(CDAX, Technology, BSL GR)



Buy EUR 24.00	(EUR 25.00)	Value Indicators: DCF: FCF-Value Potential 26e:	24.03	Warburg ESG Risk Score: ESG Score (MSCI based): Balance Sheet Score: Market Liquidity Score:	<b>2.8</b> 4.0 2.8 1.5	<b>Description:</b> B2B digital cameras for appl such as factory, medical, tra retail.	
		Market Snapshot:	EUR m	Shareholders:		Key Figures (WRe):	2024e
		Market cap:	299.7	Freefloat	41.00 %	Beta:	1.2
Price	EUR 9.75	No. of shares (m):	30.7	Norbert Basler	53.00 %	Price / Book:	2.0 x
Upside	146.2 %	EV:	340.9	Dr. Ley (CEO)	4.00 %	Equity Ratio:	56 %
		Freefloat MC:	122.9	Treasury shares	2.00 %	Net Fin. Debt / EBITDA:	1.7 x
		Ø Trad. Vol. (30d):	83.52 th	Union Investment	5.00 %	Net Debt / EBITDA:	1.7 x

## H2 recovery should be slower than originally anticipated

Stated Figure	es Q2/20	)24:							Comment on Figures:
FY End: 31.12. in EUR m	Q2 24	Q2 24e	Q2 23	yoy	6M 24	6M 24e	6M 23	уоу	<ul> <li>Q2 order intake of EUR 48.5m improved by 10% qoq, but book-to-bill remained below 1</li> </ul>
Sales EBT	49.5 1.3	50.3 0.1	59.8 1.8	-17 % -26 %	93.0 -2.3	93.8 -3.6	116.1 0.2	-20 %	<ul> <li>Sales declined by 17% yoy due to the ongoing market lull, but improved by 14% qoq</li> </ul>
Margin EPS	2.7 % 0.02	0.1 0.2 % -0.01	3.0 % 0.02			-3.8 % -0.13	0.2 0.2 % -0.06	n.a. n.a.	<ul> <li>EBT margin reached its breakeven after -8.3% in Q1 and beat our estimate, after a solid gross-margin improvement</li> </ul>

Basler has published its results for Q2, which were roughly in line with our expectations. Sales declined 17.1% yoy to EUR 49.5m but increased by 13.8% compared to the first quarter. Despite the ongoing price aggression from Chinese competitors and expensive materials purchased during the chip shortages, Basler was able to continue improving its gross profitability. In Q2 the gross margin reached 48.1%, which not only exceeded the Q1 figure (44.6%) but also last year's margin (45.0%). The EBT margin turned positive again at 2.7% after -8.3% in Q1 and even exceeded our estimate of 0.2%, due the solid gross margin.

Market headwinds remain strong even though Basler's internal measures to cut costs and improve profitability have been successful and some temporary negative effects, such as the higher priced materials on the books, should phase out soon. The German market for industrial imaging technology reported a 19%-decline in billings in H1, which was consistent with Basler's 19.9% top-line drop in the same time frame. Order intake reached EUR 92.5m and was down 2% compared to H1 2023 but still stronger than the market, which saw a 7%-decline.

Despite the relative strength compared to the market, the book-to-bill ratio was below 1 after a weak H1 and thus, the visibility of an expected recovery in H2 remains low. Against this background, Basler now expects to meet the lower half of the original target range and adjusted the guidance for sales to EUR 190-200m (previously, EUR 190-210m) at an EBT margin of 0-3% (previously, 0-5%). We have adjusted our estimates accordingly and are also expecting slower recovery momentum next year.

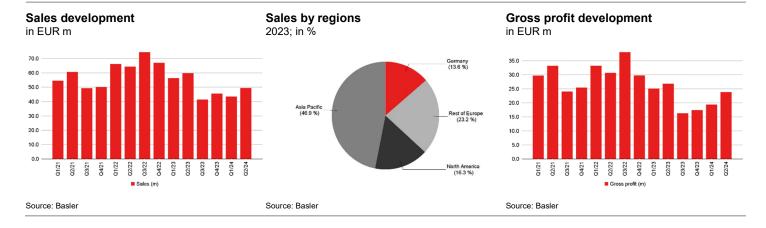
In conclusion, internal measures at Basler have been successful and we consider the company to be well positioned to benefit from a market recovery and maintain its strong market position, However, compared to past downcycles, such as 2009 or 2018, the subsequent upcycle should be slower this time around. We have reduced our target price slightly and confirm our Buy recommendation.

