# Weak economy affects ad spend

Q1 Sales and Profits were below estimates as the recession weighs on advertising spending. We look for ad spend pick-up for the remainder of the year driven by elections and an economic recovery. The cash flows are healthy which enables intact dividend payouts.

#### **Recession weights on ad spending**

The Estonian GDP decline in 2023 and Q1/23 was 3.4%, and 3.2%, respectively. This was reflected in Ekspress Grupp's advertising revenues which declined by 9% y-on-y in Q1/24. We estimate roughly half of the decline was due to the soft ad market and half was due to a tough comparable (elections in Q1 last year). The Q1/24 Sales were 13% below forecast and the Net loss was EUR 1.2m (est. loss 0.3m).

#### We look for a pickup for remainder of 2024

We expect a pickup in the advertising market for the remainder of the year as elections will be held in all Baltic countries. Furthermore, economists forecast an economic recovery in H2/24. The 2024 consensus GDP growth decline in Estonia is 0.4% while Latvia and Lithuania are expected to grow by 1.7% (were roughly flat in 2023)

#### **Dividends intact**

We believe 2023's dividends of 0.06/shr. can be repeated in 2024 (yield 5.7%) as the cash flows are expected to stay strong around EUR 5-6m/yr. Our Base case DCF Fair value is lowered to EUR 1.78/shr. (prev. 2.00), mainly due to lower estimates.

#### Key figures (MEUR)

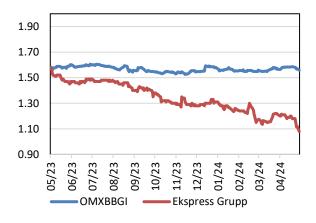
	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net sales	64.1	73.1	76.0	78.8	82.7
Net sales growth	19.9%	14.0%	4.0%	3.7%	4.9%
EBITDA	8.9	10.2	10.7	11.1	11.7
EBITDA margin	13.9%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.2%
EBIT	4.8	5.5	5.3	5.6	6.0
EBIT margin	7.5%	7.5%	6.9%	7.1%	7.3%
EV/Sales	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5
ev/ebitda	6.6	5.4	4.3	4.0	3.4
EV/EBIT	12.2	10.1	8.8	7.8	6.7
P/E adj.	10.9	10.4	9.0	7.6	6.5
P/BV	0.8	0.7	0.6	0.5	0.5
EPS adj.	0.14	0.12	0.12	0.14	0.16
EPS growth	14.22%	-10.03%	-5.36%	19.42%	15.89%
Div. per share	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07
Dividend yield	3.33%	4.65%	5.66%	6.60%	6.60%

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Fair value range (EUR)	
Bull (term. EBIT marg. 11%)	2.08
Base (term. EBIT marg. 9%)	1.78
Bear (term. EBIT marg. 7%)	1.48
Key Data	
Price (EUR)	1.06
Ticker	EEG1T
Country	Estonia
Listed	Tallinn
Market Cap (EURm)	32
Net debt (EURm)	14
Shares (m)	30.2
Free float	27 %

\*End of 2024 estimate incl. lease liabilities



Price range	
52-week high	1.58
52-week low	1.06

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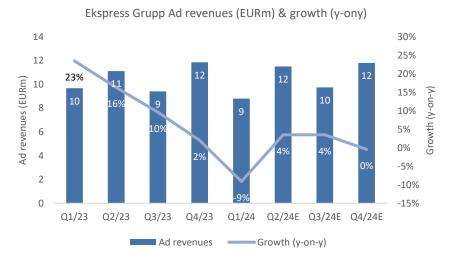
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Source: Company data, Enlight Research estimates

