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What's new: Despite the slowdown in service revenue trend from softer macro, Chinese operators still delivered a strong earnings growth. Interim dividends rose by 7-22% YoY as all three raised payout ratios. Despite the share prices already roughly doubling, we remain bullish on exposure to China's structural enterprise theme, improving capital intensity and improved shareholder remuneration. For investors who can't invest in this space, we recommend to follow developments in China as we believe they are the lead indicators for the rest of EM telcos.

Thesis: Our Enterprise thesis is predicated on the structural demand for digitization of SOEs and enterprises in China as incremental service revenue contribution remained significant; 40% and 70% for CM and CT respectively in 2023. While the trend can be lumpy, we expect the long-term driver to come from BOTH an increase in the number of customers as they digitize, as well as upselling to existing Enterprise customers. The increase in corporate customers count (CM guided additional 4m in 2024) supports our view, which further illustrates that Chinese Enterprise penetration is following an S-curve. Moreover, they are well exposed to DCs, with further planned data centre capacity expansion over the mid-term. On mobile, we expect ARPU trend to slow given that 5G penetration is at 80%, but the benign competitive landscape (despite CBN's entry in 2022) suggests that growth will be steady. As absolute capex had been guided to fall now that we are past the peak 5G rollout (despite capex mix shifting towards Enterprise), we believe there is ample headroom for cash flow to improve until 6G arrives in 2030. All these point towards continued rising shareholder remuneration. We continue to view China as the lead indicator for what is likely to happen to EM telco revenue growth elsewhere.

Valuation: The Chinese telcos currently trade at 6-7% FY24E dividend yield and 9-12x FY24E P/E, having re-rated since the industry bottomed in 2021. Although not as compelling as before, we stay bullish on the runway for Enterprise as both private and government organisations ride on the structural digitalization trend. Therefore, we maintain our Buy recommendation on all three - China Mobile, China Telecom and China Unicom with price targets of HK\$115, HK\$8.75 and HK\$13.2 respectively, retaining China Telecom as our preferred pick.

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Key developments

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Dividend payout rising to above 75% by 2026

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Industry capex on track to fall by 5% in 2024 on guidance

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Profits continue to grow ahead topline; bodes well for dividends

Earlier, both CM and CT had shared a similar narrative for shareholder remuneration; dividend payout to rise above 75% over three years. Interim dividend payout are now past 70% for the two while China Unicom also rose to 55% from 50% last year.

All three had also previously guided for lower absolute capex in 2024 as mobile investment eases. Both CM and CT had targeted for capex/service revenue to fall below 20%.

• China Mobile: RMB 173bn, -4% YoY

• China Telecom: RMB 96bn, -3% YoY

China Unicom: RMB 65bn, -12% YoY

Despite the softer service revenue trend, combined PAT still sustained MSD growth (6.7% YoY from 6.4% in Q1). These were generally supported by easing cost pressure, lower depreciation and finance costs. As a result, interim dividends grew by 7-22% YoY with payout ratios rising.



Section 1: Consolidated

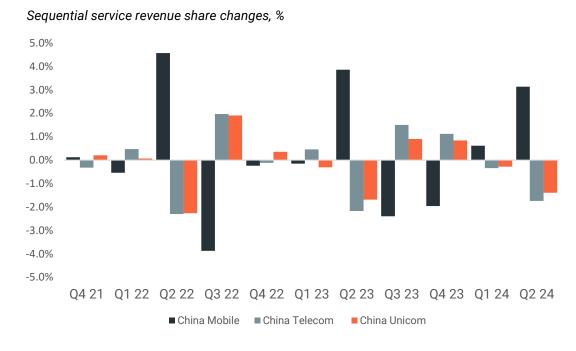
Service Revenue: Slowdown on softer macro; China Telecom still leading



Group service revenue slowed to 1.6% YoY from 4.6% prior as enterprise contribution cooled. China Telecom remained ahead for the third consecutive quarter, followed by China Unicom while China Mobile was much weaker as its mobile revenue declined.