Changes in E	Estimates:						Comment on Changes:
FY End: 31.12. in EUR m	2024e (old)	+ / -	2025e (old)	+ / -	2026e (old)	+ / -	<ul> <li>2024 estimates adjusted in accordance with revised guidance</li> <li>Reduction in top-line forecast for 2025 and 2026 reflects a slower recovery</li> </ul>
Sales EBT EPS	211.9 5.3 0.12	-6.2 % -2.0 % 0.0 %	254.1 24.4 0.57	-4.3 % -25.6 % -24.6 %	292.0 35.0 0.81	-4.2 % -5.2 % -4.9 %	<ul> <li>overall</li> <li>Lower capacity utilization in 2025 should result in a lower margin level than anticipated</li> </ul>

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15 - John Market	Sales	11.3 %	170.5	214.7	272.2	203.1	198.8	243.1	279.8
14 - Wanny with	Change Sales yoy		5.2 %	26.0 %	26.8 %	-25.4 %	-2.1 %	22.3 %	15.1 %
13 - 13	Gross profit margin		52.0 %	52.4 %	48.4 %	42.2 %	49.8 %	50.0 %	50.3 %
12 - PM M	EBITDA	217.5 %	34.6	44.5	45.8	1.7	23.6	38.1	54.3
11 ) why a physical and	Margin		20.3 %	20.7 %	16.8 %	0.8 %	11.9 %	15.7 %	19.4 %
10- L M M	EBIT	-	20.1	28.4	28.9	-21.9	6.4	19.7	34.6
9- VV - e	Margin		11.8 %	13.2 %	10.6 %	-10.8 %	3.2 %	8.1 %	12.4 %
8 - 7	EBT		20.4	28.0	28.3	-20.2	5.2	18.2	33.1
V	Margin		12.0 %	13.0 %	10.4 %	-9.9 %	2.6 %	7.5 %	11.8 %
09/23 11/23 01/24 03/24 05/24 07/24	Net income	-	15.1	20.8	21.4	-13.8	3.7	13.1	23.7
Basler — CDAX (normalised)	EPS	-	0.50	0.69	0.71	-0.45	0.12	0.43	0.77
Rel. Performance vs CDAX:	DPS	-	0.19	0.21	0.14	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.20
	Dividend Yield		1.1 %	0.5 %	0.4 %	n.a.	n.a.	1.0 %	2.1 %
1 month: -7.2 %	° FCFPS		0.46	0.32	-0.59	-0.31	0.63	0.38	0.55
6 months: -0.4 %	FCF / Market cap		2.6 %	0.8 %	-1.8 %	-1.6 %	6.4 %	3.9 %	5.6 %
Year to date: -17.3 %	EV / Sales		3.2 x	5.5 x	3.7 x	3.1 x	1.7 x	1.4 x	1.1 x
Trailing 12 months: -38.4 %	EV / EBITDA		15.6 x	26.5 x	22.3 x	370.5 x	14.4 x	8.7 x	5.9 x
,	EV / EBIT		26.9 x	41.7 x	35.2 x	n.a.	53.2 x	16.9 x	9.2 x
Company events:	P/E		36.1 x	57.2 x	45.6 x	n.a.	81.3 x	22.7 x	12.7 x
07.11.24 Q	3 FCF Potential Yield		4.6 %	2.5 %	3.1 %	0.5 %	4.9 %	8.1 %	11.8 %
	ROE		13.9 %	17.0 %	15.8 %	-9.8 %	2.6 %	8.2 %	12.8 %
	ROCE (NOPAT)		12.8 %	17.3 %	13.5 %	n.a.	2.4 %	7.2 %	11.8 %
	Guidance:	2023: Sales E	UR 190-200r	n, EBT marg	in 0-3%				