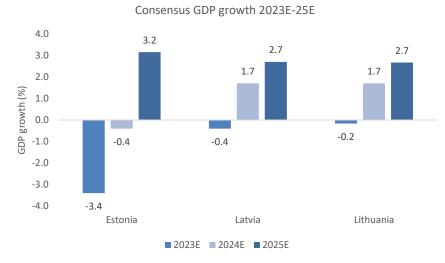
### **Key takeaways**

#### Ad revenues sluggish on weak economic growth

The weak economy, especially in Estonia, finally caught up to Ekspress Grupp's advertising revenues, which declined by 9% y-on-y in Q1/24 to EUR 9m. We believe roughly half of the decline was due to tough comparable as both the Estonian and Lithuanian parliamentary elections were held in Q1/23 i.e., the underlying decline in advertising revenues was around 4.5%. Our forecast 4% advertising revenue growth in Q2/24, and Q3/24 might appear optimistic, but this is because elections will be held in all Balic states in Q2/24-Q3/24. The flat advertising revenue growth in Q4/24 assumes an economic recovery in Estonia in the second half of the year (in-line with macro analysts forecasts). For the full-year 2024, we estimate advertising revenues to decline 0.5% to EUR 41.9m. This forecast assumes a boost from elections and a pick-up in the Estonian economy. For the full-year 2024, the Estonian GDP is expected to decline by 0.4%, which given the Q1/24 GDP decline of 3.2%, implies a significant improvement for the remainder of the year.



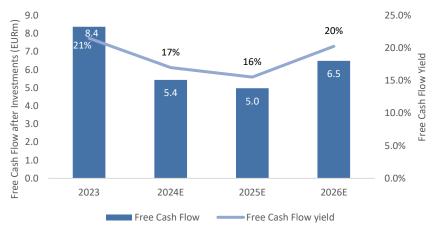
Source: Company reports (historic), Enlight Research (estimates)



Source: Swedbank, SEB, Siauliu Bankas

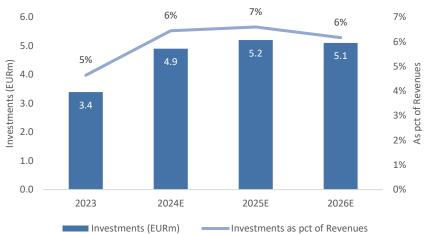
#### Free Cash Flow at attractive levels

While we expect the Free Cash Flow to come down from 2023's record EUR 8.4m, it should still be at a healthy EUR 5-6m per annum in the forecast period 2024-26. This means our expected Free Cash Flow yield (FCF/Market cap) is at an attractive 16-20%. Our Free Cash Flow forecast assumes maintenance investments around EUR 5m (equal to 6-7% of revenues) in the forecast period 2024-26, compared to last year's EUR 3.4m (5% of revenues). Worth noting is that we do not have any acquisitions included in our 2024-26 forecast, which should enable decent dividends.



Free Cash Flow after Investments & Free Cash Flow Yield

Source: Company reports (historical), Enlight Research (estimates)



Investments in EURm & as pct of Revenues

Source: Company reports (historical), Enlight Research (estimates)

#### **Dividends at decent levels**

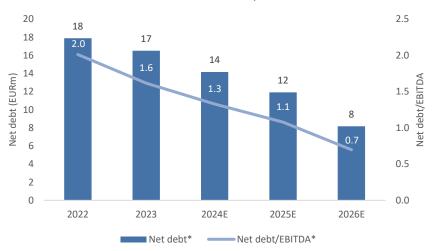
Despite the economic downturn, we believe the 2023 dividend of EUR 0.06 per share can be repeated in 2024 implying a dividend yield of 5.7%. In 2025, and 2026, we estimate a dividend of EUR 0.07 per share (6.6% yield) on the back of an assumed economic recovery in Estonia, which could revive advertising spending. Our 2024-26 expected dividends are well covered by the EPS (payout ratio 43-51%) and the Free Cash Flow per share (estimated at EUR 0.16-0.21). Also worth noting is that we forecast a significant decrease in the Net debt level. The 2023 year-end Net debt of

EUR 17m (including lease liabilities) is estimated to come down to EUR 8m at the end of 2026. This means the Net debt/EBITDA ratio is expected to decline from 1.6x at the end of 2023 to 0.7x by the end of 2026. The company might choose to make acquisitions instead of paying down debt, but in our view (from a shareholder perspective), it would be more beneficial for the share price development to reduce the debt than increase sales through acquisitions.

