

# EL.EN.

# **OUTPERFORM**

Price (Eu): 26.06

Target Price (Eu): 34.00

**SECTOR:** Industrials

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# 4Q expected to match guidance, more cautious on 2020, TP down to Eu34

- **4Q19 preview:** we expect outlook to have been broadly achieved. We expect ELN sales to have been €114mn/€397mn for 4Q19/FY19, broadly matching the indications given post-3Q results. 4Q19 YoY top-line growth is expected at +10.7%, with Medical to have been the main contributor again (+20%), while Industrial sales are still seen as having been a drag on results (+1.3%) after a rough 3Q. EBITDA is expected at €14.8mn/€47.4mn for 4Q19/FY19, meaning progress of +1.7pp/+1.7pp in terms of profitability, thanks to the faster growth of higher-margin medical activities. EBIT is expected at €11.9mn/€38.4mn, broadly in-line with indications. FCF (pre-acquisitions) should have been positive at €3.5mn for FY19 despite Capex expected at €22mn, pushed above historical levels by investments in new plants throughout the year. NFP is expected to have remained positive at €30mn (vs €62.5mn in 2018), as we expect the Chinese minorities acquisition (€22.5mn) to have been booked in 2019.
- Summary of the industrial situation amid virus outbreaks in China and Italy. In 2018, China represented ~60% of Industrial and ~25% of consolidated sales. We estimate that this figure came down closer to 20% in 2019 due to heavier going in the Chinese industrial market and the strong growth recorded by the medical segment. The Wuhan plant (€24mn sales in 2018) has been closed since late January and will remain so until at least March 11th; ELN's other two Chinese plants only resumed operation last week. Activity at plants in Tuscany, Italy, remains unaffected by the virus outbreak in the country.
- Adopting a more cautious view for 2020: i) we have reduced our 2020 industrial segment growth forecast to +6% (from +18%) to reflect the specific situation in China, and the global industrial activity slowdown (we assume flat sales in China along with a 2pp hit from the global demand slowdown); ii) we have slightly lowered our medical segment growth revenue forecast for 2020 to +10% from +11% to account for the impact of the virus on overall economic growth, potentially affecting capex decisions by firms in the medical segment. Our new 2020 sales estimate of €430mn (down -6% on the previous estimate) represents top-line growth of +8.4% (or -5.4pp below our previous growth forecast of +13.8%). Conversely, we plan for some recovery in 2021 and have raised our 2021 sales growth estimate by +1pp to 11.0%.
- Changes to estimates. We have reduced our 2020 sales estimates by -6%, with margin forecasts cut to a greater degree due primarily to the lost scale in the industrial business, offsetting the better mix effect (higher margins in the medical segment vs industrial) with EBITDA revised by -8% and EBIT by -10%. EPS also downgraded by -10%. Our 2020 net cash position estimate has been reduced to €39mn (from €61mn previously), as we no longer include the sale of €12mn worth of temporary financial assets in 2020 (which are still not included in the 2019 NFP figure) and to reflect the lower 2019 NFP, with capex revised up slightly and higher WC cash absorption.
- TP reduced to €34, OUTPERFORM rating reiterated. Our new TP reflects the impact of our more cautious approach to 2020 on our DCF valuation. Our TP reflects 13.2x average EV/EBITDA 2020/21, in-line with peers. We think the strong innovation capabilities in the medical sectors and the new industrial laser manufacturing capacities should enable higher growth over the long run. Our TP reflects 30% upside on the last close.

