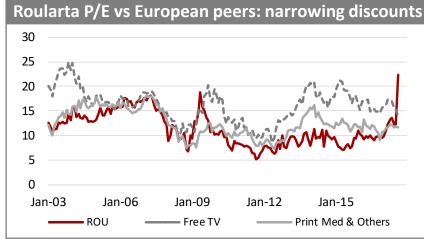
Roularta Media Group

BELGIUM Bloomberg: ROU:BB Reuters: RLRT.BR





€m	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017e	2018e	2019e
Sales	677.1	300.1	291.9	278.6	259.9	248.4	237.4
EBIT	-49.2	3.9	12.3	6.7	-3.4	-2.6	-3.8
Net profit	-57.9	-142.5	64.4	21.5	8.3	11.5	15.7
EPS (€)	-4.44	-10.98	4.92	1.65	0.64	0.89	1.20
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.50	0.50	0.20	0.25	0.35
P/E (x)	na	na	3.2	14.7	24.7	17.8	13.1
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	3.2	2.1	1.3	1.6	2.2
Adj. EV/EBIT (x)	na	36.0	9.6	32.7	na	na	na

Market review and peer benchmarking

4 September 2017

Key monthly insights

1H17 results disappointed on weak ad spend and margin pressure

On 21 August, Roularta reported a weak set of 1H17 results, hit by falling ad revenues in Print Media, higher opex from new initiatives in digital media (Storesquare and Mobile Viking) as well as higher depreciation charges. Net profit is down 91% y-o-y to \leq 1.3m, although encouragingly, reported operating cash flow is down just 10% y-o-y to \leq 6.2m backed by working capital management. Although Roularta's top line decline was severe, the company did not loose market share (Print Media sales -6.4% y-o-y in 1H17 vs. market -8.4% as reported by Nielsen, and TV Broadcasting like-for-like ad revenues -2.9% vs. market -8.4%).

We revised down our earnings forecast (as per our 28 August report)

Guidance is prudent and purely qualitative. So far in 3Q17, ad spend trends are similar to those of 1H17 (ie. down in Printed Media and TV, up in Online). Readership is flat (vs. down in 1H17). Although digital initiatives should continue to weigh on opex (albeit no more than previously-expected), management will continue to focus on cost control, albeit without any concrete plan. Our EPS forecasts have been cut by 63%, 50% and 53% for 2017e, 2018e and 2019e respectively to take into account the weak ad spend environment and further margin pressure. We are currently 3% below consensus EPS for 2017e and 21% above for 2018e.

Valuation assessment following the earnings shakeup

Our fair equity value is down to ≤ 15.9 /share, down from ≤ 17.3 (as per our latest report) due to the sharp de-rating of listed European TV peers. Our methodology remains unchanged although we allocate no value for Print Media vs. a negative value of ≤ 2.1 /share based on our previous model assumptions. We continue to believe the business has some value, given, among others, Roularta's leading market positions in free newspapers, business and news magazines as well as it state-of-the-are printing facilities. However, as a result of the heavy sales declines and of the lack of visibility in ad spend trends going forward, we do believe that market is likely to refrain from valuing it altogether until one or more of the following events occur: (1) clear signs that Print Media ad spend is no longer in structural decline, (2) Roularta's digital media activity becomes significant enough that its growth offsets the impact of lower Print Media revenues, (3) Roularta is able to continuously adjust its Print Media cost base to lower sales volumes, and (4) Roularta's Print Media is restructured to an extent that the impact of declining revenues no longer hurts group profit generation. Our fair equity value points to 2018e P/E and EV/EBIT multiples of 18x and 9.4x respectively (based on combined accounts).



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Source: Merodis Equity Research, Factset Pricing date: 31/08/2017

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Goals of this Dashboard

- Follow-up to our coverage of Roularta which was launched in October 2015 (see below)
- Tool to keep investors up to date with Roularta's equity story as well as its valuation in a sector context
- Update investors on recent company and sector news flow

Corporate calendar of Roularta's upcoming announcements and events

- S Monday, 12 March 2018: Announcement of FY17 results (08.15AM CET; Analyst meeting at 2PM)
- Tuesday, 15 May 2018: AGM (Roeselare, Belgium)

Access to our recent research reports on Roularta

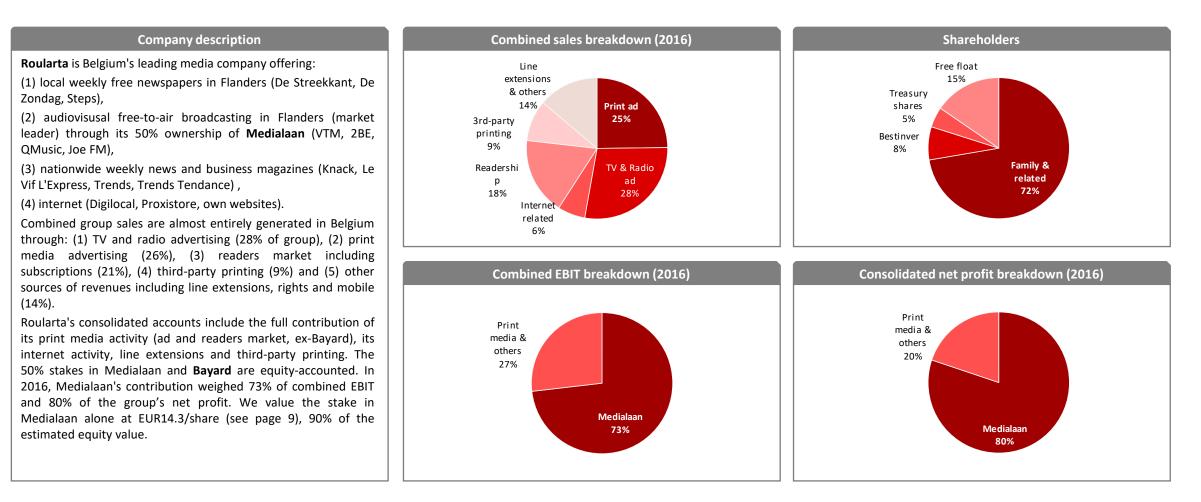
- <u>"Back on its feet" (initiation), 14 October 2015</u>
- "July 2017 market review" (monthly dashboard), 1 August 2017
- "When the going gets tough" (update), 28 August 2017





