4	7.6	5.8	1.0	0.9	5.3	6.7	69	66
CIFI	884 HK	4.16	-	NR	4.1	-	-	61	-	6.3	4.9	3.8	1.0	0.9	7.3	9.4	49	72
Sino-Ocean	3377 HK	3.88	-	NR	3.8	-	-	67	-	6.3	5.0	4.2	0.5	0.5	8.2	10.0	66	77
Future Land	1030 HK	5.78	-	NR	4.4	-	-	63	-	9.2	5.8	4.1	1.6	1.2	6.2	8.0	117	155
KWG	1813 HK	8.10	-	NR	3.3	-	-	61	-	6.2	4.8	3.7	0.7	0.6	7.7	9.9	72	77
SZI	604 HK	2.50	-	NR	2.6	-	-	62	-	4.2	6.5	5.3	0.4	0.4	7.0	8.0	22	38
Greentown	3900 HK	8.20	-	NR	2.3	-	-	58	-	9.2	6.6	6.1	0.5	0.5	3.0	3.2	59	55
Yuzhou	1628 HK	3.55	-	NR	2.1	-	-	68	-	4.4	3.4	2.7	0.7	0.6	10.4	13.0	69	63
Times	1233 HK	9.18	-	NR	2.2	-	-	57	-	5.6	4.2	3.3	0.8	0.7	6.9	8.9	68	67
Aoyuan	3883 HK	5.88	-	NR	2.0	-	-	52	-	7.2	5.7	4.0	1.1	0.9	6.6	9.4	65	73
Ronshine	3301 HK	10.08	-	NR	2.1	-	-	60	-	-	4.6	3.2	1.0	0.8	3.8	5.8	165	140
China SCE	1966 HK	3.18	-	NR	1.6	-	-	67	-	5.2	3.6	3.0	0.7	0.6	7.9	10.3	81	69
Poly	119 HK	2.90	-	NR	1.4	-	-	64	-	6.9	3.4	3.3	0.3	0.3	8.8	8.7	72	85
CCRE	832 HK	3.03	-	NR	1.1	-	-	64	-	7.9	7.3	3.5	0.8	0.7	4.0	7.9	50	47
Big 6					187.6		30	41	25	12.3	7.8	5.9	1.6	1.3	5.6	6.2	97	89
Small-mid cap					93.9			57		7.3	5.5	4.3	0.9	0.7	6.8	8.6	77	81
Overall					281.5			53		8.5	6.0	4.6	1.1	0.9	6.5	8.0	82	83

Note: All information of non-rated stocks are sourced from Bloomberg; Sources: Bloomberg, Company data, CMS(HK); Share price as of 21 Sep 2018



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Industry Rating	Definition
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NEUTRAL	Expect sector to perform in-line with the market over the next 12 months
UNDERWEIGHT	Expect sector to underperform the market over the next 12 months

Company Rating	Definition
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NEUTRAL	Expect stock to generate +10% to -10% over the next 12 months
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