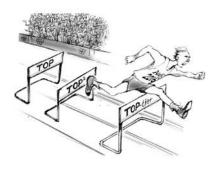
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FY15 results slightly above estimates, positive FY16 guidance

Fair Value EUR93 (+44%)

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This morning Atos reported FY15 results slightly above our forecasts and the consensus average, while free cash flow, at EUR450m, exceeded company guidance by EUR30m. FY16 guidance, which includes Unify but excludes Equens and Cataps is very encouraging on an operating margin and free cash flow standpoint. Finally, the dividend will be up 38% to EUR1,10, while we expected EUR0.90. We deem the share price will react positively on the back of this publication.

ANALYSIS

- FY15 results slightly above estimates, free cash flow stronger than expected. For FY15, revenues were up 18.1% (+0.4% lfl) to EUR10,686m or in line with our forecast (EUR10,734m) and the consensus' average (EUR10,689m). The operating profit was up 25.9% to EUR883.7m or 8.3% of sales (+0.5ppt), or slightly above our forecast (8.2%) and consensus (8.1%) and at the mid-point of company guidance (8-8.5%). EBIT was up 33.8% to EUR589m (BG est.: EUR576m) after EUR190m restructuring costs (BG est.: EUR230m), and attribuable net profit was up 53.2% to EUR406.2m (BG est.: EUR381.2m). For Q4 15, sales were up 0.4% lfl to EUR3,036m. Free cash flow was EUR450m (including a EUR128m contribution from Worldline), or 10% above our forecast and consensus (EUR410m), while company guidance was c. EUR420m (o/w EUR120-125m for Worldline).
- FY15 details. By business unit: 1). IT Services saw sales down 0.1% Ifl to EUR9,510m (BG est.: EUR9,562m) with an op. margin up 1.1ppt to 8.5% (Managed Services: sales +0.4% Ifl and op. margin +1.3ppt to 8.9%; Consulting & Systems Integration: sales -2.2% Ifl and op. margin +0.4ppt to 6.4%; Big Data & Cyber-security: sales +6.2% Ifl and op. margin +3.4ppt to 17.2%): 2). After the elimination of EUR51m intercompany transactions with Atos, Worldline's sales were up 4.7% Ifl to EUR1,176m (BG est.: EUR1,172m) with an op. margin down 0.6ppt to 14.9%. IT Services by geography: 1). On revenues, the biggest contributor to growth was the UK (+5.5% Ifl), followed by the Other Business Unit entity (+1% Ifl) and France (+0.6% Ifl), while, unsurprisingly Germany, Benelux & the Nordics and North America were down 4.6%, 3.9% and 2%, respectively, on a Ifl basis; 2). On the operating margin, the improvement stemmed from the UK (+2.4ppt to 11.1%), France (+2.9ppt to 6.1%) and North America (+3.1ppt to 10.5%), while Benelux & the Nordics were down 2.1ppt (9.3%), Germany +0.9ppt to 7.6%, and Other Business Unit -0.6ppt to 7.3%.
- FY16 guidance positive. For FY16, the management ambitions to improve Ifl revenue growth compared to that of FY15, generate more than 8% revenue growth at cc, and posting an operating margin of 9-9.5% while the target announced in November 2013 was 8.5-9.5%, and a free cash flow of c. EUR550m (including a EUR135-140m contribution from Worldline) while the goal announced in June 2015 was EUR500-550m. Company guidance excludes Equens and the acquisition of 80% of Cataps (Komerční banka's merchant acquiring and payment processing services, est. EUR20m sales) in the Czech republic. We forecast Ifl revenue growth of 0.2% to EUR12,061m with an operating margin of 8.7% and a free cash flow of EUR563m, while the consensus average is at +0.4% Ifl for sales to EUR11,970m, 8.6% for the operating margin and EUR533m for the free cash flow.

VALUATION

- Atos' shares are trading at est. 5.4x 2016 and 3.6x 2017 EV/EBIT multiples.
- Net cash position on 31st December 2015 was EUR593m.

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