CMD: Turning the tide

Solteq presented its new strategy in its CMD 2023 event, reiterating near-term challenges and setting forth steps to build a stronger Solteq in the long-term. We retain our HOLD-rating and adjust our TP to EUR 1.3 (1.2)

New strategy set

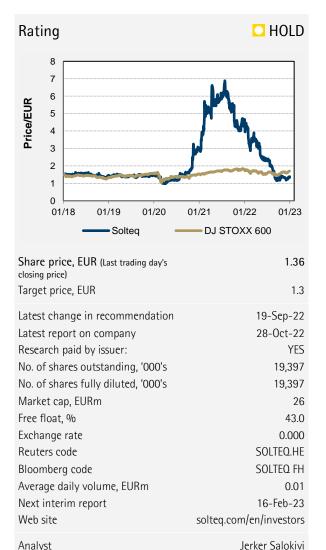
Solteq hosted its Capital Markets Day 2023 on January 18th, giving more insight into the recently set new strategy. Solteq had previously announced that it will operate under two new segments, Retail & Commerce and Utilities. Long-term growth and EBIT-% targets for the segments were set at 8%/8% and 15%/18% respectively. The company's primary focus in the nearterm will be on profitability, while also seeking to return on a growth path.

Near-term softness, building for the long-term

Solteq is heading into the new strategy period with a heavily renewed management team, including both new segments. For the short-term, Solteq reiterated the challenges faced in product development and macroeconomic headwinds. For the Utilities-segment, 2023 is expected to be a turn-around year, with rampup towards normalized operations and healthier financials towards H2/2023. In the Retail & Commerce-segment the growth ambitions in our view appear reasonable, although expectations in the near-term seem muted due to current headwinds. Newly appointed EVP Jesper Boye previously successfully headed Solteq's business in Denmark and we see potential in future pan-Nordic growth. In our view the key takeaway from the CMD was the confirmation of Solteq's own abilities and focus on near-term measures to build a much more capable Solteq towards the latter part of the strategy period.

HOLD with a TP of EUR 1.3 (1.2)

From a valuation perspective, the near-term remains subdued by challenges in the Utilities business. The significant upside potential in our view lies in the turnaround and tapping into the other Nordic countries, assuming the implementation of Datahub in Sweden. We adjust our TP to EUR 1.3 (1.2) due to a slight rebound in peer multiples, HOLD-rating intact.



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	Sales EURm	EBIT EURm	EBIT %	FCF EURm	EPS EUR	P/E (x)	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBIT (x)	FCF yield	DPS EUR
2020	60.5	5.4	8.9%	5.5	0.10	27.3	1.3	15.1	10.2	0.15
2021	69.1	7.2	10.4%	4.3	0.21	21.9	1.7	16.3	4.7	0.10
2022E	68.9	-2.5	-3.6%	-3.9	-0.18	-7.4	8.0	-23.2	-15.0	0.00
2023E	72.3	4.2	5.8%	0.9	0.09	14.7	0.8	13.7	3.4	0.05
2024E	77.9	6.8	8.8%	2.3	0.20	6.7	0.7	8.2	8.9	0.10
Market cap	, EURm		26 G	earing 2022E,	0/0		141.4 CAGR	EPS 2021-2	4, %	-1.6
Net debt 2	022E, EURm		32 Pi	rice/book 2022	2E		1.2 CAGR	sales 2021-	24, %	4.1
Enterprise	value, EURm		58 D	ividend yield 2	2022E, %		0.0 ROE 2	022E, %		-14.1
Total asset	s 2022E, EURn	n	76 Ta	ax rate 2022E,	0/0		17.3 ROCE	2022E, %		-4.3
Goodwill 2	022E, EURm		46 Ed	quity ratio 202	22E, %		29.5 PEG, F	P/E 22/CAGR		0.0

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VALUATION RESULTS	BASE CASE DETAILS	VALUATION ASSUMPTIONS	ASSUMPTIONS FOR WACC	
Current share price	1.36 PV of Free Cash Flow	44 Long-term growth, %	2.0 Risk-free interest rate, %	2.25
DCF share value	4.05 PV of Horizon value	66 WACC, %	8.9 Market risk premium, %	5.8
Share price potential, %	197.7 Unconsolidated equity	0 Spread, %	0.5 Debt risk premium, %	2.8
Maximum value	4.5 Marketable securities	4 Minimum WACC, %	8.4 Equity beta coefficient	1.10
Minimum value	3.6 Debt - dividend	-35 Maximum WACC, %	9.4 Target debt ratio, %	20
Horizon value, %	60.2 Value of stock	82 Nr of shares, Mn	19.4 Effective tax rate, %	20

