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# 361 Degrees (1361 HK)

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# Company update

# BUY

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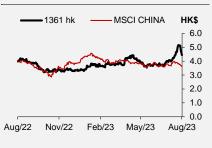
Close price: HK\$4.44
Target Price: HK\$6.00(+35.1%)
Prior TP: HK\$5.80

**Key Data** 

HKEx code		1361 HK
12 Months High	(HK\$)	5.30
12 Month Low	(HK\$)	3.04
3M Avg Dail Vol.	(mn)	2.50
Issue Share	(mn)	2,067.68
Market Cap	(HK\$mn)	9,180.51
Fiscal Year		12/2022
Major shareholder	(s)	Ding's Family (48.99%)

Source: Company data, Bloomberg, OP Research Closing price are as of 17 Aug 2023

### **Price Chart**



	1mth	3mth	6mth
Absolute %	+12.7	+13.8	+22.0
Rel. MSCI CHINA %	+14.8	+17.4	+34.1

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## Company Profile

361 Degrees International designs, develops, manufactures, markets and distributes sportswear products, including athletic footwear, apparel and accessories.

# 1H23 net profit rose 27.7%, resumes dividend payout

- 1H23 net profit rose 27.7% yoy to RMB703.6mn. Meanwhile, revenue rose 18.0% yoy to RMB 4.31bn.
- 361 Degrees restarted dividends since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic. Interim DPS was HK\$0.065, representing dividend payout ratio of 17.6%.
- Maintain BUY and lift TP to HK\$6.00, representing a PER of 12.0x in FY23E.

**1H23 net profit rose 27.7% yoy.** The robust growth in net profit was mainly driven by (1) the strong sales growth, (2) a jump in government grant (+4.4x yoy to RMB107mn), (3) a reversal of expected credit losses allowance on trade receivable of RMB40mn as compared to a provision of credit losses allowance of RMB15.3mn in 1H22, and (4) a stringent control of staff costs (+0.4% yoy to RMB306mn). We are impressed by the strong growth in footwear. The segment reported a 28.4% increase in sales. In particular, sales of running shoes and basketball shoes grew by 40%/20% yoy. This is partly driven by its collaboration with professional athletes and basketball stars, and the enhancement of professional sporting functionality in its products.

**Kids' wear and e-commerce shine.** For Kids' wear, the segment's revenue rose 33.4% on the back of double digit growth in both the sales volume and the average wholesale selling price. In addition to the integration of professional functionality and health technology in kids' wear, it adds trendy elements through co-branded IP collaboration. Meanwhile, 361° Kids continues to expand the offline sales network (+160 in 1H23 to 2,448). For e-commerce, it reported a 38.0% yoy growth in sales of web exclusive products. Of which the company reported a 43% yoy increase in cumulative sales during the "618" Shopping Festival.

**Restart paying dividends.** 361 Degrees declared an interim DPS of HK\$0.065 in 1H23, the first time since the outbreak of the Covid pandemic. 361 Degrees explained the adoption of a conservative dividend policy due to uncertain retail market sentiment and to reserve cash for potential M&A. It promises a gradual increase in the dividend payout ratio in the future.

**Promising outlook.** 361 Degrees said retail sales in Jul and Aug posed double-digit growth, which is similar to that in Q1 and Q2. We think 361 Degrees can deliver the revenue growth guidance of 15-20% this year on the back of continuous effort in product upgrades and brand building. The company explores business opportunities in more segments, such as women's fitness.

**Maintain BUY and lift TP to HK\$6.00.** This is based on the 12.0x FY23E PER. We slightly tune up our EPS estimate on 361 Degrees by 2.8%/0.3% for FY23E/24E. We think the market has overreacted to a stingy dividend payout in 1H23. The strong retail performance in recent quarters is believed to narrow the price discount toward leading domestic sportswear peers.

Risks: (1) Weakening retail market, (2) brand damage.

Year to Dec (RMB mn)	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Revenue	5,127	5,933	6,961	8,248	9,572
Growth (%)	-9.0	+15.7	+17.3	+18.5	+16.0
Net profit	415	602	747	954	1,107
Growth (%)	-3.9	+44.8	+24.2	+27.7	+16.0
Diluted EPS (HK\$)	0.241	0.355	0.416	0.498	0.573
EPS growth (%)	-3.9	+47.2	+17.0	+19.9	+14.9
Change to previous EPS (%)				+2.8	+0.3
Consensus EPS (HK\$)				0.472	0.560
ROE (%)	5.8	7.5	8.3	9.7	10.2
P/E (x)	18.4	12.5	10.7	8.9	7.8
P/B (x)	1.2	1.1	1.0	1.0	0.9
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.2	3.2
DPS (HK\$)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.143

