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# NagaCorp | Asia Pacific

# Growth Intact, Valuation Attractive; Reiterate OW

l Stock Rating Overweight

Price Target
 HK\$15.00

NagaCorp continues to grow more rapidly than its regional peers, and looks better positioned during the current downturn. Valuation of 10% FCFE yield and 11x P/E on 2020e looks attractive on an absolute and relative basis, which should see ongoing outperformance.

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**Strong 2019 Earnings -** NagaCorp reported 2019 EBITDA and EPS growth of 31% and 33%, respectively. DPS grew 57% YoY, although part of that was due to a special dividend. If it maintains its 60% payout ratio, our 2020 DPS forecast of US cents 7.9 implies a 5.4% yield.

# Key reasons for our OW are:

(1) Offering better growth than other gaming markets - Since 2011, Naga's EBITDA CAGR has been 24% compared to 7% for Macau gaming stocks. Over 2020-22, we expect EBITDA growth of 9%, also higher than other regional gaming companies. In terms of execution, Naga 2 has generated more than 40% ROIC since opening in Dec 2017.

(2) Structurally better positioned - NagaCorp has a monopoly in and around Phnom Penh through 2045, it also has a lower tax rate and lower labor costs compared to Macau gaming companies. We also like Naga more than its Philippines and Singapore peers given its better growth prospects, lower tax rates and higher dividend yields.

(3) Attractive Valuation - At 10% FCFE yield, 11x P/E on 2020e, the stock is trading at a 28% discount on 12M forward consensus EV/EBITDA to Macau peers. We expect the stock to continue to re-rate given its growth prospects.

**What's changed?** PT increase is mainly due to increase in 2020e EBITDA due to removal of revenue tax (5% of GGR), which was moved to 2021, and lower opex. Lower EBITDA in 2021e is due to lower VIP revenue.

**Key concerns**: Slower Chinese visitation, high exposure to VIP (41% of gross profit), revenue tax announcement overhang (due in mid-2020), high capex for Naga 3 (US\$3.5bn), cap on dividend due to capex commitment (US\$1.75bn over the next five years) and uncertainty around a Russian project.

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# NagaCorp ( 3918.HK, 3918 HK )

ASEAN Gaming / Hong Kong

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Stock Rating Industry View			Overweight Attractive				
Price target			HK\$15.00				
Shr price, close (Feb 12,	2020)		Н	K\$11.78			
52-Week Range		HK\$14	.74-8.60				
Up/downside to price ta			27				
Sh out, dil, curr (mn)		4,341					
Mkt cap, curr (mn)	U	IS\$6,585					
Avg daily trading value (	(mn)			HK\$56			
Fiscal Year Ending	12/19	12/20e	12/21e	12/22e			
ModelWare EPS (US\$)	0.120	0.140	0.152	0.173			
Prior ModelWare EPS	0.11	0.13	0.15	-			
(US\$)							
EPS (US\$)§	0.12	0.14	0.16	-			
Revenue, net (US\$ mn)	1,755	1,801	1,984	2,180			

Revenue, net (US\$ mn)	1,755	1,801	1,984	2,180
EBITDA (US\$ mn)	661	760	777	856
ModelWare net inc (US\$ mn)	521	607	662	751
P/E	14.5	10.9	10.0	8.8
P/BV	4.2	3.2	2.8	2.5
RNOA (%)	31.4	29.4	27.3	28.4
ROE (%)	33.9	33.9	32.6	32.5
EV/EBITDA	11.6	8.7	8.3	7.3
Div yld (%)	4.9	5.5	6.0	6.8

Unless otherwise noted, all metrics are based on Morgan Stanley ModelWare

framework § = Consensus data is provided by Thomson Reuters Estimates

e = Morgan Stanley Research estimates

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# Key Charts

Exhibit 1: Naga: Strong Quarterly Volume Growth

## Quarterly volume growth YoY (%)

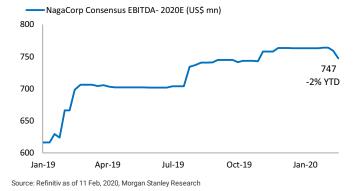


Exhibit 3: Naga: Our FCFE valuation implies at HK\$15 price target, offering 24% upside potential

