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Company Update

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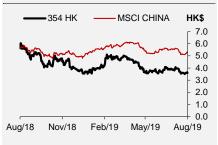
Close price: HK\$3.60
Target Price: HK\$5.50 (+53%)
Prior TP: HK\$6.14

Key Data

HKEx code			354
12 Months High	(HK\$)		6.33
12 Month Low	(HK\$)		3.37
3M Avg Dail Vol.	(mn)		12.71
Issue Share	(mn)		2,544.31
Market Cap	(HK\$mn)		9,159.51
Fiscal Year			12/2018
Major shareholder	(s)	Dr. Chen	Yu Hong (10.89%)

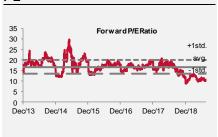
Source: Company data, Bloomberg, OP Research Closing price are as of 20/08/2019

Price Chart



	1mth	3mth	6mth
Absolute %	-7.2	-4.5	-18.6
Rel. MSCI CHINA %	-2.7	-4.0	-12.2

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Company Profile

ChinaSoft is a global leading IT outsourcing and solution service company

ChinaSoft Int'l (354 HK)

1H19 results in line with expectations

- CSI reported 1H19 revenue/adjusted net earnings up 15.0%/1.1% yoy to RMB5,538mn/RMB363mn respectively, in line with our expectations.
- We tune down our FY19/20E core earnings estimate by 5.4%/3.6% to RMB742mn/RMB918mn.
- Maintain BUY with TP revised down to HK\$5.50 from HK\$6.14 based on rolled forward FY20E 16x P/E (previously 20x FY19E PE).

1H19 results in line with expectations. Chinasoft (CSI) reported 1H19 results with revenue up 15.0% yoy to RMB5,538mn, of which service revenue from TPG/IIG segment each contributed RMB4,748mn/RMB790mn respectively, representing 17.8%/0.7% yoy increase, in line with our expectations. Emerging business continues to drive the growth, of which Huawei still maintained double digit growth in 1H19, better than mgmt guidance in March (i.e. no growth for FY19E). Besides, BAT and Ping'An each registered over 50% yoy growth in revenue. GPM dropped 0.6ppts/3.8ppts yoy/hoh to 28.3% as uncertainty in Huawei orders resulted in more staff redundancy. As a result, 1H19 earnings increased by 1.1% yoy to RMB363mn.

The mgmt reiterated the FY19E full-year guidance of double digit growth and expected NP to stay flattish yoy as GPM will still be under pressure in 2H due to lingering impact from Huawei issue, but should see relief starting from 3Q19E.

We tune down our FY19/20E core earnings estimates by 5.4%/3.6% to RMB742mn/RMB918mn. We keep our FY19/20E revenue forecasts while tune down FY19/20E GPM by 0.3ppts/0.3ppts to 29.9%/29.9% to reflect the near-term margin pressure from (1) temporary staff redundancy due to uncertain external environment, and (2) the speeded up cloud migration. Besides, we revise down FY19/20E opex by 0.5%/1.5% to RMB2,627mn/RMB2,785mn respectively to reflect slower than expected growth in total headcount. As a result, our FY19/20E diluted EPS is tuned down by 9.3%/7.6% to HK\$0.277/HK\$0.343 respectively with updated exchange rate assumptions.

Maintain BUY. We revise down TP HK\$5.50 from HK\$6.14 based on rolled forward 16x FY20x P/E (previously 20x FY19E PE). Despite the turbulence in external environment, we view CSI well-positioned in the top-down initiatives of domestic substitution in China's governmental and industrial IT procurement. Maintain BUY.

Risks: (1) slower than expected revenue growth in emerging services; (2) higher than expected staff costs; (3) concentrated customer mix.

