

# UNIPOL

Sector: Insurance

# OUTPERFORM

Price: Eu21.13 - Target: Eu23.60

## Compounding Capital in Plain Sight

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### Stock Rating

**Rating:** Unchanged

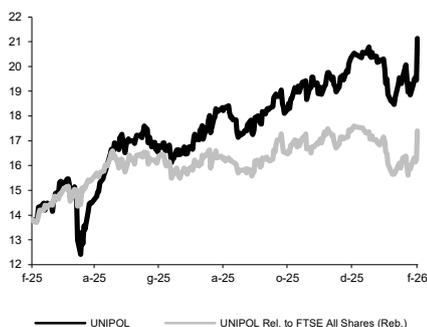
**Target Price (Eu):** from 22.40 to 23.60

	2026E	2027E	2028E
<b>Chg in Adj EPS</b>	5.9%	6.1%	4.7%

### Next Event

1Q26 Results Out 15 May

### UNIPOL - 12M Performance



### Stock Data

**Reuters code:** UNPI.MI

**Bloomberg code:** UNI IM

Performance	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	6.3%	10.3%	52.8%
Relative	2.7%	2.2%	31.3%
12M (H/L)	21.13/12.41		
3M Average Volume (th):	1,329.36		

### Shareholder Data

**No. of Ord shares (mn):** 717

**Total no. of shares (mn):** 717

**Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):** 15,145

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**Mkt Float - Ord (Eu mn):** 9,535

**Mkt Float (in %):** 63.0%

**Main Shareholder:**

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### Balance Sheet Data

**Book Value (Eu mn):** 11,326

**BVPS (Eu):** 15.80

**Solvency II (%):** 235.7%

Unipol is no longer just a solid insurer delivering disciplined underwriting. It is a capital growth story accelerating faster than plan projections and expectations. FY25 results confirm structural earnings strength, but more importantly, show organic capital generation running much faster than initially assumed. With €0.5bn of excess capital already delivered in year one, dividend expectations have effectively shifted higher, and the €2.2bn target already looks obsolete. Focus turns decisively to capital allocation and rising shareholder returns. On our €2.7bn cumulative FY25-27 dividend estimate, the implied cumulative yield approaches 18%. We therefore confirm our OUTPERFORM rating, raising our target price to €23.6.

■ **4Q/FY25 results – capital running faster than plan.** FY25 results confirm solid execution, but more importantly, demonstrate that capital generation is outpacing plan assumptions. Net profit reached €1.53bn (+37% YoY), Insurance net profit €1.21bn (+40% YoY), while Solvency rose to 233% (+21pp YoY). Organic capital generation hit €1.4bn, already delivering ~€0.5bn excess in one year, half of the €1bn 2025-27 target. The €1.12 DPS (+32% YoY) beat both our/cons of €1.05/ €0.99. P&C delivered a 92.9% CoR (-0.7 pp YoY) driven by Motor at 94.8% (-5.2 pp YoY), with €926mn pre-tax profit. Life premiums grew 21% YoY, CSM reached €2.79bn (+15% YoY), pre-tax €369mn (+14% YoY). Banking contributed €691mn (+76% YoY).

■ **Targets at hand – dividends moving higher.** FY25 results and the tone of the conference call made one thing clear: the plan's shareholder remuneration targets are definitely conservative. We now estimate €2.7bn in cumulative dividends vs. the €2.2bn target, with an effective floor at €2.4bn after management indicated that the €800mn seen in FY25 is replicable. Capital is surging ahead: €0.5bn excess was already generated in year one (half of the €1bn 2025-27 target). We forecast €4.6bn of cumulative net profit vs. €3.8bn in the plan and a 2027 CoR of 91.3% vs. the 92% target, with early NatCat reserving and reinsurance providing an embedded buffer.

■ **Estimates: raising FY26/27/28 adj. EPS by +5.9%/+6.1%/+4.7%.** Following FY25 results, we are upgrading later-year estimates to reflect stronger margins and a faster capital build up. In P&C, despite slightly lower premium assumptions (-1.0%/-0.7%/-0.4% for FY26/27/28 respectively), we are lifting pre-tax by +6.1%/+6.5%/+4.2%, on higher financial income and a lower loss ratio (-0.6/-0.8/-0.1pp), with FY26 CoR at 92.0%. Life pre-tax lifted by +17%/+16%/+14% on +9% premium upgrades and stronger CSM momentum. Adj. EPS raised by +5.9%/+6.1%/+4.7%, Solvency seen at 236% in FY26 (+7.6pp). We are also lifting the DPS to €1.25/€1.35/€1.40 (~60% payout), implying ~€2.7bn in cumulative dividends vs. the official 2025-2027 target of €2.2bn.

■ **OUTPERFORM confirmed; target raised to €23.6 (from €22.4).** We are updating our valuation on Unipol based on: (i) peers' P/E multiples; (ii) DDM on our new DPS assumptions, as we think the dividend remains a key area of interest; (iii) NAV composed of the insurance segment plus the BPER Banca stake at market value. The average of these approaches yields a fair value of €23.6ps. At target, the stock would be trading at 11.2x/10.4x/10.2x on 2026/27/28 P/E, still undemanding compared to European peers.

Key Figures & Ratios	2024A	2025A	2026E	2027E	2028E
Total Net Premiums (Eu mn)	15,621	17,362	17,705	18,481	19,305
Total Net Income (Eu mn)	15,642	17,713	18,125	18,885	19,685
Operating Profit (Eu mn)	1,316	2,058	2,027	2,186	2,199
Net Profit Adj (Eu mn)	1,074	1,482	1,506	1,633	1,654
EPS New Adj (Eu)	1.498	2.068	2.102	2.279	2.308
EPS Old Adj (Eu)	1.498	1.993	1.984	2.147	2.205
DPS (Eu)	0.850	1.120	1.250	1.350	1.400
P/E Adj	14.1	10.2	10.1	9.3	9.2
Div. Yield	4.0%	5.3%	5.9%	6.4%	6.6%
P/BVPS	1.6	1.4	1.3	1.3	1.2

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OUTPERFORM:	37.59%
NEUTRAL:	30.08%
UNDERPERFORM:	00.75%
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