

# North Media

Improved Q1 profit, but lowered guidance ceiling



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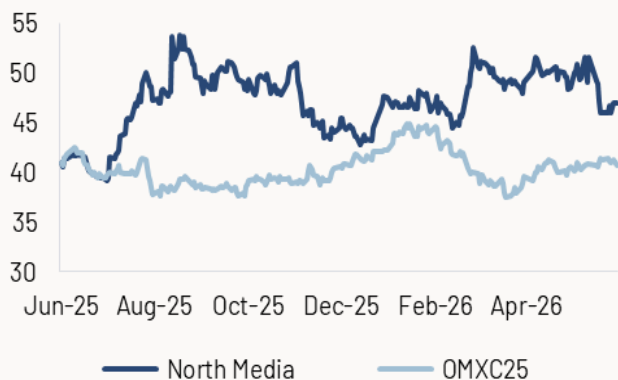
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# Key Financials and Valuation



## Share price



|          |      |          |        |
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| YTD      | 5.7% | 1 year:  | 5.0%   |
| 1 month: | 5.9% | 3 years: | -11.7% |

Note: We apply closing price from 01 June 2026. Source: S&P Capital IQ.

## Financials

| DKKm          | 2023  | 2024  | 2025  | 2026E |
|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Revenue       | 915   | 1,301 | 1,296 | 1,294 |
| Growth        | -8.1% | 42.2% | -0.4% | -0.2% |
| EBITDA        | 182   | 154   | 125   | 147   |
| EBITDA-%      | 19.9% | 11.8% | 9.6%  | 11.4% |
| Net income    | 264   | 62    | 66    | N/A   |
| Securities    | 652   | 854   | 815   | 773   |
| Net cash      | 659   | 737   | 795   | 758   |
| Market value  | 1,168 | 869   | 860   | 845   |
| EV/Sales (x)  | 0.3   | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1   |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | 1.7   | 0.6   | 0.9   | 0.7   |
| EV/EBIT (x)   | 2.1   | -1.2  | 1.6   | 1.2   |
| P/E (x)       | 4.4   | 14.1  | 13.0  | N/A   |

Note: \*Market value from 01 June 2026. Net cash is from the Q1 2026 report. Source: S&P Capital IQ.

## Guidance 2026E

| DKKm              | North Media    |
|-------------------|----------------|
| Revenue           | 1,267 to 1,320 |
| Revenue growth-%  | -2.6% to 1.9%  |
| Previous guidance | 1,267 to 1,333 |
| EBITDA            | 133 to 161     |
| EBITDA margin     | 10.5% to 12.2% |
| Previous guidance | 133 to 175     |
| EBIT              | 75 to 103      |
| EBIT margin       | 5.9% to 7.8%   |
| Previous guidance | 75 to 117      |

Note: Guidance is from North Media's Q1 2026 report. In Q1 2026 North Media narrowed 2026 guidance cutting the top end of revenue, EBITDA and EBIT.

## Valuation Perspectives

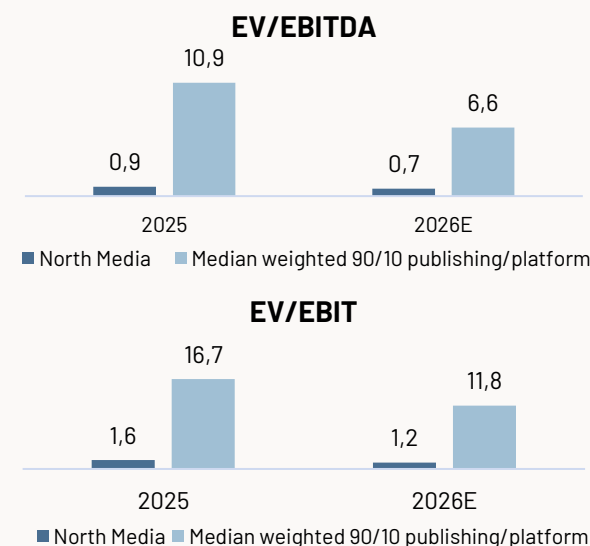
North Media trades at a very large discount to peers, with 2025 EV/EBITDA of 0.9x and EV/EBIT of 1.6x versus a 90/10 publishing/platform weighted peer median of 10.9x and 16.7x. On 2026E the discount persists at 0.7x and 1.2x versus 6.6x and 11.8x - roughly 90% below peers.

