# Rapala VMC

## **Company report**

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# Meager catch will improve in coming years

Result-wise Rapala's H1 report brought no joy and H2 will also remain very modest. In the longer term, earnings growth has clear steps to continue as the journey to reach the full potential of the Rapala brand and the rod & reel category has only started. We cut our 2022 estimates in particular, but also made slight cuts to our estimates for the next few years, as the strategy has progressed in the background. Especially the longer-term expected return remains attractive in a relatively defensive share. Acquisition option also provides support for Rapala's valuation. We revise our target price to EUR 6.5 (previously EUR 7.00) and reiterate our Accumulate recommendation.

### Earnings below our expectations in H1 and H2 also looks weak

In the seasonally important H1, Rapala's net sales fell by 7% to EUR 148 million, which was close to our estimate. Comparable EBIT decreased to EUR 15.5 million (26.5 MEUR), falling short of our EUR 18.9 million estimate. Comments concerning the rest of the year were clearly more cautious than our expectations, as customers, especially in North America, have temporarily introduced tight purchasing limits to try to reduce inventories, which were raised by the cold spring and rapidly decelerating fishing boom. Winter sports and ice fishing orders should, however, support the rest of the year to an extent as the strong winter has kept retailers' inventories low. In terms of strategy implementation, it was highly positive that Okuma sales kicked-off quickly and our confidence in its potential for the next few years strengthened. First steps to increase the utilization of the Rapala brand were taken, e.g., by expanding to tackle storage and new launches are expected from the innovation pipeline in 2023-24.

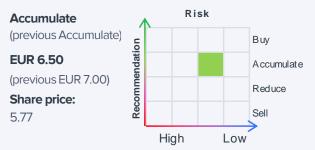
### We cut our 2022 estimates considerably

Rapala's guidance is that 2022 comparable EBIT will be below last year's level (32.7 MEUR). The information value of the guidance is low, but based on comments, we expect this year to be weak as sales fall by 5% to EUR 279 million and EBIT (comp.) is only EUR 16.0 million as customers destock. We expect 2023 net sales to rise again by 6% to EUR 294 million and EBIT to EUR 28 million (EBIT 9.5%), as customers' inventory levels normalize and the synergistic growth projects of Rapala's strategy (see <u>extensive report</u> pp. 26-27) start to bear more fruit. We especially believe that Okuma sales will reach the level of Shimano sales previously distributed by Rapala in the next few years (some 30 MEUR). Our 2025 net sales estimate for Rapala is EUR 324 million and EBIT is EUR 36 million (EBIT 12%). We also cut our dividend estimates, as Rapala's inventories had increased by EUR 40 million to EUR 117 million, tying capital to the balance sheet.

### Worth staying on board even though 2022 is weak in challenging conditions

Rapala's 2022e P/E 23x and EV/EBIT 19x are raised in the slump, but 2023e P/E 12x and EV/EBIT 10x are low multiples in a more normal market for a defensive consumer brand company. We believe the acceptable P/E ratio for the company could currently be around 15x and it could be stretched to some 20x in the longer term as confidence towards the company's performance strengthens. To do this the company needs solid six-month periods indicating earnings growth without which the stock lacks upside drivers in the ongoing year. However, we do not believe you should let the share go even for a moment, as next to strategy implementation there is another potential route for dismantling the value of strong brands as Pure Fishing's owner previously bought a 19.2% share of the company. Sector transactions have taken place at approximately 2x EV/S ratios (Rapala's EV/S now 1.1x).

### Recommendation



### **Key figures**

|                  | 2021   | <b>2022</b> e | <b>2023</b> e | <b>2024</b> e |
|------------------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Revenue          | 294.3  | 278.5         | 294.2         | 309.8         |
| growth-%         | 13%    | -5%           | 6%            | 5%            |
| EBIT adj.        | 32.7   | 16.0          | 27.9          | 32.4          |
| EBIT-% adj.      | 11.1 % | 5.8 %         | 9.5 %         | 10.5 %        |
| Net Income       | 18.1   | 7.9           | 18.0          | 21.8          |
| EPS (adj.)       | 0.46   | 0.25          | 0.47          | 0.57          |
|                  |        |               |               |               |
| P/E (adj.)       | 19.1   | 22.6          | 12.4          | 10.2          |
| P/B              | 2.4    | 1.6           | 1.4           | 1.3           |
| Dividend yield-% | 1.7 %  | 1.7 %         | 3.5 %         | 5.2 %         |
| EV/EBIT (adj.)   | 12.7   | 19.3          | 10.4          | 8.5           |
| EV/EBITDA        | 9.0    | 12.0          | 7.3           | 6.2           |
| EV/S             | 1.4    | 1.1           | 1.0           | 0.9           |
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### Guidance

(Unchanged)

The Group expects 2022 full year comparable operating profit to be below the previous year (32.7 MEUR).

