

MLP SE

Financial Services - Germany

Buy (old: Buy)

14.03.2025

EUR 13.00 (old: EUR 12.50)

Q4 in line; dividend and new mid-term targets out; chg. est & PT

Q4 in line: Q4 total sales stood at € 303m (eNuW: € 303m; +5% yoy), whereas EBIT expanded by 12% yoy at € 29m (eNuW: € 29m), thus reaching the upper end of the EBIT guidance of € 85-95m (FY'24: € 95m). The main driver of Q4 EBIT in particular was the absence of a goodwill impairment (vs. € 4m in Q4'23). The FY'24 EBIT benefitted from performance fees of € 34m (eNuW: € 28m) and a solid banking business (NIC: € 56m), but were also dragged down by the RE segment (€ -12m EBIT). - see p. 2 for detailed sales split

20% dividend raise: Following an EPS increase by 43%, management proposed a dividend increase by 20% yoy to € 0.36 per share (eNuW: € 0.36), after 3 years of keeping DPS flat at € 0.30. This currently yields 5.1% and is tax-free according to § 27 KStG.

FY'25e guidance: As expected, MLP guides for € 100-110m EBIT (i.e. the old mid-term targets), which implies an EBIT expansion of 5-15% yoy, which is in line with our estimates (eNuW: € 105m). As we expect a lower performance fees than last year (eNuW: € 4m in '25 vs. € 34m in '24), the main EBIT driver should be the EBIT break-even in the RE segment Deutschland.Immobilien (FY'24: € -12m EBIT vs. eNuW: € 2m in '25e). - for a detailed EBIT breakdown see p. 2

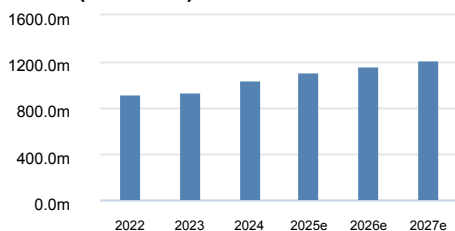
New FY'28e mid-term targets: MLP expects sales between € 1,300-1,400m (eNuW: € 1,309m) and an EBIT between € 140-150m (eNuW: € 141m) by FY'28e, which implies top line CAGRs of 5-7% coupled with a EBIT margin expansion to 10-12% (FY'24: 9.2%). Furthermore, MLP aims for € 75-81bn AuMs (eNuW: € 77.3bn) and a non-life insurance volume of € 1,000-1,100m (eNuW: € 1,036m). Assuming the dividend policy of a 50-70% payout, and based on an EPS between € 0.90-0.95 by FY'28e, the dividend should grow with a CAGR of 12% at mid-point, making MLP an attractive dividend payer, in our view. All of the targets are in line with our estimates and should thus be well achievable.

Mid-term targets rely on persistent demographic trends: In our view, the targets show the management's confidence in its steadily growing, well diversified and resilient business model. In particular, we like to see that the targets are less prone to short-term macroeconomic developments, but rely on undisputable demographic trends visible all around. For example, baby boomers are starting to retire and at the same time an inheritance wave is visible (c. € 400bn inheritances annually in Germany). -cont'd-

Y/E 31.12 (EUR m)	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Sales	913.8	941.1	1,037.5	1,105.0	1,163.5	1,221.7
Sales growth	0.7%	3.0%	10.2%	6.5%	5.3%	5.0%
EBITDA	110.6	106.5	125.0	135.1	146.0	156.8
Net debt (if net cash=0)	-113.5	-131.0	-172.0	-185.1	-199.6	-213.1
FCF	-323.5	101.3	117.0	56.5	60.1	63.7
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EPS pro forma	0.47	0.44	0.63	0.70	0.76	0.83
EBITDA margin	12.1%	11.3%	12.1%	12.2%	12.5%	12.8%
ROCE	9.9%	9.2%	11.8%	12.5%	13.6%	14.6%
EV/sales	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
EV/EBITDA	5.1	4.0	3.6	4.2	3.8	3.4
PER	14.7	15.5	10.9	9.9	9.0	8.3
Adjusted FCF yield	13.5%	17.1%	17.7%	15.3%	17.2%	19.2%

