



13th January 2016

BG's Wake Up Call

	Last close	Daily chg (%)	Chg YTD (%)
Indices			
Dow Jones	16516.22	+0.72%	-7.33%
S&P 500	1938.68	+0.78%	-5.84%
Nasdaq	4685.92	+1.03%	-1.06%
Nikkei	17715.63	+2.88%	-1.33%
Stoxx 600	343.221	+0.88%	+0.20%
CAC 40	4378.75	+1.53%	+2.48%
Oil /Gold			
Crude WTI	30.6	-1.77%	-43.14%
Gold (once)	1089.05	-1.11%	-8.20%
Currencies/Rates			
EUR/USD	1.0826	-0.26%	-10.53%
EUR/CHF	1.08645	-0.07%	-9.64%
German 10 years	0.53	-2.32%	-2.06%
French 10 years	0.928	+1.22%	+10.71%

Economic releases :

Date	
13th-Jan	CNY trade balance
	JP - bnakrupties Dec.
	EUZ - Industrial Prod. Nov. (+1.3% y/y)
	US - F. Rosengren speaks on Economy outlook to Boston US Chamber
	US - DOE inventories
	US - Beige Book

Upcoming BG events :

Date	
14th-Jan	LDR HOLDING (BG Paris with CEO)
15th-Jan	INGENICO (BG Luxembourg with IR)
2nd-Mar	ALBIOMA (BG Paris Lunch CEO)
10th-Mar/ 11th-Mar	BG TMT Conference
23rd-Mar	EIFFAGE (BG Luxembourg with IR)
28th-Apr	ORPEA (BG Luxembourg with IR)

Recent reports :

Date	
14th-Dec	ATOS Synergies before organic growth
7th-Dec	ARM HOLDING - Cash me if you can
3rd-Dec	Luxury Goods, Buying opportunities despite volatile environment!
30th-Nov	Environmental Services It is time to take a rest on Veolia!
25th-Nov	Actelion (BUY-Top Picks ,FV CHF159 vs. CHF156), Combining and diversifyin
25th-Nov	Food retailing Anorexic growth... the bigger the better!

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ENGIE

BUY, Fair Value EUR19 (+26%)

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NEUTRAL, Fair Value EUR13,5 (+7%)

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SELL, Fair Value CHF60 (+34%)

Uncertainties regarding LH asset disposals in India

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SODEXO

NEUTRAL, Fair Value EUR88 (-1%)

Q1 revenue: Strong lfl revenue growth benefiting from the Rugby World Cup

Q1 consolidated revenue was slightly higher than anticipated reaching EUR5.57bn vs. EUR5.54bn, up 9.6% on reported. Strong lfl revenue growth up 4.7% vs. 3.9% from consensus and our expectation of 3.6%, o/w 50% coming from the RWC, i.e. 2.4% (our forecast was 1.5% and 1.6% for consensus). By segment, there was disappointment regarding Benefits & Rewards Services with lfl revenue growth of 5.3% (8% anticipated) and, in OSS, difficulties in the RoW with lfl growth down 4.2% (-2% anticipated), while NA is still strong, up 2.9%. Following Q1 revenue, Sodexo confirmed its expectation for 2015-16 of lfl revenue growth of around 3% and an increase in operating profit of around 8% excluding currency effects and before exceptional items.

FOOD INDUSTRY

A spicier dish (NESTLE coverage initiation)

We reiterate our Buy recommendation and have increased our Fair Value to EUR74 mainly to take account of the roll-over of our estimates. We are initiating coverage of Nestlé with a Neutral recommendation and a Fair Value of CHF76.

SEMICONDUCTORS

November global semi sales in line but poor macro index points to weak December data

November WSTS data points to overall global semiconductor sales of USD27.5bn, down 2.4% sequentially (-3.5% YoY). This is broadly in line with our benchmark based on 5-y historical data of -2.0% MoM. We continue to expect a flat year of growth, i.e. 2015 global sales at USD336bn. December's PMI index remains weak in both the US and China. As a result, we would recommend a cautious stock-picking until the economic index points to an improving macro-economic situation. In other worlds, we would prefer stock with solid fundamentals rather than value stocks.

In brief...

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Utilities

Engie

Price EUR15.06

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BUY

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Bloomberg	GSZ FP
Reuters	GSZ.PA
12-month High / Low (EUR)	20.0 / 14.0
Market Cap (EURm)	36,663
Ev (BG Estimates) (EURm)	79,369
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	5 998
3y EPS CAGR	0.5%

ANALYSIS

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/14
Absolute perf.	-4.9%	-0.8%	-12.7%	-22.5%
Utilities	-1.4%	-3.1%	-8.2%	-7.1%
DJ Stoxx 600	-4.4%	-6.2%	-12.5%	-0.7%

YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Sales	74,686	80,241	80,118	80,047
% change		7.4%	-0.2%	-0.1%
EBITDA	12,358	11,515	11,810	11,918
EBIT	6,574	6,540	6,696	6,647
% change		-0.5%	2.4%	-0.7%
Net income	3,125	2,737	2,849	2,981
% change		-12.4%	4.1%	4.6%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Operating margin	8.8	8.2	8.4	8.3
Net margin	4.2	3.4	3.6	3.7
ROE	5.6	5.0	5.2	5.4
ROCE	4.5	4.2	4.2	4.1
Gearing	53.2	56.6	59.3	61.5

