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# **Company Update**

# BUY

Maintain Close price: HK\$1.54 Target Price: HK\$2.60 (+68.8%) Previous TP HK\$3.33

## Key Data

HKEx code				9911 HK
12 Months High	(HK\$)			3.19
12 Month Low	(HK\$)			1.05
3M Avg Dail Vol.	(mn)			2.15
Issue Share	(mn)			1,191.22
Market Cap	(HK\$m	nn)		1,834.47
Fiscal Year				12/2022
Major shareholder	(s)	Mr.	Liu	Chunhe(30.71%)

Sources: Company data, Bloomberg, OP Research Closing price are as of 05/19/2023

#### Price Chart







#### **Company Profile**

Newborn Town is principally engaged in providing social networking businesses with app-based social platforms like MICO, YoHo, , Yumy and TopTop. Also, it operates innovative businesses such as mobile games.

# Newborn Town (9911 HK)

# Fine-tuning content ecology to further monetize new social networking products

- Newborn Town's focuses to release the profitability of social networking products may limit revenue growth in the near term.
- The monetization of new products will be the main growth driver.
- Maintain BUY with new TP of HK\$2.60, which represents 11.6x PER in FY23E.

The focus on monetizing the social networking products may come with a slowdown in the growth of social networking business in the short-term. Newborn Town has adjusted its content ecology to increase profit margins of its main social business markets and further unleash its profitability. This has led to a slight decline in revenue for its social networking business in 2023Q1. Among which, the average MAU increased 0.2% qoq to 22.33mn while the expected quarterly revenue declined 5.2%-8.4% yoy to RMB580mn-RMB600mn.

**Innovative business: Revenue rebounded in 2023Q1.** During the quarter, the expected quarterly revenue increased by 11.1% to 56.6% yoy, to RMB50mn- RMB70mn. The rapid growth of innovative business was mainly driven by the smooth progress of its game and other businesses. The official launch of Mergeland Alice's Adventure on the iOS platform in Feb 2023 is expected to significantly boost the monthly revenue of the game. The game is expected to start reporting monthly profits in 2023H2.

**Blued may soon be consolidated into Newborn Town.** The company announced on 23 Mar 2023 that it agreed to acquire the entire general partner interest of a fund that holds 78.86% interest in BlueCity (which operates an online LGBTQ community named Blued) from Spriver, one of its substantial shareholders, at a consideration of US\$1. The company will consolidate Blued after the completion of the acquisition. The company has greatly improved Blued's operating performance with its localized management team. For FY22, Blued's net loss narrowed 83% yoy to RMB53.2mn. It also reported profits in recent months.

We project a significant growth in net profit for FY23E, yet it may not be as strong as we expected beforehand. Without considering Blued that may soon be consolidated into the company, we expect its adjusted profit to shareholders to reach RMB238mn in FY23E, up 55.7% yoy. This is mainly driven by (1) the monetization of social networking products such as YoHo and TopTop, and (2) the stable profit contribution from MICO, its flagship social platform. Overall, we think the relatively flat revenue growth of its social networking business may limit its growth potential. We cut our EPS forecast (in HK\$) for Newborn Town in FY23E/24E by 17.0%/25.0%, to HK\$0.224/HK\$0.315.

**Share purchase show management's confidence.** Newborn Town recently announced it would purchase not more than HK\$30mn for the RSU Award Scheme. From 28 Apr 2023 to 19 May 2023, the company cumulatively purchased 8.8mn shares at the total cost of HK\$15.1mn.

**Maintain BUY with a new target price of HK\$2.60.** We reach our TP based on the SOTP analysis. Of which, we assign HK\$1.84 for the social networking business. The TP represents 11.6x/8.2x PER in FY23E/24E.

**Risks:** (1)Slower-than-expected progress to monetize new social apps and niche games, (2) deterioration of profitability due to the higher cost to live-streamers.

#### **Exhibit 1: Forecast and Valuation**

Year to Dec (RMB mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	1,182	2,360	2,800	3,200	3,580
Growth (%)	+203.2	+99.7	+18.6	+14.3	+11.9
Adjusted profit attributable to shareholders <sup>1</sup>	110	150	153	238	336
Growth (%)	+60.5	+36.6	+2.1	+55.7	+41.0
Diluted adjusted EPS (HK\$)	0.135	0.165	0.146	0.224	0.315
EPS growth (%)	+64.7	+22.2	-11.5	+53.0	+41.0
Change to previous EPS (%)				-17.0	-25.0
Consensus EPS (HK\$)				0.223	0.348
ROE (%)	5.6	-35.2	12.5	13.6	15.9
P/E (x)	11.4	9.3	10.5	6.9	4.9
P/B (x)	2.3	2.9	2.2	1.9	1.4
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
DPS (HK\$)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Sources: Bloomberg, OP Research

<sup>1</sup> Adjusted profit attributable to shareholders and diluted adjusted EPS in FY20-22 are estimated figures.