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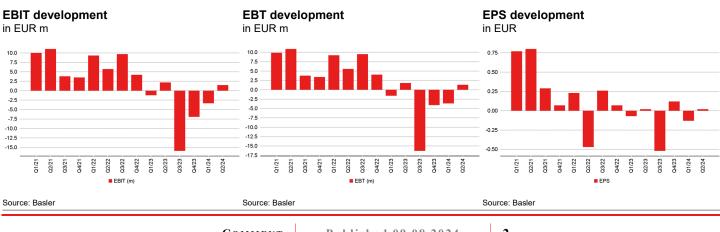


## **Company Background**

- Basler is a full-line supplier of camera solutions for production, medical applications, traffic control or retail.
- Basler focuses on the mainstream and entry-level market segments.
- Customers are mainly OEMs. The customer base is well diversified and no single customer accounts for more than 10% of revenue. Almost 80% of revenues are direct sales.

## **Competitive Quality**

- In terms of units Basler is the world's largest developer and manufacturer of digital cameras in a fragmented, but consolidating, market for digital cameras for B2B-applications.
- High level of vision technology expertise: Basler has one of the largest developer pools in the sector and differentiates itself with camera software competence, which accounts for more than 50% of the value creation.
- State-of-the-art product portfolio: Basler is among the first movers in digital cameras based on GigE Vision and the USB3 Vision standard. It is also an early adopter of new sensor technology.
- High service and consulting quality through direct sales and Basler's network of specialised distributors.
- Basler is present in the most important markets for vision technology in South East Asia, Europe and the US.





DCF model														
	Detaile	d forecas	t period				٦	ransition	al period					Term. Value
Figures in EUR m	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e	2030e	2031e	2032e	2033e	2034e	2035e	2036e	
Sales	198.8	243.1	279.8	321.8	369.3	423.1	483.7	552.0	628.8	714.9	811.4	919.3	1,041.5	
Sales change	-2.1 %	22.3 %	15.1 %	15.0 %	14.8 %	14.6 %	14.3 %	14.1 %	13.9 %	13.7 %	13.5 %	13.3 %	13.3 %	2.5 %
EBIT	6.4	19.7	34.6	40.9	46.2	52.9	60.5	69.0	78.6	89.4	101.4	114.9	130.2	
EBIT-margin	3.2 %	8.1 %	12.4 %	12.7 %	12.5 %	12.5 %	12.5 %	12.5 %	12.5 %	12.5 %	12.5 %	12.5 %	12.5 %	
Tax rate (EBT)	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.5 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	
NOPAT	4.6	14.1	24.8	29.4	33.2	38.1	43.5	49.7	56.6	64.3	73.0	82.7	93.7	
Depreciation	17.2	18.4	19.7	25.7	27.7	29.6	31.4	35.9	40.9	46.5	52.7	59.8	67.7	
in % of Sales	8.7 %	7.6 %	7.0 %	8.0 %	7.5 %	7.0 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	
Changes in provisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.6	
Change in Liquidity from														
- Working Capital	-13.8	0.6	4.7	7.0	7.4	9.1	10.3	11.6	13.1	14.6	16.4	18.3	20.8	
- Capex	15.5	19.3	21.9	22.2	25.1	28.3	31.4	35.9	40.9	46.5	52.7	59.8	67.7	
Capex in % of Sales	7.8 %	7.9 %	7.8 %	6.9 %	6.8 %	6.7 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	6.5 %	
- Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Free Cash Flow (WACC Model)	20.1	12.7	17.8	26.1	28.6	30.5	33.5	38.4	43.9	50.1	57.1	64.9	73.5	92
PV of FCF	19.6	11.3	14.7	19.8	20.0	19.6	19.8	20.9	22.0	23.1	24.2	25.3	26.4	534
share of PVs		5.70 %						27.6	1 %					66.69 %
Model parameter							Valuat	ion (m)						
Derivation of WACC:			Derivation	of Beta:			Presen	t values 20	036e	26	6			
							Termin	al Value		53	34			
Debt ratio	8.00 %		Financial S	Strength		1.20	Financ	al liabilitie	s	8	89			
Cost of debt (after tax)	2.1 %		Liquidity (s	share)		1.20	Pensio	n liabilities	i		1			
Market return	8.25 %		Cyclicality			1.40	Hybrid	capital			0			
Risk free rate	2.75 %		Transpare	ncy		1.00	Minorit	y interest			0			
			Others			1.10	Market	val. of inv	estments		0			
							Liquidit	y		2	29	No. of sha	ares (m)	30.7
WACC	8.67 %		Beta			1.18	Equity	Value		73	9	Value per	share (E	UR) 24.03