US\$ m	2018	2019	2020E	2021E
Company EBITDA	502	661	760	777
Less: Income tax	(9)	(30)	(30)	(8)
Less: Maintenance Capex	(94)	(50)	(50)	(50)
Less: Interest Expense	(19)	(20)	(28)	(13)
FCFE	379	560	651	706
Target FCFE Yield			8.0%	
Equity Value	4,742	7,004	8,142	
Number of shares			4,341	
Price Target (HK\$)			15.0	
Upside/downside			24%	
Current multiples	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
EV/EBITDA		10.1	8.7	8.6
P/E		12.9	11.1	10.2
Recurring FCFE Yield		8.3%	9.7%	10.5%
Div Yield%		5.4%	5.4%	5.9%

Source: Refinitiv as of Feb 11, 2020, Morgan Stanley Research (E) estimates

# **Exhibit 5:** Naga's 2020E consensus EBITDA has seen positive revisions since Jan 2019



### Exhibit 2: Naga: Strong Historical EBITDA Growth



Note: 1H19x2 represents the annualized number

Exhibit 4: Naga is trading at 8.7x 12-month forward EV/EBITDA

Nagacorp 12-month Forward EV/EBITDA on consensus estimates



Source: Refinitiv as of Feb 11, 2020, Morgan Stanley Research

### **Exhibit 6:** Naga is trading at a 28% discount to Macau Gaming Industry Average on 12-month forward EV/EBITDA



Source: Refinitiv as of Feb 11, 2020, Morgan Stanley Research

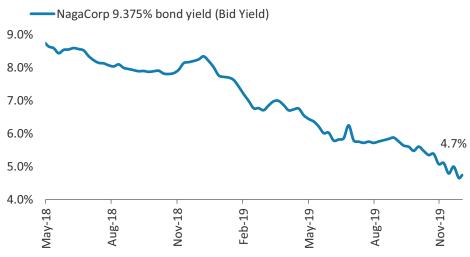
# Investment Case

We reiterate our OW rating for these reasons:

(1) Offering better growth than other gaming markets - Since 2011, Naga's EBITDA CAGR has been 24% compared to 7% for Macau gaming stocks. This is also better than any other gaming companies globally. Over 2020-22, we expect EBITDA growth of 9%, also higher than other regional gaming companies. In terms of execution, Naga 2 has generated more than 40% ROIC since opening in Dec 2017. Long-term upside could come from success at the Naga 3 complex (capex US\$3.5bn, opening in 2025).

(2) Structurally better positioned - NagaCorp has a monopoly in and around Phnom Penh through 2045, it also has a lower tax rate and lower labor costs compared to Macau gaming companies. We also like Naga more than its Philippines and Singapore peers given its better growth prospects, lower tax rates and higher dividend yields.

(3) Balance sheet capacity to expand faster: As of end-2019, the company had net cash of US\$32mn and net cash/2021e EBITDA of around 0.1x. More importantly, for the first time, the company issued corporate bonds – US\$300mn at 9.375% coupon in mid-2018 – the yield on which has tightened to 4.7% as of Jan 2020, suggesting strong demand, lower risk premium and an improved outlook.



### Exhibit 7: NagaCorp 9.375% bond yield dropped to 4.7% by Jan 2020

Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

(4) Attractive Valuation including dividend yield - At 10% FCFE yield, 11x P/E on 2020e, the stock is trading at a 28% discount on 12M forward consensus EV/EBITDA to Macau peers. We expect the stock to continue to re-rate given its growth prospects. We believe Naga provides a unique combination of dividend yields and potential dividend growth. While some gaming companies offer high dividends, few offer dividends that are growing at the same pace as Naga's.

