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# Caltagirone Editore

**2/Outperform**

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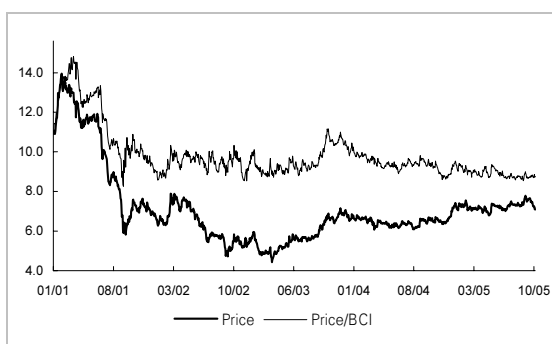
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## Defensive play

- ▶ We reiterate our **2/Outperform** rating for Caltagirone Editore (CED) and raise our target price to **EUR8.65** (from EUR8.0), implying ~20% upside.
- ▶ When national advertising growth is weak, CED can rely on smaller but more stable investments by local advertisers, thus it is shielded against the advertising cycle.
- ▶ Moreover, its cautious add-on sales strategy should pay off now, as the expected decline in the collateral sales business should have a negligible impact on the company's results.
- ▶ CED trades at a ~30% discount to peers on 2005 EV/EBITDA. In our view, this discount is excessive and already factors in the dilution of a potential acquisition, made using its EUR450m cash pile. Even if it made an expensive, highly dilutive purchase, it would trade in line with its peers on 2007 EV/EBITDA.
- ▶ We believe that the market would welcome an industrial acquisition, in view of CED's cash-laden capital structure (cash represents 50% of its market cap.) and the purely financial investments made in the past (which did little to boost the core business).
- ▶ Our new DCF-based TP of EUR8.65 is based on 7.2% WACC and 2% perpetual growth rate. Based on L'Espresso's multiples, we arrive at a EUR8.8 fair value/share.

Closing Price (21/10/05)	EUR7.086			
Target price	+22.1% EUR8.65			
Market capitalisation	EUR886m			
BCI	1 549.77			
<b>To 31/12 (EUR) - IFRS</b>	<b>2004</b>	<b>2005E</b>	<b>2006E</b>	<b>2007E</b>
Sales (m)	270.6	282.0	288.8	295.1
Net att. profit, rest. (m)	31.4	36.9	38.1	39.4
Free Cash Flow (m)	(171.7)	88.1	37.1	38.8
EBITDA margin (%)	20.4	23.0	23.1	23.0
Clean EPS	0.25	0.30	0.31	0.32
EPS, published	0.25	0.73	0.31	0.32
P/E (x)	28.6	24.0	23.3	22.5
Attrib. FCF yield (%)	NS	9.9	4.2	4.4
EV/EBITDA (x)	11.2	6.8	6.6	6.4
EV/EBIT (x)	16.1	9.3	9.0	8.7
ROCE (%)	8.9	10.8	12.4	12.5
ROE (%)	4.1	11.3	4.9	5.0
P/BV (x)	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Net debt/EBITDA (x)	(5.1)	(7.0)	(6.9)	(7.0)
Net dividend	0.20	0.25	0.21	0.22
Yield (%)	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.1

Next event : Q3-05 results due in November.



52-week range	EUR6.31-EUR7.82		
Free Float	EUR247.8m		
No. of shares, adjusted	125m		
Daily volume	EUR0.85m		
Reuters/Bloomberg	CED.MI/CED IM		
Absolute perf.	1 month	3 months	12 months
Relative perf.	-6.8%	-2.2%	9.0%
	0.0%	1.2%	-5.4%
Shareholders: Caltagirone Group 35.5%, Caltagirone Family 32.0%, Edizione Holding 2.2%, Armhold And S. Bleichroeder Adv. 2.1%, Market Float 28.0%			

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## ► Caltagirone Editore

### Company profile

Caltagirone Editore is a leading Italian newspaper publisher, active in the local press segment. Its biggest titles are *Il Messaggero* (circulation 240,774) and *Il Mattino* (circulation 87,757). The company recently acquired *Il Corriere Adriatico* and *Il Nuovo Quotidiano*. Caltagirone Editore has a market share of 46.9% in central Italy, 3.5m readers in central Italy and 420k readers in southern Italy.

It has also expanded in the free press, with *Leggo*, the leading free newspaper in Italy with 1.1m daily readers vs. 700k on average for its competitors, *City* and *Metro*. *Leggo* is now distributed in 15 cities.

In 2004, revenues totalled EUR270m of which advertising accounted for 65%, while *Leggo* revenues came to EUR22.8m. EBIT totalled EUR38.2m, with a 14% margin.

Caltagirone Editore is 67%-controlled by the Caltagirone family and the Caltagirone Group, while free float stands at 28%.

### Investment case

We reiterate our 2/Outperform rating and raise our target price to EUR8.65 (from EUR8.0).

Our positive stance is backed by:

- **CED'S dual exposure to national and local advertising.** When national advertising growth is weak, CED can rely on smaller, but more stable investments by local advertisers to outperform the market, so it is shielded against downside.
- **Its cautious add-on sales strategy should also start to pay off now,** as the expected decline in collateral sales should have a negligible impact on results compared to other Italian players, who relied heavily on add-on sales to offset the weak advertising cycle.
- **According to our analysis, even if CED made an expensive, highly dilutive acquisition (20x EV/EBITDA), the stock would trade in line with peers in the worst case scenario** (no synergies). Assuming 5% revenue and 10% cost synergies, it would still trade at a discount.

### Valuation

We raised our target price for Caltagirone Editore to EUR8.65 from EUR8.0.

- **Our DCF model** is based on a 3.6% risk free rate, a 0.9 beta and a WACC of 7.2%. With a 2% perpetual growth rate and a 17.5% terminal EBIT margin, **we reached a valuation of EUR8.65** per share for CED, of which cash accounts for 42%.
- **We also ran a multiples valuation.** Based on L'Espresso's 2005 EV/EBITDA, **we arrive at a higher fair value of EUR8.8 /share.** After stripping out the value of the cash and financial assets from the current market cap, we see that Caltagirone Editore trades at a 36% discount vs. L'Espresso and at a 40% discount to Italian peers.

