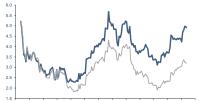


## First Take – Quarterly earnings Electronics | Germany

M-U-T AG			
Buy ➔   Target price : 5.50 EUR	Est.chg	2015e	2016e
Price : 4.91 EUR   Upside : 12 %	EPS	13.5%	7.3%

# Strong Q3 2015 EBIT: Positive momentum continues

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-M-U-T AG -M-U-T	AG Relative to Telco	s (Rebased)	
Capital			
M7U GY   M7UG.DE			
Market Cap (EURm)			23
Enterprise value (EURm)			32
Extrema 12 months		3.10	5.15
Free Float (%)			47.5
Performance (%)	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	16.2	9.2	14.0
Perf. rel. "sector"	7.2	14.8	1.9
Perf. rel. Telcos	4.3	17.1	-3.9
P&L	12/15e	12/16e	12/17e
Sales (EURm)	55.2	60.2	65.0
EBITDA (EURm)	7.4	7.9	8.2
Current EBIT (EURm)	5.7	6.0	6.2
Attr. net profit (EURm)	2.0	2.1	2.4
Adjusted EPS (EUR)	0.42	0.44	0.49
Dividend (EUR)	0.00	0.00	0.00
P/E (x)	11.7	11.1	10.0
P/B (x)	4.4	3.2	2.4
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0
FCF yield (%)	6.1	13.1	11.0
EV/Sales (x)	0.58	0.53	0.48
EV/EBITDA (x)	4.4	4.0	3.8
EV/Current EBIT (x)	5.7	5.3	5.0
Gearing (%)	33	18	6
Net Debt/EBITDA(x)	0.4	0.2	0.1

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## Strong Q3 2015 EBIT

m-u-t AG (m7u) reported Q3 2015 preliminary figures: EBIT was strong, revenues were slightly weaker (see table below). Against this backdrop, the company increased its existing 2015 EBIT guidance to  $\in$  5.7m ( $\in$  3.5m) and guided for EPS of  $\in$  0.40-0.45 (no previous guidance). Note that m7u had already achieved its original EBIT guidance of  $\in$  3.5m in H1 2015 (and also surpassed 2014 EBIT of  $\in$  3.0m), but has only now increased its EBIT guidance for the full year 2015.

#### Q3 2015 results (EUR m)

	Q3 2015	Q3 2014	Δ (in %)	9m 2015
Revenues	12.5	13.2	-5.3%	40.8
EBIT	1.6	0.7	+129%	5.1
Source · Compa	nv data Oddo Sevdl	er Bank AG		

Source : Company data, Oddo Seydler Bank AG

## Key takeaways: Positive momentum continues

**Q3 figures confirm m7u is on the right track:** After the very strong H1 2015 figures (i.e. H1 2015 EBIT surpassed 2014 EBIT), the Q3 2015 figures confirm the overall positive trend for m7u, i.e. increasing its operative performance. As already pointed out in our July update, we believe the new management team is doing an excellent job of capturing the company's previously untapped potential. In particular, the company now seems to have found its cost setup and is now also addressing the realisation of greater synergies within the group (i.e. between group companies: m-u-t in Wedel, tec5 and Avantes).

**Q4 2015 guidance looks conservative:** The company's new full-year 2015 EBIT guidance of  $\in$  5.7m translates to a Q4 2015 EBIT of  $\in$  0.6m, which we consider conservative (i.e. only 37.5% of Q3 2015 EBIT). Moreover, given the company's now very cautious communications to investors, it seems to have adopted a new communications policy, i.e. to provide guidance that it can meet with 100% certainty as opposed to raising expectations too high and running the risk of disappointment. On the other hand, m7u's H2 is usually weaker than H1.

**Estimates increased:** Against the backdrop of the strong operative performance in 9M 2015, we increase our EPS forecasts. In particular, for 2015e, we now expect EPS of  $\in 0.42$  (before:  $\in 0.37$ ). For 2016e and 2017e, we increase our EPS forecast to  $\in 0.44$  ( $\in 0.41$ ) and  $\in 0.49$  ( $\in 0.46$ ), respectively.

