

# INTERPUMP

Sector: Industrials

# OUTPERFORM

Price: Eu51.85 - Target: Eu57.00

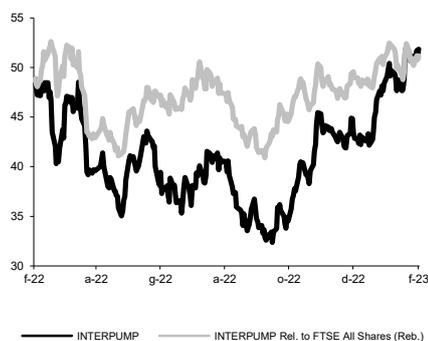
## Outstanding Delivery Again, 2023 Seen Up 5% Organically

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### Stock Rating

Rating:	Unchanged		
Target Price (Eu):	from 55.80 to 57.00		
	2023E	2024E	2025E
Chg in Adj EPS	2.0%	0.6%	

### INTERPUMP - 12M Performance



### Stock Data

Reuters code:	ITPG.MI		
Bloomberg code:	IP IM		
<b>Performance</b>	<b>1M</b>	<b>3M</b>	<b>12M</b>
Absolute	7.2%	17.1%	6.4%
Relative	0.5%	5.7%	5.0%
12M (H/L)	52.10/32.38		
3M Average Volume (th):	183.16		

### Shareholder Data

No. of Ord shares (mn):	109
Total no. of shares (mn):	109
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	5,645
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	5,645
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	4,245
Mkt Float (in %):	75.2%
Main Shareholder:	
IPG Holding	24.8%

### Balance Sheet Data

Book Value (Eu mn):	1,796
BVPS (Eu):	16.61
P/BV:	3.1
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-374
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	5,917

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■ **Supportive 2023 outlook:** for the current year management expects organic growth to be around 5%, supported by the backlog, which remained consistent with previous months' trends in January. This forecast is ahead of our estimates and consensus, positioned in the low-single-digit area. Furthermore, the company is targeting consolidation of the profitability achieved and an improvement in cash conversion, which was low in 2022 due to the major NWC absorption required to support double-digit top line growth.

■ **2023-2025 outlook:** finally, the company provided some targets for the next three years, where it expects turnover growth of around 25% with an EBITDA margin of c.22% and leverage at between 1x and 1.5x. We highlight that these targets include future M&A transactions not yet known to the market, so are not really comparable with our estimates or consensus. In any case, we appreciate management's ongoing commitment to grow the business further, continuing on the trajectory of recent years. We remind that the company comfortably beat the previous plan's targets, despite the major disruption from the pandemic.

■ **Updated estimates in line with guidance:** we are lifting our estimates in accordance with the freshly-announced guidance, now forecasting organic 2023 top line growth of 5% with the EBITDA margin basically at the same level as 2022. Below the line, the increase in EBITDA is partially offset by higher net financial charges, so we are lifting EPS by 1.3% on average for 2023/24.

■ **OUTPERFORM reaffirmed; target from Eu55.8 to Eu57.0.** Despite the recent rally, we continue to appreciate IP as we believe the estimates trend will remain supportive in the short term, with possible upside coming from the M&A campaign, which we would expect to resume in 2023 after 2022 was more dedicated to the consolidation of past acquisitions. We are raising our target price to Eu57.0 as a result of higher operating estimates. At target, the stock would trade at 20x 2024 P/E and offer a ~5% FCF yield.

Key Figures & Ratios	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales (Eu mn)	1,604	2,078	2,203	2,299	2,391
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	380	492	517	542	565
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	216	270	288	312	334
EPS New Adj (Eu)	1.987	2.478	2.646	2.863	3.071
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	1.987	2.540	2.594	2.846	
DPS (Eu)	0.280	0.300	0.320	0.340	0.340
EV/EBITDA Adj	15.6	10.5	11.4	10.5	9.5
EV/EBIT Adj	20.0	13.5	14.2	12.8	11.6
P/E Adj	26.1	20.9	19.6	18.1	16.9
Div. Yield	0.5%	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.2	-0.3

