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Earnings recovery should gather pace

Suominen's Q2 results are due Aug 9. H1 has low comparison figures, while H2 should also have scope for more recovery.

Earnings should continue to recover over the year

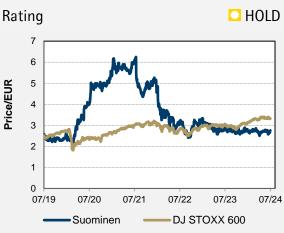
Suominen's Q1 earnings improved y/y, yet the pace wasn't fast and EBITDA in fact declined a bit q/q as there were additional costs due to the Finnish strikes; excluding such costs EBITDA would have remained roughly flat q/q, however it would have been below estimates even then. Suominen has lately announced an additional EUR 1.5m in cost cuts, which will be useful but not by themselves enough since we believe the company should see its earnings gain by some EUR 30m over the medium term. Suominen has found cost savings even before the latest announcement but improving capacity utilization and higher margins (driven by sustainable products) are in our view more important drivers. We expect Q2 revenue to have grown by 4% y/y to EUR 117m, while we estimate EBITDA at EUR 6.1m. H1'24 has very low comparison figures, so y/y improvement isn't challenging but H2 should also see further gains especially if raw materials prices stabilize.

Stabilizing market could help earnings especially in H2

Pulp prices have gained at a double-digit rate since late last year while oil-based raw materials prices have developed relatively flat, although they are slightly up so far this year, so that we estimate Suominen's total raw materials prices are increasing once again after the decline seen last year. Higher raw materials prices remain a short-term challenge for sales margins but they also reflect improved end-market demand. We thus expect earnings to recover at a rather steady rate over the course of this year. We believe there's a reasonable chance Suominen will specify its guidance later this year assuming there are no further significant setbacks. We estimate around EUR 12m earnings gain for the year, which still leaves plenty of upside potential for the coming years.

Earnings multiples appear quite neutral

Suominen is valued 21x EV/EBIT on our FY '24 estimates as earnings are only now recovering after a couple of challenging years. The multiple is some 8.5x on our FY '25 estimates, which we consider a fair level as the respective 9% EBITDA margin would be a significant improvement yet still somewhat modest relative to long-term potential. We retain our EUR 2.5 TP and HOLD rating.



| Share price, EUR (Last trading day's closing price) Target price, EUR | 2.76 2.5 |
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| Latest change in Latest report on company Research paid by issuer: No. of shares outstanding, No. of shares fully diluted, Market cap, EURm Free float, % Exchange rate EUR/USD Reuters code Bloomberg code Average daily volume, Next interim report Web site | 27-Jan-23 08-May-24 YES 58,259 58,259 161 62.7 1.08 SUY1V.HE SUY1V.HE SUY1V.FH 0.1 09-Aug-24 www.suominen.fi/en/investors/ |
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| KEY FIGU | IRES | | | | | | | | | |
|--------------|---------------|--------------|-----------|----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------|----------------|----------------|------------|
| | Sales EURm | EBIT EURm | EBIT % | FCF EURm | EPS EUR | P/E (x) | EV/Sales (x) | EV/EBIT (x) | FCF yield % | DPS EUR |
| 2022 | 493.3 | -4.2 | -0.9% | 9.4 | -0.16 | -19.8 | 0.5 | -55.1 | 5.2 | 0.10 |
| 2023 | 450.9 | -2.8 | -0.6% | 25.5 | -0.14 | -20.4 | 0.5 | -73.1 | 15.5 | 0.10 |
| 2024E | 470.6 | 9.9 | 2.1% | -3.4 | 0.07 | 38.6 | 0.4 | 21.3 | -2.1 | 0.10 |
| 2025E | 484.7 | 23.8 | 4.9% | 15.0 | 0.27 | 10.1 | 0.4 | 8.5 | 9.3 | 0.12 |
| 2026E | 496.8 | 29.8 | 6.0% | 13.9 | 0.36 | 7.6 | 0.4 | 6.5 | 8.6 | 0.13 |
| Market cap | , EURm | | 161 G | earing 2024E, ^c | % | | 40.4 CAGR E | EPS 2023-26 | , % | 0.0 |
| Net debt 20 | 024E, EURm | | 50 Pi | rice/book 2024 | E | | 1.3 CAGR s | ales 2023-2 | 6, % | 3.3 |
| Enterprise | value, EURm | | 211 D | ividend yield 20 | 024E, % | | 3.6 ROE 20 | 24E, % | | 3.4 |
| Total assets | s 2024E, EURn | ı | 303 Ta | ax rate 2024E, o | % | | | 4.6 | | |
| Goodwill 2 | 024E, EURm | | 15 Ec | quity ratio 2024 | 4E, % | | 40.6 PEG, P/ | E 24/CAGR | | 0.5 |



