

TINEXTA

Sector: *Industrials*
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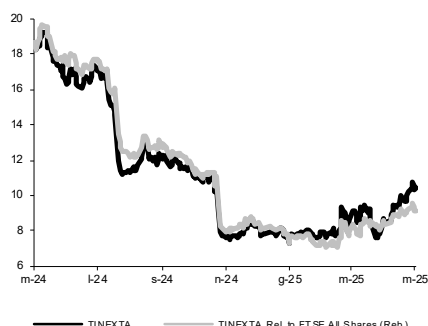
Price: Eu10.47 - Target: Eu16.40

Encouraging start to the year. On Track to Meet Guidance

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Stock Rating			
Rating:	Unchanged		
Target Price (Eu):	Unchanged		
	2025E	2026E	2027E
Chg in Adj EPS	-5.2%	-4.5%	-4.0%

TINEXTA - 12M Performance



Stock Data			
Reuters code:	TNXT.MI		
Bloomberg code:	TNXT IM		
Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	23.7%	31.9%	-43.8%
Relative	11.0%	24.9%	-58.3%
12M (H/L)	19.22/7.33		
3M Average Volume (th):	271.38		

Shareholder Data	
No. of Ord shares (mn):	47
Total no. of shares (mn):	47
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):	494
Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):	494
Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):	219
Mkt Float (in %):	44.3%
Main Shareholder:	
Tecno Holding S.p.A.	55.8%

Balance Sheet Data	
Book Value (Eu mn):	422
BVPS (Eu):	10.21
P/BV:	1.0
Net Financial Position (Eu mn):	-291
Enterprise Value (Eu mn):	977

■ **An encouraging quarter.** In a seasonally less significant quarter (typically accounting for around 14% of annual EBITDA) the company delivered results ahead of expectations, particularly on margins and cash generation. Revenue reached €115.5 million, up 17.4% YoY (6.4% organic) and 2.3% above estimates. The divisional mix differed from forecasts: Digital Trust was weaker due to delayed contracts at Ascertia, and Cybersecurity had a soft start in its legacy business. However, Business Innovation outperformed (18% org. growth), driven by strong growth in subsidized finance, which benefitted from the comparison base with a very weak 1Q24 and the spillover of some contracts for ABF (still underperforming) from 4Q24. Adjusted EBITDA came in at €18.7 million, 3% above expectations, with a 0.7pp margin improvement, largely due to gains in Business Innovation and Cybersecurity (driven not only by Defence Tech consolidation, but also thanks to increased profitability in legacy business due to optimization efforts and a more favourable business mix). The bottom line, however, was broadly in line, affected mainly by non-cash items such as purchase price allocation (PPA) of recent acquisitions. Net debt stood at €291 million, better than the estimated €300 million. This improvement was supported by a significant year-on-year increase in free cash flow, rising to €34 million from €27 million, and a lower valuation of the Ascertia-related put option.

■ **Guidance confirmed, estimates merely fine-tuned.** Based on 1Q results, the company has confirmed its guidance, which is for revenue growth between 11% and 13% (7%-9% organic), and adjusted EBITDA growth between 15% and 17% (10%-12% organic), with net debt/EBITDA between 2.2x and 2.4x. Our estimates were c.2% below the mid-point of the guidance for adjusted EBITDA and at the higher end of the leverage target. Following this release, we substantially confirm our adj. EBITDA estimate (though slightly modifying the contribution by division), while we are slightly improving our leverage estimate to account for the €6mn benefit from the valuation of the put option on Ascertia's minorities. Our leverage ratio therefore goes down to 2.3x, at the mid-point of guidance. As for the cut to the bottom line, we highlight that it is purely related to non-cash items (D&A+PPA) and therefore of little significance.

■ **BUY confirmed. TP kept at 16.40.** While 1Q is of limited importance to the full-year picture, we believe the quarterly results are quite encouraging, particularly with regard to the recovery by Business Innovation after a challenging 2024. We believe delivery on targets, which as usual will be skewed towards the second part of the year (2H accounting for between 60% and 70% of yearly EBITDA), will be key to driving a re-rating of multiples; the stock is currently trading at attractive levels of 7.8x EV/EBITDA and 10.4x P/E on 2025 numbers, despite the recent good performance. Our target price, the average of DCF and Sum of the Parts models, is confirmed at Eu16.4, offering quite sizeable upside to the current price. BUY confirmed.

Key Figures & Ratios	2023A	2024A	2025E	2026E	2027E
Sales (Eu mn)	396	455	507	538	572
EBITDA Adj (Eu mn)	103	111	126	138	150
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	54	44	47	56	64
EPS New Adj (Eu)	1.154	0.924	1.006	1.186	1.364
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	1.154	0.924	1.062	1.242	1.421
DPS (Eu)	0.460	0.300	0.198	0.264	0.335
EV/EBITDA Adj	11.6	11.0	7.8	6.9	6.1
EV/EBIT Adj	15.0	17.5	11.1	9.6	8.2
P/E Adj	9.1	11.3	10.4	8.8	7.7
Div. Yield	4.4%	2.9%	1.9%	2.5%	3.2%
Net Debt/EBITDA Adj	1.0	2.9	2.3	1.9	1.5

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