### Buy reiterated; TP € 5.50

We reiterate our Buy rating and our TP of  $\in$  5.50 (based on a DCF valuation). At our price target the shares would trade at a P/E of 12.5x for 2016e.

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M7UG.DE   M7U GY	Buy				Price	4.91EUR	
Electronics   Germany	Upside	11.99%				5.50EUR	
PER SHARE DATA (EUR)		12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15e	12/16e	12/17e
Adjusted EPS		-1.16	-0.16	0.26	0.42	0.44	0.49
Reported EPS Growth in EPS(%)		-1.16	<b>-0.16</b> ns	0.26 ns	<b>0.42</b> 61.6%	<b>0.44</b> 5.5%	<b>0.49</b> 11.4%
Net dividend per share		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FCF to equity per share		-0.48 0.35	0.92 0.44	0.26 0.76	0.30 1.10	0.64 1.54	0.54 2.04
Book value per share Number of shares market cap		4.35	4.34	4.34	4.79	4.79	4.79
Number of diluted shares		4.35	4.34	4.34	4.79	4.79	4.79
VALUATION 12m highest price		12/12 6.37	12/13 3.72	12/14 5.68	12/15e 5.15	12/16e	12/17e
12m lowest price		3.27	2.12	2.70	3.10		
(*) Reference price		5.02	2.78	4.33	4.91	4.91	4.91
Capitalization		22	12	19	23	23	23
Restated Net debt Minorities (fair value)		7.5 0.0	3.6 0.0	2.1 0.0	2.9 0.0	2.0 0.0	0.9 0.0
Financial fixed assets (fair value)		0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Provisions		4.8	6.6	6.6	5.9	6.4	6.8
Enterprise Value		34	22	<b>28</b> 17	32	32	31
P/E (x) P/CF (x)		ns ns	ns 5.8	9.4	12 4.5	11 4.2	10.0 4.0
Net Yield (%)		0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FCF yield (%) P/B incl. GW (x)		ns 14.31	33.3% 6.37	6.0% 5.73	6.1% 4.45	13.1% 3.18	11.0% 2.41
P/B excl. GW (x)		14.51 ns	ns	29.18	12.49	6.73	4.02
EV/Sales (x)		0.90	0.54	0.56	0.58	0.53	0.48
EV/EBITDA (x) EV/EBIT (x)		ns ns	6.6 <b>9.2</b>	6.0 <b>9.1</b>	4.4 5.7	4.0 <b>5.3</b>	3.8 <b>5.0</b>
(*) historical average price		113	5.2	5.1	5.7	5.5	5.0
PROFIT AND LOSS (EURm)		12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15e	12/16e	12/17e
Sales EBITDA		38 -1.1	41 3.4	50 4.6	55 7.4	60 7.9	65 8.2
Depreciations		-2.0	-1.0	-1.6	-1.7	-1.9	-2.0
Current EBIT Published EBIT		<b>-3.1</b> -3.1	<b>2.4</b> 1.6	<b>3.0</b> 3.0	<b>5.7</b> 5.7	<b>6.0</b> 6.0	<b>6.2</b> 6.2
Net financial income		-0.4	-0.6	-0.5	-0.7	-0.7	-0.7
Corporate Tax		-0.8	-0.9	-0.5	-1.5	-1.6	-1.7
Net income of equity-accounted companies Profit/loss of discontinued activities (after tax)		0.0 -0.4	0.0 0.0	0.0 -0.2	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0
Minority interests		-0.3	-0.8	-0.2	-1.5	-1.6	-1.5
Attributable net profit		-5.1	-0.7	1.1	2.0	2.1	2.4
Adjusted attributable net profit BALANCE SHEET (EURm)		-5.1 12/12	-0.7 12/13	1.1 12/14	2.0 12/15e	2.1 12/16e	2.4 12/17e
Goodwill		2.0	2.9	2.6	3.4	3.9	3.9
