



Faring well despite minor headwind

Gofore continued to grow profitably and despite some minor bumps on the road EBITA was quite as expected at EUR 6.8m (Evli EUR 7.0m). We continue to expect above 30% in 2021. We retain our HOLD-rating and target price of EUR 21.

Continued profitable growth in H1

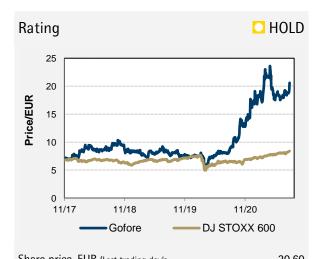
Gofore reported its H1 results, continuing on a track of profitable growth. Revenue grew 38 % to EUR 51.7m driven mainly by inorganic growth, as organic growth fell short of the around 10% long-term target. Gofore's EBITA and adj. EBITA in H1 amounted to EUR 6.8m and EUR 6.9m respectively, rather in line with our estimates (Evli EUR 7.0m/7.2m). Billing rates were slightly weaker mid-H1 due to the transition between agreement periods with one of Gofore's largest customers but improved towards the end of the first half of the year. Gofore also experienced an increase in personnel turnover during H1. Profitability in H1 was still at a good level although below the 15% EBITA margin target.

Some uncertainty from increased personnel turnover

We have made smaller downward revisions to our 2021 profitability estimates while our revenue estimate remains quite intact at over 30% y/y growth driven mainly by inorganic growth. Some uncertainty is present from the sector-wide increase in personnel turnover, as the wariness of switching jobs during the pandemic has started to decrease. Gofore is in our view still well positioned in the labour-market as an employer. Although an increase in turnover may be unavoidable, Gofore should still fare well in new recruitments in the rather challenging environment. Short-term this may still cause some pressure on growth and margins.

HOLD-rating with a target price of EUR 21

In our view the H1 report didn't really change much in Gofore's investment case and the noted increase in employee turnover is something we currently don't view as a major risk but will keep an eye on. We reiterate our target price of EUR 21 and retain our HOLD-rating.



Share price, EUR (Last trading day's closing price)	20.60
Target price, EUR	21.0
Latest change in recommendation	20-Apr-21
Latest report on company	20-Apr-21
Research paid by issuer:	YES
No. of shares outstanding, '000's	15,052
No. of shares fully diluted, '000's	15,052
Market cap, EURm	310
Free float, %	0.0
Exchange rate EUR	1.000
Reuters code	GOFORE.HE
Bloomberg code	GOFORE FH
Average daily volume, EURm	0.04
Next interim report	14-0ct-21
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BUY	HOLD	SELL
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KEY FIGU	IRES									
	Sales EURm	EBIT EURm	EBIT %	FCF EURm	EPS EUR	P/E (x)	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBIT (x)	FCF yield	DPS EUR
2019	64.1	6.6	10.3%	6.4	0.36	20.6	1.5	14.3	6.1	0.20
2020	78.0	8.8	11.2%	-3.5	0.49	34.9	3.0	27.0	-1.5	0.24
2021E	103.9	11.2	10.8%	-11.6	0.52	40.0	3.1	28.5	-3.7	0.30
2022E	120.5	15.6	13.0%	1.3	0.71	29.2	2.7	20.7	0.4	0.35
2023E	132.5	17.6	13.3%	6.8	0.80	25.8	2.4	18.2	2.2	0.33
Market car	o, EURm		310 G	earing 2021E,	0/0		24.5 CAGR	EPS 2020-2	3, %	17.5
Net debt 2	021E, EURm		10 Pi	rice/book 2021	ΙE		7.7 CAGR	sales 2020-	23, %	19.4
Enterprise	value, EURm		320 D	ividend yield 2	2021E, %		1.5 ROE 2	021E, %		20.3
Total asset	s 2021E, EURn	n	103 Ta	ax rate 2021E,	0/0		20.1 ROCE	2021E, %		17.1
Goodwill 2	2021E, EURm		30 Ed	quity ratio 202	21E, %		39.4 PEG, F	P/E 21/CAGR		2.5