Dividend table						
(EUR)	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Ordinary DPS	0.08	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07
Extraordinary DPS + Buy-back value per share	0.10	0.03	0.03	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total payout per share	0.18	0.08	0.09	0.06	0.07	0.07
Share price year-end*	1.56	1.50	1.29	1.06	1.06	1.06
Ordinary Dividend yield	5.1%	3.2%	4.7%	5.7%	6.6%	6.6%
Extraordinary Dividend + Buy-back yield	6.4%	2.2%	2.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total yield	11.6%	5.3%	7.2%	5.7%	6.6%	6.6%
Total payout ratio	149%	58%	75%	51%	50%	43%

Source: Company (historic), Enlight Research (forecast)

\*Historical yield calculated on year-end share price



Net debt\* & Net debt\*/EBITDA

Source: Company (historic), Enlight Research (forecast) \*Net debt including rent liabilities according to IFRS 16

### Valuation

#### **DCF** Valuation

Our Base case DCF Fair value is lowered to EUR 1.78/shr. (prev. 2.00) mainly due to lower estimates. Our Base case assume a terminal EBIT margin of 9.0%, which reflects the normal margins for a digital media company. Our Bear and Bull case Fair values are EUR 1.48 (prev. 1.70), and EUR 2.08 (prev. 2.31), respectively. The only difference between our Bear and Bull scenarios is the assumed terminal EBIT margin which is 7% (Bear) and 11% (Bull), respectively. See below tables for our scenarios and DCF sensitivity.

DCF Valuation Scenarios	Bear	Base	Bull
WACC	11.7%	11.7%	11.7%
Terminal Sales growth	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Terminal EBIT margin	7.0%	9.0%	11.0%
Fair Value per share (EUR)	1.48	1.78	2.08
Upside/Downside (last price)	40%	68%	96%
Share price (EUR)	1.06	1.06	1.06

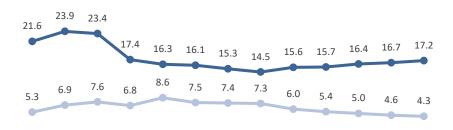
DCF sensitivity	Current	Step					Test va	lues & Re	sults				
Equity beta	1.10	0.20	0.10	0.30	0.50	0.70	0.90	1.10	1.30	1.50	1.70	1.90	2.10
Fair value (DCF)	1.78		3.41	2.93	2.55	2.25	1.99	1.78	1.60	1.44	1.31	1.19	1.09
Target debt ratio*	27.0 %	8.0 %	-13%	-5%	3%	11%	19%	27%	35%	43%	51%	59%	67%
Fair value (DCF)	1.78		1.08	1.18	1.30	1.44	1.60	1.78	2.00	2.26	2.57	2.96	3.46
Risk-free IR	3.5 %	0.9 %	-1.0 %	-0.1 %	0.8 %	1.7 %	2.6 %	3.5 %	4.4 %	5.3 %	6.2 %	7.1 %	8.0 %
Fair value (DCF)	1.78		3.27	2.84	2.50	2.22	1.98	1.78	1.61	1.46	1.33	1.21	1.11

Source: Enlight Research, \*(D/D+E)

#### Peer valuation indicates upside

Following the Print segment divestment in 2021, more than 80% of Ekspress Grupp's revenues is digital (digital subscriptions and online ads). Hence, we compare Ekspress Grupp to other digital leaders in the media sector. Since our Q4/23 update in March this year, the current year forecast average EV/EBITDA multiple has expanded for the Digital leaders' peer group from 16.7x to 17.2x, while Ekspress Grupp's multiple has decreased from 4.6x to 4.3x. This means Ekspress Grupp is trading at an EV/EBITDA 2023E peer discount of 75% (was 72% in Q4/23 Update). Worth noting is that Ekspress Grupp's dividend yield is superior to all peers (see next page for peer table).

EV/EBITDA current forecast year Ekspress Grupp vs. Digital leaders



Q1/21 Q2/21 Q3/21 Q4/21 Q1/22 Q2/22 Q3/22 Q4/22 Q1/23 Q2/23 Q3/23 Q4/23 Q1/24 update u