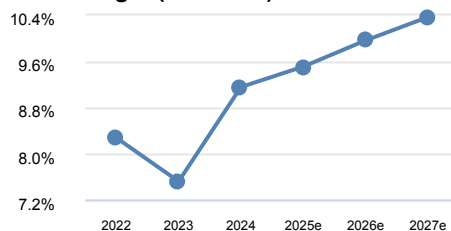
Source: Company data, NuWays, Close price as of 13.03.2025

Sales (2022-27e)



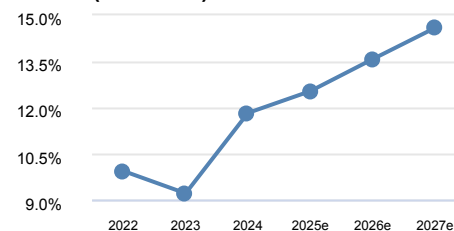
Source: NuWays Research

EBIT margin (2022-27e)



Source: NuWays Research

ROCE (2022-27e)



Source: NuWays Research

Company description

MLP is a leading financial services provider in Europe with a strong focus on Germany. MLP offers financial services in the fields of old-age provision, wealth management, non-life insurance, banking and real estate. The target group are students, wealthy private and institutional clients.

Share Performance



High/low 52 weeks (€)	6.99 / 5.38
3m rel. performance	10.5%
6m rel. performance	13.5%
12m rel. performance	18.4%

Market data

Share price (in €)	6.99
Market cap (in € m)	753.5
Number of shares (in m pcs)	109.2
Enterprise value (in € m)	568.4
Ø trading volume (6 months)	47,158

Identifier

Bloomberg	MLP GR
Reuters	MLPG
WKN	656990
ISIN	DE0006569908

Key shareholders

Lautenschläger Family	29.2%
HanseMerkur	10.0%
Barmenia	9.4%
Allianz SE	6.2%
Free Float	45.2%

Estimates changes

	2025e	2026e	2027e
Sales	6%	8%	10%
EBIT	3%	0%	1%
EPS	2%	-1%	0%

Comment on changes

- FY'27e introduced
- Estimates raised to reflect higher than anticipated incoming demand