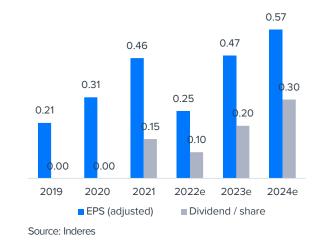
### Share price



**EPS** and dividend









### Value drivers

- Growth in sales of own products and especially the Rapala brand
- New rod and reel category offers synergistic growth potential
- Improving sales mix
- Improving cost efficiency
- Release of capital
- Growth in B2C sales



- Strategy unsuccessful
- High fixed costs
- High seasonal variation and weather dependence of demand
- The Russian attack on Ukraine undermines the operating conditions of the Russian market (2021: 4% of net sales)
- Growth of private labels
- Transition in the retail sector and consolidation on the customer side
- Tighter competition
- Impact of fishing boom slowing down on product demand

| Valuation                  | 2022e  | 2023e  | 2024e  |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Share price                | 5.77   | 5.77   | 5.77   |
| Number of shares, millions | 38.6   | 38.6   | 38.6   |
| Market cap                 | 223    | 223    | 223    |
| EV                         | 309    | 290    | 275    |
| P/E (adj.)                 | 22.6   | 12.4   | 10.2   |
| P/E                        | 28.0   | 12.4   | 10.2   |
| P/FCF                      | neg.   | 8.9    | 8.7    |
| P/B                        | 1.6    | 1.4    | 1.3    |
| P/S                        | 0.8    | 0.8    | 0.7    |
| EV/Sales                   | 1.1    | 1.0    | 0.9    |
| EV/EBITDA                  | 12.0   | 7.3    | 6.2    |
| EV/EBIT (adj.)             | 19.3   | 10.4   | 8.5    |
| Payout ratio (%)           | 48.6 % | 42.9 % | 53.0 % |
| Dividend yield-%           | 1.7 %  | 3.5 %  | 5.2 %  |
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# Comparable sales and earnings below our expectations

### Market conditions were very challenging

In the seasonally important first half of the year, Rapala's net sales fell by 7% to EUR 148 million, which was close to our estimate. However, exchange rateadjusted sales decreased by 12%, especially as the dollar clearly strengthened against the euro.

The drop in sales was explained by the late start of the open water sport fishing season in the northern hemisphere, which was 4-8 weeks depending on the country. As the pandemic subsided, the recoil from products back to services has also accelerated and the fishing boom that had a strong influence on the comparison period has faded quickly. The Ukrainian war also weakened the company's operating conditions in Russia (2021: Russia 4% of Rapala's sales).

Examined by own product categories, sales were on par with the comparison period at EUR 120.8 million

but decreased by 5 % adjusted for exchange rates.

On the other hand, sales of third-party products decreased by some 30% to EUR 27.6 million, which was partly affected by annulment of some distribution agreements with low profitability in line with the strategy. It should also be noted that Rapala sold the products ordered by its Taiwanese sourcing unit from Asian subcontractors to the US-based 13 Fishing (DQC International). These sales already amounted to some EUR 10 million (2021: 5 MEUR), which is counted as third-party invoicing sales. Without this, third-party sales would have decreased even more.

### **Result below expectations**

Comparable EBIT decreased to EUR 15.5 million (26.5 MEUR), falling short of our EUR 18.9 million estimate. Expenses exceeded our expectations and we believe that this was mainly due to the strengthening of the dollar and thus the increase in euro-denominated costs in North American operations. Adjusted EPS decreased to EUR 0.27 (estimate: EUR 0.31). Non-recurring items amounted to EUR 1.9 mainly caused by the company currently restructuring its production and distribution operations in Russia and increasing production capacity at the Pärnu factory.

# Swelling inventories was the biggest disappointment

As demand fell short of high expectations in the early part of the year, inventories swelled by over EUR 40 million to EUR 117 million, which led to negative operating cash flow of EUR -8.6 million (H1'21: +23 MEUR) and was the biggest disappointment of the report. Despite increased net liabilities, financial expenses decreased to EUR 1.1 million (H1'21: 1.4 MEUR), which was a positive surprise. Rapala's net debt/EBITDA (rolling 12 months) ratio also remained below the financial objective of 3.8x.

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|---|----------------------|
| <b>Revenue</b> 160 148 149 0%                 |                      |
|   |                      |
| <b>EBIT (adj.)</b> 26.5 15.5 18.9 -18%        | 6.0                  |
| <b>EBIT</b> 26.3 13.6 18.9 -28%               | 4.1                  |
| <b>EPS (adj.)</b> 0.43 0.27 0.31 -12%         | .25                  |
| <b>EPS (reported)</b> 0.42 0.22 0.31 -29%     | ).21                 |
|   |                      |
| Revenue growth-% 36.4 % -7% -6.8 % -0.3 pp -5 | .4 %                 |
| EBIT-% (adj.) 16.6 % 10.4 % 12.7 % -2.2 pp 5  | 8 %                  |

# We cut our 2022 estimates considerably

### Outlook for the rest of the year is challenging

The guidance was reconfirmed as expected and Rapala expects comparable EBIT to be below the previous year's level (2021: 32.7 MEUR). The information value of the guidance is low, as it does not take a position on how much the result will fall.

Comments concerning the rest of the year were also clearly more cautious than our expectations, as retailers, especially in the US, have temporarily introduced tight purchasing limits to reduce their inventories. We believe that retailers have accumulated abundant inventories especially in the reel/rod combos favored by new fishing enthusiasts as the flow of new enthusiasts has dwindled with the fishing boom decelerating and spring being late. Purchasing budgets have also been cut in lures that have more even demand and in other accessories in an uncertain environment characterized by inflation and falling consumer confidence and purchasing power.

