# Austria Recheck

#### In 2020 I did this:

**■ Austrian Stocks Full Analysis - Stock by Stock - September 2020** 

Here is the list, those with a \* are stored for later when I'll look at them again and take a few to follow carefully. There will be investing opportunities over the next 10 years in Austria.

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Let's see if there are opportunities now.

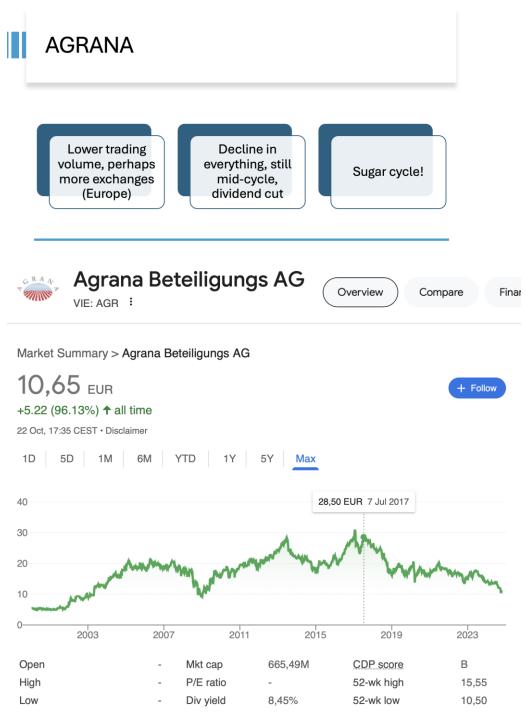
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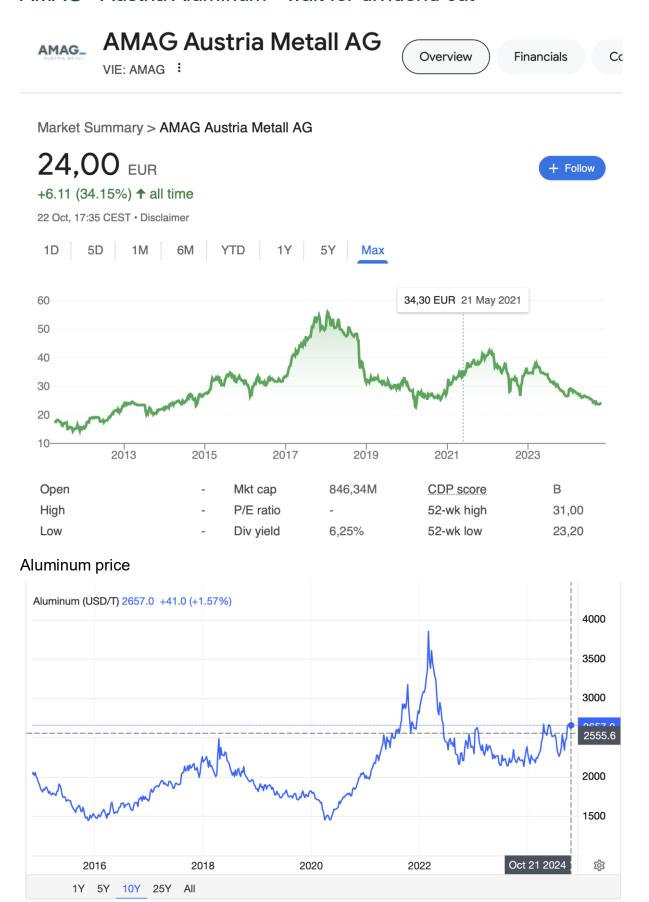
#### Agrana Sugar - still mid cycle stock price after boom

Looks still at mid-cycle given the boom in 2022 and 2023, the stock is priced as if things would just return to normal, no severe downturn in the stock yet despite the crash.



dividend might fall to 0.7 EUR which is 7% on the stock price, normal for such a business.

