



Company Update

Reason: Company newsflow

6 November 2020

Buy

Recommendation unchanged

Share price: EUR 6.60

closing price as of 05/11/2020

Target price: EUR 11.00

Target Price unchanged

Upside/Downside Potential 66.7%

Reuters/Bloomberg

GPI.MI/GPI IM

Market capitalisation (EURm) 105

Current N° of shares (m) 16

Free float 35%

Daily avg. no. trad. sh. 12 mth (k) 8

Daily avg. trad. vol. 12 mth (k) 4.81

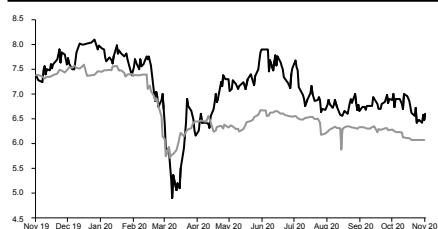
Price high/low 12 months 8.10 / 4.90

Abs Perfs 1/3/12 mths (%) -4.07/-2.65/-10.57

Key financials (EUR)	12/19	12/20e	12/21e
Sales (m)	241	255	280
EBITDA (m)	32	35	40
EBITDA margin	13.4%	13.7%	14.3%
EBIT (m)	15	16	21
EBIT margin	6.3%	6.3%	7.5%
Net Profit (adj.)(m)	9	8	12
ROCE	7.8%	6.3%	8.0%
Net debt/(cash) (m)	83	119	117
Net Debt Equity	1.1	1.5	1.3
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.6	3.4	2.9
Int. cover(EBITDA/Fin.int)	14.1	9.7	11.1
EV/Sales	0.9	0.9	0.8
EV/EBITDA	6.4	6.3	5.4
EV/EBITDA (adj.)	6.4	6.3	5.4
EV/EBIT	13.7	13.7	10.3
P/E (adj.)	13.8	12.8	8.9
P/BV	1.8	1.3	1.2
OpFCF yield	3.3%	-32.5%	6.4%
Dividend yield	5.0%	0.0%	3.0%
EPS (adj.)	0.59	0.52	0.74
BVPS	4.43	4.94	5.49
DPS	0.33	0.00	0.20

Shareholders

FM Srl 64%; Treasury shares 0.70%;



Source: FactSet

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Resilient business, M&A and new contracts

We remain positive on GPI, which is a pure play on a key industry amid an unprecedented sanitary crisis. The company released solid H1 2020 results, provided a positive outlook for the current year and set realistic growth targets for FY 2024. We believe that on top of the intrinsic resilience of healthcare sector, the recent M&A in Software area and contract wins in the Care SBU will help the company to persist in a growth path for the coming years.

- ✓ GPI released solid H1 2020 results characterized, in a generally tough quarter, by a mid-single-digit growth in revenues and high-single-digit in EBITDA. We estimate that the contribution of M&A to the top-line was around 2.3pp, while organic Y/Y growth was 3.8%. We note in any case that the seasonality of the business in both the Software and Care business units determines a significant boost in revenues and margins in the second half.
- ✓ The SW SBU was up by 2.1% Y/Y, supported by M&A. GPI said the division experienced a difficult time due to the pandemic, but it managed to keep profitability intact also thanks to public measures on labour costs. The Care SBU was up by 5.9% thanks to the development of the Lazio region works, to new tele-medicine services and to new activities related to the Covid emergency, which offset the decline in other services during the lock-down. EBITDA margin was 0.3pp better Y/Y, with EUR 0.90m increase in absolute value; most of which related to the “Other Activities” SBU. EBITDA in SW was stable Y/Y with slightly lower margin, while in Care it was up by almost 9% in line with top-line growth.
- ✓ On October 19, GPI announced it has won, in consortium (60%) with another operator, a tender of the Basilicata region worth EUR 14.7m in two years. The contract on a gross basis including the partner’s portion, accounts for above 3% of FY 2019 revenues, equally split between in “Care” and “Software”. At the end of October, GPI also announced the kick-off of telemedicine services in Lombardia with the take-over of around 40K patients.
- ✓ M&A has consistently been a key pillar of GPI’s growth strategy. In the past 12 months, GPI has intensified its corporate activity, with 6 new deals, all in the software segment, including the minority buy-out of two companies acquired in June 2018 (TBS IT) and end-2017 (BIM). GPI has now built a strong presence in the blood bank international software and in directional reporting SW.
- ✓ We adjust our estimates to include all the announced M&A, assuming MedInfo is completed in early November, as well as the new contract with the Basilicata region from 2021. For FY 2024, our estimates are above the company targets for revenues and EBITDA, mainly as a consequence of wider consolidation perimeter, and the expected leverage (1.6x) is also higher due to M&A.
- ✓ We confirm our positive recommendation (TP unchanged at EUR 11.0), based on DCF and supported by peers’ comparison. We see the company offering resilience to the current scenario of pandemic resurgence.



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Solid H1 2020 results

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GPI: H1 2020 results: P&L (EUR m)

	H1 2019	H2 2019	H1 2020a	Y/Y
Turnover	110.5	130.5	117.2	6.1%
ow Care	57.0	62.1	61.0	7.0%
ow SW	41.2	50.6	41.5	0.7%
ow other	12.2	17.8	14.7	20.1%
EBITDA	9.62	22.6	10.50	9.2%
<i>margin</i>	8.7%	17.3%	9.0%	0.3pp
ow Care	1.52	5.08	1.65	8.9%
ow SW	7.31	14.59	7.29	-0.2%
EBIT	1.81	13.3	0.93	-48.6%
Net result	1.17	8.19	0.08	-92.8%
Net Debt (cash)	80.8	82.8	90.9	12.5%

Source: Company data

GPI: H1 2020 results: balance sheet (EUR m)

	June 30, 2018	Dec 31, 2018	June 30, 2019	Dec 30, 2019	June 30, 2020
Goodwill	19.7	24.0	25.1	26.5	31.8
Other intangibles	58.9	56.0	57.9	56.7	67.6
Total fixed assets	113.2	109.9	121.4	125.3	141.0
Inventories	5.1	3.9	5.2	4.8	6.2
A/R	36.0	41.0	39.0	43.2	42.8
Other Activities	62.4	68.7	84.8	88.2	92.0
A/P	(56.6)	(53.6)	(66.8)	(79.0)	(87.2)
Other Liabilities	(32.8)	(32.5)	(33.1)	(20.4)	(23.1)
NWC	14.0	27.6	29.2	36.8	30.8
Shareholders'Equity	60.0	67.3	62.4	70.4	70.3
Gross Cash	(62.0)	(66.1)	(49.1)	(80.9)	(76.6)
Gross Debt	119.2	127.6	129.9	163.7	167.5
Net debt position	57.2	61.5	80.8	82.8	90.9

Source: Company data



The balance sheet at the end of June reflects the investments made in the semester in M&A (EUR 9.1m) and R&D (EUR 4.8m), with total fixed assets increasing by EUR 15.8m, while NWC dynamics generated EUR 6m cash. In absence of acquisitions, the NFP would have improved by around EUR 1m vs. December 31, 2019. Under the ESMA recommendation, which includes future liabilities related to M&A (EUR 19.4m at the end of June); the net debt position amounted to EUR 109.1m (from EUR 96.8m at the end of last year).

