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BE

Sector: Technology

Getting Back to Organic Growth and M&A

We initiate coverage on BE with a BUY rating and a Target Price of Eu1.30 per share, providing almost 60% upside to the current share price. We expect BE to return to its balanced growth path from the current year, benefitting from increasing ICT budgets in the Financial Services Industry and leveraging on its strong positioning within the top 20 banks in Europe. An ungeared balance sheet and a constant cash flow generation pave the way for both bolt-on and mid-sized acquisitions, with the aim to expand the presence in Italy, Spain, Germany and UK, and to add new specializations to the Consulting business. Finally, the stock is trading at undermanding multiples.

- Newsflow. After four quarters of decline, top line returned to expand in 1Q18: revenues came to Eu33.5mn, +7.4% YoY. Growth was driven by the ICT solutions business (+56% YoY) whereas the Consulting business reported a negative performance (-8% YoY). EBITDA was Eu4.8mn, +9.5% YoY. Net debt increased QoQ to Eu16.0mn due to typical seasonality. In FY17 results were characterized by a negative organic growth and stable profitability. In details, revenues went down by 5.1% YoY to Eu129.7mn as the first customer went through a severe budget review, only partially compensated by a larger customers' base and by changes in the consolidation scope (two acquisitions were executed in February 2017). Adjusted EBITDA came to Eu17.2mn, down YoY in line with revenues; the Adjusted EBITDA margin was basically flat YoY at 13.2%.
- **Catalysts.** We expect BE's reference markets to provide solid long-lasting growth opportunities as the Banking industry must face several regulatory (e.g. MIFID II) and competitive challenges (e.g. new players entering the payment business) and is therefore expected to raise its ICT budgets and to withstand transformational projects. BE is well placed to benefit from a strong European franchise and a diversified customers' base. An ungeared balance sheet and a constant cash flow generation gives management ample room to execute the M&A strategy, with the aim to expand the presence in Italy, Spain, Germany and UK, to add new specializations to the Consulting business. In April, BE was awarded an Eu7.7mn contract for the management of the 2018-19 SWIFT Transformation Program of a major international Banking Group.
- Estimates. We expect revenues to post an 8.8% CAGR in the period 17A-20E, reaching a turnover of Eu167.1mn in FY20 driven by the Business Consulting. We expect EBITDA to come to Eu22.6mn in FY20; margin on sales is forecast to increase only marginally to 13.5% (from 13.2% in FY17) as the business is highly labour intensive. Net cash is forecast to reach Eu18.1mn at YE20, before M&A and assuming a constant 50% dividend payout.
- **Recommendation and valuation.** We initiate coverage on BE with a BUY rating and a Target Price of Eu1.30 per share, providing almost 60% upside to the current share price. Our valuation is the simple average of a DCF and a multiples analysis. At our target price the stock would be trading at 20x P/E and 13x EV/EBIT on FY19, with an 8% FCF yield and 2.5% dividend yield. The stock is currently trading at discount to peers (10% on P/E and 30% on EV/EBIT based on FY19 figures).

BUY

New Coverage

TP 1.30

Target price upside 58%

	F١	Y18E	FY19E
Change in EPS est	t.	0.0%	0.0%
Ticker (BBG, Reut)	BET IM		BET MI
Share price Ord. (Eu)			0.83
N. of Ord. shares (mr	า)		134.9
Total N. of shares (m	n)		134.9
Market cap (Eu mn)			111
Total Market Cap (EL	J mn)		111
Free Float Ord. (%)			51%
Free Float Ord. (Eu m			57
Daily AVG liquidity O	rd. (Eu k)		288
	1M	214	1214
Absolute Perf.	-10.0%	3M 8.7%-	<u>12M</u> -7.5%
Rel.to FTSEMidCap		-10.6%	-9.5%
52 weeks range	-3.470	0.8	1.1
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	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E
Sales	130	142	153
EBITDA adj.	17.2	19.0	20.7
Net profit adj.	4.5	6.9	8.7
EPS adj.	0.033	0.051	0.065
DPS - Ord.	0.020	0.025	0.032
EV/EBITDA adi.	8.8x	6.8x	5.9x

