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ACROBATICA SPA **RESULTS REVIEW** Press release

BUY TP 15.0€ Up/Downside: 105%

# Solid Performance

The Acrobatica group has published its 2024 revenue, which stands at €152.5M (-7.3% yoy), in line with our expectations. This is a commendable performance, considering that the group completely restructured its Energy activities, which had generated more than €30M in revenue last year, almost fully offset by the group's other activities.

Acrobatica published its 2024 revenue at the end of last week. The group closed the year with revenue of €152.5M, down 7.3% compared to last year's reported revenue ( $\epsilon$ 164.4M) and 4% compared to the VOP recorded ( $\epsilon$ 158.8M). The difference between these figures stemmed from costs related to receivables transfers under tax incentives. Last year, the group operated through its EA110 subsidiary under the Superbonus 110 program, generating over €30M in revenue. At the beginning of the year, the group reorganized its energy operations by creating the Energy subsidiary to replace EA110 and focus on photovoltaics, as well as forming the Acrobatica Smart Living (ASL) joint venture. In its first year, the Energy subsidiary generated €600K in revenue, a 98.2% decline compared to EA110's revenue last year. While we initially expected ASL to contribute in 2024, the recent JV ultimately did not start any projects during the year. However, this did not prevent the group from closing the year with total revenue close to our expectations.

Resilience throughout the year was driven by strong growth across the group's other activities, particularly in its core business in Italy (+10.6% yoy to €131.1M) and in its Enigma subsidiary (+55.7% yoy to €12.3M). The group's other, smaller subsidiaries also posted strong growth, with revenue increasing by 38.5% in France (€5.4M), by 70% in Spain (€2M), and reaching €1M in Monaco.

After overcoming difficult base effects related to the Energy activities, the group is expected to return to growth in 2025. Following multiple delays, ASL's activities should kick off next week, with three projects already in the pipeline for this year, which could drive revenue above €10M. The outlook remains promising in Italy, where the group continues to invest in human resources (+500 employees in 2024) and in branch openings.

After a challenging year for the stock, a return to growth could allow it to recover given the current valuation multiples. We maintain our Buy recommendation on the stock, along with our €15 price target.

Valuation Ratio

EV/Sales

EV/EBIT

EV/EBITDA

Key data	
Price (€)	7.3
Industry	Engineering & Contracting Services
Ticker	EDAC-IT
Shares Out (m)	8.236
Market Cap (m $\epsilon$ )	60.1
Source: FactSet	

#### **Ownership** (%)

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Arim Holding Sarl	74.0
Treasury shares	0.3
Free float	25.7
Source: TPICAP Midcap estimates	

Source:	TPICAP	Midcap	estimate

EPS (€)	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
Estimates	0.32	0.50	0.86
Change vs previous estimates (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00

Source: TPICAP Midcap estimates

Performance (%)	1D	1 <b>M</b>	YTD
Price Perf	3.1	-4.5	-2.9
Rel FTSE Italy	3.0	-12.0	-13.1



