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> Fair value: SEK4.8–6.3 Share price: SEK3.29

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EBITDA break-even target for 2025 reiterated – Q1 review

The Q1 2025 numbers were disappointing, coming in below our estimates on both sales and EBITDA. Still, the company repeated its target to reach EBITDA break-even in 2025. We believe that it is possible, but it will be close.

**Q1 was a lacklustre quarter**, with revenue declining 7% Y/Y to SEK38.6m, which was 15% below our estimate. ARR came to SEK136.7m, corresponding to 6% growth Y/Y. The main reason for the deviation was lower sales from Strawbees in the US, where the increased political turbulence has led to longer procurement processes for American schools. Q1 EBITDA was SEK-6.6m, compared to our estimate of SEK-3.7m, highlighting strong cost control in the quarter.

**We still believe reaching the EBITDA break-even target is possible.** Given the challenges for Strawbees and the lacklustre Q1 report, we have lowered our sales estimates for 2025–27e by an average of 8%. We have lowered our EBITDA forecast by SEK-4m for 2025e, and by an average SEK10m for 2026–27e.

**Clear steps towards break-even needed.** Although EBITDA improved by SEK6.1m Y/Y we believe positive or close to positive EBITDA numbers are needed to improve confidence in the company.

We have lowered our fair value range to SEK4.8–6.3 (6–8), following our estimate revisions. Albert currently has a market cap of ~SEK80m compared to cash and cash equivalents of SEK55m, which in our view is a sign that the market does not believe that the company will be able to reach positive cash flow with the current available liquidity.

Changes in this r	eport			Key figures (SEK)	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e	Share price – 5-year
	From	То	Chç	Sales (m)	178	178	201	219	
EPS adj. 2025e	-1.15	-1.31	-14%	EBITDA (m)	-31	-1	1	6	60.0
EPS adj. 2026e	-0.80	-1.22	-53%	EBIT (m)	-115	-67	-50	-37	50.0
EPS adj. 2027e	-0.32	-0.69	-115%	EPS	-4.17	-2.66	-2.00	-1.46	40.0
Upcoming events	;			EPS adj.	-3.16	-1.31	-1.22	-0.69	40.0
				DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	30.0
				Sales growth Y/Y	-9%	0%	12%	9%	20.0
				EPS adj. growth Y/Y	-chg	+chg	+chg	+chg	20.0
Key facts				EBIT margin	-64.7%	-37.3%	-25.0%	-16.8%	10.0
•			05.4	P/E adj.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	0.0
No. shares (m)			25.1	EV/EBIT	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	Oct 2021 Oct 2022 Oct 2023 Oct 2024
Market cap. (USDm)			9 83	EV/EBITA	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	
Market cap. (SEKm) Net IB Debt. (SEKm)			-9	EV/EBITDA	neg.	neg.	60.7	12.7	eEducation Albert
Adjustments (SEKm)			-9 0	P/BV	0.8	1.9	neg.	neg.	
EV (2025e) (SEKm)			74	Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	OMX Stockholm_PI (Se) (Rebased)
Free float			0.0%	FCF yield	-26.5%	-32.8%	-6.2%	2.6%	High/Low (12M) SEK4.3/2.3
Avg. daily vol. ('000)			18	Equity/Total Assets	51.8%	33.2%	-7.9%	-69.9%	
BBG		ALBE	ERT SS	ROCE	-61.3%	-70.4%	-137.7%	n.m.	Perf. 3M 6M 12M YTI
Fiscal year end		De	cember	ROE adj.	-49.5%	-42.9%	-168.9%	68.3%	Abs. 7.17 -10.11 -17.75 20.0
Share price as of (CE	ET) 20	0 May 202	5 00:00	Net IB debt/EBITDA	1.2	14.8	-2.9	-1.0	Rel. 13.76 -13.31 -14.83 18.1

