3Q16 Results

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BE	BUY
Price (Eu):	0.64
Target Price (Eu):	0.90

#### SECTOR: Industrials

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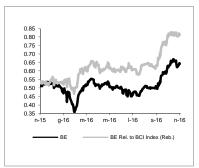
# Solid Quarterly Results Underpin Business Plan Targets

- Quarterly results show consistent revenue growth and higher margins. The company closed 3Q16 with revenues of Eu31.7mn, +20.5% YoY and 2.7% above our estimates. By division, the Business Consultancy segment posted a >30% revenue growth (partially due to the consolidation of recent acquisitions), the ICT segment was almost flat YoY. EBITDA stood at Eu3.1mn, broadly in line with our estimate (Eu3.0mn). The margin on sales went YoY from 8.9% to 9.8%. Pre-tax profit came to Eu1.3mn, improving from Eu0.5mn in 3Q15. Finally, net debt at the end of September stood at Eu21.3mn, up from Eu17.0mn at the end of June, due to the typical seasonal working capital trend.
- Key 9M facts. Revenues grew by 24% to Eu97.1mn driven by the Business Consultancy segment (+41.1% to Eu72.6mn). EBITDA stood at Eu11.1mn, 17.7% YoY; the margin on sales decreased from 11.9% to 11.3% due to Eu1.0mn of non-recurrent costs related to the Operations segment. Pre-tax profit came to Eu4.8mn, from Eu3.5mn in 3Q15.
- Execution of the business plan on track. CEO Stefano Achermann remarked that in 9M16 revenues generated abroad were 40% of total (moving towards the 50% target set in the business plan for 2019), and operating margins improved YoY. He expects good result in 4Q16 and possible further extension of the corporate perimeter to new geographies and/or business areas. The targets for the period 2017-2019 are confirmed.
- Estimates cut in 2016 due to non-recurrent costs. On the back of 3Q16 results we have adjusted our 2016 estimates, mostly to factor in Eu1.0mn of non-recurrent costs. Changes stand at: +4.9% for revenues, -8.7% for EBITDA, -23.2% for net profit. We now estimate revenues will grow to Eu136.3mn in 2016 (+18.0% YoY) thanks to both organic growth and the contribution from newly acquired companies. We then expect EBITDA to reach Eu16.7mn. Profitability, net of non-recurrent costs, would have been flat YoY. Finally, we also revised our forecast for net debt at year end to Eu8.3mn from Eu4.8mn. Looking forward, our 2019 estimates (almost unchanged) are slightly higher than the targets set by the company (once M&A is taken out of the equation). We forecast 2019 revenues of Eu170.8mn, EBITDA of Eu23.5mn and a net cash position of Eu15.9mn.
- **BUY reiterated**; target price kept at Eu0.90. Our positive recommendation is supported by: 1) good visibility on business plan targets, given that reference markets are expected to provide significant top line growth opportunities; 2) very strong relationships with large clients; 3) consistently high FCF generation (we assume average FCF of around Eu9.5mn in the 2016-19 period). At our target, unchanged at Eu0.90 per share, the stock would be trading at 11.5x P/E and 4.3x EV/EBITDA on 2019 numbers.
- Upside from M&A. By the end of the plan the company plans to invest Eu20mn in M&A, targeting highly specialised boutiques or promising start-ups whose core competencies are in line with those of BE in the financial services industry. According to the business plan, changes to the consolidation base should contribute Eu38mn to the value of production in 2019. We note that BE's management has a strong track record in M&A and in successfully integrating acquired companies. Prudentially, we have not factored external growth opportunities into either our model or our valuation.

Key Figures	2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	2018E
Sales (Eu mn)	98	115	136	147	158
Ebitda (Eu mn)	13	15	17	20	21
Net profit (Eu mn)	1	3	5	7	9
EPS - New (Eu)	0.008	0.026	0.038	0.054	0.064
EPS - Old (Eu)		0.026	0.049	0.060	0.066
DPS (Eu)	0.006	0.011	0.009	0.011	0.013
Ratios & Multiples	2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	2018E
P/E	83.1	25.1	17.1	11.8	10.0
Div. Yield	0.9%	1.7%	1.3%	1.7%	2.0%
EV/Ebitda	8.0	6.2	5.4	4.5	3.7
ROCE	9.5%	13.5%	18.3%	22.8%	26.5%

