

Chemicals/Finland, February 19, 2024 Company update

A lot of room to improve

Exel's Q4 figures remained very low as account activity is only now bottoming out after a challenging period due to weakening end-market demand and customer destocking.

Q4 results were poor, but demand appears to have bottomed Exel's Q4 revenue fell 29% y/y to EUR 22.1m vs our EUR 26.8m estimate. Wind power continued weak relative to our estimate, while all other customer industries except Transportation still declined by double-digit rates. The declines occurred through all the major geographic regions. The EUR -1.3m adj. EBIT was clearly below our EUR 0.7m estimate, however cash flow remained positive. Exel's positive FY '24 guidance wasn't any surprise given the very low comparison figures and so the only question remains just how steeply both top line and earnings recover this year. We believe Q1'24 earnings will already gain a bit although revenue is likely to remain rather subdued. In any case Exel is unlikely to see adequate levels of EBIT before H2 unless customer activity picks up faster than expected during the spring months.

New operating model and strategy measures to deliver

January order intake was encouraging, but Q1 is unlikely to be a great quarter as customer activity appears to be only bottoming out. We therefore believe it will take until H2'24 before Exel can achieve a quarterly EBIT of some EUR 1.5m, which would still be a rather modest level in the company's context. Wind power recovery pace remains a bit uncertain for now, while Transportation grows due to demand attributable to electric busses and trains. Defense has scope to grow, whereas Buildings and infrastructure may be starting to recover (albeit from a low level). Exel starts to break figures according to its new structure from Q1 onwards: the volume-focused Industrial Solutions BU, driven by wind power orders, is to grow faster than the other unit which focuses on tailored solutions in multiple industries.

Multiples reflect some expectations of improvement

Exel is valued 10.5x EV/EBIT on our FY '24 estimates, which is not a particularly low level. We estimate EUR 5.1m FY '24 EBIT, a level still very modest relative to potential. The multiple would decrease to around 6x assuming a quarterly EBIT of around EUR 2m, in other words a normal historical level. Our new TP is EUR 2.2 (2.7) as we retain our HOLD rating.



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KEY FIGL	JRES									
	Sales EURm	EBIT EURm	EBIT %	FCF EURm	EPS EUR	P/E (x)	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBIT (x)	FCF yield %	DPS EUR
2022	137.0	3.0	2.2%	7.8	0.18	30.1	0.7	31.4	12.0	0.20
2023	96.8	-4.9	-5.0%	-1.0	-0.78	-3.2	0.6	-12.6	-3.3	0.00
2024E	104.0	5.1	4.9%	5.3	0.14	16.0	0.5	10.5	19.3	0.10
2025E	112.3	7.9	7.0%	6.1	0.35	6.6	0.4	6.2	22.5	0.20
2026E	117.9	9.4	8.0%	6.9	0.46	5.0	0.4	4.7	25.4	0.25
Market cap	, EURm		27 Ge	earing 2024E,	%	1	35.6 CAGR E	EPS 2023-26	, %	0.0
Net debt 2	024E, EURm		26 Pr	ice/book 2024	E		1.4 CAGR s	ales 2023-2	6, %	6.8
Enterprise	value, EURm		54 Di	vidend yield 2	024E, %			9.2		
Total asset	s 2024E, EURn	n	84 Ta	x rate 2024E,	9/0			7.0		
Goodwill 2	024E, EURm		13 Ec	uity ratio 202	4E, %		0.2			