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Source: Company data

ANALYSIS BY STRATEGIC BUSINESS UNIT

Care SBU: solid growth, stable margins.

The "Care" SBU experienced above 30% revenue growth in FY 2019 thanks to the start-up of the two contracts in the Lazio region, which involved counter services in 12 healthcare units/hospitals (EUR 72m in 2+1 years) and the take-over of the regional contact center (EUR 24m in 1+1y). Therefore, GPI took over 2,250 new personnel in the division. The roll-out of these services continued in the first 6 months of 2020, with a 11% growth in adjusted revenues. Most of revenues are recurring so are related to the number of served institutions. The impact of the pandemic mainly involved the counter services during lock-down, while the booking volumes increased Y/Y. We also note an increase in the tele-medicine business, still small at 2.9% of H1 2020 revenues (implying c EUR 1.5m) vs. 2% in FY 2019. H1 2019 figures have been restated to account for the reclassification of Xidera from SW to Care SBU. The EBITDA margin is seasonally lower in H1 and is consistently in the mid-single digit region on an annual basis. The start of large new contract usually implies set-up costs that initially depress profitability, the run rate margin should be close to 8%. GPI utilized EUR 3.2m of social safety net (CIG) between March and July. On the other hand, H1 was affected by extraordinary administrative expenses related to a court appeal.

Care SBU results

Care	H1 2018	H2 2018	H1 2019	H2 2019	H1 19 restated	H1 2020
Value of Production	42.7	45.6	57.0	62.1	57.6	61.0
Y/Y	na	na	33.6%	36.2%	nm	7.0%
VDP adjusted	38.4	39.6	46.6	55.9	47.1	52.4
Labour costs	(31.1)	(28.4)	(36.6)	(39.6)	(36.9)	(38.7)
Other Opex	(10.5)	(14.6)	(18.9)	(17.4)	(19.1)	(20.7)
EBITDA	1.14	2.57	1.49	5.10	1.52	1.65
margin	3.0%	6.5%	3.2%	9.1%	3.2%	3.1%
EBIT	(0.89)	1.67	(1.50)	2.53	(1.49)	(1.22)
margin	-2.3%	4.2%	-3.2%	4.5%	-3.2%	-2.3%

Source: Company data

SW SBU: M&A drives small increase Y/Y

Last year was characterized by the acquisition of new contracts with Veneto and Marche regions (which involved 8,000 and 5,000 beds respectively), which are yet to generate their full potential. In H1 2020, we note a modest Y/Y increase in revenue, following a slight decline in H2 2019. This performance is related to two acquisitions namely OSLO and Guyot Walser Informatique. We estimate the M&A impact in the region of EUR 2.5m, implying around 4% Y/Y decline in organic terms. The second part of this year will benefit also from the consolidation of Haemonetics since July and of Medinfo for the last couple of months. The blood management sector accounted for c 10% of revenues or EUR 4m, while under the new perimeter we can estimate a pro-forma annualized turnover of almost EUR 25m. The direction management area, related to the OSLO acquisition, contributed for less than two months in H1 and accounted for 6.7% of divisional revenues. We believe that due to the pandemic, GPI experienced some slow-down in new business acquisition as well as in the development of existing projects. The business continues in any case to generate a significant portion (>51%) of recurring revenues. EBITDA margin was slightly lower Y/Y in H1 2020, in a business that also yields higher profitability in H2 (as customary for SW). GPI utilized EUR 0.8m CIG.

SW SBU results

	H1 2018	H2 2018	H1 2019	H2 2019	H1 19 restated	H1 2020
Sales	39.5	50.1	39.9	49.5	39.3	40.9
Y/Y	na	na	1.1%	-1.2%	nm	2.4%
Value of Production	40.0	50.7	41.2	50.5	40.7	41.5
Labour costs	(21.4)	0.0	(24.5)	(20.5)	(24.1)	(22.4)
Other Opex	(11.2)	(35.7)	(9.46)	(15.4)	(9.27)	(11.9)
EBITDA	7.32	14.98	7.33	14.60	7.31	7.29
margin	18.3%	29.5%	17.8%	28.9%	18.0%	17.6%
EBIT	3.67	9.13	3.33	8.45	3.32	1.38
margin	9.2%	18.0%	8.1%	16.7%	8.2%	3.3%

Source: Company data

Other activities driven by Pay business

The SBU "Other activities" includes professional IT services, automation (automated pharmacy warehouses, hospitals pharmacy systems pharmacy studio and industrial warehouses) and monetics/e-payment systems (for both public administration and retail segments). The business unit experienced strong revenues growth in both H2 2019 and the first half 2020, with related good margin progression. GPI explained that the performance of H1 2020 is mainly driven by the Pay segment (EUR 3.4m revenues), which in turn benefitted from unusual spike in voucher utilization for grocery shopping, accelerated amid the lock down period, instead of the normal daily consumption in restaurants/bars. This phenomenon also boosted the EBITDA margin (>25%) but is not likely to be repeated in H2. The Automation revenues (EUR 4.7m) was on the contrary affected by the lock down measures, with the international portion of this business stalling in the past few months. Margins in this subsegment (c 9%) remained solid at around 9% thanks to savings in raw materials, at the expense of some increase in related NWC. The outlook for H2 is in any case better. ICT is characterized by lower profitability and also suffered from the restrictions in accessing the customers' premises.