Source: DNB Carnegie (estimates), FactSet, Infront & company data

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Equity story Near term: within 12M	We argue that clear steps towards profitability are key for the story. We believe the current valuation indicates that Albert will need to raise capital in order to reach profitability. In our estimates, the company will reach positive cash flow during 2026e and start to show positive EBITDA on a quarterly basis during 2025e.
Long term outlook: 5Y+	We believe that M&A will be the focus for Albert once it has reached profitability. The European edtech market is fragmented compared to other markets, and we believe that there is potential to consolidate it further. Albert has a good track record in M&A, as shown by the B2B segment, which consists of a number of acquired companies.
Key risks:	<ul> <li>Given that Albert does not have positive cash flow, the liquidity situation is the main risk</li> <li>Regulatory risks related to minors' usage of screens and devices</li> <li>FX as Albert has sales in EUR, GBP and USD, but reports in SEK</li> </ul>

### **Company description**

Albert is a leading European edtech group with a presence in around 10 countries with six strong local brands. The company works both B2B, where the products are sold to schools, and B2C where the company offers a subscription-based platform for several subjects. The B2C platform is linked to the local curriculum.

### Key industry drivers

- Increased digitalisation in the education system
- Worsening school results in Europe

### Industry outlook

- Investments in education are increasing
- Sentiment for consumer subscription apps has improved

### Largest shareholders, capital

Schibsted ASA	13.2%
A. Ahlström Oy	8.1%
Muirfield Invest Aktiebolag	8.0%

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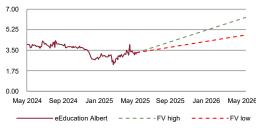
### Key peers

Skolon, Storytel, Sleep Cycle

### Valuation and methodology

We use a multiples valuation (2026 EV/S) for our fair value range. Given the current negative cash flow, we use our 2026 net cash estimate in the valuation.

### Fair value range 12M



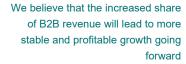
The top end of our fair value range represents an acceleration in growth. We believe this scenario is dependent on a return to positive EBITDA in H1 2025 and early signs of profitable growth. The lower end of our fair value range is based on the company reaching sales of SEK201m in 2026e, in line with our estimates. In this scenario, we see a more cautious path towards positive EBITDA.

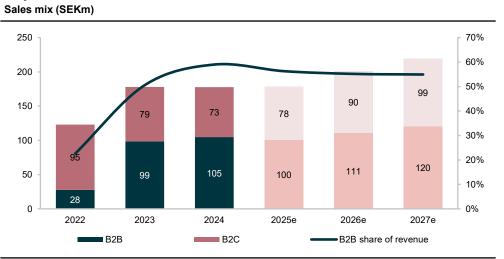
#### Key metrics PE 12-months forward Long-term valuation trend 100.0% 90.0% 3 200 80.0% 70.0% 3 150 60.0% 2 50.0% 2 100 40.0% 0 30.0% 0 1 50 20.0% 0 10.0% 1 0 0 0.0% 0 0 2024 2025e 2026e 2027e 2020 2021 2022 2023 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025e 2026e 2027e 2020 2021 2022 2023 2024 2025e 2026e 2027e P/E adj. YE. Sales (mSEK) EBITA margin (%) EV/EBITA



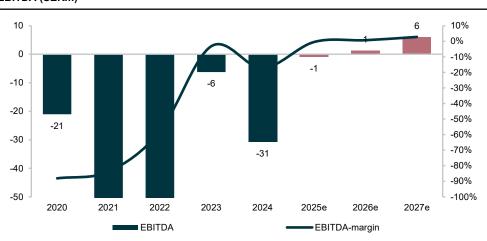
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## Key charts

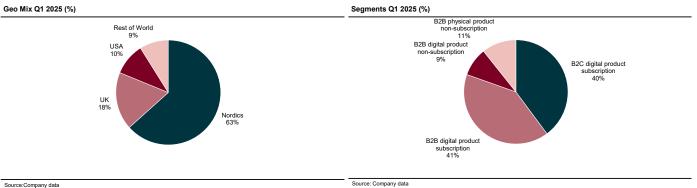




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### EBITDA (SEKm)