<b>INTERPUMP – Key Figures</b>						
<b>Profit &amp; Loss (Eu mn)</b>	<b>2020A</b>	<b>2021A</b>	<b>2022A</b>	<b>2023E</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2025E</b>
Sales	1,294	1,604	2,078	2,203	2,299	2,391
EBITDA	294	380	492	517	542	565
EBIT	208	295	384	417	441	464
Financial Income (charges)	-5	-20	-16	-23	-15	-7
Associates & Others	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax Profit	203	276	369	394	426	457
Taxes	-29	-77	-99	-102	-111	-119
Tax rate	14.5%	28.0%	26.9%	26.0%	26.0%	26.0%
Minorities & Discontinued Operations	-2	-3	-3	-3	-4	-4
Net Profit	171	196	266	288	312	334
EBITDA Adj	294	380	492	517	542	565
EBIT Adj	208	295	384	417	441	464
Net Profit Adj	149	216	270	288	312	334
<b>Per Share Data (Eu)</b>	<b>2020A</b>	<b>2021A</b>	<b>2022A</b>	<b>2023E</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2025E</b>
Total Shares Outstanding (mn) - Average	109	109	109	109	109	109
Total Shares Outstanding (mn) - Year End	109	109	109	109	109	109
EPS f.d	1.570	1.800	2.446	2.646	2.863	3.071
EPS Adj f.d	1.371	1.987	2.478	2.646	2.863	3.071
BVPS f.d	10.466	12.200	14.267	16.613	19.156	21.887
Dividend per Share ORD	0.260	0.280	0.300	0.320	0.340	0.340
Dividend per Share SAV	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Dividend Payout Ratio (%)	18.2%	13.1%	11.3%	11.3%	11.2%	11.1%
<b>Cash Flow (Eu mn)</b>	<b>2020A</b>	<b>2021A</b>	<b>2022A</b>	<b>2023E</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2025E</b>
Gross Cash Flow	237	277	327	303		
Change in NWC	85	-60	-222	-17	-15	-12
Capital Expenditure	-61	-109	-133	-108	-110	-110
Other Cash Items	0	0	0	0	0	0
Free Cash Flow (FCF)	281	129	50	263	287	314
Acquisitions, Divestments & Other Items	-161	-341	-51	0	0	0
Dividends	-27	-28	-30	-33	-35	-37
Equity Financing/Buy-back	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Net Financial Position	93	-241	-32	231	252	277
<b>Balance Sheet (Eu mn)</b>	<b>2020A</b>	<b>2021A</b>	<b>2022A</b>	<b>2023E</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2025E</b>
Total Fixed Assets	1,071	1,428	1,501	1,509	1,519	1,527
Net Working Capital	379	490	712	729	744	755
Long term Liabilities	21	-17	-55	-55	-55	-55
Net Capital Employed	1,472	1,901	2,158	2,183	2,207	2,228
Net Cash (Debt)	-332	-573	-605	-374	-122	156
Group Equity	1,140	1,328	1,553	1,809	2,086	2,383
Minorities	10	11	13	13	13	13
Net Equity	1,129	1,317	1,541	1,796	2,073	2,371
<b>Enterprise Value (Eu mn)</b>	<b>2020A</b>	<b>2021A</b>	<b>2022A</b>	<b>2023E</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2025E</b>
Average Mkt Cap	3,153	5,446	4,685	5,645	5,645	5,645
Adjustments (Associate & Minorities)	103	103	103	103	103	103
Net Cash (Debt)	-332	-573	-605	-374	-122	156
Enterprise Value	3,382	5,916	5,187	5,917	5,664	5,387
<b>Ratios (%)</b>	<b>2020A</b>	<b>2021A</b>	<b>2022A</b>	<b>2023E</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2025E</b>
EBITDA Adj Margin	22.7%	23.7%	23.7%	23.5%	23.6%	23.6%
EBIT Adj Margin	16.0%	18.4%	18.5%	18.9%	19.2%	19.4%
Gearing - Debt/Equity	29.2%	43.1%	38.9%	20.7%	5.8%	-6.5%
Interest Cover on EBIT	40.0	14.9	24.7	17.9	28.7	69.8
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	1.1	1.5	1.2	0.7	0.2	-0.3
ROACE*	14.1%	17.5%	18.9%	19.2%	20.1%	20.9%
ROE*	13.7%	17.7%	18.9%	17.3%	16.1%	15.1%
EV/CE	2.3	3.5	2.6	2.7	2.6	2.4
EV/Sales	2.6	3.7	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.3
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EV/EBIT Adj	16.3	20.0	13.5	14.2	12.8	11.6
Free Cash Flow Yield	5.1%	2.3%	0.9%	4.7%	5.2%	5.7%
<b>Growth Rates (%)</b>	<b>2020A</b>	<b>2021A</b>	<b>2022A</b>	<b>2023E</b>	<b>2024E</b>	<b>2025E</b>
Sales	-5.4%	23.9%	29.5%	6.0%	4.4%	4.0%
EBITDA Adj	-7.5%	29.1%	29.6%	5.0%	4.8%	4.3%
EBIT Adj	-16.0%	42.2%	30.0%	8.5%	5.8%	5.1%
Net Profit Adj	-4.6%	14.6%	35.9%	8.2%	8.2%	7.3%
EPS Adj	-16.7%	44.9%	24.7%	6.8%	8.2%	7.3%
DPS	4.0%	7.7%	7.1%	6.7%	6.3%	0.0%

\*Excluding extraordinary items

Source: Intermonte SIM estimates

## 4Q/FY results

While there was no real surprise on the top line compared to our estimates (Eu533mn, up 14.0% organically), delivery on profitability was again outstanding, with the EBITDA margin expanding by 2pp YoY thanks to the contribution of both divisions, bringing the FY EBITDA margin into line with the record level reached last year (23.7%). Divisionally speaking, Hydraulic continued to show double-digit organic growth in the quarter (+17.8% YoY) coupled with a robust margin expansion (+2.5 pp), while at Water Jetting organic growth was less buoyant (+4.4%), but margin expansion was still solid (+1.5 pp).

