

# Kapsch TrafficCom AG

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# **New business showing signs of recovery**

**9M/22/23:** Growth in new business and project pipeline: Kapsch continued to benefit from a reviving new business, which led to the 9.3% increase in revenues. This exceeded both our and consensus expectations. The Tolling business contributed significantly to the growth with an increase of 11.1%. Kapsch also reported an increasing project pipeline.

EUR m	Kapsch 9M/21/22	Kapsch 9M/22/23	FMR 9M/22/23e	Consensus 9M/22/23e*
Group sales	379.2	414.4	385.0	392.2
EBIT reported	5.8	9.8	13.8	11.9
EBIT before SI**	22.0	4.0	8.0	n.v.
EBIT-margin reported, %	1.5%	2.4%	3.6%	3.0%

Source: Kapsch, FMR

\*provided by Kapsch

\*\*SI = special items

In terms of EBIT, we underestimated the continuing tight cost situation, with the result that EBIT is below our estimate. At EUR 5.8m, it includes a non-recurring special income from the sale of the Spanish public transport business. A high level of extraordinary expense was incurred in the previous year. Financial debt and equity ratio remain a weak point.

**Kapsch more optimistic for revenue growth**: Regarding revenue development, Kapsch has become more optimistic and now expects a "slight" (previously "stable") growth. We now expect an increase to EUR 541.0m (+4.1% vs. prior year). We have raised our EBIT estimate from EUR 12.4m to EUR 13.6m. As cautiously indicated in the Highlight Report, we can imagine further cost adjustments to come in order to improve earnings.

**FMR: Target price slightly reduced**: We have slightly reduced our target price from EUR 16.00 to now EUR 15.80, mainly due to a minor adjustment in working capital.

We continue to take a positive view of the ongoing revival in new business. The further reduction in the cost base will contribute to an improvement in margins. Compensation from the passenger car toll project in Germany may also become a share price driver. We confirm our BUY recommendation.

FY End: 31.03.; in EUR m	(21/22-24/25e)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23e	2023/24e	2024/25e
Turnover	4.6%	731.2	505.2	519.8	541.0	565.0	595.0
EBITDA	12.5%	13.6	-67.1	32.6	34.1	39.2	46.5
Margin		1.9%	-13.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.9%	7.8%
EBIT	32.1%	-39.2	-123.1	11.0	13.6	18.1	25.4
Margin		-5.4%	-24.4%	2.1%	2.5%	3.2%	4.3%
Net result	n.m.	-48.1	-102.8	-9.3	3.7	7.4	13.3
EPS, EUR	n.m.	-3.70	-7.91	-0.72	0.29	0.57	1.02
Dividend per share, EUR		0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.30	0.45
EV/Sales		0.82	1.11	0.79	0.73	0.69	0.65
EV/EBITDA		-15.2	-4.6	37.3	29.1	21.7	15.1
P/E		-6.8	-1.9	-20.4	45.1	22.7	12.7
Net debt/EBITDA		15.0	-2.9	5.6	5.5	4.7	3.8
Source: Kapsch, FMR							

Before: Buy

Price target EUR 15.80 (16.00) Share price\* EUR 12.98 (+21.7%)

\*last price Vienna Stock Exchange

Update	2022/23e	2023/24e	2024/25e
Turnover	19.5	2.5	0.0
EBIT	1.2	0.2	0.0
FPS FUR	-0.06	-0 11	-0.03



Source: Vienna Stock Exchange, FMR

#### Basic share data

Number of shares (million)	13.00
Free Float (in %)	36.7
Market cap (EURm)	168.74
Trading volume (30 days Ø)	6,019
High (EUR, 52 weeks)	14.36
Low (FUR. 52 weeks)	10.90

#### Shareholder structure

Kapsch Group Beteiligung	63.3%
Free float	36.7%

## Corporate calendar

Final results FY 22/23	14.06.2023
Q1 23/24 report	17.08.2023

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## Valuation: Update

Taking into account the results in the first nine months of the current year 2022/23e, our fair value falls slightly from previously EUR 16.00 to now EUR 15.80. We see our generally positive view of the company and its strategy confirmed.

