Investment Companies - Germany



Buy (old: Buy) 05.06.2024

EUR 36.00 (old: EUR 36.00)

RS feedback: Well-filled M&A pipeline to support further growth

Topic: On Monday, we hosted a digital roundtable with INDUS. Here are our key takeaways:

Well-filled M&A pipeline: INDUS has a substantial budget of € 70m for M&A in FY24e, due to the large cash position of € 266m at the end of FY23, driven by a strong FCF of € 199m in FY23. As of yet, INDUS has spent approx. € 20m and the pipeline for growth as well as add-on acquisitions remains filled. Industries of particular interest for INDUS are automation technologies within the Engineering segment, recycling within Materials and sustainable infrastructure. In our view, now is a good time for value accretive acquisitions in the German Mittelstand, as valuation multiples in recent years have come down.

Operationally, Infrastructure should compensate for a weaker Materials and Engineering Segment in FY24e: Sales in Engineering declined 8.9% yoy in Q1 due to the slowdown particularly in the sorting systems and packaging technology segment. Incoming orders for the entire industry were 10% below the previous year's level in real terms, however, a recovery is expected for the second half of FY24e. Materials in Q1 was affected by declining volumes and massive price pressure from customers (-11% in sales yoy). While in Q1 & Q2 FY23 the Materials segment benefited from lower cost of materials (12% EBIT margin in Q1 FY23, +3.1pp yoy), now these cost reductions are passed through to customers, leading to pressure on the top-line and more normalized levels of profitability.

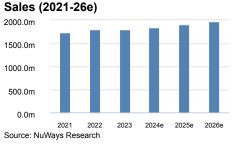
In contrast, we expect to see an increase in EBIT for Infrastructure in FY24e. The business climate in the construction industry is slightly improving and raw material prices such as steel and timber are falling. Furthermore, the portfolio company Aurora, a specialist in heating and air-conditioning systems (c. 14% of segment sales), recently realized a substantial improvement in operating efficiency.

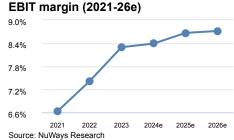
Solid FCF expected for FY24e: Due to a lower seasonal working capital increase in the first quarter, free cash flow in Q1 improved significantly to € 6.1m (Q1 FY23: € 7.5m) adjusted for the € 14.4m onetime cash inflow from a property sale in Q1 2023. However, we also expect the seasonal working capital reduction in the second half of the year to be lower than usual. FCF should come in again in the low triple-digit area (eNuW: € 104m). Importantly, at the current valuation INDUS provides an attractive adjusted FCF yield of c. 10% (eNuW).

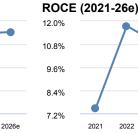
INDUS remains a BUY with an unchanged PT of € 36, based on FCFY 2024e.

Y/E 31.12 (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	1,741.5	1,804.1	1,802.4	1,857.2	1,912.9	1,970.3
Sales growth	11.7%	3.6%	-0.1%	3.0%	3.0%	6.1%
EBITDA	220.4	262.4	258.1	250.4	261.5	270.3
Net debt (if net cash=0)	504.1	593.6	506.2	466.3	422.8	374.3
FCF	105.8	61.8	155.7	103.5	79.6	87.2
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.3	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.4
EPS pro forma	1.78	3.04	3.10	3.55	3.80	4.07
EBITDA margin	12.7%	14.5%	14.3%	13.5%	13.7%	13.7%
ROCE	7.5%	11.8%	10.8%	10.3%	10.7%	11.1%
EV/sales	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
EV/EBITDA	6.5	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.0
PER	14.8	8.7	8.5	7.4	6.9	6.5
Adjusted FCF yield	5.2%	8.1%	7.7%	10.3%	11.4%	12.2%

Source: Company data, NuWays, Close price as of 30.05.2024







Share Performance 30.00 28.50 27.00 25.50 24.00 22 50 21.00 19.50 18.00 09/23 11/23 High/low 52 weeks (€) 28.70 / 18.38 3m rel. performance 9.9% 6m rel. performance 17.0% -4.8% 12m rel. performance

Market data	
Share price (in €)	27.15
Market cap (in € m)	679.7
Number of shares (in m pcs)	25.8
Enterprise value (in € m)	1172.5
Ø trading volume (6 months)	15,657

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Reuters	INHG				
WKN	620010				
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Estimates changes					
	<u>2024e</u>	<u>2025e</u>	<u>2026e</u>		
Sales	0%	0%	0%		
EBIT	0%	0%	0%		
EPS	0%	0%	0%		

Comment on changes

2021 2022 2023 2024e 2025e 2026e Source: NuWays Research

Company description

INDUS Holding AG is a leading specialist in the acquisition of and long-term support of small and medium-sized manufacturing companies in the DACH region. Indus holds a diversified portfolio of key industries and specializes in the field of sustainable companies.

