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(Previous: Buy; 45.4 PLN)

Target Price: 49.3 PLN **Current Price: 33.1 PLN**

Upside: 49%

1Q24 Earnings 23.05.2024

1Q24 on volumes (we assumed > 10 kt of profiles sold per month) and estimate sales volumes of c. 34.5 kt. HDGC prices in Europe in 1Q24 averaged c. EUR 830/t, up EUR 75 from 4Q23, but we note that the price peak was reached in January/February (EUR 860/t) and current prices are c. EUR 90/t lower (EUR 770/t), which may have some impact on margins in 2Q24. The decline in steel prices is, in our view, related to the discounted price of iron ore, coking coal and lower costs of gas, which is used in the rolling stage. In order to optimise purchase costs, the Company is this year making greater use of imports from China, which offer HGDC steel at more favourable prices even after taking into account transport costs. Production of PVC windows, which is the main industry for MFO, increased by 5% y/v in Jan-Feb'24 according to the Central Statistical Office. Leading Polish producers Eko-Okna, Drutex are currently implementing record investment programmes, which should translate into increased demand for window profiles in 2H24 and the

1Q24 forecast - rebound in volumes and return to positive operating profit. We reiterate our original assumptions for

#Outlook. We assume 2Q24 volumes will be similar to 1Q24 (34.5 kt), while we expect 2H24 volumes to increase 6% vs. 1H24 despite the fact that H2 is historically a lower season for the industry (holiday season, December effect). The increase in volumes is due to an assumed rebound in investment in European economies as a result of the launch of EU funds (KPO - thermo-modernisation of buildings, national programmes), the recovery of subdued investment demand among companies and consumers, and the related higher stock levels on the part of customers who are postponing the replenishment of their inventories due to the lack of visible signs of improvement on the part of end users. Given the high capital expenditure associated with the construction of the Sochaczew plant (+105 kt of steel per annum to 280 kt, capex PLN 130mn), we do not assume dividend payments in 2024-2025.

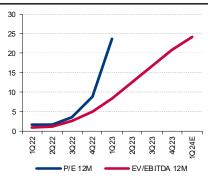
#Steel market. Due to low steel prices, weak demand and growing steel exports from China (in 2023, China exported 90mt of steel, i.e. +36% y/y, which is the second highest result ever, while in Jan-Mar'24, exports amounted to 25.8mt, i.e. +30.7% y/y), the European steel industry is taking decisions to shut down steel production (Thyssenkrupp announced a 20% reduction in German production). In addition, the European automotive industry, the main consumer of flat steel, is facing increasing competition from Chinese manufacturers, whose passenger vehicles, including EVs, are offered in Europe at much lower prices than those offered by domestic producers.

#Valuation. We raise our target price to PLN 49.3/share (previously PLN 45.4/share). The increase in valuation is due to the inclusion of a PLN 39m tax asset related to the Sochaczew investment (PLN 5.9/share). We are lowering our net profit forecast for 2024-2026 by 11% (lowering forecast for 2024 only).

PLNm	1Q22	2Q22	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24E	y/y	q/q
Revenues	295	295	187	145	152	144	134	146	162	7%	11%
EBITDA	23.4	37.0	-4.9	-14.8	5.7	0.3	1.9	0.8	5.4	-6%	587%
EBIT	21.8	35.4	-6.6	-16.6	3.6	-1.9	-0.3	-1.4	3.2	-11%	-
Net profit	16.8	28.5	-4.0	-16.7	1.4	-8.3	1.2	-9.1	1.2	-13%	-
P/E12M trailing	1.7	1.7	3.7	8.9	23.6	-	-	-	-		
EV/EBITDA 12M trailing	1.1	1.3	2.7	5.1	8.3	-	-	20.9	24.0		
revenues growth y/y	67%	26%	-42%	-43%	-49%	-51%	-28%	1%	7%		
EBITDA margin	7.9%	12.5%	-	-	3.8%	0.2%	1.4%	0.5%	3.3%		
EBIT margin	7.4%	12.0%	-	-	2.4%	-	-	-	2.0%		
Net profit margin	5.7%	9.6%	-	-	0.9%	-	0.9%	-	0.8%		

