Strong quarterly earnings

Surteco reports strong quarterly results. EBIT came in more than 36% above last year's result, which was exceptionally weak, though. Profitability was mainly driven by the largest segment Decoratives, that profited from lower material expenses. Surteco now expects to realize revenues and earnings at the higher end of the formerly guided corridor. In case additional restructuring measures within the "Alpha" optimization program will be taken, EBIT will be correspondingly lower.

	Actual			Estimates		Pareto (pre Q3)		Cons. (pre Q3)	
SURTECO GROUP (EURm)	Q3 2018	Q3 2019e	yoy (%)	Pareto	Dev (%)	2019e	2020e	2019e	2020e
Revenue	169	167	-1.4	162	3.0	684	676	682	689
Decoratives		125		120	4.0	514	509		
Technicals		18		24	-24.5	95	94		
Profiles		24		23	3.8	92	95		
Reconciliation		0		-5	-99.2	-22	-22		
EBIT	8.4	11.4	36.2	8.6	32.0	39.3	45.3	40.2	46.4
EBIT Margin	5.0%	6.8%	189 BP	5.3%	n.a.	5.7%	6.7%	5.9%	6.7%
Decoratives		9.6		7.4	29.0	31.9	35.6		
Technicals		0.6		0.2	154.5	3.3	5.2		
Profiles		2.9		2.3	26.5	10.6	11.0		
Reconciliation		-1.7		-1.3	27.2	-6.5	-6.5		

Source: Pareto, Company data

Strong Q3 results

The Surteco group reports strong Q3 earnings today. The group EBIT was not only 36% above last year's figure but also sequentially up more than 30% compared to the last quarterly result. According to Surteco, this was due to overall falling costs of material and lowered expenses for personnel, the latter following a restructuring program ("Alpha") last year.

Decoratives the main earnings driver

All segments surprised positively on the EBIT line in the quarter. Regarding the segments Technicals and Profiles, this has to do with the fact that numbers are basically "small" and even minor deviations in the course of business can have a major impact in a single quarter. Group EBIT were however driven by the largest segment Decoratives, that saw an increase of quarterly earnings by 29%, mainly due to lower material expenses, we hear.

Outlook confirmed

Surteco confirms the outlook for the full year and now even targets revenues at the upper end of the formerly guided corridor of EUR 655m to 685m. The same applies for the operating result, which is still expected to come in at EUR 38m-40m (consensus: ~40m). However, Surteco announced that additional measures within the "Alpha" optimization program might be taken to ensure short- and mid-term profitability, which would accordingly result in lower EBIT.

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AkerBP	0	8,560	Jæren Sparebank	0	500	Scatec Solar	0	35,635
AKVA Group	0	2,100	Komplett Bank	0	108,913	Schibsted ASA B Aksjer	0	453
Archer	0	38,730	Kongsberg Gruppen	0	34,051	Seadrill	0	11,722
Atlantic Sapphire	0	3,805	KWS	75	75	Selvaag Bolig	0	3,000
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DNO	0	391,278	Northern Drilling	0	5,060	Sparebanken Sør	0	15,840
DNO Bull ETN	0	7,000	Norwegian Air Shuttle	0	66,467	Sparebanken Vest	0	1,900
Entra	0	31,627	Norwegian Energy Compan	0	300	Sparebanken Øst	0	1,500
Equinor	0	6,431	Ocean Yield	0	34,967	Stolt-Nielsen	0	40,400
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Fjord1	0	51,250	Okeanis Eco Tankers	0	1,738	Subsea 7	0	1,162
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