# **Hypoport AG**

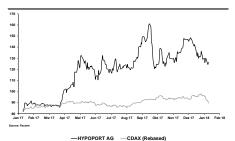
Hypoport AG ESN

Germany | Financial Services Industrials

Investment Research

# **Company Flash Note**

Buy								
Recommendation unchang	ed							
Share price: EUR 126.40								
closing price as of 06/02/2018	:							
Target price: EUR 164.00								
Target Price unchanged								
Upside/Downside F	Potenti	al 2	9.7%					
Reuters/Bloomberg		HYQGn.DE	HYQ GR					
Market capitalisation (EUR	lm)		783					
Current N° of shares (m)			6					
Free float			63%					
Daily avg. no. trad. sh. 12 mt	h		20					
Daily avg. trad. vol. 12 mth (r	n)	:	2,351.82					
Price high/low 12 months		82.13	/ 160.95					
Abs Perfs 1/3/12 mths (%)		-13.31/-7.9	94/52.84					
Key financials (EUR)	12/16	12/17e	12/18e					
Sales (m)	157	194	214					
EBITDA (m)	28	32	40					
EBITDA margin	18.1%	16.7%	18.5%					
EBIT (m)	23	25	31					
EBIT margin	14.8%	13.0%	14.5%					
Net Profit (adj.)(m)	18	20	25					
ROCE	28.4%	31.5%	36.6%					
Net debt/(cash) (m)	1	(15)	(38)					
Net Debt Equity	0.0	-0.2	-0.3					
Net Debt/EBITDA	0.0	-0.5	-0.9					
Int. cover(EBITDA/Fin.int)	70.6	high	52.9					
EV/Sales	3.1	4.6	3.5					
EV/EBITDA	17.0	27.3	18.8					
EV/EBITDA (adj.)	17.0	27.3	18.8					
EV/EBIT	20.8	35.0	23.9					
P/E (adj.)	25.8	43.2	30.1					
P/BV	7.5	10.7	7.2					
OpFCF yield	1.1%	1.6%	2.6%					
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%					
EPS (adj.)	3.01	3.37	4.20					
BVPS	10.30	13.56	17.62					
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00					
Shareholders								



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# Possible beneficiary from planned new housing initiatives

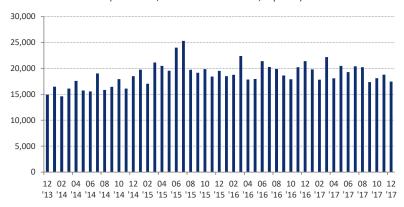
SPD and CDU have finally agreed upon the coalition treaty. Although the SPD members have still to approve the treaty we see a high probability for a revival of the grand coalition. Topics that could affect Hypoport include the residential real estate subsidies for families and the so-called "Wohnraumoffensive" which comprises the building of 1.5m new apartments and houses. It is too early to assess any potential earnings impact at Hypoport but it should be clearly positive for the sentiment.

Hence, we reiterate our Buy recommendation with a TP of EUR 164.00. HYP is the key beneficiary of the strong housing market in Germany as it led to an increased demand for mortgage loans. Additionally HYP's online marketplace for insurance policies, should become HYP's second earnings driver in the coming years. We forecast an EPS CAGR of 18% (2016-'18e) for HYP.

✓ The subsidy program for families should enable more middle-class families (yearly income up to EUR 75k plus EUR 15 per child) to buy a house/apartment which should lead to an increased demand for housing. Additionally the new government considers introducing a tax allowance for families for the land transfer tax. Ceteris paribus this should lead to an increase in mortgage loan volumes. As there is currently an under-supply of suitable residential real estate properties the impact may however be not that significant but nevertheless positive. In case of an increase in mortgage loan volumes, HYP is in pole position to benefit as it is a leading mortgage broker with a market share of around 17%.

