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Outperform

## On Track For a Record Year

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### 3Q22 sales organic growth remained solid...

On November 11, B&C Speakers disclosed its 3Q22 results, which were stronger than expected, highlighting a continuation of solid business momentum, with volumes and price actions supporting another impressive organic growth performance. In the quarter, the company reported sales at €20.7m, growing by +70% YoY (slightly decelerating vs +77% YoY growth achieved in 2Q) and 14% better than expected. Growth was driven by both volumes and price/mix (we estimate an overall balanced contribution from the two components in the quarter). In terms of geographies, with Europe, North America and Latam outperformed, while APAC and Italy lagged behind.

### ...fueling record-high margins despite cost inflation

The strong top-line trend fuelled record margins. EBITDA came in at €5.5m, up +118% YoY and 33% ahead of our estimates. The margin reached the record level of 26.6% from 20.8%, as operating leverage and price/mix more than offset cost inflation. At the bottom line, net profit was €3.5m, growing 130% YoY and 48% ahead of our forecast, reflecting EBITDA dynamic. Net debt stood at €11.2m, improving vs €13.7m reported 1H22 as EBITDA growth coupled with slight NWC improvement supported cash generation in the quarter.

### Strong underlying trends to continue in 4Q

Looking ahead, the management expects record revenues for FY22E, taking into account the strong trend reported in 9M22 that is seen remaining healthy over 4Q22 and the strong order backlog. At the same time, the management flagged the risk that the initial negative impact of the current energy crisis that the company is witnessing may worsen during next quarters. However, we expect the strong volumes trends coupled with deflating raw materials and logistics costs to shield B&C Speakers from any pressure from increasing energy costs, also taking into account their limited incidence within the cost structure.

### FY22-24E EPS increased by 7%

Following the release, we increased our FY22-24E EPS by 7% to reflect the stronger operating trends. For FY22E, we project revenues to increase by 72% YoY to reach €78m, implying a 47% growth in 4Q, with EBITDA margin reaching 23.5% supported by volumes and pricing more than offsetting cost inflation. Going forward, we confirm our high-single digit sales growth assumptions for FY23E, which should be driven growth in volumes in part offset by negative pricing, before moderating the pace to low-single digit in FY24E, with operating leverage driving EBITDA margin at 23.7% in FY24E. On cash generation, we expect an uptick in cash conversion in the coming quarters driven by NWC reversal, projecting the company to reach net debt of €8.1m in FY22E, before turning cash positive by FY23E.

### Outperform confirmed, TP raised to €16.0/share (from €15.7)

We confirm the Outperform rating with a new TP of €16.0/sh., increased from previous €15.7/sh. to reflect EPS upgrade. On our new numbers, the stock trades at 7x EV/EBITDA ('23E) and 10x P/E, an undemanding level, which, in our view, remains unjustified and offers compelling upside for a story boasting an above-average visibility on future EPS growth granted by its solid competitive positioning across the resilient and prospering live entertainment industry.

|                | 2021  | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E |
|----------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS Adj (€)    | 0.47  | 0.97  | 1.17  | 1.20  |
| DPS (€)        | 0.32  | 0.45  | 0.47  | 0.50  |
| BVPS (€)       | 2.58  | 3.24  | 3.96  | 4.70  |
| EV/Ebitda(x)   | 15.4  | 7.7   | 6.7   | 6.1   |
| P/E adj (x)    | 25.2  | 12.5  | 10.4  | 10.1  |
| Div.Yield(%)   | 2.7%  | 3.7%  | 3.9%  | 4.1%  |
| OpFCF Yield(%) | -0.1% | -0.5% | 10.7% | 11.1% |

#### Market Data

|                                          |                |
|------------------------------------------|----------------|
| Market Cap (€m)                          | 134            |
| Shares Out (m)                           | 11             |
| Research & Development Int. (%)          | 54%            |
| Free Float (%)                           | 46%            |
| 52 week range (€)                        | 14.00-10.50    |
| Rel Perf vs STOXX EUROPE 600 BANKS E (%) |                |
| -1m                                      | 0.4%           |
| -3m                                      | 9.8%           |
| -12m                                     | -3.8%          |
| 21dd Avg. Vol.                           | 3,003          |
| Reuters/Bloomberg                        | I:BCS / BEC IM |

