

## CMD notes; wiping trends are strong

Suominen hosted a virtual CMD yesterday. Although there were no major updates the event nevertheless added some color on recent trends. Our TP remains EUR 5.5, rating BUY.

### Volumes are up globally due to cleaning and disinfection

The pandemic has lifted volumes in all markets and Suominen expects elevated demand to persist at least for the next few months. Permanently higher demand is likely within cleaning and disinfection products. Suominen estimates it has an above 15% wiping market share in Europe and is thus the leading player. All segments have enjoyed strong demand, household wiping especially so. Americas' development has been similar and stores in the US still often have trouble shelving enough household cleaning products. Nielsen Homescan estimates 79% of US households now consider disinfecting wipes a staple item (vs 50% prior to the outbreak). Certain interesting consumer behavior anecdotes were discussed e.g. how Uber riders can now check before boarding whether the ride will feature Clorox disinfecting wipes. Luckily the new assets in Bethune and Green Bay were ready to meet surging demand. Indeed, the plant in Bethune was able to finally reach performance targets. In general, Suominen aims to grow with its current major customers and we see the company well-positioned to capture above market growth (thanks to competitive product portfolio), according to the long-term financial targets updated previously this year. Margins should stay relatively high in the short-term and Suominen might even be able to defend its nonwovens pricing, despite lower raw materials prices, as high wiping demand continues to persist together with the pandemic.

### Our estimates remain unchanged for now

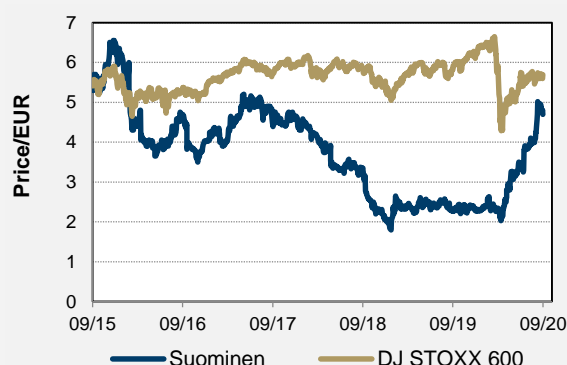
The CMD did not lead us to revise our estimates at this point. We expect some softening in gross margin and thus in EBITDA following the exceptionally strong Q2 (Suominen posted a 14.7% EBITDA margin, compared to the above 12% long-term target).

### Further improvement not very easy but multiples are low

2020 will be a new record year for Suominen in terms of financial performance and in our view further gain in EBITDA next year can prove tricky. However, we continue to view current valuation attractive (EV/EBITDA is ca. 5.5x on our estimates for this year and next). We retain our EUR 5.5 TP and BUY rating.

Rating

BUY



Share price, EUR (Last trading day's closing price) 4.70

Target price, EUR 5.50

Latest change in 25-Jun-20

Latest report on company 13-Aug-20

Research paid by issuer: YES

No. of shares outstanding, 58,259

No. of shares fully diluted, 58,259

Market cap, EURm 274

Free float, % 62.7

Exchange rate EUR/USD 1.18

Reuters code SUY1V.HE

Bloomberg code SUY1V FH

Average daily volume, EURm 0.1

Next interim report 27-Oct-20

Web site [www.suominen.fi/en/investors/](http://www.suominen.fi/en/investors/)

Analyst Joonas Ilvonen

E-mail [joonas.ilvonen@evli.com](mailto:joonas.ilvonen@evli.com)

Telephone +358 44 430 9071

BUY HOLD SELL

## KEY FIGURES

	Sales EURm	EBIT EURm	EBIT %	FCF EURm	EPS EUR	P/E (x)	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBIT (x)	FCF yield %	DPS EUR
2018	431.1	4.6	1.1%	13.3	-0.03	-69.4	0.5	44.1	11.1	0.00
2019	411.4	8.1	2.0%	14.2	0.00	766.1	0.5	27.5	9.2	0.05
2020E	453.4	35.6	7.9%	29.4	0.42	11.2	0.7	8.9	10.7	0.07
2021E	467.0	33.8	7.2%	31.9	0.42	11.1	0.6	8.5	11.7	0.17
2022E	480.0	33.6	7.0%	30.9	0.43	10.9	0.6	8.0	11.3	0.17
Market cap, EURm	274			Gearing 2020E, %	28.4			CAGR EPS 2019-22, %	401.3	
Net debt 2020E, EURm	43			Price/book 2020E	1.8			CAGR sales 2019-22, %	5.3	
Enterprise value, EURm	317			Dividend yield 2020E, %	1.5			ROE 2020E, %	17.2	
Total assets 2020E, EURm	321			Tax rate 2020E, %	18.1			ROCE 2020E, %	15.3	
Goodwill 2020E, EURm	15			Equity ratio 2020E, %	47.4			PEG, P/E 20/CAGR	4.6	

