Betolar

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Lot of risk with potential awkwardly far away

We reiterate our Reduce recommendation for Betolar and lower our target price to EUR 1.20 (was EUR 2.20). While we do not as such question the necessity of the restructuring initiated by the company in September, the visibility on net sales growth that we consider to be the main value driver of the share is still awkwardly high. The effectiveness of the company's entire business model has also yet to be proven. The current situation on the stock market (e.g. high interest rates and good earnings expectations for many established companies) does not support risk-taking in an early-stage company like Betolar now. Thus, we continue to be risk averse on the stock for the time being.

Not questioning the saving measures, but the stock is still driven by net sales, which raises big question marks

Betolar announced on September 12 that it is planning structural reforms, which the company estimates will lead to annual savings of around EUR 5 million. The savings are significant (cf. our earlier estimate of costs at around 1 MEUR/month). Our assessment is that the company is using the savings to shift the need to raise new funding beyond the current tight financial markets, which in itself is justified from the perspective of existing shareholders. However, we believe that the change in direction increases the risks to the main value driver of the stock, namely net sales growth, especially in the short term. Betolar went public about 2 years ago with very aggressive net sales targets. Despite what has happened under the hood, net sales are still very low, and the viability and competitiveness of the business model is still largely unproven. In addition, Al plays a significant role in the long-term scalability of the business in our estimates, and we cannot rule out the negative impact of reduced investment on long-term outlook.

Funding needs are not expected until the turn of 2024/2025, but the outlook for net sales is open

We updated our short-term estimates to reflect the planned restructuring and the resulting savings, but also cut our net sales estimates, which still expect rapid growth, in both the short and long term. The changes lower the cash consumption rate for next year to a rough level of EUR 0.7 million / month. We added a EUR 2.7 million grant from Business Finland for side stream research to our estimates, which was very positive news for Betolar. As a result of the savings measures and the grant, we estimate that Betolar's financing needs will shift to around the turn of 2024-2025. We stress that forecasting Betolar's net sales growth is difficult in the light of current data and the scenario in our estimates should be treated with caution in the medium and long term. The company's net sales target of EUR 200 million by 2026, set at the time of the IPO and kept unchanged in the spring strategy update, is still very distant and we expect the company to update the target at the latest before the next funding round.

We continue to avoid risk, despite the recent sharp fall in the share price

Betolar's EV/S multiples for the current and next year are high in absolute terms and well above peers. Overall, we believe that the risks are still too high to rely on the potential beyond the middle of the decade. In our view, the company's current market value of around EUR 25 million may still have significant downside potential in the one-year horizon if net sales do not start to accrue and cash consumption continues. With the fall in the share price, the risk of dilution has also increased with the upcoming capital raising. The current investment environment, with high interest rates and in many cases good return/risk ratios for established companies, also does not support early-stage companies like Betolar without concrete evidence (i.e. net sales) of the story progressing.

Recommendation

Reduce

(previous Reduce)

EUR 1.20

(previous EUR 2.20)

Share price:

EUR 1.28



Key figures

	2022	2023 e	2024 e	2025 e
Revenue	0.3	0.7	3.0	18.8
growth-%	2770%	131%	353%	525%
EBIT adj.	-11.5	-13.2	-7.9	-6.6
EBIT-% adj.			-264%	-35.1 %
Net Income	-11.8	-13.2	-8.1	-7.5
EPS (adj.)	-0.61	-0.67	-0.42	-0.38
P/E (adj.)	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
P/B	2.2	1.9	4.7	neg.
Dividend yield-%	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
EV/EBIT (adj.)	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
EV/EBITDA	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.

