

Buy EUR 16.00 Price EUR 8.96 Upside 78.6 %	Value Indicators: EUR DCF: 16.26 Peer group: 24.57	Warburg Risk Score: 2.4 Balance Sheet Score: 3.8 Market Liquidity Score: 1.0	Description: The Platform Group provides a full-service B2B/B2C e-commerce platform
	Market Snapshot: EUR m Market cap: 183 No. of shares (m): 20 EV: 260 Freefloat MC: 55 Ø Trad. Vol. (30d): 132.00 th	Shareholders: Freefloat 30.00 % Dr. Dominik Benner 70.00 % Paladin Asset Management 9.90 %	Key Figures (WRe): 2024e Beta: 1.5 Price / Book: 2.0 x Equity Ratio: 28 % Net Fin. Debt / EBITDA: 1.6 x Net Debt / EBITDA: 1.6 x

Next asset deal is signed

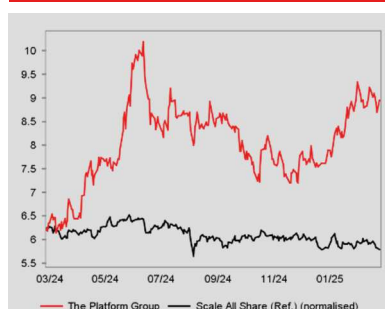
The Platform Group AG has announced the second acquisition this year, the German online retailer Herbertz GmbH, a specialist for outdoor supplies such as knives, fishing equipment, or water bottles. TPG will buy 100% of shares from the Swiss Commerce Group in the form of an asset deal agreement and its closing is expected in March 2025. The purchase price was not disclosed.

Since Herbertz specializes in higher value outdoor knives and cutting tools, we believe that this is a great addition to TPG's consumer goods segment, due to the high product price compared to the procurement cost. As brick-and-mortar outdoor shops are less highly frequented, TPG's offer to sell their goods online, without requiring additional personnel or space, is highly attractive. Herbertz also operates a wholesale business and extensive logistics centre, which should provide TPG with access to a notable number of potential partners.

Details on Herbertz and its KPIs were not disclosed either, but we estimate annual sales of a high single-digit to low double-digit million, an EBIT of less than EUR 1m (2022 EBIT 0.4m) and total assets of approx. EUR 8-10m. Based on TPG's target multiples, we expect the purchase price was roughly EUR 3m and another positive bargain effect of a mid-single-digit million. We have not yet included the transaction in our estimates because of the limited information regarding the company and the deal.

With two transactions in the first two months of the year, TPG continues its buy-and-build strategy and we expect the company to reach, or even exceed, its goal of three to eight acquisitions per year. While the resulting consolidation effects are not included in the company's sales guidance of EUR 590-610m, we are still convinced that even the upper end of the target range should be achievable with the first-time consolidation of subsidiaries acquired last year alone. Considering the cautious guidance and the increasing number of new additions to TPG's portfolio, we expect the company to increase its targets with the release of the Q1 figures.

In conclusion, we consider the transaction to be positive news and expect more positive news-flow in the coming months. We maintain our estimates for the time being and confirm our target price of EUR 16 as well as our Buy recommendation for The Platform Group.

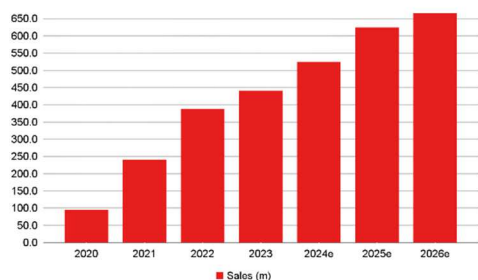


Rel. Performance vs Scale All Share	
1 month:	2.4 %
6 months:	4.2 %
Year to date:	13.9 %
Trailing 12 months:	49.7 %

Company events:	
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09.05.25	FY 2024
23.05.25	Q1
26.06.25	AGM

