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**#3Q24 forecast - in anticipation of a recovery in 2025.** In our previous forecast, we assumed HDGC steel prices to be around EUR 750/t in 2H24, while in 3Q24 it was EUR 725/t, while current prices imply around EUR 700/t for 4Q24, which is one element of our lowering of the revenue side in 2H24. Despite the continued weakness in the industrial and construction sectors, we maintain our original volume assumption of 73 kt in 2H24, compared to around 70 kt in 1H24. The slight increase in volumes against a backdrop of weak demand will, in our view, be related to the expansion of the sales team made last year, the broadening of the customer base and the weakness of the competition, with financial institutions reducing insurance limits in a difficult market, among other things, which we believe will negatively impact the sales levels of the competition. The strong MFO balance sheet, on the other hand, allows the company to stand out in a positive way in the market. In a situation of road transport problems, the company's significant advantage is also the receipt of material via rail transport due to its rail siding in Sochaczew. The best performing segments should continue to be welded profiles, special profiles, window profiles and PV. The lowest capacity occupancy is expected in the CG profiles segment, but this is a low-value-added product where the share of production volume is not commensurate with the result generated. MFO currently operates on relatively short inventory, so we do not expect a negative FIFO effect in 3Q24. This year's results are partly burdened by the expansion of the plant in 1Q25). In 2H24 we expect a deterioration of the balance sheet position due to higher payments related to the investment in Sochaczew.

**#Outlook.** Next year, we assume sales volumes of 169 kt, up from 141 kt in 2024. The launch of thermal modernisation projects, the EPBD directive and capacity expansion in the area of special and welded profiles (fences, gates, roller shutters) will be the biggest support for sales in 2025. Public buildings will be the first to have to comply with the new EU energy efficiency standards, which will increase demand for windows on the secondary market. Increases in primary market window sales in Europe should be supported by the cycle of interest rate cuts in Europe that has begun. Sales in the welded and special profiles segment are strongly correlated with the industrial sector, after this year's decline in demand, the chances of a trend reversal next year should increase. In addition, the expanded sales team will, in our opinion, translate into a wider customer base. Leading Polish manufacturers Eko-Okna, Drutex are currently implementing record investment programmes, which should translate into increased demand for window profiles in 2H24 and next year. Due to high capital expenditure related to the construction of a 30k sqm plant in Sochaczew (+105 kt of steel per year to 280 kt, capex PLN 130m), we do not assume dividend payment in 2025.

**#Valuation.** We set 12-mth target price based on DCF method at PLN 49.3/share. We lower our 2024-2026 EBITDA/net profit forecast by 7%/9%, mainly due to worse-than-expected margins in 2024.

PLNm	3Q22	4Q22	1Q23	2Q23	3Q23	4Q23	1Q24	2Q24	3Q24E	y/y	q/q
Revenues	187	145	152	144	134	146	159	154	153	14%	-1%
EBITDA	-4.9	-14.8	5.7	0.3	1.9	0.8	8.8	4.2	6.4	243%	53%
EBIT	-6.6	-16.6	3.6	-1.9	-0.3	-1.4	6.6	2.0	4.2	-	112%
Net profit	-4.0	-16.7	1.4	-8.3	1.2	-9.1	3.1	1.0	2.2	90%	120%
P/E12M trailing	2.8	6.6	17.6	-	-	-	-	-	-		
EV/EBITDA 12M trailing	2.0	3.8	5.9	-	-	14.5	11.7	8.9	8.1		
revenues growth y/y	-42%	-43%	-49%	-51%	-28%	1%	5%	7%	14%		
EBITDA margin	-	-	3.8%	0.2%	1.4%	0.5%	5.6%	2.7%	4.2%		
EBIT margin	-	-	2.4%	-	-	-	4.2%	1.3%	2.7%		
Net profit margin	-	-	0.9%	-	0.9%	-	2.0%	0.7%	1.4%		



