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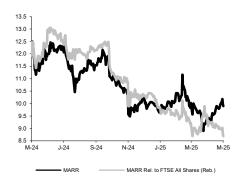
Sector: Consumers Price: Eu9.90 - Target: Eu11.00

Soft 1Q25 Mainly Due to Easter Timing and Start-Up Costs

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Stock Rating			
Rating:			Unchanged
Target Price (Eu):			Unchanged
	2025E	2026E	2027E
Chg in Adj EPS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

MARR - 12M Performance



Stock Data			
Reuters code:			MARR.MI
Bloomberg code:			MARR IM
Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	6.1%	-5.0%	-16.9%
Relative	-6.6%	-11.4%	-30.9%
12M (H/L)		1	2.50/8.90
3M Average Volur	ne (th):		122.82

Shareholder Data	
No. of Ord shares (mn):	67
Total no. of shares (mn):	67
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	659
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	659
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	327
Mkt Float (in %):	49.6%
Main Shareholder:	
Cremonini Spa	50.4%

Balance Sheet Data	
Book Value (Eu mn):	351
BVPS (Eu):	5.28
P/BV:	1.9
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-209
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	868

- 1Q25 hit by lack of Easter volumes. Yesterday MARR released 1Q25 results that fell slightly short of our estimates, with sales at Eu409.2mn -2.1% YoY and c.2% below our estimates. In what is usually a low quarter seasonally, revenues were mainly hit by the different Easter calendar (1Q24 last year, 2Q25 this year) and the related impact on out-of-home consumption. By segment, Street Market (SM) sales were Eu245.1mn, down -4.5% YoY, while National Accounts (NA) were up 3.6% YoY to Eu118.7mn, a performance driven by Canteens rising +10.9% YoY thanks to the recovery in sales in this category that was already underway in 2H24. Chains&Groups, the other segment of National Accounts, came to Eu43.8mn, down c.10% YoY. Wholesale at Eu39.7m -3.8% YoY.
- Profitability fell 40% YoY due to calendar and higher costs. EBITDA came in at Eu9.9mn vs. Eu16.6mn last year, down 41% YoY with the margin down 160bp YoY to 2.4%. On top of lower volumes YoY, profitability was further dented by the costs incurred for the startup of the new facility at Castelnuovo di Porto, which started operating in early April, and higher energy tariffs YoY. EBIT was slightly positive at Eu0.9mn and the bottom line was in the red at Eu-2.7mn.
- NFP up slightly YoY. 2nd phase investments postponed. Net debt ex-IFRS16 was Eu219.8mn at the end of March, up from Eu181.5mn in 1Q24 due mainly to Eu31mn of investments in LTM and Eu39.1mn of dividends distributed in May 2024. Investments were indicated at c.Eu30mn for FY25, lower than before as the second phase of the CapEx plan related to the direct investment for the construction of the Centre-North platform was suspended for at least 12 months (no CapEx recovery in FY26).
- Encouraging indications from current trading. Following the Easter holidays and several long weekends at the end of April, YTD sales trends are rising. The March-April period in particular saw SM and NA growth consistent with management's expectations for the year. During the conference call the CEO hinted at a summer in line with last year based on operators' confidence and no negative signs from bookings so far. On profitability, improvements from the ramp-up of the Castelnuovo centre are expected, but for this year these will be offset by start-up costs and the co-existence of three centres before the Lazio closure. Positive trends expected as early as 1Q26.
- **Estimates unchanged.** We are leaving our estimates unchanged, as we think the recovery in 2Q will put the company back on track to meet our FY expectations. Profitability developments should be monitored closely in 2Q25.
- NEUTRAL; target Eu11 (unch.). We still appreciate the company's business model and management's outstanding track record, highlighting a proven ability to deliver results while dealing with an environment that remains uncertain and challenging, with the company particularly exposed to mixed trends. The current market scenario and underlying trends are normalising and unsupportive, while we should see a gradual reduction in margin risk, even if margins will remain below pre-pandemic levels. In light of the latest announcements on investments and the subsequent timeframe within which the company should recover margins to pre-pandemic levels (~2027, when projects will be in place) we remain cautious for the moment, acknowledging that some of the investments are already coming into effect and should start to contribute to the group's operational efficiency as of next year.

Key Figures & Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales (Eu mn)	2,086	2,098	2,146	2,225	2,317
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	123	120	128	140	158
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	47	43	45	50	61
EPS New Adj (Eu)	0.708	0.642	0.684	0.752	0.914
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	0.708	0.642	0.684	0.752	0.914
DPS (Eu)	0.600	0.600	0.639	0.703	0.855
EV/EBITDA Adj	8.0	7.7	6.8	6.4	5.7
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P/E Adj	14.0	15.4	14.5	13.2	10.8
Div. Yield	6.1%	6.1%	6.5%	7.1%	8.6%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	1.2	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.6

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