Guidance

- FY'24e EBIT: €85-95m
- FY'25e: € 100-110m EBIT
- FY'25e: € 62-68bn AuM

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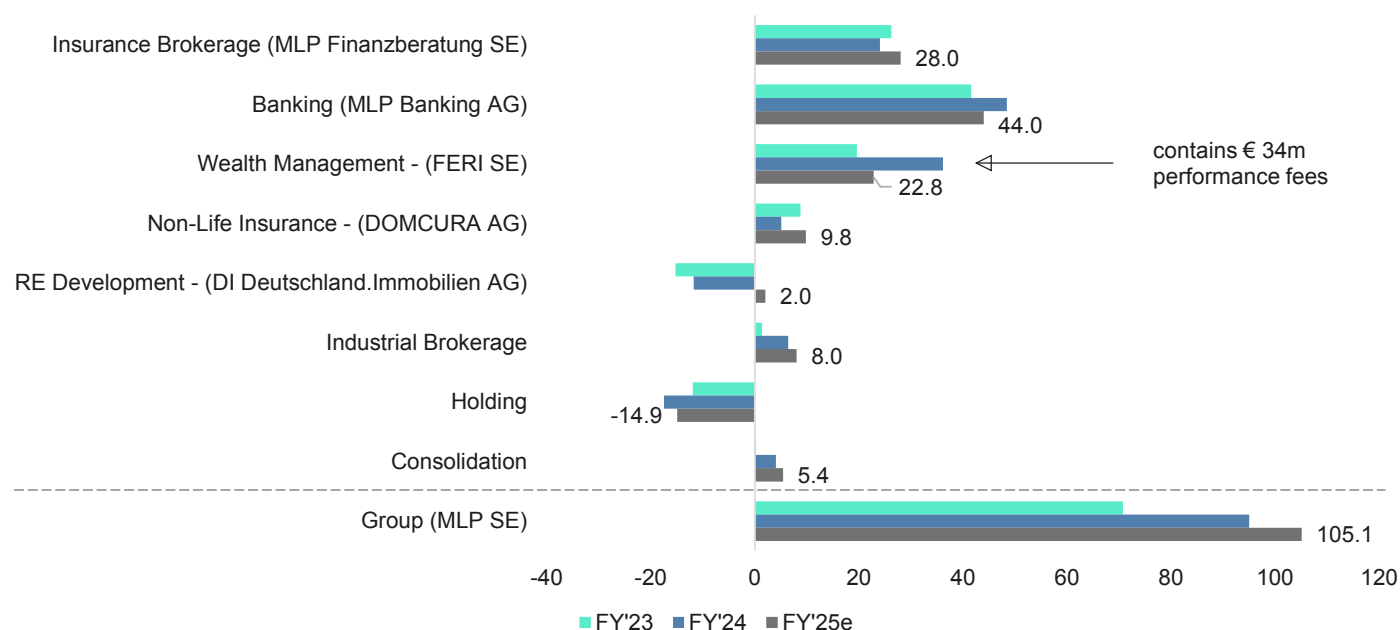
This creates not only demand from private clients in all of questions of wealth management, but also demand from corporate clients for occupational health insurance or pension schemes. Furthermore, the average pension gap in Germany is estimated at € 2,300 p.m. (thanks to an insufficient state pension among other reasons), which creates demand for private pensions, life insurance solutions and/or wealth management services such as RE investments, fund solutions and savings plans, especially from private clients that are not about to inherit a large sum of money. For all the demand drivers above, MLP offers plenty solutions, which leads us to see MLP well positioned to capture the trend.

In sum, **MLP keeps on delivering as promised** and we maintain our bullish view on the stock, as we regard its valuation not justified, especially in light of the strong position and solid growth prospects. Therefore, we keep MLP in our **NuWays Alpha List** and reiterate with our **BUY recommendation with a new PT of € 13.00** (old: € 12.50), based on SOTP and FCFY'25e.

MLP SE	(in € m)	Q4 2024	Q4 2024 eNuW	Q4 2023	yoy	FY 2024	FY 2024 eNuW	FY 2023	yoy
Wealth Management	99	74	80	24%		380	355	308	23%
Interest Income	22	20	20	8%		90	89	66	38%
Real Estate Brokerage	14	12	11	21%		35	33	20	74%
Loans and Mortgages	5	4	4	24%		15	14	14	3%
Wealth	139	110	115	21%		520	491	408	27%
Old-Age Provision	89	102	89	0%		234	247	234	0%
Health Insurance	17	17	15	11%		64	64	60	6%
Life & Health	106	119	104	2%		298	311	294	1%
Non-life Insurance	41	42	39	5%		206	207	201	3%
Property & Casualty	41	42	39	5%		206	207	201	3%
Real Estate Development	2	1	15	-88%		5	4	31	-85%
Other Commission and Fees	3	2	2	11%		8	8	7	16%
Other Income	12	13	13	-5%		29	30	32	-10%
Others	17	17	30	-45%		42	42	70	-40%
Total Sales	303	287	289	5%		1067	1050	973	10%
EBIT	28.6	28.2	25.4	12%		95.0	94.6	70.7	34.3%
<i>EBIT margin</i>	<i>9.4%</i>	<i>9.8%</i>	<i>8.8%</i>	<i>+ 0.6 pp</i>		<i>8.9%</i>	<i>9.0%</i>	<i>7.3%</i>	<i>+ 1.6 pp</i>
Group AuM (in € bn)	63.1	61.5	57.0	11%		63.1	61.5	57.0	11%
Non-life Insurance Volume	751	740	687	9%		751	740	687	9%