**Estimates and peer group valuation**

SUOMINEN EURm	2013 FY	2014 FY	2015 FY	2016 FY	2017 FY	2018 FY	2019 Q1	2019 Q2	2019 Q3	2019 Q4	2019 FY	2020 Q1	2020 Q2	2020E Q3E	2020E Q4E	2020E FY	2021E FY
<b>Sales</b>	<b>374</b>	<b>402</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>417</b>	<b>426</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>104</b>	<b>94</b>	<b>411</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>453</b>	<b>467</b>
Sales growth, %		8 %	11 %	-6 %	2 %	1 %	3 %	-6 %	-1 %	-14 %	-5 %	0 %	18 %	10 %	13 %	10 %	3 %
<b>Geography</b>																	
Europe	150	153	172	171	174	171	42	39	37	32	150	37	45	41	38	161	170
Americas	224	249	272	246	252	260	68	65	66	62	262	73	77	73	69	292	297
COGS	-334	-352	-386	-365	-384	-400	-101	-94	-96	-86	-377	-97	-103	-97	-92	-388	-404
Gross Profit	40	50	58	52	42	31	9.6	9.7	7.7	7.8	35	13.3	19.5	17.1	15.0	65	63
Gross-%	10.7 %	12.4 %	13.1 %	12.5 %	9.9 %	7.3 %	8.8 %	9.3 %	7.4 %	8.3 %	8.4 %	12.1 %	16.0 %	15.0 %	14.0 %	14.3 %	13.5 %
SGA & R&D	-22.4	-24.6	-28.0	-27.9	-28.9	-29.2	-7.5	-7.4	-7.1	-6.6	-28.5	-7.8	-7.8	-7.5	-7.5	-30.6	-30.0
Other	1.7	0.8	1.8	1.3	1.7	2.5	0.8	0.4	0.5	0.2	1.9	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.2	1.3	0.8
EBIT	18.9	25.9	31.8	25.6	15.0	4.6	3.0	2.7	1.1	1.4	8.1	5.7	12.4	9.8	7.7	35.6	33.8
IAC	-0.5	-1.0	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>EBIT ex IAC</b>	<b>19.4</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>31.2</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>1.4</b>	<b>8.1</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>12.4</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>35.6</b>	<b>33.8</b>
<b>EBIT-% ex IAC</b>	<b>5.2 %</b>	<b>6.7 %</b>	<b>7.0 %</b>	<b>6.1 %</b>	<b>3.5 %</b>	<b>1.1 %</b>	<b>2.7 %</b>	<b>2.6 %</b>	<b>1.0 %</b>	<b>1.5 %</b>	<b>2.0 %</b>	<b>5.2 %</b>	<b>10.1 %</b>	<b>8.6 %</b>	<b>7.2 %</b>	<b>7.9 %</b>	<b>7.2 %</b>
Depreciation	-13.9	-15.6	-17.7	-18.5	-19.4	-21.0	-6.3	-6.4	-6.7	-6.0	-25.5	-5.6	-5.6	-5.5	-5.5	-22.2	-22.0
<b>EBITDA ex IAC</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>42.5</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>44.2</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>25.6</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>33.6</b>	<b>11.3</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>57.8</b>	<b>55.8</b>
<b>EBITDA-% ex IAC</b>	<b>8.9 %</b>	<b>10.6 %</b>	<b>11.0 %</b>	<b>10.6 %</b>	<b>8.1 %</b>	<b>5.9 %</b>	<b>8.5 %</b>	<b>8.8 %</b>	<b>7.5 %</b>	<b>7.8 %</b>	<b>8.2 %</b>	<b>10.3 %</b>	<b>14.7 %</b>	<b>13.4 %</b>	<b>12.3 %</b>	<b>12.7 %</b>	<b>12.0 %</b>