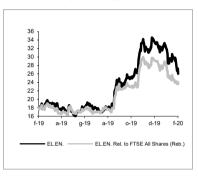
	2019E	2018A	2017A	Key Figures
430	397	346	306	Sales (Eu mn)
51	47	36	36	Ebitda (Eu mn)
26	23	17	16	Net profit (Eu mn)
1.323	1.166	0.870	0.810	EPS - New Adj.(Eu)
1.467	1.192	0.870		EPS - Old Adj.(Eu)
0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	DPS (Eu)
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Ratios & Multiples	2017A	2018A	2019E	2020E	2021E
P/E Adj.	32.2	29.9	22.3	19.7	16.7
Div. Yield	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%	1.5%
EV/Ebitda Adj.	14.5	15.3	12.2	11.2	9.6
ROCE	26.5%	21.7%	21.4%	19.9%	22.5%

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Next event: FY19 Results out 13 March 2020

#### EL.EN. - 12m Performance



RATING: Unchanged		
TARGET PRICE (Eu): from	38.00 to	34.00
Ch. in Adj.EPS est:	2019E	2020E
	-2.1%	-9.8%

STOCK DATA			
Reuters code:		Е	LEN.MI
Bloomberg code:			ELN IM
Performance	1m	3m	12m

Absolute -18.5% -23.8% 47.9% Relative -15.5% -20.3% 37.9% 12 months H/L: 34.58/16.04

#### SHAREHOLDER DATA

 No. of Ord. shares (mn):
 19

 Total No. of shares (mn):
 19

 Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mn):
 503

 Total Mkt Cap (Eu mn):
 503

 Mkt Float - ord (Eu mn):
 260

 Mkt Float (in %):
 51.7%

 Main shareholder:
 Cangioli Andrea
 15.2%

 BALANCE SHEET DATA
 2020

 Book value (Eu mn):
 226

 BVPS (Eu):
 11.72

 P/BV:
 2.2

 Net Financial Position (Eu mn):
 39

 Enterprise value (Eu mn):
 569

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.EN KEY FIGURES		2017A	2018A	2019E	2020E	2021E
	Fiscal year end	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2021
PROFIT & LOSS (Eu mn)	Sales	306	346	397	430	479
	EBITDA	36	36	47	51	58
	EBIT	30	30	38	41	48
	Financial income (charges)	(3)	1	1	1	I
	Associates & Others	0	(1)	0	0	0
	Pre-tax profit (Loss) Taxes	27 (7)	30 (8)	39 (11)	42 (11)	48 (13)
	Tax rate (%)	-25.0%	-26.1%	-28.0%	-26.0%	-26.0%
	Minorities & discontinue activities	(5)	(5)	(5)	(5)	(6)
	Net profit	16	17	23	26	30
	Total extraordinary items					
	Ebitda excl. extraordinary items	36	36	47	51	58
	Ebit excl. extraordinary items	30	30	38	41	48
	Net profit restated	16	17	23	26	30
PER SHARE DATA (Eu)	Total shares out (mn) - average fd	19	19	19	19	19
	EPS stated fd	0.810	0.870	1.166	1.323	1.560
	EPS restated fd	0.810	0.870	1.166	1.323	1.560
	BVPS fd	9.862	10.398	11.015	11.719	12.645
	Dividend per share (ord)	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400	0.400
	Dividend per share (sav)					
	Dividend pay out ratio (%)	49.4%	46.0%	34.3%	30.2%	25.6%
CASH FLOW (Eu mn)	Gross cash flow	26	27	37	40	46
	Change in NWC	(9)	(17)	(11)	(13)	(13)
	Capital expenditure Other cash items	(8) 0	(26) 0	(22) 0	(10) 0	(8) C
	Free cash flow (FCF)	10	(16)	4	18	25
	Acquisitions, divestments & others	(0)	3	(27)	0	20
	Dividend	(8)	(8)	(9)	(9)	(9)
	Equity financing/Buy-back	0	0	0	0	0
	Change in Net Financial Position	2	(22)	(32)	9	16
BALANCE SHEET (Eu mn)	Total fixed assets	47	68	81	81	80
DALANCE SHEET (ES IIII)	Net working capital	63	80	91	104	117
	Long term liabilities	10	9	30	25	19
	Net capital employed	120	157	203	211	216
	Net financial position	85	63	30	39	56
	Group equity	204	219	233	250	272
	Minorities	14	19	20	24	28
	Net equity	190	201	213	226	244
ENTERPRISE VALUE (Eu mn)	Average mkt cap - current	503	503	503	503	503
	Adjustments (associate & minorities)	(106)	(106)	(106)	(106)	(106)
	Net financial position	85	63	30	39	56
	Enterprise value	524	546	578	569	553
RATIOS(%)	EBITDA margin*	11.8%	10.3%	12.0%	11.8%	12.1%
	EBIT margin*	9.9%	8.7%	9.7%	9.6%	10.0%
	Gearing - Debt/equity	-41.4%	-28.5%	-13.0%	-15.8%	-20.6%
	Interest cover on EBIT	9.0	nm	nm	nm	nm
	Debt/Ebitda	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
	ROCE*	26.5%	21.7%	21.4%	19.9%	22.5%
	ROE* EV/CE	8.4%	8.6%	10.9%	11.6%	12.8%
	EV/CE EV/Sales	4.6 1.7	3.9 1.6	3.2 1.5	2.8 1.3	2.6 1.2
	EV/Sales EV/Ebit	17.2	18.2	1.5	13.9	11.5
	Free Cash Flow Yield	1.6%	-2.7%	0.6%	2.9%	4.1%
CDOWITH DATES (~)	Sales	21.3%	12.9%	14.6%	8.4%	11.4%
GROWTH RATES (%)	EBITDA*	11.5%	-1.4%	33.1%	6.7%	14.2%
	EBIT*	10.4%	-1.4%	28.0%	7.0%	16.7%
	Net profit	-61.3%	7.4%	34.0%	13.4%	17.9%
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<sup>\*</sup> Excluding extraordinary items