This is explained by the securities portfolio. North Media holds net cash of DKK 758m (incl. securities values) against a market cap of ~DKK 845m, resulting in a very low implied EV. The market assigns little value to an operating business that lifted Q1 2026 EBIT to DKK 4m, generated EBIT of DKK 66m and FCF of DKK 69m in 2025, with the top end of 2026 guidance cut across revenue, EBITDA and EBIT on a weak start in SDR and BoligPortal.

The valuation can be partly explained by an ongoing structural decline in printed matter volumes affecting North Media's largest Last Mile business unit. Ongoing investment in loss-making business units and a mixed history of M&A add uncertainty regarding future investment decisions.

Key triggers to close the valuation gap include demonstrating a clear path to profitability for Bekey and SDR, which would narrow loss-making investments, as Dayli began doing in Q1 2026. Additionally, an M&A strategy with a mixed history of acquisitions can put pressure on valuation, until a track record of value creating M&A is proven. A sustained return to paying dividends may also support valuation gains.

## Valuation multiples (x)



# Investment case – Solid cash flow despite declining market



## Key Investment Reasons

- 2025 delivered operational stabilization with EBIT of DKK 66m. (vs. -75m. in 2024, impacted by SDR impairment) and free cash flow recovering to DKK 69m (2024: DKK -31m). Q1 extended this with EBIT of DKK 4m and EBITDA up 72%, though management cut the top end of 2026 guidance.
- North Media trades at a market cap roughly equal to its cash and securities value, implying the market assigns near-zero value to the operating business despite solid free cash flow.
- Combined cash and securities of DKK 885m (at Q1) provides significant firepower for Digital Services investment and M&A to realise growth, however, with a mixed history of M&A.

**Company description:** North Media connects businesses with customers through its Last Mile distribution network and Digital Services. Last Mile (FK Distribution and SDR Svensk Direktreklam) distributes leaflets and local newspapers to 62% of Danish and 49% of Swedish households. Digital Services comprise BoligPortal (leading Danish rental platform), Dayli (digital retail discounts platform with Publisher SaaS), and Bekey (digital access solutions). Karman Connect (50% owned) is a fintech matching borrowers and lenders across seven countries.

**Investment case:** 2025 delivered operational stabilization with revenue of DKK 1,296m and EBIT of DKK 66m (vs. -75m. in 2024, impacted by a DKK 155m SDR impairment). Free cash flow recovered strongly to DKK 69m (2024: -31m). Dividends resumed at DKK 1.25/share (46% payout). Q1 2026 confirmed the trajectory, with EBIT up to DKK 4m, though management cut the top end of guidance on a weak start in SDR and BoligPortal, attributing FK Distribution's resilience to price adjustments and new volumes from PostNord's market exit.

SDR completed its machine packing transformation in November 2025, enabling cost reductions from 2026, but integration has taken longer than expected and Q1 2026 revenue fell 12%. Digital Services turned EBITDA-positive at DKK 9m in 2025, and Dayli stayed positive in Q1. BoligPortal had a weak Q1, with revenue down 3% and margin compressing to 19% (29%). Dayli's publisher



## Key Investment Risks

- Last Mile faces structural decline from digitisation, while SDR's transformation has lagged, with Q1 2026 EBITDA at -10m pushing break-even past 2026. Bekey's path to profitability remains uncertain and drags on Digital Services.
- The DKK 855m securities portfolio (at 30.04.2026) has appreciated since 2015 but carries concentration risk, with NVIDIA at ~30%, linking group value to equity market volatility and deterring some investors.'
- A ruling against FK Distribution for abusing its dominant position in 2018-2019 creates a contingent liability until the appeal, expected April 2027. The management change has now taken effect, with a new CEO and CFO.

platform launched in Denmark; Sweden rollout proved slower than planned.

