

**Buy** (old: Buy)

13.11.2024

**EUR 11.70** (old: EUR 11.70)

### Q3e: Further improving top-line & profitability, chg.

NFON will release Q3 figures on 21<sup>st</sup> November. Overall, we expect a solid release including further sequential improvements on top- and bottom-line. In detail:

**Q3 sales are seen to increase 5.4% yoy to € 21.6m** on the back of imposed prices increases as well as continuous seat growth. Again, we expect an increasing share of recurring revenues of 94.6%, implying recurring revenues of € 20.4m. On the other hand, non-recurring hardware sales are seen to remain muted in Q3 with € 1.2m. With this, we expect the ARPU to come in at a solid level of € 9.94. Yet, we expect a further ARPU improvement going forward, driven by (1) the up-selling of premium solutions as well as (2) the consolidation of botario effective with Q4.

On this basis, **Q3 adj. EBITDA is expected to come in at € 2.9m** (+10.3% yoy), implying a 13.3% margin. This should be partly driven by an improved gross margin but mainly by the imposed efficiency measures in personnel (eNuW: cost ratio down 1.9pp vs FY '23) and especially sales & marketing (eNuW: other OpEx -1.7pp vs FY '23). Also, **FCF should again come in strong with € 1.5m** (eNuW).

Against this backdrop, **management should confirm the FY '24 guidance**, targeting recurring revenue growth in the mid- to upper single-digit range (eNuW: +5.3% yoy), adj. EBITDA of € 10-12m (eNuW: € 11.3m) as well as a recurring revenue ratio of 90+% (eNuW: 94.3%). This **should be easily achieved**, in our view, given 9M '24e adj. EBITDA of € 8.5m as well as sequentially improving recurring revenue growth so far in 2024.

Going forward, we expect the **integration of DTS to offer further upside** as well as the consolidation of newly acquired AI-subsiary botario. Here, we also expect **strong synergies** to arise in the form of cross- and up-selling.

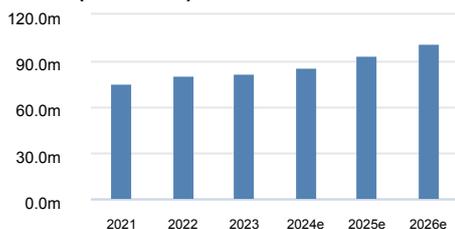
Overall, the company remains **excellently positioned** to grasp the highly promising opportunities in the European market for integrated business communication, in our view.

As valuation remains attractive at 8.4x EV/EBITDA '24e (5.5x '25e), we reiterate **BUY with an unchanged PT of € 11.70** based on DCF. **NFON also remains one of our top-picks as part of the NuWays AlphaList.**

Y/E 31.12 (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	75.9	80.8	82.3	86.1	94.0	102.1
Sales growth	12.3%	6.5%	1.9%	4.6%	9.2%	8.6%
Adj. EBITDA	-1.3	-1.0	8.4	11.3	14.7	17.8
Net debt (if net cash=0)	-22.6	-7.4	-2.4	-6.1	-11.5	-18.2
FCF	-9.7	-12.4	1.0	3.7	5.4	6.8
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EPS pro forma	-0.54	-0.94	-0.05	0.10	0.34	0.47
Adj. EBITDA margin	-1.7%	-1.2%	10.2%	13.2%	15.7%	17.4%
ROCE	-12.5%	-19.8%	-0.8%	3.7%	10.8%	15.2%
EV/sales	3.5	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7
EV/adj. EBITDA	-204.6	-82.9	10.5	7.4	5.3	4.1
PER	-10.2	-5.8	-114.5	52.6	16.1	11.6
Adjusted FCF yield	-1.6%	-8.9%	5.2%	8.7%	12.7%	10.8%

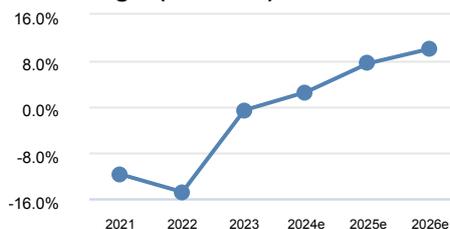
Source: Company data, NuWays, Close price as of 04.11.2024

