



Key Indices

	Prev Close	1D %	1W %	1M %	YTD %
DJIA	53459.8	(0.5)	(1.0)	2.5	11.2
S&P 500	7745.1	(0.5)	(0.1)	3.9	13.1
FTSE 100	10720.3	(0.3)	(1.3)	1.1	7.9
AS30	9279.0	(0.4)	(1.5)	3.3	2.9
CSI 300	4741.1	1.6	0.8	4.7	2.4
FSSTI	5768.5	0.4	1.2	4.7	24.2
HSCEI	8440.0	1.2	(2.1)	3.7	(5.3)
HSI	25453.2	1.3	(1.9)	3.6	(0.7)
JCI	6401.9	1.6	(0.1)	3.7	(26.0)
KLCI	1725.9	(0.1)	(0.5)	(0.3)	2.7
KOSPI	6977.9	2.4	11.5	2.3	65.6
Nikkei 225	69220.3	0.7	5.5	7.9	37.5
SET	1626.4	1.1	0.9	(0.8)	29.1
TWSE	45857.3	0.1	2.1	7.5	58.3
BDI	2878	0.5	(6.6)	4.6	53.3
CPO (RM/mt)	4525	0.1	0.3	0.5	15.0
Brent Crude (US\$/bbl)	91	2.7	3.6	3.1	49.3

Source: Bloomberg

Corporate Events

	Venue	Begin	Close
Virtual Meeting on Indonesia Economic Outlook by Mr. Enrico Tanuwidjaja	Indonesia	19 Aug	19 Aug
Analyst Marketing by Julia Pan on Greater China Internet Sector	Singapore	07 Sep	08 Sep
Analyst Marketing by Julia Pan on Greater China Internet Sector	Malaysia	09 Sep	11 Sep

Corporate and Macro Calendar

Economic Indicator/Event	Country/Region	Date
Jul Unemployment Rate 3Mths	Hong Kong	20 Aug
Jul CPI Composite	Hong Kong	20 Aug
Jul Trade Balance, Exports, Imports	Hong Kong	25 Aug
Jul Industrial Profits	China	27 Aug
Aug PMI (Composite, Manufacturing, Non-manufacturing)	China	31 Aug
Jul Retail Sales (Value, Volume)	Hong Kong	31 Aug
Jul Money Supply (M1, M2, M3)	Hong Kong	31 Aug

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- NBS data showed Jul 26 property investment declined 28.7% yoy, while Tier 1 new-home price momentum faded. High frequency data for 1-16 Aug 26 saw demand concentrated in Tier 1 cities, with new-home sales up 16% yoy against Tier 2's 11% drop. Beijing lagged the other Tier 1 cities in both sales and prices. Weak consumption is also weighing on the sentiment of Consumer C-REITs, which currently has an average yield of 4.3%. Maintain UNDERWEIGHT on China's property sector.

Company Results | Cowell E Holdings Inc (1415 HK/BUY/HK\$22.96/Target: HK\$48.00)

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- Cowell's 1H26 results delivered a strong bottom line performance, driven by better-than-expected margins. Revenue stood at US\$1.6b with GPM, OPM and NPM coming in at 11.2%, 6.8% and 5.6% respectively, driving net profit to US\$90b which is 37.6% above consensus estimates. Maintain BUY; target price: HK\$48.00.

Company Results | Geely Auto (175 HK/BUY/HK\$18.67/Target: HK\$29.00)

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- Geely's 2Q26 adjusted net profit of Rmb5.12b (+61% yoy) beat consensus estimates by 4%, driven by ASP and margin expansion. Gross margin expanded 1.6ppt to 17.9% in 1H26, with overseas margins commanding a 10ppt premium over domestic. We raise our 2026-28 net profit forecasts by 5%/7%/9% to Rmb19.89b/Rmb27.265b/Rmb35.09b on higher ASP and margins. Maintain BUY and raise target price to HK\$29.00 target (10x 2026F PE).

Technical Analysis

Trip.com Group 9961 HK		Page 14 →
• Support levels: HK\$342.60/HK\$334.00 • Resistance levels: HK\$390.00/HK\$415.80		
Innovent Biologics 1801 HK		Page 14 →
• Support levels: HK\$92.20/HK\$89.55 • Resistance levels: HK\$105.00/HK\$109.00		

Economics

Economic Activity

Weak July Data; Investment Drop Broadens Beyond Property

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- Retail sales growth slowed to 0.6% yoy, down from June's 1.0% yoy and missing consensus forecasts of 1.5% yoy. The unemployment rate edged up to 5.2% (+0.2ppt mom).
- July's data was weak across all major indicators, with the investment contraction broadening beyond property.

What's New

Economic Activity Data (Monthly)

(yoy % chg)	Jul 26	Consensus	Jun 26
FAI YTD	-6.7	-6.2	-5.7
FAI*	-12.7	-	-13.7
Property FAI YTD	-19.2	-18.9	-18.0
Industrial Production	4.5	5.0	5.3
Surveyed Unemployment Rate (%)	5.2	5.1	5.0
Retail Sales	0.6	1.5	1.0