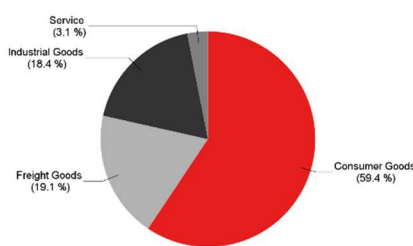
FY End: 31.12. in EUR m	CAGR (23-26e)	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	14.7 %	95	241	387	441	525	624	666
Change Sales yoy		29.6 %	153.9 %	61.0 %	13.8 %	19.0 %	19.0 %	6.7 %
Gross profit margin		39.6 %	34.3 %	29.8 %	26.1 %	35.3 %	27.5 %	28.0 %
EBITDA	2.0 %	6	7	37	47	56	45	50
Margin		6.2 %	3.1 %	9.5 %	10.8 %	10.6 %	7.2 %	7.5 %
EBITDA adj.	30.5 %	6	7	12	23	33	45	50
Margin		6.2 %	3.1 %	3.1 %	5.1 %	6.3 %	7.2 %	7.5 %
EBIT	-2.3 %	3	2	26	39	46	33	37
Margin		3.6 %	0.9 %	6.6 %	8.9 %	8.7 %	5.2 %	5.5 %
Net income	-8.0 %	1	2	19	26	36	17	20
EPS	-12.9 %	0.14	0.30	1.12	1.50	1.75	0.82	0.99
DPS	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividend Yield		n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
FCFPS		0.73	-2.89	0.41	3.06	0.47	0.60	1.34
FCF / Market cap		2.4 %	-10.3 %	5.4 %	55.8 %	5.3 %	6.7 %	14.9 %
EV / Sales		1.7 x	0.9 x	0.6 x	0.4 x	0.5 x	0.4 x	0.3 x
EV / EBITDA		27.3 x	28.2 x	6.2 x	3.4 x	4.9 x	5.8 x	4.6 x
EV / EBIT		46.6 x	92.3 x	8.9 x	4.1 x	5.9 x	8.0 x	6.3 x
P / E		221.6 x	93.7 x	6.7 x	3.6 x	5.1 x	10.9 x	9.1 x
FCF Potential Yield		3.0 %	3.5 %	14.9 %	25.4 %	18.9 %	15.2 %	18.6 %
Net Debt		-32	34	99	69	89	77	49
ROCE (NOPAT)		4.4 %	2.9 %	17.0 %	23.4 %	24.6 %	13.5 %	14.7 %
Guidance:	2025: GMV EUR 1.2bn, sales EUR 590-610m, adj. EBITDA EUR 40-42m							

Sales development
in EUR m



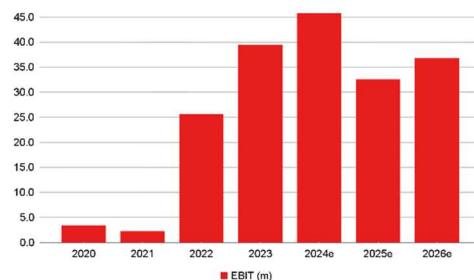
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Sales by segments
2023e; in %



Source: Warburg Research

EBIT development
in EUR m



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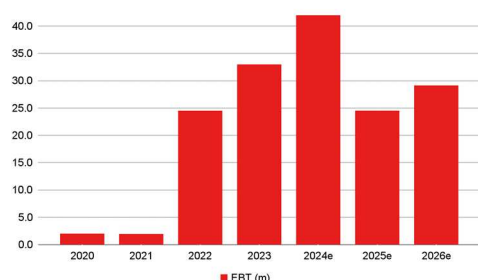
Company Background

- The Platform Group offers an e-commerce platform solution, connecting smaller stationary retailers from a wide range of industries to large number of online stores, owned and operated by TPG and third-party websites.
- The Consumer Goods segment comprises B2C platform activities with conventional parcel sizes and is focused on customer as well as sales optimization. The Fashionette business is also included in this BU.
- Business activities in Freight Goods specializes in products with more complex logistic requirements such as furniture retailers, bicycles, e-scooters and car-subscription platforms.
- Industrial Goods comprises platforms for new & used machinery, bottling, dental care, barber-shop supplies and car parts. The segment is focused in B2B specific marketing, management, logistics and after-sales service.
- The Service & Retail Goods segment comprises e-commerce services for pharmacies, real-estate businesses and online learning platforms. The 10 legacy stores owned by TPG also contribute to this business unit.

