Others - Germany

Buy (old: Buy)

EUR 61.00 (old: EUR 60.00)

Q4 beating all odds and strong shareholder returns; chg. PT

Topic: Following an unprecedented jackpot situation in Q4, ZEAL captured extreme growth in all aspects, with Sales, EBITDA, FCF, user base and intake reaching new heights. Moreover, the company issued a solid FY'25 guidance, confirming the growth beyond the recent records.

Unprecedented billings hike. Nationwide lottery spending of the two main lottery products rose by 28% yoy to € 2.4bn (EJ: +64% yoy, peaking 7x; 6aus49: -8% yoy) in Q4. Consequently, ZEAL generated lottery billings of € 337m (eNuW: € 327m), up 60% yoy. This hike is further supported by the new product "Traumhausverlosung". Games also showed a solid development with € 40m in Q4 billings, up 62% yoy (eNuW: € 32m).

Q4 results above expectations. Sales grew by 124% yoy to € 67m (eNuW: € 60m), mainly driven by the increased lottery billings margin (+5.5pp yoy) and the simultaneous hike in billings. EBITDA expanded disproportionately by 178% yoy to € 27m (eNuW: € 22m) despite a strong marketing push (+ 275% yoy), showing the increasing fix cost coverage. - see p. 2 for details

Marketing engine running hot. Q4'24 marked the quarter with the highest marketing efficiency in ZEAL's history with a user intake of 450k (+472% yoy; FY'24: 1.26m) at a highly efficient CPL of only € 32 (-13% yoy). While this is largely attributable to the strong jackpot environment, it nevertheless shows that ZEAL can outperform the state lottery's online presence in terms of customer acquisition during these crucial times. Consequently, the average MAUs stood at 1.44m during FY'24 (+25% yoy) which implies average MAUs 1.7m of in Q4 (+52% yoy), which bodes well for future growth.

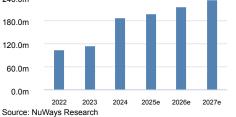
Solid guidance out. The new FY'25 guidance of € 195-205m in sales (eNuW old: € 194m) and € 55-60m EBITDA (eNuW old: € 52m) came in ahead of our old estimates, as we have modeled with too conservative user KPIs (MAUs and ARPUs). The guidance implies a top line growth of 6% yoy and EBITDA decline by 7% at mid-point, as ZEAL increases its marketing budget by +14% yoy at mid-point to € 60-70m in FY'25. As always, ZEAL's guidance is based on an average jackpot environment, which could be overachieved in times of strong jackpots, which are however unpredictable.

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| Y/E 31.12 (EUR m) | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025e | 2026e | 2027e |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sales | 105.2 | 116.0 | 188.2 | 198.9 | 217.0 | 235.1 |
| Sales growth | 26.2% | 10.3% | 62.2% | 5.7% | 9.1% | 8.3% |
| EBITDA | 31.7 | 32.8 | 61.9 | 59.1 | 64.4 | 71.0 |
| Net debt (if net cash=0) | -28.5 | -30.0 | -15.8 | -4.6 | -22.8 | -40.5 |
| FCF | 27.1 | 25.1 | 74.5 | 40.8 | 46.3 | 48.1 |
| Net Debt/EBITDA | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0.6 |
| EPS pro forma | 0.74 | 0.59 | 2.70 | 1.49 | 1.66 | 1.87 |
| EBITDA margin | 30.1% | 28.3% | 32.9% | 29.7% | 29.7% | 30.2% |
| ROCE | 6.0% | 7.2% | 18.4% | 17.8% | 20.3% | 23.5% |
| EV/sales | 6.5 | 7.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3.8 |
| EV/EBITDA | 21.7 | 27.4 | 14.8 | 15.7 | 14.1 | 12.6 |
| PER | 58.2 | 72.6 | 15.9 | 28.8 | 25.9 | 23.0 |
| Adjusted FCF yield | 3.8% | 4.0% | 9.7% | 5.0% | 5.4% | 6.1% |
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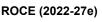
Source: Company data, NuWays, Close price as of 24.03.2025

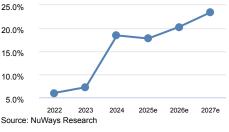
Sales (2022-27e) 240.0m



30.0% 27.5% 25.0% 22.5% 20.0% 2022 2023 2024 2025e 2026e 2027e Source: NuWays Research

EBIT margin (2022-27e)





Company description

ZEAL brokers lottery products via the internet under two well-known web-domains: Lotto24.de and Tipp24.de and receives brokerage commissions from the lottery operators. In addition, the company also operates instant win games & charity based lotteries.