Source: Company data, NuWays

EBIT forecast by segment



Source: Company data, NuWays

Financials

Profit and loss (EUR m)	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Net sales	913.8	941.1	1,037.5	1,105.0	1,163.5	1,221.7
Sales growth	0.7%	3.0%	10.2%	6.5%	5.3%	5.0%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total sales	913.8	941.1	1,037.5	1,105.0	1,163.5	1,221.7
Other operating income	35.4	32.4	29.1	31.0	32.7	34.3
Material expenses	477.9	473.0	514.5	546.4	570.6	595.4
Personnel expenses	187.9	209.1	233.0	250.5	268.3	283.3
Other operating expenses	172.7	184.9	194.1	204.0	211.3	220.7
Total operating expenses	803.2	834.6	912.5	969.8	1,017.5	1,065.0
EBITDA	110.6	106.5	125.0	135.1	146.0	156.8
Depreciation	35.0	35.8	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
EBITA	75.6	70.7	95.0	105.1	116.0	126.7
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)	75.6	70.7	95.0	105.1	116.0	126.7
Interest income	2.8	8.4	12.5	12.5	12.5	12.5
Interest expenses	5.4	10.2	7.9	8.2	8.4	8.4
Investment income	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial result	-2.5	-1.7	4.6	4.3	4.1	4.1
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	73.1	69.0	99.6	109.4	120.0	130.8
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings before taxes	73.1	69.0	99.6	109.4	120.0	130.8
Income tax expense	24.4	24.9	30.3	33.3	36.5	39.8
Net income from continuing operations	48.6	44.1	69.3	76.1	83.5	91.0
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income	48.6	44.1	69.3	76.1	83.5	91.0
Minority interest	-2.8	-4.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit (reported)	51.5	48.6	69.3	76.1	83.5	91.0
Average number of shares	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2
EPS reported	0.47	0.44	0.63	0.70	0.76	0.83

Profit and loss (common size)	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Sales growth	0.7%	3.0%	10.2%	6.5%	5.3%	5.0%
Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Other operating income	3.9%	3.4%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%	2.8%
Material expenses	52.3%	50.3%	49.6%	49.5%	49.0%	48.7%
Personnel expenses	20.6%	22.2%	22.5%	22.7%	23.1%	23.2%
Other operating expenses	18.9%	19.6%	18.7%	18.5%	18.2%	18.1%
Total operating expenses	87.9%	88.7%	87.9%	87.8%	87.5%	87.2%
EBITDA	12.1%	11.3%	12.1%	12.2%	12.5%	12.8%
Depreciation	3.8%	3.8%	2.9%	2.7%	2.6%	2.5%
EBITA	8.3%	7.5%	9.2%	9.5%	10.0%	10.4%
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)	8.3%	7.5%	9.2%	9.5%	10.0%	10.4%
Interest income	0.3%	0.9%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%	1.0%
Interest expenses	0.6%	1.1%	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
Investment income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Financial result	neg.	neg.	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
Recurring pretax income from continuing operations	8.0%	7.3%	9.6%	9.9%	10.3%	10.7%
Extraordinary income/loss	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Earnings before taxes	8.0%	7.3%	9.6%	9.9%	10.3%	10.7%
Tax rate	33.4%	36.0%	30.4%	30.4%	30.4%	30.4%
Net income from continuing operations	5.3%	4.7%	6.7%	6.9%	7.2%	7.4%
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net income	5.3%	4.7%	6.7%	6.9%	7.2%	7.4%
Minority interest	-0.3%	-0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Net profit (reported)	5.6%	5.2%	6.7%	6.9%	7.2%	7.4%

