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Enapter AG

# **Enapter AG**

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2024 guidance

RATING	BUY
PRICE TARGET	€ 13.00
Return Potential	78.6%
Risk Rating	High

# EBITDA GUIDANCE BETTER THAN EXPECTED

Enapter has published guidance for 2024. The company expects sales of  $\in$ 34m and EBITDA of  $\notin$ 7m to  $\notin$ -8m. While sales guidance falls short of our previous expectation of  $\notin$ 39m, EBITDA guidance exceeds our previous estimate of  $\notin$ -12.1m. Enapter is thus lowering its cost base more than we expected. We have adjusted our forecasts accordingly. A revised DCF model still yields a  $\notin$ 13 price target. We confirm our Buy recommendation.

**Guidance signals further growth** At first glance, sales growth of less than 8% planned for 2024 seems relatively unambitious. However, we note that Enapter generated almost half of its sales in 2023, i.e. around €15m, from the licence agreement with Solar Invest International. Enapter should thus roughly double pure product sales.

**EBITDA guidance better than expected** Enapter expects EBITDA of  $\in$ -7m to  $\in$ -8m in 2024. We had previously assumed EBITDA of  $\in$ -12.1m. The company is thus reducing its cost base more than we had assumed. The current financial year is characterised in particular by high up-front costs for the pre-series production of the AEM-Nexus, Enapter's megawatt class electrolyser, which continues to be in high demand.

**Estimates adjusted** We have adjusted our forecasts for the guidance and now expect sales of  $\in$ 34m, EBITDA of  $\in$ -8.1m and EBIT of  $\in$ -12.4m for 2024 (see figure 1 overleaf).

**Buy with unchanged price target** An updated DCF model still yields a €13 price target. We confirm our Buy recommendation.

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## **FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS**

	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Revenue (€m)	2.07	8.44	14.67	31.50	33.86	67.37
Y-o-y growth	122.7%	307.8%	73.8%	114.7%	7.5%	99.0%
EBIT (€m)	-3.54	-8.62	-12.86	-3.38	-12.45	-12.58
EBIT margin	-171.2%	-102.1%	-87.6%	-10.7%	-36.8%	-18.7%
Net income (€m)	-3.57	-8.70	-12.98	-7.11	-17.61	-18.48
EPS (diluted) (€)	-0.16	-0.38	-0.51	-0.26	-0.65	-0.68
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FCF (€m)	-6.17	-33.05	-64.89	-18.66	-26.85	-34.57
Net gearing	-32.2%	-33.8%	-2.1%	18.3%	63.5%	164.7%
Liquid assets (€m)	4.25	19.60	5.07	14.84	22.19	10.12

## **RISKS**

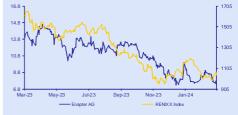
The main risks are: financing risk, technological risk, production risk, product risk, increasing competition, innovations.

### **COMPANY PROFILE**

Enapter produces standardised stacks & electrolysers, which are scalable to larger units based on a modular approach. Enapter's patent-protected AEM technology offers high cost reduction potential. Enapter has production sites in Pisa, Italy, & Saerbeck, Germany, and ca. 210 employees.

MARKET DA	As of 29	Feb 2024				
Closing Price	€ 7.28					
Shares outstand	ding		27.20m			
Market Capitalis	sation	€	197.98m			
52-week Range	•	€ 7.2	8 / 14.55			
Avg. Volume (1	2 Months)		13,393			
Multiples	2022	2023E	2024E			
P/E	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.			
EV/Sales	EV/Sales 13.4					
EV/EBIT	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.			
Div. Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%			

## STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA	As of 30 Jun 2023
Liquid Assets	€ 9.45m
Current Assets	€ 35.45m
Intangible Assets	€ 11.34m
Total Assets	€ 120.61m
Current Liabilities	€ 11.17m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 77.30m
SHAREHOLDERS	
BluGreen	65.1%
Svelland Global Trading Master	5.0%
Sergei Storozhenko	4.1%
Other Investors	6.9%
Free Float	18.9%

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## Figure 1: Revisions to forecasts

