



# Case Study: Bilibili Inc. (9626.HK)

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## 1. Recommendation



## Buy Bilibili now for a 42.3%+ return in 12 months

Recommendation

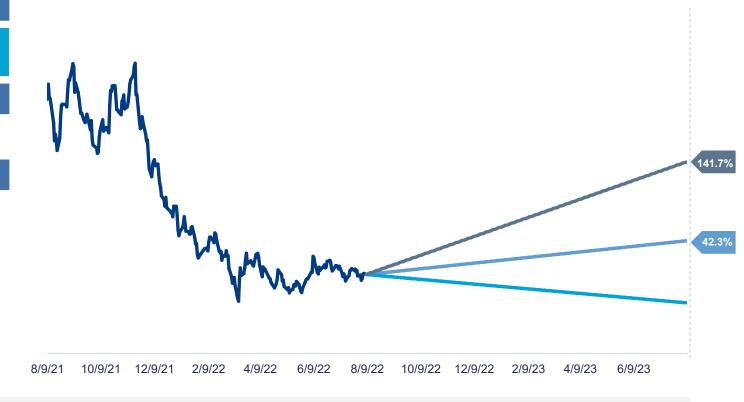
Buy & Hold (1 Year)

**Upside** (1-yr Price Target)

42.3%+

## **Valuation / Forecast Analysis**

Current Price (9626.HK)	HK\$192.80
Price Target	HK\$274.40
PS (TTM)	2.97x
PB (MRQ)	3.14x
PEG (2022E)	0.61x
52 Week Range	125.00-720.00
Avg. Volume 3M	2.54 mn
Market Cap (\$HKD)	75.31 bn
EPS (TTM)	-20.91



- Investment Highlights:
- China's single population is growing rapidly as they get older and have more purchasing power, they will spend more money and time on their favorite video platforms. Bilibili's users are the youngest and stickiest, and its future business potential can be expected.
- · Bilibili's revenue, MAU and active paying users keep increasing vastly, while its revenue diversification strategy has come into effect.
- Intrinst Value > Stock Price which makes Bilibili undervalued currently; there is still extra room to grow with the company's finances keep improving and markets keep growing, which allows for at least one year of market-beating growth.

## 2. Industry Landscape

## Generic Video & Mobile Games



### **Generic Video**

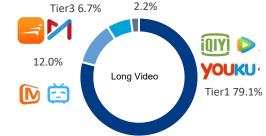
#### Market Size and Growth



2016-2020 Chinese Short Video Advertising Revenue (¥t 2017-2021 Chinese Long Video Revenue (¥bn)

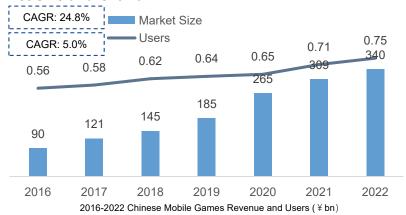
### **■** Competitive Landscape





### **Mobile Games**

#### Market Size and Growth



### Competitive Landscape



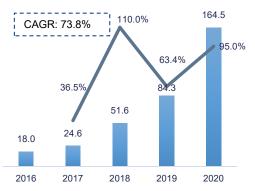
- Trend Analysis
- · More players are marching into the medium video track, where Bilibili has a first-mover advantage.
- Short video ads are still the focus of major advertisers and will keep growing vastly.
- The popularization of content sharing platforms will expand the marketing and distribution channels of games.
- · Consumption willingness and capabilities of **Gen Z users** has greatly improved

## 2. Industry Landscape

## Live Broadcasting & E-commerce



#### **Market Size and Growth**

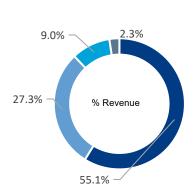




2016-2020 Chinese Live Broadcasting Revenue ( $\mbox{$\,$^{1}$}\mbox{ bn}$ )

