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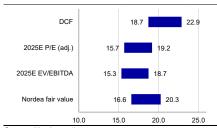
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PERFORMANCE



VALUATION APPROACH (EUR/SHARE)



Source: Nordea estimates

ESTIMATE CHANGES									
Year	2024E	2025E	2026E						
Sales	-1%	-2%	-2%						
EBIT (adj)	-1%	-2%	-2%						

Source: Nordea estimates

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Shift of high-margin sales visible in Q3

Relais Group's Q3 report fell slightly short of LSEG Data & Analytics consensus. We believ, however, that the miss was purely due to the shift of higher-margin lighting and equipment sales into Q4 due to warm autumn weather. End market demand appears to be holding up well and lighting sales have recovered to more normal levels. Given the seasonality and shift in sales, we expect strong sales growth and margin expansion in Q4. We make only minor estimate revisions and keep our DCF- and multiples-based fair value range intact at EUR 16.6-20.3.

Q3 slightly below consensus due to the shift in sales

Q3 sales of EUR 74.9m were up 7% y/y (+4% on organic basis) but were 3% below LSEG Data & Analytics consensus. Adjusted EBITA of EUR 9.2m was up 6% but 9% below consensus expectations. We note the one to two week later start for the lighting season, which, based on our estimates, explains the Q3 miss. A shift of higher-margin sales into Q4 also had a negative impact on working capital, leading to essentially flat y/y operating cash flow. End market demand appears to be holding up well and the company continues to gain market share among larger fleet customers. Given the shift in sales, we expect Q4 sales growth to remain at a healthy level while the mix effect likely supports margins. Cash flow will also likely be strong due to the reduction in working capital, while EPS will likely benefit from the lower tax rate in Q4.

Minor estimate revisions - solid M&A pipeline

We make only minor estimate revisions, mainly driven by FX movements. Relais has a long-term financial target to reach EUR 50m pro forma adjusted EBITA by 2025, while we model EUR 40m on an organic basis. The company is in active dialogue with ~20 companies and we expect further bolt-on acquisitions in the short term, while larger acquisitions will likely require equity financing as leverage is at 3x. With the current structure, we model 7% sales and 16% adjusted EBITA CAGR for 2023-26E.

Fair value range of EUR 16.6-20.3 intact

We maintain our DCF- and multiples-based fair value range of EUR 16.6-20.3. Relais is trading at 2025E EV/EBIT of 11x, ~30% below our weighted peer group (70% weight on auto parts peers and 30% weight on Swedish compounders).

SUMMARY TABLE - KEY	SUMMARY TABLE - KEY FIGURES										
EURm	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E				
Total revenue	129	238	261	284	320	335	346				
EBITDA (adj)	19	39	39	44	51	56	60				
EBIT (adj)	11	26	22	25	33	37	41				
EBIT (adj) margin	8.6%	10.8%	8.6%	9.0%	10.4%	11.1%	12.0%				
EPS (adj, EUR)	0.39	0.91	0.69	0.75	1.00	1.25	1.47				
EPS (adj) growth	31.5%	133.9%	-24.2%	8.8%	33.2%	25.1%	17.6%				
DPS (ord, EUR)	0.30	0.36	0.40	0.44	0.48	0.52	0.60				
EV/Sales	2.3	2.7	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1				
EV/EBIT (adj)	26.3	24.6	14.9	15.8	12.7	11.0	9.4				
P/E (adj)	37.9	29.0	14.8	18.1	14.6	11.6	9.9				
P/BV	3.7	4.8	1.8	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.8				
Dividend yield (ord)	2.0%	1.4%	3.9%	3.3%	3.3%	3.6%	4.1%				
FCF Yield bef A&D, lease	6.0%	0.5%	7.5%	5.3%	4.7%	8.0%	9.7%				
Net debt	28	140	143	149	150	137	120				
Net debt/EBITDA	1.5	3.9	3.9	3.4	2.9	2.5	2.0				
ROIC after tax	8.6%	11.5%	7.0%	7.7%	9.9%	11.1%	12.3%				

Q3 results and estimate revisions

Relais' Q3 adjusted EBITA of EUR 9.2m came in 9% below LSEG Data & Analytics consensus. Organic sales growth was 4% y/y in Q3, in line with our expectation. Net sales were EUR 74.9m (up 7% y/y), 3% below consensus expectations. FX did not have an impact on the EBITA level. Equipment and Lighting sales missed our estimates while other product groups beat. The lighting season started one to two weeks later this year than last year, while the company noted that sales have returned to more normal levels after Q3. Sales increased by 4% y/y (+5% organic growth) in Scandinavia and 10% y/y (+3% organic growth) in Finland-Baltics. The gross margin came in 40bp above consensus expectations and was up 220bp y/y to 48.1%, supported by an increased weight of Repair and Maintenance, as well as improved sales margins in Technical Wholesale and Products. EPS of EUR 0.26 came in 7% below consensus expectations of EUR 0.28. Relais does not give a short-term outlook but expects a stable market situation for Q4.

Q3 net sales were 3% below consensus...

Q3 organic growth in line with our estimate despite a late lighting season

Q3 net sales were EUR 74.9m, 3% below LSEG Data & Analytics consensus. Organic growth remained solid at 4% y/y in Q3 (+8% in Q2), in line with our expectation. Equipment and Lighting missed our estimates while other product groups beat our sales estimates. We note a one to two week later start of the lighting season compared to last year, while the company notes that demand has recovered to normal levels after Q3. According to management, the later lighting season start had a negative top-line impact of a couple of million, explaining the deviation.