### SWOT analysis

#### Strengths

- 1) 46.9% market share in central Italy
- 2) Leader in the free press segment
- 3) High profitability
- 4) Sound financial structure

#### Weaknesses

- 1) Limited diversification
- 2) Cautious add-on sales policy
- 3) Non-core investments
- 4) Heavy dependency on advertising cycle

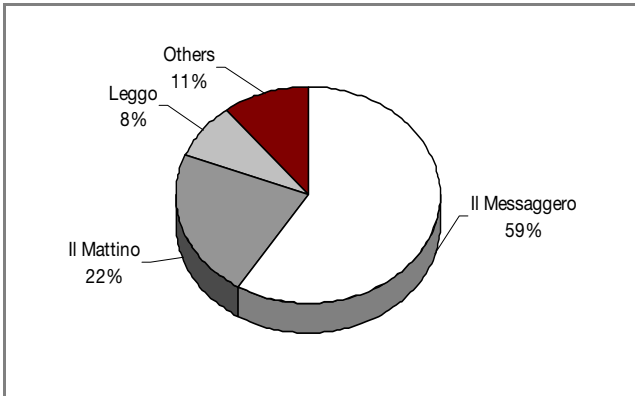
#### Opportunities

- 1) Further expansion in southern Italy
- 2) Better use of cash
- 3) Potential launch of a business supplement
- 4) Re-leveraging of the financial structure

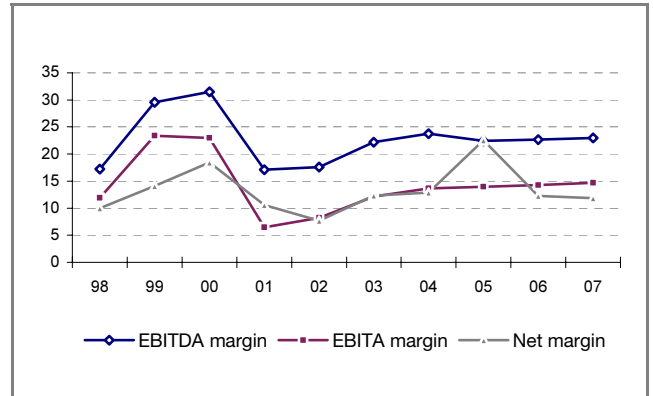
#### Threats

- 1) Delayed advertising market recovery
- 2) Higher competition
- 3) Entry of new players in the free press market

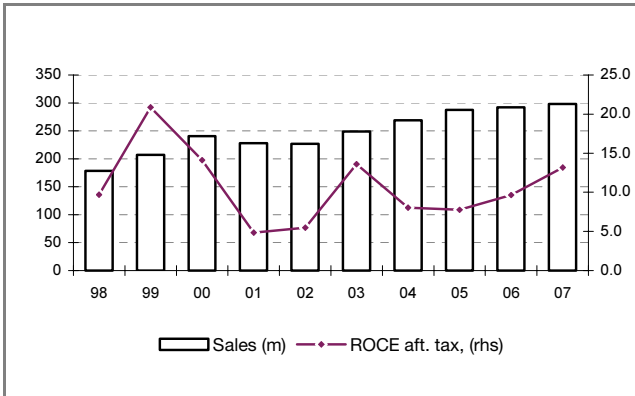
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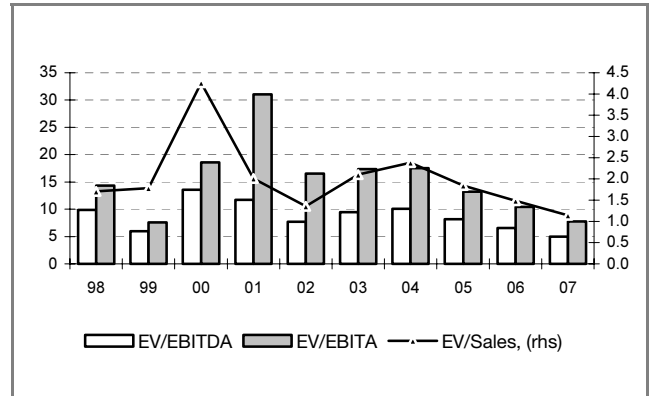
Margin trends (%)



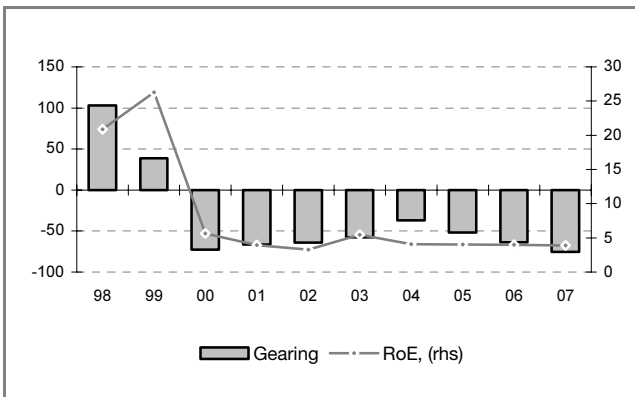
Sales & ROCE



EV multiples



Gearing and Rest. ROE



DCF summary

	Total	Per share	Weight
NPV 2005-2019	197.4	1.6	18%
Terminal value	385.2	3.1	36%
<b>EV</b>	<b>582.6</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>54%</b>
Net cash	455.6	3.6	42%
Other assets	41.8	0.3	4%
<b>Equity value</b>	<b>1 080.0</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>100%</b>

Peer group comparison

(EUR, EUR m, %)	Price	Mkt. cap.	EV/EBITDA		EV/EBITA		P/E		Yield	
			2005	2 006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
RCS Media	4.2	3 218.0	11.0	9.0	13.1	10.7	25.5	18.6	3.6	2.8
L'Espresso	4.3	1 875.5	9.3	9.0	11.6	11.1	17.9	17.2	3.6	3.7
Mondadori	7.8	2 027.4	7.8	7.7	9.3	9.1	14.8	14.6	4.9	5.1
Cairo	48.0	372.1	17.6	16.2	48.7	53.4	57.8	55.0	3.3	3.7
Average (weighted)			10.0	9.0	13.5	12.5	22.3	18.9	3.9	3.7
<b>Caltagirone Editore</b>	<b>7.1</b>	<b>885.8</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>3.0</b>

## INVESTMENT RECOMMENDATION

We reiterate our **2/Outperform** rating for **Caltagirone Editore** and raise our target price to **EUR8.65** (from EUR8.0), implying ~20% upside.

