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18th July 2016

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| Dow Jones | 18516.55 | +0.05% | +6.26% |
| S&P 500 | 2161.74 | -0.09% | +5.76% |
| Nasdaq | 5029.59 | -0.09% | +0.44% |
| Nikkei | 16497.85 | +0.68% | -13.32% |
| Stoxx 600 | 337.915 | -0.17% | -7.63% |
| CAC 40 | 4372.51 | -0.30% | -5.71% |
| Oil /Gold Crude WTI Gold (once) | 45.95 1327.57 | +0.59% | +23.52% +24.96% |
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| Currencies/Rates | | | |
| EUR/USD | 1.10705 | -0.31% | +1.91% |
| EUR/CHF | 1.08835 | -0.21% | +0.09% |
| German 10 years | -0.061 | -39.97% | -109.58% |
| French 10 years | 0.229 | +25.20% | -76.62% |
| Euribor | -0.293 | -0.68% | +123.66% |
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| 1st-Sept | L'OREAL (BG Paris roadshow with CFO) |
| 8th-Sept | ACCOR (BG Roadshow with CFO) |
| 13th-Sept | Thematic Breakfast with ARCEP |
| 14th-Sept | SAINT GOBAIN (BG Luxembourg roadshow) |
| 22nd-Sept | Thematic Lunch with HC specialist |
| 28th-Oct | IMERYS (Paris roadshow) |
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Recent reports :

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| 13th-Jul | Oncology is an increased focus |
| 12th-Jul | DANONE No redemption |
| 1st-Jul | UBISOFT Same player shoot again? |
| 29th-Jun | ORANGE : Lights are turning green. |
| 24th-Jun | Back from ADA 2016: Update on T2D treatments |
| 22nd-Jun | AXA Ready for the next run |

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BG's Wake Up Call

ARM HOLDINGS

TENDER TO THE OFFER, Fair Value 1340p (+13%)

Softbank to acquire ARM Holding for GBP24.3bn or 1,700p per share

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BUY, Fair Value EUR122 (+2%)

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BUY, Fair Value CHF293 (+15%)

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In brief...

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TENDER TO THE OFFER

ARM Holdings

| Bloomberg Reuters 12-month High / L Market Cap (GBPn Ev (BG Estimates) Avg. 6m daily volu 3y EPS CAGR | n) (GBPm) | | | ARM.LN ARM.L 7 (848.5) 16,733 15,758 4,085 15.2% |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------|-------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | 1 M | 3 M | 6 M 31 | /12/15 |
| Absolute perf. | 22.0% | 20.1% | 27.4% | 14.4% |
| Semiconductors | 9.9% | 5.4% | 19.9% | 3.1% |
| DJ Stoxx 600 | 4.4% | -1.4% | 2.4% | -7.6% |
| YEnd Dec. (GBPm) | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| Sales | 968.3 | 1,152 | 1,291 | 1,437 |
| % change | | 18.9% | 12.1% | 11.3% |
| EBITDA | 542 | 630 | 729 | 823 |
| EBIT | 499.8 | 576.9 | 668.9 | 756.1 |
| % change | | 15.4% | 15.9% | 13.0% |
| Net income | 429.0 | 497.3 | 580.6 | 654.9 |
| % change | | 15.9% | 16.8% | 12.8% |
| | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| Operating margin | 51.6 | 50.1 | 51.8 | 52.6 |
| Net margin | 44.3 | 43.2 | 45.0 | 45.6 |
| ROE | 18.9 | 18.3 | 18.5 | 17.8 |
| ROCE | 34.9 | 39.9 | 46.6 | 52.4 |
| Gearing | -36.0 | -45.6 | -53.6 | -60.4 |
| (p) | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| EPS | 30.20 | 35.09 | 40.97 | 46.21 |
| % change | - | 16.2% | 16.8% | 12.8% |
| P/E | 39.4x | 33.9x | 29.0x | 25.7x |
| FCF yield (%) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Dividends (p) | 7.60 | 11.24 | 13.94 | 14.49 |
| Div yield (%) | 0.6% | 0.9% | 1.2% | 1.2% |
| EV/Sales | 16.6x | 13.7x | 11.9x | 10.4x |
| EV/EBITDA | 29.7x | 25.0x | 21.1x | 18.1x |
| EV/EBIT | 32.2x | 27.3x | 23.0x | 19.7x |

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Softbank to acquire ARM Holding for GBP24.3bn or 1,700p per share