#### Sales (2021-26e)



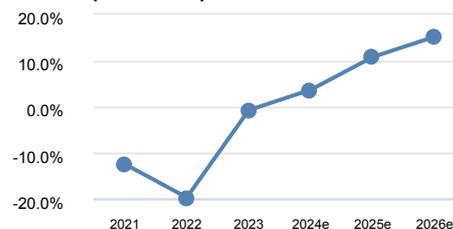
Source: NuWays Research

#### EBIT margin (2021-26e)



Source: NuWays Research

#### ROCE (2021-26e)



Source: NuWays Research

#### Company description

NFON is the German market leader for integrated business communication. NFON offers an easy-to-use, independent and reliable solution for advanced cloud business communications. Further premium and industry solutions complete the portfolio in the field of cloud communications.



#### Market data

Share price (in €)	5.40
Market cap (in € m)	90.3
Number of shares (in m pcs)	16.6
Enterprise value (in € m)	84.2
Ø trading volume (6 months)	3,049

#### Identifier

Bloomberg	NFN GR
Reuters	NFN
WKN	A0N4N5
ISIN	DE000A0N4N52

#### Key shareholders

Milestone Venture Capital	31.9%
AOC	27.6%
Universal	8.3%
Teslin	7.0%
Morgan Stanley	6.0%
Free Float	19.2%

#### Estimates changes

	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	-0%	-0%	-0%
EBIT	-31%	-3%	-0%
EPS	-33%	-2%	0%

#### Comment on changes

- Finetuned our D&A forecast

## Financials

Profit and loss (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>102.1</b>
<i>Sales growth</i>	12.3%	6.5%	1.9%	4.6%	9.2%	8.6%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>80.8</b>	<b>82.3</b>	<b>86.1</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>102.1</b>
Other operating income	0.6	1.1	0.9	0.7	0.9	1.0
Material expenses	14.5	14.4	13.0	13.6	14.6	15.3
Personnel expenses	31.7	37.4	34.9	35.1	36.0	38.3
Other operating expenses	32.3	35.3	28.6	28.1	30.1	32.2
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>10.0</b>	<b>14.3</b>	<b>17.4</b>
Adjustments	0.7	4.3	1.6	1.3	0.4	0.4
<b>Adj. EBITDA</b>	<b>-1.3</b>	<b>-1.0</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>17.8</b>
Depreciation	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.1	2.9
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation of intangible assets	3.7	3.4	3.9	4.4	4.1	4.1
Impairment charges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>EBIT (inc revaluation net)</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-12.0</b>	<b>-0.5</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Interest income	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
Interest expenses	0.3	0.2	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Investment income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial result	-0.3	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0
<b>Recurring pretax income from continuing operations</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Earnings before taxes</b>	<b>-9.2</b>	<b>-12.2</b>	<b>-0.7</b>	<b>2.0</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>10.3</b>
Income tax expense	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.3	1.4	2.6
<b>Net income from continuing operations</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net profit (reported)</b>	<b>-8.9</b>	<b>-15.6</b>	<b>-0.8</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>5.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>
Average number of shares	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6
<b>EPS reported</b>	<b>-0.54</b>	<b>-0.94</b>	<b>-0.05</b>	<b>0.10</b>	<b>0.34</b>	<b>0.47</b>

Profit and loss (common size)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
<b>Net sales</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<i>Sales growth</i>	12.3%	6.5%	1.9%	4.6%	9.2%	8.6%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Other operating income	0.7%	1.3%	1.1%	0.8%	1.0%	1.0%
Material expenses	19.0%	17.8%	15.8%	15.8%	15.5%	15.0%
Personnel expenses	41.8%	46.3%	42.4%	40.8%	38.2%	37.5%
Other operating expenses	42.6%	43.7%	34.7%	32.6%	32.0%	31.5%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>-2.6%</b>	<b>-6.5%</b>	<b>8.3%</b>	<b>11.7%</b>	<b>15.3%</b>	<b>17.0%</b>
Adjustments	0.9%	5.3%	1.9%	1.5%	0.4%	0.4%
<b>Adj. EBITDA</b>	<b>-1.7%</b>	<b>-1.2%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>13.2%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>17.4%</b>
Depreciation	4.2%	4.1%	4.2%	4.1%	3.3%	2.9%
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Amortisation of intangible assets	4.9%	4.3%	4.7%	5.1%	4.4%	4.1%
Impairment charges	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>EBIT (inc revaluation net)</b>	<b>-11.8%</b>	<b>-14.9%</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
Interest income	0.0%	0.0%	0.2%	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
Interest expenses	0.4%	0.2%	0.4%	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%
Investment income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Financial result	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	0.0%
<b>Recurring pretax income from continuing operations</b>	<b>-12.1%</b>	<b>-15.1%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Earnings before taxes</b>	<b>-12.1%</b>	<b>-15.1%</b>	<b>-0.8%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>7.4%</b>	<b>10.1%</b>
Tax rate	3.4%	-1.1%	-14.2%	15.0%	20.0%	25.0%
<b>Net income from continuing operations</b>	<b>-11.7%</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Net income</b>	<b>-11.7%</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>
Minority interest	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Net profit (reported)</b>	<b>-11.7%</b>	<b>-19.3%</b>	<b>-1.0%</b>	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>7.6%</b>