(EUR)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
EPS	1.11	1.02	1.09	1.13
% change	-	-7.8%	6.3%	3.6%
P/E	13.5x	14.7x	13.8x	13.4x
FCF yield (%)	8.3%	4.3%	3.5%	4.1%
Dividends (EUR)	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00
Div yield (%)	6.6%	6.6%	6.6%	6.6%
EV/Sales	1.1x	1.0x	1.0x	1.0x
EV/EBITDA	6.9x	6.9x	6.7x	6.8x
EV/EBIT	12.9x	12.1x	11.9x	12.2x

• **What is in the press today?** According to Reuters, citing daily energy trade publication *Enerpresse*, the French group is considering a possible sale of part or all of its hydrocarbon exploration and production (E&P) operations to reduce its direct exposure to merchant activities. Engie declined to comment on the report but had already mentioned it is reviewing strategically all its non/less profitable assets following the massive swing in commodity prices.

• **A few words on the group's E&P business:** E&P business is part of the **Global Gas & LNG business unit** of the group (2015e sales of EUR6.3bn and 2015e EBITDA of EUR1.48bn) and is composed of gas production which represents **two thirds of the 60Mboe** annual gas and oil production (40Mboe) while oil production only represents one third (20Mboe). The group currently owns **70%** of E&P International following the acquisition (through a capital increase) of a **30%** minority stake in this business (excluding the 22.5% equity stake in E.F. Oil & Gas Limited) by **China Investment Corporation (CIC)** fund in August 2011. Back then (2010 metrics), this business generated **EUR2.2bn** of revenues and **EUR1.4bn** of EBITDA (63% EBITDA margin) with the transaction valuing Engie E&P business at an **EV of EUR8.1bn** (5.7x EV/EBITDA implied multiple). But back in 2011, Brent was **USD111/barrel** while the TTF gas price was **EUR26/MWh** vs. respectively **USD32/barrel** and **EUR15/MWh** today. In our model, we assume for 2015, the EBITDA of the E&P business will be closer to **EUR600-650m compared with 2014 at EUR1.2-1.3bn** (the group is still benefiting from its hedging position on the gas production business explaining the limited drop despite the massive drop in commodity prices) yet is set to further decline in 2016 and 2017 as hedging positions will suffer from the strong drop in gas prices. As a reminder, the group does not hedge its oil price exposure (one third of its volumes or 20Mboe), except for 2015, where volumes were covered ahead of the March drop. **In our SOTP we currently value the E&P business (at 100%) at less than EUR6bn.**

• **A positive move if made at the right price:** Such a move is clearly positive for the group as: **1/** it is in line with its mid- to long-term strategy to reduce its exposure to merchant activities to the profit of regulated/non-merchant activities; and as **2/** it will reinforce the group's balance sheet before financing new renewables projects (solar notably where the group is lagging other European peers) and infrastructure projects in both Europe (strong need for new interconnections between EU countries by 2020) and emerging markets. Such a disposal is therefore clearly credible, yet we struggle to see the rationale of the timing, with such strong uncertainties on both Brent and Gas prices especially given we assume the group is sufficiently strong (financially) to pass through this difficult cycle.

VALUATION

- At the current share price Engie is trading at 6.8x its 2016e EBITDA and offers a 6.6% yield.
- Buy, FV @ EUR19/share

NEXT CATALYSTS

- February 25th 2016: Engie - 2015 earnings

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Food retailing

Jeronimo Martins

Price EUR12.56

Q4 trading statement: Jeronimo Martins commands respect!

Fair Value EUR13,5 (+7%)

NEUTRAL

Bloomberg	JMT.PL
Reuters	JMT.LS
12-month High / Low (EUR)	13.8 / 8.6
Market Cap (EURm)	7,904
Ev (BG Estimates) (EURm)	8,475
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	1 129
3y EPS CAGR	8.6%

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/14
Absolute perf.	6.5%	2.6%	8.6%	50.7%
Food Retailing	0.1%	-7.0%	-8.1%	6.1%
DJ Stoxx 600	-3.5%	-5.1%	-11.7%	0.2%

YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Sales	12,679	13,735	14,627	15,551
% change		8.3%	6.5%	6.3%
EBITDA	732	789	863	945
EBIT	446.9	486.7	517.3	565.1
% change		8.9%	6.3%	9.2%
Net income	310.4	336.4	358.9	397.6
% change		8.4%	6.7%	10.8%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Operating margin	3.6	3.6	3.5	3.6
Net margin	2.4	2.4	2.5	2.6
ROE	NM	NM	NM	NM
ROCE	18.6	20.5	21.7	24.1
Gearing	17.4	19.2	-3.8	-15.2

(EUR)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
EPS	0.49	0.53	0.57	0.63
% change	-	8.4%	6.7%	10.8%
P/E	25.5x	23.5x	22.0x	19.9x
FCF yield (%)	2.2%	4.7%	4.9%	5.6%
Dividends (EUR)	0.25	0.27	0.00	0.32
Div yield (%)	2.0%	2.1%	NM	2.5%
EV/Sales	0.7x	0.6x	0.6x	0.5x
EV/EBITDA	11.5x	10.7x	9.4x	8.3x
EV/EBIT	18.9x	17.4x	15.6x	13.9x

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Yesterday, Jeronimo Martins released its 2015 preliminary sales which work out rather in line with our initial estimates (total sales of EUR13.73bn vs EUR13.69bn e). Beyond the expansion programme that delivered in line with expectations (see table on next page), the overall performance remains driven by strong LFL rates, both in Poland and Portugal. Elsewhere, Colombia (EUR122m annual sales vs EUR118m e) and Hebe (EUR100m annual sales vs EUR100m e) also delivered in line with estimates.

