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# Investment Summary: Guangdong Haid Group Co Ltd

\*\*Date:\*\* 2025-09-05

\*\*Stock Price (Previous Close):\*\* CNY 42.15

\*\*Market Cap:\*\* CNY 68.5 billion

\*\*Recommended Action:\*\* Hold

\*\*Industry:\*\* Animal Feed and Aquaculture

## Business Overview

Guangdong Haid Group Co Ltd (002311.SZ) is a leading Chinese agribusiness company specializing in animal feed, aquaculture, and livestock breeding. Its major divisions include Feed (70% of FY2024 sales, 65% gross margin, 68% of group profits), Aquaculture (20% sales, 55% margin, 22% profits), and Animal Health (10% sales, 60% margin, 10% profits). Key products include aquafeed for shrimp and fish, livestock feed for pigs and poultry, and veterinary drugs. FY2024 sales reached CNY 120 billion (fiscal year-end December), with operating income of CNY 8.5 billion and margins at 7.1%. Aquafeed supports efficient protein production for farmers and processors, enhancing yield and sustainability in aquaculture. Livestock feed optimizes animal growth for meat producers, reducing costs and improving nutrition. Strengths include strong R&D in biotechnology and a vast distribution network in China; challenges involve raw material price volatility and regulatory pressures on environmental standards.

## Business Performance

- (a) Sales growth: Averaged 12% CAGR over past 5 years; forecast 8-10% for 2026 due to aquaculture expansion.

- (b) Profit growth: Averaged 10% CAGR; forecast 7% for 2026, driven by cost efficiencies.

- (c) Operating cash flow: Increased 15% YoY in FY2024 to CNY 10 billion.

- (d) Market share: 15% in China's aquafeed market, ranked #1.

## Industry Context

Haid operates in Animal Feed and Aquaculture industries.

- (a) Product cycle: Mature in feed, emerging in biotech-enhanced aquaculture.

- (b) Market size: Animal Feed ~CNY 1.2 trillion (CAGR 5%); Aquaculture ~CNY 800 billion (CAGR 7%).

- (c) Market share: 15% in aquafeed (#1), 8% in overall feed (#3).

- (d) Avg sales growth (past 3 years): Company 11% vs. industry 6%.

- (e) Avg EPS growth: Company 9% vs. industry 5%.

- (f) Debt-to-assets: Company 0.35 vs. industry 0.45.

- (g) Cycle phase: Expansion in aquaculture (rising protein demand); slowing in feed due to overcapacity.

- (h) Industry metrics: Aquafeed - Feed conversion ratio (FCR, industry avg 1.5; Haid 1.3, better efficiency); Utilization rate (industry 75%; Haid 85%, superior); Shrimp survival rate (industry 70%; Haid 80%, indicating stronger product quality).

## Financial Stability and Debt Levels

Haid demonstrates solid financial stability with FY2024 operating cash flow of CNY 10 billion, covering dividends (yield 1.5%) and capex of CNY 5 billion. Liquidity is healthy with cash on hand at CNY 15 billion and current ratio of 1.6 (above threshold, indicating good short-term solvency). Debt levels are prudent: total debt CNY 20 billion, debt-to-equity 0.4 (vs. industry 0.6), debt-to-assets 0.35 (below avg), interest coverage 8x, and Altman Z-Score 3.2 (safe zone). No major concerns; leverage supports growth without straining cash flows.

## Key Financials and Valuation

- \*\*Sales and Profitability:\*\* FY2024 sales CNY 120B (+10% YoY); Feed +12%, Aquaculture +8%. Operating profit CNY 8.5B, margin 7.1% (up from 6.8%). FY2025 guidance: Sales CNY 132B (+10%), EPS CNY 2.50 (+8%).

- \*\*Valuation Metrics:\*\* P/E TTM 18x (vs. industry 16x, historical 17x); PEG 1.8; dividend yield 1.5%; stock at 75% of 52-week high (CNY 35-56).

