

Investment Research

Accumulate

Recommendation unchanged

Share price: EUR 150.55

closing price as of 27/07/2010

Target price: EUR 165.00

vs Target Price: EUR **155.00**

Reuters/Bloomberg

BEKB.BR/BEKB.BB

Daily avg. no. trad. sh. 12 mth 57,170

Daily avg. trad. vol. 12 mth (m) 6.53

Price high 12 mth (EUR) 151.00

Price low 12 mth (EUR) 82.40

Abs. perf. 1 mth 7.8%

Abs. perf. 3 mth 9.5%

Abs. perf. 12 mth 79.6%

Market capitalisation (EURm) 2,995

Current N° of shares (m) 20

Free float 61%

Key financials (EUR)	12/09	12/10e	12/11e
Sales (m)	2,437	2,754	2,964
EBITDA (m)	387	473	522
EBITDA margin	15.9%	17.2%	17.6%
EBIT (m)	232	331	379
EBIT margin	9.5%	12.0%	12.8%
Net Profit (adj.)(m)	170	237	274
ROCE	9.3%	11.8%	13.0%
Net debt/(cash) (m)	429	490	359
Net Debt/Equity	0.3	0.3	0.2
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.1	1.0	0.7
Int. cover(EBITDA/Fin.int)	6.8	11.4	14.9
EV/Sales	1.2	1.4	1.3
EV/EBITDA	7.8	8.3	7.3
EV/EBITDA (adj.)	7.8	8.3	7.3
EV/EBIT	13.0	11.9	10.1
P/E (adj.)	12.6	12.6	11.0
P/BV	1.7	2.1	1.8
OpFCF yield	18.0%	4.5%	9.8%
Dividend yield	2.0%	2.1%	2.1%
EPS (adj.)	8.58	11.93	13.75
BVPS	64.78	72.25	81.72
DPS	2.94	3.10	3.20



Source: Factset

Shareholders: Bekaert Fam. & Rel. 39%;

For company description please see summary table footnote

Towards strong 1H10 results

The facts: Bekaert will release its 1H10 results on Friday 29th of July 2010, before market opening. An analyst meeting is scheduled the same day at 02:00 pm CET.

Our analysis: In 1Q10, consolidated sales were up 17% y-o-y boosted by strong volume sold (+23.9% on average) in all regions, leading to strong capacity utilisation rates. Management guidance for 2Q10 (a strong performance was expected) and recent comments from Xingda, Bekaert's main competitor in China, on the first six months of 2010, bode well for Bekaert's sales and margins in 1H10.

Bekaert : key figures (EUR m)	1H09	2H09	2009	1H10e Degroof	% change	1H10e consensus
Consolidated sales	1,200.0	1,237.3	2,437.3	1,392.0	16.0%	1,402.0
-EMEA ¹	410.0	417.0	827.0	480.0	17.1%	487.0
-North America	263.0	211.0	474.0	275.0	4.6%	281.0
-Latine America	160.0	167.0	327.0	132.0	-17.5%	132.0
-Asia Pacific	367.0	442.3	809.3	505.0	37.6%	502.0
Rebit	85.8	170.9	256.8	192.5	124.2%	185.0
Margin	7.2%	13.8%	10.5%	13.8%		13.2%
-EMEA ¹	-21.0	23.0	2.0	26.0		
-North America	-5.0	0.0	-5.0	8.5		
-Latine America	9.0	19.0	28.0	15.0		
-Asia Pacific	128.0	160.0	288.0	172.0		
-Corporate	-25.2	-31.1	-56.2	-29.0		
Operating result	78.7	153.5	232.2	180.0	128.7%	175.0
Margin	6.6%	12.4%	9.5%	12.9%		12.5%
Financial result	-30.5	-35.1	-65.6	-32.0		-31.0
Current result before tax	48.2	118.4	166.6	148.0	207.0%	144.0
Income tax	-13.3	-20.6	-33.9	-37.0		-38.0
Tax rate	27.5%	17.4%	20.4%	26.0%		26.4%
Results of associates	17.4	20.3	37.8	19.0	8.9%	20.0
Discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0		
Consolidated profit	52.4	118.1	170.4	130.0	148.2%	126.0
Minority interest	8.2	10.5	18.6	13.8		14.0
Group's share in net result	44.2	107.6	151.8	116.2	162.9%	112.0
EPS (EUR)	2.23	5.42	7.65	5.84		5.65

Sources : Bekaert / Bank Degroof estimates

¹ EMEA= Europe, the Middle East and Africa

We expect 1H10 consolidated sales to be up 16% (+15% in 2Q10) and the recurring EBIT (Rebit) to more than double at EUR 192m. However, 1H09 results were negatively affected by adverse raw material prices for an amount of ± EUR 40m. The net result is expect to land at EUR 116m vs. EUR 44m in 1H09 and EUR 108m in 2H09.