Other activities SBU results

Other Activities	H1 2018	H2 2018	H1 2019	H2 2019	H1 19 restated	H1 2020
Value of production	10.6	14.1	12.2	17.8	12.2	14.7
Y/Y	na	na	15.0%	26.3%	15.0%	20.1%
EBITDA	1.01	1.57	0.63	3.07	0.80	1.52
margin	9.5%	11.1%	5.2%	17.2%	6.5%	10.3%
EBIT	0.35	1.14	(0.18)	2.46	(0.02)	0.78
margin	3.3%	8.1%	-1%	13.8%	-0.1%	5.3%

Source: Company data



New contract in Basilicata will kick-in from FY 2021

On October 19, GPI announced it has won, in consortium with another operator, a tender of the Basilicata region for EUR 14.7m. GPI won the tender in a temporary consortium in which it will have 60% stake, its partner Publisys the remaining 40%. The contract is worth EUR 14.7m cumulated in two years and can be extended by further two years at the same conditions. The involved services are equally split between the “care” and “software” strategic business units. In detail, the Contact Center activities include multichannel bookings for specialist visits with operator (inbound/outbound) or on automated mode (inbound) as well as front-end counter services. The software component includes the supporting technologies for these activities as well as the development of other platforms to implement the “Digital Agenda” in the Basilicata region. GPI mentions the simplification of administrative process and the migration of customer interaction toward “digital-first” solutions. GPI is working with the Basilicata region for the management of the regional healthcare IT systems and is going to strengthen this relationship further with the above contract. The value of the contract on a gross basis including the partner’s portion, accounts for above 3% of FY 2019 revenues, 3.1% in “Care” and 4% in “Software”.

Tele-medicine goes live in Lombardia

With the sudden steepening of the pandemic curve in Italy, GPI announced on October 28 the activation of its operation centers throughout the country and the kick-off of tele-medicine services in Lombardia. GPI won in the month of April a regional tender (in partnership with Accura and PGMD Consulting) for the tele-surveillance and tele-monitoring of patients. GPI said the system will take over some 40K patients. GPI’s tele-medicine system includes an operative central which actively monitors managed patients, and a technological operations center dedicated to the healthcare professionals. The IT systems connects all the healthcare operators including the generalist MD to the hospital specialists to the special units active on the territory. We understand the value of the contract (probably one or two million euros for 2020 in our estimates) is modest for the time being but the perspectives look very strong.

Acceleration in M&A to build a sizeable, international software division

M&A has consistently been a key pillar of GPI’s growth strategy, the company said in November 2019 that (including the Guyout Walser deal) it had spent some EUR 70m since the end of 2016 in 16 deals, of which 31m in foreign acquisitions.

In the past 12 months, GPI has intensified its corporate activity, with 6 new deals, all in the software segment, including the minority buy-out of two companies acquired in June 2018 (TBS) and at the end of 2017 (BIM). The latter, along with OSLO, acquired in April, operate in the directional healthcare system subsegment; both companies operate in Italy. The other 3 acquisitions involve foreign companies operating in the blood management area, in France and the US. We estimate that on a pro-forma basis, GPI generates around EUR 25m annual turnover in this segment, which is worth EUR 350m on a global basis.



GPI: recent M&A

Date ann	Date compl	Country	NAME	activity	terms	Value	Economics	earn-out/put&call
18-Dec-17	21-Dec-17	Italy	BIM	Directional HCare SW	cash acquisition of 70.3%	EUR 6.86m	FY 2017 EUR 3m revenues, EUR 1.4m EBITDA	nm
18-Nov-19	11-Oct-19	France	Guyot Walsler Informatique	Blood Management Software System	cash acquisition of 60%	EUR 1.06m	EUR 1m revenues, EUR 0.4m EBITDA	na
16-Jan-20	10-Apr-20	Italy	OSLO	HealthCare Directional Management Systems	cash acquisition of 65%	EUR 5.6m	FY 2018 EUR 4.3m revs, EUR 1.5m EBITDA	earn-out on 2020 PLUS put & call on 35% by 2022
Feb-20	Feb-20	Italy	MediSistemi	ERP	cash acquisition of company assets	na	na	na
28-May-20	02-Jul-20	USA	Haemonetics	Blood Management Software System	cash acquisition of company assets	USD 14m	USD 11.3m revenues, 35% EBITDA margin	USD 14m based on 12m results
16-Jul-20	16-Jul-20	Italy	TBS IT Telematics & Biomedical	HealthCare IT systems	acquisition of residual 60% and merger	na	na	nm
28-May-20	Q4 2020	France	MedInfo	Blood Management Software System	cash acquisition of a group of companies	EUR 9m (EV)	FY19: EUR 3.9m revs, EUR 1.3m EBITDA	earn -out up to EUR 3m
31-July-20	31-July-20	Italy	BIM	Directional HCare SW	Buy-out of 29.7%	EUR 5.1m	See above	nm

Source: Company data

Sector M&A is also fervent

The ongoing pandemic is having an impact on the economy, financial markets, and deal making. M&A and Venture Capital deals suffered on a global level, however the investors' focus increased on pharma, biotech, healthcare and hospital business. Here, corporate action did not stop in the lockdown period. According to Solganick & Co, Healthcare IT VC Funding reached record levels in Q1 2020, led by telemedicine subsector with year-over-year growth of around 1800%

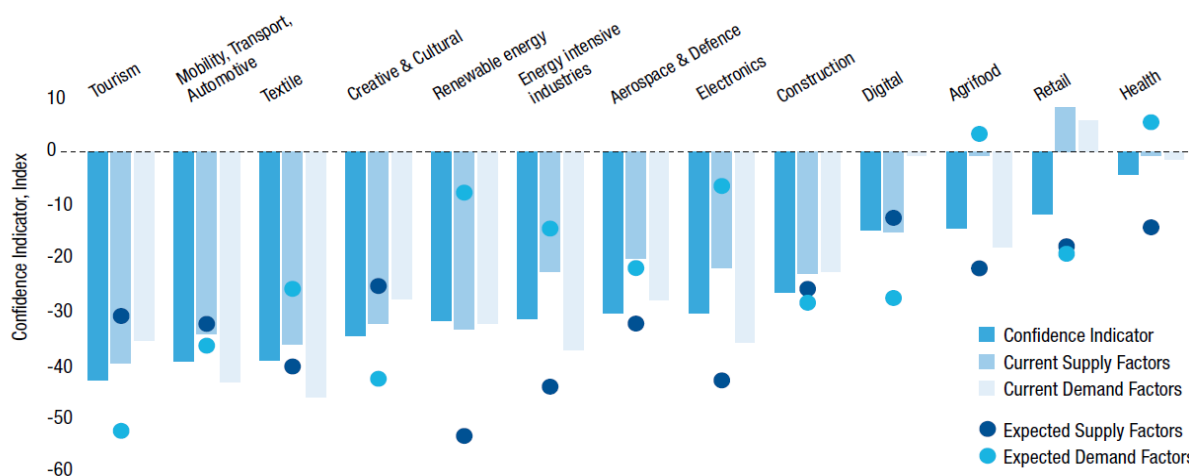
Close to the business of GPI, we note in particular a large deal (EUR 975m) announced last May by the national leader Dedalus, i.e. the acquisition of some activities of Agfa Gevaert's healthcare division. In detail, these activities include software in the clinic, diagnostic, hospital management, and IT imaging systems (radiology, cardiology etc.) in the German, French, Austrian, Swiss and Brazilian markets. The reported involved revenue base is in the region of EUR 260m, suggesting a rich 3.7x EV/sales ratio for the deal.

