Investment Companies - Germany

Buy (old: Buy)

EUR 34.00 (old: EUR 36.00)

Mixed Q2, Engineering affected by weak economy; chg. est.

Topic: INDUS released its Q2 numbers with sales in line and EBIT above our estimates, despite a challenging macro environment. The company lowered their guidance as already anticipated by us in our last Update (company news: July 31st).

Q2 sales decreased by 5.4% yoy to € 429m (eNuW: € 437m), impacted by customers' current reluctance to buy and spend as a result of the weak German economy. **Q2** EBIT came in at € 37.4m (eNuW: € 32.1m), implying a margin of 8.7%, **almost unchanged** yoy (Q2'23: 8.8%), despite pressure from wage inflation. Order intake in H1'24 fell slightly by 1.3% yoy to € 828m mainly due to a weaker Materials segment (-9% yoy). Order backlog increased by 1.2% to a solid € 720m.

Engineering: Sales came in at \in 137m (eNuW: \in 147m), -1.4% yoy due to a lower demand for sorting plants and packaging technology. EBIT decreased 37% to \in 6.5m (eNuW: \in 8.8m) due to an unfavorable product mix. However, higher sales and a more profitable product mix are expected for H2'24e.

Infrastructure: Top-line decreased 3.3% to € 145m (eNuW: € 142m). While the momentum in commercial construction is slightly picking up, the demand in residential and public construction is still muted. EBIT increased 27.4% yoy to € 18.3m, thanks to several cost-cutting measures.

Materials: Sales decreased by 10.6% yoy to \in 147m (eNuW: \in 148m) affected by declining prices and a slowdown in the agricultural industry (c. 20% of Betek's sales). Operating income declined only by 10.3% yoy to \in 16.0m (eNuW: \in 11.1m), despite significant pricing pressure from customers.

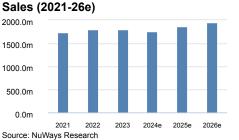
M&A pipeline well filled: INDUS is currently working on several acquisitions, as the multiples for private companies especially in the German Mittelstand came down in recent years. The conglomerate holds on to its target to spend \in 70m on M&A in FY24e of which it spend \in 18.5m at the time. Further, as stated in the conference call, we should expect to see the closing of two acquisitions within the coming weeks.

INDUS remains a clear BUY in our view as the company is (1) trading at only 6.6x forward P/E (eNuW), (2) offers an expected dividend yield of 5.7% (eNuW FY24e: € 1.2 per share), and (3) delivers a strong FCFY24e of c. 10%. **Consequently, we included INDUS to our Alpha list.**

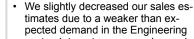
Reiterate BUY with a new PT of € 34 (old: € 36), based on FCFY24e.

Y/E 31.12 (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	1,741.5	1,804.1	1,802.4	1,752.1	1,870.0	1,950.0
Sales growth	11.7%	3.6%	-0.1%	-2.8%	6.7%	4.3%
EBITDA	220.4	262.4	258.1	229.5	255.1	268.0
Net debt (if net cash=0)	504.1	593.6	506.2	456.4	414.4	378.5
FCF	105.8	61.8	155.7	113.4	73.0	74.5
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.4
EPS pro forma	1.78	3.04	3.10	3.17	3.73	3.98
EBITDA margin	12.7%	14.5%	14.3%	13.1%	13.6%	13.7%
ROCE	7.5%	11.8%	10.8%	9.2%	10.3%	11.1%
EV/sales	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
EV/EBITDA	6.5	4.9	4.3	4.5	3.9	3.5
PER	11.8	6.9	6.8	6.6	5.6	5.3
Adjusted FCF yield	5.9%	9.2%	8.8%	10.5%	12.7%	14.2%

Source: Company data, NuWays, Close price as of 12.08.2024

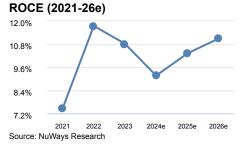


EBIT margin (2021-26e) 9.0% 8.4% 7.8% 7.2% 6.6% 2021 2022 2023 2024e 2025e 2026e Source: NuWays Research



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pected demand in the Engineering sector. Interest expenses changed.



