## ABO Wind (AB9 GY) | Utilities/Renewables

The strengthened financial capacities are now deployed

ABO plans to connect the Finnish wind farm Pajuperänkangas to the grid in the summer of 2023 and has now initiated the construction phase. With a capacity of 86.8 MW, this project is one of the largest projects developed by ABO Wind. Unlike the other 100 MW projects already completed, in this case ABO covers the complete value creation from planning and turnkey construction. The other large projects developed by ABO so far were already sold during the planning phase. In the meantime, ABO is financially much stronger than it was two years ago, thanks in part to capital increases and the issuance of a subordinated loan. The advantage of this approach is, on the one hand, a higher share of a value creation. In addition, the company can implement projects much faster because it does not have to wait for financing from banks and the necessary preparatory steps and documents.

- Investment case unchanged: ABO Wind is a pure developer company that has been very successful in business for 25 years and operates in 16 countries. The company has been able to show continuous profits since its foundation and has built up a considerable project pipeline.
- Valuation: We believe pipeline multiples are particularly helpful in valuing the company. In the past 1.5 years, three major pipeline transactions have taken place, each at around EUR150/GW. For Abo Wind's 10.4 GW pipeline in Europe alone, this corresponds to a value of around EUR 1.6 bn. This valuation approach makes sense in our view, as a pipeline can theoretically be sold at any time, even in parts, in the form of project rights.

Fundamentals (in EUR m) <sup>1</sup>	2018	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e
Sales	150	126	149	186	197	206
EBITDA	32	27	35	34	38	44
EBIT	22	19	22	22	25	31
EPS adj. (EUR)	1.67	1.41	1.42	1.50	1.76	2.20
DPS (EUR)	0.42	0.42	0.45	0.50	0.55	0.55
BVPS (EUR)	11.63	12.83	15.19	16.25	17.25	19.44
Net Debt incl. Provisions	48	69	7	5	6	2
Ratios <sup>1</sup>	2018	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e
EV/EBITDA	4.8	7.6	12.5	15.1	12.4	10.7
EV/EBIT	7.0	10.7	19.4	23.2	18.8	15.1
P/E adj.	8.3	12.2	32.6	37.1	29.0	23.2
Dividend yield (%)	3.0	2.4	1.0	0.9	1.1	1.1
EBITDA margin (%)	21.4	21.7	23.3	18.4	19.4	21.5
EBIT margin (%)	14.6	15.4	15.1	12.0	12.8	15.2
Net debt/EBITDA	1.5	2.5	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
PBV	1.2	1.3	3.1	3.4	3.0	2.6

<sup>1</sup>Sources: Bloomberg, Metzler Research

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38.0

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Performance (in %) <sup>1</sup>	1m	3m	12m
Share	-3.8	-13.9	9.9
Rel. to SDAX	4.6	1.0	15.1
Changes in estimates (in %) <sup>1</sup>	2021e	2022e	2023e
Sales	0.0	0.0	0.0
FOIT			0.0
EBIT	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Price target

Free Float (%)<sup>1</sup>

Price (in EUR)<sup>1</sup>

60

55

50

45 40

Market Cap (EUR m)1

Enterprise Value (EUR m)<sup>1</sup>

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#### Company profile

CEO: Andreas Höllinger, Dr. Jochen Ahn, Matthias Bockholt, Dr. Karsten Schlageter (all equal rights) CFO: Wiesbaden The renewables project developer ABO Wind, founded in 1996 and now active in 16 countries, has its roots in wind power, but in recent years has also expanded its wind farm management activities through services such as maintenance and expert reports (since 2014) and the construction of solar parks (since 2016).