Source: FactSet

12/26e

0.5

3.8

6.7

8.5

12/25e

0.6

5.1

10.5

14.6



12/24e

0.7

6.2

14.3

22.6



# FINANCIAL DATA

Income Statement	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
Sales	86.9	134.5	158.8	153.9	170.7	187.1
Changes (%)	94.7	54.6	18.1	-3.0	10.9	9.6
Gross profit	79.8	121.1	142.3	139.3	154.5	169.3
% of Sales	91.7	90.0	89.6	90.5	90.5	90.5
EBITDA	21.3	30.7	24.0	16.6	20.1	25.8
% of Sales	24.5	22.9	15.1	10.8	11.8	13.8
Current operating profit	18.3	30.7	14.4	7.2	9.7	14.4
% of Sales	21.1	22.9	9.0	4.7	5.7	7.7
EBIT	18.3	30.7	14.4	7.2	9.7	14.4
Net financial result	-1.2	-5.6	-3.5	-3.4	-3.7	-4.1
Income Tax	-6.0	-7.8	-4.8	-1.2	-1.9	-3.2
Tax rate (%)	35.0	31.0	44.1	31.0	31.0	31.0
Net profit, group share	11.1	17.4	6.1	2.7	4.1	7.1
EPS	1.36	2.11	0.73	0.32	0.50	0.86
Financial Statement	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
Goodwill	0.6	0.6	11.6	13.7	13.7	13.7
Tangible and intangible assets	4.5	4.5	6.0	3.0	-0.4	-4.0
Right of Use	0.0	0.0	20.3	20.3	20.3	20.3
Financial assets	0.4	2.0	6.5	6.5	6.5	6.5
Working capital	15.3	19.8	47.9	36.6	42.1	47.0
Other Assets	0.7	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Assets	21.5	27.2	92.2	80.0	82.2	83.4
Shareholders equity group	22.1	35.2	29.7	31.2	34.7	40.9
Minorities	0.0	-0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT & ST provisions and others	2.6	4.0	5.5	5.5	5.5	5.5
Net debt	-3.6	-12.0	57.1	43.3	41.9	37.1
Other liabilities	0.4	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Liabilities	21.5	27.2	92.2	80.0	82.1	83.4
Net debt excl. IFRS 16	-3.6	-12.0	36.3	22.5	21,1	16.2
Gearing net	-0.2	-0.3	1.9	1.4	1.2	0.9
Leverage	-0.2	-0.4	2.4	2.6	2.1	1.4
Cash flow statement	12/21	12/22	12/23	12/24e	12/25e	12/26e
CF after elimination of net borrowing costs and taxes	20.9	25.0	15.8	12.3	14.4	18.0
ΔWCR	-6.1	-10.9	-33.9	11.4	-5-5	-4.9
Operating cash flow	14.8	14.1	-18.1	23.7	8.9	13.1
Net capex	-1.7	-2.3	-3.4	-2.6	-2.9	-3.2
FCF	13.2	11.8	-21.5	21.0	6.0	9.9
Free Cash Flow excl IFRS 16	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Acquisitions/Disposals of subsidiaries	0.0	0.0	-4.7	-2.1	0.0	0.0
Other investments	-2.6	0.0	9.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in borrowings	1.2	0.0	16.6	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends paid	-1.7	-2.4	-10.7	-1.2	-0.6	-1.0
Repayment of leasing debt	0.0	0.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0	-4.0
Equity Transaction	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in net cash over the year	10.0	9.4	-14.9	13.7	1.3	4.9
ROA (%)	10.5%	12.2%	3.8%	1.8%	2.8%	4.6%
1011 (70)	10.370	14.4/0	3.0 70	1.0 70	2.070	4.070
ROE (%)	50.1%	49.4%	20.5%	8.6%	11.9%	17.5%



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Date	Analyst	Old Target Price	New Target Price	Closing Price	Old Recommendation	New Recommendation
26 Dec 24 - 23:11:32	Corentin Marty	€ 15.00	€ 15.00	€ 7.54	Buy	Buy
08 Nov 24 - 08:05:52	Corentin Marty	€ 15.00	€ 15.00	€ 8.00	Buy	Buy
30 Sep 24 - 08:09:56	Corentin Marty	€ 18.00	€ 15.00	€ 7.42	Buy	Buy
08 Aug 24 - 07:54:33	Corentin Marty	€ 18.00	€ 18.00	€ 8.68	Buy	Buy
19 Jul 24 - 09:32:46	Corentin Marty	€ 18.00	€ 18.00	€ 9.58	Buy	Buy
27 May 24 - 07:46:38	Corentin Marty	€ 19.50	€ 18.00	€ 10.75	Buy	Buy
14 May 24 - 08:19:45	Corentin Marty	€ 19.50	€ 19.50	€ 11.30	Buy	Buy
05 Apr 24 - 08:18:42	Corentin Marty	€ 22.80	€ 19.50	€ 11.80	Buy	Buy
22 Feb 24 - 08:08:19	Corentin Marty	€ 21.80	€ 22.80	€ 12.60	Buy	Buy

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