

Knaus Tabbert AG

Germany / Leisure Vehicles Xetra Bloomberg: KTA GR ISIN: DE000A2YN504

Q2/23 preview

RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY € 83.00

Return Potential 35.2% Risk Rating High

RAISING 2023 ESTIMATES AND TARGET PRICE

We are raising 2023 FBe ahead of Q2 reporting slated for 10 August. Our summer field trip to Jandelsbrunn for KTA's Capital Markets Day and recent market data underpin our confidence that the earnings cadence will remain strong throughout the year after the big Q1. The production mix is well balanced with motorhomes (Q1: 53% of total units) now that tricky supply chain issues have been tamed. Meanwhile, June vehicle registration data continue to confirm that KTA is gaining market share. Our upgraded numbers now also align with the company's mid-term revenue target calling for a 2027 topline of €2bn and point to a new TP of €83 (old: €7\$). We remain Buy-rated on KTA.

Knaus Tabbert continues to gain market share Recent vehicle registration figures from the CIVD (Caravanning Industry Association), an outfit that tracks such data, show that new registrations of the three KTA brands in Germany (Knaus, Morelo, Weinsberg) jumped 138% Y/Y to 1,137 vehicles in June (overleaf). This equates to an 8.8 percentage point market share gain Y/Y to 16%, which outpaced all competitors including Erwin Hymer with a +3.9 PPT Y/Y gain. Motorhome makers who lost ground include chief rival Trigano (-3.2 PPT). In our view, the market share wins continue to validate KTA's strategy of offering an unrivalled variety of brands for all ages und budgets.

Q2 results should be strong After a substantial Q1 beat featuring record sales (€368m), we expect good business momentum to have continued into Q2 and look for sales to approach €370m with EBITDA of €326m for the April-to-June period. The production mix included a 53% motorhome component in Q1, and we see no reason for this to have declined after our factory tour. We expect the Q2 numbers before the 10 August opening bell, and for management to host a conference call mid-morning. Even after a strong share price performance this year, our revised forecasts still equate to an attractive 2024 EV/EBITDA multiple of 5.7x. (p.t.o.)

FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue (€m)	794.59	862.62	1,049.52	1,357.96	1,501.25	1,665.89
Y/Y growth	1.8%	8.6%	21.7%	29.4%	10.6%	11.0%
EBIT (€m)	46.56	38.39	45.47	82.80	109.24	128.13
EBIT margin	5.9%	4.4%	4.3%	6.1%	7.3%	7.7%
Net income (€m)	31.33	25.90	29.62	55.10	74.60	88.81
EPS (diluted) (€)	7.63	2.50	2.85	5.31	7.19	8.56
DPS (€)	1.50	1.50	1.40	2.70	3.60	4.30
FCF (€m)	50.89	-20.69	-69.89	16.49	95.63	49.24
Net gearing	44.1%	74.8%	136.1%	108.5%	59.9%	46.2%
Liquid assets (€m)	8.94	9.68	12.61	11.73	7.68	9.35

RISKS

Risks include, but are not limited to: supply chain, labour, macro-economic, competitive, and regulatory factors

COMPANY PROFILE

Knaus Tabbert AG manufactures vehicles for the European leisure vehicle industry. One of the industry's top 3 players, Knaus Tabbert participates in all vehicle segments: caravans, motorhomes, camper vans and luxury motorhomes. The company has four manufacturing facilities, of which three are undergoing expansion to keep pace with flourishing demand.

