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## voestalpine AG (VOES.VI)

### Near term downside risk, but consensual buy case remains

- **Autos downside near term** — Recent lower guidance from premium auto manufacturers (see [Daimler AG \(DAIGn.DE\) - Another warning](#)) presents near term downside risk for Voestalpine shares, especially given the trading correlation between VOE and its premium automotive customers.
- **But limited downside to consensus forecasts** — Any near term downside is likely to be newsflow driven, rather than a meaningful reduction in earnings forecasts; the group has so far managed to maintain its FY12/13 EBIT guidance at €900m, while consensus is averaging €855m (we are on €839m), thus allowing a decent buffer to accommodate additional negative earnings momentum.
- **Q2 earnings coming up** — Voestalpine reports its FY12/13 Q2 earnings on 7 November. Consensus EBIT expectations average around €200m. We are on €183m, at the low end of the range. In addition we are maintaining our FY12/13 EBIT of €839m, below company guidance of €900m; while Voestalpine is certainly more resilient than peers during a weak steel environment, it is not immune and we think the next 6 months will remain challenging for European steel.
- **Consensus buy case still stands** — The ability to maintain guidance reconfirms why we think investors view VOE as the 'quality' steel producer vs European peers. It is a consensual view that some find boring, but we find little reason to assume a contrarian stance at this point. It only takes a brief look at 12 month consensus earnings revisions for the European steel producers to see why people prefer VOE - relative earnings resilience in a weak market. We still see some negative earnings momentum to flow through for other European steels producers and therefore maintain our preference for Voestalpine.

#### Company Update

|                              |              |
|------------------------------|--------------|
| <b>Buy</b>                   | <b>1</b>     |
| Price (25 Oct 12)            | €23.85       |
| Target price                 | €34.00       |
| Expected share price return  | 42.6%        |
| Expected dividend yield      | 3.4%         |
| <b>Expected total return</b> | <b>45.9%</b> |
| Market Cap                   | €4,032M      |
|                              | US\$5,215M   |

#### Price Performance (RIC: VOES.VI, BB: VOE AV)



#### voestalpine AG (EUR)

| Year to 31 Mar        | 2011A    | 2012A    | 2013E    | 2014E    | 2015E    |
|-----------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|
| Sales (€M)            | 10,953.7 | 12,058.2 | 11,196.3 | 11,423.7 | 11,429.8 |
| Net Income (€M)       | 512.7    | 333.5    | 429.9    | 482.1    | 516.7    |
| Diluted EPS (€)       | 3.05     | 1.98     | 2.55     | 2.86     | 3.06     |
| Diluted EPS (Old) (€) | 3.05     | 1.98     | 2.55     | 2.86     | 3.06     |
| PE (x)                | 7.8      | 12.1     | 9.4      | 8.3      | 7.8      |
| EV/EBITDA (x)         | 5.1      | 6.1      | 5.4      | 5.0      | 4.7      |
| DPS (€)               | 0.80     | 0.80     | 0.77     | 0.88     | 0.88     |
| Net Div Yield (%)     | 3.4      | 3.4      | 3.2      | 3.7      | 3.7      |

