

ABO Wind AG

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H1 report

RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY € 118.00

Return Potential 138.9% Risk Rating High

STRONG SALES AND EBIT GROWTH IN H1

ABO Wind strongly increased sales and EBIT in the first half of the year. Revenues rose by 33% y/y to €131m due to a significant increase in construction activity. EBIT climbed by 15% to €16.3m. However, net profit of €8.9m was 7% short of the previous year's figure owing to significantly higher interest expenses. Typically, the second half of the year is seasonally much stronger than the first. Therefore, we continue to expect ABO Wind to achieve its guidance. Our forecasts are largely unchanged and our DCF model continues to yield a price target of €118. Following the share price decline in recent months, the stock is much more attractively valued with unchanged good short- and medium-term earnings prospects (P/E ratio 2024E now at 17). We confirm our Buy recommendation.

Sales and EBIT significantly increased in H1 Thanks to strong growth in the Construction segment, group sales increased by 33% y/y to €130.7m (FBe.: €125.0m). Total output rose 25% y/y to €158.8m. Increased construction activity led to a higher cost of materials ratio (51.0% vs. 48.3% y/y). This explains why EBIT growth, although still strong at 15% y/y to €16.3m, was lower than sales growth (see figure 1 overleaf). Significantly higher bank debt (€155m vs. €72m ir H1/22) and higher interest rates resulted in interest and similar expenses more than doubling (€3.9m vs. €1.5m y/y). This, together with a higher tax expense, resulted in a 7% y/y decline in net income to €8.9m (FBe: €10.2m).

Guidance confirmed After a first half that went according to plan, ABO Wind is still guiding towards a net result between €22m and €26m for 2023.

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FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

| | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|--------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue (€m) | 149.16 | 127.11 | 231.66 | 267.25 | 304.13 | 343.06 |
| Y-o-y growth | 18.1% | -14.8% | 82.3% | 15.4% | 13.8% | 12.8% |
| EBIT (€m) | 22.46 | 22.45 | 43.12 | 42.02 | 48.03 | 52.40 |
| EBIT margin | 15.1% | 17.7% | 18.6% | 15.7% | 15.8% | 15.3% |
| Net income (€m) | 13.12 | 13.80 | 24.59 | 23.95 | 27.30 | 31.21 |
| EPS (diluted) (€) | 1.54 | 1.50 | 2.67 | 2.60 | 2.96 | 3.38 |
| DPS (€) | 0.45 | 0.49 | 0.54 | 0.54 | 0.62 | 0.66 |
| FCF (€m) | 40.53 | -54.05 | -19.10 | 2.23 | 7.66 | 13.57 |
| Net gearing | 5.3% | 45.0% | 55.0% | 54.2% | 50.9% | 45.4% |
| Liquid assets (€m) | 52.80 | 18.47 | 87.08 | 79.72 | 98.11 | 104.15 |
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RISKS

Main risks are project development, supply chain, financing, interest rate, and regulation.

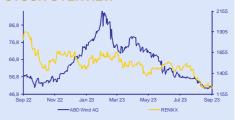
COMPANY PROFILE

ABO Wind is a project developer for renewable energies and has developed green power and storage projects with a total capacity of ca. 5 GW since ist establishment in 1996. The company also offers the management of wind farms, solar plants and storages. ABO Wind has ca. 1.100 employees. Ist headquarters are in Wiesbaden, Germany.

| MARKET DATA | As of 06 Sep 2023 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|
| Closing Price | € 49.40 |
| Shares outstanding | 9.22m |
| Market Capitalisation | € 455.52m |
| 52-week Range | € 49.40 / 96.60 |
| Ava. Volume (12 Months) | 4.502 |

| Multiples | 2022 | 2023E | 2024E |
|-----------|------|-------|-------|
| P/E | 18.5 | 19.0 | 16.7 |
| EV/Sales | 2.3 | 2.0 | 1.7 |
| EV/EBIT | 12.1 | 12.4 | 10.9 |
| Div Yield | 1 1% | 1 1% | 1 3% |

