Strong Q2 numbers and a (small) raise of the 2023 guidance

Kontron published strong Q2 figures that were a notch better than consensus expectations. Segment-wise, Global and Software & Solution exhibited a strong development. Moreover, order entry remained at a high level of 310m in the second quarter, resulting in a book-to-bill ratio of 1.1x. Kontron sticks to the guidance for 2023 regarding revenues and EBITDA but management now believes that the guided EUR 66m net income will be exceeded. Also, the 2025 guidance was re-iterated (revenues of 2bn@13% EBITDA margin). Our PT is EUR 28, the recommendation is buy.

	Actual			Pareto		Consensus		Pareto (pre Q2)		Consensus (pre Q2)	
Kontron AG (EURm)	Q2 2022	Q2 2023	yoy (%)	Q2 2023	Delta (%)	Q2 2023	Delta (%)	2023e	2024e	2023e	2024e
Revenues	246	283	15	282	0.4	279	1.5	1,287	1,739	1,220	1,360
Gross profit	93	115	24	109				515	696	464	511
margin	37.8%	40.6%	278 bps	38.7%				40.0%	40.0%	38.0%	37.6%
EBITDA	24.8	31.3	26	29.9	4.8	30.1	4.1	142	209	129	150
margin	10.1%	11.1%	97 bps	10.6%		10.8%	27 bps	11.0%	12.0%	10.6%	11.1%
Europe	18	18	0								
Global	2	5	139								
Software & Solutions	4	8	84								
EBIT	12.6	22.2	77	20.9				92	133	88	103
margin	5.1%	7.9%	274 bps	7.4%				7.2%	7.6%	7.2%	7.6%
Net Income	9.0	17.4	93	17.0	2.1	16.7	4.2	69	99	70	85
margin	3.7%	6.1%	248 bps	6.0%		3.9%	229 bps	5.4%	5.7%	5.7%	6.3%
EPS	0.14	0.30	111	0.27	10.3			1.09	1.56	1.07	1.32

Source: Pareto, Company, Factset

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