

EQUITY RESEARCH

UNIDATA S.P.A PREVIEW

BUY
TP 6.0€ (vs 6.0€)
Up/Downside: 135%

Preview Unidata FY24E

Unidata, FY24E results out on Wednesday the 12th of Feb., our expectations: revenues € 101.6mn, EBITDA adj. € 27.5mn, EBITDA adj. Margin 27.1%, NFP € .44.5mn

Unidata will release its **preliminary annual results tomorrow**, **12/02/25**. We present our expectations, using the FY23A figures on a **pro forma basis** (including **the acquisition of TWT** for the whole of FY23, acquired on 28/02/2023) as a basis of comparison. The 4Q, even in FY23, had a higher weight than the other quarters (4Q23 Rev./EBITDA/EBIT 29/32/27% of the total), **so we expect a more significant quarter**. Here are our expectations:

- Revenues: € 101.6mn (+1% vs FY23A pro forma TWT);
- EBITDA adj. pro forma : € 27.5mn (+5% vs FY23A pro forma TWT);
- EBITDA adj. margin: 27.1% (c. +120bps, vs. 25.9% FY23A pro forma TWT);
- NFP: € 44.5mn (improving, +€ 3.4mn, vs. € 47.9mn on the 31.12.23).

We recall that **Unidata**, as of the 17/12/24, had published an updated strategic plan until FY27E, citing as drivers of sustainable growth in the future the higher value-added markets, such as: (a) Cloud & Data Center, (b) Smart City and (c) IoT. We'll be following the updates from the management on the evolution of these segments. The following are the financial objectives of the FY27E plan (vs. TPICAP FY27E expectations):

- Revenues € 140/145mn (vs. TPICAP € 141.8mn);
- EBITDA € **40/42mn** (vs. TPICAP € **41.3mn**) ;
- EBITDA Margin **>28%** (TPICAP **c. 29%**);
- Cumulated CAPEX c. € 57mn (vs. TPICAP € 56.6mn);
- NFP c. € 10mn (vs. TPICAP € 18.1mn).

The stock is currently trading at 5.2x/4.6x PE 25E/26E, and 3.6x/2.9x EV/EBITDA 25E/26E. Performance 1Y/6M/YTD -33%/-24%/-14%. We maintain our BUY recommendation and confirm our price target at ϵ 6.0 ps before the preliminary results.

TP ICAP Midcap Estimates	12/23	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
Sales (m €)	93.3	101.6	117.8	125.3
Current Op Inc (m ϵ)	12.3	18.7	22.4	24.0
Current op. Margin (%)	13.2	18.4	19.0	19.2
EPS (€)	0.22	0.39	0.49	0.56
DPS (€)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Yield (%)	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.4
FCF (m €)	1.4	3.3	7.4	12.6

Valuation Ratio	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
EV/Sales	1.2	1.0	0.8
EV/EBITDA	4.5	3.6	2.9
EV/EBIT	6.6	5.2	4.3
PE	6.5	5.2	4.6
Source: TPICAP Midcap			

Key data

Price (€)	2.6
Industry	Telecommunications
Ticker	UD-IT
Shares Out (m)	30.887
Market Cap (m €)	78.8
Average trading volumes (k shares / day)	0.240
Next event	FY 2024 - tbc

Source: FactSet

Ownership (%)

Uninvest S.r.l.	55.0
Upperhand S.r.l.	6.2
Free float	38.8

Source: TPICAP Midcap estimates

EPS (€)	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
Estimates	0.39	0.49	0.56
Change vs previous estimates (%)	-0.28	0.96	2.07

Source: TPICAP Midcap estimates

Performance (%)	1D	1M	YTD
Price Perf	-2.7	-13.0	-14.4
Rel FTSE Italy	-2.4	-18.6	-21.5



Source: FactSet

Consensus FactSet - Analysts:5	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
Sales	111.8	123.4	133.8
EBIT	17.8	21.7	25.4
Net income	10.6	13.6	16.6

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FINANCIAL DATA

Income Statement	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
Sales	37.0	51.3	93.3	101.6	117.8	125.3
Changes (%)	57.9	38.8	81.6	8.9	15.9	6.4
Gross profit	17.5	20.3	32.7	36.2	42.6	46.2
% of Sales	47.2	39.5	35.0	35.6	36.2	36.9
EBITDA	14.1	16.2	22.4	27.5	32.6	35.6
% of Sales	38.1	31.6	24.0	27.1	27.7	28.4
Current operating profit	9.1	10.7	12.3	18.7	22.4	24.0
% of Sales	24.6	20.9	13.2	18.4	19.0	19.2
Non-recurring items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	9.1	10.7	12.3	18.7	22.4	24.0
Net financial result	-0.3	-0.1	-3.0	-2.3	-2.5	-1.9
Income Tax	-1.0	-3.1	-2.5	-4.6	-5.6	-6.2
Net profit, group share	7.8	7.5	6.7	11.8	14.4	16.0
EPS	3.20	2.96	0.22	0.39	0.49	0.56
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Financial Statement	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
Goodwill	0.0	0.0	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5
Tangible and intangible assets	33.7	39-4	77.2	82.3	86.8	90.9
Right of Use	9.3	9.3	9.8	8.6	7.4	6.2
Financial assets	1.1	3.5	9.4	9.4	9.4	9.4
Working capital	-1.3	1.1	-8.9	-4.3	-0.6	-0.1
Other Assets	0.4	3.6	5.1	5.1	5.1	5.1
Assets	43.2	56.9	130.1	138.6	145.6	149.0
Shareholders equity group	29.0	36.9	64.6	76.0	90.2	105.8
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT & ST provisions and others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net debt	2.2	8.6	47.2	44.5	37.5	25.5
Other liabilities	12.0	11.4	18.3	18.3	18.3	18.3
Liabilities	43.2	56.9	130.1	138.8	146.0	149.6
Net debt excl. IFRS 16	-3.1	3.8	42.4	43.1	36.2	24.1
Gearing net	0.1	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.4	0.2
Leverage	0.2	0.5	2.1	1.6	1.2	0.7
Cash flow statement	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
CF after elimination of net borrowing costs and taxes	13.3	13.1	18.2	20.6	24.6	27.5
ΔWCR	-4.7	-6.3	0.7	-4.6	-3.7	-0.5
Operating cash flow	8.6	6.8	18.9	16.0	20.9	27.0
Net capex	-13.9	-11.2	-17.5	-12.7	-13.5	-14.4
FCF	-5⋅3	-4.4	1.4	3.3	7.4	12.6
Acquisitions/Disposals of subsidiaries	0.0	0.0	-46.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other investments	0.0	-2.1	-5.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in borrowings	1.1	11.1	36.9	-3.5	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	0.0	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.2	-0.3
Repayment of leasing debt	1.6	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity Transaction	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	-0.3	0.4	14.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in net cash over the year	-2.9	4.2	0.4	-0.6	7.1	12.3
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ROA (%)	10.0%	7.4%	3.6%	6.0%	6.6%	6.8%
ROE (%)	27.0%	20.3%	10.4%	15.6%	15.9%	15.1%
ROCE (%)	25.6%	23.7%	10.0%	14.6%	12.1%	12.6%
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Historical recommendations and target price (-1Y)

Date	Analyst	Old Target Price	New Target Price	Closing Price Old Recommendation	New Recommendation
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