FACT SHEET				RECOMMENDATIONS	Date	Valuation
Ticker			MFO	Buy	11.12.2023	45.4
Sector		Steel p	rocessor	Buy	23.10.2023	42.6
Price (PLN)			33.1	Buy	24.07.2023	48.9
52W range (PL	.N)		27 / 39,7	Buy	24.04.2023	45.6
Shares outstar	nding (m)		6.6	Buy	17.04.2023	45.6
Market Cap (Pl	LNm)		219	Buy	12.12.2022	45.2
S&P Global ES	G Scores		-	Buy	24.10.2022	57.4
3M Avg. Vol. (PLNm)		0.11	Buy	21.07.2022	69.9
Price perf.	1M	3M	1Y			
Price peri.	-4.5%	3.7%	3.4%			

P/E 12M vs EV/EBIT DA 12M



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MFO RELATIVE SHARE PRICE vs WIG



PLNm	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenues	990	923	576	638	740	830
EBITDA	172	41	9	26	45	55
EBIT	167	34	0	16	32	42
Net profit	133	25	-15	8	20	31
EPS (PLN)	20.12	3.7	-2.2	1.2	3.1	4.6
DPS (PLN)	1.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.5
P/E (x)	1.6	8.9	-	28.0	10.8	7.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	1.3	4.2	17.0	9.5	5.5	4.4
P/BV (x)	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7	0.7
DY (%)	3.0%	12.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.6%

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Valuation Current					rious	Change			
DCF				45.4	100%			9%	
Multiples	31.1	0%		24.6	0%			26%	
		2024E			2025E			2026E	
PLNm	Curr.	Prev.	Chg.	Curr.	Prev.	Chg.	Curr.	Prev.	Cho
Revenues	638	599	7%	740	697	6%	830	780	7%
EBITDA	26	35	-26%	45	45	0%	55	54	4%
EBIT	16	25	-35%	32	31	2%	42	39	9%
Net profit	8	18	-57%	20	20	2%	31	28	9%
P/E (x)	28.0	12.2		10.8	10.9		7.2	7.8	
EV/EBITDA (x)	9.5	7.1		5.5	5.5		4.4	4.6	
P/BV (x)	0.7			0.7			0.7		
DY (%)	0.0%			0.0%			4.5%		
Multiples				2022	2023	202	4E	2025E	2026
P/E (x)				8.9	-	28	3.0	10.8	7
adj. P/E (x)				8.9	-	28	3.0	10.8	7
P/BV (x)				0.7	0.7	().7	0.7	0
EV/EBITDA (x)				4.2	17.0	(9.5	5.5	4
adj. EV/EBITDA (x)				4.2	17.0		9.5	5.5	_
EV/Sales (x)				0.2	0.3).4	0.3	C
FCF Yield (%)				-1.3%	8.9%	-8.2	%	-4.0%	4.9
DY (%)				12.1%	0.0%	0.0		0.0%	4.6
KPIs				2022	2023	202	4E	2025E	2026
EPS (PLN)				3.7	-2.2		1.2	3.1	4
adj. EPS (PLN)				3.7	-2.2		1.2	3.1	4
DPS (PLN)				4.0	0.0	(0.0	0.0	1
BVPS (PLN)				47.6	45.3	46	6.5	46.5	49
Operational ratios				2022	2023	202	4E	2025E	2020
Gross margin (%)							-		
adj. EBITDA margin (%)				4.4%	1.5%	4.1		6.1%	6.7
EBIT margin (%)				3.7%	0.0%	2.5		4.3%	5.1
Net profit adj. margin (%)				2.7%	-2.6%	1.2	%	2.7%	3.7
ROE (%)				7.8%	-4.8%	2.6		6.6%	9.6
ROA (%)				4.8%	-3.1%	1.6	%	4.0%	5.8
CAPEX/Sales (%)				2.1%	2.3%	12.5	%	5.9%	2.4
CAPEX/D&A (x)				2.9	1.5	8	3.1	3.3	1
Net debt/Equity (x)				-0.1	-0.2	().1	0.1	(
Net debt/EBITDA (x)				-1.2	-8.2		1.1	0.6	(
Cash conversion cycle (days	s)			69	72		64	65	
Inventory turnover (days)	-			67	61		59	57	
Receivables turnover (days)				31	39		40	38	
Payables turnover (days)				29	28		35	30	