#### Sensitivity Value per Share (EUR)

		Terminal (	Growth		Delta EBIT-margin												
Beta	WACC	1.75 %	2.00 %	2.25 %	2.50 %	2.75 %	3.00 %	3.25 %	Beta	WACC	-1.5 pp	-1.0 pp	-0.5 pp	+0.0 pp	+0.5 pp	+1.0 pp	+1.5 pp
1.38	9.7 %	18.22	18.61	19.03	19.48	19.96	20.48	21.04	1.38	9.7 %	16.58	17.55	18.51	19.48	20.45	21.42	22.38
1.28	9.2 %	20.04	20.51	21.02	21.57	22.16	22.80	23.50	1.28	9.2 %	18.40	19.46	20.52	21.57	22.63	23.69	24.74
1.23	8.9 %	21.05	21.58	22.14	22.75	23.41	24.12	24.90	1.23	8.9 %	19.43	20.53	21.64	22.75	23.86	24.96	26.07
1.18	8.7 %	22.15	22.73	23.35	24.03	24.76	25.56	26.43	1.18	8.7 %	20.54	21.70	22.87	24.03	25.19	26.35	27.52
1.13	8.4 %	23.33	23.97	24.67	25.42	26.24	27.14	28.12	1.13	8.4 %	21.76	22.98	24.20	25.42	26.65	27.87	29.09
1.08	8.2 %	24.61	25.33	26.10	26.95	27.87	28.88	30.00	1.08	8.2 %	23.09	24.37	25.66	26.95	28.24	29.52	30.81
0.98	7.7 %	27.53	28.42	29.40	30.47	31.65	32.96	34.41	0.98	7.7 %	26.16	27.60	29.03	30.47	31.91	33.35	34.78

• Financial liabilities are also related to the lease of the company building.

• The beta takes into consideration Basler's strong track record, the high equity ratio and the cyclicality

• The structural growth of the vision technology market forms the basis of Basler's revenue increases.

- Cash inflow from treasury share sales are accounted for in the "others" line



### **Free Cash Flow Value Potential**

Warburg Research's valuation tool "FCF Value Potential" reflects the ability of the company to generate sustainable free cash flows. It is based on the "FCF potential" - a FCF "ex growth" figure - which assumes unchanged working capital and pure maintenance capex. A value indication is derived via the perpetuity of a given year's "FCF potential" with consideration of the weighted costs of capital. The fluctuating value indications over time add a timing element to the DCF model (our preferred valuation tool).

in EUR m	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net Income before minorities	15.1	20.8	21.4	-13.8	3.7	13.1	23.7
+ Depreciation + Amortisation	14.5	16.2	16.8	23.6	17.2	18.4	19.7
- Net Interest Income	0.4	-0.4	-0.6	1.7	-1.2	-1.5	-1.5
- Maintenance Capex	4.4	7.5	7.5	5.1	5.5	6.2	7.1
+ Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
= Free Cash Flow Potential	24.9	29.8	31.3	3.0	16.6	26.7	37.8
FCF Potential Yield (on market EV)	4.6 %	2.5 %	3.1 %	0.5 %	4.9 %	8.1 %	11.8 %
WACC	8.67 %	8.67 %	8.67 %	8.67 %	8.67 %	8.67 %	8.67 %
= Enterprise Value (EV)	540.1	1,181.7	1,019.3	629.1	340.9	331.3	319.6
= Fair Enterprise Value	287.3	343.9	360.7	34.6	192.0	308.5	435.9
- Net Debt (Cash)	57.2	57.2	57.2	57.2	39.9	30.3	18.6
- Pension Liabilities	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
- Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<ul> <li>Market value of minorities</li> </ul>	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
+ Market value of investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
= Fair Market Capitalisation	228.8	285.4	302.2	n.a.	150.8	276.8	415.9
Number of shares, average	30.0	29.9	29.9	30.3	30.7	30.7	30.7
= Fair value per share (EUR)	7.62	9.54	10.12	n.a.	4.91	9.01	13.53
premium (-) / discount (+) in %					-49.7 %	-7.6 %	38.8 %
Sensitivity Fair value per Share (EUR)							
11.67 %	5.04	6.41	6.82	n.a.	3.30	6.43	9.89
10.67 %	5.69	7.19	7.63	n.a.	3.73	7.12	10.87
9.67 %	6.48	8.13	8.62	n.a.	4.26	7.97	12.07
WACC 8.67 %	7.62	9.54	10.12	n.a.	4.91	9.01	13.53
7.67 %	8.66	10.74	11.36	n.a.	5.72	10.31	15.38
6.67 %	10.25	12.64	13.35	n.a.	6.78	12.02	17.78
5.67 %	12.39	15.20	16.04	n.a.	8.21	14.32	21.04