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#### BE - 12m Performance



RATING: Unchange TARGET PRICE (Eu): Change in EPS est:	Uncha 2	2016E	2017E -10.1%
STOCK DATA			
Reuters code:			BET.MI
Bloomberg code:			BET IM
Performance	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	1.9%	26.5%	19.4%
Relative	0.5%	27.1%	40.4%
12 months H/L:			0.67/0.36
SHAREHOLDER DA			
No. of Ord. shares			135
Total No. of shares	• •		135
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu			87
Total Mkt Cap (Eu			87
Mkt Float - ord (Eu	ı mn):		35
Mkt Float (in %):			40.9%
Main shareholder			
Tamburi			23.4%
BALANCE SHEET D	ATA		2016
Book value (Eu mi	ר):		52
BVPS (Eu):			0.39
P/BV:			1.6
Net Financial Posi	tion (Ei	u mn):	-8
Enterprise value (E	Eu mn)	:	95

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- KEY FIGURES		2014A	2015A	2016E	2017E	201
	Fiscal year end	31/12/2014	31/12/2015	31/12/2016	31/12/2017	31/12/20
PROFIT & LOSS (Eu mn)	Sales	98	115	136	147	1
. ,	EBITDA	13	15	17	20	
	EBIT	6	8	11	14	
	Financial income (charges)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
	Associates & Others	0	0	0	0	
	Pre-tax profit (Loss)	4	6	9	12	
	Taxes	(3)	(2)	(3)	(4)	
	Tax rate (%)	67.2%	39.2%	34.0%	34.0%	34.
	Minorities & discontinue activities	(0)	(0)	(1)	(1)	
	Net profit	1	3	5	7	
	Total extraordinary items	0	0	(1)	0	
	Ebitda excl. extraordinary items	13	15	18	20	
	Ebit excl. extraordinary items	6	8	11	14	
	Net profit restated	1	3	5	7	
PER SHARE DATA (Eu)	Total shares out (mn) - average fd	135	135	135	135	
FLK SHAKE DATA (LU)	EPS stated fd	0.008	0.026	0.038	0.054	0.0
	EPS restated fd	0.008	0.026	0.038	0.054	0.0
	BVPS fd	0.342	0.365	0.391	0.437	0.4
	Dividend per share (ord)	0.006	0.011	0.009	0.011	0.
	Dividend per share (sav)	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.0
	Dividend pay out ratio (%)	72.0%	43.4%	23.0%	20.0%	20
						20
CASH FLOW (Eu mn)	Gross cash flow	8	11	12	14	
	Change in NWC	(3)	(1)	(3)	(3)	
	Capital expenditure	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)	
	Other cash items	0	4	0	0	
	Free cash flow (FCF)	3	11	7	8	
	Acquisitions, divestments & others	(3)	0	(6)	0	
	Dividend	0	(1)	(2)	(1)	
	Equity financing/Buy-back	0	0	0	0	
	Change in Net Financial Position	3	10	(1)	7	
BALANCE SHEET (Eu mn)	Total fixed assets	78	78	78	77	
. ,	Net working capital	(3)	(2)	1	4	
	Long term liabilities	(14)	(20)	(17)	(21)	(
	Net capital employed	63	56	61	60	
	Net financial position	(17)	(7)	(8)	(1)	
	Group equity	46	49	53	59	
	Minorities	0	1	1	1	
	Net equity	46	48	52	58	
NTERPRISE VALUE (Eu mn)	Average mkt cap - current	87	87	87	87	
VIERPRISE VALUE (EU MIN)	Adjustments (associate & minorities)	0	0	0	0	
	Net financial position	(17)	(7)	(8)	(1)	
	Enterprise value	104	94	95	88	
						10
RATIOS(%)	EBITDA margin*	13.1%	13.0%	13.0%	13.3%	13
	EBIT margin*	6.2%	7.0%	7.9%	9.4%	9
	Gearing - Debt/equity	36.7%	14.4%	15.7%	1.8%	-11
	Interest cover on EBIT	2.7	4.4	5.4	9.2	1
	Debt/Ebitda	1.31	0.47	0.50	0.06	
	ROCE*	9.5%	13.5%	18.3%	22.8%	26
	ROE*	2.3%	7.3%	10.1%	13.3%	14
	EV/CE	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.4	
	EV/Sales	1.1	0.8	0.7	0.6	
	EV/Ebit	17.0	11.6	8.8	6.4	
	Free Cash Flow Yield	3.8%	12.3%	7.7%	9.7%	11
GROWTH RATES (%)	Sales	19.3%	17.2%	18.0%	7.9%	7
	EBITDA*	15.4%	16.4%	17.3%	10.5%	9
	EBIT*	42.3%	32.1%	33.4%	28.4%	1.3
	EBIT* Net profit	42.3% 180.9%	32.1% 231.6%	33.4% 47.0%	28.4% 44.2%	13 18