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Estimates and valuation

Exel Composites	2019	2020	2021	2022	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	2023	Q1'24e	Q2'24e	Q3'24e	Q4'24e	2024e
Buildings and infrastructure	23.5	23.5	32.9	32.5	7.8	6.5	5.7	6.1	26.0	5.9	6.9	6.9	7.0	26.7
Equipment and other industrie	18.6	19.5	23.4	23.1	5.6	5.0	4.0	3.9	18.5	4.9	4.6	4.4	4.6	18.7
Wind power	23.6	28.1	32.1	26.8	1.5	2.3	2.1	1.7	7.6	1.3	3.0	2.9	2.2	9.4
Machinery and electrical	14.4	15.5	17.6	19.7	4.6	4.1	3.4	3.8	15.9	3.4	3.8	4.3	4.5	15.9
Transportation	13.1	10.2	10.2	17.4	4.2	3.7	3.1	4.7	15.7	5.1	4.7	4.0	5.8	19.5
Defense	2.3	5.3	8.7	7.5	2.9	2.6	1.4	1.0	7.9	2.5	3.0	1.8	1.2	8.5
Telecommunications	8.2	6.5	9.5	10.0	2.2	1.3	8.0	1.0	5.3	1.7	1.4	1.0	1.1	5.3
Revenue	103.8	108.6	134.4	137.0	28.8	25.4	20.5	22.1	96.8	24.9	27.4	25.3	26.4	103.9
y/y change, %	7 %	5 %	24 %	2 %	-16 %	-33 %	-39 %	-29 %	-29 %	-14 %	8 %	23 %	19 %	7 %
Adjusted EBIT	7.2	9.7	6.0	8.0	0.0	0.1	-1.2	-1.3	-2.4	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.9	5.1
EBIT	5.1	9.4	3.7	3.0	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-3.7	-4.9					
-margin, %	6.9 %	8.9 %	4.5 %	5.9 %	0.0 %	0.3 %	-5.9 %	-5.9 %	-2.5 %	2.8 %	4.4 %	5.1 %	7.2 %	4.9 %
-margin (reported), %	4.9 %	8.7 %	2.8 %	2.2 %	-1.0 %	-1.0 %	-3.2 %	-16.7 %	-5.0 %					

Source: Evli Research

	MCAP		EV/EBITDA			EV/EBIT		EBIT-%		
EXEL COMPOSITES PEER GROUP	MEUR	23	24	25	23	24	25	23	24	25
Hexagon Composites	364	15.1x	9.3x	6.7x	32.7x	17.1x	10.2x	4.3 %	6.0 %	8.8 %
Hexcel	5873	19.7x	17.0x	14.3x	31.5x	25.3x	20.0x	12.1 %	13.7 %	15.6 %
Avient	3302	10.8x	10.0x	9.1x	21.3x	16.2x	13.9x	8.1 %	10.0 %	11.0 %
SGL Carbon	771	8.2x	5.3x	4.4x	12.4x	8.3x	6.4x	7.2 %	10.1 %	12.1 %
TPI Composites	121		13.7x	7.2x			19.7x	-9.4 %	-0.5 %	1.9 %
Gurit Holding	333	12.7x	7.9x	6.2x	21.5x	12.0x	8.5x	4.6 %	6.4 %	8.1 %
Peer Group Average	1794	13.3x	10.5x	8.0x	23.9x	15.8x	13.1x	4.5 %	7.6 %	9.6 %
Peer Group Median	568	12.7x	9.6x	6.9x	21.5x	16.2x	12.1x	5.9 %	8.2 %	9.9 %
Exel Composites (Evli est.)	27	15.9x	4.6x	3.6x	-12.6x	10.5x	6.2x	-5.0 %	4.9 %	7.0 %
Exel Composites prem./disc. to peer me	dian	26 %	-53 %	-48 %	-159 %	-35 %	-49 %	-185 %	-40 %	-29 %

Source FactSet, Evli Research

VALUATION RESULTS	BASE CASE DETAILS	VALUATION ASSUMPTIONS	ASSUMPTIONS FOR WACC	
Current share price	2.29 PV of Free Cash Flow	72 Long-term growth, %	1.5 Risk-free interest rate, %	2.25
DCF share value	10.17 PV of Horizon value	81 WACC, %	8.5 Market risk premium, %	5.8
Share price potential, %	343.9 Unconsolidated equity	0 Spread, %	0.5 Debt risk premium, %	3.3
Maximum value	11.2 Marketable securities	11 Minimum WACC, %	8.0 Equity beta coefficient	1.00
Minimum value	9.3 Debt - dividend	-43 Maximum WACC, %	9.0 Target debt ratio, %	10
Horizon value, %	53.1 Value of stock	121 Nr of shares, Mn	11.9 Effective tax rate, %	21