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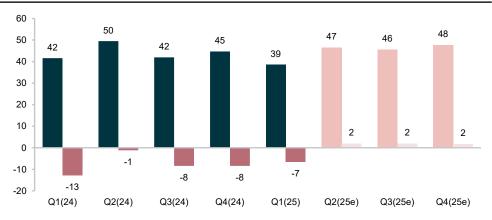
We estimate that Albert will start to show positive EBITDA on a quarterly basis during 2025e. Furthermore, we believe that profitability will be prioritised over growth, as marketing investments are a key component in B2C growth

Given the decline in invoiced sales

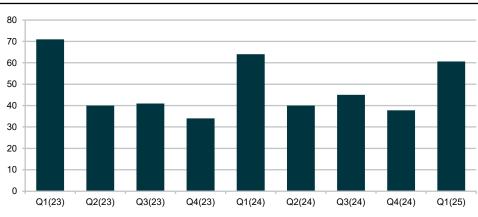
Y/Y in Q1 2025e, we estimate a

decline in sales Y/Y in Q2 2025e.

### Sales and EBITDA (SEKm)

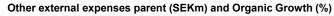


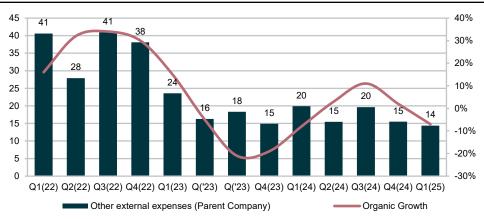
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### Invoiced sales (SEKm)

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Marketing investments are substantially lower now than in 2022-23, highlighting a more sustainable patten in user acquisition

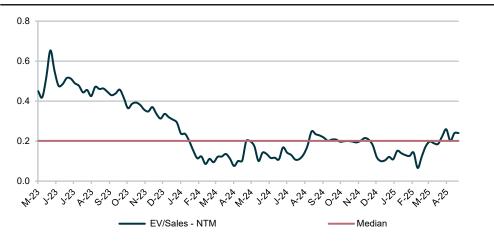
Source: Company data



## Valuation

We have revised our fair value range to SEK4.8–6.3 (6–8). We look at 2026 estimates for sales and net cash to reach our fair value range for Albert. The lower end of our range is based on our sales estimate of SEK201m for 2026e and an EV/S of 0.6x. The higher end is based on a scenario where we see a clear acceleration in growth during 2025–26e, with the company reaching sales of SEK260m in 2026e.





Source: DNB Carnegie (estimates), FactSet \*FactSet uses current Net debt in EV calculation

### Risks

**Liquidity risk:** As Albert does not have positive cash flow, the liquidity situation is the main risk. We therefore see increased profitability and cash flows as important going forward.

**Regulatory risk:** These is an increased debate in society related to minors' usage of screens and devices. Since Albert has developed an app to be used on a smartphone or a tablet, this debate could lead to less usage among its customers.

**FX risks:** Albert has revenues in a number of foreign currencies such as USD, EUR and GBP. Costs are in both SEK and local currencies.



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Albert - Estimate changes	2025e	2025e		2026e	2026e		2027e	2027e	
(SEKm)	Old	New	Chg	Old	New	Chg	Old	New	Chg
Sales	195	178	-9%	217.3	200.7	-8%	237	219	-8%
Growth	9.9%	0.4%	-952 bps	11.2%	12.5%	+127 bps	9.2%	9.2%	-5 bps
EBITDA	3	-1	-119%	12	1	-89%	15	6	-60%
EBITDA margin	1.6%	-0.3%	-196 bps	5.5%	0.6%	-486 bps	6.4%	2.8%	-367 bps
EO	0.0	0.0	n.m	0	0	n.m	0	0	n.m
Adj. EBITDA	3	-1	-119%	12	1	-89%	15	6	-60%
Adj. EBITDA marign	1.6%	-0.3%	-196 bps	5.5%	0.6%	-486 bps	6%	2.8%	-367 bps
Pre-tax profit	-60	-67	n.m.	-40	-50	n.m.	-28	-37	n.m
Net profit	-60	-67	n.m.	-40	-50	n.m.	-28	-37	n.m
EPS (SEK)	-2.37	-2.66	n.m.	-1.57	-2.00	n.m.	-1.10	-1.46	n.m
EPS adj* (SEK)	-1.15	-1.31	n.m.	-0.80	-1.22	n.m.	-0.32	-0.69	n.m