Company profile

A domestic leader in high-quality print media and free-TV

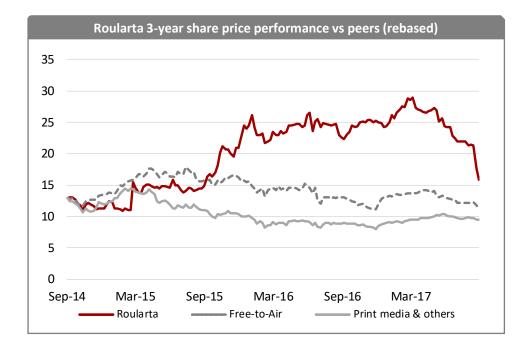


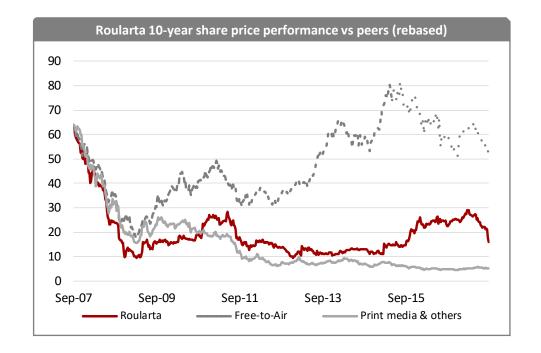




Share price performance

Under pressure since the 1Q17 trading update in April









Analyst Recommendations, Earnings Expectations

Consensus has deteriorated

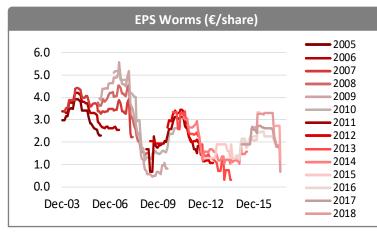
Consensus view

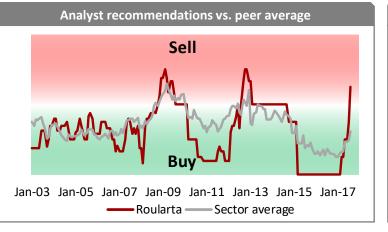
Consensus EPS estimates for Roularta have fallen sharply after the weak 1H17 results reported on 21 August, reflecting the weakness in ad spend in Print Media and in TV, and the consequent margin pressure.

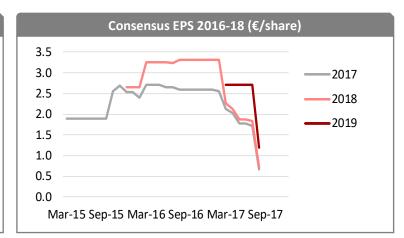
Consensus currently expects a 2017e EPS of 0.66 (-61% m-o-m) which compares to our forecast of 0.64 (from 1.70 previously expected), while 2018e earnings are expected to come in at 0.73 (-00% m-o-m) vs. our forecast of 0.89 (from 1.72). 2019e consensus EPS estimates available on Factset have fallen to 1.20, in line with our forecast and still reflecting positive momentum, albeit from a lower base. from the full-year effect of the end of the leasing contract with Econocom (end-2018) and the repayment of the 0.00% momentum, also at the end of 2018).

Roularta's share price suffered dearly from the weak results and subsequent downgrades, with the stock down 28% m-o-m (Print Media peers are down 2%, while Free-TV peers are down 10%). Roularta's share price is down 31% over the last 12 months, also below the Print Media sectors' +7.5%, and weaker than the Free TV sector's performance of -15%. The shares' low over the last 12 months is a new €15.60 (31 August 2017), while its high during the year was €28.95 (22 February 2017).

The two brokers covering the stock, KBC Securities and Degroof Petercam, rate the stock Hold and Underseight respectively. The highest price target for Roularta among the analyst community is currently \in 18.5.







Merodis Equ	uity Research estin	nates vs. conser	isus (%)
	<u>2017e</u>	<u>2018e</u>	<u>2019e</u>
Sales	0.2	-0.3	0.2
EBITDA	-22.5	-8.3	-1.1
EBIT	-20.1	-51.2	-5.7
EPS (€)	-3.3	21.8	0.2
DPS (€)	-11.1	0.0	0.0
Net debt	1.9	-19.9	na





