## **WEBSOLUTE**

# Growing revenues and profitability: 1H21 Ebitda at Euro 1.6 m, +117%, EBITDA margin of 16%

**FY20 top-line growth of 56%:** 1H21 figures confirm the validity of the Webolute's business model based on a solid and well diversified client base and continuous strategic investments in product development. The top line came to Euro 9.3 m, +56% vs. 1H20 (Euro 6.0 m) supported by the resumption of new business activity for the Group's clients which mainly operate in industries less impacted by the negative effects of the pandemic and hence now keen to accelerate investments in digitalization essential to continue to compete in the market. In terms of product lines 1H21 saw a strong performance across almost all major product lines and in particular Digital Marketing +39%, Digital platforms +34%, Brand Identity +38%, Social, Influencer marketing +38%, Mobile App + 46%, ECommerce Strategy & Management +31% and Software Licenses and Marketplace services B2B + 243%. Good performance also of the new businesses (W.Academy, More and W-Mind Benefit Corporation).

**Profitability margins above pre-covid levels.** Furthermore, profitability continued to improve, with 1H21 EBITDA of Euro 1.6 m, +117% vs Euro 0.7 m in 1H20 and +41% vs. 1H19 (Euro 1.1 m). Ebitda margin stood at 16.3%, +5.3 pp vs. 1H21 (11.0%) as a result of the higher sales volumes triggering a 4.6 pp reduction of personnel expenses on revenues (c. 51% of operating costs) despite an increase in absolute terms by 32% reflecting a policy aiming at increasing internal competence and strengthen the organizational structure to better address future growth targets. EBIT came in at Euro 0.8 m (Euro 0.1 m in 1H20) after D&As of Euro 0.8 m vs. Euro 0.6 m in 1H20 following the recent investment activity. Net Income was of Euro 0.4 m (Euro 0.1 m in 1H20).

A solid balance sheet cash flow to support strategic investment. Net debt at the end of the period considered came in at Euro 2.7 m, down from Euro 3.1 m at the end of December 2020 thanks to good operating cash flow and after Euro 0.3 m of purchase of own shares and total investments of Euro 0.8 m mainly aiming at strengthening of the product portfolio in areas such as e-commerce, VR/AR and Data Driven marketing automation. Working Capital at the end of 1H21 stood at 2.0 m vs. Euro 2.2 m in FY20 thanks to good management of trade receivables with a reduction in DSOs to 109 days (125 days previously).

**Positive outlook confirmed.** In line with strategic guidelines Websolute has over the last 18 months continued to focus on investments in product development and M&A to strengthen the product portfolio and is now, in our view, well positioned to exploit the expected acceleration of the digital sector in Europe boosted in Italy by investments from the NRRP. Looking at 2H21, Management stated that current trading is showing promising signs, with a +64% increase of the order portfolio of Websolute SpA at the end of July and an average of 30-40% increase in the subsidiaries' portfolios. We also expect that once the new service offering is fully integrated, the Group should be able to benefit both from commercial and production synergies.

**Estimate revision.** Based on the above and considering 1H21 results we finetuned our revenue estimate now assuming Euro 19.3 m (Euro 18.2 m pr.) We also increased EBITDA margin to 16% (12 pr.). Overall, we made an average FY21-22 adjustment in revenues and EPS of +11% and +127% respectively. We also added FY23 to our explicit forecast period and we highlight that our estimates do not include any potential M&A transactions which we expect to be a major future growth driver.

**Valuation:** Based on our new estimates and updated market data, we upgrade our target price to Euro 5.22 p.s. (Euro 2.55 p.s. previously), providing for a +105% upside on current stock price and obtained by weighting equally the DCF and the multiple comparison analysis. At our target price the stock would be trading at EV/EBITDA 21/22 multiples of 16.4x and 11x respectively.

### **Sector: Technology**

Target Price (Euro)	<b>5.22</b> (2.55)
Market Price (Euro)	3.56
Market Cap (Euro m)	33
EV (Euro m)	36
As of September 28, 2021	

#### **Share Data**

Market	AlM Italia
Reuters/Bloomberg	WEB:IM
ISIN	IT0005384901
N. of Shares	9.513.843
Free Float	23.019
CEO	Lamberto Mattiol

#### **Financials**

	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E
Revenues	14.8	19.3	22.9	26.2
YoY %	+5%	+30%	+19%	+14%
EBITDA	1.4	3.1	4.6	5.8
EBITDA %	10%	16%	20%	22%
EBIT	0.5	1.6	3.0	4.2
EBIT %	4%	8%	13%	16%
Net Income	0.3	1.2	2.2	3.1
Net Debt / (Cash)	3.1	1.2	(0.7)	(4.2)
Group's Net Equity	3.9	4.9	6.7	8.9