Income Statement (PLNm)	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenues	990	923	576	638	740	830
PCV profiles	573	516	293	306	310	331
Special/welded profiles	291	295	226	246	316	370
Other profiles	116	101	45	44	54	58
Gross Profit	225	86	48	77	103	121
SG&A costs	59	54	51	61	71	79
Other operating items, net	1	2	2	0	0	0
EBITDA	172	41	9	26	45	55
adj. EBITDA	172	41	9	26	45	55
D&A	5	7	9	10	13	13
EBIT	167	34	0	16	32	42
Net financial costs	-3	-4	-13	-6	-7	-5
EBT	164	30	-13	10	25	38
Income tax	31	6	2	2	5	7
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	133	25	-15	8	20	31
adj. net profit	133	25	-15	8	20	31
Balance Sheet (PLNm)	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Non-current Assets	169	206	208	279	279	285
Current Assets	388	255	289	225	225	258
Inventories	239	102	92	115	115	129
Receivables	94	61	61	77	77	87
Cash and cash equivalents	36	85	135	32	32	42
Assets	557	461	497	504	504	544
Equity	316	314	300	307	307	328
Minority Interests	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-current Liabilities	44	49	65	64	64	67
Long-term borrowings	1	0	17	16	16	18
Current Liabilities	197	97	133	132	132	149
Short-term borrowings	48	38	47	45	45	51
Payables	119	27	60	61	61	68
Equity and Liabilities	557	461	497	504	504	544
Cash Flow Statement (PLNm)	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash flow from operating activities	16	105	44	-21	-6	2020E
	-130	78	46	-21 -39	- 4 0	-16
Changes in working capital D&A	-130 5	76	46	-39 10	-40 13	-10 13
	- 24	-16	9 -8	- 80	13 -44	-20
Cash flow from investing activities CAPEX			- o -13		-44 -44	-20 -20
	-24 11	-20 -40	-13 16	-80 -4	-44 58	-20 2
Cash flow from financing activities				-4 0		_
Dividend/Buy-back	7	26 49	0 52	•	0	10
Net change in cash				-105		10
Cash opening balance	32	36	85 127	137	32	40 50
Cash closing balance	36	85	137	32	40	50

