

# **EQUITY RESEARCH**

MAPS
RESULTS REVIEW
Press release

BUY
TP 5.4€
Up/Downside: 51%

# A Year of Investment in M&A and R&D

MAPS ended 2022 with a VoP of €27.5m (vs. €23.5m), EBITDA of €5.9m (vs. €5m YoY), net income of €2.7m (vs. €2.5 YoY) and net debt increasing to €13.8m (vs. €4.9m YoY) thanks to significant M&A investments (especially regarding I-TEL, Energenius). The Net Debt/EBITDA ratio remains prudent at 2.3x (vs 1.0x YoY).

Growth was mainly driven by the high-margin Healthcare BU, which now generates 60% of group revenue and contributes an EBITDA margin of 29.3%. The MAPS LAB BU (previously Large Enterprise) closed 2022 at 24% of revenue and EBITDA margin at 20.4%; although 64% of MAPS LAB BU revenue is project generated (vs. 76% YoY), the impact of proprietary solutions is also growing steadily for this division. The Energy and ESG divisions are in a growth phase, contributing 6% and 10% of group revenue respectively and generating margins of 11.7% and 6.2% at present.

Revenue from proprietary solutions stands at 84% (vs. 72% YoY), R&D cost capitalisation stands at €2.8m (vs. €2m).

Regarding the growing net financial position, we highlight that: the company acquired the majority of ITEL by paying  $\[Epsilon 2.9m$  cash,  $\[Epsilon 1.1m$  through a reserved capital increase (and share contribution) and has options valued at  $\[Epsilon 2.9m$  for the Energenius acquisition and has options valued at up to  $\[Epsilon 2.8m$  on the remaining purchase; the group acquired Optimist and Micuro for a total of around  $\[Epsilon 4.3m$  of Inally invested in maintenance and R&D capex for around  $\[Epsilon 3.9m$  of a total impact of M&A and capex on net debt of around  $\[Epsilon 1.2m$ , which was partially offset by operating cash generation.

VoP rose slightly above our expectations to  $\[ \]$ 27.5m (vs.  $\[ \]$ 27.3m expected), EBITDA fell slightly below to  $\[ \]$ 5.9 (vs.  $\[ \]$ 6.2m expected). The publication remains perfectly consistent with the phase of growth and transition to proprietary solutions that MAPS has faced year after year, now reaching the end of this phase.

For the record, MAPS has signed a framework agreement with IREN to provide the proprietary Rose platform to facilitate the development and easy management of energy communities, and that IREN has recently doubled its annual investment plan over the 2021-2031 horizon. A spending plan in electricity alone, including networks, installed capacity and smart solutions will cost over €4b. We remain confident regarding the future of the Energy BU.

We are reiterating both our Buy rating and TP of €5.4.

FCF (m €)

Key	data

Price (€)	3.6
Industry	Packaged Software
Ticker	MAPS-IT
Shares Out (m)	11.791
Market Cap (m €)	42.1
Average trading volumes (k shares / day)	10.000

#### Ownership (%)

Fondateurs & Management	56.1
Eiffeil IG	10.8
Maps SpA	1.3
Free float	31.8

EPS (€)	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e
Estimates	0.22	0.24	0.33
Change vs previous estimates (%)	-16.84	-11.00	6.81

Performance (%)	1D	1M	YTD
Price Perf	0.3	0.8	-0.3
Rel FTSE Italy	2.4	5.3	-7.3



TP ICAP Middap Estimates	12/22	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e	varuation Ratio	12/23e
Sales (m €)	27.5	30.9	33.7	37.1	EV/Sales	1.8
Current Op Inc (m €)	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.8	EV/EBITDA	7-9
Current op. Margin (%)	11.2	10.4	10.8	12.8	EV/EBIT	16.8
EPS (€)	0.23	0.22	0.24	0.33	PE	16.6
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00		
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		

Consensus FactSet - Analysts:na	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e
Sales	31.9	35.4	0.0
EBIT	3.4	3.7	0.0
Net income	3.1	3.2	0.0



12/24e

6.7

14.3

14.7

12/25e

5.5

10.3

10.9



# FINANCIAL DATA

Income Statement	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e
Sales	20.3	23.5	27.5	30.9	33.7	37.1
Changes (%)	23.1	15.9	17.1	12.1	9.0	10.3
Gross profit	18.5	22.4	26.0	29.2	31.9	35.3
% of Sales	91.4	95.1	94.4	94.5	94.7	95.0
EBITDA	3.1	5.0	5.9	6.9	7.8	9.0
% of Sales	15.3	21.4	21.4	22.2	23.2	24.3
Current operating profit	0.8	2.4	3.1	3.2	3.6	4.8
% of Sales	4.1	10.3	11.2	10.4	10.8	12.8
Non-recurring items	0.0	-0.2	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	0.8	2.2	2.9	3.2	3.6	4.8
Net financial result	0.3	-0.2	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.5
Income Tax	-0.2	0.4	0.2	-0.3	-0.3	-0.4
Tax rate (%)	-13.0	21.0	6.5	-10.0	-10.0	-10.0
Net profit, group share	1.0	2.5	2.7	2.5	2.9	3.9
EPS	0.09	0.21	0.23	0.22	0.24	0.33
Financial Statement	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e
Goodwill	8.3	11.7	12.0	12.0	12.0	12,0
Tangible and intangible assets	7.5	7.2	12.2	11.9	11.5	11.3
Right of Use	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Working capital	7.7	11.4	15.9	17.1	18.1	19.5
Other Assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Assets	23.5	30.4	40.1	41.1	41.6	42.8
Shareholders equity group	11.2	18.0	20.6	23.1	26.0	29.9
Minorities	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
LT & ST provisions and others	4.0	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9	4.9
Net debt	7.7	6.6	13.8	12.2	9.9	7.2
Other liabilities	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8	0.8
Liabilities	23.5	30.4	40.1	41.1	41.6	42.8
Net debt excl. IFRS 16	7.7	6.6	13.8	12.2	9.9	7.2
Gearing net	0.7	0.4	0.7	0.5	0.4	0.2
Leverage	2.5	1.3	2.3	1.8	1.3	0.8
Cash flow statement	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e
CF after elimination of net borrowing costs and taxes	4.6	6.6	4.7	6.2	7.1	8.1
ΔWCR	-0.2	-3.3	-3.1	-1.2	-1.1	-1.3
Operating cash flow	4.4	3.3	1.5	5.0	6.0	6.8
Net capex	-2.2	-2.6	-3.0	-3.4	-3.7	-4.1
FCF	2.2	0.7	-1.5	1.6	2.3	2.7
Acquisitions/Disposals of subsidiaries	-5.5	-3.0	-4.7	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in borrowings	5.9	1.8	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repayment of leasing debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity Transaction	0.8	4.4	-2.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in net cash over the year	2.8	2.9	-2.3	1.6	2.3	2.7
ROA (%)	4.4%	8.3%	6.7%	6.2%	6.9%	9.0%
ROE (%)	9.2%	13.9%	13.1%	11.0%	11.0%	12.9%
ROCE (%)	7.5%	13.5%	15.0%	13.9%	14.0%	16.0%



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