- Today, ARM announced that SoftBank will pay 1,700p per share to acquire the U.K. chip designer. In our view, the Japanese telecom group is looking for a way to take benefit of the next wave of growth driven by the Internet of Things. The SoftBank offer of 1,700p value ARM Holding or GPB24.3bn, represents a premium of 43% compared to Friday closing price of 1,189p. As a result, this price implies very high multiples with 2016e EV/Sales of 20.0x and 2016e P/E ratio of 47.8x to be compared to historical P/E of about 40.0x on ARM. The deal is said to be financed through cash available and long-term loan facility between Softbank and Mizuho Bank.
- A credible buyer benefiting from low GDP. This would not be the first big deal by Softbank and this is what makes this rumour credible. The Japanese group has been famous for its acquisition of the Japanese branch of Vodafone. This acquisition transformed SoftBank in a leader telecom operator in Japan (#3). Other notable operations were the USD20m investment in the Chinese ecommerce company, Alibaba or the small stakes in few start-up such as Didi Chuxing and Uber. Overall, the group acquisition amounted for more than USD80m according to Dealogic data.
- ARM's management favourable and no major shareholder to stop the deal. In the press release, the management of ARM said they will recommend that ARM shareholders vote to approve the deal. Currently, the main shareholders of ARM are Blackrock, Baillie Gifford, Thornburg Investment and Fidelity, holding about 5% of share each. Except few large institutional investors, ARM's shareholder structure is mainly free float. Overall, the acquisition seems to be in a good configuration. Finally, the Acquisition is said not to be subject to any anti-trust or regulatory conditions.
- The impact on the Semiconductor industry should be limited as Softbank already confirmed it will keep ARM current structure. We always said that it would not make sense for a Semiconductor player to acquire ARM as the group allows the industry to mutualise development cost of complex chip design and architecture. This is not what happened today, SoftBank must be seen more as an investor than an industry player. The Japanese group already confirmed that ARM will remain an independent business. In addition to that, SoftBank already said it will support the management team and it will also keep group's headquarter in the UK.



VALUATION

Based on our estimates, ARM's shares are trading on 2016e P/E of 33.9x, well below its 5y
historical average of 39.3x.

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bioMérieux

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Price EUR120.00

| Bloomberg Reuters 12-month High / Lu Market Cap (EUR) Ev (BG Estimates) Avg. 6m daily volu 3y EPS CAGR | | | BIM FP BIOX.PA 3 / 93.7 4,734 5,130 47.80 27.8% | |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|
| | 1 M | 3 M | 6 M 31 | /12/15 |
| Absolute perf. | 6.3% | 9.3% | 16.2% | 9.2% |
| Healthcare | 8.6% | 4.9% | 5.1% | -4.3% |
| DJ Stoxx 600 | 4.4% | -1.4% | 2.4% | -7.6% |
| YEnd Dec. (EURm) | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| Sales | 1,965 | 2,078 | 2,220 | 2,366 |
| % change | | 5.8% | 6.8% | 6.6% |
| EBITDA | 388 | 422 | 466 | 527 |
| EBIT | 260.0 | 286.8 | 321.9 | 372.7 |
| % change | | 10.3% | 12.3% | 15.8% |
| Net income | 110.3 | 163.5 | 194.4 | 230.0 |
| % change | | 48.2% | 18.9% | 18.3% |
| | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| Operating margin | 13.2 | 13.8 | 14.5 | 15.8 |
| Net margin | 5.6 | 7.9 | 8.8 | 9.7 |
| ROE | 7.3 | 10.1 | 11.0 | 11.8 |
| ROCE | 8.2 | 8.5 | 9.2 | 10.4 |
| Gearing | 14.9 | 24.3 | 19.3 | 11.3 |
| (EUR) | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| EPS | 2.80 | 4.14 | 4.93 | 5.83 |
| % change | - | 48.2% | 18.9% | 18.3% |
| P/E | 42.9x | 29.0x | 24.4x | 20.6x |
| FCF yield (%) | 1.5% | NM | 2.5% | 4.1% |
| Dividends (EUR) | 1.00 | 1.04 | 1.23 | 1.46 |
| Div yield (%) | 0.8% | 0.9% | 1.0% | 1.2% |
| EV/Sales | 2.5x | 2.5x | 2.3x | 2.1x |
| EV/EBITDA | 12.8x | 12.2x | 10.9x | 9.4x |
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Keeping up with a strong start to the year

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|---------------|---------|---------|------|------------|-------|
| BIM (in EURm) | H1 2015 | H1 2016 | YoY | H1 2016 cs | Delta |
| Sales | 933 | 1 001 | 7,3% | 1 002 | -0,1% |
| % CER | 8,1% | 10,9% | | 9,3% | |
| % growth | 19,5% | 7,2% | | 7,4% | |
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Source : Company's internal consensus.