Sector perspectives

The care segment remains very predictable (97% recurring revenues) as it is operated according to pluri-annual contracts (4/6years) with regions and healthcare institutions. While the company has already two thirds of the available market for outsourced administrative services, we can expect the business perspectives only to improve with increased outsourcing and automation of the counter and booking services. Telemedicine is also going to be an important driver in the next few years, as the government has only recently established a framework and more and more regions are introducing the option of "televisits".

In the healthcare software segment, GPI identifies (based on Gartner estimates) a domestic market worth USD 650m in the current year. Gartner is now expecting for 2020 a 0.9% contraction in the global market (worth USD 70bn), however the growth rates for next four years are actually higher than before. In particular, for the Western Europe region (worth around USD 14bn) is seen growing by a CAGR of 9.9% until 2024, from 5.4% in 2018/2022. The EUR 750bn "Recovery Fund" should give a boost to digitalization investments, with a particular focus on "e-Health". From a recent survey (May 2020) across EU industrial ecosystems (see graph below), also illustrated by the Italian annual Assinform report, it emerges that the "health" ecosystems scores highest on most indicators in terms of general confidence, demand and also supply.

Confidence indicators for EU industrial ecosystem (current/expected supply/demand)



Source: EU survey, May 2020 (from Assinform report)

A different perimeter for the Italian digital health industry as measured by Netconsulting Cube for Assinform indicates a value of EUR 1,649m for the year 2019, up by 4.4%. Netconsulting is also more optimistic on the current year, as it sees a 0.4% growth compared to 3.1% decline for the whole digital sector. Only Central (expected +3%), Local (+0.8%) Public Administration, Utilities (+0.9%) and Banks (+0.7%) are expected to do better. The expected growth rates for 2021 and 2022 are +5.8% and +6.1% respectively, again outperforming the digital market-business segment (+5.8%, +4.8% respectively).

Outlook

With FY 2019 results, GPI exceeded its own revenues guidance of EUR 230m by EUR 10m, and delivered an EBITDA in line with the goal in absolute terms although lower on margins ("above 14% margin guidance"; 13.5% reported but 14.4% when measured on adjusted revenues).

The management presented in mid-April 2020 an **updated industrial plan**, which included (unspecified) growth in revenues in the current year assuming the pandemic would end soon, and introduced new goals for FY 2024, namely a) revenues of EUR 295m, implying 4% 4Y CAGR, EBITDA margin above 15% (from 13.5% reported in FY 2019) and NFP below 1x the EBITDA (vs. 2.6 at the end of last year). We understand the targets were based on the perimeter at the time, whereas GPI has announced two new deals worth almost EUR 15m incremental annual revenues.

With the release of H1 2020 results on September 30, GPI released its fresh outlook for FY 2020, which basically confirms the H1 trends for the remainder of the year, namely a growth exceeding 6% in revenues and above 8% in EBITDA.



Estimates review

Following FY 2019 results and amid the peak of the first pandemic wave, we had downward revised our estimates on both revenues and EBITDA by a couple of millions Euros each (implying -1% and -6% respectively) to EUR 241m and EUR 33m respectively. Our preliminary estimate of the impact of subsequent M&A was around EUR 8m and EUR 2m incremental revenues and EBITDA respectively. The new FY 2020 guidance provided by the company suggested that the revenue upside is actually higher, while on EBITDA our estimate was basically in line. The current review incorporates all the announced M&A, assuming MedInfo is completed in early November, as well as the new contract with the Basilicata region from 2021. In particular, H2 will be supported by the revenue contribution of Haemonetics close to EUR 6m, and of Oslo for the full six months (>EUR 2m vs. <EUR 1m in H1). The former deal also explains >EUR 5m incremental revenues in FY 2020 with a 12m consolidation. We expect EBITDA margins to slightly increase in all the divisions in the next three years, achieving a target 7.5% for the Care SBU and 25% of Software, which reflect the >30% margin of the last acquisitions. Due to the higher growth of software vs. Care, the blended group margin should improve further. For FY 2024, our estimates are above the company targets for revenues and EBITDA, mainly as a consequence of wider consolidation perimeter, and the expected leverage (1.6x) is also higher due to M&A.

GPI: new estimates

	FY 2019a	FY 2020e	FY 2021e	FY 2022e	FY 2023e	FY 2024e	CAGR 19/24
Sales	237.0	250.9	275.6	284.4	290.7	296.0	4.2%
Turnover	240.9	255.1	280.2	289.2	295.6	301.0	4.2%
ow Care	119.1	127.0	133.4	136.8	138.1	138.8	2.3%
ow SW	91.8	98.6	114.8	118.5	121.8	124.6	6.0%
ow other	30.0	29.5	31.9	33.9	35.7	37.5	6.2%
EBITDA	32.2	35.0	40.0	42.4	44.5	46.6	7.5%
margin	13.4%	13.7%	14.3%	14.7%	15.1%	15.5%	nm
EBIT	15.1	16.0	21.1	23.6	25.8	28.0	15.1%
margin	6.3%	6.3%	7.5%	8.2%	8.7%	9.3%	nm
Net result	9.4	8.2	11.8	13.7	15.3	16.9	19.7%
Debt (cash)	82.8	118.9	117.4	105.6	93.1	79.7	-9.5%

Source: Company data



Valuation Update

Our DCF model, based on unchanged parameters of 7.35% WACC and 1% terminal growth rate, points to a fair value of EUR 10.9, with a potential upside of 70%. **The peer comparison, as described below, supports the DCF valuation and a Target Price of at least EUR 11.0. We confirm our positive recommendation. We see the company offering resilience to the current scenario of pandemic resurgence.**

Our target price has been calculated considering the conversion of all outstanding warrants (2,368,380 new ordinary shares based on a 1:1 conversion ratio) given that our target price exceeds the strike price (EUR 9.5). We remind that full exercise of the warrants would provide a cash-in of around EUR 22.5m and that they will expire on 29th December 2021.