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Interim figures												
QUARTERLY DATA (SEKm)	2023Q1	2023Q2	2023Q3	2023Q4	2024Q1	2024Q2	2024Q3	2024Q4	2025Q1	2025Q2e	2025Q3e	2025Q4e
Financial Year End	2023-03-31	2023-06-30	2023-09-30	2023-12-31	2024-03-31	2024-06-30	2024-09-30	2024-12-31	2025-03-31	2025-06-30	2025-09-30	2025-12-31
Sales	42	48	44	48	42	50	42	45	39	47	46	48
EBITDA	-7	-3	-3	7	-13	-1	-8	-8	-7	2	2	2
EBITA	-17	-10	-7	-18	-22	-11	-29	-15	-10	-6	-6	-6
Adjusted EBITA	-17	-10	-7	-27	-19	-11	-29	-15	-10	-6	-6	-6
EBIT	-22	-21	-21	-23	-29	-18	-35	-23	-21	-14	-14	-14
Adjusted EBIT	-22	-21	-21	-32	-27	-17	-35	-23	-21	-14	-14	-14
Net Financial Items	0	-1	-1	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
EAFI	-23	-21	-22	-31	-26	-18	-35	-22	-21	-14	-14	-14
Pre-Tax Profit	-22	-20	-20	-23	-28	-18	-35	-22	-21	-14	-14	-14
Adjusted Pre-Tax Profit	-22	-20	-20	-32	-26	-17	-35	-22	-21	-14	-14	-14
Net Profit	-20	-18	-18	-24	-27	-17	-29	-21	-20	-14	-14	-14
Adjusted Net Profit	-20	-18	-18	-33	-24	-16	-29	-21	-20	-14	-14	-14
EPS (SEK)	-0.8	-0.7	-0.7	-0.9	-1.0	-0.7	-1.2	-0.9	-0.8	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Adjusted EPS (SEK)	-0.8	-0.7	-0.7	-1.0	-0.7	-0.4	-0.9	-0.4	-0.5	-0.2	-0.2	-0.4

