

## Morning Note

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### Bekaert

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Target price upped to € 48

**Neutral**

(Rating unchanged)

Belgium

Current price: € 45.96  
Target price: € 48.00  
Market cap: € 1,025m  
Free Float 60 %

	EPS* (€)	P/E
FY02	-1.55	-
FY03E	4.47	10.28
FY04E	4.98	9.23

\* Adjusted for goodwill & exceptionals

Following the quarterly update released on Friday, we marginally upped our estimates. The 'adj' EPS 03E and 04E are revised from €4.34 and €4.90 to €4.47 and €4.98. No big impact on DCF though, with the theoretical fair value estimated at €50.90 per share. Already in July we wrote that "Bekaert might be trying to keep consensus low"... As such our EPS estimate of €4.34 was at the high end of consensus and might be beaten in February. Against a potential earnings surprise in February and the favourable outlook for 2004, we narrow the gap between our target price and theoretical fair value. We increase our target price to €48 (from €45) and confirm our rating at neutral. Momentum is definitely with Bekaert for the coming months (or more) and the stock still might offer you some 10% extra upside.

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