

CCXAP affirms Ronshine China Holdings Limited's BB_g+ long-term credit rating, with stable outlook

Hong Kong, 17 June 2021 -- China Chengxin (Asia Pacific) Credit Ratings Company Limited ("CCXAP") has affirmed BB_g+ long-term credit rating of Ronshine China Holdings Limited ("Ronshine" or the "Company"), with stable outlook. At the same time, CCXAP has affirmed Ronshine's BB_g+ senior unsecured debt rating.

Corporate Profile

Ronshine China was incorporated in the Cayman Islands in 2014 and listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (Stock Code: 3301.HK) in January 2016. Headquartered in Shanghai, Ronshine China started its property development business in Fujian Province in 2003 and gradually expanded into the Yangtze River Delta in 2013. By the end of 2020, the Company had a geographic coverage of 52 cities in China. As of 31 December 2020, Mr. Ou Zonghong, the Company's founder and controlling shareholder, held 66.69% of the Company's shares through a trust structure.

Rating Rationale

The BB_g + rating of Ronshine China is underpinned by (1) good track record of steady sales growth in the Yangtze River Delta and the Western Taiwan Straits; (2) good-quality land bank located in higher-tier cities; and (3) adequate liquidity with different financing channels. However, the rating is constrained by the Company's (1) large exposure to joint-venture partnership, which reduces the transparency of its financial metrics; and (2) weakened profitability and interest coverage, which remains under pressure over the next 6 to 12 months.

Rating Outlook

The stable outlook on Ronshine China's rating reflects our expectation that the Company will maintain a strong market position in the Yangtze River Delta and the Western Taiwan Straits. We also expect the Company's profit margin to bottom out and its credit metrics to gradually recover over the next 12 to 18 months.

What could upgrade the rating?

The rating could be upgraded if the Company (1) establishes a track record of sustainable growth in contracted sales; or (2) improves its credit metrics, such as EBIT interest coverage ratio rises to above 1.5x and net profit margin increases to above 10.0%, on a sustained basis.

What could downgrade the rating?

The rating could be downgraded if the Company's (1) contracted sales slumps and profitability shrinks; (2) credit metrics deteriorate, such as contracted sales to total debt falls below 2.0x and net gearing ratio hits above 100%; and (3) liquidity weakens significantly.



Rating Methodology

The methodology used in this rating is the Rating Methodology for <u>Real Estate Development</u> Industry (December 2019).

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