# (Previous: Buy; 49.7 PLN)

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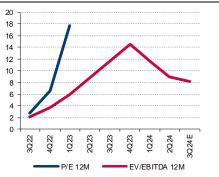
Target Price: 49.3 PLN Current Price: 24.7 PLN Upside: 100%

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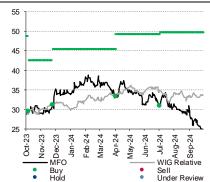
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FACT SHEET				RECOMMENDATIONS	Date	Valuation
Ticker			MFO	Buy	19.07.2024	49.7
Sector		Steel p	processor	Buy	19.04.2024	49.3
Price (PLN)			24.7	Buy	11.12.2023	45.4
52W range (PL	N)		27 / 39.3	Buy	23.10.2023	42.6
Shares outstan	ding (m)		6.6	Buy	24.07.2023	48.9
Market Cap (PL	.Nm)		163	Buy	24.04.2023	45.6
S&P Global ES	G Scores		-	Buy	17.04.2023	45.6
3M Avg. Vol. (F	PLNm)		0.04	Buy	12.12.2022	45.2
Price perf.	1M	3M	1Y			
Filce peri.	-3.0%	-6.0%	-1.5%			

P/E 12M vs EV/EBIT DA 12M







2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
990	923	576	615	740	830
172	41	9	25	47	55
167	34	0	16	34	42
133	25	-15	8	22	31
20.12	3.7	-2.2	1.2	3.3	4.6
1.0	4.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.6
1.2	6.6	-	20.8	7.6	5.3
1.0	2.9	10.6	7.0	3.8	3.2
0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
4.0%	16.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.6%
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Valuation	Curre				vious			Change	
DCF	49.3	100%		49.7	100%			-1%	
Multiples	31.5	0%		39.3	0%			-20%	
		2024E			2025E			2026E	
PLNm	Curr.	Z0Z4E Prev.	Chg.	Curr.	Prev.	Chg.	Curr.	Prev.	Chg
Revenues	615	638	-4%	740	740	0%	830	830	0%
EBITDA	25	34	-4% -27%	40	40	0%	55	55	0%
EBIT	25 16	34 25	-27%	47 34	47 34	1%	42		09
Net profit	8	14	-44%	22	21	0%	31	30	2%
	20.8	11.7		7.6	7.6		5.3	5.4	
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.0	5.1		3.8	3.8		3.2	3.2	
P/BV (x)	0.5			0.5			0.5		
DY (%)	0.0%			0.0%			6.5%		
Multiples				2022	2023	202	4E	2025E	2026
P/E (x)				6.6	-	2	0.8	7.6	5
adj. P/E (x)				6.6	-		0.8	7.6	5
P/BV (x)				0.5	0.5		0.5	0.5	C
EV/EBITDA (x)				2.9	10.6		7.0	3.8	3
adj. EV/EBITDA (x)				2.9 2.9	10.6		7.0 7.0	3.0 3.8	3
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EV/Sales (x)				0.1	0.2		0.3	0.2	C
FCF Yield (%)				-1.9%	14.3%	-11.5	6%	-5.5%	6.8
DY (%)			1	6.2%	0.0%	0.0	1%	0.0%	6.6
KPIs				2022	2023	202	4E	2025E	2026
EPS (PLN)				3.7	-2.2		1.2	3.3	4
adj. EPS (PLN)				3.7	-2.2		1.2	3.3	4
DPS (PLN)				4.0	0.0		0.0	0.0	1
BVPS (PLN)				47.6	45.3		6.5	46.5	49
				47.0	40.0		0.0	40.0	
Operational ratios				2022	2023	202	4E	2025E	202
Gross margin (%)				-	-		-	-	C 70
adj. EBITDA margin (%)				4.4%	1.5%	4.1		6.3%	6.7
EBIT margin (%)				3.7%	0.0%	2.6		4.6%	5.1
Net profit adj. margin (% )				2.7%	-2.6%	1.3	1%	2.9%	3.79
ROE (%)				7.8%	-4.8%	2.6	i%	7.0%	9.7
ROA (%)				4.8%	-3.1%	1.5	%	4.1%	5.79
CAPEX/Sales (%)				2.1%	2.3%	11.9	1%	8.8%	2.4
CAPEX/D&A (x)				2.9	1.5		8.1	5.0	
Net debt/Equity (x)				-0.1	-0.2		0.0	0.0	0
Net debt/EBITDA (x)				-1.2	-8.2		0.6	0.3	0
Cook conversion quale (dour	\			60	70		60	50	
Cash conversion cycle (days	)			69 67	72		63	58	:
nventory turnover (days)				67	61		60	55	
Receivables turnover (days)				31	39		45	45	
Payables turnover (days)				29	28		43	42	

