**Financial Services - Finland** 

### Buy (old: Buy)

EUR 10.00 (old: EUR 10.00)

### Small value-accretive acquisition through CapitalBox; chg

Yesterday, Multitude announced to have acquired the Danish factoring specialist Omniveta Finance through its SME unit CapitalBox. Last week, CapitalBox also launched a new collateral lending product. In detail:

Value-accretive acquisition. Founded in 2012, Omniveta is a factoring specialist, that is purchasing invoices (eNuW: on avg. 30 days credit period) from suppliers with a certain discount (eNuW: 10-20%, including handling fees). With that, Omniveta is improving the overall liquidity of Danish SME's. We expect that the company is generating a low single digit million Euro amount in sales and being more or less break-even on the bottom line. Multitude is seen to have paid <1x EV/sales (eNuW), which would be a fair multiple, looking at comparable acquisitions in this space. As the company has not provided any details regarding Omniveta or the transaction, our estimates should be seen as an educated guess. With this acquisition, CapitalBox is not only complementing and diversifying its product offering, it is also unlocking meaningful cross-selling potentials arising from the business combination.

New collateral lending product to decrease default risks. Apart from the acquisition of Omniveta, Multitude recently announced to have launched of a new collateral lending product for SME's. In detail, CapitalBox is offering collateral instalment loans that run from € 100k -1m, which is the kind of cash infusion that is needed for meaningful business expansion. Thanks to the collateral security, CapitalBox is expected to be able to provide greater loan amounts, as the default risks should decline significantly.

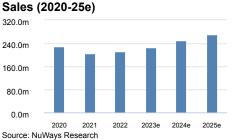
In our view, both strategic initiatives of Multitude should expand CapitalBox's market position in the SME banking segment and are line with Multitude's new strategy of strengthening its market status as an alternative lender for SME's alongside banks in Europe.

As the stock is still trading at a negative EV and a 3.2x PE'24, the growing, highly profitable, resilient and dividend paying company looks undebatable cheap.

We hence keep Multitude in our NuWays Alpha List and reiterate BUY with an unchanged € 10 PT, based on our residual income model.

Y/E 31.12 (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Sales	230.5	204.2	212.4	227.8	251.9	273.0
Sales growth	-21.4%	-11.4%	4.0%	7.2%	10.6%	8.3%
EBITDA	41.9	42.5	49.1	60.4	68.9	76.7
Net debt (if net cash=0)	-61.5	-111.6	-97.7	-107.0	-123.2	-143.5
FCF	127.8	60.2	-19.2	1.6	-1.9	5.1
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EPS pro forma	0.23	0.11	0.56	0.82	1.06	1.26
EBITDA margin	18.2%	20.8%	23.1%	26.5%	27.3%	28.1%
ROCE	4.9%	3.7%	4.0%	5.7%	6.2%	6.6%
EV/sales	0.0	-0.2	-0.1	-0.3	-0.2	-0.3
EV/EBITDA	0.0	-0.9	-0.6	-1.2	-0.8	-1.0
PER	14.7	31.2	6.1	4.1	3.2	2.7
Adjusted FCF yield	423.8%	-51.2%	-54.3%	-52.8%	-50.5%	-46.1%

Source: Company data, NuWays, Close price as of 01.03.2024



#### EBIT margin (2020-25e) 20.0% 17.5% 15.0% 12.5% 10.0% 2020 2021 2022 2023e 2024e 2025e Source: NuWays Research



Bloomberg

Reuters

WKN

ISIN

#### Comment on changes

We slightly increase our sales and EBIT estimates for FY24 and beyond in order to reflect the acquisition of Omniveta

#### ROCE (2020-25e) 6.4% 5.6% 4 8% 4.0% 3.2% 2020 2021 2022 2023e 2024e 2025e Source: NuWays Research

### **Company description**

As a pioneer in digital banking solutions, Multitude is a global service provider for developing and operating a global financial platform and offering real-time scoring, lending and banking services to consumers and companies.