Source: Intermonte SIM estimates

4Q19/FY19 preview – top-line breakdown by segment

Breakdown	1Q18A	2Q18A	3Q18A	4Q18A	2018A	1Q19A	2Q19A	3Q19A	4Q19E	2019E	2020E	2021E
Aesthetic	21.9	29.1	25.6	33.7	110.4	25.4	35.2	32.5	40.5	133.6	145.6	160.2
growth YoY (%)	-4.2%	14.2%	17.7%	13.0%	10.4%	15.7%	20.9%	26.7%	20.2%	21.0%	9.0%	10.0%
% of total sales	31.6%	31.9%	31.0%	32.8%	31.9%	30.3%	33.7%	34.4%	35.3%	33.7%	33.9%	33.5%
Surgical	9.4	11.8	8.4	12.5	42.1	11.1	12.2	11.3	13.0	47.6	52.8	58.6
growth YoY (%)	45.0%	50.8%	-13.0%	18.4%	21.9%	18.1%	3.4%	33.9%	4.1%	13.0%	11.0%	11.0%
% of total sales	13.5%	12.9%	10.2%	12.1%	12.2%	13.2%	11.7%	11.9%	11.3%	12.0%	12.3%	12.2%
Physiotherapy	2.6	2.8	2.5	3.0	10.8	2.7	2.7	2.4	3.5	11.3	12.2	13.2
growth YoY (%)	4.7%	15.8%	17.3%	20.5%	14.5%	5.7%	-2.2%	-2.7%	17.3%	5.0%	8.0%	8.0%
% of total sales	3.7%	3.0%	3.0%	2.9%	3.1%	3.2%	2.6%	2.5%	3.1%	2.9%	2.9%	2.8%
Other medical lasers	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.7	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.3
% of total sales	0.0%	0.3%	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
Total Medical Systems	34.0	44.0	36.8	49.3	164.0	39.2	50.1	46.2	57.0	192.5	210.9	232.3
growth YoY (%)	5.9%	22.8%	9.0%	14.7%	13.4%	15.4%	14.0%	25.6%	15.6%	17.4%	9.6%	10.1%
% of total sales	48.9%	48.2%	44.4%	48.1%	47.4%	46.7%	47.9%	48.9%	49.7%	48.5%	49.1%	48.5%
Medical service	7.7	8.0	8.5	9.7	33.9	10.4	12.0	12.2	13.5	48.1	53.0	58.2
growth YoY (%)	10.1%	-0.7%	15.2%	30.6%	13.5%	34.9%	49.5%	44.2%	39.5%	42.0%	10.0%	10.0%
% of total sales	11.1%	8.8%	10.2%	9.5%	9.8%	12.4%	11.5%	12.9%	11.8%	12.1%	12.3%	12.2%
Total Medical Revenues	41.7	52.0	45.2	59.0	197.9	49.8	62.3	58.7	70.5	240.6	263.9	290.5
