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Fingerprint Cards

Better demand for mobile phones in China

Improved demand for mobiles and PCs spurs memory chip prices

In recent days, LG and Samsung have issued preliminary Q4 results, both coming in below expectations. Memory chip prices have risen, however, owing to a better balance between supply and demand - production has come down while demand for mobiles and PCs has recovered. Both Samsung and SK Hynix, the two largest manufacturers of DRAM chips (used in PCs and smartphones, among other things), indicated on their Q3 conference calls that demand for memory chips had finally reached its trough.

Signs of semiconductor stockpiling by Chinese smartphone manufacturers

After indications of a recovery in the Chinese mobile market at the end of Q3, Digitimes reported in October that smartphone manufacturers were beginning to replenish their semiconductor stockpiles. We further expect that November's Singles Day campaigns in China will have had a positive effect on China's mobile sales, which had declined sequentially in Q3.

Transformation continues

Change in estimates

We believe Q3 marked the trough for Fingerprints' revenues, as supported by the comments from Samsung, among others. Capacitive sensors for mobile manufacturers remain its largest segment but focus on other areas is still considerable. A new platform strategy, which is designed to accelerate the shift away from consumer electronics, was presented with the Q3 results. The platform aims to capitalise on the opportunities within biometrics. Including software, three-quarters of global biometrics revenues are generated by government & security and the enterprise & industrial, healthcare, and financial sectors. Alongside the new platform strategy, the company also launched a cost-savings programme that aims to halve operational costs. Focus in the Q4 results will be on revenues, cost programme updates, and a follow-up on the platform strategy.

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Total Revenues	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EBIT, adj.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EPS, adj.	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Upcoming eve	nts		
Q4 - report	:	26 Januai	ry 2024
Company fact	s (SEK	m)	
Number of shares			575m
Market capitalisation	n		839
Net debt			237
EV			1,076
Free float			91%
Daily trading volum	e, average 20,151k		
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Forecasts (SEKm)						
	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e		
Total Revenues	862	770	1,539	2,360		
Revenue growth	-36%	-11%	100%	53%		
EBITDA, adj.	-116	-130	78	201		
EBIT, adj.	-198	-229	-50	41		
EPS, adj.	-0.5	-0.5	-0.1	0.0		
BV/share	2.8	1.6	1.1	0.7		
Dividend per share	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4		
EBIT margin	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	1.7%		
ROE, adj.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	4.1%		
ROCE, adj.	Neg.	Neg.	Neg.	4.1%		
EV/Sales	1.5x	1.4x	0.7x	0.5x		
EV/EBITDA	Neg.	-8.3x	13.7x	5.4x		
EV/EBIT	Neg.	-4.7x	-21.4x	26.4x		
P/E, adj.	-2.9x	-3.1x	-17.4x	40.1x		
P/BV	0.5x	0.9x	1.4x	2.0x		
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	27.4%		
FCF yield	-99%	-1%	-4%	10%		
Net debt / EBITDA	-0.1x	-0.5x	1.6x	1.5x		

Share price	SEK 1.5			
Risk level	High			
Price Performance 12 months				
4.1 3.6 3.1 2.6 2.2 1.7 1.2 0.7 Jan Feb Mar Apr May Jun Jul Aug S FINGB SS EQUITY OMX III	ep Oct Nov Dec Jan			
Conflicte of interest				

SEK 4.8 - 5.0

Value and risk

Fair value

Conflicts of interes	t	
	Yes	No
Liquidity provider		✓
Certified adviser		\checkmark
Transactions 12m		✓

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