IDI

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# Ending Q3 with firepower at its peak

Earnings/sales releases - 28/11/2023

IDI enjoyed another active quarter. Although the NAV has fallen slightly qoq (-0.9%) since June 30, 2023 (note that only the liquid assets and listed securities were revalued), it has nevertheless risen by 11.4% YTD for the first 9 months of 2023, reflecting the strength of IDI's business model. 2023 is proving to be a banner year for IDI, which has completed a number of structuring transactions, including the creation of a third-party asset management business via ildiCo, and the sale of Flex Composite Group to Michelin at a stellar cash-on-cash multiple of 12x. With investment capacity at record levels, IDI is in a prime position going forward.

## Fact

- IDI's NAV came to €724.5m (or €96.85 per share) as of September 2023 corresponding to a c.0.9% decrease qoq, although only the liquid assets and listed securities were revalued. YTD, the NAV increased by 11.4%.
- IDI, alongside Andera Partners, has announced that it completed the sale of Flex Composite Group, in which the initial investment was €23.2m in 2015, for an enterprise value of €700m, representing 12x the initial investment or an IRR of 38%, on 27 September 2023.
- As of September 2023, IDI has an investment capacity net of debt of €325m, compared with €74.1m at the end of H1-23.
- Over the quarter, IDI announced 4 deals including 1 acquisition, 1 divestment and 2 build-ups.

# Analysis

## Significant growth in the NAV YTD

This morning, IDI published its NAV as of September 2023. Although the NAV declined slightly by 0.9% qoq from  $\in$ 730.7m ( $\in$ 97.73 per share) to  $\in$ 724.5m (or  $\in$ 96.85 per share), investors have no reason to worry about NAV progression over 2023, all the more so in that only the active liquid assets and listed securities were revalued during the third quarter. 2023 augurs well for NAV growth reaching 11.4% YTD.

### Still no fragility amidst the adverse market conditions

While the main private equity players continue to suffer from the difficult environment in terms of both financing and deal flow, IDI shows no signs of fragility in its portfolio rotation. YTD, IDI has completed 14 deals, including 5 disposals, 4 external growth transactions and 5 acquisitions. Among IDI's most notable transactions were the completion of the acquisition of 40% of Omnes' energy transition and innovation activities, the creation of IdiCo, and the sale of Flex Composite Group to Michelin for an EV of €700m, i.e. 12x its initial investment and an IRR of 38%, completed on 27 September 2023. In addition to these transactions, IDI also saw (i) the disposal and subsequent reinvestment in Freeland, (ii) the investment in the major European player in the hybrid turf market, Natural Grass and (iii) the disposal of Fidinav, a group specialising in the maintime transportation of dry bulk, for an IRR of 6%.

With 2023 already well underway for IDI, the third quarter saw four new transactions, including (i) IDI's acquisition of a majority stake (c.90%) in Prevost



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Buy	Upside: 48.9%
Target Price (6 months)	€ 96.8
Share Price	€ 65.0
Market Cap. €M	471
Price Momentum	GOOD
Extremes 12Months	46.4 🕨 69.8
Sustainability score	<b>2.9</b> /10
Credit Risk	CCC 争
Bloomberg	IDIP FP Equity
Reuters	IDVP.PA
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PERF	1 w	1m	3m	12m
IDI	0.93%	7.62%	-2.69%	37.2%
Other Financials	1.10%	13.2%	5.84%	1.86%
STOXX 600	0.47%	6.71%	1.56%	4.01%

Last updated: 26/10/2023	12/22A	12/23E	12/24E	12/25E
Adjusted P/E (x)	4.54	7.05	7.95	7.36
Dividend yield (%)	4.96	4.31	4.62	4.92
EV/EBITDA(R) (x)	47.3	-50.4	-49.4	-67.6
Adjusted EPS (€)	11.1	9.22	8.17	8.83
Growth in EPS (%)	-36.3	-16.9	-11.4	8.06
Dividend (€)	2.50	2.80	3.00	3.20
Sales (€th)	9,798	24,679	30,780	31,284
Dividend contributions marg	73.8	30.8	25.9	26.8
Attributable net profit (€th)	80,384	66,785	59,188	63,956
ROE (after tax) (%)	12.5	9.06	7.42	8.15
Gearing (%)	-6.19	-16.9	-29.4	-26.8
Company Valuation - Company Financials				

Laboratory Concept, a laboratory and manufacturer (CDMO) of cosmetics products and food supplements, (ii) the sale of VOIP, a BtoB telecoms operator, and (iii) two external growth transactions for Group Positive and CDS Groupe.

# Strong firepower following the sale of FCG

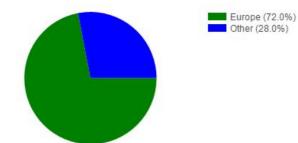
Following the sale of FCG, IDI has substantially improved its investment capacity net of debt, rising from  $\in$ 74.1m in H1-23 to  $\in$ 325m in September 2023, which should enable it to sustain its strong investment momentum and seize opportunities in 2024.

We reiterate our views expressed at the H1-2023 stage: IDI's buoyant investment activity at a time when the private equity landscape had been expected to be hit by the slowdown in deal flow and cutbacks in financing, makes IDI a compelling long-term play.