2017-2021 Chinese Live Broadcasting Users (mn)

## **Competitive Landscape (1)**







Tier 2: Pan-entertainment – Inke, Huajiao, QQ Egame, Yizhibo一直播



Tier 3: Pan-entertainment – Meme么么直播, Mi Live, Tencent NOW, Kuaishou, Kugou







### **Key Drivers**

- The improvement of **technology**, e.g. the internet infrastructure, video making techniques and the expansion of mobile-broadband.
- The intensive launch of industrial policies encouraging and normalizing the operation of live broadcasting platforms.
- The outbreak of COVID-19 which deeply changed the public's ways of entertainment from offline to online scenarios.
- The rapid **diversification** of live broadcasting types, such as e-commerce, fashion shows, games, concerts, etc.



2021 Users in E-commerce Live Broadcasting (2) # 464 mn, up 19.5% yoy

2021 Users in Game Live Broadcasting (2)

# 302 mn, up 26.2% yoy

### **Trend Analysis**

- The competitive landscape of game live broadcasting will remain stable, in which Tencent has captured most of the market share. The advantage of Bilibili in this area will be its rich resources and rapid expansion.
- Though **E-commerce live broadcasting** has generated considerable revenues, the regulators are imposing stricter policies to erase negative behavior, which means the industry will become more standardized. Hosts who are capable of increasing traffic and sales are still rare.
- There will be more sub tracks in **pan-entertainment live broadcasting**, such as audio live broadcasting (high retention and fewer competitions but weaker monetization), short video live broadcasting (high concentration on Top 2 platforms).

## 3. Company Overview

## Bilibili: Future YouTube of China



### **Company Overview**

#### ■ Company position:

- Bilibili was founded in Shanghai in 2010 as a youth-centric, online entertainment business for younger consumers
- Chinese video-streaming and video-sharing website with a focus on animation, comics, and games (ACG) that has grown into a wide range of online entertainment genres and content formats.

### **Management Team**

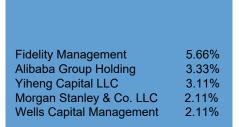
Founder & President: Yi Xu

**Chief Financial Officer: Xin Fan** 

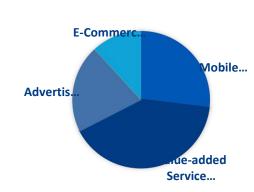
CEO & Chairman: Rui Chen

Vice Chairman & COO: Ni Li

#### Institutional Investors



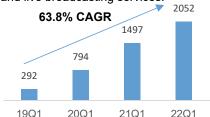
## **Revenue Mix (FY 1Q22)**



## **Business Segments**

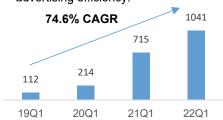
#### Value-Added Services (40.60% of FY 1Q22 Revenue)

Representing an increase of 37% yoy.
 Largely related to the Company's strengthened monetization initiatives, the premium membership program and live broadcasting services.



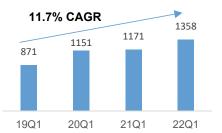
## Advertising (20.60% FY 1Q22 Revenue)

Representing an increase of 46% yoy.
 Due to further recognition of Bilibili's brand name in China's online advertising market, and improved advertising efficiency.



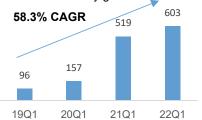
### Mobile Games (26.90% FY 1Q22 Revenue)

Representing an increase of 16% yoy. The increase was primarily attributable to the newly launched mobile games.



## E-Commerce and Other (11.90% FY 1Q22 Revenue)

Representing an increase of 16% yoy.
 Due to the increase in sales of products through the Company's ecommerce platform and collaboration with other industry giants.



Over the recent years, Bilibili has experienced phenomenal growth across all business segments, with the advertising and value-added services industries leading due to a rise in the premium membership program, success in newly launched mobile games, and effective advertising solutions.