Share Performance

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| Market data | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| Share price (in €) | 41.20 |
| Market cap (in € m) | 930.1 |
| Number of shares (in m pcs) | 21.7 |
| Enterprise value (in € m) | 929.0 |
| Ø trading volume (6 months) | 3,796 |

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| | Identifier |
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| Bloomberg | TIMA GR |
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| WKN | ZEAL24 |
| ISIN | DE000ZEAL241 |

| Key shareholders | | | | | |
|------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Günther Group | 37.4% | | | | |
| Working Capital | 21.4% | | | | |
| Marc Peters | 4.7% | | | | |
| Jens Schumann | 3.8% | | | | |
| Free Float | 32.7% | | | | |

Estimates changes

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|-------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| | <u>2025e</u> | <u>2026e</u> | <u>2027e</u> |
| Sales | 2% | 2% | 2% |
| EBIT | 17% | 12% | 11% |
| EPS | 13% | 8% | 8% |
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Comment on changes

- Estimates raised to reflect slightly upgraded user KPI assumptions (MAUs and ARPUs)
- FY'27e introduced.

Guidance

- FY'25 sales : € 195-205m
- FY'25 EBITDA: € 55-60m
- FY'25 marketing budget: € 60-70m



-3.7%

15.4%

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Upbeat cash generation. ZEAL reported a strong FCF growth of 197% yoy to € 75m in FY'24 (121% EBITDA cash conversion, 40% of sales), partially supported by a positive, jackpot-dependent working capital swing (eNuW: € 25m), but also thanks to the capital light business model with almost no CAPEX. As this figure is already afer marketing expenses and more than covers the upcoming dividend payment (€ 52m), there **is still room for future shareholder return measures**, in our view. The net cash position stood at € 16m at Y/E'24, despite a net increase in debt of € 71m to cover the Lotto24 squeeze out and optimize capital structure.

Increasing shareholder return. Following a share buyback in Nov'24 for $\in 25$ m, the company canceled 733k shares in Q1'25 and aims to cancel the remaining 588k shares in Q2'25e. ZEAL further announced a DPS of $\in 2.40$ for FY'24 (5.6% current yield), totaling a $\in 52$ m payout, consisting of a base dividend of $\in 1.30$ and a special dividend of $\in 1.10$, the latter to let shareholders partake in the extraordinarily successful FY'24. In sum, this returns a total of \in **77m to shareholders**, which implies a yield of 8%.

Agains this backdrop, we highly reiterate our **BUY recommendation**, add **ZEAL back to our NuWays AlphaList** and **increase our PT to \in 61.00** (old: \in 60.00), based on DCF.

| Zeal Network SE | Q4 2024 | Q4 2024 eNuW | Q4 2023 | уоу | FY 2024 | FY 2024 <i>eNuW</i> | FY 2023 | уоу |
|---|---------|------------------------|---------|----------|---------|-------------------------------|---------|----------|
| Billings from Lottery | 337.0 | 327.2 | 210.1 | 60% | 1,080.1 | 1,066.0 | 843.3 | 28% |
| Billings from Games | 40.2 | 31.6 | 24.9 | 62% | 133.1 | 124.5 | 41.6 | 220% |
| Total Billings | 377.3 | 358.8 | 235.0 | 61% | 1,213.2 | 1,190.4 | 884.9 | 37% |
| Sales from Lottery | 60.7 | 56.6 | 26.2 | 131% | 168.3 | 164.2 | 105.7 | 59% |
| Sales from Games | 3.1 | 2.3 | 1.8 | 69% | 9.9 | 9.2 | 3.0 | 226% |
| Other sales | 3.5 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 75% | 10.0 | 7.7 | 7.4 | 36% |
| Total Sales | 67.2 | 60.0 | 30.0 | 124% | 188.2 | 181.0 | 116.1 | 62% |
| Billings margin (Lottery) | 18.0% | 17.3% | 12.5% | + 5.5 pp | 15.6% | 15.4% | 12.5% | + 3.1 pp |
| Billings margin (Games) | 7.6% | 7.4% | 7.3% | + 0.3 pp | 7.4% | 7.4% | 7.3% | + 0.1 pp |
| Combined billings margin | 16.9% | 16.4% | 12.0% | + 4.9 pp | 14.7% | 14.6% | 12.3% | + 2.4 pp |
| EBITDA | 26.9 | 22.4 | 9.7 | 178% | 61.9 | 57.3 | 32.8 | 89% |
| EBITDA margin | 40.0% | 37.4% | 32.2% | + 7.8 pp | 32.9% | 31.7% | 28.3% | + 4.6 pp |
| Lottery - Monthly Active Users (MAU) | 1.71m | 1.60m | 1.12m | 52% | 1.44m | 1.41m | 1.15m | 25% |
| Games - Monthly Active Users (MAU) | 0.03m | 0.02m | 0.02m | 50% | 0.02m | 0.02m | 0.02m | 29% |
| Combined Monthly Active Users | 1.73m | 1.62m | 1.14m | 52% | 1.46m | 1.43m | 1.16m | 25% |
| Lottery - Average Revenue per User (ARPU) | € 11.87 | € 11.78 | € 7.78 | 53% | € 9.77 | € 9.70 | € 7.68 | 27% |
| Games - Average Revenue per User (ARPU) | € 36.38 | € 39.07 | € 32.89 | 11% | € 37.50 | € 38.17 | € 25.82 | 45% |
| Combined ARPU | € 12.60 | € 12.05 | € 8.33 | 51% | € 10.41 | € 10.22 | € 7.93 | 31% |

