

What’s Hot Today:

► New Oriental Education (9901 HK, HK\$46.78, HK\$80bn)
solid 1Q26 yet head wind persists

New Oriental Education (EDU US), a leading private educational services provider in China, released a solid 1Q FY5/26 results. Revenue grew by 6% YoY to US\$1.5bn, higher than the previous guidance of 2%-5% YoY growth. Core business, domestic tutoring business maintained a robust momentum of 14% YoY growth. Non-GAAP operating profit grew by 11% YoY to US\$336mn, thanks to enhanced cost controls. Net profit stood at US\$241mn, down 2% YoY.

Fig 1. 1Q26 Financial Review

	1Q25		1Q26		YoY chg	Results comments
	US\$ mn	% of Rev	US\$ mn	% of Rev		
Net revenues	1435.4		1523.0		6%	Overseas test prep and consulting+1% and 2%, domestic tutoring+14%
Cost of revenues	-583.5	-41%	-637.8	-42%	9%	
S&M expense	-193.7	-13%	-200.6	-13%	4%	
Admin. expense	-365.1	-25%	-373.8	-25%	2%	
Operating profit	293.2	20%	310.8	20%	6%	OPM maintained at 20.4%
Net profit	245.4	17%	240.7	16%	-2%	

Source: Company Data, Sunwah Kingsway Research

Overseas education business beat yet continued to face pressure.

Overseas test preparation and consulting business grew by 1% and 2% YoY, respectively, beating market expectations of a 5% decline. However, the growth pace slowed down from 15% and 8% in 4Q25, respectively, mainly due to softer demand for overseas study amid ongoing China-US trade frictions. Although Chinese students are increasingly considering alternative study destinations, such as the UK, Australia, and Canada which could partly mitigate the impact in the near term, this segment still faces pressure as uncertainties with studying aboard grow.

New educational business slowed down. New educational business including non-academic tutoring and learning devices, increased by 5% YoY, down from +30% in 4Q25, due to intensified market competition as local tuition institutions concentrated their resources on the summer and winter holiday periods. However driven by a robust enrollment growth in non-academic tutoring and learning device subscribers, the segment is likely to recover in 2Q26.

China & HK Indices	CLOSE	1D	YTD
HSI	26,346	-0.3%	31.3%
HSCEI	9,375	-1.0%	28.6%
HSCCI	4,088	-0.7%	8.1%
CSI300	4,747	1.2%	20.7%
Shanghai A	4,211	0.7%	-2.3%
Shanghai B	261	0.2%	-2.3%
Shenzhen A	2,668	1.3%	30.3%
Shenzhen B	1,324	-0.8%	9.2%

Key Int'l Indices	CLOSE	1D	YTD
Dow Jones	47,632	-0.2%	12.0%
S&P 500	6,890	-0.0%	17.2%
Nasdaq	23,958	0.5%	24.1%
Nikkei Index	51,321	0.0%	28.6%
FTSE Index	9,756	0.6%	19.4%
CAC Index	8,200	-0.2%	11.1%
DA-X Index	24,124	-0.6%	21.2%

Commodities		CLOSE	1D	YTD
GOLD	(US\$/oz.)	3,930	-0.6%	50.6%
STEEL	(US\$/oz.)	2,424	2.6%	35.8%
SILVER	(US\$/oz.)	47	1.0%	65.3%
CRUDE OIL	(US\$/bbl)	60	0.5%	-15.8%
COPPER	(US\$/oz.)	11,183	1.4%	27.5%
ALUMINIUM	(US\$/oz.)	2,887	0.4%	13.1%
PLATINUM	(US\$/oz.)	1,594	0.3%	76.4%
ZINC	(US\$/oz.)	3,082	0.9%	3.5%
WHEAT	(US\$/bu)	532	0.6%	-3.0%
CORN	(US\$/bu)	434	0.5%	-2.1%
SUGAR	(US\$/lb)	N/A	N/A	
SOYBEAN	(US\$/bu)	1,094	-0.1%	6.0%
PVC	(US\$/t.)	N/A	N/A	-14.2%
CRB		300	-0.2%	3.0%
BDI				95.6%