Source: Mediobanca Securities

## Valuation Matrix

| Profit & Loss account (€ m) | 2021  | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Turnover                    | 45    | 78    | 83    | 85    |
| Turnover growth %           | 41.5% | 72.2% | 7.0%  | 1.6%  |
| EBITDA                      | 9     | 18    | 20    | 20    |
| EBITDA margin (%)           | 19.0% | 23.5% | 23.5% | 23.7% |
| EBITDA growth (%)           | 68.1% | nm    | 6.8%  | 2.5%  |
| Depreciation & Amortization | -2    | -2    | -2    | -2    |
| EBIT                        | 7     | 16    | 17    | 18    |
| EBIT margin (%)             | 14.6% | 20.9% | 21.0% | 21.2% |
| EBIT growth (%)             | nm    | nm    | 7.6%  | 2.7%  |
| Net Fin. Income (charges)   | 0     | -2    | -0    | -0    |
| Non-Operating Items         | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Extraordinary Items         | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Pre-tax Profit              | 7     | 14    | 17    | 18    |
| Tax                         | -2    | -4    | -4    | -4    |
| Tax rate (%)                | 25.4% | 25.0% | 25.0% | 25.0% |
| Minorities                  | 0     | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Net Profit                  | 5     | 11    | 13    | 13    |
| Net Profit growth (%)       | nm    | nm    | 20.5% | 2.7%  |
| Adjusted Net Profit         | 5     | 11    | 13    | 13    |
| Adj. Net Profit growth (%)  | nm    | nm    | 20.5% | 2.7%  |

| Multiples        | 2021  | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E |
|------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| P/E Adj.         | 25.2  | 12.5  | 10.4  | 10.1  |
| P/CEPS           | 23.2  | 12.2  | 9.8   | 9.4   |
| P/BV             | 4.5   | 3.8   | 3.1   | 2.6   |
| EV/ Sales        | 2.9   | 1.8   | 1.6   | 1.5   |
| EV/EBITDA        | 15.4  | 7.7   | 6.7   | 6.1   |
| EV/EBIT          | 20.1  | 8.7   | 7.5   | 6.9   |
| EV/Cap. Employed | 4.1   | 3.3   | 3.2   | 3.0   |
| Yield (%)        | 2.7%  | 3.7%  | 3.9%  | 4.1%  |
| OpFCF Yield(%)   | -0.1% | -0.5% | 10.7% | 11.1% |
| FCF Yield (%)    | 1.1%  | 0.8%  | 11.5% | 11.1% |

| Per Share Data (€)  | 2021 | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E |
|---------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| EPS                 | 0.46 | 0.97  | 1.17  | 1.20  |
| EPS growth (%)      | nm   | nm    | 20.5% | 2.7%  |
| EPS Adj.            | 0.47 | 0.97  | 1.17  | 1.20  |
| EPS Adj. growth (%) | nm   | nm    | 20.5% | 2.7%  |
| CEPS                | 0.51 | 1.00  | 1.25  | 1.29  |
| BVPS                | 2.58 | 3.24  | 3.96  | 4.70  |
| DPS Ord             | 0.32 | 0.45  | 0.47  | 0.50  |

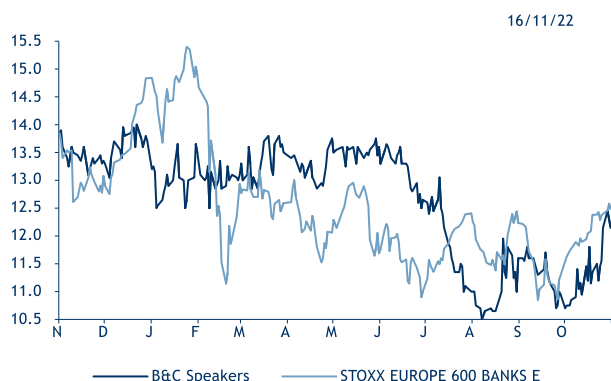
| Balance Sheet (€ m)    | 2021 | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E |
|------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Working Capital        | 22   | 33    | 32    | 31    |
| Net Fixed Assets       | 11   | 10    | 10    | 10    |
| Total Capital Employed | 32   | 43    | 42    | 41    |
| Shareholders' Funds    | 28   | 36    | 44    | 52    |
| Minorities             | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Provisions             | -0   | -1    | -1    | -1    |
| Net Debt (-) Cash (+)  | -4   | -8    | 1     | 10    |

| Key Figures & Ratios  | 2021 | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E |
|-----------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Avg. N° of Shares (m) | 11   | 11    | 11    | 11    |
| EoP N° of Shares (m)  | 11   | 11    | 11    | 11    |
| Avg. Market Cap. (m)  | 129  | 134   | 134   | 134   |
| Enterprise Value (m)  | 133  | 141   | 132   | 123   |
| Adjustments (m)       | -0   | -1    | -1    | -1    |
| Labour Costs/Turnover | 8%   | 6%    | 6%    | 6%    |
| Depr.&Amort./Turnover | 4%   | 3%    | 3%    | 2%    |
| Turnover / Op.Costs   | 1.2  | 1.3   | 1.3   | 1.3   |

