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VITA 34 INTERNATIONAL AG

GERMANY / HEALTH CARE

Primary exchange: Frankfurt Bloomberg symbol: V3V GR ISIN: DE000A0BL849 **Q3 RESULTS**

PROFIT ESTIMATES DECREASE DUE TO FINANCE COSTS

Vita 34 published Q3 results last week announcing revenues of ≤ 4.3 m (Q3 2009 ≤ 4.1 m) and a gross profit of ≤ 3.1 m (Q3 2009 ≤ 2.7 m). Revenues and gross profit increased over Q3 2009 due to the inclusion of Secuvita. The company reported EBIT of ≤ 190 k (Q3 2009 ≤ 246 k) and a net profit of ≤ 32 k (Q3 2009 ≤ 400 k). The company remains on target to meet our 2010 EBIT estimates. However, after discussions with management we have made negative revision to our estimates for financial income and tax for 2010-2013. As a result we have lowered our price target to ≤ 7.00 , but maintain our Buy rating.

Gross profit margins increase, but EBIT margins down Gross profit margins increased from 67% in Q3 2009 to 72% in Q3 2010 due to optimisation measures in cord blood processing. However, since acquisition, a loss of €614k has been recognised in Secuvita due to acquisition costs, write-offs, and accounting adjustments. Going forward we anticipate these one off expenses will subside. A comparison to our estimates can be seen in Table I overleaf.

Profit forecasts decrease The financial result decreased from income of €209k in Q3 2009 to expense of €38k in Q3 2010. This is partially attributable to the recognition of one-off gains in 2009, but financial revenues remain below forecasts. In addition, Vita 34 intends to recognise financial losses in the coming years due to interest payments on loans. We have revised our estimates downward. Changes can be seen in Table 2 overleaf.

Storages expected to increase through 2010 Vita 34 reported 3,141 storages in Q3, which is 38% of the 8,293 total storages for the year to date. However, due to negative revisions to our forecasts for the financial result and tax during 2010-2013, we lower our price target to \notin 7.00. We maintain our Buy rating.

FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	2007	2008	2009	2010E	2011E	2012E
Revenue (€m)	15.43	14.96	15.10	17.46	19.91	21.06
Y-o-y growth	33.5%	-3.0%	0.9%	15.7%	14.0%	5.8%
EBIT (€m)	-0.83	-2.27	0.16	0.50	1.18	1.40
EBIT margin	-5.4%	-15.2%	1.1%	2.9%	5.9%	6.6%
Net income (€m)	-1.19	-1.71	0.60	0.34	0.70	0.45
EPS (diluted) (€)	-0.45	-0.65	0.23	0.13	0.27	0.17
P/E (x)	na	na	23.8	41.2	20.1	31.4
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FCF (€m)	7.04	-2.63	-0.32	-6.92	2.79	1.98
Net gearing	0.2%	0.1%	0.3%	0.1%	-0.1%	-0.2%
Liquid assets (€m)	10.95	7.25	8.06	4.22	3.74	2.44

RISKS

Risks to our price target include but are not limited to: marketing risk, competition risk, financial risk, and a lack of progress in scientific research.

RATING:	Buy
PRICE TARGET:	€7.00
RETURN POTENTIAL:	30.8%
RISK RATING:	Medium

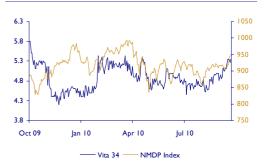
COMPANY PROFILE

Vita 34 International AG is a private umbilical-cord blood bank headquartered in Leipzig, Germany. The company offers expectant parents the one-time opportunity to preserve and store their baby's umbilical-cord blood for potential medical use. As of 30 September, Vita 34 had 131 full-time employees.

TRADING DATA

Closing price (15.10.10)	€5.35
Shares outstanding	2.65 m
Market capitalisation	€ 14.16 m
52-week range	€4.20 / 5.90
Average volume (12 months)	4,700

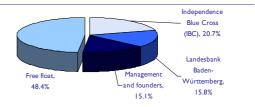
STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA (as of 30 September 2010)

Liquid assets (incl. securities)	€4.78m
Current assets	€9.91m
Intangible assets	€20.90 m
Total assets	€37.02m
Current liabilities	€8.50m
Shareholders' equity (incl. minorities)	€18.80m

SHAREHOLDERS



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COMPARISON TO OUR ESTIMATES

Q3 Estimate	Q3 Actual	Difference	% Difference
4,439	4,355	-84	-2%
3,075	3,126	51	2%
148	190	42	28%
295	32	-263	-89%
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Table 1

Source: First Berlin

CHANGES TO OUR FORECASTS

		2010	E		2011	E		2012	E		2013	E
All figures in €M	old	new	% change									
Revenues	17.46	17.46	0%	19.91	19.91	0%	21.06	21.06	0%	22.46	22.50	0%
Operating profit	0.50	0.50	0%	1.18	1.18	0%	1.40	1.40	0%	1.72	1.72	0%
Net profit	1.02	0.34	-66%	1.84	0.70	-62%	1.21	0.45	-63%	1.40	0.45	-68%
Diluted EPS (€)	0.39	0.13	-66%	0.70	0.27	-62%	0.46	0.17	-63%	0.53	0.17	-68%

Table 2

Source: First Berlin

Report No.:	Date of publication	Previous day closing price	Recommen- dation	Price target
Initial Report	12 July 2007	€12.43	Buy	€20.00
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14	9 March 2010	€5.20	Buy	€7.80
15	16 April 2010	€5.30	Buy	€7.80
16	7 September 2010	€4.57	Buy	€7.92
17	Today	€5.35	Buy	€7.00

FIRST BERLIN RECOMMENDATION & PRICE TARGET HISTORY

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