

Company Alert

R. Stahl

Results Preview: Apparently high impact in Q1/2009 to be expected

COMPANY



RATING

BUY (UNCHANGED)

TARGET PRICE

28 EUR (UNCHANGED)

WHAT'S CHANGED

- R. Stahl will release their annual report on April 30, 2009
- Negative Q1/2009 key figures will likely be published

R. Stahl already released some key figures for FY 2008 on January 29, 2009. So the most interesting points at their upcoming annual press conference will probably be the declaration of dividend (LBBW: EUR 1,00) and a guidance for FY 2009 of any kind. The details of our recent forecast can be found in the column with key data on the right side.

Most likely the company is going to publish Q1/2009 key figures. Previous year's Q1 had the highest quarterly operating margin within FY 2008. Therefore, the comparison could overstate the expected profit slump in FY 2009. Roughly the same applies to the volume of incoming orders. Q1/2008 (EUR 59.3 m) showed a record level in company's history. We estimate an amount of about EUR 50 m for Q1/2009.

in EUR m	Q1/2009	delta %	Q1/2008
Sales	49.6	-8.2	54.0
EBIT	4.1	-44.1	7.3
EBT	3.4	-48.4	6.6
Net profit	2.4	-48.4	4.7

Source: R. Stahl, LBBW Research

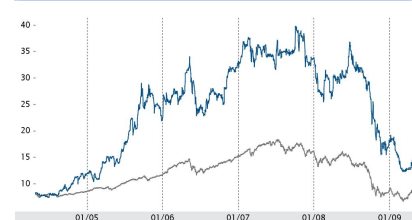
On the occasion of the trade fair in Hanover the German Association for the Electrical and Electronics Industry (ZVEI) just released their industry guidance for 2009. Hence, the electronic automation industry expects sales to decrease by 5 % to 10 % in 2009 (2008: +8,3 %). Usually, R. Stahl is less cyclical than the industry. However, it remains to be seen whether this works not only in normal cycles but also in the current worldwide recession.

+++ Reuters: RSLG +++ Bloomberg: RSL1 GY +++

Current Price (XETRA (Germany); 2009-04-24; 02:51 pm) ... 14.50 EUR
CLOSING PRICE(2009-04-23): 14.10 EUR
EXPECTED PERFORMANCE: 98.6%
MARKET CAPITALIZATION: 83.52 EUR m
ENTERPRISE VALUE: 68.12 EUR m
NUMBER OF SHARES: 5.92 m
FREE FLOAT: 47.0 %
INDEX (WEIGHT): Classic All Share (0.06 %)
AVG. DAILY TRADEVOL.: 2,734
ISIN: DE0007257727
SECTOR: Capital Goods

KEY DATA (DEC)	2007	2008E	2009E
Sales (EUR m)	211.6	222.3	212.5
EBITDA (EUR m)	35.7	30.5	26.6
EBIT (EUR m)	26.9	21.7	18.0
Net profit (EUR m)	15.7	12.8	10.4
Free cashflow (EUR m)	3.4	10.9	11.9
FCF yield	3.8 %	12.0 %	13.1 %
EPS (EUR)	2.40	2.16	1.76
DPS (EUR)	1.10	1.00	0.90
EV / Sales (x)	0.4	0.3	0.3
EV / EBITDA (x)	5.1	3.0	2.6
EV / EBIT (x)	6.8	4.3	3.8
P / E (x)	13.9	8.4	8.0
P / BV (x)	2.68	1.35	0.99
Dividend yield (in %)	3.3 %	5.5 %	6.4 %

PRICE PERFORMANCE



Source: R. Stahl, LBBW Research, Thomson Datastream

UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual press conference on 04/30/2009

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