

Vectron Systems AG

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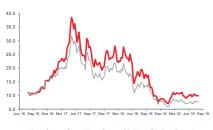
Price (30/08/2019): 9.90 €| Upside: 127%

Revision 2019e 2020e EPS ns

H1 2019 still driven by normalization of demand for POS systems after regulation-driven surge

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Capital			
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Market Cap (€m)			72
Enterprise value (€m)			72
Extrema 12 months (€)		7.12	_ 19.60
Free Float (%)			49.1
Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	-1.5	-2.0	-46.0
Perf. rel. Country Index	0.0	-3.9	-45.1
Perf. rel. IT Hardware	2.9	-3.2	-44.6
P&L	12/19e	12/20e	12/21e
Sales (€m)	26.5	44.0	48.1
EBITDA (€m)	-2.0	7.3	9.0
Current EBIT (€m)	-3.7	5.6	7.4
Attr. net profit (€m)	-3	3.7	4.9
Adjusted EPS (€)	-0.38	0.51	0.68
Dividend (€)	0.00	0.11	0.15
P/E (x)	ns	19.5	14.6
P/B (x)	5.8	4.5	3.6
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	1.1	1.5
FCF yield (%)	ns	5.2	6.3
EV/Sales (x)	2.70	1.54	1.33
EV/EBITDA (x)	ns	9.3	7.1
EV/Current EBIT (x)	ns	12.1	8.7
Gearing (%)	-11	-32	-44
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.7	ns	ns

Next Events		
31.10.2019	Q3 Results	

Group revenue down 14% yoy

Vectron reported rather weak H1 2019 results on 30 August, but roughly in line with our estimates. As expected, in view of the final introduction of the new legal requirements for data security in cash registers taking effect on 01 January 2020, demand for Vectron's POS systems remains subdued. Accordingly, H1 2019 group revenue contracted from € 13.9m in H1 2018 to € 12.0m, in line with our estimate of € 11.7m, although H1 2019 EBITDA was down only slightly yoy to € -1.0m (Oddo BHFe: € 1.5m) vs € -0.9m in H1 2018). Vectron's earnings continue to be impacted by investments required to build up its new digital business model. Already around one-third of all employees are now working on these new developments.

H1 results vs Oddo BHF estimates

	reported	YoY	Oddo BHF	diff%
Revenue	12.0	-13.7%	11.7	2.8%
EBITDA	-1.0	11.1%	-1.5	-33.3%
Margin%	-8.3%	-186bp	-12.9%	452bp
Net profit	-1.3	74.2%	-1.7	-21.0%
Margin%	-11.2%		-14.6%	337bp

Source: company data, Oddo BHF estimates

New digital offerings to expand revenues from up-front to subscription

Vectron's business segments can be divided into two main areas: i/ POS hardware and software and ii/ cloud services. Cloud services include the brands bonVito, posmatic and myVectron, all of which focus among others on innovative digital services in the B2B and B2C areas such as digital stamps, coupons, deals, table reservations or delivery services. The cloud services business is to be further expanded in 2019-2020 through new functions and new cooperation agreements to extend Vectron's online platform. Management indicates, however, that it is currently practically impossible to precisely forecast the timing of these cloud service revenues. Vectron's POS systems are considerably influenced by the requirements of the tax authorities - in particular by the "Protection Against Manipulation of Digital Basic Records Act". The exact delivery date required for certified technical security devices is still not fixed, however. Also, Germany's Federal Ministry of Finance is expected issue a ruling to grant users of existing systems an additional grace period to update their systems to meet the new requirements, but the timing is still not known. Consequently, according to management demand for new equipment and retrofits cannot be reliably projected. However, demand for is expected to pick up from Q4 2019, as the technical security devices (TSE) required by the new legislation will then be available for delivery for the first time.

