

# INWIT

Sector: Telecoms

# NEUTRAL

Price: Eu6.38 - Target: Eu6.50

## Perfect Storm: JV Disruption, Guidance Cuts, Litigation Risk

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### Stock Rating

Rating: Unchanged

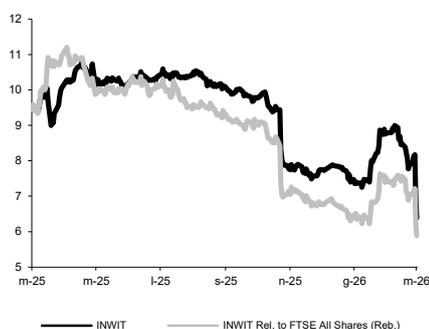
Target Price (Eu): Unchanged

	2025E	2026E	2027E
Chg in Adj EPS	0.0%	-17.4%	-16.5%

### Next Event

FY25 Results Out 2 April 2026

### INWIT - 12M Performance



### Stock Data

Reuters code: INWT.MI

Bloomberg code: INW IM

Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	-27.4%	-17.7%	-32.3%
Relative	-18.9%	-12.6%	-40.9%
12M (H/L)	10.77/6.38		
3M Average Volume (th):	4,628.88		

### Shareholder Data

No. of Ord shares (mn): 932

Total no. of shares (mn): 894

Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn): 5,945

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Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn): 1,873

Mkt Float (in %): 31.5%

Main Shareholder:

Vantage Towers 37.6%

### Balance Sheet Data

Book Value (Eu mn): 3,163

BVPS (Eu): 3.54

P/BV: 1.8

Net Financial Position (Eu mn): -5,333

Enterprise Value (Eu mn): 11,035

Last week, TIM and FWB announced joint plans to deploy 6k additional tower sites, a bold move that has really flipped the script. INWIT argues the new JV conflicts with existing MSAs and further darkens an already-gloomy picture for anchors' discretionary investments. As a result, the company has significantly cut 2026 guidance (RLFCF -13% at mid-point) and its long-term outlook, anticipating possible future negative effects. Attempts to terminate MSA contracts now appear increasingly likely, potentially leading to prolonged litigation and pressure on long-term value. Against this backdrop, the stock risks remaining uninvestable despite the sharp sell-off; we maintain our NEUTRAL rating.

■ **TIM/Fastweb JV.** TIM and Fastweb (FWB) signed a non-binding deal to develop up to 6k new towers via a 50/50 JV, with potential third-party investors to join later. The sites will follow an open-access model, with both operators as anchor tenants under long-term contracts at market rates and scope for additional services. The plan could displace INWIT's targeted 500-800 sites per year (+3.5k over 2024-30, ~1.7k already completed) and, assuming similar economics (~€100k CapEx per site), implies a ~€600mn investment for passive infrastructure alone. INWIT holds a right of first refusal, but uptake will depend on returns, as the JV could run at very low margins - being almost vertically integrated - to secure lower fees, control costs, and ensure visibility for anchors. Despite execution and permitting hurdles, strong incentives - including the 2029 spectrum renewal potentially being tied to upfront investment commitments - support rapid deployment. Ultimately, whether built by INWIT or the JV matters little, as these are incremental sites and TIM and Fastweb already have the necessary in-house capabilities.

■ **Guidance and DPS cut for 2026 and 2030.** Only 5 months after the previous reduction, INWIT again lowered targets. For 2026, guidance now points to revenues of €1.05-1.09bn (~-1% YoY vs. +5% consensus), EBITDA margin at ~90% (from >91%) and EBITDAAL >72% (from ~75%), RLFCF €550-590mn (from €655-675mn), DPS ~€0.55 (vs. €0.60), and leverage ~5.5x (vs. ~5.2x previously). The 2030 outlook was also cut: low single-digit revenue CAGR (vs. ~4% prev.), CapEx ~€200mn p.a. (vs. €240mn), DPS ≥€0.55 (vs. ≥€0.72), and structural leverage 5-6x (vs. ~5x). Such a major downgrade is unusual for a highly contracted business and may reflect a conservative re-baselining of expectations.

■ **Change in estimates:** The new outlook implies a high-teens EPS cut and a low-teens reduction in EFCF in FY26, likely to carry over into subsequent years due to the lower 2026 base, while slower future revenue growth (~1-2% vs. ~4%, ~€20-30mn below previous estimates) is largely offset by a ~€40mn/year reduction in CapEx.

■ **We remain NEUTRAL, new TP €6.50 (from €10).** We are cutting our TP from €10 to €6.50 to reflect the new outlook, also incorporating a 25% reduction in anchor revenues beyond 2038 (upon expiry of the two MSAs), albeit alongside a sharp drop in CapEx. Amid mounting sector headwinds (telco consolidation, lower anchor spending, satellite D2D, RAN sharing), company-specific uncertainty continues to burden the equity story; we therefore maintain our NEUTRAL rating. Although speculation on delisting has recently supported the stock (see last week's rumours on a potential tender offer by Brookfield), any deal is unlikely to happen in the near future given uncertainty on renegotiation and the political nature of the dossier.

Key Figures & Ratios	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E
Sales (Eu mn)	1,036	1,077	1,052	1,076	1,100
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	947	985	948	974	996
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	464	473	407	417	427
EPS New Adj (Eu)	0.494	0.515	0.437	0.448	0.459
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	0.494	0.515	0.529	0.536	0.563
DPS (Eu)	0.735	0.550	0.550	0.550	0.550
EV/EBITDA Adj	15.0	14.1	11.6	11.5	11.5
EV/EBIT Adj	25.4	24.0	20.5	20.0	19.6
P/E Adj	12.9	12.4	14.6	14.2	13.9
Div. Yield	11.5%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%	8.6%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	4.8	5.2	5.6	5.7	5.8

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