Winter sports and ice fishing orders should support the rest of the year to an extent as the strong winter has kept retailers' inventories low. However, we now expect that in H2'22 Rapala's EBIT (comp.) will be only EUR 0.5 million (H1'21: 6.0 MEUR).

We believe that higher fuel costs will temporarily be negatively visible in the use of recreational fishing boats and thus indirectly in the volume of sport fishing. During the pandemic, many new boats were acquired and they generate long-term demand once the inflation development of fuel relative to consumers' purchasing power moderates.

### Longer-term market outlook is more positive

Concerning longer-term outlook, the company stated that the overall market demand for fishing products has started to normalize to the post-pandemic level. However, the Group expects that long-term general fishing equipment demand will remain at a higher level than before the pandemic in the future.

### We cut 2023-24 estimates more moderately

We expect 2023 net sales to rise again by 6% to EUR 294 million and EBIT to EUR 28 million (EBIT 9.5%), as customers' inventory levels normalize and the synergistic growth projects of Rapala's strategy start to bear more fruit. Our 2025 net sales estimate for Rapala is EUR 324 million and EBIT is EUR 36 million (EBIT 12%). The progress of the strategy during H1 is briefly discussed on the next page.

| Estimate revisions<br>MEUR / EUR | 2022<br>Old | 2022<br>New | Change<br>% | 2023e<br>Old | 2023e<br>New | Change<br>% | 2024e<br>Old | 2024e<br>New | Change<br>% |
|----------------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|-------------|
| Revenue                          | 282         | 279         | -1%         | 295          | 294          | 0%          | 309          | 310          | 0%          |
| EBIT (exc. NRIs)                 | 25.2        | 16.0        | -36%        | 30.2         | 27.9         | -8%         | 34.2         | 32.4         | -5%         |
| EBIT                             | 25.2        | 14.1        | -44%        | 30.2         | 27.9         | -8%         | 34.2         | 32.4         | -5%         |
| РТР                              | 20.8        | 11.5        | -45%        | 26.9         | 25.0         | -7%         | 31.0         | 29.1         | -6%         |
| EPS (excl. NRIs)                 | 0.39        | 0.25        | -34%        | 0.50         | 0.47         | -7%         | 0.60         | 0.57         | -6%         |
| DPS                              | 0.20        | 0.10        | -50%        | 0.30         | 0.20         | -33%        | 0.35         | 0.30         | -14%        |

# Strategy implementation is progressing well

### Growth in rod & reel category has progressed well

In terms of strategy implementation, the company says that the Okuma launch in Europe was successful and exceeded internal business objectives in the first six months. We had previously estimated that Okuma sales would reach EUR 15 million in net sales in 2022 and together with 13 Fishing, sales of the category would rise to EUR 22 million this year. Based on the comments, we estimate that the company is progressing at the rate of our estimate, and our estimates for the rod & reel category (graph) are unchanged and confidence toward them strengthened. The company also reported that integration and product development plans with 13 Fishing have progressed, which improves 13 Fishing's spinning reel range and further strengthens Rapala's growing rod & reel category.

Cooperation seems to be working well at the moment with both Okuma and 13 Fishing (DQC). We would not be surprised if this cooperation would deepen further in the next few years. We see clear synergies, especially in integrating Rapala's and Okuma's distribution on a global perspective. It would also make sense to integrate 13 Fishing's US distribution with Rapala's distribution.

### Further investments in optimizing inventory levels

Rapala also signed an agreement in H1'22 on a new global S&OP system, which will be implemented in H2'22 and linked to financial planning. We are positive about the system reform, as it improves the company's visibility and ability to predict future demand from a single global standpoint (previously multiple systems). The company's demand estimates also clearly failed during spring, when consumer behavior changed quickly and from this point of view there is also need for an update.

Pruning product titles and brands is also progressing according to the company and will be completed by the end of 2022. It should also clearly reduce inventory levels in the coming years.

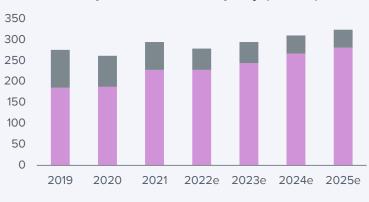
### **Product development and Rapala brand potential**

During H1'22, Rapala launched new product segments, such as tackle storage under the Rapala brand, which was reported to have been a success. Use of the Rapala brand is also extended to other accessories and outside conventional hard lures. The company says that noteworthy new products are coming from the innovation pipeline in 2023-24. Innovation development is long-term work, but we are confident that the investments will bear fruit, because the company has now invested in systematic innovation management completely differently than in the past.



Net sales

### Rod & reel category (MEUR)



### Own products and 3rd party (MEUR)

Own products 3rd party

# Still on board in the longer term

### Next year's multiples are low

Rapala's 2022e P/E 23x and EV/EBIT 19x are high in the slump, but 2023e P/E 12x and EV/EBIT 10x are low multiples in a more normal market for a defensive consumer brand company. Also in relation to the peers, Rapala is priced at a premium on earnings basis with 2022 multiples and in line with the peers with 2023 multiples. We believe that the acceptable level for Rapala is in line with the peers, and thus 2022 multiples are also elevated from this angle.