The implied EV remains very low after adjusting for the DKK 892m estimated cash and securities position, despite a business generating DKK 66m EBIT in FY2025 and an improving Q1 2026 run-rate. Despite gradual market declines, the narrowed guidance still points to improving profitability in 2026E and an outlook for sustained strong cash flow over the medium term.

Capital resources stood at DKK 870m at end-Q1 2026, with the securities portfolio at DKK 855m by end-April, leaving the valuation largely backed by cash rather than operations. While FK Distribution improved and Digital Services losses narrowed, SDR's turnaround and BoligPortal's recovery from a weak start remain unproven, and the operating business still carries limited market value.

A return to dividends after the resumed 2025 payout, combined with a clear profitability path for SDR and Bekey, remains key to closing the discount. The DKK 885m cash and securities position gives management ample firepower for Digital Services investment and M&A, though the mixed acquisition history tempers how much value the market ascribes to it. Until the operating turnaround is proven, the cash backing provides downside protection, but a sustained re-rating likely requires evidence that SDR and BoligPortal can recover and that capital is deployed accretively.

# Peer Group (1/2) – Publishing and Platform peers justification



Our North Media peer group comprises companies sharing comparable aspects in European publishing/distribution and digital classifieds markets. North Media's business is split ~85-90% Last Mile (FK Distribution and SDR, physical leaflet distribution in Denmark and Sweden) and ~10-15% Digital Services (BoligPortal rental classifieds, Dayli digital offers, and Bekey smart access). The group generated DKK 1,296m revenue and DKK 125m EBITDA in 2025, with a cash and securities position of DKK 885m nearly exceeding the current market cap of ~DKK 845m.

We divide peers into two groups. Publishing peers are most comparable given the dominant share of physical distribution revenue, though platform peers capture the valuation characteristics most relevant to BoligPortal, the highest-margin segment.

**Publishing peers:** Alma Media Oyj, Rebl Group Oyj, Sanoma Oyj, and TX Group AG. These provide benchmarks for the Last Mile segment, though North Media's structural exposure to secular print volume decline and its unique combination of distribution logistics with a growing digital portfolio differentiate it from peers with more advanced digital revenue mixes. The publishing peer median trades at 2026E multiples of 6.1x EV/EBITDA and 11.7x EV/EBIT, with a median dividend yield of 3.6%.

**Platform peers:** Rightmove plc and Scout24 SE. These are most relevant to BoligPortal, which generated a 29% EBITDA margin in 2025, though this compressed to 19% in Q1 2026. Platform peers trade at significantly higher at 11.0x EV/EBITDA and 12.1x EV/EBIT, reflecting their scale, dominant market positions, and superior growth visibility.

## Peer group

| Company                                   | Total return | Market cap<br>(EURm) | EV<br>(EURm) | EV/EBITDA   |            | EV/EBIT     |             | Div yield   |             | EBIT margin (%) |              |
|---|--------------|----------------------|--------------|-------------|------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
|   | YTD          |                      |              | 2025        | 2026E      | 2025        | 2026E       | 2025        | 2026E       | 3-yr avg.       | LTM          |
| Median - Publishing peers                 | -0.2%        | 1,324                | 1,445        | 10.2        | 6.1        | 16.5        | 11.7        | 3.4%        | 3.6%        | 5.0%            | 5.7%         |
| Median - Platform peers                   | -14.9%       | 4,465                | 4,613        | 16.9        | 11.0       | 17.8        | 12.1        | 2.3%        | 2.5%        | 56.6%           | 56.9%        |
| Median weighted 90/10 publishing/platform |              |                      |              | <b>10.9</b> | <b>6.6</b> | <b>16.7</b> | <b>11.8</b> | <b>3.3%</b> | <b>3.5%</b> | <b>10.2%</b>    | <b>10.8%</b> |
| <b>North Media</b>                        | <b>0.8%</b>  | <b>113</b>           | <b>14</b>    | <b>0.9</b>  | <b>0.7</b> | <b>1.6</b>  | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>2.6%</b> | <b>N/A</b>  | <b>5.2%</b>     | <b>5.6%</b>  |
| Premium (+) / Discount (-) to peers       |              |                      |              | -92%        | -89%       | -90%        | -87%        |             |             |                 |              |