Exhibit 8: Naga: Gross profit mix - High contribution (41%) from VIP

Key Investor Concerns: Despite the stock significantly outperforming the HSI (Naga's share price has risen 103% since the opening of Naga2 in Nov 2017 vs. -8% for HSI) and peers for some time we think it will continue to re-rate. We also note some other potential investor concerns:

(1) High exposure to VIP: Naga generates 71% of its Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR) and 41% of its EBITDA from the VIP segment. This is higher than any of the Macau casinos in our coverage. VIP is a volatile segment, which does carry some risk, and investors usually assign lower multiples as a result. Globally, junkets are also coming under increased scrutiny amid tighter capital controls. However, we already assume lower growth in our forecasts.

Exhibit 9: Cambodia visitation - Growth from China has slowed since

### mid-2019 business Total visitors arrival to Cambodia -Total Chinese visitors to Cambodia 100% CN visitors 20% YTD YOY in 11M19 95% 90% 80% 31% 75% 35% 359 70% 55% Non-Gaming 60% Mass 35% 199 50% 18% 31% Nov-19 EGM 40% 15% -2 4% 41% VIP 30% -5% 20% 43% 41% Nov-19, -20.9% 33% -25% 10% 19% 20% Oct-19 Apr-17 Apr-19 Jul-19 1 Oct-17 Apr-18 Oct-18 Jan-19 Jul-17 Jan-18 Jul-18 an-0% 2015 2018 2019 2016 2017 Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research Source: CEIC, Morgan Stanley Research

(2) Chinese visitation under pressure: Naga's financial performance has been supported by strong visitation from China over the last few years - up by 67% and 20% in 2018 and 11M19, respectively; However, visitation dropped by 21%YoY in Nov 2019. If the slowdown in outbound tourism persists, this could have a negative impact on revenue and profit.

(3) New revenue tax timing remains an overhang: If the tax starts in 2020, we estimate it could have an up to 10% impact on EBITDA, which is our bear-case scenario. However, our base case assumes the 5% revenue tax will start on Jan 1, 2021.

	Current Price	MS	Mkt Cap	6M Avg Vol.	EV/EI	BITDA	EBITDA Growth		P,	/E	FCFE	Yield	Div '	Yield	Net Debt	/EBITDA	2019	2020 YTD
11-Feb-20	LOC\$	Rating	(US\$ m)	(US\$ m)	2020E	2021E	2015-18	2018-21E	2020E	2021E	2020E	2021E	2020E	2021E	2020E	2021E	Perf.	Perf.
MACAU																		
Sands China	39.1	OW	40,673	56	12.7x	11.8x	11%	8%	16.7x	15.1x	6.7%	7.4%	5.1%	5.1%	0.9x	0.8x	22%	-6%
Galaxy	54.6	EW	30,478	76	11.6x	10.3x	24%	3%	17.1x	15.5x	7.1%	7.9%	1.8%	1.9%	(2.9x)	(2.6x)	15%	-5%
Wynn Macau	17.3	EW	11,591	22	11.9x	11.2x	32%	-1%	18.2x	16.1x	8.0%	8.8%	5.7%	6.3%	2.6x	2.4x	12%	-10%
Melco Resorts (Consol.)	21.3	OW	10,361	41	8.7x	8.3x	19%	8%	15.1x	13.4x	12.5%	13.4%	3.1%	3.1%	2.0x	1.9x	35%	-12%
Melco Resorts (Attri.)	21.3	OW	10,361	41	9.7x	9.1x	19%	18%	15.1x	13.4x	8.9%	9.8%	3.1%	3.1%	2.1x	2.0x	35%	-12%
MGM China	11.4	ow	5,579	11	8.9x	8.4x	1%	16%	15.0x	12.1x	11.8%	13.3%	2.3%	2.9%	2.2x	2.0x	22%	-10%
SJM	9.1	EW	6,623	11	12.2x	9.2x	-1%	13%	15.6x	16.1x	6.4%	8.5%	3.8%	3.7%	(0.2x)	(0.1x)	-3%	2%
Simple average			115,666		11.2x	10.0x	14%	9%	16.3x	14.7x	8.2%	9.3%	3.6%	3.8%	0.8x	0.8x	17%	-7%
Bloomberry	9.0	OW	1,946	1	6.6x	6.1x	35%	14%	9.0x	8.1x	12.6%	14.5%	2.7%	3.0%	1.5x	1.4x	20%	-21%
NagaCorp	12.1	OW	6,764	6	8.7x	8.6x	30%	16%	11.1x	10.2x	9.7%	10.5%	5.4%	5.9%	(0.0x)	(0.1x)	62%	-11%
Genting Singapore	0.9	EW	7,486	13	5.6x	5.6x	17%	-2%	15.6x	15.9x	9.0%	8.9%	4.1%	4.1%	(2.8x)	(2.8x)	-6%	-6%
Simple average			16,196		7.0x	6.8x	27%	<b>9%</b>	11.9x	11.4x	10.4%	11.3%	4.1%	4.3%	(0.4x)	(0.5x)	25%	-13%
ASEAN average					9.8x	8.9x			14.8x	13.6x	8.9%	10.0%	3.8%	4.0%	0.4x	0.3x	20%	<b>-9</b> %