Exhibit 1: Forecast and	l Valuation				
Year to Dec (RMB mn)	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Revenue	9,244	10,585	11,880	13,125	14,161
Growth (%)	36	15	12	10	8
Adj. Net Profit	716	769	742	918	1,035
Growth (%)	45	7	(4)	24	13
Diluted Adj EPS (HK\$)	0.328	0.332	0.277	0.343	0.387
Adj EPS growth (%)	33	1	(16)	24	13
Change to previous EPS (%)			(9.3)	(7.6)	
Consensus EPS (HK\$)			0.351	0.406	
ROE (%)	15.2	13.8	11.5	12.5	12.6
P/E (x)	11.0	10.8	13.0	10.5	9.3
P/B (x)	1.4	1.2	1.2	1.0	0.9
Yield (%)	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.8
DPS (HK\$)	0.018	0.026	0.022	0.027	0.030

Source: Bloomberg, OP Research



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Exhibit	2:	Earnings	revision
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		FY19E			FY20E		
(RMB mn)	New	Old	% Chg	New	Old	% Chg	OP Comment
Revenue	11,880	11,880	0.0	13,125	13,125	0.0	
Gross profit	3,552	3,588	(1.0)	3,929	3,964	(0.9)	
Gross margin	29.9%	30.2%	(0.3)	29.9%	30.2%	(0.3)	
Opex	(2,627)	(2,641)	(0.5)	(2,785)	(2,827)	(1.5)	Due to lower headcount growth
EBIT	987	1,009	(2.2)	1,213	1,201	1.0	
EBIT Margin	8.3%	8.5%	(0.2)	9.2%	9.1%	0.1	
Adj. Net Profit	742	784	(5.4)	918	952	(3.6)	
Diluted EPS (HK\$)	0.277	0.306	(9.3)	0.343	0.371	(7.6)	With updated exchange rate assumptions

Source: OP Research



Exhibit 3: 1H19 resul	lts review							
Results Summary								
RMB mn	1H18	2H18	1H19A	1H19E	Act./Est. (%)	FY18A	FY19E	yoy%
Revenue	4,814	5,771	5,538	5,346	3.6%	10,585	11,880	12.2%
COGS	(3,424)	(3,917)	(3,971)	(3,849)	3.2%	(7,340)	(8,328)	13.5%
Gross profit	1,390	1,855	1,567	1,497	4.7%	3,245	3,552	9.5%
Other income & gains	23	36	60	30	101.1%	58	62	6.1%
Selling exp	(233)	(263)	(266)	(230)	15.6%	(496)	(563)	13.5%
Admin exp	(680)	(411)	(833)	(802)	3.9%	(1,091)	(1,209)	10.8%
R&D	0	(739)	0	0	n.a.	(739)	(778)	5.3%
Other opex	(37)	(32)	(42)	(40)	6.2%	(68)	(77)	12.2%
Finance costs	(59)	(66)	(88)	(50)	75.8%	(125)	(170)	35.8%
Profit after financing costs	404	380	398	405	-1.7%	783	817	4.3%
Associated cos	(15)	15	(8)	(15)	-47.7%	0	0	n.a.
Provision for other items	0	(23)	0	0	n.a.	(23)	0	-100.0%
Pre-tax profit	388	372	390	390	0.0%	760	817	7.4%
Tax	(33)	(12)	(31)	(34)	-8.6%	(44)	(82)	84.5%
Minority interests	3	(3)	4	3	24.3%	(0)	(4)	899.0%
Adj. Net profit	385	384	369	359	2.8%	769	742	-3.5%
Reported Net profit	359	357	363	359	1.0%	716	732	2.2%
Key ratios					(in ppts)			(in ppts)
GPM	28.9%	32.1%	28.3%	28.0%	0.29	30.7%	29.9%	(0.76)
S&G / sales	4.8%	4.5%	4.8%	4.3%	0.50	4.7%	4.7%	0.05
Admin / sales	14.1%	7.1%	15.0%	15.0%	0.04	10.3%	10.2%	(0.13)
EIT	8.4%	3.1%	8.0%	9.0%	(1.00)	5.8%	10.0%	4.18
Adj. net margin	8.0%	6.7%	6.7%	6.5%	0.15	6.8%	6.2%	(0.60)
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Revenue	-6%	20%	-4%	-7%				
Gross profit	-14%	33%	-16%	-19%				
Adj. Net profit	-3%	0%	-4%	-9%				
% YoY								
Revenue	16%	13%	15%	11%		15%	12%	
Gross profit	22%	15%	13%	8%		18%	9%	
Adj. Net profit	21%	-4%	-4%	-9%		27%	2%	