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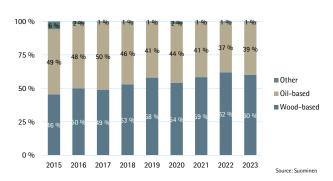
Estimates and valuation

| Suominen | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2023 | 2024 | 2024E | 2024E | 2024E | 2024E |
|-----------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| EURm | FY | FY | FY | FY | FY | FY | FY | FY | Q1 | Q2 | 03 | Q4 | FY | Q1 | Q2 E | Q3E | Q4E | FY |
| Revenue | 444 | 417 | 426 | 431 | 411 | 459 | 443 | 493 | 117 | 113 | 106 | 115 | 451 | 114 | 117 | 117 | 123 | 471 |
| growth, % | 11 % | -6 % | 2 % | 1 % | -5 % | 12 % | -3 % | 11 % | 6 % | -4 % | -19 % | -14 % | -9 % | -3 % | 4 % | 10 % | 7 % | 4 % |
| Geography | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Europe | 172 | 171 | 174 | 171 | 150 | 170 | 178 | 205 | 42 | 43 | 36 | 43 | 163 | 44 | 45 | 42 | 44 | 175 |
| Americas | 272 | 246 | 252 | 260 | 262 | 289 | 265 | 288 | 75 | 70 | 71 | 72 | 288 | 70 | 72 | 75 | 79 | 296 |
| COGS | -386 | -365 | -384 | -400 | -377 | -389 | -392 | -475 | -112 | -110 | -100 | -106 | -428 | -105 | -108 | -106 | -111 | -430 |
| Gross Profit | 58 | 52 | 42 | 31 | 37 | 70 | 51 | 19 | 4.9 | 3.1 | 6.4 | 8.4 | 23 | 8.1 | 9.1 | 10.6 | 12.3 | 40 |
| Gross-% | 13.1 % | 12.5 % | 9.9 % | 7.3 % | 9.0 % | 15.2 % | 11.5 % | 3.8 % | 4.2 % | 2.7 % | 6.0 % | 7.3 % | 5.1 % | 7.2 % | 7.8 % | 9.0 % | 10.0 % | 8.5 % |
| SGA & R&D | -28.0 | -27.9 | -28.9 | -29.2 | -30.6 | -30.7 | -28.9 | -32.4 | -8.2 | -8.0 | -7.9 | -8.2 | -32.3 | -8.7 | -7.5 | -7.3 | -7.3 | -30.7 |
| Other | 1.8 | 1.3 | 1.7 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 0.4 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 1.3 | -1.8 | 2.2 | 0.4 | 2.1 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.7 |
| EBIT ex IAC | 31.2 | 25.6 | 15.0 | 4.6 | 8.1 | 39.5 | 26.9 | -4.2 | -2.0 | -2.1 | 0.7 | 0.7 | -2.8 | -0.1 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 9.9 |
| EBIT-% ex IAC | 7.0 % | 6.1 % | 3.5 % | 1.1 % | 2.0 % | 8.6 % | 6.1 % | -0.8 % | -1.7 % | -1.9 % | 0.6 % | 0.6 % | -0.6 % | -0.1 % | 1.4 % | 2.8 % | 4.1 % | 2.1 % |
| Depreciation | -17.7 | -18.5 | -19.4 | -21.0 | -25.5 | -21.4 | -20.1 | -19.5 | -4.7 | -4.8 | -4.5 | -4.6 | -18.7 | -4.6 | -4.5 | -4.5 | -4.5 | -18.1 |
| EBITDA ex IAC | 48.9 | 44.2 | 34.3 | 25.6 | 33.6 | 60.9 | 47.0 | 15.3 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 5.2 | 5.3 | 15.8 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 9.6 | 28.0 |
| EBITDA-% ex IAC | 11.0 % | 10.6 % | 8.1 % | 5.9 % | 8.2 % | 13.3 % | 10.6 % | 3.1 % | 2.3 % | 2.4 % | 4.9 % | 4.6 % | 3.5 % | 3.9 % | 5.2 % | 6.7 % | 7.8 % | 5.9 % |

