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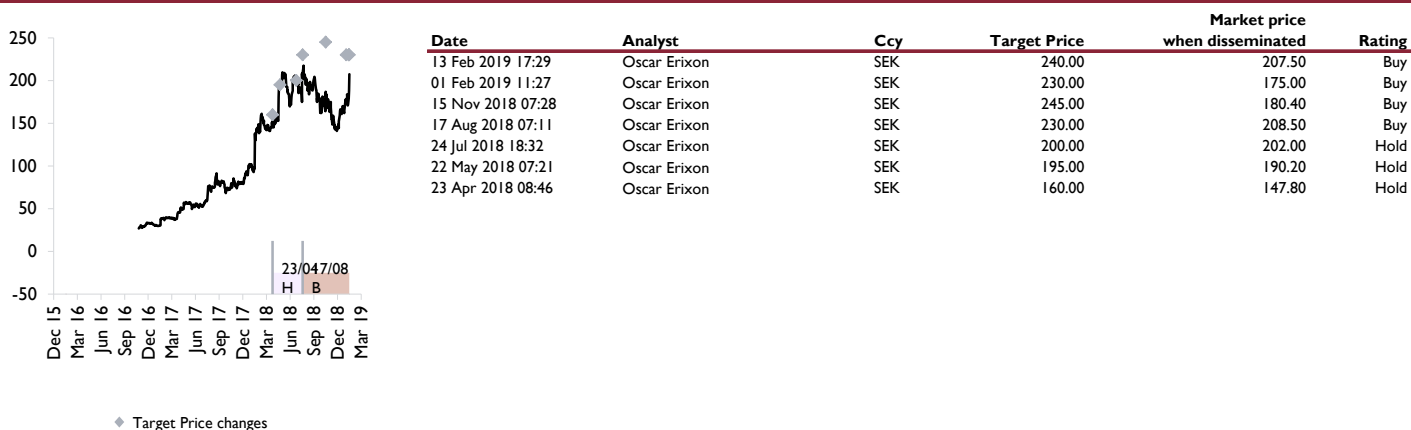
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Our **Target Price Horizon** is 6–12 months

Source: Carnegie Research, Factset

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Hold	38	26
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