Source: OP Research



Financial Summary

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Year to Dec	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Income Statement (RMB m	n)				
TPG	7,616	9,022	10,285	11,417	12,330
ITG	1,192	1,317	1,422	1,536	1,659
Sales of hardware	436	246	172	172	172
Turnover	9,244	10,585	11,880	13,125	14,161
YoY%	36	15	12	10	8
COGS	(6,493)	(7,340)	(8,328)	(9,196)	(9,922)
Gross profit	2,750	3,245	3,552	3,929	4,239
Gross margin	29.8%	30.7%	29.9%	29.9%	29.9%
Other income	96	58	62	69	73
Selling & distribution	(370)	(496)	(563)	(602)	(646)
Admin	(1,086)	(1,091)	(1,209)	(1,253)	(1,321)
R&D	(567)	(739)	(778)	(846)	(909)
Other opex	(82)	(68)	` . :	(85)	(92)
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Total opex	(2,105)	(2,395)	(2,627)	(2,785)	(2,968)
Operating profit (EBIT)	742	909	987	1,213	1,344
Operating margin	8.0%	8.6%	8.3%	9.2%	9.5%
Provisions	(6)	(23)	0	0	0
Finance costs	(103)	(125)	(170)	(188)	(188)
Profit after financing costs	633	760	817	1,025	1,156
Associated companies & JVs	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	633	760	817	1,025	1,156
Tax	(71)	(44)	(82)	(102)	(116)
Minority interests	4	(0)	(4)	(5)	(5)
Adj. Net profit	716	769	742	918	1,035
YoY%	45	7	(4)	24	13
Net margin	7.7%	7.3%	6.2%	7.0%	7.3%
S .	566	7.5%	732	918	1035
Reported Net profit EBITDA		_	-		
	913	1,088	1,091	1,299	1,416
EBITDA margin	9.9%	10.3%	9.2%	9.9%	10.0%
EPS (RMB)	0.273	0.277	0.241	0.298	0.337
YoY%	33	1	(13)	24	13
DPS (HK\$)	0.018	0.026	0.022	0.028	0.031
Year to Dec	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Cash Flow (RMB mn)					
EBITDA	913	1,088	1,091	1,299	1,416
Chg in working cap	(687)	(894)	(121)	(132)	(109)
Others	154	49	234	0	0
Operating cash	380	243	1,204	1,167	1,307
Tax	(48)	(82)	(125)	(82)	(102)
Net cash from operations	332	161	1,079	1,085	1,204
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Capex	(160)	(151)	(169)	(187)	(201)
Investments	(51)	(37)	(42)	(46)	(50)
Dividends received	1	1	0	0	0
Sales of assets	4	9	0	0	0
Interests received	6	12	15	22	25
Others	(34)	(2)	0 (4.22)	0	0
Investing cash	(234)	(167)	(196)	(211)	(226)
FCF	98	(6)	883	874	978
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Issue of shares	943	109	0	0	0
Buy-back	0	(76)	0	0	0
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	(25)	(37)	(44)	(48)	(59)
Net change in bank loans	(431)	984	631	0	0
Interests paid	(75)	(85)	(170)	(188)	(188)
Others	`21	(41)	Ò	Ò	` ó
Financing cash	432	853	417	(236)	(247)
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Net change in cash	530	847	1,300	638	731
Exchange rate or other Adj	(44)	14	0	0	0
Opening cash	1,299	1,785	2,646	3,947	4,585
Closing cash	1,785	2,646	3,947	4,585	5,316
CFPS (HK\$)	0.152	0.070	0.421	0.424	0.470