# Monthly new mortgage business volumes

(in EUR bn; sources: Bundesbank, equinet)



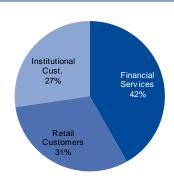
✓ With the "Wohnraumoffensive" the new government wants to achieve that 1.5m new houses/apartments are built (subsidized by the public hand and freely financed) by 2021. Hypoport may benefit from this initiative through its subsidiary Dr.Klein Institutional Clients which brokers loan to public housing associations. In 2016/2017 Dr. Klein's growth was negatively impacted by the fact that public housing associations were not that active for various reasons. This may change with the "Wohnraumoffensive" as pressure for the public hand to build more apartments should increase. However, Hypoport should realize a positive earnings impact rather in the mid-term.





# **Exhibit 1: Investment Case in Charts**

### **Business split**



Financial Services (Europace) is Hypoport's key revenue pillar.

Source: Hypoport, equinet Research

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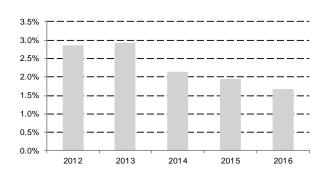
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# Source: Bundesbank, equinet Research

## 10YR Mortgage Rate development

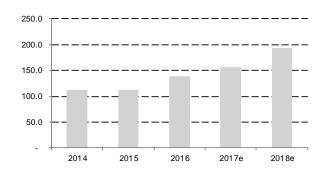


10YR Mortgage rates on record low levels; we do not expect a sharp increase in the short term.

# Revenues development (in EUR m)

EPS development (in EUR)

Market development (new mortgage loans in EUR m)



New mortgage loan volumes in GER have benefited from a decline in

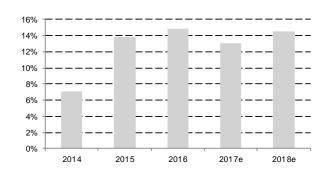
interest rates, 2016 being negatively impacted from regulation.

A positive overall market development and a growing market share of Hypoport should be the main revenues drivers.

Source: Hypoport, equinet Research

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# EBIT margin development



EBIT Margins should not further increase in 2017e/18e due to investments into the online insurance marketplace.

Source: Hypoport, equinet Research

#### 4.50 4.00 3.50 3.00 2.50 2.00 1.50 1.00 0.50 0.00 2014 2015 2016 2017e 2018e

We forecast EPS CAGR of 18% (2016e-'18e).

