

INTESA S.PAOLO

Sector: Banks

OUTPERFORM

Price: Eu5.43 - Target: Eu6.40

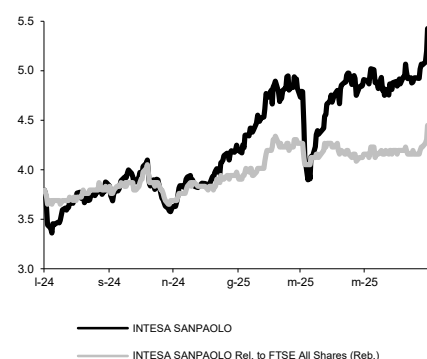
Success in Every Scenario

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Stock Rating

Rating:	Unchanged		
Target Price (Eu):	from 5.80 to 6.40		
	2025E	2026E	2027E
Chg in Adj EPS	3.1%	3.9%	3.1%

INTESA S.PAOLO - 12M Performance



Stock Data

Reuters code:	ISP.MI		
Bloomberg code:	ISP IM		
Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	10.9%	15.9%	42.9%
Relative	6.4%	5.2%	20.6%
12M (H/L)	5.43/3.36		
3M Average Volume (th):	54,218.20		

Shareholder Data

No. of Ord shares (mn):	17,435
Total no. of shares (mn):	17,435
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	94,603
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	94,603
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	79,508
Mkt Float (in %):	84.0%
Main Shareholder:	
Compagnia San Paolo	6.1%

Balance Sheet Data

Tangible Equity (Eu mn):	56,063
TEPS (Eu):	3.22
CET1 Ratio Fully Loaded:	12.9%
Gross NPE Ratio:	2.3%

Yesterday ISP published its 2Q25 results, which came in above estimates and consensus due to strong operating trends, namely rising NII, flattish fees and robust trading results. FY25 guidance has been improved to “Net profit well above €9bn including managerial actions”, which embeds one-off impacts to be booked in 4Q25, from “Net Profit well above €9bn.

Within our coverage, ISP is the best positioned bank to cope with every scenario due to its combination of resilient NII and the large share of revenues (43-44%) that come from fees, given its presence in AM, WM and Bancassurance. On top of that, we highlight the significant remuneration that ISP, with its ~8% dividend yield, offers shareholders. For these reasons, we stick to our positive recommendation, and, following the changes to estimates, we raise our target price to €6.40 per share.

■ **2Q25 results.** Intesa Sanpaolo’s 2Q25 beat both our forecasts and consensus on the back of strong operating trends. Revenue rose 3% QoQ, with NII benefitting from the securities book and loan-volume growth, fees proving resilient despite market volatility, and strong trading income. Operating expenses edged up as anticipated, yet the cost/income ratio still improved to 38.1%, lifting operating profit to ~€4.3bn. Lower-than-expected CoR reflected the bank’s solid asset quality. Consequently, net profit held at €2.6bn—about 3% above our estimate—and the CET1 ratio increased by 20bps QoQ to 13.5% after dividend accruals.

■ **Guidance and outlook.** FY25 guidance was improved to “Net Profit well above €9bn including managerial actions”, which embeds the impact of one-offs to be booked in 4Q25, further optimizing the bank for the next Business Plan. During the confcall, it also emerged that in the next years there could be a positive 100bp impact on the CET1 ratio from DTAs. The CEO stated that the excess capital (vs. a 12% CET1 ratio target) could be distributable.

■ **Change in estimates.** Following the 2Q25 release, we have marginally lifted our revenue forecast (+0.5%/+0.8%/+0.3%) on stronger NII—helped by steady loan growth, more selective origination, and a “higher-for-longer” trading contribution. OpEx are now -1.1%/-2.6%/-3.2% lower thanks to deeper FTE cuts and reduced D&A, pushing operating profit up by +1.7%/+3.2%/+2.6% and driving the cost/income ratio down to an estimated 38.4% by 2027. Below the line, we have pared back expected LLPs and other charges in light of the bank’s solid asset quality, while factoring in €600mn one-off costs in 4Q25 to underpin future efficiency gains. Excluding that one-off, we now project that adjusted net profit will rise by +3.4%/+4.4%/+3.9% in FY25/26/27, with our model assuming a €2bn annual SBB. Adj. EPS changes may differ due to the SBB assumptions.

■ **Valuation.** We value ISP with a Gordon Growth implied P/TE model, averaging the 2026/27 fair values. Given the changes in our estimates and the 50bp reduction in the Intermonte ERP, we raise our target price to €6.40 and keep our positive recommendation thanks to ISP’s outlook for resilient earnings, OpEx efficiency and significant shareholder remuneration. The stock is trading at 1.69/1.62/1.55x FY25/26/27 TE, while at target it would trade at 1.99/1.90/1.81x.

Key Figures & Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Total income (Eu mn)	25,138	27,107	27,360	27,898	28,276
Net Operating Profit (Eu mn)	13,809	15,537	16,156	16,937	17,419
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	8,370	9,351	10,237	10,685	10,977
EPS New Adj (Eu)	0.458	0.525	0.587	0.626	0.657
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	0.458	0.525	0.569	0.602	0.637
DPS (Eu)	0.296	0.341	0.390	0.435	0.456
P/E Adj	11.9	10.3	9.2	8.7	8.3
Div. Yield	5.5%	6.3%	7.2%	8.0%	8.4%
P/TE	1.82	1.74	1.69	1.62	1.55
ROTE	15.3%	16.9%	18.3%	18.7%	18.8%

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OUTPERFORM:	38.06%
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UNDERPERFORM:	00.00%
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