\* Excluding extraordinary items

Source: Intermonte SIM estimates

# Results

# **BE-** Quarterly Results

(Eu mn)	3Q15A	3Q16A	YoY	3Q16E	A vs E	9M15A	9M16A	YoY	2015A	2016E	YoY
Value of production	26.3	31.7	20.5%	30.9	2.7%	79.2	97.9	23.7%	115.4	136.3	18.0%
EBITDA	2.3	3.1	33.0%	3.0	3.6%	9.4	11.1	17.7%	15.0	16.7	10.7%
EBITDA margin	8.9%	9.8%		9.7%		11.9%	11.3%		13.0%	12.2%	
D&A	(1.3)	(1.3)		(1.3)		(4.0)	(3.9)		(5.3)	(5.3)	
Provisions	(0.0)	0.0		(0.0)		(0.2)	(0.1)		(1.6)	(0.6)	
ЕВП	1.0	1.8	80.1%	1.7	8.7%	5.3	7.1	34.0%	8.1	10.8	33.4%
EBIT margin	3.8%	5.7%		5.4%		6.7%	7.2%		7.0%	7. <i>9%</i>	
Financial Income (Charges)	(0.5)	(0.5)		(1.1)		(1.4)	(1.5)		(1.8)	(2.0)	
Associates	0.0	0.0		0.0		0.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	
Pretax	0.5	1.3	168.3%	0.6	109.2%	3.9	5.6	44.3%	6.2	8.8	40.1%
NetDebt	(21.7)	(21.3)		(20.0)	6.6%				(7.1)	(8.3)	

Source: Company data and Intermonte SIM

# **Estimates**

# **BE-** Change In Estimates

(Eu mn)	2016E	2017E	2018E	2019E
Value of Production new	136.3	147.0	158.4	170.8
Value of Production old	129.9	140.4	151.5	163.7
% change	4.9%	4.7%	4.5%	4.3%
EBIIDA new	16.7	19.5	21.4	23.5
EBITDA old	18.2	19.8	21.4	23.1
% change	-8.7%	-1.5%	0.2%	1.9%
EBIT new	10.8	13.8	15.7	17.8
EBIT old	12.3	14.3	15.7	17.4
% change	-12.8%	-3.2%	0.3%	2.5%
Net profit reported new	5.1	7.3	8.6	10.1
Net profit reported old	6.6	8.1	8.9	10.0
% change	-23.2%	-10.1%	-2.8%	0.9%
Net debt new	(8.3)	(1.1)	7.7	15.9
Net debt old	(4.8)	2.7	10.2	19.0
% change	71.7%	n.m.	-24.9%	-16.3%

Source: Intermonte SIM

#### Valuation

Our valuation model, based on a weighted average of a DCF calculation (70%) and a peer comparison (30%), yields a target price of Eu0.90. We used a 30% weighting for the peer comparison because the peer group is skewed towards IT services providers, whereas BE is increasingly focusing on consultancy activities (75% of company EBITDA in 2019).

#### **BE- Valuation Summary**

Target price calculation	Eu per share	Weight
DCF	0.89	70%
Multiples	0.91	30%
Target price	0.90	
Current Price	0.65	
Mkt Cap (Eu mn)	87.7	
% upside	38.5%	

Source: Intermonte Estimates

# **Investment Case**

Our positive recommendation is supported by: 1) good visibility on business plan targets, given that reference markets are expected to provide significant top line growth opportunities; 2) very strong relationships with large clients; 3) consistently high FCF generation.

Additionally, various opportunities may arise for the company to grow further through acquisitions, which could help the group to speed up execution of its strategy and to expand abroad.

At our target, unchanged at Eu0.90 per share, the stock would be trading at 11.5x P/E and 4.3x EV/EBITDA on 2018 numbers.