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| VOES.VI: Fiscal year end 31-Mar |        |         |         |         |         | Price: €23.85; TP: €34.00; Market Cap: €4,032m; Recomm: Buy |       |       |       |       |       |
|---------------------------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Profit & Loss (€m)              | 2011   | 2012    | 2013E   | 2014E   | 2015E   | Valuation ratios  | 2011  | 2012  | 2013E | 2014E | 2015E |
| Sales revenue                   | 10,954 | 12,058  | 11,196  | 11,424  | 11,430  | PE (x)  | 7.8   | 12.1  | 9.4   | 8.3   | 7.8   |
| Cost of sales                   | -9,902 | -11,307 | -10,333 | -10,524 | -10,492 | PB (x)  | 0.9   | 0.8   | 0.8   | 0.7   | 0.7   |
| Gross profit                    | 1,052  | 752     | 863     | 900     | 937     | EV/EBITDA (x)   | 5.1   | 6.1   | 5.4   | 5.0   | 4.7   |
| Gross Margin (%)                | 9.6    | 6.2     | 7.7     | 7.9     | 8.2     | FCF yield (%)   | 11.9  | 7.5   | 16.2  | 11.9  | 14.3  |
| EBITDA (Adj)                    | 1,606  | 1,302   | 1,427   | 1,465   | 1,506   | Dividend yield (%)  | 3.4   | 3.4   | 3.2   | 3.7   | 3.7   |
| EBITDA Margin (Adj) (%)         | 14.7   | 10.8    | 12.7    | 12.8    | 13.2    | Payout ratio (%)  | 26    | 40    | 30    | 31    | 29    |
| Depreciation                    | -554   | -550    | -564    | -565    | -569    | ROE (%)   | 11.6  | 7.1   | 8.8   | 9.2   | 9.2   |
| Amortisation                    | -67    | -47     | -24     | -2      | 0       | Cashflow (€m)   | 2011  | 2012  | 2013E | 2014E | 2015E |
| EBIT (Adj)                      | 985    | 704     | 839     | 898     | 937     | EBITDA  | 1,606 | 1,302 | 1,427 | 1,465 | 1,506 |
| EBIT Margin (Adj) (%)           | 9.0    | 5.8     | 7.5     | 7.9     | 8.2     | Working capital   | -237  | -138  | 187   | -49   | -1    |
| Net interest                    | -234   | -220    | -166    | -142    | -125    | Other   | -411  | -308  | -342  | -314  | -308  |
| Associates                      | 30     | 20      | 19      | 19      | 19      | Operating cashflow  | 958   | 857   | 1,272 | 1,101 | 1,197 |
| Non-op/Except                   | 0      | 0       | 0       | 0       | 0       | Capex   | -479  | -553  | -620  | -620  | -620  |
| Pre-tax profit                  | 781    | 504     | 691     | 775     | 831     | Net acq/disposals   | 12    | 35    | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Tax                             | -186   | -91     | -152    | -171    | -183    | Other   | 100   | 39    | 0     | 0     | 0     |
| Extraord./Min.Int./Pref.div.    | -82    | -80     | -109    | -123    | -131    | Investing cashflow  | -367  | -479  | -620  | -620  | -620  |
| Reported net profit             | 513    | 334     | 430     | 482     | 517     | Dividends paid  | -162  | -213  | -135  | -129  | -148  |
| Net Margin (%)                  | 4.7    | 2.8     | 3.8     | 4.2     | 4.5     | Financing cashflow  | -390  | -934  | -385  | -379  | -398  |
| Core NPAT                       | 513    | 334     | 430     | 482     | 517     | Net change in cash  | 200   | -556  | 267   | 101   | 179   |
| Per share data                  | 2011   | 2012    | 2013E   | 2014E   | 2015E   | FCF ex acquisns & explorn                                   | 491   | 339   | 652   | 481   | 577   |
| Reported EPS (€)                | 3.05   | 1.98    | 2.55    | 2.86    | 3.06    |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Core EPS (€)                    | 3.05   | 1.98    | 2.55    | 2.86    | 3.06    |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| DPS (€)                         | 0.80   | 0.80    | 0.77    | 0.88    | 0.88    |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| CFPS (€)                        | 5.70   | 5.08    | 7.54    | 6.52    | 7.09    |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| FCFPS (€)                       | 2.85   | 1.80    | 3.87    | 2.85    | 3.42    |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| BVPS (€)                        | 27.48  | 28.24   | 29.99   | 32.08   | 34.27   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Wtd avg ord shares (m)          | 168    | 169     | 169     | 169     | 169     |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Wtd avg diluted shares (m)      | 168    | 169     | 169     | 169     | 169     |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Growth rates                    | 2011   | 2012    | 2013E   | 2014E   | 2015E   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Sales revenue (%)               | 28.1   | 10.1    | -7.1    | 2.0     | 0.1     |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| EBIT (Adj) (%)                  | 181.5  | -28.5   | 19.1    | 7.1     | 4.4     |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Core NPAT (%)                   | 382.1  | -35.0   | 28.9    | 12.1    | 7.2     |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Core EPS (%)                    | 380.5  | -35.2   | 28.9    | 12.1    | 7.2     |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Balance Sheet (€m)              | 2011   | 2012    | 2013E   | 2014E   | 2015E   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Cash & cash equiv.              | 1,233  | 677     | 944     | 1,046   | 1,225   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Accounts receivables            | 1,710  | 1,774   | 1,648   | 1,681   | 1,682   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Inventory                       | 2,824  | 2,953   | 2,742   | 2,797   | 2,799   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Net fixed & other tangibles     | 4,371  | 4,378   | 4,434   | 4,489   | 4,541   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Goodwill & intangibles          | 2,183  | 2,113   | 2,113   | 2,113   | 2,113   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Financial & other assets        | 755    | 716     | 735     | 754     | 773     |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total assets                    | 13,076 | 12,612  | 12,616  | 12,881  | 13,132  |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Accounts payable                | 2,197  | 2,108   | 1,957   | 1,997   | 1,998   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Short-term debt                 | 1,428  | 1,799   | 1,799   | 1,799   | 1,799   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Long-term debt                  | 3,071  | 1,971   | 1,721   | 1,471   | 1,221   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Provisions & other liab         | 1,690  | 1,898   | 1,898   | 1,898   | 1,898   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total liabilities               | 8,385  | 7,776   | 7,375   | 7,165   | 6,916   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Shareholders' equity            | 4,618  | 4,766   | 5,061   | 5,414   | 5,783   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Minority interests              | 73     | 70      | 180     | 302     | 434     |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Total equity                    | 4,691  | 4,836   | 5,241   | 5,716   | 6,216   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Net debt                        | 3,265  | 3,093   | 2,575   | 2,224   | 1,795   |   |       |       |       |       |       |
| Net debt to equity (%)          | 69.6   | 63.9    | 49.1    | 38.9    | 28.9    |   |       |       |       |       |       |