# AMAG - Austria Aluminum - wait for dividend cut



#### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FIRST HALF OF 2024

SOLID EARNINGS DESPITE CONTINUED MARKET WEAKNESS, ESPECIALLY IN EUROPE

- Higher aluminium price in Q2/2024 and broad positioning of the AMAG Group noticeably cushion ongoing subdued demand for aluminium rolled products from certain industries
- Revenue of EUR 707.7 million down on the prior year due to price and volume factors (H1/2023: EUR 796.4 million)
- EBITDA of EUR 95.3 million below the very strong first half of 2023 (EUR 117.8 million), but better than second half of 2023
- Net income after taxes of EUR 33.4 million (H1/2023: EUR 51.0 million)
- Cashflow from operating activities grows to EUR 75.7 million (H1/2023: EUR 68.0 million)
- Outlook for 2024: Improved earnings forecast of EUR 160 million to EUR 180 million EBITDA, based on current assumptions regarding aluminium price, shipments and economic development

Presentation H1/2024 AMAG Austria Metall AG

Trading at 8% cash flows, is there a recession in sight? The Eurozone is pessimistic:

#### SENTIMENT INDICATOR\*

LARGELY PESSIMISTIC ECONOMIC SENTIMENT IN THE EUROZONE



- Clear gap to the growth threshold of 50 points in the Eurozone
- Anticipated global economic growth for 2024 at +2.5 % according to WIFO\*\*
- Cautious GDP forecasts\*\* of +1.1 % for the Eurozone, +0.4 % for Germany and stagnation in Austria

\*The Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI) for the manufacturing sector is shown. Source: Bloomberg
\*\*Austrian Institute of Economic Research (WIFO), Economic Forecast 2/2024, June 2024

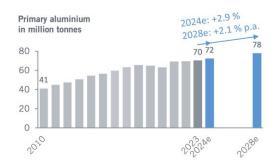
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Globaly ok, but that is what we will have to deal with in the future, Europe is the old woke person in a fast growing world.

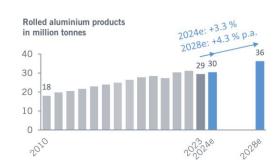
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#### **GLOBAL DEMAND FOR ALUMINIUM**

POSITIVE DEMAND TREND ACCORDING TO CRU\*



- Ø Growth of +2.9 % anticipated for 2024; growth driver is China (+3.9 %); decrease of -0.1 % forecast for Europe
- **growth of +2.1 % p.a. until 2028**



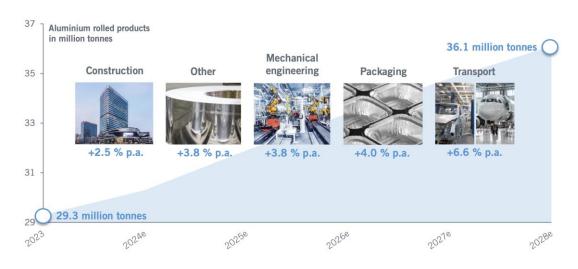
- Ø Growth of +3.3 % anticipated for 2024; growth driver is North America (+3.9 %); increase of +2.8 % forecast for Europe
- @ growth of +4.3 % p.a. until 2028

\*Commodity Research Unit (CRU), Aluminium Market Outlook, April/June 2024 & Aluminium Rolled Products Market Outlook, May 2024

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# **GLOBAL DEMAND FOR ALUMINIUM ROLLED PRODUCTS**

MEDIUM-TERM GROWTH IN ALL SECTORS



Source: Commodity Research Unit, Aluminium Rolled Products Market Outlook, May 2024

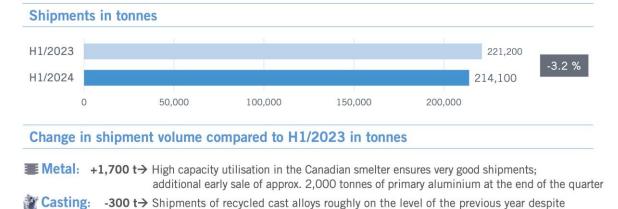
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Europe is down and consequently AMAG's shipments Risk

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#### **AMAG GROUP SHIPMENTS**

CHALLENGING MARKET ENVIRONMENT AFFECTS SHIPMENTS



challenging environment in the automotive industry Folling: -8,500 t→ Positive trends in aerospace and industrial applications dampen temporary decline in automotive sector; volume reduction in packaging; subdued demand for sports

and architectural products

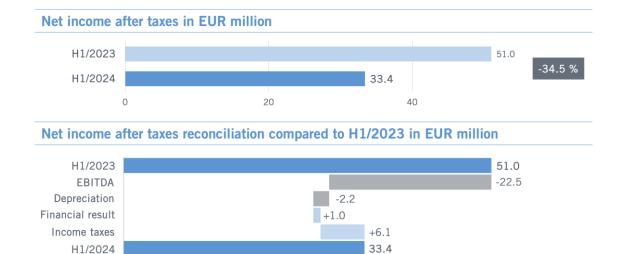
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#### Risk is recession for Europe/Austria