...while the adjusted EBITA miss was 9%

Adjusted EBITA of EUR 9.2m came in 9% below consensus at EUR 10.1m. The Q3 EBITA margin of 12.2% was 80bp below consensus while the gross margin was at a strong 48.1%, up 220bp y/y and 40bp above consensus. We argue that the later start of the lighting season is clearly visible in adjusted EBITA margin.

EPS of EUR 0.26 came in slightly below consensus of EUR 0.28. Net financial expenses were slightly above our estimate while the tax rate of 28.9% was above our estimate of 21%. The company expects around a 22% tax rate in 2024. Hence, the Q4 tax rate is likely to be below 10%, we calculate.

Operating cash flow of EUR 4.3m was slightly down from EUR 4.5m a year ago. Inventories were up 14% y/y and up 6% q/q, burdened by the later start of the lighting season. Depending on the lighting season, we believe that Q4 cash flow could be clearly supported by the shift of sales from Q3 to Q4. Leverage remained at 3.0x, in line with O_2 .

	Actual	NDA est.	Dev	iation	Consensus	Deviat	ion	Actual		Actual	
EURm	Q3 2024	Q3 2024E	vs. a	actual	Q3 2024E	vs. act	ual	Q2 2024	q/q	Q3 2023	y/y
Sales	74.9	78.1	-3	-4%	77.5	-3	-3%	74.3	1%	70.3	7%
Gross profit	36.0	37.4	-1.3	-4%	37	-1.0	-3%	35.4	2%	32.3	
Gross margin	48.1%	47.8%		0.3pp	47.7%		0.4pp	47.7%	0.4pp	45.9%	2.2pp
Adj. EBITA	9.2	10.1	(1.0)	-9%	10.1	-0.9	-9%	7.3	25%	8.6	7%
Adj. EBITA margin	12.2%	12.9%		-0.7pp	13.0%		-0.8pp	9.9%	2.4pp	12.2%	0.0pp
EBITA	9.1	10.1	-1.0	-10%	10.1	-1.0	-9%	7.3	25%	8.4	9%
EBITA margin	12.2%	12.9%		-0.7pp	13.0%		-0.8pp	9.8%	2.4pp	11.9%	0.3pp
EBIT	8.4	9.4	-1.0	-10%	9.0	-0.6	-7%	6.6	28%	7.6	11%
EBIT margin	11.2%	12.0%		-0.8pp	11.6%		-0.4pp	8.9%	2.3pp	10.8%	0.5pp
PTP	6.5	7.7	-1.1	-15%	7.5	-1.0	-13%	4.9	34%	6.0	9%
EPS	0.26	0.31		-17%	0.28	-0.02	-7%	0.17		0.23	
Sales split											
Equipment	12.1	15.7	-3.6	-23%				13.1	-7%	13.3	-9%
Lighting	14.9	16.9	-2.0	-12%				11.2	33%	15.6	-5%
Spare parts	22.3	21.5	0.8	4%				23.6	-5%	20.7	8%
Repair and maintenance	25.4	24.0	1.4	6%				25.6	-1%	21.4	19%
Other	0.1	0.0	0.1					0.8	-87%	-0.8	-114%

Source: Company data, LSEG Data & Analytics and Nordea estimates

Estimate revisions

Following the Q3 report, we trim 2024E-26E revenue by 1-2%, driven by FX. Similarly, we trim adjusted EBITA by 1-2%.

	New estimates					Old estimates				Difference %			
EURm	Q4 2024E	2024E	2025E	2026E	Q4 2024E	2024E	2025E	2026E	Q4 2024E	2024E	2025E	2026E	
Sales	88.3	320	335	346	88.5	324	340	352	0%	-1%	-2%	-2%	
Gross profit	40.5	150	158	164	40.7	152	160	167	0%	-1%	-2%	-2%	
Gross margin	45.9%	46.9%	47.2%	47.4%	46.0%	46.9%	47.2%	47.4%	-0.1pp	0.0pp	0.0pp	0.0pp	
Adj. EBITA	9.9	36.1	40.2	44.5	9.4	36.6	40.9	45.2	5%	-1%	-2%	-1%	
Adj. EBITA margin	11.3%	11.3%	12.0%	12.9%	10.7%	11.3%	12.0%	12.8%	0.6pp	0.0pp	0.0pp	0.0pp	
EBITA	9.9	36.1	40.2	44.5	9.4	36.5	40.9	45.2	5%	-1%	-2%	-1%	
EBITA margin	11.3%	11.3%	12.0%	12.9%	10.7%	11.3%	12.0%	12.8%	0.6pp	0.0pp	0.0pp	0.0pp	
EBIT	9.2	33.1	37.2	41.5	8.6	33.6	37.8	42.1	6%	-1%	-2%	-2%	
EBIT margin	10.4%	10.3%	11.1%	12.0%	9.8%	10.4%	11.1%	12.0%	0.6pp	0.0pp	0.0pp	0.0pp	
PTP	7.5	24.7	30.4	35.6	7.0	25.4	30.8	36.2	6%	-3%	-1%	-1%	
EPS	0.36	0.99	1.25	1.47	0.32	1.02	1.26	1.49	13%	-2%	-1%	-1%	
DPS		0.48	0.52	0.60		0.48	0.52	0.60		0%	0%	0%	

Source: Nordea estimates

Valuation

We value Relais using a variety of methods, including a peer multiples-based valuation and a discounted cash flow (DCF) model. We only include organic growth potential in our valuation approach and exclude any impact from potential future M&A. Using a combination of valuation methods, we derive an unchanged fair valuation range of EUR 16.6-20.3 per share.

Our valuation does not include M&A

Background

We acknowledge the company's ambition to continue growing at an accelerated pace, which includes a significant M&A component. Because the potential targets, their sizes and fundamentals are unknown. However, we refrain from including any speculative M&A in our estimates.