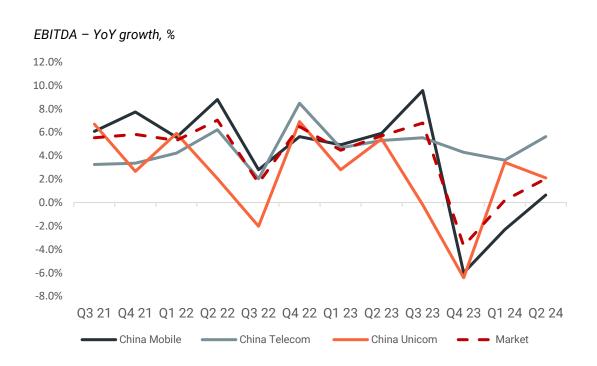
China Mobile tends to be seasonally stronger in Q2



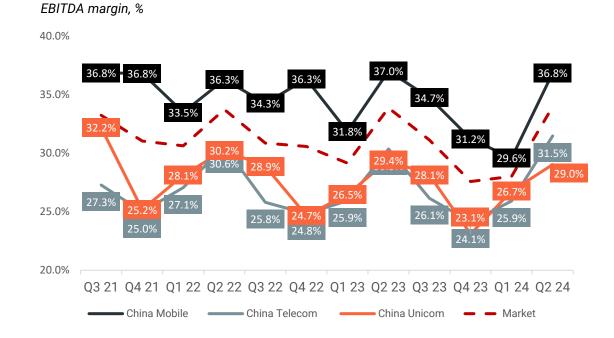
EBITDA: Improved to 2% despite slower topline



Industry EBITDA improved to 2% YoY from 0.2% last quarter as costs were better managed. Both China Telecom and China Mobile improved while China Unicom slowed slightly.



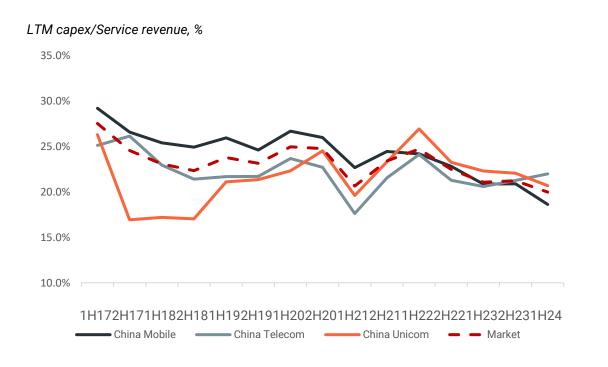
Margin pressure continue to ease, with YoY expansion for China Telecom

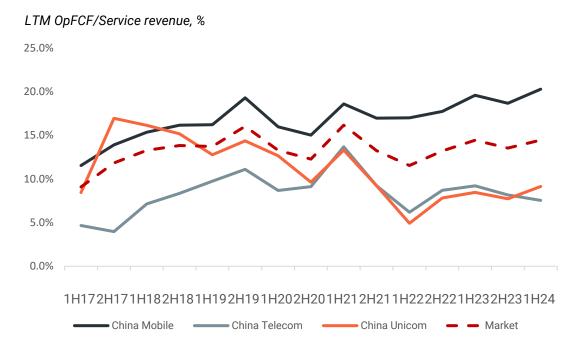


Capex: Capex/service revenue now at 20% as CM and CT target below 20%



1H24 Capex/service revenue improved to 20% from 21% last year, driven by capex cuts at China Mobile and China Unicom. All three have guided for capex reduction in FY24 thus we expect trends to continue.







Section 2: Mobile

Mobile service revenue: Diverging trends



China Mobile declined on ARPU weakness while China Telecom improved. Meanwhile, China Unicom which reports mobile revenue under its "Connectivity and Communications" segment was up by 0.7% QoQ (limited disclosure for YoY compare).

CM down 3.6% YoY; CT up 3.9% YoY

Mobile service revenue* - YoY growth, %



Mobile subscribers

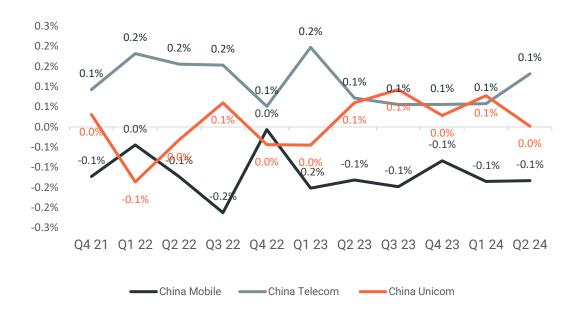


The three operators added another 12.2m mobile subscribers, with CT adding the most this quarter.