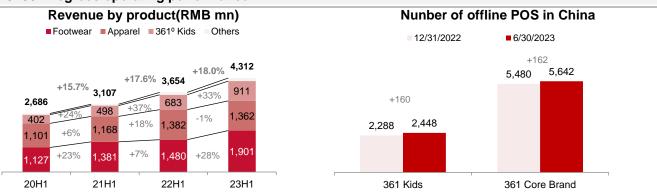
Source: Bloomberg, OP Research



Exhibit 2: 1H23 results review				
	1H23	1H22	Change	Remark
Profitability Data (in RMB mn)			(%)	
Revenue	4,312	3,654	+18.0%	The growth was mainly driven by footwear (+28.4% yoy) and kids wear(+33.4% yoy).
Gross profit	1,796	1,516	+18.5%	
Operating profit	993	772	+28.6%	This is mainly driven by a jump in government grant (+4.4x yoy to RMB107mn) and a reversal of expected credit losses allowance or trade receivable of RMB40mn as compared to a provision of credi losses allowance of RMB15.3mn in 1H22
Profit attributable to shareholders	704	551	+27.7%	
EPS(Basic)	0.340	0.267	+27.3%	
Profitability Ratios (%)				
GPM	41.7%	41.5%	+0.2 p.p	The improvement was mainly thanks to: (1) the higher sales mix of footwear which has a higher GPM (43.5%), and (2) the GPM of kids wear improved 1.7p.p. to 42.4%. This offset a decline in GPM (1.4p.p. to 40.1%) for apparel.
Operating profit margin	23.0%	21.1%	+1.9 p.p	
NPM	16.3%	15.1%	+1.2 p.p	
Effective income tax rate	22.1%	21.3%	+0.8 p.p	
ROE	8.4%	7.4%	+1.0 p.p	
Operating ratio (% to revenue)				
Advertising and promotional expenses	8.8%	9.2%	-0.4 p.p	
Staff costs	7.1%	8.3%	-1.2p.p	
R&D	3.2%	3.1%	+0.1 p.p	

Sources: The Company, OP Research

## Exhibit 3: 361 Degrees operating performance



Sources: The Company, OP Research

Exhibit 4: Retail sales performance for 361° Core Brand, 361° Kids, and 361° E-commerce products from 2021

	1Q21	2Q21	3Q21	4Q21	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23
361° Core Brand	+ High- teens	+ 15-20%	+ Low- teens	+ High- teens	+ High- teens	+ Low- teens	+ Mid- teens	Flat	+ Low- teens	+ Low- teens
361º Kids	+Low- twenties	+ 30-35%	+15-20%	+25-30%	+20-25%	+20-25%	+20-25%	+LSD	+20-25%	+20-25%
361º E-commerce	(Not disclos	sed)		+35-40%	+50%	+40%	+45%	+25%	+35%	+30%

Sources: Company, OP Research

## Exhibit 5: Retail sales performance of 361° and its peers

Brand	Indicator	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23
361° Core Brand	Retail sales	+ High-teens	+ Low-teens	+ Mid-teens	Flat	+ Low-teens	+ Low-teens
Anta	Retail sales	+ High-teens	-MSD	+MSD	- HSD	+MSD	+HSD
Liling	Retail sell-through (Overall POS)	+High-twenties	- HSD	+ Mid-teens	- Low-teens	+MSD	+ Mid-teens
Xtep	Retail sell-through	+30-35%	+Mid-teens	+20-25%	-HSD	+20%	+High-teens
Nike	Net sales- Greater China (Local currency)	-8%	-20%	-13%	+6%	+1%	+25%
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Adidas	Net sales- Greater China (Local currency)	-34.6%	-35.1%	-26.6%	-49.7%	-9.4%	+16.4%

Sources: Companies, OP Research



		FY23E			FY24E		
(RMB mn)	New	Old	% Chg	New	Old	% Chg	<b>OP Comments</b>
Revenue	8,248	8,022	+2.8	9,572	8,992	+6.5	
Gross margin	41.0%	41.0%	0.0p.p.	41.5%	41.5%	0.0 p.p.	
Net Profit	954	904	+5.5	1,107	1,072	+3.3	
Diluted EPS (HK\$)	0.498	0.485	+2.8	0.573	0.571	+0.3	