Exchange Rates						
	USD	HKD	EUR	JPY	CHF	RMB
USD		7.771	0.862	152.730	0.800	7.099
HKD	0.129		0.111	19.654	10.295	0.914
EUR	1.160	9.015		177.180	1.077	8.231
JPY	0.007	5.088	0.564		0.524	0.046
CHF	1.250	9.713	1.077	190.919		8.854
RMB	0.141	1.095	0.121	21.530	0.113	

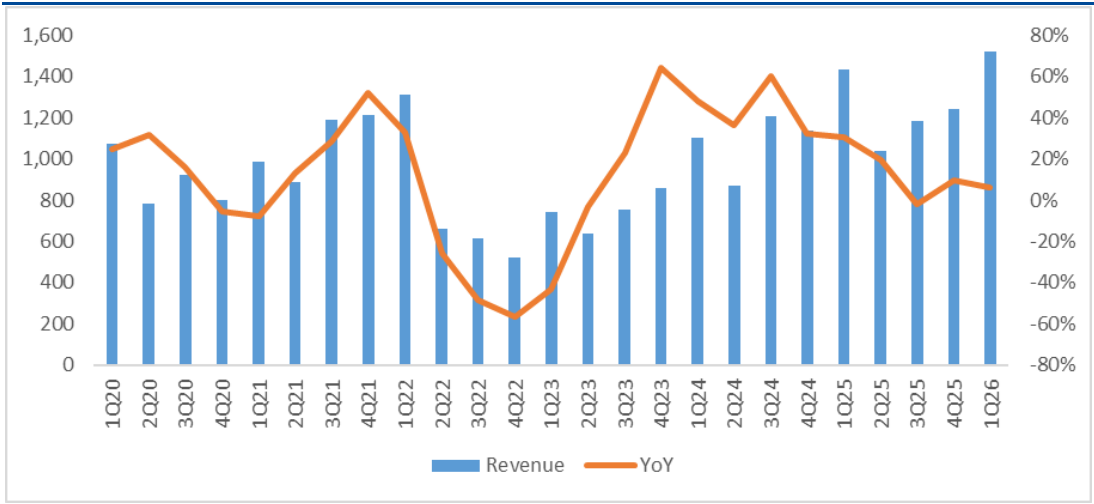
Market Sentiment		CURRENT	5D
CDS Monitor - USD SR 5Y			
Greece		N/A	N/A
Ireland		83	-2.4%
Italy		139	-0.6%
Portugal		207	-0.0%
Spain		108	0.3%
VIX		16	-9.0%

Source: Bloomberg

Enhanced shareholders return program. The Mgt expects total net revenues for 2Q26 to range from US\$1.13bn to US\$1.16bn, implying a 9 to 12% YoY growth. For FY26, the Mgt reiterates its revenue guidance in the range of US\$5.15bn to US\$5.39bn, reflecting a YoY increase of 5% to 10%. This indicates that overseas studying business is expected to stabilize. Meanwhile, EDU announced a FY26 shareholder return plan totaling US\$490mn, comprising US\$190mn in dividends and US\$300mn in share buybacks. The payout ratio reaches 130% of FY25 net profit, significantly exceeding the market forecast of 100%.

