### LIGHTHOUSE ADVISORS

Keeping Your Capital Safe

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#### Who We Are

#### The Firm

- Based in **Singapore**, started in 2008
- Registered Fund Manager
  - Regulated by the Monetary Authority of Singapore
- Currently focused on Asian Equities
  - Key Markets: Singapore & Hong Kong

#### The Team

- Benjamin KOH (Chief Investment Officer / Founder)
  - Previously at APS Asset Management
  - 14 years' investment experience (since 2002)
- OH Chiah Ching (Investment Analyst)
  - Previously at First State Investments
  - 11 years' investment experience (since 2005)

### **Investment Strategy: Core-Satellite Approach**



### **Portfolio Management**

- Concentrated in 15-30 selections
- Position Sizing
  - Initial 2-4%
  - Standard 4-6%
  - High Conviction 6-8%
- Limit 15% per security
- No limit on cash
- Sale Considerations
  - Mistake
  - Fundamentals deteriorate
  - Better opportunities

### Fraud Detection: Catch Me If You Can

- Capital Allocation
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# **Capital Allocation**

- Expansion
  - Asset Turnover
- M&A
  - Valuations
- Debt Repayment
  - Cost of Carry

### **Related Party Transactions**

- Incidental vs. Critical
  - Convenience Service vs. Supply Chain Activity

- Materiality
  - % of Sales, COGS, Expenses

### **Peer Comparison**

### Margins

- EBITDA Margins
- EBITDA ROA

## Working Capital Ratios

- Inventory / Days Sales Outstanding
- Cash Conversion Cycle

#### Economies of Scale

Bigger Volumes = Lower Per Unit Cost

### **Exposure**

### Chances

- Size of Company
- Size of Fraud

### Cost

- Jail
- Capital Punishment
- Loss of "Face"

#### Hall of Shame

- 2011: Oceanus (OCNUS SP)
  - Profits mostly from Revaluation Gains
  - Insufficient Audit of Biological Assets
- 2011: Longtop Financial (NYSE: LFT)
  - Amazing Margins
  - Fake Revenue & Fake Cash
- 2014: Fujian Nuoqi (1353 HK)
  - New IPO
  - Theft of Cash

### **Passive Strategies**

#### Avoid

- 50% loss needs 100% return to break even
- A penny saved is 2 pennies earned

#### Wait

- Genuine companies will mean-revert

## **Aggressive Strategies**

#### Put Options

- Limited Downside
- Low/No Supply in Asia
- Cost of Premium
- American vs. European style

#### Short-Selling

- Unlimited Downside
- Low/No Supply in Asia
- Borrow Cost
- Short Squeeze
- Personal Risk

## **Current Suspects**

#### DISCLAIMER

- Red Flags are not definitive proof of Fraud
- Not an inducement to buy or sell
- Statement of Facts only

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# **THANK YOU**