Guidance

- Sales: € 1.85-1.95bn
- EBIT: € 145-165m

Update - 05.06.2024



Financials

Profit and loss (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026 e
Net sales	1,741.5	1,804.1	1,802.4	1,857.2	1,912.9	1,970.3
Sales growth	11.7%	3.6%	-0.1%	3.0%	3.0%	6.1%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	29.7	33.5	-11.7	4.1	4.2	4.3
Total sales	1,771.2	1,837.7	1,790.7	1,861.3	1,917.1	1,974.6
Other operating income	28.4	25.1	20.6	18.0	26.8	27.6
Material expenses	817.6	872.2	801.4	841.5	876.1	902.4
Personnel expenses	529.1	494.6	521.5	544.5	563.3	583.2
Other operating expenses	232.5	233.5	230.3	242.9	242.9	246.3
Total operating expenses	1,550.8	1,575.2	1,532.6	1,610.8	1,655.6	1,704.3
EBITDA Depreciation	220.4 83.9	262.4	258.1 62.7	250.4	261.5	270.3
Depreciation EBITA	136.5	50.7 211.8	0∠.7 195.4	77.1 173.3	77.2 184.2	80.1 190.2
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Amortisation of goodwill		35.3				
Amortisation of intangible assets	21.1 0.0	35.3 42.8	26.5	17.5	18.4	18.4
Impairment charges	115.4	42.0 133.7	19.3	0.0 155.8	0.0 165.8	0.0 171.8
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	0.2		149.6			
Interest income	0.2 14.7	1.4	1.6 21.2	0.0 21.0	0.0	0.0
Interest expenses	14.7 -1.8	14.5			23.0	19.0
Investment income Financial result	-1.6 -16.3	-4.6 -17.7	9.8 -9.8	-4.0 -25.0	-3.0 -26.0	-3.0 -22.0
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	99.1	-17.7 115.9	-9.6 139.7	-25.0 130.8	-20.0 139.8	-22.0 149.8
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Extraordinary income/loss	0.0 99.1		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings before taxes	51.5	115.9 33.5	139.7 55.8	130.8 39.2	139.8 42.0	149.8 44.9
Income tax expense Net income from continuing operations	47.6	82.5	84.0	91.6	97.9	104.9
Income from continuing operations Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0	123.9	27.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income	47.6	-41.4	56.1	91.6	97.9	104.9
Minority interest	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8
Net profit (reported)	46.8	- 42.2	55.4	90.8	97.1	104.1
Average number of shares	26.3	26.9	26.9	25.8	25.8	25.8
EPS reported	1.78	-1.57	2.06	3.52	3.76	4.03
El o reported	1.70	-1.01	2.00	0.02	0.70	7.00
Profit and loss (common size)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sales growth	11.7%	3.6%	-0.1%	3.0%	3.0%	6.1%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	1.7%	1.9%	-0.6%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Total sales	101.7%	101.9%	99.4%	100.2%	100.2%	100.2%
Other operating income						
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Palance shoot (FLID m)	2024	2022	2022	20240	20250	2020-
Balance sheet (EUR m) Intangible assets	2021 646.0	2022 645.1	633.9	2024e 628.4	2025e 622.0	2026e 615.6
Property, plant and equipment	422.4	346.5	354.4	345.4	333.1	318.0
Financial assets	13.4	76.1	17.0	11.2	11.2	11.2
FIXED ASSETS	1,081.8	1,067.7	1,005.3	984.9	966.3	944.8
Inventories	403.9	449.4	429.3	420.7	438.1	451.2
Accounts receivable	168.9	195.5	429.3 181.3	420.7 185.7	191.3	197.0
Other assets and short-term financial assets	52.8	29.4	25.8	41.4	41.7	41.7
Liquid assets	136.3	127.8	265.8	241.7	214.2	262.7
Deferred taxes	13.8	20.2	203.8	21.0	214.2	202.7
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Deferred charges and prepaid expenses CURRENT ASSETS	0.0 775.6	822.2	923.5	0.0 910.5	0.0 906.7	0.0 974.1
TOTAL ASSETS	1,857.4	1,889.9	1,928.8	1,895.5	1,873.0	1,918.9
TOTAL ASSETS	1,057.4	1,005.5	1,920.0	1,095.5	1,073.0	1,910.9