DCF valuation, EURm	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	Horizon
Net sales	69	69	72	78	82	86	90	95	99	104	106	108
Sales growth, %	14.2	-0.2	4.9	7.7	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	5.0	2.0	2.0
Operating income (EBIT)	7	-3	4	7	8	9	9	9	10	10	11	11
Operating income margin, %	10.4	-3.6	5.8	8.8	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0	10.0
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EBITDA	12	7	10	12	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	
- Paid taxes	-2	0	-1	-1	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	-2	
- Change in NWC	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NWC / Sales, %	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	
+ Change in other liabs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Operative CAPEX	-3	- 5	- 5	-6	-6	-7	-7	-8	-9	-9	-10	
opCAPEX / Sales, %	4.0	9.1	9.5	9.9	10.1	10.4	10.6	11.0	11.3	11.6	11.7	
- Acquisitions	-3	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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- Other items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
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= DFCF max WACC		-1	4	5	5	5	5	5	5	4	4	59

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Total 12.8 13.4 7.6 7.2 10.4 7.2 2.3 -34.9 4.0 -3.6 5.8 8.8	Solteq Software	14.6	9.3	4.6	-2.5	6.5	-1.5	-14.1	-89.8	0.0	-23.5	-2.7	5.3
	Total	12.8	13.4	7.6	7.2	10.4	7.2	2.3	-34.9	4.0	-3.6	5.8	8.8

