

H&A FIRST TAKE – H&A FIRST TAKE – H&A FIRST TAKE

04-November-21

Q3 below exp. but upbeat comments on FY'22E

EUR	Q3'21	Q3'21 est	Q3'21 cons.	Q3'20	yoy	Q2'21	qoq	9M'21	9M'20	yoy
Sales	313	315	322	298	5%	306	2%	914	836	9%
EBITDA	27.3	29.8	30.5	31.7	-14%	30.1	-9%	85.6	83.7	2%
EBITDA margin	8.7%	9.5%	9.5%	10.7%	-2.0 pp	9.8%	- 1.1 pp	9.4%	10.0%	- 0.6 pp
EBIT	11.7	13.7	14.5	17.2	-32%	13.9	-16%	38.3	41.5	-8%
EBIT margin	3.7%	4.3%	4.5%	5.8%	- 2.0 pp	4.5%	- 0.8 pp	4.2%	5.0%	- 0.8 pp
EPS	0.16	0.16	0.17	0.18	-8%	0.16	1%	0.48	0.48	2%

Topic: soft Q3 results missed expectations on EBITDA and EBIT. The FY'21E guidance was confirmed, though S&T is now likely to reach the low-end only.

- **Q3 organic growth was slightly negative** due to € 40m of further projects delays driven by chip shortages. The total project overhang now stands at € 79m for the 9M'21. Positive overall sales growth was supported by M&A contributions from CITYCOMP (IT Services) and Iskratel (IoT Europe).
- Despite € 2.4m yoy higher R&D capitalisation, **Q3 EBITDA dropped 14% yoy to € 27.3m** due to cost inflation amidst shortages and a limited positive M&A impact on the bottom-line. The negative EBITDA impact should have amounted to € 3m in 9M'21, of which € 1.5m accrued in Q3'21 (eH&A). This includes € 1m of re-engineering expenses (see below). Also, S&T incurred € 0.5m severance costs in Q3 due to a 10% cost reduction in IoT Americas. Q3 EPS of € 0.16 was in-line thanks to an unexpected favourable tax effect from tax loss carry forwards.
- **FY'21E guidance confirmed – but mid- / high-end now looks out of reach.** S&T expects € 1.33-1.40bn sales and EBITDA of € 133-140m. EBITDA in Q4 would need to rise by 2% yoy to reach the low end of the FY'21 guidance. Anything above the low-end looks too ambitious in this environment. Importantly, street estimates of € 135m EBITDA already largely discount this.

While Q3 was soft, **upbeat comments during the conference call suggest that S&T has passed the trough and that prospects for FY'22E look more favourable again:**

- **The supply situation is set to normalise in 2022.** First, S&T has received positive signs from key supplier Intel that more complex chips will soon be shippable. These are used in high-margin products. **Management expects € 30m of the overhang to turn into revenues in Q1'22E and another € 10-20m in Q2'22E.** Second, S&T is in the process of redesigning products to rely on newer chips, which have better availability, leading to short-term pain (€ 1m re-engineering expenses in Q3'21) but long-term gain. Re-engineering should take six months; **another € 30m of the project overhang should hence be turned into revenue in H2'22E.**
- **S&T will push through price increases to offset higher input prices.** The company raised prices by 6% in Sept. '21 and will raise by another 10% in Jan. '22 on average. Procurement spot prices were up 7% on average, hurting EBITDA by € 2m this year (see above).
- **Management still expects positive operating cash flow of € 30-50m for the FY'21E,** implying € 45-65m positive operating cash flow in Q4. CFO was € -15m in 9M'21.

Tim Wunderlich, CFA

Analyst

tim.wunderlich@ha-ib.de

+49 40 4143885 81

Buy

Price target: EUR 31.00

Price: EUR 20.78

Close price as of: 29.10.2021

Disclosures regarding research publications of Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG pursuant to section 85 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) and distributed in the UK under the Temporary Permission Regime for EEA firms, subject to the FCA requirements on research recommendation disclosures

It is essential that any research recommendation is fairly presented and discloses interests of indicates relevant conflicts of interest. Pursuant to section 85 of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) a research report has to point out possible conflicts of interest in connection with the analysed company. Further to this, under the FCA's rules on research recommendations, any conflicts of interest in connection with the recommendation must be disclosed. A conflict of interest is presumed to exist in particular if Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG

- (1) or any other person belonging to the same group with that person (as part of a consortium) within the past twelve months, acquired the financial instruments of the analysed company,
- (2) or any other person belonging to the same group with that person has entered into an agreement on the production of the research report with the analysed company,
- (3) has, within the past twelve months, been party to an agreement on the provision of investment banking services with the analysed company or have received services or a promise of services under the term of such an agreement,
- (4) holds a) 5% or more of the share capital of the analysed company, or b) the analysed company holds 5% or more of the share capital of Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG or its affiliate(s),
- (5) holds a net long (a) or a net short (b) position of 0.5% of the outstanding share capital of the analysed company or derivatives thereof,
- (6) or any other person belonging to the same group with that person is a market maker or liquidity provider in the financial instruments of the issuer,
- (7) or the analyst has any other significant financial interests relating to the analysed company such as, for example, exercising mandates in the interest of the analysed company or a significant conflict of interest with respect to the issuer,
- (8) The research report has been made available to the company prior to its publication. Thereafter, only factual changes have been made to the report.