#### **Performance**

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Absolute %	85.4	109.4	140
Relative (FTSE AIM Italia) %	91	93	112
52-week High/Low (Eu)	3.56	1.15	

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### **KEY FINANCIALS**

Profit&Loss Stetement Sales		<b>2018A</b> 12,3	<b>2019A</b> 12,8	<b>2020A</b> 13,3	<b>2021E</b> 18,3	<b>2022E</b> 21,9	<b>2023E</b> 25,2
Revenues (VoP)		12,3	14,1	14,8	19,3	22,9	26,2
EBITDA		1,7	2,1	1,4	3,1	4,6	5,8
EBIT		1,1	0,9	0,5	1,6	3,0	4,2
Financial Income (charges)		(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,1)
Pre-tax profit (loss)		1,1	0,8	0,4	1,5	3,0	4,2
Taxes		(0,4)	(0,3)	(0,1)	(0,4)	(0,7)	(1,0)
Net profit (loss)		0,7	0,5	0,3	1,2	2,2	3,1
Balance Sheet							
Net working capital (NWC)		1,8	1,2	2,2	1,3	2,2	2,5
Net fixed assets		3,2	5,4	7,5	7,8	7,4	6,9
M/L Funds		(1,3)	(1,5)	(1,8)	(1,9)	(2,1)	(2,3)
Net Capital Employed		3,7	5,2	7,9	7,2	7,6	7,1
Net Debt		2,5	0,9	3,1	1,2	(0,7)	(4,2)
Minorities		0,3	0,5	0,9	1,0	1,5	2,1
Equity		0,9	3,8	3,9	4,9	6,7	9,2
Cash Flow		1.1	0.0	0.5	1 /	2.0	4.0
EBIT		1,1	0,9	0,5	1,6	3,0	4,2
D&A Provisions and write-downs		0,5 0,1	1,1 0,2	0,9 0,0	1,5 0,0	1,5 0,0	1,6 0,0
Tax		(0,4)	(0,3)	(0,1)	(0,4)	(0,7)	(1,0)
Cahnge in M/L Funds		0,3	0,2	0,1)	0,4)	0,7	0,2
Gross Cash Flow		1,6	2,0	1,6	2,9	4,0	4,9
Change in NWC		(0,3)	0,6	(1,0)	0,9	(0,9)	(0,3)
Operating Cash Flow		1,4	2,6	0,7	3,7	3,1	4,6
Capex		(2,1)	(3,5)	(2,5)	(1,7)	(1,0)	(1,0)
Change in other non-current asset		(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,5)	(0,2)	(0,2)	(0,1)
Financial Income (charges)		(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,1)	(0,1)
Free Cash Flow		(0,9)	(1,0)	(2,5)	1,8	1,8	3,5
Change in Equity		(0,6)	2,5	0,2	0,0	0,0	0,0
Change in Net debt		(1,4)	1,5	(2,3)	1,8	1,8	3,5
Per Share Data							
Current Price	3,56						
Total shares out (mn)	9,51						
EPS		0,1	0,1	0,0	0,1	0,2	0,3
FCF Pay out ratio		(0,1) n.a.	(0,1) 95%	(0,3) 0%	0,2 0%	0,2 0%	0,4 100%
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Ratios		12 107	1 5 007	0.797	1 / 007	20.097	22.097
EBITDA margin		13,1% 8,8%	15,2% 6,3%	9,6% 3,5%	16,0% 8,2%	20,0% 13,3%	22,0% 16,1%
EBIT margin Net Debt/Equity		273,8%	23,2%	78,0%	25,0%	-9,8%	-45,8%
Net Debt/(Net Debt + Equity)		73,3%	18,8%	43,8%	20,0%	-10,9%	-43,8% -84,3%
Net Debt/EBITDA		1,49	0,41	2,17	0,40	-0,14	-04,578
Interest cover EBIT		15,14	13,60	7,04	31,72	60,85	84,30
ROE		76,2%	13,4%	8,7%	23,4%	33,4%	33,9%
ROCE		39,9%	23,0%	7,9%	27,3%	50,1%	73,8%
Free Cash Flow Yield		n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	5,3%	5,4%	10,4%
Growth Rates							
Revenues (VoP)		69%	10%	5%	30%	19%	14%
EBITDA		168%	28%	-33%	117%	49%	26%
EBIT		173%	-22%	-41%	205%	92%	39%
Net Profit		85%	-27%	-32%	235%	95%	39%