Competitive Quality

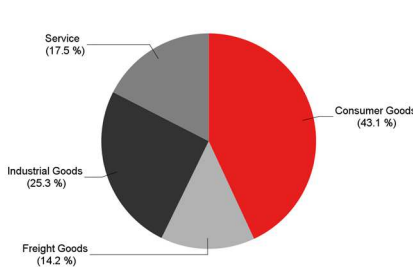
- Scalable e-commerce platform for stationary and smaller businesses based on a proprietary software solution, which is not trivial to replicate.
- Large and growing partner and customer base from a diversified spectrum of industries.
- Striving for a cycle of growth by expanding product offering which triggers positive feedback and attracts more consumers, which in turn increases the platform's value.
- Solid margins even compared with larger peers despite tough competition for customers from major online retailers in each industry.
- Pure platform approach limits requirements for capex and working capital

EBT development
in EUR m



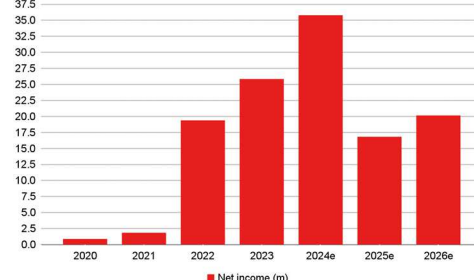
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EBITDA by segments
2023e; in %



Source: Warburg Research

Net income development
in EUR m



Source: Warburg Research

DCF model

Figures in EUR m	Detailed forecast period			Transitional period										Term. Value
	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e	2030e	2031e	2032e	2033e	2034e	2035e	2036e	
Sales	525	624	666	716	766	816	865	912	958	1,006	1,056	1,093	1,115	2.0 %
Sales change	19.0 %	19.0 %	6.7 %	7.5 %	7.0 %	6.5 %	6.0 %	5.5 %	5.0 %	5.0 %	5.0 %	3.5 %	2.0 %	
EBIT	46	33	37	44	46	47	48	50	53	55	58	60	61	2.0 %
EBIT-margin	8.7 %	5.2 %	5.5 %	6.2 %	6.0 %	5.7 %	5.5 %	5.5 %	5.5 %	5.5 %	5.5 %	5.5 %	5.5 %	
Tax rate (EBT)	10.0 %	22.0 %	24.0 %	26.0 %	28.0 %	30.0 %	30.0 %	30.0 %	30.0 %	30.0 %	30.0 %	30.0 %	30.0 %	2.0 %
NOPAT	41	25	28	33	33	33	33	35	37	39	41	42	43	
Depreciation	10	12	14	11	12	13	14	15	15	16	17	17	18	2.0 %
in % of Sales	1.9 %	2.0 %	2.0 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	
Changes in provisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2.0 %
Change in Liquidity from														
- Working Capital	-14	7	-4	-10	-2	-3	1	0	4	4	5	3	2	2.0 %
- Capex	12	12	12	13	13	14	15	16	16	17	17	17	18	
Capex in % of Sales	2.2 %	1.9 %	1.8 %	1.8 %	1.7 %	1.7 %	1.7 %	1.7 %	1.7 %	1.7 %	1.7 %	1.6 %	1.6 %	2.0 %
- Other	46	4	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Free Cash Flow (WACC Model)	7	15	0	41	34	34	32	34	32	33	36	39	41	2.0 %
PV of FCF	8	14	0	32	24	22	19	18	15	15	14	14	14	
share of PVs	5.39 %			47.73 %										46.88 %

Model parameter

Derivation of WACC:		Derivation of Beta:	
Debt ratio	25.00 %	Financial Strength	1.50
Cost of debt (after tax)	5.3 %	Liquidity (share)	1.80
Market return	8.25 %	Cyclicality	1.30
Risk free rate	2.75 %	Transparency	1.60
		Others	1.40
WACC	9.65 %	Beta	1.52

Valuation (m)

Present values 2036e	208		
Terminal Value	184		
Financial liabilities	68		
Pension liabilities	0		
Hybrid capital	0		
Minority interest	0		
Market val. of investments	0		
Liquidity	8	No. of shares (m)	20.4
Equity Value	332	Value per share (EUR)	16.26

Sensitivity Value per Share (EUR)

