

**Company Flash**
**Telecommunications**
**Germany**
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## Teles

### Restructuring of group progresses

- We upgrade Teles to Buy from Hold. In our view, the share price decline of the last few weeks was overdone.
- The Q1/08 figures have shown that the reorganization of the group is making progress. A majority stake (80%) in the Sky DSL business was sold this year. Two acquisitions in the technological area were made last year ("MissisSiPpi" and "IP Gear Ltd."). In the first quarter of the year, revenues of EUR 5.7 mn were higher than we had expected (UniCredit (E:) EUR 4.5 mn). EBITDA was lower than expected due to integration and reorganization efforts and higher expenses in the context of the VoIP patent infringement claims that Teles is pursuing in the US.
- Our target price is adjusted downward to EUR 2.30 from EUR 2.70. We continue to value Teles with an SOP model, where the freenet stake (3.7% of freenet shares) is the most valuable asset (91% of the total calculated equity value).
- In our view, the next few weeks will be interesting regarding the dividend. So far, Teles has not made any statements with respect to the dividend. If the company sticks to its policy of relatively high payments and wants to pay out a dividend in line with our expectation (EUR 0.50 per share), then we expect it to sell at least parts of its freenet stake because we see a credit financed dividend as unlikely. The net cash position at the end of Q1/08 stood at EUR 1.3 mn. If the company currently does not want to sell shares in freenet for strategic reasons, we can imagine a significantly lower dividend (even zero).

	2005	2006	2007	2008e	2009e
Sales (EUR mn)	25.4	28.2	19.2	23.4	24.9
EBITDA (EUR mn)	-11.3	-16.6	-12.0	-7.0	-1.2
EBIT (EUR mn)	-12.9	-17.5	-12.9	-8.3	-2.5
Net income (EUR mn)	110.4	-16.9	8.1	-7.5	-1.9
EPS reported (EUR)	5.27	-0.80	0.12	-0.35	-0.09
DPS (EUR)	0.87	2.00	0.50	0.50	0.50
ROCE (%)	266.2	-193.2	-199.9	-50.2	-14.9
P/E (x)	1.4	-5.3	30.6	-5.1	-20.4
P/CF (x)	1.4	-5.1	47.8	-4.3	-61.6
P/BV (x)	1.4	1.1	1.3	0.9	1.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	-3.7	1.2	-1.6	-0.7	-12.9
EV/EBIT (x)	-3.3	1.1	-1.5	-0.6	-6.5
ROCE/WACC (x)	27.0	-19.6	-20.3	-5.1	-1.5
Div. yield (%)	11.6	46.8	13.7	27.8	27.8

Source: Company data, UniCredit Global Research

## Buy (prev. Hold)

Price on 06/13/08	EUR 1.80
Target price (prev. EUR 2.70)	EUR 2.30
Upside to TP	27.8%
Cost of equity	9.9%
High/Low (12M)	4.99/1.80

### INVESTMENT HIGHLIGHTS

Corporate reorganization in process  
 Focus on IP-related technology  
 Losses are narrowing

### STOCK TRIGGERS

Recovery from low valuation level  
 Dividend news flow or figures  
 Figures that underpin operating recovery

### STOCK DATA

Reuters/Bloomberg	TLIG.DE/TLI GR
Average daily volume (tds.)	10.7
Free float (%)	41.7
Market capitalization (EUR bn)	0.0
No. of shares issued (mn)	21.1
Shareholders	Sigram Schindler Investment Company 47.5%, Teles AG 9.3%, Sigram Schindler Foundation 1.5%

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Annual general meeting	29-Aug-08
H1/Q2	31-Aug-08
9M/Q3	30-Nov-08



### RELATIVE PERFORMANCE (% CHG.)

	1M	3M	6M
DAX	-3.5	-25.8	-13.6
DJES50	-1.0	-20.7	-9.8
ES Tech.	-3.6	-17.2	-3.3

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**Q1/08 VS. ESTIMATES (EUR MN)**

Q1/08	Reported	UniCredit (E)	Deviation %
<b>Group</b>			
Revenues	5.71	4.50	27
EBITDA	-2.81	-1.80	n/a
<b>Net revenues and EBITDA of the segments</b>			
TCS			
Revenues	5.71	4.50	27
EBITDA	-1.30	-0.60	n/a
Others			
Revenues	0	0	n/a
EBITDA	-1.51	-1.20	26

Source: Teles, UniCredit Global Research

**Adjustments to model in line with Q1/08 trends**

We adjust our 2008 and 2009 group revenue expectations slightly upward due to a stronger than so far expected performance at the TCS segment. We have not explicitly modeled in the newly planned segment for Customer Premise Equipment (CPE), which is not yet operational. We have reduced our EBITDA expectations for both years, as the cost base in Q1/08 was worse than expected. We anticipate that it will take some time to significantly lower costs.

