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Goldbond Group (172 HK)

—Unique business model not discovered by the market. Initiate with a Buy rating, upside potential of 55%

Buy

Initiation of Coverage

Market Data:	Dec 4
Closing Price (HKD)	0.72
Price Target (HKD)	1.10
Triple-C	-
HSCEI	13461.55
HSCCI	4122.77
52-week High/Low (HKD)	0.74/0.32
Market Cap (HKD million)	1922.08
Shares Outstanding (million)	2669.56
Exchange Rate (HKD/CNY)	1.134

Price Performance Chart:



Source: Bloombera

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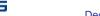
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	2007.3	2008.3	2009.3	2010.3E	2011.3E		
Revenue (HKD million)	59	227	351	351	424		
YOY (%)	49	285	55	0	21		
Net income (HKD million)	49	180	149	143	197		
YOY (%)	26	267	-17	-4	38		
EPS (HKD)	0.029	0.067	0.057	0.054	0.074		
Diluted EPS (HKD)	0.029	0.066	0.052	0.054	0.074		
BPS (HKD)	0.25	0.40	0.47	0.49	0.52		
ROE (%)	12.0	17.4	11.8	10.9	14.3		
DPS (HKD)	-	-	0.04	0.04	0.04		
Dividend Yield (%)	-	-	5.56	5.21	6.16		
P/E (x)	24	9.2	12.7	13.5	9.7		
P/B (x)	2.9	1.8	1.5	1.5	1.4		

Note: Diluted EPS is calculated if all outstanding convertible securities, such as convertible preferred shares, convertible debentures, stock options and warrants, were exercised .P/E is calculated as closing price divided by each year's EPS. Accounting period of this company is from Mar. to Mar.

Investment Highlight:

- Goldbond Group Holdings Limited is Included as a constituent stock in Morgan Stanley Capital International Global Small Cap Index. Founded in 2003, the Group currently focuses on the SME bridge loans business. The business was first launched in Wuhan in April 2006. Since then, such service has been extended to Chongqing, Chengdu, Jiangsu, Guangzhou, Nanjing and Hangzhou. Since the group owns pawn licenses, it could charge a monthly yield as high as 4% in its loans.
- Given the major business is SME bridge financing service, the SMEs loans demand becomes a key driver for the company. Nowadays in China, SMEs financial needs could not be fully satisfied by the commercial banks. We believe it is a great potential for the group to provide such financial services to SMEs. Also the group will benefit from the central or western area pickup lately since the major exposure is in these areas.
- Given the business model of Goldbond is unique, we use commercial banks focusing on the SMEs as a group of benchmark peers. We believe a target 2010E PE ratio of 15x could be achieved for Goldbond Group. Thus we give out our target price of Goldbond Group as HKD 1.1 and the upside potential is 55%, we initiate Goldbond Group with a Buy Rating.

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投资案件:

公司业务模式: 金榜集团业务收入主要来源于旗下持股 71%的子公司融众集团,融众集团主要为中小企业提供过桥贷款服务,银行贷款担保服务。目前公司 85%以上的收入来源于贷款业务,其余来源于担保业务,对象为武汉,长沙,重庆,南京等地区的中小企业。由于融众集团拥有典当牌照,公司可以在对中小企业贷款上收取月息最高为 4%的利息,折合年息超过 40%。大部分贷款有过桥性质,普遍的贷款期限在 1 个月至 6 个月。

估值及目标价:我们参照专注于中小企业业务银行的估值来评估金榜集团。和一般的商业银行不同的是,金榜集团的贷款抵押物比例更高,贷款期限更短,贷款收益率更高,由于不能吸收存款公司的杠杆较低,公司所面对的中小企业客户的风险较银行为高。我们预测随着经济的强劲复苏,明年公司的对外贷款余额将会大幅上升,有望实现净利润 30%以上的增长,对应 EPSO. 074 港元,我们给予公司 15 倍的 2010 年 PE,目标价1.1 港元,相对于目前交易价格有 55%的上涨空间。

关键假设点: 2010 年中国经济继续强劲反弹, GDP 增速达到 9.6%。

股价表现的催化剂:我们预计下一财政年度随着经济的强劲复苏,公司的对外贷款量有望迅速上升。公司经营模式逐渐被认可,估值提升。

核心假设风险: 1,公司目前市值仅约 20 亿港元,流动性不足。2,经济复苏低于预期,资产质量出现问题。



Investment Case

Valuation and Target price

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Key assumptions

According to SWS macro dep.'s forecast, China economy will record a robust growth of 9.6% next year brought by a steady investment growth and recovery of export.