### Key Financials 1H19-21

Euro m		1H 2021	1H 2020	1H 2019	2020A	2019A
Sales		9.3	6.0	6.2	13.3	12.8
		+56%	-4%	-3%	+4%	+4%
Revenues		9.9	6.8	6.8	14.8	14.1
	yoy	47%	-1%	3%	5%	10%
EBITDA		1.6	0.7	1.1	1.4	2.1
	margin	16%	11%	17%	10%	15%
EBIT		0.8	0.1	0.8	0.5	0.9
	margin	8%	2%	12%	4%	6%
Net Profit		0.4	0.1	0.6	0.3	0.5
Net Working Capital (NWC)		2.0	1.3	1.1	2.2	1.2
Fixed net assets		7.4	5.5	4.0	7.5	5.4
Funds		(1.9)	(1.5)	(1.3)	(1.8)	(1.5)
Net Capital Employed		7.6	5.2	3.8	7.9	5.2
Minorities		1.0	0.5	0.4	0.9	0.5
Net Debt (Cash)		2.7	0.9	2.4	3.1	0.9
Equity		3.9	3.7	1.0	3.9	3.8
Sources		7.6	5.2	3.8	7.9	5.2

Source: Group Data

### **Estimates revision**

Eu m	20A	21E Old	21E New	22E Old	22E New	23E New
Revenues (VoP)	14.8	18.2	19.3	19.9	22.9	26.2
change	n.a.		6%		15%	14%
уоу	5%	23%	30%	9%	19%	32%
EBITDA	1.4	2.2	3.1	3.0	4.6	5.8
change	n.a.		40%		53%	26%
margin	10%	12%	16%	15%	20%	22%
EBIT	0.5	0.7	1.6	1.4	3.0	4.2
margin	4%	4%	8%	7%	13%	16%
Net Profit	0.3	0.5	1.2	1.0	2.2	3.1
уоу	-32%	67%	284%	100%	95%	212%
change	n.a.		130%		124%	39%
EPS	0.03	0.05	0.12	0.11	0.24	

Eu m	20A	21E Old	21E New	22E Old	22E New	23E New
Net Working Capital (NWC)	2.2	2.0	1.3	2.2	2.2	2.5
Fixed net assets	7.5	7.8	7.8	7.4	7.4	6.9
Funds	(1.8)	(1.9)	(1.9)	(2.1)	(2.1)	(2.3)
Net Capital Employed	7.9	7.9	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.1
Minorities	0.9	1.0	1.0	1.3	1.5	2.1
Net Debt (Cash)	3.1	2.6	1.2	1.2	(0.7)	(4.2)
Group's Equity	3.9	4.3	4.9	5	6.7	9.2
Sources	7.9	7.9	7.2	7.5	7.6	7.1

Source: Group Data for FY20A and IR Top Estimates for FY21-22E



### **VALUATION**

### Valuation Summary

Method	Weight	Price (Eu p.s.)	Equity Value (Eu m)
Multiple analysis EV/EBITDA & P/E 21/22 and AIM Peers	50%	4.38	40.3
DCF (WACC 7.08% and g 1.0%)	50%	6.06	55.6
Target Price	100%	5.22	47.9

### **Multiples Comparison**

	Country	ntry Market Cap		Sales	Sales	EBITDA %	NI %
				2021E	yoy 21/20	2021E	2021E
Digital Value	Italy	857	86.0	545.3	24%	10%	5%
Digital360	Italy	96	5.2	36.4	39%	21%	8%
DigiTouch	Italy	22	1.6	39.0	25%	15%	2%
MAPS	Italy	48	4.4	23.8	33%	19%	11%
Neosperience	Italy	49	6.6	19.2	17%	23%	2%
Relatech	Italy	105	2.8	36.4	99%	16%	11%
Average		196.3	17.8	116.7	40%	17%	6%
Websolute		33	3.56	18.3	37%	16%	7%

Source: FactSet data as of September 27th, 2021 and Group data for Websolute

	EV/E	EV/EBITDA		/E
	21E	22E	21E	22E
Digital Value	15.9	13.7	30.8	26.1
Digital360	n.a.	n.a.	0.0	23.3
DigiTouch	4.0	3.5	38.8	25.8
MAPS	9.4	7.4	23.0	17.2
Neosperience	10.1	7.9	52.0	18.9
Relatech	13.3	10.3	29.0	23.1
Average	10.6	8.6	34.7	22.4
Websolute	10.5	7.1	25.8	13.2
Premium/Discount to Peers	-0.5%	-17.5%	-25.7%	-41.0%

