

# **MAILUP**

# Company Update

# **Buy (maintained)**

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MARKET PRICE: EUR4.50

TARGET PRICE: EUR6.00 (from EUR5.07)

#### IT services

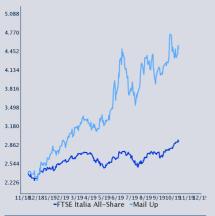
#### Data

Shares Outstanding (m): 14.97 Market Cap. (EURm): 67.4 Enterprise Value (EURm): 66.7 Free Float (%): 33.2% Av. Daily Trad. Vol. (m): 0.03 Main Shareholder: Founders 53.6% MAIL.MI MAIL IM Reuters/Bloomberg: 52-Week Range (EUR) 2.3 4.7

### **Performance**

	1m	3m	12m
Absolute	7.1%	22.3%	81.5%
Rel. to FTSE IT	0.7%	6.8%	49.6%

#### Graph area Absolute/Relative 12 M



Source: Factset

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# 3Q19: everything grows

3Q19 results showed a solid growth in EBITDA (EUR1.2 million, +59% YoY) which reflected the sound 59% YoY growth of revenues at EUR14.1 million. 3Q19 reported EBITDA margin was stable at 8.4%. First adoption of IFRS16 had a positive impact on EBITDA of EUR0.23 million; EBITDA ex-IFRS grew by 28% YoY to EUR0.95 million, equal to 6.8% EBITDA margin (-160bp due to the consolidation of loss making start-up Datatrics). New lease liabilities due to IFRS16 for EUR4.9 million were accounted in the financial debt (up EUR2.5 million compared to 1H19). We have left unchanged our estimates with the exception of further adjustment in net cash position at the end of 2019 due to IFRS16 effect. The strong operational results and improved liquidity of the stock in the last year was reflected in a drop of the volatility with 3Y beta progressively moving from 1.39 in October 2018 to current 1.28. We now incorporate a beta of 1.2, equal to the 1Y and 3Y beta average. Our DCF fair value jumps by 18% to EUR6 per share, corresponding to an EV/EBITDA 20E of 12x compared to 14x of its European direct comparable company dotDigital. Its healthy balance sheet allows potential new creative acquisitions.

- In 9M19, MailUp recorded consolidated revenues at EUR42.5 million (+60% YoY), boosted mainly by SMS (+71% YoY to EUR30.7 million); email business was up 17% YoY to EUR9.7 million, inclusive of BEE (EUR1.9 million gross sales, +131% YoY). Datatrics sales were EUR1.5 million compared to around EUR1 million in FY18.
- > 9M19 EBITDA was EUR3.3 million (+27.5% YoY) after EUR0.67 million negative one-off recorded in 1H19 by Agile Telecom as an effect of unexpected increase in the cost of traffic applied since May 2018 by a telecom operator. They are still in dispute with the telecom operator and there was no further impact in 3Q19.
- > Our EUR6 per share target price is based on a DCF valuation (WACC 7.9%, g 2%). The stock is trading at an EV/EBITDA 20E of 9x which is 20% below average peers. Main risks are: (1) low liquidity; (2) increasing competition in MarTech; (3) M&A disappointment.

Financials					Ratios	priced on 1	3 Novem	ber 2019	
	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E		2018 *	2019E	2020E	2021E
Revenues (EURm)	39.0	59.9	71.3	83.1	P/E(x)	27.8	50.3	24.8	16.6
EBITDA (EURm)	3.8	4.8	7.3	9.6	P/CF(x)	4.0	24.3	13.3	9.3
EBITDA margin (%)	9.7%	8.0%	10.2%	11.6%	P/BV(x)	2.2	3.9	3.4	2.8
EBIT (EURm)	1.9	2.4	4.5	6.4	Dividend Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EPS (EUR)	0.08	0.09	0.18	0.27	EV/EBITDA(x)	7.8	13.9	9.0	6.5
CFPS (EUR)	0.17	-0.04	0.41	0.49	Debt/Equity (x)	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
DPS (EUR)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	Debt/EBITDA (x)	-1.7	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6
Source: Company Data	a, UBI Bar	nca Estima	tes		Source: UBI Ban	ca Estimates	* Based	on 2018 av	verage price