Kapsch: DCF-model – fair valu	e slightly down

EUR m	2022/23e	2023/24e	PHASE 1	2025/26e	2026/27e	2027/28e	2028/29e	PHASE 2	2030/31e	2031/32e	PHASE 3
EGK III	2022/230	2023/240	2024/230	2023/200	2020/270	2027/200	2020/230	2025/300	2030/310	2031/320	
Sales	541.0	565.0	595.0	630.0	658.0	692.4	724.2	752.8	777.6	798.1	
Y-o-Y growth	4.1%	4.4%	5.3%	5.9%	4.4%	5.2%	4.6%	3.9%	3.3%	2.6%	
EBIT	13.6	18.1	25.4	32.6	40.0	39.0	41.5	44.2	47.5	52.5	
EBIT-margin	2.5%	3.2%	4.3%	5.2%	6.1%	5.6%	5.7%	5.9%	6.1%	6.6%	
Income tax on EBIT	-3.4	-4.5	-6.4	-8.1	-10.0	-9.7	-10.4	-11.0	-11.9	-13.1	
Depreciation/Amortisation	20.5	21.1	21.1	21.6	21.9	23.8	24.6	25.5	26.5	27.9	
Change other non-cash items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.0	
Change in net working capital	-9.3	-4.0	-3.1	-2.6	-3.3	-4.4	-4.3	-3.8	-3.2	-2.3	
Net capital expenditure	-17.5	-18.7	-19.5	-20.4	-21.3	-22.5	-23.5	-24.4	-25.2	-27.9	
Free cash flow	4.0	11.9	17.5	23.0	27.3	26.3	28.0	30.5	33.8	37.1	
Present values	3.9	10.7	14.4	17.2	18.5	16.3	15.7	15.6	15.7	15.7	245.6
Present value Phase 1	64.8				Risk free rate	e	2.0%		Target equity	ratio	55.0%
Present value Phase 2	79.0				Equity risk p	remium	8.0%		Beta factor		1.6
Present value Phase 3	245.6				Debt risk pre	emium	4.0%		WACC		10.39
Total present value	389.4				EBIT-margin	(PHASE 3)	8.0%		Terminal gro	wth rate	2.09
+ Non-operating assets/Other	-17.7						Se	nsitivity ana	lysis		
- Net financial debt	-165.9							•	WACC		
							9.3%	9.8%	10.3%	10.8%	11.3%
Fair value of equity	205.8					3.0%	24.47	21.21	18.41	15.99	13.87
					Terminal	2.5%	22.49	19.57	17.04	14.83	12.88
- Number of shares (m)	13.000				growth	2.0%	20.77	18.14	15.83	13.80	12.00
					rate	1.5%	19.28	16.88	14.76	12.88	11.20
Fair value per share (in EUR)	15.83					1.0%	17.97	15.76	13.80	12.05	10.49

Source: FMR

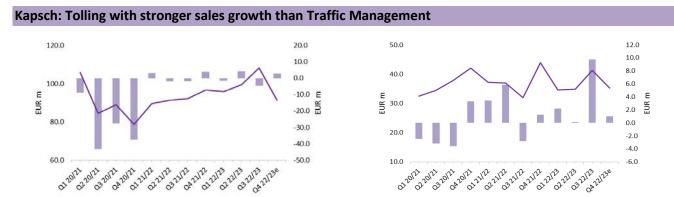
Our confidence in the expected improvement in EBIT margins in the future is mainly based on renewed growth in new business and a further reduction in the cost level. In line with the margin improvement the P/E valuation will become more attractive. In our view, the path taken will also make Kapsch capable of paying dividends again. We expect dividend payments to resume in fiscal year 2023/24e at EUR 0.30 per share.