* UOB Kay Hian estimates

Source: NBS, CEIC, UOB Kay Hian

- Industrial production growth slowed to 4.5% yoy in July (-0.8ppt mom)**, below Bloomberg's consensus estimate of 5.0% yoy. In July, 25 of 41 major industries maintained yoy growth in output value (vs 29 in June), with manufacturing IP slowing slightly to 5.5% yoy despite high-tech manufacturing industry IP growth held up at 16.9% yoy (vs 13.8% ytd in June). The gains again came from a narrow set of new quality productive forces: Computer, communication and other electronic equipment (+19.1% yoy), railway and shipbuilding (+13.6% yoy), special equipment (+12.6% yoy) and general equipment (+9.5% yoy) led, while electrical machinery slowed to +5.3% yoy. On the other hand, mining output contracted 4.2% yoy after a 2.2% decline in June.
- July's retail sales growth slowed to 0.6% yoy**, down from June's 1.0% yoy and below Bloomberg's consensus estimate of 1.5% yoy. By consumption type, catering revenue grew 1.4% yoy (+0.2ppt mom) while retail sales of goods rose only 0.5% yoy (-0.4ppt mom). Policy-supported durable-goods categories remained the key drag, with automobiles down 17.0% yoy, building and decoration materials down 14.2% yoy, furniture down 8.8% yoy and petroleum products down 7.6% yoy; communication equipment (+20.4% yoy), cosmetics (+6.8% yoy), tobacco and alcohol (+6.0% yoy) and food (+5.3% yoy) were the main positives. June's rebound therefore appears to be temporary rather than the start of a sustained recovery.
- FAI ytd growth fell further to -6.7% yoy in July (-1.0ppt mom)**, below Bloomberg's consensus estimate of -6.2% yoy. Property FAI ytd deepened to -19.2% yoy (-1.2ppt mom), missing consensus estimates of -18.9% yoy and hitting fresh multi-year lows. Notably, the weakness has broadened beyond property: infrastructure and manufacturing FAI ytd contracted 3.6% yoy and 1.7% yoy respectively, respectively, deteriorating by 1.2ppt and 0.5ppt from June.

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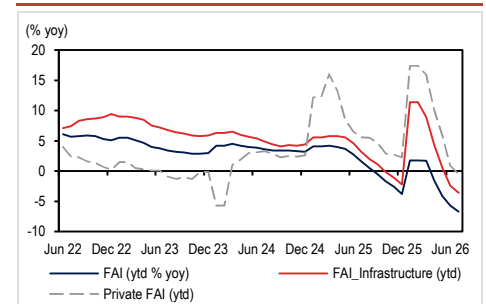
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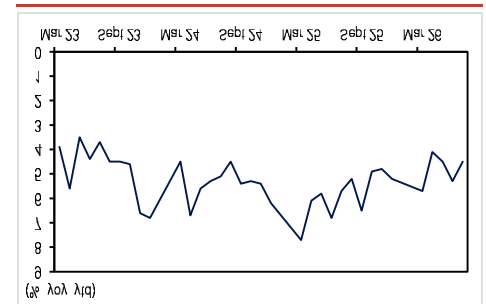
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Fixed Asset Investment Growth



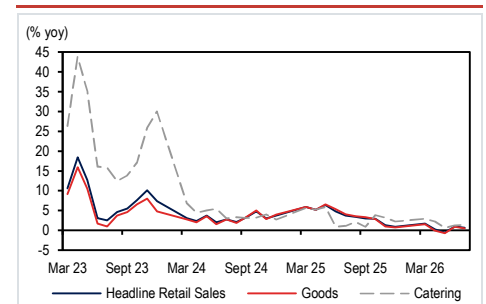
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Industrial Production Growth



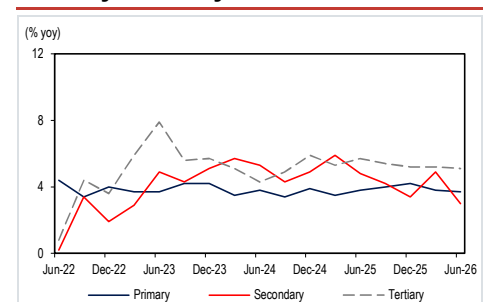
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Retail Sales By Merchandise



Source: NBS, CEIC, UOB Kay Hian

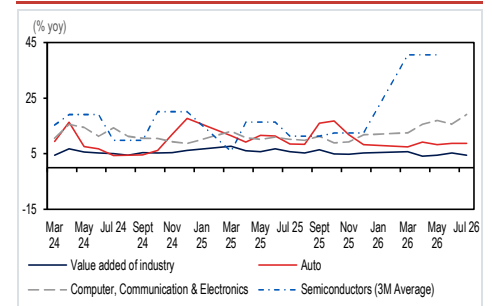
GDP By Industry



Source: NBS, CEIC, UOB Kay Hian

- The surveyed unemployment rate edged up to 5.2% in July (+0.2ppt mom), above Bloomberg's consensus of 5.1%. Overall, July's activity data was weak across all major indicators.

Industrial Production By Sector



Source: NBS, CEIC, UOB Kay Hian

China Property

Deeper Declines In Property Investment And New Construction In Jul 26; Weak Consumption Weighs On Consumer C-REITs

Highlights

- The NBS published industry data for Jul 26, revealing weaker industry fundamentals, especially property investment. Tier 1 existing home prices kept rising, though at a slower pace.
- High frequency data for the first 16 days of Aug 26 showed demand still concentrated in Tier 1 cities. New-home sales in the four Tier 1 cities rose 16% yoy while Tier 2 cities fell 11%, leaving 19 major cities down 5% yoy. On a ytd basis (as of 16 August), Tier 1/2 cities changed by +3%/-8% yoy respectively. Second-hand transactions in three Tier 1 cities rose 9% yoy, with the gain still driven by Shanghai, while nine Tier 2 cities fell 4% yoy. Meanwhile, second-hand home listing prices continued to trend downward.
- Maintain UNDERWEIGHT. Our top picks are COLI and CR Mixc.

Analysis

- Jul 26 NBS data: Property investment and starts worsen; sales decline moderates.** Property investment dropped 28.7% yoy in Jul 26, further worsening from Jun 26's decline of 26.0% yoy. New property construction declined 28.5% yoy in Jul 26, worsening from the drop of 26.0% yoy in Jun 26, while the decline in property completions narrowed to 20.0% yoy from 25.0% yoy. While the yoy decline in new home sales narrowed in Jul 26, with gross floor area (GFA) sold dipping 14.5% yoy in Jul 26 (vs a drop of 16.3% yoy in Jun 26) and the value of new-home sales falling 10.4% yoy in Jul 26 (vs a decrease of 15.5% yoy in Jun 26).