GPI: valuation sum-up

EUR	Fully Diluted n. shares	Outstanding n. shares
DCF model	11.0	11.2
Market multiples (average)	11.2	11.8
<i>o/w Health IT companies</i>	15.3	16.6
<i>o/w ESN Software & Computer Services</i>	8.4	8.6
<i>o/w Customer Relationship management services</i>	9.9	10.3
Average DCF and Mkt multiples	11.1	11.5
GPI market price	6.48	6.48
Potential upside	71%	78%

Source: Banca Akros estimates

GPI Fair Value: Sensitivity to WACC/g

WACC / g	-0.5%	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%
5.85%	12.7	13.6	14.6	15.9	17.5	19.5	22.1
6.35%	11.3	12.1	12.9	14.0	15.2	16.8	18.7
6.85%	10.2	10.8	11.5	12.4	13.3	14.5	16.0
7.35%	9.2	9.7	10.3	11.0	11.8	12.7	13.9
7.85%	8.3	8.8	9.3	9.8	10.5	11.3	12.2
8.35%	7.6	7.9	8.3	8.8	9.4	10.0	10.7
8.85%	6.9	7.2	7.5	7.9	8.4	8.9	9.5

Source: Banca Akros estimates

GPI Fair Value: Sensitivity to WACC/terminal EBITDA margin

WACC/Term. EBITDA	12.0%	13.0%	14.0%	15.0%	16.0%	17.0%	18.0%
5.85%	11.7	13.1	14.5	15.9	17.3	18.7	20.2
6.35%	10.3	11.5	12.8	14.0	15.2	16.4	17.6
6.85%	9.2	10.3	11.3	12.4	13.4	14.5	15.5
7.35%	8.2	9.2	10.1	11.0	11.9	12.8	13.8
7.85%	7.4	8.2	9.0	9.8	10.6	11.4	12.3
8.35%	6.7	7.4	8.1	8.8	9.5	10.3	11.0
8.85%	6.0	6.7	7.3	7.9	8.6	9.2	9.8

Source: Banca Akros estimates



Peers' comparison

GPI has quite a peculiar business mix, when compared to other similar listed companies. As such, we performed our relative valuation analysis dividing our selection of peer companies into three clusters: 1) **IT Solutions and services for Health**, 2) **Software and Computer services** (companies covered by the ESN LLP Partnership), 3) **Customer Relationship Management Services**. We finally excluded the outliers from the median.

We note that, compared to our latest update (April 2020), all the three panels have experienced a rerating, thanks to a rebound of the stock prices. When it comes to estimates, on average, the Health IT companies' main lines have worsened (FY 2020 sales growth is now 4pp lower than April's consensus and the average EBITDA margin estimate has dropped by 1pp to 25.3%). For Customer relationship services companies, sales estimates have increased slightly (1pp higher), whereas the EBITDA margin has eroded by 0.5pp.

Health IT companies: Key multiples

	EV/Sales 2020e	EV/Sales 2021e	EV/EBITDA 2020e	EV/EBITDA 2021e	EV/EBIT 2020e	EV/EBIT 2021e	P/E 2020e	P/E 2021e
Computer Programs & Systems	1.9	1.8	11.6	9.6	10.1	11.5	12.7	10.2
Allscripts Healthcare Solutions	1.6	1.6	8.3	9.1	12.2	15.6	15.0	15.7
Cerner	4.0	3.8	12.7	11.7	16.9	18.3	24.7	21.6
Craneware (*)	6.9	6.7	20.1	19.3	24.5	23.4	33.1	31.7
Emis Group	3.8	3.7	13.9	13.1	17.7	15.9	20.9	19.5
Nexus	4.5	4.0	19.6	17.5	36.6	26.6	48.5	40.5
Compugroup Medical	4.8	4.4	19.1	17.2	29.3	25.7	33.2	30.1
Cegedim	1.1	1.1	5.7	5.1	16.4	12.5	21.9	15.5
Pharmagest Interactive	7.9	7.2	25.2	22.4	28.6	26.2	40.5	36.0
HMS Holdings	3.6	3.3	13.4	11.9	13.3	18.1	22.0	20.1
Median (*)	2.7	2.5	12.1	10.7	14.9	15.7	21.4	17.6

Source: Bloomberg consensus data

ESN Software & computer services: Key multiples

	EV/Sales 2020e	EV/Sales 2021e	EV/EBITDA 2020e	EV/EBITDA 2021e	EV/EBIT 2020e	EV/EBIT 2021e	P/E 2020e	P/E 2021e
Median (21 companies)	0.7	0.6	6.6	5.8	13.0	8.9	16.8	9.7

Source: Banca Akros, ESN estimates

Customer relationship management services companies: Key multiples

	EV/Sales 2020e	EV/Sales 2021e	EV/EBITDA 2020e	EV/EBITDA 2021e	EV/EBIT 2020e	EV/EBIT 2021e	P/E 2020e	P/E 2021e
Sykes Enterprises	0.9	0.9	7.2	7.0	na	na	14.0	12.7
Teleperformance	3.2	2.9	16.2	14.0	29.0	22.9	34.2	27.1
Serco Group	0.5	0.6	8.3	8.4	13.4	13.0	16.2	16.0
TTEC Holdings	1.7	1.7	11.4	11.3	na	na	22.8	23.1
WNS Holdings	3.2	3.3	11.4	12.9	13.5	15.2	18.9	23.5
Atento	0.5	0.5	4.6	3.8	na	na	na	8.9
Median (*)	0.9	0.9	8.3	8.4	13.4	14.1	17.6	16.0