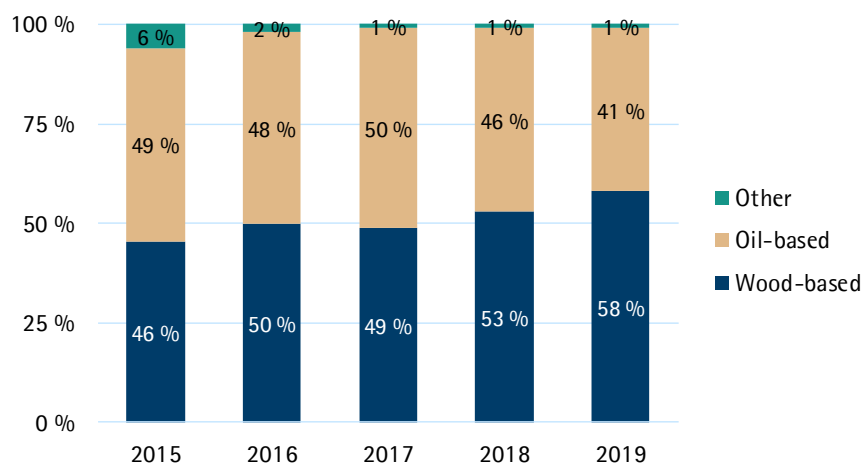
Source: Suominen, Evli Research

SUOMINEN PEER GROUP	MCAP MEUR	EV/EBITDA			EV/EBIT			EBIT-%		
		19	20	21	19	20	21	19	20	21
Ahlstrom-Munksjo	1683	8.5x	8.3x	7.0x	18.7x	18.1x	12.7x	4.7 %	5.6 %	7.4 %
Berry Global Group	6066	10.6x	8.3x	8.1x	17.3x	13.9x	13.2x	10.6 %	10.9 %	11.3 %
Kimberly-Clark	45080	13.2x	13.5x	13.2x	18.6x	16.8x	16.5x	16.2 %	19.2 %	19.5 %
N.R. Spuntech Industries	183									
Neenah	630	11.2x	10.6x	8.7x	16.8x		14.0x	8.9 %	-1.8 %	8.0 %
P. H. Glatfelter	580	9.7x	8.2x	7.9x	18.3x	16.2x	13.5x	6.2 %	6.6 %	7.6 %
PFNonwovens	223									
Peer Group Average	7778	10.6x	9.8x	9.0x	17.9x	16.2x	14.0x	9.3 %	8.1 %	10.7 %
Peer Group Median	630	10.6x	8.3x	8.1x	18.3x	16.5x	13.5x	8.9 %	6.6 %	8.0 %
Suominen (Evli est.)	274	6.6x	5.5x	5.2x	27.5x	8.9x	8.5x	2.0 %	7.9 %	7.2 %

Suominen prem./disc. to peer median

-37 %    -34 %    -36 %    50 %    -46 %    -37 %    -78 %    20 %    -10 %

Source FactSet, Evli Research

**Raw materials mix development (volumes)**


Source: Suominen

VALUATION RESULTS	BASE CASE DETAILS	VALUATION ASSUMPTIONS	ASSUMPTIONS FOR WACC
Current share price	4.70 PV of Free Cash Flow	213 Long-term growth, %	2.0 Risk-free interest rate, %
DCF share value	6.30 PV of Horizon value	224 WACC, %	7.9 Market risk premium, %
Share price potential, %	34.1 Unconsolidated equity	0 Spread, %	0.5 Debt risk premium, %
Maximum value	6.9 Marketable securities	33 Minimum WACC, %	7.4 Equity beta coefficient
Minimum value	5.8 Debt - dividend	-103 Maximum WACC, %	8.4 Target debt ratio, %
Horizon value, %	51.2 Value of stock	367 Nr of shares, Mn	58.3 Effective tax rate, %

DCF valuation, EURm	2019	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	Horizon
Net sales	411	453	467	480	490	499	509	520	530	541	551	562
<i>Sales growth, %</i>	-4.6	10.2	3.0	2.8	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0	2.0
Operating income (EBIT)	8	36	34	34	34	35	36	36	37	38	39	39
<i>Operating income margin, %</i>	2.0	7.9	7.2	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0
+ Depreciation+amort.	26	22	22	20	19	18	17	18	18	18	18	19
EBITDA	34	58	56	54	53	53	53	54	55	56	57	
- Paid taxes	-4	-6	-7	-7	-7	-7	-7	-8	-8	-8	-8	
- Change in NWC	-1	-4	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	-1	
<i>NWC / Sales, %</i>	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	
+ Change in other liabs	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Operative CAPEX	-11	-12	-13	-13	-14	-16	-18	-20	-20	-20	-22	
<i>opCAPEX / Sales, %</i>	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.8	2.9	3.3	3.6	3.9	3.9	3.8	4.0	
- Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
+ Divestments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
- Other items	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
= FCFF	18	36	35	33	31	29	27	25	26	27	27	457
= Discounted FCFF		35	31	27	24	20	18	16	15	14	13	224
= DFCF min WACC		35	31	28	24	21	18	16	16	15	14	255
= DFCF max WACC		35	31	27	24	20	17	15	15	14	12	197

