

Media and Games Invest SE

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Q2 results

RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY € 3.20

Return Potential 179.7% Risk Rating High

STILL TIGHT AD BUDGETS DIM H2 OUTLOOK

The effects of soft ad spend were in focus in Q2 reporting. Fx-adjusted organic sales growth (OSG) remained gated at 1% for the second consecutive quarter and well below levels reported in 2022 (18% to 23%). Headline Q2 figures were close to FBe, but management now expect ad spend to remain weak in H2 and reduced their 2023 guidance. Profitability remained strong resulting in good cash flows for the April-to-June period. The company remains well positioned with its products and technology, but investors will need to be patient as the ad markets work through a down cycle amidst macro headwinds. We have cut FBe to match updated 2023 guide and also dialled back our 2024 growth assumption until increasing ad budgets become more visible. We remain Buy-rated on MGI with a €3.2 TP (old: €4.0).

Second quarter takeaways The company reduced guidance (overleaf) pointing to continued soft ad spend volumes that could not be offset by a 13% Y/Y rise in ad impressions (overleaf) and a 9% increase in the number of software clients. The latter is the primary growth driver, and MGI has onboarded 46 new clients since H2/22. But this growth has flattened out sequentially of late, although the retention rate for clients that generate > \$100k in sales p.a. remained high at 96%. This performance was however offset by slumping ad spend and weak CPMs (cost per 1k impressions). Fx-adjusted OSG remained well below 2022 levels at 1% because the net \$ expansion rate1 continues to tail off (Q2: 82%) on market headwinds (Q4/22: 96%). MGI brass has initiated a cost savings program to preserve cash flows and facilitate further deleveraging. This should kick in with ~€10m in annualised savings starting in Q4. Despite nearterm challenges, MGI remains a market leader in mobile programmatic and stands to benefit from tightening privacy rules. The company is also looking to keep pace with AI developments with investments into its AI-driven targeting products, such as Moments.Al. Although the dimmer H2 outlook does not cheer investors already cautious about ad businesses, MGI can tread water with good profitability and cash flows until the market rebound materialises. (p.t.o.)

FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Revenue (€m)	83.89	140.22	252.17	324.44	303.36	326.11
Y/Y growth	157.2%	67.1%	79.8%	28.7%	-6.5%	7.5%
AEBITDA (€m)	18.11	29.09	71.10	93.15	92.65	94.01
AEBITDA margin	21.6%	20.7%	28.2%	28.7%	30.5%	28.8%
Net income (€m)*	-0.32	6.58	28.02	21.08	16.23	14.24
EPS (diluted) (€)*	-0.01	0.04	0.20	0.14	0.10	0.09
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
FCF (€m)	3.13	3.13	-12.50	-230.79	-42.45	48.98
Net gearing	22.4%	31.2%	63.7%	84.3%	82.0%	81.1%
Liquid assets (€m)	32.98	46.25	180.16	149.99	112.57	111.96

¹ compares revenue generated by same customers at the BoP vs EoP * Adjusted for PPA-amortisation

RISKS

Risks include but are not limited to: revenue diversity, financing, technology, and regulatory risks.

COMPANY PROFILE

Media and Games Invest SE is an advertising software platform with strong first-party games. MGI combines organic growth with value-generating synergetic acquisitions and has achieved strong profitable growth with a 78% revenue CAGR (2019-2022). MGI has acquired and integrated over 35 companies and assets in the past 10 years to achieve efficiency gains & competitive advantages.

MARKET DATA	As of 11 Sep 2023
Closing Price	€ 1.14
Shares outstanding	159.25m
Market Capitalisation	€ 182.18m
52-week Range	€ 0.83 / 1.97
Ava Volume (12 Months)	88 714

Multiples	2022	2023E	2024E
P/E	8.5	11.2	12.8
EV/Sales	1.8	1.9	1.8
EV/AEBITDA	6.2	6.2	6.1
Div Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA	As of 30 Jun 2023
Liquid Assets	€ 107.59m
Current Assets	€ 185.98m
Intangible Assets	€ 799.45m
Total Assets	€ 1,002.97m
Current Liabilities	€ 186.36m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 319.19m