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#DCF

DCF VALUATION (PLNm)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	2032E	2033E
Revenues	576	638	740	830	917	999	1081	1147	1167	1183	1203
Y/Y	-38%	11%	16%	12%	10%	9%	8%	6%	2%	1%	2%
EBITDA	9	26	45	55	64	71	79	85	87	88	89
EBITDA margin	1.5%	4.1%	6.1%	6.7%	6.9%	7.1%	7.3%	7.5%	7.5%	7.4%	7.4%
EBIT	0	16	32	42	50	57	66	72	73	74	75
EBIT margin	0.0%	2.5%	4.3%	5.1%	5.5%	5.7%	6.1%	6.2%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
NOPLAT	0	13	26	34	41	46	53	58	59	60	61
Tax rate	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%
D&A	9	10	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14
CAPEX		-80	-44	-20	-20	-15	-14	-14	-14	-14	-14
Changes in working capital		-39	-40	-16	-15	-15	-15	-12	-4	-3	-4
FCF		-96	-44	11	19	31	38	46	56	57	57
D/(E+D)		16.5%	16.5%	17.4%	17.1%	15.8%	13.7%	11.2%	7.7%	5.1%	4.8%
Beta lev erage		1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0
Cost of debt after tax		5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%
Cost of equity		12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.5%	12.4%	12.3%	12.1%	11.9%	11.8%	11.8%
WACC		11.3%	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%	11.3%	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.5%	11.5%
Discount ratio		0.90	0.81	0.72	0.65	0.58	0.52	0.47	0.42	0.38	0.34
Cum. DFCF		23									
Residual growth rate		0.0%		-					WACC		
Discounted Residual Value		171					10.4%	10.9%	11.4%	11.9%	12.4%
Enterprise Value		194		-		-1.5%	51.8	48.5	45.5	42.8	40.2
Ned debt (-)		-47				-1.0%	53.3	49.9	46.7	43.8	41.2
Dividend (-)		39				-0.5%	55.0	51.3	48.0	45.0	42.2
Minority Interests (-)		0			g	0.0%	56.8	52.9	49.4	46.2	43.3
Equity Value (1.1.2024)		280				0.5%	58.8	54.7	50.9	47.6	44.5
Equity Value (22.4.2024)		290				1.0%	61.0	56.6	52.6	49.0	45.8
Shares outstanding (m)		6.61				1.5%	63.5	58.7	54.4	50.6	47.2
Equity Value per share (22.4.2024)		43.9		-							
12M Target Price (PLN)		49.4									
Curr. share price	_	27.3									
Upside / (downside)		81.0%									

Source: Triogn DM

Assumptions for the DCF model:

- market premium 6%
- rfr 5,5%
- unleveraged beta 1x
- residual growth rate 0%

#Wycena porównawcza

	P/E			ΕV	//EBITD	Α	EV/EBIT			
Company	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	
MFO	29.4	11.3	7.5	9.9	5.7	4.6	16.1	8.1	6.1	
Median	9.8	10.1	9.1	5.9	5.1	4.4	9.4	8.1	6.9	
premium / (discount)	199%	12%	-18%	69%	12%	4%	72%	0%	-12%	
Polski przemysł	9.8	10.1	9.1	5.9	5.1	4.4	9.4	8.1	6.9	
AC	9.7	9.6	9.1	6.3	6.1	6.2	8.4	8.2	8.3	
Amica	21.9	12.4	9.3	5.4	4.3	3.7	9.7	7.0	5.9	
Arctic Paper	5.8	5.9	6.0	2.1	1.8	1.6	2.8	2.5	2.2	
Boryszew	29.5	17.2	-	7.5	6.6	-	19.3	14.4	-	
Cognor	16.8	10.6	9.6	9.3	7.3	6.5	12.6	9.5	8.4	
Grupa Kęty	13.4	12.3	11.5	9.5	8.6	8.2	11.9	10.7	10.0	
Mangata	9.9	8.9	8.1	5.8	5.4	5.1	8.7	8.0	7.6	
Rawlplug	8.0	6.4	5.4	5.8	4.9	4.4	9.0	7.2	6.4	
Stalprodukt	-12.0	47.9	23.6	5.7	2.1	2.0	-2.6	11.0	6.9	
Wielton	9.6	5.5	4.7	5.9	4.8	4.4	10.9	7.7	6.8	
Partial year valuation	77	205	278	123	202	218	122	230	265	
Year weight	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	
Partial multiple valuation	187			181			205			
Multiple weight	50%				50%			0%		

Current valuation (PLNm)	184
No. Shares	6.6
Current valuation per share	27.8
12mth TP	31.1

Source: Bloomberg, Trigon DM

Risk factors: (1) Delay in the implementation of thermomodernisation investments with WE funds in EuropeDeepening of the slowdown in the construction and industrial sectors; (2) Problems with the availability of employees in a situation of further capacity expansion may exacerbate wage pressures in the company; (3) of limited availability of galvanised sheet, e.g. due to introduction of safeguards and ban on steel imports from Russia; (4) Risk of appreciation of the PLN against the EUR, which may adversely affect margins given the increasing share of exports; (5) Risk of expanding competencies by steel service centres, which in addition to the sheet cutting service may start to provide profiling services for the local market; (6) Risk of internal production of profiles by customers from the window joinery industry.