Source: Hypoport, equinet Research





# Exhibit 2: At a Glance

Business Units	Credit Platform	Private Clients	Institutional Clients	Insurance Platform
	© EUROPACE	DR • KLEIN DIE PARTNER FÜR IHRE FINANZEN	DR. KLEIN	SMART INSURTECH
Products/ applications	Through its credit platform Europace the company is enabling banks to distribute loans of more than hundred banks to its customers. Banks can also use Europace to solely process their own loan business.	Dr. Klein is the brand through which Hypoport is servicing retail customers. Dr. Klein's more than 500 IFAs advise customers on different financial products, the focus being clearly on mortgage loans.	Hypoport is brokering real estate loans to institutional customers via Dr. Klein. In addition to the pure brokerage of loans Dr. Klein has recently started to more and more advise customers on how to finance real estate transactions.	Hypoport's youngest business unit targets the insurance market. Idea is to build an Europace for the insurance industry, i.e. an online insurance market place which comprises products comparison, advice tools and processing of the policies and claims management.
Customers	Customers range from mortgage brokers via Postbank to savings and mutual banks. Savings and mutual banks are serviced via two separate joint ventures.	Customers are normal retail customers with average financing needs. Mortgage customers should be above average incomes.	Customers are professional real estate investors, mainly public housing investors.	Potential customers include insurance brokers, IFAs and insurance companies. At the moment HYP has only customers which use certain parts of the software.
	Although we do not have any figures we do not see Europace being dependent on a few single customers.	Very diversified customer base, no dependence on single customers at all.	We do not have any figures, but the dependence on single customers may be somewhat higher in this unit.	Revenues are still on low level, i.e. customer dependence not an issue yet.
Market share/ positioning	Overall market share of Europace in GER Europace's only market, in mortgage loans is around 15%. Market share of around 50% among mortgage brokers, market share of only 2% among savings/mutual banks.	No figures available, we estimate that Dr. Klein has a market share of below 5%.	No figures available, but Dr. Klein's market share should be well below 5%.	Market share not yet meaningful as this unit is still in the ramp-up phase.
Drivers	Main driver is the demand for mortgage loans which is impacted by level of interest rates and demand for apartments/housing.	Main driver is the demand for mortgage loans which is impacted by level of interest rates and demand for apartments/housing.	High dependence on the public hand; even if the need for more public housing is high, the process until construction starts and a loan is needed may take long.	Overall growth of insurance premiums and growing need for insurers and brokers to increase efficiency.
Main competitors	Interhyp is the only important competitor offering a similar service.	Interhyp as mortgage broker, other IFAs like MLP, OVB, DVAG.	Mainly savings banks, but also mutual, private banks and other loan brokers.	At the moment similar software solutions are offered by Acturis and Finanzsoft/softair.
Entry barriers/ competitive advantage	Entry barriers depend on the different business units		st growing unit, Europace. With the underlying technology and compared to other players.	the extensive customer relationships HYP has a decisive
Strategy & Guidance	Strategy:  (I) Winning more customers for Europace to realize eco (II) Build-up of an insurance marketplace in the mild-to-I (III) Developing Private and Institutional Clients further will Germany		Guidance 2017: Revenue: double-digit growth  EBIT double-digit growth	Revenue:         194         192           y/y         24.0%         22.9%           EBIT margin         13.0%         13.2%
2016	Sales (EURm) 156.6 y/y 12.7%	EBITDA (EURm) 28.3  Margin 18.1%	EBIT (EURm) 23.2  Margin 14.8%	EPS 5Y hist. CAGR 38.0%
Sales & EBIT Split	Sales split by divisoin  Retail Cust  12% 0%  Credit Platform  54%  Instit. Cust  Insurance Platform  CEO  Ronald Slabke  Major shareholder and CEO (since 2010)	EBIT split by division  Retail Cust  22%  32%  Credit Platform  Instit. Cust  46%  Insurance Platform	Group financial development  180	EBIT margin development  6%  4%  4%  6%  6%  6%  6%  6%  201  201  201  201  201  201  201  Shareholder structure
Shareholder structure & management	With Hypoport since 2002  >20 years experience in the banking indu prior to becoming CEO he was board me 2002). He joined Dr. Klein & Co GmbH & Ca board member in 2000.	stry • almost: mber of Hypoport (since • Prior to co. KG in 1996, he became • FinanceS • Mr. Gav	Klein since 2004 20 years experience in the banking/insurance industry his career at Dr. Klein Mr. Gwarecki worked for cout 24 and Deutscher Ring varecki is reponsible for Retail Customers and Commercial business for all distribution channels.	36% ■ Ronald Slabke
# of employees FY			709	

