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## Altice

Price EUR13.91

### Wins regulatory approval to acquire Cablevision

Fair Value EUR16,3 (+17%)

**BUY**

Bloomberg	ATC NA
Reuters	ATCA.AS
12-month High / Low (EUR)	32.2 / 10.0
Market Cap (EURm)	15,222
Avg. 6m daily volume (000)	1 953

#### ANALYSIS

- New York state regulators on Wednesday approved Altice's acquisition of Cablevision. The unanimous approval, with conditions, means the company has cleared the regulatory process to complete the transaction.
- New York regulators agreed to approve the deal if Altice agreed to pass 25 percent of the estimated USD450m in cost savings from the deal to subscribers over five years. In addition, the company is barred from laying off workers for four years in any customer-facing jobs in New York.
- Altice said it was pleased with the approval and expects to close the deal by the end of the month.
- The decision, as well as the remedies, were expected. Altice's expansion in US is very positive in our view: there is a great potential for synergies, diversification is positive and the weight of France will drop below 50%.

#### VALUATION

- We stick to our EUR16.3 fair value, with Buy recommendation.

#### NEXT CATALYSTS

- Closing of the transaction before the end of June
- Altice H1 results on August 9<sup>th</sup>.

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