		2023E			2024E			2025E	
All figures in €m	Old	New	Delta	Old	New	Delta	Old	New	Delta
Sales	31.5	31.5	0%	39.4	33.9	-14%	67.4	67.4	0%
EBIT	-3.4	-3.4	-	-16.5	-12.4	-	-12.7	-12.6	-
margin	-10.8%	-10.7%		-42.0%	-36.8%		-18.9%	-18.7%	
Net income	-7.1	-7.1	-	-21.7	-17.6	-	-18.6	-18.5	-
margin	-22.5%	-22.6%		-55.2%	-52.0%		-27.7%	-27.4%	
EPS (diluted, in €)	-0.26	-0.26	-	-0.80	-0.65	-	-0.69	-0.68	-

Source: First Berlin Equity Research

# **VALUATION MODEL**

DCF valuation model								
All figures in EUR '000	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
Net sales	31,500	33,860	67,370	141,150	239,100	348,434	491,609	670,822
NOPLAT	-3,848	- 12,620	- 12,766	2,183	13,074	23,339	36,186	48,584
+ depreciation & amortisation	3,791	4,380	5,829	7,229	7,831	8,216	8,892	9,893
Net operating cash flow	- 57	- 8,241	-6,937	9,412	20,905	31,556	45,078	58,477
- total investments (CAPEX, WC, Other)	- 13,039	- 11,420	- 19,425	-27,795	-29,421	-35,510	- 46,427	- 58, 147
Capital expenditures	- 8,999	- 17,607	- 15,495	- 15,527	- 11, 172	- 15, 14 1	- 19,754	-24,759
Working capital	- 6,340	3,987	-6,430	- 12,269	- 18,248	-20,369	-26,674	- 33,388
Other	2,300	2,200	2,500	0	0	0	0	0
Free cash flows (FCF)	- 13,096	- 19,661	-26,362	- 18,384	-8,516	-3,955	- 1,349	330
PV of FCF's	- 13,096	- 17,650	-20,794	- 12,741	-5,186	- 2,115	-634	13 6

All figures in thousands	
PV of FCFs in explicit period (2023E-2037E)	46,730
PV of FCFs in terminal period	302,229
Enterprise value (EV)	348,959
+ Net cash / - net debt	1,243
+ Investments / minority interests	1
Shareholder value	350,202
Diluted number of shares	27,195
Fair value in EUR	12.88

Terminal growth	4.0%
Terminal EBIT margin	13.2%

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		Terminal grow th rate								
WACC	13.8%			2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%	5.0%	5.5%
Cost of equity	14.2%		10.8%	22.87	23.91	25.09	26.45	28.02	29.87	32.06
Pre-tax cost of debt	10.0%	~	11.8%	18.15	18.86	19.66	20.55	21.57	22.74	24.09
Tax rate	30.0%	00	12.8%	14.53	15.03	15.58	16.19	16.88	17.65	18.53
After- tax cost of debt	7.0%	MA	13.8%	11.71	12.06	12.45	12.88	13.35	13.88	14.47
Share of equity capital	95.0%	_	14.8%	9.47	9.72	10.00	10.31	10.64	11.01	11.42
Share of debt capital	5.0%		15.8%	7.67	7.85	8.06	8.28	8.52	8.78	9.07
Price target	13.00		16.8%	6.20	6.34	6.49	6.66	6.83	7.02	7.23