Conflicts of interest that existed at the time when this research report was published:

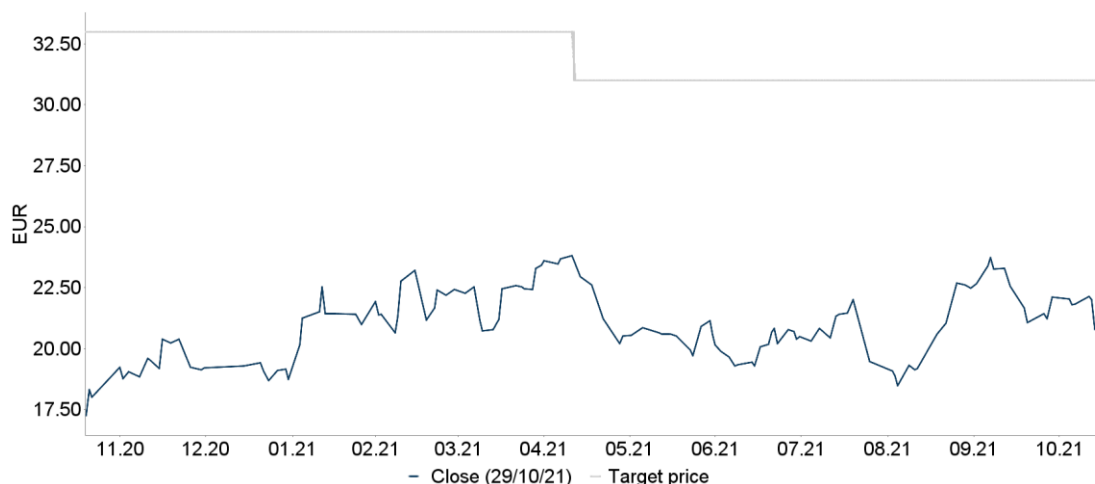
Company	Disclosure
S&T AG	3

Historical target price and rating changes for S&T AG in the last 12 months

Price and Rating History S&T AG as of 03/11/21

Initiation coverage

30-May-12



Company	Date	Analyst	Rating	Target price	Close
S&T AG	26.10.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,82
	12.10.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,22
	10.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 22,70
	07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04
	07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04

07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04
07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04
07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04
07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04
07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04
07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04
07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04
07.09.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,04
06.08.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 22,02
03.08.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,46
11.05.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,22
11.05.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,22
07.05.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 21,22
28.04.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 31,00	EUR 23,80
24.02.2021	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 33,00	EUR 22,76
18.12.2020	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 33,00	EUR 19,20
05.11.2020	Wunderlich, CFA, Tim	Buy	EUR 33,00	EUR 18,33

Hauck & Aufhäuser distribution of ratings and in proportion to investment banking services

Buy	75.51 %	96.30 %
Sell	4.76 %	0.00 %
Hold	19.73 %	3.70 %

Date of publication creation: 04/11/2021 10:44 AM

Date of publication dissemination: 04/11/2021 10:44 AM

1. General Information/Liabilities

This research report has been produced for the information purposes of institutional investors only, and is not in any way a personal recommendation, offer or solicitation to buy or sell the financial instruments mentioned herein. The document is confidential and is made available by Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG, exclusively to selected recipients [in DE, GB, FR, CH, US, UK, Scandinavia, and Benelux or, in individual cases, also in other countries]. A distribution to private investors in the sense of the German Securities Trading Act (WpHG) is excluded. It is not allowed to pass the research report on to persons other than the intended recipient without the permission of Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG. Reproduction of this document, in whole or in part, is not permitted without prior permission Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG. All rights reserved.

Under no circumstances shall Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG, any of its employees involved in the preparation, have any liability for possible errors or incompleteness of the information included in this research report – neither in relation to indirect or direct nor consequential damages. Liability for damages arising either directly or as a consequence of the use of information, opinions and estimates is also excluded. Past performance of a financial instrument is not necessarily indicative of future performance.