Beta WACC		Terminal Growth							Beta WACC		Delta EBIT-margin						
		1.25 %	1.50 %	1.75 %	2.00 %	2.25 %	2.50 %	2.75 %			-1.5 pp	-1.0 pp	-0.5 pp	+0.0 pp	+0.5 pp	+1.0 pp	+1.5 pp
1.76	10.6 %	13.31	13.49	13.68	13.88	14.09	14.32	14.56	1.76	10.6 %	8.54	10.32	12.10	13.88	15.66	17.44	19.21
1.64	10.1 %	14.32	14.53	14.76	15.00	15.25	15.52	15.81	1.64	10.1 %	9.34	11.22	13.11	15.00	16.88	18.77	20.65
1.58	9.9 %	14.87	15.10	15.35	15.61	15.89	16.18	16.50	1.58	9.9 %	9.77	11.72	13.66	15.61	17.55	19.50	21.44
1.52	9.6 %	15.46	15.71	15.98	16.26	16.57	16.89	17.24	1.52	9.6 %	10.24	12.25	14.26	16.26	18.27	20.28	22.29
1.46	9.4 %	16.08	16.36	16.65	16.96	17.30	17.66	18.04	1.46	9.4 %	10.74	12.81	14.89	16.96	19.04	21.11	23.19
1.40	9.1 %	16.75	17.05	17.37	17.71	18.08	18.48	18.90	1.40	9.1 %	11.27	13.42	15.57	17.71	19.86	22.00	24.15
1.28	8.6 %	18.21	18.57	18.96	19.38	19.83	20.32	20.85	1.28	8.6 %	12.46	14.77	17.08	19.38	21.69	23.99	26.30

- Estimated cash outflows for acquisitions are incorporated in the 2024 "Others" line
- Cash flows were also adjusted in the "Others" line for positive bargain effects already realized in Q1 2024
- Cash outflows from TPG's options to buy its minorities is in the 2026 "Others" line
- Since we assume TPG will acquire 100% of most subsidiaries, we have set the value of the minority interest to zero
- IFRS 16 amortisation is adjusted in "Others"; associated lease liabilities are corrected in the net debt for 2024-2026

Valuation	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Price / Book	2.9 x	2.2 x	1.4 x	1.2 x	2.0 x	1.7 x	1.4 x
Book value per share ex intangibles	8.13	2.89	-0.11	-1.58	-2.71	-2.02	-1.11
EV / Sales	1.7 x	0.9 x	0.6 x	0.4 x	0.5 x	0.4 x	0.3 x
EV / EBITDA	27.3 x	28.2 x	6.2 x	3.4 x	4.9 x	5.8 x	4.6 x
EV / EBIT	46.6 x	92.3 x	8.9 x	4.1 x	5.9 x	8.0 x	6.3 x
EV / EBIT adj.*	46.6 x	92.3 x	8.9 x	4.1 x	5.9 x	8.0 x	6.3 x
P / FCF	42.4 x	n.a.	18.4 x	1.8 x	19.0 x	15.0 x	6.7 x
P / E	221.6 x	93.7 x	6.7 x	3.6 x	5.1 x	10.9 x	9.1 x
P / E adj.*	221.6 x	93.7 x	6.7 x	3.6 x	5.1 x	10.9 x	9.1 x
Dividend Yield	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
FCF Potential Yield (on market EV)	3.0 %	3.5 %	14.9 %	25.4 %	18.9 %	15.2 %	18.6 %