SHAREHOLDERS

Bodhivas GmbH	26.4%
Oaktree Capital Mngt	17.7%
Free Float	55.9%

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SECOND QUARTER HIGHLIGHTS

Table 1: Second quarter results vs prior year and FBe

EURm	Q2/23	Q2/23E	Variance	Q2/22	Variance	H1/23	H1/22	Variance	
Revenue	76.2	78.8	-3%	78.1	-2%	144.9	143.9	1%	
EBITDA	20.0	20.5	-2%	20.0	0.0%	37.4	36.9	1%	
Margin	26%	26%	-	26%	-	26%	26%	-	
EBIT	12.8	12.5	2%	11.9	8%	23.9	21.8	10%	
Margin	17%	16%	-	15%	-	16%	15%	-	
AEBITDA1	21.3	21.8	-2%	21.1	1%	40.4	38.6	5%	
Margin	28%	28%	-	27%	-	28%	27%	-	
AEBIT ²	16.6	16.2	2%	16.4	1%	31.7	29.9	6%	
Margin	22%	21%	-	21%	-	22%	21%	-	
¹ EBITDA adjusted for one-off expenses; ² EBIT adjusted for one-off & PPA expenses									

Source: First Berlin Equity Research; Media and Games Invest

Operations holding up despite market headwinds Q2 sales, adjusted for divestments and Fx effects (€4.1m), were up some 3% Y/Y, spurred by the 13% growth in ad impressions and a 9% Y/Y rise in the number of software clients.

Figure 1: YTD Ad impressions are still growing



On a non-adjusted basis, revenue fell 2% Y/Y for the April-to-June period. Fx-adjusted OSG tallied 1% for the period with market headwinds continuing to pressure the net \$ expansion rate to 82% (figure 2 overleaf). Revenues were up around 11% Q/Q, and, despite headwinds, MGI management expect a normal quarterly cadence. Performance traditionally builds throughout the year as unused H1 budgets spill over into H2, while Q4 is boosted by holiday sale and Christmas effects.

AEBITDA totalled €21.3m for the three-month period (+1% Y/Y) despite the revenue contraction, whereas AEBIT, excluding PPA amortisation of ~€3.8m, was stable Y/Y and amounted to €16.6m. Profitability remains encouraging with the AEBITDA margin hitting 28% (Q2/22: 27%) and landing firmly within management's targeted corridor of 25% to 30%.

In the six months to July, the company recorded a 1% increase in turnover to €145m, while sales topped €325m with AEBITDA of €95m on an LTM basis

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Figure 2: Net \$ expansion rate development



Source: First Berlin Equity Research; Media and Games Invest

Table 2: Financial position highlights

EURm	Q2/23	2022	Variance
Cash	108	150	-28%
Liabilities (short- and long-term)	684	723	-5%
Net debt	308	274	12%
Intangible assets	800	791	1%
Total assets	1,003	1,045	-4%
Total equity	319	322	-1%
Equity ratio	32%	31%	-
Interest coverage ratio*	3.0x	4.0x	-
Net leverage ratio	3.2x	2.9x	-
* based on cash interest expenses			

Source: First Berlin Equity Research; Media and Games Invest

Equity ratio up to 32% Cash and liquid assets declined some 28% YTD on working capital consumption and bond buybacks. The leverage ratio stood at 3.2x at the six month juncture vs 2.9x at YE22 and 3.7x at the end of H1/22. The company expects working capital release to boost H2 FCF and help compress the leverage KPI back below 3.0x by YE23.

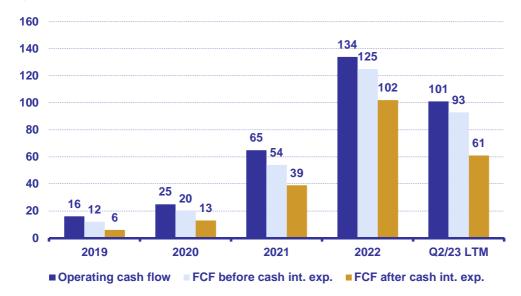
Table 3: Cash flow developments

EURm	Q2/23	Q2/22	Variance	2022
Operating cash flow	20.8	18.5	12%	78.9
Change in w orking capital	-7.7	2.8	n.m.	55.3
Net operating cash flow	13.1	21.3	-38%	134.2
Investing cash flow	-24.0	-116.6	n.m.	-176.7
Financing cash flow	-11.5	93.0	n.m.	12.3
Net cash flow	-22.4	-2.2	n.m.	-30.2
Cash & cash equivalents	107.6	125.4	-14%	150.0

Source: First Berlin Equity Research; Media and Games Invest

Operating cash flow before WC adjustments rose 12% Y/Y to €20.8m in the April-to-June period Cash consumption by higher receivables meant that net operating cash was down 38% Y/Y but still positive after a negative result in Q1/23. LTM conversion of AEBITDA into FCF was 61% vs 91% in 2022. We trace the decline to increasing cash interest expenses with 3 month Euribor on the rise.