#### **NET INCOME AFTER TAXES, AMAG GROUP**

DEVIATION FROM PRIOR YEAR PRIMARILY DUE TO CHANGE IN EBITDA



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little left after investments

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#### AMAG GROUP CASHFLOW

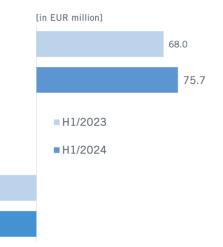
FURTHER GROWTH IN OPERATING CASHFLOW

# Cashflow from operating activities in H1/2024

- Cashflow from earnings (incl. tax and interest paid) has a positive effect of around EUR 86 million
- Working capital (mainly affected by the usual increase in receivables during the year) at around EUR -10 million

# Cash flow from investing activities in H1/2024

 Capital expenditure below the previous year's level, as planned

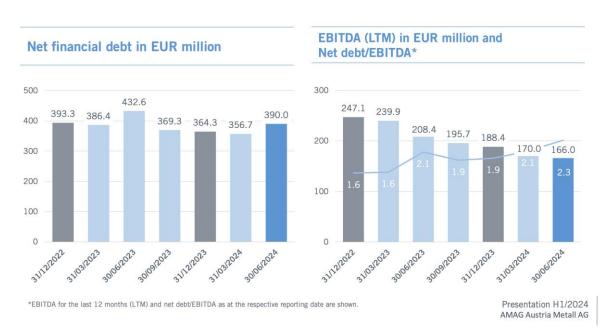


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#### There is debt

### **SOLID KEY FINANCIALS (1/2)**

UNCHANGED STABLE POSITION



-50.6

-48.5

can look uglier in case of longer downturn and I would not go with it not coming.

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#### **OUTLOOK FOR 2024**

- > Economic environment remains subdued, especially in Europe. Cautious GDP forecasts of +1.1 % for the Eurozone, +0.4 % for Germany and stagnation in Austria\*
- > Broad positioning of the AMAG Group has a balancing effect, but weak economic trend will influence business development in 2024:
  - Stable production in Canada and solid aluminium price support earnings in Metal Division; increase in alumina price will have an increasing impact in H2/2024
  - > Challening automotive industry has an impact on price level in Casting Division, but shipments are anticipated to remain at the very good level of previous year
  - Positive trend in the aerospace industry and further improvement in order intake for industrial applications in Rolling Division; broad customer base in the automotive sector helps to compensate for tense situation; recovery in sports and architecture questionable
- Outlook for 2024: Improved earnings forecast of EUR 160 million to EUR 180 million EBITDA, based on current assumptions regarding aluminium price, shipments and economic development

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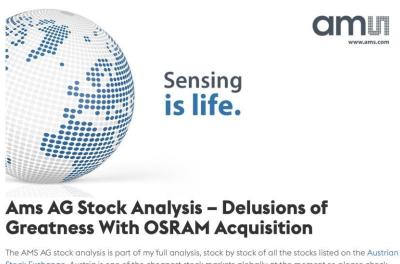
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Wait for dividend cut.

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#### AMS OSRAM - difficult position

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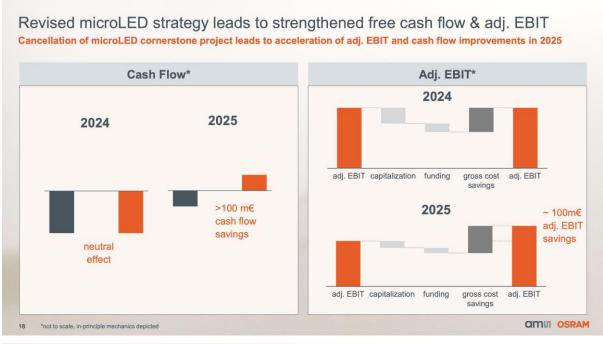


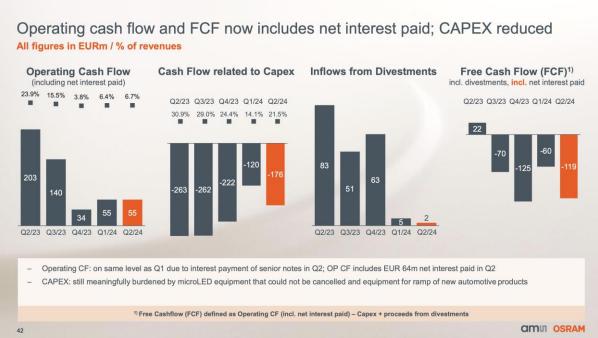
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I see I was correct as the price is much lower.