Sector benchmarking analysis

Benchmarking the two key activities

		Freefloat	Liquidity	Depr/	Capex/		D/EBITDA			A margin (%	-		margin (%)			margin (%)			ROE (%)			19e CAGR	
	Company	(%) 2017	(daily,€m)	EBITDA	Sales	2017e	2018e	2019e	2017e	2018e	2019e	2017e	2018e	2019e	2017e	2018e	2019e	2017e	2018e	2019e	EPS	EBITDA	Sales
	Impresa	36	0.28		2%	9.2	8.3	6.4	9.5	10.4	12.4	7.8	8.7	10.6	3.3	3.8	5.3	5.3	5.5	6.7	18.6	15.5	0.9
≤	Spir	29		-16%	3%	12.9	6.0		0.9	2.2		-2.5	-1.2		-1.4	-0.1		-36.7	-4.7				
5	Solocal	100	4.06	27%	9%	1.7	1.3	0.9	26.0	27.0	27.1	18.1	19.0	19.3	8.2	9.6	10.0				0.0	1.6	-0.6
	Gruppo Editoriale L'Esp.																						
Σ	Mondadori	47	0.73	29%	1%	1.9	1.4	1.1	8.5	9.0	9.1	5.9	6.2	6.4	2.9	3.0	3.3	12.3	15.0	15.3	12.1	3.8	0.4
2	RCS	16	1.51	-103%	5%	2.5	1.8	1.2	14.5	16.7	17.1	8.6	11.3	11.8	4.3	6.9	7.6	31.3	30.6	27.4		8.7	0.0
	Vocento	51	0.28	48%	2%	1.5	1.1	0.9	10.5	11.9	11.8	5.9	7.5	8.9	2.7	4.0	4.9	5.5	7.1	8.0	25.4	5.1	-1.0
E	Telegraaf	12	0.23	363%	2%	-2.7	-1.3		3.7	8.2		5.7	5.4		3.9	3.8		3.3	9.4				
5	Sanoma	35	0.92	136%	3%		1.3	1.2	-5.4	23.5	21.8	11.2	12.0	12.0	-17.1	8.1	8.3	16.0	22.8	20.5	8.1		-3.9
- T.	Connect	98	0.52	35%	0%	1.2	1.2	1.0	4.1	4.1	4.3	3.1	3.2	3.3	1.7	1.9	2.0	329.0	344.6	320.6	2.1	0.6	-1.8
õ	Tarsus	76	0.24	22%	2%	1.7	2.3	1.2	34.5	32.3	34.6	32.7	30.1	33.1	19.0	14.0	19.8		27.5	41.5	3.6	5.0	4.9
E.	Trinity Mirror	97	0.32	26%	1%	0.1	-0.3	-0.6	23.0	23.4	24.2	19.4	19.9	19.1							-2.4	-2.1	-4.6
Z	Wilmington	85	0.41	40%	3%	1.7	1.2	0.6	21.6	23.1	23.7	20.0	21.3	21.8	9.1	11.0	11.5	44.8	63.0		15.6	13.3	8.2
2	Independent News	70	0.22	19%	1%	-2.9	-3.6	-4.7	11.9	11.6	10.7	10.1	9.7	8.9	9.5	8.6	7.9	33.6	25.6	17.6	-11.8	-10.3	-5.5
0	Eniro	96	0.08	-37%	4%																		
	Axel Springer	42	9.32	30%	4%	1.9	1.3	0.9	18.7	19.7	20.1	13.3	14.3	14.9	7.9	8.6	9.3	12.2	13.3	14.1	11.6	7.4	3.6
	PRINT MEDIA AVERAGE	59	1.36	44%	3%	2.4	1.6	0.8	13.0	15.9	18.1	11.4	12.0	14.2	4.2	6.4	8.2	41.5	46.6	52.4	7.5	4.4	0.1
	PRINT MEDIA MEDIAN	51	0.37	28%	2%	1.7	1.3	1.0	11.2	14.3	18.6	9.4	10.5	11.9	3.9	6.9	7.9	12.3	18.9	17.6	8.1	5.0	-0.3
	Roularta (combined)	25	0.11	49%	2%	0.9	0.4	0.2	9.2	10.4	11.5	4.6	5.6	5.9	1.8	2.6	3.6	3.8	5.1	6.8	37.2	9.4	-2.1
	% prem./(disc.) vs median	-51	-71.2	76.7	-20.2	-46.3	-72.3	-77.8	-17.5	-27.1	-38.0	-50.5	-46.9	-50.5	-53.7	-62.8	-54.9	-69.4	-73.2	-61.5	359.6	87.4	636.6
	Roularta (consolidated)	25	0.11	144%	3%	5.3	2.3	1.4	3.2	4.0	5.0	-1.3	-1.0	-1.6	3.2	4.6	6.6	3.8	5.1	6.8	37.2	18.7	-4.4
	% prem./(disc.) vs median	-51	-71.2	418.9	27.6	213.9	79.9	49.4	-71.0	-72.0	-73.1	-114.1	-109.9	-113.3	-18.8	-33.0	-16.3	-69.4	-73.2	-61.5	359.6	271.6	1,484.2
	TF1	48	3.02	26%	3%	-0.9	-0.9	-0.9	16.1	15.4	17.8	9.0	8.3	10.7	6.0	5.2	7.3	8.7	7.7	10.0	10.7	7.0	1.9
-	M6	44	2.50	37%	10%	-0.1	-0.2	-0.3	25.9	25.8	25.8	17.4	17.4	17.4	10.8	10.8	10.7	22.6	23.1	22.2	5.0	4.2	4.6
F	Mediaset	25	13.40	81%	21%	1.8	1.1	0.7	14.4	20.5	22.4	11.2	17.1	18.6	4.3	7.5	8.5	7.8	13.2	13.5	38.9	19.9	-4.0
ш.	Mediaset España	47	16.45	50%	20%	-0.5	-0.6	-0.7	25.5	26.7	27.6	24.0	25.3	26.1	19.0	19.9	20.5	19.7	21.3	21.9	7.6	7.0	2.9
ш	Atresmedia	35	5.12	11%	3%	1.0	0.8	0.7	20.3	21.3	22.2	18.6	19.7	20.4	14.3	14.9	15.6	29.6	31.8	32.7	7.8	7.6	3.1
FR	RTL	24	0.48	15%	4%	0.4	0.3	0.2	21.6	21.4	21.5	18.5	18.4	18.5	11.7	11.6	11.7	23.5	23.1	24.0	3.3	3.1	3.3
_	Prosieben	98	44.54	17%	4%	1.4	1.3	1.1	25.2	25.2	24.9	20.9	20.7	20.5	12.8	13.1	13.1	37.9	38.1	37.8	5.9	4.8	5.5
	ITV	90	31.43	12%	2%	0.9	0.7	0.5	28.1	28.0	28.8	25.4	25.0	25.6	20.5	20.4	21.1	82.0	79.4	70.7	4.4	4.1	2.8
	FREE TV AVERAGE	51	14.62	31%	8%	0.5	0.3	0.2	22.1	23.0	23.9	18.1	19.0	19.7	12.4	12.9	13.6	29.0	29.7	29.1	10.5	7.2	2.5
	FREE TV MEDIAN	46	9.26	22%	4%	0.6	0.5	0.3	23.4	23.3	23.7	18.6	19.0	19.5	12.3	12.4	12.4	23.1	23.1	23.1	6.8	5.9	3.0
	Medialaan (*)			27%	5%	0.0	-0.1	-0.2	17.0	18.5	19.5	12.4	13.9	15.0	8.0	9.1	9.8	12.4	13.7	14.3	11.6	8.2	1.0
	% prem./(disc.) vs median			26.7	23.8	-99.2	-117.8	-162.2	-27.4	-20.7	-17.6	-33.5	-26.9	-23.3	-34.6	-26.6	-21.0	-46.3	-40.6	-38.0	71.2	39.4	-66.4
Q	St Ives	96	0.21	58%	2%	1.7	1.5	1.1	9.0	8.5	8.6	6.7	6.3	6.7	2.9	3.1	3.6	14.7	14.8	15.5	-0.6	-1.2	0.7
4	QuadGraphics	86	5.96	-64%	3%	2.2	2.2	2.2	11.1	10.3	10.0	5.4	5.1	5.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	5.9	6.2	4.4	-7.9	-10.0	-5.1
E	Dai Nippon Printing	68	16.05	54%	5%	-0.2	-0.2	-0.2	7.0	7.2	7.2	2.5	2.8	2.9	1.9	2.0	2.0	2.7	2.8	2.8	na	na	na
Z	PRINTING AVERAGE	84	7.41	16%	3%	1.2	1.1	1.0	9.0	8.7	8.6	4.9	4.7	4.9	2.3	2.4	2.6	7.8	7.9	7.6	-4.2	-5.6	-2.2
2	PRINTING MEDIAN	86	5.96	54%	3%	1.7	1.5	1.1	9.0	8.5	8.6	5.4	5.1	5.2	2.2	2.1	2.1	5.9	6.2	4.4	-4.2	-5.6	-2.2
٥.	Roularta (combined)	25	0.11	49%	2%	0.9	0.4	0.2	9.2	10.4	11.5	4.6	5.6	5.9	1.8	2.6	3.6	3.8	5.1	6.8	37.2	9.4	-2.1
	% prem./(disc.) vs median	-71	-98.2	-9.1	-31.6	-46.9	-76.2	-79.5	3.1	23.1	33.7	-14.5	8.9	12.3	-18.0	23.9	68.1	-36.3	-18.8	53.7	-983.7	-268.6	-7.1
	Source: Merodis Eacts et																						

