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NEODECORTECH

Q1 2021 (+)

(Company)

"Sky is the limit"

Neodecortech released Q1 2021 revenue figures up 19.3% to €39.6m, significantly ahead of our expectations of €36m.

Growth was driven, as expected, by all divisions: printed decorative paper +27.6% YoY, decorative paper +19.9% YoY and energy +5%.

Geographically, Europe led sales growth with +27.3% over the period, followed by Italy with +19.2%. Asia, the Middle East and America performed less well, accounting for only about 2% of revenue.

Recurring EBITDA landed at €5.1m (12.8% margin), up from €2.7m in Q1 2020 (+89% YoY), excluding the exceptional income from an insurance claim reimbursement. This EBITDA increase is also incredibly positive given the sharp price increases for NDT's raw materials, but which management has been able to pass on quickly to its customers. There have been much higher margins on new products introduced to the market. In addition, personnel costs remained stable at €5.5m for the period, although NDT has 15 more employees than before (400 compared to 385), which significantly reduces their impact on revenue and shows the strong increase in company productivity.

The net financial position stands at €37.4m, down by €2.5m from 31 December 2020 and €7.8m from 31 March 2020, thanks to strong cash generation resulting from the aforementioned margin improvement and better working capital management. Indeed, although revenue increased by 19% during the period, trade payables and receivables, as well as inventories, remained almost stable, decreasing their impact on revenue and showing the group's improved efficiency.

In light of these extremely positive figures, we are raising our revenue estimates for the current year to €148.1m (from €142.1m), for 2022 to €160m (from €153m) and for 2023 to €169.3m (from €160.8m). Similarly, our EBIT margin estimates increase to 7% in 2021, 7.9% in 2022 and 9% in 2023 from 6.6%, 7.6% and 8.5% previously.

NDT remains extremely undervalued by the market, with multiples on average 50% lower than those of its competitors. Therefore, we are reiterating our Buy rating and raising our TP to €5.7.

Buy, TP of €5.7 (vs €5.5) - David Coppini: +33 1 78 95 71 78

Market Data	
Sector	Decorative surfaces
Share price (€)	3,73
Market Cap. (€m)	50,412
Market Segment	FTSE Italia STAR
Bloomberg	NDT IM

Ownership structure		
Finanziaria Valentini	61,6%	
Free float	38,4%	

€m	2020	2021	2022	2023
VoP	131,2	148,1	160,0	169,3
Change	-3,5%	12,9%	8,0%	5,8%
EBIT	5,5	10,1	12,6	15,2
Margin	4,2%	6,8%	7,9%	9,0%
Net Income	3,5	6,1	8,1	10,0
EPS (€)	0,27	0,47	0,62	0,77
Change	-7,0%	72,6%	32,6%	24,0%
Dividend (€)	0,09	0,12	0,16	0,19
Dividend Yield	2,4%	3,2%	4,4%	5,0%
FCF	3,7	5,3	6,5	10,7
ROCE	4,6%	7,1%	8,6%	10,2%
EV/Sales (x)		0,6	0,5	0,5
EV/EBIT (x)		8,7	6,8	5,3
P/E (x)		8,0	6,0	4,9
Net Debt	40,0	38,2	35,9	29,7
Net Gearing	65%	58%	50%	37%

Midcap Partners estimates

Upcoming event: 07/09/2021 - H1 2021

Consensus - Number of analysts : 3			
	2021	2022	2023
Sales	140,7	150,7	160,8
EBIT	9,1	12,0	13,6
Net income	5,6	7,8	8,8

Source: FACTSET

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IEG	3.37	Buy	G
NEODECORTECH	3.73	Buy	G
PORTOBELLO	38	Buy	G

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