Investment Companies - Germany



Buy (old: Buy) 17.01.2024

EUR 34.00 (old: EUR 34.00)

Another promising year for INDUS

Topic: While INDUS should experience some margin pressure in 2024e, the EBIT margin is still seen to come in at 8.0%, which is the highest operating margin since 2017. With an appealing dividend yield of 5.5% (eNuW) and an attractive valuation of only 4.6x EV/EBITDA, **the stock remains a buy**.

Normalizing margins: In FY23, INDUS benefited from lower material prices, especially in the Materials segment, which is seen to lead to a FY23e EBIT margin of 8.6%. On group level, the material cost ratio declined by 1.6pp to 46.8%. However, this positive price effect should revert in FY24e, as customers are starting to renegotiate in light of the deflating price levels. In addition, **wage inflation remains an issue for FY24e**. After the personnel expense ratio rose by 1.1pp yoy to 28.5% at FY23e, further wage increases are in the books as unions are increasing the pressure. Hence, we expect the EBIT margin in FY24e to decrease by 0.3pp (eNuW FY23: 8.3%), which is still the highest margin since 2017.

Supply-chain issues solved: After the start of the Covid19 pandemic, global supply-chains were significantly dislocated, jeopardizing normal operations. This also affected the portfolio companies of INDUS during the previous fiscal years. However, at the end of FY23, supply-chain issues were largely solved and not a single portfolio company was materially affected.

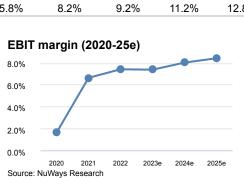
Portfolio realignment completed: As part of its 'PARKOUR' efficiency program, INDUS decided to discontinue the majority of its highly loss-making automotive-related business. While SMA filed for insolvency in Oct.'22, management sold SCHÄFER economically effective on July 31, 2023, and SELZER on August 31, 2023. SELZER alone is seen to rake up a € 22m loss while generating € 65m in sales during

Appealing dividend yield: Caused by the weak performance of the automotive-related companies SELZER and SCHÄFER, dividends for the last two years came in rather low compared to previous years. Due to the divestment of the automotive business and a successful operating performance in FY23, we expect a dividend of € 1.2 (eNuW) per share for the recent fiscal year (FY22: € 0.8). Based on yesterday's closing price, this would lead to an appealing dividend yield of 5.5% (FY22: 3.6%).

INDUS remains attractively priced trading at only 4.6x EV/EBITDA 2023e, which is 34% below its historical average. We reiterate our **BUY rating with an unchanged PT of € 34** based on FCFY 2024e.

Y/E 31.12 (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Sales	1,558.6	1,741.5	1,804.1	1,819.7	1,875.7	1,932.0
Sales growth	-10.6%	11.7%	3.6%	0.9%	3.1%	3.0%
EBITDA	157.7	220.4	262.4	242.4	244.2	259.3
Net debt (if net cash=0)	518.9	504.1	593.6	526.3	477.9	427.3
FCF	102.7	41.0	49.5	83.1	80.7	85.6
Net Debt/EBITDA	3.3	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.6
EPS pro forma	0.57	1.78	3.27	3.54	3.22	3.49
EBITDA margin	10.1%	12.7%	14.5%	13.3%	13.0%	13.4%
ROCE	4.5%	7.5%	11.8%	9.7%	9.7%	10.0%
EV/sales	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
EV/EBITDA	8.3	6.5	4.9	4.7	4.4	4.0
PER	38.1	12.1	6.6	6.1	6.7	6.2
Adjusted FCF yield	2.6%	5.8%	8.2%	9.2%	11.2%	12.8%

Source: Company data, NuWays, Close price as of 16.01.2024



Company description

2020

Source: NuWays Research

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Sales (2020-25e)

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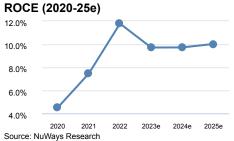
Market data	
Share price (in €)	21.70
Market cap (in € m)	579.6
Number of shares (in m pcs)	26.9
Enterprise value (in € m)	1083.0
Ø trading volume (6 months)	15,657

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Bloomberg	INH GR
Reuters	INHG
WKN	620010
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Hans Selzer et al. Wirtgen Invest Holding Epina GmbH & Co KG Free Float	5.7% 3.7% 2.7% 70.2%