Conclusion & Action: While a strong performance is expected for 1H10, there is still a earning surprise potential as we and the consensus have discounted a ± 2% drop in Rebit margin in Asia compared to 2H09. This might prove too cautious given the high capacity utilisation rate and Xingda comments on its 1H10 earnings. We confirm our Accumulate recommendation for Bekaert and raise our target price to EUR 165 per share (from EUR 155) ahead of the publication of the 1H10 results.

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Bekaert: Summary tables

PROFIT & LOSS (EURm)	2007	2008	2009	2010e	2011e	2012e
Sales	2,174	2,662	2,437	2,754	2,964	3,173
Cost of Sales & Operating Costs	1,830	2,250	2,050	2,281	2,442	2,631
Non Recurrent Expenses/Income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBITDA	344	412	387	473	522	543
EBITDA (adj.)*	344	412	387	473	522	543
Depreciation	-169	-202	-155	-142	-143	-142
EBITA	175	210	232	331	379	401
EBITA (adj)*	175	210	232	331	379	401
Amortisations and Write Downs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	175	210	232	331	379	401
EBIT (adj.)*	175	210	232	331	379	401
Net Financial Interest	-32.5	-41.4	-56.7	-41.4	-35.0	-21.0
Other Financials	-8.5	-7.8	-8.9	-15.0	-15.0	-15.0
Associates	47.1	56.1	37.8	38.9	42.2	47.5
Other Non Recurrent Items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings Before Tax (EBT)	181	217	204	313	372	412
Tax	-19.1	-25.5	-33.9	-68.6	-82.4	-91.1
<i>Tax rate</i>	<i>10.6%</i>	<i>11.7%</i>	<i>16.6%</i>	<i>21.9%</i>	<i>22.2%</i>	<i>22.1%</i>
Discontinued Operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minorities	-8.7	-17.7	-18.6	-26.0	-30.7	-34.1
Net Profit (reported)	153	174	152	219	259	287
Net Profit (adj.)	161	237	170	237	274	302
CASH FLOW (EURm)	2007	2008	2009	2010e	2011e	2012e
Cash Flow from Operations before change in NWC	338	384	283	379	423	453
Change in Net Working Capital	-41.9	-162	196	-155	-40.8	-42.7
Cash Flow from Operations	297	221	478	224	383	411
Capex	-200	-244	-164	-221	-184	-184
Net Financial Investments	3.7	20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Free Cash Flow	100	-2.3	314	3.6	198	226
Dividends	-57.2	-59.3	-60.5	-63.7	-67.4	-69.6
Other (incl. Capital Increase & share buy backs)	-132	-118	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in Net Debt	-89	-179	254	-60	131	157
NOPLAT	131	158	174	248	285	300
BALANCE SHEET & OTHER ITEMS (EURm)	2007	2008	2009	2010e	2011e	2012e
Net Tangible Assets	918	1,071	1,121	1,200	1,242	1,284
Net Intangible Assets (incl. Goodwill)	122	111	111	111	111	111
Net Financial Assets & Other	290	218	259	259	259	259
Total Fixed Assets	1,330	1,400	1,492	1,570	1,612	1,655
Net Working Capital	618	819	636	791	832	874
Net Capital Invested	1,948	2,219	2,128	2,361	2,444	2,529
Group Shareholders Equity	1,147	1,172	1,374	1,547	1,760	2,002
<i>o/w own Shareholders Equity</i>	<i>1,098</i>	<i>1,131</i>	<i>1,285</i>	<i>1,437</i>	<i>1,626</i>	<i>1,839</i>
Net Debt	504	684	429	490	359	202
Provisions	297	363	325	325	325	325
Other Net Liabilities or Assets	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Capital Employed	1,948	2,219	2,128	2,361	2,444	2,529
GROWTH & MARGINS	2007	2008	2009	2010e	2011e	2012e
<i>Sales growth</i>	<i>8.5%</i>	<i>22.5%</i>	<i>-8.5%</i>	<i>13.0%</i>	<i>7.6%</i>	<i>7.0%</i>
EBITDA (adj.)* growth	31.2%	19.9%	-6.2%	22.2%	10.4%	3.9%
<i>EBITA (adj.)* growth</i>	<i>19.6%</i>	<i>20.5%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>42.5%</i>	<i>14.7%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>
<i>EBIT (adj)*growth</i>	<i>19.6%</i>	<i>20.5%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>	<i>42.5%</i>	<i>14.7%</i>	<i>5.6%</i>
<i>Net Profit growth</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>46.8%</i>	<i>-28.1%</i>	<i>39.5%</i>	<i>15.2%</i>	<i>10.3%</i>
EPS adj. growth	8.0%	46.0%	-28.3%	39.1%	15.2%	10.3%
<i>DPS adj. growth</i>	<i>10.4%</i>	<i>1.4%</i>	<i>5.0%</i>	<i>5.4%</i>	<i>3.2%</i>	<i>3.1%</i>
EBITDA margin	15.8%	15.5%	15.9%	17.2%	17.6%	17.1%
<i>EBITDA (adj)* margin</i>	<i>15.8%</i>	<i>15.5%</i>	<i>15.9%</i>	<i>17.2%</i>	<i>17.6%</i>	<i>17.1%</i>
<i>EBITA margin</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>12.0%</i>	<i>12.8%</i>	<i>12.6%</i>
<i>EBITA (adj)* margin</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>12.0%</i>	<i>12.8%</i>	<i>12.6%</i>
<i>EBIT margin</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>12.0%</i>	<i>12.8%</i>	<i>12.6%</i>
<i>EBIT (adj)* margin</i>	<i>8.0%</i>	<i>7.9%</i>	<i>9.5%</i>	<i>12.0%</i>	<i>12.8%</i>	<i>12.6%</i>