DCF valuation, EURm	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	2032E	2033E	Horizon
Net sales	97	104	112	118	120	123	125	128	130	133	135	137
Sales growth, %	-29.3	7.4	8.0	5.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	1.5	1.5
Operating income (EBIT)	-5	5	8	9	13	13	14	15	15	15	16	16
Operating income margin, %	-5.0	4.9	7.0	8.0	10.5	11.0	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.5
+ Depreciation+amort.	9	7	6	5	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	
EBITDA	4	12	14	14	16	17	17	18	18	18	18	
- Paid taxes	0	-1	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	
- Change in NWC	3	-1	-1	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NWC / Sales, %	<i>11.7</i>	<i>11.7</i>	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.8	11.9	
+ Change in other liabs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Operative CAPEX	-3	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	
opCAPEX / Sales, %	4.3	2.1	2.3	2.2	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	1.9	
- Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
+ Divestments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Other items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
= FCFF	4	8	9	10	12	12	12	12	12	12	13	182
= Discounted FCFF		7	8	8	9	8	8	7	6	6	6	81
= DFCF min WACC		7	8	8	9	8	8	7	7	6	6	91
= DFCF max WACC		7	8	7	8	8	7	7	6	6	5	72

INTERIM	FIGURES

EVLI ESTIMATES, EURm	2023Q1	2023Q2	2023Q3	2023Q4	2023	2024Q1E	2024Q2E	2024Q3E	2024Q4E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net sales	28.8	25.4	20.5	22.1	96.8	24.9	27.4	25.3	26.4	104.0	112.3	117.9
EBITDA	1.5	1.5	1.1	-0.3	3.8	2.4	2.9	3.0	3.6	11.7	13.5	14.2
EBITDA margin (%)	5.3	5.7	5.6	-1.2	4.0	9.4	10.4	11.7	13.4	11.3	12.0	12.0
EBIT	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-3.7	-4.9	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.9	5.1	7.9	9.4
EBIT margin (%)	-1.0	-1.0	-3.2	-16.7	-5.0	2.8	4.4	5.1	7.2	4.9	7.0	8.0
Net financial items	-1.2	-0.4	0.2	-2.0	-3.4	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-3.0	-2.8	-2.7
Pre-tax profit	-1.5	-0.7	-0.4	-5.7	-8.3	0.0	0.5	0.6	1.2	2.1	5.1	6.7
Tax	-0.6	-0.2	-0.2	0.1	-1.0	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.4	-1.0	-1.3
Tax rate (%)	-43.8	-36.3	-48.2	1.8	-12.1	-200.0	22.2	18.2	8.7	19.0	19.0	19.0
Net profit	-2.1	-0.9	-0.6	-5.6	-9.3	-0.1	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.7	4.1	5.5
EPS	-0.18	-0.08	-0.05	-0.47	-0.78	-0.01	0.03	0.04	0.09	0.14	0.35	0.46
EPS adjusted (diluted no. of shares)	-0.18	-0.08	-0.05	-0.47	-0.78	-0.01	0.03	0.04	0.09	0.14	0.35	0.46
Dividend per share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.20	0.25
SALES, EURm												
Exel Composites	28.8	25.4	20.5	22.1	96.8	24.9	27.4	25.3	26.4	104.0	112.3	117.9
Total	28.8	25.4	20.5	22.1	96.8	24.9	27.4	25.3	26.4	104.0	112.3	117.9
SALES GROWTH, Y/Y %												
Exel Composites	-15.7	-33.3	-39.2	-28.8	-29.3	-13.6	7.9	23.2	19.6	7.4	8.0	5.0
Total	-15.7	-33.3	-39.2	-28.8	-29.3	-13.6	7.9	23.2	19.6	7.4	8.0	5.0
EBIT, EURm										·	Ÿ	
Exel Composites	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-3.7	-4.9	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.9	5.1	7.9	9.4
Total	-0.3	-0.2	-0.7	-3.7	-4.9	0.7	1.2	1.3	1.9	5.1	7.9	9.4
EBIT margin, %											•	
Exel Composites	-1.0	-1.0	-3.2	-16.7	-5.0	2.8	4.4	5.1	7.2	4.9	7.0	8.0
Total	-1.0	-1.0	-3.2	-16.7	-5.0	2.8	4.4	5.1	7.2	4.9	7.0	8.0