Source: Merodis, Factset

(*) Roularta has joint-control of Medialaan with 50%-ownership; the stake is equity-accounted. Based on Medialaan's consolidated accounts in Roularta's reporting. For capex/sales, depreciation is a capex proxy. For ROE, "net asset vaue" is an Equity proxy.





Sector valuation summary

Multiple-based valuation

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			Price	MCap		P/E			V/Sales			//EBITDA			EV/EBIT			P/B			DYield	
	Company	Country	(local)	(local m)	2017e	2018e	2019e	2017e	2018e	2019e	2017e	2018e	2019e	2017e	2018e	2019e	2017e	2018e	2019e	2017e	2018e	2019e
	Impresa	PORTUGAL	0.31	52	6.6	6.1	4.7	1.1	1.1	1.0	11.8	10.7	8.4	14.3	12.8	9.8	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
4	Spir	FRANCE	3.53	21				0.2	0.2		18.8	8.6					1.8	1.9		0.0	0.0	
5	Solocal	FRANCE	0.89	516	6.3	6.6	6.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	4.2	3.8	3.3	6.1	5.4	4.7				0.0	0.0	0.0
ш	Gruppo Editoriale L'Esp.																					
Σ	Mondadori	ITALY	1.89	494	14.5	12.3	11.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	6.4	5.8	5.3	9.3	8.3	7.6	2.0	1.8	1.8	1.1	1.3	2.3
2	RCS	ITALY	1.27	656	16.0	11.3	9.3	1.1	1.0	0.9	7.4	6.0	5.3	12.4	8.9	7.7	4.2	3.0	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
ш	Vocento	SPAIN	1.53	185	13.9	10.7	8.9	0.6	0.6	0.5	5.7	4.8	4.6	10.1	7.6	6.2	0.8	0.7	0.7	0.0	0.5	1.3
Ξ.	Telegraaf	NETHERLANDS	5.59	259	32.2	10.9		0.5	0.5		13.8	6.2		9.0	9.4		1.0	1.0		1.1	3.2	
5	Sanoma	FINLAND	7.89	1,281	12.9	11.1	11.0	1.2	1.2	1.2		5.3	5.4	10.7	10.3	9.8	2.7	2.4	2.1	3.5	4.3	4.9
	Connect	UNITED KINGDOM	1.02	253	6.2	6.1	6.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	4.6	4.6	4.4	5.9	5.9	5.6	22.2	20.2	18.3	9.5	9.5	9.6
00	Tarsus	UNITED KINGDOM	3.08	348	11.5	17.0	10.8	3.4	4.2	3.0	9.9	13.1	8.6	10.4	14.1	9.0	4.6	4.7	4.2	3.2	3.3	3.5
5	Trinity Mirror	UNITED KINGDOM	0.97	267	2.8	2.9	3.0	0.4	0.4	0.3	1.9	1.6	1.3	2.3	1.9	1.7				5.9	6.2	6.5
4	Wilmington	UNITED KINGDOM	2.41	210	12.4	10.5	9.3	2.1	1.8	1.6	9.7	8.0	6.8	10.5	8.7	7.4	6.8	6.4		3.5	3.7	3.8
2	Independent News	IRELAND	0.12	159	5.8	6.4	7.4	0.2	0.1	0.1	1.6	1.3	0.9	1.9	1.5	1.1	1.8	1.5	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
0	Eniro	SWEDEN	0.30	156																		
	Axel Springer	GERMANY	52.00	5,611	20.2	18.1	16.2	2.0	1.8	1.7	10.6	9.2	8.4	14.9	12.6	11.3	2.4	2.4	2.2	3.8	3.9	4.1
	PRINT MEDIA AVERAGE				12.4	10.0	8.7	1.0	1.1	1.0	8.2	6.4	5.2	9.1	8.3	6.8	4.2	3.9	3.7	2.3	2.6	3.0
	PRINT MEDIA MEDIAN				12.4	10.7	9.1	0.8	0.8	0.9	7.4	5.9	5.3	10.1	8.7	7.5	2.2	2.1	2.1	1.1	2.2	2.9
	Roularta (combined)	BELGIUM	15.80	208	24.7	17.8	13.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	6.0	5.0	4.5	12.0	9.3	8.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.6	2.2
	% prem./(disc.) vs median				99.0	67.1	44.7	-33.2	-34.1	-42.9	-18.3	-15.2	-15.6	18.2	7.5	17.3	-56.6	-58.7	-57.2	13.3	-29.4	-23.5
	Roularta (consolidated)	BELGIUM	15.80	208	24.7	17.8	13.1	0.4	0.4	0.3	13.1	8.9	7.0	-32.0	-34.1	-22.0	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.6	2.2
	% prem./(disc.) vs median				99.0	67.1	44.7	-49.1	-55.0	-61.6	77.2	50.8	30.9	-415.8	-493.4	-392.5	-56.6	-58.7	-57.2	13.3	-29.4	-23.5