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capitalisation - market price multiplied by the number of a company's shares

free float (%) – percentage of a company's shares held by shareholders with less than 5% of total voting rights attached to the shares, reduced by treasury shares held by the company min/max 52 wks – lowest/highest share price over the previous 52 weeks

average turnover - average volume of share trading over the previous month

EBIT - operating profit

EBITDA – operating profit before depreciation and amortisation

adjusted profit - net profit adjusted for one-off items

CF - cash flow

CAPEX - sum of investment expenditures on fixed assets

OCF - cash generated through a company's operating activities

FCF - cash generated by a company after accounting for cash outflows to support its operations and maintain capital assets

ROA - rate of return on assets

ROE - rate of return on equity

ROIC - rate of return on invested capital

NWC - net working capital

cash conversion cycle - length of time it takes for a company to convert its cash investments in production inputs into cash revenue from sale of its products or services

gross profit margin - ratio of gross profit to net revenue

EBITDA margin - ratio of the sum of operating profit and depreciation/amortisation to net revenue

EBIT margin – ratio of operating profit to net revenue net margin – ratio of net profit to net revenue

EPS – earnings per share

DPS – dividend per share

P/E - ratio of market price to earnings per share

P/BV - ratio of market price to book value per share

EV/EBITDA - ratio of a company's EV to EBITDA

EV – sum of a company's current capitalisation and net debt

DY – dividend yield, ratio of dividends paid to share price

RFR - risk free rate

WACC - weighted average cost of capital

Recommendations of the Brokerage House

Issuer – MFO S.A.

BUY - we expect the total return on an investment to reach at least 10%

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Valuation methods used

SOTP - sum-of-the-parts method, which consists in valuing a company by valuing its individual business lines separately and then summing them up.

- Advantages: different valuation methods can be applied to diverse business lines; the approach is useful for assessing the value of a company e.g. in the case of planned acquisition or restructuring.

Disadvantages: the peer group for individual business lines is usually limited, the method does not adequately account for synergies between business segments.

Risk-adjusted net present value method (rNPV)

Advantages: accounting for probabilities assigned to future cash flows, providing a more realistic assessment of the present value of future cash flows and reflecting business-specific factors, especially in the case of innovative companies.

Disadvantages: subjectivity involved in the adoption of a discount rate, significant reliance on a number of assumptions, high level of complexity in the calculations and exclusion of qualitative factors from the valuation.

Discounted residual income method (DRI)

Advantages: valuation based on the excess of income over risk-adjusted opportunity cost to owners of capital, the method can be applied to companies that do not pay dividends or generate positive FCF.

Disadvantages: significant reliance on subjective judgements and assumptions, as well as sensitivity of the valuation to any changes in those variables Discounted dividend model (DDM)

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- Advantages: accounting for real cash flows to equity owners, the model works best for companies with a long history of dividend distribution.

- Disadvantages: the method can be applied to dividend-paying companies only, it is not suitable for companies with a short history of dividend distribution.

Net asset value method (NAV)

- Advantages: the approach is particularly relevant to holding companies with significant property, plant and equipment assets, the calculation of NAV is relatively straightforward.

Disadvantages: the method neglects future revenue or earnings potential and may not properly reflect the value of intangible assets

Target multiple method

Advantages: the method can be applied to any company.
 Disadvantages: it involves a high degree of subjectivity.

Replacement value method – it assesses the value of a company based on the costs of replacing its assets.

Advantages: the method is particularly relevant to companies with significant property, plant and equipment assets.

Disadvantages: it may be hard to capture the value of a company's intangible assets, reputation and market potential.

Liquidation value method - the sum of prices that the business would receive upon selling its individual assets on the open market.

Advantages: the method can capture the lowest threshold of a company's value.

Disadvantages: it may be hard to capture the value of a company's intangibles.

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