Source: Company data, NuWays

Balance sheet (EUR m)	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Intangible assets	234.5	225.5	221.9	221.9	221.9	221.9
Property, plant and equipment	136.6	142.3	157.9	157.9	157.9	157.9
Financial assets	247.1	186.3	191.4	191.4	191.4	191.4
FIXED ASSETS	618.2	554.1	571.1	571.1	571.1	571.1
Inventories	51.9	39.6	26.2	26.2	26.2	26.2
Accounts receivable	1,902.5	2,010.1	2,120.7	2,120.7	2,120.7	2,120.7
Other assets and short-term financial assets	242.4	248.7	271.1	271.1	271.1	271.1
Liquid assets	961.2	1,053.9	1,150.3	1,167.5	1,181.9	1,195.4
Deferred taxes	8.4	11.1	12.9	12.9	12.9	12.9
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT ASSETS	3,166.4	3,363.3	3,581.2	3,598.3	3,612.7	3,626.3
TOTAL ASSETS	3,784.6	3,917.5	4,152.3	4,169.4	4,183.8	4,197.4

SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	527.4	538.5	570.5	583.4	597.8	611.4
MINORITY INTEREST	-1.9	-6.3	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long-term liabilities to banks	137.0	140.6	152.8	152.8	152.8	152.8
Bonds (long-term)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
other interest-bearing liabilities	2,633.5	2,764.6	2,914.0	2,914.0	2,914.0	2,914.0
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	97.6	104.2	106.8	106.8	106.8	106.8
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	2,868.1	3,009.4	3,173.6	3,173.6	3,173.6	3,173.6
Short-term liabilities to banks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Accounts payable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
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	4.0	4.0	4.0
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	371.7	358.5	387.8	387.8	387.8	387.8
Deferred taxes	19.3	17.3	20.6	20.6	20.6	20.6
Deferred income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CURRENT LIABILITIES	391.0	375.8	408.4	412.4	412.4	412.4
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	3,784.6	3,917.5	4,152.3	4,169.4	4,183.8	4,197.4

Balance sheet (common size)	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Intangible assets	6.2%	5.8%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%	5.3%
Property, plant and equipment	3.6%	3.6%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%	3.8%
Financial assets	6.5%	4.8%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%	4.6%
FIXED ASSETS	16.3%	14.1%	13.8%	13.7%	13.7%	13.6%
Inventories	1.4%	1.0%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
Accounts receivable	50.3%	51.3%	51.1%	50.9%	50.7%	50.5%
Other assets and short-term financial assets	6.4%	6.3%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Liquid assets	25.4%	26.9%	27.7%	28.0%	28.2%	28.5%
Deferred taxes	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
Deferred charges and prepaid expenses	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRENT ASSETS	83.7%	85.9%	86.2%	86.3%	86.3%	86.4%
TOTAL ASSETS	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	13.9%	13.7%	13.7%	14.0%	14.3%	14.6%
MINORITY INTEREST	-0.0%	-0.2%	-0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Long-term liabilities to banks	3.6%	3.6%	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%
Bonds (long-term)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
other interest-bearing liabilities	69.6%	70.6%	70.2%	69.9%	69.6%	69.4%
Provisions for pensions and similar obligations	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other provisions and accrued liabilities	2.6%	2.7%	2.6%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	75.8%	76.8%	76.4%	76.1%	75.9%	75.6%
Short-term liabilities to banks	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Accounts payable	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
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%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Other liabilities (incl. from lease and rental contracts)	9.8%	9.2%	9.3%	9.3%	9.3%	9.2%
Deferred taxes	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
Deferred income	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
CURRENT LIABILITIES	10.3%	9.6%	9.8%	9.9%	9.9%	9.8%
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%