	TF1	FRANCE	11.29	2,366	17.9	19.7	14.6	1.0	1.0	0.9	6.1	6.2	5.2	11.0	11.6	8.6	1.5	1.5	1.4	3.2	3.2	3.5
-	M6	FRANCE	18.47	2,327	16.2	14.9	14.6	1.7	1.6	1.5	6.6	6.1	5.9	9.8	9.0	8.7	3.6	3.3	3.2	4.9	5.0	5.0
2	Mediaset	ITALY	3.10	3,527	22.9	13.0	11.9	1.2	1.3	1.2	8.6	6.1	5.4	11.0	7.3	6.6	1.8	1.6	1.6	3.0	5.1	5.6
5	Mediaset España	SPAIN	9.74	3,258	16.7	15.3	14.4	3.1	3.0	2.9	12.3	11.2	10.5	13.0	11.9	11.1	3.3	3.2	3.1	5.6	6.2	6.6
ш	Atresmedia	SPAIN	8.75	1,968	13.1	12.1	11.3	2.1	2.0	1.9	10.2	9.3	8.7	11.2	10.2	9.5	3.9	3.8	3.6	7.6	7.0	7.5
Ř	RTL	BELGIUM	63.46	9,746	13.0	12.6	12.2	1.6	1.5	1.5	7.5	7.2	6.8	8.7	8.3	7.9	3.0	2.8	3.0	6.1	6.2	6.2
	Prosieben	GERMANY	28.18	6,048	11.9	11.3	10.6	2.0	1.9	1.7	7.7	7.3	6.9	9.3	8.9	8.4	4.4	4.2	3.9	6.9	7.3	7.7
	ITV	UNITED KINGDOM	1.59	6,384	10.2	10.0	9.4	2.3	2.2	2.1	8.3	8.0	7.3	9.2	8.9	8.3	8.6	7.3	6.0	4.9	6.1	6.6
	FREE TV AVERAGE				15.2	13.6	12.4	1.9	1.8	1.7	8.4	7.7	7.1	10.4	9.5	8.6	3.8	3.5	3.2	5.3	5.8	6.1
	FREE TV MEDIAN	_			14.6	12.8	12.0	1.8	1.7	1.6	8.0	7.2	6.9	10.4	9.0	8.5	3.4	3.3	3.1	5.3	6.1	6.4
	Roularta (combined)	BELGIUM	15.80	208	24.7	17.8	13.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	6.0	5.0	4.5	12.0	9.3	8.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.6	2.2
	% prem./(disc.) vs median				69.1	39.4	9.1	-69.6	-69.5	-67.9	-24.7	-31.1	-34.4	15.2	3.8	3.7	-72.3	-73.2	-70.7	-75.9	-74.2	-65.4
U	St Ives	UNITED KINGDOM	0.71	101	5.4	5.9	5.5	0.4	0.4	0.3	4.6	4.6	4.0	6.2	6.2	5.2	0.9	0.9	0.8	2.8	2.8	3.0
Ž	QuadGraphics	UNITED STATES	19.06	992	10.7	9.3	12.6	0.4	0.4	0.5	4.0	4.6	4.0	8.9	9.2	9.3	0.6	0.6	0.8	6.3	6.3	6.3
E	Dai Nippon Printing	JAPAN		815,900	28.8	27.3	26.4	0.5	0.5	0.5	8.2	7.9	4.3 7.7	23.1	20.5	19.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.5	2.5	2.5
Ż	PRINTING AVERAGE		1,200.00	515,500	15.0	14.2	14.8	0.0	0.0	0.5	5.7	5.7	5.5	12.7	12.0	19.5	0.8	0.8	0.7	3.8	3.9	3.9
2	PRINTING MEDIAN				10.7	9.3	12.6	0.5	0.5	0.5	4.6	4.6	4.9	8.9	9.2	9.3	0.8	0.8	0.7	2.8	2.8	3.0
Δ	Roularta (combined)	BELGIUM	15.80	208	24.7	17.8	13.1	0.6	0.5	0.5	6.0	5.0	4.5	12.0	9.3	8.8	1.0	0.9	0.9	1.3	1.6	2.2
	% prem./(disc.) vs median		10.00	230	132.0	91.6	4.6	15.5	9.7	5.9	30.4	8.0	-8.5	35.1	0.8	-5.8	25.5	16.7	23.8	-54.2	-43.5	-25.1
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P/E valuation relative to the sector

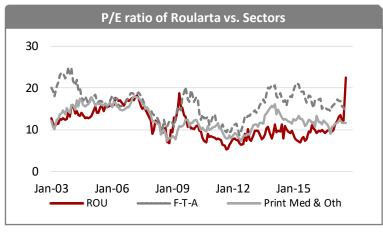
A rerating for the wrong reasons

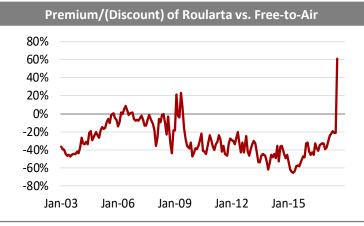
Valuation

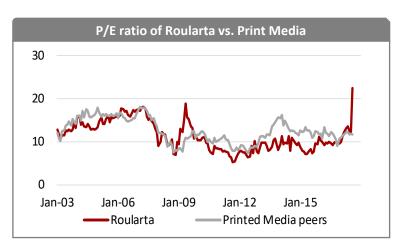
On 2017e consensus EPS estimates, Roularta shares trade at a P/E premium of 61% versus the Free-to-Air Media sector in Europe (from a discount of 21% in July). As a reminder, in 2016, 73% of Roularta's EBIT and 80% of its EPS was generated by Medialaan, Belgium's #1 commercial TV broadcaster. Compared to the Print Media sector, Roularta currently trades at a 94% premium (this compares to a 8% premium at the end of July). The rerating is driven entirely by the share price underperformance in August as well as the sharp cut in earnings estimates for Roularta.

