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Healthcare

Fresenius Med. Care

Price EUR81.76

Bloomberg Reuters 12-month High, Market Cap (EU Ev (BG Estimate Avg. 6m daily vo 3y EPS CAGR	Rm) s) (EURm)	25,405 n) 32,464		
	1 M	3 M	6 M 31	/12/15
Absolute perf.	4.9%	7.9%	0.1%	5.2%
Healthcare	3.4%	8.1%	3.9%	-3.1%
DJ Stoxx 600	4.7%	0.1%	-0.1%	-6.5%
YEnd Dec. (USDm)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Sales	16,736	17,877	19,203	20,736
% change		6.8%	7.4%	8.0%
EBITDA	3,044	3,482	3,709	4,029
EBIT	2,327	2,695	2,864	3,117
% change		15.8%	6.3%	8.8%
Net income	1,030	1,224	1,298	1,470
% change		18.8%	6.1%	13.3%
	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Operating margin	13.9	15.1	14.9	15.0
Net margin	6.2	6.8	6.8	7.1
ROE	10.4	11.0	10.4	10.6
ROCE	7.4	8.2	8.6	9.2
Gearing	79.9	70.9	60.1	49.2
(USD)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
EPS	3.38	4.02	4.26	4.83
% change	-	18.8%	6.1%	13.3%
P/E	27.0x	22.7x	21.5x	18.9x
FCF yield (%)	4.2%	5.0%	7.0%	6.9%
Dividends (USD)	1.08	1.15	1.30	1.42
Div yield (%)	1.2%	1.3%	1.4%	1.6%
EV/Sales	2.2x	2.0x	1.9x	1.7x
EV/EBITDA	11.9x	10.4x	9.7x	8.8x
EV/EBIT	15.6x	13.5x	12.5x	11.3x



Q2 results delivering in the US

Fair Value EUR94 (+15%)

FMC's results were in line with expectations for the top line (7% CC growth) and outperformed profitability forecasts (EBIT at 14.5% of sales, 40bp ahead of consensus and net income at USD294m, 4% ahead of consensus). North America (72% of sales) drove the the performance top to bottom line, with sales in the region benefitting from 1/ increased DSO and 2/ revenues per tx while EBIT was boosted by 1/ higher volumes and 2/ lower cost per tx. FY guidance reiterated.

FME (USDm exc PS)	Q2 2015	Q2 2016	YoY %	Q2 2016 CS	Delta
FMC - Revenues	4 199	4 420	5%	4 447	-0,6%
FMC - EBIT	547	641	17%	628	2,1%
EBIT margin %	13,0%	14,5%		14,1%	
FMC - Net Income	241	294	22%	283	3,9%
FMC - EPS Adj.	0,79	0,96	22%	0,92	4,3%
FMC HC - Revenues	3 345	3 571	7%	3 574	-0,1%
FMC Products - Revenues	854	849	-1%	865	-1,8%
Revenue per Dialysis	346	352	2%	350	0,6%
Cost per Treatment	286	282	-1%	279	1,1%

Source : Company Data; Vara Research.

ANALYSIS

- Fresenius MC has released H1 sales in line with estimates at USD4.42bn, up 7% CC (5% reported) driven by a strong 8% CC increase in HC services revenues (7% reported). Dialysis product sales were weaker (affected by a demanding comparison basis in 2015) and grew 2% CC (-0.5% reported). US revenues which account for 72% of the group's turnover rose 7.5% CC (7.5% reported). Dialysis revenues benefited from 1/ three more days of sales (54 DSO vs 51 in Q2 2015) increases 5.3% at CC (5.3% reported) and 2/ an increase in revenue par treatment (up 1.7% to USD352). US organic growth mainly benefitted from further positive trends in Care Coordination. Care Coordination revenues increased 21% CC (21% reported). EMEA sales were mixed. The 3% CC growth was positively impacted by Dialysis treatments up 9.4% CC on the back of a 4% CC drop in product revenues. Note that 7pp of EMEA's Dialysis revenue increase stemmed from acquisitions. APAC revenue grew 6% CC (5% reported) driven by dialysis products. Note that the company intensified its marketing activities, which started to pay in China notably. FMC recorded an 8.6%CC growth in LatAm totally offset by FX impact (-14% reported). Following the divestment of clinics in Venezuela, Dialysis treatments decreased 7% in the region.
- From a profitability standpoint, EBIT stood at USD641m or 14.5% of sales, 2% ahead of expectations. Again, the US region came as a support with operating income up 20% to USD513m or 16.2% of sales (14.5% in Q2 2015). The latter benefitted from 1/ a decline in cost per treatment (USD282 vs USD286 YoY) with 80% of patients now switched to Roche's Mircera and 2/ higher volumes with commercial payors. We would note that high cost of hospitalist and intensivist services in the Care Coordination business weighed on margins in the divison, which were down 350bp to 4.4%. Net income increased 22% (within the company's guidance range) and 4% ahead of expectations while EPS stood at USD0.96/share, also 4% ahead of consensus numbers.
- All FY2016 guidance has been reiterated. Revenues are expected to increase in the 7-10% range at CC while an increase in operating income higher than revenues is expected to drive a 15-20% increase in net income.

VALUATION

We reiterate our BUY recommendation and EUR94 Fair Value.

NEXT CATALYSTS

Today 9.30amEDT/3.30pmCET: Conference call on Q2 results (UK +44 203 059 5869, US +1 855 272 3518; ID Fresenius Medical Care)



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