

COMPANY UPDATE

# Kapsch TrafficCom

Hold

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Share price (EUR) close as of 16/02/2026	5.78	Reuters	KTCG.VI	Free float	42.5%
Number of shares (mn)	14.3	Bloomberg	KTCG AV	Shareholders	Kapsch-Group (57.5%)
Market capitalization (EUR mn)	82.7	Div. Ex-date			
Enterprise value (EUR mn)	206.5	<b>Target price</b>	<b>5.80</b>	Homepage:	<a href="http://www.kapsch.net">www.kapsch.net</a>

## Key figures Overview

EUR mn	2025	2026e	2027e	2028e
Net sales	530.3	420.3	426.3	431.6
EBITDA	29.0	20.9	26.4	28.4
EBIT	12.6	7.0	11.8	13.9
EBT	-4.3	-5.0	7.4	9.8
Net profit	-6.9	-3.7	5.4	7.2
EPS (EUR)	-0.48	-0.26	0.38	0.51
CEPS (EUR)	0.14	0.72	1.46	1.60
BVPS (EUR)	6.23	5.97	6.35	6.86
Dividend/Share (EUR)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.11
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.65	9.90	7.55	6.69
P/E (x)	nm	nm	15.22	11.42
P/CE (x)	50.57	8.05	3.95	3.61
Dividend yield (%)	0.00	0.00	0.00	1.90
EBITDA margin (%)	5.46	4.96	6.18	6.59
Operating margin (%)	2.36	1.67	2.78	3.23
Net profit margin (%)	-0.58	-0.90	1.30	1.70

## Trading data & Statistics

Daily averages	5 days	30 days	last year
Volume	13,543	8,457	8,747
Trading value (EUR mn)	0.1	0.1	0.1

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Price performance:	1M	3M	6M	12M
in EUR				
	-3.0%	-5.6%	-18.4%	-15.7%

## Profit warning delays rebound

A second profit warning during the current FY25/26 pushes out hopes for a sustainable business rebound in the near term. Despite winning the first nation-wide mobile tolling contract in Lithuania, which could trigger follow up orders from other Baltic countries in our view, and a tolling contract in Greece recently, competition in Europe seems to have intensified. In the US and APAC tender activity is slow..

Still, KTC mentions a solid order intake YTD, which should turn at least into business stabilization, potentially even slight growth in next FY26/27 in our view. It is rather the weak order intake in last FY24/25 that could not be compensated in the course of this year, plus negative FX translation effects and some project delays showing responsible for this profit warning.

On EBIT level, the reduced scale (revenue) has a substantial effect on the lower than expected EBIT development, plus FX and restructuring costs.

The table below shows preliminary 3Q25/26 figures, the new, reduced FY25/26 guidance, and the implied quarterly development y/y. Note: The positive adjustment in FY24/25 relates to a book loss of EUR 8.5mn for the deconsolidation of disposed assets, while the negative adjustment in FY25/26 relates to the settlement of the illegally scrapped German enforcement contract amounting to EUR 23mn.

Hence, the operating EBIT guidance for FY25/26 is now at EUR -16mn, the reported at EUR 7mn.

### KTC preliminary 1-3Q25/26 figures, FY25/26 guidance, implied 3Q and 4Q

EUR mn	3Q25/26g	3Q24/25	y/y	1-3Q25/26g	1-3Q24/25	y/y	4Q25/26g	4Q24/25	y/y	FY25/26g	FY24/25	y/y
<b>Revenue</b>	<b>107.0</b>	<b>135.8</b>	<b>-21%</b>	<b>307.0</b>	<b>410.6</b>	<b>-25%</b>	<b>113.0</b>	<b>119.7</b>	<b>-6%</b>	<b>420.0</b>	<b>530.3</b>	<b>-21%</b>
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-74%</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>102%</b>	<b>-5.06</b>	<b>6.62</b>	<b>nm</b>	<b>6.9</b>	<b>12.6</b>	<b>-45%</b>
<b>EBIT margin</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>		<b>3.9%</b>	<b>1.4%</b>		<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>		<b>1.7%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	
<b>EBIT adj.</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>-74%</b>	<b>-11.0</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>nm</b>	<b>-5.1</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>nm</b>	<b>-16.1</b>	<b>21.1</b>	<b>nm</b>
<b>EBIT adj. margin</b>	<b>1.6%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>		<b>-3.6%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>		<b>-4.5%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>		<b>-3.8%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	

Source: KTC, Erste Group Research

In our model we have incorporated the new guidance to FY25/26e. For the coming two years, we have reduced our revenue expectation as we do not see larger tenders on the horizon that could speed up order intake and revenue dynamics. Our EBIT assumptions are confirmed, assuming the cost cutting program should compensate a lower business volume.