Digital leaders
Ekspress Grupp

Source: MarketScreener, Enlight Research, Q1/24 prices from 21 May 2024

#### Digital leaders

	Price	ev/ebitda	ev/ebitda	ev/ebitda	EV/EBITDA	Div. yield	Div. yield	Div. yield	Div. yield
Ссу	(last)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
EUR	10.50	11.1	11.5	10.6	10.4	4.3%	4.5%	4.6%	4.8%
NOK	339.60	32.6	30.3	23.6	20.5	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
EUR	2.00	22.0	18.3	15.9	13.9	0.8%	1.3%	1.7%	1.9%
PLN	127	9.3	8.5	7.8	7.5	2.0%	1.8%	2.3%	2.0%
		18.8	17.2	14.5	13.1	1.9%	2.1%	2.3%	2.3%
		16.6	14.9	13.3	12.1	1.4%	1.6%	2.0%	1.9%
EUR	1.06	5.4	4.3	4.0	3.4	4.7%	5.7%	6.6%	6.6%
	EUR NOK EUR PLN	Ccy     (last)       EUR     10.50       NOK     339.60       EUR     2.00       PLN     127	Ccy     (last)     2023       EUR     10.50     11.1       NOK     339.60     32.6       EUR     2.00     22.0       PLN     127     9.3       18.8     16.6	Ccy     (last)     2023     2024E       EUR     10.50     11.1     11.5       NOK     339.60     32.6     30.3       EUR     2.00     22.0     18.3       PLN     127     9.3     8.5       18.8     17.2     16.6     14.9	Ccy     (last)     2023     2024E     2025E       EUR     10.50     11.1     11.5     10.6       NOK     339.60     32.6     30.3     23.6       EUR     2.00     22.0     18.3     15.9       PLN     127     9.3     8.5     7.8       18.8     17.2     14.5     16.6     14.9     13.3	Ccy     (last)     2023     2024E     2025E     2026E       EUR     10.50     11.1     11.5     10.6     10.4       NOK     339.60     32.6     30.3     23.6     20.5       EUR     2.00     22.0     18.3     15.9     13.9       PLN     127     9.3     8.5     7.8     7.5       18.8     17.2     14.5     13.1       16.6     14.9     13.3     12.1	Ccy     (last)     2023     2024E     2025E     2026E     2023       EUR     10.50     11.1     11.5     10.6     10.4     4.3%       NOK     339.60     32.6     30.3     23.6     20.5     0.6%       EUR     2.00     22.0     18.3     15.9     13.9     0.8%       PLN     127     9.3     8.5     7.8     7.5     2.0%       18.8     17.2     14.5     13.1     1.9%       16.6     14.9     13.3     12.1     1.4%	Ccy     (last)     2023     2024E     2025E     2026E     2023     2024E       EUR     10.50     11.1     11.5     10.6     10.4     4.3%     4.5%       NOK     339.60     32.6     30.3     23.6     20.5     0.6%     0.6%       EUR     2.00     22.0     18.3     15.9     13.9     0.8%     1.3%       PLN     127     9.3     8.5     7.8     7.5     2.0%     1.8%       18.8     17.2     14.5     13.1     1.9%     2.1%       16.6     14.9     13.3     12.1     1.4%     1.6%	Ccy     (last)     2023     2024E     2025E     2026E     2023     2024E     2025E       EUR     10.50     11.1     11.5     10.6     10.4     4.3%     4.5%     4.6%       NOK     339.60     32.6     30.3     23.6     20.5     0.6%     0.6%     0.7%       EUR     2.00     22.0     18.3     15.9     13.9     0.8%     1.3%     1.7%       PLN     127     9.3     8.5     7.8     7.5     2.0%     1.8%     2.3%       18.8     17.2     14.5     13.1     1.9%     2.1%     2.3%       16.6     14.9     13.3     12.1     1.4%     1.6%     2.0%

Source: MarketScreener, Enlight Research, prices from 21 May 2024

## **Estimate deviations**

The Q1/24 Sales was 13% or EUR 2.4m below our estimate of EUR 18.6m. The Q1/24 Gross profit was 27% or EUR 1.0m below forecast, while the EBITDA was 68% or EUR 0.9m below forecast. The Q1/24 EBIT was EUR 1.0m below our forecast (loss of EUR 0.9m vs. estimated profit of EUR 0.1m), while the Pre-tax profit and the Net profit were both EUR 0.9m lower than our forecast.