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Gofore	2019	Q1/'20	02/'20	Q3/'20	Q4/'20	2020	Q1/'21	Q2/'21	Q3/'21E	Q4/'21E	2021E	2022E	2023E
Net sales	64.1	18.8	18.6	16.3	24.3	78.0	25.2	26.5	21.0	31.2	103.9	120.5	132.5
sales growth %	26.7%	12.8%	10.6%	22.1%	40.6%	21.7%	34.0%	42.4%	28.8%	28.4%	33.3%	16.0%	10.0%
Adj. EB ITA	7.7	3.2	2.5	1.9	3.3	10.9	3.5	3.4	2.4	4.3	13.6	17.1	19.2
Adj. EBITA-%	12.0%	16.8%	13.3%	11.5%	13.5%	14.0%	13.9%	13.0%	11.2%	13.7%	13.1%	14.2%	14.5%

	MCAP		EV/EBITDA			EV/EBIT			P/E	
GOFORE PEER GROUP	MEUR	21	22	23	21	22	23	21	22	23
TietoEVRY	3486							12.6x	11.9x	11.9x
Siili Solutions	111	7.9x	6.7x	6.7x	13.4x	10.4x	10.4x	14.0x	11.5x	11.5x
Vincit	120							21.2x	14.2x	14.2x
Innofactor	65	6.3x	7.7x	7.7x	10.6x	10.9x	10.9 x	13.8x	12.6x	12.6x
Solteq	133	10.7x	9.4x	9.4x	16.9x	14.6x	14.6x	21.4x	17.1x	17.1x
Netcompany Group	5117	41.7x	34.4x	34.4x	46.9x	38.0x	38.0x	56.4x	45.8x	45.8x
Knowit	676	9.8x	8.0x	8.0x	13.8x	11.4x	11.4x	21.2x	19.7x	19.7x
Atea	1770	11.4x	10.0x	10.0x	18.1x	14.9x	14.9x	22.6x	18.5x	18.5x
BILOT								18.7x	16.7x	16.7x
Peer Group Average	1435	14.6x	12.7x	12.7x	19.9x	16.7x	16.7x	22.4x	18.7x	18.7x
Peer Group Median	405	10.3x	8.7x	8.7x	15.3x	13.0x	13.0x	21.2x	16.7x	16.7x
Gofore (Evli est.)	310	20.4x	16.1x	14.5x	28.5x	20.7x	18.2x	40.0x	29.2x	25.8x
Gofore prem./disc. to peer media	n	98 %	84 %	66 %	86 %	<i>59 %</i>	40 %	89 %	<i>75 %</i>	<i>55 %</i>

Source FactSet, Evli Research

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VALUATION RESULTS	BASE CASE DETAILS	VALUATION ASSUMPTIONS	ASSUMPTIONS FOR WACC	
Current share price	20.60 PV of Free Cash Flow	83 Long-term growth, %	2.5 Risk-free interest rate, %	2.25
DCF share value	15.81 PV of Horizon value	154 WACC, %	8.4 Market risk premium, %	5.8
Share price potential, %	-23.3 Unconsolidated equity	0 Spread, %	0.5 Debt risk premium, %	2.8
Maximum value	17.4 Marketable securities	21 Minimum WACC, %	7.9 Equity beta coefficient	1.00
Minimum value	14.5 Debt - dividend	-20 Maximum WACC, %	8.9 Target debt ratio, %	20
Horizon value, %	65.0 Value of stock	238 Nr of shares, Mn	15.1 Effective tax rate, %	20

