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BUY

Price (15/03/2017)	EUR 27.00
Target price	34.00
Risk	High
Reuters	RLRT.BR
Bloomberg	ROU BB
Shares number (m)	13.14
Market cap. (m)	355
Net debt 12/16e (m)	57
Net debt/EBITDA 12/166	3.39
1 year price perf.	16.4%
Diff. with Euro Stoxx	4.3%
Volume (sh./day)	4,633
H/L 1 year	28.95 - 22.39
Free Float	17.0%
Bestinver Gestion	9.9%
Koinon NV	57.7%
West Investment Holdin	g 15.4%

Company description

Roularta is market leader in Belgium in news and special interest magazines, and free sheets. Other activities include third party printing, and commercial television & radio via a 50% stake in Medialaan Group



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Not as bad as initially perceived

Additional disclosure revealed that the FY 2016 results were not as bad as initially perceived. However, start-up losses for Storesquare should continue to burden the P&L. Hence, we have lowered our estimates and target price.

Three cost items unexpectedly depressed FY 2016 results. At the analyst meeting, management disclosed that the FY 2016 results included in total EUR 3m in amortisation of M&A-related intangible fixed assets (IFA), of which EUR 1m consolidated and EUR 2m as part of associates. These costs appeared for the first time and were unexpected. Management also disclosed EUR 4m in start-up losses for Storesquare, which was twice the amount that we had expected.

Adjusted for these items, the miss vs. our estimates was much smaller. FY 2016 EBITA missed our estimate by 27% and reported net profit missed our estimate by 25%. When adjusted for the aforementioned items, EBITA missed by only 6% and adjusted net profit missed by 9%. Hence we conclude that the underlying performance of Printed Media and associates was below expectations, but not as much as we initially perceived.

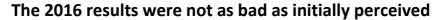
Storesquare should burden the P&L account until 2020. The goal is to deliver a return by 2020. We have penciled in costs of EUR 4m p/a for 2017-2019 as a gradual reduction in technology investments should eventually be offset by a rise in marketing costs. In absolute terms, EUR 4m p/a is not the end of the world. However, in relative terms, it is substantial as it represents circa 35% of consolidated EBITA of Printed Media.

Estimates lowered and TP cut to EUR 34 (from EUR 36). We have updated our model to reflect higher than expected start-up losses for Storesquare, and a small decline in profitability of the existing Printed Media activities. This has resulted in cuts in our adjusted EPS estimates of between 20-30% for 2017-2019. We lower our target price to EUR 34 (from EUR 36) on the back of higher than expected costs for Storesquare (impact EUR -1) and slightly lower estimates for the consolidated Printed Media activities (EUR -1). Our target price is based on a probability of 30%/70% that management will/will not act upon one of two M&A scenarios that we have painted in our report from February 2017 ("Let's do it!) at respective target prices of EUR 43 (M&A scenario) and EUR 30 (stand-alone).

EUR	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16e	12/17e	12/18e
Sales	712.0	676.3	299.6	290.2	276.5	268.2	262.8
EBITDA	31.4	14.0	12.7	23.9	16.9	15.2	15.1
Adj. profit	15.5	9.6	19.4	30.2	24.0	23.0	23.4
EPS	1.24	0.77	1.56	2.42	1.92	1.84	1.87
Div.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.55	0.60
EV/EBITDA	7.0	16.4	2.4	5.6	7.8	10.2	9.6
EV/EBITA	13.6	nm	7.7	9.3	18.1	25.7	24.4
P/E	8.3	13.9	7.9	10.1	12.7	14.7	14.4
Div. Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%	2.2%

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On a reported basis, Roularta's 2016 results were clearly disappointing with a miss vs. our estimates of 27% on EBITA, 33% on EBIT, and 25% on net profit. The disappointment was even larger when comparing H2-16 to H2-15.

However, in the analyst meeting management disclosed that the 2016 results included:

- EUR 1m in amortisation of M&A-related IFA in Printed Media
- EUR 2m in amortisation of M&A-related IFA in associates as part of Medialaan
- EUR 4m in start-up costs related to Storesquare, in which they hold circa 70%

We had only reckoned with EUR 2m in start-up costs. Each of these items occurred for the first time in 2016. The split between H1-16 vs. H2-16 was not disclosed which makes it difficult to consider the underlying trend in H2-16.