Deviation table Group				
	Estimate	Outcome	Diff	Diff
P&L (EURm)	Q1/24	Q1/24	EURm	%
Sales	18.6	16.2	-2.4	-12.8%
Costs of sales	-15.0	-13.6	1.4	-9.3%
Gross profit (loss)	3.6	2.7	-1.0	-27.3%
Other income	0.1	0.2	0.0	4.8%
Marketing expenses	-0.7	-0.9	-0.2	21.3%
Administrative expenses	-2.8	-2.8	0.0	0.2%
Other expenses	-0.2	0.0	0.2	-89.5%
Operating profit	0.1	-0.9	-1.0	-1595.7%
Interest income	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm
Interest expense	-0.4	-0.5	-0.1	14.3%
FX gain/loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm
Other finance costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm
Financial net	-0.4	-0.4	0.0	8.0%
Profit on shrs of JVs	0.0	0.0	0.0	nm
Profit on shrs of associates	0.0	0.1	0.1	nm
Profit (loss) before taxes	-0.3	-1.2	-0.9	258.8%
Income tax	0.0	0.0	0.0	-115.2%
Net profit	-0.3	-1.2	-0.9	281.9%
EBITDA	1.4	0.4	-0.9	-67.5%

#### Deviation table Group

	Estimate	Outcome	Diff	
Sales growth	Q1/24	Q1/24	%-pts	
Group Sales (excl. Printing)	-12.7%	-23.9%	-11.2	
	Estimate	Outcome	Diff	
Margins	Q1/24	Q1/24	bps	
Gross margin	19.6%	16.3%	-3.3	
EBITDA margin	7.3%	2.7%	-4.6	
EBIT margin	0.3%	-5.6%	-5.9	
PTP margin	-1.8%	-7.5%	-5.7	
Net profit margin	-1.7%	-7.5%	-5.8	

Source: Company reports (outcome), Enlight Research (estimate)

## **Estimate changes**

We lower our 2024-26 Sales estimates by 2-6% due to a slowdown in the advertising market. Our EBITDA is lowered by 4% for this year and 8-12% for 2025-2026, mainly due to higher expected Cost of sales. The EBIT estimate is lowered by 10-11% for 2024-2026. The Pre-tax Profit is lowered by 13% for 2024 and raised by 1% next year. The 2024 EPS estimate is lowered by 14% and 1% for 2025. We lower our dividend estimates for both 2024 and 2025 by EUR 0.01 to EUR 0.06 and 0.07, respectively, and for 2026 by EUR 0.02 to 0.07.

Sales (EURm)	2024E	2025E	2026E
Old estimate (excl. Print)	77.7	82.8	88.0
New estimate (excl. Print)	76.0	78.8	82.7
Change	-1.7	-4.0	-5.4
Change (pct)	-2.2%	-4.8%	-6.1%
EBITDA (EURm)	2024E	2025E	2026E
Old estimate (excl. Print)	11.1	12.0	13.4
New estimate (excl. Print)	10.7	11.1	11.7
Change	-0.5	-0.9	-1.7
Change (pct)	-4.3%	-7.6%	-12.4%
EBIT (EURm)	2024E	2025E	2026E
Old estimate (excl. Print)	5.9	6.3	6.7
New estimate (excl. Print)	5.3	5.6	6.0
Change	-0.7	-0.6	-0.7
Change (pct)	-11.4%	-10.3%	-10.4%
Pre-tax profit (EURm)	2024E	2025E	20265
Old estimate	4.4	4.5	5.5
New estimate	3.8	4.6	5.3
Change	-0.6	0.0	-0.2
Change (pct)	-12.7%	0.9%	-3.1%
EPS adj. (EUR)	2024E	2025E	2026E
Old estimate (excl. Print)	0.14	0.14	0.17
New estimate (excl. Print)	0.12	0.14	0.16
Change	-0.02	0.00	-0.01
Change (pct)	-14.4%	-1.1%	-5.1%
Dividend (EUR)	2024E	2025E	2026
Old estimate (excl. Print)	0.07	0.08	0.09
New estimate (excl. Print)	0.06	0.07	0.03
Change	-0.01	-0.01	-0.02
		0.01	0.02