	0.020	0.020	0.002	
EV/EBITDA adj.	8.8x	6.8x	5.9x	
P/E adj.	27.8x	16.2x	12.8x	
Dividend yield	2.2%	3.1%	3.9%	
FCF yield	1.1%	13.1%	12.3%	
Net debt/(Net cash)	5.5	(3.4)	(10.7)	
Net debt/EBITDA	0.3x	nm	nm	

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Key Data

P&L account (Eu mn)	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Sales	136.7	129.7	142.4	153.5	167.1
Gross margin	136.7	129.7	142.4	153.5	167.1
EBITDA reported	16.2	17.2	19.0	20.7	22.6
D&A	(5.9)	(6.2)	(5.6)	(4.7)	(4.1)
EBIT reported	9.2	9.0	11.9	14.4	16.9
Net financial charges	(1.7)	(1.3)	(1.6)	(1.6)	(1.6)
Associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Extraordinary items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-tax profit	7.5	7.7	10.2	12.8	15.3
Taxes	(2.9)	(2.6)	(2.9)	(3.7)	(4.3)
Minorities	(0.3)	(0.7)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.5)
Discontinued activities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit reported	4.2	4.5	6.9	8.7	10.5
EBITDA adjusted	18.2	17.2	19.0	20.7	22.6
EBIT adjusted	9.2	9.0	11.9	14.4	16.9
Net profit adjusted	4.2	4.5	6.9	8.7	10.5
Margins (%)	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Gross margin	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
EBITDA margin (adj)	13.3%	13.2%	13.4%	13.5%	13.5%
EBIT margin (adj)	6.7%	7.0%	8.3%	9.4%	10.1%
Pre-tax margin	5.5%	6.0%	7.2%	8.4%	9.1%
Net profit margin (adj)	3.1%	3.5%	4.8%	5.7%	6.3%
Growth rates (%)	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Sales	18.4%	-5.1%	9.7%	7.8%	8.9%
EBITDA	7.5%	6.1%	10.9%	8.8%	8.9%
EBITDA adjusted	20.8%	-5.6%	10.9%	8.8%	8.9%
EBIT	14.0%	-1.6%	31.1%	21.8%	16.9%
EBIT adjusted	14.0%	-1.6%	31.1%	21.8%	16.9%
Pre-tax	19.2%	4.0%	32.2%	25.2%	19.0%
Net profit	22.9%	5.5%	53.3%	26.9%	20.0%
Net profit adjusted					
		5.5%	53.3%	26.9%	20.0%
	22.9%	5.5%	53.3%	26.9%	20.0%
Per share data		FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	
N. of shares AVG	22.9% FY16A 134.897	FY17A 134.897	FY18E 134.897	FY19E 134.897	FY20E 134.897
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Enterprise value (Eu mn)	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Share price Ord. (Eu)	0.5	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Market cap	71.4	124.4	111.3	111.3	111.3
Net debt/(Net cash)	1.6	5.5	(3.4)	(10.7)	(18.1)
Adjustments	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5	21.5
Enterprise value	94.5	151.4	129.4	122.1	114.7