## Exhibit 10: Valuation Comps

E = Morgan Stanley Research estimates Prices are as of Feb 11, 2019 Source: Refinitiv, Morgan Stanley Research

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# Valuation Methodology and Risks

We raise our price target by 7% to HK\$15 driven by higher 2020e EBITDA due to lower revenue tax and opex. The price target is based on an unchanged 8.0% target FCFE yield on our 2020e, higher than NagaCorp's Macau gaming peers' average of 7.0% since 2012. Despite greater growth prospects, we think a higher-than-Macau yield (cheaper valuation) is justified by the company's operation in a frontier market as well as its high reliance on the VIP business.

In our view, the valuation also looks attractive at 8.7x 12-month forward EV/EBITDA and 11.3x forward P/E on consensus numbers, both implying around a 30% discount to Macau peers.

NagaCorp has paid out 60% of its earnings every year since 2015. We expect this to continue and to drive above-peer dividend yields of 5-6% in 2020-21e.

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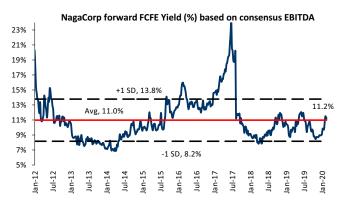
Exhibit 11: Naga: FCFE valuation and multiples



### Exhibit 13: NagaCorp forward P/E on consensus estimates

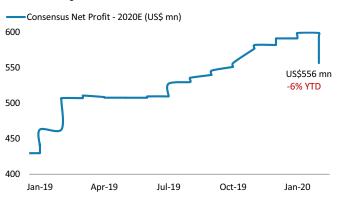
 $\label{eq:expectation} \mbox{Exhibit 12: NagaCorp forward FCFE yield (%) based on consensus EBITDA \\$ 

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Source: Refinitiv as of Feb 11, 2020, Morgan Stanley Research

### Exhibit 14: Naga: Consensus net income estimates for 2020E



Source: Refinitiv as of Feb 11, 2020, Morgan Stanley Research estimates

# What's Changed

We raise our PT by using an unchanged 8% FCFE yield on 2020 EBITDA, which went up by 6%, driven by lower operating expenses as well as the removal of revenue tax, which we expect now to start from Jan. 2021. We increased 2020 income tax from \$8m to \$30m (similar to 2019).

We cut our 2021 EBITDA by 6% driven by lower VIP revenue expectations due to the crackdown on online gambling and junket liquidity.

We lower our revenue forecasts by 24% and 26% for 2020 and 2021, respectively, to reflect our lower VIP revenue growth assumptions - which we cut from 25%YOY to - 2%YOY in 2020 and from 15%YOY to 10%YOY in 2021. As VIP revenue contributes more than 70% of gross revenues, lowering VIP revenue growth impacts revenue more.