In Poland, food inflation was negative in the first nine months of the year (-2.2%), but turned marginally positive in October (+0.4%) and November (+0.1%). Against this backdrop, Biedronka put the emphasis on improving its offer in a bid to grow its share of wallet. In the end, LFL sales growth worked out at +3.8% in Q4 (vs +2.9% in 9M), driven by volumes (+5%e). It goes without saying, the banner grew its market share. In the end, the LFL rate has improved all along the year, supported by strong volume growth which more than compensated the basket deflation. Both the number of visits and the average tickets contributed positively to the annual LFL performance of +3.2%. On the whole, impressive.

In Portugal, Pingo Doce and Recheio, sticking to their promotional strategy, obviously reinforced their value proposition and outperformed their respective market. We would like to emphasise the exceptional commercial performance by Jeronimo Martins, which, against the backdrop of declining sales momentum all over Europe (see our recent report: *Anorexic growth... the bigger the better!*), is able to show a +4.1% LFL Q4 sales growth excl. fuel (vs +4.7% in 9M) at Pingo Doce (!), driven by volumes (+6% we believe). If we play the devil's advocate, we could notice the sequential deceleration at Recheio whose LFL sales growth worked out at +1.4% in Q4 (vs +4.2% in 9M). Let us not deceive ourselves, this is another set of strong figures.

Why we remain cautious despite such performances

As a reminder, the Polish government may introduce a progressive retail tax of 0.5/2% on turnover with a progression depending on revenues (implementation could be in Q2 2016). Hence, at this stage, our understanding is that big retailers may be subject to a higher tax rate than their smaller competitors (the initial plan was to introduce a tax representing up to 2.5% of the banner's sales for the stores with a selling area exceeding 250sqm). This scenario would meet with both the fiscal (budget) and social (protection of the smallest players) targets of the government. On the one hand, we do believe that Biedronka should be able to pass part of this tax to suppliers. On the other one, it seems complicated to us to pass part of this tax on to consumers through homogeneous price increases (potential risk of cross-elasticity), since different retailers could be subject to different tax rates depending on their revenues. In short, at this stage, the lack of information leads to caution.

VALUATION

- Jeronimo Martins is showing a 21x 2016 P/E vs 16x for the panel (15x excluding Tesco)

NEXT CATALYSTS

- Upcoming details about the retail tax in Poland (next week?)
- Field Trip to Colombia (15&16 March 2016)



Performances at Jeronimo Martins' main banner

BIEDRONKA	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2 014	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2 015
Sales (EURm)	1 953	2 076	2 162	2 241	8 432	2 172	2 327	2 337	2 369	9 205
(1) LFL	-2.7%	0.3%	-1.3%	0.3%	-0.8%	2.9%	2.4%	3.5%	3.8%	3.2%
(2) F/X	-0.7%	0.8%	1.9%	-0.6%	0.3%	-0.2%	1.5%	-0.3%	1.1%	-0.1%
(3) Expansion	9.3%	11.2%	10.3%	9.1%	10.0%	8.5%	8.2%	4.9%	3.2%	6.1%
(1)+(2)+(3) % change	5.9%	12.3%	10.9%	8.8%	9.5%	11.2%	12.1%	8.1%	8.1%	9.2%
(1)+(3)% change tcc	6.6%	11.5%	9.0%	9.4%	9.1%	11.4%	10.6%	8.4%	7.0%	9.3%

Source: Group, BG estimates

PINGO DOCE	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2 014	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2 015
Sales (EURm), store sales	743	812	835	844	3 234	772	850	888	896	3 406
(1) LFL (incl. fuel)	1.1%	1.9%	-2.0%	1.1%	0.5%	3.4%	4.2%	4.0%	3.4%	3.8%
(2) Expansion	1.1%	1.0%	1.8%	0.8%	1.2%	0.5%	0.5%	2.3%	2.8%	1.6%
(1)+(2) % change	2.2%	2.9%	-0.2%	1.9%	1.7%	3.9%	4.7%	6.3%	6.2%	5.3%

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Construction & Building Materials

LafargeHolcim

Price CHF44.84

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SELL

Bloomberg	HOLN.VX
Reuters	HOLZn.VX
12-month High / Low (CHF)	72.9 / 44.8
Market Cap (CHF)	27,214
Ev (BG Estimates) (CHF)	45,750
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	1,893
3y EPS CAGR	30.4%

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Absolute perf.	-10.0%	-20.5%	-35.7%	-37.2%
Cons & Mat	-4.1%	-2.9%	-6.9%	8.9%
DJ Stoxx 600	-4.4%	-6.2%	-12.5%	-0.7%

YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Sales	31,564	29,968	31,571	33,640
% change		-5.1%	5.3%	6.6%
EBITDA	6,495	5,899	6,751	7,907
EBIT	3,765	3,273	4,111	5,268
% change		-13.1%	25.6%	28.1%
Net income	1,247	1,249	1,983	2,769
% change		0.1%	58.8%	39.6%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
Operating margin	11.9	10.9	13.0	15.7
Net margin	5.3	3.8	5.6	8.6
ROE	3.3	3.3	5.2	6.9
ROCE	3.4	3.8	4.7	6.1
Gearing	41.6	39.9	37.0	31.0