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: € 1.70-1.80bn
- EBIT: € 125-145m
- FCFF: > € 110m

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High/low 52 weeks (€)	28.70 / 18.38
3m rel. performance	-16.3%
6m rel. performance	-4.3%
12m rel. performance	-15.7%

Market data	
Share price (in €)	20.50
Market cap (in € m)	541.7
Number of shares (in m pcs)	25.8
Enterprise value (in € m)	1024.6
Ø trading volume (6 months)	15,657

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Bloomberg	INH GR
Reuters	INHG
WKN	620010
ISIN	DE0006200108

Key shareholders	
Versicherungskammer Bay- ern	13.0%
Hans Selzer et al. Protector Forsikring Treasury Shares Free Float	5.6% 5.4% 4.1% 71.9%

Estimates changes						
	<u>2024e</u>	<u>2025e</u>	<u>2026e</u>			
Sales	-2%	-1%	0%			
EBIT	-0%	-1%	0%			

Comment on changes

-3%

-4%

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-4%

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Financials

Profit and loss (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net sales	1,741.5	1,804.1	1,802.4	1,752.1	1,870.0	1,950.0
Sales growth	11.7%	3.6%	-0.1%	-2.8%	6.7%	4.3%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	29.7	33.5	-11.7	4.4	4.1	4.3
Total sales	1,771.2	1,837.7	1,790.7	1,756.5	1,874.1	1,954.3
Other operating income	28.4	25.1	20.6	18.8	26.2	27.3
Material expenses	817.6	872.2	801.4	780.8	845.2	885.3
Personnel expenses	529.1	494.6	521.5	538.4	562.5	584.6
Other operating expenses	232.5	233.5	230.3	226.5	237.5	243.8
Total operating expenses	1,550.8	1,575.2	1,532.6	1,527.0	1,619.0	1,686.3
EBITDA	220.4	262.4	258.1	229.5	255.1	268.0
Depreciation	83.9	50.7	62.7	73.1	75.1	77.2
EBITA	136.5	211.8	195.4	156.5	180.0	190.8
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation of intangible assets	21.1	35.3	26.5	17.5	18.4	18.4
Impairment charges	0.0	42.8	19.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	115.4	133.7	149.6	139.0	161.6	172.4
Interest income	0.2	1.4	1.6	3.8	4.0	4.0
Interest expenses	14.7	14.5	21.2	22.1	25.0	26.7
Investment income	-1.8	-4.6	9.8	-3.8	-3.0	-3.0
Financial result	-16.3	-17.7	-9.8	-22.1	-24.0	-25.7
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	99.1	115.9	139.7	116.9	137.6	146.7
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings before taxes	99.1	115.9	139.7	116.9	137.6	146.7
Income tax expense	51.5	33.5	55.8	35.1	41.3	44.0
Net income from continuing operations	47.6	82.5	84.0	81.8	96.3	102.7
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	81.8	96.3	102.7
Minority interest	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.9	0.8	0.8
Net profit (reported)	46.8	-42.2	55.4	81.0	95.5	101.9
Average number of shares	26.3	26.9	26.9	25.8	25.8	25.8
EPS reported	1.78	-1.57	2.06	3.14	3.70	3.95
Profit and loss (common size)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
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Profit and loss (common size)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	20266
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sales growth	11.7%	3.6%	-0.1%	-2.8%	6.7%	4.3%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	1.7%	1.9%	-0.6%	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
Total sales	101.7%	101.9%	99.4%	100.3%	100.2%	100.2%
Other operating income	1.6%	1.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.4%	1.4%
Material expenses	46.9%	48.3%	44.5%	44.6%	45.2%	45.4%
Personnel expenses	30.4%	27.4%	28.9%	30.7%	30.1%	30.0%
Other operating expenses	13.4%	12.9%	12.8%	12.9%	12.7%	12.5%
Total operating expenses	89.1%	87.3%	85.0%	87.2%	86.6%	86.5%
EBITDA	12.7%	14.5%	14.3%	13.1%	13.6%	13.7%
Depreciation	4.8%	2.8%	3.5%	4.2%	4.0%	4.0%
EBITA	7.8%	11.7%	10.8%	8.9%	9.6%	9.8%
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Amortisation of intangible assets	1.2%	2.0%	1.5%	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%
Impairment charges	0.0%	2.4%	1.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	6.6%	7.4%	8.3%	7.9%	8.6%	8.8%
Interest income	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Interest expenses	0.8%	0.8%	1.2%	1.3%	1.3%	1.4%
Investment income	-0.1%	-0.3%	0.5%	-0.2%	-0.2%	-0.2%
Financial result	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	5.7%	6.4%	7.8%	6.7%	7.4%	7.5%
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Earnings before taxes	5.7%	6.4%	7.8%	6.7%	7.4%	7.5%
Tax rate	52.0%	28.9%	39.9%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Net income from continuing operations	2.7%	4.6%	4.7%	4.7%	5.1%	5.3%
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0%	6.9%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net income	2.7%	-2.3%	3.1%	4.7%	5.1%	5.3%
Minority interest	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net profit (reported)	2.7%	-2.3%	3.1%	4.6%	5.1%	5.2%
Source: Company data NuWays						