Mobile subscribers - Net adds 12,000 10,000 8,000 4,000 2,000 0 Q4 21 Q1 22 Q2 22 Q3 22 Q4 22 Q1 23 Q2 23 Q3 23 Q4 23 Q1 24 Q2 24 China Mobile China Telecom China Unicom

CT has been the share taker at CM's expense

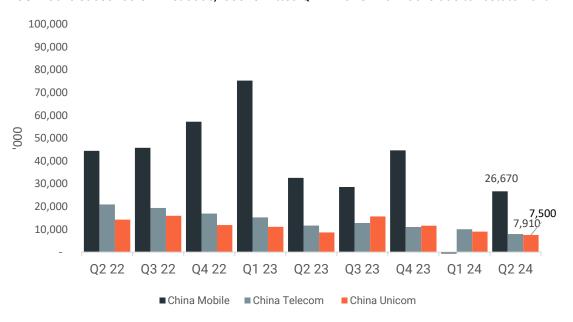
Sequential mobile subscriber share, %



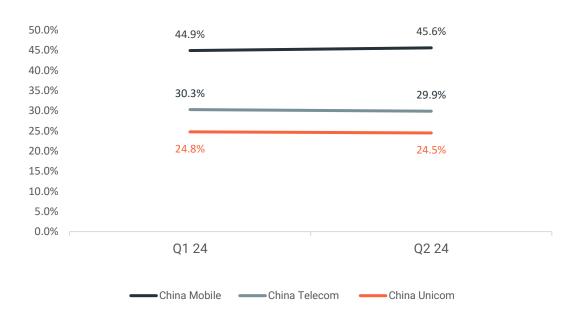
5G Mobile subscribers







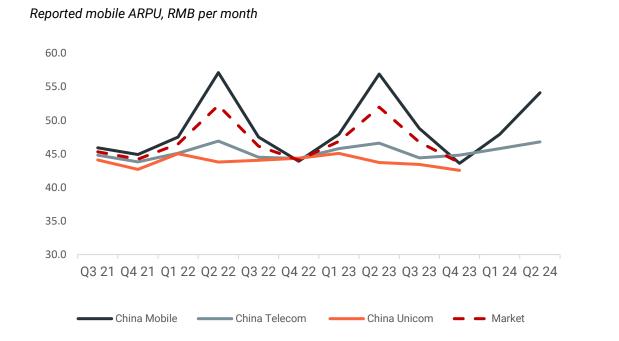
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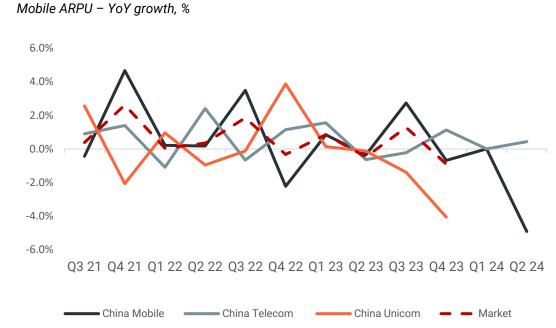


Mobile ARPU



ARPU trends weakened for China Mobile while China Telecom rose marginally.







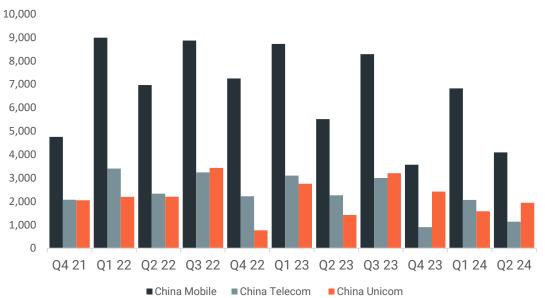
Section 3: Broadband & Enterprise

Broadband subscribers

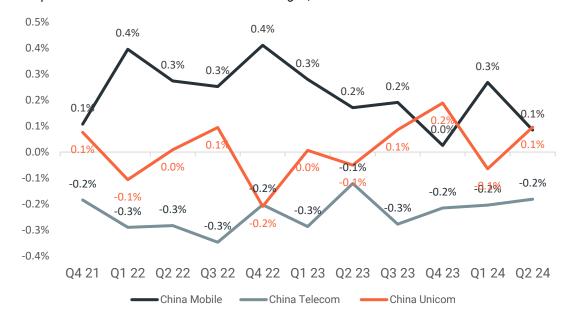


The three operators added 7.1m broadband customers to reach 619m by end of Q2. China Mobile remained the dominant share of net additions (57%), followed by China Unicom (27%).