(EUR)	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
EPS	2.06	2.06	3.27	4.57
% change		-	0.1%	58.8%
P/E	21.8x	21.7x	13.7x	9.8x
FCF yield (%)	1.7%	6.6%	7.7%	11.6%
Dividends (EUR)	1.30	1.30	1.30	1.30
Div yield (%)	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%	2.9%
EV/Sales	1.4x	1.5x	1.4x	1.3x
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In August 2015, LH signed an agreement with Birla Corporation in order to divest some assets located in the eastern part of the country and to comply with the Competition Commission of India (CCI)'s requests. EV was INR50bn or CHF750m for 5.15m tonnes of capacity, for mainly one cement plant and one grinding station. LafargeHolcim's combined capacity in India was 73 mt: 62mt from Holcim and 11mt from Lafarge. The initial plan was to retain 68mt after the Birla deal. Unfortunately, the Indian government amended the Mining Act a bit later. With the new policy, mining rights have to be won at auction and can't be simply transferred. And, according to the press since early January, Birla has faced some difficulties in securing the acquisition of the limestone reserves rights, while it was a condition of the deal with LH, as limestone access is essential for a cement plant. One of the solutions suggested by the press would be for LafargeHolcim to directly sell the Lafarge India company as a whole: all assets (plants, brands, mining rights...) included. In that case, limestone reserve rights do not have to be transferred but would stay within the same entity.

Whether LH sells the entire Lafarge India business or not, the Indian CCI new chairman has recently (6 January, CNBC) confirmed that LH has come back with an "alternative proposal", but he wasn't more specific. In any case, some potential buyers for the 11mt have been mentioned by the press, including CRH (BUY, FV EUR30). The EV of the deal is likely to be close to CHF1.5bn, if based on the same EV/tonnes ratio.

We have contacted LafargeHolcim. It admits the process has been delayed but didn't disclosed much details. However, it expects a decision from the CCI in the next couple of weeks. We have contacted CRH as well but it doesn't comment on speculation.

ANALYSIS

- As far as we understand, we will ignore today what might be the new proposal of LafargeHolcim until we get further details. However, in any case, the current issue underlines how India can be a complex, hard-to-predict country.
- If LH is forced to sell all Lafarge assets in India, then we can't see how "merger" synergies can be generated within India. Nevertheless, LH would in any case remain a strong player in the country, the leader with 62mt of capacity, with only 10% in the South, where utilisation rates are the lowest at c.60%. As a reminder, as a whole, LH got c.375mt of capacity and the first exposure is India.
- CRH has invested in 2015 EUR6.5bn in the LH assets and EUR1.2bn in CRLaurence and the leverage is likely to stand above 3x by the end of 2015 (we have 3.3x) and the target is less than 2.5x at end 2016. Investing EUR1.4bn in a new asset is likely to postpone this objective. Besides, integrated various assets from LH will take time and energy from the management.

VALUATION

- CHF60 FV derived from the historical multiples application to our 2017e EBITDA, discounted back. Current EV/EBITDA stands at 6.7x 2017e, below c7.5x historical average or European sector ratio.

NEXT CATALYSTS

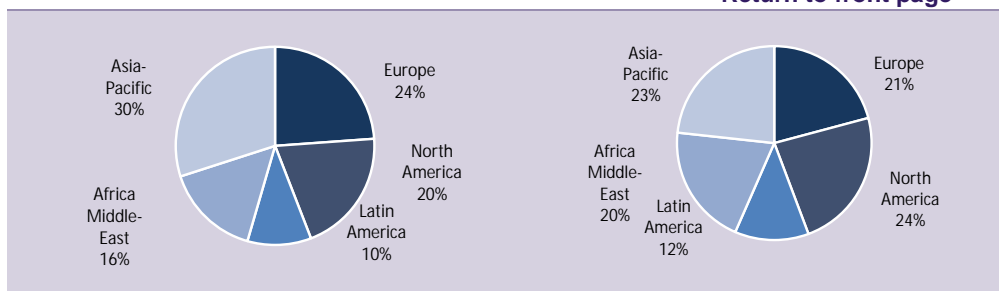
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Key metrics