Demand for POS systems to increase again from Q4 2019

In H1 2019, demand for POS systems continued to normalize after a regulation-driven surge. Management has yet to provide detailed guidance for 2019 but emphasizes the importance of its new digital business model for its future growth strategy. For 2020e, we expect the POS market to gain significant traction, driven by regulations requiring POS systems to be updated and made manipulation-proof (fiscalization). Our DCF-based TP remains at € 22.5 and assumes a scenario of delayed phase II POS execution and overall reduced market visibility. The shares are currently trading at EV/sales multiples of 2.7x for 2019e and 1.6x for 2020e, which is not demanding if we consider the recurring nature of the potentially increasing digital revenues and the upcoming phase II of fiscalization.

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PER SHARE DATA (€)	12/14	•	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19e	12/20e	12/21e
Adjusted EPS	0.08		0.30	0.16	-0.59	-0.38	0.51	0.68
Reported EPS	0.12	0.18	0.30	0.16	-0.59	-0.38	0.51	0.68
Growth in adjusted EPS	39.3%		66.1%	-45.3%	ns	ns	ns	34.0%
Net dividend per share	0.05		0.11	0.07	0.00	0.00	0.11	0.15
FCF to equity per share Book value per share	0.23 1.48		0.05 2.25	-0.45 2.17	-0.39 1.53	-0.28 1.70	0.51 2.21	0.63 2.77
Number of shares market cap (m)	6.60		6.60	6.60	6.61	7.27	7.27	7.27
Number of diluted shares (m)	6.60		6.60	6.60	6.61	7.27	7.27	7.27
VALUATION (€m)	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19e	12/20e	12/21e
12m highest price (€)	2.67		16.22	39.25	28.05	11.78		
12m lowest price (€)	1.80 2.30		6.62 11.15	14.86 24.73	7.60 19.37	7.12 9.90	9.90	9.90
(*) Reference price (€)								
Capitalization Restated Net debt	15.2 -3.2		73.6 -6.6	163 -1.5	128 1.6	72.0 -1.4	72.0 -5.1	72.0 -8.8
Minorities (fair value)	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial fixed assets (fair value)	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Provisions	0.9		3.2	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Enterprise Value	12.9	30.3	70.2	163	131	71.6	67.9	64.1
P/E (x)	29.1	25.0	37.5	152	ns	ns	19.5	14.6
P/CF (x)	16.0		19.7	4,440	ns	ns	13.4	10.9
Net Yield	2.0%		1.0%	0.3%	0.0%	0.0%	1.1%	1.5%
FCF yield P/B incl. GW (x)	10.1% 1.55		0.5% 4.95	ns 11.38	ns 12.64	ns 5.83	5.2% 4.49	6.3% 3.57
P/B incl. GW (x) P/B excl. GW (x)	1.55		4.95	11.38	12.64	5.83	4.49	3.57
EV/Sales (x)	0.58		2.08	5.04	5.26	2.70	1.54	1.33
EV/EBITDA (x)	8.3		19.4	72.4	ns	ns	9.3	7.1
EV/Current EBIT (x)	12.6	14.7	22.7	93.5	ns	ns	12.1	8.7
(*) historical average price PROFIT AND LOSS (€m)	12/14	12/15	12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19e	12/20e	12/21e
Sales	22.4		33.7	32.4	24.8	26.5	44.0	48.1
EBITDA	1.6		3.6	2.3	-3.8	-2.0	7.3	9.0
Depreciations	-0.5		-0.5	-0.5	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7	-1.7
Current EBIT	1.0		3.1	1.7	-5.4	-3.7	5.6	7.4
Published EBIT	1.0 0.1		3.1 -0.1	1.7 -0.1	-5.4 -0.2	-3.7 -0.3	5.6 -0.3	7.4 -0.3
Net financial income Corporate Tax	-0.3		-0.1 -1.0	-0.1	1.7	-0.3 1.2	-0.3 -1.6	-0.3 -2.1
