

RENEWED MANAGEMENT STRATEGY

On 17 January 2022 the management of the ALTEO Group (the “Company”) has issued renewed guidance on the Company’s future earnings and investment opportunities. The new investor presentation is available here: <https://investors.alteo.hu/jelentesek/befektetoi-prezentaciok/alteo-csoport-frissitett-strategia-2022-2026-2022-01-17/>

The topics of this renewed management strategy are echoed in our recent analysis and DCF-model: focus on the expansion of the Virtual Power Plant (Control Center) and on new projects; on new segments such as electricity mobility, energy trading and waste management; the expected level of profitability, mainly EBITDA through 2026; the expected equity/debt ratio; the credit rating; to name a few.

On the same time, we wrote: “We think the Company will spend approximately HUF 30 billion in the next few years. It is difficult to assess now what the investments will involve and in what proportion: new power plants, the VPP or the new segments?”

To take consideration of the above we don’t change our one year price target, which is HUF 2185, equal-weight. But it is worth noting that the overall valuation of the market may change, which is illustrated in the scenario table.

		Total Equity Value		
		Terminal EBITDA Multiple		
		5,4x	6,4x	7,4x
Discount	5,1%	32 449	42 259	52 068
Rate	7,1%	27 687	36 613	45 540
(WACC)	9,1%	23 442	31 580	39 718
		One Year Target Price		
		Terminal EBITDA Multiple		
		5,4x	6,4x	7,4x
Discount	5,1%	1936	2522	3107
Rate	7,1%	1652	2185	2717
(WACC)	9,1%	1399	1884	2370

Source: ALTEO, Bloomberg, MKB

million HUF	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
EBITDA	8420	8951	10011	11020	12562
D&A	4177	5397	6617	7746	7858
Capex	-10000	-10000	-10000	-6971	-7072
FCFF	-4110	-3493	-2413	1640	2902
Terminal value	80398				
WACC	7,07%				
Net Debt	14977				

Source: ALTEO, Bloomberg, MKB

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MKB Bank wrote flash notes on 12 January 2018, and on 31 January 2018, 8 February 2018, 2 March 2018, 19 March 2018 and 11 May 2018. These researches are available on the web page of the BSE (Budapest Stock Exchange):

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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.

Change from the prior research

Our first research was published on 05. December 2017. In that Initial Coverage our price target was HUF 823, but the changes in fundamental factors and the latest acquisition justified the update of our model. Our new price target is HUF 970 which is higher by 18% than our first price target.