ANALYSIS

BioMérieux released H1 sales up 10.9% CER or 7.2% YoY (EUR1bn) affected by -2.8% negative FX effect and -0.8% scope effect from the deconsolidation of biotheranostic and consolidation of Applied Math. Organic growth is 160bp ahead of consensus expectations, primarily driven by North American sales, representing 36% of turnover, up 22.1% CER (21.8% YoY, EUR355.4m). FilmArray and increasing ramp up of VIDAS BRAHMS PCT test boosted sales in the region. Note that we are pleased to see that BioMérieux is consolidating its market share with the latter instrument before competition kicks-in in H2. APAC sales further accelerate on a sequential basis to end the first semester at 12.5% CER growth (9.1% YoY; EUR162.4m; Q1 2016 10.7%CER, Q2 2016 13.9%). China growth remains steady and the uptake in reagent (utilisation rates) makes us think that this could be sustainable. Our 5.1%CER growth rate for the year in the region looks overly conservative and we would look forwarpd to management's communication as it cautiously warned that a minimum of two years before normalization of the situation has to be expected. European sales are mixed, up 2.1% CER (+0.5% YoY; EUR417.1m). In western Europe, Strong comp basis affected Nordic sales while Germany regained momentum. Softening MEA (tender effect) lead to 1.9% YoY growth. Latin American sales are up 14%, helped by a strong FX effect (-5.8% YoY; EUR62.7m).

Performance is obviously driven by Molecular Biology sales and FilmArray wich totalled EUR113m in sales in H1 2016, up 69% YoY (vs.EUR52m in vs EUR61m in Q1 2016, few flu sales and gradual ramp-up of the GI panel explained the sequential contraction). Molecular Biology sales are up 39.4% CER (38.5% YoY; EUR149.5m). We would highlight that 1/ BIM placed the first FilmArray Torch instruments, 2/ O-US are progressing and 3/ GI and M-E panels benefits fast-growing demand. Effect from dedicated sales force likely to be reinforced in the second half of the year. Immunoassays sales are up 7.2% CER (4.2%; EUR219m) with VIDAS BRAHMS as a support. Ahead of competitors entrance, BIM's ability to secure market shares and expanded instrument's use (please see here) is reassuring, in our view. Microbiology sales are up 5.7%CER (2.5% YOY; EUR426.7m) affected by instrument sales which offset >5% reagent sales. All in all, Clinical App sales are up 10.6%CER (7.8%YOY; EUR798.2m). Industrial App sales are up 7.8%CER (5% YOY; EUR181.5m), accelerating Q2 over Q1. BioFire Defense sales increased two-fold (EUR18 vs EUR8.7m YoY)

VALUATION

- We reiterate our EUR122 fair value and BUY rating.
- FY 6-8%CER guidance looks somewhat conservative and would imply significant deceleration in APAC or underestimated impact from competition in the US (VIDAS BRAHMS, 6% of sales). We are confident in our 8.0%CER growth rate for the year. Good set of results and limited upside potential on consensus numbers might trigger profit taking above EUR120/share.

NEXT CATALYSTS

- Today 3.00pmCET: conference call on H1 sales (FR +33 1 76 77 22 44, UK +44 20 3427 1932, US +1 646 254 3387; access code 412 2114
- August 31st : HY results *Click here to download*