growth YoY (%)	6.7%	18.5%	10.1%	17.1%	13.4%	19.6%	19.9%	29.7%	19.5%	21.6%	9.7%	10.1%
% of total sales	59.9%	57.0%	54.6%	57.5%	57.2%	59.4%	59.6%	62.0%	61.5%	60.7%	61.4%	60.7%
Cutting	20.8	31.0	30.6	33.0	115.5	25.3	33.2	26.9	31.9	117.2	125.6	143.2
growth YoY (%)	7.3%	19.0%	9.8%	11.8%	13.5%	21.5%	7.0%	-12.2%	-3.5%	1.5%	7.2%	14.0%
% of total sales	30.0%	34.0%	37.0%	32.2%	33.4%	30.2%	31.8%	28.4%	27.8%	29.6%	29.2%	29.9%
Marking	3.7	4.6	37.0%	52.278	17.9	4.2	5.0	4.2	6.3	19.7	20.7	23.4
growth YoY (%)	-5.7%	7.0%	-1.8%	11.1%	7.0%	13.3%	8.8%	13.4%	6.7%	10.0%	5.0%	13.0%
% of total sales	5.3%	5.0%	4.5%	5.7%	5.2%	5.0%	4.8%	4.4%	5.5%	5.0%	4.8%	4.9%
Laser sources	0.9	1.2	1.3	1.6	4.9	1.2	1.0	1.0	1.6	4.8	4.0%	5.3
growth YoY (%)	14.4%	12.4%	134.0%	58.2%	10.0%	31.3%	-14.9%	-20.6%	3.2%	-2.0%	2.3%	7.0%
% of total sales	1.3%	1.3%	1.5%	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%	1.0%	1.1%	1.4%	1.2%	1.1%	1.1%
Total Industrial Systems	25.6	36.9	35.7	40.5	138.6	30.7	39.2	32.1	40.0	142.0	151.5	172.1
	5.6%	17.2%	10.6%	12.9%	12.0%	20.0%	6.3%	-10.0%	-1.1%	2.5%	6.7%	13.6%
growth YoY (%) % of total sales		40.4%	43.1%	39.4%	40.0%				34.9%	35.8%	35.2%	35.9%
	36.8%					36.6%	37.5%	33.9%				
Industrial service	2.3	2.3	1.9	3.1	9.6	3.2	3.0	3.6	4.1	13.9	14.4	16.1
growth YoY (%)	23.5%	-4.8%	-14.1%	71.2%	5.0%	41.4%	28.8%	88.7%	32.9%	45.0%	3.2%	12.0%
% of total sales	3.3%	2.6%	2.3%	3.0%	2.8%	3.8%	2.9%	3.8%	3.6%	3.5%	3.3%	3.4%
Total Industrial Revenues	27.8	39.2	37.6	43.6	148.2	34.1	42.2	35.9	44.1	155.9	165.8	188.2
growth YoY (%)	6.9%	15.7%	9.0%	15.7%	12.2%	22.3%	7.8%	-4.4%	1.3%	5.2%	6.4%	13.5%
% of total sales	40.1%	43.0%	45.4%	42.5%	42.8%	40.6%	40.4%	38.0%	38.5%	39.3%	38.6%	39.3%