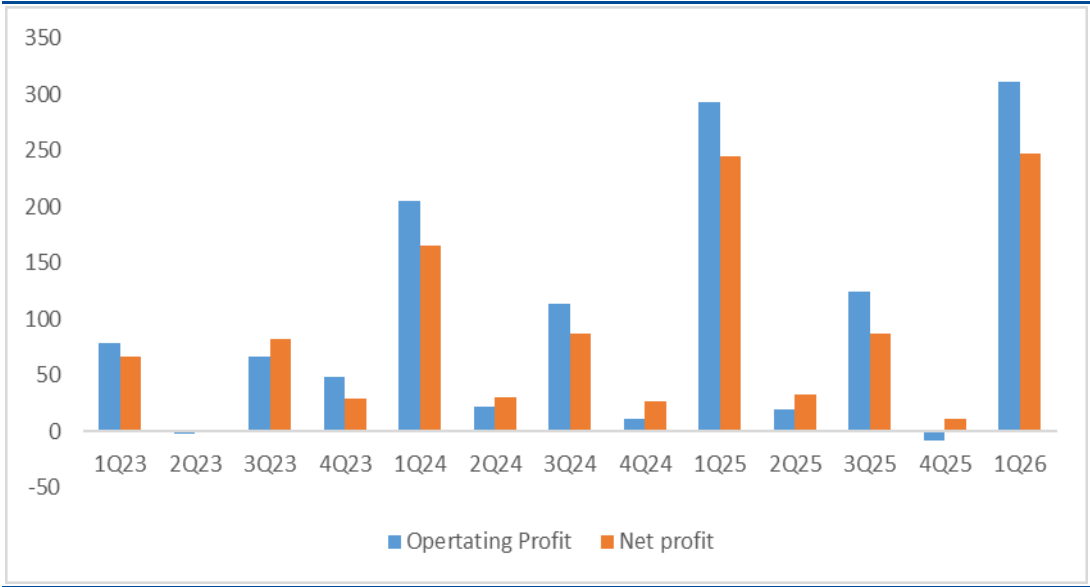
Our view: 1Q26 delivered a solid result, with stable domestic tutoring business, better-than-expected overseas study segment and enhanced shareholders return program. However, we also note that key segments are experiencing softer growth and overseas study segment remains under pressure in the near term due to the weak economy and geopolitical conflict. The counter is trading at 21x FY26 P/E. (Ensley LIU)

Fig 2: Revenue (US\$ mn) and YoY



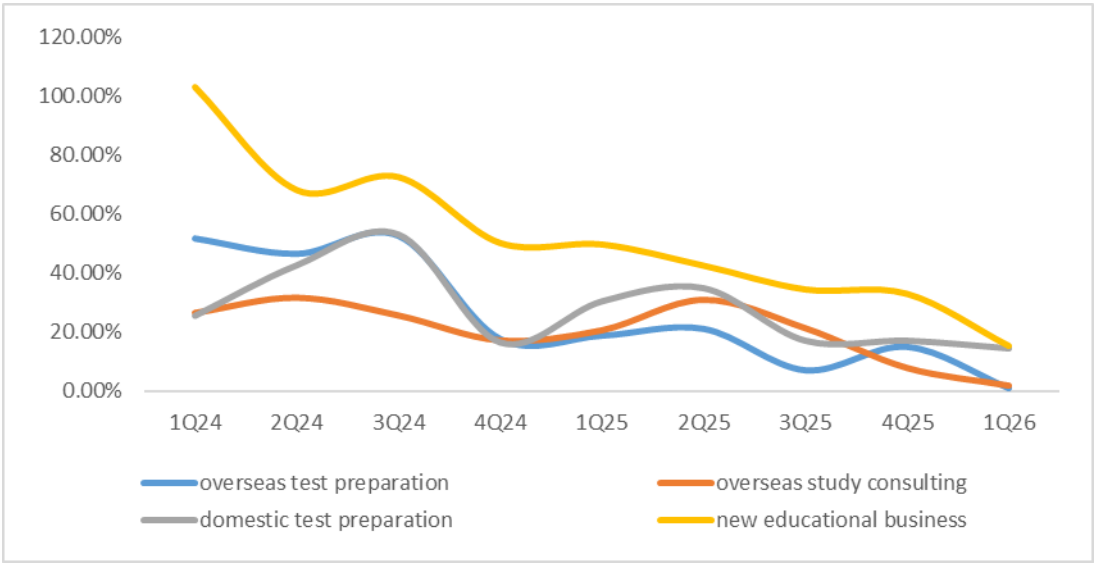
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Fig 3: Net profit and operating profit (US\$ mn)

