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Solid Q2, Outlook confirmed, Stronger growth ahead

EUR	Q2 19	Q2 19 est	Q2 19 cons.	Q2 18	yoy	Q1 19	qoq	H1 19	H1 18	yoy
Sales	249	238	246	219	14%	225	10%	474	423	12%
EBITDA	23.2	22.8	22.8	19.6	18%	21.2	9%	44.3	36.7	21%
EBITDA margin	9.3%	9.6%	9.3%	8.9%	+0.4 pp	9.4%	-0.1 pp	9.3%	8.7%	+0.7 pp
Net after minorities	8.8	9.8	9.5	8.9	-1%	9.4	-6%	18.2	16.2	12%
Net margin	3.6%	4.1%	3.9%	4.1%	-0.5 pp	4.2%	-0.6 pp	3.8%	3.8%	-0.0 pp
EPS	0.13	0.15	0.14	0.15	-10%	0.14	-6%	0.28	0.26	6%

Source: Company data, Hauck & Aufhäuser

Key insights from the Q2 release:

- Q2'19 largely better-than-expected.** Sales grew by 8-9% yoy organically, with Kapsch the main external contributor (*initial consolidation in June*). Key organic growth driver was high-margin IoT Europe (Q2 sales +31% yoy / 14% EBITDA margin), thanks to brisk design wins for S&T's innovative solutions amidst a favourable market environment (*i.e. trend towards intelligent, connected machines*). Note that Kapsch had a € 2m negative impact on Q2 EBITDA (*restructuring / M&A expenses*), fully offsetting the positive IFRS 16 effect (€ 2m in Q2). **Reported EBITDA margins are hence equal to underlying margins.** The slight net income miss reflects higher-than-expected D&A and interest expenses (*due to Kapsch*).
- Management confirms that organic growth should accelerate starting H2'19** especially benefitting IoT Americas driven by new design wins (e.g. € 50-60m p.a. from US video streaming company / € 20m p.a. from Asian airline). Note that IoT Americas is yet the low performer (Q2: 3% yoy sales growth / 4% EBITDA margin) due to the planned phase out of low-margin legacy projects. For instance, clients Juniper and NSN currently generate USD 20m sales combined versus USD 60m some 3 years ago. **Visibility on a growth acceleration comes from brisk order backlog growth** (+46% yoy / +20% qoq to € 752m as of H1'19). Accordingly, management notes that **organic growth in 2020E could accelerate to 20% yoy**, offering upside to our estimate (10% yoy).
- S&T has set up an efficiency program "PEC"** targeting € 30m w/c improvements in FY'19E plus an additional € 30m in FY'20E, directly benefitting cash flow (*not yet reflected in eH&A*). Further, it aims at optimising the corporate structure and capitalising on synergies between subsidiaries, which according to management is a **key step to lift the business to 12% EBITDA margins within 2-3 years**. Again, this would yield upside to our estimates (10.8% EBITDA margin by 2021E).

The FY guidance was reiterated (€ 1.15bn sales / >€ 100m EBITDA), which is in-line with expectations. Reiterate BUY with a € 30.00 PT (DCF), with the current buyback program (€ 20.00 cap / € 30m volume) seen to provide share price support at these levels.

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Price target: EUR 30.00

Price: EUR 18.92

Close price as of: 07.08.2019

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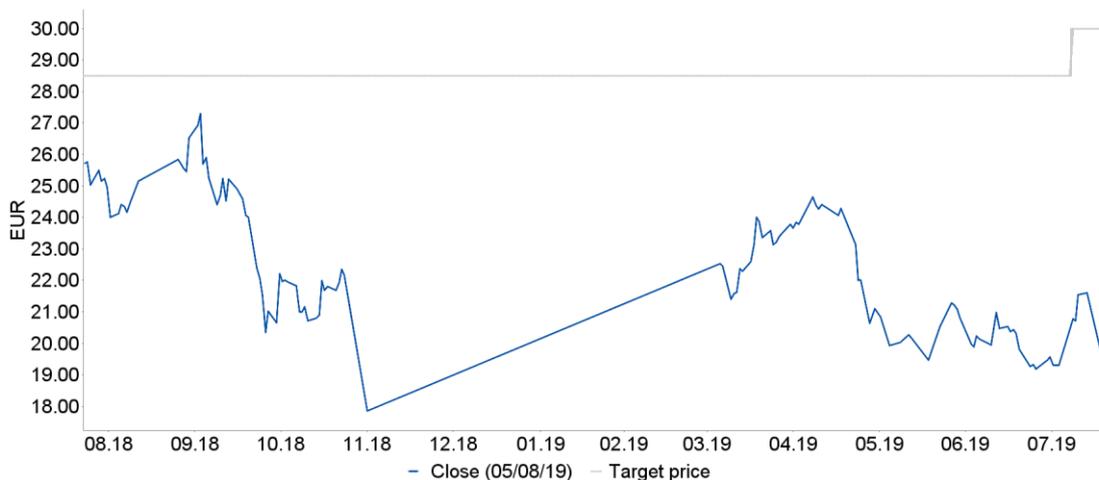
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S&T AG as of 07/08/19**

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Company	Date	Analyst	Rating	Target price	Close
S&T AG	25.07.2019	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 30,00	EUR 20,72
	18.06.2019	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 28,50	EUR 19,98
	01.04.2019	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 28,50	EUR 22,60
	10.01.2019	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 28,50	EUR 17,85
	17.09.2018	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 28,50	EUR 26,92
	03.09.2018	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 28,50	EUR 25,16

28.08.2018 Wunderlich, CFA, Tim Buy EUR 28,50 EUR 25,16

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