	New		Ol	d	Variance		
US\$ mn	2020E	2021E	2020E	2021E	2020E	2021E	
Revenue	1,801	1,984	2,362	2,684	-24%	-26%	
Corporate EBITDA	760	777	718	829	6%	-6%	
Net Income	607	662	543	667	12%	-1%	
EPS (US cents)	13.97	15.24	12.52	15.36	12%	-1%	

### Exhibit 15: Morgan Stanley estimates: New vs. Old

Source: Morgan Stanley Research (E) estimates

# Financials

# Exhibit 16: Morgan Stanley estimates vs. consensus

		MSe			Consensus			Variance	
US\$ mn	2019A	2020E	2021E	2019A	2020E	2021E	2019A	2020E	2021E
Revenue	1,755	1,801	1,984	1,825	2,143	2,389	-4%	-16%	-17%
EBITDA	661	760	777	669	759	854	-1%	0%	-9%
Net Income	521	607	662	515	594	679	1%	2%	-3%
EPS (US cents)	12.01	13.97	15.24	11.80	13.80	15.64	2%	1%	-3%

Source: Refinitiv as of 11 Feb 2020, Morgan Stanley Research

# Exhibit 17: Revenue and productivity forecast

Revenue US\$ mn	2018	2019	2020E	2021E	2022E
VIP revenue	1,069	1,243	1,214	1,332	1,465
Mass revenue	236	318	367	406	451
EGM revenue	129	158	184	207	224
GGR	1,434	1,719	1,765	1,945	2,140
Revenue growth YOY	2018	2019	2020E	2021E	2022E
VIP revenue	71%	16%	-2%	10%	10%
Mass revenue	57%	35%	15%	11%	11%
EGM revenue	-14%	22%	16%	13%	8%
GGR	55%	20%	3%	10%	10%
Tables (period end)	2018	2019	2020E	2021E	2022E
VIP tables	325	349	349	349	349
Mass tables	154	174	174	174	174
EGM machines	1,950	2,000	2,200	2,200	2,200
Productivity (US\$)	2018	2019	2020E	2021E	2022E
VIP w/t/d	10,227	10,106	9,504	10,454	11,500
Mass w/t/d	4,454	5,238	5,762	6,395	7,099
EGM w/u/d	259	337	367	397	428

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research (E) estimates

Exhibit 18: Operational summary

Operation (US\$ mn)	2018	2019	2020E	2021E	2022E
Gross Revenue	1,474	1,755	1,801	1,984	2,180
VIP Revenue	1,069	1,243	1,214	1,332	1,465
Mass Revenue	236	318	367	406	451
EGM Revenue	129	158	184	207	224
Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR	1,434	1,719	1,765	1,945	2,140
Non-Gaming Revenue	40	36	37	39	41
Gross Profit					
Total	674	846	930	1,028	1,129
VIP	286	347	356	391	430
Mass	229	316	364	403	447
EGM	126	155	180	203	219
Gaming	641	817	900	996	1,096
Non-Gaming	32	30	30	32	33
Gross Margin					
Total	46%	48%	<b>52%</b>	<b>52%</b>	5 <b>2</b> %
VIP	27%	28%	29%	29%	29%
Mass	97%	99%	99%	99%	99%
EGM	98%	98%	98%	98%	98%
Gaming	45%	47%	51%	51%	51%
Non-Gaming	81%	83%	83%	83%	83%
Net Profit					
Opex	(973)	(1,095)	(1,042)	(1,207)	(1,324)
EBITDA (calculated)	502	661	760	777	856
- YOY	61%	32%	15%	2%	10%
РАТ	391	521	607	662	751