#### Major shareholders

Family Ahn (26%), Family Bockholt (26%), Mainova AG (10%), Baden-Württembergische Versorgungskasse der Ärzte (5%)

#### Key figures

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P&L (in EUR m)	2018	%	2019	%	2020	%	2021e	%	2022e	%	2023e	%
Sales	150	2.4	126	-16.0	149	18.1	186	25.0	197	5.9	206	4.5
EBITDA	32	-14.8	27	-14.9	35	26.9	34	-1.1	38	11.4	44	15.5
EBITDA margin (%)	21.4	-16.7	21.7	1.3	23.3	7.4	18.4	-20.8	19.4	5.3	21.5	10.5
EBIT	22	-12.0	19	-11.6	22	15.7	22	-0.3	25	13.1	31	23.4
EBIT margin (%)	14.6	-14.0	15.4	5.1	15.1	-2.1	12.0	-20.2	12.8	6.8	15.2	18.1
Financial result	-1	38.7	-2	-71.3	-2	-11.7	-2	-14.0	-2	25.0	-1	6.7
EBT	21	-10.3	18	-15.3	21	16.0	20	-1.5	24	16.8	30	25.3
Taxes	9	32.3	7	-21.9	8	13.8	7	-14.1	8	16.8	10	25.3
Tax rate (%)	40.6	n.a.	37.4	n.a.	36.7	n.a.	32.0	n.a.	32.0	n.a.	32.0	n.a.
Net income	13	-24.9	11	-10.7	13	15.0	14	5.7	16	16.8	20	25.3
Minority interests	0	88.9	0	-97.6	-0	-200.0	0	100.0	0	n.a.	0	n.a.
Net Income after minorities	13	-25.0	11	-10.6	13	15.0	14	5.7	16	16.8	20	25.3
Number of shares outstanding (m)	8	0.0	8	5.6	9	14.2	9	0.0	9	0.0	9	0.0
EPS adj. (EUR)	1.67	-25.0	1.41	-15.3	1.42	0.6	1.50	5.7	1.76	16.8	2.20	25.3
DPS (EUR)	0.42	5.0	0.42	0.0	0.45	7.1	0.50	11.1	0.55	10.0	0.55	0.0
Dividend yield (%)	3.0	n.a.	2.4	n.a.	1.0	n.a.	0.9	n.a.	1.1	n.a.	1.1	n.a.
Cash Flow (in EUR m)	2018	%	2019	%	2020	%	2021e	%	2022e	%	2023e	%
Gross Cash Flow	22	-25.4	19	-13.5	42	122.4	26	-39.1	29	12.9	33	14.1
Increase in working capital	-39	n.a.	-15	n.a.	27	n.a.	-15	n.a.	-20	n.a.	-20	n.a.
Capital expenditures	3	149.2	3	-7.4	4	20.0	4	11.1	4	0.0	4	0.0
D+A/Capex (%)	314.8	n.a.	266.0	n.a.	341.7	n.a.	300.0	n.a.	325.0	n.a.	325.0	n.a.
Free cash flow (Metzler definition)	-20	-179.2	1	105.4	66	n.m.	7	-89.6	5	-24.3	9	79.0
Free cash flow yield (%)	-19.1	n.a.	0.8	n.a.	15.4	n.a.	1.3	n.a.	1.1	n.a.	2.0	n.a.
Dividend paid	3	-20.0	3	10.8	4	14.2	4	7.1	7	66.7	5	-26.7
Free cash flow (post dividend)	-23	-207.4	-2	90.1	62	n.m.	3	-95.6	-2	-163.5	4	345.7
Balance sheet (in EUR m)	2018	%	2019	%	2020	%	2021e	%	2022ө	%	2023e	%
Assets	194	11.6	251	29.5	261	3.7	261	0.2	279	6.9	288	3.2
Goodwill	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.
Shareholders' equity	89	11.8	104	16.4	140	35.3	150	6.9	159	6.2	179	12.7
Equity/total assets (%)	45.9	n.a.	42.7	n.a.	56.2	n.a.	60.5	n.a.	60.7	n.a.	64.4	n.a.
Net Debt incl. Provisions	48	n.m.	69	42.5	7	-89.2	5	-36.4	6	36.2	2	-65.4
thereof pension provisions	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.	0	n.a.
Gearing (%)	54.4	n.a.	66.6	n.a.	5.3	n.a.	3.2	n.a.	4.1	n.a.	1.2	n.a.
Net debt/EBITDA	1.5	n.a.	2.5	n.a.	0.2	n.a.	0.1	n.a.	0.2	n.a.	0.1	n.a.

#### Structure

#### Sales by area of activity 2020

Planning services and rights sales 32%	
Construction of projects	60%
Services 8%	

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21.05.2021	Buy	Buy	46.80 EUR	75.00 EUR	Hoymann, Guido
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