

DIASORIN

Sector: Consumers

NEUTRAL

Price: Eu85.70 - Target: Eu103.00

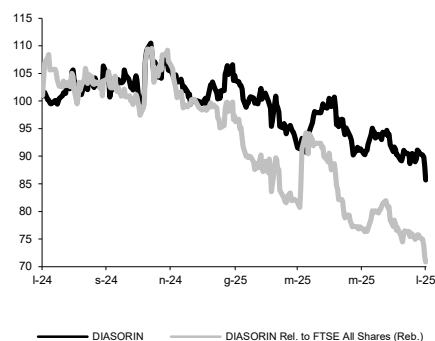
Molecular in Transition, LTG Headwinds Ahead, 4Q Make or Break

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Stock Rating			
Rating:	Unchanged		
Target Price (Eu):	from 111.00 to 103.00		
	2025E	2026E	2027E
Chg in Adj EPS	-1.5%	-2.0%	-3.6%

Next Event
3Q25 Results Out 5 November

DIASORIN - 12M Performance



Stock Data			
Reuters code:	DIAS.MI		
Bloomberg code:	DIA IM		
Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	-5.7%	-14.7%	-15.1%
Relative	-8.6%	-23.7%	-36.1%
12M (H/L)	110.50/85.70		
3M Average Volume (th):	152.28		

Shareholder Data	
No. of Ord shares (mn):	56
Total no. of shares (mn):	56
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	4,791
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	4,791
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	2,026
Mkt Float (in %):	42.3%
Main Shareholder:	
FINDE SS (G. Denegri)	45.0%

Balance Sheet Data	
Book Value (Eu mn):	1,834
BVPS (Eu):	19.39
P/BV:	4.4
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-544
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	5,339

Despite a solid set of results, our impression is that the company remains in a transition phase. Margin guidance (~34%) was reiterated despite a strong 2Q, reflecting expected OpEx phasing in 2H. MolecularDX growth in 1H slowed mainly due to the discontinuation of the ARIES platform (+8% ex-ARIES). Management now expects full-year growth just above 8%, down from earlier hints of >8%, or even 10-11%. 4Q will be the key test for achieving the 25% multiplexing growth target, driven by the flu season and full PLEX availability on both blood and respiratory panels. In contrast, 3Q is expected to be softer for both PLEX and the Life Science segment.

■ **2Q25 results.** The 2Q top line came to €306mn (our exp. €307mn), up 5% (6% at CER), slightly behind the 7% growth reported in 1Q, but, overall, in line with the FY guidance (+7% at CER, +8% ex-COVID). Within the mix: **ImmunoDX** (€215mn, vs €213mn exp.), up 5% at CER (FY target: ~8%), still benefiting from the continued success of the US Hospital Strategy and the increased CLIA specialty test sales in Europe, offsetting the impact of VBP in China and tougher comps (virus outbreaks in Europe in 2Q24). **MolecularDX** (€47mn, vs €50mn exp.) posted a tougher-than-expected sequential slowdown (at CER, 2Q: +1% vs. 1Q: +7%; 1H: +4%), mainly due to the discontinuation of ARIES and the absence of outbreaks of certain infectious diseases, which had positively contributed to sales volumes in the prior year. **LTG** (€42mn, in line) was up 7% (1H: +10%), mainly due to favourable scheduling of some important orders, while FY guidance (+2-3% growth) implies softness expected in coming quarters. On the positive side, the 2Q margin improved to 35% (almost 36% at CER; FY guidance c.34%), driven by a favourable product mix and contained growth in OpEx. Reported figures and FCF were weaker, impacted by €9mn in one-offs from the closure of the Dietzenbach plant. This initiative targets €7mn in annual savings by end-2026, with up to €15mn in related one-off costs in 2025-26.

■ **Updated estimates.** For FY25, we trim our growth assumptions on MolecularDX (from 10% to 8%) and LTG (from 3.5% to 2%), while keeping margins unchanged and raising the tax rate to ~25%, resulting in a 2% EPS cut.

■ **NEUTRAL confirmed; new target €103 (from €111).** We remain NEUTRAL on the name, as we do not expect any short-term upside to the current guidance and we would prefer to see an effective acceleration in MolecularDX growth before turning more constructive on the name. While 4Q will be more pivotal for 2025, with key developments expected on PLEX and MeMed, 2026 is likely to be the true "PLEX year", when the platform reaches full functionality and adoption occurs across the 3 panels (respiratory, blood, GI). Based on our estimates, the stock is trading at 21x P/E'25 (slightly below the sector), which we deem fair given its high single-digit revenue growth and low-teen earnings CAGR profile. In addition, our mid-term estimates are in line with the top-line guidance; however, we project margins below the company's range for 2027, which we consider ambitious given DiaSorin's already attractive margin profile compared to peers. Potential upside risks include acceleration in key strategic initiatives (PLEX and MeMed) and M&A activity targeting adjacent segments with complementary technologies.

Key Figures & Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales (Eu mn)	1,148	1,185	1,226	1,318	1,427
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	375	393	418	472	513
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	224	236	233	268	297
EPS New Adj (Eu)	4.004	4.211	4.166	4.782	5.306
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	4.004	4.211	4.228	4.879	5.502
DPS (Eu)	1.150	1.200	1.250	1.300	1.350
EV/EBITDA Adj	16.8	15.5	12.8	10.9	9.6
EV/EBIT Adj	22.3	20.1	16.3	13.8	12.0
P/E Adj	21.4	20.4	20.6	17.9	16.2
Div. Yield	1.3%	1.4%	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	2.1	1.6	1.3	0.7	0.2

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