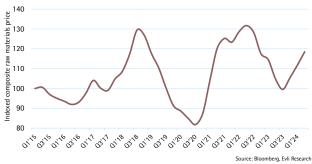
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| | MCAP | | EV/EBITDA | | | EV/EBIT | | | EBIT-% | |
|-------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|--------|---------|-------|--------|--------|--------|
| SUOMINEN PEER GROUP | MEUR | 23 | 24 | 25 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| Berry Global Group | 6855 | 8.3x | 7.9x | 7.6x | 13.9x | 13.4x | 12.6x | 9.7 % | 10.0 % | 10.4 % |
| Kimberly-Clark | 43996 | 13.3x | 13.7x | 13.3x | 16.5x | 17.1x | 16.5x | 14.5 % | 15.8 % | 16.3 % |
| N.R. Spuntech Industries | 80 | | | | | | | | | |
| Mativ Holdings | 937 | 8.0x | 8.8x | 7.3x | 15.3x | 15.4x | 10.8x | 6.1 % | 6.5 % | 8.6 % |
| Glatfelter | 62 | 9.7x | | | | | | | | |
| Peer Group Average | 10386 | 9.8x | 10.1x | 9.4x | 15.2x | 15.3x | 13.3x | 10.1 % | 10.8 % | 11.8 % |
| Peer Group Median | 937 | 9.0x | 8.8x | 7.6x | 15.3x | 15.4x | 12.6x | 9.7 % | 10.0 % | 10.4 % |
| Suominen (Evli est.) | 161 | 12.9x | 7.5x | 4.8x | -73.1x | 21.3x | 8.5x | -0.6 % | 2.1 % | 4.9 % |
| Suominen prem./disc. to peer median | | 43 % | -15 % | -37% | -578% | 38 % | -33 % | -106 % | -79 % | -53 % |

Source FactSet, Evli Research



Suominen raw materials mix and composite price development



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| VALUATION RESULTS | BASE CASE DETAILS | VALUATION ASSUMPTIONS | ASSUMPTIONS FOR WACC | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------------|------|
| Current share price | 2.76 PV of Free Cash Flow | 170 Long-term growth, % | 2.0 Risk-free interest rate, % | 2.25 |
| DCF share value | 5.33 PV of Horizon value | 181 WACC, % | 7.9 Market risk premium, % | 5.8 |
| Share price potential, % | 93.3 Unconsolidated equity | 0 Spread, % | 0.5 Debt risk premium, % | 2.8 |
| Maximum value | 5.8 Marketable securities | 59 Minimum WACC, % | 7.4 Equity beta coefficient | 1.00 |
| Minimum value | 4.9 Debt - dividend | -99 Maximum WACC, % | 8.4 Target debt ratio, % | 20 |
| Horizon value, % | 51.5 Value of stock | 311 Nr of shares, Mn | 58.3 Effective tax rate, % | 28 |