STOCK OVERVIEW



| COMPANY DATA | As of 30 Jun 2023 |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Liquid Assets | € 34.99m |
| Current Assets | € 441.17m |
| Intangible Assets | € 1.13m |
| Total Assets | € 460.62m |
| Current Liabilities | € 33.64m |
| Shareholders' Equity | € 173.97m |
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SHAREHOLDERS

| Familie Ahn | 26.0% |
|------------------|-------|
| Familie Bockholt | 26.0% |
| Mainova | 10.0% |
| Free Float | 38.0% |

Figure 1: Reported group figures versus forecasts

| All figures in €m | H1-23A | H1-23E | Delta | H1-22A | Delta |
|--------------------|--------|--------|-------|--------|-------|
| Sales | 130.7 | 125.0 | 5% | 98.0 | 33% |
| EBIT | 16.3 | 17.4 | -6% | 14.2 | 15% |
| margin | 12.5% | 13.9% | | 14.5% | |
| Net income | 8.9 | 10.2 | -13% | 9.6 | -7% |
| margin | 6.8% | 8.1% | | 9.8% | |
| EPS (diluted) in € | 0.96 | 1.10 | -13% | 1.04 | -7% |

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, ABO Wind AG

The Construction segment increased sales by 62% y/y to €71.3m (see figure 2). In the first half of 2023, the construction of a 7 MW wind farm and three solar and battery farms with a combined capacity of 53 MW were invoiced. Five turnkey projects with a total capacity of 353 MW were sold.

The Planning & Rights Sales segment recorded a 9% y/y increase in sales to €51.5m. In addition to the rights to two Spanish wind projects with combined capacity of 84 MW, a Spanish portfolio (three wind and two solar projects with a total capacity of 247 MW) was sold. Project development for three wind power projects with capacity of 36 MW and five solar and battery projects with total capacity of 42 MW was successfully completed.

Sales in the Services segment climbed 19% y/y to €7.8m. ABO Wind managed 389 wind power plants and three battery projects. In the PV segment, 18 plants were managed.

Figure 2: Development of segment sales

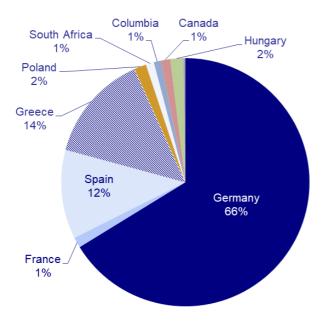
| Segment sales in €m | H1/23A | H1/22A | Delta |
|--------------------------|--------|--------|-------|
| Construction | 71.3 | 44.0 | 62% |
| Planning & Rights' Sales | 51.5 | 47.4 | 9% |
| Services | 7.8 | 6.6 | 19% |
| Total sales | 130.7 | 98.0 | 33% |

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, ABO Wind AG

Broken down by technology, ABO Wind generated 43% of its revenues with wind projects and 26% each with solar and battery projects in the first half of the year. The remaining 5% were generated with hybrid projects. The high share of sales from battery projects is impressive. This shows that ABO Wind has also established a solid market position in this technology segment.

Regional sales distribution shows large fluctuations Compared to the same period last year, the German market has expanded its revenue share very strongly (66% versus 28% in H1/22, see figure 4 overleaf). While Spain was able to almost maintain its sales share (12% versus 13% in the prior-year period), France and Finland, which were the second and third most important markets in the prior-year period, did not play a significant role in H1/23. On the other hand, Greece became the second largest market with a 14% share of sales. The strong shifts in the revenue contributions of the national markets show once again the importance of broad regional diversification. Overall, ABO Wind has grown strongly.

Figure 3: Regional revenue shares



Source: First Berlin Equity Research, ABO Wind AG

Balance sheet reflects increase in construction activity Receivables from affiliates (€241m), up 40% since the beginning of the year, include €230m of projects not yet sold as of 30 June and are an indicator of revenue potential in the second half of the year.