INCOME STATEMENT, EURm	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales	103.8	108.6	134.4	137.0	96.8	104.0	112.3	117.9
Sales growth (%)	7.5	4.6	23.7	2.0	-29.3	7.4	8.0	5.0
EBITDA	10.7	15.3	11.9	10.1	3.8	11.7	13.5	14.2
EBITDA margin (%)	10.3	14.1	8.9	7.4	4.0	11.3	12.0	12.0
Depreciation	-5.6	-5.8	-8.2	-7.1	-8.7	-6.6	-5.6	-4.7
EBITA	5.1	9.4	3.7	3.0	-4.9	5.1	7.9	9.4
Goodwill amortization / writedown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	5.1	9.4	3.7	3.0	-4.9	5.1	7.9	9.4
EBIT margin (%)	4.9	8.7	2.8	2.2	-5.0	4.9	7.0	8.0
Reported EBIT	5.1	9.4	3.7	3.0	-4.9	5.1	7.9	9.4
EBIT margin (reported) (%)	4.9	8.7	2.8	2.2	-5.0	4.9	7.0	8.0
Net financials	-1.2	-2.3	0.4	0.6	-3.4	-3.0	-2.8	-2.7
Pre-tax profit	3.9	7.1	4.2	3.6	-8.3	2.1	5.1	6.7
Taxes	-1.5	-1.7	-2.5	-1.5	-1.0	-0.4	-1.0	-1.3
Minority shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	2.4	5.4	1.7	2.1	-9.3	1.7	4.1	5.5
Cash NRIs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-cash NRIs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BALANCE SHEET, EURm	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Assets								,
Fixed assets	23	30	34	31	25	21	17	15
Goodwill	13	13	13	13	13	13	13	13
Right of use assets	5	3	3	2	1	1	2	2
Inventory	17	16	24	23	17	18	20	21
Receivables	20	21	26	24	18	19	20	21
Liquid funds	7	12	16	17	11	12	13	13
Total assets	85	97	118	113	85	84	85	85
Liabilities								
Shareholder's equity	26	29	31	30	18	19	22	25
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convertibles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lease liabilities	4	2	2	1	0	1	2	2
Deferred taxes	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
Interest bearing debt	32	40	50	46	42	37	33	29
Non-interest bearing current liabilities	21	24	32	26	22	24	25	27
Other interest-free debt	2	2	3	9	3	3	3	3
Total liabilities	85	97	118	113	85	84	85	85
CASH FLOW, EURm		-						
+ EBITDA	11	15	12	10	4	12	14	14
- Net financial items	-1	-2	0	1	-3	-3	-3	-3
- Taxes	-2	-2	-3	-1	0	0	-1	-1
- Increase in Net Working Capital	1	3	-5	3	3	-1	-1	-1
+/- Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
= Cash flow from operations	8	13	5	13	3	7	9	9
- Capex	-8	-13	-11	-5	-4	-2	-3	-3
- Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Divestments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
= Free cash flow	1	0	-6	8	-1	5	6	7
+/- New issues/buybacks	0	-1	3	-1	-1	0	0	0
- Paid dividend	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	0	-1	-2
+/- Other	3	7	9	-3	-2	-4	-4	-4
Change in cash	2	5	4	2	-6	1	1	1
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Enterprise value	M-cap	88	94	64	30	27	27	27
Sales 198 134 177 97 104 112 114 14	Net debt (excl. convertibles)	30	36	30	32	26	21	17
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Per-tax F F F F F F F F F	EBITDA	15	12	10	4	12	14	14
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	Pre-tax	7	4	4	-8	2	5	7
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Pylseirs	Equity book value (excl. minorities)	29	31	30	18	19	22	25
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EXEL COMPOSITES

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COMPANY DESCRIPTION: Exel Composites manufactures composites profiles for various demanding, mainly industrial end-use, applications. Exel's customer base includes companies operating in industries such as wind energy, transportation and telecommunications. Exel Composites is one of the largest manufacturers of pultruded composites profiles globally and currently operates eight manufacturing plants on three continents.