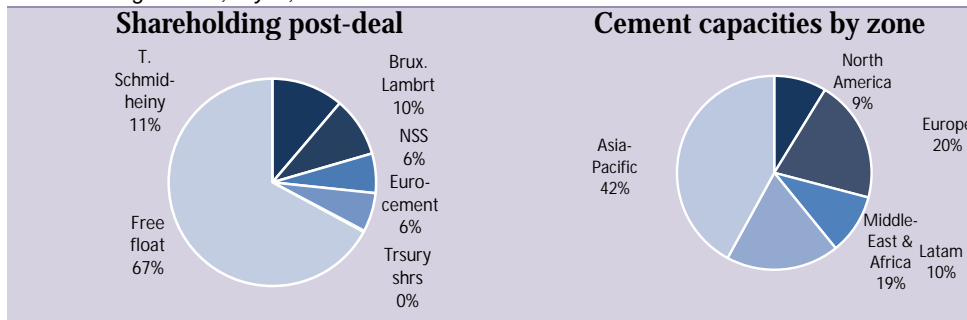
2016e Revenues

2016e EBITDA

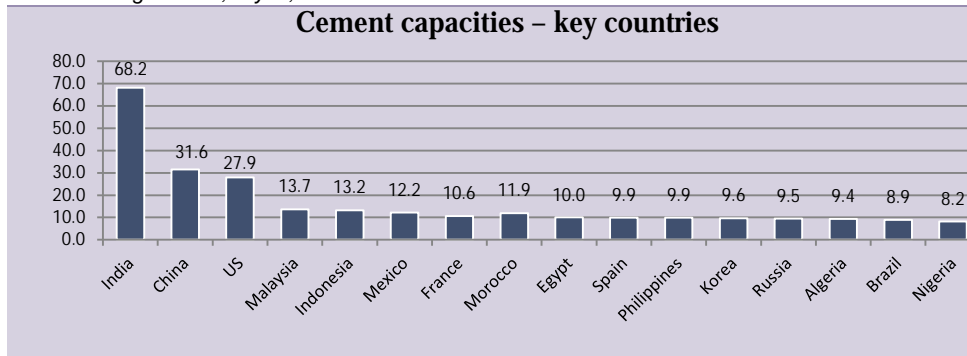




Sources: LafargeHolcim, Bryan, Garnier & co



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Valuation multiples

BG multiples x	Price*	Mk.	PE		EV/EBIT		Div.		
	11/01/16	000 2015e	2016e	2017e	2015e	2016e	2017e	2015e	
LafargeHolcim (CHF)	44.84	27 214	21.7	13.7	9.8	7.8	6.7	5.5	2.9%
Vicat	51.18	2 298	16.1	13.2	10.0	7.7	7.0	5.7	2.9%
CRH	24.74	20 364	33.4	17.5	13.7	11.9	8.8	7.5	2.5%
HeidelbergCement	69.00	12 966	18.1	15.0	9.8	8.4	7.3	5.9	1.6%
Saint-Gobain	36.15	20 275	16.6	13.4	10.8	7.5	6.4	5.6	3.4%
Vinci	58.09	34 183	17.8	15.9	14.4	8.3	7.5	6.8	3.0%
Eiffage	57.15	5 454	17.6	15.2	12.7	9.2	8.9	8.5	2.1%
<i>Cement average</i>			23.7	14.8	11.2	9.1	7.5	6.2	2.8%
<i>Building Materials average</i>			22.3	14.9	10.8	9.0	7.2	6.2	2.5%

* in EUR, except LafargeHolcim

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Business Services

Sodexo

Price EUR88.82

Q1 revenue: Strong lfl revenue growth benefiting from the Rugby World Cup

Fair Value EUR88 (-1%)

NEUTRAL

Q1 consolidated revenue was slightly higher than anticipated reaching EUR5.57bn vs. EUR5.54bn, up 9.6% on reported. Strong lfl revenue growth up 4.7% vs. 3.9% from consensus and our expectation of 3.6%, o/w 50% coming from the RWC, i.e. 2.4% (our forecast was 1.5% and 1.6% for consensus). By segment, there was disappointment regarding Benefits & Rewards Services with lfl revenue growth of 5.3% (8% anticipated) and, in OSS, difficulties in the RoW with lfl growth down 4.2% (-2% anticipated), while NA is still strong, up 2.9%. Following Q1 revenue, Sodexo confirmed its expectation for 2015-16 of lfl revenue growth of around 3% and an increase in operating profit of around 8% excluding currency effects and before exceptional items.

ANALYSIS

• **Strong lfl revenue growth in OSS (96.7% of consolidated revenue):** In OSS, total revenue reached EUR5,388m (consensus at EUR5,370m) up 10.3% on reported with lfl revenue growth of 4.7% and a positive currency effect of 5.6%. **Regarding lfl revenue growth**, the spread compared with the forecast was largely explained by the Rugby World Cup representing revenue of EUR131m and explaining 50% of the lfl revenue growth.

- By geography, **NA** (45% of OSS revenue) was still sustained with lfl revenue growth of 2.9% (2.5% anticipated) while **RoW** (15% of OSS) was down 4.2% on a lfl basis largely impacted by the remote sites' activity (9% of OSS in 2015), lfl excluding remote sites was 6%. **Continental Europe** (28% of OSS) was up 1%, in line with our expectations and UK and Ireland (12% of OSS) was up 47.6% and 17.5% excluding the RWC which was still very strong especially in corporate services, up 21.3%.
- By segment, Corporate Services (49.9% of OSS) was up 7.5% on lfl basis, o/w 2/3rds was explained by the RWC (Q1 2015 was up 6.1%), Health Care and Seniors (23.3% of OSS) was up 2.7% reflecting some improvement while Education (26.8% of OSS) was still challenging with lfl revenue growth of 1.2%.

• **Disappointed on Benefits & Rewards Services:** in fact, total revenue reached EUR186m in line with our estimate of down 6% mainly due to negative currency effects of 14.4%, but with only 5.3% lfl revenue growth vs. 8% expected impacted by a decline in the number of beneficiaries under existing contracts in LatAm (lfl up 8.9%) and a still challenging economic environment in Europe and Asia (lfl up 1.1%).

• **For fiscal 2016**, Sodexo's objective is for revenue growth of around 3% and an increase in operating profit of around 8% (excluding currency effects and before exceptional items). Our forecast is based on lfl revenue growth of 2.8% with an operating result of EUR1,236m before exceptionals (EBIT margin up 35bps at 6.1%). EBIT is expected to be EUR1,138m after EUR100m of exceptional items due to the new plan for simplification and standardisation. Remember that the measures taken should progressively generate annual savings of around EUR200m between now and 2018 when the full benefit will be realised. The implementation of these initiatives will result in exceptional costs over the next 18 months, which are estimated to be EUR200m.

