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Price [PLN]	10,95	P/E	21,4	15,4	12,0	<u>Analyst:</u> Krzysztof Pado
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#### Q1'24 results [million PLN]

	Q1'23	Q1'24	y/y	Q1'24F BDM	dev.
Sales	249,3	316,2	26,8%	224,9	40,6%
Gross profit	8,5	12,6	47,5%	10,0	25,3%
Profit on sales	1,7	4,7	171,7%	3,2	44,9%
Other operating activity net	0,2	1,0		0,0	
EBITDA	5,5	9,5	73,3%	6,9	37,7%
EBIT	1,9	5,7	198,2%	3,2	76,7%
Profit before tax	2,0	3,0	49,6%	3,1	-3,9%
Net profit before the excl. of minorities	1,2	0,9	-21,7%	2,5	-62,8%
Net profit	1,1	1,0	-13,7%	2,4	-60,4%
Gross margin	3,4%	4,0%		4,5%	
EBITDA margin	2,2%	3,0%		3,1%	
EBIT margin	0,8%	1,8%		1,4%	
Net margin	0,5%	0,3%		1,1%	

Source: Dom Maklerski BDM S.A., ZUE

- The company reported Q1'24 results yesterday after the trading session.
- In Q1'24, ZUE generated revenue of PLN 316m (+27% y/y). EBIT amounted to PLN 5.7m (vs. PLN 1.9m a year ago), and net profit was PLN 1.0m (vs. PLN 1.1m in Q1'23).
- The revenue results are clearly above our expectations. EBIT, despite a lower-than-expected gross margin, but supported by a positive balance of other operating activities, is also well above our forecasts. The net result, on the other hand, was burdened by rather high financial costs and a high tax rate.
- Revenue from the Romanian market amounted to PLN 40m in Q1'24 (vs. PLN 49m in Q4'23 and PLN 0m a year ago). Of great importance for the recognised revenue in Q1'24 was a contractor (PLN 124m), which a year ago was not recognised above the 10% revenue threshold ('Contractor D' any of the tram orderers?).
- Gross margin is slightly higher y/y and lower q/q (4.0% vs 3.4% vs 4.4%). SG&A costs are 16% higher y/y.
- EBIT tripled y/y to PLN 5.7m. The balance of other operating activities was PLN +1.0m.
- The financial balance was negative (PLN -2.7m). The tax rate was 69%.
- Net profit amounted to PLN 1.0m and was slightly lower year-on-year.
- Very weak operating CF in Q1'24 (PLN -181m reversal of almost all flows from Q4'23 repayment of trade payables and increase in unbilled contract work).
- Net debt after Q1'24 is PLN 50m (vs. PLN 17m net debt a year ago and PLN 134m net cash after Q4'23).
- Backlog currently stands at PLN 1,647m (-1% y/y, -5% q/q).
- The company points to strong price competition on tenders. The supply of new orders is both rail and urban markets is currently in a slowdown.
- The company reached a settlement in April'24 with PKP PLK for the Okęcie contract. ZUE will receive PLN 3.3m (it had demanded PLN 2.9m), and a similar amount will support gross profit in 2024 (in Q2'24?).

**BDM Comment:** Q1'24 results to EBIT came as a positive surprise, mainly due to the booking of high revenues (very large scale of revenues from one of the contractors which was not crucial in previous periods). In contrast, the net result is slightly weaker y/y, burdened by high financial costs and high tax. Operating cash flow was very weak, with the company giving away all the excess cash it reported after Q4'23 (net debt level after Q1'24 is PLN 50m). The company's backlog declined slightly q/q and y/y. Management points to strong price competition on tenders.

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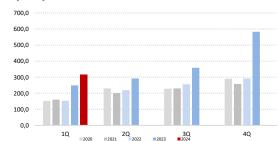