We use a range of valuation methods to derive a fair value for Relais. In our analysis, we compare the company to a group of peers that we consider relevant, using valuation multiples such as EV/EBITDA and P/E. We also use a standard DCF model. The table below shows the peer group.

PEER VALUATION TABLE												
	ΕV	/ / Sales		EV /	EBITDA		-	EV/EBIT			P/E	
	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Peer group												
Advance Auto Parts Inc	0.3x	0.3x	0.3x	6.2x	6.1x	5.7x	14.6x	12.9x	11.0x	17.8	14.2	11.2
Auto Partner Sa	0.8x	0.6x	0.5x	9.2x	7.4x	6.0x	10.7x	8.6x	6.9x	13.1	11.2	8.9
Autozone Inc	3.5x	3.4x	3.2x	15.1x	14.5x	13.7x	17.3x	16.7x	15.7x	22.3	20.8	18.4
Inter Cars Sa	0.5x	0.4x	0.4x	7.3x	6.4x	5.8x	8.8x	7.8x	7.1x	8.9	7.6	6.8
Camping World Holdings Inc	0.8x	0.8x	0.7x	28.5x	15.2x	11.7x	32.8x	15.8x	11.7x		25.9	14.2
Dometic Group Ab (Publ)	1.3x	1.3x	1.2x	9.4x	8.4x	7.3x	18.5x	12.4x	10.0x	17.8	13.4	9.7
Halfords Group Plc	0.4x	0.4x	0.4x	3.7x	3.9x	3.6x	12.0x	16.0x	12.2x	12.8	16.7	11.5
Meko Ab	0.7x	0.6x	0.6x	6.6x	6.1x	5.8x	12.5x	10.6x	9.6x	11.4	9.7	8.7
O'Reilly Automotive Inc	4.7x	4.4x	4.2x	20.8x	19.8x	18.4x	24.4x	22.3x	20.9x	30.6	27.9	24.8
Thule Group Ab	3.8x	3.5x	3.3x	18.8x	16.1x	14.8x	22.0x	16.7x	16.8x	28.6	23.7	21.5
Peer group average	1.7x	1.6x	1.5x	12.6x	10.4x	9.3x	17.3x	14.0x	12.2x	18.2	17.1	13.6
Peer group median	0.8x	0.7x	0.7x	9.3x	7.9x	6.6x	15.9x	14.3x	11.3x	17.8x	15.5x	11.4
US peers' average	2.3x	2.2x	2.1x	17.6x	13.9x	12.4x	22.3x	16.9x	14.8x	23.6x	22.2x	17.2x
European peers' average	1.2x	1.1x	1.1x	9.2x	8.1x	7.2x	14.1x	12.0x	10.4x	15.4x	13.7x	11.2x
Relais (Nordea)	1.3x	1.2x	1.1x	7.9x	7.0x	6.2x	12.2x	10.5x	9.0x	14.1x	11.3x	9.6x
difference to median	58%	64%	60%	-16%	-11%	-6%	-23%	-26%	-20%	-21%	-27%	-16%
Compounders												
Addtech Ab	4.3	3.9	3.7	26.3	23.4	22.0	35.2	30.7	28.5	50.1	43.4	38.7
Bergman & Beving Ab	2.0	1.9	1.8	14.7	13.2	11.8	26.0	21.8	19.4	41.6	31.4	26.3
Beijer Alma Ab	1.6	1.5	1.5	8.5	8.5	8.0	11.2	11.5	10.7	15.6	14.9	12.5
Beijer Ref Ab (Publ)	2.2	2.0	1.8	17.3	15.2	13.9	22.0	19.4	17.8	36.9	30.1	27.1
Bufab Ab (Publ)	2.2	2.1	2.0	15.6	14.6	13.7	19.1	17.6	16.1	25.6	21.3	18.9
Indutrade Ab	3.5	3.3	3.2	20.4	18.7	17.6	27.4	25.1	23.3	35.3	31.1	28.1
Lagercrantz Group Ab	5.5	4.8	4.5	26.4	22.6	20.8	35.8	30.7	27.9	48.6	41.9	36.4
Lifco Ab (Publ)	5.6	5.1	4.8	22.1	20.1	18.5	29.7	26.6	24.3	45.2	39.3	36.0
Sdiptech Ab (Publ)	2.4	2.2	2.0	10.5	9.4	8.4	14.5	12.9	11.4	19.5	16.5	13.8
Volati Ab	1.5	1.4	1.3	12.8	10.6	9.8	20.0	15.5	14.2	31.3	18.0	15.9
Compounders average	3.1	2.8	2.7	17.5	15.6	14.5	24.1	21.2	19.4	35.0	28.8	25.4
Compounders median	2.3	2.2	2.0	16.5	14.9	13.8	24.0	20.6	18.6	36.1	30.6	26.7
Total average	2.4	2.2	2.1	15.0	13.0	11.9	20.7	17.6	15.8	27.0	23.0	19.5
Total median	2.1	1.9	1.8	14.9	13.9	11.8	19.6	16.4	15.0	25.6	21.0	17.2
Total average (70%/30%)	2.1	2.0	1.8	14.0	12.0	10.8	19.4	16.1	14.3	23.2	20.6	17.1
Total median (70%/30%)	1.3	1.2	1.1	11.5	10.0	8.8	18.3	16.2	13.5	23.3	20.0	16.0
Relais (Nordea)	1.3	1.2	1.1	7.9	7.0	6.2	12.2	10.5	9.0	14.1	11.3	9.6
difference to weighted median	1%	1%	0%	-31%	-30%	-29%	-34%	-35%	-33%	-39%	-44%	

Source: LSEG Data & Analytics (as of 6 November 2024) and Nordea estimates

EV/EBITDA-based valuation of EUR 15.3-18.7 per share

Based on our EUR 56m EBITDA estimate for 2025 and an accepted valuation multiple range of 7.4-8.6x (midpoint: 8x), we arrive at a fair value range of EUR 15.3-18.7 per share for Relais. In addition to auto parts peers, we believe that one should look at Swedish compounders when valuing Relais. Using a 70% weight for the auto parts peer group and a 30% weight for the compounder peer group, the median EV/EBITDA would be 10.0x for 2025E.