Estimates changes				
	<u>2023e</u>	<u>2024e</u>	<u>2025e</u>	
Sales	0%	0%	0%	
EBIT	0%	0%	0%	
EPS	0%	0%	0%	

Comment on changes



Guidance

- Sales: € 1.8-1.9bn
- EBIT: € 145-165m

Update - 17.01.2024



Financials

Profit and loss (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Net sales	1,558.6	1,741.5	1,804.1	1,819.7	1,875.7	1,932.0
Sales growth	-10.6%	11.7%	3.6%	0.9%	3.1%	3.0%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	-21.2	29.7	33.5	11.0	4.1	4.3
Total sales	1,537.4	1,771.2	1,837.7	1,830.7	1,879.9	1,936.3
Other operating income	22.1	28.4	25.1	13.8	26.3	27.0
Material expenses	690.1	817.6	872.2	850.8	896.6	911.9
Personnel expenses	501.0	529.1	494.6	519.2	540.2	560.3
Other operating expenses	210.6	232.5	233.5	232.0	225.1	231.8
Total operating expenses	1,379.7	1,550.8	1,575.2	1,588.2	1,635.6	1,677.0
EBITDA	157.7	220.4	262.4	242.4	244.2	259.3
Depreciation	76.8	89.0	69.8	73.9	76.3	78.2
EBITA	80.9	131.4	192.6	168.6	167.9	181.1
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation of intangible assets	15.0	16.0	16.2	16.8	17.5	18.4
Impairment charges	40.8	0.0	42.8	17.6	0.0	0.0
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	25.1	115.4	133.7	134.2	150.4	162.7
Interest income	0.3	0.2	1.4	0.4	0.0	0.0
Interest expenses	16.5	14.7	14.5	18.3	21.0	23.0
Investment income	0.7	-1.8	-4.6	-2.3	-4.0 25.0	-4.0
Financial result	-15.4	-16.3	-17.7	-20.2	-25.0	-27.0
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	9.7	99.1	115.9	113.9	125.4	135.7
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings before taxes	9.7	99.1	115.9	113.9	125.4	135.7
Income tax expense	36.5	51.5	43.0	35.3	37.6	40.7
Net income from continuing operations	-26.9	47.6	72.9	78.6	87.8	95.0
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income	-26.9	47.6	72.9	78.6	87.8	95.0
Minority interest	0.1	0.8	0.8	1.0	1.2	1.2
Net profit (reported)	-27.0 24.5	46.8 26.9	72.1 26.9	77.6 26.9	86.6 26.9	93.8
Average number of shares EPS reported	-1.10	20.9 1.74	26.9 2.68	26.9 2.89	3.22	26.9 3.49
Ero reported	-1.10	1.74	2.00	2.09	3.22	3.43
Profit and loss (common size)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sales growth	-10.6%	11.7%	3.6%	0.9%	3.1%	3.0%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	-1.4%	1.7%	1.9%	0.6%	0.2%	0.2%
Total sales	98.6%	101.7%	101.9%	100.6%	100.2%	100.2%
Other operating income	1.4%	1.6%	1.4%	0.8%	1.4%	1.4%
Material expenses	44.20/	46.9%	48.3%	46.8%	47 00/	47.2%
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Balance sheet (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Intangible assets	559.8	646.0	645.1	640.3	634.8	628.4
Property, plant and equipment	411.4	422.4	346.5	349.5	339.2	326.0
Financial assets	14.7	13.4	76.1	51.2	51.2	51.2
FIXED ASSETS	985.8	1,081.8	1,067.7	1,040.9	1,025.1	1,005.5
Inventories	332.5	403.9	449.4	447.8	448.3	456.0
Accounts receivable	161.9	168.9	195.5	214.1	220.7	227.3
Other assets and short-term financial assets	41.9	52.8	29.4	35.1	41.4	41.7
Liquid assets	194.7	136.3	127.8	216.6	265.1	315.7
Deferred taxes	12.0	13.8	20.2	20.2	21.0	21.5
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT ASSETS	743.0	775.6	822.2	933.8	996.5	1,062.1
TOTAL ASSETS	1,728.8	1,857.4	1,889.9	1,974.7	2,021.6	2,067.6
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SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	675.3	785.6	683.2	752.3	807.6	867.4
MINORITY INTEREST	1.0	1.8	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.1
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	49.7	41.3	23.6	25.5	25.5	25.5
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	78.7	89.8	43.4	42.4	42.4	42.4
Short-term liabilities to banks	159.8	163.2	140.7	170.3	170.3	170.3
Accounts payable	48.9	62.2	74.3	75.8	75.0	77.3
Advance payments received on orders	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	129.4	187.6	278.4	270.7	265.0	250.0
Deferred taxes	32.1	48.6	63.6	63.0	61.0	60.0
Deferred income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT LIABILITIES	178.3	249.8	352.7	346.5	340.0	327.3
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	1,728.8	1,857.4	1,889.9	1,974.7	2,021.6	2,067.6
Balance sheet (common size)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Intangible assets	32.4%	34.8%	34.1%	32.4%	31.4%	30.4%
Property, plant and equipment	23.8%	22.7%	18.3%	17.7%	16.8%	15.8%
Financial assets	0.8%	0.7%	4.0%	2.6%	2.5%	2.5%
FIXED ASSETS	57.0%	58.2%	56.5%	52.7%	50.7%	48.6%
Inventories	19.2%	21.7%	23.8%	22.7%	22.2%	22.1%
Accounts receivable	9.4%	9.1%	10.3%	10.8%	10.9%	11.0%
Other assets and short-term financial assets	2.4%	2.8%	1.6%	1.8%	2.0%	2.0%
Liquid assets	11.3%	7.3%	6.8%	11.0%	13.1%	15.3%
Deferred taxes	0.7%	0.7%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRENT ASSETS	43.0%	41.8%	43.5%	47.3%	49.3%	51.4%
TOTAL ASSETS	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	39.1%	42.3%	36.1%	38.1%	40.0%	42.0%
MINORITY INTEREST	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	2.9%	2.2%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.2%
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	4.6%	4.8%	2.3%	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%
Short-term liabilities to banks	9.2%	8.8%	7.4%	8.6%	8.4%	8.2%
Accounts payable	2.8%	3.3%	3.9%	3.8%	3.7%	3.7%
Advance payments received on orders	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	7.5%	10.1%	14.7%	13.7%	13.1%	12.1%
Deferred taxes	1.9%	2.6%	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%	2.9%
Deferred income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRENT LIABILITIES	10.3%	13.4%	18.7%	17.5%	16.8%	15.8%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

