Target price: **n.a.**

Share price (26 Feb): TWD39.25 | Up/downside: -

Benefiting from booming demand for sportswear

- Targeting 15% YoY revenue growth for 2016
- Sees Under Armour being the key revenue driver for the next few years
- Began expanding overseas production base in 4Q15

Background: Founded in July 1982 and listed on Taiwan's main board in January 1997, De Licacy specialises in manufacturing woven fabric. Its product split in 2015 was: filament-fibre (79%), spun-fibre (17%), and others (4%), and the major applications were fashion (10%), performance and protective functions (65%), and home decoration (25%). Some 67% of its 2014 revenue came from products shipped to Asia (45% to Taiwan), followed by North America (14%), Europe (13%) and others (6%) to leading brands globally, eg, Under Armour (21-22% of 2015 revenue), Adidas (11-12%) and Uniqlo (9%). Its production sites include Tainan (Taiwan, 65%) and Hangzhou (China, 35%), with a total capacity of 12m yards a month.

Highlights: One of Taiwan's leading woven fabric providers. For 2016, De Licacy expects 20-25% YoY order growth from Under Armour and a revenue contribution of 23-24%, vs. 21-22% for 2015. De Licacy's solid January 2016 strong revenue of TWD656m (+ 22.0% YoY, -14.9% MoM) was due to solid demand for functional products such as performance and protective products. Overall, it is targeting 15% YoY revenue growth for 2016.

Vertically integrated plant in Vietnam. De Licacy started setting up a vertically integrated plant in Vietnam (from fabric to garment manufacturing) in 4Q15, targeting to start mass production in 1Q17. It aims to produce an incremental 3.5m yards a month for a 29% increase in its fabric capacity. It is seeking to cooperate with a Japanese partner in the garment space.

JV with Tainan Enterprises to extend its downstream footprint. On 19 January 2016, De Licacy announced its 49% JV investment with Tainan Enterprises (1473 TT, TWD36.75, Not rated), in order to move further into the garment segment, with a garment-manufacturing capacity of 200,000-250,000 pieces a month.

12.4% share dilution from capital-raising exercise in December 2015. De Licacy announced the issuance of 30m new shares at a price of TWD28 per share (total proceeds of TWD840m) to pay off a bank loan.

Dividend policy. De Licacy paid a DPS of TWD0.974 in cash and 4.87% in stock dividends in 2014, equivalent to a cash-dividend payout ratio of 24% and a 2.5% dividend yield at the current price. It is targeting more than a 100% cash dividend payout for 2015 after recording a land disposal gain in 2014.

Valuation: The stock is trading currently at 2016E and 2017E PERs of 21.3x and 13.5x, respectively, based on the Bloomberg consensus forecasts (below its past-2-year average PER of 30x).

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Share price performance



12-month range	15.11-40.30
Market cap (USDbn)	0.27
3m avg daily turnover (USDm)	6.03

Source: FactSet, Daiwa forecasts

26 February 2016

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De Licacy: financial summary

TWDm	2012	2013	2014	1Q15	2Q15	3Q15	9M15
Net sales	4,427	4,589	5,685	1,576	1,570	1,787	4,933
Gross profit	658	540	806	291	271	313	876
Operating profit	39	- 78	0	96	112	66	274
Pre-tax profit	75	- 33	899	100	153	120	373
Net profit	63	- 39	895	60	70	90	220
EPS(TWD)	0.29	(0.18)	4.14	0.28	0.32	0.39	0.96
Margin (%)							
Gross margin	14.9	11.8	14.2	18.5	17.3	17.5	17.8
Operating margin	0.9	(1.7)	0.0	6.1	7.1	3.7	5.6
Net margin	1.4	(0.8)	15.7	3.8	4.4	5.1	4.5
YoY (%)							
Net sales	- 7.1	3.7	23.9	34.1	28.2	27.9	29.9
Gross profit	5.2	- 18.0	49.4	80.4	73.9	94.8	83.1
Operating profit	470.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	460.1	n.a.	2,761.6
Pre-tax profit	105.6	n.a.	n.a.	2,279.5	457.1	1,325.8	831.8
Net profit	22.1	n.a.	n.a.	807.8	164.7	1,162.8	449.2

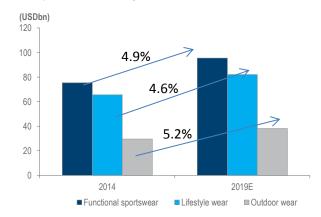
Source: Company





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Taiwan Sportswear industry market value



Source: Euromonitor

De Licacy: brand client coverage



Source: Company

De Licacy: 1-year forward PER



Source: Bloomberg



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