

MASTERPLAST – German plant acquisition

Masterplast informed its Investors that the Company is acquiring a plant in Aschersleben (Germany, Saxony-Anhalt Province) from a recognized German building material manufacturer and for this purpose concluded an agreement on 12 March 2020. The agreement covers the assignment of all rights and obligations relating to the plant, including, but not limited to, real estate assets, inventory, sales and supplier contracts, production lines and certain intellectual property rights (e.g. regarding to trademarks). The main activity of the plant is the production of diffusion foils for the building material industry as well as industrial membranes on its proprietary production line.

COMMENT

New investments were announced on an investor day held in December 2019 to strengthen the Company's position in the manufacture of diffusion roofing foil. As part of this initiative, the Company will launch a production line in Hungary, which, alongside with this acquisition will open up new opportunities for Masterplast for the largest markets in the European Union.

This announcement fits into the Company's strategy: self-manufactured products ensure profitable growth at Masterplast and the target is to increase their share of sales to 50 % by 2020 (from the current 41 %). The Company's long-term goal is to have its own manufacturing in all strategic product lines, to further strengthen its market position and to have a 65% share of self-manufactured products by 2030.

The Company will notify the Investors of the details of the transaction after signing the full package of contracts. The announcement is positive, the Company has the opportunity to grow further in Western Europe, and strengthen its market position in the roofing foil segment.

Due to the coronavirus situation, we put the target price under review, and we will publish a more detailed analysis soon.

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Methodology used for equity valuation and recommendation of covered companies

The discounted cash flow valuation is a method of valuing a company (or project, assets, business, etc.) with the time value of the money. The model forecasts the company's free cash flow (free cash flow to firm) and discounts it with the average cost of capital (WACC). The cash flow is simply the cash that is generated by a business and which can be distributed to investors. The free cash flow represents economic value, while accounting metric like net earning doesn't. The WACC represents the required rate of return by the investors. If a business is risky the required rate of return, the WACC will be higher.

Discounted cash flow model (DCF): We analyze the companies using five year forecast period and set a terminal value based on the entity's long term growth or on different exit multiples like EV/EBITDA or EV/EBIT. In certain cases the forecast period may differ from five years. In this case the analysts must define the reason for difference. The cash flows are discounted by the company's WACC unless otherwise specified.

In the first step we have to forecast the company's cash flow. The free cash flow to firm (FCFF) is based on the earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT), the tax rate, depreciation and amortization (D&A), net change in working capital (which is based on the current assets and current liabilities) and the capital expenditures (CAPEX). The model requires a terminal value which can be based on the long term growth or on an exit multiple like EV/EBITDA, or EV/EBIT. Forecasting the terminal value is a crucial point because in most cases it makes up more than 50% of the net present value.

The discount rate (WACC): The average cost of capital of the company is dependent on the industry, the risk free rate, tax, the cost of debt and the equity risk premium. The cost of equity is calculated by the CAPM model, where the independent variables are the risk free rate, the industry specific levered beta, and the equity risk premium. The WACC is dependent on the capital structure, so the forecast of the equity/debt mix is crucial.

At the end we get the enterprise value (EV). The EV is the market capitalization plus the total debt and preferred equity and minority interest, minus the company's cash. In the last step we have to reduce the EV with the net debt. This figures divided by the shares outstanding we arrive at the target share price.

The discounted cash flow model includes sensitivity analysis which takes the effects of the change in the WACC, the long term growth or the used exit multiples on which the terminal value is based.

Our target price is based on a 12 month basis, ex-dividend unless stated otherwise.

Peer group valuation: For comparison we use peer group valuation. The analysis based on important indicators and multiples like P/E, EV/EBITDA, EV/EBIT, market capitalization, P/S, EBITDA margin, net debt to EBITDA, EBITDA growth, dividend yield and ROIC. If the industry justifies we may use other multiples. The peer group is compiled according to the companies' main business, with respect to the region (DM or EM market).

Recommendations

- Overweight: A rating of overweight means the stock's return is expected to be above the average return of the overall industry, or the index benchmark over the next 12 months.
- Underweight: A rating of underweight means the stock's return is expected to be below the average return of the overall industry, or the index benchmark over the next 12 months.
- Equal-weight: A rating of equal-weight means the stock's return is expected to be in line with the average return of the overall industry, or the index benchmark over the next 12 months.
- Buy: total return is expected to exceed 10% in the next 12 months.
- Neutral: Total return is expected to be in the range of -10 - +10% In the next 12 months.
- Sell: Total return is expected to be below -10% in the next 12 months.
- Under revision: If new information comes to light, which is expected to change the valuation significantly.