| DCF valuation, EURm | 2023 | 2024E | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E | 2028E | 2029E | 2030E | 2031E | 2032E | 2033E | Horizon |
|----------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|---------|
| Net sales | 451 | 471 | 485 | 497 | 507 | 517 | 527 | 538 | 549 | 560 | 571 | 582 |
| Sales growth, % | -8.6 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 2.0 |
| Operating income (EBIT) | -3 | 10 | 24 | 30 | 35 | 39 | 40 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 |
| Operating income margin, % | -0.6 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 | 7.0 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| + Depreciation+amort. | 19 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 21 | 21 | 21 | 21 | |
| EBITDA | 16 | 28 | 42 | 49 | 57 | 61 | 61 | 62 | 62 | 63 | 64 | |
| - Paid taxes | -3 | -3 | -5 | -6 | -7 | -8 | -8 | -8 | -9 | -9 | -9 | |
| - Change in NWC | 29 | -5 | -4 | -11 | 9 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | -1 | |
| NWC / Sales, % | 6.1 | 6.9 | 7.5 | 9.5 | 7.5 | 7.5 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | 7.6 | |
| + Change in other liabs | -2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | |
| - Operative CAPEX | -11 | -20 | -15 | -15 | -20 | -20 | -20 | -20 | -20 | -20 | -32 | |
| opCAPEX / Sales, % | 2.3 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 | 4.0 | 3.9 | 3.8 | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3.6 | 5.7 | |
| - 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 | 29 | 0 | 18 | 17 | 39 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 33 | 33 | 22 | 371 |
| = Discounted FCFF | | 0 | 16 | 14 | 30 | 23 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 17 | 10 | 181 |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| = DFCF min WACC | | 0 | 16 | 14 | 30 | 23 | 22 | 20 | 19 | 18 | 11 | 206 |
| = DFCF max WACC | | 0 | 16 | 14 | 29 | 22 | 21 | 19 | 18 | 17 | 10 | 160 |

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| EVLI ESTIMATES, EURm | 2023Q1 | 2023Q2 | 2023Q3 | 2023Q4 | 2023 | 2024Q1 | 2024Q2E | 2024Q3E | 2024Q4E | 2024E | 2025E | 2026E |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net sales | 116.8 | 112.7 | 106.4 | 115.0 | 450.9 | 113.6 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 123.0 | 470.6 | 484.7 | 496.8 |
| EBITDA | 2.7 | 2.7 | 5.3 | 5.2 | 15.9 | 4.5 | 6.1 | 7.8 | 9.6 | 28.0 | 41.8 | 48.8 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 2.3 | 2.4 | 5.0 | 4.5 | 3.5 | 3.9 | 5.2 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 5.9 | 8.6 | 9.8 |
| EBIT | -2.0 | -2.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | -2.8 | -0.1 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 9.9 | 23.8 | 29.8 |
| EBIT margin (%) | -1.7 | -1.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -0.1 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 |
| Net financial items | -1.5 | -1.3 | -1.2 | -2.0 | -6.0 | -0.8 | -1.2 | -1.0 | -1.0 | -4.0 | -3.6 | -3.1 |
| Pre-tax profit | -3.5 | -3.4 | -0.5 | -1.4 | -8.8 | -0.9 | 0.4 | 2.3 | 4.1 | 5.9 | 20.2 | 26.8 |
| Тах | -0.3 | -0.2 | 1.3 | -0.1 | 0.7 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.5 | -0.9 | -1.7 | -4.2 | -5.6 |
| Tax rate (%) | -9.0 | -5.0 | 284.7 | -5.6 | 8.2 | -35.2 | 21.0 | 21.0 | 21.0 | 29.5 | 21.0 | 21.0 |
| Net profit | -3.9 | -3.6 | 0.8 | -1.5 | -8.1 | -1.2 | 0.3 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 4.2 | 15.9 | 21.1 |
| EPS | -0.07 | -0.06 | 0.01 | -0.03 | -0.14 | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.27 | 0.36 |
| EPS adjusted (diluted no. of shares) | -0.07 | -0.06 | 0.01 | -0.03 | -0.14 | -0.02 | 0.01 | 0.03 | 0.06 | 0.07 | 0.27 | 0.36 |
| Dividend per share | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.00 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.13 |
| SALES, EURm | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Group | 116.8 | 112.7 | 106.4 | 115.0 | 450.9 | 113.6 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 123.0 | 470.6 | 484.7 | 496.8 |
| Total | 116.8 | 112.7 | 106.4 | 115.0 | 450.9 | 113.6 | 117.0 | 117.0 | 123.0 | 470.6 | 484.7 | 496.8 |
| SALES GROWTH, Y/Y % | | | | | | | | | | · | · | |
| Group | 5.9 | -4.5 | -19.3 | -13.6 | -8.6 | -2.7 | 3.8 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| Total | 5.9 | -4.5 | - 19.3 | -13.6 | -8.6 | -2.7 | 3.8 | 10.0 | 7.0 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| EBIT, EURm | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Group | -2.0 | -2.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | -2.8 | -0.1 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 9.9 | 23.8 | 29.8 |
| Total | -2.0 | -2.1 | 0.7 | 0.6 | -2.8 | -0.1 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 5.1 | 9.9 | 23.8 | 29.8 |
| EBIT margin, % | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Group | -1.7 | -1.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -0.1 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 |
| Total | -1.7 | -1.9 | 0.7 | 0.5 | -0.6 | -0.1 | 1.4 | 2.8 | 4.1 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 |