Figure 4: Balance sheet development

| in €m | H1/23A | 2022A | Delta |
|---------------------------------------|--------|-------|----------|
| Non-current assets | 13.5 | 13.6 | -1% |
| Inventories | 109.9 | 124.2 | -11% |
| Trade receivables | 23.6 | 26.5 | -11% |
| Receivables from affiliated companies | 241.1 | 172.7 | 40% |
| Securities | 10.2 | 8.8 | 16% |
| Liquid funds | 35.0 | 87.1 | -60% |
| Current assets | 441.2 | 433.0 | 2% |
| Equity | 174.0 | 170.1 | 2% |
| Equity ratio | 37.8% | 37.7% | +0.1 PP |
| Mezzanine capital | 13.6 | 13.4 | 2% |
| Provisions | 41.0 | 36.7 | 12% |
| Financial debt, long-term | 196.7 | 170.2 | 16% |
| Financial debt, short-term | 0.7 | 10.3 | -93% |
| Total financial debt | 197.4 | 180.6 | 9% |
| Net debt | 162.4 | 93.5 | 74% |
| Net gearing (Net debt/equity in %) | 93.3% | 55.0% | +38.3 PP |
| Trade payables | 11.8 | 19.1 | -38% |
| Balance sheet total | 460.6 | 451.3 | 2% |

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, ABO Wind AG

ABO Wind financed the expansion of its business activities through a moderate increase in financial liabilities (+9% to €197m) and a significant reduction in cash and cash equivalents (€35m versus €87m at the beginning of the year, see figure 4). Equity increased by 2% to €174m, and the equity ratio remained largely constant at just under 38%.

High negative operating cash flow For the first time, the half-year report includes a cash flow statement. Operating cash flow was €-59.1m, mainly reflecting the expansion of receivables mentioned above. Net cash outflow amounted to €52.3m (see figure 5).

Figure 5: Cash flow statement

| in €m | H1/23A |
|--------------------------|--------|
| Operating cash flow | -59.1 |
| CAPEX | -2.7 |
| Free cash flow | -61.8 |
| Cash flow from investing | -1.0 |
| Cash flow from financing | 7.8 |
| Net cash flow | -52.3 |

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, ABO Wind AG

Standard pipeline has grown further Between February and August 2023, the pipeline of wind, PV, and storage projects grew by 5%, or 1.1 GW, to 22.2 GW (see figure 6). The pipeline includes approximately 800 projects. A major contributor to the increase was the German pipeline, which grew by 600 MW. Following the reforms of the traffic light coalition, which aims to massively increase annual installation of wind and solar capacity, there has been an increase in the willingness of municipalities in particular to make land available for renewable energy use. In the first half of 2023, ABO Wind secured new projects across technologies with a total capacity of over 1.4 GW.

Figure 6: Wind/PV/Storage pipeline August 2023 in MW

| Country | Phase I | Phase II | Phase III | Sum |
|-----------------|---------|----------|-----------|--------|
| Germany | 2,970 | 280 | 150 | 3,400 |
| France | 1,450 | 100 | 50 | 1,600 |
| Finland | 5,315 | 65 | 120 | 5,500 |
| Ireland | 400 | 145 | 20 | 565 |
| Spain | 450 | 650 | 50 | 1,150 |
| Greece | 200 | 700 | 50 | 950 |
| Poland | 600 | 0 | 0 | 600 |
| Hungary | 60 | 67 | 23 | 150 |
| Great Britain | 583 | 17 | 0 | 600 |
| The Netherlands | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Argentina | 1,050 | 700 | 0 | 1,750 |
| Colombia | 130 | 450 | 20 | 600 |
| Canada | 600 | 0 | 0 | 600 |
| South Africa | 2,600 | 2,000 | 0 | 4,600 |
| Tansania | 50 | 0 | 0 | 50 |
| Tunesia | 40 | 10 | 0 | 50 |
| Sum | 16,548 | 5,184 | 483 | 22,215 |

Phase I: site secured, approval pending, phase II: approval received, ready for construction Phase III: under construction

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, ABO Wind AG

Progress with the hydrogen-based green power pipeline In addition to the standard pipeline, ABO Wind has developed a hydrogen-based green power pipeline, which had a volume of approximately 20 GW at the reporting date (see figure 7). This pipeline consists of a dozen projects in 5 countries. The large wind and solar projects have no foreseeable access to the power grid and are linked to green hydrogen production. Therefore, the economic and technological hurdles that must be overcome to implement these projects are much higher.