- Assumptions on the beta and the wacc are consistent with indicators used in our DCF model

• The capex requirements for machinery and plant are low.



Valuation							
	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Price / Book	4.7 x	9.2 x	6.8 x	4.1 x	2.0 x	1.8 x	1.5 x
Book value per share ex intangibles	1.62	2.09	1.57	1.60	1.51	1.66	2.02
EV / Sales	3.2 x	5.5 x	3.7 x	3.1 x	1.7 x	1.4 x	1.1 x
EV / EBITDA	15.6 x	26.5 x	22.3 x	370.5 x	14.4 x	8.7 x	5.9 x
EV / EBIT	26.9 x	41.7 x	35.2 x	n.a.	53.2 x	16.9 x	9.2 x
EV / EBIT adj.*	26.9 x	41.7 x	35.2 x	n.a.	53.2 x	16.9 x	9.2 x
P / FCF	39.2 x	122.9 x	n.a.	n.a.	15.6 x	25.9 x	17.9 x
P/E	36.1 x	57.2 x	45.6 x	n.a.	81.3 x	22.7 x	12.7 x
P / E adj.*	36.8 x	57.2 x	45.6 x	n.a.	81.3 x	22.7 x	12.7 x
Dividend Yield	1.1 %	0.5 %	0.4 %	n.a.	n.a.	1.0 %	2.1 %
FCF Potential Yield (on market EV)	4.6 %	2.5 %	3.1 %	0.5 %	4.9 %	8.1 %	11.8 %
*Adjustments made for: -							



