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Sector: Utilities

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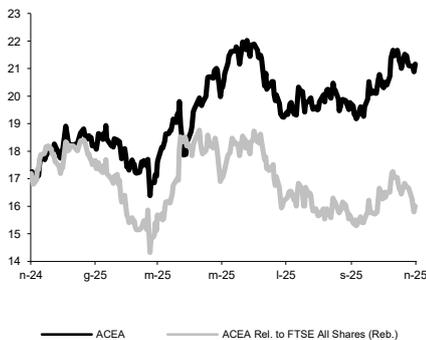
Price: Eu21.18 - Target: Eu23.50

Another Good Quarter, Guidance Upgraded

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Stock Rating			
Rating:	Unchanged		
Target Price (Eu):	from 22.00 to 23.50		
	2025E	2026E	2027E
Chg in Adj EPS	4.5%	-3.7%	-7.9%

ACEA - 12M Performance



Stock Data			
Reuters code:	ACE.MI		
Bloomberg code:	ACE IM		
Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	4.0%	8.4%	23.1%
Relative	-1.7%	2.5%	-9.1%
12M (H/L)	22.04/16.40		
3M Average Volume (th):	90.07		

Shareholder Data	
No. of Ord shares (mn):	213
Total no. of shares (mn):	213
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	4,511
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	4,511
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	1,132
Mkt Float (in %):	25.1%
Main Shareholder:	
Council of Rome	51.0%

Balance Sheet Data	
Book Value (Eu mn):	2,276
BVPS (Eu):	12.61
P/BV:	1.7
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-5,135
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	9,779

- 3Q25 results.** ACEA recorded a set of 3Q25 results that were better than expected on the P&L and broadly in line in terms of cash generation. After excluding ACEA Energia, recurring EBITDA closed at Eu364mn (+12% YoY; +8% vs. expectations) and recurring net income at Eu97mn (-16% YoY, 21% above expectations) including a strong results of Eu40mn from the discontinued operations of ACEA Energia which also included some extraordinary items. On the balance sheet, net debt closed at Eu5,084mn (we expected Eu5,172mn) on the back of Eu270mn in net CapEx (-17% YoY and vs. Eu297mn exp.).
- 2025 guidance raised.** Management raised the guidance provided in July (excluding the results from ACEA Energia's scope pending its disposal), with recurring EBITDA now seen up +8-10% compared (from +6-8% previously) with the 2024 restated figure of Eu1,281mn (ex-ACEA Energia and adding the contribution from the High Voltage grid for the first nine months), net investments at c.Eu1.2bn, and pro-forma net debt / EBITDA seen at 3.4-3.5x.
- Main pointers from the conference call.** New Business Plan: the company expects to update its business plan in 1Q26. On 2026 it was stressed that water tariff growth will be similar to 2025 and reminded the stable WACC in electricity distribution. ACEA Energia: closing expected by 1H26, already recorded as discontinued operations, with further details on the capital gain to follow. Working capital: year-end dynamics should be broadly neutral, with around Eu150mn of normalisation in 4Q and continued strong focus on receivables. 2025 guidance: no material non-linearities expected between EBITDA and net income. Electricity distribution concessions: the company is awaiting ARERA's determinations on the framework for the extension; Data centres: as a grid operator, the company sees additional investment opportunities, while increasing demand is also likely on the water side.
- Estimates and target price.** Following results, we are increasing our 2025-2027 EBITDA estimates by 1.8% on average and 2025-2027 EPS estimates by 3% on average before the impact of the final disposal of Acea Energia (which we assume for mid 2026) on 2026 and 2027. We have clearly also included the c.Eu400mn cash in from the disposal; please remember that reported net debt number for 2025 do not yet include the cash in. Our TP moves to Eu23.50 (from Eu22.0), partly on the back of the 50bp reduction in the risk-free rate used by our Research Team (TP is still calculated as a 50/50 combination of a DCF model and a multiples-based approach).
- NEUTRAL confirmed, target Eu23.50 (from Eu22.00).** 3Q25 results showed a continuation of the group's excellent performance: the company benefits from the numerous opportunities emerging in sectors such as Water and Waste, and we appreciate the diligent approach to growth in the group's strategy. At the same time, we confirm our NEUTRAL recommendation based on the limited upside to our target price.

Key Figures & Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales (Eu mn)	4,627	4,278	3,171	3,202	3,318
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	1,267	1,425	1,303	1,363	1,445
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	294	323	373	356	353
EPS New Adj (Eu)	1.380	1.516	1.752	1.669	1.659
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	1.380	1.548	1.677	1.734	1.802
DPS (Eu)	0.880	0.950	1.007	1.047	1.089
EV/EBITDA Adj	6.5	6.3	7.5	7.3	7.0
EV/EBIT Adj	13.5	12.9	15.0	15.0	14.4
P/E Adj	15.3	14.0	12.1	12.7	12.8
Div. Yield	4.2%	4.5%	4.8%	4.9%	5.1%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	3.8	3.5	3.9	3.6	3.5

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