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# Splendid Medien<sup>6)</sup>

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Year *	Sales		Adj. IFRS- Earnings per sh.		Free cash flow per share		Free cash Dividend flow yield per share		
	E	UR m	E	EUR		E	EUR	%	EUR
2014	66.0	(66.0)	0.09	(0.09)	21.3	-0.29	(-0.29)	-14.9	0.05
2015e	61.0	(61.0)	0.28	(0.28)	8.6	-0.01	(-0.01)	-0.6	0.10
2016e	68.0	(68.0)	0.37	(0.37)	6.6	0.17	(0.17)	7.1	0.15
2017e	75.0	(75.0)	0.42	(0.42)	5.8	0.20	(0.20)	8.1	0.20

<sup>\*</sup> Fiscal year end December - In brackets: Figures from the last publication

### Earnings turnaround impressively continues.

- Splendid has published resilient core data for 9M/15. Sales eased slightly during the period under review, by 3.0% to EUR 41.2m. The main reason was that unlike the prioryear quarter, which was characterised by high-selling movie debuts, in 9M/15 the corporation forewent any major new movie releases. Sales for the Content segment therefore dipped mildly, by 2.8% to EUR 37.8m, while sales by the Services segment remained as good as unchanged at EUR 3.4m.
- On the back of dynamic growth in TV licence revenues, sound home entertainment business, and lower P&A expenses, EBIT turned around from a loss of EUR 2.6m to plus EUR 2.2m. EBT in 9M/15 surged from a loss of EUR 3.0m to plus EUR 1.8m. The downward earnings trend has thus been impressively reversed. Inflows from deliveries of films enabled Splendid to boost cash flow from operating activities by 81.5% to EUR 14.7m. Current debt was reduced and the equity ratio boosted by 8.3 pp to 43%.
- The management has confirmed its guidance for 2015 as a whole. Sales are expected to run in the range of EUR 57-62m with EBIT in the order of EUR 3.5-4.5m. We currently uphold our estimate of sales of EUR 61.0m and EBIT of EUR 3.8m. This would translate into an estimated EPS of EUR 0.28. In our opinion, Splendid can achieve these targets even though two larger movie premieres will first spell sales in 2016 owing to the delivery dates. Moreover, in Q3/15 several new TV licence contracts as well as a distribution deal with Tobis Home Entertainment were signed, so that we expect to see enduring dynamic growth in 2016 with respect to sales and earnings.

We believe the company is on a good track to achieve sound growth and appreciably boost its earnings power. We therefore feel the equity is significantly undervalued and confirm our 'Buy' recommendation.

Selected	Price on	PER		EV / EBITDA		EV /	Re-
Companies	16 Nov 2015	15e	16e	15e	16e	Sales 15e	com.
Splendid Medien	2.45 EUR	8.6	6.6	8.7	7.1	0.63	<b>↑</b>
Highlight Communications	4.50 EUR	12.1	11.3	8.2	8.0	0.75	<b>↑</b>
Constantin Medien	1.72 EUR	26.4	16.1	9.9	8.4	0.73	<b>↑</b>
EuropaCorp	4.97 EUR	8.1	6.3	3.5	2.3	0.85	_
Lions Gate Entert Corp	37.53 USD	30.5	21.2	19.9	15.0	2.72	_
Median for all peer group co	22.6	16.1	9.5	8.4	0.85	_	

↑ = Buy, → = Hold,  $\Psi$  = Sell, • = not rated, n/a = not appropriate

Source: DZ BANK, I/B/E/S, FactSet

## **EQUITIES**

Flash 17 Nov 2015

Buy (prev. Buy)

Closing price 16 Nov 2015

(in EUR): 3.60 (prev. 3.60) Fair value:

#### Financial ratios 2015e:

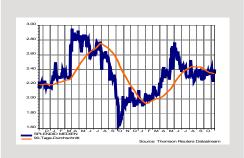
Book value per share (in EUR):	2.80
Equity ratio (in %):	37.7
Net margin (in %):	4.6
ROE (in %):	10.2
Dividend yield (in %):	4.1
Free cash flow (EUR m):	-0.1
Net debt (EUR m):	14.4

### Number of shares

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Market cap	
(in EUR m):	23.98
Free float (in %):	35.0
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ISIN:	DE0007279507
Datastream:	D:SPMX

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## AT A GLANCE

## Company profile

Splendid Medien is a medium-sized, integrated media group with global procurement activities in the area of audiovisual content and focuses its sales on the German-speaking area, as well as Belgium and the Netherlands. The group's activities cover the acquisition, production and processing of audiovisual content as well as its marketing, exploitation and distribution.