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Consolidated profit & loss

In EUR m	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	95	241	387	441	525	624	666
Change Sales yoy	29.6 %	153.9 %	61.0 %	13.8 %	19.0 %	19.0 %	6.7 %
Increase / decrease in inventory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Own work capitalised	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Total Sales	95	243	387	441	525	624	666
Material expenses	57	160	272	326	339	453	480
Gross profit	38	83	115	115	185	172	186
<i>Gross profit margin</i>	<i>39.6 %</i>	<i>34.3 %</i>	<i>29.8 %</i>	<i>26.1 %</i>	<i>35.3 %</i>	<i>27.5 %</i>	<i>28.0 %</i>
Personnel expenses	8	16	27	22	46	36	37
Other operating income	2	18	29	33	25	11	11
Other operating expenses	26	77	80	78	108	102	110
Unfrequent items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EBITDA	6	7	37	47	56	45	50
<i>Margin</i>	<i>6.2 %</i>	<i>3.1 %</i>	<i>9.5 %</i>	<i>10.8 %</i>	<i>10.6 %</i>	<i>7.2 %</i>	<i>7.5 %</i>
Depreciation of fixed assets	2	2	5	4	4	5	6
EBITA	3	5	32	44	51	40	45
Amortisation of intangible assets	0	3	7	4	6	7	8
Goodwill amortisation	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EBIT	3	2	26	39	46	33	37
<i>Margin</i>	<i>3.6 %</i>	<i>0.9 %</i>	<i>6.6 %</i>	<i>8.9 %</i>	<i>8.7 %</i>	<i>5.2 %</i>	<i>5.5 %</i>
EBIT adj.	3	2	26	39	46	33	37
Interest income	0	0	0	0	2	0	0
Interest expenses	1	1	2	6	6	8	8
Other financial income (loss)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EBT	2	2	25	33	42	25	29
<i>Margin</i>	<i>2.1 %</i>	<i>0.8 %</i>	<i>6.3 %</i>	<i>7.5 %</i>	<i>8.0 %</i>	<i>3.9 %</i>	<i>4.4 %</i>
Total taxes	1	0	0	0	4	5	7
Net income from continuing operations	1	2	25	33	38	19	22
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0	0	-3	-6	0	0	0
Net income before minorities	1	2	21	27	38	19	22
Minority interest	0	0	2	1	2	2	2
Net income	1	2	19	26	36	17	20
<i>Margin</i>	<i>0.9 %</i>	<i>0.8 %</i>	<i>5.0 %</i>	<i>5.9 %</i>	<i>6.8 %</i>	<i>2.7 %</i>	<i>3.0 %</i>
Number of shares, average	6	6	17	17	20	20	20
EPS	0.14	0.30	1.12	1.50	1.75	0.82	0.99
EPS adj.	0.14	0.30	1.12	1.50	1.75	0.82	0.99

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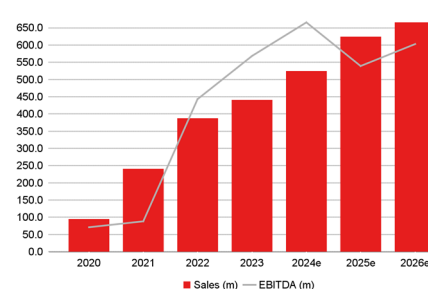
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Financial Ratios

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Total Operating Costs / Sales	93.8 %	97.7 %	90.5 %	89.2 %	89.4 %	92.8 %	92.5 %
Operating Leverage	-0.7 x	-0.2 x	17.0 x	3.9 x	0.8 x	-1.5 x	1.9 x
EBITDA / Interest expenses	4.0 x	14.2 x	24.0 x	7.3 x	10.0 x	5.4 x	6.3 x
Tax rate (EBT)	56.3 %	5.3 %	-1.1 %	-1.0 %	10.0 %	22.0 %	24.0 %
Dividend Payout Ratio	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
Sales per Employee	640,622	403,194	515,900	640,650	369,315	570,171	580,353

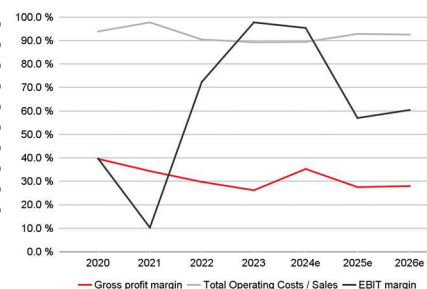
Sales, EBITDA

in EUR m

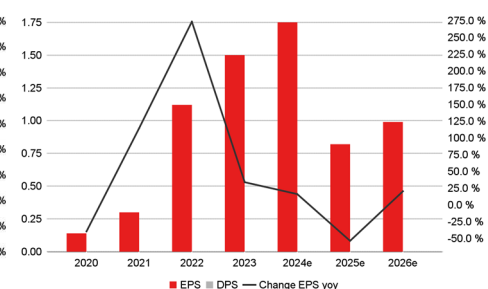


Operating Performance

in %



Performance per Share



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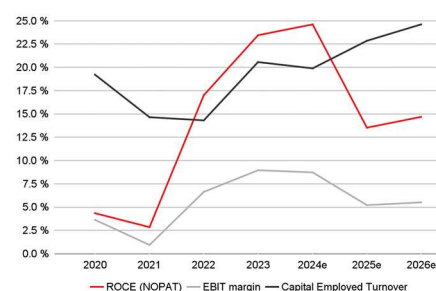
Consolidated balance sheet