## Exhibit 2: Basic info for Newborn Town's social network matrix

	місо	YoHo	Yumy	ТорТор
Features	Livestreaming	Audio Chatrooms	Video-based Matching	Voice chat app with some social games
Business highlights in FY22	Maintained market competitive advantage and commercialization efficiency.	Paying users increased by 40% yoy in FY22	Increase in gross profit margin in FY22	TopTop is a user-generated content (UGC) and multiplayer game-oriented social platform. Ranked as Top 3 best-seller social networking app in six Gulf countries, with average daily time spent by active users reaching 60 mins.

In 2022Q4, revenue rose 30% qoq.

Sources: The company, OP research

## Exhibit 3: Country ranking for Newborn Town's social networking matrix from Sensor Tower

Tier(Social, Revenue)	er(Social, Revenue) MICO		YoHo		Yumy <sup>1</sup>	ТорТор		Blued	
At 21 May 2023	iPhone	Android	iPhone	Android	Android	iPhone	Android	iPhone	Android
Country rating #1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Country rating #2-5	3	0	1	2	0	1	2	1	1
Country rating #6-10	6	4	4	7	0	1	5	4	3
Country rating #11-100	48	71	24	45	65	7	13	22	33

Source: Sensor Tower

#### Exhibit 4: Newborn Town quarterly operating data Period MAU - Social Expected revenue - Social Expected revenue - Innovative networking business networking business business RMB40-50mn(-70% yoy) 2022 First quarter 22.27mn(Q1) RMB625-650mn(+65% yoy) 2022 Half year 23.09mn(Q2) RMB1,250-1,285mn(+50% yoy) RMB100-115mn(-50% yoy) 2022 First three quarter RMB1,910-1,940mn(+36% yoy) RMB150-170mn(-36% yoy) 23.5mn(Q3) 2022 Full year 22.91mn(FY22) RMB2,540-2,570mn(+20% yoy) RMB230-260mn 2023 First quarter 22.33mn(Q1) RMB580-600mn(-5.2% to -8.4% yoy) RMB50-70mn(+11.1% to +56.6% yoy)

Source: The Company

<sup>1</sup> Newborn Town does not release Yumy in App Store.

## **Exhibit 5: Earnings Revision**

		FY23E			FY24E		
(RMB mn)	New	Old	% Chg	New	Old	% Chg	Reason for changes
Revenue	3,200	3,390	-5.6%	3,580	3,990	-10.3%	We now assume a lower revenue growth for social networking businesses due to the relatively flattish trend in recent quarters.
Gross margin	41.9%	41.9%	+0.0p.p.	43.0%	43.0%	+0.0p.p.	
Adjusted Profit to shareholders	238	288	-17.4%	336	445	-24.5%	Mainly to reflect the slower-than-expect growth of social businesses
Adjusted EPS (HK\$)(Diluted)	0.224	0.270	-17.0%	0.315	0.420	-25.0%	

Source: OP Research

## Exhibit 6: SOTP Valuation(Without factoring Blued)

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	Methodology	Multiple	Value (HK\$)	Per share (HK\$)
Social networking businesses	80% discount to average forward EV/sales of comparable peers (Match Group, Bumble)	0.69	2.22bn	1.84
Innovative businesses	40% discount to the average forward EV/sales of HK listed small-to-mid cap peers	0.54	241mn	0.20
Add: Net cash	The Company has net cash of RMB597mn as at 31 Dec 2022	-	675mn	0.56
		Equity	Value:	HK\$2.60

