## Cash Converters International Ltd (CCV \$0.24) Buy

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## Acquisition of New Zealand Store Network

## Key Points

CCV has announced the acquisition of the remaining New Zealand franchise store network.

- CCV already holds $25 \%$ equity interest in the New Zealand network and will acquire the remaining $75 \%$ of the network for a purchase price up to $\$ 15.5 \mathrm{~m}$. In FY'22 the 25\% equity interest contributed $\$ 0.853 \mathrm{~m}$ to net earnings, implying $\$ 3.4 \mathrm{~m}$ for $100 \%$ share on FY'22 basis. Expect some cost savings with CCV bringing back office inhouse.
- The purchase will be funded from company's available cash reserves (\$58.1m cash and $\$ 79.5 \mathrm{~m}$ in undrawn facilities as at $\mathrm{FY}^{\prime} 22$ )
- Acquisition is expected to complete late CY'22.
- The transaction is "priced relative to net assets, and earnings accretive." On FY'22 proforma earnings acquired on $4.5 \times$ PE (assuming $\$ 15.5 \mathrm{~m}$ acquisition price), compared to CCV on $7.4 x$ on our current FY' 23 forecasts.
- CCV AGM is scheduled for Tuesday 25 October, we expect a Q'1 update released to coincide.


## Investment Thesis

Store networks are accretive and strong balance sheet position supports deployment of cash while maintaining current dividend paying status. The company provided solid FY'22 results with the business setting itself for stronger FY'23 as loan books continue to recover from Covid lows and the Eastern States emerge from lockdowns. Business continues to trade on attractive metrics providing opportunity. We retain Buy Recommendation

Cash Converters International Ltd (CCV)

| Share Price | 0.24 | $\mathrm{~A} \$ / \mathrm{sh}$ |
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| Price Target | 0.35 | $\mathrm{~A} \$ / \mathrm{sh}$ |
| Valuation | 0.50 | $\mathrm{~A} \$ / \mathrm{sh}$ |
| Shares on issue | 628 | $\mathrm{~m}(\mathrm{dil})$ |
| Market Capitalisation | 150.7 | $\mathrm{~A} \$ \mathrm{~m}$ |
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| Enterprise Value | 225.7 | $\mathrm{~A} \$ / \mathrm{m}$ |
| Debt (FY'22) | 133.1 | $\mathrm{~A} \$ / \mathrm{m}$ |
| Cash (FY'22) | 58.1 | $\mathrm{~A} \$ / \mathrm{m}$ |

Share Price Chart


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## AGM Update and Acquisition of Store Network

## Event

CCV has recently announced the acquisition of the remaining 75\% equity of the New Zealand store network. The company has also provided a Q'1 operating update with AGM address calling out continued growth in gross loan book.

## Impact

CCV will acquire the remaining 75\% of the New Zealand network for a purchase price of up to $\$ 15.5 \mathrm{~m}$. In FY ' 22 the $25 \%$ equity interest contributed $\$ 0.85 \mathrm{~m}$ to EBT; implying $\$ 3.4 \mathrm{~m}$ full year contribution and $4.5 x$ on trailing EBT (assuming $\$ 15.5 \mathrm{~m}$ acquisition price), accretive compared to CCV on $4.9 \times$ EBT on our forecasts.

Total gross loan books $\$ 214.6 \mathrm{~m}$ up $28 \%$ on PCP, broadly in line with our FY'23 gross loan assumptions looking for \$233m.

Q'1 revenue reported $\$ 69.0 \mathrm{~m}$, we have pushed through some minor adjustments to our top line forecasts incorporating store acquisitions and adjustments to loan books, now looking for revenue of $\$ 270.0 \mathrm{~m}$.

## Action

We have incorporated store acquisitions and minor adjustments to loan book forecasts.

Price Target up slightly to 0.36/sh.
Current trading levels continues to be underpinned by fully franked $2 c$ full year divided, implying $8.5 \%$ yield ( $12.1 \%$ grossed up).

Business has flagged potential for further acquisitions in the pipeline, in our view current cash position and facility headroom is sufficient to support payment of dividend and acquisitions. As at FY'22 cash reserves $\$ 58.1 \mathrm{~m}$ and a further $\$ 79.5 \mathrm{~m}$ in undrawn facilities. We forecast FY'23 cash balance of $\$ 49.9 \mathrm{~m}$ with facilities minimum drawn.

## Key Catalysts

- 1H'23 Results
- Further strategic acquisitions
- Formal dividend policy.

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