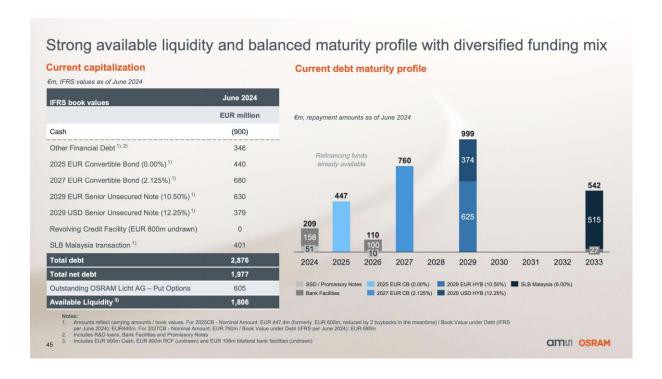


not cash flow positive, if a slowdown follows will be even worse, highly competitive industry with little competitive advantage





2.8 billion in debt, on no cash flows, this is fighting for survival.



#### Andritz - good global company

Market Summary > Andritz AG



Good global company, things look good, dividend growth.

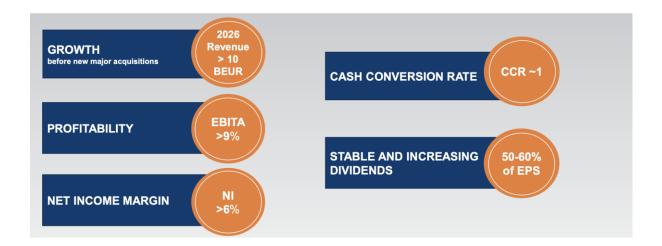


But therefore a bit more pricy, PE ratio of 10 on 2026 targets.

# OUTLOOK & FINANCIAL TARGETS TARGETS 2026



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Nothing wrong with the business, maybe for a margin of safety wait for a downturn, but then other things will likely be cheaper.

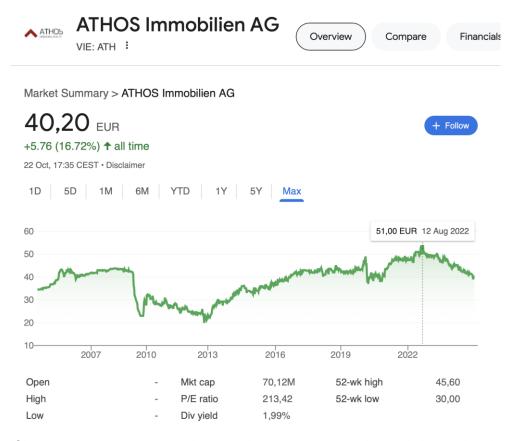
OUTLOOK & FINANCIAL TARGETS

# GROUP REVENUE TO EXCEED 10 BEUR BY 2026, WITH CONTINUED GROWTH IN ALL BUSINESS AREAS



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#### Athos Immobilien - interest rates and real estate Linz



If interest rates go up, real estate investments go down, it is as simple as that.

#### AT&S - Deeper dive, again

I said possible double in 2020,



# AT&S Stock Analysis – An Interesting 5G, IoT, Connection Stock (Possible Double)

#### AT&S Stock Analysis – Quote

ATδS Austria Technologie δ Systemtechnik AG

FRA: AUS

VIE: ATS

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Austria Stock Exchange list

and it did much more than that, only to return to where it was.