## 3. Company Overview

## Unique Differentiators & Growth Drivers



### **Competitive Advantages**

#### ■ User Stickiness and Loyalty

80% of Bilibili's users are "Generation Z"
Chinese born between 1990 and 2009 with a great need for cultural items, self-expression, and social connection. Bilibili's MAUs have risen in recent years.

#### ■ Membership System

To become an official member (registered or paid user), a user must pass a 100-question test on community etiquette and other issues. This helps Bilibili establish an active, knowledgeable community.

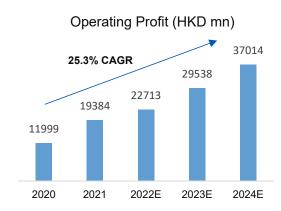
#### ■ Content Positioning

Unique content positioning focused on both mainstream and non-mainstream ACG; 90% of video views are contributed by their own members

#### Platform Features

 Bilibili pioneered the "bullet chatting" ("Dan Mu" 弹幕) feature, a live commenting function that allows viewers to contribute their thoughts and feelings while viewing the live streaming or videos.

#### **Growth Performance**



### ■ Key Highlights

- Average monthly active users (MAUs) reached 339.8 million, and mobile MAUs reached 319.9 million, an increase of 31% and 33% from the same period in 2021, respectively.
- Average daily active users (DAUs) reached 91.9 million, a 32% increase from the same period in 2021.
- Average monthly paying users (MPUs1) reached 31.5 million, a 33% increase from the same period in 2021.

### **Timeline of Key Events**

## October 2018



Tencent invested \$317.6 million in Bilibili

Equity investment to broadcast more anime and esports content

## December 2018



Collaboration with TaoBao

Drive ecommerce platform with a lifestyle services emphasis

## April 2020



Investment from Sony Music

Increase activities in the mobile gaming and animation sectors.

### August 2020



Partnership with Riot Games

Exclusive live streaming of League of Legends tournaments worldwide

## August 2020



Investment in Huanxi Media

Investigate career prospects in movies and TV dramas.

#### March 2021



Launches
Hong Kong
Public
Offering

Listing its Shares on the "Hong Kong Stock Exchange" with stock code 9626.HK

#### March 2022



Pursue
Voluntary
Conversion to
Dual-Primary
Listing

Remain duallisted on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange and Nasdaq Global

Sources: Bilibili Investor Home, Seeking Alpha, Yahoo Finance

## 3. Company Overview

## Investment Thesis – Opportunities from Surging Singles



### 1. Healthy Growth of Paying Users



#### 10Y User Forecast

We expect MAU and MPU (Monthly Payment User) numbers to grow, with higher payment portions.

#### Commercialization Outlook

- Bilibili reported increasing MAU/ MPU in 1Q22, however, ARPPU sank by -5.6% QoQ, dragged by regional Covid outbreak. We expect ARPPU to dip in 2Q22 and rebound in 2H22.
- In long-term, we expect a strong commercialization backed by growing number of paying users from gaming services, e-commerce business, and premium subscriptions.

### 3. ACG Internationalization



**Expansion with Bili Comics &** 

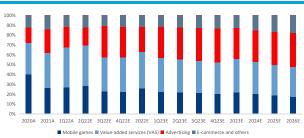
Bilibili TV

#### International Expansion Ongoing

- Bilibili launched international business, including comics, video platform and mobile games.
- Anime & Comic business targeted at SEA countries with few industry rivals. Gaming business targeted at countries with high ARPU, like Japan and Korea.
- Bilibili.tv, the international video platform, recorded 13.9mn MAU globally in Jan 22, +94.70% MoM. U.S. and Thailand contributed most growth.
- We expect the company's international business would lever on its ACG strength to expand rapidly in the sub-sector.