Source: Bloomberg, OP Research

# Exhibit 7: Peers comparison

								2-Yr	EV/	EV/	EV/	Div	Div						
			Mkt cap	3-mth	PER Hist	PER FY1	PER FY2	EPS Cagr	Sales : Hist	Sales : FY1	Sales FY2	yld Hist	yld FY1	P/B Hist	P/B FY1	ROE Hist	ROE FY1	Sh px 1-mth	Sh px 3-mth
Company	Ticker	Price	(US\$m)	5	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(X)	(x)	(X)	(%)	(%)	(X)	(x)	(%)	(%)	1-mm %	3-mm %
Newborn Town	9911 HK	1.54	235	0.5	10.5	6.9	4.9	46.9	0.6	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.00	2.2	1.9	12.5	13.6	-1.9	-13.0
HSI		19,450.57			10.7	9.5	8.7	11.7	2.1	2.0	-	0.0	3.85	1.2	1.0	10.8	11.0	-4.5	-6.1
HSCEI		6,593.92			9.1	8.7	7.7	10.4	2.0	1.9	-	0.0	3.60	1.1	1.0	11.8	11.3	-4.3	-5.7
CSI300		3,944.54			14.3	12.2	10.6	15.2	2.2	2.0	-	0.0	2.6	1.7	1.6	11.8	12.7	-4.4	-2.2
Peers																			
Social platform					18.7	18.0	13.8	19.0	2.4	2.3	5.5	5.5	2.0	3.8	2.4	10.4	7.9	+1.1	-14.3
Tencent	700 HK	333.20	408,985	976.6	15.2	20.0	16.9	1.0	5.3	4.7	4.2	0.7	0.6	3.1	3.2	24.5	17.2	-6.7	-10.9
Kuaishou	1024 HK	50.05	27,778	144.5	N/A	124.3	20.8	N/A	1.9	1.6	1.4	N/A	-	4.9	4.3	-32.2	-10.3	-3.2	-16.5
Hello -Spn Adr	MOMO US	8.52	1,609	12.0	7.9	6.2	5.7	12.4	0.3	0.3	0.3	8.5	6.4	1.0	1.1	14.0	13.0	+6.0	-1.7
Joyy Inc-Adr	YY US	28.22	2,001	17.4	17.0	15.8	12.1	19.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3	7.2	7.2	7.5	0.4	2.2	2.2	-4.2	-15.1
Match Group Inc	MTCH US	32.02	8,916	165.2	25.0	14.7	12.1	33.1	3.8	3.6	3.3	N/A	-	N/A	N/A	N/A	-77.8	-8.8	-26.6
Bumble Inc-A	BMBL US	16.75	3,288	54.5	N/A	49.3	29.3	N/A	3.9	3.3	2.79	N/A	-	1.3	1.2	-5.9	1.9	-4.8	-26.3
Spark Net-Adr	LOV US	0.92	24	0.1	N/A	1.2	N/A	N/A	0.6	0.7	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	+15.7	-3.1
Meta Platforms-A	META US	246.85	632,610	5,365.7	28.6	18.6	15.2	28.9	5.3	4.9	4.4	N/A	-	5.1	4.2	17.3	23.5	+14.4	+42.8
Mobile game					N/A	12.5	8.2	N/A	1.9	0.9	0.7	3.8	1.0	1.5	1.3	-11.0	7.6	-16.5	+6.4
Cmge Technology	302 HK	2.16	761	3.5	N/A	9.2	7.5	N/A	2.1	1.1	0.9	N/A	1.3	0.9	0.8	-3.6	9.9	-17.2	+2.9
Qingci Games Inc	6633 HK	5.80	513	0.1	74.5	N/A	N/A	N/A	3.4	1.0	0.9	2.6	N/A	2.0	N/A	2.9	22.0	-15.9	+1.4
lgg Inc	799 HK	4.25	652	6.2	N/A	N/A	6.5	N/A	0.8	0.6	0.5	N/A	-	1.9	2.2	-16.7	-6.9	-29.5	+48.1
Archosaur Game	9990 HK	4.10	420	9.1	N/A	15.8	10.7	N/A	2.4	0.8	0.7	N/A	1.6	1.1	1.0	-26.7	5.3	-22.6	-19.8
Zengame Technolo	2660 HK	3.06	403	1.2	4.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.9	N/A	N/A	4.9	N/A	1.6	N/A	45.5	N/A	+2.7	-0.6

