

Schloss Wachenheim AG

Germany / Food & beverages Primary exchange: Frankfurt Bloomberg: SWA GR ISIN: DE0007229007

Q1 2024/25 results

RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY € 22.00

Return Potential 46.7% Risk Rating Medium

SALES GROWTH TO PICK UP; ON TRACK FOR FY 2024/25 GUIDANCE

Volume fell 2.8% in Q1 24/25, driven mainly by a decline in exports from France. Sales outperformed volume, declining 0.3% to €102.4m (Q1 23/24: €102.7m; FBe: €105.3m) due to price rises implemented by SWA to cover higher raw material costs, as well as product mix and foreign currency effects. EBIT came in at €4.2m (Q1 23/24: €6.5m; FBe: €5.5m). Exports from France have been falling for a year and we see limited scope for further declines. We expect France segment y-o-y sales comparisons to turn positive during the remaining quarters of the 2024/25 financial year (ends 30 June). At the same time, consumer confidence is improving moderately across SWA's markets as inflation falls and recent losses in purchasing power are at least partially compensated by wage and salary rises. Management is upbeat about the crucial Christmas quarter and has reiterated full-year guidance for a 5-7% increase in sales and EBIT in the range €31m-€33m. We maintain our Buy recommendation at an unchanged price target of €22.

Price rises outweighed Germany segment volume decline
Volume in Germany fell slightly to 19.3m bottles (Q1 23/24: 19.5m bottles). The volume reduction was concentrated almost entirely on Schloss Wachenheim AG (the non-retail part of the Germany segment), and within Schloss Wachenheim AG, on the children's party drink, Robby Bubble. Sales of de-alcoholised drinks such as Light Live and Eisberg continued to rise. Price rises implemented to cover increased raw wine and other raw material costs, as well as changes in the product mix, pushed overall segment sales ahead by 2.6% to €36.1m (Q1 23/24: €35.2m). Segment gross profit at €15.3m (Q1 23/24:€15.4m) was little changed. EBIT fell to €0.5m (Q1 23/24: €1.3m) due to higher personnel and freight costs, as well as lower other operating income.

Export markets accounted for all of 7.7% France segment volume decline In France, volume fell 7.7% to 12.7m bottles (Q1 23/24: 13.8m bottles). The decline was attributable to export markets, while domestic volume grew. (p.t.o.)

FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24E	2024/25E	2025/26E
Revenue (€m)	354.6	384.0	425.8	441.5	465.3	493.2
Y-o-y growth	4.8%	8.3%	10.9%	3.7%	5.4%	6.0%
EBIT (€m)	24.4	29.2	27.4	28.2	31.1	35.2
EBIT margin	6.9%	7.6%	6.4%	6.4%	6.7%	7.1%
Net income (€m)	10.4	13.7	10.9	9.5	11.9	14.1
EPS (diluted) (€)	1.32	1.73	1.38	1.20	1.51	1.78
DPS (€)	0.50	0.60	0.60	0.60	0.70	0.80
FCF (€m)	27.4	4.0	12.6	-2.6	19.6	12.6
Net gearing	26.8%	29.2%	29.4%	36.5%	30.4%	28.2%
Liquid assets (€m)	7.7	7.1	7.5	7.7	9.3	9.9

RISKS

Risks to our price target include, but are not limited to: intensification of price pressure in Germany; currency volatility on the group's East Central Europe markets.

COMPANY PROFILE

Schloss Wachenheim AG is one of the world's largest producers of sparkling wine. The company is the number three producer in its home market of Germany (32% of 2023/24 group sales) and number one in France with a 40% market share. Some 47% of group sales are generated in East Central Europe through the 61%-owned subsidiary, Ambra.