VIE: ATS :

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CDP score



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# AT&S Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik

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Market Summary > AT&S Austria Technologie & Systemtechnik 20,14 EUR + Follow +7.64 (61.12%) ↑ all time 22 Oct, 17:35 CEST • Disclaimer 5D 1M 60 40 20 54,80 EUR 20 May 2022 2011 2017 2023 2014 2020

they have a double revenue target for 2026

Mkt cap

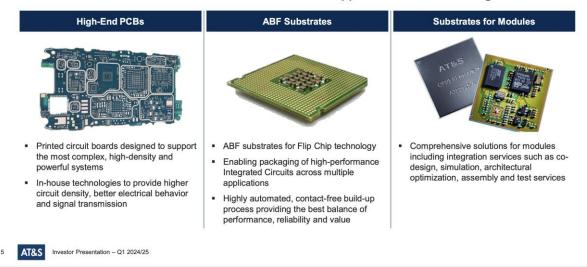


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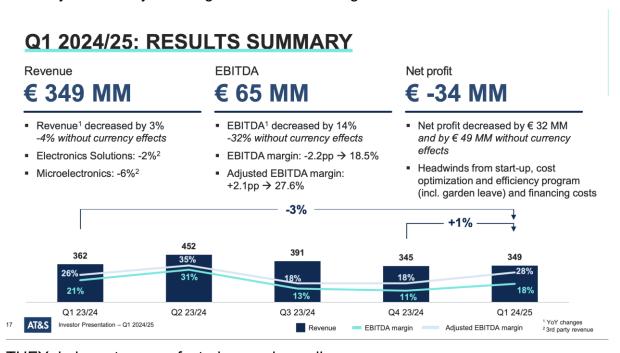
As the semiconductor industry is in a downturn, except AI, it is likely demand for their products is weaker too.

#### **HIGH-END TECHNOLOGIES ...**

AT&S solutions enable the most advanced electronics applications and technologies



it doesn't look like they will grow if they have decreasing revenues and no profits due to the cycle but they have big investments coming.



THEY do have two new factories coming online:







#### **INVESTMENTS STRENGHTEN MARKET POSITION**

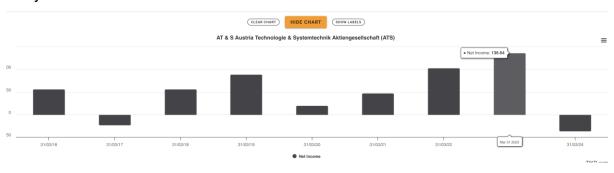
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There is debt, but if they can survive and ride the cycle again, this could double or more, again :-)

#### **BALANCE SHEET**

€ MM	Mar. 31, 24	Jun. 30, 24	Change in %	
Total assets	4,675	4,636	-1%	
Equity	967	942	-3%	
Equity ratio	20.7%	20.3%	-0.4pp	As anticipated below 30% target
Net debt	1,403	1,389	-1%	Net debt/EBITDA ratio of 4.7

#### They do have a volatile business:



#### Huge capex:



interesting for a deeper dive, again...

#### Burgerland Utility, interest rate game



# CA IMMOBILIEN - revaluations ended the party with rising rates

huge earnings on revaluations, but that party had to stop at some point in time.



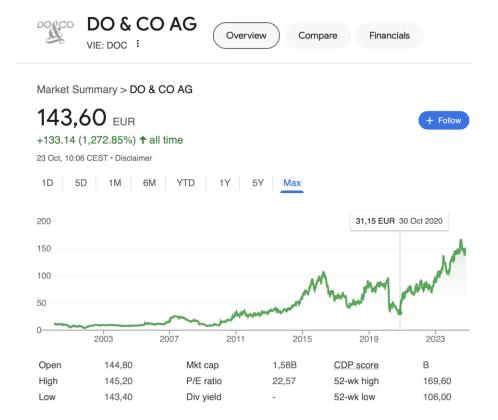
#### **CLEEN ENERGY**



so many people lose money on these bets, ... even if it went up 5x since I said it doesn't look good.

CLEN CLEEN Energy AG A micro cap not looking good CLEN

# Do & CO, airline catering returned - fairly priced now



One that boomed, it looked very risky in September 2020, now it is fairly priced.

# **EVN** utility - fair



#### FABASOFT - too hard for me



It was a growth stock. As I said in 2020, not knowledgeable enough to value this.