Source: Company data, NuWays

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Financials

| Profit and loss (EUR m) | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025e | 2026e | 2027e |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Net sales | 105.2 | 116.0 | 188.2 | 198.9 | 217.0 | 235.1 |
| Sales growth | 26.2% | 10.3% | 62.2% | 5.7% | 9.1% | 8.3% |
| Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Total sales | 105.2 | 116.1 | 188.2 | 198.9 | 217.0 | 235.1 |
| Other operating income | 2.3 | 1.3 | 3.1 | 2.0 | 2.2 | 2.4 |
| Material expenses | 0.0 | -0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Personnel expenses | 18.9 | 22.6 | 31.5 | 34.4 | 36.5 | 38.3 |
| Other operating expenses | 57.0 | 62.0 | 98.0 | 107.4 | 118.3 | 128.2 |
| Total operating expenses | 73.5 | 83.2 | 126.3 | 139.8 | 152.6 | 164.1 |
| EBITDA | 31.7 | 32.8 | 61.9 | 59.1 | 64.4 | 71.0 |
| Depreciation | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| EBITA | 31.0 | 32.8 | 61.9 | 59.1 | 64.4 | 71.0 |
| Amortisation of goodwill | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | 8.1 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.2 |
| Impairment charges | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| EBIT (inc revaluation net) | 22.9 | 23.6 | 53.7 | 50.9 | 56.2 | 62.8 |
| Interest income | 1.4 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.5 | 0.4 | 0.3 |
| Interest expenses | 0.7 | 1.8 | 3.2 | 4.0 | 3.8 | 3.6 |
| Investment income | -0.2 | -0.0 | -0.6 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Financial result | -0.1 | -1.3 | -3.4 | -3.5 | -3.4 | -3.3 |
| Recurring pretax income from continuing operations | 22.8 | 22.2 | 50.3 | 47.4 | 52.8 | 59.5 |
| Extraordinary income/loss | 0.0 | -0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Earnings before taxes | 22.8 | 22.3 | 50.3 | 47.4 | 52.8 | 59.5 |
| Income tax expense | 6.2 | 8.6 | -9.2 | 15.2 | 16.9 | 19.0 |
| Net income from continuing operations | 16.6 | 13.7 | 59.4 | 32.2 | 35.9 | 40.4 |
| Income from discontinued operations (net of tax) | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Net income | 16.6 | 13.7 | 59.4 | 32.2 | 35.9 | 40.4 |
| Minority interest | 0.6 | 0.9 | 1.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Net profit (reported) | 16.0 | 12.8 | 58.4 | 32.2 | 35.9 | 40.4 |
| Average number of shares | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21.7 |
| EPS reported | 0.74 | 0.59 | 2.70 | 1.49 | 1.66 | 1.87 |
| Profit and loss (common size) | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025e | 2026e | 2027e |