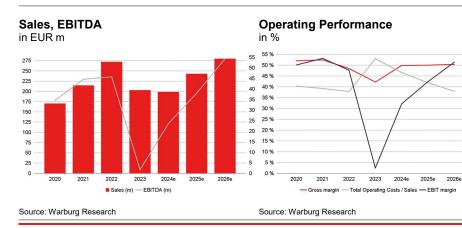
## Consolidated profit and loss

In EUR m	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	170.5	214.7	272.2	203.1	198.8	243.1	279.8
Change Sales yoy	5.2 %	26.0 %	26.8 %	-25.4 %	-2.1 %	22.3 %	15.1 %
COGS	81.7	102.2	140.4	117.4	99.8	121.6	139.1
Gross profit	88.7	112.5	131.8	85.7	99.0	121.6	140.7
Gross margin	52.0 %	52.4 %	48.4 %	42.2 %	49.8 %	50.0 %	50.3 %
Research and development	21.7	29.9	31.4	37.2	29.1	35.3	37.3
Sales and marketing	30.6	34.9	47.9	42.9	40.3	42.1	42.8
Administration expenses	17.4	20.4	26.7	29.9	23.8	25.1	26.7
Other operating expenses	0.2	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.7	0.7
Other operating income	1.1	1.3	3.6	2.7	1.2	1.3	1.4
Unfrequent items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBITDA	34.6	44.5	45.8	1.7	23.6	38.1	54.3
Margin	20.3 %	20.7 %	16.8 %	0.8 %	11.9 %	15.7 %	19.4 %
Depreciation of fixed assets	6.3	6.3	5.5	7.3	7.2	7.8	8.5
EBITA	28.3	38.2	40.2	-5.6	16.4	30.3	45.8
Amortisation of intangible assets	8.2	9.8	11.3	16.3	10.0	10.6	11.2
Goodwill amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	20.1	28.4	28.9	-21.9	6.4	19.7	34.6
Margin	11.8 %	13.2 %	10.6 %	-10.8 %	3.2 %	8.1 %	12.4 %
EBIT adj.	20.1	28.4	28.9	-9.7	6.4	19.7	34.6
Interest income	1.1	0.2	0.3	3.3	0.4	0.4	0.4
Interest expenses	0.8	0.6	1.0	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.9
Other financial income (loss)	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.0
EBT	20.4	28.0	28.3	-20.2	5.2	18.2	33.1
Margin	12.0 %	13.0 %	10.4 %	-9.9 %	2.6 %	7.5 %	11.8 %
Total taxes	5.3	7.2	7.0	-6.4	1.5	5.1	9.4
Net income from continuing operations	15.1	20.8	21.4	-13.8	3.7	13.1	23.7
Income from discontinued operations (net of tax)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income before minorities	15.1	20.8	21.4	-13.8	3.7	13.1	23.7
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net income	15.1	20.8	21.4	-13.8	3.7	13.1	23.7
Margin	8.9 %	9.7 %	7.8 %	-6.8 %	1.9 %	5.4 %	8.5 %
Number of shares, average	30.0	29.9	29.9	30.3	30.7	30.7	30.7
EPS	0.50	0.69	0.71	-0.45	0.12	0.43	0.77
EPS adj.	0.49	0.69	0.71	-0.45	0.12	0.43	0.77
*Adjustments made for:							

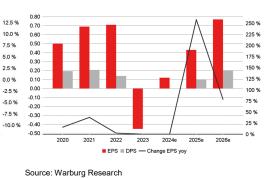
Guidance: 2023: Sales EUR 190-200m, EBT margin 0-3%

#### **Financial Ratios**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Total Operating Costs / Sales	40.3 %	39.2 %	37.8 %	53.0 %	46.6 %	41.9 %	37.9 %
Operating Leverage	3.4 x	1.6 x	0.1 x	n.a.	n.a.	9.3 x	5.1 x
EBITDA / Interest expenses	45.0 x	75.4 x	43.8 x	0.9 x	12.4 x	20.0 x	28.6 x
Tax rate (EBT)	26.0 %	25.8 %	24.6 %	31.6 %	28.0 %	28.0 %	28.5 %
Dividend Payout Ratio	38.4 %	29.8 %	19.6 %	0.0 %	0.0 %	23.5 %	25.9 %
Sales per Employee	210,964	248,528	242,173	182,155	177,184	209,931	241,630



