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寧波屹東電子股份有限公司

Ningbo Yidong Electronic Company Limited [Stock Code: 8249]

Joint Sponsors	: Guotai Junan Capital Ltd	Barits Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd
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Joint Lead Managers : Guotai Junan Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd Barits Securities (Hong Kong) Ltd

Sector : Electronics

Business : Design, manufacture and sale of intelligent controller systems for consumer electrical and electronic appliances

Total share offer: <u>130,000,000</u> H shares (26% of the enlarged share capital) IPO: 13,000,000 H shares (10%) Placement: 117,000,000 H shares (90%)	Business of Ningbo Yidong Electronic Established in August 2000, the Company is principally engaged in the design, manufacture and sale of intelligent controller systems for various consumer electrical and electronic appliances.	
Price: HK\$0.45 – HK\$0.60 per share H-share Market Cap. : HK\$58.5 million – HK\$78.0 million Historical FY2002 P/E: 6.5x – 8.7x (pro forma fully diluted) Adjusted NTA per share: RMB0.26-RMB0.30 Staffing: 639	The intelligent controller systems manufactured by the Company are used in a range of appliances such as air-conditioners, refrigerators, televisions, mobile phones, smoke extractors and fan control systems. The Company is currently expanding into the telecommunication arena as well as the controller market for thin-film transistors (TFT-LCD devices) used for LCD flat-panel display screens.	
 IPO commences: 30th October, 2003 IPO closes: 4th November, 2003 Receiving bank: Standard Chartered Bank Share registrar: Abacus Share Registrars Limited Listing date: 14th November, 2003 	The Company's production plant is located in Yuyao City, Zhejiang province, with a total site area of approximately 48,000 m ² . The Company currently has a total of 4 production lines. Annual production capacity of up to approximately 833,000 controller-system units.	

Major Shareholders after Listing

25.90%
18.50%
9.79%
7.46%
6.06%
2.59%
1.85%
1.85%
74.00%

<u>Note</u>: All of the above shareholders are subject to a 12-month lock-up period after the listing.

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Use of Proceeds

Net proceeds from the offer are estimated to be HK\$47 million. (Assuming an issue price of HK\$0.45, being the minimum of the proposed range of issue prices of HK\$0.45 and HK\$0.60 per offer share)

	HK\$ million
To expand the Company's production capacity and volume	27
To strengthen the Company's R&D capacity and develop new products	14
To enhance the Company's sales and marketing capability	5
To enhance the Company's management system and employee training	

Financial Highlights

	4 months ended	Year ended 31 st December	
	30 th April 2003 RMB '000	2002 RMB '000	2001 RMB '000
Turnover			
Air-conditioner controller systems	28,390	143,577	39,646
Refrigerator controller systems	-	585	1,963
Smoke-extractor controller systems	598	1,350	543
Fan controller systems	-	1,031	2,671
Television controller systems	20,131	16,503	-
*Manufacture of mobile-phone controller systems and assembly of mobile phones	2,176	12,204	3,778
*Other controller systems	<u>151</u>	<u>1,471</u>	<u>1,281</u>
	<u>51,446</u>	<u>176,721</u>	<u>49,882</u>
Operating profit	<u>9,549</u>	<u>59,340</u>	<u>14,485</u>
Net profit	<u>5,064</u>	<u>36,863</u>	<u>9,121</u>
Dividend	400	114	-
EPS - basic	<u>RMB0.01</u>	<u>RMB0.13</u>	<u>RMB0.07</u>

* The Group's customers supply designs of the controller systems for mobile phones to the Company.

[#]Other controller systems designed and manufactured by the Company included water-dispenser, air-purifier and vacuum cleaner controller systems.

<u>Strengths</u>

- ✓ The Company has more than 40 customers, including some well-known international and domestic manufacturers of consumer electrical and electronic appliances, such as Electrolux and Aucma.
- ✓ The Company has been granted a number of awards and accreditations, including ISO9002:1994 certification and "Innovative and High-Tech Enterprise" accreditation by Ningbo authorities.
- ✓ Priced at a historical P/E of 6.5x-8.7x, valuation of Ningbo Yidong is not demanding when compared with recently-listed peer Shenzhen EVOC Intelligent Technology (*Stock code: 8285*), whose products are applied to more sophisticated systems such as automatic teller machines and highway tolls-collection stations. However, trading of the shares of Shenzhen EVOC, which were priced at historical P/E of 11.4x, has been unexciting since its trading debut in early October this year.

<u>Weaknesses</u>

- × Two of the Company's major customers, Elec Appliance [a sino-foreign joint venture between Electrolux and Kai On (Holdings)] and Aucma, accounted for 64%, 59% and 42% of its total turnover for the 2 years ended 31st December 2002 and the 4 months ended 30th April 2003. Should any of these 2 customers terminate the business relationship with the Company, the Group's financial position would adversely be affected.
- × The Company faces keen competition from other electronic-controller-system designers and manufacturers in the PRC. Moreover, barriers of entry are not high for this industry. Thus, intensifying pricing competition should be inevitable, eventually eroding the Company's profitability.
- × The Company does not anticipate paying any cash dividends in the foreseeable future.

Recommendation: Unexciting