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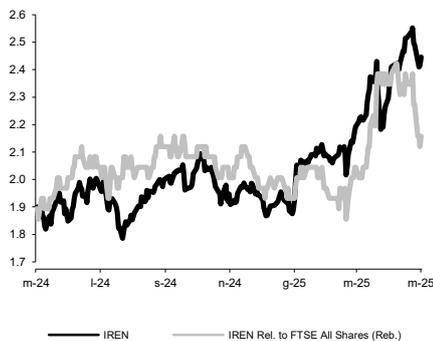
Sector: Utilities

Good Start to the Year

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Stock Rating			
Rating:	Unchanged		
Target Price (Eu):	from 2.60 to 2.70		
	2025E	2026E	2027E
Chg in Adj EPS	0.3%	0.0%	-0.1%

IREN - 12M Performance



Stock Data			
Reuters code:	IREE.MI		
Bloomberg code:	IRE IM		
Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	4.4%	17.1%	29.2%
Relative	-8.3%	10.8%	15.3%
12M (H/L)	2.55/1.78		
3M Average Volume (th):	1,761.11		

Shareholder Data	
No. of Ord shares (mn):	1,301
Total no. of shares (mn):	1,301
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	3,182
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	3,182
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	1,535
Mkt Float (in %):	48.3%
Main Shareholder:	
FSU Genoa	18.9%

Balance Sheet Data	
Book Value (Eu mn):	3,035
BVPS (Eu):	2.70
P/BV:	0.9
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-4,272
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	7,707

- A good set of 1Q25 results.** On the macro front, in 1Q25 both electricity and gas prices rose further QoQ, with European CO₂ prices also up on the previous quarter. On the production side, hydroelectricity fell (-17% YoY), with thermoelectric generation increasing by 17%. In this context, Iren reported a set of results that was slightly better than expected both on the P&L and in terms of cash flow generation, with EBITDA up 9% YoY (+4% excluding the Eu21mn contribution from EGEA) to Eu419mn (+2.6% vs. our estimates), and net profit up 15.5% to Eu136mn (+8% vs. estimates), while in terms of cash generation, net debt closed at Eu3.97bn, on the back of technical investments for Eu185mn, financial investments for Eu532mn, very good working capital management and the issuance of the Eu500mn hybrid bond.
- Divisional performances.** Energy: EBITDA was up 28% YoY, broadly in line with estimates, thanks to higher volumes in thermal power generation and higher capacity market margins, with hydroelectric volumes up 23% YoY; Market EBITDA closed at Eu100mn (flat YoY and 3% above expectations) helped by the contribution of EGEA (Eu10mn) and with profitability now largely normalised; Networks (including Water): EBITDA up 5.8% YoY (+5% vs. our estimates) with increased RAB and a positive impact from the higher deflator, only partly counteracted by the reduction of allowed returns in the energy sectors; Waste: EBITDA was up 4% YoY (in line) thanks to the recovery of costs in the Collection component, greater use of landfills and the contribution from EGEA (Eu1mn), while margins from treatment and WTE were down.
- 2025 guidance confirmed.** Management confirmed FY25 guidance, with EBITDA seen in the Eu1,340-1,360mn range, net profit between Eu300-310mn (new guidance), NFP/EBITDA at 3.2x (implying net debt of c.Eu4.3bn including the Eu500mn hybrid bond), with total investments of Eu1.4bn (o/w Eu0.5bn for M&A).
- Messages from the conference call.** Hedging electricity generation: for 2025, 85% of expected renewable production of 2.2TWh was hedged at Eu105/MWh, with 30% of thermal power output hedged at Eu2-3/MWh. For next year, 50% of renewable production was hedged at Eu105-110/MWh, but there's still no hedging of thermal production, as spark spreads are currently unattractive; Renewable production: in 1Q hydro benefited from a level of extraordinary production thanks to high reservoir levels at the end of 2024. For FY the group expects 1.35TWh production (total renewable production seen at 2.1TWh). Business plan update: to be presented towards the end of the year/early 2026.
- Estimates and target price.** Following results and management indications, we are substantially confirming our estimates while our target moves to Eu2.70 (from Eu2.60) still 50% based on DCF and 50% on (higher) sector multiples.
- OUTPERFORM confirmed, target Eu2.70 (from Eu2.60).** We confirm our positive view on the stock as we believe that in 2025 Iren will benefit from solid operating trends as well as a nice boost to growth from M&A. The stock is still trading at undemanding valuations compared to history (2025E EV/EBITDA of 5.7x vs. LT avg. of 6.4x) and offers an appealing return (5.7% dividend yield). The main risk to our investment case remains stickier-than-expected inflation, driving interest rates up further.

Key Figures & Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales (Eu mn)	6,639	6,045	6,593	6,600	6,738
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	1,197	1,274	1,358	1,424	1,501
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	278	269	312	331	342
EPS New Adj (Eu)	0.214	0.206	0.240	0.255	0.263
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	0.214	0.206	0.239	0.255	0.263
DPS (Eu)	0.119	0.128	0.139	0.150	0.162
EV/EBITDA Adj	5.5	5.3	5.7	5.4	5.2
EV/EBIT Adj	14.1	13.1	13.2	12.5	12.0
P/E Adj	11.4	11.9	10.2	9.6	9.3
Div. Yield	4.9%	5.2%	5.7%	6.1%	6.6%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	3.3	3.2	3.1	3.0	2.9

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