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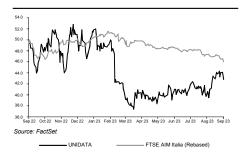
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Buy					
Recommendation unchar	nged				
Share price: EUR		42.80			
closing price as of 13/09/2023					
Target price: EUR		60.00			
Target Price unchanged					
Upside/Downside Po		40.2%			
Reuters/Bloomberg	UD.MI/UD IM				
Market capitalisation (E	132				
Current N° of shares (m)					
Free float		33%			
Daily avg. no. trad. sh. 12 mth (k)					
Daily avg. trad. vol. 12 mth (k		184.83			
Price high/low 12 months	52.8	52.80 / 37.40			
Abs Perfs 1/3/12 mths (%)	7.81/4.39/-13.36				
Key financials (EUR)	12/22	12/23e	12/24e		
Sales (m)	51	93	116		
EBITDA (m)	16	24	30		
EBITDA margin	31.6%	25.9%	25.8%		
EBIT (m)	11	17	22		
EBIT margin	20.9%	18.5%	18.7%		
Net Profit (adj.)(m)	8	10	13		
ROCE	15.2%	18.1%	19.7%		
Net debt/(cash) (m)	10	56	65		
Net Debt/Equity	0.3	0.9	0.9		
Debt/EBITDA	0.6	2.3	2.2		
Int. cover(EBITDA/Fin. int)	239.0	8.4	10.3		
EV/Sales	2.5	2.0	1.7		
EV/EBITDA	8.0	7.8	6.6		
EV/EBITDA (adj.)	8.0	7.8	6.6		
EV/EBIT	12.0	10.9	9.2		
P/E (adj.)	15.5	11.8	10.0		
P/BV	3.2	2.1	1.8		
OpFCF yield	-0.7%	-5.7%	2.6%		
Dividend yield	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%		
EPS (adj.) BVPS	3.01 14.55	3.62 20.09	4.27 24.26		
DPS	0.10	0.10	0.10		
	0.10	0.10	0.10		
Shareholders					

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Reassuring cc from Unidata plus further deal on IoT

The facts: Yesterday the company held its post H123 results cc.

Unidata: Half/Yearly forecasts

<u>EURm</u>	H122a	H123a	%Ch.	H123e	%Ch.
Retail Unidata Ex Tw T	8.7	10.7	23%	10.3	18%
Infrastructure	8.9	14.0	58%	8.5	-4%
Materials	4.0	1.7	-59%	4.0	0%
UNIDATA Sales	21.6	26.4	22%	24.8	15%
Retail TWT	na	15.3		14.2	
TOTAL SALES	21.6	41.7	93%	38.9	80%
EBITDA Unidata	5.6	6.2	11%	6.0	7%
% Sales	25.9%	23.6%		24.3%	
EBITDA TWT	na	3.2	na	2.3	na
% Sales	nm	20.8%		16.0%	
GROUP EBITDA adj.	5.6	9.4	68%	8.3	48%
EBITDA Margin	25.9%	22.6%		21.2%	
Non-rec.	0.0	(8.0)		0.0	
EBITDA rpt	5.6	8.6		8.3	
EBITDA margin	25.9%	20.6%		21.2%	
D&A	(2.5)	(3.7)	46%	(3.7)	
EBIT	3.0	4.9	59%	4.6	52%
EBIT margin	14.1%	11.6%		11.9%	
Net fin. Inc. (cost)	0.1	(1.3)		(1.4)	
Pre-tax profit	3.1	3.6	14%	3.2	3%
Taxes	(1.0)	(1.1)		(1.1)	4%
Tax rate	32.7%	28.1%		29.5%	
Net profit	2.1	2.4	15%	2.2	2%
Net Debt/(Cash)	4.0	49.6		56.0	

Source: Company Data, Banca Akros forecasts

Our analysis: In our opinion the main inputs from the call were as follows:

- We now know that both Unidata and TWT adj. EBITDA was higher than expected.
- The seasonality of Unidata standalone is confirmed much strong from a profitability standpoint in H2 which bodes well for full year forecasts
- TWT profitability seems higher than expected at around 21% vs our full year expectation of 16%.
- The company might have new potential deal to announce soon, in particular on the G5 connectivity for Rome.
- A new contract was announced in the water sector for IoT based metering services with the cities of Firenze-Prato-Pistoia worth EUR 3.5m over 13 years.
 This is the third in a row in few months making increasingly sizeable the segment of the business. More similar deals are likely to come.
- The Unitirreno sub-cable is proceeding according to schedule with the seabed mapping just completed (this is a very sophisticated project more costly than the laying of the cable) and the start of the authorisation phase.

Conclusion & Action: The cc was definitely positive and reassuring. Rating and PT confirmed.



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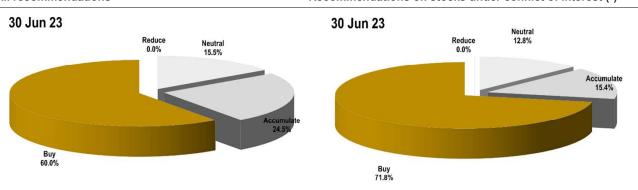
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