NBS Property Industry Data

YoY growth (%)	----- Monthly reading -----				----- YTD -----			
	Jul 26	Jun 26	May 26	Apr 26	7M26	6M26	5M26	4M26
Property investment	-28.7	-26.0	-24.9	-20.1	-19.2	-18.0	-16.2	-13.7
New start of property construction	-28.5	-26.0	-24.7	-27.1	-24.0	-23.4	-22.6	-22.0
Completion of property construction	-20.0	-25.0	-19.6	-19.0	-23.2	-23.7	-23.4	-24.0
GFA of new home sold	-14.5	-16.3	-14.1	-10.3	-11.8	-11.6	-10.8	-10.2
Value of new home sold	-10.4	-15.5	-9.8	-8.0	-13.1	-13.6	-13.5	-14.6
Fund source	-22.2	-25.0	-20.7	-21.5	-20.3	-20.2	-19.0	-18.4

Source: NBS, UOB Kay Hian

Peer Comparison

Company	Ticker	Rec	Price	Target	Upside	Last	----- PE -----			Yield	ROE	Market	Price/
			17 Aug 26	Price	To TP	Year	2024	2025F	2026F	2025F	2025F	Cap.	NAV ps
			(HK\$)	(HK\$)	(%)	End	(x)	(x)	(x)	(%)	(%)	(HK\$m)	(x)
China Resources Land Ltd	1109 HK	BUY	33.96	39.60	16.6%	12/25	9.3	10.3	9.2	3.8	4.7%	242,166.7	0.70
China Overseas Land	688 HK	BUY	13.42	19.88	48.1%	12/25	9.7	10.9	10.1	3.7	2.7%	146,880.3	0.32
Longfor Properties	960 HK	BUY	6.48	10.12	56.3%	12/25	5.3	N.A.	N.A.	0.2	-1.9%	45,955.7	0.24
Yuexiu Property	123 HK	BUY	3.71	4.50	21.5%	12/25	49.3	51.9	40.9	1.0	0.5%	14,914.1	0.23
CR Mixc Lifestyle	1209 HK	BUY	40.00	55.00	37.5%	12/25	19.8	17.8	16.0	6.2	26.6%	91,300.0	4.8
China Overseas Property Holdings	2669 HK	BUY	3.37	4.20	24.6%	12/25	7.0	7.8	7.9	5.5	18.5%	11,066.9	1.4

Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

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UNDERWEIGHT (Maintained)

Segmental Rating

Segment	Rating
China Property	UNDERWEIGHT (Maintained)
Property management	UNDERWEIGHT (Maintained)

Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

Sector Picks

Company	Ticker	Rec	Share Price (HK\$)	Target Price (HK\$)
COLI	688HK	BUY	13.42	19.88
CR Mixc	1209 HK	BUY	40.00	55.00

Source: Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

Mom Change Of New Home Prices In 70 Cities



Source: iFind, UOB Kay Hian

- **Jul 26 NBS data: New home price momentum softened; Tier 1 secondary market recovery continued, led by Guangzhou.** In Jul 26, the new home price index in Tier 1/2/3 cities changed 0.0%/-0.1%/-0.3% mom, (vs +0.1%/0.0%/-0.3% mom in June), while the second-hand price index changed +0.2%/-0.3%/-0.4% mom, (vs +0.3%/-0.3%/-0.4% mom in June), respectively. Notably, Guangzhou led the Tier 1 cities in secondary-home price recovery in Jul 26. Second-hand home prices changed 0.0%/+0.3%/+0.4%/+0.2% mom in Beijing/Shanghai/ Guangzhou/Shenzhen, respectively.

- **Aug 26 high frequency data show that new-home sales grew yoy in Shanghai, Guangzhou and Shenzhen, while Shanghai was the only Tier 1 city in our sample to record positive yoy growth in secondary-home sales.**

- New-home sales in 19 major cities fell 5% yoy in 1-16 Aug 26.** Average daily new-home sales in Tier 1/2 cities changed by +16%/-11% yoy respectively. Among Tier 1 cities, Beijing/Shanghai/ Guangzhou/Shenzhen recorded yoy sales changes of -17%/+34%/+15%/+16% respectively. On a ytd basis (as of 16 August), average daily new-home sales in 19 major cities fell 4% yoy, with Tier 1/2 cities changing by +3%/-8% yoy respectively. Among Tier 1 cities, Beijing/Shanghai/Guangzhou/Shenzhen recorded yoy sales changes of -2%/+7%/+2%/+2% respectively. Beijing showed the worst new-home sales performance among Tier 1 cities. Overall, Tier 1 momentum into Aug 26 rests on Shanghai and Guangzhou, which suggests the recovery remains narrow.

- During 1-16 Aug 26, average daily sales of second-hand homes in three Tier 1 cities rose 9% yoy while nine Tier 2 cities fell 4% yoy.** Beijing/Shanghai/Shenzhen changed by -3%/+21%/0% yoy respectively, against +12%/+19%/+4% yoy in Jul 26 – Shanghai remains the only one of the three still growing. On a ytd basis (as of 16 August), three Tier 1 cities rose 10% yoy while nine Tier 2 cities fell 5% yoy; Beijing/Shanghai/Shenzhen rose 6%/14%/3% yoy respectively. Overall, Tier 1 second-hand demand is still led by Shanghai, and we see no sign of the recovery spreading to Tier 2 cities.

- Overall price trends remained on a downward trajectory.** According to the ICE Index updated on 16 August, average listing prices of second-hand homes in 100 major cities fell 0.1% woy and 0.5% mom. Among the four Tier 1 cities, the listing price index of Beijing/Shanghai/Guangzhou/Shenzhen fell 0.1%/0.1%/0.1%/0.1% woy, changed by -0.7%/-0.1%/-0.7%/-0.3% mom, and changed by -3.0%/+1.4%/-2.8%/-1.6% ytd respectively. Notably, Shanghai's listing price momentum also turned negative, with all four Tier 1 cities now recording declines in listing prices.