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|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Net sales | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Sales growth | 26.2% | 10.3% | 62.2% | 5.7% | 9.1% | 8.3% |
| Increase/decrease in finished goods and work-in-process | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Total sales | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% | 100.0% |
| Other operating income | 2.2% | 1.1% | 1.6% | 1.0% | 1.0% | 1.0% |
| Material expenses | 0.0% | -0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Personnel expenses | 18.0% | 19.4% | 16.7% | 17.3% | 16.8% | 16.3% |
| Other operating expenses | 54.1% | 53.4% | 52.1% | 54.0% | 54.5% | 54.5% |
| Total operating expenses | 69.9% | 71.7% | 67.1% | 70.3% | 70.3% | 69.8% |
| EBITDA | 30.1% | 28.3% | 32.9% | 29.7% | 29.7% | 30.2% |
| Depreciation | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| EBITA | 29.5% | 28.3% | 32.9% | 29.7% | 29.7% | 30.2% |
| Amortisation of goodwill | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Amortisation of intangible assets | 7.7% | 8.0% | 4.4% | 4.1% | 3.8% | 3.5% |
| Impairment charges | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| EBIT (inc revaluation net) | 21.8% | 20.3% | 28.5% | 25.6% | 25.9% | 26.7% |
| Interest income | 1.4% | 0.4% | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.1% |
| Interest expenses | 0.7% | 1.5% | 1.7% | 2.0% | 1.8% | 1.5% |
| Investment income | -0.2% | -0.0% | -0.3% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
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| Recurring pretax income from continuing operations | 21.7% | 19.2% | 26.7% | 23.8% | 24.4% | 25.3% |
| Extraordinary income/loss | 0.0% | -0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Earnings before taxes | 21.7% | 19.2% | 26.7% | 23.8% | 24.4% | 25.3% |
| Tax rate | 27.4% | 38.6% | -18.2% | 32.0% | 32.0% | 32.0% |
| Net income from continuing operations | 15.7% | 11.8% | 31.6% | 16.2% | 16.6% | 17.2% |
| Income from discontinued operations (net of tax) | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Net income | 15.7% | 11.8% | 31.6% | 16.2% | 16.6% | 17.2% |
| Minority interest | 0.6% | 0.8% | 0.6% | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| Net profit (reported) | 15.2% | 11.0% | 31.0% | 16.2% | 16.6% | 17.2% |
| Source: Company data, NuWays | | | | | | |

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Source: Company data, NuWays