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Healthcare

Roche Price CHF255.60

| Bloomberg Reuters 12-month High / I Market Cap (CHFr Ev (BG Estimates) Avg. 6m daily volu 3y EPS CAGR | n) (CHFm) ıme (000) | | 282.5 | ROG VX ROG.VX / 233.2 179,575 192,018 1 491 6.3% |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------|--------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|
| | 1 M | 3 M | | /12/15 |
| Absolute perf. | 6.1% | 3.0% | -0.4% | -7.5% |
| Healthcare | 8.6% | 4.9% | 5.1% | -4.3% |
| DJ Stoxx 600 | 4.4% | -1.4% | 2.4% | -7.6% |
| YEnd Dec. (CHFm) | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| Sales | 48,145 | 50,762 | 51,908 | 53,128 |
| % change | | 5.4% | 2.3% | 2.4% |
| EBITDA | 19,430 | 20,345 | 21,444 | 21,699 |
| EBIT | 13,821 | 17,114 | 18,644 | 19,499 |
| % change | | 23.8% | 8.9% | 4.6% |
| Net income | 11,626 | 12,677 | 13,722 | 13,947 |
| % change | | 9.0% | 8.2% | 1.6% |
| | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| Operating margin | 28.7 | 33.7 | 35.9 | 36.7 |
| Net margin | 24.1 | 25.0 | 26.4 | 26.3 |
| ROE | 43.7 | 50.4 | 45.8 | 40.7 |
| ROCE | 28.1 | 27.9 | 28.7 | 28.6 |
| Gearing | 60.4 | 44.1 | 27.6 | 13.8 |
| (CHF) | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| EPS | 13.49 | 14.71 | 15.92 | 16.18 |
| % change | - | 9.0% | 8.2% | 1.6% |
| P/E | 19.0x | 17.4x | 16.1x | 15.8x |
| FCF yield (%) | 5.3% | 4.5% | 5.3% | 5.9% |
| Dividends (CHF) | 8.10 | 8.83 | 9.56 | 9.72 |
| Div yield (%) | 3.2% | 3.5% | 3.7% | 3.8% |
| EV/Sales | 4.0x | 3.8x | 3.6x | 3.5x |
| EV/EBITDA | 10.0x | 9.4x | 8.8x | 8.5x |
| EV/EBIT | 14.0x | 11.2x | 10.1x | 9.5x |



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Fair Value CHF293 (+15%)

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ANALYSIS

- In our report dated 13 July 2016 summarizing what we learnt from our Oncology Day, we wrote on page 23: "Although Gazyva proved superior in CLL and in indolent NHL (GALLIUM), Roche considers that the history of the drug in this disease is such that the risk of failure is largely carried from phase I/II into phase III, because only ORR has been clearly assessed so far". As such, the risk of failure was considered to be higher than 50%. Actually GOYA used to be a major triggering event for Gazyva and Roche more generally, but since GALLIUM unveiled positive top-line data, it was more like a free option, although it would have been a clear plus to have it positive too in the race against biosimilars, the first of which should be approved by the end of 2017.
- It is worth keeping in mind that rituximab is Roche's leading product by sales and should reach about CHF7.3bn this year, which is likely to be the year when sales peak. More than half is generated in the US, about a quarter in Europe. This is in Europe where first biosimilars should be approved next year. That said, it is unlikely that all Europe will adopt first biosimilars at the same speed, if only for reimbursement reasons.
- Rituxan's sales are split in four main approved indications (although it is used in many others because of off-label use, for instance in primary progressive multiple sclerosis). It is estimated that about a quarter of sales are generated in rheumatology i.e. in rheumatoid arthritis (RA) and here, there will not be any second-generation compound from Roche, so that biosimilar should fairly easily take a meaningful part of the segment if physicians feel comfortable with it. We assume this slice of the pie should go. The remaining three quarters are made of sales in haematology and here Gazyva proved superior to Rituxan in about two-thirds of the total (GADOLIN, CLL11, GALLIUM).
- So, we expect Gazyva to target a market that currently represents about half of Rituxan's revenues and should take only part of it in volumes, it is worth having in mind that Gazyva's price is much higher than Rituxan's with a premium around 80% in Europe and 25% in the US. So it is fair to expect Gazyva to generate about 40-50% of what Rituxan achieved i.e. CHF3-3.5bn. So far, we have factored in only CHF2bn at peak in 2024, waiting for the full GALLIUM data to be presented at a medical congress. 2018 onwards in Europe, we see Rituxan declining at a rate of 20% p.a., mainly thanks to the subcutaneous formulation of the drug to which about 35-40% of patients have been switched.

VALUATION

• We make no change to our numbers. Roche will release H1 figures on Thursday. Sales are expected to reach CHF24.8bn and core EPS is anticipated at CHF7.47. We are in line with sales and slightly lower on core EPS (CHF7.39).

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BUY

AstraZeneca Price 4,502p

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| Bloomberg AZN Lt Reuters AZN. 12-month High / Low (p) 4,628 / 3,77 Market Cap (GBPm) 56,93 Avg. 6m daily volume (000) 2 874 | | | | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| | 1 M | 3 M | 6 M 3 | 1/12/15 |
| Absolute perf. | 18.1% | 8.6% | 6.4% | -2.5% |
| Healthcare | 8.6% | 4.9% | 5.1% | -4.3% |
| DJ Stoxx 600 | 4.4% | -1.4% | 2.4% | -7.6% |
| | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| P/E | 14.0x | 16.4x | 15.6x | 15.4x |
| Div yield (%) | 4.7% | 4.7% | 4.7% | 4.7% |

Tagrisso confirms in 2L EGFR T790m NSCLC Fair Value 5370p (+19%)