Source: FactSet data as of September 27  $^{\rm th}$  , 2021 and IR Top estimates for Websolute



#### **INDUSTRY COMPARISON**

Websolute Spa (WEB-IT): IR Top estimates and Factset Data

AIM Sector: average data for listed on AIM Italia included in the Technology sub sector: Almawave (AIW-IT), AMM (AMM-IT), Circle (CIRC-IT), CY4gate (CY4-IT), Cyberoo (CYB-IT), DHH (DHH-IT), Digital Value (DGV-IT), Doxee (DOX-IT), Eles (ELES-IT), Esautomotio (ESAU-IT), Expert.ai (EXAI-IT), Finlogic (FNL-IT), FOS (FOS-IT), Jonix (JNX-IT), Growens (GROW-IT), MAPS (MAPS-IT), Matica Fintec (MFT-IT), Neosperience (NSP-IT), Neurosoft (NRST-IT), OSAI Automation System (OSA-IT), Powersoft (PWS-IT), Prismi (PRM-IT), REEVO (REEVO-IT), Relatech (RLT-IT), Reti (RETI-IT), Softec (YSFT-IT), Sourcesense (SOU-IT), Tecma Solutions (TCM-IT), Vantea Smart (VNT-IT), Vetrya (VTY-IT), Websolute (WEB-IT).

Industry Peers: average data for a selected group industrial peers: Digital Value (DGV-IT), Digital360 (DIG-IT), DigiTouch (DGT-IT), MAPS (MAPS-IT), Neosperience (NSP-IT), Relatech (RLT-IT).

**AIM Italia**: average financial and market data for all the companies listed on AIM Italia, reported price performance data are related to the FTSE Italia Index

	WEB-IT	Technology		XS0072
	Websolute	AIM Sector	Peers Avg	FTSE AIM Italia
<b>Key financials</b> Euro m				
Revenues	14.8	36.9	92.9	39.7
EBITDA	1.4	4.5	11.7	5.5
EBITDA %	9.5%	12.3%	12.6%	13.7%
EBIT	0.5	2.0	7.4	2.0
EBIT %	3.4%	5.4%	7.9%	4.9%
Earnings	0.3	1.3	4.8	1.0
Earnings %	2.3%	3.5%	5.1%	2.5%
NFP/EBITDA	3.1	-0.9	-3.4	2.8
FY18-20 Revenues CAGR	-29%	3%	25%	-11%
FY20-22 Revenues CAGR	153%	77%	33%	98%
Market data				
Market Cap Euro m	29.7	85.9	196.3	65.5
EV Euro m	31.6	85.0	109.7	67.7
Free Float	23%	27%	80%	33%
ADTT YTD (Eu k)	27.835	190.141	55.228.942	133.651
Market Multiples				_
EV/Sales 2021	2.2	2.7	2.0	11.5
EV/Sales 2022	1.8	2.1	1.6	8,5
EV/EBITDA 2021	10.5	13.6	10.6	22,3
EV/EBITDA 2022	7.1	8.6	8.6	15,6
EV/EBIT 2021	20.4	25.6	22.5	31,9
EV/EBIT 2022	11.7	15.9	14.9	26,7
P/E 2021	25.8	33.7	34.7	3,1%
P/E 2022	13.2	21.3	22.4	30.4
Earnings Yield	3.4%	3.0%	2.9%	3.1%
Stock Performance				_
1D	31.1%	2.1%	2%	-0.2%
1 W	65.1%	1.1%	4%	-1.1%
1M	62.5%	1.9%	6%	-0.7%
3M	83.5%	18.6%	37%	12.4%
6M	140.0%	36.2%	54%	32.0%
YTD	59.6%	50.1%	160%	43.0%
1Y	118.3%	68.4%	117%	68.5%

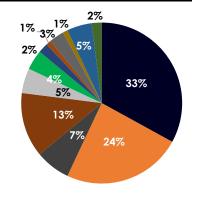
FactSet and PMI Capital data as of September 27th, 2021, Group data and IR TOP Research estimates for Ilpra

#### **WEBSOLUTE IN BRIEF**

#### **Group Description**

Founded in 2001 by Claudio Tonti and Lamberto Mattioli (current chairman and CEO), Websolute Spa is an innovative SME and operating holding company of the Websolute Group, Italian leader in digital communication, digital marketing, and e-commerce. In 2015 Maurizio Lanciaprima became a Partner, with a shareholding equal to that of the founding partners. The Group is characterized by a wide and constantly updated product and service offering and a capillary presence in the national territory thanks to 13 local offices and 21 sales professionals. With approx. 180 employees and a client base of ~700 mostly Mid/Large sized companies highly diversified in terms of industry. Websolute efficiently produces and controls inhouse the entire value creation chain, from strategic consulting to the implementation and maintenance of digital services aimed at enhancing the brand to the implementation of marketing strategies and the integration of e-commerce activities aimed at development and consolidation of the business of its customers.