## INTERIM FIGURES

EVLI ESTIMATES, EURm	2019Q1	2019Q2	2019Q3	2019Q4	2019	2020Q1	2020Q2	2020Q3E	2020Q4E	2020E	2021E	2022E
Net sales	109.8	103.8	103.4	94.5	411.4	110.2	122.2	114.0	107.0	453.4	467.0	480.0
EBITDA	9.3	9.0	7.8	7.4	33.6	11.3	18.0	15.3	13.2	57.8	55.8	53.9
<i>EBITDA margin (%)</i>	<i>8.5</i>	<i>8.7</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>7.8</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>10.3</i>	<i>14.7</i>	<i>13.4</i>	<i>12.3</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>11.2</i>
EBIT	3.0	2.6	1.1	1.4	8.1	5.7	12.4	9.8	7.7	35.6	33.8	33.6
<i>EBIT margin (%)</i>	<i>2.7</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>1.5</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>5.2</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>8.6</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.0</i>
Net financial items	-1.5	-1.5	-1.1	-1.9	-6.0	-1.9	-1.9	-1.0	-1.0	-5.8	-2.6	-1.7
Pre-tax profit	1.5	1.1	0.0	-0.5	2.1	3.8	10.5	8.8	6.7	29.8	31.2	31.9
Tax	-0.5	-0.6	-0.1	-0.7	-1.9	-0.2	-2.2	-1.5	-1.5	-5.4	-6.6	-6.7
<i>Tax rate (%)</i>	<i>35.9</i>	<i>51.0</i>	<i>357.1</i>	<i>-132.6</i>	<i>90.5</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>21.1</i>	<i>17.0</i>	<i>22.4</i>	<i>18.1</i>	<i>21.0</i>	<i>21.0</i>
Net profit	1.0	0.5	-0.1	-1.2	0.2	3.6	8.3	7.3	5.2	24.4	24.6	25.2
EPS	0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.06	0.14	0.13	0.09	0.42	0.42	0.43
EPS adjusted (diluted no. of shares)	0.02	0.01	0.00	-0.02	0.00	0.06	0.14	0.13	0.09	0.42	0.42	0.43
Dividend per share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.07	0.17	0.17
<b>SALES, EURm</b>												
Group	109.8	103.8	103.4	94.5	411.4	110.2	122.2	114.0	107.0	453.4	467.0	480.0
Total	109.8	103.8	103.4	94.5	411.4	110.2	122.2	114.0	107.0	453.4	467.0	480.0
<b>SALES GROWTH, Y/Y %</b>												
Group	3.0	-5.6	-1.4	-13.9	-4.6	0.4	17.7	10.3	13.3	10.2	3.0	2.8
Total	3.0	-5.6	-1.4	-13.9	-4.6	0.4	17.7	10.3	13.3	10.2	3.0	2.8
<b>EBIT, EURm</b>												
Group	3.0	2.6	1.1	1.4	8.1	5.7	12.4	9.8	7.7	35.6	33.8	33.6
Total	3.0	2.6	1.1	1.4	8.1	5.7	12.4	9.8	7.7	35.6	33.8	33.6
<b>EBIT margin, %</b>												
Group	2.7	2.5	1.1	1.5	2.0	5.2	10.1	8.6	7.2	7.9	7.2	7.0
Total	2.7	2.5	1.1	1.5	2.0	5.2	10.1	8.6	7.2	7.9	7.2	7.0