In the table below we add back amortisation of acquired IFA which points to adjusted net profit of EUR 24m compared to our initial view of EUR 21m. This EUR 24m is still well below our estimate of EUR 29m, and it is partly explained by higher than expected start-up costs for Storesquare. If we remove Storesquare from the equation, the gap between our estimate and the outcome is only EUR 1m at EBITA level (6% miss) and EUR 3m at adjusted net profit level (9% miss). Although unpleasant, these misses are smaller than the reported figures suggest. Hence we conclude that the underlying performance of Printed Media and associates was not as bad as initially perceived.

Exhibit 1 FY 2016 results (EUR m	2015	2016E	First perception	2016 Actual	Miss
Sales	290	280	276	276	-1%
			0		-1/0
Impairment GW/IFA (acq.)	-2	0		0	
Amortisation IFA (acq.)	0	0	0	-1	
Storesquare start-up losses	0	-2	-2	-4	100%
EBITA	15	10	6.7	7.3	-27%
%	5.0%	3.6%	2.4%	2.6%	
EBIT	12	10	7	7	-33%
%	4.2%	3.6%	2.4%	2.4%	
Financial result	-5	-5	-5	-5	2%
PBT	7	5	2	2	-63%
Taxes	46	0	0	0	
Associates (gross)	19	22	18	20	-11%
Associates (amortization IFA acq.)	0	0	0	-2	
Associates (net)	19	22	18	18	-19%
Minorities	-0	1	1	1	
Discontinued	-8	0	0	0	
Net profit reported	64	29	21	21	-25%
Net profit adjusted	30	29	21	24	-17%
EBITA excl. Storesquare	15	12	9	11	-6%
%	5.0%	4.3%	3.4%	4.1%	
Net profit adjusted excl. Storesquare	30	31	23	28	-9%
Source: Roularta, Degroof Petercam			_		

Storesquare should burn cash until 2020

Management indicated that the development of online retail platform Storesquare is progressing well. Further investment is needed in technology and, at a later stage, in marketing. The latter can be done in-house via Roularta's newspapers, magazines, and perhaps even via Medialaan and Mobile Vikings. This may appear as an affordable solution, but it could involve opportunity costs.





The goal for Storesquare is to deliver a return as from 2020. Until then, investments should continue to burden the P&L account as all costs are treated as opex. We have penciled in costs of EUR 4m p/a for 2017-2019. In absolute terms, EUR 4m p/a is not the end of the world. However, in relative terms, it is substantial as it represents circa 35% of consolidated EBITA of Printed Media.

We believe Storesquare is both an opportunity and a threat. It is an opportunity because it is driven by demand from local SME's that wish to expand into online shopping, and Roularta should be well positioned to facilitate them. It is a threat because it consumes large amounts of cash, while competition is well established and has deeper pockets.

Many moving parts mid term

On several occasions, we highlighted that profitability should receive a boost as from 2019 as by then: 1) a lease will have expired, which should remove EUR 10m in opex, 2) a bond will be redeemed by year-end 2018, which should remove EUR 5m in interest costs, and 3) Mobile Vikings can shop around for a new MVNO contract, thus boosting profits at Medialaan.

Now we can add a fourth driver and fifth driver, because start-up costs for Storesquare should have disappeared by 2020, and so should amortisation of acquired IFA for the consolidated activities. In the table below we simulate what 2016 profitability would look like in 2020, when adjusted for all these moving parts, ceteris paribus. We believe the largest uncertainty is on profitability of Storesquare. Hence, we show three different scenarios for their profitability, which also affects the minorities item as Roularta holds circa 70% in this venture.

	2016	1	PF 2020E	
Lease costs	-10	0	0	0
Storesquare start-up losses	-4	-2	0	1
EBITA	7	19	21	22
Amortisation IFA (acquired)	-1	0	0	0
EBIT	7	19	21	22
Financial result	-5	0	0	0
PBT	2	19	21	22
Associates	18	19	19	19
o.w. improved profitability Mobile Vikings	0	1	1	1
o.w. amortisation IFA (acquired)	-2	-2	-2	-2
Minorities	1	1	0	-0
Net profit reported	21	39	40	41
Adding back amortization IFA (acquired)	3	2	2	2
Net profit adjusted	24	41	42	43
EPS adjusted (EUR)	1.92	3.28	3.36	3.44
Source: Roularta, Degroof Petercam				

Estimates cut on the back of higher than expected start-up costs

We have updated our model to reflect the aforementioned cost drivers. This has resulted in cuts in our adjusted EPS estimates of between 20-30% for 2017-2019. This includes losses for Storesquare of EUR 4m p/a, and a small decline in profitability of the existing Printed Media activities. Keep in mind that as from 2017, reported net profit will be burdened by EUR 3.6m p/a in amortisation of acquired IFA, which includes EUR 1.2m for the consolidated operations (amortised to zero by year-end 2019) and EUR 2.4m for associated profits.