In EUR m	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Assets							
Goodwill and other intangible assets	16	62	91	108	148	150	155
thereof other intangible assets	2	18	59	64	104	107	112
thereof Goodwill	14	44	32	44	44	44	44
Property, plant and equipment	0	10	8	10	18	15	12
Financial assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other long-term assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fixed assets	16	72	99	118	166	165	167
Inventories	22	55	127	92	81	89	90
Accounts receivable	8	25	38	55	58	62	60
Liquid assets	32	8	12	8	20	23	50
Other short-term assets	2	12	13	12	12	12	12
Current assets	63	99	191	167	171	186	212
Total Assets	79	171	290	284	336	351	379
Liabilities and shareholders' equity							
Subscribed capital	6	6	18	18	20	20	20
Capital reserve	59	139	51	41	55	55	55
Retained earnings	1	0	9	12	48	64	85
Other equity components	0	-65	11	10	-30	-30	-27
Shareholders' equity	66	80	89	81	92	109	133
Minority interest	0	1	1	1	3	5	7
Total equity	66	81	91	82	96	115	140
Provisions	1	1	5	3	3	3	3
thereof provisions for pensions and similar obligations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financial liabilities (total)	0	41	111	76	109	99	99
Short-term financial liabilities	0	8	36	37	26	26	26
Accounts payable	8	34	31	41	46	51	55
Other liabilities	4	13	52	82	82	82	82
Liabilities	13	90	199	203	241	236	239
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	79	171	290	284	336	351	379

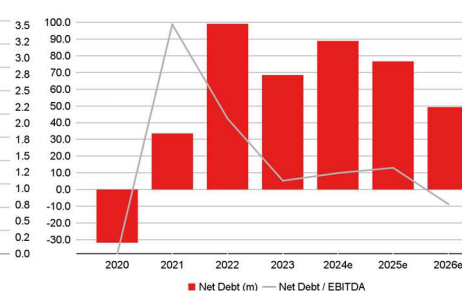
Financial Ratios

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Efficiency of Capital Employment							
Operating Assets Turnover	4.3 x	4.4 x	2.7 x	3.8 x	4.8 x	5.5 x	6.2 x
Capital Employed Turnover	2.7 x	2.1 x	2.0 x	2.9 x	2.8 x	3.3 x	3.5 x
ROA	5.4 %	2.6 %	19.6 %	22.0 %	21.6 %	10.2 %	12.1 %
Return on Capital							
ROCE (NOPAT)	4.4 %	2.9 %	17.0 %	23.4 %	24.6 %	13.5 %	14.7 %
ROE	1.8 %	2.5 %	22.9 %	30.5 %	41.4 %	16.7 %	16.7 %
Adj. ROE	1.8 %	2.5 %	22.9 %	30.5 %	41.4 %	16.7 %	16.7 %
Balance sheet quality							
Net Debt	-32	34	99	69	89	77	49
Net Financial Debt	-32	34	99	69	89	77	49
Net Gearing	-48.0 %	41.2 %	109.5 %	83.9 %	93.0 %	66.8 %	35.2 %
Net Fin. Debt / EBITDA	n.a.	454.9 %	268.0 %	144.4 %	160.0 %	170.5 %	98.1 %
Book Value / Share	10.7	12.9	5.2	4.7	4.5	5.4	6.5
Book value per share ex intangibles	8.1	2.9	-0.1	-1.6	-2.7	-2.0	-1.1

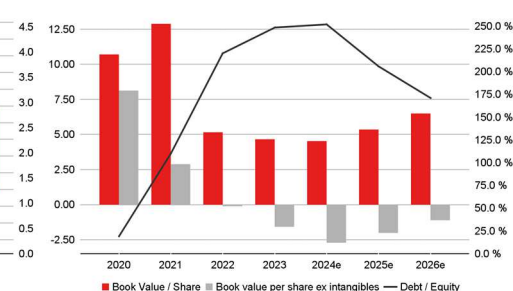
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Net debt in EUR m



Book Value per Share in EUR



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Consolidated cash flow statement

