



Tecnocom

Telecommunications Equipment / Spain

Change in recommendation

Target Price EUR 3.50**Expected performance (12 mth) 21.1%****BUY (upgraded from REDUCE) EUR 2.89 (Closing price 17-Dec-09)**

Renewed appeal + limited downside risk = BUY

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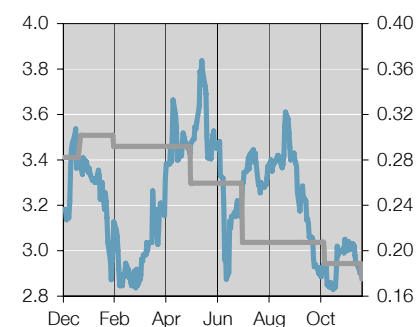
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Opinion on qualitative criteria

Accounting	IFRS 01/01/2005
Quality of track record	Neutral
Solvency	Neutral
Currency risk	Low
Risk of asset write-off	Neutral

Share price performance/EPS revision (EUR)

Price BNP Paribas Fortis EPS est. 2010



Source: FactSet, BNP Paribas Fortis Equity Research

Market capitalisation (EUR m)	197.1
No. of shares (m)	68.2
Free float	37.3%
1/3/12 mth perf. (%)	(0.9)/(18.6)/(10.2)
High/low 52 weeks (EUR)	3.84/2.83
Next results due	
Price/book value (x)	1.2
Volatility (β) (5yrs/IBEX35)	0.4
Reuters symbol	TECM.MC
Bloomberg symbol	TEC SM
Website	www.tecnocom.es

The weakness of the Spanish IT Services market in 2009 has been marked, and deterioration continued up until the third quarter, when we think that it may have bottomed out. The market will continue to be weak until 1H10, although performance will be unequal between sectors: a negative outlook for Public Authorities, while Financials and Telecoms will remain stable. In this environment, we have seen Tecnocom take steps to adapt (EUR 3.4m of restructuring costs in 9M09), which we expect to continue until the company is generating annual synergies of around EUR 7-9mE. This restructuring story is reflected in our estimates, with a positive impact at the EBTIDA level from 2010 onwards. There will also be a positive impact on the valuation: a new target price of EUR 3.50/share. We have upgraded our rating from Reduce to BUY based on the improved upside potential, the restructuring story and the limited downside risk in the share price thanks to the share buy-back programme.

We see continued weakness in the IT Services sector until 1H10 ...

Tecnocom's revenues have deteriorated progressively in 2009 (+1.7% in 1Q, -14.3% in 2Q, -18.2% in 3Q and -15.0% in 4Q), particularly from 2Q onwards, although we think that they may have bottomed out in 3Q. The first indications of likely spending on IT (company budgets) for 2010 reveal a more stable performance in the sectors where Tecnocom has the most exposure: Financials and Telecoms. However, we think that the performance of the various different vertical markets will differ widely in 2010, with clear pressure on the institutional demand markets, particularly Public Authorities. In this scenario, we think that the small players in the IT Services market will come off worse

Year to December	2007	2008	2009e	2010e	2011e
Sales (EUR m)	158.0	432.8	381.8	387.9	407.7
EBITDA (EUR m)	8.6	24.2	21.2	28.2	37.4
Net profit excl. extr. & amort. (EUR m)	9.1	14.3	9.3	13.1	21.2
Net profit (EUR m)	7.2	14.2	9.3	13.1	21.2
EBITDA margin (%)	5.4	5.6	5.5	7.3	9.2
ROCE (incl. goodwill) (%)	8.4	8.8	5.0	6.2	8.7
Net gearing (%)	29.6	32.0	28.3	20.2	11.2
EPS before extr. & amort. (EUR)	0.23	0.23	0.13	0.18	0.28
EPS (EUR)	0.18	0.23	0.13	0.18	0.28
DPS (EUR)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
% change sales	34.8	173.8	(11.8)	1.6	5.1
% change EPS (excl. extr. & amort.)	(53.6)	2.6	(43.9)	34.6	61.7
EV/Sales	1.29	0.53	0.60	0.58	0.51
EV/EBITDA	23.8	9.5	10.8	7.9	5.6
P/E (excl. extr. & amort.)	20.6	12.8	22.2	16.5	10.2
P/E	26.0	12.8	22.2	16.5	10.2
PE/growth (excl. extr.)	0.0	nmf	nmf	nmf	0.2
Free cash flow yield (%)	(4.4)	(30.2)	8.7	4.3	5.1

than the more established operators (Tecnomcom is the fourth-largest IT Services player in the Spanish market), and thus that the principal players will gain market share.