Figure 3: Cash flow developments (EURm)



Source: First Berlin Equity Research; Media and Games Invest

Table 4: Updated guidance

		202	22 Results	(Guidance	
	Unit	Actual	Normalised*	2023 (old)	2023 (new)	FBe
Revenue	€m	324	303	335 - 345	At normalised 2022 levels ²	303
Grow th	%	29	20	3 - 7	0	-7
AEBITDA	€m	93	93	95 - 105	At 2022 levels	93
Grow th	%	31	31	2 - 13	0	0

Source: Media and Games Invest

Reduced guidance on still soft ad spend Management are now calling for sales on par with "normalised" 2022 turnover, which strips out €12m in Fx-headwinds and €9m in divested sales after the company cleaned up its gaming portfolio. Regardless of comps, the new guidance is a step down from the financial guide given in May 2023 that still factored in topline growth of 3% to 7% vs non-normalised 2022A. Cost cutting measures should boost margins and allow MGI to match the prior year AEBITDA of €93m. We have realigned our 2023 targets and also dialled back 2024 growth to 8% (old: 16%).

Table 5: Updated FBe and TP

	old	new	revision	upside	dividend yield	total return
Price target (€)	4.0	3.2	-20.0%	179.7%	0.0%	179.7%
		2023E			2024E	
All figures in € '000	old	new	revision	old	new	revision
Revenue	335,521	303,355	-9.6%	388,198	326,107	-16.0%
EBITDA	88,680	86,653	-2.3%	104,691	90,014	-14.0%
Margin (%)	26.4%	28.6%	-	27.0%	27.6%	-
EBIT	56,150	56,885	1.3%	68,631	58,115	-15.3%
Margin (%)	16.7%	18.8%	-	17.7%	17.8%	-
AEBITDA*	95,180	92,653	-2.7%	104,691	94,014	-10.2%
Margin (%)	Margin (%) 28.4% 30.5%		-	27.0%	28.8%	-
*adjusted for one-offs						

Source: First Berlin Equity Research estimates

VALUATION MODEL

Our recalibrated forecasts now point to a €3.2 target price (old: €4.0). We remain Buy-rated on Media and Games Invest and believe the company can effectively batten down the hatches during the current market downswing.

Table 6: DCF model

All figures in EUR '000	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	2029E	2030E
Revenue	303,355	326,107	371,762	412,656	445,668	467,952	491,349	511,003
NOPLAT	41,122	42,336	48,575	58,785	63,681	67,561	71,977	75,716
(+) depreciation & amortisation	29,768	31,899	33,458	28,998	31,210	32,703	34,270	35,587
(=) Net operating cash flow	70,890	74,235	82,033	87,783	94,891	100,264	106,248	111,304
(-) Investments	-47,606	-36,575	-39,077	-27,284	-27,306	-27,070	-27,270	-26,828
(-) Working capital	-5,274	-1,530	-1,576	-1,719	-1,567	-1,291	-1,373	1,513
(=) Free cash flows (FCF)	18,010	36,130	41,380	58,781	66,017	71,903	77,605	85,989
PV of FCF's	17,468	31,667	32,774	42,071	42,698	42,024	40,986	41,038

25.4%

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					Terminal EBIT margin			
All figures in thousands				15.4%	17.4%	19.4%	21.4%	23.4%
PV of FCFs in explicit period	399,795		9.2%	3.24	3.64	4.04	4.44	4.84
PV of FCFs in terminal period	434,974	Q	9.7%	2.92	3.27	3.63	3.98	4.33
Enterprise value (EV)	834,769	WAC	10.2%	2.64	2.95	3.26	3.58	3.89
(+) Net cash / (-) net debt (pro-forma)	-271,297	>	10.7%	2.38	2.67	2.95	3.23	3.51
(-) Non-controlling interests	-501		11.2%	2.16	2.42	2.67	2.92	3.18
Shareholder value	562,972		11.7%	1.96	2.19	2.42	2.65	2.88
Fair value per share (€)	3.20		12.2%	1.78	1.99	2.20	2.41	2.61