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INCOME STATEMENT, EURm	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
Sales	50.7	56.9	58.3	60.5	69.1	68.9	72.3	77.9
Sales growth (%)	-19.6	12.1	2.5	3.7	14.2	-0.2	4.9	7.7
EBITDA	2.4	4.8	9.7	10.4	12.3	7.4	9.9	12.5
EBITDA margin (%)	4.7	8.4	16.7	17.2	17.8	10.7	13.6	16.0
Depreciation	-2.1	-2.3	-4.0	-5.0	-5.1	-9.9	-5.7	-5.6
EBITA	0.3	2.5	5.7	5.4	7.2	-2.5	4.2	6.8
Goodwill amortization / writedown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	0.3	2.5	5.7	5.4	7.2	-2.5	4.2	6.8
EBIT margin (%)	0.6	4.3	9.8	8.9	10.4	-3.6	5.8	8.8
Reported EBIT	0.3	2.5	5.7	5.4	7.2	-2.5	4.2	6.8
EBIT margin (reported) (%)	0.6	4.3	9.8	8.8	10.4	-3.6	5.8	8.8
Net financials	-1.8	-1.8	-2.0	-2.6	-1.9	-1.8	-1.9	-1.9
Pre-tax profit	-1.5	0.6	3.7	2.7	5.3	-4.3	2.2	4.9
Taxes	-0.1	-0.3	-0.9	-0.8	-1.1	0.7	-0.4	-1.0
Minority shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	-1.5	0.4	2.8	2.0	4.1	-3.6	1.8	3.9
Cash NRIs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-cash NRIs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BALANCE SHEET, EURm								
Assets								
Fixed assets	8	10	11	12	13	9	10	12
Goodwill	37	40	39	39	42	46	46	46
Right of use assets	0	6	7	7	5	5	5	6
Inventory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receivables	15	12	16	12	12	12	12	13
Liquid funds	2	5	4	5	4	4	4	4
Total assets	61	74	77	75	76	76	78	81
Liabilities								
Shareholder's equity	20	22	25	27	28	23	24	27
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convertibles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lease liabilities	0	6	8	7	5	5	5	6
Deferred taxes	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Interest bearing debt	26	28	28	24	24	30	29	28
Non-interest bearing current liabilities	14	17	17	16	18	18	18	20
Other interest-free debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total liabilities	61	74	77	75	76	76	78	81
CASH FLOW, EURm								
+ EBITDA	2	5	10	10	12	7	10	12
- Net financial items	-2	-2	-2	-3	-2	-2	-2	-2
- Taxes	0	0	-1	-1	-1	1	0	-1
- Increase in Net Working Capital	-1	6	-1	0	1	0	0	0
+/- Other	-2	0	-2	-1	0	0	0	0
= Cash flow from operations	-2	8	4	6	10	6	8	10
- Capex	-1	-3	-7	-5	-3	-6	-7	-8
- Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	-3	-4	0	0
+ Divestments	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0
= Free cash flow	-3	5	-3	6	4	-4	1	2
+/- New issues/buybacks	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
- Paid dividend	-1	0	0	0	-3	-2	0	-1
+/- Other	-5	-2	2	-4	-3	6	-1	-1
Change in cash	-7	4	-2	1	-1	0	0	0
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KEY FIGURES	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022E	2023E	2024E
M-cap	25	29	54	91	26	26	26
Net debt (excl. convertibles)	29	32	26	26	32	31	29
Enterprise value	54	60	81	117	58	57	56
Sales	57	58	60	69	69	72	78
EBITDA	5	10	10	12	7	10	12
EBIT	2	6	5	7	-3	4	7
Pre-tax	1	4	3	5	-4	2	5
Earnings	0	3	2	4	-4	2	4
Equity book value (excl. minorities)	22	25	27	28	23	24	27
Valuation multiples				-			
EV/sales	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.7	0.8	0.8	0.7
EV/EBITDA	11.4	6.2	7.8	9.5	7.9	5.8	4.5
EV/EBITA	22.0	10.6	15.1	16.3	-23.2	13.7	8.2
EV/EBIT	22.0	10.6	15.1	16.3	-23.2	13.7	8.2
EV/OCF	6.8	14.6	12.8	11.7	9.2	7.4	5.6
EV/FCFF	14.0	59.8	9.1	21.2	-74.4	13.1	9.3
P/FCFE	5.3	-9.1	9.8	21.2	-6.7	29.7	11.3
	69.9	-9.1 27.1	27.3		-0.7 -7.4		6.7
P/E				21.9		14.7	
P/B	1.1	1.2	2.0	3.2	1.2	1.1	1.0
Target EV/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.7	5.7	4.4
Target EV/EBIT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-22.8	13.4	8.0
Target EV/FCF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-14.5	63.3	23.4
Target P/B	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1	1.0	0.9
Target P/E	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-7.1	14.1	6.4
Per share measures							
Number of shares	19,202	19,307	19,307	19,397	19,397	19,397	19,397
Number of shares (diluted)	19,202	19,307	19,307	19,397	19,397	19,397	19,397
EPS	0.02	0.15	0.10	0.21	-0.18	0.09	0.20
Operating cash flow per share	0.42	0.21	0.33	0.51	0.33	0.40	0.52
Free cash flow per share	0.24	-0.16	0.29	0.22	-0.20	0.05	0.12
Book value per share	1.14	1.27	1.37	1.44	1.16	1.25	1.41
Dividend per share	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.10	0.00	0.05	0.10
Dividend payout ratio, %	0.0	0.0	146.3	46.8	0.0	50.0	50.0
Dividend yield, %	0.0	0.0	5.4	2.1	0.0	3.4	7.5
FCF yield, %	18.8	-11.0	10.2	4.7	-15.0	3.4	8.9
Efficiency measures							
ROE	1.7	12.1	7.8	15.2	-14.1	7.6	15.3
ROCE	4.8	9.8	9.1	12.4	-4.3	7.2	11.4
Financial ratios							<u></u>
Inventories as % of sales	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3
Receivables as % of sales	21.1	26.8	19.1	17.0	17.0	17.0	17.0
Non-interest bearing liabilities as % of sales	29.2	28.6	26.8	25.5	25.5	25.5	25.5
NWC/sales, %	-7.9	-1.5	-7.5	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2	-8.2
Operative CAPEX/sales, %	5.8	12.5	8.0	4.0	9.1	9.5	9.9
CAPEX/sales (incl. acquisitions), %	5.8	12.5	8.0	-0.1	3.3	9.5	9.9
FCFF/EBITDA	0.8	0.1	0.9	0.4	-0.1	0.4	0.5
Net debt/EBITDA, book-weighted	6.2	3.2	2.6	2.1	4.3	3.1	2.4
Debt/equity, market-weighted	1.1	1.0	0.4	0.3	1.2	1.1	1.1
Equity ratio, book-weighted	29.3	31.9	35.5	36.9	29.5	31.1	33.6
Gearing, %	134.5	128.5	99.9	92.6	141.4	127.4	107.9
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COMPANY DESCRIPTION: Solteq is a Nordic software and IT-services provider specializing in digital business solutions. Solteq's strength has been in commerce related solutions with a focus on selected sectors, namely the retail and wholesale, industry, energy, and services sectors. Recent product development investments have focused on product development in the company's Utilities business and autonomous service robotics.