How we differ from consensus

1, Strong loans demand from China SMEs will become the key driver for the company. 2, The company could enjoy central and western areas boom up in China. 3, High quality management team differs the company from its peers.

Catalysts for share price performance

1, Substantial Growth in next fiscal year

We estimate it is unlikely for the company to realize a huge bottom line growth owing to management's prudence in offering incremental loans. But substantial growth is expected next fiscal year due to the strong recovery of China economy.

2, High Dividend Yield

Based on current trading price, the dividend yield is around 6%. If the management continues to implement its high dividend payout policy, we believe the company will attract more long term investors due to the high dividend yield.

Risks to central scenario

1, Liquidity Problem

The total market cap of Goldbond Group is around HKD 2 billion. Liquidity will be a problem for such a small cap company.

2, Assets Quality

China economy did not recover as strong as we expected and further affect the assets quality of the company.





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Focus on the SME bridge financing business

Goldbond Group Holdings Limited is Included as a constituent stock in Morgan Stanley Capital International Global Small Cap Index.

Founded in 2003, the Group currently focuses on the SME bridge loans business. The Group does the bridge financing service through its subsidiary (has a 71% stake) – Rong Zhong Group.

Rongzhong Group first launched the bridge financing service in Wuhan, the PRC, in April 2006. Since then, such service has been extended to Chongqing, Chengdu, Jiangsu, Guangzhou, Nanjing and Hangzhou.

Definition of Bridge Financing Service:

When a corporate applies for bank loans, always there is a time interval between bank permission and getting the loans. Provide that the corporate needs the money immediately, financial institute A will first give the money to the corporate and get paid after it gets the loans. What financial institute A provides is called Bridge Financing Service. Rong Zhong Group plays as the financial institute A.

Who need the bridge financing service?

- 1, In China, loan cannot roll-over upon maturity. Borrower must repay the existing loan with interest upon its maturity first then apply for a new loan. It takes approximately 1 month. Such loan repayment scheme has created a huge demand for working capital bridge financing from SMEs.
- 2, Management buyout (MBO) of state-owned enterprises

Manager of state-owned enterprise is required to inject funds into the target company before he can be entitled the ownership of the interest in that company. Following the ownership entitlement granted and the registered shares of the targeted enterprise issued to the manager, manager can finance the buyout with commercial bank by pledging the shares of the target enterprises as collateral.

3, Property developer needs to pay up land premium to the Ministry of Land and Resources prior obtaining the land use right. After obtaining the land use right certificate, developer pledges it to bank as collateral to finance the development project.

Rongzhong Group also provides general short term loans to qualified SMEs.

The specialty of Rongzhong Group's financing services:

1, Time length of loans: One month to Six months



2, Target: SMEs

3, Collateral: Most of the collaterals are properties or company shares owned by the SMEs

4: Interest Rate: Rong Zhong Group has several licenses of pawn broking business. According to the regulations of pawn business, the company could charge a monthly yield as high as 4% (annual yield as high as 40%) on its loans.

5, location: Currently the major exposure is in Wuhan (above 70%). Next step is in Chongqing, Nanjing and Changsha.

Though Goldbond Group has other business like loan guarantee service and financial lease business, most of the revenue came from bridge financing service. Looking forward, the group will continue turning its focus to the financing service. We believe by the end of this Dec. the percentage of SMEs loans revenue will reach 85%.

Chart 1: Business Mix till Mar. 2008

9%

Financing service income
Loan guarantee service income
Finance lease service income

Chart 2: Business Mix till Mar. 2009



Source: Company announcement, SWS research

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The key driver for the company is the strong loans demand

Given the major business is SME bridge financing service, the SMEs loans demand becomes a key driver for the company.

Strong loans demand of China SMEs can not be satisfied by commercial banks

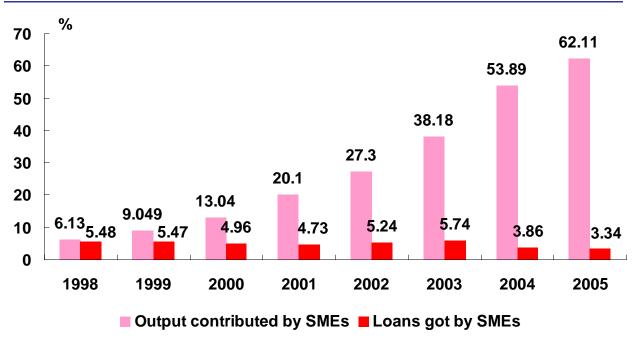
Goldbond provides financing services to SMEs. We believe in the long term loans demand from SMEs will be the key driver for the company.