### 2. Strengthened Advertising





#### Advertising Outlook and Potentials

- Bilibili is promoting its ads business, +46% YoY, including brand ads and customized ads. We expect ads revenue to dip in 2Q22 and recover with Chinese consumption.
- We believe ad business has huge potentials, if pre-video ads (like YouTube, iQiYi) were incorporated.

### 4. Accelerated Live Broadcasting



#### ■ Live Broadcasting: Higher Concentration Business, Virtual Idol Emerging

- Bilibili reported surging numbers of livestreamers and live broadcasting revenues in 1Q22, indicating a strong emphasis in this high-margin business.
- Virtual idol streamers in Bilbili are uprising based on the platform's ACG culture. So far, 5
  virtual idols have received 10,000 vessel gifts (>Rmb 2mn of revenue) within one single
  performance. We believe in long term Bilibilil could realize earning growth with live
  broadcasting channels.

## 4. Risk & Mitigants

Short-term Operation is Under Pressure but Long-term Growth can be Expected

## **Short Term** The **unsustainability** of rapid growth in users -Fiercer competitions which result in high marketing expenses - continuous "cash burning" The weak growth of mobile game segment which drags down overall profits

## **Mitigant**

Collaborate with top internet companies (Tencent, Alibaba) to expand the entrance of traffic

Not clear for the time being

Diversify revenue structure, lower weight of mobile games while invest more into self-designed high-quality games

## **Long Term**

Lack of social mobility in the community

Aggressiveness in commercialization which expels the users attracted

Failure to monetize the users retained

## **Mitigant**

Appropriate algorithm design, incentive mechanism and distribution mechanism

Pay more attention to careful operation of community, preventing good vibes from being eroded

Not clear for the time being



## **Upstream-Restrictions** Regional and copyright

Uncertainty in Relationship

- International(eg.USA,Japan)
- Cross-strait

#### Strict patent protection

- Large-scale
- National cultural and creative products (design, sound effects, dynamics, etc.)



Regulatory Overview

> **Policy Risks**



## Midstream-Classification Game Sensitivity

The introduction of foreign novel and original videos, animations and games

- Complicated
- Easy to step on the fine red line



## Downstream-Blanket in Virtual Economy

Game under market economy system

- Between state-owned monopoly power
- And enterprise control right



## 4. Risk & Mitigants

Regulatory Risk for Internet Industry & Delisting Risk for Chinese Concept Share

### ■ Reduced Games and Increased Video+ Proportion

Network literature

Trend

Video Field

Livecasting <u>Od</u> Trend Field

> Game Field

intelligent products and services

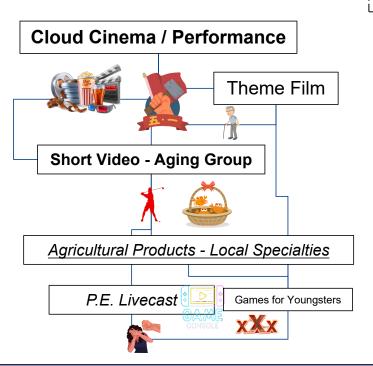
Network literature + Audio

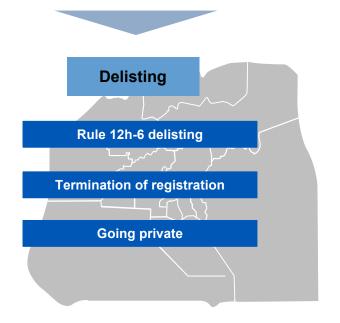
Network literature + short play

- Offline bar
- Study room

## ■ Well Prepared for Dual Primary Listing in Hong Kong

- The most striking aspect of this year's report is the level of concern about internet.
- Of the top 10 risks expected, 7 are connected to virtual security.
- Over 90% of respondents expect economy confrontations/frictions between major powers to deteriorate in 2019.





