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Two-folded quarter

Loihde released Q2 result with strong topline growth. Net sales grew in line with our expectations, with strong SeSo sales, while DiDe was negatively impacted by the soft market. Profitability fell short of our expectations and was weak with market issues. Yearend seems brighter, but uncertainty remains high, especially in DiDe.

- **Group results:** Loihde's net sales came in line with our expectations. Net sales grew by 15% to EUR 34.2m (Evli: 34.2m). The growth was driven by strong demand for security solutions. With soft utilization rates in DiDe and one-time costs from SeSo's ERP program, Loihde's profitability came in softer than we expected. Adj. EBITDA amounted to EUR 1.0m (Evli: 2.2m), reflecting a margin of 2.9%. Challenges in ERP program are seen to fade away in H2 and cost savings are expected to boost H2 profitability.
- Security Solutions (SeSo): Net sales came in roughly in line with our expectations and grew by 25% to EUR 24.1m (Evli: 23.8m). The growth was driven by strong demand for both physical and digital security solutions. Acquisitions had also a positive impact on the growth rate. An important concept of One Security has grown driven by both new client acquisitions as well as up-selling. ERP challenges limited SeSo's profitability, and the company sees it fading away during H2.
- Digital Development (DiDe): Net sales declined by 4% to EUR 10.1m and came in roughly in line with our estimates (Evli: 10.4m). The decline was due to decreased demand for software development while the demand for cloud services, data and analytics, and Al grew during the quarter. DiDe's low utilization rates pushed the unit's profitability down. Cost savings should improve DiDe's profitability going forward despite the uncertain market environment.
- 2023 guidance intact (revised on 22nd Aug): SeSo to grow by over 10% and DiDe to be flat or grow. Adj. EBITDA to improve from EUR 10.3m.

Rating				OHOLD
Q2'23 ESTIMATES	Actual	Evli	Consensus	02'22
Net sales SeSo DiDe Others Adj. EBITDA Adj. EBITDA-margin Adj. EPS Share price, EUR (I trading day's closing pr Target price, EUR Latest change in		34.2 23.8 10.4 0.0 2.2 <i>6.3%</i> 0.06		29.8 19.4 10.5 -0.1 2.2 7.5% -0.11 12.00 13.5
recommendation Latest report on company				29-Aug-23
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PRE-REPORT KEY FIGURES										
	Sales EURm	EBIT EURm	EBIT %	FCF EURm	EPS EUR	P/E (x)	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBIT (x)	FCF yield %	DPS EUR
2021	104.4	-0.9	-0.8%	-4.2	0.08	45.1	0.6	-70.3	-4.3	0.55
2022	123.0	6.4	5.2%	-6.3	0.54	3,700.4	0.4	7.9	-8.5	0.80
2023E	136.1	2.7	2.0%	2.5	0.31	31.8	0.3	16.5	3.7	0.28
2024E	145.6	6.0	4.1%	3.8	0.79	14.9	0.3	7.1	5.7	0.32
2025E	153.1	7.2	4.7%	3.6	0.77	15.5	0.3	5.7	5.3	0.31
Market cap	, EURm		68	BV per share 20	23E, EUR		-20.7 CAGR	EPS 2022-2	5, %	501.7
Net debt 20	D23E, EURm		-23	Price/book 2023	BE .		0.6 CAGR	sales 2022-	25, %	7.6
Enterprise	value, EURm		45	Dividend yield 2023E, %		2.3 ROE 2023E, %				1.6
Total assets	s 2023E, EURn	n	156	Tax rate 2023E,	0/0		24.8 ROCE	2023E, %		2.2
Goodwill 2	023E, EURm		63	Equity ratio 202	23E, %		70.2 PEG, F	P/E 23/CAGR		1.8

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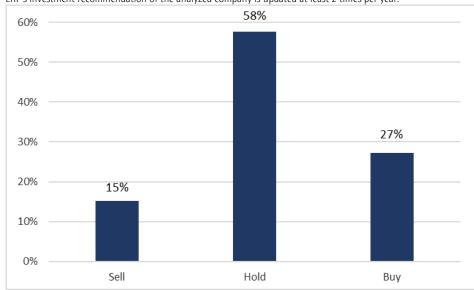
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< -10 % SELL -10 - (+10) % HOLD > 10 % BUY

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