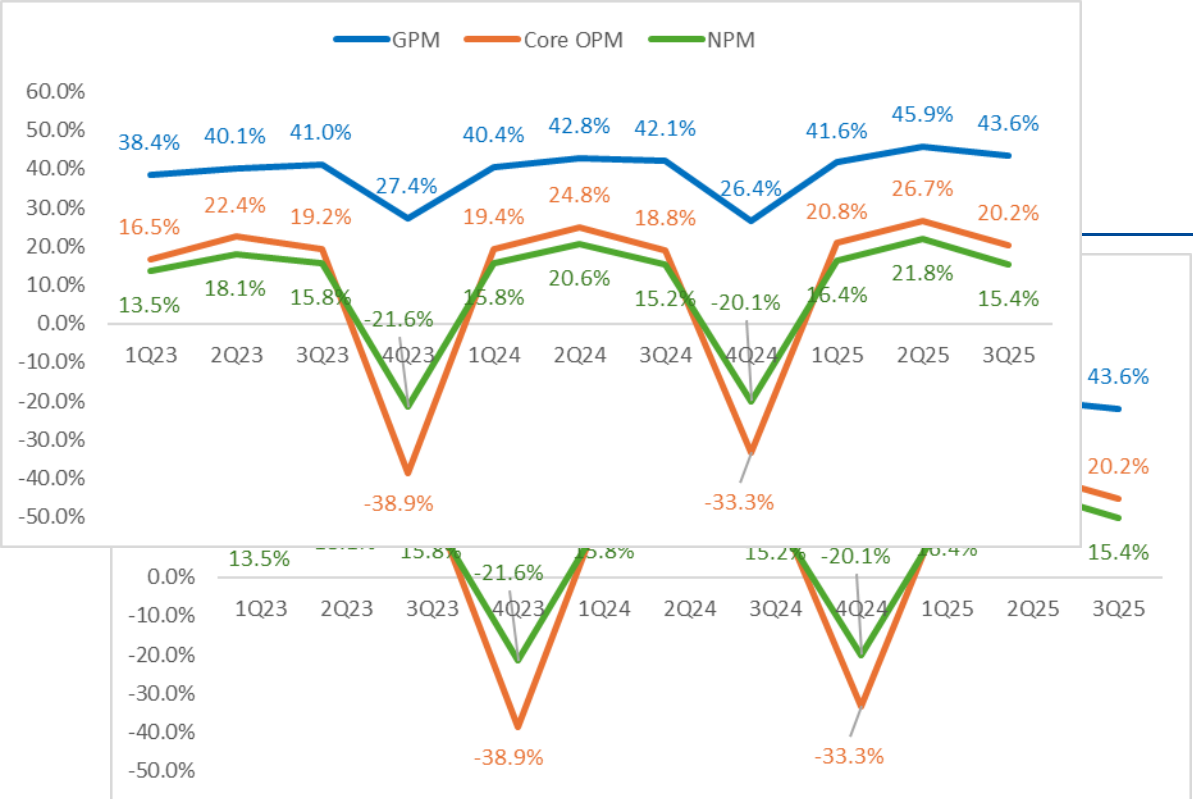


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Fig 4: Growth rate of each segment