Source: Bloomberg consensus data

**GPI: Summary tables**

PROFIT & LOSS (EURm)	12/2017	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020e	12/2021e	12/2022e
Sales	180	204	241	255	280	289
Cost of Sales & Operating Costs	-154.0	-176.9	-208.7	-220.1	-240.2	-246.8
Non Recurrent Expenses/Income	-0.2	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBITDA	25.9	26.7	32.2	35.0	40.0	42.4
EBITDA (adj.)*	26.1	28.6	32.2	35.0	40.0	42.4
Depreciation	-9.2	-13.4	-16.1	-19.0	-18.9	-18.8
EBITA	16.7	13.3	16.1	16.0	21.1	23.6
EBITA (adj)*	16.9	15.2	16.1	16.0	21.1	23.6
Amortisations and Write Downs	-0.9	-0.1	-1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	15.9	13.2	15.1	16.0	21.1	23.6
EBIT (adj.)*	16.1	15.1	15.1	16.0	21.1	23.6
Net Financial Interest	-2.2	-0.3	-2.3	-3.6	-3.6	-3.5
Other Financials	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Non Recurrent Items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings Before Tax (EBT)	13.6	12.9	12.8	12.4	17.5	20.1
Tax	-5.5	-3.3	-3.0	-3.7	-5.2	-6.0
<i>Tax rate</i>	<i>40.2%</i>	<i>26.0%</i>	<i>23.7%</i>	<i>30.0%</i>	<i>30.0%</i>	<i>30.0%</i>
Discontinued Operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minorities	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Net Profit (reported)	7.9	9.2	9.4	8.2	11.8	13.7
Net Profit (adj.)	7.9	9.2	9.4	8.2	11.8	13.7
CASH FLOW (EURm)	12/2017	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020e	12/2021e	12/2022e
Cash Flow from Operations before change in NWC	18.2	23.0	26.9	27.7	31.1	32.9
Change in Net Working Capital	-5.7	-0.9	-9.3	-14.8	-0.0	-1.7
Cash Flow from Operations	12.5	22.0	17.7	12.9	31.1	31.2
Capex	-5.5	-12.0	-13.5	-47.0	-24.4	-11.6
Net Financial Investments	-40.6	-2.6	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Free Cash Flow	-33.6	7.5	2.3	-34.1	6.7	19.7
Dividends	-4.6	-4.8	-5.3	0.0	-3.2	-5.9
Other (incl. Capital Increase & share buy backs)	2.1	12.4	14.1	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2
Change in Net Debt	-36	15	11	-34	3	14
NOPLAT	9.6	11.2	11.5	12.2	16.1	16.5
BALANCE SHEET & OTHER ITEMS (EURm)	12/2017	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020e	12/2021e	12/2022e
Net Tangible Assets	14.8	15.6	27.8	58.0	65.7	60.6
Net Intangible Assets (incl. Goodwill)	73.2	80.1	83.2	82.8	82.4	82.1
Right-of-Use Assets (Lease Assets)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Financial Assets & Other	10.3	14.2	14.4	14.4	14.4	14.4
Total Fixed Assets	98.2	110	125	155	162	157
Inventories	4.0	3.9	4.8	5.6	6.2	6.4
Trade receivables	41.7	41.0	43.2	56.1	61.6	63.6
Other current assets	64.5	68.7	88.2	93.9	98.1	101.2
Cash (-)	-46.0	-66.1	-80.9	-98.9	-99.4	-103.1
Total Current Assets	156	180	217	255	265	274
Total Assets	254	290	342	410	428	431
Shareholders Equity	63.2	67.3	70.4	78.7	87.3	95.0
Minority	1.1	1.3	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.2
Total Equity	64.3	68.6	72.1	80.5	89.3	97.3
Long term interest bearing debt	62.9	87.0	109	156	155	149
Provisions	6.6	6.6	6.8	6.9	7.0	7.0
Lease Liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other long term liabilities	2.8	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6
Total Long Term Liabilities	72.4	94.3	117	163	162	157
Short term interest bearing debt	34.1	40.6	54.2	62.2	61.9	59.6
Trade payables	77.3	53.6	79.0	83.6	91.8	94.8
Other current liabilities	6.3	32.5	20.4	20.4	22.4	23.1
Total Current Liabilities	118	127	154	166	176	178
Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity	254.4	289.6	342.4	409.7	427.8	431.5
Net Capital Employed	124.8	137.5	162.1	206.7	214.1	210.4
Net Working Capital	26.6	27.6	36.8	51.6	51.6	53.3
GROWTH & MARGINS	12/2017	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020e	12/2021e	12/2022e
<i>Sales growth</i>	<i>32.1%</i>	<i>13.2%</i>	<i>18.3%</i>	<i>5.9%</i>	<i>9.8%</i>	<i>3.2%</i>
EBITDA (adj.)* growth	29.9%	9.7%	12.6%	8.5%	14.3%	6.1%
<i>EBITA (adj.)* growth</i>	<i>13.6%</i>	<i>-10.2%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>-0.8%</i>	<i>32.0%</i>	<i>12.1%</i>
<i>EBIT (adj.)* growth</i>	<i>8.7%</i>	<i>-5.9%</i>	<i>-0.2%</i>	<i>5.8%</i>	<i>32.0%</i>	<i>12.1%</i>