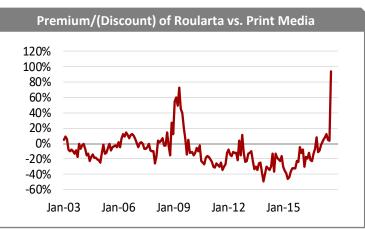
If Roularta's shares were to trade in line with the European media sector, the shares would trade at close to ≤ 19 /share based on our SOTP (using EV/EBIT multiples).

Interestingly, in the course of August, the Free-to-Air TV sector multiples have de-rated more sharply (-10% at a 12-months forward P/E of 14x) than the Print Media sector (unchanged at a 12-months forward P/E of 11.6x).













Fair value estimate

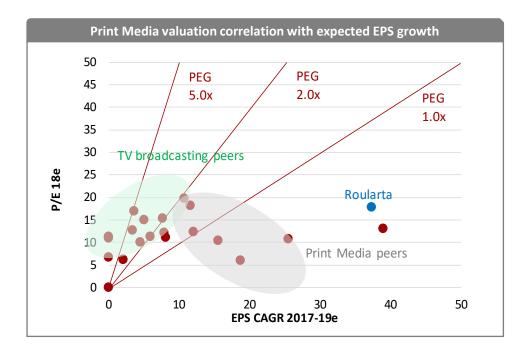
Tracking the share price down

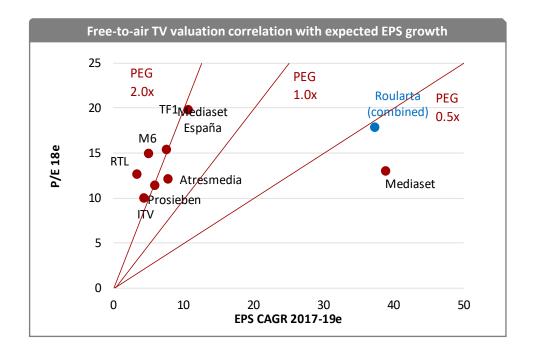
		Roular	ta updated	sum-of-the-pa	arts				
	Ownership	-	Discount	EV/EBIT	Net debt		Equity		•
(€m)	(%)	EBIT 18e	to peers	multiple 18e	17e	Value	value/sh.	split	discou
Print media	100%	0.2	na	na		29.9	0.0	0%	29
Group enterprise value						<u>29.9</u>			<u>29</u>
 Net Financial Debt/(cash) (17e) 						-44.6			-44
- Other liabilities (17e)						-6.0			-6
+ NPV tax asset (balance sheet)						20.8			20
+ Equity value of Medialaan stake	50%	49.2	15.0	7.6	0.3	187.3	14.3	89%	220
+ Equity value of Bayard stake	50%	5.0	10.0	7.8	-5.3	22.2	1.7	11%	24
= Estimated market value of equity						<u>209.5</u>			<u>244</u>
Total share outstanding (m)						13.1			13
Equity value per share						15.9			18





Divisional valuation indicators



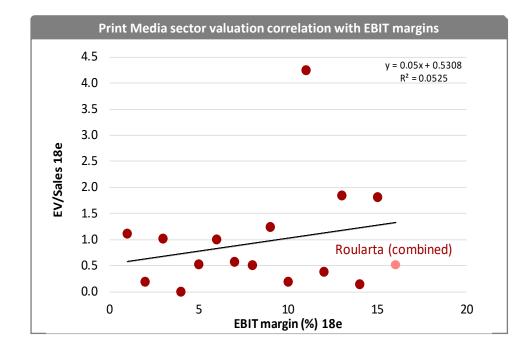


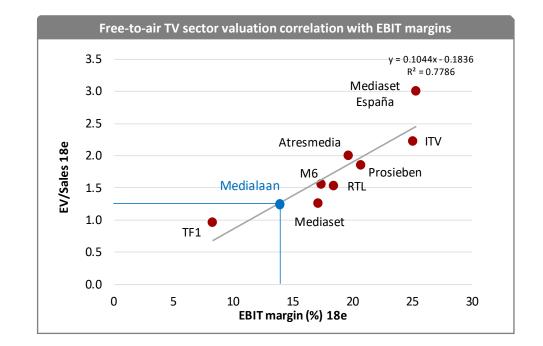




Divisional valuation indicators

Medialaan is a key value driver









Sales growth expectations

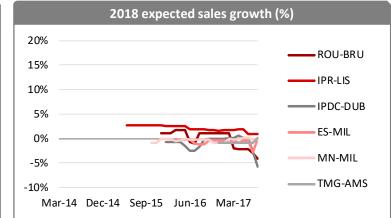
Impacted by cyclical and structural effects

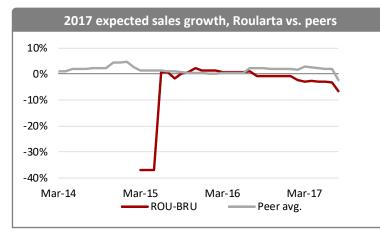
Expected Sales Growth

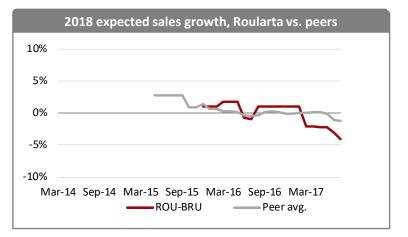
At the end of August, consensus reversed its Print Media sector sales growth expectations for 2017 from +2% to -2.5%. Consensus sales expectations for Roularta in 2017 have deteriorated following the downgrades from -3.3% to -6.7%. With respect to 2018 sector sales growth expectations, consensus is flat at -1.2% while consensus for Roularta has fallen to -4.1% from -3.1%.

