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# UNIDATA S.P.A NEWS

BUY TP 6.0€ Up/Downside: 97%

# Datacenters: NTT's major investment in Italy strengthens the outlook

NTT's recent entry into Italy with a 128MW data center in Milan further consolidates the country as a strategic European hub for digital infrastructure. In this context, Unidata emerges as a vertically integrated, high-specialization infrastructure operator, with planned investments of €57mm (alongside partner Azimut) in the Tier IV Unicenter in Rome (20MW expected).

NTT Data has announced the acquisition of land in seven global markets (USA, Europe, APAC) to develop nearly 1GW of IT capacity in new data centers. In Europe, it enters the Italian market for the first time through the purchase of 21 hectares in Milan for the construction of a 128MW data center, as part of a \$10 billion global plan through 2027. NTT's global expansion confirms Italy as a key node for digital traffic across Europe and beyond. This enhances the strategic value of high-capacity local infrastructure projects such as those developed by Unidata.

Unidata's 2025–2027 business plan includes: (i) the commissioning in 2025 of the Unicenter, a neutral Tier IV data center in Rome with 20MW capacity, up to 3,200 racks and an area of c. 20,000 sqm; (ii) a total investment of €57mm (with Azimut), with a minority joint venture stake (25% Unidata) and an expected double-digit IRR (estimated c. 15–20%) and market multiples estimated at c. 17x (EV/EBITDA). In parallel, the Unitirreno infrastructure—a 900 km submarine cable connecting Mazara del Vallo and Genoa to international hubs (Marseille, Frankfurt, Amsterdam)—represents an €80mm investment, with Unidata responsible for operations, maintenance, and the sale of dark fiber and optical spectrum. The cable was laid in recent months.

The Italian data center market, based on expectations from various peers, is projected to grow at a CAGR of c. 14% over the 2024–2029 period, driven by IT capacity demand from sectors such as e-commerce, manufacturing, and media.

NTT's entry into the Italian market reinforces the strategic rationale behind Unidata's model: integrated infrastructure with owned assets, the ability to monetize convergence across fiber, cloud, and data centers, and positioning in capital-intensive, high-barrier-to-entry projects. With the launch of Unicenter in 2025 and the availability of Unitirreno, Unidata can establish itself as a national digital hub capable of serving hyperscalers and public administrations, in line with the long-term industry trends. **BUY and TP €6.ops confirmed.** 

TP ICAP Midcap Estimates	12/24	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
Sales (m €)	101.3	112.8	123.5	140.0
Current Op Inc (m $\epsilon$ )	15.9	20.9	23.3	29.3
Current op. Margin (%)	15.7	18.5	18.9	20.9
EPS (€)	0.28	0.45	0.53	0.69
DPS (€)	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Yield (%)	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.5
FCF (m €)	12.8	9.4	10.4	14.7

Valuation Ratio	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
EV/Sales	1.2	1.0	0.8
EV/EBITDA	4.3	3.6	2.7
EV/EBIT	6.5	5.4	3.8
PE	6.8	5.8	4.4
Source: TPICAP Midcap			

## Key data

Price (€)	3.0
Industry	Telecommunications
Ticker	UD-IT
Shares Out (m)	30.887
Market Cap (m €)	93.9
Average trading volumes (k shares / day)	8.830
Next event	FY 2024 - tbo

Source: FactSet

#### Ownership (%)

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

Source: TPICAP Midcap estimates

EPS (€)	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
Estimates	0.45	0.53	0.69
Change vs previous estimates (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00

Source: TPICAP Midcap estimates

Performance (%)	1D	1M	YTD
Price Perf	0.7	11.4	2.0
Rel FTSE Italy	0.6	-0.7	-14.4



Source: FactSet

Consensus PactSet - Analysts.5	12/250	12/200	12/2/6
Sales	113.9	122.2	0.0
EBIT	21.1	23.4	0.0
Net income	13.1	15.4	0.0