Income Statement (PLNm)	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenues	990	923	576	615	740	830
PCV profiles	573	516	293	291	310	331
Special/welded profiles	291	295	226	237	316	370
Other profiles	116	101	45	46	54	58
Gross Profit	225	86	48	66	95	119
SG&A costs	59	54	51	53	61	77
Other operating items, net	1	2	2	3	0	0
EBITDA	172	41	9	25	47	55
adj. EBITDA	172	41	9	25	47	55
D&A	5	7	9	9	13	13
EBIT	167	34	0	16	34	42
Net financial costs	-3	-4	-13	-6	-7	-5
EBT	164	30	-13	10	27	38
Income tax	31	6	2	2	5	7
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	133	25	-15	8	22	31
adj. net profit	133	25	-15	8	22	31
Balance Sheet (PLNm)	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Non-current Assets	169	206	208	279	279	286
Current Assets	388	255	289	244	244	270
Inventories	239	102	92	112	112	126
Receivables	94	61	61	90	90	101
Cash and cash equivalents	36	85	135	40	40	42
Assets	557	461	497	523	523	556
Equity	316	314	300	307	307	327
Minority Interests	0	0	0	0	0	0
Non-current Liabilities	44	49	65	63	63	64
Long-term borrowings	1	0	17	14	14	15
Current Liabilities	197	97	133	153	153	165
Short-term borrowings	48	38	47	40	40	41
Payables	119	27	60	84	84	95
Equity and Liabilities	557	461	497	523	523	556
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Cash Flow Statement (PLNm)	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash flow from operating activities	16	<b>105</b> 78	44	-13	<b>-27</b> -61	<b>29</b> -14
Changes in working capital	-130		46	-31	• •	
D&A	5	7	9	9	13	13
Cash flow from investing activities	-24	-16	-8	-73	-65	-20
CAPEX	-24	-20	-13	-73	-65	-20
Cash flow from financing activities	11	-40	16	-11	92	-8
Dividend/Buy-back	7	26	0	0	0	11
Net change in cash	3	49	52	-97	0	1
Cash opening balance	32	36	85	137	40	40
Cash closing balance	36	85	137	40	40	42