Note: data from 01/06/2026

Source: S&P Capital IQ

# Peer Group (2/2) – Full peer overview and securities portfolio



| Company  | Price (local)   | Total return YTD | Market cap (EURm) | EV (EURm)    | EV/EBITDA   |             | EV/EBIT     |             | Div yield   |             | EBIT margin (%) |              |
|--|-----------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-----------------|--------------|
|  |                 |                  |                   |              | 2025        | 2026E       | 2025        | 2026E       | 2025        | 2026E       | 3-yr avg        | LTM          |
| Alma Media Oyj                                   | EUR 14          | 1.1%             | 1,153             | 1,253        | 13.6        | 11.7        | 16.6        | 13.7        | 3.4%        | 3.6%        | 23.7%           | 24.7%        |
| Rebl Group Oyj                                   | EUR 1.1         | 7.1%             | 13                | 30           | 5.7         | 3.5         | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | N/A         | -2.3%           | -4.3%        |
| Sanoma Oyj                                       | EUR 9.2         | -1.4%            | 1,498             | 2,185        | 7.4         | 5.6         | 16.4        | 9.9         | 4.5%        | 4.9%        | 7.4%            | 9.6%         |
| TX Group AG                                      | CHF 133         | -16.8%           | 1,495             | 1,637        | 13.1        | 6.6         | N/A         | 11.7        | 3.4%        | 3.6%        | 2.7%            | 1.8%         |
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| Rightmove plc                                    | GBP 4.3         | -16.5%           | 3,702             | 3,661        | 13.8        | 10.0        | 14.0        | 10.3        | 2.5%        | 2.7%        | 68.9%           | 67.7%        |
| Scout24 SE                                       | EUR 74.5        | -13.2%           | 5,227             | 5,565        | 20.0        | 12.0        | 21.6        | 13.9        | 2.1%        | 2.4%        | 44.2%           | 46.1%        |
| <b>Median - Platform peers</b>                   |                 | <b>-14.9%</b>    | <b>4,465</b>      | <b>4,613</b> | <b>16.9</b> | <b>11.0</b> | <b>17.8</b> | <b>12.1</b> | <b>2.3%</b> | <b>2.5%</b> | <b>56.6%</b>    | <b>56.9%</b> |
| Median - All                                     |                 |                  | 1,496             | 1,911        | 13.3        | 8.3         | 16.5        | 11.7        | 3.4%        | 3.6%        | 15.5%           | 17.2%        |
| <b>Median weighted 90/10 publishing/platform</b> |                 |                  |                   |              | <b>10.9</b> | <b>6.6</b>  | <b>16.7</b> | <b>11.8</b> | <b>3.3%</b> | <b>3.5%</b> | <b>10.2%</b>    | <b>10.8%</b> |
| <b>North Media A/S</b>                           | <b>DKK 46.9</b> | <b>0.8%</b>      | <b>113</b>        | <b>14</b>    | <b>0.9</b>  | <b>0.7</b>  | <b>1.6</b>  | <b>1.2</b>  | <b>2.6%</b> | <b>N/A</b>  | <b>5.2%</b>     | <b>5.6%</b>  |
|  |                 |                  |                   |              | -92%        | -89%        | -90%        | -90%        |             |             |                 |              |

