

Slowly improving, volumes needed

Suominen's Q1 results were quite well in line with consensus estimates, and bottom line was slightly lower than we estimated. The EUR 8.3m gross profit came in quite close to our estimate, however increased operating expenses meant EBITDA was a bit softer. Suominen initiates a cost savings program which aims for EUR 10m in savings.

- Suominen Q1 revenue grew by 3.4% y/y to EUR 117.5m, compared to the EUR 117.0m/115.4m Evli/consensus estimates. Americas was EUR 73.6m vs our EUR 75.0m estimate while EMEA amounted to EUR 43.9m vs our EUR 42.0m estimate. Stock levels for Asian imports are increasing across both of Suominen's business areas. Sales volumes declined y/y, but higher raw materials prices, improved sales mix and strong commercial execution led to increased sales prices. Currency fluctuations also had a positive impact of EUR 0.9m on top line.
- Gross profit landed at EUR 8.3m, compared to our EUR 8.8m estimate, and gross margin was 7.1% vs our 7.5% estimate.
- Comparable EBITDA was EUR 4.1m, compared to the EUR 5.3m/4.2m Evli/consensus estimates. Comparable EBIT amounted to EUR -0.3m vs the EUR 0.8m/-0.3m Evli/consensus estimates. Operating expenses rose. Currency fluctuations had a negative impact of EUR 0.5m on EBITDA.
- Suominen also initiates a cost savings program which aims to bring approximately EUR 10m savings across operations and global functions, to be realized over the next 24 months.
- Suominen guides its FY'25 comparable EBITDA to increase relative to the EUR 17.0m comparison figure (unchanged).

Rating Reduce

Q1'25	Actual	Evli	Year ago	Q4'24
Revenue	117.5	117.0	113.6	118.5
Gross profit	8.3	8.8	8.1	7.5
Comparable EBITDA	4.1	5.3	4.5	4.2
Comparable EBIT	-0.3	0.8	-0.1	-0.3

Deviation	Actual	Evli	Year ago	Q4'24
Revenue		0 %	3 %	-1 %
Gross profit		-5 %	3 %	11 %
Comparable EBITDA		-23 %	-9 %	-2 %
Comparable EBIT		-138 %	200 %	0 %

Share price, EUR (Last trading day's closing price) **2.07**
Target price, EUR 2.0

Latest change in recommendation 25-Feb-25

Latest report on company 02-May-25

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No. of shares outstanding, '000's 58 259

No. of shares fully diluted, '000's 58 259

Market cap, EURm 121

Free float, % 62.7 %

Exchange rate 1.13

Reuters code SUY1V.HE

Bloomberg code SUY1V FH

Average daily volume, EURm 0.1

Next interim report 07-May-25

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KEY FIGURES

	Sales EURm	EBIT EURm	EBIT %	FCF EURm	EPS EUR	P/E (x)	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBIT (x)	FCF yield %	DPS EUR
2023	450.9	-2.8	-0.6%	25.5	-0.14	-20.4	0.5	-73.1	15.5%	0.10
2024	462.3	-1.4	-0.3%	-6.9	-0.09	-24.4	0.4	-136.0	-5.2%	
2025E	477.0	12.8	2.7%	-6.5	0.12	17.7	0.4	14.4	-5.4%	0.03
2026E	500.9	22.5	4.5%	11.6	0.25	8.2	0.3	7.8	9.7%	0.10
2027E	513.4	28.2	5.5%	20.0	0.34	6.2	0.3	5.7	16.6%	0.12
Market cap, EURm	121		Gearing 2025E, %		51.5 %		CAGR EPS 2024-27, %		0.0 %	
Net debt 2025E, EURm	64		Price/book 2025E		1.0		CAGR Sales 2024-27, %		3.6 %	
Enterprise value, EURm	185		Dividend yield 2025E, %		1.5 %		ROE 2025E, %		5.6 %	
Total assets 2025E, EURm	315		Tax rate 2025E, %		19.0 %		ROCE 2025E, %		5.8 %	
Goodwill 2025E, EURm	15		Equity ratio 2025E, %		39.5 %		PEG, P/E 25/CAGR		0.3	

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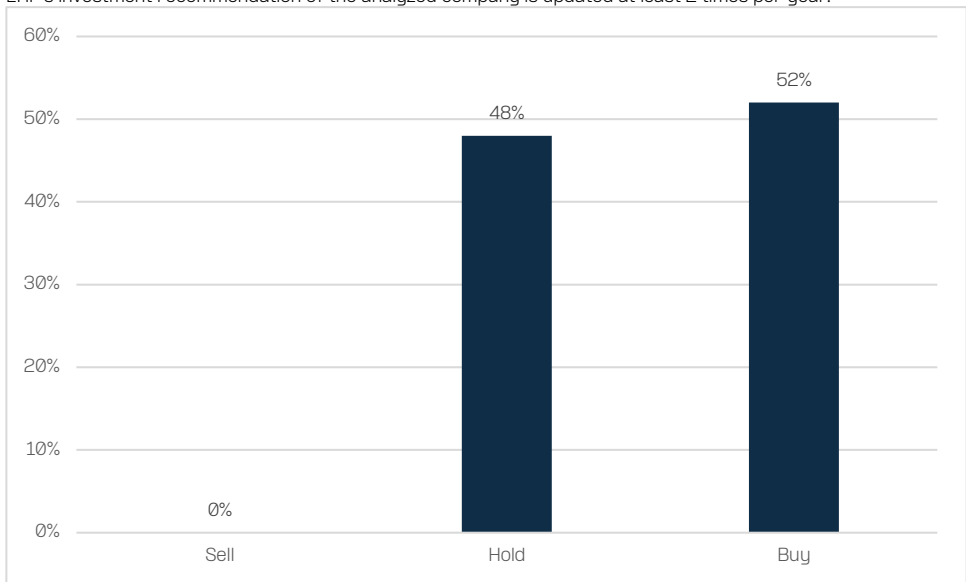
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