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Sector: Consumer staples
Bloomberg code: SEK PW
Price: PLN 12.10
12M EFV: PLN 16.3 (→)

Market Cap: US\$ 20 m
Av. daily turnover: US\$ 0.01 m
12M range: PLN 5.55-13.30
Free float: 38%

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Recommended action

Our approach to SEKO has not changed. In 4Q23 we expect flat yoy sales and slightly lower yoy margins mainly due to 4Q22 high base. We assume that this year – with gradual improvement of the consumers' purchasing power – sales volumes should rebound and margins, albeit lower yoy, should be decent. According to our estimates, this year SEKO may pay out a PLN 0.92 dividend per share which implies a high single-digit dividend yield.

4Q23 financial results preview

Sales. The 4th quarter is seasonally strong in the fish processing industry due to increased shopping around Christmas and generally bigger demand for fish products in the autumn and winter. We expect 4Q23 nominal sales to be flat yoy on the back of expected flat yoy sales volumes and lack of price upgrades declared by SEKO. We forecast 4Q23 revenues at PLN 82 million (down 1% yoy).

Profitability. In 4Q23 we expect slightly lower yoy profitability mainly due to 4Q22 high base (when SEKO generated exceptionally high margins). We forecast EBITDA at PLN 10 million (down 9% yoy) which implies the EBITDA margin at 12.2% vs 13.3% in 4Q22. 4Q23 profitability should be additionally supported by one-off funding in the amount of PLN 0.5 million from the Agency for Restructuring and Modernizing of Agriculture about which the Company informed in December last year, albeit this should not have any significant impact on the Company's results. We forecast 4Q23 EBIT at PLN 8.3 million (down 11% yoy).

Net profit. The Company's 4Q23 NI should hit PLN 6.9 million (down 9% yoy). All in all, we forecast 4Q23 revenues/ EBITDA/ EBIT/ NI at PLN 82.0/ 10.0/ 8.3/ 6.9 million.

Guide to adjusted profits

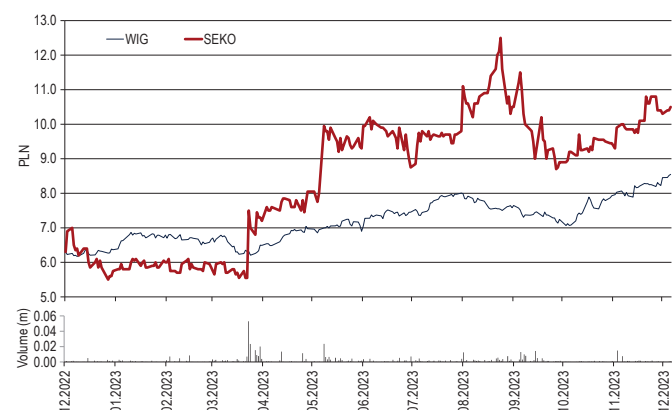
No factors necessitating adjustments.

Key data

IFRS consolidated		2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales	PLN m	230.2	259.7	263.3	268.6
EBITDA	PLN m	12.8	24.0	21.0	21.5
EBIT	PLN m	6.1	17.0	13.9	14.3
Net profit	PLN m	4.5	14.1	11.1	11.6
EPS	PLN	0.67	2.12	1.66	1.74
EPS yoy chg	%	-	215.9	-21.5	4.7
Net debt	%	7.6	1.2	-1.0	-6.1
P/E	x	18.0	5.7	7.3	6.9
P/CE	x	7.2	3.8	4.4	4.3
EV/EBITDA	x	6.9	3.4	3.8	3.5
EV/EBIT	x	14.3	4.8	5.7	5.2
DPS	PLN	0.00	0.33	0.92	0.83
Gross dividend yield	%	0.0	2.7	7.6	6.9
No. of shares (eop)	m	6.7	6.7	6.7	6.7

Source: Company, DM BOŚ SA estimates

Stock performance



Source: Bloomberg

Recent events

- 1H23 financial results release: August 25, 2023
2. Release of 3Q23 financial results: November 3, 2023

Upcoming events

1. Release of consolidated 4Q23 financial results: March 22

Financial forecast and valuation

Incorporating 4Q23 expectations into our forecasts resulted in a slight modification of our assumptions for FY23. Our 12M EFV stays intact.