## A DCF Approach – PT at HK\$ 274.4



## 1. Projections on Users Related Financial Metrics

			2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E
MAU		•	360	434	477	515	541	568	591	614	633	652
VIAU	YoY (%)		32.4%	20.4%	10.0%	8.0%	5.0%	5.0%	4.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%
DAU			98	119	134	147	157	168	177	187	196	206
	YoY (%)		34.6%	22.2%	12.0%	9.9%	6.8%	6.8%	5.8%	5.7%	4.7%	4.8%
	As of MAU (%)		27.1%	27.5%	28.0%	28.5%	29.0%	29.5%	30.0%	30.5%	31.0%	31.5%
Official m	iembers		194	236	261	283	299	316	330	345	357	371
	YoY (%)		34.1%	21.3%	10.6%	8.6%	5.6%	5.6%	4.6%	4.6%	3.5%	3.9%
	As of MAU (%)		54.0%	54.4%	54.7%	55.0%	55.3%	55.6%	55.9%	56.2%	56.5%	57.0%
MPU			34	43	50	57	62	68	72	76	80	83
	YoY (%)		39.7%	25.5%	16.7%	13.1%	9.8%	9.6%	5.7%	5.7%	4.7%	4.6%
	As of MAU (%)		9.5%	9.9%	10.5%	11.0%	11.5%	12.0%	12.2%	12.4%	12.6%	12.8%
ARPPU												
	Mobile games		197	199	197	195	193	191	191	191	191	191
	YoY (%)		-5.3%	1.1%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
	Value-added services (VAS)		289	308	318	331	347	363	386	410	439	463
	YoY (%)		2.2%	6.4%	3.2%	4.2%	4.7%	4.8%	6.2%	6.4%	7.0%	5.4%
	Advertising		18	28	33	39	45	50	55	60	65	71
	YoY (%)		175.6%	245.8%	17.1%	17.6%	16.4%	10.0%	10.0%	8.9%	8.9%	9.0%
	E-commerce and others		92	119	149	179	206	237	260	286	301	316
	YoY (%)		-20.1%	29.0%	25.0%	20.0%	15.0%	15.0%	10.0%	10.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Avg. daily	y time spent		98	107	113	119	123	127	131	133	136	139
	YoY (%)		13.1%	8.2%	6.0%	5.0%	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%

### Key assumptions

- MAU growth slowed down.
   However, payment portion (MPU) gradually increased.
- ARRPU (avg. revenue per paying user) dip slowly for mobile games, as we don't expect another heavypayment game (such as FGO).
- Average daily time, the metric for advertising revenue, increases much slower in later years.
- E-commerce ARPPU growth slowed down in coming years.

### Consensus and divergence

- Our user growth forecast is basically in line with consensus, i.e. MAU, DAU, MPU.
- However, our avg. time forecast is weaker, considering short video platform Douyin and Kuaishou's grabbing more users' time.

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## 2. Projections on Revenue Metrics