P/E-based valuation of EUR 15.7-19.2 per share

Using a EUR 1.25 EPS estimate for 2025, we arrive at a fair value range of EUR 15.7-19.2 per share using P/E multiples of 12.6-15.4x (midpoint: 14x). Using a 70% weight for the auto parts peer group and a 30% weight for the compounder peer group, the median P/E would be 20.0x for 2025E.

DCF-based valuation of EUR 18.7-22.9 per share

In our DCF model, we value Relais based on the current business, assuming no additional value-adding acquisitions. We also assume a sales CAGR of 3.4% for 2024-29, followed by a 2.5% CAGR in perpetuity, meaning that organic growth is roughly the same as the average rate of inflation. We also assume that Relais will gradually improve its profitability level and maintain an adjusted EBIT margin of 13.0% in the long run. We use a 4% cost of debt in our DCF model. We also assign a long-term equity weight of 60%.

WACC COMPONENTS	
WACC components	
Risk-free interest rate	3.5%
Market risk premium	4.0%
Forward looking asset beta	nm
Beta debt	0.1
Forward looking equity beta	1.6-2.1
Cost of equity	9.8-11.8%
Cost of debt	4.0%
Tax-rate used in WACC	21%
Equity weight	60%
WACC	7.1-8.4%

DCF VALUATION (EUR)		
DCF value	Value	Per share
NPV FCFF	473-552	24.8-29
(Net debt)	-149	-7.9
Market value of associates	0	0.0
(Market value of minorities)	0	0.0
Surplus values	0	0.0
(Market value preference shares)	0	0.0
Share based adjustments	0	0.0
Other adjustments	0	0.0
Time value	33	1.7
DCF Value	356-435	18.7-22.9

Source: Nordea estimates

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DCF ASSUMPTIONS							
Averages and assumptions	2024-29	2030-34	2035-39	2040-44	2045-49	2050-54	Sust.
Sales growth, CAGR	3.4%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	
EBIT-margin, excluding associates	12.1%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	13.0%	4.8%	
Capex/depreciation, x	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	
Capex/sales	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	4.9%	
NWC/sales	23%	23%	23%	23%	23%	23%	
FCFF, CAGR	21.6%	2.2%	2.5%	2.5%	2.5%	-20.0%	2.5%

Source: Nordea estimates

DCF valuation sensitivity

To test the robustness of our base-case scenario, we perform a sensitivity analysis by varying our EBIT margin, sales growth and WACC assumptions. The DCF-derived fair value is especially sensitive to WACC assumptions, implying that changes in the company's risk profile could significantly impact the fair value in either direction.

When we use sensitivities of ± 0.5 pp for WACC, ± 0.5 pp for sales growth and ± 0.5 pp for the EBIT margin, our DCF model yields a value range of EUR 17.8-24.0 per share.

SENSITIVITY OF OUR DCF MODEL (EUR/SHARE)

• A +/-1pp sales growth change translates into a	

 A +/- 1pp EBIT margin change translates into a change of +/-10% in the fair value

change of +9/-7% in the fair

value

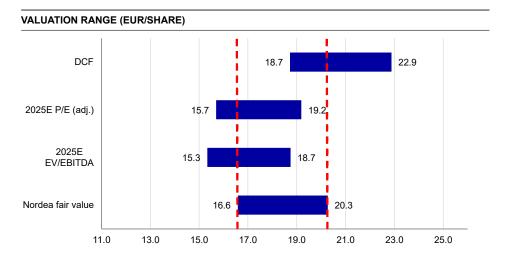
				WACC		
		6.7%	7.2%	7.7%	8.2%	8.7%
	+1.0pp	28.4	25.4	22.9	20.7	18.8
EBIT margin	+0.5pp	27.0	24.2	21.8	19.8	18.0
change		25.6	23.0	20.8	18.9	17.2
	-0.5pp	24.3	21.8	19.8	18.0	16.4
	-1.0pp	22.9	20.7	18.7	17.0	15.6
				WACC		
		6.7%	7.2%	7.7%	8.2%	8.7%
	+1.0pp	28.1	25.1	22.6	20.4	18.5
Sales growth	+0.5pp	26.8	24.0	21.7	19.6	17.8
change		25.6	23.0	20.8	18.9	17.2
	-0.5pp	24.5	22.1	20.0	18.2	16.6
	-1.0pp	23.5	21.2	19.3	17.5	16.0
			Sales g	rowth change		
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	-1.0pp	-0.5pp		+0.5pp	+1.0pp
+1.0pp	21.1	21.9	22.9	23.9	25.0
+0.5pp	20.2	21.0	21.8	22.8	23.8
	19.3	20.0	20.8	21.7	22.6
-0.5pp	18.4	19.0	19.8	20.5	21.4
-1.0pp	17.5	18.1	18.7	19.4	20.2
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Source: Nordea estimates

Valuation conclusion

Assuming that Relais can deliver revenue growth and an operating profit margin in line with our expectations, we estimate a fair value range of EUR 16.6-20.3 per share based on our different valuation approaches. This range is represented by the red lines in the chart below.