Rapala's earnings-based valuation is elevated in the 2022 slump also when compared to historical levels, but with 2023 multiples it is already very moderate. Rapala's historical valuation (P/E ratio) has been between 13x and 30x with an average of 17x. (Page 8.)

### TSR drivers are positive as a whole

We outline Rapala's EPS drivers if the graph in the sidebar if the company progresses in line with our estimates. The total return on the share in 2022-2025 consists, in the current situation, of a decrease in the 2022 P/E of 23x to inside the 15-20x range we find acceptable for Rapala. This generates a negative TSR driver (-30% -10%).

At the same time, however, the investor will receive a strong annual earnings growth (35% CAGR) and a low dividend yield (2-4%) which will in the longer term more than compensate for the downside we see in the valuation multiples. However, this year the share is lacking decent upward drivers. We do not believe,

however, that the share will fall significantly in the short term either, as the bid option supports the share.

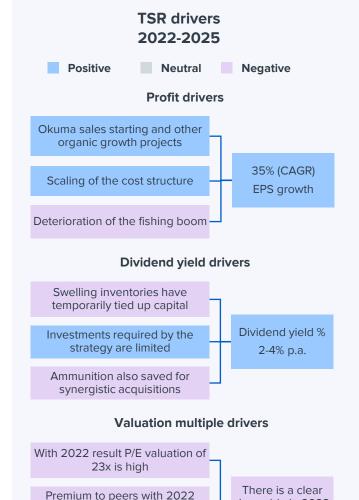
### A bid is a positive option for investors

We also remind investors that next to successful implementation of the strategy there is also another potential route for dismantling the value of strong brands as Rapala's competitor (Pure Fishing) previously bought a 19.2% share of the company. In this scenario the starting point for the value of the bid would still in our opinion be the level of transactions in the sector, i.e. approximately EV/S 2x, which means some EUR 14 per share.

We also take the opportunity to state that we have no visibility into whether the main owner VMC is willing to sell the company. Pure Fishing recently acquired Rapala's competitor the Danish Svendsen Sport which at least indicates that the buyer is very active.

### DCF indicates an upside in the longer term

Our DCF model indicates a value of EUR 8.6 per share. It also indicates a clear upside in the share even though it is sensitive to assumptions. DCF depicts a situation where the company's earnings level is sustainably raised in terms of EBIT to 12.0% which is the profitability we estimate after 2025 (2021: 11.1%). The cost of equity we use for Rapala is 9.3% and the weighted average cost of capital WACC-% is 7.8%.



downside in 2022

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result

DCF model clearly exceeds the

share price

# Valuation table

| Valuation                  | 2017   | 2018   | 2019  | 2020  | 2021   | <b>2022</b> e | <b>2023</b> e | <b>2024</b> e | <b>2025</b> e |
|----------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Share price                | 3.45   | 3.05   | 2.77  | 4.36  | 8.72   | 5.77          | 5.77          | 5.77          | 5.77          |
| Number of shares, millions | 38.3   | 38.3   | 38.3  | 38.6  | 38.6   | 38.6          | 38.6          | 38.6          | 38.6          |
| Market cap                 | 132    | 117    | 106   | 168   | 337    | 223           | 223           | 223           | 223           |
| EV                         | 232    | 216    | 207   | 252   | 415    | 309           | 290           | 275           | 265           |
| P/E (adj.)                 | 29.8   | 17.4   | 13.1  | 14.1  | 19.1   | 22.6          | 12.4          | 10.2          | 9.0           |
| P/E                        | 71.9   | 24.3   | 29.6  | >100  | 19.8   | 28.0          | 12.4          | 10.2          | 9.0           |
| P/FCF                      | 4.9    | neg.   | 11.4  | 3.3   | >100   | neg.          | 8.9           | 8.7           | 9.7           |
| P/B                        | 1.0    | 0.8    | 0.7   | 1.2   | 2.4    | 1.6           | 1.4           | 1.3           | 1.2           |
| P/S                        | 0.5    | 0.4    | 0.4   | 0.6   | 1.1    | 0.8           | 0.8           | 0.7           | 0.7           |
| EV/Sales                   | 0.9    | 0.8    | 0.8   | 1.0   | 1.4    | 1.1           | 1.0           | 0.9           | 0.8           |
| EV/EBITDA                  | 14.7   | 9.7    | 8.0   | 10.2  | 9.0    | 12.0          | 7.3           | 6.2           | 5.6           |
| EV/EBIT (adj.)             | 20.2   | 13.0   | 11.6  | 11.7  | 12.7   | 19.3          | 10.4          | 8.5           | 7.4           |
| Payout ratio (%)           | 83.3 % | 47.9 % | 0.0 % | 0.0 % | 34.0 % | <b>48.6</b> % | <b>42.9</b> % | <b>53.0</b> % | <b>62.1</b> % |
| Dividend yield-%           | 1.2 %  | 2.0 %  | 0.0 % | 0.0 % | 1.7 %  | <b>1.7</b> %  | 3.5 %         | <b>5.2</b> %  | <b>6.9</b> %  |

Source: Inderes



P/E (adj.)

