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DIGI

Recommendation: Accumulate Target price (12M): RON 39

2021 Q2	2020 Q2	vs 2020 (%)
354	310	+14
129	111	+16
37	38	-2
34	15	+132
1,064	1,054	
36	36	
2.5	2.5	
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Share price close as of 13/08/2021	RON 37	Bloomberg	DIGI.RO
Market cap [RON mn/EUR mn]	3.5 /700	Free float	20%
Daily turnover 12M [EUR million]	0.1	52 week range	HUF 26-38

Strong growth continues

- DIGI's net profit arrived to EUR 34 million (+132 y-o-y) and its EBITDA to EUR 129 million (+16% y-o-y) in line with expectation. Our forecast for FY profit and EBITDA stand at EUR 97 m and EUR 511 m, while H1 profit and EBITDA reached EUR 49m and EUR 251 m respectively.
 - · Key positives:
 - 1. RGU growth maintained (+13% y-o-y; +5% q-o-q) reached the highest quarterly additions (+772k) see our charts below.
 - Key negatives:
 - 1. RGU declined in Hungary (-2% q-o-q) implying that HU mgmt's focus has shifted to the due diligence because of the potential sale.
 - 2. Spain's growth came at the expense of EBITDA margin 14% vs 15% a quarter ago.

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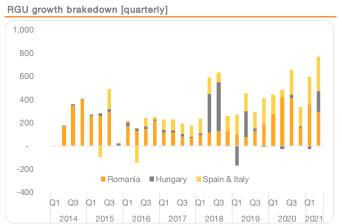
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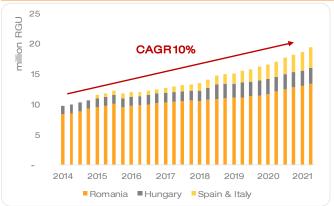
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- Underlying trends: Growth trajectory was continued in Q2 which translated into higher EBITDA (+16% y-o-y) and even higher profit (+132% y-o-y) which was further supported by gain on FX and low effective tax rate. ARPU levels remained stable across the countries. As a result of flat ARPU and strong RGU growth, revenue increased by 14% on a yearly basis fuelled mainly by Spain (+29% y-o-y) and Romania (+15% y-o-y). Despite the strong growth in Spain, EBITDA margin fall in the country because of marketing campaign that put pressure on EBITDA but mgmt. expects margin to recover going forward.
- No news on the 4IG's transaction.
- We expect Investors to focus on the news about the divestment of the Hungarian subsidiary of DIGI which should be valued at 6-7x EV/EBITDA implying an equity value of EUR 300-400 million (representing only 12% of group's EBITDA) vs. Group's market cap of EUR 735 million.
- In light of the recent development we see no reasons to change our recommendation and TP.



RGU growth absolute levels



source: Concorde, DIGI

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Net debt moderated to EUR 1.064bn vs. EUR 1.054 bn last year with which net debt to EBITDA arrived to 2.5x (calculated with pre IFRS 16 number). Going forward mgmt. intends to steer the Group's net debt to EBITDA level towards 2x area.

PROFIT AND LOSS AND KPI'S

		2020 2021 Difference								۵				
[EUR mn]		Q2		Q3	Q4		Ŧ	Q1	52	Q2	Y-o-Y			Q -o- Q
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Revenue		310		328		331		340		354		14%		4%
-Romania		189		202		204		210		216		15%		3%
-Hungary		51		49		48		48		49		-3%		1%
-Spain		66		72		75		78		85		29%		9%
-Italy		6		6		6		6		6		0%		7%
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DD&A	_	74	_	75 -		75	_	90	_	92		25%		2%
EBIT		38		48		45		32		37		-2%		14%
EBITDA		111		123		120		122		129		16%		5%
-Romania		87		94		100		102		102		18%		0%
-Hungary		15		14		14		9		16		2%		76%
-Spain		14		16		14		12		12		-12%		1%
-Italy	_	0	_	1 -		1	_	0		1		800%		300%
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Financial income		5				2		0		11	1	06%		3533%
Financial expense	_	18	_	20 -		11	_	26	_	12	_	30%		-53%
Net finance cost	_	12	_	20 -		12	_	26	_	1.4		89%		-95%
Profit before tax		25		28		33		6		35		39%		453%
Tax	_	11	-	11 -		1		8	-	1		-91%		-113%
Profit		15		18		32		14		34	1	32%		144%
										-3%				
EBITDA margins		36%		38%		369		36%		36%		0.4		
-Romania		46%		47%		499		49%		47%		1.5		
-Hungary		30%		28%		289		18%		32%		1.7		
-Spain		21%		22%		199		15%		, .	- 6.6			
-Italy		-5%		-9%		-20%	6	-5%		-20%	-	15.0		
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Pay TV		5,363		5,577		5,666		5,798		5,883		10%		1%
Fixed internet and data		4,045		4,223		,266		4,437		4,612		14%		4%
Mobile		6,017		6,227		,438		6,457		7,054		17%		9%
Fixed-line telephony		1,717		1,773		,766		1,752		1,754		2%		0%
Total RGU		17,142	1	17,800		136		18,444		19,303		13%		5%
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ARPU														
-Romania		-		4.8		4.9		4.8		4.8				
-Hungary		-		5.6		5.9		5.8		5.8				
-Spain		-		10.1		9.9		9.5		9.5				
Trailing 12m EBITDA		399		400		40	7	405		422				
net debt		1,054		1,082		1,061		1,039		1,064				
trailling net debt to EBITDA		2.64		2.71		2.61		2.57		2.52				
Source: DIG				2./1		2.01		2.07		2.52				
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