# **INCOME STATEMENT**

All figures in EUR '000	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenues	2,070	8,442	14,671	31,500	33,860	67,370	141,150
Changes in Inventories	242	540	525	0	0	0	0
Operating performance	2,312	8,982	15,197	31,500	33,860	67,370	141,150
Cost of goods sold	2,320	7,874	12,013	10,842	24,718	48,506	98,805
Gross profit (op. performance ./. COGS)	-8	1,109	3,184	20,658	9,142	18,864	42,345
Ow n Work	2,208	3,330	6,383	3,253	3,386	1,347	988
Personnel costs	3,356	7,596	14,300	15,100	14,500	18,207	21,173
Other operating income	605	1,367	2,799	1,897	3,217	1,347	1,412
Other operating expenses	2,369	5,828	8,648	10,300	9,312	10,106	14,115
EBITDA	-2,920	-7,619	-10,582	408	-8,067	-6,754	9,457
Depreciation and amortisation	625	1,002	2,276	3,791	4,380	5,829	7,229
Operating income (EBIT)	-3,544	-8,622	-12,858	-3,383	-12,446	-12,583	2,228
Net financial result	-21	-88	-97	-3,261	-4,991	-5,710	-6,781
Non-operating expenses	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax income (EBT)	-3,565	-8,709	-12,955	-6,644	-17,437	-18,293	-4,552
Income taxes	3	-8	23	465	174	183	46
Minority interests	-1	1	1	0	0	0	0
Net income / loss	-3,569	-8,701	-12,977	-7,109	-17,611	-18,475	-4,598
Diluted EPS (in €)	-0.16	-0.38	-0.51	-0.26	-0.65	-0.68	-0.17
Ratios							
Gross margin on operating performance	-0.3%	12.3%	21.0%	65.6%	27.0%	28.0%	30.0%
EBITDA margin on revenues	-141.0%	-90.3%	-72.1%	1.3%	-23.8%	-10.0%	6.7%
EBIT margin on revenues	-171.2%	-102.1%	-87.6%	-10.7%	-36.8%	-18.7%	1.6%
Net margin on revenues	-172.4%	-103.1%	-88.4%	-22.6%	-52.0%	-27.4%	-3.3%
Tax rate	-0.1%	0.1%	-0.2%	-7.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.0%
Expenses as % of revenues							
Personnel costs	162.1%	90.0%	97.5%	47.9%	42.8%	27.0%	15.0%
Depreciation and amortisation	30.2%	11.9%	15.5%	12.0%	12.9%	8.7%	5.1%
Other operating expenses	114.4%	69.0%	58.9%	32.7%	27.5%	15.0%	10.0%
Y-Y Growth							
Revenues	122.7%	307.8%	73.8%	114.7%	7.5%	99.0%	109.5%
Operating income	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Net income/ loss	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.

# **BALANCE SHEET**

All figures in EUR '000	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Assets							
Current assets, total	6,633	29,920	27,577	36,062	40,599	34,203	56,442
Cash and cash equivalents	4,248	19,604	5,071	14,842	22,190	10,118	15,953
Short-term investments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receivables	184	2,638	8,014	10,396	5,566	7,383	15,468
Inventories	1,300	3,604	8,421	4,753	6,772	10,632	18,949
Other current assets	901	4,073	6,071	6,071	6,071	6,071	6,071
Non-current assets, total	7,917	32,221	80,237	85,627	99,000	108,812	117,153
Property, plant & equipment	2,870	23,985	67,900	73,655	87,639	98,078	106,308
Goodw ill & other intangibles	3,977	7,110	10,272	9,907	9,296	8,668	8,780
Right-of-use assets	1,033	1,055	909	909	909	909	909
Other assets	72	1,156	1,156	1,156	1,156	1,156	1,156
Total assets	14,550	<b>62</b> ,141	107,814	121,688	139,599	143,015	173,595
Shareholders' equity & debt							
Current liabilities, total	4,452	10,397	16,070	9,572	22,748	11,995	20,204
Short-term debt	1,415	1,186	871	2,000	14,000	4,000	8,075
Leasing liabilities	109	155	116	116	116	116	116
Accounts payable	947	6,387	11,191	3,564	4,740	3,987	8,121
Current provisions	239	516	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243	1,243
Other current liabilities	1,851	2,309	2,765	2,765	2,765	2,765	2,765
Long-term liabilities, total	1,353	5,224	5,290	32,770	55,116	87,761	114,730
Long-term debt	21	2,708	2,371	27,371	47,371	77,371	104,296
Leasing liabilities	568	575	471	652	798	943	987
Other liabilities	278	512	605	2,903	5,103	7,603	7,603
Deferred revenue	486	1,428	1,844	1,844	1,844	1,844	1,844
Minority interests	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
Shareholders' equity	8,744	46,518	86,454	79,345	61,734	43,258	38,660
Share capital	22,269	24,406	27,195	27,195	27,195	27,195	27,195
Capital reserve	-6,771	37,615	87,586	87,586	87,586	87,586	87,586
Other reserves	-37	-83	69	69	69	69	69
Treasury stock	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loss carryforw ard / retained earnings	-6,716	-15,418	-28,396	-35,505	-53,117	-71,592	-76,190
Total consolidated equity and debt	14,550	62,141	107,814	121,688	139,599	143,015	173,595
Ratios							
Current ratio (x)	1.49	2.88	1.72	3.77	1.78	2.85	2.79
Quick ratio (x)	1.20	2.53	1.19	3.27	1.49	1.97	1.86
Equity ratio	60.1%	74.9%	80.2%	65.2%	44.2%	30.2%	22.3%
Net debt	-2,812	-15,711	-1,830	14,529	39,181	71,253	96,417
Net gearing	-32.2%	-33.8%	-2.1%	18.3%	63.5%	164.7%	249.4%
Return on equity (ROE)	-40.8%	-18.7%	-15.0%	-9.0%	-28.5%	-42.7%	-11.9%
Days of sales outstanding (DSO)	32	114	199	120	60	40	40
Days inventory outstanding	205	167	256	160	100	80	70
Days in payables (DIP)	149	296	340	120	70	30	30