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Balance sheet (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Intangible assets	646.0	645.1	633.9	628.4	622.0	615.6
Property, plant and equipment	422.4	346.5	354.4	349.4	339.3	327.2
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	989.0	972.5	954.0
Inventories	403.9	449.4	429.3	406.7	422.6	442.7
Accounts receivable	168.9	195.5	181.3	175.2	187.0	195.0
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	263.6	260.6	296.5
Deferred taxes	13.8	20.2	21.3	21.0	21.5	21.5
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT ASSETS	775.6	822.2	923.5	907.9	933.5	997.3
TOTAL ASSETS	1,857.4	1,889.9	1,928.8	1,896.9	1,906.0	1,951.3
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	785.6	692.8	717.9	766.6	831.2	887.7
MINORITY INTEREST	1.8	2.1	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7
Long-term liabilities to banks	477.3	580.6	618.2	565.0	550.0	550.0
Bonds (long-term)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
other interest-bearing liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	41.3	23.6	27.0	26.5	26.5	27.6
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	89.8	43.4	42.3	36.0	35.7	34.0
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	608.4	647.6	687.4	627.5	612.2	611.6
Short-term liabilities to banks	163.2	140.7	153.8	155.0	125.0	125.0
Accounts payable	62.2	74.3	63.7	62.6	64.5	70.3
Advance payments received on orders	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accrued taxes	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	225.9	214.4	196.9
Deferred taxes	48.6	54.0	55.4	57.6	57.0	58.0
Deferred income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT LIABILITIES	461.5	547.4	521.7	501.1	460.9	450.2
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	1,857.4	1,889.9	1,928.8	1,896.9	1,906.0	1,951.3
Balance sheet (common size)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Intangible assets	34.8%	34.1%	32.9%	33.1%	32.6%	31.5%
Property, plant and equipment	22.7%	18.3%	18.4%	18.4%	17.8%	16.8%
Financial assets	0.7%	4.0%	0.9%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
FIXED ASSETS	58.2%	56.5%	52.1%	52.1%	51.0%	48.9%
Inventories	21.7%	23.8%	22.3%	21.4%	22.2%	22.7%
Accounts receivable	9.1%	10.3%	9.4%	9.2%	9.8%	10.0%
Other assets and short-term financial assets	2.8%	1.6%	1.3%	2.2%	2.2%	2.1%
Liquid assets	7.3%	6.8%	13.8%	13.9%	13.7%	15.2%
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%	47.9%	49.0%	51.1%
TOTAL ASSETS	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	42.3%	36.7%	37.2%	40.4%	43.6%	45.5%
MINORITY INTEREST	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Long-term liabilities to banks	25.7%	30.7%	32.0%	29.8%	28.9%	28.2%
Bonds (long-term)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
other interest-bearing liabilities	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
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%	1.7%
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	32.8%	34.3%	35.6%	33.1%	32.1%	31.3%
Short-term liabilities to banks	8.8%	7.4%	8.0%	8.2%	6.6%	6.4%
Accounts payable	3.3%	3.9%	3.3%	3.3%	3.4%	3.6%
Advance payments received on orders	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Accrued taxes	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%	11.9%	11.2%	10.1%