>100

Source: Inderes

EV/S

Guidance

(Unchanged)

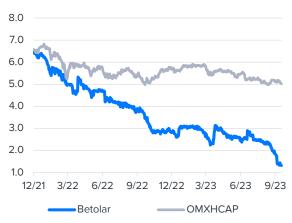
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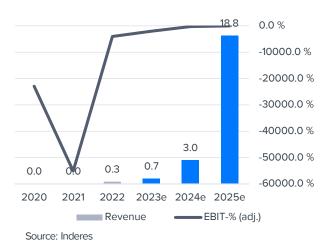
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Share price

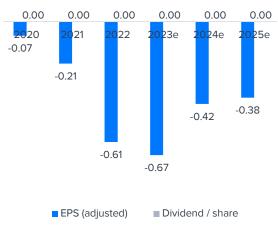


Source: Millistream Market Data AB

Revenue and EBIT-%



EPS and dividend



Source: Inderes

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Value drivers

- Very high market potential
- Green transition is shaking up the otherwise conservative industry
- Betolar offers a competitive solution for the transition
- Inherently scalable business model



Risk factors

- Commercialization of the business is still at an early stage
- The company will be cash negative for several more years and the business will only scale up years from now
- · Betolar is likely to need additional funding
- More competitive technologies may seek to enter the market
- We estimate that business scalability requires the success of the Al project

Valuation	2023 e	2024e	2025 e
Share price	1.28	1.28	1.28
Number of shares, millions	19.6	19.6	19.6
Market cap	25	25	25
EV	16	26	36
P/E (adj.)	neg.	neg.	neg.
P/E	neg.	neg.	neg.
P/B	1.9	4.7	neg.
P/S	37.9	8.4	1.3
EV/Sales	24.9	8.5	1.9
EV/EBITDA	neg.	neg.	neg.
EV/EBIT (adj.)	neg.	neg.	neg.
Payout ratio (%)	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
Dividend yield-%	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

Estimate revisions

Estimate revisions	2023 e	2023 e	Change	2024e	2024 e	Change	2025 e	2025e	Change
MEUR / EUR	Old	New	%	Old	New	%	Old	New	%
Revenue	0.9	0.7	-23%	7.2	3.0	-58%	24.0	18.8	-22%
EBITDA	-12.1	-11.4	-6%	-11.0	-6.1	-44%	-5.1	-4.9	-4%
EBIT (exc. NRIs)	-13.9	-13.2	-5%	-13.3	-7.9	-40%	-8.0	-6.6	-17%
EBIT	-13.9	-13.2	-5%	-13.3	-7.9	-40%	-8.0	-6.6	-17%
PTP	-13.9	-13.2	-5%	-13.6	-8.1	-40%	-8.9	-7.5	-16%
EPS (excl. NRIs)	-0.71	-0.67	-6%	-0.70	-0.42	-40%	-0.46	-0.38	-16%
DPS	0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00		0.00	0.00	

Valuation table

Valuation	2020	2021	2022	2023 e	2024e	2025 e	2026 e
Share price	5.74	6.30	3.05	1.28	1.28	1.28	1.28
Number of shares, millions	19.4	19.4	19.5	19.6	19.6	19.6	19.6
Market cap	112	122	60	25	25	25	25
EV	111	86	36	16	26	36	43
P/E (adj.)	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
P/E	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
P/B	79.0	3.2	2.2	1.9	4.7	neg.	neg.
P/S	>100	>100	>100	37.9	8.4	1.3	1.0
EV/Sales	>100	>100	>100	24.9	8.5	1.9	1.7
EV/EBITDA	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
EV/EBIT (adj.)	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
Payout ratio (%)	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
Dividend yield-%	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %

Peer group valuation

Peer group valuation	Market cap	EV	LV:n kasvu		EV/S		P/B
Company	MEUR	MEUR	2023e	2024e	2023 e	2024e	2023e
Bioretec	47	38		33%	9.5	30.5	2.2
Spinnova	212	136	191%		12.4	1.9	21.0
Aiforia	126	104	25%	60%	25.9	4.1	3.1
Renewcell	257	342	131%	2230%	10.6	3.1	4.1
Hoffman Green cement	131	125		46%	35.7	1.8	1.7
Betolar (Inderes)	25	16	131%	353%	24.9	8.5	1.9
Average			116%	592 %	18.8	8.3	6.4
Median			131%	53 %	12.4	3.1	3.1
Diff-% to median			0%	566%	102%	<i>176</i> %	-40%