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## North Media securities portfolio

| Stock (Value in DKKm)  | 31/12/2026   | 30/04/2026   | Stock (%-weight)       | 31/12/2026  | 30/04/2026  |   |
|------------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|-------------|-------------|---|
| NVIDIA                 | 237.0        | 254.9        | NVIDIA                 | 29%         | 30%         | Top 1 holding accounts for 30% (Nvidia)   |
| Novo Nordisk           | 97.6         | 81.7         | Novo Nordisk           | 12%         | 10%         |   |
| Microsoft              | 107.5        | 91.1         | Microsoft              | 13%         | 11%         | Top 3 holdings accounts for 56% (Nvidia, Teradyne & Microsoft)                      |
| Apple                  | 86.4         | 86.6         | Apple                  | 11%         | 10%         |   |
| Mercado Libre          | 38.4         | 34.3         | Mercado Libre          | 5%          | 4%          |   |
| Teradyne               | 73.8         | 131.6        | Teradyne               | 9%          | 15%         | Top 5 holdings accounts for 77% (Nvidia, Teradyne, Microsoft, Apple & Novo Nordisk) |
| Sea                    | 24.3         | 10.9         | Sea                    | 3%          | 1%          |   |
| Genmab                 | 40.5         | 33.8         | Genmab                 | 5%          | 4%          |   |
| Amazon                 | 58.6         | 67.6         | Amazon                 | 7%          | 8%          |   |
| Maj Invest ETF Defence | 43.0         | 43.6         | Maj Invest ETF Defence | 5%          | 5%          |   |
| NKT                    | 0.0          | 18.8         | NKT                    | 0%          | 2%          |   |
| Hexagon                | 7.6          | 0.0          | Hexagon                | 1%          | 0%          |   |
|                        | <b>814.7</b> | <b>854.9</b> |                        | <b>100%</b> | <b>100%</b> |   |

# Securities portfolio leads to low enterprise value



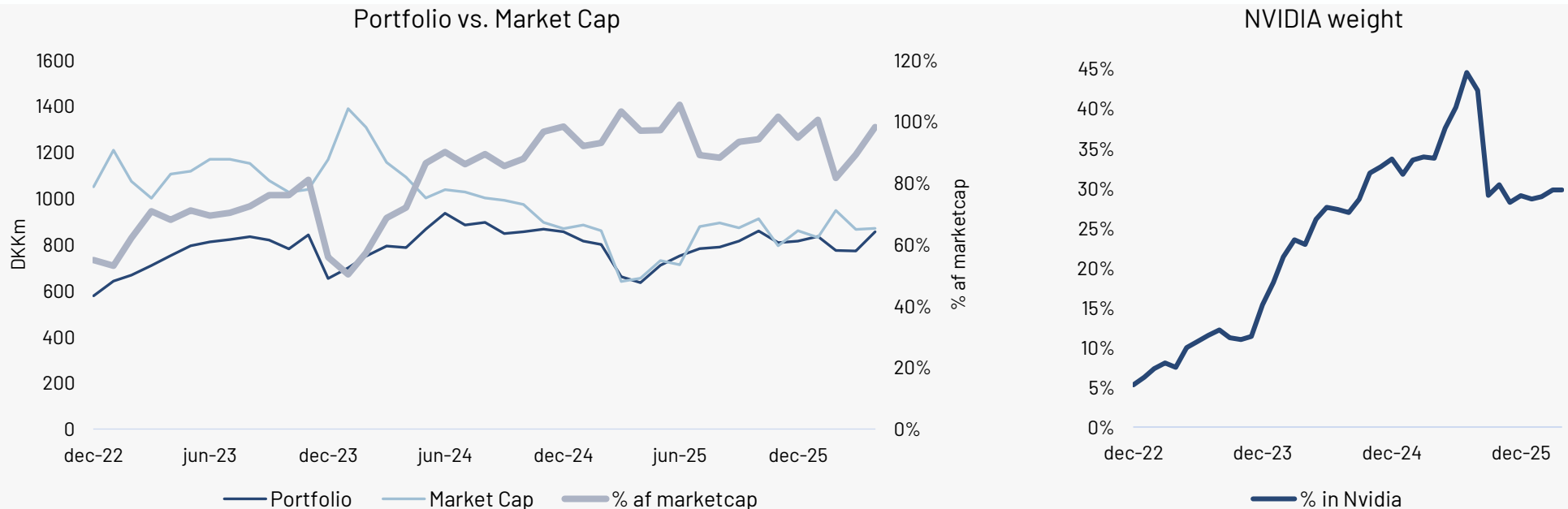
North Media's listed securities portfolio has grown to a size that materially affects how the company should be valued. The market value of the portfolio is now close to the company's own market capitalization. The gap between market cap and the portfolio has narrowed since 2023, and the portfolio to market cap ratio has moved in a range of 80-105% since 2024, most recently around 95%.