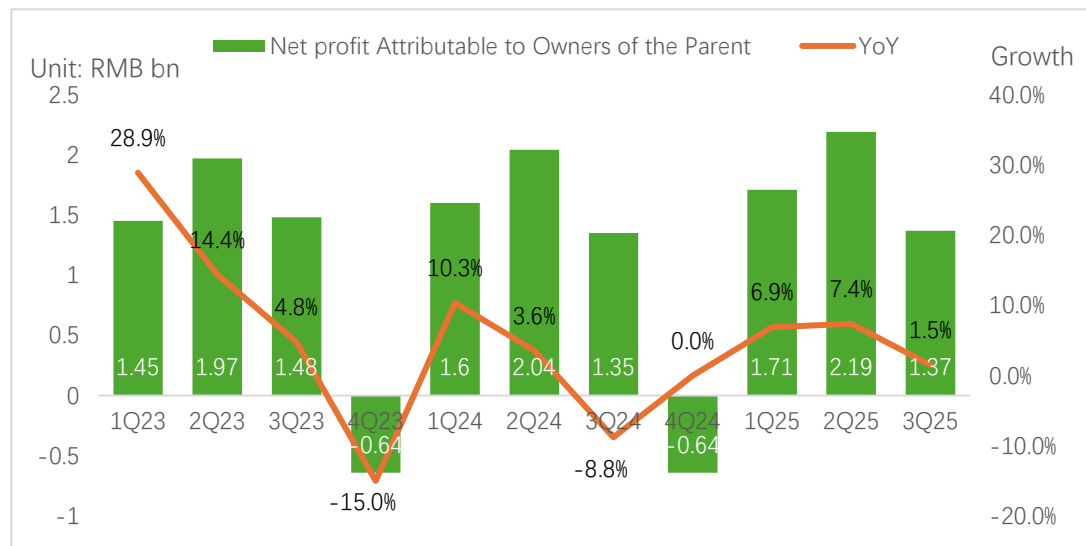


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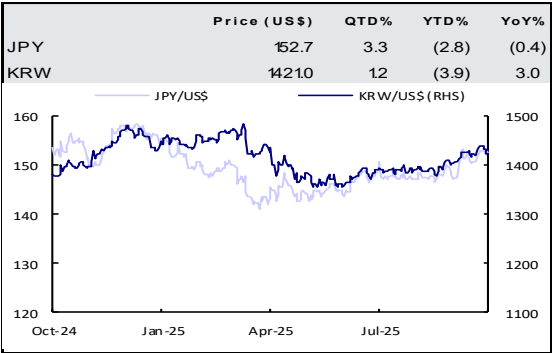
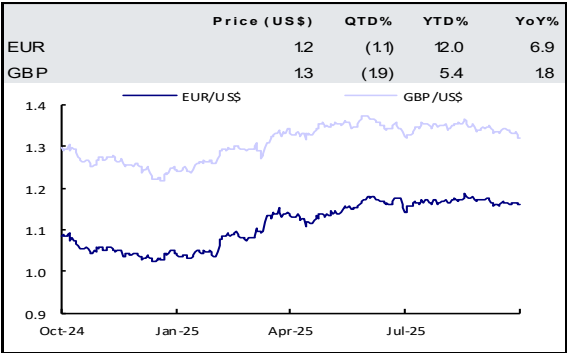
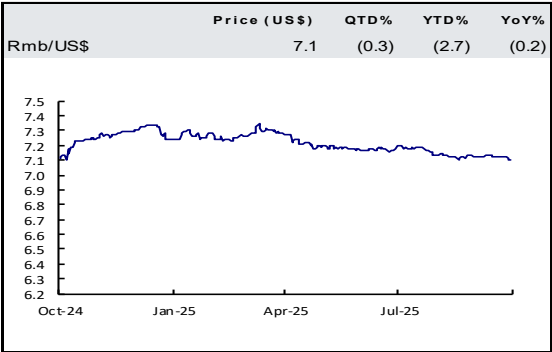
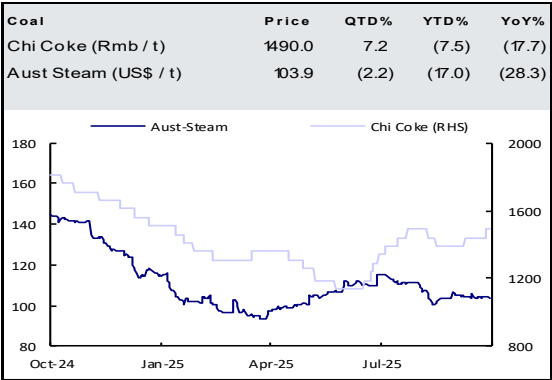
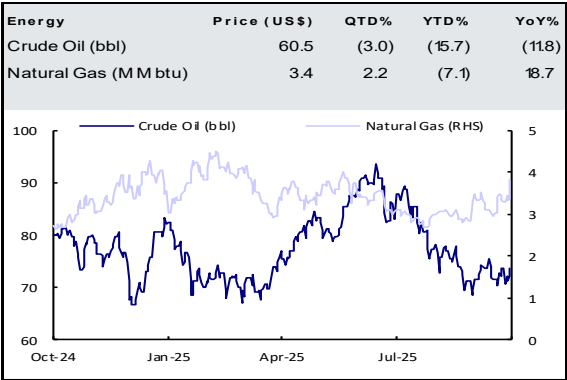
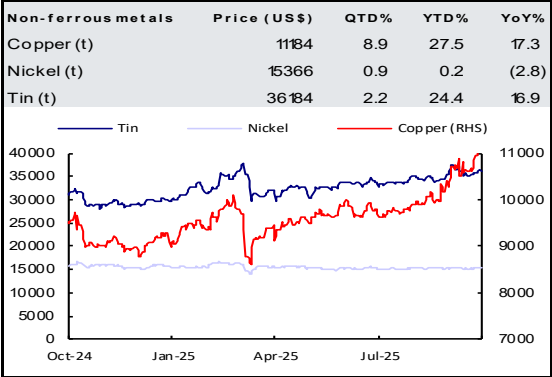
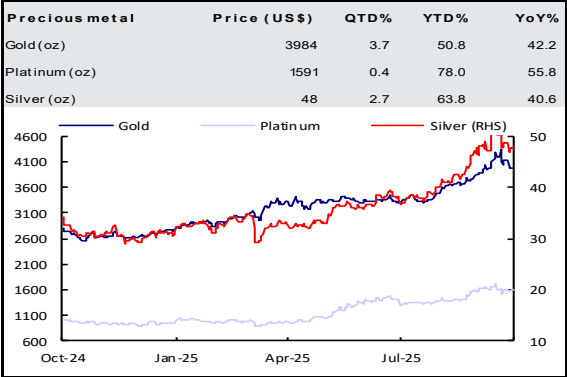
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Fig 6: Breakdown of Net Profit