### Change in estimates

Consolidated, IFRS (EUR, mn)	2025/26e = FY26e			2026/27e = FY27e			2027/28e = FY28e		
	Now	Before	Change	Now	Before	Change	Now	Before	Change
Revenues	420.3	448.8	-6.4%	426.3	455.1	-6.3%	431.6	460.9	-6.4%
EBITDA	20.9	37.8	-44.9%	26.4	26.5	-0.4%	28.4	28.4	0.0%
EBITDA margin	5.0%	8.4%	-41.1%	6.2%	5.8%	6.3%	6.6%	6.2%	6.8%
EBIT	7.0	24.0	-70.8%	11.8	11.9	-0.8%	13.9	13.9	0.0%
EBIT margin	1.7%	5.3%	-68.8%	2.8%	2.6%	5.8%	3.2%	3.0%	6.8%
Net profit	-3.7	9.5	-138.8%	5.4	6.3	-14.2%	7.2	8.1	-11.0%
Net margin after min.	-0.9%	2.1%	-141.4%	1.3%	1.4%	-8.4%	1.7%	1.8%	-4.9%
EPS	-0.26	0.66	-138.8%	0.38	0.44	-14.2%	0.51	0.57	-11.0%
EPS adjusted	-1.49	-0.58	159.2%	0.38	0.44	-14.2%	0.51	0.57	-11.0%
DPS	0.00	0.00	nm	0.00	0.00	nm	0.11	0.13	-15.4%

Source: Erste Group Research

## Valuation

We have kept the valuation assumptions in our DCF unchanged compared to our previous report.

- COE: 16.6% and 15.0% in detailed period / TV.
- WACC: 10.2% and 12.5% in detailed period / TV.
- TV EBIT margin: 3.5%
- TV growth: 1%

With our new assumptions we arrive at a target price of EUR 5.8, confirming our Hold recommendation.

### Target price composition

	DCF	Multiple	Weight	12-month target price	act. share price	upside to target price	Recom-mendation
<b>Kapsch TrafficCom</b>	5.80	6.26	100/0	5.80	5.78	0.3%	<b>Hold</b>

Source: BBG; Erste Group Research

### Peer Group valuation

Peers	MarketC (EURmn)	P/E			EV/EBITDA			EV/EBIT		
		2025e	2026e	2027e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2025e	2026e	2027e
EDENRED	4,178	7.7x	8.6x	7.6x	4.7x	5.3x	4.9x	5.8x	6.6x	6.1x
INIT INNOVATION IN TRAFF	450	21.0x	16.0x	13.0x	10.4x	8.6x	7.5x	15.7x	12.2x	10.1x
GEA	97	27.1x	-	-	11.7x	-	-	13.7x	-	-
<b>MEDIAN broader peers</b>		23.2x	16.0x	13.0x	11.1x	8.6x	7.5x	14.7x	12.2x	10.1x
Kapsch TrafficCom	82.7	nm	15.2x	11.4x	9.9x	7.5x	6.7x	23.4x	16.8x	13.6x
prem. / disc median		nm	-5.0%	-11.9%	-11.0%	-12.5%	-10.7%	59.2%	37.6%	35.1%
Peers	Share price	P/B			ROE			Dividend yield		
		2025e	2026e	2027e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2025e	2026e	2027e
EDENRED	17.6	-	-	-	-0.7x	-81%	-75.0%	7.3%	7.5%	8.2%
INIT INNOVATION IN TRAFF	44.8	3.0x	2.7x	2.3x	14.9%	18.4%	20.4%	2.0%	2.4%	2.7%
GEA	88.5	1.6x	-	-	6.2%	-	-	1.9%	-	-
<b>MEDIAN broader peers</b>		2.3x	2.7x	2.3x	10.5%	15.1%	16.1%	2.0%	2.4%	2.7%
Kapsch TrafficCom	5.8	1.0x	0.9x	0.8x	-4.2%	6.2%	7.7%	0.0%	0.0%	1.8%
prem. / disc median		-58.6%	-66.0%	-63.7%	-140%	-59.2%	-52.4%	nm	nm	-33.8%
<b>Per KTC share (EUR) 2026e</b>		3.5								
<b>Per KTC share (EUR) 2027e</b>			8.2							
<b>Per KTC share (EUR) 2028e</b>				8.0						
Period weight		60%	30%	10%						
<b>NPV as of Dec 2025 EUR</b>		5.4								
Cost of Equity		16.6%								
<b>NPV as of Dec 2026 EUR</b>		6.3								

Source: Bloomberg, Erste Group Research

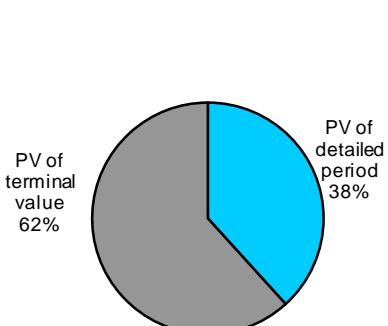
### WACC calculation

	2027e	2028e	2029e	2030e	2031e	2032e (TV)
Risk free rate	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Equity risk premium	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.5%	8.0%
Beta	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.5
<b>Cost of equity</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>16.6%</b>	<b>15.0%</b>
Cost of debt	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Effective tax rate	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%
<b>After-tax cost of debt</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>	<b>5.0%</b>
Equity weight	45%	45%	45%	45%	45%	75%
<b>WACC</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>10.2%</b>	<b>12.5%</b>