MARKET DATA	As of 08 Nov 2024
Closing Price	€ 15.00
Shares outstanding	7.92m
Market Capitalisation	€ 118.80m
52-week Range	€ 14.70 / 17.10
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	829

Multiples	2022/23	2023/24E	2024/25E
P/E	10.9	12.5	9.9
EV/Sales	0.5	0.5	0.5
EV/EBIT	7.8	7.6	6.9
Div Vield	4.0%	4.0%	4 7%

STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA	As of 30 Sep 2024
Liquid Assets	€ 10.68m
Current Assets	€ 243.10m
Intangible Assets	€ 100.40m
Total Assets	€ 475.80m
Current Liabilities	€ 157.69m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 255.44m

SHAREHOLDERS

Günther Reh AG	70.1%
Free float	29.9%

Figure 1: Q1 24/25 results versus our forecasts

€m	Q1 24/25A	Q1 24/25E	Δ	Q1 23/24A	Δ
Sales	102.36	105.31	-2.8%	102.65	-0.3%
by region:					
Germany	36.14	37.32	-3.2%	35.21	2.6%
France	22.98	23.50	-2.2%	24.69	-6.9%
East Central Europe	45.01	45.82	-1.8%	44.06	2.2%
Eliminations	-1.78	-1.33	n.a.	-1.30	n.a.
EBIT	4.23	5.45	-22.5%	6.45	-34.5%
margin (%)	4.1%	5.2%	-	6.3%	-
by region					
Germany	0.50	0.75	-32.5%	1.29	-61.0%
margin (%)	1.4%	2.0%	-	3.7%	-
France	0.34	0.94	n.a.	1.25	n.a.
margin (%)	1.5%	4.0%	-	5.0%	-
East Central Europe	3.48	3.67	-5.0%	3.90	-10.8%
margin (%)	7.7%	8.0%	-	8.9%	-
Other/eliminations	-0.10	0.10	n.a.	0.01	n.a.
Net profit before	2.11	3.50	-39.7%	4.40	-52.1%
non-controlling interests	2.11	3.50	-33.1 /0	7.70	-52.170
Net profit after	0.63	1.90	-66.6%	2.77	-77.1%
non-controlling interests EPS (€)	0.08	0.24	-66.6%	0.35	-77.1%
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Source: SWA; First Berlin Equity Research estimates

Sales slightly outperformed volume, falling 6.9% to €23.0m (Q1 23/24: €24.7m). Changes in the product mix and higher procurement prices meant that gross profit fell 15.6% to €7.8m (Q1 23/24: €9.3m), equivalent to a margin of 34.0% (Q1 23/24: 37.5%). Lower energy (-€0.4m) and freight costs (-€0.2m) lessened the impact of the decline in gross profit, but segment EBIT nevertheless fell to €0.3m (Q1 23/24: €1.2m).

In East Central Europe higher operating costs outweighed gross margin improvement

Volume in East Central Europe edged downward to 20.5m bottles (Q1 22/23: 20.6m bottles). The number of bottles sold fell slightly in Poland and the Czech Republic but rose slightly in Romania and Slovakia. The decline in segment volume was mainly attributable to cider and sparklings, while de-alcoholised drinks and wine cocktails grew. Reported sales climbed 2.2% to €45.0m (Q1 23/24: €44.1m), but would have declined 2.2% on a constant currency basis. Changes in raw material prices and the product mix pushed gross profit up 10.4% to €19.5m (Q1 23/24: €17.7m), equivalent to a margin of 43.4% (Q1 23/24: 40.1%). However, EBIT fell to €3.5m (Q1 23/24: €3.9m) due to higher personnel (+€1.0m), advertising (+€0.4m), freight (+€0.4m) and IT costs (+€0.2m).

Increase in net gearing to 37.1% (Q1 23/24: 33.2%) Net profit before minorities declined to €2.1m in Q1 24/25 (Q1 23/24: €4.4m). However, a €2.9m swing in other non-cash items to €0.5m meant that cashflow before changes in working capital climbed 7.1% to €6.9m (Q1 23/24: €6.5m). Working capital consumed cash of €47m in Q1 24/25 (Q1 23/24: cash consumption of €10.3m). The reduction in the working capital-related cash outflow stemmed chiefly from lower declines in trade payables and other current liabilities than in the prior year period. Operating cash flow after changes in working capital came in at €2.3m (Q1 23/24: €-3.9m).