Source: OP Research

<b>Exhibit</b>	7. Peer	Group	Comparison
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Company	Ticker	Price		3-mth avg t/o (US\$m)	PER Hist (x)	PER FY1 (x)	PER FY2 (x)	3-Yr EPS Cagr (%)	PEG (x)			P/B		ROE Hist (%)	ROE FY1 (%)	Sh px 1-mth %	Sh px 3-mth
361 Degrees	1361 HK	4.44	1,173	1.4	10.7	8.9	7.8	16.7	0.5	0.0	2.2	1.0	1.0	8.3	9.7	+12.7	+13.8
HSI		18,326.63			9.2	9.2	8.4	6.0	1.5	3.8	3.88	1.0	1.0	10.8	11.0	-5.6	-6.3
HSCEI		6,292.33			8.2	8.5	7.6	6.3	1.3	3.6	3.65	0.9	1.0	11.2	11.4	-4.1	-5.2
CSI300		3,831.10			13.6	12.2	10.5	0.0	0.0	2.6	2.6	1.6	1.5	11.9	12.5	-0.9	-3.3
Adjusted sector a	avg*				21.5	15.0	12.3	20.0	0.8	3.0	3.1	2.8	2.7	12.1	14.4	+0.2	-9.9
Xtep Intl	1368 HK	8.10	2,730	6.8	20.7	17.4	14.0	21.5	0.8	2.5	2.9	2.4	2.4	11.4	12.8	+2.9	-6.9
Anta Sports Prod	2020 HK	81.20	29,383	67.8	26.9	22.2	18.5	19.7	1.1	1.7	2.0	6.0	5.3	24.0	23.7	-3.9	-6.6
Li Ning Co Ltd	2331 HK	40.75	13,723	102.5	24.5	22.3	18.5	16.2	1.4	1.2	1.7	3.6	3.9	16.8	17.2	-3.7	-16.1
Pou Sheng Intl	3813 HK	0.67	456	0.6	36.4	6.7	4.5	116.3	0.1	N/A	3.7	0.4	0.4	1.1	6.0	+8.1	-11.8
China Dongxiang	3818 HK	0.29	218	0.1	13.8	5.4	4.5	N/A	N/A	4.5	14.8	0.2	0.2	1.2	2.8	-4.9	-7.9
Topsports Intl	6110 HK	6.85	5,427	6.9	21.6	16.1	13.5	22.6	0.7	5.2	5.5	4.0	3.8	18.0	23.9	+2.8	4.8

Sources: Bloomberg, OP Research



# **Financial Summary**

Year to Dec	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Income Statement (RMB mn)					
Footwear	2,081	2,532	2,854	3,567	4,102
Apparel	2,002	2,147	2,447	2,570	2,878
Accessories	53	69	96	115	126
361 Kids	932	1,107	1,442	1,875	2,344
Others	59	79	122	122	122
Turnover	5,127	5,933	6,961	8,248	9,572
YoY%	-9.0	+15.7	+17.3	+18.5	+16.0
COGS	-3,185	-3,461	-4,140	-4,865	-5,599
Gross profit	1,942	2,472	2,821	3,384	3,973
Gross margin	37.9%	41.7%	40.5%	41.0%	41.5%
Other income	226	227	145	232	172
Selling & distribution	-964	-1,140	-1,433	-1,634	-1,844
Admin	-237	-312	-276	-313	-345
R&D	-205	-247	-266	-313	-364
Other opex	0	0	0	0	0
Total opex	-1,405	-1,698	-1,975	-2,260	-2,553
Operating profit (EBIT)	763	1,001	991	1,356	1,592
Operating margin	14.9%	16.9%	14.2%	16.4%	16.6%
Provisions	0	0	0	0	0
Interest Income	106	81	83	94	104
Finance costs	-167	-37	-9	-9	-9
Profit after financing costs	702	1,045	1,065	1,441	1,687
Associated companies & JVs	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	702	1,045	1,065	1,441	1,687
Tax	-206	-303	-248	-360	-422
Minority interests	-80	-141	-70	-127	-158
Net profit	415	602	747	954	1,107
YoY%	-3.9	+44.8	+24.2	+27.7	+16.0
Net margin	8.1%	10.1%	10.7%	11.6%	11.6%
EBITDA	857	1,074	1,072	1,430	1,656
EBITDA margin	16.7%	18.1%	15.4%	17.3%	17.3%
EPS (HK\$)	0.241	0.355	0.416	0.498	0.573
YoY%	-3.9	+47.2	+17.0	+19.9	+14.9
DPS (HK\$)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.100	0.143
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Year to Dec	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Cash Flow (RMB mn)					
EBITDA	857	1,074	1,060	1,430	1,656
Chg in working cap	-511	-471	-620	-295	-554
Others	-51	68	226	0	
Operating cash	295				()
Interest received		671			
Tax		<b>671</b>	666	1,134	1,102
TUX	0	0	<b>666</b> 0	<b>1,134</b> 0	<b>1,102</b> 0
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Year to Dec	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Ratios					
Gross margin (%)	37.9	41.7	40.5	41.0	41.5
Operating margin (%)	14.9	16.9	14.2	16.4	16.6
Net margin (%)	8.1	10.1	10.7	11.6	11.6
Selling & dist'n exp/Sales (%)	18.8	19.2	20.6	19.8	19.3
Admin exp/Sales (%)	4.6	5.2	4.0	3.8	3.6
R&D/Rev (%)	3.5	4.2	3.8	3.8	3.8
A&P/Rev (%)	9.6	10.2	11.4	11.0	11.0
Staff cost/Rev (%)	9.6	8.5	7.5	6.7	6.0
Payout ratio (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.0	25.0
Effective tax (%)	29.4	29.0	23.3	25.0	25.0
Total debt/equity (%)	25.6	2.4	3.1	2.8	2.6
Net debt/equity (%)	Net cash				
Current ratio (x)	2.6	3.8	3.9	4.0	3.9
Quick ratio (x)	2.4	3.4	3.5	3.6	3.5
Inventory T/O (days)	111	87	91	91	91
AR T/O (days)	159	149	147	147	147
AP T/O (days)	233	203	195	195	195
Cash conversion cycle (days)	37	34	44.1	44.1	44.1
Asset turnover (x)	0.4	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.7
Financial leverage (x)	1.7	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3
EBIT margin (%)	14.9	16.9	14.2	16.4	16.6
Interest burden (x)	0.9	1.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Tax burden (x)	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7
Return on equity (%)	5.8	7.5	8.3	9.7	10.2