#### **FACC** Aviation



#### Frauenthal - small, not for me, at book value

Market Summary > Frauenthal Holding AG



# Flughafen Wien - airports fairly priced



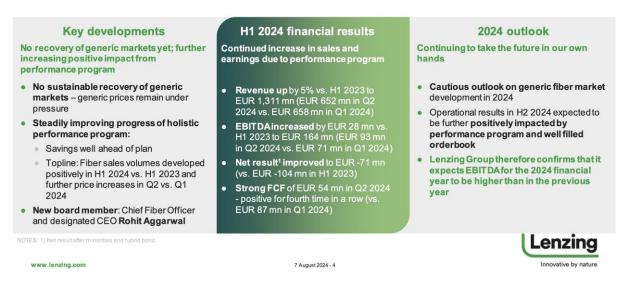
said it was cheap back then, now it is fair for airports.

# Frequentis - traffic communication - not for me Immofinanz - leveraged RE - not for me Kapsch TrafficCom AG - not working, restructuring Lenzing - textile cycle - cheap again

there was the boom and a bust



# Lenzing is steadily improving its top- and bottom-line performance in a continuously weak market environment



I don't know much about textiles, and will not start following - there is 1.4 billion in debt.

# Linz Textil stock - same as with Lenzing

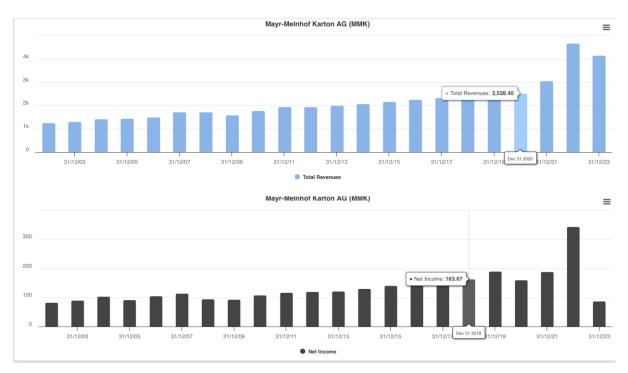
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#### MMK Mayr Melnhof

There is high capacity in Europe, there is no competitive advantage, it will depend on economy but I have no idea if there will be a rebound. Stock is down, but from the previous exuberance.



if I go to pre boom financials, we are still priced at mid cycle.



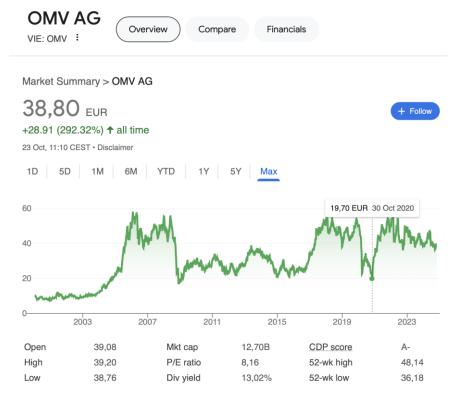
#### Overcapacity in the industry is the key



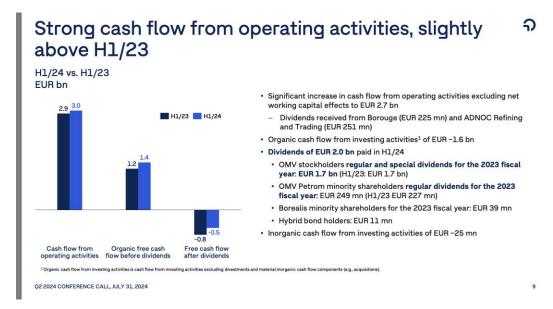
- · Restrained consumer spending to continue
- Annual maintenance downtime in pulp mills in Poland and Finland to negatively impact Q3 Board & Paper results
- Focus on enhancing earnings and cash generation through profit & cash protection programme
   Majority of cost savings expected to materialise in 2025
- Continue to focus on cash generation and selective growth opportunities in innovative and sustainable market segments
- · Top priority on margin improvement



#### OMV - way cheaper than XOM



FCF is around 10% at current oil prices, strong dividend, but it depends on oil.