VALUATION

• At the current share price, the stock is trading at 11.8x and 10.4x EV/EBIT 2016e and 2017e which compare with median historical of 10.8x and an CAGR EBIT2014-17 of 7.7%. EPS 2015e and 2016e are respectively capitalised 20.0x and 18.5x compared with an CAGR EPS2014-17 of 7.9%

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- Conference call today at 8.30 am (Paris time)
- AGM on 26th January 2016
- H1 results on 14th April 2016

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Bloomberg	SW FP
Reuters	EXHO.PA
12-month High / Low (EUR)	95.3 / 71.0
Market Cap (EUR)	13,956
Ev (BG Estimates) (EUR)	14,333
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	274.4
3y EPS CAGR	18.1%

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/14
Absolute perf.	-1.5%	15.1%	3.0%	9.3%
Travel&Leisure	0.3%	5.0%	1.1%	15.2%
DJ Stoxx 600	-3.5%	-5.1%	-11.7%	0.2%

YEnd Aug. (EURm)	08/14	08/15e	08/16e	08/17e
Sales	18,016	19,815	20,240	20,702
% change		10.0%	2.1%	2.3%
EBITDA	1,229	1,396	1,499	1,592
EBIT	966.0	1,143	1,236	1,323
% change		18.3%	8.1%	7.1%
Net income	480.8	700.0	721.3	775.2
% change		45.6%	3.0%	7.5%

	08/14	08/15e	08/16e	08/17e
Operating margin	5.4	5.8	6.1	6.4
Net margin	2.7	3.5	3.6	3.7
ROE	15.7	19.5	23.9	18.5
ROCE	25.6	28.6	30.0	31.1
Gearing	13.2	10.2	24.8	-2.4

(EUR)	08/14	08/15e	08/16e	08/17e
EPS	3.17	4.60	4.85	5.21
% change	-	45.4%	5.4%	7.5%
P/E	28.1x	19.3x	18.3x	17.0x
FCF yield (%)	3.9%	5.0%	4.4%	4.8%
Dividends (EUR)	1.80	2.20	2.43	2.61
Div yield (%)	2.0%	2.5%	2.7%	2.9%
EV/Sales	0.8x	0.7x	0.7x	0.7x
EV/EBITDA	11.7x	10.3x	9.8x	8.7x
EV/EBIT	14.9x	12.5x	11.9x	10.5x



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Sector View

Food industry

A spicier dish (NESTLE coverage initiation)

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/14
Food & Bev.	-3.4%	1.3%	-1.7%	11.3%
DJ Stoxx 600	-4.4%	-6.2%	-12.5%	-0.7%

*Stoxx Sector Indices

Companies covered

DANONE	BUY	EUR74 vs EUR69
Last Price	EUR58,74	Market Cap. EUR38,472m
NESTLE	NEUTRAL initiation	CHF76
Last Price	EUR70,25	Market Cap. EUR223,985m

The business environment has deteriorated for major food groups that are facing constant political intervention, an accumulation of regulations and sociological changes. Only 16% of Danone's portfolio is based in high-risk categories (yoghurts sold in Europe excluding CIS). The group has mapped out a specific plan to restore its performance and has set credible financial targets. The first results have been positive. In contrast, Nestlé is not only exposed to risk categories for 25%, but the strong measures implemented by the Swiss group only concern 8% of its sales. This analysis strengthens our positive conviction on Danone. We reiterate our Buy recommendation and have increased our Fair Value to EUR74 mainly to take account of the roll-over of our estimates. We are initiating coverage of Nestlé with a Neutral recommendation and a Fair Value of CHF76.

ANALYSIS

- The food industry is the focus of much attention, notably from politicians. Regulations are mounting: taxes on calories, increasingly strict standards in terms of product labelling, advertising etc. The backdrop is less beneficial for major groups, who are also under pressure by certain sociological developments: the ramp-up in e-commerce and online advertising, an increase in away-from-home consumption and above all, the emergence of the Millennial generation. In contrast, some newly created brands are very dynamic. They have managed to make the most of new technologies in order to publicise their products and distribute at a low cost. Above all, they offer products that meet consumer demands as major groups have failed to do.
- The major groups are reformulating their products: reducing the size of portions, reducing salt, sugar and saturated fat levels, or on the contrary adding beneficial ingredients (vitamins and minerals etc.). This approach has its downsides since it involves additional costs, technical obstacles and above all, a possible rejection by consumers who could be disappointed by the resulting taste or worried about the ingredients used as substitutes. An alternative solution for groups is to acquire a small brand (ex: acquisition of Annie's by General Mills in September 2014) in a bid to strengthen their innovative capacity and efficiency, while enhancing their reputation. However, this strategy also carries risks such as the loss of customer confidence, and retaliatory measures by mass-market retailers. In addition, these acquisitions are too small to really make a difference.
- Danone only derives 16% of its portfolio from risk categories, namely those negatively affected by the changes in the food industry we described above. This concerns yoghurts sold in Europe (excluding CIS). The group has mapped out a specific plan to restore their performance and has set credible financial targets. The first results have been positive with a return to growth of Actimel, a stabilisation in trends of Activia and an increase in the gross margin (+130bp in H1 2015 excluding the impact of milk prices). Nestlé is more exposed. We estimate that 25% of its portfolio is at risk, corresponding to sales in western countries of frozen and chilled products, cooking aids, liquid and powdered beverages, confectionary and ice-creams. The strong measures implemented by the Swiss group only concern 8% of its sales: frozen products in the US (5%) and ice-creams/frozen products in Europe (3%). Other initiatives are headed in the right direction, but their impact is minimal (launch of Cailler chocolate) or uncertain (reformulation).