# Results in previous quarters [PLN m]

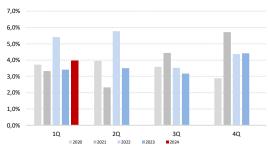
	1Q'20	2Q'20	3Q'20	4Q'20	1Q'21	2Q'21	3Q'21	4Q'21	1Q'22	2Q'22	3Q'22	4Q'22	1Q'23	2Q'23	3Q'23	4Q'23	1Q'24
Sales	152,3	230,1	228,3	290,6	160,9	201,5	230,6	258,4	153,6	219,6	256,0	292,2	249,3	292,4	359,0	583,5	316,2
Construction	143,6	211,9	213,5	276,2	141,1	190,9	211,8	237,0	140,8	191,5	236,1	262,6	223,8	273,2	340,6	567,6	305,4
Trade	6,3	15,7	12,2	12,5	8,1	18,7	16,5	20,0	11,1	26,2	17,5	23,0	23,5	17,2	18,0	15,8	10,8
Design	2,4	2,5	2,6	1,5	1,5	1,9	2,3	1,2	1,8	1,7	2,4	2,6	1,7	2,2	0,4	0,0	0,0
Exclusion	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,4	0,2	0,1	0,0	0,2	0,0	0,2	0,0	3,9	0,3	-0,1	0,0	0,1	0,0
Gross profit	5,7	9,1	8,2	8,4	5,4	4,7	10,2	14,8	8,3	12,7	9,0	12,8	8,5	10,3	11,4	25,8	12,6
Construction	5,1	8,0	7,2	7,8	4,8	2,8	8,8	13,4	7,4	8,6	5,7	9,4	6,4	8,6	10,0	24,9	11,7
Trade	0,3	0,9	0,7	0,7	0,5	1,0	1,0	1,5	1,0	4,1	3,0	2,9	1,8	0,9	1,1	0,8	0,8
Design	0,5	0,4	0,4	-0,1	0,3	0,7	0,5	0,0	0,2	0,1	0,5	0,4	0,3	0,7	0,1	0,0	0,0
Exclusion	-0,2	-0,1	-0,1	0,1	-0,2	0,1	-0,1	-0,2	-0,2	-0,1	-0,2	0,0	-0,1	0,1	0,2	0,1	0,0
SG&A	6,1	5,4	5,8	6,0	6,2	5,5	6,4	7,0	5,3	7,2	6,3	7,4	6,8	7,5	8,0	8,1	7,9
Profit on sales	-0,5	3,7	2,4	2,3	-0,8	-0,8	3,8	7,7	3,1	5,5	2,8	5,3	1,7	2,8	3,4	17,6	4,7
Other operat. activity net	0,3	-1,1	0,4	3,2	0,6	2,9	0,8	-0,1	0,6	-0,1	0,2	0,9	0,2	1,3	3,9	-0,5	1,0
EBITDA	3,2	5,9	6,1	8,8	2,8	5,2	8,0	11,1	7,0	8,7	6,4	9,8	5,5	7,8	11,0	20,9	9,5
EBIT	-0,2	2,5	2,8	5,5	-0,3	2,2	4,7	7,6	3,6	5,3	3,0	6,2	1,9	4,1	7,2	17,2	5,7
Profit before tax	-0,6	2,2	2,6	5,7	-0,6	2,1	4,4	9,4	4,9	6,9	3,0	7,3	2,0	3,7	7,8	15,4	3,0
Net profit	-0,7	1,7	2,0	1,3	-0,7	1,4	3,3	7,8	3,8	5,5	1,6	5,5	1,1	3,0	5,9	10,9	1,0
Gross margin	3,7%	3,9%	3,6%	2,9%	3,3%	2,3%	4,4%	5,7%	5,4%	5,8%	3,5%	4,4%	3,4%	3,5%	3,2%	4,4%	4,0%
Construction	3,5%	3,8%	3,4%	2,8%	3,4%	1,5%	4,2%	5,7%	5,2%	4,5%	2,4%	3,6%	2,9%	3,1%	2,9%	4,4%	3,8%
Trade	4,3%	5,5%	5,5%	5,5%	5,7%	5,6%	5,8%	7,4%	9,0%	15,5%	17,1%	12,5%	7,7%	5,0%	5,9%	5,1%	7,5%
Design	18,9%	14,5%	15,1%	-9,5%	17,9%	38,1%	21,7%	0,7%	10,9%	8,2%	21,2%	16,3%	19,8%	32,0%			
EBITDA margin	2,1%	2,6%	2,7%	3,0%	1,7%	2,6%	3,5%	4,3%	4,5%	4,0%	2,5%	3,4%	2,2%	2,7%	3,1%	3,6%	3,0%
EBIT margin	-0,1%	1,1%	1,2%	1,9%	-0,2%	1,1%	2,0%	2,9%	2,3%	2,4%	1,2%	2,1%	0,8%	1,4%	2,0%	2,9%	1,8%
Net margin	-0,5%	0,7%	0,9%	0,5%	-0,4%	0,7%	1,4%	3,0%	2,4%	2,5%	0,6%	1,9%	0,4%	1,0%	1,7%	1,9%	0,3%
CFO	-21,4	28,8	-10,1	19,0	-0,6	15,3	-6,7	101,8	-28,9	-9,5	-35,9	31,8	-29,6	4,2	-34,1	196,9	-180,6
Net debt	44,6	19,3	27,7	15,6	17,6	8,7	18,6	-80,2	-49,5	-35,5	2,3	-14,6	17,3	20,1	50,5	-134,2	50,2
Backlog	1 821	1 763	1 565	1 498	1 413	1 226	1 398	1 500	1 498	1 523	1 532	1 832	1 666	1 458	2 053	1 731	1 647

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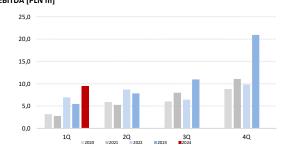
# Sales [PLN m]



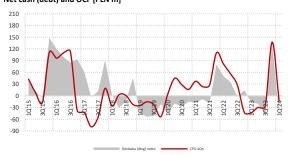
# Gross margin



# Źródło: BDM S.A., spółka EBITDA [PLN m]



#### Źródło: BDM S.A.. spółka Net cash (debt) and OCF [PLN m]



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# Explanations of terminology:

EBIT - earnings before interest and tax

EBITDA — earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization

Net debt — interest bearing debt minus cash and equivalents

WACC - weighted average cost of capital

CAGR - cumulative average annual growth

EPS - earnings per share DPS - dividend per share

CEPS - net profit plus depreciation per share

EV – market capitalization plus interest bearing debt minus cash and equivalents

EV/S – market capitalization / sales

 ${\sf EV/EBITDA-EV/sales}$ 

P/EBIT – market capitalization / EBIT MC/S — market capitalization / sales

P/E — market capitalization / net profit

P/BV — market capitalization / book value

P/CE - market capitalization / net profit plus depreciation

ROE – net profit / equity

ROA - net income / assets

Gross margin - gross profit on sales / sales

EBITDA margin – EBITDA / sales

EBIT margin – EBIT / sales

Net margin – net profit / sales

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