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| Cash flow statement (EUR m) | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025e | 2026e | 2027 |
|---|--------|--------|-------------|----------------------|---------|--------------|
| Net profit/loss | 16.6 | 13.7 | 59.4 | 32.2 | 35.9 | 40. |
| Depreciation of fixed assets (incl. leases) | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Amortisation of goodwill & intangible assets | 8.1 | 9.3 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8.2 | 8. |
| Other costs affecting income / expenses | -0.3 | 0.0 | -17.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0. |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 27.3 | 25.5 | 74.6 | 40.8 | 46.3 | 48. |
| Increase/decrease in inventory | 4.3 | 0.0 | -3.2 | 0.0 | 3.2 | 0 |
| Increase/decrease in accounts receivable | 0.4 | -1.2 | -2.1 | 0.2 | -0.4 | 0 |
| Increase/decrease in accounts payable | 0.1 | -0.2 | 8.5 | 0.7 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Increase/decrease in other working capital positions | -1.2 | 4.0 | 21.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Increase/decrease in working capital | 3.5 | 2.6 | 24.7 | 0.9 | 2.8 | 0 |
| Cash flow from operating activities | 28.5 | 25.6 | 75.1 | 41.4 | 46.9 | 48 |
| CAPEX | 1.4 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0 |
| Payments for acquisitions | 0.6 | 0.0 | 1.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Financial investments | 5.4 | 0.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Income from asset disposals | 1.2 | 57.2 | 1.9 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from investing activities | -6.2 | 56.4 | 0.2 | -0.6 | -0.6 | -0 |
| Cash flow before financing | -24.7 | 2.5 | 51.4 | -11.2 | 18.1 | 17 |
| Increase/decrease in debt position | 16.9 | -5.0 | 71.4 | -4.0 | -4.0 | -4 |
| Purchase of own shares | 20.0 | 0.0 | 25.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Capital measures | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Dividends paid | 47.0 | 79.4 | 23.8 | 52.0 | 28.2 | 30 |
| Others | -1.2 | -1.0 | -40.7 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Effects of exchange rate changes on cash | -0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0 |
| Cash flow from financing activities | -51.1 | -85.4 | -18.1 | -56.0 | -32.2 | -34 |
| Increase/decrease in liquid assets | -28.9 | -3.5 | 57.2 | -15.2 | 14.1 | 13 |
| Liquid assets at end of period | 61.2 | 57.7 | 114.9 | 99.8 | 113.9 | 127 |
| Key ratios (EUR m) | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025e | 2026e | 2027 |
| P&L growth analysis | | | | | | |
| Sales growth | 26.2% | 10.3% | 62.2% | 5.7% | 9.1% | 8.3 |
| EBITDA growth | 14.1% | 3.8% | 88.3% | -4.4% | 9.0% | 10.2 |
| EBIT growth | 20.4% | 2.9% | 127.4% | -5.1% | 10.5% | 11.6 |
| EPS growth | 52.8% | -19.8% | 356.4% | -44.8% | 11.4% | 12.6 |
| Efficiency | | | | | | |
| Sales per employee | 649.4 | 694.9 | 1,094.2 | 1,136.6 | 1,219.1 | 1,298 |
| EBITDA per employee | 195.4 | 196.7 | 359.6 | 337.8 | 362.0 | 392 |
| No. employees (average) | 162 | 167 | 172 | 175 | 178 | 18 |
| Balance sheet analysis | | | | | | |
| Avg. working capital / sales | -2.0% | -1.0% | -1.7% | -1.5% | -2.8% | -2.8 |
| Inventory turnover (sales/inventory) | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n. |
| Accounts receivable turnover | 5.0 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 8.3 | 7 |
| Accounts payable turnover | 13.2 | 11.4 | 23.6 | 23.6 | 21.6 | 19 |
| Cash flow analysis | | | | | | |
| Free cash flow | 27.1 | 25.1 | 74.5 | 40.8 | 46.3 | 48 |
| Free cash flow/sales | 25.7% | 21.7% | 39.6% | 20.5% | 21.3% | 20.4 |
| FCF / net profit | 163.4% | 184.0% | 125.4% | 126.6% | 128.9% | 118.9 |
| Capex / sales | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n.a. | n. |
| Solvency | | | | | | |
| Net debt | -28.5 | -30.0 | -15.8 | -4.6 | -22.8 | -40 |
| Net Debt/EBITDA | -0.9 | -0.9 | -0.3 | -0.1 | -0.4 | -0 |
| Dividend payout ratio | 488.6% | 186.2% | 89.0% | 87.4% | 84.5% | 80.4 |
| Interest paid / avg. debt | 2.3% | 4.5% | 4.9% | 6.5% | 4.0% | 4.0 |
| Returns | | | | | | |
| ROCE | 6.0% | 7.2% | 18.4% | 17.8% | 20.3% | 23.5 |
| ROE | 4.9% | 4.9% | 24.5% | 14.8% | 15.9% | 17.1 |
| Adjusted FCF yield | 3.8% | 4.0% | 9.7% | 5.0% | 5.4% | 6.1 |
| Dividend yield | 6.6% | 11.2% | 3.1% | 5.6% | 3.0% | 3.3 |
| DPS | 3.6 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 1.3 | 1.4 | 1 |
| EPS reported | 0.74 | 0.59 | 2.70 | 1.49 | 1.66 | 1.8 |
| • | 21.7 | 21.7 | 2.70 | 21.7 | 21.7 | 21 |
| average number of shares | 21.1 | £1.1 | ۲. <i>۱</i> | Z 1. <i>1</i> | 21.1 | 21 |
| 5 | | | | | | |
| Valuation ratios P/BV | 2.8 | 3.6 | 3.9 | 4.3 | 4.1 | |
| Valuation ratios P/BV EV/sales | 6.5 | 7.8 | 4.9 | 4.7 | 4.2 | 3 |
| Average number of shares Valuation ratios P/BV EV/sales EV/EBITDA | | | | | | 3 3 12 |

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| Company | Date | Analyst | Rating | Target Price | Close |
|-----------------|------------|-----------------|--------|--------------|-----------|
| ZEAL Network SE | 09.12.2024 | Wendisch, Henry | Buy | EUR 60.00 | EUR 44.30 |
| | 25.10.2024 | Wendisch, Henry | Buy | EUR 57.00 | EUR 36.00 |
| | 09.07.2024 | Wendisch, Henry | Buy | EUR 54.00 | EUR 34.00 |
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