INVESTMENT CASE: Our positive view is based on good long-term composites demand outlook, coupled with the fact that Exel Composites' current manufacturing footprint could support annual revenue in the EUR 150m ballpark i.e. there's still plenty of room to improve delivery volumes. Exel's rather high fixed cost base translates to meaningful operating leverage, and thus higher revenues should lead to improving operating margins. The company is also progressing well with its cost savings program. Operating profit could further significantly improve if good execution continues. Recently the wind energy sector has provided great lift for volumes; other attractive applications include e.g. transportation industry profiles.

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE	SHARES	EURm	0/0
Erikoissijoitusrahasto Aktia Mikro Markka	762,984	1.747	6.4%
OP-Finland Small Firms Fund	752,993	1.724	6.3%
Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance	496,547	1.137	4.2%
Phoebus Fund	420,000	0.962	3.5%
Säästöpankki Pienyhtiöt	288,710	0.661	2.4%
Sumato Oy	231,821	0.531	1.9%
Nelimarkka Heikki Antero	213,545	0.489	1.8%
Veritas Pension Insurance Company Ltd.	199,946	0.458	1.7%
Suutarinen Timo	160,000	0.366	1.3%
Säästöpankki Kotimaa	132,680	0.304	1.1%
Ten largest	3,659,226	8.380	31%
Residual	8,237,617	18.864	69%
Total	11,896,843	27.244	100%

EARNINGS CALENDAR	
April 25, 2024	Q1 report
August 15, 2024	Q2 report
October 31, 2024	Q3 report
OTHER EVENTS	

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DEFINITIONS

P/E	EPS
Price per share	Profit before extraord. items and taxes- income taxes + minority interest
Earnings per share	Number of shares
D/D/	DDC
P/BV	DPS
Price per share	Dividend for the financial period per share
Shareholders' equity + taxed provisions per share	
Madakaa	OCT (Or exeting each flow)
Market cap	OCF (Operating cash flow)
Price per share * Number of shares	EBITDA – Net financial items – Taxes – Increase in working
	capital – Cash NRIs ± Other adjustments
EV (Enterprise value)	FCF (Free cash flow)
Market cap + net debt + minority interest at market value –	O C L L G L C CAPEY L' C' L' L L L
share of associated companies at market value	Operating cash flow – operative CAPEX – acquisitions + divestments
EV/Sales	FCF yield, %
Enterprise value	Fore sock flow
Sales	Free cash flow Market cap
EV/EBITDA	Operative CAPEX/sales
Enterprise value	Capital expenditure – divestments – acquisitions
Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization	Sales
EV/EBIT	Net working capital
LVILDII	Net Working capital
Enterprise value	Current assets – current liabilities
Operating profit	
Net debt	Capital employed/Share
laterathering data Caracial access	Total assets – non-interest bearing debt
Interest bearing debt – financial assets	Number of shares
T-t-1t-	Overline
Total assets	Gearing
Balance sheet total	Net debt_
	Equity
Div yield, %	Debt/Equity, %
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Payout ratio, %	Equity ratio, %
Total dividends	Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions
Earnings before extraordinary items and taxes – income taxes + minority interest	Total assets – interest-free loans
ROCE, %	CAGR, %
Profit before extraordinary items + interest expenses+ other financial costs Balance sheet total – non-interest bearing debt (average)	Cumulative annual growth rate = Average growth per year
balance sheet total – non-interest bearing debt (average)	

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 ROE, %	Profit before extraordinary items and taxes – income taxes Shareholder's equity + minority interest + taxed provisions (average)	

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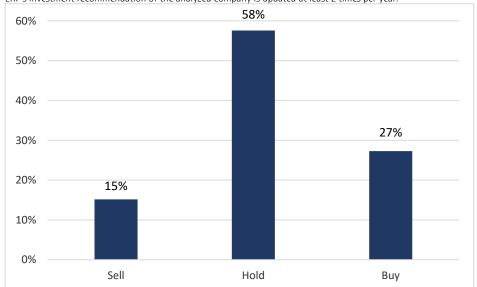
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Target price compared to share price Recommendation

< -10 % SELL -10 - (+10) % HOLD > 10 % BUY

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