Source: Company data (A), Intermonte Estimates (E)

### 4Q19/FY19 preview – P&L and key items summary

(Eu mn)	1Q18A	2Q18A	3Q18A	4Q18A	2018A	1Q19A	2Q19A	3Q19A	4Q19E	2019E	2020E	2021E
Sales	69.6	91.1	82.8	102.6	346.0	83.9	104.6	94.5	113.6	396.6	429.7	478.7
YoY growth %	6.8%	17.1%	9.6%	16.5%	12.9%	20.6%	14.8%	14.1%	10.7%	14.6%	8.4%	11.4%
EBITDA	6.4	8.9	8.7	11.6	35.6	7.7	12.9	12.0	14.8	47.4	50.6	57.8
Ebitda margin %	9.2%	9.8%	10.5%	11.3%	10.3%	9.2%	12.4%	12.7%	13.0%	12.0%	11.8%	12.1%
YoY growth %	-1.7%	-0.1%	-21.6%	20.9%	-1.4%	19.5%	44.9%	38.3%	27.7%	33.1%	6.7%	14.2%
EBIT	5.3	7.4	7.3	10.0	30.0	5.7	11.0	9.7	11.9	38.4	41.1	47.9
Ebit margin %	7.7%	8.1%	8.8%	9.7%	8.7%	6.8%	10.5%	10.3%	10.5%	9.7%	9.6%	10.0%
YoY growth %	-3.3%	-2.9%	-19.4%	20.4%	-1.5%	7.1%	48.8%	33.8%	19.5%	28.0%	7.0%	16.7%
Pretax Profit	4.6	8.5	6.8	9.6	29.5	6.4	10.5	10.7	11.3	38.9	41.6	48.4
Pretax margin %	6.7%	9.3%	8.2%	9.4%	8.5%	7.7%	10.0%	11.4%	9.9%	9.8%	9.7%	10.1%
YoY growth %	-10.5%	48.2%	-17.1%	18.8%	8.5%	39.0%	23.6%	57.3%	16.8%	31.6%	6.9%	16.5%
OpCF					10.1					25.9	27.6	33.0
Capex					-26.3					-22.0	-10.0	-8.0
Acquisitions/divestments										-22.5	0.0	0.0
FCF					-16.2					-18.6	17.6	25.0
Net financial position	72.6	65.0	54.8	62.5	62.5	61.1	54.0	50.8	30.4	30.4	39.4	55.9

Source: Company data (A), Intermonte Estimates (E)





### Changes to estimates

	Ne	w Estima	tes	0	ld Estimat	es		Delta %	
	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021	2019	2020	2021
Revenue	397	430	479	400	455	501	-1%	-6%	-4%
%YoY	14.6%	8.4%	11.4%	15.6%	13.8%	10.0%			
EBITDA	47	51	58	48	55	59	-2%	-8%	-2%
%YoY	33.1%	6.7%	14.2%	35.5%	13.7%	7.8%			
%m argin	12.0%	11.8%	12.1%	12.1%	12.1%	11.8%			
EBIT	38	41	48	39	46	49	-2%	-10%	-3%
%YoY	28.0%	7.0%	16.7%	30.8%	16.2%	8.5%			
%m argin	9.7%	9.6%	10.0%	9.8%	10.0%	9.9%			
EPS	1.17	1.32	1.56	1.19	1.47	1.61	-2%	-10%	-3%
%YoY	34.0%	13.4%	17.9%	36.9%	23.1%	9.7%			
NFP	30	39	56	34	61	80	-11%	-35%	-30%

Source: Intermonte estimates

### DETAILS ON STOCKS RECOMMENDATION

Stock NAME	EL.EN.		
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Current Price (Eu):	26.06	Previous Price (Eu):	31.30
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