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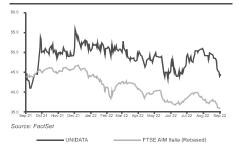
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Analyser 30 September 2022

Buy					
Recommendation unchang	aed				
Share price: EUR		44.50			
closing price as of 29/09/2022		44.00			
Target price: EUR		65.00			
Target Price unchanged		05.00			
Upside/Downside Po		46.1%			
Reuters/Bloomberg	UD.MI/UD IM				
Market capitalisation (El	109				
Current N° of shares (m)	2				
Free float		24%			
Daily avg. no. trad. sh. 12 mth (k)					
Daily avg. trad. vol. 12 mth (k)		32.61			
Price high/low 12 months	55.0	55.80 / 41.00			
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Abs Perfs 1/3/12 mths (%)	-10.82/-8.06/1.14				
Key financials (EUR)	12/21	12/22e	12/23e		
Sales (m)	37	45	57		
EBITDA (m)	14	16	19		
EBITDA margin	38.0%	35.4%	33.6%		
EBIT (m)	9	10	12		
EBIT margin	24.6%	22.4%	21.8%		
Net Profit (adj.)(m)	8	7	ç		
ROCE	19.5%	15.5%	16.5%		
Net debt/(cash) (m)	2	(0)	(0)		
Net Debt/Equity	0.1	0.0	0.0		
Debt/EBITDA	0.2	0.0	0.0		
Int. cover(EBITDA/Fin. int)	high	55.8	high		
EV/Sales	3.8	2.5	1.9		
EV/EBITDA	9.9	6.9	5.7		
EV/EBITDA (adj.)	9.9	6.9	5.7		
EV/EBIT	15.3	11.0	8.8		
P/E (adj.)	16.7	15.7	12.2		
P/BV	4.7	3.0	2.4		
OpFCF yield	-2.1%	2.5%	0.9%		
Dividend yield	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%		
EPS (adj.)	3.33	2.83	3.64		
BVPS	11.90	14.63	18.18		
DPS	0.10	0.10	0.10		
Shareholders					

Uninvest 69%; Others 7%;



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# H122 ok but two major investments and EUR50m cap. increase announced: very good news

The facts: The company reported yesterday H122 results and two major business news. The first is the construction of a 890Km long submarine cable linking Mazzara Del Vallo with Roma-Fiumicino (and potentially Sardinia) and Genova. The project is in partnership with a primary Italian infrastructure fund and sector managers with important experiences. The venture will be implemented trough the Unitirreno Spa vehicle of which Unidata will have the majority. The planned capex is of EUR 70m of which EUR 36m of equity and Eur 34m of debt. Unidata equity share is between EUR 12.5m and EUR 18m. The project aims to subtract traffic from the links between Mazzara and Marsiglia (the latter an important submarine hub) and to achieve commercial synergies with the forthcoming Green Data Center to be build nearby Fiumicino. The second major news is the doubling of the capex plan in the Unifiber JV (in which Unidata has a 30% stake) or further EUR 18.5m of which EUR 15m from Connecting European Broadband Fund (CEBF) and EUR 3.5m from Unidata (19% of total but 30% stake). The new target is to double the coverage from and 100k households to and 200k

app. 100k households to app. 200k.								
EURm	H121a	H122a	%Ch.	H122e	%Ch.			
Fiber&Networking	5.7	6.6	16%	9.0	58%			
Infrastructure&Wh.	5.0	9.5	91%	7.5	51%			
Materials	2.5	4.0	64%	3.5	43%			
Others	0.6	0.7	13%	0.6	3%			
Other Income	0.5	8.0		0.5				
VoP	14.2	21.5	52%	21.1	48%			
less Materials	(2.5)	(4.0)	64%	na				
VoP adj.	11.8	17.5	49%	na				
GROUP EBITDA	3.6	5.6	54%	5.3	45%			
EBITDA Margin	25.6%	26.0%		25.0%				
Materials EBITDA	(0.3)	(0.2)	-20%	na				
EBITDA Core	3.4	5.4	59%	na				
EBITDA Margin	28.9%	30.8%		na				
D&A, PPA	(2.1)	(2.5)	21%	(2.5)	18%			
EBIT	1.5	3.0	99%	2.8	81%			
EBIT margin	10.8%	14.2%		13.1%				
Net fin. Inc. (cost)	(0.1)	0.1		(0.1)				
Pre-tax profit	1.5	3.1	113%	2.7	84%			
Taxes	1.5	(1.0)		(8.0)				
Tax rate	nm	32.7%		28.0%				
Net profit	3.0	2.1	-30%	1.9	-35%			
Net Debt/(Cash)	(1.4)	4.0		4.0				

Source: Company Data, Banca Akros forecasts

Our analysis: H122 results are in line with expectation and suggest upside for our 2022e forecasts. However, the two investment news mentioned above, together with the recently announced new green Data Center in Rome of EUR 57m capex (EUR 5.7m or 10% the share of Unidata which has 25% interest in the venture) point to an transformational evolution of the company with potential commitment of up to app EUR 28m. These and organic growth, will be financed by a capital increase announced by the company of up to EUR 50m dedicated to institutional investors to be carried out by end of 2023. Finally, the company post capital increase is planning to transfer the listing from the Euronext Growth segment to the Star one.

**Conclusion & Action:** The company is in full transformational mode and the above initiatives are likely set to create an important value once visibility/timing is clearer. Meanwhile we confirm our Rating and PT bases on a DCF with WACC at 8.5% and 1% Itg. Risks are in lower than expected revenues.



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