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Sequential broadband subscribers share changes, %

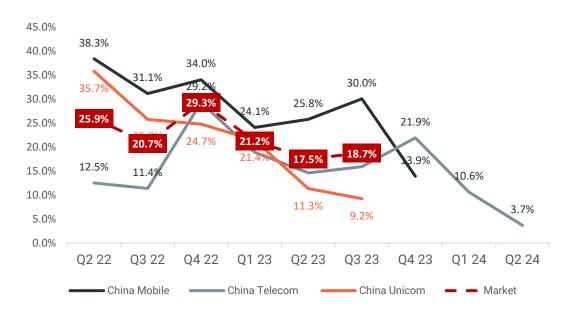


Enterprise revenue: Slower but remains key incremental driver according to China Telecom



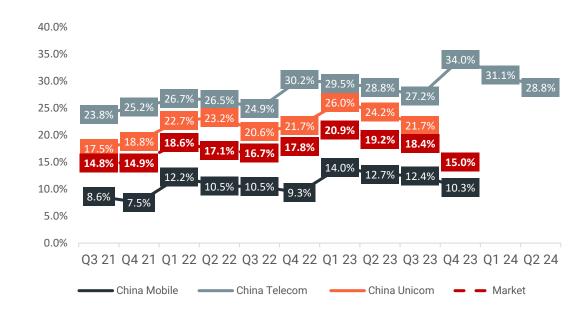
Contribution from Enterprise was more balanced than before given the slowdown as seen from China Telecom. On a half-year basis, China Mobile slowed from 22% to 8% while China Unicom was up by 6.6%. Our thesis for Enterprise revenue growth is <u>BOTH the increase in the number of customers as they digitize</u> (as seen from China Mobile's disclosures), as well as increased sales to existing Enterprise customers.

Enterprise revenue* - YoY growth, %. Omitted CM and CU due to limited disclosure.



Rising incremental contribution led to higher share of revenue

Enterprise revenue as % of service revenue, %





Company slides

China Mobile (Buy), pt HKD115, +52%



EV CALCULATION (RMB bn)	2024E	2025E	2026E	20275	CAGF 24E-27E
EV CALCULATION (RIVID DII)	2024E	2023E	2020E	202/E	Z4E-Z/E
Share price, HK\$	75.65				
Number of shares (bn)	21.409	21.409	21.409	21.409	
Market cap. RMB bn	1,490	1,490	1,490	1,490	
Plus: Net debt (Cash)	-112	-153	-195	-234	
Plus: Other financial liabilities	0	0	0	0	
Less: Associates	104	104	104	104	
Plus: Minorities	0	0	0	0	
Less: Cumulative dividends	0	105	215	337	
Less: NPV YE tax credit	0	0	0	0	
Enterprise Value	1,274	1,129	976	815	

MULTIPLES & RATIOS	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	CAGR 24E-27E
EV/Revenue	1.2	1.0	0.9	0.7	3.8%
EV/EBITDA	3.7	3.2	2.6	2.1	3.6%
EV/OpFCF	7.0	5.8	4.7	3.7	6.6%
EV/FCF	9.1	7.4	6.1	4.8	6.6%
EV/Invested capital	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	15.0%
EV/NFA	1.7	1.4	1.1	0.9	2.9%
P/EFCF	18.1	15.5	14.1	12.7	12.6%
Adjusted P/E	10.7	10.2	9.5	8.7	7.3%
Dividend yield	6.8%	7.1%	7.9%	8.6%	8.3%
EFCF yield	5.5%	6.5%	7.1%	7.9%	12.6%
Net debt/EBITDA	-0.3	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	23.4%
OpFCF/Net interest	15.9	19.3	20.2	23.6	14.1%