## 9M/22/23: Further highlights

**Project status:** The status of the toll project in Belarus is unchanged (contract term until 2032) and Kapsch continues to monitor it closely. As a result of the Russia-Ukraine war, traffic volumes are declining. The expiry of the toll project in Gauteng Province, South Africa was averted and the contract was extended again, now initially until June 2023. There may be further extensions. There is no news regarding the toll dispute with the German government. As before, we continue to assume that compensation of between EUR 100 and 120m is conceivable for Kapsch.



The increase in **Group sales** was primarily driven by the MAUT segment with +11.1%, while the TRANSPORT MANAGEMENT segment was able to grow by "only" 4.5%. In regional terms, APAC posted the strongest growth of +44%; however, with absolute sales of EUR 24.0m, it is the smallest segment. The Americas region developed very positively with +26% to EUR 190.0m. In contrast to the first two regions, sales in EMEA fell by 5% to EUR 201.0m.



Traffic Management: EBIT, rhs

---- Traffic Management: Sales, Ihs

Source: Kapsch, FMR; rhs = right hand scale; lhs = left hand scale

Tolling: EBIT, rhs

With the "slight sales growth" forecast for the full year 2022/23e, sales momentum in both segments is expected to slow again in the final quarter.

**Group EBIT** jumped from EUR 5.8m to EUR 9.8m. The margin improved accordingly to 2.4% (1.5%). EBIT includes a one-time special income of EUR 5.8m from the sale of the Spanish public transport business; the income is attributable to the Traffic Management segment. Adjusted for special items, EBIT decreased from EUR 22.0m to EUR 4.0m, due to high special expense items of EUR 16.0m in the prior-year period. As a result of the corresponding allocation of the special items to the cashflow from investing activities, this is positive after nine months at EUR +1.7m, which is unusual; in the same period of the previous year, the figure was EUR -6.7m. The special items will also have a corresponding impact on the full-year comparison.



# Appendix

in EUR m (IFRS)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23e	2023/24e	2024/25
Revenues	731.2	505.2	519.8	541.0	565.0	595.0
YoY growth	-0.9%	-30.9%	2.9%	4.1%	4.4%	5.3%
Increase/Decrease in inventories of finished goods and work in progress	-6.1	-6.2	-2.7	0.5	1.1	1.2
as % of revenues	-0.8%	-1.2%	-0.5%	0.1%	0.2%	0.29
Total Operating Output	725.1	499.0	517.1	541.5	566.1	596.2
YoY growth	-4.4%	-31.2%	3.6%	4.7%	4.5%	5.39
Cost of Materials	-334.9	-243.5	-202.8	-211.7	-221.4	-231.3
as % of revenues	-45.8%	-48.2%	-39.0%	-39.1%	-39.2%	-38.99
Gross Profit	390.1	255.6	314.3	329.8	344.8	364.
as % of revenues	53.4%	50.6%	60.5%	61.0%	61.0%	61.39
Personnel expenses	-269.2	-243.8	-227.1	-233.4	-237.8	-249.
as % of revenues	-36.8%	-48.3%	-43.7%	-43.1%	-42.1%	-41.9
Other operating expenses	-118.7	-84.7	-69.1	-73.1	-74.6	-76.
as % of revenues	-16.2%	-16.8%	-13.3%	-13.5%	-13.2%	-12.89
Other operating income	11.3	5.8	14.5	10.8	6.8	7.
as % of revenues	1.6%	1.2%	2.8%	2.0%	1.2%	1.29
EBITDA reported	13.6	-67.1	32.6	34.1	39.2	46.
as % of revenues	1.9%	-13.3%	6.3%	6.3%	6.9%	7.8
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment, and amortisation of intangible assets	-52.8	-56.0	-21.6	-20.5	-21.1	-21.
as % of revenues	-7.2%	-11.1%	-4.2%	-3.8%	-3.7%	-3.5
EBIT reported	-39.2	-123.1	11.0	13.6	18.1	25.
as % of revenues	-5.4%	-24.4%	2.1%	2.5%	3.2%	4.3
Financial result (net)	-24.3	-9.9	-5.7	-6.0	-5.4	-4.
EBT (Earnings before taxes)	-63.4	-133.1	5.3	7.7	12.7	20.
as % of revenues	-8.7%	-26.3%	1.0%	1.4%	2.2%	3.5
Income taxes	7.7	27.8	-11.5	-1.9	-3.2	-5.
as % of EBT	-12.2%	-20.9%	-215.1%	-25.0%	-25.0%	-25.0
Net income	-55.7	-105.2	-6.2	5.7	9.5	15.
as % of revenues	-7.6%	-20.8%	-1.2%	1.1%	1.7%	2.69
Minority interests	7.6	2.4	-3.1	-2.0	-2.1	-2.
Net income attributable to shareholders	-48.1	-102.8	-9.3	3.7	7.4	13.
as % of revenues	-6.6%	-20.3%	-1.8%	0.7%	1.3%	2.2
nares outstanding (in m), weighted	42.00	12.00	42.00	12.00	12.00	13.0
	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	13.00	15.0