Year to Dec	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Ratios					
Gross margin (%)	29.8	30.7	29.9	29.9	29.9
Operating margin (%)	8.0 7.7	8.6 7.3	8.3 6.2	9.2 7.0	9.5 7.3
Adj. Net margin (%)					
Selling & dist'n exp/Sales (%)	4.0 11.8	4.7 10.3	4.7	4.6 9.5	4.6 9.3
Admin exp/Sales (%) R&D exp/Sales (%)	6.1	7.0	10.2 6.6	9.5 6.4	9.3 6.4
Payout ratio (%)	5.5	7.8	7.8	7.8	7.8
Effective tax (%)	11.3	7.8 5.8	10.0	10.0	10.0
Total debt/equity (%)	32.9	43.8	47.1	41.8	37.1
Net debt/equity (%)	Net cash	Net cash			
Current ratio (x)	2.55	2.26	2.11	2.22	2.35
Quick ratio (x)	2.54	2.25	2.10	2.20	2.33
Inventory T/O (days)	1	3	3	3	3
AR T/O (days)	78	90	90	90	90
AP T/O (days)	89	74	74	74	74
Cash conversion cycle (days)	(10)	19	19	19	19
Asset turnover (x)	1.16	1.11	1.06	1.04	1.03
Financial leverage (x)	1.69	1.71	1.74	1.72	1.66
EBIT margin (%)	8.0	8.6	8.3	9.2	9.5
Interest burden (x)	0.85	0.84	0.83	0.84	0.86
Tax burden (x)	1.13	1.01	0.91	0.90	0.90
Return on equity (%)	15.2	13.8	11.5	12.5	12.6
ROIC (%)	13.8	15.4	14.5	17.1	18.3
Year to Dec	FY17A	FY18A	FY19E	FY20E	FY21E
Balance Sheet (RMB mn)					
Fixed assets	853	838	935	1,049	1,179
Intangible assets & goodwill	1,176	1,155	1,149	1,160	1,184
Associated companies & JVs	133	144	144	144	144
Long-term investments	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-current assets	141	127	127	127	127
Non-current assets	2,303	2,264	2,355	2,480	2,635
Inventories	26	64	72	80	86
AR	1,972	2,607	2,926	3,233	3,488
Prepayments & deposits	. í	[′] 1	[′] 1	[′] 1	1
Other current assets	2,620	2,740	2,740	2,740	2,740
Cash	1,785	2,646	3,947	4,585	5,316
Current assets	6,404	8,059	9,686	#####	#####
AP	1,584	1,497	1,698	1,875	2,023
Tax	1,364	125	82	102	116
Accruals & other payables	20	45	51	56	61
Bank loans & leases	686	1,676	2,541	2,541	2,541
CB & other debts	59	216	216	216	216
Other current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Current liabilities	2,507	3,560	4,588	4,791	4,957
Bank loans & leases	0	0	0	0	0
CB & other debts	954	720	486	486	486
Deferred tax & others	16	11	11	11	11
MI	64	65	68	73	78
Non-current liabilities	1,034	796	565	570	575
Total net assets	5,166	5,967	6,888	7,758	8,734
Shareholder's equity	5,166	5,967	6,888	7,758	8,734
Share capital	110	113	113	113	113
Reserves	5,056	5,854	6,775	7,645	8,621
BVPS (HK\$)	2.58	2.90	3.25	3.66	4.12
Total debts	1,699	2,612	3,243	3,243	3,243
Net cash/(debts)	87	34	703	1,342	
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Source: Company, OP Research