The sector is suffering from the structural impact of online media gaining market share over traditional Printed Media and TV in terms of advertising revenues. This is driven by changes in viewership, which is moving from the traditional media to online.













EBITDA growth and margin expectations

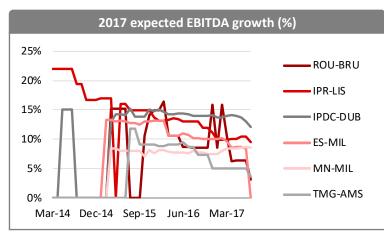
Renewed focus on core activity offset by structural pressure

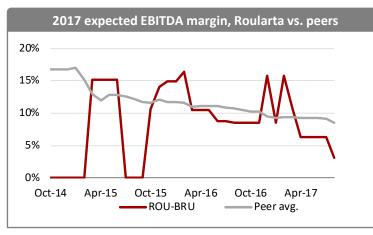
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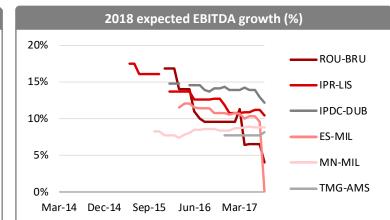
During the month of August, the expected annual EBITDA growth by the analyst community in 2017e for Roularta was cut sharply to -50% from -1.5%, while consensus now expects -0.5% EBITDA growth in 2018e (from +8%). Margin expectations remain below the sector average for both years.

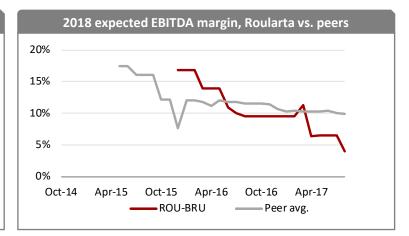
Note that consensus changes to EBIT or EBITDA at Roularta are not interpretable in a straightforward manner.

In Roularta's specific case, its reported EBITDA margin (as reflected by Factset consensus) is positively influenced by the IFRS 11 treatment of its 50% stake in Medialaan, whereby 50% of Medialaan's net profit is accounted for in Roularta's EBITDA and EBIT, but where its sales are not accounted for in its top-line, which inflates Roularta's EBITDA margins versus the Sector average. Merodis estimates exclude equity accounted results from the EBITDA and EBIT lines, but other analysts may treat these figures differently, or they may have recently changed their view on them.













Consensus payout expectations

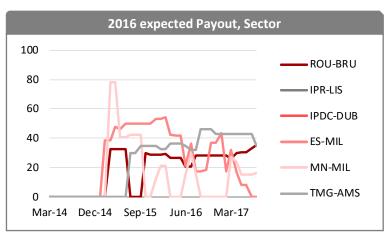
Expectations are stable

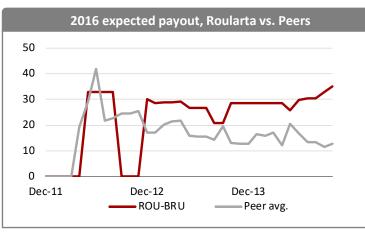
Dividend payout

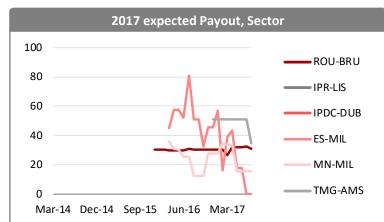
In 2016, Roularta paid a dividend of €0.50 per share, which represents a cash outlay of €6.2m and a payout ratio of 9.7% on the reported EPS (20% of the normalised EPS). The 2016 proposed dividend is flat, at €0.50, while we were forecasting €0.75 on higher expected results. The payout for 2016 is at 29%.

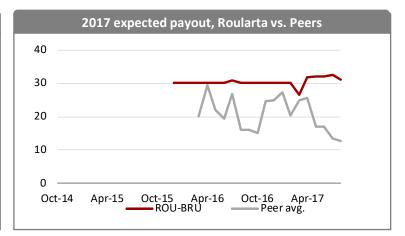
Roularta confirmed the targeted pay-out ratio of 30% in the future, which is in line with its average payout ratio prior to its acquisition in France of c32% (2002-2006) and broadly in line with the Sector average.

Consensus currently expects Roularta to pay out 35% of its earnings in 2017-18e, which is a slight upgrade to previous expectations of roughly 30% payout. The expected payout at Roularta exceeds that of its sector peers.













Leverage expectations

Still not an issue

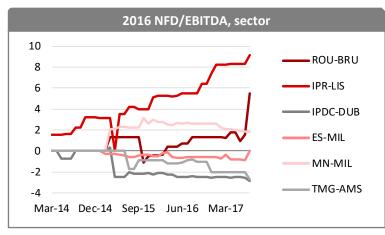
Net-debt-to-EBITDA

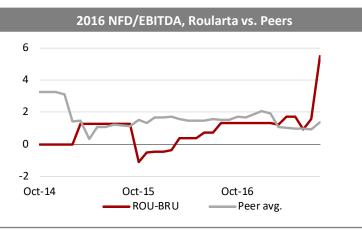
The level of expected financial leverage in the Media Sector was high in 2011 and 2012 and again in 2014 (where it exceeded 2.2x), but trended down until May 2016 to c. 1.2x, in terms of Net-financialdebt-to-EBITDA. Roularta's ratio has exceeded 2x only during 2014 and is expected to remain roughly flay during the current year and next.