Source: Nordea estimates

Detailed estimates

EURm	Q1 22	Q2 22	Q3 22	Q4 22	Q1 23	Q2 23	Q3 23	Q4 23	Q1 24	Q2 24	Q3 24	Q4 24E
Net sales	62	59	65	75	69	64	70	81	83	74	75	88
Sales growth	16%	13%	10%	2%	11%	9%	8%	8%	20%	16%	7%	9%
of which organic	-9%	-2%	0%	-5%	5%	10%	5%	1%	12%	5%	-3%	5%
of which FX	-2%	-2%	-2%	-2%	-3%	-5%	-5%	-2%	0%	0%	0%	0%
of which structural	27%	16%	12%	10%	9%	4%	9%	9%	9%	11%	10%	4%
Other operating income	0.7	0.8	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.7	0.5	0.8	0.6	1.1	0.5	0.7
Materials and services	-34	-32	-36	-42	-37	-35	-38	-46	-45	-39	-39	-48
Gross profit	28.1	26.6	28.8	33.7	32.1	29.3	32.3	35.3	38.2	35.4	36.0	40.5
Gross margin %	45.3%	45.4%	44.4%	44.8%	46.5%	45.7%	45.9%	43.6%	46.2%	47.7%	48.1%	45.9%
Staff costs	-14	-14	-12	-15	-14	-15	-14	-16	-17	-17	-17	-19
Other operating costs	-6	-6	-6	-10	-7	-7	-7	-8	-8	-8	-7	-9
EBITDA	8.9	6.6	11.1	10.1	11.1	8.6	12.1	11.7	13.5	11.1	13.0	13.8
EBITDA margin %	14.3%	11.2%	17.1%	13.4%	16.1%	13.4%	17.3%	14.5%	16.3%	14.9%	17.4%	15.7%
D&A	-3.9	-4.0	-4.3	-4.8	-4.5	-4.6	-4.6	-4.8	-4.5	-4.5	-4.6	-4.7
of which depreciations	-3.1	-3.2	-3.4	-3.9	-3.6	-3.8	-3.7	-3.9	-3.8	-3.8	-3.9	-3.9
of which amortizations	-0.8	-0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.8
EBITA	5.7	3.4	7.7	6.2	7.5	4.8	8.4	7.8	9.7	7.3	9.1	9.9
NRI	-0.5	-0.4	-0.3	-1.7	-0.1	0.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adj. EBITA	6.2	3.8	7.9	7.9	7.6	4.8	8.6	7.8	9.7	7.3	9.2	9.9
Adj. EBITA margin %	10.0%	6.5%	12.3%	10.5%	11.0%	7.5%	12.2%	9.6%	11.7%	9.9%	12.2%	11.3%
-growth y/y	-7%	-19%	-4%	-9%	23%	27%	8%	-1%	27%	52%	7%	27%
EBIT	5.0	2.6	6.8	5.3	6.6	4.0	7.6	7.0	9.0	6.6	8.4	9.2
EBIT margin %	8.0%	4.4%	10.5%	7.1%	9.6%	6.2%	10.8%	8.6%	10.8%	8.9%	11.2%	10.4%
Net financials	-1.2	-1.9	-1.7	-1.6	-2.2	-2.8	-1.6	-0.9	-3.1	-1.7	-1.9	-1.7
PTP	3.8	0.7	5.1	3.7	4.5	1.1	6.0	6.1	5.8	4.9	6.5	7.5
T	4.4	0.7	4.4	0.4	4.0	4.0	4.7	0.0	0.0	4.0	4.0	0.0
Tax	-1.1	-0.7	-1.4	0.1	-1.6	-1.0	-1.7	0.2	-2.0	-1.6	-1.9	-0.6
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit for equity	2.7	0.0	3.7	3.7	2.9	0.2	4.3	6.3	3.9	3.3	4.6	6.8
Net profit	2.7	0.0	3.7	3.7	2.9	0.2	4.3	6.3	3.9	3.3	4.6	6.9
EPS (undiluted)	0.15	0.00	0.21	0.21	0.16	0.01	0.24	0.35	0.21	0.18	0.26	0.38

DETAILED ANNUAL ESTIMATES (EURm; DPS AND EPS IN EUR)										
EURm	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E		
Net sales	99	129	238	261	284	320	335	346		
Sales growth	37%	30%	84%	10%	9%	13%	4%	4%		
of which organic	2%	3%	9%	-4%	5%	5%	3%	4%		
of which FX	-1%	1%	2%	-2%	-4%	0%	-1%	0%		
of which structural	36%	27%	74%	15%	8%	8%	2%	0%		
Other operating income	0.5	1.0	3.1	2.8	2.7	2.9	3.0	3.0		
Materials and services	-66	-84	-138	-143	-155	-170	-177	-182		
Gross profit	33.1	45.0	99.6	117.2	128.9	150.2	157.9	164.1		
Gross margin %	33.4%	34.9%	41.9%	45.0%	45.4%	46.9%	47.2%	47.4%		
Staff costs	-12	-17	-47	-55	-59	-69	-72	-74		
Other operating costs	-8	-10	-20	-28	-29	-33	-34	-33		
EBITDA	13.3	19.1	36.0	36.6	43.5	51.4	55.7	60.2		
EBITDA margin %	13.5%	14.8%	15.1%	14.0%	15.3%	16.1%	16.6%	17.4%		
D&A	-5.5	-8.0	-13.0	-16.9	-18.4	-18.3	-18.5	-18.7		
of which depreciations	-0.4	-0.4	-10.3	-13.6	-15.0	-15.3	-15.5	-15.7		
of which amortizations	-5.1	-7.6	-2.7	-3.3	-3.4	-3.0	-3.0	-3.1		
EBITA	13.0	18.7	25.7	23.0	28.5	36.1	40.2	44.5		
NRI	0.0	0.0	-2.6	-2.8	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
INKI	0.0	0.0	-2.0	-2.0	-0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Adj. EBITA	13.0	18.7	28.3	25.8	28.8	36.1	40.2	44.5		
Adj. EBITA margin %	13.1%	14.5%	11.9%	9.9%	10.1%	11.3%	12.0%	12.9%		
-growth y/y	55%	44%	56%	-12%	12%	25%	11%	11%		
EBIT	7.9	11.1	23.0	19.6	25.1	33.1	37.2	41.5		
EBIT margin %	7.9%	8.6%	9.7%	7.5%	8.8%	10.3%	11.1%	12.0%		
Net financials	-5.4	-0.7	-4.6	-6.5	-7.4	-8.4	-6.8	-5.8		
PTP	2.5	10.4	18.5	13.2	17.7	24.7	30.4	35.6		
Tax	-1.9	-3.4	-4.1	-3.1	-4.0	-6.0	-7.0	-8.1		
lax	-1.9	-3.4	-4.1	-3.1	-4.0	-0.0	-7.0	-0.1		
Minority interest	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Net profit for equity	0.4	6.9	14.3	10.1	13.7	18.6	23.4	27.5		
Net profit	0.6	7.0	14.4	10.1	13.7	18.7	23.4	27.5		
EPS (undiluted)	0.03	0.41	0.80	0.56	0.76	1.03	1.29	1.52		
DPS	0.10	0.30	0.36	0.40	0.44	0.48	0.52	0.60		
Note: According to IFRS accounting										