**Potential rerating:** In practice, North Media's market cap is now almost fully covered by its financial assets alone. Once securities are deducted from the market cap, the operating business is valued at close to zero. The guidance for 2026 suggests an increase in EBITDA, and if they deliver on guidance, they trade at a discount compared to peers (once adjusted for the portfolio). If confidence in management grows, the market may price in a premium on the operating business rather than valuing the company solely on its portfolio.

**Risks:** The portfolio composition carries meaningful concentration risk. The Top 3 and Top 5 holdings have historically made up 65-70% and 85-90% of the portfolio, respectively, and although concentration has eased to around 55% (Top 3) and 75% (Top 5), the portfolio remains far from broadly diversified. As a result, North Media's stock trades in close correlation with its securities portfolio.

NVIDIA alone peaked at around 45% of the portfolio and still accounts for about 30%, which is an unusually high single-stock exposure for a non-financial listed company. A significant drop in NVIDIA or other large holding would directly reduce the securities portfolio value.

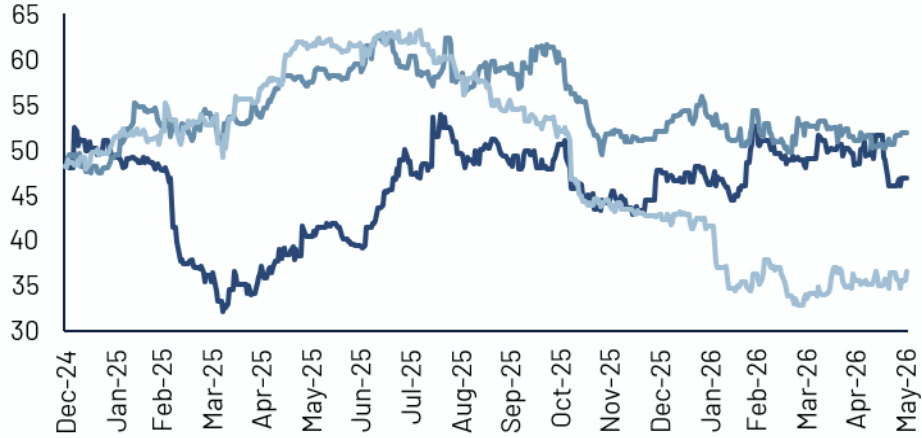
North Media sold portfolio holdings to fund the SDR acquisition, which has had multiple write-downs after the acquisition. This track record likely contributes to the market's discount on the operating business.



