

### **NEXT GAMES**

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## **Profitability surpassed expectations**

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- Net sales in H1 were EUR 14.4m (EUR 19.2m in H1/19), slightly above our estimate (EUR 13.8m Evli). Net sales in H1 declined 25% y/y. Compared to our estimates, revenue was better than expected due to better than anticipated performance of No Man's Land.
- The adj. operating profit in H1 amounted to EUR 0.1m (EUR -1.8m in H1/19), clearly better than we had expected (EUR -2.4m Evli). The EBITDA of publishing operations in H1 amounted to EUR 3.4m. Research and development expenditure amounted to EUR 3.3m.
- EBIT amounted to EUR -1.6m (H1/19: -3.5m), clearly above our estimate of EUR -4.0m.
- TWD: NML (Q1/Q2) DAU 162k/158k (225k/190k), MAU 483k/463k (669k/540k), ARPDAU EUR 0.27/0.28 (0.22/0.22).
- TWD: OW (Q1/Q2)- DAU 83k/70k (211k/155k), MAU 309k/246k (982k/602k), ARPDAU EUR 0.50/0.51 (0.29/0.37).
- Games in development: Blade Runner Rogue continues in development, with the rest of the major updates planned for this year. The Stranger Things game is planned to be brought to the market in stages during Q4/20.
- Outlook updated: Revenue from already published titles expected to continue on flat or declining trend. Publishing operations EBITDA expected to improve clearly in 2020 compared with 2019. Next Games expects to start scaling 1-2 games during 2020.

Rating SELL							
	H1/20	Act.	Evli	H1/19			
	Net sales	14.4	13.8	19.2			
	EBIT	-1.6	-4.0	-3.5			
	EBIT adj.	0.1	-2.4	-1.8			
	Deviation	Act.	Evli	H1/19			
	Net sales		4%	-25%			
	EBIT		60%	54%			
	EBIT adj.		-	-			
Share closing	price, EUR(Last trad price)	1.49					
Targe	t price, EUR	0.9					
Latest	change in	24-Aug-20					
Latest report on company			24-Aug-20				
Research paid by issuer:			YES				
No. of shares outstanding,			27,909				
No. of shares fully diluted,			27,909				
	Market cap, EURm			42			
	Free float, %			45.0			
	Exchange rate			0.000			
	Reuters code			NXTGMS.HE			
	Bloomberg code			NXTGMS FH			
Average daily volume, EURm			0.04				
Next interim report			28-Aug-20				
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PRE-REP	ORT KEY FIG	URES								
	Sales EURm	EBIT EURm	EBIT %	FCF EURm	EPS EUR	P/E (x)	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBIT (x)	FCF yield %	DPS EUR
2018	35.2	-16.9	-48.0%	-13.8	-0.97	-1.1	0.5	-1.1	-70.0	0.00
2019	34.7	-7.4	-21.4%	-7.1	-0.30	-3.0	0.6	-3.0	-28.5	0.00
2020E	33.3	-10.5	-31.5%	-11.6	-0.39	-3.8	1.5	-4.8	-27.8	0.00
2021E	63.9	0.4	0.7%	0.7	0.00	-331.5	0.8	113.0	1.8	0.00
2022E	75.1	2.6	3.5%	1.4	0.06	27.0	0.6	18.7	3.3	0.00
Market cap, EURm 42		42 B	BV per share 2020E, EUR			72.9 CAGR EPS 2019-22, %			0.0	
Net debt 2	.020E, EURm		9 P	rice/book 2020	DΕ		3.5 CAGR	sales 2019-	22, %	29.3
Enterprise	value, EURm		50 D	ividend yield 2	2020E, %		0.0 ROE 2	020E, %		-62.4
Total assets 2020E, EURm 30		30 T	Tax rate 2020E, %			0.0 ROCE 2020E, %			-41.7	
Goodwill 2	2020E, EURm		3 E	quity ratio 202	20E. %		39.8 PEG, F	E 20/CAGR		0.0

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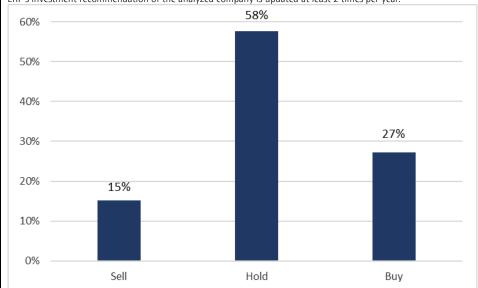
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