

# BRUNELLO CUCINELLI

Sector: Consumers

## OUTPERFORM

Price: Eu91.04 - Target: Eu105.00

### Strong 3Q Revenues, Russian Sales Just 1%, Change in View

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#### Stock Rating

**Rating:** from NEUTRAL to OUTPERFORM

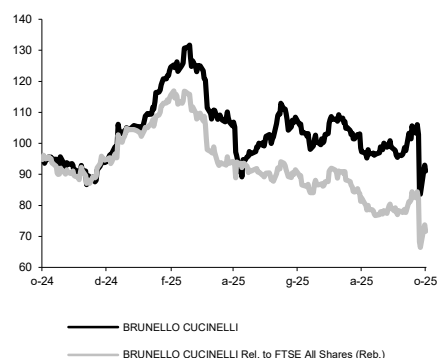
**Target Price (Eu):** from 113.00 to 105.00

|                       | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
|-----------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| <b>Chg in Adj EPS</b> | 0.1%  | -0.1% | -0.2% |

**Next Event Prel. FY25 Revenues**

Results Out: January 2026

#### BRUNELLO CUCINELLI - 12M Performance



#### Stock Data

Reuters code: BCU.MI

Bloomberg code: BC IM

| Performance             | 1M    | 3M           | 12M    |
|-------------------------|-------|--------------|--------|
| Absolute                | -7.1% | -14.4%       | -4.0%  |
| Relative                | -8.6% | -23.1%       | -31.1% |
| 12M (H/L)               |       | 131.70/83.60 |        |
| 3M Average Volume (th): |       | 369.56       |        |

#### Shareholder Data

|                           |       |
|---------------------------|-------|
| No. of Ord shares (mn):   | 68    |
| Total no. of shares (mn): | 68    |
| Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):      | 6,191 |
| Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):    | 6,191 |
| Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):  | 2,213 |
| Mkt Float (in %):         | 35.8% |
| Main Shareholder:         |       |
| Fedone S.r.l.             | 50.1% |

#### Balance Sheet Data

|                                 |       |
|---------------------------------|-------|
| Book Value (Eu mn):             | 560   |
| BVPS (Eu):                      | 8.63  |
| P/BV:                           | 10.5  |
| Net Financial Position (Eu mn): | -889  |
| Enterprise Value (Eu mn):       | 6,379 |

■ **3Q25 revenues up 12.0% YoY, 1% better than expected.** The fashion house was again able to post double-digit revenue growth in 3Q25 (+12.0% YoY at current exchange rates, +12.4% YoY at constant exchange rates, vs. +11.6% exp.), thanks to both i) a Eu208.9mn contribution from the retail channel, +13.9% YoY, marking an acceleration from +8.8% in 2Q25 due to a less significant ForEx effect, a slightly easier comparison and the opening of 2 new boutiques; and ii) a Eu126.6mn contribution from the wholesale channel, +9.0% YoY, in this case featuring a QoQ slowdown, as 2Q25 benefited from some shipments to multi-brand customers being brought forward.

■ **Business update.** The company reiterated its revenue growth guidance of around +10% for the full year, a trend set to remain sustainable in 2026. As for the ongoing CapEx plan to get production up to speed to match expected 2035 volumes, the company expects CapEx to peak at 10.5% of revenue in 2025 and normalise at 7% from 2026. With regard to the recent criticism from Morpheus, the company reiterated (1) that the ratio of inventories to sales has remained stable since its listing (or has even improved considering the increasing contribution of the direct to consumer business), (2) the important role played by carefully-selected multi-brand partners, that are able to preserve brand exclusivity while also managing end-of-season promotions in a balanced manner. In the last week, since the release of the Morpheus report, the revenue trend has remained unchanged.

■ **The company provided greater detail on its Russian operations.** Revenues generated in Russia, whose relative share was 9.3% in 2021, have declined steadily since the beginning of the conflict, coming to approximately Eu30.6mn in 2024 (of which Eu15.0mn retail business and Eu15.6mn wholesale), corresponding to 2.4% of total revenues. 9M25 revenues from Russia came to Eu14.8mn, or 1.4% of the total, down 41% YoY. The company added that, after a review of the export documentation for shipments destined for Russia and also taking into account the outcome of inspections carried out by the Italian customs authority, no violations of EU restrictions have been found with regard to the products shipped.

■ **Upgrade to OUTPERFORM; target from Eu113.0 to Eu105.0.** I have followed the stock for many years and have had the opportunity to get to know Brunello Cucinelli, his family and the company's management team personally. As an analyst, I find their achievements in steering the brand's development and establishing and maintaining its positioning in the most exclusive market segment, all while remaining faithful to a concept of sustainability based on an ability to create close, trusting relationships with clients, employees, artisanal suppliers and local communities, to be truly exceptional. I maintain this view today. The doubts raised by Morpheus on the company's operations in Russia, in our view the only original point of any relevance raised in the report, represent a risk that could continue to create volatility on the stock in the coming weeks, but the details provided in the company's response seem convincing, as underlined by the fact that revenues from Russia have fallen continuously and now represent less than 1% of the total. Despite cutting our target price from Eu113 to Eu105 to factor in the sector de-rating, we are raising our recommendation to OUTPERFORM.

| Key Figures & Ratios   | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
|------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sales (Eu mn)          | 1,139 | 1,279 | 1,408 | 1,552 | 1,709 |
| EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)     | 326   | 365   | 403   | 444   | 492   |
| Net Profit Adj (Eu mn) | 109   | 119   | 134   | 152   | 172   |
| EPS New Adj (Eu)       | 1.598 | 1.757 | 1.976 | 2.231 | 2.530 |
| EPS Old Adj (Eu)       | 1.598 | 1.757 | 1.975 | 2.234 | 2.535 |
| DPS (Eu)               | 0.910 | 0.940 | 0.988 | 1.116 | 1.265 |
| EV/EBITDA Adj          | 16.4  | 17.8  | 15.8  | 14.4  | 13.0  |
| EV/EBIT Adj            | 28.5  | 30.7  | 27.1  | 24.4  | 22.0  |
| P/E Adj                | 57.0  | 51.8  | 46.1  | 40.8  | 36.0  |
| Div. Yield             | 1.0%  | 1.0%  | 1.1%  | 1.2%  | 1.4%  |
| Net Debt/EBITDA Adj    | 1.7   | 2.1   | 2.2   | 2.0   | 1.9   |

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|---------------|--------|
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|               |        |
|---------------|--------|
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