Share price performance

Limited re-rating since the introduction of PIR



Cash flow (Eu mn)	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
EBITDA adjusted	18.2	17.2	19.0	20.7	22.6
Net financial charges	(1.7)	(1.3)	(1.6)	(1.6)	(1.6)
Cash taxes	(2.9)	(2.6)	(2.9)	(3.7)	(4.3)
Ch. in Working Capital	(0.3)	(9.8)	2.3	0.6	0.7
Operating cash flow	13.3	3.5	16.8	16.0	17.3
Capex	(1.7)	(2.1)	(2.1)	(2.3)	(2.5)
FCF	11.6	1.4	14.6	13.7	14.8
Disposals/Acquisitions	(2.3)	(0.6)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Changes in Equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	(2.3)	(2.7)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)
Dividends	(1.5)	(2.0)	(2.7)	(3.4)	(4.4)
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Ratios (%)	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Capex/Sales	1.2%	1.6%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
Capex/D&A	0.3x	0.3x	0.4x	0.5x	0.6x
FCF/EBITDA	63.8%	8.2%	76.8%	66.1%	65.4%
FCF/Net profit	273.1%	31.5%	213.0%	157.2%	141.1%
Dividend pay-out	-47.0%	-60.2%	-50.0%	-50.0%	-50.0%
Balance sheet (Eu mn)	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
Working capital	(5.8)	(4.8)	(7.1)	(7.6)	(8.3)
Fixed assets	81.9	84.6	81.1	78.7	77.1
Provisions & others	(23.4)	(20.7)	(20.5)	(19.5)	(18.5)
Net capital employed	52.7	59.1	53.5	51.5	50.2
Net debt/(Net cash)	1.6	5.5	(3.4)	(10.7)	(18.1)
Equity	51.1	53.6	56.9	62.2	68.3
Minority interests	0.5	0.8	1.3	1.7	2.2
	EV/4 C A		51/4.05	51/4.05	EVOOE
Ratios (%) Working capital/Sales	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
	-4.3%	-3.7%	-5.0%	-5.0%	-5.0%
Net debt/Equity	3.1%	10.3%	nm	nm	nm
Net debt/EBITDA	0.1x	0.3x	nm	nm	nm
Valuation	FY16A	FY17A	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
EV/CE	1.2x	1.9x	1.7x	1.7x	1.7x
P/BV	1.4x	2.3x	2.0x	1.8x	1.6x
EV/Sales	0.7x	1.2x	0.9x	0.8x	0.7x
EV/EBITDA	5.8x	8.8x	6.8x	5.9x	5.1x
EV/EBITDA adjusted	5.2x	8.8x	6.8x	5.9x	5.1x
EV/EBIT	10.3x	16.7x	10.9x	8.5x	6.8x
EV/EBIT adjusted	10.3x	16.7x	10.9x	8.5x	6.8x
P/E	16.8x	27.8x	16.2x	12.8x	10.6x
P/E adjusted	16.8x	27.8x	16.2x	12.8x	10.6x
ROCE pre-tax	12.1%	11.6%	15.4%	19.9%	24.1%
ROE	8.3%	8.4%	12.1%	14.0%	15.3%
EV/FCF	8.2x	107.2x	8.8x	8.9x	7.8x
FCF yield	16.2%	1.1%	13.1%	12.3%	13.3%
Dividend yield	2.8%	2.2%	3.1%	3.9%	4.7%
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Valuation

Stock trading well below peak multiples

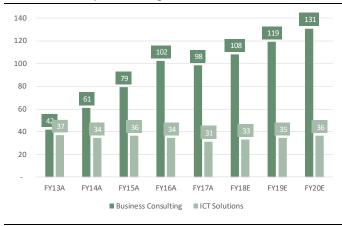




Key Charts

Revenue breakdown by business (FY13A-FY20E)

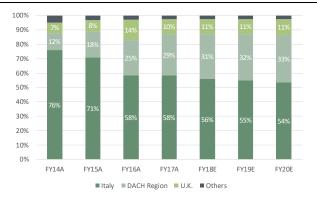
Growth was driven by the Consulting business



Source: company data and Alantra estimates

Revenue breakdown by region (FY14A-FY20E)

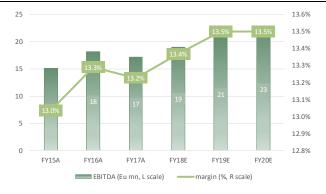
M&A increased the weight of international revenues (42% in 2017)



Source: company data and Alantra estimates

Profitability trend (FY015A-FY20E)

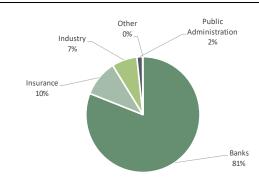
Limited operating leverage as the business is highly labour intensive



