# Q3-20: encouraging recovery signs from the pandemic

Telecommunications solutions provider Gigaset has published Q3-20 figures highlighting a nice recovery following the negative impacts from measures imposed to dampen the spread of Covid-19 in its key European markets. Sales of EUR 57.6m represent 14% yoy increase (Pareto 54m) whilst EUR 5.0m EBITDA (Pareto 4.9m) represents an 8.7% margin. No reliable outlook for 2020 is provided although a fall in all relevant key figures is anticipated before a recovery sets in next year. We have a Buy rating with EUR 0.48 target price.

# Strong recovery is DECT Phone sales allows Gigaset report Q3 sales beat

The beat to our Q3 sales estimate came in the main DECT Phone segment which benefited from a major restocking at retail in Q3 in recording 30% jump in sales to EUR 44m. We suspect that the group's "Made in Germany" focus appears to have provided a competitive advantage during Q3 compared to Far East suppliers. The Smartphone segment similarly had a good quarter in reporting EUR 3.7m sales (+12%).

# "Wait and see" attitude hindering both the Professional and Smart Home segments

The Professional segment, which targets SMEs with communication solutions, continues to be impacted as corporate clients adopt a "wait and see" attitude through the pandemic, deferring some projects: sales of EUR 9.5m represent a drop of 25%. The Smart Home segment is quite small today and we have high hopes for fast and lucrative growth going forward but Q3 sales declined to EUR 0.4m.

# Slight beat in Q3 profits is encouraging, but no guidance for 2020

At EUR 5.0m EBITDA was up slightly on Q3-19 (EUR 4.9m) as was EBIT at EUR 1.4m (EUR 1.3m) and there was EUR 0.7m net income (nil). There is no guidance for 2020 although we are encouraged by the slight beat to Pareto estimates. The prompt focus on liquidity management will likely mean that the group will be better positioned than many to benefit from the anticipated recovery in the telecommunication segments in 2021 and beyond. We have a Buy rating with EUR 0.48 price target.

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