Source: Refinitiv / Inderes

Income statement

Income statement	2020	2021	H1'22	H2'22	2022	H1'23	H2'23e	2023 e	2024 e	2025 e	2026 e
Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.7	3.0	18.8	25.6
EBITDA	-1.1	-4.8	-4.5	-5.5	-10.0	-6.2	-5.2	-11.4	-6.1	-4.9	-2.3
Depreciation	-0.3	-0.7	-0.5	-1.1	-1.5	-0.9	-1.0	-1.9	-1.8	-1.7	-2.0
EBIT	-1.4	-5.5	-5.0	-6.5	-11.5	-7.1	-6.2	-13.2	-7.9	-6.6	-4.3
Net financial items	0.0	-0.1	-0.5	0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.9	-0.7
PTP	-1.4	-5.6	-5.4	-6.4	-11.9	-7.1	-6.2	-13.2	-8.1	-7.5	-5.0
Taxes	0.0	1.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net earnings	-1.4	-4.1	-5.4	-6.4	-11.8	-7.0	-6.2	-13.2	-8.1	-7.5	-5.0
EPS (adj.)	-0.07	-0.21	-0.28	-0.33	-0.61	-0.36	-0.31	-0.67	-0.42	-0.38	-0.26
EPS (rep.)	-0.07	-0.21	-0.28	-0.33	-0.61	-0.36	-0.31	-0.67	-0.42	-0.38	-0.26

Balance sheet

Assets	2021	2022	2023 e	2024e	2025e
Non-current assets	4.1	4.7	5.4	6.1	7.4
Goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Intangible assets	1.8	3.7	3.8	4.3	5.0
Tangible assets	0.3	0.8	1.4	1.6	2.2
Associated companies	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Other investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other non-current assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred tax assets	1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current assets	38.0	27.3	16.8	8.0	5.9
Inventories	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.0
Other current assets	0.6	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Receivables	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	1.5
Cash and equivalents	37.4	26.6	16.1	7.1	2.8
Balance sheet total	42.0	31.9	22.2	14.1	13.3

Liabilities & equity	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Equity	38.4	26.6	13.5	5.3	-2.2
Share capital	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Retained earnings	-9.6	-18.6	-31.8	-39.9	-47.4
Hybrid bonds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Revaluation reserve	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other equity	48.0	45.1	45.2	45.2	45.2
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-current liabilities	0.4	2.8	4.0	4.0	8.2
Deferred tax liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Provisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest bearing debt	0.4	2.8	4.0	4.0	8.2
Convertibles	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other long term liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current liabilities	1.4	2.6	4.7	4.8	7.4
Interest bearing debt	0.0	0.2	3.5	3.5	5.3
Payables	0.8	0.9	0.0	0.2	0.9
Other current liabilities	0.6	1.5	1.2	1.2	1.2
Balance sheet total	40.2	31.9	22.2	14.1	13.3

DCF calculation

DCF model	2022	2023 e	2024 e	2025 e	2026 e	2027 e	2028 e	2029 e	2030 e	2031 e	2032 e	2033
Revenue growth-%	2770%	131%	353%	525%	37%	23%	78%	79%	50%	22%	32%	3%
EBIT-%	-4013%	-2000%	-264%	-35%	-17%	-4%	12%	20%	17%	19%	21%	25%
EBIT (operating profit)	-11.5	-13.2	-7.9	-6.6	-4.3	-1.1	6.6	19.8	24.9	34.8	49.7	61.8
+ Depreciation	1.5	1.9	1.8	1.7	2.0	2.6	3.3	4.6	6.6	8.4	10.5	12.7
- Paid taxes	1.9	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-2.4	-6.9	-10.0	-12.4
- Tax, financial expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0
+ Tax, financial income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
- Change in working capital	1.0	-1.2	-0.2	-1.4	-0.6	-0.7	-1.9	-3.7	-3.9	-2.3	-4.5	-0.6
Operating cash flow	-7.1	-12.5	-6.3	-6.3	-2.9	0.8	7.9	20.6	25.1	34.0	45.8	61.5
+ Change in other long-term liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
- Gross CAPEX	-3.9	-2.6	-2.5	-3.0	-4.0	-5.0	-8.0	-12.0	-13.0	-16.0	-18.0	-19.3
Free operating cash flow	-11.0	-15.1	-8.8	-9.3	-6.9	-4.2	-0.1	8.6	12.1	18.0	27.8	42.3
+/- Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FCFF	-11.0	-15.1	-8.8	-9.3	-6.9	-4.2	-0.1	8.6	12.1	18.0	27.8	0.0
Discounted FCFF		-14.5	-7.1	-6.4	-4.0	-2.1	0.0	3.0	3.6	4.5	6.0	7.6
Sum of FCFF present value		7.0	21.4	28.6	34.9	38.9	41.0	41.0	38.0	34.4	29.8	23.9
Enterprise value DCF		7.0										
- Interest bearing debt		-3.0										
+ Cash and cash equivalents		26.6					Cash flo	w distribu	rtion			
-Minorities		0.0										
-Dividend/capital return		0.0										
Equity value DCF		30.6		2023e-2027e	9	-487%						
Equity value DCF per share		1.6										
WACC												
Tax-% (WACC)		20.0 %		2020- 2025							4052	
Target debt ratio (D/(D+E)		10.0 %	. 2	2028e-2035e	9						405%	
Cost of debt		5.0 %										
Equity Beta		3.20										
Market risk premium		4.75%		TEDA						40.20/		
Liquidity premium		2.00%		TERM	П					183%		
Risk free interest rate		2.5 %										
Cost of equity		19.7 %										
Cost of equity		13.7 %				■ 2023	3e-2027e I	■ 2028e-20	35e ■TER	M		