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Market Watch – Major Commodities and Currencies



Source: Bloomberg

US Economic Calendar

Indicators	Freq	Obs Date	Expected Release Date
Initial Jobless Claims	WoW		30-Oct-25
GDP	QoQ		30-Oct-25
Personal Income & Spending	MoM		31-Oct-25
ISM Manufacturing PMI	MoM		3-Nov-25
Trade Balance	MoM		4-Nov-25
Durable Goods Orders	MoM		4-Nov-25
Factory Orders	MoM		4-Nov-25
Wholesale Inventories	MoM		6-Nov-25
Employment Report	MoM		7-Nov-25
CPI	MoM		13-Nov-25
PPI	MoM		14-Nov-25
Business Inventories	MoM		14-Nov-25
Retail Sales	MoM		14-Nov-25
Industrial Production	MoM		18-Nov-25
Housing Starts / Building Permits	MoM		19-Nov-25
Existing Home Sales	MoM		20-Nov-25
Consumer Confidence	MoM		25-Nov-25
New home Sales	MoM		26-Nov-25
Auto Sales	MoM		

China Economic Calendar

Indicators	Freq	Obs Date	Expected Release Date
PMI Manufacturing	MoM		31-Oct-25
Foreign Exchange Reserves	QoQ		7-Nov-25
Trade Balance	MoM		7-Nov-25
Money Supply - M2	MoM		9-Nov-25
PPI	MoM		9-Nov-25
CPI	MoM		9-Nov-25
Retail Sales	MoM		14-Nov-25
Industrial Production	MoM		14-Nov-25
GDP	YoY		

Hong Kong Economic Calendar

Indicators	Freq	Obs Date	Expected Release Date
GDP	QoQ		31-Oct-25
Money Supply - M2	MoM		31-Oct-25
Retail Sales	MoM		31-Oct-25
PMI	MoM		5-Nov-25
Foreign Currency Reserve	MoM		7-Nov-25
Unemployment Rate	MoM		18-Nov-25
CPI	MoM		20-Nov-25
Trade Balance	MoM		25-Nov-25
Producer Prices Index	QoQ		15-Dec-25
Industrial Production	QoQ		15-Dec-25
Composite Interest Rate	MoM		

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