... meanwhile the company has taken measures to adapt

In the first nine months of 2009, Tecnomcom has booked EUR 3.4m of one-off charges to adapt to the new scenario. We estimate that the company will maintain this strategy of adapting to the market, and that we will thus see more restructuring costs until at least 1H10, i.e. until the market starts to recover. We have included a total of EUR 11mE of restructuring costs between 2009 and 2010, which will generate synergies of between EUR 7mE and EUR 9mE a year.

These cost reductions will allow Tecnomcom to adapt to more difficult market conditions, in an attempt to maintain margins. As well as the development of new products (solutions for bank mergers), as well as updating existing products (the means of payment platform), we are expecting to see an improvement in the company's competitive positioning. This will be in spite of its heavy exposure to the domestic market: 86.9% in 6M09.

We have updated our estimates ...

Based on the above, we have updated our estimates to reflect: 1) slower revenue growth in 2010; 2) restructuring costs of EUR 11mE between 2009 and 2010 and the associated synergies; and 3) given the situation at 6M09, higher Net Debt.

Tecnomcom. Revised estimates 2009-2011

	2009		2010		2011	
	Current	Prior	Current	Prior	Current	Prior
Sales	381.8	381.8	387.9	391.7	407.7	410.1
Sales growth	-11.8%	-11.8%	1.6%	2.6%	5.1%	4.7%
EBITDA	21.2	24.8	28.2	27.4	37.4	31.0
EBITDA margin	5.5%	6.4%	7.2%	6.9%	9.1%	7.5%
EBITDA (ex restructuring)	28.2	28.2	32.2	27.4	37.4	31.0
EBIT	14.1	17.9	20.1	19.7	28.4	22.3
Net Profit	9.3	13.9	13.1	14.2	21.2	16.8
Net Debt	43.0	20.9	31.2	6.5	16.2	-6.1

Source: BNP Paribas Fortis Equity Research

The impact of this revision is negative at the EBITDA level in 2009 (-14.5%E), but positive in 2010 (+2.9%E) and 2011 (+20.6%E). At the Net Profit level, the impact is negative in both 2009 (-33.1%E) and 2010 (-7.7%E), while the impact is accretive from 2011 onwards (+26.2%E en 2011).

... the impact of this on the valuation is positive: a new TP of EUR 3.50 (vs. EUR 3.25 previously). We have upgraded our rating from Reduce to BUY.

This revision has a positive impact on the valuation, yielding a new target price of EUR 3.50/share (vs. EUR 3.25/share previously), reflecting the company's restructuring to adapt to the current context.

We take a positive view of the stock thanks to: 1) the increased appeal of the shares (with an upside potential of 20.3%); 2) the restructuring story; and 3) the limited downside risk in the share price since an acceleration of the share buy-back programme was announced. We have upgraded our rating from Reduce to BUY.