1-16 Aug 26 Daily New-Home Sales (GFA) Of Key Cities

(Cities with relatively better yoy performance are highlighted in yellow)

GFA	T1 cities					T2 cities				
(000 sqm)	BJ	SH	GZ	SZ	Wuhan	Qingdao	Suzhou	Fuzhou	Chengdu	Nanning
1-16 Aug 25	11	21	15	5	19	28	6	3	20	12
1-31 Jul 26	12	30	17	9	30	31	7	6	21	13
1-16 Aug 26	9	28	17	5	23	28	4	4	13	8
YoY	-17%	34%	15%	16%	20%	-1%	-24%	72%	-37%	-36%
MoM	-26%	-7%	-1%	-41%	-22%	-11%	-44%	-31%	-39%	-42%

Source: iFind, UOB Kay Hian

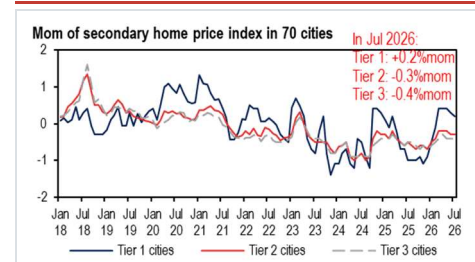
1-16 Aug 26 Daily Secondary-Home Transactions (In Units) Of 12 cities

(Cities with relatively better yoy performance are highlighted in yellow)

Units	SH	BJ	SZ	HZ	NJ	QD	Suzhou	Wuxi	DG	XM	CD	FS
1-16 Aug 25	600	449	163	147	247	149	144	98	96	75	611	234
1-31 Jul 26	744	525	194	158	284	179	201	114	143	94	658	290
1-16 Aug 26	726	434	163	142	246	132	150	86	124	83	533	241
YoY	21%	-3%	0%	-3%	0%	-12%	4%	-12%	29%	10%	-13%	3%
MoM	-3%	-17%	-16%	-10%	-13%	-26%	-25%	-24%	-14%	-12%	-19%	-17%

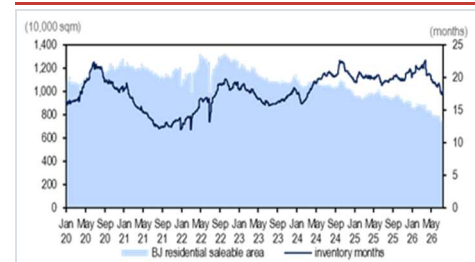
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Mom Change Of Secondary Home Prices In 70 Cities



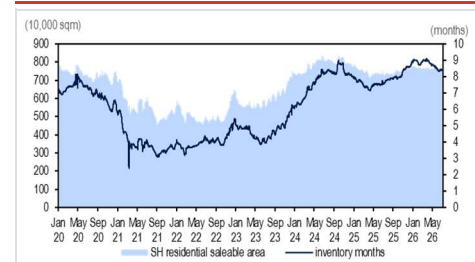
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Beijing's Inventory Months



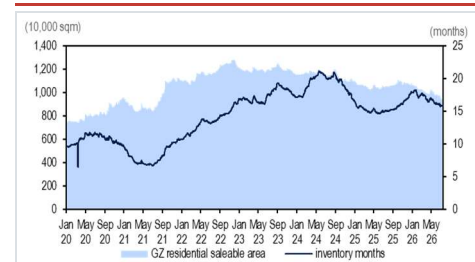
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Shanghai's Inventory Months



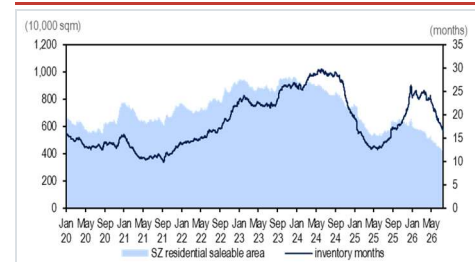
Source: UOB Kay Hian

Guangzhou's Inventory Months



Source: UOB Kay Hian

Shenzhen's Inventory Months



Source: UOB Kay Hian

- **Weak consumption weighs on consumer C-REITs.** The 14 listed consumer-infrastructure C-REITs carry a combined asset valuation of Rmb40.1b and an average TTM distribution yield of 4.3%. Price performance has been weighed by weak consumption - all 14 fell over the past month (average -4.9%), and the 12 listed before 2026 are down 10.6% on average over the past year. ChinaAMC Capital Outlets (-0.9%) and ChinaAMC Jinmao (-4.9%) held up best, while ChinaAMC CapitalLand (-16.9%) and Harvest Wumart (-16.4%) lagged; Guotai Haitong Sasseur is the only one up on the year (+13.3%) but was listed only in Jun 26.

Consumer Infrastructure C-Reits

REIT	Code	Listed	Closing price (Rmb)	NAV/ unit (Rmb)	Yield TTM* (%)	Yield estimated (%)	Valuation (Rmbm)	Turnover (Rmbm)	1M (%)	1Y (%)
ChinaAMC CR Commercial REIT	180601.SZ	2024-02	9.22	6.38	4.0	5.27	8,150	14.5	-3.1	-6.1
Guotai Haitong Sasseur Commercial REIT	508602.SH	2026-06	6.27	5.53	n.a.	5.65	5,028	3.1	-3.0	13.3
CICC SCPG Consumption REIT	180602.SZ	2024-04	3.62	3.04	4.8	5.05	3,959	4.0	-7.5	-12.9
China Universal Shanghai Land Commercial REIT	508600.SH	2026-06	3.57	4.09	n.a.	4.47	3,689	2.1	-0.0	-12.7
ChinaAMC Joy City Consumption REIT	180603.SZ	2024-09	4.20	3.17	4.4	5.36	3,247	4.8	-5.7	-8.6
CICC Vipshop Outlets REIT	508082.SH	2025-08	3.74	3.48	n.a	5.65	2,901	8.4	-8.7	-11.5
ChinaAMC CapitalLand Consumption REIT	508091.SH	2025-09	5.42	5.75	n.a	4.84	2,557	2.0	-4.6	-16.9
Hua An Bailian Consumption REIT	508002.SH	2024-07	2.54	2.20	5.6	5.57	2,125	9.1	-4.2	-15.7
ChinaAMC Capital Outlets REIT	508005.SH	2024-08	3.94	2.46	4.3	4.14	2,032	6.4	-5.1	-0.9
CICC China Green Development Consumption REIT	180606.SZ	2025-06	3.65	3.19	4.5	5	1,530	0.5	-0.1	-12.2
E Fund Huawei Food Market REIT	180605.SZ	2025-01	4.06	2.93	4.1	5.55	1,482	5.8	-8.5	-14.7
ChinaAMC COLI Consumption REIT	180607.SZ	2025-10	5.21	5.29	n.a	5.02	1,290	0.6	-6.5	-6.8
ChinaAMC Jinmao Consumption REIT	508017.SH	2024-01	3.61	2.51	4.1	6.68	1,065	2.8	-5.7	-4.9
Harvest Wumart Consumption REIT	508011.SH	2024-01	3.33	2.31	5.3	4.92	1,030	3.5	-5.2	-16.4
Average / total (14)					4.3	5.23	2,863	4.8	-4.9	-9.1

