Quicker than anticipated recovery at Gigaset

Telecommunications solutions provider Gigaset has published Q1'21 figures which are better than feared. Since retail is the group's main distribution channel, the Covid-19-enforced shutdown of most of the group's POS continues to impact, but revenue nonetheless jumped 56% to EUR 50.5m (Pareto EUR 38.2m). The stronger sales coverage meant that the group could announce an earlier than expected return to EBITDA profit at EUR 1.6m compared to a EUR -7.4m loss in Q1'20 (Pareto EUR -4.7m). Nonetheless guidance remains cautious calling for only a slight improvement in revenues and EBITDA over the 2020 results. We have a Buy rating with EUR 0.48 TP.

Both B2C Phones and B2B Professional segments record stronger than anticipated sales recovery

In Q1'20 all four segments were negatively impacted by measures taken to stem the spread of Covid-19 and thus a recovery had been anticipated for the current quarter although the 56% jump in revenue was far stronger than anticipated. In particular, the main DECT Phone segment proved to be successful in gaining market share with a 40% sales bounce to EUR 35.3m (although some of this may reflect positive delivery shifts). Sales via the Professional segment increased 17% to EUR 11.2m as business customers started to see a recovery in project demand from the end consumer. The Smartphone segment had reported negative EUR -3.7m revenues in Q1'20 but recorded EUR 3.6m in Q1'21, whilst there was a drop to EUR 0.4m in the Smart Home segment.

Quicker than expected return to profitability

The strong sales recovery allowed a quicker than anticipated return to profitability in Q1'21, with EBITDA at EUR 1.6m (Pareto EUR -4.7m loss vs. Q1'20 EUR -7.4m). Nonetheless, annual guidance continues to reflect external concerns regarding the corona pandemic and continues to call for only "slight" improvements in both sales and EBITDA. Both appear rather conservative in the face of the strong Q1 recovery.

Maintain Buy rating with EUR 0.48 target price

Encouraged by the clear beat to Pareto estimates, we will review estimates post the detailed report but do not anticipate significant changes at this stage given both the cautious guidance and suggestions that Q1 may have been influenced by timing issues. We have a Buy rating with EUR 0.48 price target.

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