Source: Company data, NuWays

Balance sheet (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Intangible assets	30.0	34.0	35.4	35.4	36.9	38.9
Property, plant and equipment	8.2	8.7	11.6	10.4	9.7	9.3
Financial assets	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>38.8</b>	<b>43.5</b>	<b>47.7</b>	<b>46.5</b>	<b>47.3</b>	<b>48.9</b>
Inventories	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Accounts receivable	10.9	9.3	9.0	9.4	10.3	11.2
Other assets and short-term financial assets	3.6	3.1	4.0	4.0	4.0	4.0
Liquid assets	27.7	13.2	12.3	16.0	21.4	28.1
Deferred taxes	2.4	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>44.7</b>	<b>26.0</b>	<b>26.2</b>	<b>30.3</b>	<b>36.6</b>	<b>44.3</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>76.8</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>93.2</b>

<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>63.2</b>	<b>47.8</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>49.9</b>	<b>56.5</b>	<b>65.2</b>
MINORITY INTEREST	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-term liabilities to banks	3.3	4.1	8.5	8.5	8.5	8.5
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	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	2.8	2.3	3.1	3.1	3.1	3.1
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>8.3</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>
Short-term liabilities to banks	1.7	1.8	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
Accounts payable	6.1	4.2	5.0	5.2	5.7	6.2
Advance payments received on orders	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accrued taxes	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	2.8	6.5	5.8	5.8	5.8	5.8
Deferred taxes	1.3	2.5	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.2
Deferred income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>15.9</b>	<b>16.3</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>83.5</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>73.9</b>	<b>76.9</b>	<b>83.9</b>	<b>93.2</b>

Balance sheet (common size)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Intangible assets	35.9%	49.0%	47.9%	46.0%	44.0%	41.7%
Property, plant and equipment	9.8%	12.6%	15.7%	13.6%	11.6%	10.0%
Financial assets	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>	<b>46.5%</b>	<b>62.6%</b>	<b>64.6%</b>	<b>60.5%</b>	<b>56.4%</b>	<b>52.5%</b>
Inventories	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Accounts receivable	13.1%	13.4%	12.1%	12.3%	12.3%	12.0%
Other assets and short-term financial assets	4.3%	4.5%	5.4%	5.2%	4.7%	4.3%
Liquid assets	33.1%	19.0%	16.6%	20.8%	25.5%	30.2%
Deferred taxes	2.9%	0.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	0.9%
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>53.5%</b>	<b>37.4%</b>	<b>35.4%</b>	<b>39.5%</b>	<b>43.6%</b>	<b>47.5%</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

<b>SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>75.7%</b>	<b>68.9%</b>	<b>63.8%</b>	<b>64.9%</b>	<b>67.3%</b>	<b>70.0%</b>
MINORITY INTEREST	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Long-term liabilities to banks	4.0%	5.8%	11.5%	11.0%	10.1%	9.1%
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	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	3.4%	3.3%	4.2%	4.1%	3.7%	3.3%
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>10.0%</b>	<b>9.2%</b>	<b>15.7%</b>	<b>15.1%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>
Short-term liabilities to banks	2.0%	2.6%	1.9%	1.8%	1.7%	1.5%
Accounts payable	7.3%	6.1%	6.7%	6.8%	6.8%	6.6%
Advance payments received on orders	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Accrued taxes	0.0%	0.4%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%	0.9%
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	3.4%	9.4%	7.8%	7.5%	6.9%	6.2%
Deferred taxes	1.6%	3.6%	2.9%	2.8%	2.6%	2.3%
Deferred income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>14.3%</b>	<b>22.0%</b>	<b>20.5%</b>	<b>20.0%</b>	<b>18.9%</b>	<b>17.5%</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