Source: Kapsch, FMR



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in EUR m (IFRS)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	<b>2022/23</b> e	2023/24e	<b>2024/25</b> e
Assets						
Non-current assets	227.3	205.0	195.6	194.0	192.9	190.2
as % of total assets	31.3%	34.6%	38.2%	36.5%	37.3%	37.0%
Intangible assets	15.2	13.4	13.0	13.0	13.4	14.3
Goodwill	44.7	22.8	22.7	22.7	22.7	22.7
Property, plant and equipment	82.3	55.2	49.0	45.5	41.7	38.2
Non-current financial assets	43.5	42.0	42.8	43.3	44.3	45.3
Real Estate held as financial investment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Leasing and rental assets Other non-current assets	1.2 13.8	0.0 5.2	0.0 3.7	0.0 3.9	0.0 4.0	0.0 4.1
Deferred tax assets, long-term	26.3	62.0	60.2	61.4	62.6	61.4
Other non-current financial assets	0.3	4.4	4.1	4.1	4.1	4.1
Current assets	499.9	388.2	316.6	337.6	324.6	323.7
as % of total assets	68.7%	65.4%	61.8%	63.5%	62.7%	63.0%
Inventories	55.7	41.7	35.6	46.2	47.2	48.6
Trade accounts receivable	177.0	130.0	131.4	134.0	138.0	139.4
Current prepayments made	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other current non-financial assets	138.6	106.6	83.9	87.2	88.1	89.0
Deferred tax assets, short-term	4.7	6.8	4.4	4.8	5.0	5.2
Current financial assets	1.4	1.0	1.6	1.7	1.8	1.9
Cash and cash equivalents	122.6	102.0	59.8	63.5	44.4	39.6
Assets held for sale	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
as % of total assets	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total assets	727.2	593.2	512.1	531.5	517.5	513.9
Shareholders' equity and liabilities						
Shareholders' equity	182.5	84.8	77.9	81.6	89.1	98.4
as % of total equity and liabilities	25.1%	14.3%	15.2%	15.4%	17.2%	19.2%
Subscribed capital	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0	13.0
Capital reserves	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5	117.5
Retained earnings	57.7	-39.3	-47.3	-47.3	-47.3	-47.3
Treasury stocks	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 0.0	0.0 3.7	0.0 11.2	0.0 20.5
Other equity items Minority interest on equity	-5.7	-6.5	-5.3	-5.3	-5.3	-5.3
Non-current provisions/liabilities	273.2	198.3	194.0	135.2	124.2	116.2
as % of total equity and liabilities	37.6%	33.4%	37.9%	25.4%	24.0%	22.6%
Non-current pension provisions Other non-current provisions	27.6 4.3	27.3 3.3	24.2 1.7	23.0 1.7	22.5 1.7	22.1 1.7
Non-current financial liabilities	235.3	156.6	163.6	106.3	95.7	88.0
Non-current prepayments received	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-current deferred tax liabilities	1.7	1.0	2.9	3.0	3.1	3.1
Other non-current liabilities	4.3	10.0	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.2
Current liabilities and provisions	271.5	310.2	240.2	314.7	304.2	299.2
as % of total equity and liabilities	37.3%	52.3%	46.9%	59.2%	58.8%	58.2%
Current provisions	23.4	42.5	28.6	28.1	28.6	29.2
Current financial liabilities	64.3	115.9	55.9	123.1	110.8	105.2
Trade accounts payable	92.4	59.4	71.5	78.7	79.0	79.4
Current prepayments received	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Current tax liabilities	4.0	1.8	2.3	2.3	2.3	2.3
Current deferred tax liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other comment lie bilities	87.4	90.6	81.8	82.6	83.5	83.0
Other current liabilities						
Other current liabilities  Liabilities held for sale  as % of total equity and liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Liabilities held for sale	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Kapsch, FMR



