

Morning Update



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PIXIUM VISION

Healthcare
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CORPORATE

TARGET PRICE	EUR3.4 VS. EUR5.3 (+171%)
SHARE PRICE	EUR1.25
EPS 3Y CAGR	NM

Combination with Second Sight, a smart way to raise funds

Pixium Vision to become a holding

As a reminder, Pixium Vision announced yesterday a combination deal with Second Sight in the US. With this transaction, Pixium will become a holding company and a major shareholder (60%) of Second Sight with the latter being the owner of former Pixium's assets. At the same time, Second Sight will create a subsidiary, owned at 40%, which will hold the Orion asset from Second Sight. The remaining 60% will be owned by existing Second Sight shareholders. We also understand that this new subsidiary should be a public company which will have to find its own funds to finance the development of the Orion system. That is why we estimate that "industrial" synergies would be minimal as well as cost savings.



If Pixium will hold a majority of Second Sight before the raise of USD25m, it could not be the case after although Pixium will remain a major shareholder of Second Sight. That said, CEO said that Pixium would fully consolidate Second Sight, meaning that the PP could be adjusted in size to maintain Pixium above the 50.01% threshold.

Also, a "global integration" of Second Sight by Pixium means that it will remain attractive for an investor to stay a shareholder in Pixium rather than become a direct shareholder in the daughter and operational company Second Sight, although some might consider making the arbitrage.

A combination to finance Prima system development

We believe this new structure is a good way to have access to NASDAQ and US funds to finalize the development of PRIMA system especially since Pixium was clear that the USD25m to be raised will be mainly directed towards the final development of the PRIMA system. The pivotal trial PRIMavera should start soon in order to get a CE mark by the end of 2022. Pixium estimates the costs of this pivotal study at EUR50m. This means that the company will need to raise new funds sometimes in 2022 which could be easier with the new structure. Pixium Holding will have to follow the raise to keep its stake into Second Sight.

Target Price decreased to EUR3.4 due to lower peak sales

During the conference call, Pixium gave an idea of what could be the sales growth trajectory and the potential peak sales for Prima system. The company estimates that sales should reach about USD450m twelve years after launch. Our previous estimate was a peak sales of EUR720m. The adjustment to our estimate led us to decrease our TP from EUR5.3 to EUR3.4.

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Market Data	
Bloomberg / Reuters	PIX FP/PIX.PA
Market Cap.	EUR55m
E.V.	EUR54m
Free Float	65.5%
Avg. Daily volume (6m)	547.4
12m high / low	EUR1.3 / EUR0.5
Ytd Perf.	61.4%

EURM	12/19	12/20e	12/21e	12/22e
Sales	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.7
% Change		-3.6%	0.0%	0.0%
EBITDA	-8.3	-8.6	-13.8	-14.2
% Change		-3.4%	-61.1%	-3.1%
EBIT	-8.8	-9.1	-14.4	-14.8
% Change		-3.5%	-57.7%	-3.1%
Net Income	-9.9	-9.4	-14.4	-14.8
% Change		4.8%	-52.8%	-3.1%
ROE	NM	NM	NM	NM

	12/19	12/20e	12/21e	12/22e
EV/Sales	30.3x	33.4x	41.3x	49.7x
EV/EBITDA	NS	NS	NS	NS
EV/EBIT	NS	NS	NS	NS
EPS	-0.44	-0.21	-0.33	-0.34
% change		51.6%	-52.8%	-3.1%
P/E	NM	NM	NM	NM
Div Yield	NM	NM	NM	NM

Next Catalyst :

19/02/2021: FY 2020 results

Last rating Change:

2019-3-27, Love is No Longer Blind

Last FV Change:

2019-7-25, 1H 19 : Structuring the development and regulatory strategy

Last Reports:

2021-1-6, PIXIUM VISION (CORPORATE, TP U.R.) | Pixium to merge with Second Sight.

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