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research (E) estimates

# Financial Summary

# Exhibit 19: NagaCorp Financial Summary

For the years ending December 31											
Income Statement						Balance Sheet					
US\$ million	2018A	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022E	US\$ million	2018A	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022
Gross Revenue	1,474	1,755	1,801	1,984	2,180	Fixed Assets	1,302	1,595	1,746	1,897	2,04
VIP Revenue	1,069	1,243	1,214	1,332	1,465	Intangible Assets	59	71	67	64	60
Mass Revenue	236	318	367	406	451	Other Assets	94	140	140	140	140
EGM Revenue	129	158	184	207	224	Non-Current Assets	1,455	1,805	1,952	2,100	2,244
Non-Gaming Revenue	40	36	37	39	41	Debtors	117	127	162	179	196
Gaming tax (5% of GGR)			-	(97)	(107)	Cash and deposits	393	327	377	513	405
Cost of sales	(801)	(909)	(871)	(956)	(1,051)	Current Assets	512	456	542	694	604
Gross profit	673	846	930	1,028	1,129	Creditors	80	159	153	168	184
VIP	286	347	356	391	430	Others	12	16	16	16	16
Mass	229	316	364	403	447	Current Liabilities	92	175	168	183	200
EGM	126	155	180	203	219	Senior notes	291	295	295	295	-
Non-Gaming	32	30	30	32	33	Contract liabilities	44	35	35	35	35
Administrative expenses	(79)	(61)	(45)	(50)	(54)	Non-Current Liabilities	335	330	330	330	35
Other operating expenses	(93)	(84)	(99)	(105)	(113)	Share Capital	54	54	54	54	54
EBITDA	502	661	760	777	856	Reserves	1,486	1,734	1,974	2,259	2,591
Depreciation	(89)	(96)	(103)	(103)	(106)	Shareholders' Equity	1,540	1,788	2,029	2,313	2,645
Amortization of license	(4)	(3)	(3)	(3)	(3)						
EBIT	419	561	653	670	746						
Profit before tax	399	552	637	670	759	Ratios	2018A	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022
Income Tax	(9)	(30)	(30)	(8)	(8)	Gross Profit Margin (%)	46%	48%	52%	52%	529
Profit after tax	391	521	607	662	751	- VIP	27%	28%	29%	29%	299
Basic EPS (US\$ cents)	9.00	12.01	13.97	15.24	17.29	- Mass	97%	99%	99%	99%	999
DPS (US\$ cents)	5.40	8.48	8.38	9.14	10.37	- EGM	98%	98%	98%	98%	989
						- Non-gaming	81%	83%	83%	83%	839
						EBITDA Margin (%)	34%	38%	42%	39%	399
Cash Flow Statement						Dividend Payout Ratio (total)	60%	71%	60%	60%	609
US\$ million	2018A	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	GGR Growth	55%	20%	3%	10%	109
Profit before Tax	399	552	637	670	759	VIP Growth	71%	16%	-2%	10%	109
Depreciation & Amortization	93	105	107	107	110	Mass Growth	57%	35%	15%	11%	119
Other non-cash adjustments	11	(72)	(30)	(8)	(8)	EGM Growth	-14%	22%	16%	13%	8
Changes In Working Capital	(27)	69	(42)	(2)	(1)	EBITDA Growth	61%	32%	15%	2%	109
Operating cash flows	477	654	671	767	859	Net Profit Growth	53%	33%	16%	9%	139
Capex	(243)	(421)	(254)	(254)	(254)						
Others	(74)	(52)	-	-	-	Operating Data					
Investing cash flows	(317)	(472)	(254)	(254)	(254)	VIP Tables (avg)	287	337	349	349	349
Dividends Paid	(171)	(273)	(366)	(377)	(418)	Mass Tables (avg)	145	167	174	174	174
Issuance of shares	-	-	-	-	-	EGM Machines (avg)	2,063	1,975	2,100	2,200	2,200
Others	(14)	-	-	-	-	VIP win/table/Day (US\$)	10,227	10,106	9,504	10,454	11,500
Financing cash flows	104	(225)	(366)	(377)	(713)	Mass win/table/Day (US\$)	4,454	5,238	5,762	6,395	7,099
Change in Cash	264	(44)	51	136	(108)	EGM win/unit/Day (US\$)	259	337	367	397	428
Ending cash	316	273	324	459	351	Visitors to Cambodia (m)	8.1	8.5	8.9	9.4	9.8

Source: Company data, Morgan Stanley Research (E) estimates

# Risk Reward – NagaCorp (3918.HK)

Upside driven by capacity expansion in Cambodia

# PRICE TARGET HK\$15.00

Our price target of HK\$15.00 is our base case scenario value. We apply a target FCFE yield of 8.0% to our 2020 estimate, higher than Macau peers' average of 7.0%. Our 8.0% target FCFE yield is lower than the company's long-term average of 11% since 2012 in view of the company's leading position in a growing market, stable dividend, tax profile, and Naga 2 ramp-up.