Bekaert: Summary tables

RATIOS	2007	2008	2009	2010e	2011e	2012e
Net Debt/Equity	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.3	0.2	0.1
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.5	1.7	1.1	1.0	0.7	0.4
Interest cover (EBITDA/Fin.interest)	10.6	10.0	6.8	11.4	14.9	25.8
Capex/D&A	118.1%	120.7%	106.1%	155.3%	129.3%	129.8%
Capex/Sales	9.2%	9.1%	6.7%	8.0%	6.2%	5.8%
NWC/Sales	28.4%	30.8%	26.1%	28.7%	28.1%	27.6%
ROE (average)	14.9%	21.3%	14.1%	17.4%	17.9%	17.4%
ROCE (adj.)	7.9%	7.9%	9.3%	11.8%	13.0%	13.2%
WACC	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%	8.4%
ROCE (adj.)/WACC	0.9	0.9	1.1	1.4	1.6	1.6
PER SHARE DATA (EUR)***	2007	2008	2009	2010e	2011e	2012e
Average diluted number of shares	19.7	19.8	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.9
EPS (reported)	7.77	8.80	7.65	10.99	12.99	14.41
EPS (adj.)	8.20	11.97	8.58	11.93	13.75	15.17
BVPS	55.83	57.15	64.78	72.25	81.72	92.45
DPS	2.76	2.80	2.94	3.10	3.20	3.30
VALUATION	2007	2008	2009	2010e	2011e	2012e
EV/Sales	1.2	0.7	1.2	1.4	1.3	1.2
EV/EBITDA	7.5	4.8	7.8	8.3	7.3	6.8
EV/EBITDA (adj.)*	7.5	4.8	7.8	8.3	7.3	6.8
EV/EBITA	14.7	9.4	13.0	11.9	10.1	9.2
EV/EBITA (adj.)*	14.7	9.4	13.0	11.9	10.1	9.2
EV/EBIT	14.7	9.4	13.0	11.9	10.1	9.2
EV/EBIT (adj.)*	14.7	9.4	13.0	11.9	10.1	9.2
P/E (adj.)	11.2	4.0	12.6	12.6	11.0	9.9
P/BV	1.6	0.8	1.7	2.1	1.8	1.6
Total Yield Ratio	9.4%	8.4%	2.1%	2.2%	2.3%	
EV/CE	1.5	1.0	1.6	1.9	1.8	1.6
OpFCF yield	11.7%	13.7%	18.0%	4.5%	9.8%	10.7%
OpFCF/EV	8.3%	6.6%	12.8%	3.4%	7.6%	8.7%
Payout ratio	35.5%	31.8%	38.4%	28.2%	24.6%	22.9%
Dividend yield (gross)	3.0%	5.8%	2.0%	2.1%	2.1%	2.2%
EV AND MKT CAP (EURm)	2007	2008	2009	2010e	2011e	2012e
Price** (EUR)	92.0	48.3	109	151	151	151
Outstanding number of shares for main stock	19.7	19.8	19.8	19.9	19.9	19.9
Total Market Cap	1,810	956	2,152	2,995	2,995	2,995
Net Debt	504	684	429	490	359	202
<i>o/w Cash & Marketable Securities (-)</i>	<i>-73.2</i>	<i>-118</i>	<i>-325</i>	<i>-307</i>	<i>-343</i>	<i>-395</i>
<i>o/w Gross Debt (+)</i>	<i>578</i>	<i>802</i>	<i>755</i>	<i>797</i>	<i>702</i>	<i>597</i>
Other EV components	250	344	442	463	482	498
Enterprise Value (EV adj.)	2,564	1,983	3,023	3,948	3,836	3,695