Risk factors

Below, we list the main risk factors that we find relevant for Relais Group. The purpose of this is not to provide a comprehensive picture of all the risks that the company may face, but instead to highlight those that we find the most relevant. The main risks we identify relate to the general economy in the Nordics, car spare parts sales and the vehicle service business. After the COVID-19 pandemic, the company is facing a tougher environment for B2C, mainly due to lower consumer confidence and high inflation.

A sluggish economy could negatively affect car service and spare parts sales

General economy

The car service industry is to some extent dependent on the general economy. In times of strong economic activity, people are more inclined to spend money on car service and upgrades. Typically, unemployment rates decrease at such times, which also increases consumers' disposable income.

Despite the improved COVID-19 situation, the outlook for Nordic economies has suffered from geopolitical tensions. If people start cutting back on car service spending and/or postpone servicing their cars, Relais could see a negative impact on its sales and earnings. After recent acquisitions, Relais is also more dependent on commercial vehicles and related services, which could be affected if economic activity deteriorates. Recent additions to the service business should improve business predictability, although with lower seasonality.

Increasing competition

Competitors consolidating the market could hamper Relais' growth prospects

The auto parts market is still very fragmented. If other players take a more active role in market consolidation, this could hurt the sales prospects for Relais and profitability if competitors become more aggressive on pricing.

Disturbances by suppliers may affect product availability

Dependence on suppliers

As Relais imports its goods and does not produce spare parts or equipment itself, the company could be severely affected if its suppliers cannot deliver products as agreed or if the quality of products decreases significantly.

The coronavirus pandemic created supply-side problems and extra freight costs, which have not been resolved yet. A prolonged situation could hamper demand for Relais' spare parts and equipment.

Risks related to expansion

If not executed well, high M&A activity may increase costs

Relais' ambitions to grow quickly do not come without costs, investments and risks. M&A could increase costs temporarily, but also in the long term if acquisitions fail or integration is executed poorly. Hence, it is important for the company to maintain good cost control and clear M&A execution plans, so as not to hamper earnings.

Dependence on key employees

Key employees leaving could lead to the loss of clients

Relais depends heavily on the efforts of its management team and the board of directors. These key persons have substantial knowledge of running listed companies as well as broad sector knowledge. Should these people leave, it could take some time to find replacements. If key employees join a competitor or start a competing business, this could significantly hamper Relais' business, leading to the loss of clients or even suppliers. Also, because Relais does not fully integrate acquired companies, its dependence on acquired key employees is high. Should Relais fail to incentivise employees in the acquired companies, this could directly impact sales and earnings.

Financial position

A share issue could dilute current shareholders' ownership

Relais has high growth ambitions, hence we do not rule out the need for additional equity to support future M&A activity. An equity issue could dilute the current shareholders' ownership.

A significant writedown of goodwill could worsen its financial position

Substantial amount of intangible assets

Due to M&A, Relais has accumulated significant goodwill on its balance sheet. If a future test shows a considerable decline in the value of goodwill, this could have a huge impact on the balance sheet and earnings. A weakening balance sheet could limit the potential for new financing and thus have a negative impact on future M&A and operations.

IT systems

Tech failures could put Relais in a disadvantageous position

Relais depends on its IT systems, and any disruption to these could affect the company's daily business, costs and reputation. Slow adoption of or adaptation to new technology could leave Relais in a disadvantageous position versus its competitors.