# Valuation vs. Peers

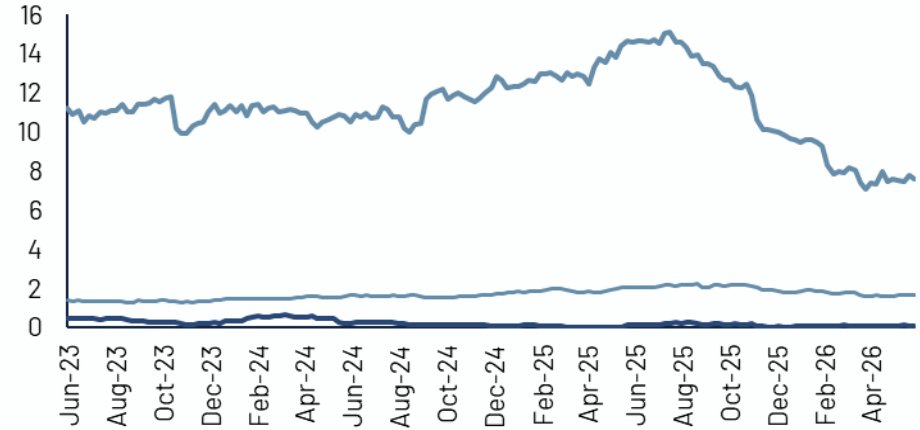


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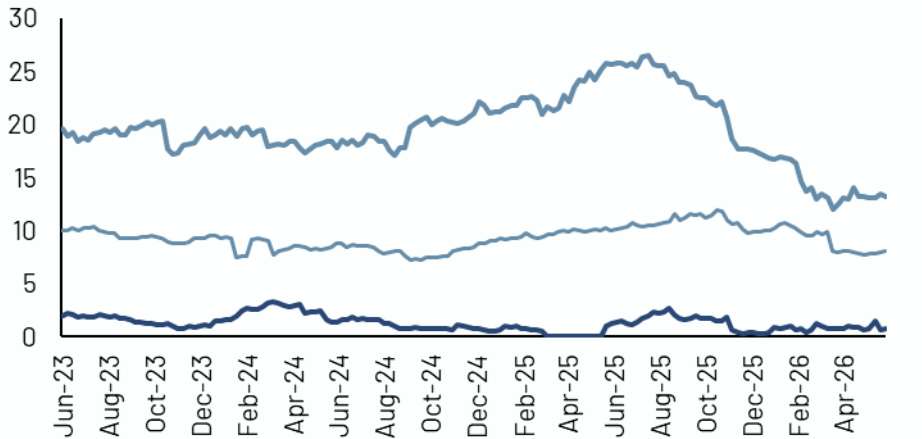
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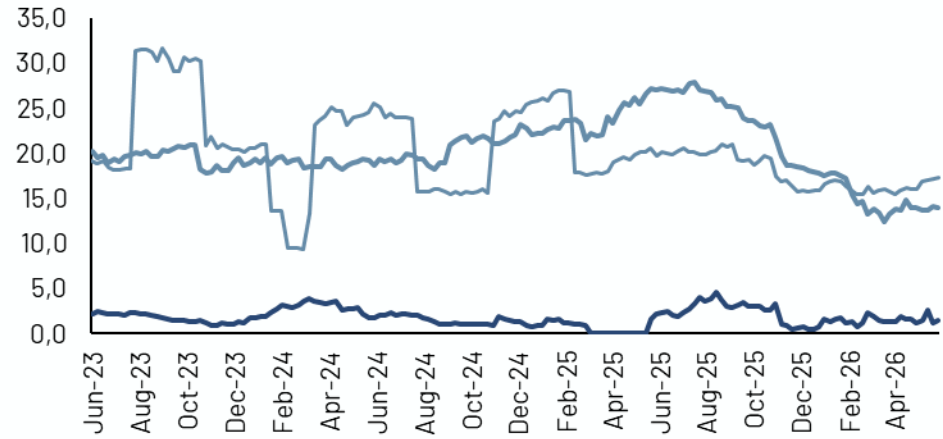
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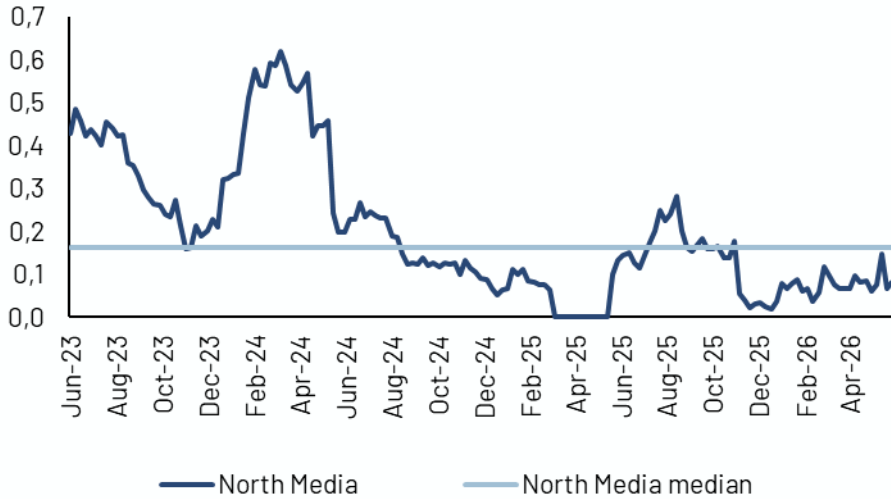