Net income of equity-accounted companies	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Profit/loss of discontinued activities (after tax)	0.0		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minority interests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Attributable net profit	0.8		2.0	1.1	-3.9	-2.8	3.7	4.9
Adjusted attributable net profit	0.5		2.0	1.1	-3.9	-2.8	3.7	4.9
BALANCE SHEET (€m) Goodwill	12/14 0.0		12/16 0.0	12/17 0.0	12/18 0.0	12/19e 0.0	12/20e 0.0	12/21e 0.0
Other intangible assets	0.6		0.4	1.5	0.0	0.2	0.5	0.9
Tangible fixed assets	0.8		0.7	0.6	0.6	-0.3	-0.9	-1.4
WCR	5.0	6.2	9.3	10.4	8.5	8.6	8.8	9.3
Financial assets	1.0		1.0	1.9	3.5	3.5	3.5	3.5
Ordinary shareholders equity	9.8		14.9	14.3	10.1	12.4	16.0	20.2
Minority interests Shareholders equity	0.0 9.8		0.0 14.9	0.0 14.3	0.0 10.1	0.0 12.4	0.0 16.0	0.0 20.2
Non-current provisions	0.9		3.2	1.7	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Net debt	-3.2		-6.6	-1.5	1.6	-1.4	-5.1	-8.8
CASH FLOW STATEMENT (€m)	12/14		12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19e	12/20e	12/21e
EBITDA	1.6		3.6	2.3	-3.8	-2.0	7.3	9.0
Change in WCR Interests & taxes	0.9 -0.5		-3.0 -0.2	-1.5 -1.7	2.3 -0.2	-0.1 1.2	-0.2 -1.6	-0.5 -2.1
Others	-0.5		0.4	-0.6	-0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Operating Cash flow	1.8		0.8	-1.5	-2.3	-1.2	5.1	6.1
CAPEX	-0.3		-0.4	-1.5	-0.3	-0.8	-1.4	-1.5
Free cash-flow	1.5		0.3	-3.0	-2.6	-2.1	3.7	4.6
Acquisitions / disposals	0.0		0.0	-0.9 1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends Net capital increase	-0.3 0.0		-0.7 5.9	-1.6 0.0	-0.3 0.0	0.0 5.0	0.0 0.0	-0.8 0.0
Others	-0.3		-3.4	-0.2	8.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in net cash	0.9	-1.9	5.4	-5.1	-3.1	3.0	3.7	3.7
GROWTH MARGINS PRODUCTIVITY	12/14		12/16	12/17	12/18	12/19e	12/20e	12/21e
Sales growth Lfl sales growth	4.7%	15.4%	30.4%	-4.0%	-23.3%	6.9%	65.8%	9.2%
Current EBIT growth	6.3%	ns	49.3%	-43.4%	ns	ns	ns	31.8%
Growth in adjusted EPS	39.3%		66.1%	-45.3%	ns	ns	ns	34.0%
Net margin	2.3%	4.6%	5.8%	3.3%	-15.6%	-10.4%	8.4%	10.3%
EBITDA margin	7.0%		10.7%	7.0%	-15.2%	-7.6%	16.5%	18.8%
Current EBIT margin	4.6%		9.2%	5.4%	-22.0%	-13.9%	12.7%	15.3%
CAPEX / Sales	-1.4% 22.5%		-1.3% 27.5%	-4.7% 32.2%	-1.3% 34.1%	-3.2% 32.4%	-3.2% 20.0%	-3.2% 19.5%
WCR / Sales Tax Rate	22.5% 29.7%		33.7%	35.2%	31.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Normative tax rate	25.7 /0	33.370	55.70	30.270	51.070	30.070	55.070	22.070
Asset Turnover	3.2	3.7	3.8	2.8	2.3	3.0	5.2	5.5
ROCE post-tax (normative tax rate)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
ROCE post-tax hors GW (normative tax rate)	- 40/		47.40/	7.40/	-	-	-	-
ROE	5.4%		17.4%	7.4%	-31.7%	-24.7%	25.9%	27.3% 12/21e
DEBT RATIOS Gearing	12/14 -32%		12/16 -45%	12/17 -10%	12/18 16%	12/19e -11%	12/20e -32%	12/21e -44%
Net Debt / Market Cap	-0.21		-0.09	-0.01	0.01	-0.02	-0.07	-0.12
Net debt / EBITDA	ns		ns	ns	ns	0.68	ns	ns
EBITDA / net financial charges	-24.5	11.5	30.0	25.5	-22.9	-7.4	22.4	29.1
Source: ODDO BHF Securities, SIX								

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12.11.18	Buy	26.60	11.22	Henning Steinbrink
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