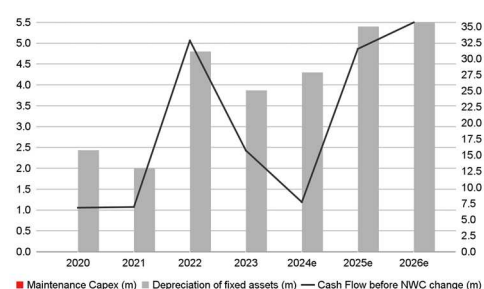
In EUR m	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net income	1	2	21	27	38	19	22
Depreciation of fixed assets	2	2	5	4	4	5	6
Amortisation of goodwill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amortisation of intangible assets	0	3	7	4	6	7	8
Increase/decrease in long-term provisions	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-cash income and expenses	3	0	0	-19	-40	0	0
Cash Flow before NWC change	7	7	33	16	8	32	36
Increase / decrease in inventory	-6	-33	-72	37	12	-9	-1
Increase / decrease in accounts receivable	1	-17	-13	-17	-3	-4	1
Increase / decrease in accounts payable	4	26	-3	36	5	5	3
Increase / decrease in other working capital positions	0	4	70	0	0	0	0
Increase / decrease in working capital (total)	-2	-19	-19	55	14	-7	4
Net cash provided by operating activities [1]	5	-13	13	71	21	24	40
Investments in intangible assets	-1	-1	0	-14	-10	-10	-10
Investments in property, plant and equipment	0	-4	-6	-5	-2	-2	-3
Payments for acquisitions	0	-22	-19	-59	-30	0	0
Financial investments	0	0	6	0	0	0	0
Income from asset disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided by investing activities [2]	-1	-27	-31	-77	-42	-12	-12
Change in financial liabilities	-1	15	-3	1	33	-10	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Purchase of own shares	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capital measures	37	0	28	0	0	0	0
Other	-2	-1	-2	0	0	0	0
Net cash provided by financing activities [3]	34	14	22	2	33	-10	0
Change in liquid funds [1]+[2]+[3]	38	-26	5	-4	13	2	27
Effects of exchange-rate changes on cash	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash and cash equivalent at end of period	32	8	12	8	20	23	50

Financial Ratios

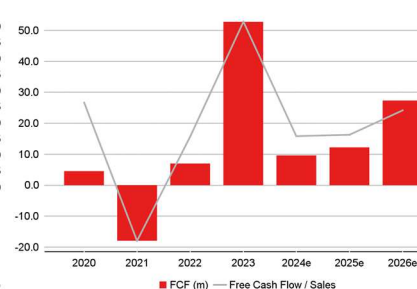
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Cash Flow							
FCF	5	-18	7	53	10	12	27
Free Cash Flow / Sales	4.8 %	-7.5 %	1.8 %	12.0 %	1.8 %	2.0 %	4.1 %
Free Cash Flow Potential	5	7	34	41	51	40	43
Free Cash Flow / Net Profit	520.4 %	-975.4 %	36.1 %	204.3 %	26.9 %	72.7 %	135.7 %
Interest Received / Avg. Cash	0.1 %	1.1 %	4.3 %	0.1 %	12.9 %	1.4 %	0.8 %
Interest Paid / Avg. Debt	34.1 %	2.5 %	2.0 %	6.9 %	6.0 %	8.0 %	8.0 %
Management of Funds							
Investment ratio	0.7 %	2.3 %	1.7 %	4.2 %	2.2 %	1.9 %	1.8 %
Maint. Capex / Sales	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	0.0 %
Capex / Dep	28.9 %	106.0 %	56.9 %	230.6 %	120.4 %	96.8 %	91.1 %
Avg. Working Capital / Sales	21.4 %	13.9 %	23.2 %	27.2 %	18.9 %	15.4 %	14.6 %
Trade Debtors / Trade Creditors	98.0 %	72.2 %	122.7 %	133.2 %	125.0 %	120.1 %	110.1 %
Inventory Turnover	2.6 x	2.9 x	2.1 x	3.5 x	4.2 x	5.1 x	5.3 x
Receivables collection period (days)	29	37	36	45	40	36	33
Payables payment period (days)	50	78	42	46	49	41	42
Cash conversion cycle (Days)	118	84	165	103	77	67	60

CAPEX and Cash Flow

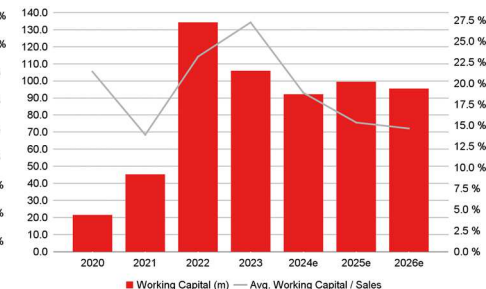
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Free Cash Flow Generation



Working Capital



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