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| INCOME STATEMENT, EURm | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024E | 2025E | 2026E |
|--|-------|-------|-------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|
| Sales | 411.4 | 458.9 | 443.2 | 493.3 | 450.9 | 470.6 | 484.7 | 496.8 |
| Sales growth (%) | -4.6 | 11.5 | -3.4 | 11.3 | -8.6 | 4.4 | 3.0 | 2.5 |
| EBITDA | 33.6 | 60.9 | 47.0 | 15.2 | 15.9 | 28.0 | 41.8 | 48.8 |
| EBITDA margin (%) | 8.2 | 13.3 | 10.6 | 3.1 | 3.5 | 5.9 | 8.6 | 9.8 |
| Depreciation | -25.5 | -21.4 | -20.1 | -23.2 | -18.7 | -18.1 | -18.0 | -19.0 |
| EBITA | 8.1 | 39.5 | 26.9 | -8.0 | -2.8 | 9.9 | 23.8 | 29.8 |
| Goodwill amortization / writedown | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 3.8 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| EBIT | 8.1 | 39.5 | 26.9 | -4.2 | -2.8 | 9.9 | 23.8 | 29.8 |
| EBIT margin (%) | 2.0 | 8.6 | 6.1 | -0.9 | -0.6 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 |
| Reported EBIT | 8.1 | 39.5 | 26.9 | -4.2 | -2.8 | 9.9 | 23.8 | 29.8 |
| EBIT margin (reported) (%) | 2.0 | 8.6 | 6.1 | -0.9 | -0.6 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 6.0 |
| Net financials | -6.0 | -5.6 | -0.4 | -2.9 | -6.0 | -4.0 | -3.6 | -3.1 |
| Pre-tax profit | 2.1 | 33.9 | 26.5 | -7.1 | -8.8 | 5.9 | 20.2 | 26.8 |
| Taxes | -1.9 | -3.8 | -5.8 | -2.0 | 0.7 | -1.7 | -4.2 | -5.6 |
| Minority shares | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Net profit | 0.2 | 30.1 | 20.7 | -9.1 | -8.1 | 4.2 | 15.9 | 21.1 |
| 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 | | | | | | | | |
| Assets | | | | | | | | |
| Fixed assets | 143 | 126 | 129 | 126 | 119 | 121 | 118 | 114 |
| Goodwill | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| Right of use assets | 16 | 18 | 16 | 12 | 11 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Inventory | 45 | 35 | 50 | 63 | 38 | 49 | 53 | 65 |
| Receivables | 61 | 61 | 73 | 76 | 72 | 66 | 68 | 69 |
| Liquid funds | 33 | 58 | 101 | 50 | 59 | 38 | 39 | 40 |
| Total assets | 316 | 317 | 387 | 343 | 316 | 303 | 307 | 318 |
| Liabilities | | | | | | | | |
| Shareholder's equity | 131 | 146 | 163 | 146 | 125 | 123 | 133 | 147 |
| Minority interest | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Convertibles | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Lease liabilities | 16 | 15 | 13 | 11 | 10 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| Deferred taxes | 12 | 13 | 14 | 12 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Interest bearing debt | 86 | 83 | 133 | 89 | 89 | 76 | 67 | 61 |
| Non-interest bearing current liabilities | 66 | 55 | 57 | 80 | 75 | 75 | 78 | 79 |
| Other interest-free debt | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Total liabilities | 316 | 317 | 387 | 343 | 316 | 303 | 307 | 318 |
| CASH FLOW, EURm | | | | | | | | |
| + EBITDA | 34 | 61 | 47 | 15 | 16 | 28 | 42 | 49 |
| - Net financial items | -6 | -6 | 0 | -3 | -6 | -4 | -4 | -3 |
| - Taxes | -2 | -4 | -3 | -3 | -3 | -2 | -4 | -6 |
| - Increase in Net Working Capital | -1 | -1 | -25 | 6 | 29 | -5 | -4 | -11 |
| +/- Other | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| = Cash flow from operations | 25 | 50 | 19 | 15 | 36 | 17 | 30 | 29 |
| - Capex | -11 | -12 | -16 | -6 | -10 | -20 | -15 | -15 |
| - Acquisitions | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| + Divestments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| = Free cash flow | 14 | 38 | 4 | 9 | 26 | -3 | 15 | 14 |
| | 0 | -12 | 8 | 3 | -7 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| +/- New issues/buybacks | 0 | | | | | | | |
| | 0 | -3 | -12 | -12 | -6 | -6 | -6 | -7 |
| +/- New issues/buybacks | | | | -12 -53 | -6 -3 | -6 -12 | -6 -8 | -7 -6 |