Source: iFinD, UOB Kay Hian

Note: Yield TTM* n.a.= Has not paid dividends for a full year yet.

Valuation/Recommendation

- **Maintain UNDERWEIGHT on China's property sector.** We expect more local governments – and potentially central government ministries – to introduce additional supportive policies, following Beijing's lead. Besides, Beijing is enforcing stricter Hukou policies than other Tier 1 cities. We see potential room for further easing in this area. Our top picks are COLI and CR Mixc.

Sector Catalyst/Risk

- Stronger-than-expected fiscal and monetary easing.

Cowell E Holdings Inc (1415 HK)

1H26: Strong Bottom Line Beat On Better-than-expected Profitability

Highlights

- 1H26 bottom line surged on margin expansion, with net profit beating consensus estimates by 37.6% despite in-line revenue growth.
- Maintain BUY with a target price of HK\$48.00.

1H26 Results

Year to 31 Dec (US\$m)	1H25	2H25	1H26	yoy%	hoh%
Turnover	1,360	2,140	1,605	18.0	(25.0)
Gross profit	156	203	180	15.7	(11.3)
Operating Profit	95	145	108	14.5	(25.4)
Net Profit (reported)	67	130	90	33.3	(30.6)
Margin (%)					
Gross profit	11.4	9.5	11.2	(0.2)	1.7
Operating Profit	7.0	6.8	6.8	(0.2)	(0.0)
Net Profit	5.0	6.1	5.6	0.6	(0.5)

Source: Cowell, UOB Kay Hian

Analysis

- 1H26 delivered strong bottom line results, supported by better-than-expected margins.** Revenue grew 18.0% yoy but fell 25.0% hoh to US\$1.6b, landing at the midpoint of the company's preliminary range (US\$1.5b to US\$1.7b) and matching consensus estimates. Gross profit margin came in at 11.2%, beating consensus estimates by 1.4ppt (-0.2ppt yoy, +1.7ppt hoh) on production yield improvements and stronger-than-expected pricing power, while operating margin stood at 6.8% which is 1.8 ppt above consensus forecasts (-0.2 ppt yoy, unchanged hoh), on operational efficiency gains. This drove net profit to US\$90m (+33.3% yoy, -30.6% hoh), beating consensus estimates of US\$65m by 37.6%, and above the midpoint of the announced US\$85m to US\$94m range. Consequently, elevating the net profit margin to 5.6% (+0.6ppt yoy, -0.5ppt hoh), coming in 1.6ppt above consensus.
- We estimate that Cowell's iPhone dollar content should have registered a low-teens % hoh decline due to pricing pressure but remained stable yoy. However, this is more than offset by improvements in production efficiency, as evidenced by the better-than-expected margin performance.

Key Financials

Year to 31 Dec (US\$m)	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Net turnover	2,494	3,500	4,745	5,867	6,994
EBITDA	203	270	342	426	514
Operating profit	156	240	312	396	483
Net profit	119	197	266	336	414
Net profit (adj.)	119	197	266	336	414
EPS (US\$ cent)	13.9	22.7	30.6	38.7	47.6
P/E (x)	21.9	13.0	9.6	7.6	6.2
P/BV (x)	5.0	3.5	2.6	1.9	1.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.8	10.1	7.9	6.4	5.3
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	1.5	2.1	2.7	3.3
Net margin (%)	4.8	5.6	5.6	5.7	5.9
Net debt to equity (%)	44.9	(2.9)	21.3	(0.2)	(7.2)
Interest cover (x)	10.8	17.1	29.0	27.9	36.1
ROE (%)	12.0	25.4	31.4	30.7	28.9
Consensus net profit	-	-	244	304	404.0
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	1.09	1.11	1.02

Source: Cowell, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

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BUY (Maintained)

Share Price	HK\$22.96
Target Price	HK\$48.00
Upside	+109.1%

Stock Data

Sector	Electronics Components
Bloomberg ticker	1415 HK
Shares issued (m)	858
Market cap (HK\$m)	19,798
Market cap (US\$m)	2,538
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m)	10.6

Price Performance (%)

52-week high/low		HK\$43.06/HK\$19.90		
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD
5.7	-22.6	-19.2	-24.2	-16.1

Major Shareholders (%)

Luxvisions Innovation Technology LTD	69.82
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Balance Sheet Metrics

FY26 NAV/Share (HK\$)	0.34
FY26 Net Debt/Share (HK\$)	0.21

Price Chart



Source: Bloomberg

Company Description

Cowell e Holdings Inc. is a leading camera module manufacturer headquartered in Dongguan, China. The company specialises in flip-chip (FC) technology for high-precision optical modules, with over 90% of revenue derived from Apple. Its product portfolio includes front and rear camera modules for iPhones, iPads, and MacBooks, as well as Vision Pro camera systems. Cowell is a subsidiary of Luxvisions Innovation Technology (Luxshare group).

- **Cowell's content gains story remains intact.** While there had been concerns in the past few months regarding Apple's delayed product launches in 2H26, the issue should be widely known, with the negative impact already factored into its share price. Cowell's growth story remains unchanged, as we are expecting: a) share gains in ultrawide/periscope cameras, b) potential design wins in main cameras, and c) Cowell to be a primary beneficiary of Apple's share gains in the next 2-3 years.

