

SNAM

Sector: Utilities

OUTPERFORM

Price: Eu5.06 - Target: Eu5.50

A Positive Start to the Year

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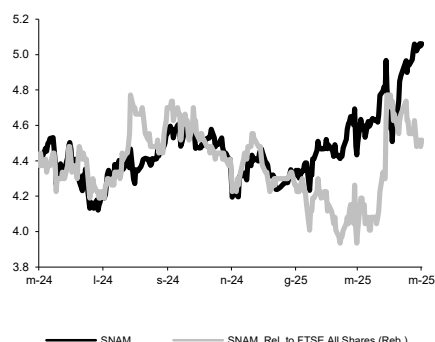
Stock Rating

Rating: Unchanged

Target Price (Eu): from 5.20 to 5.50

	2025E	2026E	2027E
Chg in Adj EPS	4.3%	1.8%	1.8%

SNAM - 12M Performance



Stock Data

Reuters code: SRG.MI

Bloomberg code: SRG IM

Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	10.4%	12.7%	15.8%
Relative	-6.2%	9.3%	4.3%
12M (H/L)			5.06/4.12
3M Average Volume (th):			8,941.82

Shareholder Data

No. of Ord shares (mn):	3,361
Total no. of shares (mn):	3,361
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	17,013
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	17,013
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	11,262
Mkt Float (in %):	66.2%
Main Shareholder:	
Cassa Depositi e Prestiti	30.8%

Balance Sheet Data

Book Value (Eu mn):	9,507
BVPS (Eu):	2.81
P/BV:	1.8
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-18,435
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	32,005

■ **1Q25 bottom line beats forecasts.** Yesterday Snam released 1Q25 operating results that were in line, but with better-than-expected thanks largely to stronger income from associates. In detail, Regulated revenues closed up 9% YoY to Eu870mn, driven by the impact on RAB of CapEx and the investment deflator, and despite the reduction in regulated WACC and a lower contribution from output-based incentives. Importantly, the quarter was affected by ARERA's recalculation of the deflator for 2023 RAB (valid for 2024 tariffs), and the adoption of Italian IPCA for 2024 RAB (valid for 2025 tariffs) which had an overall impact of Eu62mn (Eu52mn relating to 2024). This was accompanied by stable revenues from new businesses. All of this, together with good operating cost control, led to adj. EBITDA of Eu761mn (+8.3% YoY), while below the line a stronger-than-expected contribution from associates (Eu107mn adjusted for the Eu120mn capital gain from the sale of the stake in Adnoc) took adj. net profit to Eu406mn, up 21% YoY. On the cash flow front, net debt closed at Eu16.8bn, up from 4Q24 due mostly to the cash out for Edison Storage and on the back of total CapEx of Eu361bn in the quarter, down 22% YoY due to completion of work at the Ravenna LNG terminal.

■ **2025 guidance now looks conservative.** Management confirmed guidance, indicating EBITDA at Eu2.85bn, adj. net income at Eu1.35bn, net debt at Eu18.4bn including the Adnoc cash-in and Eu2.9bn of CapEx. Considering the application of ARERA resolution 130/2025, 2025 tariff RAB increases from Eu25.8bn to Eu26.2bn. Guidance will be updated by the new BoD with 1H results and will incorporate the impact of resolution 130/2025 (c.Eu90mn in revenues). In terms of associates, management still expects over Eu350mn, or close to Eu370mn including the impact of OGE.

■ **Main messages from the conference call.** Associates: regarding international associates, 1Q25 revenue growth was primarily driven by TAG's performance (new regulatory framework, with the neutralisation of volume risk particularly beneficial) and by the improved performance of SeaCorridor (mainly through cost reductions expected to be partly absorbed over the course of the year); 2026 WACC: management commented that a mark-to-market exercise still points to a 10bp cut vs. 2025 levels, well below the 30bp needed to trigger a WACC recalculation; Biometane: 14 plants (c.30MW) won the January tariff auction, meaning 72MW are already in operation, authorised or under construction, representing 92% of the 2028 target.

■ **Change in estimates and target price.** We are lifting our 2025 EPS by 4% to incorporate the impact of resolution 130/2025, while for the following years we are only including the recurring effect. Please note that our estimates do not yet include the contribution from the acquisition of the 25% stake in OGE, which is expected to be closed by the end of 3Q25. Our target price moves from Eu5.20 to Eu5.50, also on the back of the positive impact of lower 10Y rates on financial outperformance.

■ **OUTPERFORM, target Eu5.50 (from Eu5.20).** We think Snam's plan will allow the group to continue to grasp the many shorter-term opportunities arising from current geopolitical developments, while also driving longer-term value by helping establish Italy as a key European hub and pushing the energy transition process forward. The stock still shows a reasonably attractive valuation at a 12% premium to 2025 EV RAB and a 6.1% 2025E dividend yield (both ex dividend).

Key Figures & Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales (Eu mn)	3,875	3,573	3,791	4,087	4,507
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	2,416	2,758	2,950	3,135	3,380
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	1,166	1,292	1,412	1,439	1,532
EPS New Adj (Eu)	0.347	0.384	0.420	0.428	0.456
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	0.347	0.383	0.407	0.426	0.453
DPS (Eu)	0.282	0.290	0.302	0.314	0.327
EV/EBITDA Adj	10.9	10.0	10.8	10.6	10.0
EV/EBIT Adj	20.5	16.0	17.2	16.7	15.7
P/E Adj	14.6	13.2	12.0	11.8	11.1
Div. Yield	5.6%	5.7%	6.0%	6.2%	6.5%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	6.3	5.9	6.2	6.2	6.0

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