

PIRELLI & C

Sector: Industrials

NEUTRAL

Price: Eu5.71 - Target: Eu6.00

Quarter expected to be in line with FY guidance

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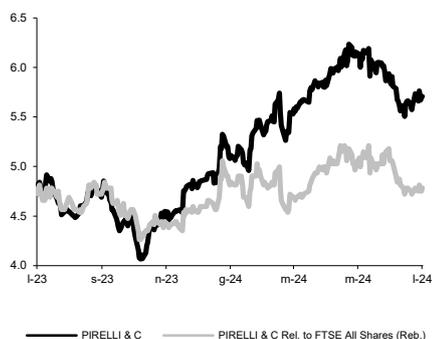
Stock Rating

Rating:	Unchanged		
Target Price (Eu):	Unchanged		
	2024E	2025E	2026E
Chg in Adj EPS	-2.2%	-0.8%	-0.4%

Next Event

 2Q24 Results Out 1st of August

PIRELLI & C - 12M Performance



Stock Data

Reuters code:	PIRC.MI		
Bloomberg code:	PIRC IM		
Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	-2.1%	-1.9%	20.9%
Relative	-5.1%	-3.1%	2.3%
12M (H/L)	6.23/4.07		
3M Average Volume (th):	2,191.91		

Shareholder Data

No. of Ord shares (mn):	1,000
Total no. of shares (mn):	1,000
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	5,706
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	5,706
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	1,562
Mkt Float (in %):	27.4%
Main Shareholder:	
Marco Polo International Italy Srl	37.0%

Balance Sheet Data

Book Value (Eu mn):	5,640
BVPS (Eu):	5.78
P/BV:	1.0
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-1,961
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	7,667

- 2Q24 preview: marginal EBIT growth expected.** We expect 2Q24 results to show slight YoY EBIT growth, with solid growth in HV offsetting weak SV and adverse FX. Revenues are forecast to be €1.72bn, marginally lower YoY (-1%) due to negative FX (-4%), only partly offset by volume and price/mix. Volume growth is seen slightly lower than in 1Q/FY24E (+1% vs +2% in 1Q/FY24E) due to weak SV performance, especially in South America, while HV is seen continuing to grow at a MSD pace. Price/mix seen stable vs 1Q at +2% and consistent with FY guidance, being all mix related with no pricing pressure in RT. Adj. EBIT estimated at €271mn, with margin at 15.7% (+0.2pp YoY), and up +1 % YoY due to efficiencies, price/mix, positive raw mat, and volume growth offset by cost inflation, FX and D&A/R&D/Others. FCF is expected to be slightly higher compared to 2Q23 (€166mn vs €157mn) as a result of lower financial and a non-recurring expenses cash-out. NFP is seen positive at €2.97bn, slightly up vs 1Q as the dividend payment is slightly higher than FCF.
- Guidance expected to be confirmed.** We expect PIRC to confirm its guidance, with management targeting the high end of the revenue range up +2% YoY and the EBIT margin at 15.5% thanks to 1H24 results and an easier comparison in 2H. In particular, 1H should close with almost flat revenues and a 15.6% margin, while in 2H the FX burden should ease and pricing could receive a little help from lower automatic price adjustments with OEMs due to stabilization of raw materials. Although we would consider the indication of the high end of guidance as an encouraging sign, we note that both our own and consensus estimates are already positioned at that level. We note that for FY24 PIRC targets: revenues of €6.7bn (+1% YoY, €±0.1bn), adj. EBIT of €1.02bn (+2% YoY, >15/15.5% margin, €±32mn), net cash flow of €510mn (€±10mn), and net debt of €1.95bn.
- Change in estimates.** We are slightly reducing our 24' EPS forecast by -2% in light of higher non-cash financial charges due to FX devaluation, while we leave our operating and cash flow estimates broadly unchanged.
- NEUTRAL; TP unchanged at €6.0.** We expect PIRC to report solid 2Q24 results, prompting management to point to the high end of the guidance for the year, also thanks to a progressively easier comparison base in 2H. While we appreciate the company's strategy and recent execution, especially in terms of cash generation, we confirm our NEUTRAL rating due to a lack of upside vs. our valuation model. TP confirmed at €6.0 as the inclusion of FY26 figures offsets the ex-dividend effect. In terms of the valuation, the stock is trading at multiples that are in line with the pre-Covid industry average of ~7.5x EV/EBIT.

Key Figures & Ratios	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Sales (Eu mn)	6,616	6,650	6,727	6,932	7,148
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	1,408	1,446	1,491	1,558	1,618
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	557	579	587	639	682
EPS New Adj (Eu)	0.557	0.579	0.587	0.639	0.682
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	0.557	0.579	0.600	0.644	0.685
DPS (Eu)	0.210	0.198	0.243	0.215	0.232
EV/EBITDA Adj	5.0	4.8	5.1	4.7	4.3
EV/EBIT Adj	7.2	6.9	7.3	6.7	6.0
P/E Adj	10.2	9.9	9.7	8.9	8.4
Div. Yield	3.7%	3.5%	4.3%	3.8%	4.1%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	1.8	1.6	1.3	1.1	0.7

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