Exhibit 4: Peer Group	p Comparison
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			Mkt	3-mth	PER			EPS	EPS					P/B	P/B	EV/	EV/	Net	Gross	Net				Sh px
			сар	avg t/o	Hist	PER	PER	FY1	FY2	3-Yr EPS	PEG	Div yld	Div yld	Hist	FY1	Ebitda	Ebitda	gearing	margin	margin	ROE	ROE	Sh px	3-mth
Company	Ticker	Price	(US\$m)	(US\$m)	(x)	FY1 (x)	FY2 (x)	YoY%	YoY%	Cagr (%)	(x)	Hist (%)	FY1 (%)	(x)	(x)	Hist	Cur Yr	Hist (%)	Hist (%)	Hist (%)	Hist (%)	FY1 (%) 1	-mth %	%
Chinasoft Intl	354 HK	3.60	1,168	6.1	10.7	12.8	10.3	(16.4)	23.7	5.3	2.42	0.7	0.6	1.22	1.14	8.0	7.6	Net cash	30.7	6.8	13.8	11.5	(7.2)	0.1
HSI		26,231.54			10.4	10.5	9.8	(0.6)	7.2	4.8	2.18	3.7	3.9	1.18	1.14						11.3	10.9	(8.8)	(5.6)
HSCEI		10,132.77			8.2	8.1	7.6	0.9	7.3	5.7	1.44	3.9	4.1	0.99	1.00						12.1	12.3	(7.1)	(4.7)
CSI300		3,787.73			13.9	12.1	10.6	14.8	14.3	3.3	3.60	2.3	2.5	1.76	1.63						12.7	13.5	(0.5)	4.7
Adjusted sector avg*					27.2	20.7	18.1	(53.0)	225.5	10.5	1.53	1.3	1.0	3.47	2.13	13.6	36.5	0.0	34.9	19.1	17.3	13.7	(3.6)	(3.4)
Infosys Ltd	INFO IN	792.50	48,240	85.6	22.4	20.7	18.5	(73.3)	352.0	10.1	2.06	2.7	N/A	5.99	N/A	15.8	60.5	0.0	34.8	18.6	26.6	N/A	0.9	9.7
Tata Consultancy	TCS IN	2,190.00	114,589	83.4	26.4	24.2	21.9	(73.4)	353.0	9.8	2.47	1.4	N/A	8.99	N/A	19.9	74.3	0.0	41.9	21.5	36.0	N/A	5.4	2.1
Cognizant Tech-A	CTSH US	61.86	34,165	290.5	17.1	15.6	14.4	(70.9)	308.1	9.5	1.65	1.3	0.3	3.23	2.78	9.9	38.0	0.0	39.0	13.0	19.6	21.9	(5.0)	3.1
Wipro Ltd-Adr	WIT US	3.76	22,693	7.5	N/A	16.4	15.3	N/A	354.3	N/A	N/A	0.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	11.4	N/A	0.0	29.5	15.4	17.0	N/A	(9.8)	(17.9)
Travelsky Tech-H	696 HK	15.24	5,686	8.3	17.4	15.1	13.3	14.7	13.6	14.1	1.08	2.0	2.2	2.36	2.13	11.1	9.7	0.0	N/A	31.1	14.3	14.6	(6.4)	(8.3)
Kingdee Intl Sft	268 HK	7.75	3,277	23.2	52.9	61.7	51.7	(62.1)	170.0	9.0	6.83	0.1	N/A	4.14	N/A	26.9	N/A	0.0	81.7	14.7	6.5	N/A	(0.1)	(1.8)
Neusoft Corp-A	600718 CH	11.08	1,950	15.7	123.1	31.9	25.0	285.6	27.7	78.3	0.41	N/A	0.4	1.60	1.48			0.0	29.3	1.6	1.0	4.7	(10.1)	(10.5)

^{*} Outliners and "N/A" entries are in red and excl. from the calculation of averages

