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ILPRA S.P.A.

FY2021 (+)

(Company press release)

Above expectations

Yesterday, ILPRA released its 2021 consolidated results that exceeded expectations.

Sales increased by 30.5% to €42.2m (vs. €41.4m estimated), mainly driven by strong domestic market growth (H2-21 +76% yoy and +15% vs. H1-21). As expected, the latter was driven by significant tax incentives for technology investments put in place by the Italian government to stimulate business innovation.

The company outperformed margin estimates, with an EBITDA margin of 21.3% (vs. 20.1% estimated). This was due to higher volumes and significant efficiency investments that reduced cost incidence.

ILPRA was only marginally affected by raw material price escalation, thanks to well anticipated supply.

The strong performance is further backed by a net cash position of €3.4m (vs. €1.8m estimated) and a proposed dividend of €0.10/share (yield 2.5%).

We remain positive regarding the company's prospects considering that it will only be marginally impacted by the Russia/Ukraine conflict since the ILPRA Russia subsidiary represents only €1.5m (or 3.5%) of consolidated revenues, and ILPRA has invested in sustainable solutions to cover 100% of its own energy needs in Italy (solar panels).

As a result, we are upgrading our 2022 estimates. 2022 EBITDA margin is being adjusted to 21.9% (vs. 20.7% estimated) and 2022 EPS to €0.42 (+17%).

Although we have adjusted our risk parameters to reflect the current market volatility, the positive outlook has led us to raise our TP to €5.8 (vs. €5.6).

Buy, TP of €5.8 (vs. €5.6) - Simone Mieli : +33149241833

Market Data	
Industry	Pakaging machines
Share Price (€)	4.04
Market Cap (€M)	48.636
Market Segment	Euronext Growth Milan
Bloomberg	ILP-IM

Ownership structure	
Holds Srl	0.769
M. Bertocco	0.0044
Free float	0.2251

€M (31/12)	2020	2021	2022e	2023e
Sales (€M)	32.4	42.2	45.8	49.2
Growth%	1.0%	30.5%	8.5%	7.4%
EBIT	4.2	7.0	7.9	8.7
Marge EBIT (%)	12.9%	16.6%	17.1%	17.6%
Net income	3.2	5.3	5.9	6.6
EPS €	0.22	0.37	0.42	0.48
EPS growth (%)	71.4%	65.2%	14.3%	12.7%
Dividend	0.06	0.10	0.11	0.13
Yield (%)	2.9%	2.5%	2.8%	3.2%
FCF	3.6	6.4	4.2	5.5
ROCE	14.0%	22.1%	23.6%	24.8%
EV/EBITDA (x)		1.1	1.0	1.0
EV/EBIT (x)		6.8	6.1	5.5
PE (x)		9.1	8.1	7.3
Net Debt	1.9	-3.4	-5.6	-9.2
Gearing	9%	-14%	-19%	-27%

TP ICAP Midcap estimates

Upcoming event : 29/04/2022 FY21

Consensus - Number of analysts : 1			
	2021	2022	2023
Sales	42.2	45.8	49.2
EBIT	7.0	7.9	8.7
Net income	5.3	5.9	6.6

Source: FACTSET

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SIDETRADE	D,F,G
SYNERGIE	Nil
TISG	G
U10	D,F,G
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