### Guidance

- EBIT FY23: € 45m
- EBIT FY24: € 67.5m
- Net income FY26: € 30m



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**Share Performance** 

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High/low 52 weeks (€)

3m rel. performance

6m rel performance

Share price (in €)

Market cap (in € m)

Number of shares (in m pcs)

Ø trading volume (6 months)

Enterprise value (in € m)

12m rel. performance

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Market data

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## Financials

Profit and loss (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Sales	230.5	204.2	212.4	227.8	251.9	273.0
Sales growth	-21.4%	-11.4%	4.0%	7.2%	10.6%	8.3%
Cost of sales	91.0	71.9	78.7	83.1	88.9	95.1
Gross profit	139.5	132.3	133.7	144.7	163.1	177.8
Sales and marketing	22.7	15.6	12.2	14.9	16.3	17.6
General and administration	33.1	33.0	34.0	34.3	37.8	40.5
Research and development	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other operating income	0.5	-0.6	-0.6	0.2	0.3	0.3
Other operating expenses	42.3	40.4	37.8	35.3	40.3	43.2
Total operating expenses	97.6	89.7	84.6	84.3	94.2	101.1
Unusual or infrequent items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBITDA	41.9	42.5	49.1	60.4	68.9	76.7
Depreciation	3.2	2.9	2.6	2.3	2.5	2.7
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation of intangible assets	10.2	12.4	14.9	13.6	15.0	16.2
Impairment charges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	28.5	27.2	31.6	44.6	51.3	57.7
Interest income	0.5	3.6	0.5	2.1	1.5	1.7
Interest expenses	22.8	26.1	18.2	25.4	26.5	27.9
Investment income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial result	-22.3	-22.5	-17.8	-23.3	-24.9	-26.3
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	6.2	4.7	13.8	21.3	26.4	31.5
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings before taxes	6.2	4.7	13.8	21.3	26.4	31.5
Income tax expense	1.3	2.4	1.8	3.6	3.5	4.2
Net income (pro forma)	5.0	2.3	12.0	17.7	22.9	27.3
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	4.5	5.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Extraordinary items (net of tax)	0.0	3.3	3.7	3.7	3.7	3.7
Net profit (reported)	0.5	-6.8	8.3	14.0	19.2	23.6
Average number of shares	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6
EPS reported	0.02	-0.32	0.39	0.65	0.89	1.09