On 1 September, ABO Wind announced the achievement of a milestone in Canada. The company was one of four companies to win the tender for wind energy projects on government-owned "Crown Land" in the Canadian province of Newfoundland and Labrador and now has the exclusive right to develop the "Toqlukuti'k Wind and Hydrogen" wind power project on the tendered land. ABO Wind plans to develop a wind farm with five GW capacity including connected hydrogen and ammonia production. The project is located near a biofuel refinery of Braya Renewable Fuels and is expected to contribute to the decarbonisation of the refinery. In March 2023, Braya Renewable Fuels and ABO Wind announced a partnership to jointly develop green hydrogen. The project is planned in several phases: In the first phase (until 2025), a 30 MW electrolyser will be used to produce green hydrogen for the refinery. In the further project phases (until 2034), green ammonia will be produced for export.

Figure 7: Hydrogen-based green power pipeline

| Country | MW |
|--------------|--------|
| Germany | 5 |
| Spain | 300 |
| Tunesia | 500 |
| South Africa | 5,000 |
| Argentina | 3,100 |
| Canada | 11,000 |
| Sum | 19,905 |

Source: First Berlin Equity Research, ABO Wind AG

Planned change of legal form meets resistance from activist investors In an open letter to the ABO Wind management, Enkraft, which holds an approx. 5% stake in ABO Wind, levels various accusations against the management and supervisory boards. The company has made detailed comments on these accusations. We assume that the dispute over the change of legal form will continue to weigh on sentiment and do not expect the situation to calm down until after the decision for or against the change of legal form (extraordinary general meeting expected on 27 October 2023).

Buy confirmed at unchanged price target Our forecasts are largely unchanged, and our updated DCF model continues to yield a price target of €118. After the significant share price decline in recent months, the stock is valued with a 2024E P/E of 17. We think this figure is low given the company's very good growth prospects. The negative sentiment should only be of a temporary nature. The upside potential to our price target is currently over 130%. We reiterate our Buy recommendation.



| DCF valuation model | | | | | | | | |
|------------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| All figures in EUR '000 | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E | 2028E | 2029E | 2030E |
| Net sales | 267,249 | 304,129 | 343,058 | 384,225 | 461,070 | 509,273 | 558,579 | 608,344 |
| NOPLAT | 30,224 | 34,590 | 39,026 | 45,661 | 54,420 | 58,878 | 63,911 | 68,139 |
| + depreciation & amortisation | 3,378 | 2,486 | 2,938 | 3,404 | 3,902 | 4,522 | 5,136 | 5,744 |
| Net operating cash flow | 33,602 | 37,076 | 41,964 | 49,065 | 58,322 | 63,400 | 69,047 | 73,883 |
| - total investments (CAPEX and WC) | -31,372 | -29,415 | -28,392 | -31,649 | -52,306 | -35,173 | -36,151 | -36,706 |
| Capital expenditures | -3,741 | -4,258 | -4,803 | -5,379 | -6,350 | -6,898 | -7,439 | -7,964 |
| Working capital | -27,631 | -25,157 | -23,589 | -26,270 | -45,955 | -28,275 | -28,711 | -28,742 |
| Free cash flows (FCF) | 2,230 | 7,661 | 13,573 | 17,416 | 6,016 | 28,226 | 32,896 | 37,177 |
| PV of FCF's | 2,185 | 7,036 | 11,686 | 14,059 | 4,553 | 20,022 | 21,876 | 23,178 |

| All figures in thousands | |
|---|-----------|
| PV of FCFs in explicit period (2023E-2037E) | 288,141 |
| PV of FCFs in terminal period | 891,695 |
| Enterprise value (EV) | 1,179,836 |
| + Net cash / - net debt | -93,505 |
| + Investments / minority interests | 36 |
| Shareholder value | 1,086,367 |
| Number of shares (diluted) | 9,221 |
| Fair value per share in EUR | 117.82 |

| Terminal grow th | 3.5% |
|----------------------|-------|
| Terminal EBIT margin | 13.5% |
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| WACC | 6.7% |
|-------------------------|--------|
| Cost of equity | 10.5% |
| Pre-tax cost of debt | 4.0% |
| Tax rate | 30.0% |
| After-tax cost of debt | 2.8% |
| Share of equity capital | 50.0% |
| Share of debt capital | 50.0% |
| Price target in EUR | 118.00 |