						Terminal g	rowth rate			
				1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%
Cost of equity	13.5%		9.2%	3.75	3.95	4.18	4.44	4.74	5.10	5.53
Pre-tax cost of debt	9.0%	ပ	9.7%	3.40	3.57	3.76	3.98	4.23	4.52	4.86
Tax rate	28.0%	AC	10.2%	3.09	3.23	3.40	3.58	3.79	4.03	4.31
After-tax cost of debt	6.5%	>	10.7%	2.81	2.94	3.08	3.23	3.41	3.61	3.84
Share of equity capital	60.0%		11.2%	2.56	2.67	2.79	2.92	3.07	3.24	3.43
Share of debt capital	40.0%		11.7%	2.34	2.43	2.54	2.65	2.78	2.92	3.08
WACC	10.7%		12.2%	2.14	2.22	2.31	2.41	2.52	2.64	2.77

 $^{^*\!}P$ lease note our model runs through 2033 and we have only shown the abbreviated version for formatting purposes and the contraction of the c



INCOME STATEMENT

12 September 2023

All figures in EUR '000	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Revenues	83,893	140,220	252,166	324,444	303,355	326,107
Capitalised w ork	10,187	15,994	22,851	28,928	29,978	23,969
Total output	94,080	156,214	275,017	353,373	333,333	350,076
Services purchased + Other OpEx	-55,815	-96,365	-162,623	-215,619	-178,980	-192,142
Personnel expenses	-27,359	-39,573	-55,978	-76,207	-72,805	-73,178
Other operating income	4,636	6,272	8,626	23,206	5,105	5,258
EBITDA	15,542	26,549	65,042	84,753	86,653	90,014
Depreciation & amortisation	-10,543	-15,508	-28,238	-58,135	-29,768	-31,899
Operating income (EBIT)	4,999	11,041	36,804	26,618	56,885	58,115
Net financial result	-5,758	-7,139	-21,919	-37,959	-46,576	-44,642
Pre-tax income (EBT)	-759	3,901	14,885	-11,341	10,309	13,473
Income taxes	2,012	-1,194	1,169	-9,064	-4,131	-9,279
Net income	1,253	2,707	16,054	-20,405	6,179	4,194
Discontinued operations	0	0	0	0	0	0
Consolidated profit	1,253	2,707	16,054	-20,405	6,179	4,194
Minority interests	-1,577	352	7	88	-6	-4
Net income to owners	-324	3,059	16,060	-20,317	6,172	4,190
Diluted EPS (in €)	-0.01	0.03	0.11	-0.13	0.03	0.02
Adj. EPS (excl PPA amort.) (diluted)	-0.01	0.04	0.20	0.14	0.10	0.09
AEBITDA (excl: one-offs)	18,110	29,090	71,100	93,153	92,653	94,014
AEBIT (excl: PPA amort. & one-offs)	4,999	14,916	54,826	76,508	72,935	72,165
Ratios						
EBITDA margin on revenues	18.5%	18.9%	25.8%	26.1%	28.6%	27.6%
EBIT margin on revenues	6.0%	7.9%	14.6%	8.2%	18.8%	17.8%
Net margin on revenues	-0.4%	2.2%	6.4%	-6.3%	2.0%	1.3%
AEBITDA margin on revenues	21.6%	20.7%	28.2%	28.7%	30.5%	28.8%
Tax rate	n.a.	30.6%	n.a.	-79.9%	10.0%	32.5%
Expenses as % of revenues						
Services purchased + Other OpEx	66.5%	68.7%	64.5%	66.5%	59.0%	58.9%
Personnel expenses	32.6%	28.2%	22.2%	23.5%	24.0%	22.4%
Depreciation & amortisation	12.6%	11.1%	11.2%	17.9%	9.8%	9.8%
Y-Y Growth						
Revenues	157.2%	67.1%	79.8%	28.7%	-6.5%	7.5%
EBITDA	79.8%	70.8%	145.0%	30.3%	2.2%	3.9%
Operating income	114.7%	120.9%	233.4%	-27.7%	113.7%	2.2%
Net income/ loss	n.m.	n.m.	425.0%	n.m.	n.m.	-32.1%