**Caltagirone Editore has been consistently cash positive**, since the IPO. However, most of this cash has been used for non-core financial investments instead of strategic acquisitions, which has heavily penalised the stock (despite the significant capital gains made on these investments). In 2005, Caltagirone Editore sold its RCS Media Group and BNL stakes. We expect that in the future it may use its excess cash (EUR452m expected this year) to make an industrial acquisition, which we believe would be well received by the market.

**Caltagirone Editore is a defensive media stock, which is shielded by its:**

- **Exposure to both local and national advertising.** When national advertising growth is weak, CED can rely on smaller, but more stable investments by local advertisers to outperform the market. In other words, it can tap into either market when necessary. This, combined **with the promising outlook for the free press** should ensure a consistent outperformance vs. the advertising market.
- **Cautious add-on sales strategy.** Unlike other media companies, Caltagirone Editore does not rely on collateral sales to boost circulation and offset declining advertising revenues, so it should suffer less when these sales decline, since these products make a minimal contribution to revenues. Moreover, its overall circulation revenues have not been affected by competitors' successful add-on initiatives.

**Acquisition risk seems to be priced in.** We simulated the impact of a EUR200m acquisition to buy a local newspaper like *Il Gazzettino di Venezia* (which currently generates EUR65m revenues and EUR10m EBITDA per year) for a price of 20x EV/EBITDA. According to our analysis, even if CED made such an expensive, highly dilutive acquisition, the stock would trade in line with peers in the worst case scenario (no synergies). Assuming 5% revenue and 10% cost synergies, it would still trade at a discount. **Therefore, acquisition risk appears to be priced even in the event of an expensive acquisition (20x EV/EBITDA).**

### Caltagirone Editore multiples after the deal

CED stand alone	CED after the deal	
	Best case	Worst case
Comments	5% revenue synergies and 10% cost synergies	No synergies
2007 EV/EBITDA	6.4	7.3
Discount (%)	-12%	-2%

Source: Cheuvreux

We raised our EBIT estimates by 26% in 2005 and by 25% in 2006 to account for IAS impact, which reduced intangible depreciation by ~EUR12m. EPS should more than double, as Caltagirone made significant capital gains by selling off purely financial assets.

To calculate our new DCF-based target price EUR8.65, we assumed: 7.2% WACC, with a 2% perpetual growth rate. The EUR455m net cash represents a floor of EUR3.6/share. **Applying L'Espresso's 2005 EV/EBITDA multiples, we derive a higher fair value of EUR8.8/share.** In terms of EV multiples, Caltagirone Editore is trading at a marked discount, but it trades at a premium on P/E multiples, however, if we exclude cash, which weighs for EUR3.6/share, we arrive at a normalized P/E level of 16.1x from the current 2005 P/E of 24x.

## I – VALUATION APPROACH

**TP raised to EUR8.65, ~20% upside**

**DCF assumptions: 7.2% WACC and 2% perpetual growth rate**

We reiterate our 2/Outperform rating and raise our DCF-based target price to **EUR8.65** (from EUR8.00), **implying ~20% upside**. Our DCF model is based on: 7.2% WACC and a 2% perpetual growth rate. We valued the publishing business by applying L'Espresso's 2005 EV/EBITDA multiples, arriving at a fair value of EUR8.8/share. Caltagirone Editore trades at significant discount to its Italian peers which is unwarranted in our view, even in the event of an expensive acquisition: 32% on 2005 EV/EBITDA and 26% on 2006 EV/EBITDA.

### DCF valuation: EUR8.65/share

Our new DCF-based target price is **EUR8.65 per share**, based on the following assumptions: (1) a risk free rate of 3.6% and a market risk premium of 4%; (2) a 7.2% WACC and 0.9 beta; (3) a 2% perpetual growth rate.

For the 2004-2009 period, we expect EBIT to grow at 7% CAGR and at 2.5% in 2009-2014, with a terminal EBIT margin of 17.5% vs. the 16.9% expected in 2005.

#### DCF valuation

(EUR m)	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	Cumulated 2010-2014	Value	Per share
EBIT	47.5	49.0	50.0	51.2	53.3			
Taxes	(11.9)	(14.7)	(17.5)	(17.9)	(18.6)			
Depreciation	11.8	12.2	12.2	12.2	12.2			
Capex	(10.0)	(11.0)	(11.6)	(12.2)	(13.0)			
WC change	(10.1)	(7.9)	(7.0)	(7.3)	(7.0)			
FCFO	27.4	27.5	26.0	25.9	26.8	153.7		
<b>DCF</b>	<b>25.5</b>	<b>24.0</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>19.6</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>88.3</b>	<b>197.4</b>	<b>1.6</b>
Discounted terminal value at 2%							385.2	3.1
EV							582.6	4.6
Net cash							455.6	3.6
Other assets							41.8	0.3
<b>Equity value</b>							<b>1 080.0</b>	<b>8.65</b>

Source: Cheuvreux

**EUR455.6m net cash represents a significant floor**

**Based on L'Espresso's 2005 EV/EBITDA multiples, we arrive at a higher fair value of EUR8.8/share**

**Net cash at EUR455.6m (as of H1-05, adjusted for the BNL disposal) accounts for 42% of the valuation**, financial assets 4% (11m MPS shares valued at market price) and the terminal value 32%.

We also ran a multiples valuation, applying L'Espresso's 2005 EV/EBITDA multiple, as it is the only Italian publishing peer that owns both national and local newspaper businesses like Caltagirone Editore.

**Our multiples valuation yields a higher fair value of EUR8.8/share**, including EUR0.3 per share for the MPS stake. Subtracting the cash and financial assets from Caltagirone Editore's current market cap of EUR885m, we arrive at an implicit valuation of the publishing assets. Based on this valuation, we conclude that the stock is trading at a ~36% discount to L'Espresso's multiples and at an even higher discount of ~40% to other Italian publishers.

**Multiple valuation**

(EUR)	Criteria	Multiple	Parameter	Value	Per share
Publishing assets	2005 EV/EBITDA	9.3	64.8	602.4	4.8
Net cash (2005E)				451.9	3.6
Financial assets	Market price			41.8	0.3
<b>Equity value</b>				<b>1 096.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>

Source: Cheuvreux

If the value of the purely financial assets (which have no bearing on the media business) is stripped out, we arrive at a fair value of EUR8.5/share, implying 19% upside.