Reported numbers and forecasts

INCOME STATEMENT	0010	0047	0040	0040	0000	0004	0000	0000	00045	00055	0000=
EURm	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Total revenue	59	60	72	99	129	238	261	284	320	335	346
Revenue growth	9.1%	2.6%	19.9%	36.6%	30.3%	84.5%	9.6%	9.0%	12.7%	4.5%	3.5%
of which organic	9.5%	-0.8%	9.5%	2.0%	3.0%	9.1%	-4.1%	5.0%	4.7%	3.0%	3.5%
of which FX EBITDA	0.0% 9	0.0%	0.0% 9	-1.1%	0.7%	1.5%	-2.0% 37	-3.7% 44	-0.3% 51	-0.6% 56	0.0%
	0	8 0	0	13 0	19 0	36 -10	-14	-15	-15	-15	-16
Depreciation and impairments PPE of which leased assets	0	0	0	0	0	-10 -7	-14 -9	-13	-13	-13	-13
EBITA	9	8	8	13	19	-7 26	23	29	36	40	45
Amortisation and impairments	-2	-2	-3	-5	-8	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3	-3
EBIT	7	6	6	8	11	23	20	25	33	37	41
of which associates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Associates excluded from EBIT	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net financials	-1	-1	-1	-5	-1	-5	-6	-7	-8	-7	-6
of which lease interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Changes in value, net	-2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	4	5	5	2	10	18	13	18	25	30	36
Reported taxes	-1	-1	-2	-2	-3	-4	-3	-4	-6	-7	-8
Net profit from continued operations	3	4	3	1	7	14	10	14	19	23	28
Discontinued operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minority interests	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit to equity	2	4	3	0	7	14	10	14	19	23	28
EPS, EUR	0.22	0.42	0.34	0.03	0.39	0.77	0.54	0.73	0.99	1.25	1.47
DPS, EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.30	0.36	0.40	0.44	0.48	0.52	0.60
of which ordinary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.30	0.36	0.40	0.44	0.48	0.52	0.60
of which extraordinary	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Profit margin in percent	45.00/	10.00/	10.10/	10.50/	44.00/	45.40/	4.4.00/	45.00/	10.10/	40.00/	17 10/
EBITDA	15.2%	13.8%	12.1%	13.5%	14.8%	15.1%	14.0%	15.3%	16.1%	16.6%	17.4%
EBITA	14.5%	13.4%	11.6%	13.1%	14.5%	10.8%	8.8%	10.0%	11.3%	12.0%	12.9%
EBIT	11.6%	10.2%	7.9%	7.9%	8.6%	9.7%	7.5%	8.8%	10.3%	11.1%	12.0%
Adjusted earnings	44			40	40	00	00	4.4	5 4	50	00
EBITDA (adj)	11	8	9	13	19	39	39	44	51	56	60
EBITA (adj)	10	8	8	13	19	28	26	29	36	40	45
EBIT (adj) EPS (adj, EUR)	8 0.40	6 0.42	6 0.34	8 0.29	11 0.39	26 0.91	22 0.69	25 0.75	33 1.00	37 1.25	41 1.47
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Adjusted profit margins in percent	40.00/	40.00/	40.40/	40.50/	44.00/	40.00/	45 40/	45 40/	40.40/	40.00/	47 40/
EBITDA (adj)	18.0%	13.8% 13.4%	12.1% 11.6%	13.5% 13.1%	14.8% 14.5%	16.2% 11.9%	15.1% 9.9%	15.4% 10.1%	16.1% 11.3%	16.6% 12.0%	17.4% 12.9%
EBITA (adj) EBIT (adj)	17.3% 14.4%	10.2%	7.9%	7.9%	8.6%	10.8%	8.6%	9.0%	10.4%	11.1%	12.9%
Performance metrics CAGR last 5 years											
Net revenue	16.0%	14.3%	17.8%	18.7%	19.0%	32.2%	34.0%	31.4%	26.5%	21.0%	7.8%
EBITDA	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	32.1%	34.4%	37.9%	31.0%	23.8%	10.8%
EBIT	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	27.5%	26.2%	34.5%	33.3%	27.4%	12.5%
EPS	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	28.6%	5.2%	16.5%	99.6%	26.3%	13.8%
DPS	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	36.9%	11.6%	10.8%
Average last 5 years											
Average EBIT margin Average EBITDA margin	n.a. 4.1%	n.a. 7.0%	n.a. 9.0%	n.a. 11.4%	9.0% 13.9%	9.0% 14.3%	8.4% 14.2%	8.6% 14.7%	9.1% 15.2%	9.6% 15.5%	10.1% 16.0%
VALUATION RATIOS - ADJUSTED			9.076	11.470	13.970	14.570	14.270	14.7 70	13.270	13.5%	10.076
EURm	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
P/E (adj)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	28.0	37.9	29.0	14.8	18.1	14.6	11.6	9.9
EV/EBITDA (adj)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	15.3	16.4	8.5	9.2	8.2	7.3	6.5
EV/EBITA (adj)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.5	15.6	22.3	13.0	14.0	11.7	10.2	8.8
EV/EBIT (adj)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	17.3	26.3	24.6	14.9	15.8	12.7	11.0	9.4
VALUATION RATIOS - REPORTED	EARNING	GS									
EURm	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
P/E	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.m.	37.9	34.3	19.0	18.5	14.6	11.6	9.9
EV/Sales	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.37	2.26	2.66	1.28	1.42	1.32	1.22	1.13
EV/EBITDA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.2	15.3	17.5	9.1	9.3	8.2	7.3	6.5
EV/EBITA	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	10.5	15.6	24.5	14.6	14.1	11.7	10.2	8.8
EV/EBIT	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	17.3	26.3	27.4	17.0	16.0	12.7	11.0	9.4
Dividend yield (ord.)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.2%	2.0%	1.4%	3.9%	3.3%	3.3%	3.6%	4.1%
FCF yield	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	-61.8%	2.8%	-10.2%	6.6%	8.9%	7.7%	12.9%	14.6%
FCF Yield bef A&D, lease adj	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	1.4%	6.0%	0.5%	7.5%	5.3%	4.7%	8.0%	9.7%
Payout ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	33.9%	77.4%	39.7%	58.2%	58.9%	48.2%	41.7%	41.0%