Profit and loss (common size)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales	39.5%	35.2%	37.0%	36.5%	35.3%	34.8%
Gross profit	60.5%	64.8%	63.0%	63.5%	64.7%	65.2%
Sales and marketing	9.8%	7.7%	5.7%	6.6%	6.5%	6.5%
General and administration	14.4%	16.2%	16.0%	15.0%	15.0%	14.8%
Research and development	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other operating income	0.2%	-0.3%	-0.3%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Other operating expenses	18.3%	19.8%	17.8%	15.5%	16.0%	15.8%
Total operating expenses	42.4%	43.9%	39.8%	37.0%	37.4%	37.0%
Unusual or infrequent items	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EBITDA	18.2%	20.8%	23.1%	26.5%	27.3%	28.1%
Depreciation	1.4%	1.4%	1.2%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Amortisation of intangible assets	4.4%	6.1%	7.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%
Impairment charges	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	12.4%	13.3%	14.9%	19.6%	20.4%	21.2%
Interest income	0.2%	1.8%	0.2%	0.9%	0.6%	0.6%
Interest expenses	9.9%	12.8%	8.6%	11.2%	10.5%	10.2%
Investment income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Financial result	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	2.7%	2.3%	6.5%	9.3%	10.5%	11.5%
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Earnings before taxes	2.7%	2.3%	6.5%	9.3%	10.5%	11.5%
Tax rate	20.7%	50.2%	13.3%	17.1%	13.3%	13.3%
Net income (pro forma)	2.2%	1.1%	5.6%	7.8%	9.1%	10.0%
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	2.0%	2.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Extraordinary items (net of tax)	0.0%	1.6%	1.7%	1.6%	1.5%	1.3%
Net profit (reported)	0.2%	-3.3%	3.9%	6.1%	7.6%	8.7%
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Balance sheet (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Intangible assets	38.9	35.8	31.4	30.4	30.4	29.4
Property, plant and equipment	8.1	5.0	7.7	7.2	6.7	6.2
Financial assets	5.0	6.2	28.9	40.9	40.9	40.9
FIXED ASSETS	52.0	47.1	68.0	78.5	78.0	76.5
Inventories	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts receivable	361.0	451.7	509.5	560.1	605.1	648.6
Other assets and short-term financial assets	17.6	15.9	15.7	15.7	15.7	15.7
Liquid assets	236.6	301.6	153.3	156.9	155.7	161.6
Deferred taxes	7.9	7.0	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0	1.3	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
CURRENT ASSETS	623.0	777.5	687.3	741.5	785.2	834.7
TOTAL ASSETS	675.1	824.5	755.2	820.0	863.2	911.2
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	125.6	174.8	182.0	201.7	217.5	236.3
MINORITY INTEREST	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Short-term liabilities to banks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	9.9	1.4	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.3
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)	351.4	499.9	513.3	553.6	575.9	599.4
Deferred taxes	0.3	0.2	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Deferred income	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT LIABILITIES	361.4	<b>501.4</b>	519.6	559.9	582.3	605.7
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	675.1	824.6	755.2	820.0	863.2	911.2
Balance sheet (common size)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Intangible assets	5.8%	4.3%	4.2%	3.7%	3.5%	3.2%
Property, plant and equipment	1.2%	0.6%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%
Financial assets	0.7%	0.8%	3.8%	5.0%	4.7%	4.5%
FIXED ASSETS	7.7%	5.7%	9.0%	9.6%	9.0%	8.4%
Inventories	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Accounts receivable	53.5%	54.8%	67.5%	68.3%	70.1%	71.2%
Other assets and short-term financial assets	2.6%	1.9%	2.1%	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%
Liquid assets	35.0%	36.6%	20.3%	19.1%	18.0%	17.7%
Deferred taxes	1.2%	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
CURRENT ASSETS	92.3%	94.3%	91.0%	90.4%	91.0%	91.6%
TOTAL ASSETS	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	18.6%	21.2%	24.1%	24.6%	25.2%	25.9%
MINORITY INTEREST	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Short-term liabilities to banks	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Accounts payable	1.5%	0.2%	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%
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)	52.1%	60.6%	68.0%	67.5%	66.7%	65.8%
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Source: Company data, NuWays