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Financial statements										
Profit & loss (SEKm)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Sales	0	0	24	63	123	195	178	178	201	219
COGS	0	0	0	0	0	0	-5	-5	-6	-7
Gross profit	0	0	24	63	123	195	172	173	195	213
Other income & costs	0	0	-45	-115	-194	-201	-203	-174	-193	-207
Share in ass. operations and JV	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
EBITDA	0	0	-21	-52	-71	-6	-31	-1	1	6
Depreciation PPE	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation lease assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amortisation development costs	0	0	0	0	0	0	-15	-25	-25	-16
Amortisation other intangibles	0	0	-5	-5	-31	-51	-44	-7	-7	-7
Impairments / writedowns	0	0 <b>0</b>	0 - <b>26</b>	0 - <b>57</b>	0 -103	0 - <b>58</b>	0 <b>-90</b>	0 - <b>33</b>	0 - <b>31</b>	0 - <b>17</b>
EBITA	0	0	- <b>26</b> 0	- <b>5</b> 7 0	-103	- <b>30</b> -29	-90 -25	-33 -34	- <b>31</b> -19	-17 -19
Amortization acquisition related Impairment acquisition related	0	0	0	0	0	-29	-25	-34	-19	-19
EBIT	0	0	-26	-57	-103	-87	-115	-67	-50	-37
Share in ass. operations and JV	0	0	-20	-57	-105	-07	-115	-07	-50	-57
Net financial items	0	0	0	0	Ö	2	1	Ő	0	0
of which interest income/expenses	0 0	0	Ő	Ő	Ő	2	1	õ	ő	0
of which interest on lease liabilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
of which other items	0 0	0	0	0	0	0 0	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax profit	Ő	Ő	-26	-57	-103	-85	-114	-67	-50	-37
Taxes	0	0	0	0	5	5	9	0	0	0
Post-tax minorities interest	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Discontinued operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit	0	0	-26	-57	-98	-80	-105	-67	-50	-37
Adjusted EBITDA	0	0	-21	-52	-71	-6	-31	-1	1	6
Adjusted EBITA	0	0	-21	-52	-103	-58	-90	-33	-31	-17
Adjusted EBIT	0	0	-26	-57	-103	-87	-115	-67	-50	-37
Adjusted net profit	0	0	-26	-57	-98	-51	-79	-33	-31	-17
Sales growth Y/Y	na	na	+chg	161.7%	96.7%	58.5%	-8.9%	0.4%	12.5%	9.2% 364.5%
EBITDA growth Y/Y EBITA growth Y/Y	na	na	-chg -chg	-chg -chg	-chg -chg	+chg +chg	-chg	+chg +chg	+chg +chg	304.5% +chg
EBIT growth Y/Y	na na	na na	-chg	-chg	-chg	+chg	-chg -chg	+chg	+chg	+chg
-			-	-	-	-	-	•	-	-
EBITDA margin	nm	nm	-87.6%	-83.4%	-58.0%	-3.2%	-17.2%	-0.3%	0.6%	2.8%
EBITA margin	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
EBIT margin	nm	nm	-110.0%	-91.1%	-83.3%	-44.4%	-64.7%	-37.3%	-25.0%	-16.8%
Tax rate	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Cash flow (SEKm)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
EBITDA	0	0	-21	-52	-71	-6	-31	-1	1	6
Paid taxes	0	0	0	0	5	2	9	0	0	0
Change in NWC	0	-7	9	1	18	-3	4	-16	4	8
Discontinued operations	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total operating activities	0	-7	-12	-52	-48	-5	-16	-17	5	14
Capex tangible assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Capitalised development costs	0	0	-6	-8	-17	-16	-7	-10	-10	-12
Capex - other intangible assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Acquisitions/divestments	0	0	0	-5	-67	-45	0	0	0	0
Other non-cash adjustments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total investing activities	0	0	-6	-13	-83	-62	-7	-10	-10	-12
Net financial items	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	0	0
Lease payments	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dividend paid and received	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Share issues & buybacks	0	0	66	249	0	67	0	0	0	0
Change in bank debt	0	0	-1	-2	0	-10	-4	0	0	0
Other cash flow items	0	0	0	-1	0	-2	0	0	0	0
Total financing activities	0	0	65	247	0	55	-4	0	0	0
Operating cash flow	0	-7	-12	-52	-48	-5	-16	-17	5	14
Free cash flow	0	-7	-18	-60	-65	-20	-22	-27	-5	2
Net cash flow	0	-7	48	183	-131	-12	-27	-27	-5	2
Change in net IB debt	0	-7	48	184	-130	-2	-22	-27	-5	2
Capex / Sales	nm	nm	0.8%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
NWC / Sales	nm	nm	8.3%	-3.9%	-9.4%	-16.6%	-25.4%	-21.5%	-16.2%	-17.6%