GPI: Summary tables

GROWTH & MARGINS	12/2017	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020e	12/2021e	12/2022e
Net Profit growth	26.4%	17.2%	1.4%	-12.0%	43.4%	15.7%
EPS adj. growth	23.7%	16.3%	1.4%	-12.0%	43.4%	15.7%
DPS adj. growth	150.3%	2.7%	10.3%	n.m.	n.m.	85.5%
EBITDA (adj)* margin	14.5%	14.1%	13.4%	13.7%	14.3%	14.7%
EBITA (adj)* margin	9.4%	7.5%	6.7%	6.3%	7.5%	8.2%
EBIT (adj)* margin	8.9%	7.4%	6.3%	6.3%	7.5%	8.2%
RATIOS	12/2017	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020e	12/2021e	12/2022e
Net Debt/Equity	0.8	0.9	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.1
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.0	2.3	2.6	3.4	2.9	2.5
Interest cover (EBITDA/Fin.interest)	11.6	89.4	14.1	9.7	11.1	12.1
Capex/D&A	54.4%	88.5%	78.5%	247.1%	128.8%	61.5%
Capex/Sales	3.0%	5.9%	5.6%	18.4%	8.7%	4.0%
NWC/Sales	14.8%	13.5%	15.3%	20.2%	18.4%	18.4%
ROE (average)	12.7%	14.1%	13.6%	11.0%	14.2%	15.0%
ROCE (adj.)	8.4%	9.1%	7.8%	6.3%	8.0%	8.4%
WACC	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%	7.3%
ROCE (adj.)/WACC	1.1	1.2	1.1	0.9	1.1	1.1
PER SHARE DATA (EUR)***	12/2017	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020e	12/2021e	12/2022e
Average diluted number of shares	15.8	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9
EPS (reported)	0.50	0.58	0.59	0.52	0.74	0.86
EPS (adj.)	0.50	0.58	0.59	0.52	0.74	0.86
BVPS	4.00	4.23	4.43	4.94	5.49	5.97
DPS	0.29	0.30	0.33	0.00	0.20	0.37
VALUATION	12/2017	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020e	12/2021e	12/2022e
EV/Sales	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.7
EV/EBITDA	8.4	6.8	6.4	6.3	5.4	4.9
EV/EBITDA (adj.)*	8.3	6.3	6.4	6.3	5.4	4.9
EV/EBITA	12.9	13.6	12.9	13.7	10.3	8.7
EV/EBITA (adj.)*	12.8	11.9	12.9	13.7	10.3	8.7
EV/EBIT	13.6	13.7	13.7	13.7	10.3	8.7
EV/EBIT (adj.)*	13.5	11.9	13.7	13.7	10.3	8.7
P/E (adj.)	21.1	13.4	13.8	12.8	8.9	7.7
P/BV	2.6	1.8	1.8	1.3	1.2	1.1
Total Yield Ratio	2.9%	4.2%	0.0%	3.0%	5.6%	6.5%
EV/CE	1.9	1.5	1.4	1.1	1.1	1.0
OpFCF yield	4.2%	8.1%	3.3%	-32.5%	6.4%	18.7%
OpFCF/EV	3.2%	5.6%	2.0%	-15.6%	3.1%	9.6%
Payout ratio	58.5%	51.6%	56.1%	0.0%	27.0%	43.2%
Dividend yield (gross)	2.8%	3.8%	5.0%	0.0%	3.0%	5.6%
EV AND MKT CAP (EURm)	12/2017	12/2018	12/2019	12/2020e	12/2021e	12/2022e
Price** (EUR)	10.52	7.78	8.10	6.60	6.60	6.60
Outstanding number of shares for main stock	15.8	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9	15.9
Total Market Cap	166.1	123.8	128.9	105.0	105.0	105.0
Gross Financial Debt (+)	97.0	127.6	163.7	217.9	216.8	208.7
Cash & Marketable Securities (-)	-46.0	-66.1	-80.9	-98.9	-99.4	-103.1
Net Financial Debt	51.0	61.5	82.8	118.9	117.4	105.6
Lease Liabilities (+)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Debt	51.0	61.5	82.8	118.9	117.4	105.6
Other EV components	-0.6	-4.7	-4.4	-5.0	-4.9	-4.8
Enterprise Value (EV adj.)	216.5	180.6	207.2	218.9	217.4	205.8

Source: Company, Banca Akros estimates.

Notes

* Where EBITDA (adj.) or EBITA (adj.) = EBITDA (or EBITA) -/+ Non Recurrent Expenses/Income and where EBIT (adj.) = EBIT -/+ Non Recurrent Expenses/Income - PPA amortisation

**Price (in local currency): Fiscal year end price for Historical Years and Current Price for current and forecasted years

***EPS (adj.) diluted = Net Profit (adj.) / Avg DIL. Ord. (+ Ord. equivalent) Shs. EPS (reported) = Net Profit reported / Avg DIL. Ord. (+ Ord. equivalent) Shs.

Sector: Software & Computer Services/Software

Company Description: GPI, founded in 1988, is a highly integrated and specialised provider of technologies and services to healthcare companies and social services with a predominant presence on the domestic market (~92%), though the internalisation process has recently started. The group, with a total turnover of over EUR 240m, has a leading position in all the reference markets in which it is present (respectively N.1 and N. 3 for healthcare administrative services and healthcare software solutions) and has an overall portfolio of more than 2,200 customers.



European Coverage of the Members of ESN

Aerospace & Defense	Mem(*)	Tubacex	GVC	Food & Drug Retailers	Mem(*)	Saes	BAK
Airbus Se	CIC	Verallia	CIC	Carrefour	CIC	Talgo	GVC
Avio	BAK	Chemicals	Mem(*)	Casino Guichard-Perrachon	CIC	Zardoya Otis	GVC
Dassault Aviation	CIC	Air Liquide	CIC	Jeronimo Martins	CBI	Industrial Transportation	Mem(*)
Figeac Aero	CIC	Arkema	CIC	Marr	BAK	Bollore	CIC
Latecoere	CIC	Plásticos Compuestos	GVC	Sonae	CBI	Clasquin	IAC
Leonardo	BAK	Electronic & Electrical Eq.	Mem(*)	General Industrials	Mem(*)	Ctt	CBI
Lisi	CIC	Rexel	CIC	Adl Bionatur Solutions	GVC	Insurance	Mem(*)
Safran	CIC	Fin. Serv. Holdings	Mem(*)	Cembre	BAK	Axa	CIC
Thales	CIC	Cir	BAK	Sergeferrari Group	CIC	Catalana Occidente	GVC
Alternative Energy	Mem(*)	Corp. Financiera Alba	GVC	General Retailers	Mem(*)	Cattolica Assicurazioni	BAK
Encavis Ag	CIC	Digital Magics	BAK	Emova Group	IAC	Generali	BAK
Plc	BAK	Eurazeo	CIC	Fnac Darty	CIC	Mapfre	GVC
Siemens Gamesa Re	GVC	Ffp	CIC	Inditex	GVC	Net Insurance	BAK
Voltaia	CIC	Gbl	CIC	Maisons Du Monde	CIC	Unipolsai	BAK
Automobiles & Parts	Mem(*)	Rallye	CIC	Ovs	BAK	Materials, Construction	Mem(*)
Brembo	BAK	Tip Tamburi Investment Partners	BAK	Unieuro	BAK	Acs	GVC
Faurecia	CIC	Wendel	CIC	Healthcare	Mem(*)	Aena	GVC
Ferrari	BAK	Fin. Serv. Industrials	Mem(*)	Abionyx Pharma	CIC	Astm	BAK
Fiat Chrysler Automobiles	BAK	Abitare In	BAK	Amplifon	BAK	Atlantia	BAK
Gestamp	GVC	Dovalue	BAK	Atrys Health	GVC	Buzzi Unicem	BAK
Indelb	BAK	Nexi	BAK	Crossject	CIC	Capelli	CIC
Landi Renzo	BAK	Tinexta	BAK	Diasorin	BAK	Cementir	BAK
Piaggio	BAK	Financial Services Banks	Mem(*)	El.En.	BAK	Clerhp Estructuras	GVC
Plastic Omnium	CIC	Amundi	CIC	Fermentalg	CIC	Eiffage	CIC
Sogefi	BAK	Anima	BAK	Fine Foods	BAK	Ezentis	GVC
Valeo	CIC	Azmut	BAK	Genfit	CIC	Fcc	GVC
Banks	Mem(*)	Banca Farmafactoring	BAK	Guerbet	CIC	Ferrovial	GVC
Banca Mps	BAK	Banca Generali	BAK	Korian	CIC	Groupe Adp	CIC
Banco Sabadell	GVC	Banca Ifis	BAK	Oncodesign	CIC	Groupe Poujoulat	CIC
Banco Santander	GVC	Banca Mediolanum	BAK	Orpea	CIC	Groupe Sfpj S.A.	CIC
Bankia	GVC	Banca Sistema	BAK	Recordati	BAK	Herige	CIC
Bankinter	GVC	Finecobank	BAK	Shedir Pharma	BAK	Hexaom	CIC
Bbva	GVC	Poste Italiane	BAK	Theraclion	CIC	Imerys	CIC
Bnp Paribas	CIC	Food & Beverage	Mem(*)	Household Goods	Mem(*)	Kaufman & Broad	IAC
Bper	BAK	Advini	CIC	Abeo	CIC	Lafargeholcim	CIC
Caixabank	GVC	Bonduelle	CIC	De Longhi	BAK	Maire Tecnimont	BAK
Credem	BAK	Campari	BAK	Fila	BAK	Mota Engil	CBI
Credit Agricole Sa	CIC	Danone	CIC	Groupe Seb	CIC	Obrascon Huarte Lain	GVC
Creval	BAK	Ebro Foods	GVC	Industrial Engineering	Mem(*)	Sacyr	GVC
Intesa Sanpaolo	BAK	Enervit	BAK	Alstom	CIC	Saint Gobain	CIC
Liberbank	GVC	Fleury Michon	CIC	Biesse	BAK	Salcef	BAK
Mediobanca	BAK	Italian Wine Brands	BAK	Caf	GVC	Sonae Industria	CBI
Natixis	CIC	Lanson-Bcc	CIC	Carraro	BAK	Tarkett	CIC
Rothschild & Co	CIC	Laurent Perrier	CIC	Cnh Industrial	BAK	Thermador Groupe	CIC
Societe Generale	CIC	Ldc	CIC	Danieli	BAK	Vicat	CIC
Ubi Banca	BAK	Orsero	BAK	Datalogic	BAK	Vinci	CIC
Unicredit	BAK	Pernod Ricard	CIC	Exel Industries	CIC	Webuild	BAK
Basic Resources	Mem(*)	Remy Cointreau	CIC	Fincantieri	BAK	Media	Mem(*)
Acerinox	GVC	Tipiak	CIC	Groupe Gorge	CIC	Arnoldo Mondadori Editore	BAK
Altri	CBI	Vidrala	GVC	Haulotte Group	CIC	Atresmedia	GVC
Arcelormittal	GVC	Vilmorin	CIC	Ima	BAK	Cairo Communication	BAK
Corticeira Amorim	CBI	Viscofan	GVC	Interpump	BAK	Cofina	CBI
Ence	GVC	Vranken Pommery Monopole	CIC	Manitou	CIC	Digital Bros	BAK
Semapa	CBI			Prima Industrie	BAK	GI Events	CIC
The Navigator Company	CBI			Prysmian	BAK	Il Sole 24 Ore	BAK