Cash outflow from investing fell to €4.5m (Q1 23/24: €5.6m). As in Q1 23/24, investment in Q1 24/25 was concentrated on the transfer of production capacity in France from Wissembourg to Tournan-en-Brie and on the expansion and modernisation of production at Bilgoraj in Poland. In Q1 23/24 SWA also invested €2m in 70% stakes in the Romanian companies, Vitis Prod and Domeniile Dealu Mare. Free cash flow was €-2.2m (Q1 23/24: €-9.5m). Cashflow from financing of €5.2m (Q1 23/24 €10.7m) was comprised of new debt. Net cash inflow was €3.0m (Q1 23/24: €1.4m). Net debt including pension and leasing liabilities rose €2.5m during the quarter to €94.7m (equivalent to net gearing of 37.1%). In Q1 23/24 net debt including pension and leasing liabilities rose €9.8m to €80.6m (equivalent to net gearing of 33.2%).

Figure 2: Changes to our forecasts

		2024/25E			2025/26E	
All figures in €m	old	new	Δ	old	new	Δ
Sales	470.87	465.27	-1.2%	498.43	493.20	-1.0%
by region:						
Germany	153.10	155.58	1.6%	157.69	163.36	3.6%
France	97.86	95.59	-2.3%	100.79	98.46	-2.3%
East Central Europe	227.42	221.51	-2.6%	247.88	239.23	-3.5%
Eliminations	-7.50	-7.41	-	-7.94	-7.85	-
EBIT	32.06	31.09	-3.0%	36.32	35.21	-3.1%
Margin	6.8%	6.7%	-	7.3%	7.1%	-
by region:						
Germany	4.59	6.71	46.0%	3.94	4.08	3.6%
margin (%)	3.0%	4.3%	-	2.5%	2.5%	-
France	3.52	2.41	-31.6%	5.04	4.92	-2.3%
margin (%)	3.6%	2.5%	-	5.0%	5.0%	-
East Central Europe	23.88	22.07	-7.6%	27.27	26.32	-3.5%
margin (%)	10.5%	10.0%	-	11.0%	11.0%	-
Eliminations	0.07	-0.10	n.a.	0.07	-0.11	n.a.
Net profit before	21.16	20.39	-3.6%	24.81	24.15	-2.7%
non-controlling interests						
Net profit after	12.03	11.95	-0.7%	14.38	14.09	-2.1%
non-controlling interests						
EPS€	1.52	1.51	-0.7%	1.82	1.78	-2.1%

Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates

Buy recommendation maintained at unchanged price target of €22 Although Q1 24/25 results were slightly weaker than our forecast, we have made only small changes to our projections for FY 2024/25 and subsequent years. Exports from France, which the main driver of the decline in Q1 24/25 volume, began falling in Q1 23/24 and we see limited scope for further y-o-y declines. We expect France segment sales comparisons to turn positive during the remaining quarters of the 2024/25 financial year. At the same time consumer confidence is improving moderately across SWA's markets as inflation falls and recent losses in purchasing power are at least partially compensated by wage and salary rises. The first quarter of SWA's financial year usually accounts for less than a quarter of annual sales whereas the Christmas quarter regularly contributes around a third of sales and more than half of annual profit. Management is upbeat about the crucial Christmas quarter and has reiterated full-year guidance for a 5-7% increase in sales and EBIT in the range €31m-€33m. We maintain out Buy recommendation and price target of €22.



DCF MODEL

All figures in EUR 000s	2024/25E	2025/26E	2026/27E	2027/28E	2028/29E	2029/30E	2030/31E	2031/32E	2032/33E	2033/34E	2034/35E
Net sales	465,273	493,196	519,766	546,418	574,855	605,209	637,626	672,262	705,548	736,844	769,762
NOPLAT	24,609	27,863	29,732	29,511	31,459	33,553	35,804	36,729	38,928	40,969	42,944
+ depreciation & amortisation	-17,031	-17,930	-18,766	-19,592	-20,468	-21,397	-22,384	-23,432	-24,416	-25,315	-26,253
Net operating cash flow	41,641	45,793	48,499	49,103	51,927	54,950	58,188	60,161	63,344	66,283	69,197
- total investments (CAPEX and WC)	-17,751	-29,391	-29,248	-29,774	-28,707	-32,779	-34,184	-35,655	-35,829	-35,000	-36,850
Capital expenditures	-21,980	-21,522	-21,760	-22,262	-20,693	-24,225	-25,048	-25,894	-26,095	-26,164	-27,556
Working capital	4,229	-7,869	-7,488	-7,511	-8,014	-8,555	-9,136	-9,761	-9,734	-8,836	-9,293
Free cash flows (FCF)	23,889	16,402	19,251	19,330	23,221	22,171	24,004	24,506	27,515	31,284	32,347
PV of FCF's	22,433	13,945	14,819	13,472	14,653	12,667	12,417	11,477	11,667	12,010	11,244