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| KEY FIGURES | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | 2024E | 2025E | 2026E |
|--|---------------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| М-сар | 296 | 302 | 181 | 164 | 161 | 161 | 161 |
| Net debt (excl. convertibles) | 40 | 45 | 51 | 40 | 50 | 41 | 34 |
| Enterprise value | 336 | 347 | 232 | 205 | 211 | 201 | 194 |
| Sales | 459 | 443 | 493 | 451 | 471 | 485 | 497 |
| EBITDA | 61 | 47 | 15 | 16 | 28 | 42 | 49 |
| EBIT | 40 | 27 | -4 | -3 | 10 | 24 | 30 |
| Pre-tax | 34 | 27 | -7 | -9 | 6 | 20 | 27 |
| Earnings | 30 | 21 | -9 | -8 | 4 | 16 | 21 |
| Equity book value (excl. minorities) | 146 | 163 | 146 | 125 | 123 | 133 | 147 |
| Valuation multiples | | | | | | | |
| EV/sales | 0.7 | 0.8 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.4 | 0.4 |
| EV/EBITDA | 5.5 | 7.4 | 15.2 | 12.9 | 7.5 | 4.8 | 4.0 |
| EV/EBITA | 8.5 | 12.9 | -29.0 | -73.1 | 21.3 | 8.5 | 6.5 |
| EV/EBIT | 8.5 | 12.9 | -55.1 | -73.1 | 21.3 | 8.5 | 6.5 |
| EV/OCF | 6.7 | 18.0 | 15.2 | 5.7 | 12.3 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| EV/FCFF | 7.4 | 195.7 | 26.3 | 7.2 | -1,652.4 | 11.1 | 11.7 |
| P/FCFE | 7.7 | 86.1 | 19.2 | 6.4 | -46.9 | 10.7 | 11.6 |
| P/E | 9.8 | 14.6 | -19.8 | -20.4 | 38.6 | 10.1 | 7.6 |
| P/B | 2.0 | 1.8 | 1.2 | 1.3 | 1.3 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| , Target EV/EBITDA | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 7.0 | 4.5 | 3.7 |
| Target EV/EBIT | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 19.7 | 7.8 | 6.0 |
| Target EV/FCF | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | -57.0 | 12.4 | 12.9 |
| Target P/B | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 |
| Target P/E | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 34.9 | 9.1 | 6.9 |
| Per share measures | | | | | | | |
| Number of shares | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 |
| Number of shares (diluted) | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 | 58,259 |
| EPS | 0.52 | 0.36 | -0.16 | -0.14 | 0.07 | 0.27 | 0.36 |
| Operating cash flow per share | 0.86 | 0.33 | 0.26 | 0.62 | 0.29 | 0.52 | 0.50 |