Source: company data and Alantra estimates

Revenue breakdown by sector (FY17A)

Strong focus on Financial Services Industry



Source: company data

Customers' concentration (FY15A-FY20E)

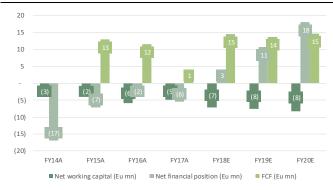
Constantly working to win new customers and to diversify the customers' base



Source: company data and Alantra estimates

Balance sheet (FY14A-FY20E)

A structurally negative working capital underpins a solid cash generation



Source: company data and Alantra estimates



Profile

Develop	ncreasing budgets in the Banking sector ment in Payment services and advisory ICT services with the Consuting business	Competitive pressure on professional tariffs Failure to execute M&A Key people dependence
	Strenghts ding position in the Banking sector European Franchise lance sheet and solid Cash flow generation Opportunities	Weaknesses Revenues still highly concentrated Exposure to a single industry Threats
	company (Eu1.7mn of revenues and the customization, parameterization risk management solution in Germar	
	at expanding the presence in Italy, S exploiting commercial synergies wit	nt cash generation clearly support a systematic M&A activity, aime pain, Germany and UK, at adding new expertise and specialization hin the customers' base. The business plan is targeting addition EBITDA from M&A by 2019, based on a total cash out of Eu20m r estimates.
Strategy	share of wallet among the top 20 ba	illars: 1) expansion in core countries (DAHC region and UK) growin anks in Europe; 2) strengthening the leadership in some key topi FID II) and adding new specializations to the Consulting business;
	industry is facing several challenges budgets higher. At constant perimet	s perimeter has a growth capacity of 10-15% per year. The bankin (both from regulation and from competition) that are pushing IC er, BE is targeting Eu162mn of revenues and Eu21mn of EBITDA w as for revenues and aligned as for EBITDA.
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Growth		'08 to Eu129.7mn in FY17 as a combination of both organic grow a average 1 deal per year over the last 10 years).
	the impact from a single client spend	o win new customers and to diversify its customers' base, reduci ing cycle and laying the foundations for continuous and sustainab punted for 54% of total revenues in 2017, down from 71% in 201
Positioning	financial institutions. BE operates	n market leader in Business Consulting and ICT services for lar in the most resilient space of Consulting (operational a ntracts that ensure recurring revenues and permit more efficie
	years BE has successfully expanded i recognized professional network in	nce market, accounting for 58% of revenues in 2017. Over the la its operations abroad, also by means of acquisitions, establishing 9 European countries (UK, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Polar pany employs more than 1.600 professionals, of which 1,100 a
		ition (implementation of sponsorship, support in the developme ions (using big data to support business functions, near shoring industry).
	Adding services (24%) for the Europ accounted for 91% of turnover in 20	pean Financial Services industry. Banks and insurance compan 17.