BALANCE SHEET											
EURm	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Intangible assets	5	7	5	54	59	130	133	133	135	132	129
of which R&D	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
of which other intangibles	0	0	0	1	0	15	15	13	13	13	13
of which goodwill	5	7	5	54	58	114	118	120	122	119	116
Tangible assets	0	0	0	0	0	59	57	66	54	55	56
of which leased assets	0	0	0	0	0	54	52	61	48	48	48
Shares associates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Interest bearing assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax assets	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Other non-IB non-current assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-current assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total non-current assets	5 26	7 27	5 29	54 43	59 44	189	191	200	190	188	186
Inventory	26 5	8	29 8	12	13	73 34	68 33	74 41	83 47	86 49	89 50
Accounts receivable Short-term leased assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	13	13	13
Other current assets	3	1	2	3	3	0	4	4	5	5	5
Cash and bank	1	2	2	30	35	12	14	10	10	13	20
Total current assets	35	37	42	88	95	119	119	129	157	166	178
Assets held for sale	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Total assets	40	44	47	142	154	308	309	329	347	354	364
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Shareholders equity	6 0	11 0	17 0	64 0	72 0	102 0	104 0	111 0	121 0	136 0	154 0
Of which preferred stocks Of which equity part of hybrid debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Minority interest	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Equity	9	14	17	64	72	102	104	111	121	136	154
Deferred tax	0	0	0	2	3	6	6	5	5	5	5
Long term interest bearing debt	15	11	14	59	58	91	96	89	89	79	69
Pension provisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other long-term provisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other long-term liabilities	3	0	2	0	0	2	1	2	2	2	2
Non-current lease debt	0	0	0	0	0	44	42	49	50	50	50
Convertible debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shareholder debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Hybrid debt	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total non-current liabilities	18	12	16	62	61	143	144	145	146	136	126
Short-term provisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Accounts payable	3	4	4	7	9	46	35	47	53	55	57
Current lease debt	0	0	0	0	0	11	12	14	13	13	13
Other current liabilities	3	4	5	6	8	0	7	6	6	7	7
Short term interest bearing debt Total current liabilities	8 14	12 19	6 15	5 18	5 21	6 63	7 61	7 73	7 79	7 82	7 84
Liabilities for assets held for sale	0	0	0	0	0	03	0	0	0	02	04
Total liabilities and equity	40	45	48	143	155	308	309	329	347	354	364
Balance sheet and debt metrics Net debt	22	22	18	35	28	140	143	149	150	137	120
of which lease debt	0	0	0	0	28	55	53	63	63	63	64
Working capital	28	28	31	46	44	61	63	67	75	78	81
Invested capital	33	35	36	100	103	250	254	267	265	266	267
Capital employed	32	37	37	128	135	254	260	270	281	285	294
ROE	64.1%	44.7%	22.7%	1.0%	10.2%	16.5%	9.8%	12.8%	16.1%	18.2%	19.0%
ROIC	40.5%	14.2%	12.7%	9.1%	8.6%	11.5%	7.0%	7.7%	9.9%	11.1%	12.3%
ROCE	53.4%	17.9%	15.7%	9.6%	10.1%	13.8%	10.6%	10.1%	12.9%	14.0%	15.2%
Net debt/EBITDA	2.5	2.6	2.0	2.6	1.5	3.9	3.9	3.4	2.9	2.5	2.0
Interest coverage	9.3	7.1	6.0	2.6 1.5	4.6	4.2	2.2	3.4	3.3	4.3	2.0 5.3
Equity ratio	15.2%	23.8%	34.7%	44.5%	46.5%	33.1%	33.6%	33.6%	35.0%	38.4%	42.3%
Net gearing	244.3%	152.2%	102.0%	54.3%	39.1%	136.5%	137.4%	135.0%	123.2%	100.4%	77.6%

CASH FLOW STATEMENT											
EURm	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
EBITDA (adj) for associates	9	8	9	13	19	36	37	44	51	56	60
Paid taxes	0	0	-2	-2	-3	-5	-3	-4	-6	-7	-8
Net financials	0	0	-1	-6	-1	-3	-4	-7	-8	-7	-6
Change in provisions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Change in other LT non-IB	3	-3	2	-2	0	1	-1	1	0	0	0
Cash flow to/from associates	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid to minorities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other adj to reconcile to cash flow	-11	-6	-2	1	0	-5	1	0	0	0	0
Funds from operations (FFO)	0	0	6	5	15	24	29	33	37	42	46
Change in NWC	0	0	-2	-3	1	-12	0	-2	-8	-3	-3
Cash flow from operations (CFO)	0	0	3	2	16	12	29	31	29	39	44
Capital expenditure	0	0	0	0	0	-2	-2	-4	-3	-4	-4
Free cash flow before A&D	0	0	3	1	16	9	27	27	26	35	40
Proceeds from sale of assets	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acquisitions	0	0	-1	-65	-9	-60	-15	-4	-5	0	0
Free cash flow	0	0	2	-63	7	-50	13	23	21	35	40
Free cash flow bef A&D, lease adj	0	0	3	1	16	2	14	13	13	22	26
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	-2	-5	-6	-7	-8	-9	-9
Equity issues / buybacks	0	0	0	44	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
Net change in debt	0	0	0	42	-1	32	9	-8	0	-10	-10
Other financing adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-13	-13	-13	-13
Other non-cash adjustments	1	1	-2	4	1	0	-14	1	0	0	0
Change in cash	1	1	1	27	5	-23	2	-4	0	3	7
Cash flow metrics											
Capex/D&A	0.0%	0.0%	6.9%	7.3%	2.5%	17.6%	10.2%	22.1%	18.4%	19.1%	19.8%
Capex/Sales	0.0%	0.0%	0.3%	0.4%	0.2%	1.0%	0.7%	1.4%	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%
Key information											
Share price year end (/current)	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	8	15	26	10	14	15	15	15
Market cap.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	101	263	492	192	253	272	272	272
Enterprise value	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	136	292	632	334	403	422	409	392
Diluted no. of shares, year-end (m)	9.1	9.1	9.1	12.3	17.9	18.7	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.8	18.8

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