In China, SMEs financial needs could not be fully satisfied by the commercial banks. Always commercial banks focus on the big enterprises due to



efficiency consideration. Banks need more resources to conduct the SMEs businesses. From chart 3, we will find out that SMEs contribute 60% of our whole outputs but only get 3% of total loans.

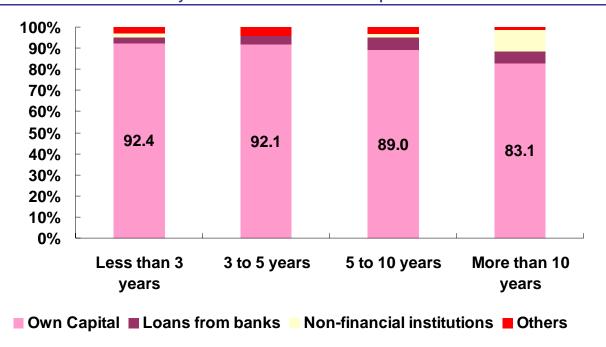
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Source: SWS research

Most funds owned by SMEs come from their own capital.

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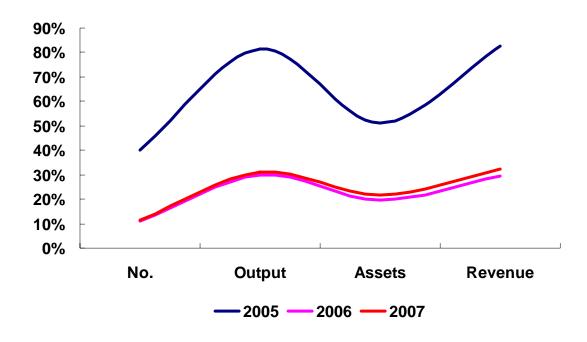


Source: SWS research



There is still a great potential for China SMEs. Growth rate of China SMEs is much faster than the big ones.

Chart 5: Growth rate of SMEs is much faster than others



Source: SWS research

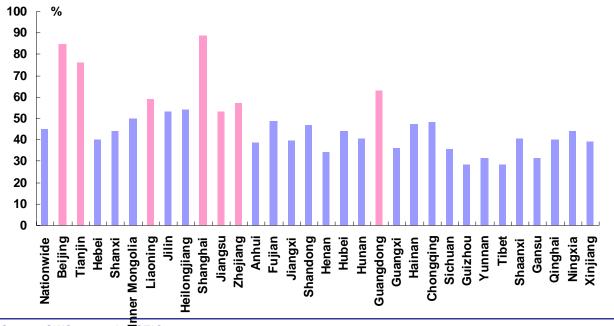
Wu Han's enterprises will benefit from central area pickup

Major businesses of Goldbond Group focus on Wu Han and will develop to districts like Chongqing, Changsha and Nanjing. Except for Nanjing, other cities all located in central or western area of China. We believe these areas are endowed with great potential compared to other areas.

The economy growth of eastern area of China began to decelerate due to high urbanization ratio and weak export.

