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-24.6%

Buy (old: Buy) 10.04.2024

EUR 22.00 (old: EUR 22.00)

Strong momentum as S/4HANA effect should become visible

We hosted a digital roadshow with VOQUZ Labs CEO Martin Kögel, which provided valuable insights into the investment case. Here are the takeaways:

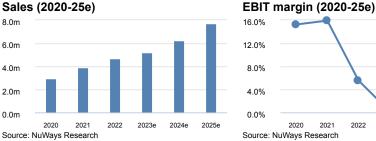
- Current trading remains on a strong level after we already saw a pick-up in demand in H2 '23 (+14% sales vs +3% in H1) as Mr. Kögel confirmed the company's growth ambitions (10-20% yoy in '24e). The latter looks set to be mainly driven by further key account wins for the company's flagship solution samQ, but also an improved contribution from visoryQ and remQ, which should be supported by the recently announced partnership with PwC (see our latest update).
- visoryQ to drive growth and margins. The self-developed solution was first launched in Q4 '22 and already contributed c. € 0.5m sales in FY '23 (eNuW). Mind you, visoryQ is an SAP-ERP business case builder, providing in-depth scenario analyses for clients in order to optimize TCO. Especially when it comes to the S/4HANA transformation, it offers valuable decision support regarding the optimal strategy and should hence be in brisk demand of yet to migrate customers given the economic significance of the conversion. As the transformation is seen to accelerate in the coming quarters, VO-QUZ looks set to be a main beneficiary, as we expect visoryQ sales to develop dynamically at a 65% CAGR '23p-26e.
- M&A: With the acquisition of remedyne in 2023, VOQUZ tipped off its pursued buy and build strategy, which it intends to continue in 2024, as Management is already screening the market for possible targets. VOQUZ is seen to target companies in the SAP add-on space in order to facilitate cross-selling potential. Moreover, acquired solutions should be internationally applicable without any specific industry focus industry focus. While smaller targets like remedyne (€ 0.3m acquisition volume) could be financed out of the CFO, CEO Kögel intended that the company would likely need to tap the capital market in order to perform a larger acquisition.

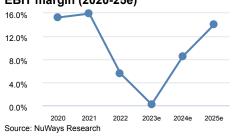
Considering the excellent growth prospects of the company as well as the high scalability of the business model, the stock looks undervalued trading on a mere 1.2x EV/Sales and 8.0x EV/EBITDA '24e (0.9x/ 4.5x based on FY25e) while providing attractive returns on the other hand.

We hence reiterate BUY with an unchanged PT of € 22.00 based on DCF.

Y/E 31.12 (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Sales	3.0	3.9	4.7	5.2	6.2	7.8
Sales growth	66.4%	31.3%	21.4%	10.6%	19.1%	24.9%
EBITDA	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.6
Net debt (if net cash=0)	-0.1	-1.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.6
FCF	0.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.2	0.4	0.5
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
EPS pro forma	n.a.	0.46	0.06	-0.28	0.35	0.73
EBITDA margin	22.4%	24.7%	13.2%	8.6%	15.5%	20.5%
ROCE	70.6%	37.0%	10.4%	0.3%	20.4%	33.5%
EV/sales	-0.0	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.9
EV/EBITDA	-0.2	7.2	12.3	18.0	8.0	4.5
PER	n.a.	16.2	116.8	-26.9	21.1	10.3
Adjusted FCF yield	-266.3%	9.4%	3.2%	-0.5%	8.1%	14.9%

Source: Company data, NuWays, Close price as of 09.04.2024





ROCE (2020-25e) 60.0% 40.0% 20.0% 0.0% 2020 2021 2022 2023e 2024e 2025e Source: NuWays Research

Company description

VOQUZ is a leading developer and provider of Software Asset Management (SAM) solutions with a clear focus on SAP license and authorization management.

Share Performance 14.40 13.20 12.00 9.60 8.40 7.20 6.00 4.80 07/23 09/23 01/24 High/low 52 weeks (€) 13.50 / 5.00 3m rel. performance 80.3% 6m rel performance 28.7%

Market data					
Share price (in €)	11.20				
Market cap (in € m)	7.8				
Number of shares (in m pcs)	1.1				
Enterprise value (in € m)	7.7				
Ø trading volume (6 months)	25				

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Reuters	HC7.DE				
WKN	A3CSTW				
ISIN	DE000A3CSTW4				

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VOQUZ Technology GmbH	75.6%				
Peter Rattey	11.4%				
Free Float	13.0%				