All figures in EUR 000s	
PV of FCFs in explicit period (2023/24-2034/35)	150,803
PV of FCFs in terminal period	163,721
Enterprise value (EV)	314,524
Average net debt (most recent four quarters)	-90,156
Investments / minority interests	-50,166
Shareholder value	174,202
Fair value per share in EUR	22.00

WACC	10.4%
Cost of equity	12.6%
Pre-tax cost of debt	5.0%
Tax rate	23.0%
After-tax cost of debt	3.9%
Share of equity capital	75.0%
Share of debt capital	25.0%
Price target in EUR	22.00

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	Terminal growth rate										
		0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%			
	8.9%	28.73	29.62	30.63	31.79	33.13	34.69	36.54			
	9.4%	25.62	26.34	27.15	28.06	29.11	30.32	31.74			
NAC.	9.9%	22.87	23.45	24.10	24.83	25.66	26.60	27.70			
₹	10.4%	20.42	20.89	21.41	22.00	22.65	23.40	24.25			
	10.9%	18.22	18.60	19.02	19.49	20.02	20.61	21.28			
	11.4%	16.24	16.55	16.89	17.27	17.69	18.16	18.69			
	11.9%	14.45	14.70	14.98	15.28	15.62	15.99	16.41			



INCOME STATEMENT

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Revenues	All figures in €000s	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25E	FY 25/26E
Cost of materials -198,789 -220,798 -256,676 -256,689 -267,532 -283,888 Gross Profit 153,836 166,484 178,933 183,572 197,741 209,608 Other operating income 4,323 4,027 5,665 6,747 5,148 5,425 Personnel expenses -60,225 -61,505 -64,801 -72,623 -74,444 -78,911 Depreciation -15,151 -15,841 -17,087 -21,816 -17,031 -17,931 Restructuring France 0 0 -4,446 -837 0 0 Other operating expenses -58,359 -63,980 -70,288 -70,553 -80,297 -82,984 Operating Income (EBIT) 24,424 29,185 27,376 28,190 31,087 35,208 Associates 77 317 236 32,90 200 200 Net interest income -15,509 -1,807 -3,156 -5,371 -5,532 -4,892 Pretax profit (EBT) 22,992<	Revenues	354,584	383,975	425,753	441,505	465,273	493,196
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BALANCE SHEET

