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PZU: buy (reiterated)

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Undervalued and Overlooked

We reiterate our "Buy" recommendation for PZU shares with a 12-month target price of PLN 66.06 per share.

Our valuation of PZU is on an as-is basis and does not take into account the potential transformation into a holding company, which is not yet 100% certain. Nevertheless, we view PZU as currently very attractively valued, as the company's shares are trading at a discount not only to other insurance companies (-45%) and insurance holdings (-48%), but also to Polish banks (-12%) or assurebanking groups (-21%).

Contrary to market concerns, we believe PZU will be able to pay out attractive dividends in 2027 under the Solvency II regime, even if the transformation into a holding company never comes to pass. This is very important as it strengthen PZU shareholders' negotiating position during the merger process with Bank Pekao.

If approved by President Nawrocki, despite opposition from the Law and Justice Party, the merger process will likely accelerate early next year, with a proposal for a share swap ratio expected in the first quarter of 2026. The merger will give PZU shareholders the opportunity to swap their "safer" insurance company shares for shares in a bank which does business in a volatile operating environment (CIT hike, credit holidays, borrower lawsuits) but holds higher excess capital. Nevertheless, we consider it highly doubtful that the Polish financial regulator will allow the merged Bank Pekao to make shareholder distributions much higher than the permitted 75% of net profit, and investors must have confidence that the surplus capital will be used to finance profitable large-scale infrastructure projects or EPS-accretive M&As. Moreover, executive turnover in state-owned companies poses an additional risk to the implementation of strategic plans.

In terms of valuation, while bancassurance groups are typically valued higher than banks, Bank Pekao is already trading at a premium to such groups. We believe this would require a premium for PZU shareholders to incentivize the deal and would result in PZU re-rating.

In summary, we believe PZU's current valuation is simply too low, presenting an attractive investment opportunity.

Dividends Will Not Be Halted

PZU is set to offer a dividend payout ratio of 70% in 2026, followed by an expected 50% in 2027, a level within the target payout ratio range of 50% to 80%. The Solvency II payout ratio of 184% will be maintained in 2027. This implies a dividend per share of PLN 4.61 in 2026 and PLN 3.62 in 2027, with a dividend yield ranging from 8% to 6%. Although the 2027E DY is slightly lower than the NTM long-term average of 7.6%, it is still one of the best among competitors.

Anticipating Strong 3Q'25 Results

We expect PZU to report strong 3Q'25 results, with net profit reaching PLN 1,742m, up 43% Y/Y and 18.5% Q/Q., driven by a decrease in net claims and one-off events relative to comparable periods. Administrative and acquisition costs are expected to increase by 8% Y/Y and 3% Y/Y respectively. All in all, we are anticipating a strong 3Q'25 showing from PZU that could serve as a catalyst for a stock price rebound.

(PLN m)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
Gross revenue	26,837	29,423	31,005	32,484	34,271
Net revenue	25,324	27,541	29,039	30,014	31,640
Expenses	-21,357	-24,026	-24,082	-25,364	-26,701
Net claims	-14,646	-16,698	-16,828	-17,485	-18,338
Investment result	3,264	2,852	3,620	3,616	3,691
Net profit (loss)	5,777	5,342	6,638	6,258	6,549
ROE (%)	20.6%	17.2%	19.7%	17.1%	16.5%
P/E (x)	8.6	9.3	7.5	7.9	7.6
P/BV (x)	1.6	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2
DPS (PLN)	2.40	4.34	4.47	4.61	3.62
Dividend Yield	4.18%	7.56%	7.79%	8.04%	6.31%

current price*
PLN 57.38
target price
PLN 66.06
mCap
PLN 49.1bn
PLN 32.3bn
PLN 106.3 m
Price as of October 24, 2025, 5:00 PM

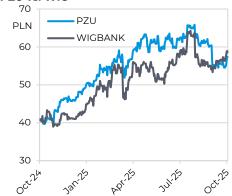
Ownership

State Treasury	34.2%
BlackRock, Inc.	5.0%
Others	60.8%

About PZU

PZU is the number-one provider of insurance in Poland with the largest market shares in both life and non-life policies. Aside from insurance, the Company also operates large assets management business in Poland. Outside of its core home market PZU has a presence in Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and Ukraine. In recent years PZU branched out into banking through the acquisition of controlling stakes in two Polish banks, Pekao and Alior.

PZU vs. WIG



name		target price		recommendation	
	new	old	new	old	
PZU	66.06	51.14	buy	buy	
name	curr pı	ent rice	target price	upside	
PZU	57	7.38	66.06	+15.1%	

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