| Terminal grow th rate | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| | 2.0% | 2.5% | 3.0% | 3.5% | 4.0% | 4.5% | 5.0% |
| 5.2% | 154.00 | 174.11 | 203.49 | 250.51 | 337.83 | 556.11 | 2084.13 |
| 5.7% | 127.66 | 140.89 | 159.08 | 185.67 | 228.22 | 307.24 | 504.78 |
| 6.2% | 107.80 | 116.89 | 128.86 | 145.31 | 169.36 | 207.83 | 279.28 |
| 6.7% | 92.33 | 98.79 | 107.00 | 117.82 | 132.68 | 154.41 | 189.17 |
| 7.2% | 79.98 | 84.68 | 90.51 | 97.92 | 107.68 | 121.11 | 140.72 |
| 7.7% | 69.91 | 73.40 | 77.64 | 82.89 | 89.58 | 98.39 | 110.49 |
| 8.2% | 61.56 | 64.19 | 67.34 | 71.15 | 75.89 | 81.92 | 89.85 |

 $^{^{\}ast}$ for layout purposes the model shows numbers only to 2030, but runs until 2037



| All figures in EUR '000 | 2020A | 2021A | 2022A | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|--------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Revenues | 149,155 | 127,109 | 231,658 | 267,249 | 304,129 | 343,058 |
| Changes in inventory | 20,206 | 60,346 | 76,434 | 72,157 | 82,115 | 88,166 |
| Own work | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total output | 169,361 | 187,455 | 308,092 | 339,406 | 386,244 | 431,224 |
| Cost of goods sold | 72,592 | 78,280 | 148,807 | 170,238 | 198,292 | 228,134 |
| Gross profit | 96,769 | 109,175 | 159,285 | 169,169 | 187,952 | 203,090 |
| Personnel costs | 50,776 | 63,397 | 77,730 | 86,586 | 96,200 | 103,800 |
| Other operating income | 6,362 | 5,141 | 5,111 | 6,526 | 6,083 | 6,861 |
| Other operating expenses | 17,593 | 20,440 | 29,694 | 33,406 | 36,496 | 39,452 |
| EBITDA | 34,762 | 30,479 | 56,972 | 55,702 | 61,339 | 66,700 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 1,649 | 1,929 | 3,002 | 3,378 | 2,486 | 2,938 |
| Depreciation of current assets | 10,653 | 6,102 | 10,846 | 10,304 | 10,819 | 11,360 |
| Operating income (EBIT) | 22,460 | 22,448 | 43,124 | 42,021 | 48,034 | 52,401 |
| Net financial result | -1,755 | -1,485 | -4,887 | -6,273 | -7,294 | -7,815 |
| Pre-tax income (EBT) | 20,705 | 20,963 | 38,238 | 35,748 | 40,741 | 44,586 |
| Income taxes | 7,589 | 7,152 | 13,661 | 11,797 | 13,444 | 13,376 |
| Minority interests | 4 | -6 | 13 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net income / loss | 13,120 | 13,804 | 24,590 | 23,951 | 27,296 | 31,210 |
| Diluted EPS (in €) | 1.54 | 1.50 | 2.67 | 2.60 | 2.96 | 3.38 |
| Ratios | | | | | | |
| Gross margin on total output | 57.1% | 58.2% | 51.7% | 49.8% | 48.7% | 47.1% |
| EBITDA margin on revenues | 23.3% | 24.0% | 24.6% | 20.8% | 20.2% | 19.4% |
| EBIT margin on revenues | 15.1% | 17.7% | 18.6% | 15.7% | 15.8% | 15.3% |
| EBT margin on revenues | 13.9% | 16.5% | 16.5% | 13.4% | 13.4% | 13.0% |
| Net margin on revenues | 8.8% | 10.9% | 10.6% | 9.0% | 9.0% | 9.1% |
| Tax rate | 36.7% | 34.1% | 35.7% | 33.0% | 33.0% | 30.0% |
| Expenses as % of revenues | | | | | | |
| Personnel costs | 34.0% | 49.9% | 33.6% | 32.4% | 31.6% | 30.3% |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 1.1% | 1.5% | 1.3% | 1.3% | 0.8% | 0.9% |
| Depreciation of current assets | 7.1% | 4.8% | 4.7% | 3.9% | 3.6% | 3.3% |
| Other operating expenses | 11.8% | 16.1% | 12.8% | 12.5% | 12.0% | 11.5% |
| Y-Y Growth | | | | | | |
| Revenues | 18.1% | -14.8% | 82.3% | 15.4% | 13.8% | 12.8% |
| Operating income | 14.3% | -0.1% | 92.1% | -2.6% | 14.3% | 9.1% |
| Net income/ loss | 15.1% | 5.2% | 78.1% | -2.6% | 14.0% | 14.3% |