Year to Dec	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23E	FY24E
Balance Sheet (RMB mn)					
Fixed assets	883	823	773	719	678
Right-of-use assets	110	105	102	102	102
Other financial asset	18	27	33	33	33
Deposits and prepayments	89	102	93	93	93
Other non-current assets	82	98	151	151	151
Non-current assets	1,181	1,155	1,152	1,098	1,057
Inventories	763	891	1,182	1,218	1,402
AR	2,257	2,600	3,024	3,332	3,867
Prepayments & deposits	906	1,201	1,193	1,413	1,640
Other current assets	0	0	0	0	0
Deposits/restricted cash	3,063	2,052	2,024	2,024	2,024
Cash	3,451	3,339	3,860	4,483	5,066
Current assets	10,440	10,083	11,284	12,470	13,999
AP	1,756	2,092	2,327	2,596	2,988
Tax	346	368	386	360	422
Accruals & other payables	0	0	0	0	0
Bank loans & leases	1,939	208	193	193	193
CB & other debts	0	0	0	0	0
Other current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Current liabilities	4,041	2,668	2,906	3,149	3,602
Bank loans & leases	0	0	100	100	100
CB & other debts	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax & others	14	14	13	13	13
Non-current liabilities	14	14	113	113	113
Total net assets	7,566	8,556	9,418	10,307	11,341
Shareholder's equity	6,609	7,117	7,944	8,706	9,582
Share capital	182	182	182	182	182
Reserves	6,427	6,934	7,761	8,524	9,400
MI	957	1,439	1,474	1,601	1,759
BVPS (HK\$)	3.84	4.20	4.42	4.55	4.96

Source: Company, OP Research

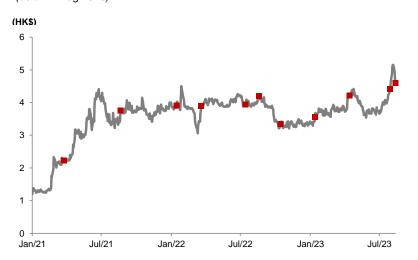


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04/08/2023	Xinyi Energy	3868	1H23 net profit in-line, dividend payout ratio cut to 49%	HOLD	John Siah
04/08/2023	Greentown Mgmt	9979	Impressive results in 1H23 backed by strong contracts growth	BUY	John Siah
31/07/2023	Edvantage Group	382	9M22/23 operating results in-line with expectation	BUY	John Siah
03/07/2023	China Water Affairs	855	FY22/23 earnings slightly declined, pipeline direct drinking water shines	BUY	John Siah
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# Historical recommendations and target price: 361 Degrees (1361 HK)

(as of 17 Aug 2023)



	Date	Rating	TP	Close		Date	Rating	TP	Close
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2	20 Aug 2019	BUY	2.54	1.44	12	25 Mar 2022	BUY	5.25	3.89
3	17 Oct 2019	BUY	2.37	1.81	13	20 Jul 2022	BUY	5.25	3.94
4	16 Jan 2020	BUY	2.37	1.37	14	26 Aug 2022	BUY	5.25	4.14
5	21 Feb 2020	BUY	2.37	1.41	15	20 Oct 2022	BUY	4.60	3.34
6	18 Mar 2020	BUY	2.10	1.18	16	18 Jan 2023	BUY	4.60	3.43
7	21 Apr 2020	BUY	1.80	1.15	17	19 Apr 2023	BUY	5.00	4.22
8	21 Jul 2020	BUY	1.57	1.22	18	4 Aug 2023	BUY	5.80	4.46
9	29 Mar 2021	BUY	2.85	2.18	19	18 Aug 2023	BUY	6.00	4.44
10	25 Aug 2021	BUY	4.35	3.75					



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