Source: Hypoport, equinet Research



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PROFIT & LOSS (EURm)	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015	12/2016	12/2017e	12/2018e
Sales	101	112	139	157	194	214
Cost of Sales & Operating Costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non Recurrent Expenses/Income	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBITDA	8.2	12.7	25.1	28.3	32.4	39.7
EBITDA (adj.)*	8.2	12.7	25.1	28.3	32.4	39.7
Depreciation	4.2	4.8	5.8	5.1	7.1	8.5
EBITA	12.3	17.5	30.9	33.4	39.5	48.2
EBITA (adj)*	12.3	17.5	30.9	33.4	39.5	48.2
Amortisations and Write Downs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	4.0	7.9	19.3	23.2	25.3	31.2
EBIT (adj.)*	4.0	7.9	19.3	23.2	25.3	31.2
Net Financial Interest	-0.9	-0.7	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	-0.8
Other Financials	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other Non Recurrent Items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings Before Tax (EBT)	3.1	7.3	19.1	22.8	25.3	30.4
Tax	0.1	1.3	3.2	4.8	5.1	5.2
Tax rate	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Discontinued Operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Profit (reported)	3.0	5.9	15.9	18.0	20.2	25.2
Net Profit (adj.)	3.0	5.9	15.9	18.0	20.2	25.2
CASH FLOW (EURm)	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015	12/2016	12/2017e	12/2018e
Cash Flow from Operations before change in NWC	6.2	10.7	23.7	25.8	23.1	32.7
Change in Net Working Capital	3.9	-2.3	2.9	-7.5	-2.3	-3.0
Cash Flow from Operations	10.1	8.4	26.7	18.3	20.8	29.7
Capex	-5.7	-6.2	-7.1	-13.3	-6.0	-9.0
Net Financial Investments	-1.4	-1.2	-6.9	-7.4	2.7	2.1
Free Cash Flow	3.0	1.1	12.7	-2.3	17.5	22.8
Dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other (incl. Capital Increase & share buy backs)	-1.2	-1.1	-3.6	1.5	-1.8	0.0
Change in Net Debt	1.8	0.0	9.1	-0.8	15.7	22.8
NOPLAT	2.8	5.6	13.5	16.3	17.7	21.8
BALANCE SHEET & OTHER ITEMS (EURm)	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015	12/2016	12/2017e	12/2018e
Net Tangible Assets	2.3	2.2	2.6	2.6	0.0	0.0
Net Intangible Assets (incl.Goodwill)	29.6	31.0	31.9	41.7	43.2	43.7
Net Financial Assets & Other	0.1	0.1	0.0	1.1	1.1	1.1
Total Fixed Assets	31.9	33.3	34.5	45.4	44.3	44.8
Cash (-)	-11.5	-12.0	-24.8	-22.4	-39.9	-62.6
Shareholders Equity	32.8	38.6	52.4	63.8	84.0	109
Minority	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5
Total Equity	33.1	38.9	52.7	64.1	84.4	110
Long term interest bearing debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Provisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other long term liabilities	-5.5	-5.8	-9.3	-6.7	-12.2	-11.2
Total Long Term Liabilities	-5.5	-5.8	-9.3	-6.7	-12.2	-11.2
Short term interest bearing debt	20.6	21.1	24.7	23.2	25.0	25.0
Net Working Capital	4.7	8.9	8.9	12.9	13.0	16.0
GROWTH & MARGINS	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015	12/2016	12/2017e	12/2018e
Sales growth	15.2%	11.1%	23.7%	12.7%	24.0%	10.3%
EBITDA (adj.)* growth	0.3%	<i>55.7%</i>	97.5%	12.9%	14.5%	22.4%
EBITA (adj.)* growth	-5.5%	41.4%	76.9%	8.1%	18.3%	21.9%
EBIT (adj)*growth	24.1%	100.1%	142.7%	20.6%	9.0%	23.1%