WACC CALCULATION	RELATIVE VALUATION (2024E)				
Risk free rate	3.4% EV/EBITDA				
Equity risk premium	5.0%				
Beta	0.72				
Cost of Equity	7.0% Div yield 0.6	V/OpFCF			
Cost of borrowing Tax rate Cost of Debt	6.0% 25.0% 4.5% EFCF yield P/E				
% Equity WACC	100.0% ——China Mobile				
Terminal growth	-1.0%				

FINANCIALS (RMB bn)	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	24E-27E
Revenue	1,009	1,043	1,082	1,124	1,167	3.8%
EBITDA	341	346	356	369	385	3.6%
Capex	180	175	171	174	177	0.4%
OpFCF (EBITDA - capex)	171	181	196	206	220	6.6%
FCF (OpFCF * (1-tax rate))	132	140	152	160	170	6.6%
EFCF	77	82	96	106	118	12.6%
Adj net Income	132	139	146	158	172	7.3%
Clean EPS, HKD	6.69	7.05	7.43	8.00	8.71	7.3%
DPS, HKD	4.76	5.11	5.39	5.97	6.50	8.3%
Cash flow						
OpFCF	171	181	196	206	220	
Less: Interest payments	17	11	10	10	9	
Less: Tax paid	-39	-41	-43	-46	-50	
Less: Change in WC	-382	1	1	1	1	
Less: Restructuring payments	0	0	0	0	0	
Less: Other	287	-19	-19	-19	-19	
Sub total	55	134	145	152	161	
Less: Disposals/acquis.	0	0	0	0	0	
Less: Dividends paid	-90	-98	-105	-110	-122	
Less: Share buyback/ special divic_	0	0	0	0	0	
Chg in Net debt/Cash	-35	36	41	42	39	
Net debt (Cash)	-76	-112	-153	-195	-234	

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DIVISIONAL (RMB bn)	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	CAGR 24E-27E	
Revenues							
Voice Services	72	67	65	63	62	-2.5%	
SMS & MMS	31	31	31	31	30	-0.5%	
Wireless data traffic	395	393	390	388	387	-0.5%	
Wireline broadband services	119	129	138	147	155	6.3%	
Applications and information services	222	248	277	306	338	10.8%	
Other Operating Revenues	25	26	26	27	28	3.0%	
Handset/ Equipment Sales	146	149	155	161	167	3.8%	
Total	1,009	1,043	1,082	1,124	1,167	3.8%	
% change		3.3%	3.8%	3.9%	3.8%		
Total EBITDA	341	346	356	369	385	3.6%	
% change		1.4%	2.9%	3.6%	4.4%		
EBITDA margin	33.8%	33.2%	32.9%	32.8%	33.0%		
Total Capex	180	175	171	174	177	0.4%	
% change		-2.9%	-2.4%	1.8%	1.8%		
Capex/sales	17.9%	16.8%	15.8%	15.5%	15.2%		
Total OpFCF	161	171	185	195	208	6.7%	
% change		6.2%	8.3%	5.2%	6.8%		
OpFCF margin	16.0%	16.4%	17.1%	17.3%	17.8%		

China Telecom (Buy), pt HKD8.75, +85%



EV CALCULATION (RMBm)	2024E	2025E	2026E	20275	24E-27E
EV CALCULATION (RIMBIII)	2024E	ZUZJE	2020E	20276	Z4C-Z/C
Share price, HK\$	4.78				
Number of shares	91,507	91,507	91,507	91,507	
Market cap. RMB	402,543	402,543	402,543	402,543	
Plus: Net debt (Cash)	-53,498	-69,660	-88,178	-107,959	
Plus: Other financial liabilities	. 0	. 0	. 0	. 0	
Less: Associates	28,864	28,864	28,864	28,864	
Plus: Minorities	. 0	. 0	. 0	. 0	
Less: Cumulative dividends	0	23,540	49,561	80,383	
Less: NPV YE tax credit	0	. 0	. 0	. 0	
Enterprise Value	320,181	280,479	235,940	185,338	-16.7%