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(EURm)	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Revenues	39.0	59.9	71.3	83.1
EBITDA	3.8	4.8	7.3	9.6
EBIT	1.9	2.4	4.5	6.4
NOPAT	1.3	1.6	3.0	4.3
Free Cash Flow	-1.3	-4.5	1.7	2.3
Net Capital Employed	9.6	15.4	16.4	18.2
Shareholders' Equity	15.9	17.3	20.0	24.0
Net Financial Position	-6.4	-1.9	-3.5	-5.9

# **Key Profitability Drivers**

	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Net Debt/Ebitda (x)	-1.7	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6
Net Debt/Equity (x)	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Interest Coverage (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	-3.8%	nm	2.5%	3.5%
ROE (%)	8.4%	8.1%	14.6%	18.4%
ROI after-tax (%)	11.0%	9.0%	14.1%	19.0%
ROCE (%)	15.6%	12.9%	18.8%	24.7%

Source: Company data, UBI Banca estimates

# **Key Valuation Ratios**

	2018 *	2019E	2020E	2021E
P/E (x)	27.8	50.3	24.8	16.6
P/BV (x)	2.2	3.9	3.4	2.8
P/CF (x)	4.0	24.3	13.3	9.3
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EV/Sales (x)	0.8	1.1	0.9	8.0
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.8	13.9	9.0	6.5
EV/EBIT (x)	15.6	27.7	14.5	9.8
EV/CE (x)	3.1	4.3	4.0	3.5

Source: Company data, UBI Banca estimates

# **Key Value Drivers**

(%)	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Payout	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
NWC/Sales	-21.2%	-11.5%	-10.6%	-9.3%
Capex/Sales	-8.5%	-6.4%	-6.2%	-6.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 2018 average price



# **Recent Developments**

- > In 3Q19, MailUp recorded consolidated revenues at EUR14.1 million (+59% YoY), boosted mainly by SMS (+65% YoY to EUR9.8 million); email business were up 21% YoY to EUR3.4 million, inclusive of BEE (EUR0.8 million gross sales, +113% YoY). Datatrics sales were EUR0.66 million.
- > Overall 9M19 revenues rose by 60% YoY to EUR42.5 million, with all components of business recording significant growth.
- > 3Q19 EBITDA closed at EUR1.2 million (+59% YoY), equal to 8.4% EBITDA margin. Adjusted EBITDA (ex IFRS16 and one-off) amounted to EUR0.95 million, equal to a 28% growth despite the consolidation of Datatrics' loss.
- In 3Q19 net cash flow was negative for EUR480k (vs EUR217k positive cash flow in 1H19) as an effect of seasonal absorption of working capital. In 9M19 cash out for earn-outs amounted to EUR0.975 million (EUR0.375 million for Datatrics, EUR0.6 million for Agile Telecom).
- > The company recorded EUR4.9 million debt for the first adoption of IFRS16. Net financial position was positive at EUR1.3 million (EUR6.1 million ex-IFRS16).

Figure 1. 3Q19-9M19E

ln	3Q19	organic	growth	was	56%	YoY	(54% i	in	9M19).	