DCF ti FUD	2020	20215	20225	2022	20245	20255	20205	2027	20205	20205	20205	Hardman
DCF valuation, EURm	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E	Horizon
Net sales	78	104	120	133	137	141	145	149	154	158	162	166
Sales growth, %	21.7	33.3	16.0	10.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	3.0	2.5	2.5
Operating income (EBIT)	9	11	16	18	18	18	19	19	20	21	21	22
Operating income margin, %	11.2	10.8	13.0	13.3	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
+ Depreciation+amort.	4	4	5	5	6	6	7	7	7	8	8	
EBITDA	12	16	20	22	24	25	26	26	27	28	29	
- Paid taxes	0	-2	-3	-4	-4	-4	-4	-4	-4	-4	-4	
- Change in NWC	4	-5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
NWC / Sales, %	-9.3	-1.9	-2.4	-2.6	-2.7	-2.8	-2.8	-2.9	-3.0	-3.0	-3.1	
+ Change in other liabs	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Operative CAPEX	-5	-7	-7	-7	-5	-5	-5	-6	-6	-6	-6	
opCAPEX / Sales, %	12.1	11.1	8.9	7.8	<i>5.7</i>							
- Acquisitions	-9	-7	-4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
+ Divestments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Other items	-1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
= FCFF	1	-6	7	12	16	16	17	17	18	18	19	327
= Discounted FCFF		-6	6	10	12	11	11	10	10	9	9	154
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= DFCF min WACC		-6	6	10	12	12	11	11	10	10	9	175
= DFCF max WACC		-6	6	10	12	11	11	10	9	9	8	136

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INTERIM FIGURES

EVLI ESTIMATES, EURm	2020Q1	2020Q2	2020Q3	2020Q4	2020	2021Q1	2021Q2	2021Q3E	2021Q4E	2021E	2022E	2023E
Net sales	0.0	37.4	0.0	40.6	78.0	0.0	51.7	0.0	52.2	103.9	120.5	132.5
EBITDA	0.0	6.1	0.0	6.2	12.3	0.0	7.9	0.0	7.8	15.7	20.1	22.1
EBITDA margin (%)	0.0	16.3	0.0	15.2	15.8	0.0	15.3	0.0	15.0	15.1	16.7	16.7
EBIT	0.0	4.5	0.0	4.3	8.8	0.0	5.7	0.0	5.6	11.2	15.6	17.6
EBIT margin (%)	0.0	12.0	0.0	10.5	11.2	0.0	11.0	0.0	10.7	10.8	13.0	13.3
Net financial items	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	-0.7	0.0	-0.8	-1.5	-2.4	-2.6
Pre-tax profit	0.0	4.4	0.0	4.2	8.6	0.0	4.9	0.0	4.8	9.7	13.3	15.0
Tax	0.0	-1.2	0.0	-0.5	-1.7	0.0	-1.0	0.0	-1.0	-2.0	-2.7	-3.0
Tax rate (%)	0.0	26.6	0.0	12.9	19.9	0.0	20.2	0.0	20.0	20.1	20.0	20.0
Net profit	0.0	3.2	0.0	3.7	6.9	0.0	3.9	0.0	3.8	7.8	10.6	12.0
EPS	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.26	0.49	0.00	0.26	0.00	0.25	0.52	0.71	0.80
EPS adjusted (diluted no. of shares)	0.00	0.23	0.00	0.26	0.49	0.00	0.26	0.00	0.25	0.52	0.71	0.80
Dividend per share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.24	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.35	0.33
SALES, EURm												
Group	0.0	37.4	0.0	40.6	78.0	0.0	51.7	0.0	52.2	103.9	120.5	132.5
Total	0.0	37.4	0.0	40.6	78.0	0.0	51.7	0.0	52.2	103.9	120.5	132.5
SALES GROWTH, Y/Y %												
Group	0.0	11.7	0.0	32.5	21.7	0.0	38.3	0.0	28.6	33.3	16.0	10.0
Total	0.0	11.7	0.0	32.5	21.7	0.0	38.3	0.0	28.6	33.3	16.0	10.0
EBIT, EURm												
Group	0.0	4.5	0.0	4.3	8.8	0.0	5.7	0.0	5.6	11.2	15.6	17.6
Total	0.0	4.5	0.0	4.3	8.8	0.0	5.7	0.0	5.6	11.2	15.6	17.6
EBIT margin, %												
Group	0.0	12.0	0.0	10.5	11.2	0.0	11.0	0.0	10.7	10.8	13.0	13.3
Total	0.0	12.0	0.0	10.5	11.2	0.0	11.0	0.0	10.7	10.8	13.0	13.3