Source: Company data, NuWays

Cash flow statement (EUR m)	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Net profit/loss	48.6	44.1	69.3	76.1	83.5	91.0
Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases)	35.0	35.8	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0
Amortisation of goodwill & intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other costs affecting income / expenses	4.9	2.0	11.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operating activities	-319.3	98.9	142.6	85.2	91.6	98.1
Increase/decrease in inventory	-17.3	12.3	13.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in accounts receivable	-462.9	-107.5	-110.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in accounts payable	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in other working capital positions	117.4	131.1	149.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase/decrease in working capital	-362.8	35.9	52.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from operating activities	-301.3	117.9	162.6	106.2	113.6	121.1
CAPEX	22.3	16.6	45.6	49.7	53.5	57.4
Payments for acquisitions	13.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial investments	48.3	63.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Income from asset disposals	0.1	-18.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from investing activities	-84.4	28.6	-45.6	-49.7	-53.5	-57.4
Cash flow before financing	-418.5	-12.7	84.2	17.1	14.4	13.6
Increase/decrease in debt position	-5.0	-20.4	12.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Purchase of own shares	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital measures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	32.8	32.8	32.8	39.4	45.7	50.1
Others	-1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	12.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from financing activities	-39.5	-53.2	-20.6	-39.4	-45.7	-50.1
Increase/decrease in liquid assets	-412.8	-33.2	96.4	17.1	14.4	13.6
Liquid assets at end of period	965.0	1,053.9	1,150.3	1,167.5	1,181.9	1,195.4

Key ratios (EUR m)	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
P&L growth analysis						
Sales growth	0.7%	3.0%	10.2%	6.5%	5.3%	5.0%
EBITDA growth	-10.8%	-3.7%	17.4%	8.1%	8.1%	7.4%
EBIT growth	-21.9%	-6.5%	34.3%	10.6%	10.4%	9.3%
EPS growth	-17.7%	-5.6%	42.6%	9.9%	9.7%	9.0%
Efficiency						
Sales per employee	500.6	505.5	546.3	570.4	588.9	606.2
EBITDA per employee	60.6	57.2	65.8	69.8	73.9	77.8
No. employees (average)	1,825	1,862	1,899	1,937	1,976	2,015
Balance sheet analysis						
Avg. working capital / sales	-46.5%	-65.9%	-44.9%	-43.5%	-42.6%	-40.6%
Inventory turnover (sales/inventory)	17.6	23.8	39.6	42.2	42.2	42.2
Accounts receivable turnover	759.9	779.6	746.1	700.5	665.3	633.6
Accounts payable turnover	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash flow analysis						
Free cash flow	-323.5	101.3	117.0	56.5	60.1	63.7
Free cash flow/sales	-35.4%	10.8%	11.3%	5.1%	5.2%	5.2%
FCF / net profit	neg.	229.5%	168.9%	74.2%	71.9%	70.0%
Capex / sales	7.7%	8.5%	4.4%	4.5%	4.6%	4.7%
Solvency						
Net debt	-113.5	-131.0	-172.0	-185.1	-199.6	-213.1
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend payout ratio	67.4%	74.3%	56.8%	60.0%	60.0%	60.0%
Interest paid / avg. debt	4.1%	7.3%	5.4%	5.3%	5.5%	5.5%
Returns						
ROCE	9.9%	9.2%	11.8%	12.5%	13.6%	14.6%
ROE	9.8%	9.0%	12.1%	13.0%	14.0%	14.9%
Adjusted FCF yield	13.5%	17.1%	17.7%	15.3%	17.2%	19.2%
Dividend yield	4.3%	4.3%	5.2%	6.1%	6.6%	7.2%
DPS	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5
EPS reported	0.47	0.44	0.63	0.70	0.76	0.83
Average number of shares	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2	109.2
Valuation ratios						
P/BV	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.2
EV/sales	0.6	0.5	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.4
EV/EBITDA	5.1	4.0	3.6	4.2	3.8	3.4
EV/EBIT	7.4	6.0	4.8	5.4	4.8	4.3

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	08.10.2024	Wendisch, Henry	Buy	EUR 12.00	EUR 5.70
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