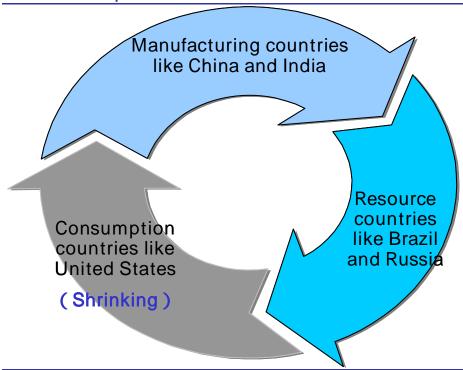


Chart 6: Urbanization ratio of eastern area has little upside potential



Source: SWS research, CEIC

Chart 7: Weak export situation



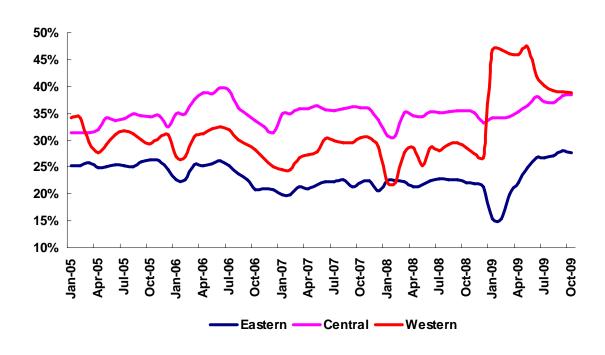
Source: SWS research

Compared to eastern areas, the urbanization rate and income per capita of central or western areas are much lower. Chinese government also tried to stimulate the economy of these areas. They may become the next locomotive of China economy like eastern areas played years ago.



Firstly, industrial relocation is under way. The government put more resources in the central or western areas.

Chart 8: FAI growth in central or western areas is much faster



Source: SWS research, CEIC

During and after the industrial relocation, consumption of these areas will boom up.

Chart 10: Growth rate of 2nd hand auto sale **Chart 9: Marginal propensity/consumption** % 0.71 200 Shaanxi 0.70 0.69 150 0.68 0.67 100 0.66 Liaoning Henan Sichuan 0.65 50 0.64 Chongqing Guangdong Shanghai 0.63 0 0.62 Beijing East Area Central Western Northeast Zhejiang Area Area Area -50 Source: SWS research Source: SWS research

As a result, the economy of these areas will boom up in the mid term. We have observed this change from the GDP growth of year 2009.



18 % 16 14 12 10 8 6 4 2 Fujian Guizhou Beijing Ningxia Henan Tibet Jiangxi Hainan Hebei Zhejiang Chongqing Hubei Yunnan Qinghai Liaoning Shandong Gansu Heilongjiang Guangdong Shaanxi Shanghai

Chart 11: GDP growth in different districts (2009)

Source: SWS research

Note: Strips in pink are the places Goldbond has exposure

High quality employee and management team differ Goldbond from its peers

According to the business model, we find a group of experts is necessary for Goldbond group. Given all the loans last for a really short term, the company needs more projects than normal commercial banks. To do the bridge loans business, the company's staff must have good relationship with banks. As far as we know, staffs of Rong Zhong group come from different regional offices of China banks. Some of them once were the heads of the branch.

As for the management team, Mr. Wang Jun is the chairman of the company.

Wang Jun: aged 68, is the Chairman and executive Director of the Company since April 2007. He was the former Chairman of CITIC Group in Beijing, Mr. Wang is currently the chairman of CITIC 21CN Company Limited and the independent non-executive director of China Communications Services Corporation Limited, the issued shares of all the aforesaid companies are listed on the Main Board of The Stock Exchange of Hong Kong Limited.





Fund Source creates the main headwind

If the loans demand is strong, what about the loans supply? We believe this will become the major headwind over Goldbond Group. Different from normal commercial banks, Goldbond Group could not absorb individual deposits. The fund will either come from the following ways:

1, Stock market placement

The company issued 268 million new shares at a price of HKD 1.18 in July 2007. Goldbond is not willing to do some placements now since the trading price is relatively low.

2, Bank loans

Currently the company holds a RMB 109 million bank loans in its account. Given China banks are unwilling to issue loans to pawn brokers due to no decent collaterals, it is unlikely for Goldbond to get more loans from commercial banks.

3, Own capital

This is a decent way to supplement capital but the total amounts are limited.

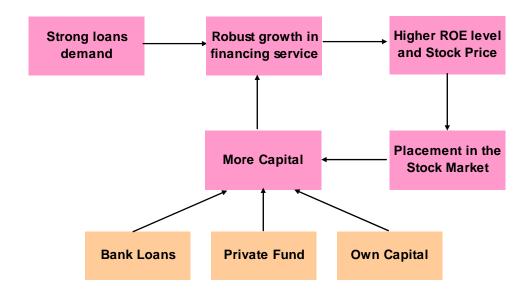
4, Establish a private equity fund

Launched in May 2008, Wuhan Rongzhong Growth Fund is a private equity fund seeking opportunities for investment primarily in the PRC where Rongzhong's operating expertise and sector knowledge can guide the strategic direction of its portfolio and create sustainable value. As at 31 March 2009, the fully paid-up capital was approximately RMB183 million in which 27.34% was owned by Rongzhong Group, the manager of the Fund. The Fund became another capital source for the bridge financing services.

We believe the ideal mode for the development of the company will be showed as the following chart.