**Media multiples**

(EUR, EUR m, %)	Price	Mkt. Cap.	EV/EBITDA		EV/EBIT		P/E		Yield	
			2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006	2005	2006
RCS Media	4.2	3 218.0	11.0	9.0	13.1	10.7	25.5	18.6	3.6	2.8
L'Espresso	4.3	1 875.5	9.3	9.0	11.6	11.1	17.9	17.2	3.6	3.7
Cairo	48.0	372.1	17.6	16.2	48.7	53.4	57.8	55.5	3.3	3.7
Mondadori	7.8	2 027.4	7.8	7.7	9.3	9.1	14.8	14.6	4.9	5.1
Average (weighted)			10.0	9.0	13.5	12.5	22.3	18.9	3.9	3.7
Caltagirone Editore	7.1	885.8	6.8	6.6	9.3	9.0	24.0	23.3	3.5	3.0

Source: Cheuvreux

**P/E excluding cash is very appealing**

**In terms of EV multiples, Caltagirone Editore is trading at a marked discount:** 32% on 2005 EV/EBITDA and 31% on 2005 EV/EBIT, but it trades at a 8% premium on P/E multiples. However, if we exclude cash, which weighs for EUR3.6/share, we arrive at a normalized P/E level of 16.1x on 2005 and 15.2x on 2006.

## II – ACQUISITION RISK SEEMS TO BE PRICED IN

### Inefficient financial structure, but...

At the moment, **Caltagirone Editore's financial structure is inefficient**: its net cash position stood at EUR390.5m in H1-05, and including the BNL disposal it rises to EUR455m, which represents almost half of the company's current market cap.

### ...an acquisition may be on the cards

**An extraordinary dividend or buy-back program seem highly unlikely**, as management have repeatedly expressed interest in exploiting acquisition opportunities if they should arise.

Given the high prices of publishing assets in Italy and the rumoured valuations of some large local newspapers, we believe that any acquisition would probably be dilutive in the short term, regardless of any potential synergies.

### Simulation of a EUR200m acquisition to buy a newspaper which generates EUR10m EBITDA

Our simulation of the dilution is based on a ~EUR200m investment to buy a relatively large newspaper, with 120k circulation, ~EUR65m revenues and ~EUR10m EBITDA (15.4% EBITDA margin). Based on these hypothetical parameters, Caltagirone Editore's revenues would rise by roughly 22% and EBITDA would rise by 15% after the deal. According to our estimates, the EBITDA margin would fall to 21.7% vs. 23.1% for Caltagirone Editore (stand-alone) as the newly-acquired newspaper would probably be less profitable.

**Caltagirone Editore before and after the deal**

(EUR m)	Stand-alone	After the deal	(%)
Revenues	288.8	353.8	22.5%
EBITDA	66.7	76.7	15.0%
EBITDA margin (%)	23.1%	21.7%	

Source: Cheuvreux

Caltagirone Editore currently trades at 6.6x on 2006 and at 6.4x on 2007 EV/EBITDA. Assuming a high acquisition multiple of 20x EV/EBITDA, the deal would not be dilutive if the company were able to achieve ~22% cost and ~12% revenue synergies by 2006. However, this target would be impossible to reach, meaning that acquisitions of local newspapers would surely be dilutive.

For example, we performed a sensitivity analysis **to show how 2007 EV/EBITDA multiples would be affected by an acquisition**, considering the different synergies that could be achieved. We ran our model from 2007, as we assumed that before 2007 few synergies would emerge.

### After the deal, Caltagirone Editore should trade at higher multiples but...

We concluded that after the acquisition, Caltagirone Editore should trade at a higher EV/EBITDA multiple vs. its stand-alone multiple of 6.4x and it could trade at roughly 8.1x assuming zero synergies and at 7.3x based on 5% revenue and 10% cost synergies.

**We also compared the Caltagirone Editore's post-deal multiples with peer multiples based on:**

- 1 - **RCS Mediagroup and L'Espresso's multiples**: we felt they were the most suitable peers for our analysis because they are also newspaper publishers;



2 - **A wide range of potential synergies:** in our best case scenario, we assume that 5% revenue synergies and 10% cost synergies could be achieved, while in our worst case scenario we assume zero synergies.

2007 EV/EBITDA after simulated acquisition					
EV/EBITDA 6.4 stand-alone multiple		Synergy revenues			
		0.0%	2.5%	5.0%	7.5%
Cost synergies	0%	8.1	8.0	7.8	7.6
	5%	7.9	7.7	7.5	7.4
	10%	7.6	7.5	7.3	7.2
	15%	7.4	7.3	7.1	7.0

Source: Cheuvreux

In conclusion, even if it made an expensive, highly dilutive acquisition, it would trade in line with its peers on 2007 EV/EBITDA in the worst case scenario, but highly unlikely in our view. In the best case scenario, it would still trade at a discount.

Summary			
CED stand alone		CED after the deal	
		Best case	Worst case
Comments		5% revenue synergies and 10% cost synergies	No synergies
2007 EV/EBITDA	6.4	7.3	8.1
Discount vs. peers		-12%	-2%

Source: Cheuvreux

We believe that the market would welcome an industrial acquisition, given CED's cash-rich capital structure (accounting ~50% of its market cap.) and the purely financial investments that were made in the past (which did little to boost the core business). In our view, the market is applying a discount to the stock to account for the risk of further non-core investments.

However, we feel that Caltagirone Editore's investment strategy may have changed following the disposals of the RCS Media and BNL stakes. In our view, an important industrial acquisition would reduce the discount applied to the excess cash, boosting the stock price.

**At worst, CED trades in line with peers**

**An industrial acquisition would be well received by the market**

### III – A DEFENSIVE MEDIA PLAYER

#### Heavy exposure to advertising cycle

##### Local leadership

Caltagirone Editore is much more heavily exposed to the advertising cycle than other Italian media stocks: advertising accounted for 66% of its revenues in H1-05. The company publishes 4 newspapers, which are all regional leaders:

- *Il Messaggero* holds 48.8% market share in Lazio (1 national edition and 13 local editions are published daily);
- *Il Mattino* holds 54.6% market share in Campania (with 1 national and 7 local editions);
- *Il Corriere Adriatico* holds 41% market share in the Marche region. *Il Nuovo Quotidiano di Puglia* cannot be considered a regional newspaper, as it is only sold in 3 cities, however it is the leader in this small area, with 36.7% market share.