	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	Key assumptions
										•	Live broadcasting contributes to
Segment Breakdown (IF ANY)											most VAS revenues, where content
Value-added services	9,897	13,212	15,911	18,764	21,567	24,757	27,806	31,262	34,994	38,607	creators grow slowly, and revenue per creator prudently rises.
Live broadcasting	3,798	4,640	5,520	6,560	7,787	9,235	10,942	12,953	15,322	17,322	
Numbers of creators	0.54	0.58	0.60	0.62	0.64	0.66	0.68	0.70	0.72	0.74 •	More paying users would subscribe
Revenue per creator	7,034	8,000	9,200	10,580	12,167	13,992	16,091	18,504	21,280	23,408	premium membership, and
As of VAS (%)	38.4%	35.1%	34.7%	35.0%	36.1%	37.3%	39.4%	41.4%	43.8%	44.9%	subscription fees grow mildly.
Premium membership	3,635	4,966	6,084	7,218	8,182	9,253	10,091	10,998	11,861	12,945	
Numbers of premium users	29	38	45	52	57	63	68	72	77	81 •	Advertising revenue soars. Bilibili
As of total MPU (%)	85.0%	89.0%	90.0%	91.0%	92.0%	93.0%	94.0%	95.0%	96.0%	97.0%	would charge more fees to
Avg. revenue per premium user	125	130	135	140	143	146	149	152	155	160	merchants, which is reflect by the
As of VAS (%)	36.7%	37.6%	38.2%	38.5%	37.9%	37.4%	36.3%	35.2%	33.9%	33.5%	uprising ad price per minute.
Others	2,463	3,606	4,307	4,986	5,598	6,269	6,773	7,311	7,812	8,341	
As of VAS (%)	24.9%	27.3%	27.1%	26.6%	26.0%	25.3%	24.4%	23.4%	22.3%	21.6% •	Gaming and e-commerce revenues
Avg. revenue per paid user	72	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	are measured by ARPPU growth.
Advertising	6,619	12,299	15.836	20,107	24,576	28.389	32,472	36,771	41,228	46,272	
Total loyal time spent	9,607	12,704	15,082	17,408	19,343	21,281	23,182	25,001	26,697	28,537	Consensus and divergence
Ad price per minute	0.69	0.97	1.05	1.16	1.27	1.33	1.40	1.47	1.54	1.62	Considering more single users ahead, we expect more live broadcasting revenue than

 We also emphasize on more advertising growth than consensus from pre-video ads and more commercialization in the future.

consensus.

Source: 2019-2022 Bilibili Financial Reports, Bilibili Investor Home

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## 3. Sensitivity Analysis – Base, Bull & Bear, Consensus at HK\$271.9



## Key assumptions

- Bull case: Advertising price + 10% by year, MAU growth +1% per year, Gaming ARPPU unchanged YoY, Live broadcasting revenue +10% by year
- Bear case: Advertising price +-10% by year, MAU growth -1% per year, Gaming ARPPU -2% YoY, Live broadcasting revenue -10% by year

#### ■ Conclusions

Our PT is slightly ahead of consensus due to our bullish views and advertising and live broadcasting. Bull case reflects a full unlock of Bilibili's commercialization potential, where we expect bear case to represent a missing business performance.



