

FILA

Sector: Consumers

NEUTRAL

Price: Eu8.94 - Target: Eu10.80

Return to Organic Growth in FY26 After Two Tough Years

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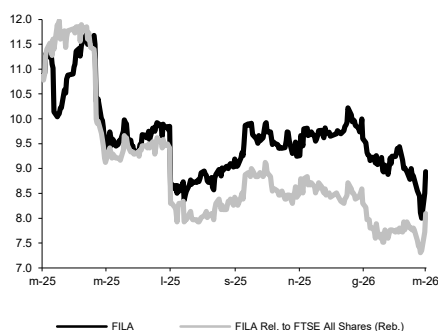
Stock Rating

Rating:	Unchanged		
Target Price (Eu):	Unchanged		
	2026E	2027E	2028E
Chg in Adj EPS	-6.2%	-7.2%	

Next Event

1Q26 Results Out on May 14

FILA - 12M Performance



Stock Data

Reuters code:	FILA.MI		
Bloomberg code:	FILA IM		
Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	-3.9%	-7.4%	-17.7%
Relative	3.7%	-3.8%	-28.3%
12M (H/L)	11.70/8.00		
3M Average Volume (th):	184.77		

Shareholder Data

No. of Ord shares (mn):	51
Total no. of shares (mn):	51
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	455
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	455
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	224
Mkt Float (in %):	49.3%
Main Shareholder:	
Pencil	37.8%

Balance Sheet Data

Book Value (Eu mn):	605
BVPS (Eu):	11.95
P/BV:	0.7
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-218
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	534

FY25 results showed FILA's ability to preserve profitability despite a challenging environment, which drove a high single-digit drop in revenues, hit by cuts to school incentives, tariffs and USD weakness in the key US market, still the main driver of both revenues and profitability. Early indications for 2026 point to a return to organic growth and cash generation in line with historical levels (c.10% FCF yield on FY26). Pending clearer signs of a top line recovery, we remain NEUTRAL on the stock.

- **FY results in line with estimates, margins and FCF as expected, hit by negative ForEx and duties.** 4Q/FY25 results were broadly in line with expectations, with both margins and FCF hit by the introduction of tariffs and the weakness of some currencies, especially the dollar and the Mexican peso. Net of tariffs and ForEx effects, FY25 adj. EBITDA would have been down -4.6% (vs. -11%) with FCF at €47mn (vs. €36mn).
- **Solid recovery in Europe, C&S still suffering illegal competition:** net sales came to €111mn in 4Q (-7% YoY) almost flat org. (-1%), in line with our €113mn estimate, driven by i) a gradual recovery in Europe (+5% org.) confirming the positive trend already seen in previous quarters, chiefly in France, ii) a slight decline in NA (-2% org.) albeit improving QoQ, and iii) the negative market stance in C&S (-11% org.) hit by hefty illegal imports.
- **FY26 guidance points at positive organic growth and FCF in the €45-50mn range.** As usual, FILA has announced guidance for the current year, with double-digit growth expected (positive organic growth along with the consolidation of Seven) and FCF expected in the €40-50mn range, based on an €/USD assumption of 1.15. During the call management highlighted that trading in Mexico has normalised in 1Q26 after disruption from significant illegal imports up to November 2025. For Seven, unlike FILA, a weaker dollar could support profitability, with the usual seasonality of a softer 1Q followed by a stronger performance in 2Q and 3Q. In North America, FY26 is expected to mark a return to more controlled growth. In the UK, FILA will move toward a more centralised approach with a stronger focus on cash generation and profitability; in this context, pressure from reduced school budgets and sharp wage increases is leading to a gradual shift of production towards Europe. On the financial side, WC is expected to absorb around €10mn due to higher inventories in FY26, with CapEx guided at around €20mn. Overall, consensus EBITDA pre-IFRS16 of €110mn is considered reasonable by management.
- **Estimates broadly unchanged, minor adjustments at the lower end of the P&L and FCF.** The top line and profitability remain in line with guidance, while we are now factoring in slightly lower income from associates. We are cutting FCF by ~8% to align with the mid-point of guidance and factor in higher WC needs. We are also fully reflecting the impact of the Seven acquisition on net debt, having previously only included the FY26 cash-out.
- **NEUTRAL confirmed; target still €10.8.** We reiterate our NEUTRAL rating and TP at €10.80, still considering the 26% stake in DOMS at book value, assuming the industrial rationale will prevail over purely financial considerations. Our view aligns with FILA's strategy of addressing the entry-level market in Europe through DOMS first, then following suit in the US. This strategy is further reinforced by the recent acquisition and the long-term potential of the Indian market, which management expects to become Seven's main revenue contributor in 5-7 years given its rapid growth trajectory.

Key Figures & Ratios	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
Sales (Eu mn)	613	572	668	682	691
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	118	105	122	124	127
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	41	33	43	44	46
EPS New Adj (Eu)	0.802	0.647	0.848	0.872	0.900
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	0.802	0.672	0.904	0.939	
DPS (Eu)	0.800	0.239	0.297	0.305	0.315
EV/EBITDA Adj	4.3	5.2	4.4	4.0	3.7
EV/EBIT Adj	6.1	7.9	6.5	6.0	5.5
P/E Adj	11.1	13.8	10.5	10.3	9.9
Div. Yield	8.9%	2.7%	3.3%	3.4%	3.5%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	1.5	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.2

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