(EURm)	3Q18A	3Q19A	% change	9M18A	9M19A	% change
Revenues	8.85	14.09	59.2%	26.54	42.47	60.0%
email	2.79	3.39	21.4%	8.29	9.72	17.4%
SMS	5.95	9.81	64.8%	17.90	30.65	71.2%
Professional services	0.11	0.23	119.9%	0.35	0.59	67.8%
Predictive marketing		0.66			1.51	
VoP	9.11	14.29	56.8%	27.15	43.60	60.6%
EBITDA	0.74	1.18	59.3%	2.61	3.32	27.5%
EBITDA margin	8.4%	8.4%	0.0%	9.8%	7.8%	-2.0%
Adj EBITDA (IFRS16)	0.74	0.95	28.3%	2.61	3.43	31.5%
Adj EBITDA margin	8.4%	6.8%	-1.6%	9.8%	8.1%	-1.8%
Net cash	N.A.	1.29		N.A.	1.29	
Net cash ex-IFRS16		6.15			6.15	

Source: Company data



# **Financial Projections**

> Our estimates incorporate a 2019-2022 CAGR of 16% on revenues and 33% on EBITDA. We expect BEE and Datatrics cumulative revenues to move from EUR2.2 million in 2018 (pro-forma base) to EUR5.6 million in 2019 to EUR10 million in 2020, equal to 14% of consolidated revenues (from 9% in 2019)

Figure 2. Revenues breakdown by segments in 2017-2022E

Datatrics is assume to double its	revenues	in 2020.				
(EURm)	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E
Revenues	26.4	39.0	59.9	71.3	83.1	92.8
Email	9.9	11.3	14.9	17.9	21.9	25.4
SMS	15.9	27.2	41.7	47.1	51.7	55.8
Professional services	0.6	0.5	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.7
Predictive marketing (Datatrics)	0.0	0.0	2.4	5.0	8.0	9.8
Weight %						
Email	37.5%	28.9%	24.9%	25.2%	26.3%	27.4%
SMS	60.3%	69.7%	69.6%	66.1%	62.2%	60.2%
Professional services	2.2%	1.4%	1.5%	1.7%	1.8%	1.8%
Predictive marketing (Datatrics)	0.0%	0.0%	4.0%	7.1%	9.7%	10.6%

Source: Company data, UBI Banca estimates

Figure 3. VoP and EBITDA breakdown by segments in 2017-2022E

Since 1H19 results	, holding costs	(EUR1.6 mil	lion forecast) a	are split among	business
units.					

(EURm)	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E
VoP (Consolidated)	27.3	40.2	61.5	73.1	85.2	95.1
MailUpl	11.3	13.1	15.2	16.7	18.6	20.6
Agile Telecom	14.8	26.3	40.7	46.1	50.7	54.8
Acumbamail	0.7	0.9	1.0	1.2	1.3	1.4
BEE	0.6	1.2	3.2	5.0	7.5	9.5
Datatrics			2.4	5.0	8.0	9.8
Holding	1.5	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4
EBITDA	2.86	3.80	4.82	7.26	9.60	11.20
MailUpl	2.80	2.40	2.51	2.76	3.07	3.40
Agile Telecom	1.35	2.50	1.90	3.59	4.09	4.51
Acumbamail	0.25	0.20	0.17	0.19	0.21	0.24
BEE	-0.04	0.40	0.74	1.01	1.73	2.15
Datatrics			-0.50	-0.30	0.50	0.90
Holding	-1.05	-1.60	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
EBITDA margin %	10.5%	9.5%	7.8%	9.9%	11.2%	11.7%
MailUpl	24.8%	18.3%	16.5%	16.5%	16.5%	16.5%
Agile Telecom	9.1%	9.5%	4.7%	7.8%	8.1%	8.2%
Acumbamail	35.7%	22.2%	16.5%	16.7%	16.8%	17.0%
BEE	-6.7%	33.3%	23.1%	20.2%	23.1%	22.6%
Datatrics			-20.8%	-6.0%	6.2%	9.1%



# Valuation

- > We incorporate a new beta of 1.2, equal to 1 and 3 year beta average. Our target price based on DCF (WACC 7.9%, g 2%) has been increased by 18% to EUR6 per share, leaving a 33% upside.
- > The stock is trading at an EV/EBITDA 20E of 9x which is at a 20% discount to peers and at a 36% discount to dotDigital..

