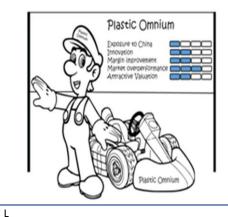
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#### Automotive

### Plastic Omnium

#### Price EUR30.19

Bloomberg Reuters 12-month High , Market Cap (EU Ev (BG Estimate Avg. 6m daily vo 3y EPS CAGR	POM FP PLOF.PA 31.2 / 24.5 4,603 5,080 190.7 20.6%			
	1 M 3 M			
Absolute perf.	8.6%	6.4%	6.2%	5.1%
Auto & Parts	9.3%	10.9%	17.3%	-5.7%
DJ Stoxx 600	5.9%	5.5%	9.4%	-2.3%
YEnd Dec. (EURm)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Sales	5,010	5,813	6,720	7,113
% change		16.0%	15.6%	5.9%
EBITDA	691	774	977	1,046
EBIT	470.0	533.3	626.0	694.8
% change		13.5%	17.4%	11.0%
Net income	258.7	323.8	399.7	451.9
% change		25.2%	23.5%	13.1%
	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
Operating margin	9.4	9.2	9.3	9.8
Net margin	5.2	5.6	5.9	6.4
ROE	20.4	21.4	22.0	21.0
ROCE	20.0	15.7	19.2	20.2
Gearing	20.8	54.8	22.6	10.0
(EUR)	2015	2016e	2017e	2018e
EPS	1.68	2.12	2.61	2.95
% change	-	25.7%	23.5%	13.1%
P/E	17.9x	14.3x	11.6x	10.2x
FCF yield (%)	4.5%	2.6%	6.2%	6.6%
Dividends (EUR)	0.41	0.53	0.65	0.74
Div yield (%)	1.4%	1.8%	2.2%	2.4%
EV/Sales	0.9x	0.9x	0.7x	0.6x
EV/EBITDA	6.6x	6.6x	4.8x	4.3x
EV/EBIT	9.7x	9.5x	7.4x	6.4x



#### **Realistic 2020 targets**

#### Fair Value EUR36 (+19%)

#### **BUY-Top Picks**

Yesterday morning during an investor day, the group's management reiterated its aim to strongly outperform the global automotive market between 2016 and 2020 despite fears linked to the diesel scandal and the potential rise of BEV within new registrations. While the 2020 sales target unveiled by the group was in line with our expectations (EUR8bn), we believe management was nevertheless quite conservative in its official target. Indeed, the global tone was definitively more than positive with the group indicating it is currently focusing its efforts on FAE integration and on developing fuel cell/PHEV tank systems as management believes most of the growth will come from these two technologies, and not so from BEV. Buy recommendation confirmed with FV and estimates unchanged as we remain more cautious than POM and the industry on future market growth.

#### ANALYSIS

- Main metrics unveiled by the group yesterday: 1/The group believes it could easily reach EUR8bn in consolidated sales by 2020, vs. EUR6.4bn in 2016 (pro forma will FAE fully integrated), in line with our estimates. 2/This strong sales growth is set to stem from market share gains in both the bumpers (19% vs. 15%) and fuel systems (25% vs. 21%) markets as well as from the strong development of innovative product lines (tailgates, fenders, spoilers, composite structural parts, SCR systems, fuel tank for PHEV...) with management targeting total sales of EUR1.4bn in 2020 in these products. 3/ To achieve this sales growth, the group indicated it will invest around EUR2.5bn in capex and capitalised R&D over the period, reflecting annual spending of around 7% of sales, in line with our expectations. Industry 4.0 target through digitalisation should help the group to be more efficient in terms of production. 4/Without giving precise metrics on margin changes, we understood from management that the main target is to continue to place the group's profitability among the best in the auto supplier industry (close to 10%), in line with our expectations.
- So far we keep our estimates unchanged: While we believe the group's 2020 sales target is quite conservative (the family group always adopts a more cautious tone than average) we have decided to keep our 2016-20 sales estimates unchanged. Indeed, although management indicated yesterday that the group will still be able to generate 4-5pp of outperformance annually vs. market growth, we calculate that the group's guidance based on IHS production estimates for 2016-2020 (11% volume growth during the period, leading to global 2020 auto production of 98.5m units) only implies a 3pp annual outperformance. We only arrive at similar 2020 sales estimates than the group as we assume a 5pp outperformance versus more cautious market growth (1.7% CAGR vs. 2.7% estimated by POM through IHS estimates). Assuming 2.7% annual market growth and 5pp annual market overperformance could lead, per our calculation, to 2020 sales of EUR8.5-8.6bn (7% positive sales adjustment vs. current estimates). Given that we are more cautious than Plastic Omnium and the industry on future market growth, we have decided to leave our current estimates unchanged yet assume the consensus for 2020 will potentially be revised up, above the EUR8bn guidance.
- Buy recommendation confirmed, with FV maintained at @ EUR36: Thanks to the integration of FAE and thanks to its innovative solutions, we believe the group will be able to generate a 21% EPS CAGR over 2016-18 ahead of most of its European peers. With a pay-out ratio unchanged at 25%, dividends distributed by the group could rise by 40% over 2016-18 (*from EUR0.53/sh in 2016e to EUR0.74/sh*) ahead of Valeo (25%), Faurecia (25%) and Hella (23%). Buy, FV @ EUR36.

#### VALUATION

- At the current share price Plastic Omnium trades at 0.7x its 2017e sales and at 7.4x its 2017e EBIT
- Buy, FV @ EUR36

#### NEXT CATALYSTS

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