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### Quarterly results

	4Q21	4Q22	YoY	4Q22E	A vs. E	2021	2022	YoY	2022E	A vs. E
<b>Group Sales</b>	<b>449.7</b>	<b>533.0</b>	<b>18.5%</b>	<b>533.8</b>	<b>-0.1%</b>	<b>1604.3</b>	<b>2078.0</b>	<b>29.5%</b>	<b>2078.7</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<i>o/w Hydraulic</i>	321.5	393.2	22.3%	388.7	1.1%	1134.1	1541.6	35.9%	1537.2	0.3%
<i>o/w Water Jetting</i>	128.2	139.9	9.1%	145.1	-3.6%	470.1	536.3	14.1%	541.6	-1.0%
<b>Group EBITDA</b>	<b>97.8</b>	<b>127.2</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>117.6</b>	<b>8.1%</b>	<b>379.8</b>	<b>492.3</b>	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>482.8</b>	<b>2.0%</b>
<i>o/w Hydraulic</i>	62.6	86.6	38.4%	78.2	10.8%	246.9	337.4	36.7%	329.0	2.6%
<i>o/w Water Jetting</i>	35.2	40.5	15.1%	39.5	2.7%	132.8	154.9	16.6%	153.8	0.7%
<b>Group margin</b>	<b>21.8%</b>	<b>23.9%</b>		<b>22.0%</b>		<b>23.7%</b>	<b>23.7%</b>		<b>23.2%</b>	
<i>Hydraulic margin</i>	19.5%	22.0%		20.1%		21.8%	21.9%		21.4%	
<i>Water Jetting margin</i>	27.5%	29.0%		27.2%		28.3%	28.9%		28.4%	
D&A/provisions	-25.3	-33.2		-24.2		-84.4	-108.2		-99.2	
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>72.5</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>29.6%</b>	<b>93.4</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>295.4</b>	<b>384.1</b>	<b>30.0%</b>	<b>383.6</b>	<b>0.1%</b>
% margin	16.1%	17.6%		17.5%		18.4%	18.5%		18.5%	
Net fin charges	-14.9	-16.5		-11.7		-19.5	-15.3		-10.5	
<b>PreTax</b>	<b>57.6</b>	<b>77.5</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>81.7</b>	<b>-5.2%</b>	<b>275.8</b>	<b>368.8</b>	<b>33.7%</b>	<b>373.1</b>	<b>-1.1%</b>
Taxes	-37.5	-22.6		-20.4		-77.2	-99.2		-97.0	
Tax rate	-65.0%	-29.2%		-24.9%		-28.0%	-26.9%		-0.3	
Minorities	-0.7	-1.1		-0.9		-2.6	-3.3		-3.0	
<b>Net income</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>53.8</b>	<b>175.6%</b>	<b>60.5</b>	<b>-11.1%</b>	<b>196.0</b>	<b>266.3</b>	<b>35.9%</b>	<b>273.0</b>	<b>-2.5%</b>

Source: Company data & Intermonte SIM Estimates

## 2023 and Outlook to 2025

2023: for the current year management expects organic growth to be around 5%, supported by the backlog, which remained consistent with previous months' trends in January. This forecast is ahead of our estimates and consensus, positioned in the low-single-digit area. Furthermore, the company is targeting consolidation of the profitability achieved and an improvement in cash conversion, which was low in 2022 due to the major NWC absorption required to support double-digit top line growth.

2023-2025: finally, the company provided some targets for the next three years, where it expects turnover growth of around 25% with an EBITDA margin of c.22% and leverage at between 1x and 1.5x. We highlight that these targets include future M&A transactions not yet known to the market, so are not really comparable with our estimates or consensus. In any case, we appreciate management's ongoing commitment to grow the business further, continuing on the trajectory of recent years. We remind that the company comfortably beat the previous plan's targets, despite the major disruption from the pandemic.