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## Valuation

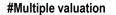
### #DCF

DCF VALUATION (PLNm)	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	2031E	2032E	2033E
Revenues	576	615	740	830	917	999	1081	1147	1167	1183	1203
Y/Y	-38%	7%	20%	12%	10%	9%	8%	6%	2%	1%	2%
EBITDA	9	25	47	55	64	71	79	85	87	88	89
EBITDA margin	1.5%	4.1%	6.3%	6.7%	6.9%	7.1%	7.3%	7.5%	7.5%	7.4%	7.4%
EBIT	0	16	34	42	50	57	66	72	73	74	75
EBIT margin	0.0%	2.6%	4.6%	5.1%	5.5%	5.7%	6.1%	6.2%	6.3%	6.3%	6.3%
NOPLAT	0	13	27	34	41	46	53	58	59	60	61
Tax rate	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%	19%
D&A	9	9	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	14
CAPEX		-73	-65	-20	-20	-15	-14	-14	-14	-14	-14
Changes in working capital		-31	-61	-14	-14	-13	-13	-10	-3	-3	-3
FCF		-82	-86	13	20	32	40	48	56	57	58
D/(E+D)		15.0%	15.0%	14.6%	14.2%	12.7%	10.6%	8.1%	5.0%	4.7%	4.4%
Beta lev erage		1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
Cost of debt after tax		5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%	5.7%
Cost of equity		12.4%	12.4%	12.3%	12.3%	12.2%	12.1%	11.9%	11.8%	11.7%	11.7%
WACC		11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.4%	11.5%	11.5%	11.5%
Discount ratio		0.90	0.81	0.72	0.65	0.58	0.52	0.47	0.42	0.38	0.34
Cum. DFCF		6		_							
Residual growth rate		0.0%							WACC		
Discounted Residual Value		171		_			10.4%	10.9%	11.4%	11.9%	12.4%
Enterprise Value		178		-		-1.5%	51.8	48.4	45.2	42.3	39.7
Ned debt (-)		-47				-1.0%	53.5	49.8	46.5	43.4	40.7
Dividend (-)		39				-0.5%	55.2	51.4	47.8	44.7	41.7
Minority Interests (-)		0			g	0.0%	57.2	53.1	49.3	46.0	42.9
Equity Value (1.1.2024)		264				0.5%	59.3	54.9	51.0	47.4	44.2
Equity Value (22.10.2024)		290				1.0%	61.7	57.0	52.8	49.0	45.6
Shares outstanding (m)		6.61		_		1.5%	64.3	59.2	54.7	50.7	47.1
Equity Value per share (22.10.2024)	_	43.9									
12M Target Price (PLN)		49.3									
Curr. share price		25.6									
Upside / (downside)		92.6%									

Source: Triogn DM

### Assumptions for the DCF model:

- market premium 6%
- rfr 5,5%
- unleveraged beta 1x
- residual growth rate 0%



		P/E		E\	//EBITD	Α		EV/EBI1	
Company	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2024E	2025E	2026E
MFO	24.4	8.9	6.3	8.1	4.4	3.7	12.7	6.1	4.9
Median	10.2	11.1	8.4	6.9	5.9	5.2	12.9	9.6	8.4
premium / (discount)	139%	-20%	-26%	18%	-26%	-28%	-2%	-37%	-42%
Polski przemysł	10.2	11.1	8.4	6.9	5.9	5.2	12.9	9.6	8.4
AC	8.2	8.7	8.4	5.5	5.8	5.8	7.3	7.8	7.9
Amica	0.0	20.4	12.6	5.9	4.4	3.9	17.4	8.5	7.2
Arctic Paper	8.6	7.8	7.5	3.8	2.8	2.5	6.1	4.2	3.7
Boryszew	0.0	22.2	-	8.8	7.4	-	26.3	17.5	-
Cognor	-542.5	11.2	10.1	16.3	7.8	7.0	39.4	11.2	9.8
Grupa Kęty	13.0	11.0	10.2	9.5	8.0	7.5	12.1	10.0	9.2
Mangata	16.3	10.4	8.1	7.2	6.0	5.4	13.7	9.8	8.4
Rawlplug	11.8	8.1	6.6	6.7	5.8	5.2	10.6	8.7	7.5
Stalprodukt	0.0	37.8	33.3	2.5	2.1	2.3	47.5	9.3	9.3
Wielton	0.0	18.9	6.3	20.3	6.5	4.8	-19.5	16.9	8.6
Partial year valuation	80	239	257	161	263	274	196	310	340
Year weight	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%
Partial multiple valuation		192			233			282	
Multiple weight		50%			50%			0%	
Current valuation (PLNm) No. Shares Current valuation per share	<b>212</b> 7.6 28.2								
12mth TP	31.5								

Source: Bloomberg, Trigon DM

**Risk factors: (1)** Delay in the implementation of thermomodernisation investments with WE funds in EuropeDeepening of the slowdown in the construction and industrial sectors; (2) Problems with the availability of employees in a situation of further capacity expansion may exacerbate wage pressures in the company; (3) of limited availability of galvanised sheet, e.g. due to introduction of safeguards and ban on steel imports from Russia; (4) Risk of appreciation of the PLN against the EUR, which may adversely affect margins given the increasing share of exports; (5) Risk of expanding competencies by steel service centres, which in addition to the sheet cutting service may start to provide profiling services for the local market; (6) Risk of internal production of profiles by customers from the window joinery industry.