Source: Enlight Research

### Forecast

Sales by segment	Q1/24	Q2/24E	Q3/24E	Q4/24E	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Media segment	16.2	20.0	17.6	22.2	73.4	76.1	79.0	82.9
digital channels	13.7	16.5	15.1	18.2	60.5	63.5	67.5	71.5
Corporate functions	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.3	2.6	1.2	1.2	1.2
Eliminations	-0.2	-0.4	-0.3	-0.4	-2.9	-1.2	-1.4	-1.4
Total Sales	16.2	20.0	17.6	22.2	73.1	76.0	78.8	82.7
Sales growth	Q1/24	Q2/24E	Q3/24E	Q4/24E	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Media segment	-3.9%	6.8%	6.9%	4.4%	17.0%	3.7%	3.8%	4.9%
digital channels	2.1%	7.0%	7.0%	3.8%	21.1%	5.0%	6.3%	6.0%
Corporate functions	-86.1%	-67.0%	75.0%	104.5%	-41.3%	-56.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Eliminations	-88.4%	-69.1%	145.7%	167.7%	-4.3%	-57.7%	10.3%	4.9%
Total Sales	-3.2%	7.9%	6.5%	4.2%	13.9%	4.0%	3.7%	4.9%
EBITDA by segment	Q1/24	Q2/24E	Q3/24E	Q4/24E	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Media segment	0.9	2.8	2.9	5.2	11.7	11.8	12.2	12.8
Corporate functions	-0.5	-0.3	-0.3	-0.1	-1.5	-1.1	-1.2	-1.1
Eliminations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total EBITDA	0.4	2.5	2.6	5.1	10.2	10.7	11.1	11.7
EBITDA margin	Q1/24	Q2/24E	Q3/24E	Q4/24E	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Media segment	5.6%	14.0%	16.5%	23.3%	15.9%	15.5%	15.5%	15.5%
Corporate functions	-280.3%	-71.9%	-113.0%	-22.3%	-55.9%	-98.0%	-98.6%	-92.4%
Total EBITDA	2.7%	12.8%	14.6%	22.9%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.2%
Income statement	Q1/24	Q2/24E	Q3/24E	Q4/24E	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales	16.2	20.0	17.6	22.2	73.1	76.0	78.8	82.7
Costs of sales	-13.6	-15.3	-13.2	-15.6	-55.0	-57.6	-59.6	-62.4
Gross profit (loss)	2.7	4.7	4.4	6.6	18.0	18.4	19.2	20.3
Other income	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.8	0.8
Marketing expenses	-0.9	-0.8	-0.7	-0.5	-2.8	-2.9	-3.1	-3.2
Administrative expenses	-2.8	-2.6	-2.5	-2.5	-9.6	-10.4	-10.7	-11.2
Other expenses	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	-0.7	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Operating expenses	-3.6	-3.5	-3.2	-2.9	-12.5	-13.1	-13.6	-14.2
Operating profit	-0.9	1.2	1.2	3.7	5.5	5.3	5.6	6.0
Interest income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest expense	-0.5	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-1.5	-1.7	-1.3	-1.0
FX gain/loss	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other finance costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial net	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-1.5	-1.7	-1.3	-1.0
Profit on shrs of JVs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.7	0.2	0.2	0.2
Profit on shrs of associates	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1
Profit (loss) before taxes	-1.2	0.8	0.9	3.4	3.6	3.8	4.6	5.3
Income tax	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	-1.2	0.8	0.8	3.2	3.4	3.5	4.2	4.9
EBITDA	0.4	2.5	2.6	5.1	10.2	10.7	11.1	11.7
Sales growth	Q1/24	Q2/24E	Q3/24E	Q4/24E	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales growth y-on-y	-3.2%	7.9%	6.5%	4.2%	13.9%	4.0%	3.7%	4.9%
Sales growth q-on-q	-23.9%	23.2%	-12.1%	26.5%	nm	nm	nm	nm
Margins	Q1/24	Q2/24E	Q3/24E	Q4/24E	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Gross margin	16.3%	23.5%	25.0%	29.9%	24.7%	24.2%	24.4%	24.5%
EBITDA margin	2.7%	12.8%	14.6%	22.9%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.2%
Operating margin	-5.6%	6.0%	7.0%	16.8%	7.5%	6.9%	7.1%	7.3%
Pre-tax Profit margin	-7.5%	4.0%	4.9%	15.3%	4.9%	5.1%	5.8%	6.4%
Net margin	-7.5%	3.8%	4.6%	14.4%	4.6%	4.7%	5.4%	5.9%

Source: Company (historical), Enlight Research (estimate)

## **Risk factors**

Below is a selection of risk factors that we have chosen to highlight given the current environment. It should not be regarded as a complete list of all risk factors. For examples of additional risks, we refer to our initiation report "Transforming to Digital" published on 18 November 2019.