Chart 12: Ideal Pattern of Goldbond Group



Source: SWS research

Huge growth potential is expected

The future growth potential will be determined by the loans demand, fund source and the management will. Nowadays when we looked back to year 2009, we believe the Group remained prudent in loans releasing. The total amounts of loans outstanding will be close to year 2008's since the situation of SMEs just began to recover. The Group still held around 500 million cash and short term deposits in hand currently.

According to SWS macro dep.'s forecast, China economy will record a robust growth next year brought by a steady investment growth and recovery of export.



Chart 13: GDP growth forecast

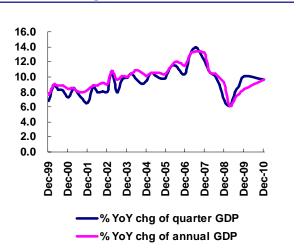
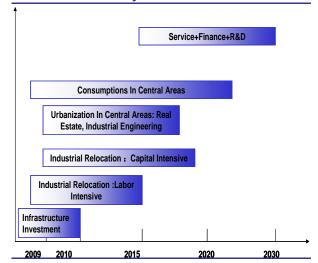


Chart 14: Driven by inner area boom



Source: SWS research Source: SWS research

Thus we believe the company is likely to issue more loans next year. In our model, next year the outstanding loans will reach HKD 1 billion. Regarding the rapid loans growth, we estimate revenue will realize a 30% increase.

Table 1: Earnings Forecast of Goldbond Group

HKD '000	2008.3	2009.3	2010.3	2011.3
Continuing operations				
Turnover	226,598	351,128	351,725	424,147
Other income	25,794	29,674	8,000	9,000
Change in fair value of derivative component of convertible note	14,463	15,801	0	0
Gain on disposal of associates	25,364			
Staff costs	(48,131)	(62,519)	(61,552)	(74,226)
Other operating expenses	(56,857)	(108,329)	(88,448)	(75,774)
Share of profits of associates	4,218	7,910	8,209	8,209
Finance costs	(22,569)	(21,963)	(16,037)	(12,637)
Profit before taxation	168,880	211,702	201,897	278,719
Taxation Profit for the year from continuing operations	(12,794)	(45,142)	(40,379)	(55,744)
	156,086	166,560	161,518	222,975
Discontinued operation				
(Loss) profit for the year from discontinued operation	25,330	(169)	0	0
Profit for the year	181,416	166,391	161,518	222,975
Attributable to:				40-000
Equity holders of the Company	180,228	149,404	142,943	197,333
Minority interests	1,188	16,987	18,575	25,642
	181,416	166,391		
Earnings per share Diluted	0.0656	0.0518	0.0535	0.0739
Dividend		106,782	100,060	118,400
Dividend per share		0.0400	0.0375	0.0444
BVPS	0.40	0.47	0.49	0.52
ROE	17.38%	11.82%	10.94%	14.24%
Dividend Yield		5.56%	5.21%	6.16%

Source: SWS research





Buy rating with a target price of HKD 1.1

Given the business model of Goldbond is unique, we use commercial banks focusing on the SMEs as a group of benchmark peers.

What's the difference between Goldbond and normal commercial banks focusing on SMEs business

1, Lower risk due to high collateral ratio

Most loans will be charged at a collateral ratio above 100%. This is higher than normal commercial banks' ratio.

2, Lower risk due to shorter loans duration

Most loans last one month to six months which is much shorter than normal commercial banks'.

3, Higher ROE due to higher margin in loans

The company could charge an annual yield of 40% on these short term financing services. For comparison, normal commercial banks could only charge benchmark interest rate which is around 5%.

4, Lower ROE due to low leverage

The company could not absorb deposits so most funds are company's own capital. The leverage is much lower than normal commercial banks.

5, Higher risk due to the quality of SMEs

The company's clients are ones could not get bank loans or temporarily could not get. Thus we believe the quality of company's clients is a bit worse than the clients of normal commercial banks'.

As a whole, we believe the valuation of Goldbond Group could be close to small commercial banks or even higher attribute to a higher long term ROE level.