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capitalisation – market price multiplied by the number of a company's shares free float (%) – percentage of a company's shares held by shareholders with less than 5% of total voting rights attached to the shares, reduced by treasury shares held by the company min/max52 wks – lowest/highest share price over the previous 52 weeks average turnover – average volume of share trading over the previous month

EBIT - operating profit EBITDA – operating profit before depreciation and amortisation adjusted profit - net profit adjusted for one-off items CF - cash flow CAPEX - sum of investment expenditures on fixed assets OCF - cash generated through a company's operating activities FCF - cash generated by a company after accounting for cash outflows to support its operations and maintain capital assets ROA - rate of return on assets ROE - rate of return on equity ROIC - rate of return on invested capital NWC - net working capital cash conversion cycle - length of time it takes for a company to convert its cash investments in production inputs into cash revenue from sale of its products or services gross profit margin - ratio of gross profit to net revenue EBITDA margin - ratio of the sum of operating profit and depreciation/amortisation to net revenue EBIT margin - ratio of operating profit to net revenue net margin - ratio of net profit to net revenue EPS - earnings per share DPS - dividend per share P/E - ratio of market price to earnings per share P/BV - ratio of market price to book value per share EV/EBITDA - ratio of a company's EV to EBITDA EV - sum of a company's current capitalisation and net debt DY - dividend yield, ratio of dividends paid to share price RFR - risk free rate WACC - weighted average cost of capital

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SOTP - sum-of-the-parts method, which consists in valuing a company by valuing its individual business lines separately and then summing them up.

- Advantages: different valuation methods can be applied to diverse business lines; the approach is useful for assessing the value of a company e.g. in the case of planned acquisition or restructuring.
  Disadvantages: the peer group for individual business lines is usually limited, the method does not adequately account for synergies between business segments.
- Risk-adjusted net present value method (rNPV)
  - Advantages: accounting for probabilities assigned to future cash flows, providing a more realistic assessment of the present value of future cash flows and reflecting business-specific factors, especially in the case of innovative companies. Disadvantages: subjectivity involved in the adoption of a discount rate, significant reliance on a number of assumptions, high level of complexity in the calculations and exclusion of qualitative factors from the valuation.
- Discounted residual income method (DRI)
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  - Advantages: valuation based on the excess of income over risk-adjusted opportunity cost to owners of capital, the method can be applied to companies that do not pay dividends or generate positive FCF Disadvantages: significant reliance on subjective judgements and assumptions, as well as sensitivity of the valuation to any changes in those variables.
- Disadvanta
- Discounted dividend model (DDM)
  - Advantages: accounting for real cash flows to equity owners, the model works best for companies with a long history of dividend distribution.
  - Disadvantages: the method can be applied to dividend-paying companies only, it is not suitable for companies with a short history of dividend distribution.
- Net asset value method (NAV)
  - Advantages: the approach is particularly relevant to holding companies with significant property, plant and equipment assets, the calculation of NAV is relatively straightforward
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- Target multiple method
  - Advantages: the method can be applied to any company
- Disadvantages: it involves a high degree of subjectivity.
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  - Advantages: the method is particularly relevant to companies with significant property, plant and equipment assets.
  - Disadvantages: it may be hard to capture the value of a company's intangible assets, reputation and market potential.
- Liquidation value method the sum of prices that the business would receive upon selling its individual assets on the open market.
  - Advantages: the method can capture the lowest threshold of a company's value.
    - Disadvantages: it may be hard to capture the value of a company's intangibles.

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