# TAKE OFF

THE OUTLET COMPANY

# **FLASH NOTE**

# OUTPERFORM

Current Share Price (€): 0.86 Target Price (€): 1.90

#### **Take Off - 1Y Performance**



07/03/23 07/06/23 07/09/23 07/12/23 —Take Off Share Price —FTSE Italia Growth Index Source: S&P Capital IQ - Note: 07/03/2023=100

#### **Company data**

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Apparel retail
Euronext Growth Milan
0.86
06/03/2024
15.6
13.4
39.1%
15,070
119,197
1.90
122%
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#### Share price performance

	1M	3M	6M	1Y
Take Off - Absolute (%)	-14%	-12%	-53%	-76%
FTSE Italia Growth (%)	-1%	2%	-6%	-14%
1Y Range H/L (€)			3.65	0.69
YTD Change (€) / %			-0.12	-12%
Source: S&P Capital IQ				

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# FY23 KPIs and conservative estimates

## Stock performance: stable after 2023 downtrend

Since our last note (October  $3^{rd}$ ), Take Off share price, which then was in the region of  $\pounds$ 1.10, is currently stable around  $\pounds$ 0.90.

# FY23 preview: Sales in line YoY, profitability slowdown

Take Off disclosed FY23 preview, with €29.9m sales, in line with FY22, driven by Take Off outlet sales growth up to €24.6m (+3.9% YoY), offsetting Over sales decline (€5.3m, -13%). Average transaction price grew from €18.42 in 2022 to €19.62, with Take Off at €28.36 and Overkids at €8.18. Operating profitability is expected in the region of 15%, revising upward the profit warning issued in mid-October which anticipated a worsening of 2023E profitability outlook below 9% EBITDA margin. According to management the current high inflation framework which is shrinking household disposable income and the shifting of weather conditions compared to fashion seasons, have been affecting sales.

# Moderate slowdown in Q4 sales, stores relocation strategy follows on

Take Off reported a lower than expected Q4 2023, with sales at  $\xi$ 7.8m, down by 24% on Q4 2022, a frequent condition among the apparel retail industry. Sales breakdown: Take Off outlet sales were  $\xi$ 6.4m (-21.4% YoY) and Over recorded  $\xi$ 1.3m sales, -34.7%. Take Off is continuing with the repositioning strategy of stores, resulting in 12 closedowns, of which 9 located in department stores in northern and central Italy. Conversely, 2 openings have been announced within year end in Abruzzo and Marche.

## Estimates revision: 2023E adjustment

On the back of management guidance, KPIs and general economic backdrop, we adjust our 2023E sales estimates and factor in the expected profitability decrease. According to management, 2024 focus will be preserving a healthy financial profile and profitability, based on cost containment measures to resume retail network growth.

## Target Price €1.90 per share (from €3.34), OUTPERFORM rating

Following the expected impact of reorganization costs and operating profit reduction, we have reperformed the valuation according to the short-term perspective accompanied by more conservative mid/long-term assumptions. The revised DCF suggests an EV under the symmetrically revised EV/Sales multiples threshold, suitable to take into account Take Off retail network value as an asset, regardless of current financial performance. Based on the resulting range of  $\pounds$ 1.22-3.85 per share, we adjust our target price to  $\pounds$ 1.90, with a 122% upside on current market price. Rating OUTPERFORM confirmed.

## **KEY FINANCIALS AND ESTIMATES**

€m	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales	26.4	29.8	29.6	30.2	31.5
YoY %	25%	13%	-1%	2%	4%
EBITDA	9.5	7.3	4.4	4.6	5.0
Margin on Sales	36%	24%	15%	15%	16%
EBIT	7.7	5.0	1.4	1.7	2.0
Margin on Sales	29%	17%	5%	6%	6%
Net Income	5.6	3.5	0.8	1.1	1.3
Net (Debt) Cash	12.1	7.0	4.2	6.9	10.5
Equity	23.7	24.4	24.3	25.3	26.6

Source: Company data 2021-22A, EnVent Research 2023-25E

Take Off, listed on Euronext Growth Milan since 2021, is an Italian fashion value-for-money retailer which operates through a chain of 51 stores selling women and men apparel and 114 stores selling childrenswear, with a joint business model: off-price retailer of products from designer brands and vertically integrated apparel retailer.

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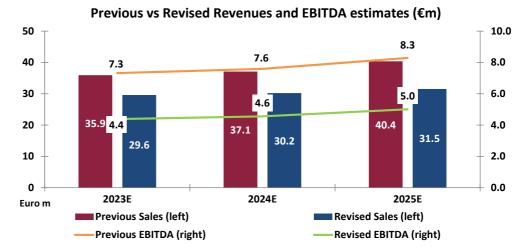


## **Business update**

• 2023: settlement agreement with Hangzhou Refine Import & Export Co. Ltd, an Over supplier, for €0.8m.