P & L Statement (EUR m) Year to December	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009e	2010e	2011e
Net sales	69.2	59.2	82.6	60.1	117.3	158.0	432.8	381.8	387.9	407.7
Other income	(2.6)	1.3	(2.1)	2.7	0.7	5.2	3.5	3.6	3.6	3.7
Personnel costs	(20.6)	(17.9)	(17.7)	(15.2)	(32.0)	(52.7)	(206.3)	(202.9)	(202.8)	(209.9)
Other operating costs	(45.7)	(8.0)	(16.0)	(13.7)	(12.2)	(16.2)	(44.3)	(25.2)	(25.4)	(26.3)
EBITDA	0.3	0.3	0.4	(4.1)	4.2	8.6	24.2	21.2	28.2	37.4
Depreciation	(3.9)	(3.8)	(3.6)	(3.1)	(1.7)	(3.4)	(5.9)	(7.1)	(8.0)	(9.0)
EBITA	(3.6)	(3.5)	(3.3)	(7.2)	2.6	5.2	18.4	14.1	20.1	28.4
Reported provisions	(1.0)	0.0	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Amortisation	0.0	(0.4)	(0.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	(4.6)	(3.9)	(3.8)	(7.4)	2.2	5.2	18.4	14.1	20.1	28.4
Net financials	(4.4)	(1.5)	(1.3)	1.9	(1.8)	(2.1)	(6.1)	(4.1)	(3.6)	(1.9)
Profit Before Taxes (PBT)	(9.0)	(5.4)	(5.1)	(5.5)	0.5	3.2	12.3	9.9	16.5	26.4
Taxes	(0.5)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.9)	4.8	2.1	0.0	(2.5)	(4.0)
Income from associates	(0.6)	(0.1)	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minorities	(0.0)	(0.3)	(0.3)	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.6	0.9	1.2
Net profit before extraordinary	(10.2)	(5.3)	(4.6)	(13.1)	10.4	9.1	14.3	9.3	13.1	21.2
Extraordinary items	2.6	(3.0)	3.9	1.3	(7.1)	(1.9)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net reported profit	(7.6)	(8.3)	(0.7)	(11.8)	3.3	7.2	14.2	9.3	13.1	21.2
% change in Sales	(27.4)	(14.4)	39.4	(27.2)	95.0	34.8	173.8	(11.8)	1.6	5.1
% change in EBITDA	ns	(0.4)	41.5	ns	ns	103.8	182.0	(12.6)	32.9	32.8
% change in EBITA	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	104.5	251.8	(23.5)	43.0	41.0
% change in PBT	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	597.2	289.5	(19.5)	66.4	59.9
% change in Net profit before extraordinary	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	(12.7)	57.0	(34.7)	41.0	61.7

Cash Flow Statement (EUR m)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009e	2010e	2011e
EBITDA	0.3	0.3	0.4	(4.1)	4.2	8.6	24.2	21.2	28.2	37.4
Change in provisions excluding tax provisions	(1.0)	0.0	(0.1)	(0.2)	(0.3)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in net working capital	(26.2)	(0.6)	2.1	13.7	(6.9)	(17.0)	(64.4)	13.3	(2.8)	(7.1)
Gross operating cash flow	(27.0)	(0.3)	2.4	9.4	(3.0)	(8.4)	(40.2)	34.4	25.4	30.3
Taxes paid	(0.5)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.1)	(0.9)	4.8	2.1	0.0	(2.5)	(4.0)
Capex	(4.5)	(3.0)	(1.7)	(3.1)	(4.2)	(5.6)	(16.9)	(11.5)	(10.0)	(13.3)
Free cash flow	(31.9)	(3.3)	0.8	6.2	(8.1)	(9.1)	(55.0)	22.9	12.9	13.0
Net interest received	(4.4)	(1.5)	(1.3)	1.9	(1.8)	(2.1)	(6.1)	(4.1)	(3.6)	(1.9)
Other	23.6	(6.7)	2.7	9.4	(15.3)	5.2	47.7	(15.0)	2.5	4.0
Acquisitions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divestments	24.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Share issues/buybacks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend (adj. stock dividend)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Extraordinary items (after tax)	0.2	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	(6.6)	(1.2)	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in interest-bearing debt	(19.4)	4.8	(0.8)	(15.6)	29.0	33.8	(5.5)	(19.9)	(11.8)	(15.0)
Change in cash & cash equivalents	(7.9)	(6.7)	1.3	1.9	(2.8)	26.5	(18.8)	(16.1)	0.0	0.0