Valuation/Recommendation

- **We maintain BUY with a target price of HK\$48.00** based on 19.8x 2026F PE, which is 1SD above its five-year historical forward mean.

Earnings Revision/Risk

- None for now. We will provide more updates after we talk to Cowell's management.

Share Price Catalyst

- Solid iPhone sales in 2H26.

Profit & Loss

Year to 31 Dec (US\$m)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Net turnover	3,500	4,745	5,867	6,994
EBITDA	270	342	426	514
Depreciation & amortization	30	30	30	30
EBIT	240	312	396	483
Total other non-operating income	-	-	-	-
Associate contributions	-	-	-	-
Net interest income/(expense)	(16)	(12)	(26)	(41)
Pre-tax profit	224	300	370	443
Tax	(29)	(36)	(44)	(53)
Minorities	2	1	1	1
Net profit	197	266	327	390
Net profit (recurrent)	197	266	327	390

Cash Flow

Year to 31 Dec (US\$m)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Operating	248	166	396	320
Pre-tax profit	224	300	370	443
Tax	(29)	(36)	(44)	(53)
Depreciation/amortization	30	30	30	30
Associates	3	4	5	6
Working capital changes	21	(140)	14	(141)
Non-cash items	(15)	-	-	-
Other operating cashflows	13	8	21	35
Investing	(352)	(356)	(194)	(194)
Capex (growth)	(75)	(194)	(194)	(194)
Investments	(277)	(162)	-	-
Proceeds from sale of assets	-	-	-	-
Others	-	-	-	-
Financing	140	92	104	76
Dividend payments	-	-	-	-
Issue of shares	-	-	-	-
Proceeds from borrowings	1,168	1,185	1,176	1,181
Loan repayment	(1,012)	(1,081)	(1,047)	(1,064)
Others/interest paid	(16)	(12)	(26)	(41)
Net cash inflow (outflow)	36	(98)	306	202
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	113	149	51	358
Changes due to forex impact	-	-	-	-
Ending cash & cash equivalent	149	51	358	560

Balance Sheet

Year to 31 Dec (US\$m)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Fixed assets	368	702	865	1,029
Other LT assets	36	28	28	28
Cash/ST investment	149	51	358	560
Other current assets	990	1,359	1,470	1,841
Total assets	1,544	2,140	2,721	3,458
ST debt	30	133	263	379
Other current liabilities	646	875	1,000	1,231
LT debt	102	102	102	102
Other LT liabilities	35	35	35	35
Shareholders' equity	726	992	1,318	1,709
Minority interest	5	4	3	2
Total liabilities & equity	1,544	2,140	2,721	3,458

Key Metric

Year to 31 Dec (%)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Profitability				
Gross margin	10.2	9.8	9.8	9.8
Pretax margin	6.4	6.3	6.3	6.3
Net margin	5.6	5.6	5.6	5.6
ROA	13.2	14.4	13.4	12.6
ROE	31.4	30.7	28.2	25.7
Growth				
Turnover	40.3	35.6	23.7	19.2
Gross profit	23.3	29.1	23.8	19.2
Pre-tax profit	62.5	34.2	23.3	19.6
Net profit	65.4	34.9	23.1	19.4
Net profit (adj)	65.4	34.9	23.1	19.4
EPS	65.4	34.9	23.1	19.4
Leverage				
Debt to total capital	8.5	11.0	13.4	13.9
Debt to equity	18.0	23.6	27.6	28.1
Net debt to equity	(2.9)	21.3	0.6	(5.2)
Interest cover (x)	17.1	29.0	16.5	12.7

Geely Auto (175 HK)

2Q26: Earnings Beat On ASP and Margins; Raise Target Price To HK\$29.00

Highlights

- 2Q26 adjusted net profit of Rmb5.12b (+61% yoy) beat consensus estimates by 4%, driven by ASP and margin expansion.
- Gross margin expanded 1.6ppt to 17.9% in 1H26, with overseas margins commanding a 10ppt premium over domestic.
- We raise our 2026-28 net profit forecasts by 5%/7%/9% to Rmb19.89b/Rmb27.265b/Rmb35.09b on higher ASP and margins.
- Maintain BUY and raise target price to HK\$29.00 target (10x 2026F PE).

2Q26 Results

Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2Q26	yoy %	qoq %	1H26	yoy %	2026F	yoy %
Sales volume ('000 units)	714	1.2	0.6	1,423	1.0	3,450	14.1
NP per vehicle (Rmb'000)	7.179	58.8	11.7	6.8	44.8	5.6	17.4
Revenue	89,824	15.8	7.2	173,600	14.7	403,867	17.0
Gross profit	16,490	24.2	12.5	31,154	25.7	72,696	26.8
Gross margin (%)	18.4	1.3	0.9	17.9	1.6	18.0	1.4
EBIT	5,207	33.7	11.6	9,874	(2.2)	20,903	18.2
EBIT margin (%)	5.8	0.8	0.2	5.7	(1.0)	5.2	0.1
Shared results of assoc.	247	(14.5)	1,271.3	265	(49.0)	100	(86.8)
Shared results of JVs	131	(69.0)	(63.8)	493	(17.6)	1,750	6.6
Net profit	4,925	36.2	18.2	9,091	(1.8)	18,896	12.1
Net profit – adj	5,123	60.7	12.3	9,684	46.2	19,291	33.9
Net margin (%)	5.5	0.8	0.5	5.2	(0.9)	4.7	(0.2)
Net margin – adj (%)	5.7	1.6	0.3	5.6	1.2	4.8	0.6

Source: Geely, UOB Kay Hian

Analysis

- 2Q26 results beat expectations on margins.** Geely Auto's (Geely) 2Q26 results beat expectations with reported net profit of Rmb4,925m (+36.2% yoy/+18.2% qoq) and adjusted net profit (excluding forex gain/(loss) and other exceptional items) of Rmb5,123m (+60.7% yoy/+12.3% qoq), vs our estimate of Rmb4,995m and consensus estimate of Rmb4,912m. This brings 1H26 reported net profit and adjusted net profit to Rmb9,091m (-1.8% yoy) and Rmb9,684m (+46.2% yoy) respectively. These represent 48%/50% of our full-year 2026 net profit and adjusted net profit estimates of Rmb19,896m/Rmb27,265m respectively. The earnings beat stemmed from ASPs and margins, given premiumisation and overseas sales.