# **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

All figures in EUR '000	2020A	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
EBIT	-3,544	-8,622	-12,858	-3,383	-12,446	-12,583	2,228
Depreciation and amortisation	625	1,002	2,276	3,791	4,380	5,829	7,229
EBITDA	-2,920	-7,619	-10,582	408	-8,067	-6,754	9,457
Changes in w orking capital	528	-1,136	-6,476	-6,340	3,987	-6,430	-12,269
Other adjustments	255	758	1,594	-3,726	-5,165	-5,893	-6,826
Operating cash flow	-2,137	-7,997	-15,464	-9,659	-9,245	-19,077	-9,638
Investments in PP&E	-1,830	-21,570	-44,989	-8,132	-16,930	-14,821	-14,115
Investments in intangibles	-2,208	-3,483	-4,436	-867	-677	-674	-1,412
Free cash flow	-6,175	-33,050	-64,889	-18,658	-26,852	-34,572	-25,165
Acquisitions & disposals, net	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other investments	250	-11	-65	0	0	0	0
Investment cash flow	-3,789	-25,064	-49,490	-8,999	-17,607	-15,495	-15,527
Debt financing, net	1,240	2,463	-653	26,129	32,000	20,000	31,000
Equity financing, net	6,189	48,304	52,998	0	0	0	0
Dividends paid	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other financing	1,390	-2,350	-1,924	2,300	2,200	2,500	0
Financing cash flow	8,819	48,417	50,421	28,429	34,200	22,500	31,000
FOREX & other effects	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net cash flows	2,894	15,356	-14,534	9,771	7,348	-12,072	5,835
Cash, start of the year	1,354	4,248	19,604	5,071	14,842	22,190	10,118
Cash, end of the year	4,248	19,604	5,071	14,842	22,190	10,118	15,953
Y-Y Growth							
Operating cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Free cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Financial cash flow	89.8%	449.0%	4.1%	-43.6%	20.3%	-34.2%	37.8%

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#### **ASSET RECOMMENDATION**

The recommendations determined in accordance with the share price trend anticipated by First Berlin in the respectively indicated investment period are as follows:

Category Current market capitalisation (in €)		1 0 - 2 billion	2 > 2 billion
Buy	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 25%	> 15%
Add	An expected favourable price trend of:	0% to 25%	0% to 15%
Reduce	An expected negative price trend of:	0% to -15%	0% to -10%
Sell	An expected negative price trend of:	< -15%	< -10%

<sup>1</sup> The expected price trend is in combination with sizable confidence in the quality and forecast security of management

Our recommendation system places each company into one of two market capitalisation categories. Category 1 companies have a market capitalisation of  $\leq 0 - \leq 2$  billion, and Category 2 companies have a market capitalisation of  $> \leq 2$  billion. The expected return thresholds underlying our recommendation system are lower for Category 2 companies than for Category 1 companies. This reflects the generally lower level of risk associated with higher market capitalisation companies.

#### **RISK ASSESSMENT**

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Report No.:	Date of publication	Previous day closing price	Recommendation	Price target
Initial Report	21 September 2020	€6.50	Buy	€8.90
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11	15 December 2022	€14.60	Buy	€20.00
12	14 February 2023	€15.50	Buy	€20.00
13	29 June 2023	€11.90	Buy	€19.00
14	11 September 2023	€12.50	Buy	€17.00
15	19 October 2023	€10.75	Buy	€17.00
16	12 January 2024	€7.68	Buy	€13.00
17	31 January 2024	€8.10	Buy	€13.00
18	14 February 2024	€8.64	Buy	€13.00
19	Today	€7.28	Buy	€13.00

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- sensitivity of valuation parameters

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