#### Revenues breakdown by segment



- Diaital Platforms ■ Brand Identity
- E-commerce Strat/Mngmnt Mobile Apps
- Digital Marketing Social & Influencer Marketing
- Cloud & System Integration

  New Media
- Digital Strategy Consulting

### **Investment Opportunity**

Over the next years the Group's growth strategy will focus on:

Strategy

- Strengthening the direct commercial structure in order to increase geographical presence in Italy
- Creation of an indirect commercial network through partnership agreements with advertising agencies and research/integration of personnel specialized in the commercial field
- Websolute Academy, special training in the commercial, technical and consulting field for Group resources
- M&A

- Wide product and service offering
- High portion of recurring revenues
- Continuous focus on innovation and R&D
- Strong M&A and integration track record
- Wide and diversified client portfolio, high standing clients
- Long term relationship with clients and continuous scouting activities
- Strong M&A track record

#### **Product/Service Portfolio**

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The Group's product/service offering is characterized t its wide range of integrated services designed ad-hoc satisfy every client's specific need.

- Digital platforms
- Digital Marketing
- Brand UX-CX & Customer Journey
- Social & Influencer Marketing
- Academy Business school
- VR/AR
- Data Science & Al

#### Governance

- Lamberto Mattioli Chairman (General Commercial Director)
- Maurizio Lanciaprima CFO, Investor Relators Manager & E-commerce Business Strategy
- Claudio Tonti Marketing and Digital Strategy
- Paolo Pecetto Board Member
- Alfonso Del Giudice Independent director

### **Group Structure**





#### **WEBSOLUTE ON AIM ITALIA**

#### IPC

Trading Market: AIM Italia – Borsa Italiana SpA

Date: September 30th. 2019

Price: 1.50 Eu

Capital raised: 3 Eu m equity through a capital increase

Capitalisation: 12.9 Eu m

#### SHARES (as of September 28th. 2021)

Code: WEB Bloomberg: WEB:IM Reuters: WEB.MI

ISIN ordinary shares: IT0005384901

Shares: 9.513.843 Price: 3.56 Eu

Performance from IPO: +137% Capitalisation: Euro 33 m Free Float: 23.01%

NomAd: Integrae SIM S.p.A. Specialist: Integrae SIM S.p.A.

### WARRANT 2019-2022

Alphanumeric Code: WWEB22

ISIN: IT0005385197 Issued warrants: 8.648.950

Exercise ratio: 1.1 new instrument every 10 warrants held.

Exercise periods:

 $2^{nd}$  exercise period 01/11/21 - 30/11/2021. exercise price € 1.65  $3^{rd}$  exercise period 01/11/22 - 30/11/2022. exercise price € 1.82

Number of outstanding Warrants at September 24th, 2021: 8.648.950.

### STOCK PERFORMANCE



#### **OWNERSHIP**

Shareholder	N° of shares	%
Lyra S.r.l. (Lamberto Mattioli)	1,875,115	19.71%
Cartom S.r.l. (Maurizio Lanciaprima)	1,875,115	19.71%
W S.r.l. (Claudio Tonti)	1,875,115	19.71%
Innovative RFK S.p.a.	1,220,531	12.83%
Paolo Pescetto	100,405	1.06%
Heirs Hasmonai Hazan	38,616	0.41%
Antares Srl	15,446	0.16%
Own shares	324,500	3.41%
Market	2,189,000	23.01%
Total	9,513,843	100.00%



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#### **UPDATES**

This Research is an update coverage made by IR Top Consulting S.r.I. (IR Top) on WEBSOLUTE (the "Company"). Update frequency might depend on circumstances considered to be important (corporate events and changes of recommendation, etc.) or on further advisory commitment. Last Research on the same Company was released on April 23<sup>rd</sup> 2021.

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Date	Target Price	Market Price	Validity Time
28 September 2021	5.06	3.56	12 months
23 April, 2021	2.55	1.31	12 months
8 Octover 2020	2.30	1.44	12 months
13 May 2020	3.26	1.64	12 months
14 November 2019	3.66	2.26	12 months

VALUATION METHODOLOGY (HORIZON: 12M) IR Top Research obtained a fair value using different valuation methodologies including Discounted Cash Flow method and Multiple-based

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