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Efficiency	
Sales per employee 145.5 145.5 145.5 145.5	5 145.5 14
EBITDA per employee 14.7 18.4 21.2 19.4	18.9
No. employees (average) 10,710 11,967 12,397 12,505	5 12,890 13,2
Balance sheet analysis	
Avg. working capital / sales 31.8% 29.8% 28.2% 30.1%	31.0% 30.8
Inventory turnover (sales/inventory) 1.9 2.2 2.0 1.9	2.0
Accounts receivable turnover 9.6 10.3 9.2 8.5	
Accounts payable turnover 31.9 28.0 24.3 24.0	
Cash flow analysis	
Free cash flow 102.7 41.0 49.5 83.1	80.7 8
Free cash flow/sales 6.6% 2.4% 2.7% 4.6%	
FCF / net profit neg. 86.1% 68.0% 105.7%	
Capex / sales n.a. n.a. n.a. n.a.	
Solvency	
Net debt 518.9 504.1 593.6 526.3	3 477.9 42
Net Debt/EBITDA 3.3 2.3 2.3 2.2	
Dividend payout ratio 100.0% 59.1% 29.8% 41.6%	
Interest paid / avg. debt 2.5% 2.2% 2.0% 2.6%	
Returns	2.970 5.
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Adjusted FCF yield 2.6% 5.8% 8.2% 9.2%	
Dividend yield 3.7% 4.9% 3.7% 5.6%	
DPS 0.8 1.0 0.8 1.2	
EPS reported -1.10 1.74 2.68 2.89	
Average number of shares 24.5 26.9 26.9 26.9	26.9 2
Valuation ratios	
P/BV 0.8 0.7 0.8 0.8	
EV/sales 0.8 0.8 0.7 0.6	
EV/EBITDA 8.3 6.5 4.9 4.7	
EV/EBIT 52.0 12.5 9.7 8.4	7.2
Source: Company data, NuWays	

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