



# **FLASH NOTE**

OUTPERFORM

Current Share Price (€): 3.94 Target Price (€): 6.60

**Unidata - 1Y Performance** 



Source: S&P Capital IQ - Note: 16/02/2023=100

## **Company data**

ISIN number	IT0005338840
Bloomberg code	UD IM
Reuters code	UD.IM
Industry	Telecommunication
Stock market	Euronext Star Milan
Share Price (€)	3.94
Date of Price	16/02/2024
Shares Outstanding (m)	30.9
Market Cap (€m)	121.7
Market Float (%)	38.8%
Daily Volume	11,710
Avg Daily Volume YTD	12,151
Target Price (€)	6.60
Upside (%)	68%
Recommendation	OUTPERFORM

#### Share price performance

	1M	3M	6M	1Y
Unidata - Absolute (%)	-2%	3%	-4%	-19%
FTSE Italia Star (%)	0%	7%	6%	-8%
FTSE Italia SmallCap (%)	0%	6%	3%	-9%
1Y Range H/L (€)			4.84	3.60
YTD Change (€) / %			0.0	0%

Source: S&P Capital IQ

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# Unidata FY23 targets met, profitability up in H2

## Pre-closing 2023 key figures support the more diversified business mix

Sales were  $\notin 92.7m$ , +80% YoY, better than our estimates. Net debt after TWT acquisition down at  $\notin 47.9m$  vs  $\notin 51.7m$  as of Q3 2023. Adjusted EBITDA at  $\notin 24.4m$ , +96% YoY, for  $\notin 2.0m$  one-off expenses, with a margin consistent with our expectation of 26.3%, better than 22.5% in H1 2023. The margin lower than past years has been programmed as inherent in the different business line mix after TWT acquisition, with more recurring revenues.

## Business update: fourth IoT project, building an enduring backlog

Unidata announced a new IoT achievement with the award for smart water metering system implementation in Molise, project worth over €3m backlog for 24 months. Along 2023 capex and financial investments totalled €26m, including €2.8m in intangibles, €14.3m in fixed assets and €9.3m of equity investments in Unifiber and Unitirreno.

## Stock performance

Unidata's share price in the last six months declined 4%, with a low of  $\leq 3.6$  in the end of October, then recovered after the announcement of the 9M performance and the updated financial targets, with a peak at  $\leq 4.22$ ; since then the price floated in the range  $\leq 3.83 - \leq 4.10$ . In the same period the Italia Star index gained 6%.

# Target Price €6.60 per share and OUTPERFORM rating confirmed

Based on pre-closing figures we carry forward our latest estimates, and confirm the OUTPERFORM rating with our last target price. According to the stock split in December (1:10), we recalculate our TP to  $\leq 6.60$  per share, implying a potential upside over 50% on current market prices.

KEY FINANCIALS AND ESTIMATES (€m)	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenues	23.4	37.0	51.3	90.8	115.3	127.3	134.0
EBITDA	8.6	14.1	16.2	23.9	30.4	34.6	37.9
Margin	36.8%	38.1%	31.6%	26.3%	26.4%	27.2%	28.3%
Net (Debt) Cash	2.5	(2.2)	(9.6)	(46.4)	(41.0)	(31.3)	(23.2)
Equity	21.4	29.0	36.9	66.9	77.2	89.8	105.2
MULTIPLES	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
EV/EBITDA	5.4x	10.1x	8.3x	6.9x	5.8x	4.9x	3.3x
EV/EBIT	9.7x	15.7x	12.9x	10.1x	8.5x	7.2x	5.1x
P/E	13.9x	17.4x	17.4x	12.5x	10.1x	8.1x	8.1x

Source: Company data 2020-22A, EnVent Research 2023-25E

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Date	Recommendation	Target Price (€)	Share Price (€)
29/04/2020	OUTPERFORM	2.00	1.65
20/10/2020	OUTPERFORM	2.27	1.77
13/05/2021	OUTPERFORM	4.70	3.59
12/10/2021	OUTPERFORM	5.27	4.26
06/12/2021	OUTPERFORM	6.13	4.96
20/04/2022	OUTPERFORM	6.34	4.80
01/08/2022	OUTPERFORM	7.00	4.95
25/10/2022	OUTPERFORM	7.00	4.87
06/12/2022	OUTPERFORM	7.00	5.28
04/04/2023	OUTPERFORM	6.58	3.94
27/09/2023	OUTPERFORM	6.60	4.24
05/12/2023	OUTPERFORM	6.60	4.02
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