VALUATION

- This analysis strengthens our positive conviction on Danone. We reiterate our Buy recommendation and have increased our Fair Value to EUR74 in order to take account of the roll-over of our estimates and the 1% increase in our EPS forecasts for the next three years. The Swiss group seems to be facing far larger challenges. Besides, its theoretical upside (+8%, Fair Value of CHF76) is low. So we are initiating coverage of the stock with a Neutral recommendation. Despite the good performance enjoyed over the past three months, Danone's 12m forward P/E only stands at 20.1x (based on a consensus 2.5% lower than our estimates) compared with 20.4x for Unilever and 21.2x for Nestlé (our expectations are 1.6%



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Sector View

Semiconductors

November global semi sales in line but poor macro index points to weak December data

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/14
Semiconductors	-9.5%	-4.2%	-14.7%	-17.0%
DJ Stoxx 600	-4.4%	-6.2%	-12.5%	-0.7%

*Stoxx Sector Indices

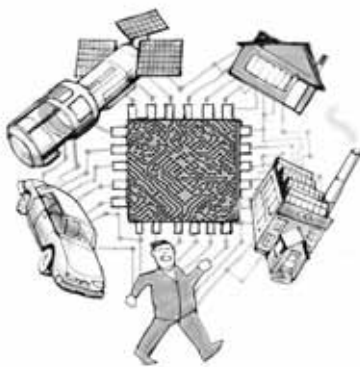
Companies covered

ARM HOLDINGS	BUY	1310p
Last Price	953p	Market Cap. GBP13,392m
ASML	NEUTRAL	EUR76
Last Price	EUR75.69	Market Cap. EUR32,799m
DIALOG	NEUTRAL	EUR34
Last Price	EUR26.654	Market Cap. EUR2,075m
INFINEON	BUY	EUR15
Last Price	EUR12	Market Cap. EUR13,551m
SOITEC	NEUTRAL	EUR0.8
Last Price	EUR0.63	Market Cap. EUR146m
STMICROELECTRONICS	SELL	EUR6.8
Last Price	EUR5.73	Market Cap. EUR5,220m

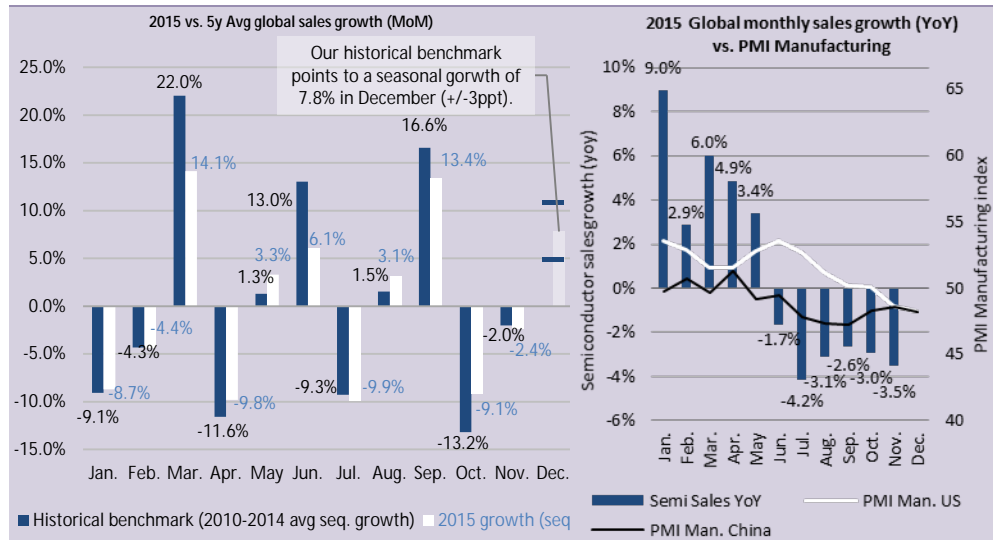
November WSTS data points to overall global semiconductor sales of USD27.5bn, down 2.4% sequentially (-3.5% YoY). This is broadly in line with our benchmark based on 5-y historical data of -2.0% MoM. We continue to expect a flat year of growth, i.e. 2015 global sales at USD336bn. December's PMI index remains weak in both the US and China. As a result, we would recommend a cautious stock-picking until the economic index points to an improving macro-economic situation. In other words, we would prefer stock with solid fundamentals rather than value stocks.