GOFORE

INCOME STATEMENT, EURm	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
Sales	18.6	34.0	50.6	64.1	78.0	103.9	120.5	132.5
Sales growth (%)	49.9	82.4	49.0	26.7	21.7	33.3	16.0	10.0
EBITDA	2.7	5.8	7.0	9.2	12.3	15.7	20.1	22.1
EBITDA margin (%)	14.6	17.1	13.9	14.4	15.8	15.1	16.7	16.7
Depreciation	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-2.6	-3.5	-4.5	-4.5	-4.5
EBITA	2.6	5.7	6.8	6.6	8.8	11.2	15.6	17.6
Goodwill amortization / writedown	0.0	-0.3	-0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	2.6	5.4	6.1	6.6	8.8	11.2	15.6	17.6
EBIT margin (%)	14.1	15.8	12.0	10.3	11.2	10.8	13.0	13.3
Reported EBIT	2.6	6.5	6.1	6.6	8.8	11.2	15.6	17.6
EBIT margin (reported) (%)	14.1	19.1	12.0	10.3	11.2	10.8	13.0	13.3
Net financials	0.0	-1.2	0.0	-0.1	-0.1	-1.5	-2.4	-2.6
Pre-tax profit	2.6	4.2	6.1	6.5	8.6	9.7	13.3	15.0
Taxes	-0.5	-0.9	-1.4	-1.4	-1.7	-2.0	-2.7	-3.0
Minority shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	2.1	4.5	4.7	5.1	6.9	7.8	10.6	12.0
Cash NRIs	0.0	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-cash NRIs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
BALANCE SHEET, EURm								
Assets								
Fixed assets	1	1	1	4	11	16	20	25
Goodwill	0	5	9	16	23	30	34	34
Right of use assets	0	0	0	5	7	9	11	12
Inventory	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Receivables	3	10	10	10	16	19	21	23
Liquid funds	4	13	15	21	21	29	33	36
Total assets	8	29	35	58	78	103	120	131
Liabilities								
Shareholder's equity	4	18	22	32	36	40	47	53
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convertibles	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lease liabilities	0	0	0	5	7	9	11	12
Deferred taxes	0	0	0	1	2	2	2	2
Interest bearing debt	0	5	4	6	10	29	36	36
Non-interest bearing current liabilities	3	7	8	13	23	21	24	27
Other interest-free debt	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
Total liabilities	8	29	35	58	78	103	120	131
CASH FLOW, EURm								
+ EBITDA	3	6	7	9	12	16	20	22
- Net financial items	0	-1	0	0	0	-2	-2	-3
- Taxes	0	-1	-2	-2	0	-2	-3	-3
- Increase in Net Working Capital	0	-3	2	4	4	-5	1	1
+/- Other	0	0	0	-1	-1	0	0	0
= Cash flow from operations	2	1	8	11	15	7	16	17
- Capex	0	0	0	0	-9	-12	-11	-10
- Acquisitions	0	-5	-2	-4	-9	-7	-4	0
+ Divestments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
= Free cash flow	2	-5	6	6	-3	-12	1	7
+/- New issues/buybacks	0	10	1	8	0	0	0	0
- Paid dividend	0	-1	-2	-2	-3	-3	-5	-5
+/- Other	0	4	-3	-6	7	22	8	2
Change in cash	1	9	3	6	0	7	5	3