# **Estimates revision**

#### **Change in estimates**



Source: EnVent Research

	Revised			I	Previous		Change %	Change % (Rev vs P	
€m	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales	29.6	30.2	31.5	35.9	37.1	40.4	-18%	-19%	-22%
Revenues	29.9	30.5	31.8	36.2	37.4	40.7	-17%	-18%	-22%
EBITDA	4.4	4.6	5.0	7.3	7.6	8.3	-40%	-40%	-40%
Margin on Sales	15%	15%	16%	20%	20%	21%			
EBIT	1.4	1.7	2.0	4.8	4.5	4.5	-72%	-61%	-56%
Margin on Sales	5%	6%	6%	13%	12%	11%			
Net Income	0.8	1.1	1.3	3.3	3.0	3.1	-76%	-64%	-59%
Net (Debt) Cash	4.2	6.9	10.5	5.4	7.9	11.7	-22%	-13%	-10%

Source: EnVent Research

# **Market multiples**

	EV/REVENUES			EV/EBITDA		EV/EBIT			P/E			
Company	2022	2023E	2024E	2022	2023E	2024E	2022	2023E	2024E	2022	2023E	2024E
XLT	2.1x	2.4x	2.2x	19.0x	20.0x	17.4x	22.7x	23.8x	20.4x	29.3x	29.8x	25.1x
Ross Stores	2.2x	2.7x	2.5x	14.5x	21.3x	18.8x	16.5x	25.6x	22.5x	24.2x	33.4x	27.3x
<b>Burlington Stores</b>	1.8x	2.0x	1.8x	16.7x	25.7x	20.1x	21.6x	42.8x	31.3x	33.5x	49.2x	34.8x
Inditex	2.7x	3.7x	3.4x	13.3x	14.2x	12.3x	17.3x	21.6x	17.9x	23.8x	30.5x	23.9x
H&M	1.0x	1.2x	1.2x	14.2x	7.6x	6.6x	32.2x	19.6x	14.0x	50.4x	23.1x	16.4x
Fast Retailing (Uniqlo)	3.3x	4.5x	4.2x	21.6x	21.5x	19.5x	24.0x	32.7x	28.0x	29.8x	na	na
Gap	0.6x	0.7x	0.8x	7.0x	18.9x	11.0x	11.0x	nm	22.3x	16.8x	neg	15.9x
OVS	1.2x	1.2x	1.2x	9.0x	na	na	13.3x	16.7x	14.8x	12.0x	8.5x	8.0x
Monnalisa	0.9x	na	na	5.3x	na	na	7.3x	na	na	neg	na	na
Giglio.com	0.7x	0.3x	0.2x	neg	nm	7.6x	neg	neg	20.2x	neg	neg	26.5x
Mean	1.7x	2.1x	1.9x	13.4x	18.4x	14.2x	18.4x	26.1x	21.3x	27.5x	29.1x	22.2x
Median	1.5x	2.0x	1.8x	14.2x	20.0x	14.9x	17.3x	23.8x	20.4x	26.7x	30.1x	24.5x
Take Off	2.0x	0.4x	0.4x	11.1x	3.0x	3.1x	12.2x	3.3x	3.5x	19.5x	5.7x	6.0x

Source: EnVent Research on S&P Capital IQ, 06/03/2024



# Valuation

We have updated our DCF valuation and market multiples analysis.

#### **Discounted Cash Flows**

Updated assumptions:

- Risk free rate: 3.4% (Italia 10-year government bonds interest rate last 30 days average. Source: Bloomberg, March 2024)
- Market return: 12.8% (last 30 days average. Source: Bloomberg, March 2024)
- Market risk premium: 10.3%
- Beta: 1.2 (judgmental)
- Cost of equity: 14.7%
- Cost of debt: 5%
- Tax rate: 24% IRES
- 40% debt/(debt+equity)
- WACC calculated at 10.3%, according to above data, from previous 10%
- Perpetual growth rate after explicit projections (G): 2.5%
- Terminal value assumes a normalized sustainable EBIT margin of 8.7% from 17%

**DCF** Valuation

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2023E	2024E	2025E	Perpetuity
29.9	30.5	31.8	32.6
1.4	1.7	2.0	2.8
4.6%	5.8%	6.4%	8.7%
(0.4)	(0.5)	(0.6)	(0.8)
1.0	1.3	1.5	2.0
0.4	0.6	0.7	0.8
0.2	(0.1)	0.1	0.0
1.7	1.7	2.2	2.8
(1.3)	0.0	0.4	(0.2)
0.0	(0.0)	(0.1)	0.0
(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)	(0.8)
(3.8)	(0.3)	(0.3)	0.0
(4.3)	0.6	1.4	1.9
(0.1)	0.6	1.4	1.9
8%			
5%			
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Source: EnVent Research

# **Market multiples**

	Application of market multiples									
Take Off	(€m)		Market Multiples	EV	Net cash as of 30/06/23	Equity value	Equity value per share (€)			
2023E S	ales	29.6	2.1x	61.7	2.9	64.6	4.13			
2024E S	ales	30.2	1.8x	55.8	2.9	58.7	3.76			
Mean				58.8		61.6	3.94			
2023E E	BITDA Adj	1.8	20.2x	36.5	2.9	39.3	2.52			
2024E E	BITDA Adj	2.3	14.9x	34.4	2.9	37.3	2.39			
Mean				35.4		38.3	2.45			
2023E E	BIT	1.4	24.1x	32.9	2.9	35.8	2.29			
2024E E	BIT	1.7	21.0x	36.6	2.9	39.5	2.53			
Mean				34.8		37.6	2.41			
2023E E	arnings	0.8	30.2x			24.4	1.56			
2024E E	arnings	1.1	24.6x			26.5	1.70			
Mean						25.5	1.63			

Source: EnVent Research

# **Target price**

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Take Off Price per Share	€
Target Price	1.90
Current Share Price (06/03/2024)	0.86
Premium (Discount)	122%



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17/10/2022	OUTPERFORM	7.72	4.34
31/01/2023	OUTPERFORM	7.72	4.30
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03/10/2023	OUTPERFORM	3.34	1.13
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