Italian publishers: Advertising exposure	
(%)	H1-05
Mondadori	21%
RCS Media Group	44%
L'Espresso	52%
Caltagirone Editore	66%
Cairo	75%

Source: Cheuvreux

Caltagirone Editore: Market share				
Newspaper	Lazio	Campania	Marche	Puglia
La Repubblica	22.6%	24.8%	-	-
Il Corriere della Sera	11.2%	11.5%	-	-
<b>Il Mattino</b>	-	<b>54.6%</b>	-	-
<b>Il Corriere Adriatico</b>	-	-	<b>41.0%</b>	-
<b>Il Messaggero</b>	<b>48.8%</b>	-	<b>19.1%</b>	-
Il Resto del Carlino	-	-	36.2%	-
<b>Il Nuovo Quotidiano di Puglia</b>	-	-	-	<b>36.7%</b>

Source: Caltagirone Editore

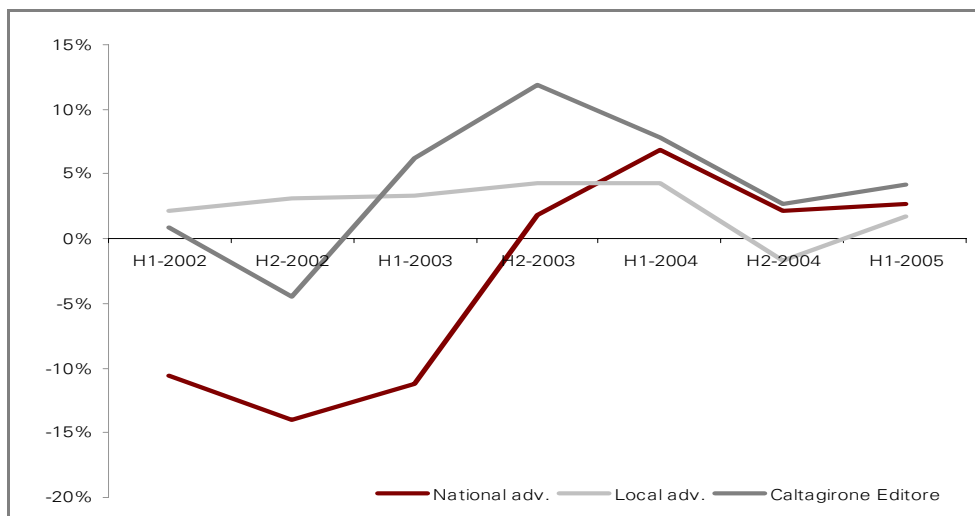
##### Dual exposure: to local and to national advertising

One of its Caltagirone Editore's key strengths is that it is exposed to both national and local advertising. This dual exposure means it can focus on local advertising, when there is a downturn in national advertising, as local players tend to make more stable investments than big companies.

##### National advertising is preferable, but local volumes can reach 50% of the total, when national advertisers reduce their investments

The price for national advertising space is higher than for local ads, so when the market is strong, the company focuses on national advertising, which can reach up to 70% of its total advertising revenues (as it did in 1999-2000). When national advertisers scale back investments, the mix can shift to 50% for national and 50% for local advertising.

Caltagirone Editore advertising



Source: Cheuvreux

**This dual exposure allows the company outperform the advertising market**

Caltagirone Editore has always slightly outperformed the national advertising market and we feel that this is due to stable local advertising revenues, which offset the decline in national advertising in weak years (i.e. 2002-2003). It also appears to be shielded from downside, as when advertising growth is weak, it can switch from national to local advertising to exceed market growth.

**Leggo: a winning move**

**Higher growth is expected for the free-press segment**

Caltagirone Editore also wisely chose to enter the free-press segment, in order to combat the weak advertising market. In 2001, it launched the free newspaper *Leggo* which broke even at the EBITDA level in 2004, after only 3 years. The free newspaper reaches 1m average readers a day and is distributed nationally in 15 cities (6 of which were added in 2005). The outlook for free press advertising seems to be brighter, as competition is not as challenging as it is in the other press segments. *Leggo* revenues should climb 15% vs. 2004 to EUR24m in 2005 and we believe that this solid growth will be sustainable going forward. We expect a 10% increase in 2006 and 5% in 2007.

For FY-05, we expect 3.4% consolidated advertising revenue growth, due partly to the full consolidation of *Il Corriere Adriatico* which should contribute EUR1.5m in additional advertising. At *Il Nuovo Quotidiano di Puglia* advertising should grow by 3% to EUR6.8m.

Advertising revenues

(EUR m, %)	2004A	2005E	% Chg.	2006E	% Chg.	2007E	% Chg.
<b>Advertising revenues</b>	<b>174.8</b>	<b>180.7</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>186.6</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>191.9</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
o/w Il Messaggero	103.9	104.9	1.0%	107.6	2.5%	110.3	2.5%
o/w Il Mattino	38.5	38.5	0.0%	39.0	1.5%	40.0	2.5%
o/w Leggo	20.7	23.8	15.0%	26.2	10.0%	27.5	5.0%
o/w Il Nuovo Quotidiano di Puglia	6.6	6.8	3.0%	7.0	3.0%	7.2	3.0%
o/w Il Corriere Adriatico	2.0	3.5	76.6%	3.6	3.0%	3.7	3.0%
o/w other advertising	3.2	3.2	0.0%	3.2	0.0%	3.2	0.0%

Source: Cheuvreux

### **Add-on sales and full colour printing: a prudent approach**

**Add-on sales: the goal is to limit risk**

Caltagirone also taken a very cautious approach to add-on sales, aiming to contain the risk wherever possible. Unlike other media companies, Caltagirone Editore does not rely on collateral sales to boost circulation and offset declining advertising revenues. Instead, it has always carefully selected its add-on products and produced them externally, so if the campaign fails losses are minor, but similarly, if the campaign is successful returns are also limited (~20% EBITDA margin).

In FY-04, add-on sales totalled EUR15m, lifting EBITDA by EUR2.66m with a 17.7% margin which rose to 22% in H1-05, thanks to successful initiatives in Q2-05.