GOFORE

KEY FIGURES	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021E	2022E	2023E
M-cap	91	111	105	241	310	310	310
Net debt (excl. convertibles)	-8	-11	-10	-5	10	13	12
Enterprise value	83	100	95	236	320	323	322
Sales	34	51	64	78	104	120	133
EBITDA	6	7	9	12	16	20	22
EBIT	5	6	7	9	11	16	18
Pre-tax	4	6	7	9	10	13	15
Earnings	3	5	5	7	8	11	12
Equity book value (excl. minorities)	18	22	32	36	40	47	53
Valuation multiples							
EV/sales	2.4	2.0	1.5	3.0	3.1	2.7	2.4
EV/EBITDA	14.3	14.2	10.3	19.2	20.4	16.1	14.5
EV/EBITA	14.6	14.7	14.3	27.0	28.5	20.7	18.2
EV/EBIT	15.5	16.3	14.3	27.0	28.5	20.7	18.2
EV/OCF	133.7	12.7	8.9	15.5	46.0	20.2	18.8
EV/FCFF	123.3	37.0	14.6	208.7	-54.7	47.3	26.4
P/FCFE	-20.0	19.1	16.4	-68.8	-26.8	241.2	45.4
P/E	27.3	23.4	20.6	34.9	40.0	29.2	25.8
P/B	5.1	5.0	3.2	6.7	7.7	6.7	5.8
Target EV/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	20.7	16.3	14.8
Target EV/EBIT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	29.0	21.0	18.6
Target EV/FCF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-28.2	256.1	48.0
Target P/B	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	7.8	6.8	5.9
Target P/E	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	40.7	29.8	26.3
Per share measures							
Number of shares	12,949	13,117	14,013	14,037	15,052	15,052	15,052
Number of shares (diluted)	12,949	13,117	14,013	14,037	15,052	15,052	15,052
EPS	0.26	0.36	0.36	0.49	0.52	0.71	0.80
Operating cash flow per share	0.05	0.60	0.76	1.08	0.46	1.06	1.14
Free cash flow per share	-0.35	0.44	0.46	-0.25	-0.77	0.09	0.45
Book value per share	1.37	1.68	2.31	2.57	2.69	3.09	3.54
Dividend per share	0.15	0.19	0.20	0.24	0.30	0.35	0.33
Dividend payout ratio, %	58.5	52.7	55.0	48.8	58.2	49.6	42.0
Dividend yield, %	2.1	2.2	2.7	1.4	1.5	1.7	1.6
FCF yield, %	-5.0	5.2	6.1	-1.5	-3.7	0.4	2.2
Efficiency measures							
ROE	30.2	23.8	18.7	20.2	20.3	24.4	24.0
ROCE	40.0	25.0	19.0	18.2	17.1	18.2	18.2
Financial ratios						-	
Inventories as % of sales	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Receivables as % of sales	30.0	19.5	15.9	20.1	18.3	17.8	17.6
Non-interest bearing liabilities as % of sales	19.7	16.4	20.2	29.4	20.2	20.2	20.2
NWC/sales, %	10.3	3.1	-4.3	-9.3	-1.9	-2.4	-2.6
Operative CAPEX/sales, %	1.2	0.4	0.5	12.1	11.1	8.9	7.8
CAPEX/sales (incl. acquisitions), %	-12.7	-3.2	-5.5	0.1	4.3	5.6	7.8
FCFF/EBITDA	0.1	0.4	0.7	0.1	-0.4	0.3	0.6
Net debt/EBITDA, book-weighted	-1.4	-1.6	-1.1	-0.4	0.6	0.7	0.5
Debt/equity, market-weighted	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.7	0.3
Equity ratio, book-weighted	60.8	63.7	56.4	46.0	39.4	38.8	40.7
Gearing, %	-44.2	-51.0	-31.3	-13.9	24.5	28.2	21.7
Ocaring, 70	- 	31.0	51.5	13.3	24.5	20.2	21./

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COMPANY DESCRIPTION: Gofore is an international growth-seeking digitalisation services company. The company helps customers to succeed at all stages of digital development. Gofore offers design, planning, building, implementing and maintenance of customers digital services and service architecture. Gofore was founded in 2001.