20.2 19.3 13.0 11.6 11.7 12.7 10.4 8.5 12.7 2017 2018 2019 2020 2021 2022e 2023e 2024e EV/EBIT (adj.) Median 2017 - 2021

**EV/EBIT** 





# Peer group valuation

| Peer group valuation           | Market cap | EV    | EV/   | EBIT  | EV/EI | BITDA       | E١            | //S   | Р           | ?/Е   | Dividen    | d yield-%   | P/B          |
|--------------------------------|------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------------|---------------|-------|-------------|-------|------------|-------------|--------------|
| Company                        | MEUR       | MEUR  | 2022e | 2023e | 2022e | 2023e       | 2022e         | 2023e | 2022e       | 2023e | 2022e      | 2023e       | 2022e        |
| Globeride Inc                  | 372        | 468   |       |       |       |             |               |       | 5.5         | 5.9   | 2.1        | 2.8         | 1.4          |
| Shimano Inc                    | 14336      | 11833 |       |       | 9.1   | 8.8         | 2.8           | 2.7   | 17.4        | 18.1  | 1.1        | 1.2         | 2.9          |
| Fiskars Oyj Abp                | 1487       | 1699  | 10.7  | 9.8   | 8.1   | 7.3         | 1.4           | 1.3   | 10.8        | 10.2  | 4.6        | 5.0         | 1.7          |
| Fenix Outdoor International AG | 3130       | 3149  | 72.5  | 62.1  | 46.0  | 40.9        | 9.6           | 8.9   | 16.8        | 14.5  | 0.2        | 0.3         | 2.8          |
| Deckers Outdoor Corp           | 7112       | 6268  | 14.4  | 9.7   | 13.2  | 9.0         | 2.5           | 1.8   | 17.6        | 14.7  |            |             | 4.8          |
| Callaway Golf Co               | 3765       | 4990  | 16.0  | 12.4  | 9.6   | 8.0         | 1.3           | 1.1   | 25.3        | 21.7  |            | 0.1         | 1.1          |
| 361 Degrees International Ltd  | 1043       | 474   | 5.2   | 4.0   | 5.1   | 4.0         | 0.8           | 0.7   | 10.0        | 8.9   | 2.8        | 3.5         | 0.9          |
| Columbia Sportswear Co         | 4609       | 3999  | 9.0   | 8.6   | 7.3   | 7.1         | 1.2           | 1.2   | 12.4        | 11.1  | 1.6        | 1.8         | 2.3          |
| Mizuno Corp                    | 467        | 378   |       |       | 1.6   | 0.6         | 0.1           | 0.0   | 18.3        | 9.6   | 2.0        | 2.5         | 0.6          |
| Yonex Co Ltd                   | 823        | 713   |       |       |       |             |               |       | 18.4        | 18.1  | 0.7        | 0.8         | 2.4          |
| Mips AB                        | 1059       | 1015  | 36.9  | 29.2  | 35.7  | 28.3        | 19.3          | 15.3  | 34.2        | 27.4  | 1.5        | 1.9         | 14.5         |
| Rapala VMC (Inderes)           | 223        | 309   | 19.3  | 10.4  | 12.0  | 7.3         | 1.1           | 1.0   | 22.6        | 12.4  | 1.7        | 3.5         | 1.6          |
| Average                        |            |       | 23.5  | 19.4  | 15.1  | 12.7        | 4.3           | 3.7   | 16.7        | 14.0  | 1.8        | 2.0         | 3.2          |
| Median                         |            |       | 14.4  | 9.8   | 9.1   | 8.0         | 1.4           | 1.3   | 17.1        | 12.8  | 1.6        | 1.8         | 2.3          |
| Diff-% to median               |            |       | 35%   | 6%    | 33%   | <b>-8</b> % | - <b>18</b> % | -22%  | <b>32</b> % | -3%   | <b>8</b> % | <b>88</b> % | <b>-30</b> % |

Source: Refinitiv / Inderes. NB: The market cap Inderes uses does not consider own shares held by the company.