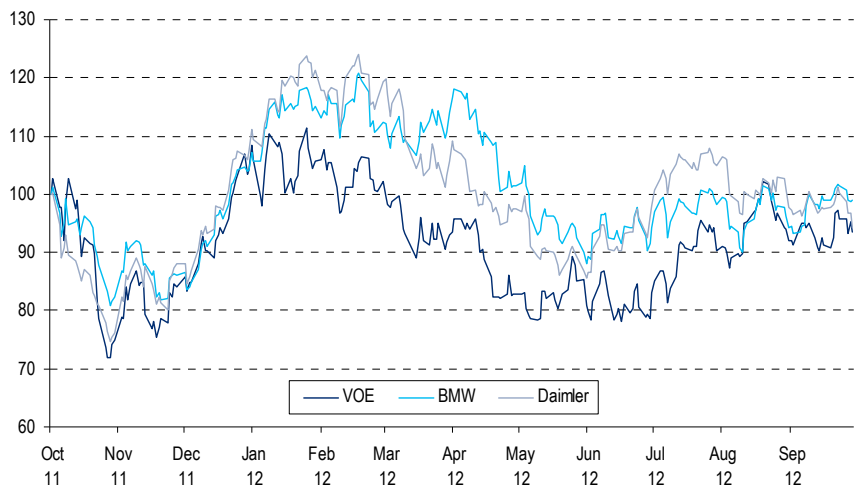
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## Near Term Downside Risk...

Recent lower guidance from premium auto manufacturers (see [Daimler AG \(DAIGn.DE\) - Another warning](#)) presents near term downside risk for Voestalpine shares, especially given the trading correlation between VOE and its premium automotive customers (see Figure 1).

**VOE trades closely with its premium Auto customers and could therefore show some near term weakness on reduced autos guidance**

Figure 1. VOE trading performance is closely aligned to premium auto trading performance



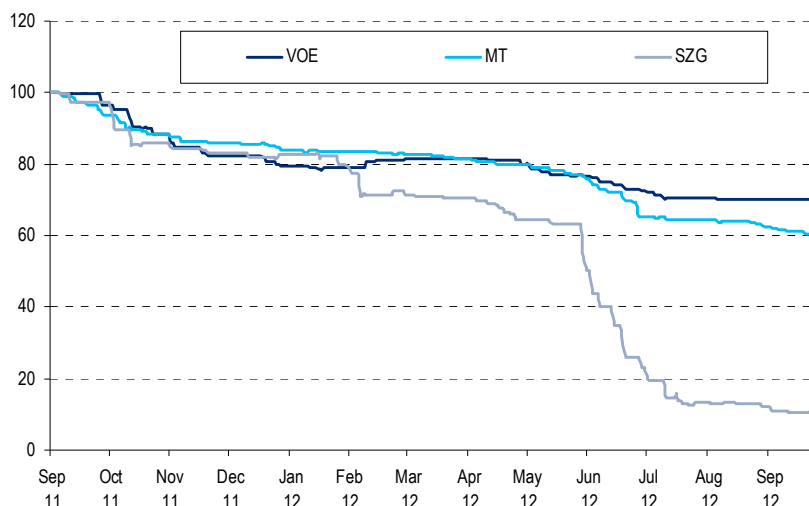
Source: Citi Research

## ...But further negative earnings revisions unlikely for now

VOE management has so far maintained its €900m EBIT guidance, suggesting that it remains the most resilient of the European steel producers. Consensus has factored in some potential further downgrades, with forecast EBIT averaging €860m; Cit is on €839m. We therefore think that the impact on earnings estimates from incremental negative news-flow in the autos sector is likely to be limited.