MULTIPLES & RATIOS	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	CAGR 24E-27E
EV/Revenue	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.3	4.6%
EV/EBITDA	2.2	1.9	1.5	1.1	5.1%
EV/OpFCF	6.9	5.5	4.1	2.8	12.2%
EV/FCF	8.9	7.1	5.3	3.6	12.2%
EV/Invested capital	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.4%
EV/NFA	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.0%
P/EFCF	10.2	9.4	8.3	7.2	12.3%
Adjusted P/E	12.2	11.0	9.7	8.5	12.9%
Dividend yield	5.8%	6.5%	7.7%	8.8%	14.6%
EFCF yield	9.8%	10.7%	12.1%	13.8%	12.3%
Net debt/EBITDA	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	20.3%
OpFCF/Net interest	-134.3	708.5	136.4	81.3	-184.6%

WACC CALCULATION	RELATIVE VALUATION (2024E)	RELATIVE VALUATION (2024E)				
Risk free rate Equity risk premium Beta Cost of Equity	3.4% EVERITION 12 5.0% 12 1.02 96 8.5% 04	5.0% 1.02_				
Cost of borrowing Tax rate Cost of Debt	6.5% 25.0% 4.9%	6.5% 25.0%_				
% Equity WACC	90.0% P/E 8.1% — China Tel					
Terminal growth	-0.5%	-0.5%				

FINANCIALS (RMBm)	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	24E-27E
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Revenue	513,551	533,519	559,042	584,802	611,336	4.6%
EBITDA	136,830	142,994	148,870	156,721	165,888	
Capex	98,838	96,460	98,249	99,272	100,226	1.3%
OpFCF (EBITDA - capex)	37,992	46,534	50,622	57,449	65,662	12.2%
FCF (OpFCF * (1-tax rate))	29,487	36,117	39,290	44,589	50,963	12.2%
EFCF	31,310	39,294	42,918	48,783	55,724	12.3%
Adj net Income	30,464	33,006	36,436	41,371	47,545	12.9%
Clean EPS, HKD	0.36	0.39	0.43	0.49	0.56	12.9%
DPS, HKD	0.25	0.28	0.31	0.37	0.42	14.6%
Cash flow						
OpFCF	37,992	46,534	50,622	57,449	65,662	
Less: Interest payments	-332	-347	86	456	842	
Less: Tax paid	-8,776	-9,424	-10,418	-11,847	-13,627	
Less: Change in WC	-5,092	-1,983	-587	-1,519	-2,275	
Less: Restructuring payments	0	0	0	0	0	
Less: Minority dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	
Sub total	23,792	34,779	39,702	44,539	50,602	
Less: Disposals/acquis.	20,794	0	0	0	0	
Less: Dividends paid	-17,935	-21,339	-23,540	-26,021	-30,822	
Others	97,936	121,875	125,661	154,840	135,883	
Chg in Net debt/Cash	124,587	135,314	141,823	173,358	155,664	
Net debt (Cash)	-40,059	-53,498	-69,660	-88,178	-107,959	

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DIVISIONAL (RMBm)	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	CAGR 24E-27E
Revenue						
Mobile Communication Service	195.660	201,097	203,696	207.699	212,632	1.9%
Wireline and Smart Family Service	123,063	126,817	132,441	138,019	143,313	4.2%
Industrial Digitalisation	138,890	153,266	171,008	188,165	204,751	10.1%
Other Services	7,352	6,617	6,815	7,020	7,230	3.0%
Sales of goods and others	48,586	45,722	45,082	43,899	43,409	-1.7%
Total	513,551	533,519	559,042	584,802	611,336	4.6%
% change		3.9%	4.8%	4.6%	4.5%	
EBITDA						
Total	106 000	140004	140.070	156 701	165 000	5.1%
% change	136,830	142,994 4.5%	148,870 4.1%	156,721 5.3%	165,888 5.8%	5.1%
EBITDA margin	26.6%	4.5% 26.8%	26.6%	26.8%	27.1%	
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Capex						
Wireline	64,011	66.790	67,926	68,348	68,545	0.9%
Mobile	34.827	29,670	30.323	30.924	31.681	2.2%
Total	98,838	96,460	98,249	99,272	100,226	1.3%
% change		-2.4%	1.9%	1.0%	1.0%	
Capex/Sales						
Wireline	32.7%	33.2%	33.3%	32.9%	32.2%	
Mobile	28.3%	23.4%	22.9%	22.4%	22.1%	
Total	19.2%	18.1%	17.6%	17.0%	16.4%	