		HK	\$15.21
Consensus Price Target Distribution	HK\$12.01	•	HK\$17.21
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Source: Thomson Reuters, Morgan Stanley Research		🔶 Mean	<ul> <li>Morgan Stanley Estimates</li> </ul>

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Source: Thomson Reuters, Morgan Stanley Research

Same GGR and EBITDA estimates as base

6.0% recurring FCFE yield 2020e

case. Lower FCFE yield at 6.0%.

# BULL CASE

НК\$20.00 ВА

# BASE CASE

# HK\$15.00

## 8.0% recurring FCFE yield 2020e

Continued Naga 2 ramp in 2020-21. VIP revenue growth of -2% in 2020; mass (table + slot) revenue rises 16% in 2020.

# **OVERWEIGHT THESIS**

• Capacity expansion at Naga 2 has been successful and is still ramping up.

 China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) and growth in Chinese visitor numbers should continue to drive VIP and mass earnings growth though, in the near term, growth may slow down due to travel restrictions.
 Naga has better license terms, lower taxes

and lower labor costs compared to Macau gaming companies.

Naga offers higher dividends and growth compared to ASEAN gaming peers.

Attractive valuation at ~9x EV/EBITDA, ~11x P/E, FCFE yield of 10% and dividend yield of 5.4% on 2020e.

### **Consensus Rating Distribution**

•	90% Overweight
	10% Equal-weight
	0% Underweight
• MS Rating	

Source: Thomson Reuters, Morgan Stanley Research

### **Risk Reward Themes**

Pricing Power:	Positive
Regulation:	Negative
Secular Growth:	Positive

View descriptions of Risk Rewards Themes, here

## BEAR CASE

# HK\$7.00

# 12.0% recurring FCFE yield 2020e

Downturn in overall economy. More competition from Vietnam, Reduced visitation. Slower-than-expected Naga 2 ramp. VIP revenue growth of -20% in 2020; mass revenue stays flat at 0% in 2020. 5% Revenue tax starts in mid-2020.



# Risk Reward – NagaCorp (3918.HK)

# **KEY EARNINGS INPUTS**

Drivers	2019	2020e	2021e	2022e
Company VIP Revenue Growth (%)	16.2	(2.3)	9.7	10.0
Company Mass & Slot Revenue Growth (%)	30.3	15.7	11.6	9.7
Corporate EBITDA margin (Gross) (%)	37.6	42.2	39.2	39.3

## INVESTMENT DRIVERS

- New junkets opening in 2020.
- Removal of overhang with respect to tax rate in Cambodia in 2020.

# **GLOBAL REVENUE EXPOSURE**



Source: Morgan Stanley Research Estimate View explanation of regional hierarchies, <u>here</u>

# **RISKS TO PT/RATING**

### RISKS TO UPSIDE

- 1Q20 results better than expected.
- Recent workers' strike in Jan results in lowerthan-expected labor costs rises.

### **RISKS TO DOWNSIDE**

- Potential share dilution for future developments and expansion.
- Regional competition (e.g., Vietnam, Philippines, Korea, Macau, Singapore, etc.).
- More competition from Sihanoukville.
- High exposure to VIP revenue and risk to overall global VIP business.

# **OWNERSHIP POSITIONING**

Inst. Owners, % Active

Source: Thomson Reuters, Morgan Stanley Research

78.6%

# MS ESTIMATES VS. CONSENSUS



Mean
 Morgan Stanley Estimates

Source: Thomson Reuters, Morgan Stanley Research

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# Rendering of Naga3

## Exhibit 20: Naga3 rendering - Outside



Source: Company data

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Exhibit 21: Naga3's City Room



Source: Company data

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CATEGORY		TOTAL		TOTAL IBC	RATING		TOTAL
				(	CATEGORY		OTHER
							MISC
Overweight/Buy	1188	37%	309	43%	26%	526	36%
Equal-weight/Hold	1451	45%	331	46%	23%	697	48%
Not-Rated/Hold	2	0%	1	0%	50%	2	0%
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TOTAL	3,218		721			1452	

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