#### Performance per Share



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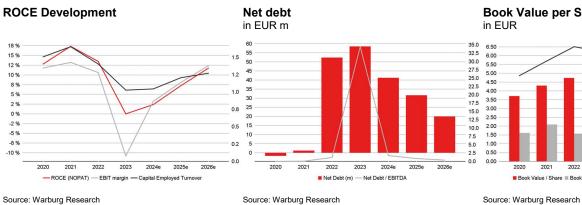
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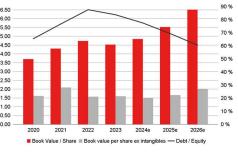
Consolidated balance sheet							
In EUR m	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Assets							
Goodwill and other intangible assets	64.8	66.0	94.5	90.1	102.6	118.8	138.0
thereof other intangible assets	3.7	6.5	13.8	13.7	24.3	37.0	51.3
thereof Goodwill	27.5	27.5	46.1	45.8	45.8	45.8	45.8
Property, plant and equipment	29.3	28.7	29.4	36.9	30.7	25.3	19.8
Financial assets	2.2	0.0	1.4	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8
Other long-term assets	0.0	0.0	3.8	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Fixed assets	96.3	94.7	129.1	134.3	140.6	151.4	165.1
Inventories	20.0	37.1	50.3	44.0	32.1	31.6	36.8
Accounts receivable	19.5	33.3	41.2	27.4	24.5	28.0	30.7
Liquid assets	47.9	54.8	28.7	32.2	49.5	59.1	70.8
Other short-term assets	6.5	7.3	16.2	17.8	17.8	17.8	17.8
Current assets	93.8	132.5	136.4	121.5	123.9	136.4	156.0
Total Assets	190.1	227.3	265.5	255.8	264.4	287.8	321.2
Liabilities and shareholders' equity							
Subscribed capital	10.0	10.0	29.8	30.7	30.7	30.7	30.7
Capital reserve	22.6	26.8	7.2	10.7	10.7	10.7	10.7
Retained earnings	87.1	94.2	107.2	102.5	106.2	119.3	143.0
Other equity components	-4.8	-2.4	-2.8	-4.7	1.3	9.2	15.7
Shareholders' equity	114.9	128.7	141.5	139.2	148.9	169.9	200.1
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total equity	114.9	128.7	141.5	139.2	148.9	169.9	200.1
Provisions	9.4	16.0	14.6	9.3	9.3	9.3	9.3
thereof provisions for pensions and similar obligations	1.1	1.6	2.0	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
Financial liabilities (total)	45.1	54.4	79.1	89.4	89.4	89.4	89.4
Short-term financial liabilities	4.1	4.1	4.0	9.7	9.7	9.7	9.7
Accounts payable	11.1	18.8	19.4	14.7	13.6	16.0	19.2
Other liabilities	9.7	9.4	10.9	3.2	3.2	3.2	3.2
Liabilities	75.2	98.6	124.0	116.6	115.5	117.9	121.1
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	190.1	227.3	265.5	255.8	264.4	287.8	321.2

### **Financial Ratios**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Efficiency of Capital Employment							
Operating Assets Turnover	3.0 x	2.7 x	2.7 x	2.2 x	2.7 x	3.5 x	4.1 x
Capital Employed Turnover	1.5 x	1.7 x	1.4 x	1.0 x	1.0 x	1.2 x	1.3 x
ROA	15.7 %	21.9 %	16.5 %	-10.3 %	2.7 %	8.6 %	14.4 %
Return on Capital							
ROCE (NOPAT)	12.8 %	17.3 %	13.5 %	n.a.	2.4 %	7.2 %	11.8 %
ROE	13.9 %	17.0 %	15.8 %	-9.8 %	2.6 %	8.2 %	12.8 %
Adj. ROE	13.4 %	17.0 %	15.8 %	-9.8 %	2.6 %	8.2 %	12.8 %
Balance sheet quality							
Net Debt	-1.7	1.2	52.4	58.5	41.2	31.7	20.0
Net Financial Debt	-2.8	-0.4	50.4	57.2	39.9	30.3	18.6
Net Gearing	-1.5 %	0.9 %	37.0 %	42.0 %	27.7 %	18.6 %	10.0 %
Net Fin. Debt / EBITDA	n.a.	n.a.	110.2 %	3366.5 %	169.1 %	79.7 %	34.3 %
Book Value / Share	3.7	4.3	4.7	4.5	4.8	5.5	6.5
Book value per share ex intangibles	1.6	2.1	1.6	1.6	1.5	1.7	2.0



# Book Value per Share in EUR



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### Consolidated cash flow statement