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Trading multiples

The stock is trading at discount to both international and Italian peers

Company	Country	Mkt Cap		EV/EBITDA			EV/EBIT			PE	
		(Eu mn)	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
BE	ITALY	112	6.8 x	5.9 x	5.1 x	10.9 x	8.5 x	6.8 x	16.2 x	12.8 x	10.6 x
Premium (discount) to Peers	s' Median		-38%	-36%	-36%	-17%	-26%	-32%	-3%	-10%	-17%
	Average		11.2 x	9.7 x	8.8 x	14.5 x	12.1 x	10.3 x	21.5 x	17.9 x	15.7 x
PEERS	Median		10.9 x	9.2 x	8.0 x	13.1 x	11.4 x	9.9 x	16.8 x	14.2 x	12.8 x
Akka Technologies SA	FRANCE	1,232	10.9 x	9.1 x	8.0 x	13.1 x	11.1 x	9.9 x	22.0 x	17.0 x	14.6 x
Altran Technologies SA	FRANCE	3,336	10.9 x	9.0 x	7.9 x	12.7 x	10.4 x	9.4 x	14.6 x	12.2 x	10.8 x
Alten SA	FRANCE	3,002	12.3 x	11.1 x	10.0 x	13.2 x	11.8 x	10.7 x	19.2 x	17.6 x	16.5 x
Assystem SA	FRANCE	450	15.3 x	13.3 x	12.3 x	17.2 x	15.2 x	14.0 x	13.7 x	11.8 x	10.7 x
HCL Technologies Limited	INDIA	15,767	8.7 x	7.6 x	6.7 x	10.0 x	8.8 x	7.7 x	13.4 x	12.2 x	11.3 x
Tech Mahindra Limited	INDIA	8,773	10.6 x	9.3 x	7.9 x	13.8 x	11.9 x	9.9 x	15.5 x	13.9 x	12.8 x
	Average		11.5 x	9.9 x	8.8 x	13.3 x	11.5 x	10.3 x	16.4 x	14.1 x	12.8 x
PEERS Group 1	Median		10.9 x	9.2 x	7.9 x	13.1 x	11.4 x	9.9 x	15.1 x	13.1 x	12.1 x
TXT e-solutions S.p.A.	ITALY	145	16.8 x	14.1 x	11.3 x	30.9 x	22.9 x	13.5 x	65.6 x	51.4 x	35.8 x
Reply S.p.A.	ITALY	1,970	13.2 x	11.5 x	9.9 x	14.5 x	12.6 x	10.8 x	21.7 x	19.2 x	17.0 x
Exprivia SpA	ITALY	65	5.4 x	4.8 x	na	7.8 x	6.7 x	na	10.9 x	9.4 x	na
Tecnoinvestimenti SpA	ITALY	270	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Alkemy SpA	ITALY	56	8.1 x	6.9 x	5.7 x	11.7 x	9.3 x	7.3 x	18.0 x	14.5 x	12.1 x
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PEERS Group 2	Average		10.9 x	9.3 x	8.9 x	16.2 x	12.9 x	10.5 x	29.0 x	23.6 x	21.6 x
PEEKS Group 2	Median		10.6 x	9.2 x	9.9 x	13.1 x	11.0 x	10.8 x	19.8 x	16.8 x	17.0 x
Company	Country	Mkt Cap		Dividend Yiel	d		FCF Yield		Net Debt/EBITDA		
	country	(Eu mn)	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E	FY18E	FY19E	FY20E
