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Altice

Price EUR12.84

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ATCA.AS Reuters 31.0 / 10.0 12-month High / Low (EUR) Market Cap (EURm) 14,045 Ev (BG Estimates) (EURm) 63.917 Avg. 6m daily volume (000) 1 872 3y EPS CAGR 31/12/15 1 M 3 M 6 M Absolute perf. -3.0% -10.1% 1.0% -3.1% -12.9% 2.0% -6.8% -5.6% Telecom DJ Stoxx 600 4.0% -1.6% 3.1% -7.4% YEnd Dec. (EURm) 2015 2016e 2017e 2018e Sales 14,550 20,068 23,181 23,474 37.9% 15.5% % change 1.3% **EBITDA** 5,494 7,960 9,435 9,810 **EBIT** 1.221 3.417 4.808 5.336 % change Net income -219.7 25.0 1.392 1.913 % change NS 37.4% 2015 **2016**e 2017e 2018e 22.7 Operating margin 17.0 20.7 8.4 Net margin -15 0.1 6.0 8 1 ROE -30.3 -18.4 36.7 31.2 ROCE 0.1 0.2 5.7 6.5 Gearing 1.798 1.653 1.098 733.3 (EUR) 2015 2016e 2017e 2018e **EPS** -0.28 -0.20 0.84 1.24 % change 30.1% NS 47.8% P/E NS NS 15.3x 10.3x FCF yield (%) 0.3% 0.1% 9.9% 13.8% Dividends (EUR) 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.00 Div yield (%) NM NM NM NM EV/Sales 2.7x 3.4x 3.2x 2.6x EV/EBITDA 9.0x 6.7x 6.2x



International still the main driver

Fair Value EUR16.5 vs. EUR16.3 (+29%)

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We have updated our models to take into account the latest trends and outlook in France and at the international level. In France, stronger cost cutting should more than offset the pressure on SFR's ARPU, we increase our 2017 and 2018 EBITDA more than +2% vs our previous estimates. We increase our EBITDA forecast at the international level ~+5% in 2016, 2017 and 2018, taking into account better-than-expected synergies in Portugal in particular. We have slightly upgraded our fair value to EUR16.5 from EUR16.3, and we reiterate our Buy rating. Although the upside vs our Fair value is lower on Altice than on SFR, we see international as a tangible short term catalyst for Altice and we believe the low confidence at the France level should not be extrapolated to the whole Altice group.

ANALYSIS

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- We have updated our revenues forecast at SFR taking into account the higher promotional intensity than expected in Q1 2016, in fixed and mobile, as well as the shift of price increases to mid Q2, with no full impact before Q3. We forecast French 2016 revenues down 4.4% vs 2015, down 2.2% below our previous estimates. We also have updated our forecast with revenues from the acquisition of NextradioTV, estimated at EUR200m over the year. Overall impact on Altice's revenues is neutral in 2016, 2017 and 2018.
- Offsetting the pressure on revenues, 2016 cost cutting in France should be faster and stronger than we expected, with additional cost cutting expected from a redundancy plan to be launched in 2017. As a result, we have updated our France EBITDA forecast for 2017 resp. 2018, +2.3% resp. +2.2% above our previous estimates. We also have updated our forecast at the international level, forecasting EBITDA +5% above our previous estimates in 2016, 2017 and 2018. In particular, after being prudent at initiation, we are more confident on Portugal, given higher-than-expected synergies. As a result, Altice's total EBITDA is 1.2% above our previous estimates in 2016, 2.2% in 2017 and 2.0% in 2018.
- We have updated the cost of debt from 6.0% to 6.2% following H1 refinancing operations, and we
 are only slightly increasing our Fair Value to EUR16.5 from EUR16.3.
- We reiterate our Buy rating, with confirmed positive outlook at the international and US level, following the recent closing of Cablevision acquisition, which should help offset the lack of confidence and catalysts at the France level, until the effect of new management and reinforced investment start to kick in.
- At this stage, we have not yet included the impact of the acquisition of Altice Media Group in our
 estimates: with an estimated net debt impact of EUR300m, and an estimated EBITDA impact of
 EUR20m we assume the direct impact of this acquisition on our valuation is not significant.

VALUATION

• The stock is trading at 7.4x 2016 EV/EBITDA, we have updated our Fair Value to EUR16.5 from EUR16.3, we reiterate our Buy rating.

NEXT CATALYSTS

H1 results on August 9th.

Updated Altice forecasts

			New	estima	ites			Old	estima	tes	% с		
Revenues	Q1 2016 4238	Q2 2016 4298	Q3 2016 5747	Q4 2016 5785	FY 2016 20068	FY 2017 23181	FY 2018 23474	FY 2016 20086	FY 2017 23173	FY 2018 23466	FY 2016 -0,1%	FY 2017 0,0%	FY 2018 0,0%
of which France	2569	2622	2656	2691	10538	10644	10812	10778	10855	11024	-2,2%	-1,9%	-1,9%
of which US (Cablevision from H2 16)	548	560	1974	1984	5066	8025	8071	5066	8025	8071	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
of which International (incl. Nextradio)	1120	1116	1117	1111	4464	4512	4590	4242	4292	4370	5,2%	5,1%	5,0%
Adj. EBITDA	1610	1748	2278	2324	7960	9435	9810	7865	9231	9622	1,2%	2,2%	2,0%
of which France	869	989	1088	1100	4046	4335	4570	4051	4239	4470	-0,1%	2,3%	2,2%
of which US (Cablevision from H2 16)	237	253	683	726	1900	3045	3143	1900	3045	3143	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
of which International (incl. Nextradio and corp. costs)	505	506	506	498	2015	2055	2096	1914	1947	2008	5,3%	5,5%	4,4%

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