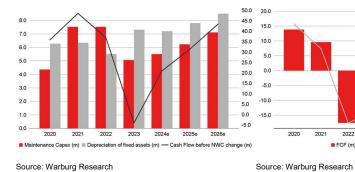


In EUR m	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net income	15.1	20.8	21.4	-13.8	3.7	13.1	23.7
Depreciation of fixed assets	6.3	6.3	5.5	7.3	7.2	7.8	8.5
Amortisation of goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation of intangible assets	8.2	9.8	11.3	16.3	10.0	10.6	11.2
Increase/decrease in long-term provisions	1.1	6.6	-1.3	-5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other non-cash income and expenses	5.1	5.1	0.0	-8.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow before NWC change	35.9	48.6	36.9	-3.9	20.9	31.5	43.4
Increase / decrease in inventory	0.9	-17.1	-13.2	6.3	11.9	0.5	-5.2
Increase / decrease in accounts receivable	-0.1	-13.8	-7.9	13.8	2.9	-3.5	-2.7
Increase / decrease in accounts payable	0.5	7.8	0.6	-4.5	-1.1	2.4	3.2
Increase / decrease in other working capital positions	0.1	-0.1	-4.0	-7.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Increase / decrease in working capital (total)	1.5	-23.2	-24.5	8.2	13.8	-0.6	-4.7
Net cash provided by operating activities [1]	37.3	25.3	12.4	4.2	34.7	30.9	38.7
Investments in intangible assets	-20.6	-11.8	-20.8	-11.6	-12.5	-14.9	-16.9
Investments in property, plant and equipment	-2.7	-3.9	-8.6	-1.9	-3.0	-4.4	-5.0
Payments for acquisitions	0.0	0.0	-14.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Income from asset disposals	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash provided by investing activities [2]	-23.3	-15.3	-44.2	-13.4	-15.5	-19.3	-21.9
Change in financial liabilities	2.3	10.4	18.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	-2.6	-5.8	-6.2	-4.2	0.0	0.0	-3.1
Purchase of own shares	-0.2	-3.9	-2.7	17.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital measures	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	-0.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net cash provided by financing activities [3]	-1.3	-3.1	5.7	12.7	-2.0	-2.0	-5.1
Change in liquid funds [1]+[2]+[3]	12.7	7.0	-26.1	3.5	17.3	9.6	11.7
Effects of exchange-rate changes on cash	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash and cash equivalent at end of period	47.9	54.8	28.7	32.2	49.5	59.1	70.8

#### **Financial Ratios**

	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Cash Flow							
FCF	13.8	9.6	-17.6	-9.3	19.3	11.6	16.8
Free Cash Flow / Sales	8.1 %	4.5 %	-6.5 %	-4.6 %	9.7 %	4.8 %	6.0 %
Free Cash Flow Potential	24.9	29.8	31.3	3.0	16.6	26.7	37.8
Free Cash Flow / Net Profit	91.6 %	46.3 %	-82.3 %	67.2 %	514.2 %	88.7 %	70.7 %
Interest Received / Avg. Cash	2.7 %	0.4 %	0.7 %	10.8 %	1.0 %	0.7 %	0.6 %
Interest Paid / Avg. Debt	1.6 %	1.2 %	1.6 %	2.1 %	2.1 %	2.1 %	2.1 %
Management of Funds							
Investment ratio	13.7 %	7.3 %	10.8 %	6.6 %	7.8 %	7.9 %	7.8 %
Maint. Capex / Sales	2.6 %	3.5 %	2.8 %	2.5 %	2.8 %	2.6 %	2.5 %
Capex / Dep	160.6 %	97.2 %	174.8 %	57.2 %	90.0 %	104.8 %	111.4 %
Avg. Working Capital / Sales	17.1 %	18.6 %	22.7 %	31.7 %	25.1 %	17.8 %	16.4 %
Trade Debtors / Trade Creditors	175.9 %	176.9 %	212.1 %	186.9 %	180.1 %	175.0 %	159.9 %
Inventory Turnover	4.1 x	2.8 x	2.8 x	2.7 x	3.1 x	3.8 x	3.8 x
Receivables collection period (days)	42	57	55	49	45	42	40
Payables payment period (days)	49	67	50	46	50	48	50
Cash conversion cycle (Days)	82	122	136	141	113	89	86

#### **CAPEX and Cash Flow** in EUR m



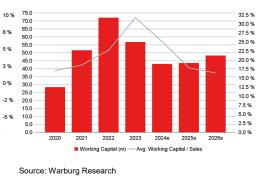
**Free Cash Flow Generation** 

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FCF (m) - Free Cash Flow / Sales

#### **Working Capital**



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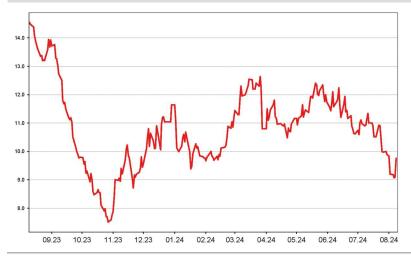
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