#### Severe recession

Our forecast assume that we will have a mild economic recession in 2023-24, with a recovery starting in H2/24. If the recession turns out to be more severe, our forecast is most likely too optimistic, especially with regards to advertising revenue.

#### Inflation

Higher energy prices and food prices could mean that consumers need to save money elsewhere, which could potentially hurt digital subscription growth.

#### Interest rate risk

The interest rates on loans are tied to the EURIBOR. A significant increase in the EURIBOR affects the profitability of the company.

#### Russia, Ukraine, Belarus impact

The Company has no direct revenue, cost or asset exposure to Russia, Ukraine, or Belarus. There could be an indirect exposure from the overall impact on the general economy and consumers' as well as clients' willingness to spend.

Income Statement	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net sales	64.1	73.1	76.0	78.8	82.7
Total operating costs	-55.3	-62.9	-65.3	-67.7	-71.0
EBITDA	8.9	10.2	10.7	11.1	11.7
Depreciation & Amort.	-4.1	-4.7	-5.4	-5.4	-5.7
One-off EBIT items	-0.2	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	4.8	5.5	5.3	5.6	6.0
Financial net	-0.4	-1.9	-1.4	-1.0	-0.7
Pre-tax profit Taxes	<b>4.4</b> -0.3	<b>3.6</b> -0.2	<b>3.8</b> -0.3	<b>4.6</b> -0.4	<b>5.3</b> -0.4
Minority interest	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4
Other items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	<b>4.0</b>	3.3	3.5	4.2	<b>4.9</b>
Balance Sheet	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash and cash equivalent	7	10	9	5	5
Receivables	12	13	13	13	14
Inventories	0	0	0	0	0
Other current assets	0	0	0	0	0
Current assets	19	23	22	18	19
Tangible assets	9	10	10	10	9
Goodwill & intangible assets	67	68	68	68	68
Lease & Investment properties	0	0	0	0	0
Investments	1	1	1	1	1
Associated companies	2	2	2	2	2
Other non-current assets	2	2	2	2	2
Total fixed assets	80	83	82	82	81
Total Assets	100	106	104	100	101
Non-interest bearing current liabilities	21	23	23	23	24
Short-term debt	2	4	4	3	2
Other current liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Total current liabilities	22	27	27	26	26
Long-term debt	18	22	19	14	11
Convertibles & Lease liab.	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liabilities	0	0	0	0	0
Provisions Other lang term lighilities	0 4	0 0	0	0 0	0
Other long-term liabilities Total long-term liab.	22	22	19	14	11
Total Liabilities	44	49	46	40	37
Minority interest (BS)	0	0	-0	-0	0
Shareholders' equity	55	57	58	61	64
Total liabilities and equity	100	106	104	100	101
DCF valuation		Cash fl	ow, mEUR		
WACC (%)	11.69 %	NPV FC	- (2023-2025	5)	14
Assumptions 2023-2029 (%)			= (2026-2032	2)	23
Sales CAGR	3.43 %		= (2033-)		34
Avg. EBIT margin Fair value per share (EUR)	7.47 % 1.78		erating asset -bearing deb		-26