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	785.6	692.8	717.9	776.5	837.4	902.8
MINORITY INTEREST	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	41.3	23.6	27.0	26.5	26.5	27.3
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	89.8	43.4	42.3	36.0	35.7	34.0
Short-term liabilities to banks	163.2	140.7	153.8	143.0	125.0	125.0
Accounts payable	62.2	74.3	63.7	66.3	68.3	69.2
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)	187.6	278.4	248.8	228.4	214.4	196.9
Deferred taxes	48.6	54.0	55.4	52.1	52.0	50.0
Deferred income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT LIABILITIES	249.8	352.7	312.4	294.7	282.7	266.1
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	1,857.4	1,889.9	1,928.8	1,895.5	1,873.0	1,918.9
Balance sheet (common size)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Intangible assets	34.8%	34.1%	32.9%	33.2%	33.2%	32.1%
Property, plant and equipment	22.7%	18.3%	18.4%	18.2%	17.8%	16.6%
Financial assets	0.7%	4.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
FIXED ASSETS	58.2%	56.5%	52.1%	52.0%	51.6%	49.2%
Inventories	21.7%	23.8%	22.3%	22.2%	23.4%	23.5%
Accounts receivable	9.1%	10.3%	9.4%	9.8%	10.2%	10.3%
Other assets and short-term financial assets	2.8%	1.6%	1.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.2%
Liquid assets	7.3%	6.8%	13.8%	12.8%	11.4%	13.7%
Deferred taxes	0.7%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRENT ASSETS	41.8%	43.5%	47.9%	48.0%	48.4%	50.8%
TOTAL ASSETS	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	42.3%	36.7%	37.2%	41.0%	44.7%	47.0%
MINORITY INTEREST	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	2.2%	1.2%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%	1.4%
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	4.8%	2.3%	2.2%	1.9%	1.9%	1.8%
Short-term liabilities to banks	8.8%	7.4%	8.0%	7.5%	6.7%	6.5%
Accounts payable	3.3%	3.9%	3.3%	3.5%	3.6%	3.6%
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)	10.1%	14.7%	12.9%	12.0%	11.4%	10.3%
Deferred taxes	2.6%	2.9%	2.9%	2.7%	2.8%	2.6%
Deferred income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRENT LIABILITIES	13.4%	18.7%	16.2%	15.5%	15.1%	13.9%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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Cash flow statement (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net profit/loss	47.6	82.5	84.0	91.6	97.9	104.9
Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases)	83.9	93.4	82.1	77.1	77.2	80.1
Amortisation of goodwill & intangible assets	21.1	35.3	26.5	17.5	18.4	18.4
Other costs affecting income / expenses	37.5	-17.7	-9.8	-25.0	-26.0	-22.0
Cash flow from operating activities	53.4	-12.4	109.1	82.9	61.0	65.7
Increase/decrease in inventory	-71.4	-45.5	20.1	8.5	-17.3	-13.1
Increase/decrease in accounts receivable	-6.9	-26.6	14.2	-4.4	-5.6	-5.7
Increase/decrease in accounts payable	13.3	9.9	-10.6	2.7	2.0	0.9
Increase/decrease in other working capital positions	0.0	23.5	7.9	10.0	10.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in working capital	-65.1	-38.6	31.5	16.8	-10.9	-18.0
Cash flow from operating activities	158.4	116.3	217.7	177.5	156.6	164.2
CAPEX	52.6	54.5	61.9	74.0	77.0	77.0
Payments for acquisitions	67.3	58.8	8.9	6.1	0.0	0.0
Financial investments	0.7	0.4	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Income from asset disposals	14.6	19.3	21.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from investing activities	-106.0	-94.4	-50.1	-80.1	-77.0	-77.0