BALANCE SHEET

12 September 2023

All figures in EUR '000	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Assets						
Current assets, total	55,856	92,375	283,599	221,022	179,061	183,440
Cash and equivalents	32,984	46,254	180,157	149,992	112,573	111,965
Trade receivables	22,872	46,121	103,442	71,030	66,489	71,476
Non-current assets, total	256,593	293,467	650,495	823,637	814,662	808,182
Property, plant & equipment	3,521	1,742	4,681	5,522	5,825	5,988
Intangible assets	233,208	272,829	605,746	791,284	799,132	792,343
Deferred taxes	11,215	15,737	11,545	6,651	6,784	6,920
Investments in associated companies	6,410	1,207	1,154	1,003	1,003	1,003
Other financial assets	2,239	1,952	27,369	19,177	1,918	1,927
Total assets	312,449	385,842	934,094	1,044,659	993,724	991,622
Shareholders' equity & debt						
Current liabilities, total	54,544	78,205	243,434	219,471	169,793	162,999
Trade payables	20,274	30,037	53,754	68,711	59,325	62,514
ST financial debt	6,772	6,087	32,027	31,903	0	0
Provisions	12,585	17,257	54,036	65,225	66,203	67,196
Other current financial liabilities	0	12,897	83,568	32,290	22,603	11,302
Other current liabilities	14,913	11,927	20,049	21,342	21,662	21,987
Long term liabilites, total	89,347	130,792	383,168	503,443	496,007	496,505
Long-term debt	8,369	11,671	16,034	89,618	89,618	89,618
Bonds	63,988	95,355	343,925	389,386	381,461	381,461
Other LT liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Deferred tax liabilities	16,990	23,766	23,209	24,439	24,928	25,426
Shareholders' equity	168,558	176,845	307,492	321,745	327,924	332,118
Total consolidated equity and debt	312,449	385,842	934,094	1,044,659	993,724	991,622
Ratios		······································				***************************************
Current ratio (x)	1.0	1.2	1.2	1.0	1.1	1.1
Net debt	37,776	55,188	195,795	271,297	268,888	269,496
ICR (x)	3.1	4.1	4.6	4.0	3.3	3.5
Net gearing	22%	31%	64%	84%	82%	81%
Net debt / EBITDA (x)	2.1	1.9	2.8	2.9	2.9	2.9
Equity ratio	54%	46%	33%	31%	33%	33%
Return on equity (ROE)	0.7%	1.5%	5.2%	-6.3%	1.9%	1.3%
Capital employed (CE)	257,905	307,637	690,660	825,188	823,931	828,623
Return on capital employed (ROCE)	2%	4%	5%	3%	7%	7%



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

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All figures in EUR '000	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E
Net income	1,253	2,707	16,054	-20,405	6,179	4,194
Depreciation and amortisation	10,543	15,508	28,238	58,135	29,768	31,899
Results from sale of subsidaries	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-cash adjustments	-5,752	4,072	1,165	4,805	0	0
Net interest expense	5,529	6,264	21,600	35,061	46,576	44,642
Tax result	-822	1,194	1,939	5,702	4,131	9,279
Operating cash flow	10,751	29,745	68,996	83,298	86,653	90,014
Tax expense	0	0	-425	-4,362	-4,131	-9,279
Change in w orking capital	5,365	-4,543	-4,634	55,284	-3,191	-117
Net operating cash flow	16,116	25,202	63,937	134,220	79,331	80,619
Cash flow from investing	-12,987	-37,707	-294,729	-176,672	-30,348	-36,584
Cash flow from financing	25,408	25,774	364,695	12,288	-86,404	-44,642
Net cash flows	28,537	13,269	133,903	-30,164	-37,420	-608
Fx adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cash, start of the year	4,447	32,984	46,254	180,157	149,992	112,573
Cash, end of the year	32,984	46,253	180,157	149,992	112,573	111,965
Free cash flow (FCF)	3,129	-12,505	-230,792	-42,452	48,984	44,034
FCFps (in €)	0.05	-0.15	-1.63	-0.27	0.31	0.28
Y-Y Growth						
Operating cash flow	132.2%	56.4%	153.7%	109.9%	-40.9%	1.6%
Free cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	-10.1%
FCF / share	-74.6%	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	-10.1%



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Category			2	
Current market	capitalisation (in €)	0 - 2 billion	> 2 billion	
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Buy	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 25%	> 15%	
Add	An expected favourable price trend of:	0% to 25%	0% to 15%	
Reduce	An expected negative price trend of:	0% to -15%	0% to -10%	
Sell	An expected negative price trend of:	< -15%	< -10%	

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23	25 April 2022	€3.23	Buy	€7.90
24	4 May 2022	€3.29	Buy	€8.20
25	2 June 2022	€3.08	Buy	€8.20
26	29 July 2022	€2.24	Buy	€4.40
27	9 September 2022	€1.92	Buy	€4.40
28	17 November 2022	€1.79	Buy	€4.40
29	6 March 2023	€1.62	Buy	€4.00
30	2 June 2023	€1.10	Buy	€4.00
31	Today	€1.14	Buy	€3.20

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