BALANCE SHEET

| All figures in EUR '000 | 2020A | 2021A | 2022A | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Assets | | | | | | |
| Current assets, total | 236,761 | 282,609 | 437,621 | 462,137 | 509,525 | 543,242 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 52,798 | 18,472 | 87,075 | 79,721 | 98,109 | 104,149 |
| Short-term investments | 9,331 | 11,684 | 8,775 | 8,775 | 8,775 | 8,775 |
| Receivables | 34,020 | 10,860 | 26,502 | 40,270 | 45,828 | 51,694 |
| Inventories | 64,398 | 133,019 | 124,152 | 142,253 | 165,696 | 187,507 |
| Other current assets | 74,825 | 105,708 | 187,664 | 187,664 | 187,664 | 187,664 |
| Non-current assets, total | 12,501 | 14,451 | 13,643 | 14,007 | 15,779 | 17,643 |
| Property, plant & equipment | 5,653 | 7,234 | 9,043 | 9,266 | 10,858 | 12,510 |
| Goodwill & other intangibles | 1,116 | 1,474 | 1,574 | 1,715 | 1,895 | 2,107 |
| Financial assets | 5,732 | 5,743 | 3,026 | 3,026 | 3,026 | 3,026 |
| Other assets | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total assets | 249,262 | 297,060 | 451,264 | 476,144 | 525,304 | 560,885 |
| Shareholders' equity & debt | | | | | | |
| Current liabilities, total | 44,700 | 56,483 | 97,545 | 103,453 | 128,034 | 108,491 |
| Short-term debt | 8,594 | 8,997 | 10,331 | 12,000 | 32,000 | 8,000 |
| Accounts payable | 7,081 | 14,034 | 19,081 | 23,320 | 27,163 | 31,251 |
| Current provisions | 19,634 | 21,355 | 36,695 | 36,695 | 36,695 | 36,695 |
| Other current liabilities | 9,391 | 12,097 | 31,438 | 31,438 | 32,176 | 32,545 |
| Long-term liabilities, total | 64,446 | 90,713 | 183,661 | 183,661 | 186,661 | 216,661 |
| Long-term debt | 51,662 | 76,950 | 170,249 | 170,249 | 173,249 | 203,249 |
| Deferred revenue | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other liabilities | 12,784 | 13,763 | 13,412 | 13,412 | 13,412 | 13,412 |
| Minority interests | 30 | 41 | 36 | 36 | 36 | 36 |
| Shareholders' equity | 140,086 | 149,823 | 170,022 | 188,994 | 210,573 | 235,697 |
| Share capital | 9,221 | 9,221 | 9,221 | 9,221 | 9,221 | 9,221 |
| Capital reserve | 45,490 | 45,490 | 45,490 | 45,490 | 45,490 | 45,490 |
| Other reserves | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Loss carryforw ard / retained earnings | 85,671 | 95,329 | 115,401 | 134,373 | 155,952 | 181,076 |
| Total consolidated equity and debt | 249,262 | 297,060 | 451,264 | 476,144 | 525,304 | 560,885 |
| Ratios | | | | | | |
| Current ratio (x) | 5.30 | 5.00 | 4.49 | 4.47 | 3.98 | 5.01 |
| Quick ratio (x) | 3.86 | 2.65 | 3.21 | 3.09 | 2.69 | 3.28 |
| Net debt | 7,458 | 67,475 | 93,505 | 102,528 | 107,140 | 107,100 |
| Net gearing | 5.3% | 45.0% | 55.0% | 54.2% | 50.9% | 45.4% |
| Book value per share (in €) | 16.47 | 16.25 | 18.44 | 20.50 | 22.84 | 25.56 |
| Equity ratio | 56.2% | 50.4% | 37.7% | 39.7% | 40.1% | 42.0% |
| Return on equity (ROE) | 9.4% | 9.2% | 14.5% | 12.7% | 13.0% | 13.2% |
| Return on assets (ROA) | 6.2% | 5.4% | 6.7% | 6.5% | 6.7% | 7.0% |
| Return on investment (ROI) | 5.3% | 4.6% | 5.4% | 5.0% | 5.2% | 5.6% |
| Return on average capital employed (ROCE) | 14.2% | 12.1% | 17.7% | 14.9% | 15.5% | 15.6% |
| Days of sales outstanding (DSO) | 83 | 31 | 42 | 55 | 55 | 55 |
| Days inventory outstanding (DIO) | 324 | 620 | 305 | 305 | 305 | 300 |
| Days in payables (DIP) | 36 | 65 | 47 | 50 | 50 | 50 |



