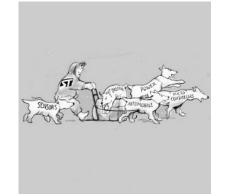
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STMicroelectronics

Price EUR5.01

Bloomberg Reuters 12-month High Market Cap (EU Ev (BG Estimate Avg. 6m daily vo 3y EPS CAGR	Rm) s) (EURm))		STM FP STM.FR 7.9 / 4.6 4,564 3,961 2,381 30.5%
	1 M	3 M	6 M 3	1/12/15
Absolute perf.	-4.1%	-3.7%	-24.8%	-18.9%
Semiconductors	-5.2%	3.0%	-10.8%	-7.6%
DJ Stoxx 600	-4.4%	2.3%	-12.4%	-8.7%
YEnd Dec. (USDm)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Sales	6,897	6,882	6,998	7,151
% change		-0.2%	1.7%	2.2%
EBITDA	910	972	1,083	1,245
EBIT	174.0	256.7	355.0	500.9
% change		47.5%	38.3%	41.1%
Net income	175.0	178.1	262.2	386.0
% change		1.8%	47.2%	47.2%
	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Operating margin	2.5	3.7	5.1	7.0
Net margin	2.5	2.6	3.7	5.4
ROE	2.2	3.8	5.6	8.2
ROCE	5.1	4.7	7.1	10.9
Gearing	-10.5	-14.5	-18.2	-22.4
(USD)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
EPS	0.20	0.20	0.30	0.44
% change	-	2.0%	46.4%	49.0%
P/E	28.3x	27.7x	18.9x	12.7x
FCF yield (%)	5.2%	7.9%	8.8%	11.2%
Dividends (USD)	0.40	0.24	0.30	0.39
Div yield (%)	7.1%	4.3%	5.4%	7.0%
			0.0	0.00
EV/Sales	0.7x	0.6x	0.6x	0.6x
EV/Sales EV/EBITDA	0.7x 5.1x	0.6x 4.6x	0.6x 3.9x	0.6x 3.3x



2016 capital market day feedback: our view remains unchanged

Fair Value EUR6.3 (+26%)

NEUTRAL

The capital market day held yesterday by STMicroelectronics did not change our view regarding ST. The management stressed the strength of ST's portfolio (we agree) and how to improve profitability to a 10% EBIT margin. When it comes to drawing a bridge with the current level of margin, volume is said to be a very important contributor. The group's manufacturing capabilities implies a revenue level of about USD1.85m, while Q1-16 revenue stood at USD1.61m and the environement is particularly competitive. Following this capital market day, we make no change to our model.

ANALYSIS

- The 10% EBIT margin target comes back in the cards, but the timing remains unclear. During the presentation, the management shared details about the expected operating margin per division. ADG, AMG, MDG and Others' EBIT margins are anticipated to reach >10%, 5-10%, >10% and >0% respectively, which compares to 7.1%, 6.5%, 1.3% (12.7% excl. STB) and -USD157m achieved in FY15. Given the weight of each division in overall business, this leads to about 10% EBIT margin (excl. STB). However, when it comes to timing and details on how to get there, management remains almost mute, except to say that volume increases will help significantly. Obviously, another contributor will be the winding down of STB, which is said to generate about USD100m saving in 2016, USD145m in 2017 and USD170m upon completion or 2.5% of current rev.
- About USD600m capex in 2016 with 50% for Front-End and 50% for Back-End. For 2016, the group forecasts to spend about USD600m to develop and reshape both Front-End production (silicon level production) and Back-End production (packaging silicon dies to final components). In the Front-End side, the group plans to update 300mm fabs to new technologies (such as FD-SOI, BCD...) and expand 200mm. The aim of these investments is to achieve faster time to market. In addition, we understand that the group is now open for external growth, but no comment was made during the capital market day except to say ST can afford a deal.
- The group came back on its two new focus areas, Smart Driving and IoT. Regarding IoT, the group sees opportunity in many applications and wants to leverage on its broad product portfolio and especially microcontrollers (General Purpose and Secure MCUs), connectivity products (Wi-Fi, BT, Lora, Sigfox...), sensors and power & energy management. The group also redescribed its strategy to build a one-stop shop with fast, integrated and affordable all-in-one solutions that is also the right strategy to adopt, in our view (same prototyping tool, same architecture...). We believe the main assets here is ST's strong MCUs portfolio and a leading market position (#1 WW) continuing to generate rapid growth. However, we also believe that the pressure will increase on sensor and the future of sensor business at ST also strongly depends on the leverage that can be done by ST's MCU success.
- Regarding Smart driving, the group sees also a major opportunity thanks to a fast evolving market. Indeed, ST hold a strong position in the automobile market with about 9% market share (#4 WW), while the group holds a privileged position by addressing about 90% (value) of needs with its wide product portfolio and strong R&D pipeline in strong growing applications such as in ADAS (ST already holds 30% market share of a market of USD550m by 2015) and electric vehicles (a market of USD140m by 2015). In addition, the group gave an update on its 32bit Automotive MCUs and said this product line grew by +60% in 2015 and expect to see a >50% growth in 2016. Again, we are convince that the group has a strong product portfolio to succeed.

VALUATION

• We are maintaining our Neutral recommendation and our FV of EUR6.3. Based on our estimates, STMicroelectronics' shares are trading on a 2016e P/E ratio of 27.7x, yielding a PEG ratio of 0.9x. This compares to the peer group (Logic & Analog IDMs) trading on 2016e P/E ratio of 17.3x.

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