Source: Bloomberg, OP Research



Our recent reports

Date	Company / Sector	Stock Code	Title	Rating	Analyst
Date	Company / Sector	Ticker	Title	Rating	Analyst
20/08/2019	Regal Intl Airport	357	Franchise revenue retreated on competition	BUY	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
19/08/2019	Ausnutria Dairy	1717	Response to short-sell allegations	BUY D	allas Cai/Megan Jin
16/08/2019	CH Display OPT	334	Downgrade on robust shipment growth at the cost of squeezed dollar margin	HOLD	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
16/08/2019	Kingdee Intl	268	1H19 results in line with previous profit warnings	SELL	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
16/08/2019	Sunny Optical	2382	Positive surprise on handset lens sets margin	BUY	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
15/08/2019	Ausnutria Dairy	1717	Inventory surge on one-off events	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin
15/08/2019	Li Ning	2331	Higher visibility for wholesale channel optimization	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin
13/08/2019	Q Tech	1478	Comeback with upbeat margin	BUY	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
13/08/2019	China Youzan	8083	Sign of net loss narrowing	BUY	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
31/07/2019	Ausnutria Dairy	1717	1H19E preview: investment thesis intact	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin
24/07/2019	Xtep Intl	1368	Upgrade on improved investor confidence	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin
23/07/2019	Anta Sports	2020	Upgrade on 1H19E profits surprise	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin
17/07/2019	361 Degrees Intl	1361	2Q19E online sales slowed on product mix shift	BUY	Megan Jin
15/07/2019	Xtep Intl	1368	2Q19E keeps up robust growth momentum	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin
12/07/2019	Anta Sports	2020	2Q19E operations on track	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin
10/07/2019	Anta Sports	2020	Clearing up Muddy Waters	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin
08/07/2019	Kingdee Intl	268	Downgrade on unexpected profit warning	SELL	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
01/07/2019	Q Tech	1478	Upgrade on better downstream demand outlook	BUY	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
25/06/2019	Li Ning	2331	Upgrade on surprise in revenue growth	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin
24/06/2019	361 Degrees Intl	1361	Rebranding starts from building basketball half-courts	BUY	Megan Jin
21/06/2019	Q Tech	1478	Kunshan reverse road show takeaways	SELL	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
19/06/2019	Sunny Optical	2382	Conference call takeaways	BUY	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
18/06/2019	TCL Electronics	1070	Overseas shipments keep steam	BUY	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
12/06/2019	Sunny Optical	2382	May shipments on track	BUY	Yuji Fung/Dallas Cai
11/06/2019	361 Degrees Intl	1361	President ups stakes in light of rebranding strategy	BUY	Megan Jin
11/06/2019	Ausnutria Dairy	1717	Penetrating into probiotics business	BUY	Dallas Cai/Megan Jin

Historical recommendations and target price: Chinasoft Intl (354 HK)

(as of 20/08/2019)



	DATE	RATING	TP	CLOSE		DATE	RATING	TP	CLOSE
1	20 Aug 2013	HOLD	1.9	2.19	9	28 Jun 2017	BUY	6.20	4.15
2	28 Mar 2014	HOLD	2.70	2.46	10	28 Aug 2017	BUY	6.30	4.07
3	02 Sep 2014	HOLD	3.40	2.87	11	07 Dec 2017	BUY	7.50	4.65
4	20 Aug 2015	BUY	3.30	2.85	12	28 Mar 2018	BUY	8.80	6.93
5	24 Mar 2016	HOLD	3.04	2.79	13	26 Apr 2018	BUY	8.80	5.57
6	04 Aug 2016	HOLD	4.50	3.36	14	23 Aug 2018	BUY	8.50	5.87
7	24 Aug 2016	BUY	5.80	3.57	15	08 Jan 2019	BUY	6.23	3.55
8	29 Mar 2017	BUY	6.67	4.36	16	22 Mar 2019	BUY	6.14	4.68



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