Add-on sales			
Add-on sales trend	H1-04	FY-04	H1-05
Revenues	8.6	15.0	9.1
EBITDA	1.6	2.7	2.1
EBITDA margin (%)	18.4%	17.7%	22.7%

Source: Caltagirone Editore

**A missed opportunity or a good decision?**

In the end, this cautious approach to add-on sales may have been a wise decision (rather than a missed opportunity). Over the last few years, Italian readers have become used to receiving extra products with their newspapers and magazines. The risk is that these collateral products could become an integral part of buying decisions. We believe that this would be unlikely for popular newspapers like *La Repubblica* or *Il Corriere della Sera* which have a strong, stable readership, but it could be a risk for magazine publishers or small local publishers. The fact that Caltagirone Editore has been able to keep circulation revenues stable without relying on collateral sales, is a very good sign, as it demonstrates that competitors' add-on sales initiatives have not hurt revenue growth.

On the other hand, add-on sales make a negligible contribution to total revenues, so if this business deteriorates across the sector as expected, it should not have a big impact on Caltagirone Editore's revenues or profitability as add-on sales margins are lower compared to the rest of the business (17.7% vs. the 20.4% EBITDA margin of 2004).

**No full colour introduction planned**

Caltagirone Editore also took a prudent approach to full colour printing. Although it invested EUR105m to increase the number of pages and the print quality of *Il Messaggero* and of *Il Mattino* over the last four years, it does not plan to invest in full colour printing for these two newspapers, as the demand for colour advertising is not high enough to justify the investment.

### **No price hike**

RCS Media raised the price of *Il Corriere della Sera* to EUR1 from EUR0.9 in August, fuelling mild short term speculation that other important newspaper publishers would follow suit. However, in the end the most important dailies made no price hikes.

**To keep circulation stable, CED made no price hikes**

Caltagirone Editore (like its peer L'Espresso), did not raise newspaper prices, as management believes that the extra EUR0.1 per copy would have had no real impact on profitability. Instead, this summer it offered a discount on newspapers to increase its market share.

While RCS Media's circulation figures have not declined following the price hike, the outcome could have been very different for Caltagirone Editore as there is much higher price sensitivity in the regions it serves.

## IV— ESTIMATES SUMMARY

**Thanks to IAS, EBIT will rise by 26% in 2005**

Caltagirone will release its IAS-compliant Q3-05 results in November, therefore we have revised our estimates to account for this impact. The new accounting standards boosted 2004 EBIT, as depreciation fell from EUR29m to EUR17m, since both goodwill and other intangible asset amortisation were cancelled. **We also raised our FY-05 EBIT estimates by 26% to account for IAS** and expect net profit to rise by 50%, due to the EUR54m capital gain on the sale of the RCS Media and BNL stakes.

### Caltagirone Editore: Revised estimates

(EUR m)	2004		2005E			2006E			2007E		
	ITA GAAP	IAS	Prev.	New	% Chg.	Prev.	New	% Chg.	Prev.	New	% Chg.
Sales	269.1	270.6	287.9	282.0	-2.1%	288.8	294.1	1.9%	295.1	300.5	1.9%
EBITDA	63.9	55.2	64.6	64.8	0.3%	66.1	66.7	0.8%	68.4	67.8	-0.9%
EBIT	34.3	38.2	37.7	47.5	26.0%	39.2	49.0	25.0%	41.3	50.0	21.0%
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>49.7%</b>	<b>31.5</b>	<b>41.0</b>	<b>30.2%</b>	<b>30.8</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>28.1%</b>
EPS	0.24	0.25	0.49	0.73	49.7%	0.25	0.33	30.2%	0.25	0.32	28.1%

Source: Cheuvreux

**2005 revenues boosted by recently acquired newspapers and the free press**

**We estimate that sales should grow at a 2.9% CAGR in 2004-2007.** In 2005, the 4.2% increase is attributable to the full consolidation of *Il Corriere Adriatico* and the acquisition of *Il Nuovo Quotidiano Di Puglia* (for which Caltagirone Editore already collected advertising). This year, circulation revenues should rise by 10.5% and advertising by 3.4%. For FY-05, we expect *Il Mattino* to recover from the 0.5% decline in H1-05, while *Il Messaggero* should post 1% higher growth vs. last year. The free press is the fastest-growing segment: we expect ~10% revenue CAGR in 2004-2007.

### Caltagirone Editore: Revenue Breakdown

(EUR m, %)	2004A	2005E	% Chg.	2006E	% Chg.	2007E	% Chg.
<b>Circulation revenues</b>	<b>83.4</b>	<b>92.1</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>93.0</b>	<b>1.0%</b>	<b>94.0</b>	<b>1.0%</b>
<b>Advertising revenues</b>	<b>174.8</b>	<b>180.7</b>	<b>3.4%</b>	<b>186.6</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>191.6</b>	<b>2.8%</b>
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o/w Il Nuovo Quotidiano di Puglia	6.6	6.8	3.0%	7.0	3.0%	7.2	3.0%
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o/w other advertising	3.2	3.2	0.0%	3.2	0.0%	3.2	0.0%
<b>Other + Caltanet</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>-26.1%</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>0.9%</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>270.6</b>	<b>282.0</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>288.8</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>295.1</b>	<b>2.2%</b>

Source: Cheuvreux

**EBITDA margin should rise to 23%**

Despite 13% higher personnel costs following the acquisitions, the EBITDA margin should rise to 23% (vs. 20.4% in 2004). In 2006-2007, service costs should edge up by just 1%. After ~EUR17m of depreciation, the EBIT margin should reach 16.5% in 2005 and 16.9% in 2007.

**Caltagirone Editore: EBITDA and EBIT estimates**

(EUR m, %)	2004A	2005E	2006E	2007E	CAGR
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>67.8</b>	<b>7.1%</b>
<i>EBITDA margin (%)</i>	20.4%	23.0%	22.6%	23.0%	
Tangible depreciation	(10.8)	(10.8)	(11.1)	(11.1)	
Intangible depreciation	(0.7)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.0)	
Provisions for doubtful accounts	(5.5)	(5.5)	(5.5)	(5.6)	
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>9.4%</b>
<i>EBIT margin (%)</i>	14.1%	16.5%	16.6%	16.9%	

Source: Cheuvreux

**2005 net profit boosted by EUR54m capital gain**

In 2005, net profit should total EUR90.9m thanks to the extraordinary EUR54m capital gain on the sale of financial assets: the 2% RCS Media stake was sold for a consolidated capital gain of ~EUR30m (net of taxes), while the sale of the BNL stake should yield a ~EUR24m capital gain. For FY-05, we applied a tax rate of 35% to the pre-tax profit (excluding the extraordinary capital gains, which should not be taxed at all).