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

- Sustained double digit sales growth
- Mid-term: > 20% EBITDA margin

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Financials

Profit and loss (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025€
Net sales	3.0	3.9	4.7	5.2	6.2	7.8
Sales growth	66.4%	31.3%	21.4%	10.6%	19.1%	24.9%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
Total sales	3.1	4.2	5.0	5.5	6.7	8.3
Other operating income	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Material expenses	0.6	0.7	1.0	1.0	1.1	1.2
Personnel expenses	0.6	0.9	1.4	2.1	1.7	1.9
Other operating expenses	1.5	1.7	2.2	2.9	3.1	3.9
Total operating expenses	2.5	3.2	4.3	5.6	5.7	6.7
EBITDA	0.7	1.0	0.6	0.4	1.0	1.0
Depreciation	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.5
EBITA	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.5	1.1
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation of intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Impairment charges	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	0.5	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.5	1.1
Interest income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest expenses	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Investment income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial result	-0.0	0.0	-0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.5	1.1
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings before taxes	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.0	0.5	1.1
Income tax expense	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.3
Net income from continuing operations	0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.8
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income	0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.0
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit (reported)	0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.0
Average number of shares	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
EPS reported	n.a.	0.46	0.06	-0.28	0.35	0.73
Profit and loss (common size)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sales growth	66.4%	31.3%	21.4%	10.6%	19.1%	24.9%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	5.8%	7.1%	5.2%	5.6%	7.0%	7.0%
Total sales	105.8%	107.1%	105.2%	105.6%	107.0%	107.0%
Other operating income	5.3%	2.2%	3.7%	5.8%	4.0%	4.5%
Material expenses	18.8%	17.8%	20.3%	18.3%	18.0%	16.0%
Personnel expenses	19.7%	23.0%	28.9%	39.5%	27.5%	25.0%
Other operating expenses	50.1%	43.9%	46.6%	55.9%	50.0%	50.0%
Total operating expenses	83.4%	82.4%	92.0%	108.0%	91.5%	86.5%
EBITDA	22.4%	24.7%	13.2%	8.6%	15.5%	20.5%
Depreciation	7.1%	8.7%	7.7%	8.4%	7.0%	6.5%
EBITA	15.3%	15.9%	5.5%	0.2%	8.5%	14.0%
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Amortisation of intangible assets	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Impairment charges	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EBIT (inc revaluation net)	15.3%	15.9%	5.5%	0.2%	8.5%	14.0%
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nterest expenses	0.1%	-0.2%	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Investment income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Financial result	neg.	0.2%	neg.	neg.	0.0%	0.0%
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	15.2%	16.1%	5.5%	0.0%	8.5%	14.0%
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Earnings before taxes	15.2%	16.1%	5.5%	0.0%	8.5%	14.0%
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Net profit (reported)
Source: Company data, NuWays

Net income Minority interest

Net income from continuing operations

Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)

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Balance sheet (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Intangible assets	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Property, plant and equipment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial assets	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FIXED ASSETS	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5	1.5
Inventories	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1
Accounts receivable	1.0	1.8	2.5	2.6	2.6	3.0
Other assets and short-term financial assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Liquid assets	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.0
Deferred taxes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
CURRENT ASSETS	1.2	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.3	4.2
TOTAL ASSETS	2.8	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.8	5.7
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	0.7	1.9	2.0	1.5	1.9	2.8
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	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3
Short-term liabilities to banks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.7	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)	1.0	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Deferred taxes	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
Deferred income	0.3	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
CURRENT LIABILITIES	1.3	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.1	1.1
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	2.8	4.4	4.5	4.4	4.8	5.7
Balance sheet (common size)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Intangible assets	54.4%	34.1%	33.3%	33.8%	31.0%	25.9%
Property, plant and equipment	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Financial assets	3.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FIXED ASSETS	58.2%	34.2%	33.4%	33.9%	31.1%	26.0%
Inventories	1.1%	1.1%	0.0%	1.5%	1.6%	1.7%
Accounts receivable	34.6%	40.3%	56.7%	58.5%	53.2%	51.9%
Other assets and short-term financial assets	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Liquid assets	3.7%	21.8%	6.2%	2.4%	10.7%	17.6%
Deferred taxes	0.0%	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%	0.7%
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	2.4%	1.7%	2.7%	2.8%	2.5%	2.1%
CURRENT ASSETS	41.8%	65.8%	66.6%	66.1%	68.9%	74.0%
TOTAL ASSETS	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	23.7%	44.3%	44.3%	34.0%	39.7%	48.1%
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	10.3%	7.5%	4.5%	5.2%	5.3%	4.9%
Short-term liabilities to banks	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Accounts payable	10.3%	8.3%	11.9%	16.3%	14.2%	13.0%
Advance payments received on orders	0.0%	0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	37.3%	18.9%	8.4%	8.5%	7.8%	6.5%
Deferred taxes	7.8%	5.2%	5.3%	5.4%	5.0%	4.1%
Deferred income	10.6%	12.1%	15.7%	15.9%	14.6%	12.2%
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CURRENT LIABILITIES	47.6%	27.7%	20.3%	24.8%	22.0%	19.5%