### DCF valuation

(EUR mn)	2027e	2028e	2029e	2030e	2031e	2032e (TV)
<i>Sales growth</i>	1.4%	1.2%	2.0%	2.0%	2.0%	1.0%
EBIT	11.8	13.9	14.8	16.9	17.4	16.2
<i>EBIT margin</i>	2.8%	3.2%	3.4%	3.8%	3.8%	3.5%
<i>Tax rate</i>	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%	23.0%
Taxes on EBIT	-2.7	-3.2	-3.4	-3.9	-4.0	-3.7
<b>NOPLAT</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>13.4</b>	<b>12.5</b>
+ Depreciation	14.5	14.5	14.2	14.0	14.1	14.1
<i>Capital expenditures / Depreciation</i>	38.4%	35.3%	36.3%	36.9%	37.0%	25.0%
+/- Change in working capital	-0.4	-0.2	-0.5	0.9	-0.3	-0.2
<i>Chg. working capital / chg. Sales</i>	-6.6%	-3.5%	-6.1%	10.9%	-3.7%	-5.0%
- Capital expenditures	-5.6	-5.1	-5.1	-5.2	-5.2	-3.5
<b>Free cash flow to the firm</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>22.8</b>
<i>Terminal value growth</i>						1.0%
Terminal value						200.3
<i>Discount factor</i>	0.91	0.82	0.75	0.68	0.61	0.61
Discounted free cash flow - Mar 31 2026	16.0	16.4	14.9	15.5	13.5	123.1
<b>Enterprise value - Mar 31 2026</b>	<b>199.3</b>					
Minorities	1.9					
Non-operating assets	0.0					
Net debt	122.0					
<b>Equity value - Mar 31 2026</b>	<b>75.5</b>					
Number of shares outstanding (mn)	14.3					
Cost of equity	16.6%					
<b>12M target price per share (EUR)</b>	<b>5.8</b>					
Current share price (EUR)	5.8					
<i>Up/Downside</i>	0.3%					

### Enterprise value breakdown



### Sensitivity (per share)

WACC	Terminal value EBIT margin				
	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%	4.0%	4.5%
11.5%	5.1	5.9	6.8	7.6	8.4
12.0%	4.7	5.5	6.3	7.1	7.8
12.5%	4.4	5.1	<b>5.8</b>	6.6	7.3
13.0%	4.0	4.7	5.4	6.2	6.9
13.5%	3.7	4.4	5.1	5.8	6.5

WACC	Terminal value growth				
	0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%
11.5%	5.8	6.2	6.8	7.3	8.0
12.0%	5.4	5.8	6.3	6.8	7.4
12.5%	5.0	5.4	<b>5.8</b>	6.3	6.9
13.0%	4.7	5.0	5.4	5.9	6.4
13.5%	4.4	4.7	5.1	5.5	5.9

Source: Factset, Erste Group research

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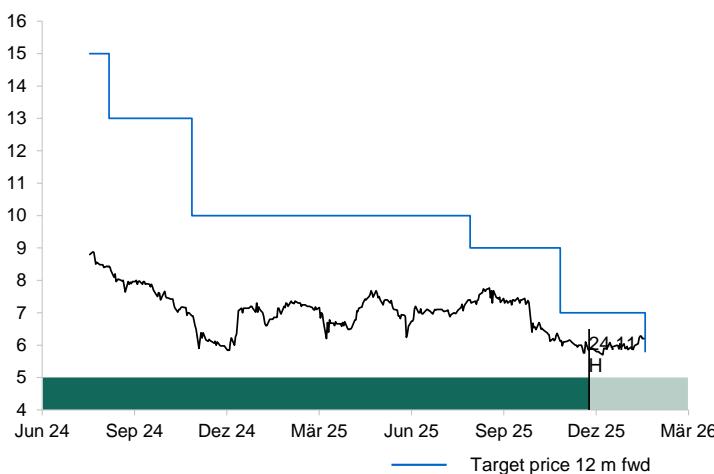
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**Rating history**

Date	Rating	Price	Target Price	Action
24. Nov 25	Hold	6.12	7.00	
27. Aug 25	Buy	7.40	9.00	
25. Nov 24	Buy	6.90	10.00	
04. Sep 24	Buy	8.44	13.00	
08. Mar 24	Buy	8.48	15.00	

**Company description**

Kapsch TrafficCom is among the market leaders in Electronic Toll Collection (ETC) systems and the clear no.1 worldwide in Dedicated Short Range Communication (DSRC). KTC has an strong track record of winning 5 out of 11 nationwide ETC systems in Europe (SUI, AUT, CZE, POL, BLR) and supplies the worldwide biggest interoperable ETC system - the E-ZPass system in the USA. KTC's solutions combine an excellent performance rate & low operating costs. KTC always strives to be technologically independent.

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