in EUR m (IFRS)	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	<b>2022/23</b> e	2023/24e	2024/25e
EBIT	-39.2	-123.1	11.0	13.6	18.1	25.4
Depreciation/impairments	52.8	56.0	21.6	20.5	21.1	21.1
Change in pension and similar provisions	-4.7	-2.0	-2.6	-1.2	-0.5	-0.5
Other non-cash expenses/income	7.4	15.3	-3.7	-2.9	-2.2	-2.3
Change in Working Capital	31.3	82.9	16.6	-9.3	-4.0	-3.1
Cash effects from divestment of fixed assets						
Cash effect from interests	-4.0	-4.3	-5.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash effect from other participation result	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash tax adjustments	-10.2	-13.7	-12.6	-1.8	-3.1	-5.1
Cash effects from extraordinary items						
Cashflow from Operations	33.4	11.1	25.5	18.9	29.3	35.5
Investments in Fixed assets	-33.6	-14.1	-16.0	-17.5	-18.7	-19.5
Payments received: Disposal of non-current assets	0.0	1.3	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in consolidation: Disposals/Acquisitions	2.2	-0.8	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest and other financial income	0.4	6.8	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash changes from extraordinary items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other changes from investing activities	0.0	0.0	0.0	-1.4	-1.3	1.1
Cashflow from investing activities	-31.0	-6.8	-8.7	-18.9	-20.0	-18.4
Cash changes in financial debt	66.6	-11.4	-45.6	9.9	-22.9	-13.2
Changes in shareholders equity	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividend payments	-19.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	-3.9
Cash changes from own shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Interest and other financial expenses	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other changes from financing activities	-15.6	-15.5	-15.4	-6.1	-5.5	-4.9
Cashflow from financing activities	31.4	-26.8	-61.1	3.8	-28.4	-22.0
Total change in cash and cash equivalents	33.8	-22.5	-44.3	3.8	-19.1	-4.8
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash	-5.8	1.9	2.1	-0.1	0.1	0.0
Other changes in cash and cash equivalents	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Cash and cash equivalents: Beginning of period	94.7	122.6	102.0	59.8	63.5	44.4
Cash and cash equivalents: End of period	122.6	102.0	59.8	63.5	44.4	39.6

Source: Kapsch, FMR



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Recommendation history over last 12 months:

Date	Recommendation	Share price at publishing date	Target price
16.08.2021	HOLD	15.30	18.00
22.11.2021	HOLD	15.80	17.30
28.02.2022	HOLD	12.50	16.70
17.06.2022	HOLD	13.80	16.00
18.08.2022	HOLD	12.68	15.70
17.11.2022	BUY	11.38	16.00
23.02.2023	BUY	12.98	15.80

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