## Basis for investment recommendation

Splendid Medien is active on all the stages of the audio-visual added value chain with a focus on Germany and the Benelux. The company has a lot of experience in the exploitation of documentaries and feature films from the areas action, martial arts and horror. Based on a solid financial balance sheet structure, Splendid aims to further increase investments in film assets. Following a profit warning the company managed to close the year 2014 at the top end of the reduced guidance. 9M/15 has shown a clear turnaround. In our opinion Splendid has interesting earnings potential in the midterm.

## Price sensitive current issues

- >> Number and Value of the movie distribution slate
- Cash-Flow-situation against the backdrop of considerable investments in movie licenses with uncertain payback development
- >> Development of electronic sales channels

## Opportunities and risks

Opportunities	Risks
Successful exploitation of the movie slate	High cash binding in the movie assets
Extention of the movie slate	Unsuccessful exploitation of movie rights
Additional sales potential through use of electronic channels	Possible tendency of foreign content owner to self exploitation in foreign markets

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## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

Euro m	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e	2018e	2019
Sales	66.0	61.0	68.0	75.0	80.0	84.
% against prev. year	20%	-8%	11%	10%	7%	5%
Cost of goods sold	-43.2	-37.9	-42.4	-46.9	-49.6	-51.8
Gross profit	22.8	23.1	25.6	28.1	30.4	32.2
% against prev. year	10%	1%	11%	10%	8%	6%
Sales costs	-16.1	-14.0	-15.6	-17.3	-18.4	-19.3
Administration costs	-7.1	-6.7	-7.5	-8.3	-8.8	-9.2
R&D expenditure	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other operating income	2.6	1.9	2.9	3.2	3.4	3.6
Other operating expenses	-0.2	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.7
Extraordinary income/expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operating profit (EBIT)	2.0	3.8	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.6
For information: EBIT adjusted	2.0	3.8	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.6
% against prev. year	-54%	87%	26%	11%	14%	10%
Interest paid / received	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6	-0.6
Profit before tax	1.4	3.2	4.1	4.7	5.4	6.0
For information: EBT adjusted	1.4	3.2	4.1	4.7	5.4	6.0
% against prev. year	-59%	125%	30%	13%	16%	11%
Income taxes from continuing operations	-0.5	-0.4	-0.5	-0.6	-0.8	-0.9
Tax rate	36%	12%	12%	12%	15%	15%
Net profit from continuing operations	0.9	2.8	3.6	4.1	4.6	5.1
Net profit from discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	0.9	2.8	3.6	4.1	4.6	5.1
Profit or loss attributable to minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Profit or loss attributable to shareholders	0.9	2.8	3.6	4.1	4.6	5.1
thereof from continuing operations	0.9	2.8	3.6	4.1	4.6	5.1
thereof from discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Weighted average number of shares, diluted (m)	9.790	9.790	9.790	9.790	9.790	9.790
IFRS earnings per share, diluted	0.09	0.28	0.37	0.42	0.47	0.52
Adjusted earnings per share, diluted (contin.)	0.09	0.28	0.37	0.42	0.47	0.52
For information						
Depreciation	0.5	0.6	0.7	0.7	0.8	0.9
EBITDA	2.5	4.4	5.4	6.0	6.8	7.5
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Source: Splendid Medien and DZ BANK estimates

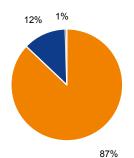
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## **RATIOS**