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Cash flow statement (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Net profit/loss	0.5	-3.5	12.0	14.0	19.2	23.6
Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases)	3.2	3.7	3.2	2.3	2.5	2.7
Amortisation of goodwill & intangible assets	10.2	13.5	15.0	13.6	15.0	16.2
Others	-2.3	-3.3	-3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operating activities	127.0	54.5	-26.5	0.1	-3.4	3.6
Increase/decrease in inventory	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in accounts receivable	-69.3	-152.9	-137.3	-129.4	-133.9	-138.6
Increase/decrease in accounts payable	-13.2	-12.6	-0.5	-1.0	-1.0	-1.0
Increase/decrease in other working capital positions	97.4	145.4	17.8	40.3	22.4	23.5
Increase/decrease in working capital	14.9	-20.0	-119.9	-90.1	-112.6	-116.1
Cash flow from operating activities	140.3	71.7	-8.3	15.9	14.1	22.6
CAPEX	12.5	11.5	10.9	14.3	16.0	17.5
Payments for acquisitions	0.0	0.0	20.8	0.0	1.0	0.0
Financial investments	1.2	0.7	3.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Income from asset disposals	0.0	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from investing activities	-13.7	-13.7	-35.3	-14.3	-17.0	-17.5
Cash flow before financing	126.6	58.0	-43.7	-1.0	-6.4	0.3
Increase/decrease in debt position	-41.0	-39.6	-97.0	4.7	5.1	5.7
Purchase of own shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital measures	0.0	50.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	3.5	4.8
Others	-2.3	-3.3	-3.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	-2.3	-0.1	-3.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from financing activities	-43.3	7.1	-100.7	2.1	1.7	0.9
Increase/decrease in liquid assets	81.0	65.0	-148.3	3.7	-1.3	6.0
Liquid assets at end of period	236.5	301.6	153.3	156.9	155.7	161.6
Key ratios (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
P&L growth analysis						
Sales growth	-21.4%	-11.4%	4.0%	7.2%	10.6%	8.3%
EBITDA growth	-2.6%	-24.5%	17.3%	42.0%	40.1%	27.0%
EBIT growth	-24.5%	-40.2%	10.8%	63.8%	62.4%	29.5%
EPS growth	-97.6%	-129.0%	1717.7%	-305.6%	131.0%	68.8%
Efficiency						
Sales per employee	347.7	286.4	278.3	280.1	291.9	299.0
EBITDA per employee	63.2	59.7	64.4	74.3	79.8	84.0
No. employees (average)	663	713	763	813	863	913
Balance sheet analysis						
Avg. working capital / sales	143.4%	203.5%	201.1%	220.4%	218.7%	219.1%
Inventory turnover (sales/inventory)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Accounts receivable turnover	480.9	480.9	480.9	480.9	480.9	480.9
Accounts payable turnover	39.8	7.2	29.3	27.7	25.9	24.2
Cash flow analysis						
Free cash flow	127.8	60.2	-19.2	1.6	-1.9	5.1
Free cash flow/sales	55.5%	29.5%	-9.1%	0.7%	-0.8%	1.9%
FCF / net profit	27910.9%	neg.	neg.	11.2%	neg.	21.6%
Capex / sales	5.9%	6.0%	6.8%	6.3%	6.4%	6.4%
Solvency						
Net debt	-61.5	-111.6	-97.7	-107.0	-123.2	-143.5
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend payout ratio	0.0%	0.0%	31.1%	25.0%	25.0%	25.0%
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Interest paid / avg. debt		16.2%	15.4%	20.070		
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Returns		16.2% 3.7%	4.0%	5.7%		6.6%
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Returns   ROCE   ROE   Adjusted FCF yield   Dividend yield   DPS   EPS reported   Average number of shares   Valuation ratios   P/BV	14.1% 4.9% 0.4% 423.8% 0.0% 0.0 0.02 21.6 0.6	3.7% -3.9% -51.2% 0.0% 0.0 -0.32 21.6	4.0% 4.6% -54.3% 3.6% 0.1 0.39 21.6	5.7% 6.9% -52.8% 4.8% 0.2 0.65 21.6	6.2% 8.8% -50.5% 6.6% 0.2 0.89 21.6	10.0% -46.1% 8.1% 0.3 1.09 21.6
Returns   ROCE   ROE   Adjusted FCF yield   Dividend yield   DPS   EPS reported   Average number of shares   Valuation ratios   P/BV   EV/sales	14.1% 4.9% 0.4% 423.8% 0.0% 0.00 0.02 21.6 0.6 0.0	3.7% -3.9% -51.2% 0.0% 0.0 -0.32 21.6 0.4 -0.2	4.0% 4.6% -54.3% 3.6% 0.1 0.39 21.6 0.4 -0.1	5.7% 6.9% -52.8% 4.8% 0.2 0.65 21.6 0.4 -0.3	6.2% 8.8% -50.5% 6.6% 0.2 0.89 21.6 0.3 -0.2	10.0% -46.1% 8.1% 0.3 1.09 21.6 0.3 -0.3
Interest paid / avg. debt Returns ROCE ROE Adjusted FCF yield Dividend yield DPS EPS reported Average number of shares Valuation ratios P/BV EV/sales EV/EBITDA EV/EBIT	14.1% 4.9% 0.4% 423.8% 0.0% 0.0 0.02 21.6 0.6	3.7% -3.9% -51.2% 0.0% 0.0 -0.32 21.6	4.0% 4.6% -54.3% 3.6% 0.1 0.39 21.6	5.7% 6.9% -52.8% 4.8% 0.2 0.65 21.6	6.2% 8.8% -50.5% 6.6% 0.2 0.89 21.6	6.6% 10.0% -46.1% 8.1% 0.3 1.09 21.6 0.3 -0.3 -1.0 -1.3

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