2. Responsibilities

This research report was prepared by the research analyst named on the front page (the "Producer"). The Producer is solely responsible for the views and estimates expressed in this report. The report has been prepared independently. The content of the research report was not influenced by the issuer of the analysed financial instrument at any time. It may be possible that parts of the research report were handed out to the issuer for information purposes prior to the publication without any major amendments being made thereafter.

3. Organisational Requirements

Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG took internal organisational and regulative precautions to avoid or accordingly disclose possible conflicts of interest in connection with the preparation and distribution of the research report. All members of Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG involved in the preparation of the research report are subject to internal compliance regulations. No part of the Producer's compensation is directly or indirectly related to the preparation of this financial analysis. In case a research analyst or a closely related person is confronted with a conflict of interest, the research analyst is restricted from covering this company.

4. Information Concerning the Methods of Valuation/Update

The determination of the fair value per share, i.e. the price target, and the resultant rating is done on the basis of the adjusted free cash flow (adj. FCF) method and on the basis of the discounted cash flow – DCF model. Furthermore, a peer group comparison is made.

The adj. FCF method is based on the assumption that investors purchase assets only at a price (enterprise value) at which the operating cash flow return after taxes on this investment exceeds their opportunity costs in the form of a hurdle rate of 7.5%. The operating cash flow is calculated as EBITDA less maintenance capex and taxes.

Within the framework of the DCF approach, the future free cash flows are calculated initially on the basis of a fictitious capital structure of 100% equity, i.e. interest and repayments on debt capital are not factored in initially. The adjustment towards the actual capital structure is done by discounting the calculated free cash flows with the weighted average cost of capital (WACC), which takes into account both the cost of equity capital and the cost of debt. After discounting, the calculated total enterprise value is reduced by the interest-bearing debt capital in order to arrive at the equity value.

Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG uses the following three-step rating system for the analysed companies:

Buy: Sustainable upside potential of more than 10% within 12 months
 Sell: Sustainable downside potential of more than 10% within 12 months.
 Hold: Upside/downside potential is limited. No immediate catalyst visible.

NB: The ratings of Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG are not based on a performance that is expected to be "relative" to the market.

The decision on the choice of the financial instruments analysed in this document was solely made by Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG. The opinions and estimates in this research report are subject to change without notice. It is within the discretion of Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG whether and when it publishes an update to this research report, but in general updates are created on a regular basis, after 6 months at the latest. A sensitivity analysis is included and published in company's initial studies.

5. Major Sources of Information

Part of the information required for this research report was made available by the issuer of the financial instrument. Furthermore, this report is based on publicly available sources (such as, for example, Bloomberg, Reuters, VWD-Trader and the relevant daily press) believed to be reliable. Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG has checked the information for plausibility but not for accuracy or completeness.

6. Competent Supervisory Authority

Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG are under supervision of the BaFin – German Federal Financial Supervisory Authority Bundesanstalt für Finanzdienstleistungsaufsicht), Graurheindorfer Straße 108, 53117 Bonn and Marie-Curie-Straße 24 – 28, 60439 Frankfurt a.M.

This document is distributed in the UK under the Temporary Permission Regime for EEA firms and in compliance with the applicable FCA requirements.

7. Specific Comments for Recipients Outside of Germany

This research report is subject to the law of the Federal Republic of Germany. The distribution of this information to other states in particular to the USA, Canada, Australia and Japan may be restricted or prohibited by the laws applicable within this state.

8. Miscellaneous

According to Article 4(1) No. i of the delegated regulation 2016/958 supplementing regulation 596/2014 of the European Parliament, further information regarding investment recommendations of the last 12 months are published under:
<https://www.hauck-aufhaeuser.com/en/investment-banking/equities#institutionalresearch>

Disclosures for U.S. persons only

This research report is a product of HAUCK & AUFHÄUSER PRIVATBANKIERS AG, which is the employer of the research analyst(s) who has prepared the research report. The research analyst(s) preparing the research report is/are resident outside the United States (U.S.) and are not associated persons of any U.S. regulated broker-dealer and therefore the analyst(s) is/are not subject to supervision by a U.S. broker-dealer, and is/are not required to satisfy the regulatory licensing requirements of FINRA or required to otherwise comply with U.S. rules or regulations regarding, among other things, communications with a subject company, public appearances and trading securities held by a research analyst account.

This report is intended for distribution by HAUCK & AUFHÄUSER PRIVATBANKIERS AG, only to "Major Institutional Investors" as defined by Rule 15a-6(b)(4) of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Act, 1934 (the Exchange Act) and interpretations thereof by U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) in reliance on Rule 15a 6(a)(2). If the recipient of this report is not a Major Institutional Investor as specified above, then it should not act upon this report and return the same to the sender. Further, this report may not be copied, duplicated and/or transmitted onward to any U.S. person, which is not the Major Institutional Investor.