VOE consensus earnings forecasts have held up better than other European peers, aided by the company's management maintaining EBIT guidance in the region of €900m

Figure 2. VOE current FY consensus earnings forecasts are much more resilient than European steel producers



Source: Bloomberg Consensus

## Q2 Results preview

Consensus EBIT for Q2 is averaging just over €200m. We are on €183m, the low end of the range. We maintain our FY12 EBIT of €839m, below company guidance of €900m. We think the next 6 months remain challenging in European steel and therefore give ourselves a buffer against any further negative earnings momentum.

Figure 3. Voestalpine Results Summary

| Group (YE March) €m          | 3Q10/11<br>A | 4Q10/11<br>A | 1Q11/12<br>A | 2Q11/12<br>A | 3Q11/12<br>A | 4Q11/12<br>A | 1Q12/13<br>A | 2Q12/13<br>E |
|------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Net Sales                    | 2,745        | 3,017        | 3,051        | 2,926        | 2,899        | 3,181        | 3,051        | 2,630        |
| EBITDA                       | 397          | 499          | 463          | 361          | 294          | 184          | 369          | 330          |
| %                            | 14.4%        | 16.5%        | 15.2%        | 12.3%        | 10.1%        | 5.8%         | 12.1%        | 12.6%        |
| <b>EBIT</b>                  | <b>244</b>   | <b>327</b>   | <b>318</b>   | <b>214</b>   | <b>145</b>   | <b>28</b>    | <b>231</b>   | <b>183</b>   |
| %                            | 8.9%         | 10.8%        | 10.4%        | 7.3%         | 5.0%         | 0.9%         | 7.6%         | 7.0%         |
| Net Income pre Minorities    | 151          | 194          | 210          | 136          | 65           | 2            | 145          | 109          |
| EPS                          | 0.78         | 1.03         | 1.13         | 0.69         | 0.28         | -0.11        | 0.74         | 0.48         |
| Divisional EBITDA (€m)       | 3Q10/11<br>A | 4Q10/11<br>A | 1Q11/12<br>A | 2Q11/12<br>A | 3Q11/12<br>A | 4Q11/12<br>A | 1Q12/13<br>A | 2Q12/13<br>E |
| Steel                        | 141          | 180          | 156          | 116          | 68           | 117          | 109          | 74           |
| Special Steel                | 93           | 140          | 121          | 97           | 93           | 119          | 105          | 109          |
| Metal Engineering (Railways) | 107          | 131          | 121          | 108          | 91           | -110         | 111          | 91           |
| Metal Forming                | 67           | 82           | 82           | 57           | 63           | 72           | 69           | 76           |
| Intra Group                  | -11          | -34          | -17          | -17          | -22          | -14          | -25          | -19          |
|                              | <b>397</b>   | <b>499</b>   | <b>463</b>   | <b>361</b>   | <b>294</b>   | <b>184</b>   | <b>369</b>   | <b>330</b>   |

Source: Citi Research and Company Reports

## voestalpine AG

### Company description

voestalpine AG is a leading European steel producer and a manufacturer and distributor of a wide range of steel products, primarily serving customers in the European automotive, machinery, and white goods industries. voestalpine is also a leading global player in the production of rails and railway related equipment.

### Investment strategy

We rate voestalpine AG Buy. We think the key investment drivers are:

The steel price and demand cycle: The metal spread for contracted producers is above average and a demand recovery should improve the earnings outlook.

Strong technology and process know-how: The group targets expansion in businesses where the cyclical nature of demand is lower than in the steel cycle.

Strong downstream presence: The group should improve its product mix, margins and stability of earnings, as processing capability increases.

The group's product mix and raw material negotiating power provide a buffer in a downturn.

### Valuation

We have a €34 target price for voestalpine. We use an equal-weighted combination of DCF, multiples, residual income and free cash flow to equity.

Our DCF-based model calculates a value of €34 (WACC of 7.9%, beta 1.18x, risk-free rate 3.5%, equity risk premium 4.5%, terminal growth 2%).