ANALYSIS

- Global semiconductor sales continue to decrease on a yoy basis with November sales at USD27.5bn, down 3.5% yoy.** On a sequential basis, November's global sales came out at USD27.5bn, down 2.4% compared to October's sales. This is broadly in line with our benchmark based on 5-y historical data showing an historical seasonal decline of 2.0% in November vs. October. Based on the visibility we now have, our feeling is similar to the one we had a month ago, i.e. the short-term momentum will remain weak for the semi industry. In addition, the current poor macro economy index puts pressure on our expectation of a rebound during Q1-16.
- All regions, including Asia, show a decrease in sales on a yearly basis.** Indeed, November's sales in Asia, which represent c. 60% of semiconductor sales (of which ~50% are made in China), were down by 0.7% yoy. This was the second time in 2015 that Asian sales were down (July's sales in Asia were down by 1.1% yoy). US and European sales were both down by 7.9% and 8.4% yoy in November respectively. On a more positive note, Japanese sales were down by "only" 5.1% yoy in November while monthly down by more than 11% yoy on average since the start of 2015.
- December and beyond: December expected to be weak, 2015 to be flat.** We expect global December sales to be close to USD28.7bn, up +4.3% sequentially (vs. historical data pointing to a growth of +7.8% seq. in December) but down 4.0% on a yearly basis. As a result, 2015e sales should end at USD336.2bn, up +0.1% yoy. Recently, smartphone market momentum has proven to be particularly weak, especially for the Apple supply chain which had benefited from a strong resistance so far. We continue to foresee the end of the inventory adjustments impacting Q4-15 momentum in the Automotive and Industrial sectors during Q1-16. Finally, we do not expect a further decrease for the PC segment. December ISM data were negative with the US PMI Manufacturing index indicating a continuous slowdown to 48.2 from 48.6 in November (12m high at 53.5 in June). December's production index bounced back to 49.8 after a sharp decrease from 52.9 to 49.2 in October, and the Inventories Index stuck at a very low level of 43.5. Chinese data were also disappointing with Markit PMI Manufacturing down to 48.2 from 48.6 (was at 51.3 in April 2015). Overall, we keep our November comment: macro data are not particularly supportive and our feeling is that the short-term momentum remains weak.



November sales are in line with seasonal but macro indices remain weak.



Sources: WSTS; Bryan Garnier & Co.

VALUATION

Standard deviation on 2016e P/E valuation between different sectors have been reduced during December. Our semiconductor valuation table highlights the valuation differences of the 6 sub-sectors of the industry. On average, IP & EDA vendors, and Semiconductor Equipment makers have the highest valuation metrics with an average 2016e P/E ratio of 19.6x and 17.8x respectively (down from 21.8x and 19.6x a month ago). Conversely, Foundries have the lowest valuation with an average 2016e P/E ratio of 11.9x (down from 13.1x a month ago).

BG semiconductor sub-sectors valuation table

	2016e			
	EV/Sales	EV/EBITDA	EV/EBIT	P/E
Fabless (15) average	2.8x	9.8x	12.4x	16.2x
Logic & Analog IDM (17) average	3.0x	9.9x	14.6x	16.4x
Memory IDM (4) average	0.9x	3.5x	11.8x	13.4x
Foundry (5) average	1.5x	4.2x	12.4x	11.9x
Semiconductor Equipment & Materials (11) average	2.3x	2.2x	8.0x	17.8x
Intellectual Property & EDA (10) average	4.7x	15.5x	19.7x	19.6x

Numbers between brackets represent the number of companies in each category; green/red numbers are higher/lower data per ratio.

Sources: Thomson Reuters I.B.E.S.; Bryan Garnier & Co.

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Healthcare

GlaxoSmithKline

Price 1,364p

Advair's generic threat more material now

Fair Value 1540p (+13%)

NEUTRAL

Bloomberg	GSK LN
Reuters	GSK.L
12-month High / Low (p)	1,642 / 1,238
Market Cap (GBPm)	66,400
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	8 047

	1 M	3 M	6 M	31/12/14
Absolute perf.	5.1%	4.4%	-0.5%	-0.9%
Healthcare	-1.9%	-0.6%	-9.4%	8.1%
DJ Stoxx 600	-3.5%	-5.1%	-11.7%	0.2%

	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e
P/E	14.3x	18.3x	16.2x	14.7x
Div yield (%)	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%	5.9%

ANALYSIS

- Although Sandoz (Novartis group), which has long appeared as the main threat to GSK's Advair as the one which could get a generic version of the drug approved the fastest, has always been quiet about timings and progress, Mylan yesterday confirmed that it has filed an ANDA to get its own generic version of Advair approved by the FDA.
- Advair's generic risk is a very long story and a bit like with biosimilars, GSK has nothing but gained time to this meaningful outcome for its pharmaceutical business. That said, it has not prevented the drug from decreasing sharply in sales over the last couple of years. In the US, Advair went down by 25% in 2014 and should have another negative year in 2015 of close to 20%. In two years, GSK desensitised a lot from its biggest product whose sales went from GBP5,274m to GBP3,65m (e), with half of it in the US. This was a reflection of competition in the class, the internal resource shift in favour of Breo and price pressures in general. The result is that its weight went down from 20% of GSK's total sales to 15% from 2013 to 2015.
- Because it has always been difficult to say when competition would come, GSK included some form of generic competition starting in 2017 to form its medium-term guidance of high single-digit EPS growth by 2018. As a reminder, most will come from the benefits of the integration of Novartis's former vaccines and CHC businesses and to a lesser extent from the rejuvenation of the portfolio (Breo, Anoro, ViiV, Nucala) and some cost-cutting measures.

VALUATION

- There can still be a long way from filing to approval for a complex drug like Advair but it is reasonable now to assume that generic competition might start sometime in 2017 from Mylan and maybe from Sandoz too.
- Currently, we plan erosion in Advair sales by 25%, 30% and 50% from 2017 to 2019. Although it might be slightly worse, we stick to this scenario for the time being. Obviously, sentiment will be hurt more than numbers as we do not expect major cuts.
- We still believe that GSK is close to a turnaround point. The upside to our FV is too limited however to have a BUY recommendation.

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BG's Wake Up Call

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Distribution of stock ratings

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