INCOME STATEMENT, EURm	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020E	2021E	2022E
Sales	444.0	416.9	426.0	431.1	411.4	453.4	467.0	480.0
<i>Sales growth (%)</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>-6.1</i>	<i>2.2</i>	<i>1.2</i>	<i>-4.6</i>	<i>10.2</i>	<i>3.0</i>	<i>2.8</i>
EBITDA	48.9	44.1	34.3	25.6	33.6	57.8	55.8	53.9
<i>EBITDA margin (%)</i>	<i>11.0</i>	<i>10.6</i>	<i>8.1</i>	<i>5.9</i>	<i>8.2</i>	<i>12.7</i>	<i>12.0</i>	<i>11.2</i>
Depreciation	-17.7	-18.5	-19.3	-21.0	-25.5	-22.2	-22.0	-20.3
EBITA	31.2	25.6	15.0	4.6	8.1	35.6	33.8	33.6
Goodwill amortization / writedown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	31.2	25.6	15.0	4.6	8.1	35.6	33.8	33.6
<i>EBIT margin (%)</i>	<i>7.0</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.0</i>
Reported EBIT	31.8	25.6	15.0	4.6	8.1	35.6	33.8	33.6
<i>EBIT margin (reported) (%)</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>6.1</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>1.1</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>7.9</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>7.0</i>
Net financials	-5.3	-3.2	-2.6	-5.6	-6.0	-5.8	-2.6	-1.7
Pre-tax profit	25.9	22.4	12.4	-1.0	2.1	29.8	31.2	31.9
Taxes	-9.5	-7.2	2.0	-0.8	-1.9	-5.4	-6.6	-6.7
Minority shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	17.0	15.2	14.5	-1.7	0.2	24.4	24.6	25.2
Cash NRIs	0.6	0.0	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
<b>BALANCE SHEET, EURm</b>								
<b>Assets</b>								
Fixed assets	122	160	160	156	143	132	123	116
Goodwill	15	15	15	15	15	15	15	15
Right of use assets	0	0	0	17	16	18	19	19
Inventory	33	43	44	52	45	50	51	53
Receivables	53	56	66	63	61	66	68	70
Liquid funds	64	38	35	32	33	36	37	38
Total assets	292	316	326	338	316	321	317	314
<b>Liabilities</b>								
Shareholder's equity	108	126	136	131	131	152	173	188
Minority interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convertibles	18	17	0	0	0	0	0	0
Lease liabilities	0	0	0	13	16	18	19	19
Deferred taxes	11	11	15	12	12	12	12	12
Interest bearing debt	97	94	110	102	86	61	34	14
Non-interest bearing current liabilities	56	65	63	75	66	73	75	77
Other interest-free debt	2	2	1	3	3	3	3	3
Total liabilities	292	316	326	338	316	321	317	314
<b>CASH FLOW, EURm</b>								
+ EBITDA	49	44	34	26	34	58	56	54
- Net financial items	-5	-3	-3	-6	-6	-6	-3	-2
- Taxes	-8	-6	0	6	-2	-5	-7	-7
- Increase in Net Working Capital	-8	-6	-8	6	-1	-4	-1	-1
+/- Other	-4	-2	-5	-3	0	0	0	0
= Cash flow from operations	23	26	19	28	25	43	45	44
- Capex	-22	-50	-34	-15	-11	-14	-14	-14
- Acquisitions	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
+ Divestments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
= Free cash flow	1	-23	-14	13	14	29	32	31
+/- New issues/buybacks	3	8	1	3	0	0	0	0
- Paid dividend	-2	-5	-6	-6	0	-3	-4	-10
+/- Other	16	-7	16	-12	-13	-23	-27	-20
Change in cash	17	-26	-3	-3	1	3	1	1