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GROWTH & MARGINS	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015	12/2016	12/2017e	12/2018e
Net Profit growth	n.m.	97.0%	168.1%	13.7%	11.7%	24.8%
EPS adj. growth	n.m.	97.0%	175.1%	14.6%	11.7%	24.8%
DPS adj. growth						
EBITDA (adj)* margin	8.1%	11.3%	18.0%	18.1%	16.7%	18.5%
EBITA (adj)* margin	12.2%	15.5%	22.2%	21.3%	20.3%	22.5%
EBIT (adj)* margin	3.9%	7.1%	13.9%	14.8%	13.0%	14.5%
RATIOS	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015	12/2016	12/2017e	12/2018e
Net Debt/Equity	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.2	-0.3
Net Debt/EBITDA	1.1	0.7	0.0	0.0	-0.5	-0.9
Interest cover (EBITDA/Fin.interest)	9.3	18.5	n.m.	70.6	high	52.9
Capex/D&A	-136.7%	-129.8%	-121.3%	-260.6%	-84.5%	-105.9%
Capex/Sales	5.7%	5.5%	5.1%	8.5%	3.1%	4.2%
NWC/Sales	4.7%	8.0%	6.4%	8.2%	6.7%	7.5%
ROE (average)	9.6%	16.6%	34.9%	31.0%	27.3%	26.0%
ROCE (adj.)	7.6%	13.2%	31.1%	28.4%	31.5%	36.6%
WACC	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%	7.8%
ROCE (adj.)/WACC	1.0	1.7	4.0	3.7	4.1	4.7
PER SHARE DATA (EUR)***	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015	12/2016	12/2017e	12/2018e
Average diluted number of shares	6.2	6.2	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0
EPS (reported)	0.49	0.96	2.63	3.01	3.37	4.20
EPS (adj.)	0.49	0.96	2.63	3.01	3.37	4.20
BVPS	5.29	6.23	8.46	10.30	13.56	17.62
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
VALUATION	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015	12/2016	12/2017e	12/2018e
EV/Sales	0.7	8.0	3.6	3.1	4.6	3.5
EV/EBITDA	8.5	6.7	19.9	17.0	27.3	18.8
EV/EBITDA (adj.)*	8.5	6.7	19.9	17.0	27.3	18.8
EV/EBITA	5.6	4.8	16.1	14.4	22.4	15.5
EV/EBITA (adj.)*	5.6	4.8	16.1	14.4	22.4	15.5
EV/EBIT	17.4	10.7	25.9	20.8	35.0	23.9
EV/EBIT (adj.)*	17.4	10.7	25.9	20.8	35.0	23.9
P/E (adj.)	19.9	12.7	30.6	25.8	43.2	30.1
P/BV	1.8	2.0	9.5	7.5	10.7	7.2
Total Yield Ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EV/CE	1.9	2.0	11.5	8.4	15.8	12.5
OpFCF yield	7.3%	3.0%	3.9%	1.1%	1.6%	2.6%
OpFCF/EV	6.3%	2.6%	3.9%	1.0%	1.7%	2.8%
Payout ratio	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Dividend yield (gross)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
EV AND MKT CAP (EURm)	12/2013	12/2014	12/2015	12/2016	12/2017e	12/2018e
Price** (EUR)	9.65	12.16	80.50	77.75	145.35	126.40
Outstanding number of shares for main stock	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2	6.2
Total Market Cap	60	75	499	482	900	783
Net Debt	9	9	0	1	-15	-38
o/w Cash & Marketable Securities (-)						
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o/w Gross Debt (+)	-12 21			-22 23	-40 25	-63 25

Enterprise Value (EV adj.) Source: Company, equinet Bank estimates.

# Notes

Other EV components

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Sector: Financial Services Industrials/FinSvcs Industrials

Company Description: Hypoport is a financial service provider focusing on real estate loans. Key product is the Europace platform which is an internet based platform enabling banks on the one hand to more efficiently process their mortgage basis and on the other hand to get access to more than 250 product partners.