| All figures in EUR '000 | 2020A | 2021A | 2022A | 2023E | 2024E | 2025E |
|---------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| EBIT | 22,460 | 22,448 | 43,111 | 42,021 | 48,034 | 52,401 |
| Depreciation and amortisation * | 1,649 | 1,929 | 3,002 | 3,378 | 2,486 | 2,938 |
| EBITDA | 24,109 | 24,377 | 46,113 | 45,399 | 50,520 | 55,340 |
| Changes in working capital | 28,412 | -68,555 | -61,723 | -27,631 | -25,157 | -23,589 |
| Other adjustments | -10,048 | -6,558 | 1,761 | -11,797 | -13,444 | -13,376 |
| Operating cash flow | 42,473 | -50,736 | -13,850 | 5,972 | 11,919 | 18,375 |
| Investments in PP&E | -1,774 | -2,941 | -4,597 | -3,207 | -3,650 | -4,117 |
| Investments in intangibles | -173 | -375 | -654 | -534 | -608 | -686 |
| Free cash flow | 40,526 | -54,052 | -19,101 | 2,230 | 7,661 | 13,573 |
| Acquisitions & disposals, net | 7 | 462 | 249 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Other investments | -1,651 | -1,004 | 2,872 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Investment cash flow | -3,591 | -3,858 | -2,130 | -3,741 | -4,258 | -4,803 |
| Debt financing, net | -16,575 | 26,764 | 94,375 | 1,669 | 23,000 | 6,000 |
| Equity financing, net | 27,145 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Dividends paid | -3,558 | -4,149 | -4,518 | -4,979 | -4,979 | -5,717 |
| Other financing | -2,573 | -2,328 | -5,650 | -6,273 | -7,294 | -7,815 |
| Financing cash flow | 4,438 | 20,287 | 84,207 | -9,584 | 10,727 | -7,532 |
| FOREX & other effects | -170 | 19 | 376 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Net cash flows | 43,150 | -34,288 | 68,603 | -7,354 | 18,388 | 6,040 |
| Cash, start of the year | 9,648 | 52,798 | 18,472 | 87,075 | 79,721 | 98,109 |
| Cash, end of the year | 52,798 | 18,510 | 87,075 | 79,721 | 98,109 | 104,149 |
| EBITDA/share (in €) | 4.09 | 3.31 | 6.18 | 6.04 | 6.65 | 7.23 |
| Y-Y Growth | | | | | | |
| Operating cash flow | n.m. | n.m. | n.m. | n.m. | 99.6% | 54.2% |
| Free cash flow | n.m. | n.m. | n.m. | n.m. | 243.5% | 77.2% |
| Financial cash flow | -84.8% | 357.1% | 315.1% | n.m. | n.m. | n.m. |
| EBITDA/share | 14.2% | -19.1% | 86.9% | -2.2% | 10.1% | 8.7% |

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|--------------------------------------|--|---------------|-------------|--|
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| Buy | An expected favourable price trend of: | > 25% | > 15% | |
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|-------------------|---------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
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| 225 | ↓ | \downarrow | ↓ | \downarrow |
| 26 | 29 March 2022 | €58.40 | BUY | €95.00 |
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| 28 | 2 September 2022 | €56.20 | BUY | €109.00 |
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| 30 | 26 January 2023 | €83.00 | BUY | €118.00 |
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| 32 | 21 March 2023 | €72.00 | BUY | €118.00 |
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