Profit & Loss (EUR m)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16e	12/17e	12/18e
Revenues	712.0	676.3	299.6	290.2	276.5	268.2	262.8
(Y/Y - %)	-3%	-5%	-56%	-3%	-5%	-3%	-2%
EBITDA	31.4	14.0	12.7	23.9	16.9	15.2	15.1
EBITA	16.2	-3.4	3.9	14.5	7.3	6.0	5.9
(Ebita margin - %)	2.3%	-0.5%	1.3%	5.0%	2.6%	2.2%	2.3%
Amortization	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.6	-1.2	-1.2
Impairment	-11.5	-45.8	0.0	-2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	4.7	-49.2	3.9	12.3	6.7	4.8	4.7
Net Financial Result	-8.9	-7.4	-6.8	-5.4	-4.7	-4.6	-4.6
Except. / Discont. operations	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pre-tax result	-4.1	-56.6	-2.9	6.9	2.0	0.2	0.1
Taxes	1.2	-1.8	-2.5	46.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Associates	0.0	-0.2	18.0	19.1	18.2	18.0	18.5
Minorities	0.5	0.7	0.1	-0.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Net declared earnings	-2.5	-57.9	-142.5	64.1	21.5	19.4	19.8
Net adjusted earnings	15.5	9.6	19.4	30.2	24.0	23.0	23.4
Cash Flow (EUR m)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16e	12/17e	12/18e
EBIT	4.7	-49.2	3.9	12.3	6.7	4.8	4.7
Depreciation	10.5	11.2	4.2	5.4	5.0	4.6	4.6
Amortization	4.7	6.3	4.6	3.9	5.2	5.8	5.8
Impairment	11.5	45.8	0.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Changes in provision	2.5	19.0	-4.1	-11.4	-0.7	0.0	0.0
Changes in working capital	26.7	-14.5	5.0	-20.1	-6.4	2.5	0.6
Others	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Operational Cash Flow	60.6	18.5	13.6	-7.6	9.9	17.7	15.7
Tax expenses	1.2	-1.8	-2.5	-0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0
Dividends from associates	0.0	0.2	22.3	16.7	9.6	10.0	10.0
Net interest charges	-8.9	-7.4	-6.8	-5.4	-4.7	-4.6	-4.6
Others	-14.7	-5.7	-5.8	-6.1	-	-	-
CF from operating activities	38.2	3.8	20.7	-2.6	14.9	23.1	21.1
CAPEX	-6.2	-6.3	-3.2	-2.3	-4.4	-2.5	-2.5
Investments in intangibles	-3.8	-4.7	-4.2	-3.2	-3.1	-3.0	-3.0
Acquisitions	-0.7	-2.0	-10.6	-1.6	-0.5	0.0	0.0
Divestments	0.5	3.3	0.7	14.1	16.0	10.0	6.0
Others	-42.1	19.7	18.6	1.2	0.2	0.0	0.0
CF from investing activities	-52.4	9.9	1.2	8.2	8.2	4.5	0.5
Dividend payment	-4.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	-6.3	-6.6	-7.2
Minor. & pref. dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity financing	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	0.2	1.4	0.0	0.0
Others	38.5	-20.4	-23.4	1.7	0.1	0.0	0.0
CF from financing activities	34.0	-20.5	-23.5	1.8	-4.7	-6.6	-7.2
Changes in consolidation scope	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Exchange rate impact	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net debt/cash change	19.8	-6.8	-1.6	7.5	18.4	21.1	14.4
FCF to Enterprise	35.9	2.0	22.6	-2.6	12.0	22.2	20.2
FCF to Equity	28.2	-7.2	13.3	-8.1	7.4	17.6	15.6

Notes As of 2014 the company no longer proportionally consolidates the 50% stake in the Audiovisual activities