Looks ok all else equal, but watch the drops on the chart above when things turn. I can't predict whether those will turn and when. BUT WAY CHEAPER THAN EXXON

	2023	H1 2024	2024
Brent oil price (USD/bbl)	83	84	~85
THE gas price (EUR/MWh)	41	29.6	<b>30–35</b> (previous slightly <30
Average realized gas price (EUR/MWh)	29	22.5	<b>~25</b> (previous 20–25)
Europe ethylene indicator margin (EUR/t)	507	493	~490
Europe propylene indicator margin (EUR/t)	389	372	~370
Europe polyethylene indicator margin (EUR/t)1	322	421	>400 (previous 350-400)
Europe polypropylene indicator margin (EUR/t) <sup>2</sup>	355	400	<b>~400</b> (previous 350-400)
Borealis polyolefin sales volumes excl. JVs (mn t)	3.5	1.9	3.9
Utilization rate steam crackers Europe (%)	80	85	~85
OMV refining indicator margin Europe (USD/bbl)	11.7	8.9	~8
Utilization rate European refineries (%)	85	87	<b>~90</b> (previous ~95)
Hydrocarbon production (kboe/d)	364	345	330-350
Organic CAPEX (EUR bn)	3.7	1.5	3.8

# Palfinger - a good industrial - watch the cycle







#### sales and orderbook down

Sales & Service segment

# IMPROVED PROFITABILITY BUT DECLINING ORDER BOOK AND LOWER REVENUE



in EUR million	1st HY/2022 <sup>1)</sup>	1st HY/2023 <sup>1)</sup>	1st HY/2024	Δ%
External revenue	905.3	1,096.3	1,045.5	-4.6%
EBITDA	78.1	105.5	132.9	+26.0%
EBIT	65.6	93.9	122.7	+30.7%
EBIT margin	7.2%	8.6%	11.7%	-

in EUR million	1st HY/2022 <sup>1)</sup>	1st HY/2023 <sup>1)</sup>	1st HY/2024	Δ%
Order book	1,505	1,401	1,085	-22.6%
Service business share	17.9%	15.7%	17.8%	

¹) 2022 and 2023 figures for EMEA were adjusted retrospectively to the new segmentation. No retroactive adjustment was made for Tail Lift NAM due to the carve-out and the associated complexity.

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cyclical, I don't know how to value this, there will likely be growth across the cycles but nothing spectacular. Nothing wrong, but also nothing spectacular.

Porr - Construction is not for me, always looks cheap

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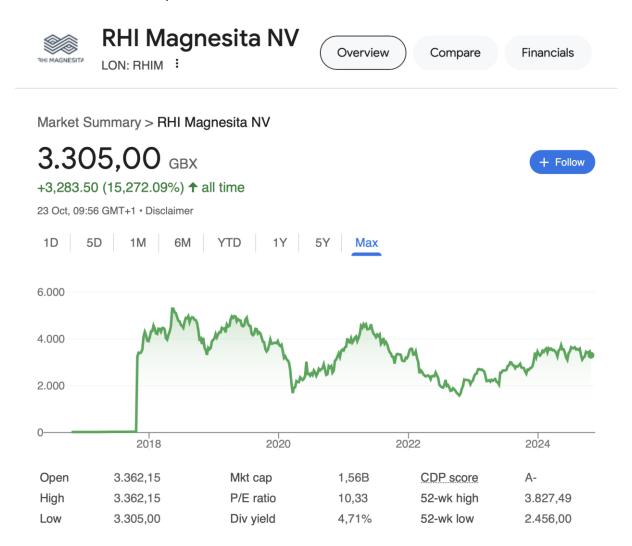
# Österreichische Post - post in Europe is always cheap