KEY FIGURES	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020E	2021E	2022E
M-cap	214	258	119	153	274	274	274
Net debt (excl. convertibles)	57	76	83	70	43	15	-6
Enterprise value	287	333	203	223	317	289	268
Sales	417	426	431	411	453	467	480
EBITDA	44	34	26	34	58	56	54
EBIT	26	15	5	8	36	34	34
Pre-tax	22	12	-1	2	30	31	32
Earnings	15	14	-2	0	24	25	25
Equity book value (excl. minorities)	126	136	131	131	152	173	188
<b>Valuation multiples</b>							
EV/sales	0.7	0.8	0.5	0.5	0.7	0.6	0.6
EV/EBITDA	6.5	9.7	7.9	6.6	5.5	5.2	5.0
EV/EBITA	11.2	22.2	44.1	27.5	8.9	8.5	8.0
EV/EBIT	11.2	22.2	44.1	27.5	8.9	8.5	8.0
EV/OCF	10.9	17.3	7.2	8.9	7.4	6.4	6.0
EV/FCFF	-15.6	-29.4	11.7	12.3	8.9	8.4	8.2
P/FCFE	-9.4	-18.0	9.0	10.8	9.3	8.6	8.9
P/E	14.0	17.8	-69.4	766.1	11.2	11.1	10.9
P/B	1.7	1.9	0.9	1.2	1.8	1.6	1.5
Target EV/EBITDA	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.3	6.0	5.8
Target EV/EBIT	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.2	9.9	9.4
Target EV/FCF	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	12.4	10.5	10.2
Target P/B	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.1	1.9	1.7
Target P/E	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	13.1	13.0	12.7
<b>Per share measures</b>							
Number of shares	51,666	58,259	58,259	58,259	58,259	58,259	58,259
Number of shares (diluted)	51,666	65,259	58,259	58,259	58,259	58,259	58,259
EPS	0.29	0.25	-0.03	0.00	0.42	0.42	0.43
Operating cash flow per share	0.51	0.33	0.48	0.43	0.74	0.78	0.76
Free cash flow per share	-0.44	-0.25	0.23	0.24	0.50	0.55	0.53
Book value per share	2.44	2.34	2.24	2.24	2.61	2.97	3.23
Dividend per share	0.11	0.11	0.00	0.05	0.07	0.17	0.17
Dividend payout ratio, %	37.3	44.3	0.0	1,456.5	16.7	40.0	40.0
Dividend yield, %	2.7	2.5	0.0	1.1	1.5	3.6	3.7
FCF yield, %	-10.6	-5.6	11.1	9.2	10.7	11.7	11.3
<b>Efficiency measures</b>							
ROE	13.0	11.0	-1.3	0.2	17.2	15.2	14.0
ROCE	11.4	6.2	1.9	3.4	15.3	14.8	15.1
<b>Financial ratios</b>							
Inventories as % of sales	10.2	10.4	12.0	11.0	11.0	11.0	11.0
Receivables as % of sales	13.5	15.6	14.7	14.7	14.6	14.6	14.6
Non-interest bearing liabilities as % of sales	15.7	14.8	17.5	16.0	16.0	16.0	16.0
NWC/sales, %	8.0	11.1	8.5	9.0	9.0	9.0	9.0
Operative CAPEX/sales, %	11.9	7.9	3.5	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.8
CAPEX/sales (incl. acquisitions), %	11.9	7.9	3.5	2.6	3.0	2.9	2.8
FCFF/EBITDA	-0.4	-0.3	0.7	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6
Net debt/EBITDA, book-weighted	1.3	2.2	3.2	2.1	0.7	0.3	-0.1
Debt/equity, market-weighted	0.4	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.2	0.1	0.0
Equity ratio, book-weighted	45.3	41.8	38.7	41.4	47.4	54.5	59.8
Gearing, %	39.6	55.6	63.7	53.3	28.4	8.9	-3.0

**COMPANY DESCRIPTION:** Suominen manufactures nonwovens for global consumer brands on eight production plants located on three continents. The company sources the raw materials from fiber producers and sells the output as roll goods to global consumer brand manufacturers. Suominen's nonwovens are mainly used in wiping products such as wet wipes for baby care, personal hygiene, and household and workplace wiping. Other end-uses include hygiene and medical applications such as sanitary pads, diapers, and surgical drapes and swabs.

**INVESTMENT CASE:** Suominen's profitability took a hit as raw material price inflation ate into the company's gross margin. Suominen decided to respond by raising nonwovens delivery prices, a move which improved margins but also led to delivery volume losses. Recently raw material prices have stabilized, however Suominen still needs to work on improving margins and, even more importantly, achieve higher delivery volumes. Long-term demand outlook for nonwovens is positive, yet the market looks well supplied in the short-term.

OWNERSHIP STRUCTURE	SHARES	EURm	%
AC Invest two B.V.	13,953,357	65.581	24.0%
Oy Etra Invest Ab	7,770,000	36.519	13.3%
Varma Mutual Pension Insurance Company	4,500,000	21.150	7.7%
Euroclear Bank Sa/Nv	3,382,604	15.898	5.8%
Ilmarinen Mutual Pension Insurance Company	3,046,892	14.320	5.2%
Elo Mutual Pension Insurance Company	3,024,651	14.216	5.2%
Mandatium Life Insurance Company Limited	1,927,536	9.059	3.3%
Nordea Life Assurance Finland Ltd.	1,812,000	8.516	3.1%
Oy H. Kuningas Et Co Ab	1,567,416	7.367	2.7%
Evald and Hilda Nissi's Foundation	1,000,000	4.700	1.7%
Ten largest	41,984,456	197.327	72%
Residual	16,274,763	76.491	28%
Total	58,259,219	273.818	100%