| Cash Flow (€ m)              | 2021 | 2022E | 2023E | 2024E |
|------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------|
| Cash Earnings                | 6    | 11    | 14    | 14    |
| Working Capital Needs        | -5   | -11   | 1     | 0     |
| Capex (-)                    | -1   | -1    | -1    | -1    |
| Financial Investments (-)    | 0    | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Dividends (-)                | -3   | -3    | -5    | -5    |
| Other Sources / Uses         | -2   | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Ch. in Net Debt (-) Cash (+) | -5   | -4    | 9     | 8     |

|                         |     |      |       |       |
|-------------------------|-----|------|-------|-------|
| Gearing (Debt / Equity) | 14% | 23%  | -3%   | -19%  |
| EBITDA / Fin. Charges   | >10 | -9.2 | -65.3 | -66.9 |
| Net Debt / EBITDA       | 0.5 | 0.4  | -0.1  | -0.5  |
| Cap. Employed/Turnover  | 71% | 55%  | 50%   | 49%   |
| Capex / Turnover        | 1%  | 1%   | 1%    | 1%    |
| Pay out                 | 70% | 46%  | 40%   | 41%   |
| ROE                     | 18% | 30%  | 30%   | 26%   |
| ROCE (pre tax)          | 20% | 38%  | 42%   | 43%   |
| ROCE (after tax)        | 15% | 28%  | 31%   | 33%   |

Source: Mediobanca Securities



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## 3Q22 results were stronger than expected

### 3Q22 results

| €m              | 3Q22A | 3Q21A | YoY chg. | 3Q22E | A vs E | 9M22A | 9M21A | YoY chg. | 9M22E | A vs E |
|-----------------|-------|-------|----------|-------|--------|-------|-------|----------|-------|--------|
| Total sales     | 20.7  | 12.2  | 70.3%    | 18.2  | 13.9%  | 58.1  | 31.7  | 83.0%    | 55.6  | 5%     |
| EBITDA          | 5.5   | 2.5   | 118.1%   | 4.2   | 33.0%  | 13.8  | 6.1   | 127.1%   | 12.4  | 11%    |
| EBITDA margin   | 26.6% | 20.8% |          | 22.8% |        | 23.8% | 19.2% |          | 22.4% |        |
| EBIT            | 5.0   | 2.0   | 145.1%   | 3.6   | 38.2%  | 12.2  | 4.5   | 169.0%   | 10.8  | 13%    |
| EBIT margin     | 23.9% | 16.6% |          | 19.7% |        | 21.0% | 14.3% |          | 19.5% |        |
| Net profit      | 3.5   | 1.5   | 129.8%   | 2.4   | 47.6%  | 7.9   | 3.5   | 124.1%   | 6.8   | 17%    |
| Net Debt/(Cash) | 11.2  | 2.4   |          | na    |        | 11.2  | 2.4   |          | na    |        |

Source: Mediobanca Securities, B&C Speakers

## FY22-24E EPS estimates raised by 7%

### Main changes in FY22-24E estimates

| €m              | New FY22 | Old FY22 | % chg. | New FY23 | Old 2023 | % chg. | New FY24 | Old 2024 | % chg. |
|-----------------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|----------|----------|--------|
| Total sales     | 77.9     | 75.9     | 2.6%   | 83.4     | 81.6     | 2.2%   | 84.7     | 82.9     | 2.2%   |
| EBITDA          | 18.3     | 17.2     | 6.7%   | 19.6     | 18.7     | 4.9%   | 20.1     | 19.2     | 4.5%   |
| EBITDA margin   | 23.5%    | 22.7%    |        | 23.5%    | 22.9%    |        | 23.7%    | 23.2%    |        |
| EBIT            | 16.3     | 15.1     | 7.6%   | 17.5     | 16.6     | 5.5%   | 18.0     | 17.1     | 5.0%   |
| EBIT margin     | 20.9%    | 19.9%    |        | 21.0%    | 20.3%    |        | 21.2%    | 20.7%    |        |
| Net profit      | 10.7     | 9.8      | 8.7%   | 12.9     | 12.2     | 5.6%   | 13.3     | 12.6     | 5.1%   |
| Net Debt/(Cash) | 8.1      | 8.2      |        | (1.1)    | (0.2)    |        | (9.6)    | (8.1)    |        |

Source: Mediobanca Securities

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