### Three years targets

2020-2022	Target	Actual
Revenues	33% growth	51.8%
EBITDA margin	22% including dilution from possible M&A	23.7%
Leverage	Between 1.0x and 1.5x	1.2x
2023-2025	Target	
Revenues	~25% growth	
EBITDA margin	~22% including possible M&A temporary dilution	
Leverage	Between 1.0x and 1.5x	

Source: Company data & Intermonte SIM Estimates

## Change in estimates

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Change in estimates									
(Eu mn)	2023 New	2024 New	2025 New	2023 Old	2024 Old	2025 Old	Change	Change	Change
<b>Revenues</b>	<b>2,202.9</b>	<b>2,299.2</b>	<b>2,391.1</b>	<b>2,172.5</b>	<b>2,267.5</b>	-	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
YoY growth	6.0%	4.4%	4.0%	4.5%	4.4%				
<i>o/w organic</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>	<i>4.0%</i>	<i>3.0%</i>	<i>4.4%</i>				
<i>o/w ForEx</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.5%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>				
<i>o/w M&amp;A</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>	<i>1.0%</i>	<i>0.0%</i>				
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>516.9</b>	<b>541.6</b>	<b>565.1</b>	<b>498.2</b>	<b>528.2</b>	-	<b>3.8%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
% margin	23.5%	23.6%	23.6%	22.9%	23.3%				
D&A & provisions	-100.0	-100.5	-101.5	-96.0	-96.5				
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>416.9</b>	<b>441.1</b>	<b>463.6</b>	<b>402.2</b>	<b>431.7</b>	-	<b>3.7%</b>	<b>2.2%</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
% margin	18.9%	19.2%	19.4%	18.5%	19.0%				
Financial Charges	-23.1	-15.1	-6.4	-16.5	-8.5				
<b>Pretax</b>	<b>393.8</b>	<b>426.0</b>	<b>457.2</b>	<b>385.7</b>	<b>423.2</b>	-	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>0.7%</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
Taxes	-102.4	-110.8	-118.9	-100.3	-110.0				
<i>Tax rate</i>	<i>-26.0%</i>	<i>-26.0%</i>	<i>-26.0%</i>	<i>-26.0%</i>	<i>-26.0%</i>				
Minorities	-3.3	-3.6	-3.9	-3.0	-3.3				
Net Profit	288.1	311.7	334.4	282.4	309.8				
<b>Net profit adj</b>	<b>288.1</b>	<b>311.7</b>	<b>334.4</b>	<b>282.4</b>	<b>309.8</b>	-	<b>2.0%</b>	<b>0.6%</b>	<b>n.a.</b>
<b>NFP (including put options)</b>	<b>-374.1</b>	<b>-121.7</b>	<b>155.5</b>	<b>-368.0</b>	<b>-113.9</b>	-	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>6.9%</b>	<b>n.a.</b>

Source: Intermonte SIM

## Feedback from the conference call

Main hints from the conference call; the focus was mainly on clarifications on 2023 and medium-term guidance:

- **2023 revenues outlook:** management expects organic growth to be around (“at least” was mentioned on one occasion) 5%, with visibility on the target being supported by an ongoing strong order intake in almost all applications and geographical areas (with only China lagging behind). At the end of January the order backlog was ~20% higher than at the same time last year.
- **2023 profitability outlook:** the aim is to consolidate and protect the margins achieved in 2022 (23.7% EBITDA margin).
- **2023 cash generation outlook:** in 2023 the aim is to improve cash conversion compared to 2022. This should be achievable as the current stock level is considered adequate to support revenue growth in 2022 and therefore NWC absorption should revert to more normal levels. Moreover, after two years of important investments, CapEx should revert to the usual 4%/5% of sales in 2023 (>6% in 2021 and 2022).
- **2023-2025 targets:** includes the company’s usual cautious approach. The aim is to overdeliver on the numbers provided to the market.
- **Selling prices:** in general, the company will take a fair approach with clients, so if the cost environment improves significantly it is prepared to pass part of the benefit on to clients, they will not have an opportunistic approach with them. As things stand, management does not expect any significant price variation in 2023 compared to 2022.
- **White Drive Integration:** in 4Q22 the EBITDA margin reached the 21% threshold, demonstrating IP’s ability to rapidly integrate major acquisitions. The 2023 target is to consolidate and further improve profitability (ongoing focus on reorganisation of US and EU activities). From a medium-term perspective the target is to bring the margin in line with group levels, i.e. higher than in the rest of the Hydraulic division.
- **M&A:** prepared to evaluate and address acquisitions that are larger/more complicated than their usual targets. Many dossiers on the table. Strategy remains unchanged.
- **Buyback:** generally speaking management sees no reason not to resume the buyback after the annual shareholders’ meeting. This will also depend on opportunities for M&A.

DETAILS ON STOCKS RECOMMENDATION			
Stock NAME	INTERPUMP		
Current Recomm:	OUTPERFORM	Previous Recomm:	OUTPERFORM
Current Target (Eu):	57.00	Previous Target (Eu):	55.80
Current Price (Eu):	51.85	Previous Price (Eu):	51.50
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