# FINANCIAL DATA

Income Statement	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
Sales	51.3	93.3	101.3	112.8	123.5	140.0
Changes (%)	38.8	81.6	8.6	11.3	9.5	13.4
Gross profit	20.3	32.7	36.1	40.8	45.6	52.6
% of Sales	39.5	35.0	35.6	36.2	36.9	37.6
EBITDA	16.2	22.4	27.0	31.3	35.1	40.8
% of Sales	31.6	24.0	26.7	27.8	28.5	29.2
Current operating profit	10.7	12.3	15.9	20.9	23.3	29.3
% of Sales	20.9	13.2	15.7	18.5	18.9	20.9
Non-recurring items	0.0	0.0	-2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	10.7	12.3	15.9	20.9	23.3	29.3
Net financial result	-0.1	-3.0	-3.0	-2.4	-1.9	-1.7
Income Tax	-3.1	-2.5	-3.8	-5.1	-5.9	-7.6
Net profit, group share		6.7	8.6			20.0
EPS	7.5			13.4	15.5	
Ero	2.96	0.22	0.28	0.45	0.53	0.69
Financial Statement	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
Goodwill	0.0	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5	37.5
Tangible and intangible assets	39.4	77.2	78.2	87.5	91.6	96.7
Right of Use	9.3	9.8	9.7	7-4	6.2	5.1
Financial assets	3.5	9.4	9.1	12.8	16.5	19.2
Working capital	1.1	-8.2	-8.0	0.1	2.3	3.8
Other Assets	3.6	5.1	5.9	5.1	5.1	5.1
Assets	56.9	130.8	132.4	150.3	159.3	167.3
Shareholders equity group	36.9	64.6	73.0	90.4	109.5	132.0
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	8.6	47.2	45.4	41.7	31.6	17.3
Other liabilities	11.4	18.3	13.9	18.3	18.3	18.3
Liabilities	56.9	130.1	132.3	150.4	159.5	167.6
Net debt excl. IFRS 16	3.8	42.4	44.0	40.4	30.3	16.0
Gearing net	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.3	0.1
Leverage	0.5	2.1	1.7	1.3	0.9	0.4
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Cash flow statement	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
CF after elimination of net borrowing costs and taxes	13.1	18.2	na	23.8	27.4	31.5
ΔWCR	-6.3	0.7	-0.2	-0.9	-2.2	-1.5
Operating cash flow	6.8	18.9	na	22.9	25.2	30.1
Net capex	-11,2	-17.5	-10.6	-13.5	-14.8	-15.4
FCF	-4.4	1.4	12.8	9.4	10.4	14.7
Acquisitions/Disposals of subsidiaries	0.0	-46.7	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other investments	-2.1	-5.2	-4.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in borrowings	11.1	36.9	-7.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3
Repayment of leasing debt	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity Transaction	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	0.4	14.5	-7.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in net cash over the year	4.2	0.4	-8.1	9.2	10.1	14.3
ROA (%)	7.4%	3.6%	5.1%	6.5%	6.8%	7.9%
ROE (%)	20.3%	10.4%	13.4%	14.9%	14.3%	15.2%
ROCE (%)	23.7%	10.4%	13.470	11.0%	11.4%	13.5%
ROCE (70)	43./70	10.0%	11.9%0	11.0%0	11.470	13.5%



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18 May 25 - 22:11:52	Michele Mombelli	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 2.97	Achat	Buy
14 May 25 - 08:32:16	Michele Mombelli	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 2.88	Achat	Buy
21 Mar 25 - 08:27:48	Michele Mombelli	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 2.99	Achat	Buy
11 Mar 25 - 08:28:47	Michele Mombelli	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 2.85	Achat	Buy
12 Feb 25 - 19:07:34	Michele Mombelli	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 2.59	Achat	Buy
11 Feb 25 - 08:40:40	Michele Mombelli	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 2.61	Achat	Buy
18 Dec 24 - 08:06:17	Davide Longo	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 2.85	Achat	Buy
13 Nov 24 - 07:46:03	Filippo Migliorisi	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 3.23	Achat	Buy
12 Sep 24 - 07:46:41	Filippo Migliorisi	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 3.70	Achat	Buy
11 Sep 24 - 07:51:06	Filippo Migliorisi	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 3.58	Achat	Buy
24 May 24 - 15:05:09	Filippo Migliorisi	€ 6.00	€ 6.00	€ 3.84	Achat	Buy

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