In reliance on the exemption from registration provided by Rule 15a-6 of the Exchange Act and interpretations thereof by the SEC in order to conduct certain business with Major Institutional Investors, HAUCK & AUFHÄUSER PRIVATBANKIERS AG, has entered into an agreement with a U.S. registered broker-dealer, Marco Polo Securities Inc. ("Marco Polo"). Transactions in securities discussed in this research report should be effected through Marco Polo or another U.S. registered broker dealer.

Contacts: Hauck & Aufhäuser Privatbankiers AG

Hauck & Aufhäuser Research

Hauck & Aufhäuser
Privatbankiers AG
Mittelweg 16/17
20148 Hamburg
Germany

Tel.: +49 (0) 40 414 3885 91
Fax: +49 (0) 40 414 3885 71
Email: research@ha-ib.de
www.ha-research.de

Tim Wunderlich, CFA
Head of Transactional Research
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 81
E-Mail: tim.wunderlich@ha-ib.de

Henning Breiter
Head of Research
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 73
E-Mail: henning.breiter@ha-ib.de

Marie-Thérèse Grübner
Head of Capital Advisory
Tel.: +49 40 450 6342 3097
E-Mail: marie-therese.gruebner@ha-ib.de

Christian Sandherr
Head of Equity Advisory
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 79
E-Mail: christian.sandherr@ha-ib.de

Alexander Galitsa
Analyst
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 83
E-Mail: alexander.galitsa@ha-ib.de

Alina Köhler
Analyst
Tel.: +49 40 450 6342 3095
E-Mail: alina.koehler@ha-ib.de

Christian Glowa
Analyst
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 95
E-Mail: christian.glowa@ha-ib.de

Christian Salis
Analyst
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 96
E-Mail: christian.salis@ha-ib.de

Frederik Jarchow
Analyst
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 76
E-Mail: frederik.jarchow@ha-ib.de

Jorge González Sadornil
Senior Analyst
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 84
E-Mail: jorge.gonzalez@ha-ib.de

Nicole Winkler
Analyst
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 97
E-Mail: nicole.winkler@ha-ib.de

Philipp Sennewald
Analyst
Tel.: +49 40 450 6342 3091
E-Mail: philipp.sennewald@ha-ib.de

Simon Bentlage
Analyst
Tel.: +49 40 450 6342 3096
E-Mail: simon.bentlage@ha-ib.de

Hauck & Aufhäuser Sales

Alexander Lachmann
Equity Sales
Tel.: +41 43 497 30 23
E-Mail: alexander.lachmann@ha-ib.de

Carlos Becke
Equity Sales
Tel.: +44 203 84 107 97
E-Mail: carlos.becke@ha-ib.de

Christian Schwenkenbecher
Equity Sales
Tel.: +44 203 84 107 96
E-Mail: christian.schwenkenbecher@ha-ib.de

Christian Bybjerg
Equity Sales
Tel.: +49 414 3885 74
E-Mail: christian.bybjerg@ha-ib.de

Hugues Madelin
Equity Sales
Tel.: +33 1 78 41 40 62
E-Mail: hugues.madelin@ha-ib.de

Imogen Voorspuy
Equity Sales
Tel.: +44 203 84 107 98
E-Mail: imogen.voorspuy@ha-ib.de

Markus Scharhag
Equity Sales
Tel.: +49 89 23 93 2813
E-Mail: markus.scharhag@ha-ib.de

Rune Dinesen
Equity Sales
Tel.: +49 40 414 38 85 72
E-Mail: rune.dinesen@ha-ib.de

Valentin Popow
Equity Sales
Tel.: +49 69 2161 1749
E-Mail: valentin.popow@ha-ib.de

Vincent Bischoff
Equity Sales
Tel.: +49 40 414 38 85 88
E-Mail: vincent.bischoff@ha-ib.de

Hauck & Aufhäuser Sales Trading

Hauck & Aufhäuser
Privatbankiers AG
Mittelweg 16/17
20148 Hamburg
Germany

Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 78
Fax: +49 40 414 3885 71
Email: info@hauck-aufhaeuser.com
www.hauck-aufhaeuser.com

Fin Schaffer
Trading
Tel.: +49 40 414 38 85 98
E-Mail: fin.schaffer@hauck-aufhaeuser.com

Nils Carstens
Trading
Tel.: +49 40 414 38 85 85
E-Mail: Nils.Carstens@ha-ib.de

Tom Warlich
Middle-Office
Tel.: +49 40 414 3885 78
E-Mail: tom.warlich@hauck-aufhaeuser.com

Carolin Heidrich
Middle-Office
Tel.: +49 176 10 59 41 52
E-Mail: carolin.heidrich@hauck-aufhaeuser.com