Figure 5. WACC and embedded DCF assumptions

WACC assumptions		Embedded DCF assumptions	
Risk-free rate	2.5%	Revenue CAGR 2019-2022 (%)	15.7%
Debt spread (%)		Target EBIT margin 2022 (%)	8.2%
Cost of debt [net] (%)		D&A. on sales (avg. 2019-2022) (%)	3.8%
Market risk premium (%)	4.5%	Capex on sales (avg. 2019-2022) (%)	6.1%
Beta (x)	1.20	Revenue CAGR 2023-2026 (%)	3.8
Cost of equity (%)	7.9%	Target EBIT margin 2026 (%)	9.7%
Weight of Debt	0%	D&A. on sales (avg. 2023-2026) (%)	4.4%
Weight of Equity	100%	Capex on sales (avg. 2023-2026) (%)	6.0%
WACC	7.9%		

Source: UBI Banca estimates

Figure 6. DCF Valuation

# Our DCF valuation implies an EV/EBITDA 2019E of 14.9x

	Valuation (EURm)	% Weight	Per share (EUR)
Sum of PV 2019-22 FCF	4.4	5%	0.30
Sum of PV 2023-26 FCF	12.6	14%	0.84
Terminal Value	70.9	81%	4.74
Total Enterprise value	88.0	100%	5.88
- minorities	0.0		0.00
- financial assets	0.35		0.02
- net cash (debt) at end-2018	6.4		0.43
- debt due to leasing (IFRS16)	-4.9		-0.33
Total Equity value	89.8		6.00
Number of shares outstanding (m)	14.97		
Fair value per share (EUR)	6.00		

Source: UBI Banca estimates

Figure 7. Implicit multiples based on our EUR6.00 target price

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<u>(x)</u>	2019E	2020E	2021E
P/E	67.1	33.0	22.2
EV/EBITDA	18.3	12.1	9.2
EV/EBIT	36.5	19.7	13.8
EV/Sales	1.5	1.2	1.1
P/BV	5.2	4.5	3.7
EV/ Capital employed	5.7	5.4	4.8

Source: UBI Banca estimates



Figure 8. Peer comparison and valuation based on multiples priced on 13 November 2019
On 2020, MailUp is trading at a discount compared to foreign players which have got similar business model.

		EV/S	ales	EV/E	BITDA	EV/	EBIT
	Market Cap	2020E	2021E	2020E	2021E	2020E	2021E
Alkemy SpA	58	0.7x	0.6x	7.9x	6.6x	9.9x	7.9x
Vonage	1,897	1.8x	1.5x	13.7x	11.6x	65.2x	31.5x
dotDigital Group plc	265	4.9x	4.1x	14.1x	12.0x	18.0x	15.7x
IMImobile PLC	221	1.2x	Na	8.9x	na	11.0x	Na
Average		2.1x	2.1x	11.1x	10.1x	26.0x	18.3x
MailUp	67	0.9x	0.8x	9.0x	6.5x	14.5x	9.8x
Premium/Discount to average		-57%	-64%	-20%	-35%	-44%	-47%
MailUp at target		1.5x	1.2x	18.3x	12.1x	19.7x	13.8x
Premium/Discount to peers		-42%	-49%	9%	-9%	-24%	-25x
Premium/Discount to Dotdigital		-75%	-74%	-14%	-23%	9%	-12%



Income Statement					
(EURm)	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E	
Value of production	39.0	59.9	71.3	83.1	
EBITDA	3.8	4.8	7.3	9.6	
EBITDA margin	9.7%	8.0%	10.2%	11.6%	
EBIT	1.9	2.4	4.5	6.4	
EBIT margin	4.9%	4.0%	6.3%	7.7%	
Net financial income /expense	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Associates & Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Profit before taxes	1.9	2.4	4.5	6.4	
Taxes	-0.7	-1.1	-1.8	-2.3	
Minorities & discontinuing ops	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Net Income	13	13	27	<i>A</i> 1	