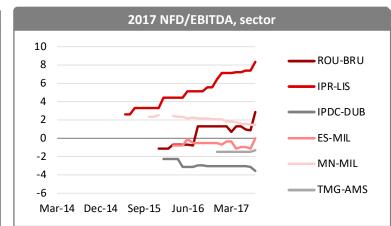
At the end of August, consensus expects Roularta's net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio at 5.5x for 2017e (up from 1.6x expected in July), below the sector average of 1.4x, but entirely due to the cut in consensus estimates. As a reminder, Roularta's covenant threshold of 3.5x net debt over EBITDA is based on annual EBITDA including the company's share of Medialaan's and Bayard's net profit. Based on this definition, the company reported a ratio of 1.1x in 1H17 despite the depressed consolidated EBITDA.

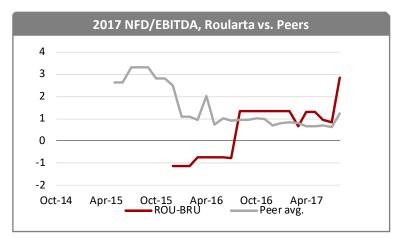
For 2018e, the analyst community expects Roularta's Net-Debt-to-EBITDA ratio to drop to 2.8x (from 0.9x), which compares to a ratio of 1.2x for the sector.

We expect Roularta to report a net debt down to \notin 17m by 2019e, compared to a reported net debt position of \notin 57m at the end of 2016.





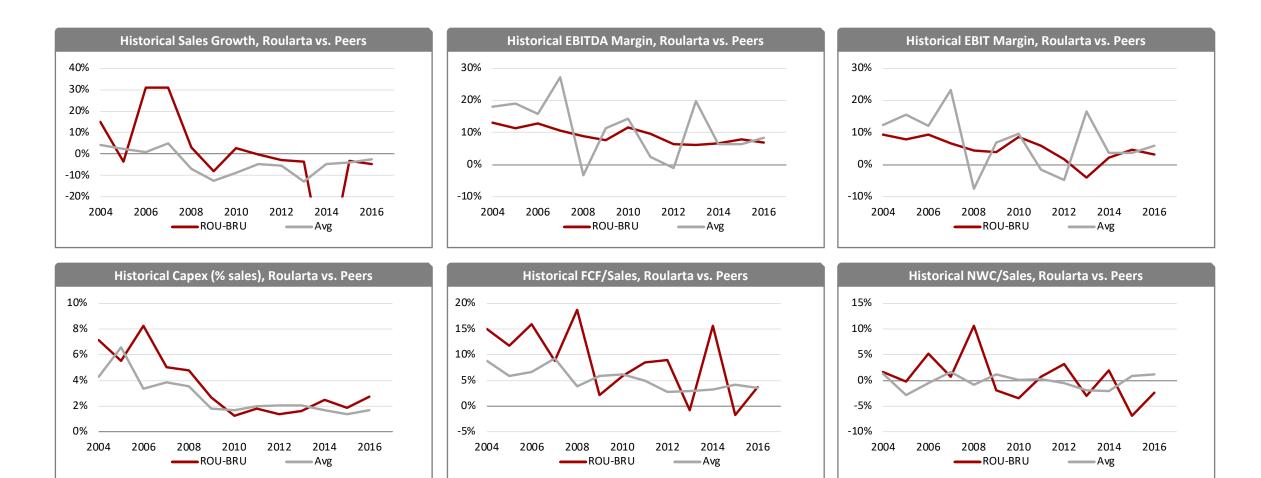








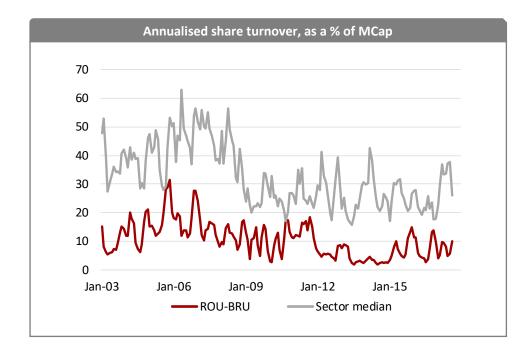
Historical P&L, CF and Balance Sheet Performance

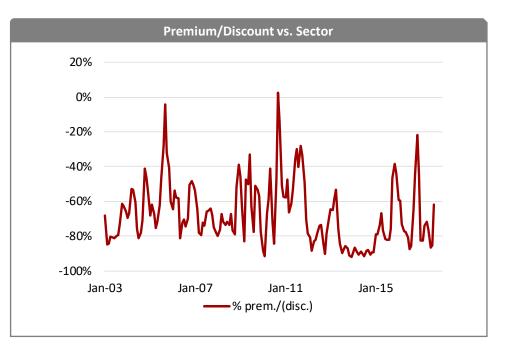






Share liquidity Well-below peers









Financial tear sheet

Enterprise Value (€m): 219 Market Cap. (€m): 208 Free-float MCap (€m): 52				•	Financial	ıcia		summary	V						i		
Consolidated P&L (€m)	2005	2006	2007								2015	2016 2		2018e 2	2019e	CAGR 05-16	CAGR L7-19e
Sales EBITDA	493 56	609 78	767 81							300 20	292 18	279 16	260 8	248 10	237 12	-5.1 -10.7	-4.4 18.7
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Capital Employed	296 296	660 0	689	640	584	602 602	581	549	511	221	298 298	295 295		275 275	258	-0.1	-3.7
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Gross Debt	75	263	278	275	198	155	124	148	127	116	114	108			28	3.4	-49.0
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Capital Employed/Sales (%) Gearing (%)	60 17	108 74	90 83	82 50	83 39	85 31	79 25	77 19	75 26	74 56	102 36	106 26	107 20	111 10	109 8		
Net Debt/EBITDA (x)	0.7	2.8 6	3.0	2.4	2.4	1.4 6	1.3	1.5	1.8 6	4.2	4.2	3.5 0	5.3	2.3 5	1.4 6		
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= Enterprise Value (€m)		824	942		316	365	369	254	253	141 0	118	219		88	88	-8.4	-13.3
EV/Sales (x)		1.4	1.2						0.4	0.3	0.4				о- 0.3		
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Share price EPS		52.65 2.26	60.61 1.44					-0.19 -0.19							1.20 1.20	-6.7 -2.9	0.0 37.2
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