Balance Sheet (EUR m)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16e	12/17e	12/18e
Fixed assets	604.7	549.9	271.8	319.0	307.4	292.5	282.1
Tangible fixed assets	100.4	91.8	60.9	57.0	56.0	54.0	51.9
Goodwill	71.9	41.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other intang. assets	418.0	403.5	87.6	86.2	84.4	81.6	78.7
Financial fixed assets	7.6	7.5	122.0	155.1	145.8	135.8	130.2
Other fixed assets	6.8	6.0	1.2	20.8	21.3	21.3	21.3
Current assets	333.8	302.2	109.4	130.6	135.8	158.8	72.9
Inventories	58.9	56.1	6.2	5.5	6.2	6.2	6.2
Trade receivables	185.7	184.2	66.1	82.3	74.3	75.1	73.6
Other current assets	10.7	11.0	3.3	4.4	4.6	4.6	4.6
Cash & Equivalents	78.5	50.9	33.8	38.5	50.6	72.9	-11.5
Discontinued assets	0.0	0.0	151.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total assets	938.4	852.1	533.2	449.6	443.2	451.4	355.0
Total Equity	357.0	298.9	145.8	209.5	224.1	228.9	233.4
Equity	344.7	287.5	143.3	207.6	222.3	227.1	231.7
Minorities & preferred	12.3	11.4	2.5	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
Provisions	134.6	148.1	48.2	12.5	13.0	13.0	13.0
Provisions for pensions	9.8	8.6	4.2	3.5	5.1	5.1	5.1
Deferred taxes	117.1	110.3	27.1	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
Other provisions	7.7	29.2	16.8	8.5	7.4	7.4	7.4
Other LT liabilities	-	-	_	-	-	-	-
LT interest bearing debt	129.0	121.1	113.4	111.4	105.8	105.8	5.8
Current liabilities	317.8	284.4	128.9	116.3	100.3	103.6	102.7
ST interest bearing debt	19.1	6.1	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.2	2.2
Accounts payables	173.1	163.0	66.8	48.1	42.3	45.6	44.7
Other ST liabilities	125.6	115.3	59.5	65.4	55.8	55.8	55.8
Discontinued liabilities	0.0	0.0	97.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total liabilities	938.4	852.1	533.2	449.6	443.2	451.4	355.0
EV and CE details (EUR m)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16e	12/17e	12/18e
Market cap.	135.6	141.5	160.9	322.0	319.6	354.8	354.8
+ Net financial debt	69.5	76.3	82.0	75.7	57.4	35.2	19.6
(of which LT debt)	129.0	121.1	113.4	111.4	105.8	105.8	5.8
(of which ST debt)	19.1	6.1	2.5	2.9	2.2	2.2	2.2
(of which Cash position)	78.5	50.9	33.8	38.5	50.6	72.9	-11.5
+ Provisions (pension)	9.8	8.6	4.2	3.5	5.1	5.1	5.1
+ Minorities (MV)	12.3	11.4	2.5	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
- Peripheral assets (MV)	-7.6	-7.5	-8.1	-3.1	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5
+ Others	-0.2	-1.2	-211.3	-265.3	-249.4	-239.4	-233.8
Enterprise Value	219.5	229.2	30.2	134.7	132.0	155.0	144.9
Equity (group share)	344.7	287.5	143.3	207.6	222.3	227.1	231.7
+ Net financial debt	69.5	76.3	82.0	75.7	57.4	35.2	19.6
+ Provisions (pension)	9.8	8.6	4.2	3.5	5.1	5.1	5.1
+ Minorities	12.3	11.4	2.5	1.9	1.8	1.8	1.8
- Peripheral assets	-7.6	-7.5	-8.1	-3.1	-2.5	-2.5	-2.5
+ Others	-0.2	-1.2	-211.3	-265.3	-249.4	-239.4	-233.8
Capital employed (for ROCE)	428.6	375.1	12.5	20.4	34.7	27.3	21.8
capital chiployed (for NOCL)	720.0	3,3.1	12.3	20.7	34.7	27.3	21.0

Notes Our estimates for EBIT(D/A) exclude net income from associates, unlike the company's reported figures



