

## Topline met our expectations

Vaisala's Q4 topline was in line with our expectations, but earnings fell short due to declined margins.

- Group results:** Orders received was EUR 119.0m (+6% y/y) and order book totaled EUR 160.0m (+16% y/y). Net sales grew by 17% y/y to EUR 125m (125.5/123.5m Evli/cons.). EBIT decreased by -2.5% y/y to EUR 11.9m (16.4/16.8m Evli/cons.). Driven by soft EBIT the EPS was EUR 0.21 (0.39/0.40 Evli/cons.).
- Industrial Measurements (IM):** Orders received grew very strongly by 42% y/y to EUR 58.2m and order book was at record level EUR 32.9m (+83% y/y) after Q4. Revenue grew strongly by 26% y/y to EUR 50.1m (49.5/49.5m Evli/cons.). Revenue growth was driven by high-end industrial measurements, life science, liquid measurements, and power. More expensive components bought from spot markets (negative impact of 4%-p.) drove down the gross margin to 59.9% (prev. 63.3%).
- Weather & Environment (W&E):** Orders received declined by 14% y/y to EUR 60.8m and order book was at EUR 127.1m (+6% y/y). Net sales grew by 12% y/y to EUR 74.9m (76/74m Evli/cons.). Revenue grew in renewable energy and meteorology, while it was flat in aviation and transportation. Gross margin declined to 48.9% (prev. 51.1%) due to higher component prices (negative impact of 2%-p.).
- 2022 guidance:** Net sales between EUR 465-495m (2021: EUR 437.9m) and EBIT EUR 55-70m (2021: EUR 50.1m).
- Dividend proposal:** EUR 0.68 (0.63/0.64 Evli/cons.)
- Market outlook:** Markets for high-end industrial instruments, life science, power industry, and liquid measurements are expected to grow. Markets for meteorology and ground transportation are expected to be stable. Aviation market is expected to recover towards pre-pandemic level. Renewable energy market is expected to grow.

### Rating

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Q4'21	Actual	Evli	Consensus*	Q4'20	Actual vs. Evli
Net sales	125	125.5	123.5	106.9	0%
W&E	74.9	76.0	74.0	67.0	-1%
IM	50.1	49.5	49.5	39.9	1%
EBIT (Reported)	11.9	16.4	16.8	12.2	-27%
EPS	0.21	0.39	0.40	0.24	-47%

\* Consensus estimate from FactSet

Share price, EUR (Last trading day's closing price) **45.00**

Target price, EUR 43.0

Latest change in recommendation	30-Apr-21
Latest report on company	14-Feb-22
Research paid by issuer:	YES
No. of shares outstanding, '000's	36,101
No. of shares fully diluted, '000's	36,101
Market cap, EURm	1,625
Free float, %	0.0
Exchange rate EUR/USD	0.000
Reuters code	VAIAS.HE
Bloomberg code	VAIAS FH
Average daily volume, EURm	0.0
Next interim report	18-Feb-22
Web site	vaisala.com/en/investors

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### PRE-REPORT KEY FIGURES

	Sales EURm	EBIT EURm	EBIT %	FCF EURm	EPS EUR	P/E (x)	EV/Sales (x)	EV/EBIT (x)	FCF yield %	DPS EUR
2019	403.6	41.1	10.2%	4.6	0.93	34.6	2.9	28.1	0.4	0.61
2020	379.5	44.8	11.8%	16.9	0.91	44.2	3.9	32.7	1.2	0.61
2021E	438.5	54.7	12.5%	27.7	1.26	35.6	3.7	29.8	1.7	0.63
2022E	475.0	61.0	12.8%	40.9	1.47	30.6	3.4	26.4	2.5	0.65
2023E	507.4	70.5	13.9%	45.6	1.56	28.8	3.1	22.5	2.8	0.67

  

Market cap, EURm	1,625	BV per share 2021E, EUR	1.4	CAGR EPS 2020-23, %	19.6
Net debt 2021E, EURm	3	Price/book 2021E	7.1	CAGR sales 2020-23, %	10.2
Enterprise value, EURm	1,630	Dividend yield 2021E, %	1.4	ROE 2021E, %	21.0
Total assets 2021E, EURm	389	Tax rate 2021E, %	13.0	ROCE 2021E, %	20.1
Goodwill 2021E, EURm	55	Equity ratio 2021E, %	58.9	PEG, P/E 21/CAGR	5.3

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-10 – (+10) %	HOLD
> 10 %	BUY

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