**EARNINGS CALENDAR**

October 27, 2020

Q3 report

**OTHER EVENTS****COMPANY MISCELLANEOUS**

CEO: Petri Helsky

Karvaamokuja 2 B, FI-00380 Helsinki

CFO: Toni Tamminen

Tel: +358 (0)10 214 300

IR: Emilia Peltola

## DEFINITIONS

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



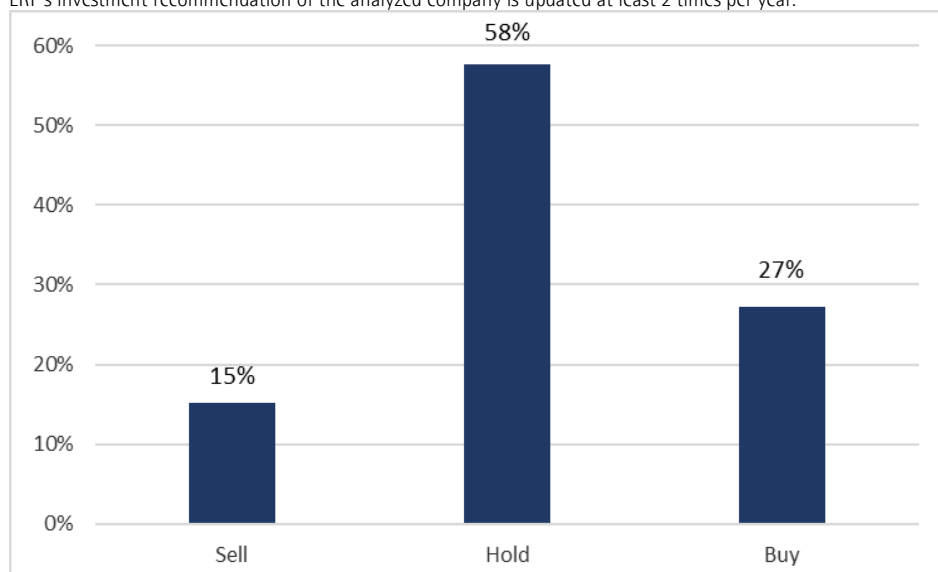
## Important Disclosures

Evli Research Partners Plc ("ERP") uses 12-month target prices. Target prices are defined by utilizing analytical techniques based on financial theory including (but not limited to) discounted cash flow analysis and comparative valuation. The selection of valuation methods depends on different circumstances. Target prices may be altered on the basis of new information coming to light in the underlying company or changes in interest rates, changes in foreign exchange rates, other securities prices or market indices or outlook for the aforementioned factors or other factors that may change the conditions of financial markets. Recommendations and changes by analysts are available at [Analysts' recommendations and ratings revisions](#).

Investment recommendations are defined as follows:

Target price compared to share price	Recommendation
< -10 %	SELL
-10 – (+10) %	HOLD
> 10 %	BUY

ERP's investment recommendation of the analyzed company is updated at least 2 times per year.



The graph above shows the distribution of ERP's recommendations of companies under coverage in 11th of May 2020. If recommendation is not given, it is not mentioned here.

Name(s) of the analyst(s): Ilvonen

This research report has been prepared by Evli Research Partners Plc ("ERP" or "Evli Research"). ERP is a subsidiary of Evli Bank Plc. Production of the investment recommendation has been concluded on [3.9.2020, 9:10]. This report has been published on [3.9.2020, 9:25].

None of the analysts contributing to this report, persons under their guardianship or corporations under their control have a position in the shares of the company or related securities.

The date and time for any price of financial instruments mentioned in the recommendation refer to the previous trading day's closing price(s) unless otherwise stated in the report.

Each analyst responsible for the content of this report assures that the expressed views accurately reflect the personal views of each analyst on the covered companies and securities. Each analyst assures that (s)he has not been, nor are or will be, receiving direct or indirect compensation related to the specific recommendations or views contained in this report.

Companies in the Evli Group, affiliates or staff of companies in the Evli Group, may perform services for, solicit business from, hold long or short positions in, or otherwise be interested in the investments (including derivatives) of any company mentioned in the publication or report.

Evli OR XX (the name of the company within the Evli Group) has managed or co-managed a public offering of the company's securities during the last 12 months prior to, received compensation for investment banking services from the company during the last 12 months prior to the publication of the research report.

ERP has signed an agreement with the issuer of the financial instruments mentioned in the recommendation, which includes production of research reports. This assignment has a limited economic and financial impact on ERP and/or Evli. Under the assignment ERP performs services including, but not limited to, arranging investor meetings or –events, investor relations communication advisory and production of research material.

ERP or another company within the Evli Group does not have an agreement with the company to perform market making or liquidity providing services.