BE	ITALY		3.1%	3.9%	4.7%	13.1%	12.3%	13.3%	nm	nm	nm
PEERS	Average		1.6%	1.9%	1.7%	3.9%	5.1%	5.9%	1.4 x	1.0 x	0.6 x
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Altran Technologies SA Alten SA Assystem SA HCL Technologies Limited	FRANCE FRANCE FRANCE	3,336 3,002 450	1.6% 1.1% 3.5%	1.5% 1.8% 1.1% 3.5%	1.8% 2.1% 1.1% 3.5%	3.4% 4.9% 4.4% 4.4%	5.4% 6.9% 4.9% 5.0%	5.9% 7.6% 5.4% 5.9%	1.1 x 2.8 x nm 1.2 x	2.3 x nm 0.8 x	1.8 x nm 0.4 x
Akka Technologies SA Altran Technologies SA Alten SA Assystem SA HCL Technologies Limited Tech Mahindra Limited	FRANCE FRANCE FRANCE INDIA	3,336 3,002 450 15,767	1.6% 1.1% 3.5% 3.2%	1.5% 1.8% 1.1% 3.5% 3.5%	1.8% 2.1% 1.1% 3.5% 3.6%	3.4% 4.9% 4.4% 4.4% 6.0%	5.4% 6.9% 4.9% 5.0% 7.3%	5.9% 7.6% 5.4% 5.9% 8.0%	1.1 x 2.8 x nm 1.2 x nm	2.3 x nm 0.8 x nm	1.8 x nm 0.4 x nm
Altran Technologies SA Alten SA Assystem SA HCL Technologies Limited	FRANCE FRANCE FRANCE INDIA INDIA	3,336 3,002 450 15,767	1.6% 1.1% 3.5% 3.2% 2.0%	1.5% 1.8% 1.1% 3.5% 3.5% 2.2%	1.8% 2.1% 1.1% 3.5% 3.6% 2.6%	3.4% 4.9% 4.4% 4.4% 6.0% 4.4%	5.4% 6.9% 4.9% 5.0% 7.3% 5.0%	5.9% 7.6% 5.4% 5.9% 8.0% 6.1%	1.1 x 2.8 x nm 1.2 x nm nm	2.3 x nm 0.8 x nm nm	1.8 x nm 0.4 x nm nm
Altran Technologies SA Alten SA Assystem SA HCL Technologies Limited Fech Mahindra Limited	FRANCE FRANCE FRANCE INDIA INDIA Average	3,336 3,002 450 15,767	1.6% 1.1% 3.5% 3.2% 2.0% 2.1%	1.5% 1.8% 1.1% 3.5% 3.5% 2.2% 2.3%	1.8% 2.1% 1.1% 3.5% 3.6% 2.6% 2.5%	3.4% 4.9% 4.4% 4.4% 6.0% 4.4% 4.6%	5.4% 6.9% 4.9% 5.0% 7.3% 5.0% 5.8%	5.9% 7.6% 5.4% 5.9% 8.0% 6.1% 6.5%	1.1 x 2.8 x nm 1.2 x nm nm	2.3 x nm 0.8 x nm nm	1.8 x nm 0.4 x nm nm
Altran Technologies SA Alten SA Assystem SA HCL Technologies Limited Fech Mahindra Limited PEERS Group 1 IXT e-solutions S.p.A.	FRANCE FRANCE FRANCE INDIA INDIA Average Median	3,336 3,002 450 15,767 8,773	1.6% 1.1% 3.5% 3.2% 2.0% 2.1% 1.8%	1.5% 1.8% 1.1% 3.5% 2.2% 2.3% 2.0%	1.8% 2.1% 1.1% 3.5% 3.6% 2.6% 2.5% 2.3%	3.4% 4.9% 4.4% 4.4% 6.0% 4.4% 4.6% 4.4%	5.4% 6.9% 4.9% 5.0% 7.3% 5.0% 5.8% 5.2%	5.9% 7.6% 5.4% 5.9% 8.0% 6.1% 6.5% 6.0%	1.1 x 2.8 x nm 1.2 x nm nm 1.7 x 1.2 x	2.3 x nm 0.8 x nm nm 1.2 x 0.8 x	1.8 x nm 0.4 x nm nm 0.8 x 0.4 x
