

Sanderson Group

Update
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Solid Start Provides Further Confidence

Sanderson Group has made a solid start to the current financial year, which has led us to increase our prospective dividend forecasts and target price. We continue to be impressed by the high level of recurring revenues (57% for FY12), which cover just over two-thirds of business overheads, and therefore de-risks the group's investment case. The strong and growing range of products and services, the growing presence in the catalogue, online sales and ecommerce markets and the strengthened balance sheet augurs well for Sanderson. Accordingly, and with the shares offering a prospective dividend yield of 2.9%, we retain our stance of buy, but with an improved target price of 68p.

AGM Statement

The highlights of the AGM include: sales and profit in the first four months of FY13 are ahead of the comparative period; catalogue, online sales and ecommerce markets continued to achieve double digit annual growth rates; a large number of active sales prospects have been developed, some of which are expected to be converted into firm orders during FY13; a range of mobile products, which are generating a strong level of interest from existing and new customers, continues to be developed; further growth opportunities are expected from the development of these mobile products across all the businesses; progressive dividend policy expected to be maintained in FY13; a number of small acquisition opportunities are being considered and it is possible that one of these will be completed during FY13.

Financial forecasts

Given the strong start to the year we have increased our dividend forecast to 1.5p per share (previously 1.35p), and maintained our adjusted PBT forecast of £2.0m on revenues of £14.0m for FY13. Assuming that only one acquisition is concluded, we are pencilling in a net cash position of £4.8m. For FY14, we now expect the dividend to grow to 1.6p (previously 1.45p), and have maintained our adjusted PBT forecast of £2.4m on revenues of £15.1m. We are pencilling in a net cash position of £6.1m (13.97p/share), but this is dependent on any acquisitions being concluded.

Valuation

Given the strong progress made we now consider a rating of 13 times forward earnings + net cash as justifiable for setting an improved target price of 68p (previously 56p). The prospective yield of 2.9% is also attractive.

Table: Financial overview

Year to 30 th Sep.	2011A	2012A	2013E	2014E
Revenue* (£m)	14.1	13.4	14.0	15.1
PBT (£m)	0.4	1.5	2.0	2.4
EPS* (p)	1.1	3.0	3.75	4.17
Dividend (p)	0.75	1.20	1.50	1.60
Yield (%)	1.38%	2.20%	2.75%	2.94%

Source: GECR and company.

Notes: *Continuing operations

Buy

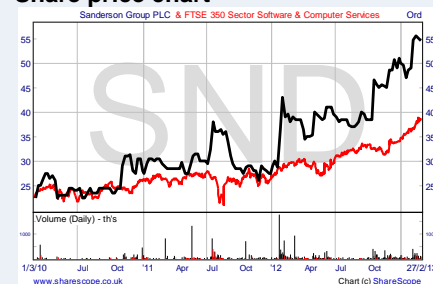
Target price

68p

Key data

Share price	52.00p
52 week high/low	56.50p/34.00p
Primary exchange	AIM
EPIC	SND
Shares in issue	43.68 m
Market Cap	£22.71 m
Sector	Software & Computer Services

Share price chart



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