# **Balance Sheet**

(EURm)	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Net working capital	-8.3	-6.9	-7.6	-7.7
Net Fixed assets	23.4	27.6	29.3	31.2
M/L term funds	-5.5	-5.3	-5.3	-5.3
Capital employed	9.6	15.4	16.4	18.2
Shareholders' equity	15.9	17.3	20.0	24.0
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shareholders' funds	15.9	17.3	20.0	24.0
Net financial debt/(cash)	-6.4	-1.9	-3.5	-5.9

Source: Company data, UBI Banca estimates

# **Cash Flow Statement**

(EURm)	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
NFP Beginning of Period	-7.3	-6.4	-1.9	-3.5
Group Net Profit	1.3	1.3	2.7	4.1
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
D&A	1.9	2.4	2.8	3.2
Change in Funds & TFR	5.5	-1.0	-0.4	0.0
Gross Cash Flow	8.7	2.8	5.1	7.3
Change In Working Capital	-1.3	-0.7	1.2	0.2
Other	-4.9	-2.8	-0.1	-0.1
Operating Cash Flow	2.5	-0.7	6.1	7.3
let Capex	-3.3	-3.8	-4.4	-5.0
Other Investments	-0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0
Free Cash Flow	-1.3	-4.5	1.7	2.3
Dividends Paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other & Chg in Consolid. Area	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Chg in Net Worth&Capital Incr.	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in NFP	-0.9	-4.5	1.7	2.3
NFP End of Period	-6.4	-1.9	-3.5	-5.9



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(%)	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
ROE	8.4%	8.1%	14.6%	18.4%
ROI after-tax (%)	11.0%	9.0%	14.1%	19.0%
Net Fin. Debt/Equity (x)	-0.4	-0.1	-0.2	-0.2
Net Fin. Debt/EBITDA (x)	-1.7	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6
Interest Coverage	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
NWC/Sales	-21.2%	-11.5%	-10.6%	-9.3%
Capex/Sales	-8.5%	-6.4%	-6.2%	-6.0%
Pay Out Ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

#### **Per Share Data**

(EUR)	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
EPS	0.08	0.09	0.18	0.27
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Op. CFPS	0.17	-0.04	0.41	0.49
Free CFPS	-0.09	-0.30	0.11	0.16
BVPS	1.07	1.15	1.34	1.61

Source: Company data, UBI Banca estimates

#### **Stock Market Ratios**

(x)	2018 *	2019E	2020E	2021E
P/E	27.8	50.3	24.8	16.6
P/OpCFPS	4.0	24.3	13.3	9.3
P/BV	2.2	3.9	3.4	2.8
Dividend Yield (%)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Free Cash Flow Yield (%)	nm	nm	2.5%	3.5%
EV (EURm)	29,6	66.7	65.0	62.7
EV/Sales	8.0	1.1	0.9	8.0
EV/EBITDA	7.8	13.9	9.0	6.5
EV/EBIT	15.6	27.7	14.5	9.8
EV/Capital Employed	3.1	4.3	4.0	3.5

Source: Company data, UBI Banca estimates

# **Growth Rates**

(%)	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Growth Group Net Sales	47.6%	53.5%	19.0%	16.6%
Growth EBITDA	30.9%	27.8%	50.7%	32.3%
Growth EBIT	48.2%	27.1%	85.6%	42.8%
Growth Net Profit	128.6%	6.7%	103.2%	49.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Based on 2018 average price



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17 October 2018	BUY	3.63	2.44
15 January 2019	BUY	3.72	2.52
26 April 2019	BUY	3.85	3.04
23 May 2019	BUY	3.89	3.31
11 July 2019	BUY	5.20	4.49
18 September 2019	BUY	5.07	4.40