Polytec, too small

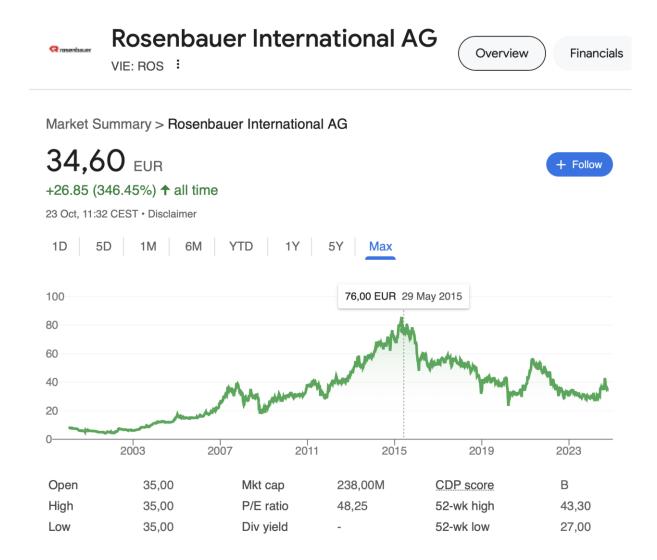
# **RHI Magnesita**

covered on research platform, we wait for downturn

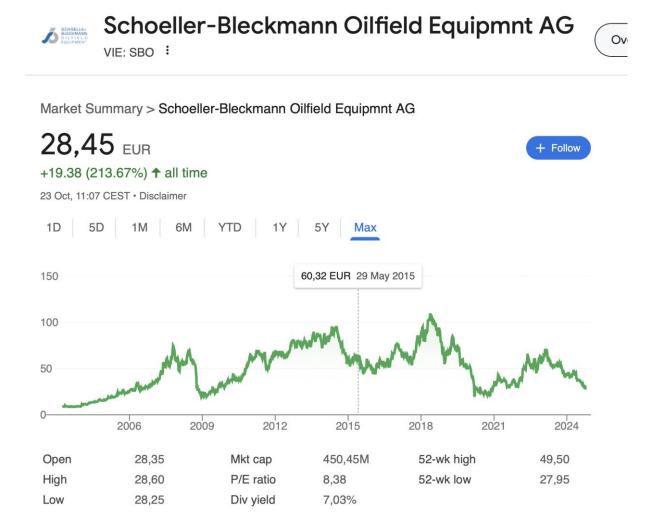


# Rosenbauer International AG - fire service vehicles - to lowest bidder

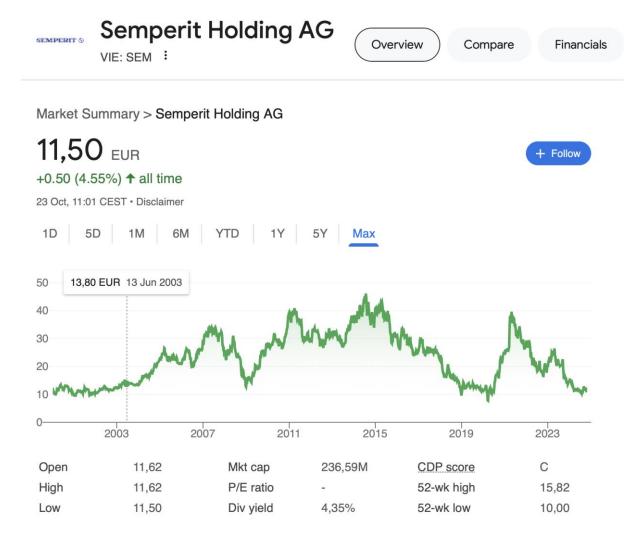
I don't know about the sector, I have received also many emails about the US counterpart, but I don't know what the drivers are for the sector and how value is created and how much can be created. Usually when you depend on jobs offered to the lowest bidder, there is not too much money.



# Schoeller-Bleckmann Oilfield Equipment - oil related



#### Semperit - plastics cycle - interesting





#### challenging outlook



#### **Market Outlook 2024**



- Current cyclical downturn impacts commodity business (SIA) more due to weak construction and yellow goods industries (construction and agriculture)
- Diversified markets with different dynamics for SEA thus more resilient and stable with focus on technology and industrial solutions (e.g. mountain applications, mobility, healthcare) despite partially renewed price pressure
- Challenging market conditions continue into 2025

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#### not much left after capex



#### Guidance 2024



Unchanged

2024: EBITDA expected at ~EUR 80m

2024: CAPEX expected at ~EUR 70m

40% growth - 60% maintenance and small growth projects

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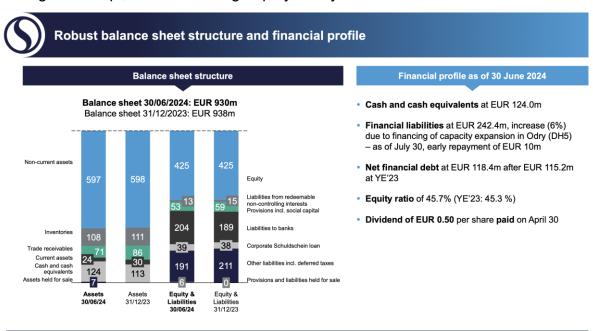




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won't go bankrupt, thus interesting to play the cycle.





#### Voestalpine,



depends on the industry, possible downturn ahead lower debt is good

# voestalpine GROUP

#### **DEVELOPMENT GEARING RATIO**



# Wienerberger

Another industrial, bricks, hm.