# **Income statement**

| Income statement       | H1'20   | H2'20  | 2020   | H1'21   | H2'21  | 2021   | H1'22   | H2'22e  | 2022e   | 2023e  | 2024e  | 2025e  |
|------------------------|---------|--------|--------|---------|--------|--------|---------|---------|---------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenue                | 117     | 144    | 261    | 160     | 135    | 294    | 148     | 130     | 279     | 294    | 310    | 324    |
| Group's own products   | 78.3    | 109    | 188    | 121     | 107    | 228    | 121     | 107     | 228     | 244    | 267    | 281    |
| Third-party products   | 38.8    | 35.0   | 73.8   | 39.2    | 27.4   | 66.6   | 27.6    | 23.0    | 50.6    | 50.0   | 43.0   | 43.0   |
| Eliminations and NRIs  | 0.0     | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0     | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |
| EBITDA                 | 6.8     | 17.9   | 24.7   | 33.9    | 12.1   | 46.0   | 19.4    | 6.3     | 25.7    | 39.5   | 44.0   | 47.5   |
| Depreciation           | -7.6    | -6.3   | -13.9  | -7.6    | -6.3   | -13.9  | -5.8    | -5.8    | -11.6   | -11.6  | -11.5  | -11.5  |
| EBIT (excl. NRI)       | 4.2     | 17.3   | 21.5   | 26.5    | 6.2    | 32.7   | 15.5    | 0.5     | 16.0    | 27.9   | 32.4   | 36.0   |
| EBIT                   | -0.8    | 11.6   | 10.8   | 26.3    | 5.8    | 32.1   | 13.6    | 0.5     | 14.1    | 27.9   | 32.4   | 36.0   |
| Group's own products   | 4.3     | 19.1   | 23.4   | 22.1    | 7.5    | 29.5   | 14.3    | 2.4     | 16.7    | 25.4   | 30.3   | 33.9   |
| Third-party products   | -0.1    | -1.8   | -1.9   | 4.5     | -1.3   | 3.2    | 1.2     | -1.8    | -0.6    | 2.5    | 2.2    | 2.2    |
| Eliminations and NRIs  | -5.0    | -5.7   | -10.7  | -0.2    | -0.4   | -0.6   | -1.9    | 0.0     | -1.9    | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |
| Net financial items    | -1.9    | -2.3   | -4.2   | -1.4    | -2.7   | -4.1   | -1.1    | -1.5    | -2.6    | -2.9   | -3.3   | -2.9   |
| РТР                    | -2.7    | 9.3    | 6.6    | 24.9    | 3.1    | 28.0   | 12.5    | -1.0    | 11.5    | 25.0   | 29.1   | 33.1   |
| Taxes                  | -1.1    | -2.1   | -3.2   | -6.9    | -1.4   | -8.3   | -3.9    | 0.3     | -3.6    | -7.0   | -7.3   | -8.3   |
| Minority interest      | -0.4    | -0.5   | -0.9   | -1.1    | -0.5   | -1.6   | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0     | 0.0    | 0.0    | 0.0    |
| Net earnings           | -4.9    | 6.1    | 1.2    | 16.3    | 0.8    | 17.0   | 8.7     | -0.7    | 7.9     | 18.0   | 21.8   | 24.9   |
| EPS (adj.)             | 0.00    | 0.30   | 0.31   | 0.43    | 0.03   | 0.46   | 0.27    | -0.02   | 0.25    | 0.47   | 0.57   | 0.64   |
| EPS (rep.)             | -0.13   | 0.16   | 0.03   | 0.42    | 0.02   | 0.44   | 0.22    | -0.02   | 0.21    | 0.47   | 0.57   | 0.64   |
|                        |         |        |        |         |        |        |         |         |         |        |        |        |
| Key figures            | H1'20   | H2'20  | 2020   | H1'21   | H2'21  | 2021   | H1'22   | H2'22e  | 2022e   | 2023e  | 2024e  | 2025e  |
| Revenue growth-%       |         |        | -5.1 % | 36.4 %  | -6.7 % | 12.6 % | -7.1 %  | -3.3 %  | -5.4 %  | 5.6 %  | 5.3 %  | 4.5 %  |
| Adjusted EBIT growth-% | -65.1 % | 194%   | 20.1 % | 531.0 % | -64%   | 52.0 % | -41.5 % | -91.6 % | -51.0 % | 74.4 % | 16.1 % | 11.0 % |
| EBITDA-%               | 5.8 %   | 12.4 % | 9.5 %  | 21.2 %  | 9.0 %  | 15.6 % | 13.1 %  | 4.9 %   | 9.2 %   | 13.4 % | 14.2 % | 14.7 % |
| Adjusted EBIT-%        | 3.6 %   | 12.0 % | 8.2 %  | 16.6 %  | 4.6 %  | 11.1 % | 10.4 %  | 0.4 %   | 5.8 %   | 9.5 %  | 10.5 % | 11.1 % |
| Net earnings-%         | -4.2 %  | 4.2 %  | 0.5 %  | 10.2 %  | 0.6 %  | 5.8 %  | 5.8 %   | -0.5 %  | 2.9 %   | 6.1 %  | 7.0 %  | 7.7 %  |

# **Balance sheet**

| Assets                   | 2020 | 2021 | 2022e | 2023e | 2024e |
|--------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Non-current assets       | 123  | 138  | 135   | 134   | 133   |
| Goodwill                 | 49.1 | 49.1 | 49.1  | 49.1  | 49.1  |
| Intangible assets        | 22.1 | 31.7 | 31.0  | 30.3  | 29.7  |
| Tangible assets          | 33.0 | 35.1 | 35.1  | 35.1  | 35.1  |
| Associated companies     | 11.7 | 14.5 | 11.7  | 11.7  | 11.7  |
| Other investments        | 7.2  | 7.6  | 7.6   | 7.6   | 7.6   |
| Other non-current assets | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Deferred tax assets      | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Current assets           | 150  | 178  | 189   | 177   | 180   |
| Inventories              | 68.8 | 86.2 | 103   | 85.3  | 83.6  |
| Other current assets     | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0   |
| Receivables              | 53.0 | 63.5 | 60.1  | 63.5  | 66.8  |
| Cash and equivalents     | 27.9 | 27.8 | 26.3  | 27.8  | 29.3  |
| Balance sheet total      | 273  | 316  | 324   | 310   | 313   |

