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NEUTRAL

Sector: Energy

Price: Eu16.72 - Target: Eu17.00

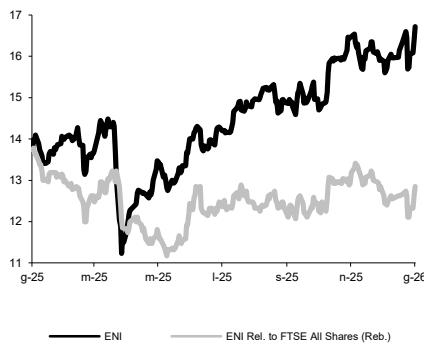
Focus on Capital Discipline

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Stock Rating			
Rating:	Unchanged		
Target Price (Eu):	from 16.50 to 17.00		
2025E	2026E	2027E	
Chg in Adj EPS	-5.3%	-11.6%	-1.6%

Next Event

4Q25 results out on 26 February

ENI - 12M Performance


Stock Data			
Reuters code:	ENI.MI		
Bloomberg code:	ENI IM		
Performance	1M	3M	
Absolute	4.9%	13.7%	21.7%
Relative	0.0%	5.2%	-8.5%
12M (H/L)		16.72/11.23	
3M Average Volume (th):		10,188.99	

Shareholder Data	
No. of Ord shares (mn):	3,684
Total no. of shares (mn):	3,622
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	61,596
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	61,596
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	38,621
Mkt Float (in %):	62.7%
Main Shareholder:	
Government	33.3%

Balance Sheet Data	
Book Value (Eu mn):	48,559
BVPS (Eu):	14.78
P/BV:	1.1
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-13,320
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	72,303

In 2025 ENI was the best performer among European Integrated Oils, thanks to better-than-expected results and very solid cash generation, partly supported by the proceeds from M&A. Entering 2026, with the likelihood of further pressure on energy prices, capital discipline will be central to the strategies of Oil Majors, with priority given to balance sheet strength and distributions to shareholders. While we see no risks to ENI's dividend sustainability, we expect a lower buyback (Eu1.0bn vs. Eu1.8bn in 2025), reflecting a potential deceleration in earnings momentum. TP raised slightly to Eu17.0ps.

■ **Strong share price performance in 2025 despite weaker oil prices.** Thanks to the increasing weight of the gas portfolio within the Upstream segment and the growing contribution from new energy transition-related businesses, ENI has gradually reduced its sensitivity to oil prices over the past three years. This strategy, based on the satellite business model, has been well received by the market, particularly last year, with the stock posting a 23% increase, the best performance among European Integrated Oils, in a context of crude oil prices that remained under persistent pressure.

■ **Potential further pressure on oil and gas prices.** After declining by around 15% in 2025, crude oil prices are expected to remain under pressure in 2026, with the continued easing of voluntary OPEC+ cuts and accelerating non-OPEC supply growth among the factors that could lead to oversupply. Weak oil fundamentals are expected to intensify in 1H26, while operators anticipate an improvement in conditions in the second half.

■ **Focus on capital discipline.** In the face of potentially declining energy prices, capital discipline will be central to the strategies of Big Oil companies in 2026, with priority given to balance sheet strength and distributions to shareholders. Beyond the potential drop in commodity prices, tariff-related cost inflation and supply-chain disruptions could put additional pressure on capital allocation decisions, forcing companies to reassess investment priorities.

■ **4Q25 results preview** (results due on 26 February). We have revised our 4Q25 estimates downwards, primarily to reflect slightly lower oil and gas prices and weaker chemicals margins. We expect sequentially lower figures, with proforma EBIT projected at Eu2,449mn (-18% QoQ, -9% YoY), adj. EBIT at Eu1,601mn (-23% QoQ, -5% YoY) and adj. net income at Eu804mn (-36% QoQ, -10% YoY). Moving to the balance sheet, net debt is expected to have closed at Eu14.5bn (D/E 0.28x, 0.17x pre IFRS16).

■ **Updated estimates and valuation.** In addition to a mark-to-market of oil and gas prices for 4Q25, we are updating our macro assumptions for 2026 and the following years. We are lowering our Brent assumptions for 2026 to US\$62.5/bl from US\$67.5/bl, while confirming our US\$65/bl forecast for 2027 onwards. In addition, we are reducing gas prices, with 2026-27-28 PSV at Eu30.0-27.5-25.0/MWh, from Eu35.0-30.0-30.0/MWh. We are also trimming gas trading and chemicals margins, while slightly increasing Plenitude & Power, to reflect the recent M&A deals (acquisition of Neoen renewables portfolio in France and Acea Energia) and higher spark spreads. All these translate into a 5% cut to adj. net income for 2025, -12% for 2026 and -2% from 2027-28. TP raised slightly to Eu17.0ps from Eu16.50ps, still based on DCF, SOP and market multiples.

Key Figures & Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales (Eu mn)	93,717	88,852	85,408	82,935	84,587
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	21,415	18,231	15,995	15,866	17,445
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	8,298	5,264	4,597	4,141	4,855
EPS New Adj (Eu)	2.458	1.603	1.400	1.261	1.478
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	2.458	1.603	1.477	1.427	1.502
DPS (Eu)	0.940	1.000	1.050	1.080	1.110
EV/EBITDA Adj	3.1	3.8	4.1	4.6	4.1
EV/EBIT Adj	4.9	6.7	8.0	9.5	8.1
P/E Adj	6.8	10.4	11.9	13.3	11.3
Div. Yield	5.6%	6.0%	6.3%	6.5%	6.6%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	0.8	1.0	0.9	0.8	0.7

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