| Free cash flow per share | 0.66 | 0.06 | 0.16 | 0.44 | -0.06 | 0.26 | 0.24 |
| Book value per share | 2.50 | 2.80 | 2.50 | 2.14 | 2.11 | 2.29 | 2.53 |
| Dividend per share | 0.20 | 0.20 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.10 | 0.12 | 0.13 |
| Dividend payout ratio, % | 38.7 | 56.3 | -64.0 | -72.2 | 139.7 | 43.9 | 35.8 |
| Dividend yield, % | 3.9 | 3.9 | 3.2 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 4.3 | 4.7 |
| FCF yield, % | 12.9 | 1.2 | 5.2 | 15.5 | -2.1 | 9.3 | 8.6 |
| Efficiency measures | 12.0 | 1.2 | 0.2 | 10.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| ROE | 21.8 | 13.4 | -5.9 | -6.0 | 3.4 | 12.4 | 15.1 |
| ROCE | 16.6 | 9.7 | -1.5 | -0.0 | 4.6 | 12.4 | 13.1 |
| Financial ratios | 10.0 | 5.7 | 1.5 | 1.2 | 4.0 | 11.2 | 13.0 |
| Inventories as % of sales | 7.7 | 11.2 | 12.8 | 8.4 | 10.5 | 11.0 | 13.0 |
| Receivables as % of sales | 13.2 | 16.6 | 12.0 | 15.9 | 14.0 | 13.9 | 13.0 |
| Non-interest bearing liabilities as % of sales | 13.2 | 10.0 | 15.4 | 15.9 | 14.0 | 13.9 | 13.9 |
| NWC/sales, % | 8.3 | | | | | | |
| | 81 | 14.1 | 11.5 | 6.1 2.3 | 6.9 4.4 | 7.5 3.2 | 9.5 |
| | | 26 | | | | | 3.1 |
| Operative CAPEX/sales, % | 2.6 | 3.6 | 1.2 | | | | 0.1 |
| Operative CAPEX/sales, % CAPEX/sales (incl. acquisitions), % | 2.6 2.6 | 3.6 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 4.4 | 3.2 | 3.1 |
| Operative CAPEX/sales, % CAPEX/sales (incl. acquisitions), % FCFF/EBITDA | 2.6 2.6 0.7 | 3.6 0.0 | 1.2 0.6 | 2.3 1.8 | 4.4 0.0 | 3.2 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Operative CAPEX/sales, % CAPEX/sales (incl. acquisitions), % FCFF/EBITDA Net debt/EBITDA, book-weighted | 2.6 2.6 0.7 0.7 | 3.6 0.0 1.0 | 1.2 0.6 3.3 | 2.3 1.8 2.5 | 4.4 0.0 1.8 | 3.2 0.4 1.0 | 0.3 0.7 |
| Operative CAPEX/sales, % CAPEX/sales (incl. acquisitions), % FCFF/EBITDA Net debt/EBITDA, book-weighted Debt/equity, market-weighted | 2.6 2.6 0.7 0.7 0.3 | 3.6 0.0 1.0 0.4 | 1.2 0.6 3.3 0.5 | 2.3 1.8 2.5 0.5 | 4.4 0.0 1.8 0.5 | 3.2 0.4 1.0 0.4 | 0.3 0.7 0.4 |
| Operative CAPEX/sales, % CAPEX/sales (incl. acquisitions), % FCFF/EBITDA Net debt/EBITDA, book-weighted | 2.6 2.6 0.7 0.7 | 3.6 0.0 1.0 | 1.2 0.6 3.3 | 2.3 1.8 2.5 | 4.4 0.0 1.8 | 3.2 0.4 1.0 | 0.3 0.7 |