| Liabilities & equity        | 2020 | 2021 | 2022e | 2023e | <b>2024</b> e |
|-----------------------------|------|------|-------|-------|---------------|
| Equity                      | 143  | 139  | 141   | 156   | 170           |
| Share capital               | 3.6  | 3.6  | 3.6   | 3.6   | 3.6           |
| Retained earnings           | 109  | 136  | 138   | 152   | 166           |
| Hybrid bonds                | 25.0 | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0           |
| Revaluation reserve         | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0           |
| Other equity                | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0           |
| Minorities                  | 5.2  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0           |
| Non-current liabilities     | 69.2 | 70.0 | 76.5  | 66.7  | 58.8          |
| Deferred tax liabilities    | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0           |
| Provisions                  | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0           |
| Long term debt              | 60.7 | 59.2 | 63.0  | 53.2  | 45.3          |
| Convertibles                | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0           |
| Other long term liabilities | 8.5  | 10.8 | 13.5  | 13.5  | 13.5          |
| <b>Current liabilities</b>  | 60.6 | 106  | 106   | 88.1  | 84.4          |
| Short term debt             | 19.6 | 46.7 | 49.7  | 42.0  | 35.8          |
| Payables                    | 41.0 | 59.5 | 56.3  | 46.2  | 48.6          |
| Other current liabilities   | 0.0  | 0.0  | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0           |
| Balance sheet total         | 273  | 316  | 324   | 310   | 313           |

# **DCF** calculation

| DCF model                               | 2021  | 2022e  | 2023e | 2024e       | 2025e | 2026e | 2027e    | 2028e            | 2029e     | 2030e | 2031e | TERM |
|---|-------|--------|-------|-------------|-------|-------|----------|------------------|-----------|-------|-------|------|
| EBIT (operating profit)                 | 32.1  | 14.1   | 27.9  | 32.4        | 36.0  | 40.4  | 41.6     | 42.4             | 43.3      | 44.2  | 45.0  |      |
| + Depreciation                          | 13.9  | 11.6   | 11.6  | 11.5        | 11.5  | 11.5  | 11.4     | 11.4             | 11.4      | 11.4  | 11.4  |      |
| - Paid taxes                            | -8.3  | -3.6   | -7.0  | -7.3        | -8.3  | -9.5  | -9.9     | -10.2            | -10.5     | -10.8 | -11.1 |      |
| - Tax, financial expenses               | -1.3  | -0.9   | -0.9  | -0.9        | -0.8  | -0.7  | -0.6     | -0.5             | -0.4      | -0.3  | -0.2  |      |
| + Tax, financial income                 | 0.1   | 0.1    | 0.1   | 0.0         | 0.1   | 0.1   | 0.1      | 0.1              | 0.1       | 0.1   | 0.1   |      |
| - Change in working capital             | -9.4  | -16.6  | 4.2   | 0.8         | -4.6  | -4.3  | -3.3     | -2.3             | -2.3      | -2.4  | -2.4  |      |
| Operating cash flow                     | 27.1  | 4.7    | 35.9  | 36.6        | 33.9  | 37.5  | 39.3     | 41.0             | 41.5      | 42.1  | 42.7  |      |
| + Change in other long-term liabilities | 2.3   | 2.7    | 0.0   | 0.0         | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0      | 0.0              | 0.0       | 0.0   | 0.0   |      |
| - Gross CAPEX                           | -26.0 | -10.9  | -10.9 | -10.9       | -10.9 | -10.9 | -10.9    | -11.1            | -11.1     | -11.1 | -13.0 |      |
| Free operating cash flow                | 3.4   | -3.5   | 25.0  | 25.7        | 23.0  | 26.6  | 28.4     | 29.9             | 30.4      | 31.0  | 29.8  |      |
| +/- Other                               | -1.1  | 0.0    | 0.0   | 0.0         | 0.0   | 0.0   | 0.0      | 0.0              | 0.0       | 0.0   | 0.0   |      |
| FCFF                                    | 2.3   | -3.5   | 25.0  | 25.7        | 23.0  | 26.6  | 28.4     | 29.9             | 30.4      | 31.0  | 29.8  | 520  |
| Discounted FCFF                         |       | -3.4   | 22.4  | 21.4        | 17.8  | 19.0  | 18.8     | 18.4             | 17.3      | 16.4  | 14.6  | 255  |
| Sum of FCFF present value               |       | 418    | 421   | 399         | 377   | 359   | 340      | 322              | 303       | 286   | 269   | 255  |
| Enterprise value DCF                    |       | 418    |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| - Interesting bearing debt              |       | -105.9 |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| + Cash and cash equivalents             |       | 27.8   |       |             |       |       | Cash flo | w distribu       | tion      |       |       |      |
| -Minorities                             |       | 0.0    |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| -Dividend/capital return                |       | -5.8   |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Equity value DCF                        |       | 334    | 2     | 022e-2026e  |       |       | 18%      |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Equity value DCF per share              |       | 8.6    |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Wacc                                    |       |        |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Tax-% (WACC)                            |       | 30.0 % |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Target debt ratio (D/(D+E)              |       | 25.0 % |       | 2027e-2031e |       |       | 20%      |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Cost of debt                            |       | 5.0 %  |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Equity Beta                             |       | 1.10   |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Market risk premium                     |       | 4.80%  |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Liquidity premium                       |       | 2.00%  |       | TERM        |       |       |          |                  |           |       | 61%   |      |
| Risk free interest rate                 |       | 2.00%  |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
|   |       | 9.3 %  |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |
| Cost of equity                          |       |        |       |             |       | 2022  | 2e-2026e | <b>2</b> 027e-20 | 31e ∎TERN | Λ     |       |      |
| Weighted average cost of capital (WACC) |       | 7.8 %  |       |             |       |       |          |                  |           |       |       |      |