The steel sector has historically traded at 5x EV/EBITDA. We use a 10% premium to this to reflect the average excess margin generated by VOE vs. its European peer group. Our SOTP valuation suggests a €29 valuation. We also use a residual income model and a free cash flow model which value VOE at a fair value of €26 and €44, respectively.

We arrive at our €34 price target as a rounded average of the four methods.

### Risks

voestalpine is exposed to industry- and company-specific risks:

Inland Location: voestalpine's major production sites have land-locked locations, which increases the comparative transportation cost of raw materials. This risk is partly offset by the group's closer proximity to finished product customers.

Steel Price Risk: voestalpine focuses on high-strength steels and processing activities to minimise the impact of volatile steel prices and volumes.

Raw Material Costs: Higher iron ore, coking coal, scrap steel, ferro-alloy and energy costs are major cost risks.

Industry Exposure: voestalpine strategically targets increased processing activities directed at the automotive sector in several of its divisions.

If the impact of these risk factors is more or less negative than we currently anticipate, then the share price could fail to reach or rise above our target price.

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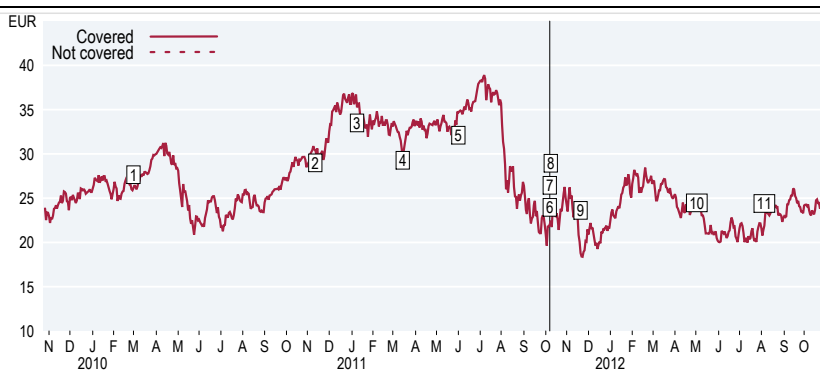
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##### Fundamental Research

Analyst: Thomas O'Hara

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|   | Date      | Rating | Target Price | Closing Price |
|---|-----------|--------|--------------|---------------|
| 1 | 1-Mar-10  | 1M     | *34.00       | 26.15         |
| 2 | 11-Nov-10 | 1M     | *35.00       | 30.43         |
| 3 | 10-Jan-11 | *2M    | 35.00        | 35.26         |
| 4 | 15-Mar-11 | *1M    | *37.00       | 29.28         |

\* Indicates change

|   | Date      | Rating                      | Target Price | Closing Price |
|---|-----------|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 5 | 1-Jun-11  | 1M                          | *40.00       | 34.68         |
| 6 | 7-Oct-11  | Stock rating system changed |              |               |
| 7 | 7-Oct-11  | *1                          | 40.00        | 22.04         |
| 8 | 10-Oct-11 | 1                           | *38.00       | 22.46         |

|    | Date      | Rating | Target Price | Closing Price |
|----|-----------|--------|--------------|---------------|
| 9  | 20-Nov-11 | 1      | *35.00       | 20.10         |
| 10 | 2-May-12  | 1      | *36.00       | 24.04         |
| 11 | 6-Aug-12  | 1      | *34.00       | 21.90         |

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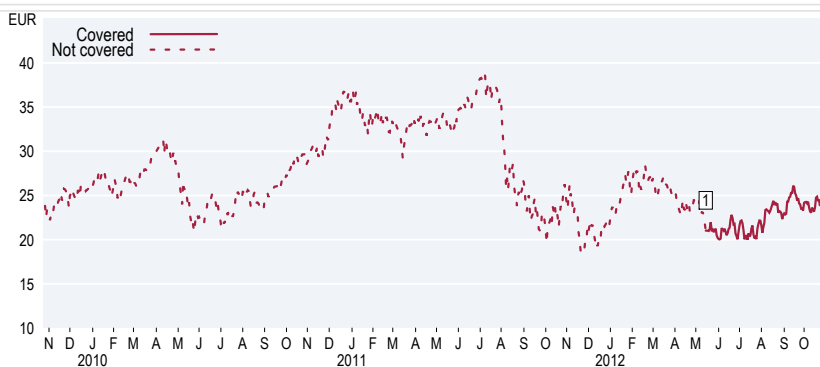
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