Deferred taxes	2.6%	2.9%	2.9%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Deferred income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRENT LIABILITIES	A 4 A A /	00 00/	27 00/	00 40/		00 40/
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	24.8% 100.0%	29.0% 100.0%	27.0% 100.0%	26.4% 100.0%	24.2% 100.0%	23.1% 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	81.8	96.3	102.7
Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases)	83.9	93.4	82.1	73.1	75.1	77.2
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	-22.1	-24.0	-25.7
Cash flow from operating activities	53.4	-12.4	109.1	96.9	56.5	56.0
Increase/decrease in inventory	-71.4	-45.5	20.1	22.6	-15.9	-20.0
Increase/decrease in accounts receivable	-6.9	-26.6	14.2	6.1	-11.8	-8.0
Increase/decrease in accounts payable	13.3	9.9	-10.6	-1.1	1.9	5.9
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	37.6	-15.8	-22.2
Cash flow from operating activities	158.4	116.3	217.7	187.4	150.0	151.5
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	75.1	42.0	35.8
Increase/decrease in debt position	-73.2	87.2	50.6	-52.0	-45.0	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	31.0	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	-109.6	-76.0	-38.7
Increase/decrease in liquid assets	11.7	77.5	167.1	-2.2	-3.0	35.8
Liquid assets at end of period	136.3	127.8	265.8	263.6	260.6	296.5
Key ratios (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
P&L growth analysis	2021	LULL	2023	20240	20200	20200
Sales growth	11.7%	3.6%	-0.1%	-2.8%	6.7%	4.3%
EBITDA growth	-2.4%	66.4%	17.1%	-12.5%	-1.2%	2.1%
EBIT growth	-2.1%	475.8%	29.6%	4.0%	8.0%	29.0%
EPS growth	-26.9%	33.1%	15.9%	-299.9%	79.6%	-351.6%
Efficiency	20.070	00.170	10.070	200.070	10.070	001.070
Sales per employee	159.6	173.6	193.5	185.6	196.2	196.2
EBITDA per employee	20.2	25.3	27.7	24.3	26.8	27.0
No. employees (average)	10,910	10,391	9,317	9,438	9,533	9,940
Balance sheet analysis	,	,		,	,	,
Avg. working capital / sales	29.8%	28.2%	29.3%	31.1%	29.2%	29.2%
Inventory turnover (sales/inventory)	2.2	2.0	1.8	1.9	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	29.0	29.0
Cash flow analysis						
Free cash flow	105.8	61.8	155.7	113.4	73.0	74.5
Free cash flow/sales	6.1%	3.4%	8.6%	6.5%	3.9%	3.8%
FCF / net profit	222.4%	74.9%	185.5%	138.6%	75.8%	72.6%
Capex / sales	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Solvency						
Net debt	504.1	593.6	506.2	456.4	414.4	378.5
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.3	2.3	2.0	2.0	1.6	1.4
Dividend payout ratio	59.1%	100.0%	58.2%	38.2%	40.5%	45.6%
Interest paid / avg. debt	2.2%	2.0%	3.0%	3.1%	3.5%	3.8%
Returns						
ROCE	7.5%	11.8%	10.8%	9.2%	10.3%	11.1%
ROE	6.0%	-6.1%	7.7%	10.6%	11.5%	11.5%
Adjusted FCF yield	5.9%	9.2%	8.8%	10.5%	12.7%	14.2%
Dividend yield	5.0%	3.8%	5.7%	5.7%	7.1%	8.6%
DPS	1.0	0.8	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.8
EPS reported	1.78	-1.57	2.06	3.14	3.70	3.95
Average number of shares	26.3	26.9	26.9	25.8	25.8	25.8
Valuation ratios						
P/BV	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.6
EV/sales	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
EV/EBITDA	6.5	4.9	4.3	4.5	3.9	3.5
EV/EBIT	12.5	9.7	7.3	7.4	6.1	5.5

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	22.02.2024	Sandherr, Christian	Buy	EUR 36.00	EUR 21.50
	17.11.2023	Sandherr, Christian	Buy	EUR 34.00	EUR 19.70

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