18.1 %

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Source: Inderes

Weighted average cost of capital (WACC)

Summary

Income statement	2020	2021	2022	2023 e	2024e	Per share data	2020	2021	2022	2023 e	2024 e
Revenue	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	3.0	EPS (reported)	-0.07	-0.21	-0.61	-0.67	-0.42
EBITDA	-1.1	-4.8	-10.0	-11.4	-6.1	EPS (adj.)	-0.07	-0.21	-0.61	-0.67	-0.42
EBIT	-1.4	-5.5	-11.5	-13.2	-7.9	OCF / share	-0.05	-0.24	-0.36	-0.64	-0.32
PTP	-1.4	-5.6	-11.9	-13.2	-8.1	FCF / share	-0.09	-0.34	-0.56	-0.77	-0.45
Net Income	-1.4	-4.1	-11.8	-13.2	-8.1	Book value / share	0.07	1.98	1.36	0.69	0.27
Extraordinary items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	Dividend / share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Balance sheet	2020	2021	2022	2023 e	2024e	Growth and profitability	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e
Balance sheet total	1.8	42.0	31.9	22.2	14.1	Revenue growth-%	-14%	67%	2770%	131%	353%
Equity capital	1.4	38.4	26.6	13.5	5.3	EBITDA growth-%	127%	354%	109%	14%	-46%
Goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	EBIT (adj.) growth-%	130%	302%	109%	15%	-40%
Net debt	-0.6	-37.0	-23.6	-8.6	0.4	EPS (adj.) growth-%		198%	186%	11%	-38%
						EBITDA-%					-204.0 %
Cash flow	2020	2021	2022	2023 e	2024e	EBIT (adj.)-%					-263.8 %
EBITDA	-1.1	-4.8	-10.0	-11.4	-6.1	EBIT-%					-263.8 %
Change in working capital	0.1	0.6	1.0	-1.2	-0.2	ROE-%	-148.6 %	-20.7 %	-36.4 %	-65.9 %	-86.8 %
Operating cash flow	-1.0	-4.7	-7.1	-12.5	-6.3	ROI-%	-147.2 %	-27.4 %	-33.7 %	-52.0 %	-45.9 %
CAPEX	-0.7	-1.9	-3.9	-2.6	-2.5	Equity ratio	77.8 %	91.4 %	83.2 %	60.7 %	37.6 %
Free cash flow	-1.7	-6.6	-11.0	-15.1	-8.8	Gearing	-45.6 %	-96.3 %	-88.8 %	-63.9 %	8.3 %
Valuation multiples	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024 e						
EV/S	>100	>100	>100	24.9	8.5						
EV/EBITDA (adj.)	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.						

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Dividend-% Source: Inderes

EV/EBIT (adj.)

P/E (adj.)

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1/16/2023	Reduce	3.00 €	3.07 €
2/15/2023	Reduce	3.00€	2.98 €
8/25/2023	Reduce	2.20 €	2.31 €
9/27/2023	Reduce	1.20 €	1.28 €

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