MARKET DATA	As of 25 Jul 2023
Closing Price	€ 61.40
Shares outstanding	10.38m
Market Capitalisation	€ 637.15m
52-week Range	€ 25.40 / 62.40
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	7,916

Multiples	2022	2023E	2024E
P/E	21.5	11.6	8.5
EV/Sales	0.8	0.6	0.6
EV/EBIT	18.3	10.0	7.6
Div Yield	2.3%	4.4%	5.9%

STOCK OVERVIEW

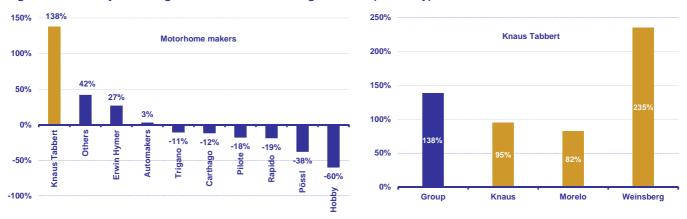


COMPANY DATA	As of 31 Mar 2023
Liquid Assets	€ 12.40m
Current Assets	€ 394.80m
Intangible Assets	€ 23.40m
Total Assets	€ 615.00m
Current Liabilities	€ 317.00m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 164.80m

SHAREHOLDERS

H.T.P. Investments1 B.V.	41.0%
Catalina Capital Ptnrs B.V.	25.0%
Free Float	34.0%

Figure 1: Year on year change in June motorhome registrations (Germany)



Source: First Berlin Equity Research; CIVD

We have upped 2023 FBe and near-term forecasts on the encouraging CIVD market data and growing confidence that KTA can sustain the production mix witnessed the past two quarters. We look for sales to top €1.3bn in 2023 and approach €2bn in 2027, which is now in line with management's mid-term guide. Our target price moves to €83 (old: €75), and we remain Buy-rated on Knaus Tabbert.

Table 1: Changes to FBe and target price

	old	new	revision	upside	dividend yield	total return
Price target (€)	75.0	83.0	10.7%	35.2%	2.3%	37.5%
		2023E			2024E	
All figures in €m	old	new	revision	old	new	revision
Revenue	1,238	1,358	9.7%	1,367	1,501	9.8%
EBITDA	103	113	9.7%	130	143	9.8%
Margin (%)	8.4%	8.4%	-	9.5%	9.5%	-
AEBITDA	104	114	9.6%	131	144	9.7%
Margin (%)	8.4%	8.4%	-	9.6%	9.6%	-
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Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates

VALUATION

Table 2: DCF model

In EUR '000			2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
Sales			1,357,960	1,501,248	1,665,889	1,829,855	1,992,489	2,115,667	2,236,585	2,336,727
NOPLAT			58,787	77,563	90,969	104,926	119,443	131,544	143,655	155,505
(+) depreciation & amortisation			30,592	33,503	38,912	43,887	50,280	56,872	63,596	68,446
Net operating cash flow			89,378	111,066	129,881	148,813	169,723	188,416	207,251	223,951
(-) Total investments (CAPEX and WC)			-71,253	-22,268	-88,031	-93,546	-120,343	-133,874	-140,682	-109,556
(-) Capital expenditures			-67,898	-64,554	-71,633	-78,684	-105,602	-122,709	-129,722	-100,479
(-) Working capital			-3,355	42,285	-16,397	-14,862	-14,741	-11,165	-10,960	-9,077
Free cash flows (FCF)			18,125	88,797	41,851	55,267	49,379	54,542	66,569	114,395
PV of FCF's			17,272	75,807	32,008	37,867	30,310	29,993	32,795	50,487
			Terminal EBIT margin							
In EUR '000				9.8%	10.3%	10.8%	11.3%	11.8%	12.3%	12.8%
PV of FCFs in explicit period	594,863		8.6%	125.25	132.01	138.78	145.54	152.31	159.08	165.84
(+) PV of FCFs in terminal period	467,052	ပ္ပ	9.6%	103.24	108.43	113.62	118.82	124.01	129.20	134.40