Source: Company, Bank Degroof estimates.

Notes

* Where EBITDA (adj.) or EBITA (adj) or EBIT (adj.)= EBITDA (or EBITA or EBIT) +/- Non Recurrent Expenses/Income

**Price (in local currency): Fiscal year end price for Historical Years and Current Price for current and forecasted years

***EPS (adj.) diluted= Net Profit (adj.)/Avg DIL. Ord. (+ Ord. equivalent) Shs. EPS (reported) = Net Profit reported/Avg DIL. Ord. (+ Ord. equivalent) Shs.

Sector: General Industrials/Diversified Industrials

Company Description: Bekaert is a company built on two core competences: "advanced metal transformation" and "advanced materials & coatings". Bekaert strives to be a market and technological leader in its niches markets in which it is seeking substantial profitable growth. Bekaert is strongly exposed to BRIC countries and other growing markets, which together represent 70% of the sales.

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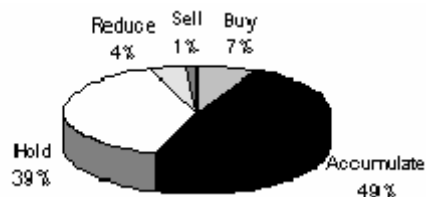
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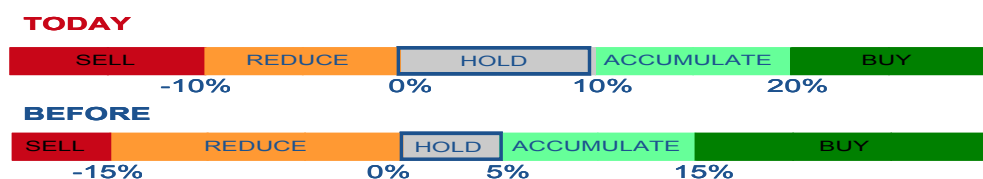


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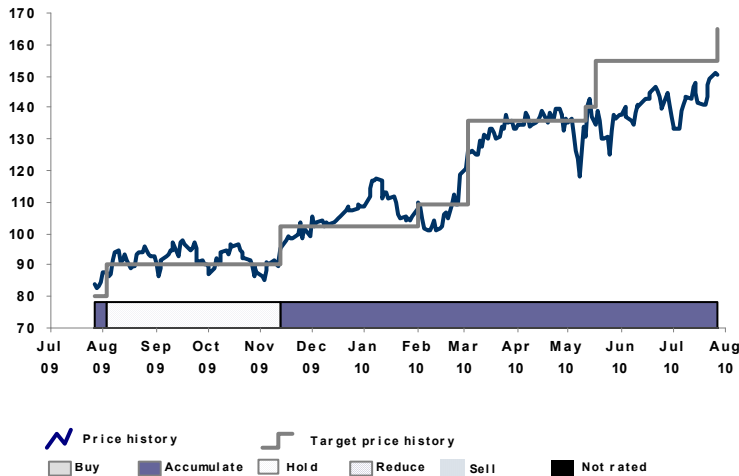
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Recommendation history for BEKAERT

Date	Recommendation	Target price	Price at change date
27-Jul-10	Accumulate	165.00	150.55
17-May-10	Accumulate	155.00	134.60
11-May-10	Accumulate	140.00	130.60
28-Apr-10	Accumulate	136.00	132.35
23-Feb-10	Accumulate	109.00	112.30
13-Nov-09	Accumulate	102.00	95.04
03-Aug-09	Hold	90.00	87.66
28-Jul-09	Accumulate	80.00	82.40
25-Mar-09	Accumulate	70.00	51.62
10-Mar-09	Accumulate	75.00	42.57

Source: Factset & ESN, price data adjusted for stock splits.

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