11 November 2024

All figures in €000s	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25E	FY 25/26E
Assets_						
Current assets, total	179,147	203,784	232,287	238,622	243,839	258,473
Cash and cash equivalents	7,680	7,133	7,457	7,673	9,305	9,864
Other receivables and short-term assets	9,093	8,610	6,214	9,747	10,272	10,888
Trade accounts and notes receivables	53,753	59,335	64,370	71,036	70,722	74,966
Inventories	108,621	128,706	154,246	150,166	153,540	162,755
Non-Current Assets, total	198,884	204,833	212,434	231,659	236,125	240,000
Property, plant and equipment	97,513	103,845	110,405	124,673	128,979	130,802
Goodwill + intangible assets	96,082	95,225	95,701	99,780	100,422	102,191
Other financial assets	3,709	3,889	4,230	5,128	5,328	5,528
Deferred taxes + prepaid expenses	1,580	1,874	2,098	2,078	1,396	1,480
Long term assets for sale	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Assets	378,031	408,617	444,721	470,281	479,964	498,473
Shareholders' equity & debt						
Current Liabilities, total	115,034	132,501	152,177	156,604	158,041	162,636
Current provisions	7,422	6,562	8,333	8,690	9,355	9,817
Short-term financial debt	28,849	36,238	44,543	57,536	50,775	49,032
Trade payables	44,734	55,158	61,953	56,550	59,594	63,171
Prepayments, deferred charges & other liabilities	34,029	34,543	37,348	33,828	38,316	40,615
Long term liabilities, total	48,003	49,715	51,360	60,958	53,752	54,586
Long-term financial debt	34,121	34,849	31,832	40,349	37,957	38,017
Pension accruals and similar liabilities	2,405	2,150	1,936	1,982	2,101	2,227
Other long-term debt	1,095	1,138	5,291	5,217	5,498	5,828
Deferred taxes	10,382	11,578	12,301	13,410	8,196	8,514
Shareholders' equity	174,547	183,479	191,718	197,448	204,459	207,475
Minority interests	40,447	42,922	49,466	55,271	63,712	73,777
Total shareholders' equity & debt	378,031	408,617	444,721	470,281	479,964	498,473
Ratios						
Current ratio (x)	1.56	1.54	1.53	1.52	1.54	1.59
Quick ratio (x)	0.61	0.57	0.51	0.56	0.57	0.59
Financial leverage (including pension liabilities)	26.8%	29.2%	29.4%	36.5%	30.4%	28.2%
Book value per share (€)	22.04	23.16	24.20	24.92	25.80	26.18
Net debt (including pension liabilities)	57,695	66,104	70,854	92,194	81,528	79,412
Return on equity (ROE)	5.0%	6.2%	4.7%	3.8%	4.6%	5.1%



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

11 November 2024

All figures in €000s	FY 20/21	FY 21/22	FY 22/23	FY 23/24	FY 24/25E	FY 25/26E
Net profit before minorities	17,653	21,215	19,024	18,465	20,388	24,150
Depreciation and amortisation	15,151	15,841	17,087	18,116	17,031	17,930
Change in w orking capital	10,867	-14,422	-16,962	-18,485	4,229	-7,869
Other	-1,015	-716	7,276	2,016	-81	-74
Operating cash flow	42,656	21,918	26,425	20,112	41,568	34,137
CAPEX	-18,165	-18,389	-14,314	-23,262	-21,980	-21,522
Fixed asset sales	2,862	500	930	545	0	0
Investing cash flow	-15,303	-17,889	-13,834	-22,717	-21,980	-21,522
Free cash flow	27,353	4,029	12,591	-2,605	19,588	12,615
Change in financial liabilities	-19,377	3,603	-4,414	11,636	-9,153	-1,683
Dividends to shareholders	-3,168	-3,960	-4,752	-4,752	-4,752	-5,544
Dividends to susbidiaries of minorities	-3,048	-4,382	-3,152	-4,019	-4,051	-4,829
Other	0	0	0	0	0	0
Financing cash flow	-25,593	-4,739	-12,318	2,865	-17,955	-12,057
Change in cash	1,760	-710	723	260	1,632	558
Consolidation; exchange rate effects	-95	163	-399	-44	0	0
Liquid funds, start of the year	6,015	7,680	7,133	7,457	7,673	9,305
Liquid funds, end of the year	7,680	7,133	7,457	7,673	9,305	9,864
Free cash flow per share (€)	3.45	0.51	1.59	-0.33	2.47	159
Y-Y growth						
Operating cash flow	229.2%	-48.6%	20.6%	-23.9%	106.7%	-17.9%
Free cash flow	11589.3%	-85.3%	212.5%	-120.7%	-851.9%	-35.6%
Financial cash flow	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.



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		0 - 2 billion		
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Buy	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 25%	> 15%	
Add	An expected favourable price trend of:	0% to 25%	0% to 15%	
Reduce	An expected negative price trend of:	0% to -15%	0% to -10%	
Sell	An expected negative price trend of:	< -15%	< -10%	

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58	15 November 2022	€15.40	Buy	€22.00
59	27 February 2023	€15.50	Buy	€21.00
60	11 May 2023	€15.80	Buy	€22.00
61	26 September 2023	€16.40	Buy	€22.00
62	13 November 2023	€16.80	Buy	€22.00
63	26 February 2024	€15.50	Buy	€22.00
64	13 May 2024	€15.10	Buy	€22.00
65	30 September 2024	€15.60	Buy	€22.00
66	Today	€15.00	Buy	€22.00

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