Key Financials

Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2024	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Net turnover	275,910	345,232	403,867	515,133	632,821
EBITDA	22,218	33,605	37,634	45,669	53,855
Operating profit	8,467	17,685	21,307	28,778	36,562
Net profit (rep./act.)	16,812	16,852	19,233	25,404	32,135
Net profit (adj.)	10,596	14,410	19,628	25,404	32,135
EPS (Fen)	104.9	139.2	182.0	235.6	298.0
PE (x)	15.5	11.7	8.9	6.9	5.4
P/B (x)	3.2	3.2	2.6	2.0	1.6
EV/EBITDA (x)	6.4	4.0	4.2	2.9	1.9
Dividend yield (%)	1.8	2.7	3.2	4.2	5.3
Net margin (%)	3.8	4.2	4.9	4.9	5.1
Net debt/(cash) to equity (%)	(37.0)	(45.7)	(15.1)	(33.1)	(48.3)
Interest cover (x)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
ROE (%)	12.5	16.1	19.6	21.6	23.0
Consensus net profit	-	-	21,143	25,629	29,997
UOBKH/Consensus (x)	-	-	0.91	0.99	1.07

Source: Geely, Bloomberg, UOB Kay Hian

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BUY (Maintained)

Share Price	HK\$18.67
Target Price	HK\$29.00
Upside	55.3%
Previous	HK\$27.00

Stock Data

Sector	Consumer Discretionary
Bloomberg ticker	175 HK
Shares issued (m)	10,785
Market cap (HK\$m)	201,358
Market cap (US\$m)	25,815
3-mth avg daily t'over (US\$m)	119

Price Performance (%)

52-week high/low					HK\$24.98/HK\$15.13
1mth	3mth	6mth	1yr	YTD	
1.2	(13.5)	14.7	(5.6)	4.3	

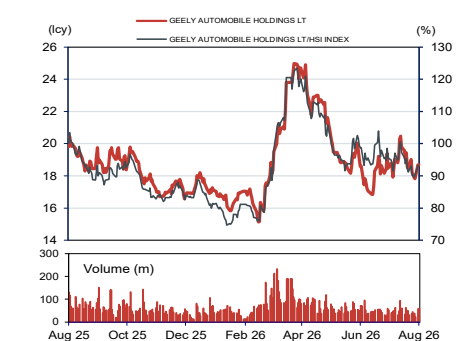
Major Shareholders (%)

Li Shu Fu	63.93
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Balance Sheet Metrics

FY26 NAV/Share (HK\$)	7.26
FY26 Net Cash/Share (HK\$)	1.73

Price Chart



Source: Bloomberg

Company Description

Based in Hangzhou of China, Geely Auto (Geely) manufactures and sells vehicles under the brands of Geely, Galaxy, Zeekr and Lynk & Co.

- **Revenue growth outpaced sales volume on higher ASP.** 2Q26 revenue grew 15.8% yoy and 7.2% qoq to Rmb89.82b, outpacing the 1.2% yoy sales volume growth. This takes 1H26 revenue to Rmb173.6b (+14.7% yoy), representing 43% of our full-year estimate of Rmb403.87b (+17.0% yoy). By segment, sales of automobiles and related service remained the primary growth driver, rising 17.1% yoy to Rmb158.79b. That implies an ASP of Rmb111,600 (+16.0% yoy), vs our full-year assumption of Rmb105,900 (+3% yoy). The ASP spike in 1H26 was driven by higher share of premium products and overseas sales in revenue mix. Zeekr's sales volume surged 96.6% yoy to 178,400 units in 1H26 (12.5% of total sales volume, up 6.1ppt yoy). Overseas sales volume spiked 159.3% yoy to 474,200 units (33.3% of total sales volume, up 20.0ppt yoy).
- **Maintain 2026-28 sales volume estimates at 3.45m/4.3m/5.15m units, including 1.2m/2.0m/2.8m units of overseas sales.** Looking ahead, Geely's sales growth will be driven by overseas expansion and premiumisation. Geely's ytd export has already exceeded its initial target of 640,000 units, and the company lifted its 2026 export target to 750,000 units. However, based on the ongoing momentum, we expect full-year 2026 export to reach 1.2m units in 2026. Overseas outlets are aimed at doubling to about 2,200 by end-26. The Ford JV in Spain (2027) will support mid-term exports. Premium brands (Zeekr, Lynk & Co) and new models (Zeekr 9X/8X, Galaxy 'Battleship 700') will enhance mix.
- **We raise our 2026-28 ASP assumptions to Rmb112,000/Rmb120,000/Rmb128,000 respectively,** based on the upbeat 1H26 ASP and sales mix optimisation.
- **We cut other revenue forecasts to Rmb32.21b/Rmb39.06b/Rmb47.18b respectively.** These include sales of auto parts and components, collaborative manufacturing income and R&D services and licensing income. These incomes dropped 6.1% yoy to Rmb14.82b in 1H26.
- **Margin improvement was better than expected.** Gross margin rose to 18.4% (+1.3ppt yoy/+0.9ppt qoq) in 2Q26 and 17.9% in 1H26, vs our full-year assumption of 18.0%. SG&A/revenue ratio dipped 0.2ppt yoy to 7.8% in 2Q26, while R&D/revenue ratio remained flat yoy at 5.2%. EBIT margin soared to 5.8% (+0.8ppt yoy/+0.2ppt qoq) in 2Q26 and 5.7% (-1.0ppt yoy) in 1H26, vs our full-year assumption of 5.2%. Net profit per vehicle surged to Rmb7,180 (+58.8% yoy/+11.7% qoq) in 2Q26 and Rmb6,810 (+44.8% yoy) in 1H26, vs our full-year assumption of Rmb5,592. The margin improvement was driven by premiumisation and higher mix of overseas sales. Overseas sales command a gross margin 10ppt higher than domestic, with net profit of Rmb12,000-15,000 per vehicle vs Rmb2,000-6,000 domestically.
- **Maintain 2026-28 gross margin assumptions at 18.0%/18.2%/18.4% respectively.** The margin improvement will be driven by the premiumisation and overseas sales.
- **Cut 2026-28 SG&A/revenue ratio to 7.8%/7.7%/7.7%, and raise R&D/revenue ratio to 5.3%/5.4%/5.4%,** from 8.0%/7.9%/7.9% and 5.2%/5.2%/5.2% respectively, based on the ratios in 1H26.

