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#### Luxury & Consumer Goods

### **Groupe SEB**

#### Price EUR129.45

Bloomberg SK FP Reuters SEBF.PA 12-month High / Low (EUR) 134.1 / 81.9 Market Cap (EURm) 6,494 Avg. 6m daily volume (000) 66.10 6 M 31/12/15 1 M 3 M 36.8% Absolute perf. -1.3% 8.1% 17.6% Consumer Gds 4.0% -2.2% 0.5% -4.4% DJ Stoxx 600 4.8% 3.4% 6.3% -3.3% 2015 2016e 2017e 2018e P/E 31.3x 24.2x 18.0x 15.8x Div yield (%) 1.2% 1.3% 1.4% 1.6%

#### New EUR800m Schuldschein successfully issued

Fair Value EUR140 (+8%)

#### ANALYSIS

- At the beginning of this month, Groupe SEB finalised the acquisition of WMF for a total amount of EUR1,655m (including the additional payment) and the operation was 100% financed by debt. As such, SEB has successfully issued a new EUR800m Schuldschein, which is a private placement regulated by German law.
- Groupe SEB initially considered placing EUR300-500m but in view of significant investor appetite, the placement was increased to EUR800m. This amount was split into four tranches of 3, 5, 7 and 10 years at a very attractive financing cost (lower than 1.5%), hence very limited financing risks surrounding this acquisition in our view since the French group has now secured the refinancing of its EUR1.3bn bridge loan.
- Despite the sharp increase in net debt following the successive acquisitions of EMSA and WMF (net debt/adj. EBITDA ratio of ~3.4x), we expect the financial leverage ratio to return to 2x by 2018 (management guided on "below 2x"), illustrating the rapid deleveraging thanks to a solid FCF generation.

#### VALUATION

 The successful integration of WMF will clearly be one of the major catalysts for 2017 in order to achieve the significant accretive impact (BG ests: +23% on 2017 EPS).

#### **NEXT CATALYSTS**

• Groupe SEB will report its FY17 sales and results on 21st February 2017.

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