**From EBIT to net profit**

(EUR m, %)	2004A	2005E	2006E	2007E	CAGR
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>	<b>9.4%</b>
Net financial items	3.9	64.0	10.0	11.0	
o/w from financial investments	0.0	54.0	0.0	0.0	
Taxes	(6.7)	(20.1)	(20.7)	(21.3)	
Tax rate	-16%	-35%	-35%	-35%	
Minorities	(4.0)	(0.5)	(0.3)	(0.3)	
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>39.4</b>	<b>7.8%</b>
<i>Net profit margin (%)</i>	11.6%	32.2%	13.2%	13.3%	

Source: Cheuvreux

**EUR451.9m net cash expected in 2005 thanks to low capex and disposal**

For 2005, capex should fall to EUR10m since the *Il Mattino* and *Il Messaggero* printing centres have been fully revamped. Net cash should nearly double to EUR452m after the EUR25m dividends are paid, due to the limited capex and EUR106.5m cash-in from the disposals.

**Cash flow statement**

(EUR m)	2004A	2005E	2006E	2007E
Cash flow	58.8	108.6	56.0	57.4
WC change	(5.2)	(10.1)	(7.9)	(7.0)
Capex	(225.3)	(10.0)	(11.0)	(11.5)
Dividends	(25.0)	(25.0)	(31.3)	(26.3)
Disposals	21.6	106.5	0.0	0.0
Others	13.3	2.2	1.7	1.7
<b>Net cash</b>	<b>280.2</b>	<b>451.9</b>	<b>459.4</b>	<b>473.8</b>

Source: Cheuvreux

**Stable dividend policy in absolute terms**

Despite the very high EPS in 2005, we do not expect Caltagirone Editore to distribute an extraordinary dividend, as the company tends to distribute stable dividends in absolute terms rather than opting for a stable pay-out ratio. However, we expect DPS to rise by 25% to a EUR0.25 (3.4% yield) in 2005. It should return to a normalised level in 2006 and in 2007.

## Dividend policy

(EUR)	2004A	2005E	2006E	2007E
EPS	0.251	0.727	0.305	0.315
DPS	0.200	0.250	0.210	0.221
Pay-out (%)	80%	34%	69%	70%
Yield (%)	2.7%	3.4%	2.8%	3.0%

Source: Cheuvreux

Caltagirone Editore							IFRS		
FY to 31/12 (Euro m)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005E	2006E	2007E
<b>Profit &amp; Loss Account</b>									
<b>Sales</b>	<b>240.8</b>	<b>228.2</b>	<b>227.1</b>	<b>248.7</b>	<b>269.1</b>	<b>270.6</b>	<b>282.0</b>	<b>288.8</b>	<b>295.1</b>
% Change	16.2%	-5.2%	-0.5%	9.5%	8.2%		4.2%	2.4%	2.2%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>75.9</b>	<b>39.1</b>	<b>40.0</b>	<b>55.1</b>	<b>69.4</b>	<b>55.2</b>	<b>64.8</b>	<b>66.7</b>	<b>67.8</b>
% Change	23.8%	-48.5%	2.3%	37.8%	25.9%		17.4%	2.9%	1.7%
Depreciation	(20.6)	(24.3)	(21.3)	(24.9)	(32.7)	(17.0)	(17.3)	(17.7)	(17.8)
<b>EBITA</b>	<b>55.3</b>	<b>14.8</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>30.2</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>
% Change	14.0%	-73.2%	26.4%	61.5%	21.5%		24.4%	3.1%	2.0%
Goodwill amortisation before OP	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(1.4)	(2.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Goodwill amortisation [impairment test]	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non recurring operational items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>53.9</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>17.3</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>38.2</b>	<b>47.5</b>	<b>49.0</b>	<b>50.0</b>
Net financial items	12.9	23.1	15.2	2.2	2.8	3.9	10.0	10.0	11.0
Non recurring financial items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other exceptional items	(2.0)	(7.9)	(9.9)	(8.5)	0.2	0.0	54.0	0.0	0.0
Tax	(20.4)	(4.5)	(5.2)	8.2	(2.7)	(6.7)	(20.1)	(20.7)	(21.4)
Associates [contribution]	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Discontinuing activities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Goodwill amortisation	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net profit [loss] before minorities</b>	<b>44.4</b>	<b>24.1</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>30.7</b>	<b>34.6</b>	<b>35.3</b>	<b>91.4</b>	<b>38.4</b>	<b>39.6</b>
Dividend to preferred shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minorities	(3.2)	(1.1)	(0.7)	(2.1)	(4.0)	(4.0)	(0.5)	(0.3)	(0.3)
<b>Net attributable profit [loss]</b>	<b>41.2</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>28.6</b>	<b>30.6</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>39.4</b>
Restatement [impairment test]	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adj. for exceptional items	1.4	6.7	7.6	11.6	(0.2)	0.0	(54.0)	0.0	0.0
<b>Net attrib. profit [loss], restated (*)</b>	<b>44.0</b>	<b>31.1</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>41.6</b>	<b>32.9</b>	<b>31.4</b>	<b>36.9</b>	<b>38.1</b>	<b>39.4</b>
% Change	51.2%	-29.3%	-17.4%	61.9%	-21.0%		17.6%	3.3%	3.4%
<b>Cash Flow Statement</b>									
<b>Cash flow</b>	<b>61.3</b>	<b>45.4</b>	<b>36.5</b>	<b>52.4</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>58.8</b>	<b>108.6</b>	<b>56.0</b>	<b>57.4</b>
% Change	5.3%	-25.9%	-19.6%	43.6%	12.2%		84.7%	-48.4%	2.5%
Change in WCR	(14.0)	0.2	0.3	(18.5)	(5.3)	(5.3)	(10.1)	(7.9)	(7.0)
Capex	(42.6)	(10.4)	(21.6)	(60.0)	(225.3)	(225.3)	(10.5)	(11.0)	(11.6)
<b>Net cash flow</b>	<b>4.7</b>	<b>35.2</b>	<b>15.2</b>	<b>(26.1)</b>	<b>(171.7)</b>	<b>(171.7)</b>	<b>88.1</b>	<b>37.1</b>	<b>38.8</b>
Financial investments	(24.9)	(57.9)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Disposals	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6	21.6	106.5	0.0	0.0
Dividend paid	(31.3)	(33.0)	(31.3)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(25.0)	(31.3)	(26.3)
Capital increase	661.4	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other cash flow	25.6	(0.4)	(11.8)	(5.5)	13.3	13.3	2.2	1.7	1.7
Dec. [inc.] in net debt	635.5	(56.1)	(27.9)	(55.6)	(161.8)	(161.8)	171.7	7.5	14.3
<b>Balance Sheet</b>									
Shareholders' equity [group share]	778.4	770.5	755.4	758.4	761.4	787.4	853.3	799.1	812.3
Minority interests	24.6	23.0	22.4	8.7	0.6	0.5	5.2	5.0	5.2
Pension provisions	35.4	33.3	32.6	33.6	38.3	38.2	44.0	50.1	56.4
Other provisions	15.3	17.4	19.3	20.5	32.4	34.3	34.3	34.3	34.3
Net debt [cash]	(581.5)	(525.5)	(497.6)	(442.0)	(280.2)	(280.3)	(451.9)	(459.4)	(473.7)
Gearing [%]	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
<b>Capital invested</b>	<b>272.2</b>	<b>318.7</b>	<b>332.1</b>	<b>379.2</b>	<b>552.4</b>	<b>580.1</b>	<b>484.9</b>	<b>429.0</b>	<b>434.5</b>
Goodwill	40.4	39.0	37.1	35.8	180.1	0.0	186.2	135.7	134.7
Intangible assets	141.6	129.2	116.5	102.2	93.4	276.2	91.4	91.3	90.3
Tangible assets	40.7	43.5	63.2	101.9	91.6	91.7	91.4	91.3	91.8
Financial assets	3.6	61.5	70.2	76.0	129.1	152.8	40.7	40.7	40.7
Associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Working capital requirement	45.5	45.3	45.0	63.5	58.2	59.4	69.5	77.4	84.5
WCR as a % of sales	18.9	19.9	19.8	25.5	21.6	22.0	24.6	26.8	28.6
<b>Capital employed</b>	<b>271.8</b>	<b>318.5</b>	<b>332.0</b>	<b>379.4</b>	<b>552.3</b>	<b>580.1</b>	<b>479.2</b>	<b>436.5</b>	<b>442.0</b>
* before goodwill for historical data									