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Enterprise value (EV)	1,061,914	ΒC	10.6%	86.50	90.56	94.63	98.69	102.75	106.81	110.87
(+) Net cash / (-) net debt	-199,996	>	11.6%	73.39	76.61	79.83	83.06	86.28	89.50	92.73
(+) Investments / minority interests	0		12.6%	62.86	65.45	68.04	70.62	73.21	75.80	78.39
Shareholder value	861,919		13.6%	54.24	56.34	58.44	60.54	62.64	64.75	66.85
Fair value per share (€)	83.0		14.6%	47.08	48.80	50.52	52.24	53.96	55.68	57.39
						Terminal g	rowth rate			
				0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%
Cost of equity	13.4%		8.6%	126.88	132.28	138.45	145.54	153.81	163.55	175.22
Pre-tax cost of debt	4.5%	ပ္	9.6%	105.95	109.74	114.00	118.82	124.32	130.65	138.02
Tax rate	29.0%	ΑC	10.6%	89.54	92.27	95.30	98.69	102.49	106.79	111.70
After-tax cost of debt	3.2%	>	11.6%	76.39	78.40	80.61	83.06	85.77	88.79	92.19
Risk free rate	2.4%		12.6%	65.67	67.18	68.82	70.62	72.60	74.79	77.21
Terminal growth rate	2.0%		13.6%	56.80	57.95	59.19	60.54	62.02	63.63	65.40
WACC	11.6%		14.6%	49.37	50.25	51.21	52.24	53.35	54.56	55.89

^{*}Please note our model runs through 2036 and we have only shown the abbreviated version for formatting purposes

INCOME STATEMENT

All figures in EURm	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenues	795	863	1,050	1,358	1,501	1,666
Cost of goods sold	-558	-625	-776	-976	-1,076	-1,194
Gross profit	245	261	296	382	425	472
Personnel expenses	-111	-127	-142	-166	-175	-189
Other OpEx	-71	-78	-91	-107	-114	-123
Other income	3	3	6	5	6	7
EBITDA	66	59	69	113	143	167
Depreciation & amortisation	-19	-21	-24	-31	-34	-39
Operating income (EBIT)	47	38	45	83	109	128
Net financial result	-2	-1	-4	-5	-4	-3
Other financial result	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax income (EBT)	44	37	42	77	105	125
Income taxes	-13	-11	-12	-22	-30	-36
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	1
Net income / loss	31	26	30	55	75	90
Diluted EPS (in €)	7.6	2.5	2.9	5.3	7.2	8.6
AEBITDA	68	61	70	114	144	168
Ratios						
Gross margin	30.8%	30.3%	28.2%	28.1%	28.3%	28.3%
EBITDA margin on revenues	8.3%	6.9%	6.6%	8.4%	9.5%	10.0%
EBIT margin on revenues	5.9%	4.4%	4.3%	6.1%	7.3%	7.7%
AEBITDA margin on revenues	8.5%	7.0%	6.7%	8.4%	9.6%	10.1%
Net margin on revenues	3.9%	3.0%	2.8%	4.1%	5.0%	5.4%
Tax rate	28.7%	28.9%	29.9%	29.1%	28.9%	28.9%
Expenses as % of revenues						
Personnel expenses	14.0%	14.8%	13.5%	12.3%	11.6%	11.3%
Other OpEx	8.9%	9.0%	8.7%	7.9%	7.6%	7.4%
Depreciation & amortisation	2.4%	2.4%	2.3%	2.3%	2.2%	2.3%
Y-Y Growth						
Revenues	1.8%	8.6%	21.7%	29.4%	10.6%	11.0%
Operating income	1.5%	-17.6%	18.5%	82.1%	31.9%	17.3%
Net income/ loss	0.5%	-17.3%	14.3%	86.0%	35.4%	20.4%