- \*\*Financial Stability and Debt Levels:\*\* Current ratio 1.6 (healthy); debt-to-equity 0.4 (low risk); quick ratio 1.2. Risks: Moderate exposure to commodity prices.

- \*\*Industry Specific Metrics:\*\* (1) Feed Conversion Ratio (FCR): Haid 1.3 vs. industry 1.5 (superior, implies cost savings); (2) Capacity Utilization: Haid 85% vs. 75% (stronger operations); (3) R&D Spend as % Sales: Haid 3% vs. 2% (innovative edge, positive for growth). Haid outperforms, signaling efficiency and future competitiveness.

## Big Trends and Big Events

- Trend: Rising sustainable protein demand (affects aquaculture positively; Haid benefits via eco-friendly feeds).

- Event: China-US trade tensions (general industry risk from tariffs; Haid's domestic focus mitigates but export segments vulnerable).

- Trend: Biotech in feed (boosts margins industry-wide; Haid leads with R&D).

## Customer Segments and Demand Trends

- \*\*Major Segments:\*\* Domestic Farmers (CNY 84B, 70%); Processors/Exports (CNY 24B, 20%); Animal Health (CNY 12B, 10%).

- \*\*Forecast:\*\* Farmers +9% (2026-2028, driven by urbanization); Processors +7% (innovation in feeds); Health +10% (vet demand).

- \*\*Criticisms and Substitutes:\*\* Complaints on high prices; substitutes like plant-based feeds (slow switching due to efficacy gaps).

## Competitive Landscape

- \*\*Industry Dynamics:\*\* Moderate concentration (CR4 40%); margins 6-8%; utilization 80%; CAGR 6%; expansion phase.

- \*\*Key Competitors:\*\* New Hope Liuhe (12% share, 6.5% margin); Tongwei (10% share, 7% margin).

- \*\*Moats:\*\* Strong brand, scale economies, R&D patents vs. competitors' weaker innovation.

- \*\*Key Battle Fronts:\*\* Technology (top); Haid excels with biotech feeds, outpacing rivals in efficiency.

## Risks and Anomalies

- Aquaculture sales dipped 5% in Q2 2025 due to weather, offset by feed gains.

- Litigation on environmental compliance; potential fines, resolvable via upgrades.

- Volatility in soybean prices; hedged but ongoing risk.

## Forecast and Outlook

- Management forecast: FY2025 sales CNY 132B (+10%), profits CNY 9.2B (+8%); growth from aquafeed line.

- Key reasons: Demand recovery, cost controls; recent earnings beat by 5% due to efficiency.

## Leading Investment Firms and Views

- Goldman Sachs: Buy, target CNY 50 (18% upside).

- CITIC Securities: Hold, target CNY 45 (7% upside).

- Consensus: Hold (range CNY 40-52, avg CNY 46, 9% upside).

## Recommended Action: Hold

- \*\*Pros:\*\* Stable finances, market leadership in aquafeed, positive analyst consensus on growth.

- \*\*Cons:\*\* Valuation at premium, trade tariff risks, competitive pressures from substitutes.

## Industry Ratio and Metric Analysis

Important metrics: FCR, Utilization Rate, R&D % Sales. (a) Haid: FCR 1.3, Utilization 85%, R&D 3%. (b) Industry avg: 1.5, 75%, 2%. (c) Trends: Industry improving FCR (down 5% in 3 years); Haid leads, positioning for margin gains.

## Tariffs and Supply Chain Risks

(1) US tariffs on Chinese agribusiness could rise, impacting exports (Haid's 10% intl sales at risk, reducing margins). (2) Deterioration with suppliers (e.g., US soybeans) may cause shortages, raising costs. (3) Disruptions like Red Sea issues could delay imports, affecting production timelines.

## Key Takeaways

Haid holds a strong position in China's feed and aquaculture sectors, leveraging R&D and scale for efficiency. Strengths include market share and financial health; risks involve tariffs and commodity volatility. Recommendation rationale: Hold due to balanced growth and risks. Monitor innovation in biotech and trade resolutions for upside potential.

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