#### **BE- Implied Multiples At Target Price**

	2016E	2017E	2018E
PE	20.9x	14.9x	13.2x
EV/SALES	0.9x	0.8x	0.7x
EV/EBITDA	7.2x	5.8x	4.8x
EV/EBIT	10.8x	8.0x	6.4x

Source: Intermonte Estimates

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ALTRAN TECHNOLOGIES	12.28	EUR	2,126	-4.6%	-4.8%	-2.5%	-0.5%	7.0%	59.9%
AUBAY	25.00	EUR	324	-2.0%	11.1%	24.4%	36.0%	53.4%	164.6%
CAD IT	3.35	EUR	30	-0.9%	-9.5%	-13.4%	-18.7%	-19.3%	-8.7%
CAPGEMINI	72.43	EUR	12,351	-12.7%	-15.8%	-11.3%	-15.4%	-11.3%	31.5%
DEVOTEAM	49.53	EUR	378	2.5%	15.0%	15.5%	47.9%	44.8%	216.7%
EXPRIVIA	0.64	EUR	32	-2.3%	-1.2%	-13.8%	-15.5%	-23.6%	2.2%
GFI INFORMATIQUE	7.67	EUR	509	-3.9%	-4.1%	-9.6%	-7.8%	22.7%	48.9%
ORDINA	1.90	EUR	177	-16.6%	17.3%	40.1%	79.0%	80.3%	44.5%
REPLY	112.50	EUR	1,052	-8.1%	-8.5%	-9.3%	-10.6%	-4.0%	102.2%
TIETO OYJ	23.98	EUR	1,766	-14.8%	-9.0%	2.9%	-3.0%	-0.8%	18.1%
TXT E-SOLUTIONS	7.84	EUR	102	9.6%	7.0%	3.4%	-3.6%	-5.4%	-0.6%
Mean performance				-4.3%	2.0%	4.5%	9.3%	13.6%	60.0%
Italy FTSE Mib	16,812.4	EUR	241,679	2.1%	-0.9%	-5.0%	-21.5%	-24.9%	-12.7%

Source: FactSet

# BE Peer Group - Multiple Comparison

Stock	Price	Ссу	Mkt cap	EV/Sales	EV/Sales	EV/Ebitda	EV/Ebitda	EV/Ebit	EV/Ebit	P/E	P/E	Div Yield	Div Yield
				2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017	2016	2017
BE	0.64	EUR	87	0.7	0.6	5.4	4.5	8.8	6.4	17.1	11.8	1.3%	1.7%
ALTRAN TECHNOLOGIES	12.28	EUR	2,126	1.1	1.0	10.1	8.6	11.3	9.6	15.6	13.5	1.7%	1.9%
AUBAY	25.00	EUR	324	1.0	0.9	9.7	8.7	10.2	9.1	16.6	15.6	1.6%	1.7%
CAD IT	3.35	EUR	30	0.5	0.4	3.3	2.4	12.8	5.9	22.3	10.8	5.1%	6.0%
CAPGEMINI	72.43	EUR	12,351	1.1	1.0	8.4	7.5	9.8	8.8	13.9	12.8	2.0%	2.2%
DEVOTEAM	49.53	EUR	378	0.6	0.6	7.4	6.2	8.0	6.7	19.8	16.5	1.2%	1.6%
EXPRIVIA	0.64	EUR	32	0.5	0.4	4.7	3.8	7.6	5.7	12.2	7.0	3.3%	2.0%
GFI INFORMATIQUE	7.67	EUR	509	0.6	0.5	7.4	6.3	8.6	7.1	15.3	13.0	2.2%	2.5%
ORDINA	1.90	EUR	177	0.5	0.4	8.1	5.2	11.0	6.4	12.4	9.7	1.7%	3.0%
REPLY	112.50	EUR	1,052	1.3	1.2	9.8	8.4	10.7	9.3	16.9	14.9	1.0%	1.1%
TIETO OYJ	23.98	EUR	1,766	1.2	1.2	9.0	8.7	11.8	11.2	15.1	14.3	5.4%	5.6%
TXT E-SOLUTIONS	7.84	EUR	102	1.3	1.2	11.5	9.8	13.8	11.5	17.9	15.3	3.4%	3.6%
Median				1.0	0.9	8.4	7.5	10.7	8.8	15.6	13.5	2.0%	2.2%

Source: Intermonte SIM estimates for covered companies, FactSet consensus estimates for peer group

#### DETAILS ON STOCKS RECOMMENDATION

Stock NAME	BE		
Current Recomm:	BUY	Previous Recomm:	BUY
Current Target (Eu):	0.90	Previous Target (Eu):	0.90
Current Price (Eu):	0.64	Previous Price (Eu):	0.51
Date of report:	14/11/2016	Date of last report:	16/09/2016