Sources: Bloomberg, OP research

\* Outliners and "N/A" entries are in excl. from the calculation of averages

# **Financial Summary**

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Year to Dec	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Income Statement (RMB m					
Social networking	658	2,062	2,557	2,800	3,080
Innovative business	524	297	242	400	500
Turnover	1,182	2,360	2,800	3,200	3,580
YoY%	+203.2	+99.7	+18.6	+14.3	+11.9
COGS	-429	-1,356	-1,742	-1,858	-2,040
Gross profit	752	1,003	1,058	1,342	1,540
Gross margin	63.7%	42.5%	37.8%	41.9%	43.0%
Other income	-23	-28	19	41.5 <i>7</i> 0	40.070 0
Selling & distribution	-484	-505	-484	-592	-644
Admin	-404	-730	-404	-128	-136
R&D	-59	-131	-212	-224	-243
Other opex	0	0	0	0	240
Total opex	-597	-1,366	-808	-944	-1,024
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Operating profit (EBIT)	11.2%	-16.5%	<b>269</b> 9.6%	12.4%	14.4%
Operating margin					
Provisions	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Income	2	2	1	1	1
Finance costs	-4	-6	-2	-2	-2
Profit after financing costs	130	-394	269	397	515
Associated companies & JVs	-0	-0	19	19	19
Pre-tax profit	130	-394	287	416	534
Tax	-16	7	0	-62	-80
Minority interests	-75	101	-157	-165	-173
Net profit	40	-286	130	189	280
YoY%	-42.0	N/A	N/A	+44.9	+48.7
Adjusted profit <sup>2</sup> to					
shareholders	110	150	153	238	336
YoY%	+60.5	+36.6	+2.1	+55.7	+41.0
Adjusted net margin	9.3%	6.4%	5.5%	7.5%	9.4%
EBITDA	158	-339	314	435	547
EBITDA margin	13.3%	-14.4%	11.2%	13.6%	15.3%
Adjusted EPS(HK\$)	0.135	0.165	0.146	0.224	0.315
YoY%	+64.7	+22.2	-11.5 <b>0.00</b>	+53.0	+41.0
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Year to Dec	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Ratios					
Gross margin (%)	63.7	42.5	37.8	41.9	43.0
Operating margin (%)	11.2	-16.5	9.6	12.4	14.4
Net margin (%)	3.4	-12.1	4.7	5.9	7.8
Selling & dist'n exp/Sales (%)	40.9	21.4	17.3	18.5	18.0
Admin exp/Sales (%)	4.7	30.9	4.0	4.0	3.8
Payout ratio (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effective tax (%)	-12.2	-1.7	0.0	-15.0	-15.0
Total debt/equity (%)	1.9	1.8	1.5	1.2	0.9
Net debt/equity (%)				Net cash	
Current ratio (x)	1.9	1.5	2.8	3.9	5.2
Quick ratio (x)	1.9	1.5	2.8	3.9	5.2
Inventory T/O (days)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
AR T/O (days)	45	23	21	19	18
AP T/O (days)	133	61	40	38	35
Cash conversion cycle (days)	-88	-38	-18	-19	-17
Asset turnover (x)	1.2	1.6	1.7	1.7	1.6
Financial leverage (x)	1.4	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.3
EBIT margin (%)	11.2	-16.5	9.6	12.4	14.4
Interest burden (x)	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0
Tax burden (x)	0.3	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5
Return on equity (%)	5.6	-35.2	12.5	13.6	15.9
Year to Dec	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Balance Sheet (RMB mn)	_				
Fixed assets	7	16	122	18	19
Intangible assets	267	226	186	152	125
Goodwill	197	197	197	197	197
Financial assets	9	30	214	214	214
Other non-current assets	25	27	24	23	23
Non-current assets	505	496	744	605	578
Inventories	0	0	0	0	0
AR	144	147	165	167	177
Contracted assets	0	0	0	0	0
Prepayments & deposits	6	82	57	65	73
Other current assets	181	173	158	158	158
Cash	431	725	597	1,028	1,519
Current assets	763	1,126	977	1,418	1,927
AP	156	226	190	193	1,927
Tax	130	220	5	5	5
	235	479	110	117	129
Accruals & other payables Bank loans	235	479	0	0	129
Leases & other debts	18	22	44	44	44
	0	22	44		
Other current liabilities	409	727	349	0 359	<u>0</u> 373
Current liabilities					
Bank loans & leases	0	0	0	0	0
CB & other debts	0	3	86	86	86
Deferred tax & others	72	52	47	47	47
Non-current liabilities	72	55	133	133	133
Total net assets	787	840	1,238	1,530	1,999
Shareholder's equity	536	477	708	835	1,130
Share capital	1 526	1	1	1	1 1 2 0
Reserves	536	476	707	834	1,129
	251	363	530	695	869
BVPS (HK\$)	0.66	0.53	0.69	0.80	1.08



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