Cash flow before financing	30.8	-6.3	146.1	65.1	43.5	48.5
Increase/decrease in debt position	-73.2	87.2	50.6	-64.0	-71.0	0.0
Purchase of own shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	25.3	0.0	0.0
Capital measures	84.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	21.5	28.2	21.5	32.3	36.1	38.7
Others	-31.0	-3.1	-29.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	0.2	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from financing activities	-40.8	55.9	-0.5	-121.6	-107.1	-38.7
Increase/decrease in liquid assets	11.7	77.5	167.1	-24.2	-27.5	48.5
Liquid assets at end of period	136.3	127.8	265.8	241.7	214.2	262.7
Key ratios (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
P&L growth analysis						
Sales growth	11.7%	3.6%	-0.1%	3.0%	3.0%	6.1%
EBITDA growth	-2.4%	66.4%	17.1%	-4.6%	1.3%	3.0%
EBIT growth	-2.1%	475.8%	29.6%	16.6%	10.9%	28.5%
EPS growth	-26.9%	33.1%	15.9%	-324.2%	82.6%	-356.9%
Efficiency						
Sales per employee	159.6	173.6	193.5	196.8	200.7	200.7
EBITDA per employee	20.2	25.3	27.7	26.5	27.4	27.5
No. employees (average)	10,910	10,391	9,317	9,438	9,533	9,819
Balance sheet analysis						
Avg. working capital / sales	29.8%	28.2%	29.3%	29.9%	29.0%	29.2%
Inventory turnover (sales/inventory)	2.2	2.0	1.8	2.0	2.0	2.0
Accounts receivable turnover	10.3	9.2	9.9	10.0	10.0	10.0
Accounts payable turnover	28.0	24.3	28.3	28.0	28.0	28.0
Cash flow analysis						
Free cash flow	105.8	61.8	155.7	103.5	79.6	87.2
Free cash flow/sales	6.1%	3.4%	8.6%	5.6%	4.2%	4.4%
FCF / net profit	222.4%	74.9%	185.5%	113.0%	81.4%	83.2%
Capex / sales	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Solvency						
Net debt	504.1	593.6	506.2	466.3	422.8	374.3
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.3	2.3	2.0	1.9	1.6	1.4
Dividend payout ratio	59.1%	100.0%	58.2%	39.8%	39.9%	44.6%
Interest paid / avg. debt	2.2%	2.0%	3.0%	2.9%	3.3%	2.8%
Returns						
ROCE	7.5%	11.8%	10.8%	10.3%	10.7%	11.1%
ROE	6.0%	-6.1%	7.7%	11.7%	11.6%	11.5%
Adjusted FCF yield	5.2%	8.1%	7.7%	10.3%	11.4%	12.2%
Dividend yield	4.0%	3.0%	4.6%	5.3%	5.7%	6.8%
DPS	1.0	8.0	1.2	1.4	1.5	1.8
EPS reported	1.78	-1.57	2.06	3.52	3.76	4.03
Average number of shares	26.3	26.9	26.9	25.8	25.8	25.8
Valuation ratios						
P/BV	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9	8.0	0.8
EV/sales	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5
EV/EBITDA	6.5	4.9	4.8	4.7	4.3	4.0
EV/EBIT	12.5	9.7	8.3	7.5	6.8	6.3
Source: Company data, NuWays						

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The adj. FCF method is based on the assumption that investors purchase assets only at a price (enterprise value) at which the operating cash flow return after taxes on this investment exceeds their opportunity costs in the form of a hurdle rate of 7.5%. The operating cash flow is calculated as EBITDA less maintenance capex and taxes.

Within the framework of the DCF approach, the future free cash flows are calculated initially on the basis of a fictitious capital structure of 100% equity, i.e. interest and repayments on debt capital are not factored in initially. The adjust-

ment towards the actual capital structure is done by discounting the calculated free cash flows with the weighted average cost of capital (WACC), which takes into account both the cost of equity capital and the cost of debt. After discounting, the calculated total enterprise value is reduced by the interest-bearing debt capital in order to arrive at the equity value.

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