For the prevention and avoidance of conflicts of interests with respect to this report, there is an information barrier (Chinese wall) between Investment Research and Corporate Finance units concerning unpublished investment banking services to the company. The remuneration of the analyst(s) is not tied directly or indirectly to investment banking transactions or other services performed by Evli Bank Plc or any company within Evli Group.

This report has not been disclosed to the company prior to its dissemination.

This report is provided and intended for informational purposes only and may not be used or considered under any circumstances as an offer to sell or buy any securities or as advice to trade any securities.

This report is based on sources ERP considers to be correct and reliable. The sources include information providers Reuters and Bloomberg, stock-exchange releases from the companies and other company news, Statistics Finland and articles in newspapers and magazines. However, ERP does not guarantee the materialization, correctness, accuracy or completeness of the information, opinions, estimates or forecasts expressed or implied in the report. In addition, circumstantial changes may have an influence on opinions and estimates presented in this report. The opinions and estimates presented are valid at the moment of their publication and they can be changed without a separate announcement. Neither ERP nor any company within the Evli Group are responsible for amending, correcting or updating any information, opinions or estimates contained in this report. Neither ERP nor any company within the Evli Group will compensate any direct or consequential loss caused by or derived from the use of the information represented in this publication.

All information published in this report is for the original recipient's private and internal use only. ERP reserves all rights to the report. No part of this publication may be reproduced or transmitted in any form or by any means, electronic, mechanical, photocopying, recording or otherwise, or stored in any retrieval system of any nature, without the written permission of ERP.

This report or its copy may not be published or distributed in Australia, Canada, Hong Kong, Japan, New Zealand, Singapore or South Africa. The publication or distribution of this report in certain other jurisdictions may also be restricted by law. Persons into whose possession this report comes are required to inform themselves about and to observe any such restrictions.

Evli Bank Plc is not registered as a broker-dealer with the U. S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), and it and its analysts are not subject to SEC rules on securities analysts' certification as to the currency of their views reflected in the research report. Evli Bank is not a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority ("FINRA"). It and its securities analysts are not subject to FINRA's rules on Communications with the Public and Research Analysts and Research Reports and the attendant requirements for fairness, balance and disclosure of potential conflicts of interest. This research report is only being offered in U.S. by Auerbach Grayson & Company, LLC (Auerbach Grayson) to Major U.S. Institutional Investors and is not available to, and should not be used by, any U.S. person or entity that is not a Major U.S. Institutional Investor. Auerbach Grayson is a broker-dealer registered with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission and is a member of the FINRA. U.S. entities seeking more information about any of the issuers or securities discussed in this report should contact Auerbach Grayson. The securities of non-U.S. issuers may not be registered with or subject to SEC reporting and other requirements.

ERP is not a supervised entity but its parent company Evli Bank Plc is supervised by the Finnish Financial Supervision Authority.

**Contact information****SALES, TRADING AND RESEARCH****Equity Sales**

Ari Laine +358 9 4766 9115  
Lauri Ahokanto +358 9 4766 9117  
Niclas Henelius +358 9 4766 9116

**Trading**

Lauri Vehkaluoto (Head) +358 9 4766 9120  
Pasi Väisänen +358 9 4766 9120  
Antti Kässi +358 9 4766 9120  
Miika Roankanen +358 9 4766 9120

**ETFs and Derivatives**

Joachim Dannberg +358 9 4766 9123  
Kimmo Lijja +358 9 4766 9130

**Structured Investments**

Heikki Savijoki +358 9 4766 9726  
Aki Lakkisto +358 9 4766 9123

**Equity Research**

Jonas Forslund +358 9 4766 9314  
Joonas Ilvonen +358 44 430 9071  
Jerker Salokivi +358 9 4766 9149  
Anna-Liisa Rissanen +358 40 157 9919

**Evli Investment Solutions**

Johannes Asuja +358 9 4766 9205  
Markku Reinikainen +358 9 4766 9669



**EVLI BANK PLC**  
Aleksanterinkatu 19 A  
P.O. Box 1081  
FIN-00101 Helsinki, FINLAND  
Phone +358 9 476 690  
Fax +358 9 634 382  
Internet www.evli.com  
E-mail firstname.lastname@evli.com

**EVLI BANK PLC,  
STOCKHOLMSFILIAL**  
Regeringsgatan 67 P.O. Box 16354  
SE-103 26 Stockholm  
Sverige  
stockholm@evli.com  
Tel +46 (0)8 407 8000  
Fax +46 (0)8 407 8001