Caltagirone Editore						IFRS			
FY to 31/12 (Euro)	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2004	2005E	2006E	2007E
<b>Per Share Data (at 21/10/2005)</b>									
EPS before goodwill	0.41	0.25	0.21	0.33	0.26	0.25	0.30	0.31	0.32
% Change	26.0%	-38.8%	-17.3%	61.7%	-21.0%		17.5%	3.4%	3.3%
EPS, reported	0.38	0.18	0.13	0.23	0.25	0.25	0.73	0.31	0.32
% Change	30.5%	-51.7%	-27.2%	70.9%	7.0%		189.6%	-58.0%	3.3%
Goodwill per share	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Dividend per share	0.26	0.25	0.20	0.25	0.20	0.20	0.25	0.21	0.22
Cash flow per share	0.57	0.36	0.29	0.42	0.47	0.47	0.87	0.45	0.46
% Change	-12.2%	-36.1%	-19.6%	43.5%	12.2%		84.9%	-48.4%	2.5%
Book value per share	6.0	5.9	5.8	5.8	5.9	6.1	6.6	6.2	6.3
No. of shares, adjusted	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000
Av. number of shares, adjusted	108.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000	125.000
Treasury stock, adjusted	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
<b>Share Price [Adjusted]</b>									
Latest price	11.68	7.00	5.69	6.86	7.18	7.18	7.09	7.09	7.09
High	18.00	13.95	8.08	7.44	7.23	7.23	7.82	-	-
Low	10.64	5.53	4.51	4.35	6.03	6.03	6.37	-	-
Average price	13.50	9.84	6.26	5.77	6.46	6.46	7.25	-	-
Market capitalisation	1 460.0	875.0	711.8	857.3	897.3	897.3	885.8	885.8	885.8
Enterprise value	1 027.2	458.9	308.6	523.4	642.3	615.8	442.0	441.8	433.9
<b>Valuation</b>									
P/E	29.6	29.5	29.3	21.3	29.5	28.6	24.0	23.3	22.5
P/E before goodwill	28.7	28.1	27.7	20.6	27.3	28.6	24.0	23.3	22.5
P/CF	20.6	19.3	19.5	16.4	15.3	15.3	8.2	15.8	15.4
Attrib. FCF yield [%]	0.3	3.7	2.0	NS	NS	NS	9.9	4.2	4.4
P/BV	2.0	1.2	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1
Enterprise value / Op CE	3.8	1.8	1.2	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.0	1.1	1.1
Yield [%]	2.3	3.6	3.5	3.6	2.8	2.8	3.5	3.0	3.1
EV/EBITDA, restated	13.5	11.7	7.7	9.5	9.3	11.2	6.8	6.6	6.4
EV/EBITA, restated	18.6	31.0	16.5	17.3	17.5	16.1	9.3	9.0	8.7
EV/Sales	4.27	2.01	1.36	2.11	2.39	2.28	1.57	1.53	1.47
EV/Debt-adjusted cash flow	17.4	14.8	10.0	9.1	9.4	9.0	4.4	8.8	8.5
<b>Financial Ratios</b>									
Interest cover	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Net debt/Cash flow	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
EBITDA margin [%]	31.5	17.1	17.6	22.2	25.8	20.4	23.0	23.1	23.0
EBITA margin [%]	23.0	6.5	8.2	12.1	13.6	14.1	16.9	17.0	16.9
Net margin [%]	18.4	10.6	7.7	12.3	12.9	13.1	32.4	13.3	13.4
Capital turn [Sales/ Op. CE]	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.8	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.7
Gearing [%]	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS	NS
Payout ratio [%]	69.2	135.9	149.7	109.3	81.6	79.7	34.4	68.9	69.9
<b>Return [%]</b>									
Pre-tax RoCE	20.6	5.8	7.1	10.0	8.7	8.9	10.8	12.4	12.5
ROE [%]	5.4	3.0	2.2	3.8	4.1	4.1	11.3	4.9	5.0
Return on equity, restated	5.6	3.9	3.3	5.4	4.1	4.1	4.4	4.9	5.0

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