Per Common Share (EUR)	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16e	12/17e	12/18e
Adjusted EPS (*)	1.24	0.77	1.56	2.42	1.92	1.84	1.87
Adjusted EPS (fully diluted)	1.24	0.77	1.56	2.42	1.90	1.84	1.87
Declared EPS	-0.20	-4.64	-11.42	5.13	1.72	1.55	1.58
CFS	2.46	2.17	2.26	3.17	2.69	2.57	2.61
FCF (to Equity)	2.26	-0.57	1.07	-0.65	0.59	1.41	1.25
Dividend	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.55	0.60
Book Value	27.16	22.74	11.09	15.94	17.05	17.42	17.76
Shares (m)							
At the end of F.Y.	13.141	13.141	13.141	13.141	13.141	13.141	13.141
Average number	12.483	12.483	12.483	12.486	12.516	12.516	12.516
Fully diluted Average number	12.483	12.483	12.483	12.517	12.612	12.516	12.516
(*) Adjusted EPS : pre-goodwill amortisa	tion earnings, adju	sted for post	-tax non-recu	irrent items			
Ratios	12/12	12/13	12/14	12/15	12/16e	12/17e	12/18e
Valuation analysis							
P/E	8.3	13.9	7.9	10.1	12.7	14.7	14.4
P/CF	4.2	5.0	5.4	7.7	9.1	10.5	10.4
P/BV	0.4	0.5	1.1	1.5	1.4	1.5	1.5
EV/Sales	0.3	0.3	0.1	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6
EV/EBITDA	7.0	16.4	2.4	5.6	7.8	10.2	9.6
EV/EBITA	13.6	-66.7	7.7	9.3	18.1	25.7	24.4
EV/EBIT	46.4	-4.7	7.7	10.9	19.7	32.1	30.6
EV/CE	0.5	0.6	2.4	6.6	3.8	5.7	6.6
EV/CE (grossed goodwill)	0.5	0.6	2.4	6.6	3.8	5.7	6.6
EV/FCF (1)	6.1	114.1	1.3	-52.7	11.0	7.0	7.2
FCF yield (2)	20.8%	-5.1%	8.3%	-2.5%	2.3%	5.0%	4.4%
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%	2.2%
Financial ratios							
Interest cover	1.8	-0.5	0.6	2.7	1.6	1.3	1.3
Net Debt/EBITDA	2.2	5.4	6.5	3.2	3.4	2.3	1.3
Net Debt/Equity	19.5%	25.5%	56.3%	36.1%	25.6%	15.4%	8.4%
Net Debt/FCF (2)	2.5	-10.7	6.2	-9.4	7.8	2.0	1.3
Capital turnover	1.7	1.8	23.9	14.2	8.0	9.8	12.0
ROCE pre-tax	3.8%	-0.9%	31.3%	71.2%	21.0%	22.1%	27.2%
ROCE post-tax	2.7%	-0.9%	58.5%	548.9%	21.8%	22.1%	27.2%
ROCE pre-tax (grossed goodwill)	3.8%	-0.9%	31.3%	71.2%	21.0%	22.1%	27.2%
ROCE post-tax (grossed gdwll)	2.7%	-0.9%	58.5%	548.9%	21.8%	22.1%	27.2%
ROE	-0.7%	-20.1%	-99.5%	30.9%	9.7%	8.6%	8.6%
Working capital (in % of sales) Payout	-6.1% 0.0%	-4.0% 0.0%	-16.9% 0.0%	-7.3% 20.7%	-4.7% 26.1%	-5.8% 29.9%	-6.1% 32.0%
•	0.076	0.070	0.070	20.770	20.170	23.370	32.070
Margin analysis and tax rate	22.00/	24.50/	27.50/	20 50/	20.50/	20.50/	20 521
Gross margin	33.8%	34.5%	37.5%	39.5%	39.5%	39.5%	39.5%
EBITDA margin	4.4%	2.1%	4.2%	8.2%	6.1%	5.7%	5.8%
EBITA margin	2.3%	-0.5%	1.3%	5.0%	2.6%	2.2%	2.3%
Adjusted profit margin	2.2%	1.4%	6.5% 87.0%	10.4% -671.0%	8.7% 2.6%	8.6%	8.9%
Tax rate	28.1%	-3.1%	-87.0%	-0/1.0%	-3.6%	0.0%	0.0%
Growth analysis							
Calor	20/	E 0/	56%	20/	E 0/	20/	20/

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-21%

0%

(1) Based on FCF to Enterprise - (2) Based on FCF to Equity

Notes

Sales

EBITDA

Dividend

Adjusted profit

Adjusted EPS

EBITA

-2%

-1%

-2%

2%

2%

9%

-3%

-10%

-17%

-4%

-4%

10%

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