Balance Sheet (EUR m)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009e	2010e	2011e
Net intangible fixed assets	11.5	10.9	9.6	6.7	50.8	113.4	97.7	97.3	96.6	96.1
Net tangible fixed assets	17.4	18.9	18.4	11.5	12.4	17.1	21.2	25.0	26.6	29.9
Financials fixed assets (FFA)	11.9	17.0	17.5	2.3	5.5	11.5	43.0	40.0	35.0	35.0
Inventories	18.6	20.5	18.7	12.2	15.7	32.7	38.2	31.4	31.9	33.5
Trade debtors	26.1	26.4	30.1	14.1	72.3	142.8	147.7	136.0	138.1	145.2
Other debtors	1.8	0.8	0.2	30.1	7.3	6.5	8.6	8.6	8.6	8.6
Cash & securities	14.6	8.0	9.3	11.2	8.4	34.9	16.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Assets	101.9	102.4	103.7	88.1	172.2	358.9	372.4	338.2	336.9	348.4
Shareholder's equity	59.5	49.0	50.3	39.8	77.8	128.2	170.9	180.2	193.3	214.6
Other equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minorities	3.1	2.5	2.1	2.2	2.1	1.3	0.8	1.4	2.3	3.5
Provisions	5.8	5.0	4.9	3.7	7.2	3.3	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Long-term interest bearing debt	3.8	9.4	9.7	2.9	22.2	30.9	49.9	29.4	23.5	16.0
Short-term interest bearing debt	13.5	13.1	11.8	2.8	12.6	42.0	20.9	21.5	15.6	8.1
Trade creditors	11.2	13.9	18.0	9.2	44.0	114.6	60.4	55.2	55.0	56.7
Other non-interest bearing liabilities	4.5	9.4	6.9	27.5	6.4	38.8	67.5	48.5	45.0	47.5
Total Liabilities & Capital	101.9	102.4	103.7	88.1	172.2	358.9	372.4	338.2	336.9	348.4
Enterprise Value (EV)	11.7	23.8	27.8	33.7	138.7	204.5	229.5	229.2	223.2	209.4
Net debt/(Net cash)	2.6	14.5	12.2	(5.5)	26.5	38.0	54.7	50.9	39.1	24.1
Capital Employed incl. goodwill (avg.)	91.9	77.0	78.0	56.9	75.1	157.8	245.2	280.9	273.8	278.2
Cumulative goodwill (as of 1991)	6.6	6.2	5.8	6.2	49.0	110.8	88.3	88.3	88.3	88.3
Capital Employed (avg.)	77.8	70.6	72.0	50.9	47.5	77.9	145.6	192.5	185.5	189.8
Net working capital	33.5	32.9	30.8	17.1	44.0	61.0	125.5	112.2	115.0	122.1
Discounted value of leases	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adjusted equity	66.1	55.3	56.1	46.1	126.7	239.0	259.2	268.6	281.7	302.9

Per Share Data (EUR)	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009e	2010e	2011e
Avg. no. of shares (m)	13.8	14.4	14.8	16.0	21.4	40.3	61.6	71.6	75.0	75.0
Eoy. no. of shares (m)	14.1	14.8	14.8	17.2	25.6	55.0	68.2	75.0	75.0	75.0
Avg. no. of shares fully diluted (m)	13.8	14.4	14.8	16.0	21.4	40.3	61.6	71.6	75.0	75.0
Enterprise Value (EV)	0.83	1.61	1.88	1.96	5.42	3.72	3.37	3.05	2.98	2.79
Net debt less FFA plus minorities	(0.44)	(0.00)	(0.21)	(0.32)	0.90	0.51	0.18	0.16	0.09	(0.10)
Sales	5.02	4.11	5.59	3.76	5.48	3.93	7.03	5.33	5.17	5.43
EBITDA	0.02	0.02	0.03	(0.25)	0.20	0.21	0.39	0.30	0.38	0.50
EBIT	(0.26)	(0.24)	(0.22)	(0.45)	0.12	0.13	0.30	0.20	0.27	0.38
EBIT	(0.33)	(0.27)	(0.25)	(0.46)	0.10	0.13	0.30	0.20	0.27	0.38
Net profit before extr. & amort. (EUR)	(0.74)	(0.34)	(0.28)	(0.82)	0.49	0.23	0.23	0.13	0.18	0.28
Net profit before extraordinary (EUR)	(0.74)	(0.37)	(0.31)	(0.82)	0.49	0.23	0.23	0.13	0.18	0.28
Cash Flow (EUR)	(0.35)	(0.09)	(0.06)	(0.61)	0.58	0.31	0.33	0.24	0.29	0.42
Gross Dividend (EUR)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Book value (EUR)	4.23	3.32	3.40	2.31	3.04	2.33	2.51	2.40	2.58	2.86
Adjusted equity	4.70	3.74	3.80	2.67	4.96	4.35	3.80	3.58	3.75	4.04
Free Cash Flow	(2.32)	(0.23)	0.05	0.39	(0.38)	(0.23)	(0.89)	0.32	0.17	0.17
% change in EPS before extr. & amort.	ns	ns	ns	ns	ns	(53.61)	2.65	(43.87)	34.59	61.67