Other intangible assets Tangible fixed assets		0.6 2.5	0.9 2.1	0.7 1.5	0.7 1.6	0.7 1.7	0.7 2.5
WCR		11	8.9	1.5	1.0	13	14
Financial assets		0.7	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ordinary shareholders equity Minority interests		1.5 3.3	1.9 2.9	3.3 3.5	5.3 3.5	7.4 3.5	9.7 3.5
Shareholders equity		4.8	4.8	6.8	8.8	11	13
Non-current provisions Net debt		4.8 <b>7.5</b>	6.6 <b>3.6</b>	6.6 <b>2.1</b>	5.9 <b>2.9</b>	6.4 <b>2.0</b>	6.8 <b>0.9</b>
CASH FLOW STATEMENT (EURm)		12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15e	12/16e	12/17e
EBITDA		-1.1	3.4	4.6	7.4	7.9	8.2
Change in WCR Interests & taxes		1.6 -1.2	2.5 -2.3	-0.3 -1.0	-2.0 -2.2	-0.5 -2.3	-0.5 -2.4
Others		-0.5	0.9	-1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating Cash flow		-1.3	4.5	1.7	3.2	5.1	5.4
CAPEX Free cash-flow		-0.8 <b>-2.1</b>	-0.5 <b>4.0</b>	-0.6 <b>1.1</b>	-1.8 <b>1.4</b>	-2.0 <b>3.1</b>	-2.8 <b>2.6</b>
Acquisitions / disposals		-0.7	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends		0.0 0.0	-0.4 1.1	0.0 0.0	-1.5 0.0	-1.6 0.0	-1.5 0.0
Net capital increase Others		5.3	-1.5	-1.6	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
Change in net debt		-9.6	3.9	1.5	-0.8	1.0	1.1
GROWTH MARGINS PRODUCTIVITY Sales growth		12/12	12/13 8.7%	<b>12/14</b> 20.8%	12/15e 11.5%	12/16e 9.0%	12/17e 8.0%
Lfl sales growth		-	-	-	-	-	-
Current EBIT growth		-	ns	25.6%	88.4%	5.3%	3.3%
Growth in EPS(%) Net margin		- -13.4%	ns -1.7%	ns 2.3%	61.6% 3.6%	5.5% 3.5%	11.4% 3.6%
EBITDA margin		-3.0%	8.3%	9.3%	13.4%	13.1%	12.6%
Current EBIT margin		<b>-8.3%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	10.3%	10.0%	9.5%
CAPEX / Sales WCR / Sales		-2.2% 30.0%	-1.3% 21.8%	-1.2% 21.4%	-3.3% 21.4%	-3.3% 21.3%	-4.3% 21.2%
Tax Rate		-22.0%	85.3%	21.3%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Normative tax rate Asset Turnover		30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0% 3.3	30.0%
Asset Turnover ROCE post-tax (normative tax rate)		-	2.6 <b>10.8%</b>	3.3 <b>14.0%</b>	3.4 <b>24.2%</b>	3.3 22.9%	3.2 <b>21.7%</b>
ROCE post-tax hors GW (normative tax rate)		-	12.8%	17.1%	29.6%	28.6%	26.9%
ROE DEBT RATIOS		- 12/12	-39.6% 12/13	43.4% 12/14	46.7% 12/15e	33.3% 12/16e	27.4% 12/17e
Gearing		ns	74%	31%	33%	18%	6%
Net Debt / Market Cap		0.34	0.30	0.11	0.12	0.08	0.04
Net debt / EBITDA EBITDA / net financial charges		<b>ns</b> -2.8	<b>1.05</b> 5.6	<b>0.46</b> 8.8	<b>0.40</b> 10.6	<b>0.25</b> 11.2	<b>0.10</b> 11.7
		2.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	11.2	



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Date	Reco	Price Target (EUR)	Price (EUR)
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