Earnings Revision/Risk

- **We raise our 2026-28 net profit forecasts by 5%/7%/9% to Rmb19.89b/Rmb27.265b/Rmb35.09b respectively.**

Valuation/Recommendation

- **Maintain BUY and raise target price from HK\$27.00 to HK\$29.00,** pegged to the unchanged 10x 2026F PE (on par with historic mean) and higher 2027F EPS.

Share Price Catalyst

- Strong monthly sales, debuts of blockbuster new models, 3Q26 results beat.

Profit & Loss

Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Net turnover	345,232	403,867	515,133	632,821
EBITDA	33,605	37,634	45,669	53,855
Deprec. & amort.	(15,920)	(16,327)	(16,892)	(17,293)
EBIT	-	-	-	-
Total other non-operating income	17,694	21,307	28,778	36,562
Associate contributions	2,399	1,850	1,850	1,850
Net interest income/(expense)	137	65	47	389
Pre-tax profit	20,230	23,222	30,674	38,801
Tax	(3,601)	(4,180)	(5,521)	(6,984)
Minorities	(224)	(190)	(252)	(318)
Net profit	16,852	19,233	25,404	32,135
Net profit (adj.)	14,410	19,628	25,404	32,135

Cash Flow

Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Operating	47,274	(3,328)	50,269	57,241
Pre-tax profit	20,230	23,222	30,674	38,801
Tax	(4,040)	(4,637)	(6,125)	(7,748)
Deprec. & amort.	5,629	5,471	5,249	5,061
Associates	(2,399)	(1,850)	(1,850)	(1,850)
Working capital changes	18,278	(37,125)	9,925	10,334
Non-cash items	9,576	11,592	12,396	12,642
Other operating cashflows	-	-	-	-
Investing	(23,370)	(17,235)	(17,254)	(16,825)
Capex (growth)	(17,918)	(18,000)	(18,000)	(18,000)
Investments	(1,236)	-	-	-
Others	(4,217)	765	746	1,175
Financing	(1,839)	(8,034)	(7,046)	(9,169)
Dividend payments	(3,119)	(4,732)	(6,347)	(8,383)
Proceeds from borrowings	-	3,000	3,000	3,000
Loan repayment	(7,433)	(3,000)	(3,000)	(3,000)
Others/interest paid	8,713	(3,301)	(699)	(785)
Net cash inflow (outflow)	22,065	(28,597)	25,969	31,247
Beginning cash & cash equivalent	43,058	65,319	36,723	62,691
Changes due to forex impact	197	-	-	-
Ending cash & cash equivalent	65,319	36,723	62,691	93,938

Balance Sheet

Year to 31 Dec (Rmbm)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Fixed assets	34,370	32,899	31,650	30,589
Other LT assets	96,627	102,077	106,889	111,272
Cash/ST investment	65,319	36,723	62,691	93,938
Other current assets	94,094	129,199	163,760	200,277
Total assets	290,410	300,898	364,991	436,075
ST debt	13,097	10,496	10,496	10,496
Other current liabilities	166,362	164,342	208,828	255,679
LT debt	14,476	14,476	14,476	14,476
Other LT liabilities	2,860	2,860	2,860	2,860
Shareholders' equity	92,398	107,699	127,556	152,108
Minority interest	1,217	1,026	775	457
Total liabilities & equity	290,410	300,898	364,991	436,075

Key Metric

Year to 31 Dec (%)	2025	2026F	2027F	2028F
Profitability				
EBITDA margin	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1
Pre-tax margin	5.9	5.7	6.0	6.1
Net margin	4.2	4.9	4.9	5.1
ROA	5.1	6.6	7.6	8.0
ROE	16.1	19.6	21.6	23.0
Growth				
Turnover	25.1	17.0	27.6	22.8
EBITDA	51.3	12.0	21.4	17.9
Pre-tax profit	11.6	14.8	32.1	26.5
Net profit	0.2	14.1	32.1	26.5
Net profit (adj.)	36.0	36.2	29.4	26.5
EPS	35.4	27.7	29.4	26.5
Leverage				
Debt to total capital	8.0	6.8	5.6	4.7
Debt to equity	25.0	19.0	16.1	13.5
Net debt/(cash) to equity	(45.7)	(15.1)	(33.1)	(48.3)
Interest cover (x)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.

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Trip.com Group (9961 HK)

Last price:	HK\$355.20
Support levels:	HK\$342.60/HK\$334.00
Resistance levels:	HK\$390.00/HK\$415.80

Price staged a rebound off its gap support zone, keeping the primary uptrend intact. The RSI is curling upward and holding comfortably above its neutral 50-midline. This suggests strong underlying demand, paving the way for a continuation move toward higher resistance targets.

Average timeframe: Around two weeks.



Innovent Biologics (1801 HK)

Last price:	HK\$95.35
Support levels:	HK\$92.20/HK\$89.55
Resistance levels:	HK\$105.00/HK\$109.00

Price successfully maintained its footing above the resistance-turned-support zone, confirming the structural validity of this new demand floor. The RSI is holding comfortably above its neutral 50-midline and curling upward once again. This points to a continuation move higher towards the upper resistance targets.

Average timeframe: Around two weeks.

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