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COMPANY DESCRIPTION: Suominen manufactures nonwovens for global consumer brands on eight production plants located on three continents. The company sources the raw materials from fiber producers and sells the output as roll goods to global consumer brand manufacturers. Suominen's nonwovens are mainly used in wiping products such as wet wipes for baby care, personal hygiene, and household and workplace wiping. Other end-uses include hygiene and medical applications such as sanitary pads, diapers, and surgical drapes and swabs.

INVESTMENT CASE: Suominen's recent challenges with nonwovens' gross margins and delivery volumes are no longer present. In our view the demand outlook for household wiping products is especially strong. Suominen also seems to be making good progress with sustainable wiping products, meaning the company is increasingly able to replace synthetic raw materials with wood-based fibers. Although supply will no doubt grow in the long-term, the surge in wiping demand has nevertheless turned the current supply-demand balance much more favorable also from a nonwovens manufacturer's point of view. We view Suominen's long-term financial targets realistic.

| OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE | SHARES | EURm | 0/0 |
|--|------------|---------|-------|
| Ahlstrom Capital Bv | 14,113,633 | 38.954 | 24.2% |
| Etola Group Oy | 7,414,000 | 20.463 | 12.7% |
| Oy Etra Invest Ab | 7,000,000 | 19.320 | 12.0% |
| OP Life Assurance Company Ltd | 4,217,221 | 11.640 | 7.2% |
| Nordea Nordic Small Cap Fund | 3,435,147 | 9.481 | 5.9% |
| Mandatum Life Insurance Company Limited | 2,882,540 | 7.956 | 4.9% |
| Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company | 1,912,000 | 5.277 | 3.3% |
| Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company | 1,689,751 | 4.664 | 2.9% |
| Nordea Life Assurance Finland Ltd. | 1,462,000 | 4.035 | 2.5% |
| Oy H. Kuningas & Co Ab | 1,400,000 | 3.864 | 2.4% |
| Ten largest | 45,526,292 | 125.653 | 78% |
| Residual | 12,732,927 | 35.143 | 22% |
| Total | 58,259,219 | 160.795 | 100% |

EARNINGS CALENDAR August 09, 2024 November 06, 2024

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DEFINITIONS

| P/E | EPS |
|---|---|
| 175 | |
| Price per share | Profit before extraord. items and taxes- income taxes + minority interest |
| Earnings per share | Number of shares |
| | |
| P/BV | DPS |
| | |
| Price per share Shareholders' equity + taxed provisions per share | Dividend for the financial period per share |
| Shareholders equity i taxed provisions per share | |
| | |
| Market cap | OCF (Operating cash flow) |
| Price per share * Number of shares | EBITDA – Net financial items – Taxes – Increase in working |
| The pershare without or shares | capital – Cash NRIs ± Other adjustments |
| | |
| | |
| EV (Enterprise value) | FCF (Free cash flow) |
| | |
| Market cap + net debt + minority interest at market value – | Operating cash flow – operative CAPEX – acquisitions + divestments |
| share of associated companies at market value | |
| | |
| EV/Sales | FCF yield, % |
| Enterprise value | Fore each () |
| Sales | Free cash flow Market cap |
| | Warket 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 |
| | |
| Enterprise value Operating profit | Current assets – current liabilities |
| Operating profit | |
| Net debt | Capital employed/Share |
| | |
| Interest bearing debt – financial assets | Total assets – non-interest bearing debt |
| | Number of shares |
| Total assets | Gearing |
| | ocumy |
| Balance sheet total | _Net debt_ |
| | Equity |
| | |
| Div yield, % | Debt/Equity, % |
| Divideo d | |
| Dividend per share Price per share | Interest bearing debt |
| | Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions |
| | |
| 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 hefore extraordinany items + interact expanses + other financi-1 | |
| 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 |
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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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