ANALYSIS

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- AstraZeneca announced earlier today that the AURA3 phase III trial met its primary endpoint demonstrating improved PFS compared to standard platinum-based doublet chemotherapy in second-line EGFR T790m NSCLC after progression with first-line EGFR Tki therapy like Iressa or Tarceva. This is already an approved indication for Tagrisso in most markets including the US, Europe, Japan (where the incidence of T790 mutations is high like in all Asia) or Canada, based on phase II data. AURA3 (400 patients) is a confirmatory study for Tagrisso that will give even more confidence in the drug but that is not really adding to previously disclosed data, although it will give OS data at a later stage.
- Obviously, from now on, what can really make Tagrisso a greater opportunity for AstraZeneca is if it proves superior to existing products in first-line treatment and this is what the FLAURA phase III trial is trying to assess as we speak. 720 patients have been recruited and last patient entered the study at the beginning of 2016. Unlike AURA trials, FLAURA is not testing patients for T790 mutation as inclusion criteria and will therefore compete in the overall first-line EGFRm NSCLC market at the 80 mg dose vs either Tarceva 150 mg or Iressa 500 mg. Primary endpoint is PFS. Results are expected sometimes in 2017.

VALUATION

AURA3 is not impacting our numbers at all. We had already taken the 2L EGFR T790m NSCLC opportunity fully and even part of the 1L setting as we carry peak sales of USD1.5bn for Tagrisso in 2022. However, should FLAURA be positive and Tagrisso might reach USD2.5-3bn in our view.

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| Bloomberg Reuters 12-month High / Market Cap (CHF Avg. 6m daily vol | | 2,314 | SGS VX SGS.VX 4 / 1,626 18,100 22.30 | |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------|-------|--------------------------------------------------|---------|
| | 1 M | 3 M | 6 M 3 | 1/12/15 |
| Absolute perf. | 12.1% | 10.3% | 30.7% | 21.1% |
| Inds Gds & Svs | 3.3% | -0.2% | 9.4% | -1.5% |
| DJ Stoxx 600 | 4.4% | -1.4% | 2.4% | -7.6% |
| | 2015 | 2016e | 2017e | 2018e |
| P/E | 28.2x | 25.9x | 23.9x | 22.4x |
| Div yield (%) | 2.9% | 2.9% | 3.1% | 3.4% |

H1 results: Sustained top-line growth, but disappointed on margin Fair Value CHF2400 (+4%)

BUY

ANALYSIS

- Sustained top-line despite trading conditions remaining challenging...: Total revenue reached CHF2,901m, in line with consensus (CHF2,896m) and slightly lower than our estimate of CHF2,927m, up 7% on a pro-forma basis with strong organic of 3.4% vs. 2.6% anticipated: organic growth particularly sustained despite trading conditions that remain challenging in the energy and mining industries due to reduced and delayed expenditure by clients. In fact, organic in Mineral (10.5% of consolidated revenue) was down 0.3%, -2.1% in Oil, Gas and Chemicals (18.9%) and -0.1% in Industrial (15%). On the other hand, sustained organic in Certification (5.4%) up 10.9%, in Environment, Health & Safety (7.8%) up 9.6% or in Agriculture Food and Life (15.3%) up 6.5%.
- **But disappointed on margin:** With an adjusted operating margin of EUR411m, this is clearly lower than our anticipation (consensus CHF435m and BG estimate of CHF439m). <u>Actually adjusted operating margin was down 60bps at 14.2% vs. 14.8% last year</u>. According to management, the decline was mainly attributable to the impact of investments in IT systems governing both laboratory operations and human resource management and the build-out of shared services infrastructure. Acquisitions as anticipated weighed on margins too. Nevertheless, **operating cash flow** was strong up CHF70m vs last year at CH366m and net debt was down CHF179m vs. last year at CHF990m.
- Management remains confident for the rest of the year: For the FY, Management expects to deliver organic revenue growth of between 2.5% and 3.5% (our estimate is 3.3%). Regarding adjusted operating result, management announced that margin will be impacted "temporarily" as it was the case in H1 by additional corporate costs (our current estimate on adjusted operating margin 2016e is flat vs. last year at 16%).

VALUATION

At the current share price, the stock is trading at 18.9x EV/EBIT 2016e and 17.9x 2017e which compares with a median historic multiple of 14.8x and CAGR 2015-2018 of 6.2%.

NEXT CATALYSTS

- Meeting/Conference call at 2.00pm (Geneva)
- Capital market days on 27th & 28th October (Krakow-Poland)

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