Source: Company data, NuWays

Cash flow statement (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net profit/loss	-8.9	-15.6	-0.8	1.7	5.6	7.8
Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases)	3.2	3.3	3.5	3.5	3.1	2.9
Amortisation of goodwill & intangible assets	3.7	3.4	3.9	4.4	4.1	4.1
Other costs affecting income / expenses	0.0	3.4	0.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operating activities	-3.5	-5.8	4.6	6.8	9.4	7.4
Increase/decrease in inventory	-0.3	0.1	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0	-0.0
Increase/decrease in accounts receivable	-0.9	2.1	-0.6	-0.5	-0.9	-0.9
Increase/decrease in accounts payable	1.2	-0.8	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.5
Increase/decrease in other working capital positions	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in working capital	-0.1	1.5	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>-1.8</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>
CAPEX	7.9	8.5	5.9	5.6	7.1	7.7
Payments for acquisitions	0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Income from asset disposals	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>-8.5</b>	<b>-8.4</b>	<b>-5.9</b>	<b>-5.6</b>	<b>-7.1</b>	<b>-7.7</b>
Cash flow before financing	-10.2	-12.3	1.0	3.7	5.4	n.a.
Increase/decrease in debt position	-11.0	-2.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Purchase of own shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital measures	25.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	0.0	0.0	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Increase/decrease in liquid assets	4.6	-14.5	-0.9	3.7	5.4	n.a.
<b>Liquid assets at end of period</b>	<b>27.7</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>16.0</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>28.1</b>

Key ratios (EUR m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
<b>P&amp;L growth analysis</b>						
Sales growth	12.3%	6.5%	1.9%	4.6%	9.2%	8.6%
EBITDA growth	-186.0%	161.9%	-229.1%	47.7%	42.8%	21.1%
EBIT growth	394.5%	34.4%	-95.8%	-534.2%	221.8%	45.2%
EPS growth	261.6%	75.6%	-95.0%	-317.6%	226.7%	38.5%
<b>Efficiency</b>						
Sales per employee	238.7	226.4	215.1	440.7	458.3	522.5
EBITDA per employee	-6.3	-14.8	17.8	51.4	69.9	88.9
No. employees (average)	318	357	383	195	205	195
<b>Balance sheet analysis</b>						
Avg. working capital / sales	5.1%	-4.6%	2.3%	-2.0%	-1.0%	-1.3%
Inventory turnover (sales/inventory)	489.6	928.6	722.3	722.3	722.3	722.3
Accounts receivable turnover	52.4	41.9	39.7	40.0	40.0	40.0
Accounts payable turnover	29.3	19.0	22.0	22.0	22.0	22.0
<b>Cash flow analysis</b>						
Free cash flow	-9.7	-12.4	1.0	3.7	5.4	6.8
Free cash flow/sales	-12.7%	-15.4%	1.2%	4.3%	5.7%	6.6%
FCF / net profit	108.6%	79.5%	neg.	216.3%	96.3%	87.0%
Capex / sales	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
<b>Solvency</b>						
Net debt	-22.6	-7.4	-2.4	-6.1	-11.5	-18.2
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend payout ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Interest paid / avg. debt	2.3%	1.8%	4.9%	6.3%	5.0%	6.3%
<b>Returns</b>						
ROCE	-12.5%	-19.8%	-0.8%	3.7%	10.8%	15.2%
ROE	-14.1%	-32.7%	-1.7%	3.4%	9.9%	11.9%
Adjusted FCF yield	-1.6%	-8.9%	5.2%	8.7%	12.7%	10.8%
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
DPS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EPS reported	-0.54	-0.94	-0.05	0.10	0.34	0.47
Average number of shares	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6	16.6
<b>Valuation ratios</b>						
P/BV	1.4	1.9	1.9	1.8	1.6	1.4
EV/sales	3.5	1.0	1.1	1.0	0.8	0.7
EV/EBITDA	-133.4	-15.7	12.9	8.4	5.5	4.1
EV/EBIT	-30.0	-6.9	-173.0	38.2	11.1	7.0

Source: Company data, NuWays

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