## Comparable Companies by Business Segments

Ticker	Name	Market Value (¥bn)	Operating Revenue (¥mn)	Net Profit (¥mn)	Net Asset (¥mn)	EV/EBITDA		PE (TTM)			I	PB (MRQ)	PS (TTM)	
				2021A		2021A	2022E	2021A	2022E	2023E	2021A	2022E	2023E	2021A
9626.HK	Bilibili	64.94	19,383.68	-6,789.23	21,716.07	-31.31	-18.52	-20.94	-8.41	-11.91	4.99	4.84	6.42	6.64
Video and	Live-broadcasting													
1024.HK	Kuaishou	286.25	81,081.51	-78,073.64	45,095.97	-3.00	-3.54	-2.77	-16.58	-44.15	5.07	6.89	6.19	3.31
IQ.O	iQIYI	22.86	30,554.36	-6,169.58	5,673.11	3.09	2.96	-3.89	-19.83	-272.28	3.59	3.32	2.76	0.76
DOYU.O	Douyu International	2.70	9,165.33	-581.88	6,258.59	-2.43	1.91	-10.53	-17.76	43.54	0.88	NA	NA	0.61
HUYA.N	Huya	5.10	11,351.45	583.50	10,510.20	11.45	4.34	9.29	-178.12	-415.50	0.99	13.30	13.82	0.93
0VVY.L	YY	12.54	2,619.05	-511.92	35,884.34	1,028.96	565.47	NA	NA	NA	22.23	21.72	21.10	NA
MEAN		65.89	26,954.34	-16,950.71	20,684.44	207.62	114.23	-1.98	-58.07	-172.10	6.55	11.31	10.97	1.40
MEDIAN		12.54	11,351.45	-581.88	10,510.20	3.09	2.96	-3.33	-18.79	-158.22	3.59	10.10	10.00	0.84
Mobile Ga	Mobile Games													
002602.SZ	Century Huatong	34.06	13,929.01	2,326.71	32,153.82	14.70	8.15	19.36	10.21	8.24	1.98	0.96	0.86	4.47
002555.SZ	37Interactive	43.76	16,216.50	2,875.58	10,857.34	16.41	11.44	26.97	13.09	11.43	6.22	3.22	2.59	3.94
0799.HK	IGG	3.32	6,050.89	302.87	2,709.08	11.18	3.37	5.04	-8.15	43.99	2.26	1.35	1.24	1.32
MEAN		27.05	12,065.47	1,835.05	15,240.08	14.10	7.65	17.12	5.05	21.22	3.49	1.84	1.57	3.24
MEDIAN		34.06	13,929.01	2,326.71	10,857.34	14.70	8.15	19.36	10.21	11.43	2.26	1.35	1.24	3.94
Social Plat	tform													
WB.O	Weibo	29.87	2,257.08	2,730.83	23,513.71	12.33	7.10	22.06	12.71	8.46	2.27	1.05	0.94	3.50
0K2P.L	Momo	6.03	14,575.72	-2,913.71	10,585.60	-2.67	-0.25	NA	NA	NA	1.58	1.07	0.94	NA
MEAN		17.95	8,416.40	-91.44	17,049.65	4.83	3.43	22.06	12.71	8.46	1.93	1.06	0.94	3.50
MEDIAN		17.95	8,416.40	-91.44	17,049.65	4.83	3.43	22.06	12.71	8.46	1.93	1.06	0.94	3.50
ТО	TAL MEAN	44.65	18,780.09	-7,943.13	18,324.18	109.00	60.09	8.19	-25.55	-77.03	4.71	5.87	5.60	2.35
ТОТ	TAL MEDIAN	17.70	12,640.23	-104.53	10,721.47	11.32	3.85	7.17	-12.36	8.35	2.26	3.22	2.59	2.31

Sources: Bloomberg, Company Statements

## 6. ESG Performance

## **Excellent ESG Performance and ESG Highlights**



Responsible Governance

#### 100%

employees received **business** ethics training

#### Zero

corruptionrelated lawsuit

#### BB

MSCI ESG rating

#### **Issued First**

Sustainability Convertible Notes

Responsible **Products** 

#### 100%

passing rate in cybersecurityrelated compliance inspections

#### 100%

cybersecurityrelated training coverage

**Emotional** and mental health support to

### 86,000+

users via our Charging Station project

Enhanced

minor protection mechanism

**Empowering** Creators & **Partners** 

#### Established

full-cycle **ESG** management for suppliers

### **Dedicated** support

for Chinese anime and documentary producers

### 1.3 million

content creators generated income via our platform

## Provide accessible product features

for users and creators with disabilities Human Capital

## 27

Average age of employees

### 41%

of employees were female

### 360000+

total training hours

### 2500+

employee activities

**Green & Social** Responsibility

#### Formulated

environmental management goals, carried out

## climate change risk identification

Launched

## Bilibili Charity **Platform**

Initiated Bilibili Happy Scholarship

Provided support to build 4 Bilibili primary schools

#### 3645

students benefited

**Positivity** Advocacy

#### 198 million

users studied on Bilibili

#### 5.7 million

video views related to "environmental protection"

### 136 million

traditional culture enthusiasts on Bilibili

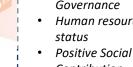
Promoted Chinese original content to

## 200+

countries and regions

#### Kuaishou:

- Community **Ecological** Governance
- Human resource status
- Contribution





## Jovy:

- Community Ecological Governance
- Human resource status
- Positive Social Contribution





- Community **Ecological** Governance
- Human resource status