Source: Company data, NuWays

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Cash flow statement (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Net profit/loss	0.4	0.5	0.1	-0.3	0.4	0.8
Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases)	0.4	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.5
Amortisation of goodwill & intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other costs affecting income / expenses	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operating activities	0.3	0.4	-0.1	0.0	0.6	0.7
Increase/decrease in inventory	0.3	0.5	0.0	-0.1	-0.0	-0.0
Increase/decrease in accounts receivable	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.0	0.0	-0.4
Increase/decrease in accounts payable	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	-0.0	0.1
Increase/decrease in other working capital positions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in working capital	-0.2 0.4	-0.2 0.6	-0.6 0.1	0.1 0.2	-0.0 0.8	-0.4 0.9
Cash flow from operating activities CAPEX	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.4	0.8	0.9
Payments for acquisitions	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial investments	0.6	0.2	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0
Income from asset disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from investing activities	-0.6	-0.2	-0.4	-0.6	-0.4	-0.4
Cash flow before financing	-0.2	0.4	-0.3	-0.4	0.4	0.5
Increase/decrease in debt position	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
Purchase of own shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital measures	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others Effects of evolutions rate changes on each	0.1	0.0	-0.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash Cash flow from financing activities	0.0 0.1	0.0 0.4	0.0 -0.4	0.0 0.2	0.0 0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in liquid assets	-0.0	0.4	-0. 4 -0.7	-0.2	0.4	0.5
Liquid assets at end of period	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.1	0.5	1.0
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Key ratios (EUR m)	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
P&L growth analysis						
Sales growth	66.4%	31.3%	21.4%	10.6%	19.1%	24.9%
EBITDA growth	414.2%	44.8% 37.2%	-34.9% -57.9%	-28.1% -96.8%	114.7%	65.2%
EBIT growth EPS growth	-2326.0% n.a.	37.2% n.a.	-57.9% -86.1%	-96.6% -534.5%	6322.2% -227.2%	105.7% 105.7%
Efficiency	11.a.	II.a.	-00.170	-334.370	-221.270	103.7 /0
Sales per employee	98.8	129.7	135.0	121.5	128.8	146.3
EBITDA per employee	22.1	32.0	17.9	10.4	20.0	30.0
No. employees (average)	30	30	35	43	48	53
Balance sheet analysis						
Avg. working capital / sales	24.1%	26.5%	28.8%	32.1%	31.8%	27.4%
Inventory turnover (sales/inventory)	92.6	77.8	n.a.	80.0	80.0	80.0
Accounts receivable turnover	119.6	164.9	196.0	180.0	150.0	140.0
Accounts payable turnover	35.6	34.0	41.2	50.0	40.0	35.0
Cash flow analysis Free cash flow	0.4	0.6	-0.3	-0.2	0.4	0.5
Free cash flow/sales	13.6%	14.8%	-6.2%	-3.3%	6.5%	6.4%
FCF / net profit	91.4%	119.3%	neg.	59.2%	109.5%	65.4%
Capex / sales	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Solvency						
Net debt	-0.1	-1.0	-0.1	0.3	-0.1	-0.6
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.0
Dividend payout ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Interest paid / avg. debt	n.a.	-21.8%	0.6%	1.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Returns POCE	70.69/	27 ∩0/	10 40/	U 30/	20.40/	22 50/
ROCE ROE	70.6% 66.1%	37.0% 25.0%	10.4% 3.4%	0.3% -19.4%	20.4% 19.4%	33.5% 27.6%
Adjusted FCF yield	-266.3%	9.4%	3.4%	-19.4% -0.5%	8.1%	14.9%
Dividend yield	200.070	-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	n.a.	0.46	0.06	-0.28	0.35	0.73
Average number of shares	0.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Valuation ratios						
P/BV	n.a.	4.1	4.0	5.2	4.1	2.8
EV/sales	-0.0	1.8	1.6	1.5	1.2	0.9
EV/EBITDA	-0.2	7.2	12.3	18.0	8.0	4.5
EV/EBIT	-0.2	11.1	29.6	981.9	14.5	6.6
Source: Company data, NuWays						

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Company	Date	Analyst	Rating	Target Price	Close		
VOQUZ Labs AG	06.03.2024	Sennewald, Philipp	Buy	EUR 22.00	EUR 8.50		
	20.11.2023	Sennewald, Philipp	Buy	EUR 20.00	EUR 7.45		
	28.04.2023	Sennewald, Philipp	Buy	EUR 32.00	EUR 13.00		
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