Valuation	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009e	2010e	2011e
P/E (excl. extr. & amort.)	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	7.4	20.6	12.8	22.2	16.5	10.2
P/CF (x)	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	6.2	15.0	9.0	12.1	9.8	6.9
P/Book (x)	0.3	0.5	0.6	1.0	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.2	1.1	1.0
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Free cash flow yield (%)	(147.8)	(23.4)	(1.7)	21.3	(10.8)	(4.4)	(30.2)	8.7	4.3	5.1
EV/Sales (x)	0.2	0.4	0.3	0.6	1.2	1.3	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5
EV/EBITDA (x)	43.9	89.9	74.1	nmf	32.9	23.8	9.5	10.8	7.9	5.6
EV/EBITA (x)	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	54.3	39.1	12.5	16.3	11.1	7.4
EV/EBIT (x)	nmf	nmf	nmf	nmf	62.4	39.0	12.5	16.3	11.1	7.4
EV/Capital Employed (x)	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.7	2.9	2.6	1.6	1.2	1.2	1.1
EV/CE (incl. goodwill) (x)	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.6	1.8	1.3	0.9	0.8	0.8	0.8
Share price : High (EUR)	2.45	1.69	2.64	2.45	4.98	5.60	3.39	3.84		
Share price : Low (EUR)	1.15	0.90	1.68	2.07	2.36	3.21	2.45	2.83		
Share price : Average (EUR)	1.75	1.38	2.20	2.21	3.61	4.66	2.96	2.89	2.89	2.89
Share price : Year end (EUR)	1.27	1.62	2.09	2.28	4.52	3.21	3.18	2.89	2.89	2.89

Operating Efficiency & Profitability ratios	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009e	2010e	2011e
Sales per FTE employee ('000s)	95.7	90.7	124.3	100.5	94.3	33.2	86.4	78.9	81.7	85.1
Wage costs per FTE employee ('000s)	28.5	27.4	26.7	25.4	25.7	11.1	41.2	41.9	42.7	43.8
EBIT per FTE employee ('000s)	(6.4)	(6.0)	(5.7)	(12.3)	1.8	1.1	3.7	2.9	4.2	5.9
Gross margin (%)	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
EBITDA margin (%)	0.4	0.4	0.5	(6.8)	3.6	5.4	5.6	5.5	7.3	9.2
Operating margin (%)	(6.7)	(6.6)	(4.6)	(12.3)	1.9	3.3	4.2	3.7	5.2	7.0
Net margin (%)	(13.9)	(7.6)	(4.9)	(21.9)	8.8	5.7	3.3	2.3	3.1	4.9
Tax rate (%)	(5.0)	(0.1)	(0.0)	(1.2)	196.0	(152.7)	(17.4)	0.0	15.0	15.0

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SELL	SELL	The investment case is definitively negative. Investors should sell the stock in any conditions. Expected performance: negative	4%	0%

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Historical equity recommendations and target price for Tecnocom (EUR)



History of Target Prices

Date	Recommendation	Target Price
17/12/2009	BUY	EUR 3.50
03/11/2009	REDUCE	EUR 3.25
29/07/2009	REDUCE	EUR 3.20
03/07/2009	REDUCE	EUR 3.78
27/02/2009	BUY	EUR 3.77
19/01/2009	BUY	EUR 3.91
29/10/2008	BUY	EUR 3.55
03/10/2008	BUY	EUR 4.73
10/06/2008	BUY	EUR 4.75
20/12/2007	REDUCE	EUR 4.96
11/06/2007	REDUCE	EUR 9.80
02/01/2007	REDUCE	EUR 9.07

History of Recommendations

Date	Recommendation	Target Price
17/12/2009	BUY	EUR 3.50
29/05/2009	REDUCE	EUR 3.77
21/12/2007	BUY	EUR 4.96
20/12/2007	REDUCE	EUR 4.96
15/06/2007	NO OPINION	EUR 9.80

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