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Financial statements, cont.										
Balance sheet (SEKm)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Acquired intangible assets	0	0	0	0	21	97	73	39	20	0
Other fixed intangible assets	0	0	0	12	46	35	26	19	12	5
Capitalised development	0	4 0	5 0	9 0	48 0	74 1	34 0	20 0	5 0	1 0
Tangible assets Lease assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other IB assets (1)	ů 0	0	0	ů 0	ů 0	ů 0	0	0	0	0
Other non-IB assets	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Fixed assets	0	5	6	22	116	208	134	79	37	7
Inventories (2)	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	6	6
Receivables (2)	0 0	0 9	0 0	5 0	7 4	15 5	15	15 10	17	18 12
Prepaid exp. & other NWC items (2) IB current assets (1)	0	9	0	0	4 0	5 0	10 0	0	11 0	0
Other current assets	0	1	2	1	73	7	4	4	4	4
Cash & cash equivalents (1)	0	21	69	251	104	80	44	18	13	15
Current assets	0	31	71	258	188	108	78	52	50	56
Total assets	0	36	77	280	304	315	213	130	88	62
Shareholders' equity	0	30	70	267	239	210	110	43	-7	-44
Minorities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other equity	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total equity Deferred tax	<b>0</b> 0	<b>30</b> 0	<b>70</b> 0	<b>267</b> 0	<b>239</b> 0	<b>210</b> 18	<b>110</b> 9	<b>43</b> 9	<b>-7</b> 9	<b>-44</b> 9
LT IB debt (1)	0	0	0	0	0	9	9 6	9 6	9 6	9 6
Other IB provisions (1)	ů 0	0	0	ů 0	ů 0	0	0	0	0	0
Lease libilities	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-IB liabilities	0	2	1	2	28	0	0	0	0	0
LT liabilities	0	2	1	2	28	28	16	16	16	16
ST IB debt (1)	0	0 1	0 0	0	0 7	3 5	2	2 7	2 8	2
Payables (2) Accrued exp. & other NWC items (2)	0	2	2	2 6	25	5 59	6 70	7 54	8 60	8 71
Other ST non-IB liabilities	0	1	3	2	4	11	8	8	8	8
Liabilities - assets held for sale	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Current liabilities	0	4	6	10	37	78	87	71	79	90
Total equity and liabilities	0	36	77	280	304	315	213	130	88	62
Net IB debt (=1)	0	-21	-69	-251	-104	-69	-36	-9	-4	-6
Net working capital (NWC) (=2)	0	7	-3	-2	-21	-44	-46	-31	-34	-43
Capital employed (CE) Capital invested (CI)	0 0	32 7	71 -2	270 10	268 47	240 90	128 53	62 28	11 -2	-25 -37
Equity / Total assets Net IB debt / EBITDA	nm nm	85% nm	91% 3.3	95% 4.8	79% 1.5	67% 11.1	52% 1.2	33% 14.8	-8% -2.9	-70% -1.0
Per share data (SEK)	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
Adj. no. of shares in issue YE (m)	0.00	0.00	0.08	35.12	17.86	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13
Diluted no. of Shares YE (m)	0.00	0.00	0.00	35.12	17.86	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13	25.13
EPS	na	na	-679.14	-3.25	-3.69	-3.71	-4.17	-2.66	-2.00	-1.46
EPS adj.	na	na	-679.14	-3.25	-3.69	-2.36	-3.16	-1.31	-1.22	-0.69
CEPS	na	na	-541.66	-2.97	-2.51	0.03	-0.81	-0.04	0.05	0.24
DPS BVPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
	na	na	900.2	7.61	13.4	8.37	4.39	1.72	-0.27	-1.74
Performance measures	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
	nm	0.0%	-52.7%	-33.9%	-38.6%	-35.5%	-65.3%	-87.1%	-275.8%	145.4%
Adj. ROCE pre-tax Adj. ROIC after-tax	na na	na na	-51.1% -974.1%	-33.5% -1327.8%	-38.2% -355.7%	-21.8% -84.2%	-47.6% -125.6%	-34.7% -80.5%	-84.3% -241.7%	246.7% 86.7%
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Valuation	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025e	2026e	2027e
FCF yield Dividend yield YE	0.0%	-7.9% na	-21.7%	-72.2% 0.0%	-78.6% 0.0%	-24.1% 0.0%	-26.5% 0.0%	-32.8% 0.0%	-6.2% 0.0%	2.6% 0.0%
Dividend payout ratio	na na	na	na 0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Dividend + buy backs yield YE	na	na	na	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EV/Sales YE	na	na	na	20.23	2.05	0.45	0.19	0.41	0.39	0.35 12 7
	na	na	na	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	>50	12.7
EV/EBITA YE	na	na	na	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
EV/EBITA adj. YE	na	na	na	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
EV/EBIT YE	na	na	na	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.	neg.
	na	na	na	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
P/E adj. YE P/BV YE	na	na	na	nm 5.68	nm 1.49	nm 0.74	nm 0.62	nm 1.91	nm	nm
	na	na	na						neg.	neg.
Share price YE (SEK)				43.2	20.0	6.22	2.74	3.29		

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