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BALANCE SHEET

All figures in EURm	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Assets						
Current assets, total	161	191	344	314	271	292
Cash and equivalents	9	10	13	12	8	9
Other ST assets	16	24	38	38	39	40
Trade receivables	11	7	33	30	33	37
Inventories	124	145	253	227	184	200
Tax receivables	2	6	7	7	7	7
Non-current assets, total	124	154	214	251	282	315
Property, plant and equipment	103	131	184	217	244	272
Intangible assets	16	18	23	27	32	37
Deferred tax assets	3	3	5	5	5	5
Other LT assets	2	2	2	2	2	2
Total assets	286	345	557	565	553	608
Shareholders' equity & debt						
Current liabilities, total	128	179	279	248	189	192
Trade payables	35	38	113	80	83	85
ST debt	49	93	90	94	27	20
Provisions	6	8	18	18	18	19
Other current liabilities	37	40	59	56	62	68
Long-term liabilities, total	34	32	132	130	130	130
LT provisions	13	14	5	5	6	6
LT debt	6	2	103	100	100	100
Deferred tax	7	8	10	10	10	10
Other non-current liabilities	9	8	14	14	14	14
Shareholders' equity	124	134	147	188	234	286
Total consolidated equity and debt	286	345	557	565	553	608
Ratios						
Current ratio (x)	1.3	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.4	1.5
Quick ratio (x)	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.5	0.5
Equity ratio	43%	39%	26%	33%	42%	47%
Net debt / (net cash)	55	100	200	203	140	132
Net gearing	44%	75%	136%	109%	60%	46%
Net debt / EBITDA	0.8	1.7	2.9	1.8	1.0	8.0
Return on equity (ROE)	25%	19%	20%	29%	32%	31%
Capital employed (CE)	219	262	381	422	410	459
Return on capital employed (ROCE)	21%	15%	12%	20%	27%	28%



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

All figures in EURm	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Net income	31	26	30	55	75	89
Depreciation & amortisation	19	21	24	31	34	39
Change to LT accruals	3	2	2	0	0	0
Other non-cash items	0	1	3	-3	5	6
Asset disposals	1	0	0	0	0	0
Income tax	12	11	12	22	30	36
Net interest expense	2	1	3	5	4	3
Operating cash flow	69	63	73	110	148	173
Change in working capital	11	-24	-58	-3	42	-16
Tax paid	-10	-11	-12	-22	-30	-36
Net operating cash flow	71	27	3	84	160	121
CapEx	-14	-41	-66	-57	-53	-58
Proceeds from disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Investments in intangible assets	-6	-7	-7	-11	-12	-13
Interest income	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	-20	-48	-73	-68	-65	-72
Equity inflow, net	25	0	0	0	0	0
Debt inflow, net	-39	41	94	2	-67	-7
Interest paid	-3	-1	-3	-5	-4	-3
Dividend paid to shareholders	-30	-16	-16	-15	-28	-37
Other financial cash flow	-3	-3	-3	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	-50	21	72	-17	-100	-48
Net cash flows	1	0	3	-1	-4	2
Cash, start of the year	2	3	3	6	5	1
Cash, end of the year	3	3	6	5	1	3
Cash on deposit	6	7	7	7	7	7
Free cash flow (FCF)	51	-21	-70	16	96	49
FCF/share (in €)	4.9	-2.0	-6.7	1.6	9.2	4.7



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Category			2
Current market	capitalisation (in €)	0 - 2 billion	> 2 billion
Strong Buy ¹	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 50%	> 30%
Buy	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 25%	> 15%
Add	An expected favourable price trend of:	0% to 25%	0% to 15%
Reduce	An expected negative price trend of:	0% to -15%	0% to -10%
Sell	An expected negative price trend of:	< -15%	< -10%

¹ The expected price trend is in combination with sizable confidence in the quality and forecast security of management

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Report No.:	Date of publication	Previous day closing price	Recommendation	Price target
Initial Report	13 January 2022	€57.00	Buy	€95.00
26	↓	↓	\downarrow	↓
7	11 August 2022	€31.30	Buy	€77.00
8	20 September 2022	€28.30	Buy	€77.00
9	21 November 2022	€25.70	Buy	€77.00
10	16 February 2023	€45.10	Buy	€77.00
11	5 April 2023	€44.05	Buy	€71.00
12	28 April 2023	€45.85	Buy	€71.00
13	11 May 2023	€51.20	Buy	€71.00
14	19 June 2023	€51.20	Buy	€75.00
15	Today	€61.40	Buy	€83.00



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