# Impact

This release should not have a material impact on our estimates.

## Sales by Geography



Consolidated P&L Accounts		12/22A	12/23E	12/24E
Sales	€th	9,798	24,679	30,780
Change in sales	%	92.2	152	24.7
Change in staff costs	%	13.8	71.0	15.7
EBITDA	€th	-6,739	4,632	4,330
EBITDA(R) margin	%	-68.8	18.8	14.1
Depreciation	€th	-232	-2,961	-3,694
Underlying operating profit	€th	-6,659	1,999	980
Operating profit (EBIT)	€th	77,960	91,499	81,368
Net financial expense	€th	-1,568	-2,452	-2,452
of which related to pensions	€th		0.00	0.00
Exceptional items & other	€th			
Corporate tax	€th	3,992	-22,262	-19,729
Equity associates	€th			
Minority interests	€th		0.00	0.00
Adjusted attributable net profit	€th	80,384	66,785	59,188
NOPAT	€th	58,470	68,624	61,026
Cashflow Statement				
EBITDA	€th	-6,739	4,632	4,330
Change in WCR	€th	-17,319	3,555	4,002
Actual div. received from equity holdi	€th	0.00	0.00	0.0
Paid taxes	€th	3,992	-22,262	-19,729
Exceptional items	€th			
Other operating cash flows	€th	-1,177		
Total operating cash flows	€th	-21,243	-14,074	-11,39
Capital expenditure	€th	0.00	0.00	0.0
Total investment flows	€th	87,567	256,256	18,272
Net interest expense	€th	-1,568	-2,452	-2,452
Dividends (parent company)	€th	-19,959	-19,566	-20,278
Dividends to minorities interests	€th	0.00	0.00	0.0
New shareholders' equity	€th	0.00	0.00	
Total financial flows	€th	-25,147	26,949	-26,50
Change in cash position	€th	41,177	269,132	-19,620
Free cash flow (pre div.)	€th	-22,811	-16,526	-13,849
Per Share Data				
No. of shares net of treas. stock (year	Th	7,242	7,242	7,242
Number of diluted shares (average)	Th	7,242	7,242	7,242
Benchmark EPS	€	11.1	9.22	8.17
Restated NAV per share	€			
Net dividend per share	€	2.50	2.80	3.00

## **Valuation Summary**

Benchmarks	Value	Weight
NAV/SOTP per share	€ 87.7	55%
Dividend Yield	€ 130	20%
DCF	€61.2	10%
P/E	€ 130	10%
P/Book	€ 68.8	5%
TARGET PRICE	€ 96.8	100%

Largest comparables

- Ackermans & van H...
  Bolloré
- Corporacion Financ...
- GBL
  Kinnevik Investment
- Wendel

NAV/SOTP Calculation

Balance Sheet		12/22A	12/23E	12/24E
Goodwill	€th		5,881	5,881
Total intangible	€th	0.00	5,881	5,881
Tangible fixed assets	€th	612	1,822	1,913
Financial fixed assets	€th	645,956	574,631	588,997
WCR	€th	-10,137	-13,692	-17,694
Other assets	€th	8,559	6,495	8,495
Total assets (net of short term liab.)	€th	659,491	589,034	601,489
Ordinary shareholders' equity	€th	672,792	801,608	794,254
Quasi Equity & Preferred	€th			
Minority interests	€th	8.00	8.00	8.00
Provisions for pensions	€th	506	0.00	0.00
Other provisions for risks and liabilities	€th	3,409	3,649	3,831
Total provisions for risks and liabilities	€th	3,915	3,649	3,831
Tax liabilities	€th	486	478	478
Other liabilities	€th	9,210	26,782	26,782
Net debt (cash)	€th	-26,918	- 243,491	- 223,865
Total liab. and shareholders' equity	€th	659,493	589,034	601,489
Capital Employed				
Capital employed after depreciation	€th	636,431	568,642	579,097
Profits & Risks Ratios				
ROE (after tax)	%	12.5	9.06	7.42
ROCE	%	9.19	12.1	10.5
Gearing (at book value)	%	-6.19	-16.9	-29.4
Adj. Net debt/EBITDA(R)	х	3.99	-52.6	-51.7
Interest cover (x)	х	-4.25	0.82	0.40
Valuation Ratios				
Reference P/E (benchmark)	x	4.54	7.05	7.95
Free cash flow yield	%	-6.25	-3.51	-2.94
P/Book	х	0.54	0.59	0.59
Dividend yield	%	4.96	4.31	4.62
EV Calculation				
Market cap	€th	365,005	470,730	470,730
+ Provisions	€th	3,915	3,649	3,831
+ Unrecognised acturial losses/(gains)	€th	0.00	0.00	0.00
+ Net debt at year end	€th	-41,419	- 257,388	- 237,762
+ Leases debt equivalent	€th	0.00	0.00	0.00
- Financial fixed assets (fair value)	€th	645,956	450,700	450,700
+ Minority interests (fair value)	€th	0.00	8.00	8.00
= EV	€th	-318,455	۔ 233,701	- 213,892
EV/EBITDA(R)	x	47.3	-50.4	-49.4
EV/Sales	х	-32.5	-9.47	-6.95

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