Free Cash Flow	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Operating profit	4.8	5.5	5.3	5.6	6.0
Depreciation & Amort.	4.1	4.7	5.4	5.4	5.7
Working capital chg.	0.5	0.9	0.1	-0.4	0.4
Other Operating CF items	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5	-0.5
Operating Cash Flow	9.1	10.7	10.3	10.2	11.6
Net investments	-15.1	1.7	-4.9	-5.2	-5.1
Other items	-1.0	-4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Free Cash Flow	-7.1	8.4	5.4	5.0	6.5
Capital structure	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Equity ratio	55.5%	53.5%	55.8%	60.5%	63.1%
Debt / Equity ratio	35.5%	46.2%	39.9%	27.4%	20.7%
Gearing %	22.0%	29.2%	24.3%	19.7%	12.9%
Net debt/EBITDA	1.4	1.6	1.3	1.1	0.7
Profitability	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
ROE	7.4%	6.0%	6.2%	7.1%	7.9%
FCF yield	-15.3%	21.6%	17.0%	15.5%	20.3%
EBITDA margin	13.9%	14.0%	14.0%	14.0%	14.2%
EBIT margin	7.5%	7.5%	6.9%	7.1%	7.3%
PTP margin	6.8%	4.9%	5.1%	5.8%	6.4%
Net margin	6.3%	4.6%	4.7%	5.4%	5.9%
Valuation	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
P/E	11.4	11.6	9.0	7.6	6.5
P/E, adjusted	10.9	10.4	9.0	7.6	6.5
P/Sales	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4
EV/Sales	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.5
EV/EBITDA	6.6	5.4	4.3	4.0	3.4
EV/EBIT	12.2	10.1	8.8	7.8	6.7
P/BV P/BV tangible	0.8 -4.0	0.7 -3.5	0.6 -3.4	0.5 -4.6	0.5 -7.8
Per share ratios	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	0.13	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.16
EPS, adjusted	0.13	0.11	0.12	0.14	0.10
Operating CF/share	0.29	0.36	0.34	0.34	0.38
Free Cash Flow/share	-0.23	0.28	0.18	0.16	0.21
BV/share	1.79	1.87	1.93	2.01	2.10
Tangible BV/share	-0.37	-0.36	-0.30	-0.22	-0.13
Div. per share	0.05	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07
Div. payout ratio	38.0%	54.1%	51.1%	49.9%	43.1%
Dividend yield	3.3%	4.7%	5.7%	6.6%	6.6%
Shareholders			Capital		Votes
HHL RÜHM OÜ			15.169		47.37 %
HANS LUIK			8.280		25.86 %
LHV Pensionfond L			1.905		5.95 %
Ekspress Grupp AS			0.691		2.16 %
LHV Pensionfond XL			0.486		1.52 %
OU Observa			0.415		1.29 %
SEB pank clients			0.413		1.29 %
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Key people					
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CEO		Argo Ra	nnamets s Rüütsalu		

P/E	EPS		
Price per share			
Earnings per share	Profit before extraordinary items and taxes – income taxes +		
	minority interest		
	Number of shares		
P/Sales	DPS		
Market cap	Dividend for financial period per share		
Sales			
P/BV	CEPS		
Price per share	Gross cash flow from operations		
Shareholders' equity + taxed provisions per share	Number of shares		
P/CF	EV/Share		
Price per share	Enterprise value		
Operating cash flow per share	Number of shares		
EV (Enterprise value)	Sales/Share		
Market cap + Net debt + Minority interest at market value – share of	Sales		
associated companies at market value	Number of shares		
Net debt	EBITDA/Share		
Interest-bearing debt – financial assets	Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization		
	Number of shares		
EV/Sales	EBIT/Share		
Enterprise value	Operating profit		
Sales	Number of shares		
EV/EBITDA	EAFI/Share		
	Dro tov profit		
Enterprise value	Pre-tax profit Number of shares		
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization	Number of shares		
EV/EBIT	Capital employed/Share		
Enterprise value			
Operating profit	Total assets – non-interest-bearing debt Number of shares		
	Number of shares		
Div yield, %	Total assets		
Dividend per share	Balance sheet total		
Price per share			
Payout ratio, %	Interest coverage (x)		
Total dividends	Operating profit		
Earnings before extraordinary items and taxes – income taxes + minority interest	Operating profit Financial items		
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Net cash/Share	Asset turnover (x)		
	Turnover		
Financial assets – interest-bearing debt	Balance sheet total (average)		
Number of shares			
ROA, %	Debt/Equity, %		
Operating profit + financial income + extraordinany items	Interest-bearing debt		
Operating profit + financial income + extraordinary items Balance sheet total – interest-free short-term debt – long-term advances	Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions		
received and accounts payable (average)			
	Faulty ratio 0/		
ROCE, %	Equity ratio, %		
Profit before extraordinary items + interest expenses + other financial costs	Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions		
Balance sheet total – non-interest-bearing debt (average)	Total assets – interest-free loans		
POE %	CACP %		
ROE, %	CAGR, %		
	Cumulative annual growth rate = Average growth rate per year		
Profit before extraordinary items – income taxes			

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