Euro	2014	2015e	2016e	2017e	2018
Profit and loss ratios					
Sales (m)	66.0	61.0	68.0	75.0	80.0
EBITDA margin	3.8%	7.2%	7.9%	7.9%	8.5%
EBIT margin	3.0%	6.1%	6.9%	7.0%	7.5%
Net margin	1.4%	4.6%	5.3%	5.5%	5.8%
nvestment ratio	37.4%	38.9%	35.7%	35.7%	31.3%
R&D as % of sales					
Admin and sales costs as % of sales	35.2%	34.0%	34.0%	34.0%	34.0%
Net other operating costs as % of sales	-3.7%	-2.3%	-3.3%	-3.5%	-3.5%
Net financial income as % of sales	-0.9%	-1.0%	-0.9%	-0.8%	-0.7%
nterest cover	3.4	6.4	7.9	9.0	10.
Average sales growth next five years	4.9%				
Average earnings growth next five years	41.7%				
Orofitability ratios					
Profitability ratios ROE	3.6%	10.2%	12.1%	12.6%	13.1%
ROCE	6.1%	10.3%	12.1%	12.6%	13.6%
Productivity ratios Sales per employee ('000)	515.85	460.38	494.55	531.91	557.49
EBIT per employee ('000)	15.65	28.30	34.36	37.23	41.8
Balance sheet ratios  Equity ratio	34.7%	37.7%	39.7%	41.3%	42.8%
Long term debt and equity / Fixed assets	81.4%	81.4%	83.9%	84.9%	86.8%
iquidity (quick ratio)	79.3%	74.7%	76.1%	76.4%	77.5%
Receivables as % of sales	39.1%	36.0%	34.0%	33.0%	32.0%
nvestment (net of GW) / Depreciation	112.2%	120.6%	107.2%	108.2%	93.3%
Norking capital as % of sales	5.4%	4.9%	5.8%	6.2%	6.3%
Net debt (m)	13.2	14.4	14.4	14.5	14.3
Net debt complete (m)	13.5	14.8	14.7	14.8	14.0
Figures per share					
Earnings per share, diluted	0.09	0.28	0.37	0.42	0.4
ree cash flow per share, diluted	-0.29	-0.01	0.17	0.20	0.2
Dividend per common share	0.05	0.10	0.15	0.20	0.2
Cash per share, diluted	0.76	0.74	0.72	0.65	0.6
Net debt per share, diluted	1.35	1.48	1.47	1.48	1.4
∕aluation ratios					
Enterprise value / Sales	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.9
	13.0	8.7	7.1	6.5	5.0
Enterprise value / EBITDA		10.2	8.1	7.3	6.4
Enterprise value / EBITDA  Enterprise value / EBIT	16.1				
Enterprise value / EBITDA  Enterprise value / EBIT  EV/Sales to sales growth	0.06	0.13	0.11	0.10	0.1

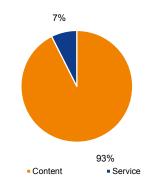
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## **SALES BY REGION 2014**



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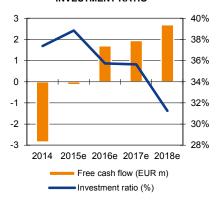
## SALES BY BUSINESS SEGMENT 2014



## SALES AND MARGIN DEVELOPMENT



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## DISCOUNTED CASH FLOW VALUATION

Market data		
Risk-free interest rate	0.59%	
Market premium	5.00%	
Data from comparable company		
Levered beta factor	1.6500	
Data from company to be valued		
Growth rate of perpetuity	0.8%	
Weighted average cost of capital (WACC)	7.41%	
(Capital cost are specifically calculated for each particular period)		

Euro m	2015e	2016e	2017e	2018e	2019e	2020e
Adjusted EBIT	3.8	4.7	5.3	6.0	6.6	6.7
Taxes on EBIT	-0.5	-0.6	-0.6	-0.9	-1.0	-1.0
Cash Taxes	12.0%	12.0%	12.0%	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%
Net Operating Profit After Tax (NOPAT)	3.3	4.2	4.6	5.1	5.6	5.7
+ Depreciations (-Reversals)	19.6	22.7	24.7	26.8	27.9	29.5
- Investments (+Proceeds from sale)	-23.7	-24.3	-26.7	-28.9	-29.1	-30.1
Change in working capital	0.5	-0.9	-0.7	-0.4	-0.7	-0.7
Other changes	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Free cash flow	-0.2	1.6	1.9	2.6	3.8	4.5
Present value of free cash flows	54.4					

Present value of free cash flows	54.4	
Market value of non-operating assets	0.0	
Financial and liquid assets	7.4	
Enterprise value, beginning of period	61.8	
Liabilities	-21.0	
Provisions (inc. provisions for pensions)	0.0	
Equity value incl. minority interest, bop	40.8	
Value of minority interest	-8.6	
Correction of liabilities by convertible bonds	0.0	
EQV excl. minority interest, bop	32.2	
Accumulation till effective valuation date (with KE-rate)	3.0	
EQV excl. minority interest at valuation date	35.2	
Equity value per share, diluted (EUR)	3.6	
Fiscal year end December		

Source: Splendid Medien and DZ BANK estimates

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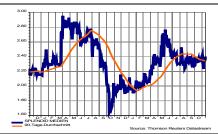
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