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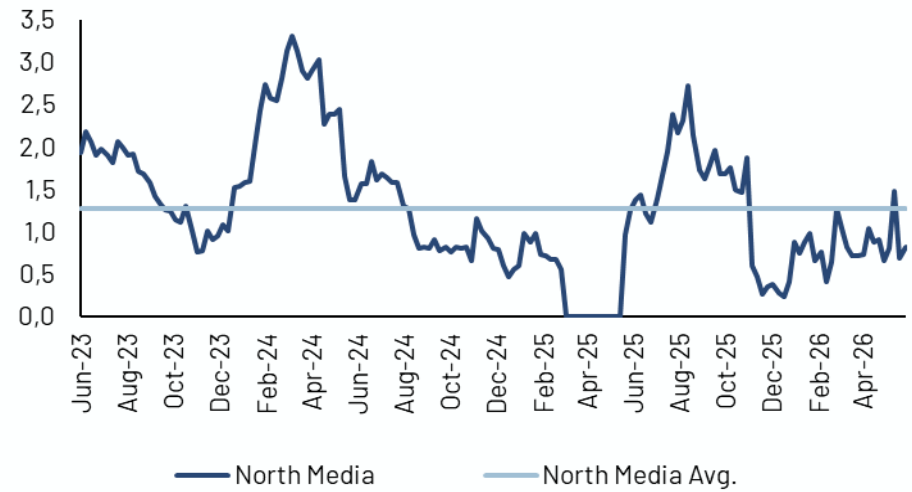
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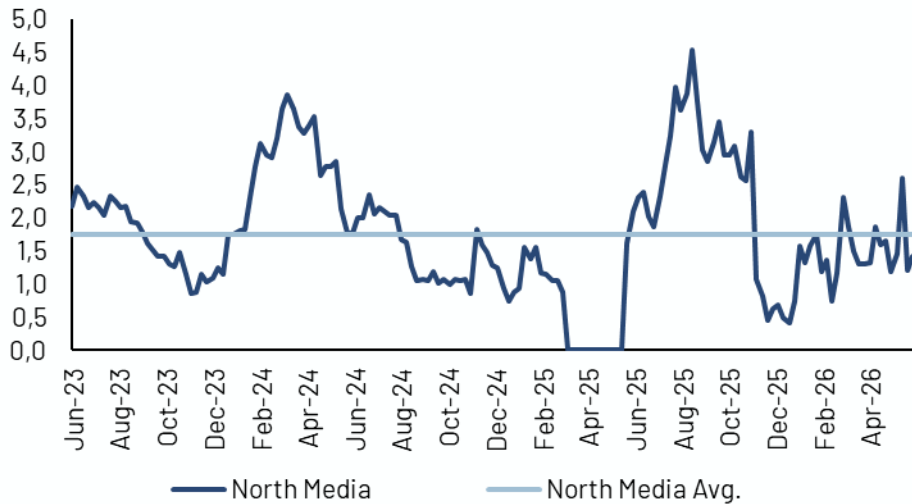
**North Media vs 3-year median EV/Sales (LTM)**



**North Media vs 3-year median EV/EBITDA (LTM)**



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