Altran Technologies SA Alten SA Assystem SA HCL Technologies Limited Fech Mahindra Limited PEERS Group 1	FRANCE FRANCE FRANCE INDIA INDIA Average Median ITALY	3,336 3,002 450 15,767 8,773 145	1.6% 1.1% 3.5% 3.2% 2.0% 2.1% 1.8%	1.5% 1.8% 1.1% 3.5% 3.5% 2.2% 2.3% 2.0%	1.8% 2.1% 1.1% 3.5% 3.6% 2.6% 2.5% 2.3%	3.4% 4.9% 4.4% 6.0% 4.4% 4.6% 4.4%	5.4% 6.9% 4.9% 5.0% 7.3% 5.0% 5.8% 5.2%	5.9% 7.6% 5.4% 5.9% 8.0% 6.1% 6.5% 6.0% 2.1%	1.1 x 2.8 x nm 1.2 x nm nm 1.7 x 1.2 x	2.3 x nm 0.8 x nm nm 1.2 x 0.8 x	1.8 x nm 0.4 x nm nm 0.8 x 0.4 x
Altran Technologies SA Alten SA Assystem SA 4CL Technologies Limited Fech Mahindra Limited PEERS Group 1 IXT e-solutions S.p.A. Reply S.p.A.	FRANCE FRANCE INDIA INDIA Average Median ITALY ITALY	3,336 3,002 450 15,767 8,773 145 1,970	1.6% 1.1% 3.5% 3.2% 2.0% 2.1% 1.8% 1.3% 0.7% na	1.5% 1.8% 1.1% 3.5% 3.5% 2.2% 2.3% 2.0% 1.9% 0.9% 2.3%	1.8% 2.1% 1.1% 3.5% 3.6% 2.6% 2.5% 2.5% 2.3% 0 .0% 1.0%	3.4% 4.9% 4.4% 6.0% 4.4% 4.6% 4.4%	5.4% 6.9% 4.9% 5.0% 7.3% 5.0% 5.8% 5.8% 5.2%	5.9% 7.6% 5.4% 5.9% 8.0% 6.1% 6.5% 6.5% 6.2% 2.1% 4.2%	1.1 x 2.8 x nm 1.2 x nm nm 1.7 x 1.2 x	2.3 x nm 0.8 x nm nm 1.2 x 0.8 x nm nm	1.8 x nm 0.4 x nm nm 0.8 x 0.4 x 0.4 x
Altran Technologies SA Alten SA Assystem SA 4CL Technologies Limited Fech Mahindra Limited PEERS Group 1 TXT e-solutions S.p.A. Reply S.p.A. Exprivia SpA	FRANCE FRANCE FRANCE INDIA INDIA Average Median ITALY ITALY ITALY	3,336 3,002 450 15,767 8,773 145 1,970 65	1.6% 1.1% 3.5% 3.2% 2.0% 2.1% 1.8%	1.5% 1.8% 1.1% 3.5% 3.5% 2.2% 2.3% 2.3% 2.0%	1.8% 2.1% 1.1% 3.5% 3.6% 2.6% 2.5% 2.3% 0.0% 1.0% na	3.4% 4.9% 4.4% 6.0% 4.4% 4.6% 4.4% 0.7% 3.0% na	5.4% 6.9% 4.9% 5.0% 7.3% 5.0% 5.8% 5.2% 1.4% 3.7% na	5.9% 7.6% 5.4% 5.9% 8.0% 6.1% 6.5% 6.5% 6.0% 2.1% 4.2% na	1.1 x 2.8 x nm 1.2 x nm nm 1.7 x 1.2 x nm nm 1.9 x	2.3 x nm 0.8 x nm nm 1.2 x 0.8 x nm nm 1.4 x	1.8 x nm 0.4 x nm nm 0.8 x 0.4 x 0.4 x
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Source: Alantra estimates and Factset