INVESTMENT CASE: Solteq's investment case revolves around the success of executing its strategy of shifting from its IT-services oriented past towards becoming a software house. Implied margin upside potential is considerable, with segment targets putting margins clearly in the double digits. Growth will increasingly need to be sought from abroad, as domestic growth potential is somewhat restricted within core competencies.

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE	SHARES	EURm	0/0
Profiz Business Solution Oyj	2,083,769	2.834	10.7%
Elo Mutual Pension Insurance Company	2,000,000	2.720	10.3%
Ilmarinen Mutual Pensions Insurance Company	1,651,293	2.246	8.5%
Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company	1,545,597	2.102	8.0%
Aktia Capital Mutual Fund	770,000	1.047	4.0%
Aalto Seppo Tapio	615,000	0.836	3.2%
Saadetdin Ali	602,216	0.819	3.1%
Säästöpankki Small Cap Mutual Fund	500,000	0.680	2.6%
Incedo Oy	313,178	0.426	1.6%
Säästöpankki Itämeri Mutual Fund	300,000	0.408	1.5%
Ten largest	10,381,053	14.118	54%
Residual	9,015,448	12.261	46%
Total	19,396,501	26.379	100%

EARNINGS CALENDAR	
February 16, 2023	FY 2022 Results
May 04, 2023	Q1 report
August 23, 2023	Q2 report
October 26, 2023	Q3 report
OTHER EVENTS	
March 29, 2023	AGM

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DEFINITIONS

P/E	EPS
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Price per share Earnings per share	Profit before extraord. items and taxes- income taxes + minority interest Number of shares
P/BV	DPS
Price per share Shareholders' equity + taxed provisions per share	Dividend for the financial period per share
Market cap	OCF (Operating cash flow)
Price per share * Number of shares	EBITDA – Net financial items – Taxes – Increase in working capital – Cash NRIs ± Other adjustments
EV (Enterprise value)	FCF (Free cash flow)
Market cap + net debt + minority interest at market value – share of associated companies at market value	Operating cash flow – operative CAPEX – acquisitions + divestments
EV/Sales	FCF yield, %
Enterprise value Sales	Free cash flow Market cap
EV/EBITDA	Operative CAPEX/sales
Enterprise value Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization	Capital expenditure – divestments – acquisitions Sales
EV/EBIT	Net working capital
Enterprise value Operating profit	Current assets – current liabilities
Net debt	Capital employed/Share
Interest bearing debt – financial assets	Total assets – non-interest bearing debt Number of shares
Total assets	Gearing
Balance sheet total	<u>Net debt</u> Equity
Div yield, %	Debt/Equity, %
Dividend per share Price per share	Interest bearing debt Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions
Payout ratio, %	Equity ratio, %
Total dividends Earnings before extraordinary items and taxes – income taxes + minority interest	Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions Total assets – interest-free loans
ROCE, %	CAGR, %
Profit before extraordinary items + interest expenses+ other financial costs Balance sheet total – non-interest bearing debt (average)	Cumulative annual growth rate = Average growth per year
ROE, %	
Profit before extraordinary items and taxes – income taxes Shareholder's equity + minority interest + taxed provisions (average)	

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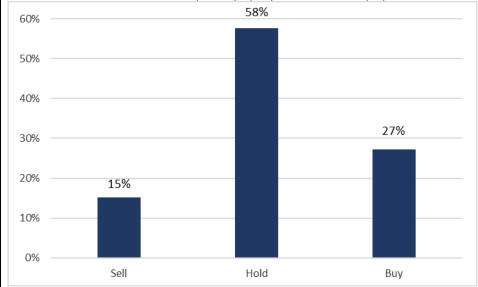
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