Impresa	CBI	Merlin Properties	GVC	Nos	CBI
Ipsos	CIC	Quabit Immobiliaria	GVC	Orange	CIC
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Oil Services	Mem(*)	Neurones	CIC	Sodexo	CIC
Bourbon	CIC	Reply	BAK	Sonae Capital	CBI
Cgg	CIC	Sii	CIC	Trigano	CIC
Gtt	CIC	Sopra Steria Group	CIC	Utilities	Mem(*)
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Tenaris	BAK	Cellnex Telecom	GVC	Audax	GVC
Vallourec	CIC	Edenred	CIC	Derichebourg	CIC
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Cellularline	BAK	Openjobmetis	BAK	Endesa	GVC
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Geox	BAK	Prosegur Cash	GVC	Erg	BAK
Hermes Intl.	CIC	Rai Way	BAK	Falck Renewables	BAK
Interparfums	CIC	Technology Hardware & Eq.	Mem(*)	Greenalia	GVC
Kering	CIC	Adeunis	CIC	Hera	BAK
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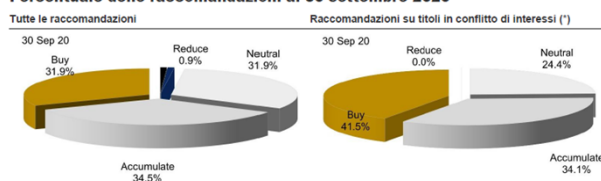
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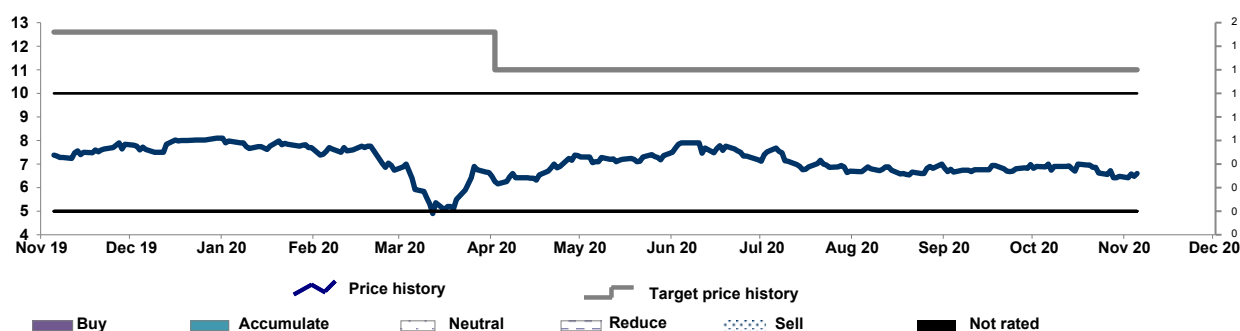
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02-Apr-20	Buy	11.00	6.26
10-Oct-19	Buy	12.60	7.56
02-May-19	Buy	14.10	9.38

Source: Factset & ESN, price data adjusted for stock splits.

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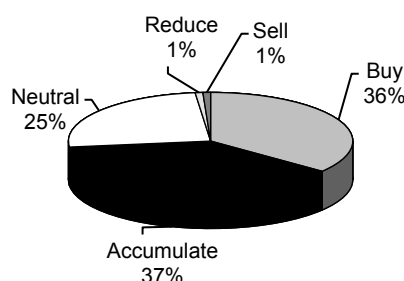
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