Catalysts

1. Continued normalization of energy and raw material prices
2. Rebound of the sales volume
3. Sales expansion abroad
4. Energy cost cutting thanks to pro-environment investments

Risk factors

1. Energy and raw material prices increase
2. Revenues lost in favor of competitors
3. Unfavorable changes in FX rates
4. Further growth of labor costs
5. Loss of key clients

Competitive advantages

1. Own production plant constantly modernized
2. Recognized brand
3. Long-standing cooperation with big and trusted clients

BASIC DEFINITIONS

A/R turnover (in days) = $365/(\text{sales}/\text{average A/R})$
Inventory turnover (in days) = $365/(\text{COGS}/\text{average inventory})$
A/P turnover (in days) = $365/(\text{COGS}/\text{average A/P})$
Current ratio = $(\text{current assets} - \text{ST deferred assets})/\text{current liabilities}$
Quick ratio = $(\text{current assets} - \text{ST deferred assets} - \text{inventory})/\text{current liabilities}$
Interest coverage = $(\text{pre-tax profit before extraordinary items} + \text{interest payable})/\text{interest payable}$
Gross margin = $\text{gross profit on sales}/\text{sales}$
EBITDA margin = $\text{EBITDA}/\text{sales}$
EBIT margin = EBIT/sales
Pre-tax margin = $\text{pre-tax profit}/\text{sales}$
Net margin = $\text{net profit}/\text{sales}$
ROE = $\text{net profit}/\text{average equity}$
ROA = $(\text{net income} + \text{interest payable})/\text{average assets}$
EV = $\text{market capitalization} + \text{interest bearing debt} - \text{cash and equivalents}$
EPS = $\text{net profit}/\text{no. of shares outstanding}$
CE = $\text{net profit} + \text{depreciation}$
Dividend yield (gross) = $\text{pre-tax DPS}/\text{stock market price}$
Cash sales = $\text{accrual sales corrected for the change in A/R}$
Cash operating expenses = $\text{accrual operating expenses corrected for the changes in inventories and A/P, depreciation, cash taxes and changes in the deferred taxes}$

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Buy – fundamentally undervalued (upside to 12M EFV in excess of the cost of equity) + catalysts which should close the valuation gap identified;
Hold – either (i) fairly priced, or (ii) fundamentally undervalued/overvalued but lacks catalysts which could close the valuation gap;
Sell – fundamentally overvalued (12M EFV < current share price + 1-year cost of equity) + catalysts which should close the valuation gap identified.

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Overweight – expected to perform better than the benchmark (WIG) over the next quarter in relative terms
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	Buy	Hold	Sell	Suspended	Under revision	Not rated
Numbers	45	22	10	9	1	4
Percentage	49%	24%	11%	10%	1%	4%

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Numbers	27	36	14	9	1	4
Percentage	30%	40%	15%	10%	1%	4%

Banks

Net Interest Margin (NIM) = $\text{net interest income}/\text{average assets}$
Non interest income = $\text{fees}\&\text{commissions} + \text{result on financial operations (trading gains)} + \text{FX gains}$
Interest Spread = $(\text{interest income}/\text{average interest earning assets})/(\text{interest cost}/\text{average interest bearing liabilities})$
Cost/Income = $(\text{general costs} + \text{depreciation})/(\text{profit on banking activity} + \text{other net operating income})$
ROE = $\text{net profit}/\text{average equity}$
ROA = $\text{net income}/\text{average assets}$
Non performing loans (NPL) = loans in 'basket 3' category
NPL coverage ratio = $\text{loan loss provisions}/\text{NPL}$
Net provision charge = $\text{provisions created} - \text{provisions released}$

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	Buy	Hold	Sell	Suspended	Under revision	Not rated
Numbers	8	4	1	1	0	3
Percentage	47%	24%	6%	6%	0%	18%

Distribution of DM BOŚ's current market relative recommended weightings for the companies which DM BOŚ has supplied with material investment services within the last 12 months

	Overweight	Neutral	Underweight	Suspended	Under revision	Not rated
Numbers	5	6	2	1	0	3
Percentage	29%	35%	12%	6%	0%	18%

Recommendation tracker

Analyst	Fundamental Recommendation	Relative Recommendation	Report date	Reiteration date	Distribution date	Price at issue/ reiteration*	EFV (12 months)
SEKO							
Mikolaj Stepień	Not rated	Not rated	04.09.2023	-	04.09.2023	11.20	16.30 -
Mikolaj Stepień	-	-	-	12.10.2023	12.10.2023	9.25	16.30 →
Mikolaj Stepień	-	-	-	25.10.2023	25.10.2023	9.55	16.30 →
Mikolaj Stepień	-	-	-	06.11.2023	06.11.2023	10.00	16.30 →
Mikolaj Stepień	-	-	-	07.12.2023	07.12.2023	10.40	16.30 →
Mikolaj Stepień	-	-	-	10.12.2023	11.12.2023	10.80	16.30 →
Mikolaj Stepień	-	-	-	09.01.2024	09.01.2024	11.60	16.30 →
Mikolaj Stepień	-	-	-	01.02.2024	01.02.2024	13.30	16.30 →
Mikolaj Stepień	-	-	-	19.02.2024	20.02.2024	12.10	16.30 →

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