INVESTMENT CASE: Gofore achieved sizteen consecutive years of profitable growth in 2020. The prospects for continued growth remains good following a good domestic demand situation and recent M&A activity as well as potential for picking up in growth internationally. A continued good demand situation should in turn translate into higher billing rates and healthy Group margins. A large share of public sector clients mitigates a bulk of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on the demand situation.

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE	SHARES	EURm	0/0
Kärki Timur Juhana	1,575,000	32.445	10.5%
Venola Mika Petteri	1,470,000	30.282	9.8%
Varjus Mika	1,470,000	30.282	9.8%
Lammi Jani Markus	1,260,000	25.956	8.4%
Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company	776,614	15.998	5.2%
Evli Finland Small Cap Fund	636,897	13.120	4.2%
Karjalainen Mika Juhani	597,723	12.313	4.0%
Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company	517,952	10.670	3.4%
Nylund Tor Mikael	245,438	5.056	1.6%
Virtanen Juha Jaakko	243,841	5.023	1.6%
Ten largest	8,793,465	181.145	58%
Residual	6,258,766	128.931	42%
Total	15,052,231	310.076	100%

EARNINGS CALENDAR	
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OTHER EVENTS	

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DEFINITIONS

P/E	EPS	
Price per share Earnings per share	Profit before extraord. items and taxes— income taxes + minority interest Number of shares	
P/BV	DPS	
Price per share Shareholders' equity + taxed provisions per share	Dividend for the financial period per share	
Market cap	OCF (Operating cash flow)	
Price per share * Number of shares	EBITDA – Net financial items – Taxes – Increase in working capital – Cash NRIs ± Other adjustments	
EV (Enterprise value)	FCF (Free cash flow)	
Market cap + net debt + minority interest at market value – share of associated companies at market value	Operating cash flow – operative CAPEX – acquisitions + divestments	
EV/Sales	FCF yield, %	
Enterprise value Sales	Free cash flow Market cap	
EV/EBITDA	Operative CAPEX/sales	
Enterprise value Earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization	Capital expenditure – divestments – acquisitions Sales	
EV/EBIT	Net working capital	
Enterprise value Operating profit	Current assets – current liabilities	
Net debt	Capital employed/Share	
Interest bearing debt – financial assets	Total assets – non-interest bearing debt Number of shares	
Total assets	Gearing	
Balance sheet total	Net debt Equity	
Div yield, %	Debt/Equity, %	
Dividend per share Price per share	Interest bearing debt Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions	
Payout ratio, %	Equity ratio, %	
Total dividends Earnings before extraordinary items and taxes – income taxes + minority interest	Shareholders' equity + minority interest + taxed provisions Total assets – interest-free loans	
ROCE, %	CAGR, %	
Profit before extraordinary items + interest expenses+ other financial costs Balance sheet total – non-interest bearing debt (average)	Cumulative annual growth rate = Average growth per year	
ROE, %		
Profit before extraordinary items and taxes – income taxes Shareholder's equity + minority interest + taxed provisions (average)		

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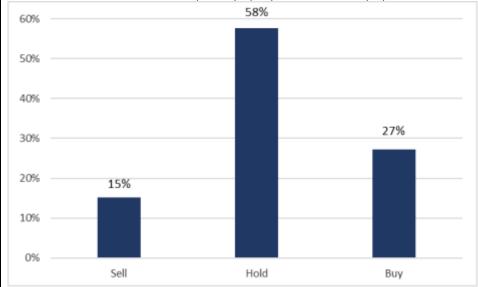
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