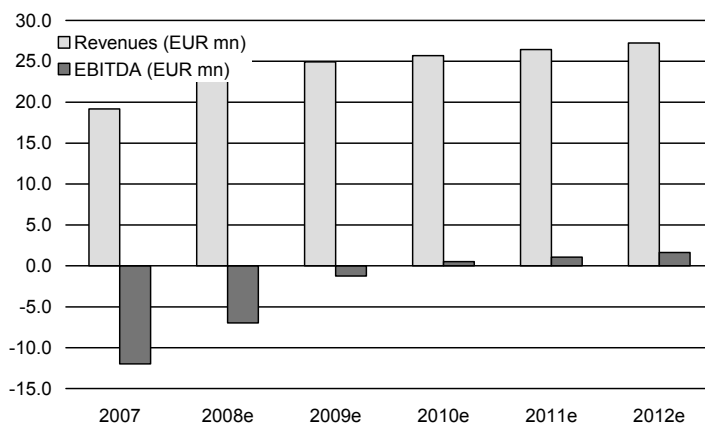
**ADJUSTMENT OF ESTIMATES**

	2008e prev.	2008e new	2009e prev.	2009e new
<b>Revenues (EUR mn)</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>21.2</b>	<b>24.9</b>
y-o-y %	5.7	21.9	4.5	6.5
<b>EBITDA (EUR mn)</b>	<b>-4.9</b>	<b>-7.0</b>	<b>1.1</b>	<b>-1.2</b>
EBITDA margin %	-24.1	-29.8	5.0	-5.0
EPS (EUR)	-0.23	-0.35	0.02	-0.09

Source: UniCredit Global Research

**Positive mid-term trends expected**

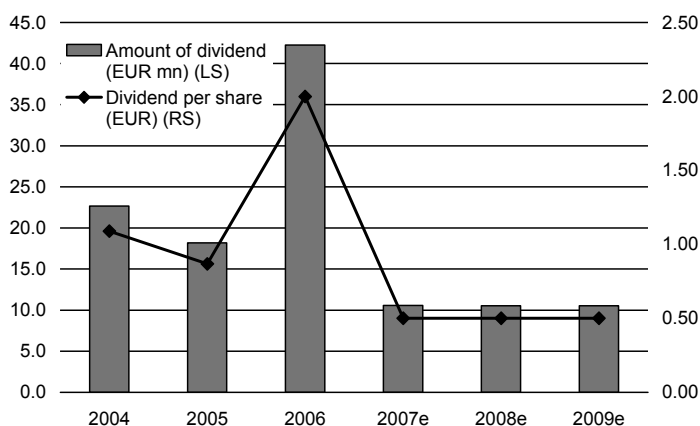
In the coming years, we expect Teles's revenues to continue to grow (6.5% y-o-y in 2009). In our scenario, the negative EBITDA of the years 2007 to 2009 should switch to a positive figure in 2010. We are currently cautious with respect to our expectations for the earnings dynamic, as the business model of Teles is currently being overhauled and the visibility of the mid-term performance is currently low. We see upside to our estimates.

**WE EXPECT CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS IN REVENUES AND EBITDA**


Source: Teles, UniCredit Global Research

**Sale of freenet shares?**

Teles still has a stake of 3.6 mn freenet shares (3.7%). We view this stake as the most important asset of the company. Usually Teles pays high dividends (e.g. 2006: EUR 2 per share, absolute amount of EUR 42 mn). We have lowered our dividend expectation for 2007 to EUR 0.50 (from EUR 1.00) per share. So far, Teles has not made any statements with respect to the 2007 dividend. As the net cash position at the end of Q1/08 stood at EUR 1.3 mn, the company would, in our view, have to sell at least a part of its freenet stake (value ca. EUR 43 mn) to be able to pay our expected dividend of EUR 0.50 per share (EUR 10 mn). In the past, some of the payments we described as dividends have technically been distributions of equity to shareholders.

**WE EXPECT TELES TO STICK TO ITS HIGH DIVIDEND PAYMENT POLICY**


Source: Teles, UniCredit Global Research

**Target price EUR 2.30 per share**

We reduce our target price to EUR 2.30 from EUR 2.70. We continue to value Teles with a sum-of-the-parts model. In our model, we derive a total equity value of EUR 47 mn, which translates into a value of EUR 2.25 per share and supports our target price of EUR 2.30. We adjust the Q1/08 cash position of EUR 2.4 mn by EUR 1.1 mn to take into account the convertible debt.

**SOP VALUATION**

	No. of shares (mn)	Price (EUR)	Value
Net cash as of Q1/08 (EUR mn)			1.3
<b>Value of freenet shares (EUR mn)</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>43.2</b>
NPV future cash flows (EUR mn)			3.0
<b>Sum (EUR mn)</b>			<b>47.4</b>
<b>Equity value (EUR mn)</b>			<b>47.4</b>
No. of shares (mn)			21.1
Price (EUR)			2.25

Source: Teles, UniCredit Global Research

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Teles	09/05/2007	Hold	EUR	3.00
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Teles	05/21/2007	Buy	EUR	4.40

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