Valuation

Table 2: Valuation of small sized banks worldwide

		PE			PB	
	2008Y	2009E	2010E	2008Y	2009E	2010E
China						
BANK OF NINGBO CO LTD -A	28.28	28.06	22.08	4.48	4.08	3.59
HK						
WING HANG BANK LIMITED	19.21	19.45	14.77	2.24	2.06	1.90
DAH SING FINANCIAL	21.44	15.60	10.13	1.09	1.08	0.99
Other Asia						
HDFC BANK LIMITED	34.47	37.34	27.61	5.03	5.52	3.95
ICICI BANK LTD	20.36	-	23.98	1.71	-	1.93
KOTAK MAHINDRA BANK LTD	24.56	45.46	26.08	4.23	4.56	3.66
PUNJAB NATIONAL BANK	12.51	11.19	8.08	2.05	2.40	1.83
BANGKOK BANK PUBLIC CO LTD	11.42	10.83	9.48	1.27	1.13	1.03
KASIKORNBANK PCL	13.49	14.13	11.60	1.89	1.63	1.49
America						
VIRGINIA COMMERCE BANCORP	8.43	-	-	0.53	0.72	0.80
PEOPLES BANCORP INC	14.21	27.82	12.15	-	0.48	0.47
BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA	14.78	13.76	13.57	2.90	2.26	2.09
Europe						
SANDNES SPAREBANK	-	15.30	11.01	0.74	0.57	0.55
TURKIYE VAKIFLAR BANKASI T-D	14.49	8.55	8.17	1.98	1.42	1.24
BANCA CARIGE SPA	18.98	19.56	17.16	1.19	0.93	0.90
PIRAEUS BANK S.A.	7.31	14.26	11.76	1.16	1.06	1.00
		ROE(%)		DIVIDEND YIELD(%)		
	2008Y	2009E	2010E	2008Y	2009E	2010E
China						
BANK OF NINGBO CO LTD -A	16.21	15.01	16.16	1.88	1.19	1.38
HK						
WING HANG BANK LIMITED	44.00					
DAH CINIC EINIANICIAI	11.69	10.91	13.24	2.49	1.64	2.73
DAH SING FINANCIAL	3.68	10.91 7.64	13.24 10.03	2.49 2.38	1.64 2.14	2.73 3.57
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Source: Bloomberg

We believe a target 2010E PE ratio of 15x could be achieved for Goldbond Group. Thus we give out our target price of Goldbond Group as HKD 1.1.



Given the upside potential is 55%, we initiate Goldbond Group with a Buy Rating.

Catalysts

1, Substantial Growth in next fiscal year

We estimate it is unlikely for the company to realize a huge bottom line growth owing to management's prudence in offering incremental loans. But substantial growth is expected next fiscal year due to the strong recovery of China economy.

2, High Dividend Yield

Based on current trading price, the dividend yield is around 6%. If the management continues to implement its high dividend payout policy, we believe the company will attract more long term investors due to the high dividend yield.

Risk

1, Liquidity Problem

The total market cap of Goldbond Group is around HKD 2 billion. Liquidity will be a problem for such a small cap company.

2, Assets Quality

China economy did not recover as strong as we expected and further affect the assets quality of the company.



Appendix I - Company History

Chart 15: Goldbond Group's History

Change of substantial shareholders of the Company

Changed Company's name to Goldbond Group Holdings Limited

Acquired 25% interests in Nanjing City Plaza

Nov

Acquired 40% interests in Rongzhong, a platform of loan guarantee business

in the PRC

Acquired 20% interests in Goldbond Capital

2005

Further acquired 11% interests in Rongzhong, becoming a 51% owned subsidiary

of the Company

2006

Apr ! Launched bridge financing service in Wuhan through Rongzhong

Disposed of Golden Plaza in Hong Kong at approximately HK\$530 million

Disposed of 25% interests in Nanjing City Plaza at approximately HK\$125 million

Appointed Mr. Wang Jun as Chairman

Disposed of 20% interests in Goldbond Capital at approximately US\$10.25 million

(equivalent to approximately HK\$80 million)

Acquired additional 20% interests in Rongzhong, resulting a 71% owned

subsidiary of the Company

Granted RMB115 million 3-year project finance facility to a Zhuhai Property

Developer at an annual return over 33%

() † Launched bridge financing service in Chengdu, Chongqing and Jiangsu

2008

Obtained the wholly foreign owned leasing license from Ministry of Commerce of

the PRC

COV Launched a private equity fund in the PRC

Formed a subsidiary in Taizhou to capture the potential business and investment

opportunities in the region of Yangtze River Delta

5003

Launched bridge financing service in Guangzhou

Included as a constituent stock in Morgan Stanley Capital International Global

Small Cap Index

Source: SWS research



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