# Summary

| Income statement          | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | <b>2022</b> e | 2023e | Per share data           | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   | <b>2022</b> e | 2023e         |
|---------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|--------------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------------|---------------|
| Revenue                   | 275.4 | 261.3 | 294.3 | 278.5         | 294.2 | EPS (reported)           | 0.09   | 0.03   | 0.44   | 0.21          | 0.47          |
| EBITDA                    | 26.0  | 24.7  | 46.0  | 25.7          | 39.5  | EPS (adj.)               | 0.21   | 0.31   | 0.46   | 0.25          | 0.47          |
| EBIT                      | 13.4  | 10.8  | 32.1  | 14.1          | 27.9  | OCF / share              | 0.69   | 1.39   | 0.70   | 0.12          | 0.93          |
| PTP                       | 9.8   | 6.6   | 28.0  | 11.5          | 25.0  | FCF / share              | 0.24   | 1.32   | 0.06   | -0.09         | 0.65          |
| Net Income                | 3.6   | 1.2   | 17.0  | 7.9           | 18.0  | Book value / share       | 3.84   | 3.57   | 3.61   | 3.66          | 4.03          |
| Extraordinary items       | -4.5  | -10.7 | -0.6  | -1.9          | 0.0   | Dividend / share         | 0.00   | 0.00   | 0.15   | 0.10          | 0.20          |
| Balance sheet             | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022e         | 2023e | Growth and profitability | 2019   | 2020   | 2021   | 2022e         | 2023e         |
| Balance sheet total       | 289.4 | 272.8 | 315.5 | 324.0         | 310.4 | Revenue growth-%         | 5%     | -5%    | 13%    | -5%           | 6%            |
| Equity capital            | 151.5 | 143.0 | 139.3 | 141.5         | 155.6 | EBITDA growth-%          | 16%    | -5%    | 86%    | -44%          | <b>54</b> %   |
| Goodwill                  | 49.1  | 49.1  | 49.1  | 49.1          | 49.1  | EBIT (adj.) growth-%     | 7%     | 20%    | 52%    | <b>-51</b> %  | <b>74</b> %   |
| Nettovelat                | 107.4 | 77.4  | 78.1  | 86.4          | 67.4  | EPS (adj.) growth-%      | 21%    | 46%    | 48%    | -44%          | 83%           |
|                           |       |       |       |               |       | EBITDA-%                 | 9.4 %  | 9.5 %  | 15.6 % | <b>9.2</b> %  | 13.4 %        |
| Cash flow                 | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022e         | 2023e | EBIT (adj.)-%            | 6.5 %  | 8.2 %  | 11.1 % | 5.8 %         | 9.5 %         |
| EBITDA                    | 26.0  | 24.7  | 46.0  | 25.7          | 39.5  | EBIT-%                   | 4.9 %  | 4.1 %  | 10.9 % | <b>5.1</b> %  | 9.5 %         |
| Change in working capital | 6.1   | 28.9  | -9.4  | -16.6         | 4.2   | ROE-%                    | 2.5 %  | 0.8 %  | 12.3 % | 5.7 %         | <b>12.1</b> % |
| Operating cash flow       | 26.4  | 53.7  | 27.1  | 4.7           | 35.9  | ROI-%                    | 5.7 %  | 4.7 %  | 13.8 % | 5.7 %         | <b>11.1</b> % |
| CAPEX                     | -32.3 | -1.6  | -26.0 | -10.9         | -10.9 | Equity ratio             | 52.3 % | 52.4 % | 44.2 % | <b>43.7</b> % | <b>50.1</b> % |
| Free cash flow            | 9.3   | 50.8  | 2.3   | -3.5          | 25.0  | Net gearing              | 54.4 % | 36.6 % | 56.1 % | <b>61.1</b> % | 43.3 %        |

| Valuation multiples | 2019  | 2020  | 2021  | 2022e        | 2023e |
|---------------------|-------|-------|-------|--------------|-------|
| EV/S                | 0.8   | 1.0   | 1.4   | 1.1          | 1.0   |
| EV/EBITDA (adj.)    | 8.0   | 10.2  | 9.0   | 12.0         | 7.3   |
| EV/EBIT (adj.)      | 11.6  | 11.7  | 12.7  | 19.3         | 10.4  |
| P/E (adj.)          | 13.1  | 14.1  | 19.1  | 22.6         | 12.4  |
| P/B                 | 0.7   | 1.2   | 2.4   | 1.6          | 1.4   |
| Dividend-%          | 0.0 % | 0.0 % | 1.7 % | <b>1.7</b> % | 3.5 % |

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| 18-11-20 | Accumulate     | 3.80€        | 3.44 €      |
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| 21-01-21 | Accumulate     | 5.60€        | 5.10 €      |
| 11-02-21 | Accumulate     | 6.20€        | 5.68 €      |
| 10-03-21 | Accumulate     | 6.70 €       | 6.08€       |
| 21-04-21 | Accumulate     | 9.00€        | 7.00€       |
| 19-07-21 | Accumulate     | 12.00€       | 10.60 €     |
| 29-11-21 | Accumulate     | 11.00€       | 9.00€       |
| 14-02-22 | Buy            | 8.50€        | 7.14 €      |
| 12-04-22 | Accumulate     | 8.00€        | 7.30 €      |
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