China Unicom (Buy), pt HKD13.2, +97%



EV CALCULATION (RMBm)	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	CAGR 24E-27E
Share price, HK\$	6.69				
Number of shares	30,598	30,598	30,598	30,598	
Market cap. RMB	188,386	188,386	188,386	188,386	
Plus: Net debt (Cash)	-17,478	-32,689	-45,374	-57,956	
Plus: Other financial liabilitie	0	0	0	0	
Less: Associates	23,959	23,959	23,959	23,959	
Plus: Minorities	0	0	0	0	
Less: Cumulative dividends	0	16,252	36,844	60,811	
Less: NPV YE tax credit	0	0	0	0	
Enterprise Value	146,949	115,487	82,210	45,660	-32.3%

MULTIPLES & RATIOS	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	CAGR 24E-27E
EV/Revenue EV/EBITDA EV/OpFCF EV/FCF EV/Invested capital EV/NFA P/EFCF Adjusted P/E Dividend yield EFCF yield Net debt/EBITDA	0.4 1.4 3.9 4.8 0.4 0.4 4.9 9.3 6.7% 20.3% -0.2	0.3 1.0 2.9 3.5 0.3 4.5 9.8 8.6% 22.2%	0.2 0.7 1.9 2.3 0.2 0.3 4.2 8.0 10.9% 24.1%	0.1 0.4 0.9 1.1 0.1 3.8 6.3 12.7% 26.1%	4.2% 3.6% 7.5% 7.5% -0.5% -4.4% 8.8% 13.7% 23.8% 44.0%
OpFCF/Net interest	-28.8	-20.5	-16.9	-15.5	

WACC CALCULATION	RELATIVE VALUATION (2024E)				
Risk free rate Equity risk premium Beta Cost of Equity	3.4% 5.0% 1.10 8.9%	EV/EBITDA 70 60 50 50 40 Div yield 20 10 EV/OPFCF			
Cost of borrowing Tax rate Cost of Debt	6.5% 25.0% 4.9 %	EFCF yield P/E			
% Equity WACC	60.0% 7.3%	China Unicom			
Terminal growth	-0.5%	Emerging Asia Incumbents			

2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	24E-27E
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17,239	20,161	19,273	23,509	29,670	13.7%
0.61	0.72	0.68	0.83	1.05	13.7%
0.37	0.45	0.58	0.73	0.85	23.8%
27.715	37.630	39.890	42.606	46.354	
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13,521	27,935	31,462	33,277	36,549	
-5,179	0	0	0	0	
-10,299	-12,646	-16,252	-20,592	-23,967	
152,973	40,668	24,110	41,937	55,889	
151,016	55,957	39,321	54,622		
-2,189	-17,478	-32,689	-45,374	-57,956	
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DIVISIONAL (RMBm)	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	CAGR 24E-27E
Revenue						
Connectivity and Communications	244.580	249,165	254,180	258.539	263,844	1.9%
Computing and Digital Smart Application	75.250	81.802	92.212	102.510	112,695	11.3%
Others	15,340	15,340	15,340	15,340	15,340	0.0%
Sales of telecommunications products	37,427	38,939	40,483	42,054	43,659	
Total	372,597	385,246	402,215	418,442	435,539	4.2%
% change		3.4%	4.4%	4.0%	4.1%	
EBITDA						
Total	99.812	102.146	105,539	109.078	113.432	3.6%
% change	,	2.3%	3.3%	3.4%	4.0%	
EBITDA margin	26.8%	26.5%	26.2%	26.1%	26.0%	
Capex						
Wireline	43.571	40.858	41.397	41.721	41.879	0.8%
Mobile	30,329	25,281	25,875	26,373	26,822	2.0%
Total	73.900	66.139	67,272	68.095	68.701	1.3%
% change	70,700	-10.5%	1.7%	1.2%	0.9%	
Capex/Sales						
Wireline	17.8%	16.4%	16.3%	16.1%	15.9%	
Mobile	40.3%	30.9%	28.1%	25.7%	23.8%	
Total	19.8%	17.2%	16.7%	16.3%	15.8%	
OpFCF						
Total	25,912	36,008	38,267	40,983	44,731	7.5%
% change		39.0%	6.3%	7.1%	9.1%	
OpFCF margin	7.0%	9.3%	9.5%	9.8%	10.3%	

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