ALANTRA Italian Equity Research

Compared to peers the company shows comparable margins but stronger EPS CAGR

				FY18E -	FY20E average	margins			CAGR FY17A - FY20E			
Company	Country	Mkt Cap (Eu mn)	EBITDA Margin	EBIT Margin	Net Income Margin	Capex / Sales	Dividend Payout	Sales	EBITDA	EBIT	EPS	
BE	ITALY	112	13.5%	9.3%	5.6%	1.5%	50.0%	8.8%	9.5%	23.1%	32.6%	
PEERS	Average		13.4%	11.0%	8.2%	2.3%	28.3%	10.4%	17.1%	16.7%	17.5%	
	Median		12.2%	9.9%	7.8%	2.3%	24.4%	10.3%	14.9%	16.0%	18.7%	
Akka Technologies SA	FRANCE	1,232	10.5%	8.6%	4.8%	2.3%	25.7%	6.5%	18.1%	17.0%	22.8%	
Altran Technologies SA	FRANCE	3,336	15.5%	13.3%	8.6%	2.4%	23.0%	13.9%	29.8%	24.4%	19.1%	
Alten SA	FRANCE	3,002	11.0%	10.3%	7.5%	0.7%	20.0%	6.8%	8.7%	8.7%	8.0%	
Assystem SA	FRANCE	450	7.7%	6.7%	8.0%	0.9%	42.1%	6.6%	10.5%	8.7%	25.8%	
HCL Technologies Limited	INDIA	15,767	22.8%	19.8%	16.6%	3.1%	42.3%	10.3%	10.3%	10.3%	8.7%	
Tech Mahindra Limited	INDIA	8,773	16.9%	13.2%	11.6%	3.5%	31.7%	10.6%	14.9%	16.0%	7.8%	
PEERS Group 1	Average		14.1%	12.0%	9.5%	2.2%	30.8%	9.1%	15.4%	14.2%	15.4%	
	Median		13.2%	11.8%	8.3%	2.4%	28.7%	8.5%	12.7%	13.1%	13.9%	
TXT e-solutions S.p.A.	ITALY	145	11.5%	7.8%	6.5%	1.9%	60.1%	9.4%	22.4%	20.8%	18.7%	
Reply S.p.A.	ITALY	1,970	14.5%	13.2%	9.3%	1.9%	16.3%	11.6%	13.5%	13.1%	14.5%	
Exprivia SpA	ITALY	65	11.3%	7.9%	3.8%	na	21.6%	na	na	na	na	
Fecnoinvestimenti SpA	ITALY	270	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	
Alkemy SpA	ITALY	56	12.9%	9.5%	5.1%	3.7%	0.0%	18.1%	25.6%	31.5%	32.1%	
PEERS Group 2	Average		12.5%	9.6%	6.2%	2.5%	24.5%	13.0%	20.5%	21.8%	21.8%	
<u> </u>	Median		12.2%	8.7%	5.8%	1.9%	19.0%	11.6%	22.4%	20.8%	18.7%	

Source: Alantra estimates and Factset

Performance

Negative share price performance in the past one year

Compony	Country	Mkt Cap							
Company	Country	(Eu mn)	1M	3M 6M		1YR	3YR	5YR	
BE	ITALY	112	-10.0%	-8.7%	-9.6%	-7.5%	51.8%	255.4%	
PEERS	Average		-4.2%	1.0%	10.3%	4.9%	67.6%	192.7%	
	Median		-1.9%	2.1%	5.0%	1.5%	57.8%	158.2%	
Akka Technologies SA	FRANCE	1,232	3.8%	12.8%	29.6%	19.5%	120.4%	221.8%	
Altran Technologies SA	FRANCE	3,336	-1.1%	2.1%	0.5%	-12.9%	48.4%	133.3%	
Alten SA	FRANCE	3,002	5.9%	15.3%	26.8%	11.0%	114.7%	210.6%	
Assystem SA	FRANCE	450	1.2%	-4.8%	-7.7%	-21.0%	59.7%	70.6%	
HCL Technologies Limited	INDIA	15,767	-4.6%	-4.8%	5.0%	3.4%	-4.6%	144.1%	
Tech Mahindra Limited	INDIA	8,773	5.9%	11.6%	50.6%	74.3%	26.7%	205.3%	
PEERS Group 1	Average		1.8%	5.4%	17.5%	12.4%	60.9%	164.3%	
	Median		2.5%	6.8%	15.9%	7.2%	54.1%	174.7%	
TXT e-solutions S.p.A.	ITALY	145	-17.5%	7.1%	20.6%	-9.6%	48.0%	158.2%	
Reply S.p.A.	ITALY	1,970	-1.9%	8.8%	14.8%	17.7%	138.6%	512.9%	
Exprivia SpA	ITALY	65	-12.7%	-10.6%	-4.1%	-32.8%	68.3%	77.4%	
Tecnoinvestimenti SpA	ITALY	270	-13.6%	-9.8%	-6.0%	-0.5%	56.0%	na	
Alkemy SpA	ITALY	56	-12.0%	-16.3%	-16.4%	na	na	na	
	Average		-11.5%	-4.2%	1.8%	-6.3%	77.7%	249.5%	
PEERS Group 2	Median		-12.7%	-9.8%	-4.1%	-5.1%	62.1%	158.2%	

Source: Alantra estimates and Factset



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