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<sup>\*</sup> Where EBITDA (adj.) or EBITA (adj)= EBITDA (or EBITA) -/+ Non Recurrent Expenses/Income and where EBIT (adj)= EBIT-/+ Non Recurrent Expenses/Income - PPA amortisation \*\*Price (in local currency): Fiscal year end price for Historical Years and Current Price for current and forecasted years



# **Recommendations and Disclosures**

Coverage	Analyst	Target	Rating	Disc.	Coverage	Analyst	Target	Rating	Disc.
GEnergy	Rüzgar	19.50	Neutral	2/3/5	MLP	Häßler	7.50	Buy	2/3
areal Bank	Häßler	42.00	Accumulate		MTU Aero Engines	Rüzgar	142.00	Neutral	2
adidas	Josefson	211.00	Accumulate		Munich Re	Häßler	210.00	Accumulate	
Adler Modemaerkt e	Josefson	6.00	Neutral	7	Nemet schek SE	Mildner	47.00	Reduce	5
ADLER Real Estate	Mayer	15.70	Buy		NexusAG	Droste	28.00	Buy	
Aixtron	Sen	11.60	Accumulate	2/3	Norma Group	Schuldt	61.00	Neutral	
Allianz	Häßler	200.00	Neutral		OHB SE	Rüzgar	40.00	Neutral	7
Axel Springer	Josefson	58.00	Neutral		OVB Holding AG	Häßler	20.00	Accumulate	2/5/7
Bayer	Miemietz	118.00	Buy		Patrizia	Mayer	21.50	Accumulate	
BB Biotech	Miemietz	60.00	Buy	7	Pfeiffer Vacuum	Sen	162.00	Accumulate	5
Biotest	Miemietz	18.00	Neutral	2/3	Procredit Holding	Häßler	15.60	Buy	2/3/5
BMW	Schuldt	98.00	Accumulate		PSISOFTWAREAG	Mildner	20.00	Accumulate	2/3
Brenntag	Hinkel	59.80	Buy	2	Puma	Josefson	430.00	Buy	
Ceconomy AG	Bruns	10.70	Reduce		PWO	Schuldt	57.00	Buy	2/3
Cenit	Droste	22.50	Buy		Rheinmetall	Rüzgar	110.00	Accumulate	
comdirect	Häßler	11.20	Neutral		RIBSoftware	Mildner	16.50	Buy	2/3
Commerzbank	Häßler	11.50	Neutral		RTLGroup	Josefson	72.00	Accumulate	
Continental	Schuldt	270.00	Buy		S&TAG	Sen	21.00	Buy	2/3
CORESTATE Capital Holding S.A.	Mayer	69.00	Buy	2/5	SAF-Holland	Schuldt	17.00	Accumulate	7
CTS Eventim	Heilmann	41.00	Neutral		SCOUT24	Heilmann	31.00	Reduce	2
Daimler AG	Schuldt	78.00	Neutral		Siegfried Holding AG	Miemietz	295.00	Accumulate	
Daldrup & Soehne	Becker	14.90	Accumulat e	2/3/5	SLM Solutions	Sen	27.50	Reduce	
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Deut sche Euro Shop	Mayer	33.00	Neutral		Stabilus	Tanzer	89.00	Buy	
Deut sche Pf andbrief bank	Häßler	13.50	Neutral		Suedzucker	Bruns	15.50	Reduce	
Deut sche Telekom	Sen	15.50	Neutral		SuessMicroTec	Sen	14.30	Reduce	2/3
Drillisch	Sen	66.00	Buy		Surteco	Mildner	30.00	Buy	2/3
Duerr	Augustin	120.00	Buy		Symrise AG	Hinkel	67.00	Neutral	
ElringKlinger	Schuldt	12.40	Reduce		Syzygy AG	Heilmann	12.00	Accumulate	2/3
elumeo SE	Josefson	10.90	Accumulate	2/2	TAKKTAG	Bruns	22.30	Accumulate	2
EpigenomicsAG	Miemietz	4.72	Accumulate	2/3	Talanx Group	Häßler	40.00	Accumulate	
Euromicron AG	Droste	13.00	Buy	2/3/5	Technotrans	Becker	45.70	Neutral	2/3
Ferratum	Häßler	32.00	Neutral		TELECOLUMBUS	Sen Sen	11.00	Buy	
Fielmann Freenet	Heilmann Sen	81.00 36.00	Accumulate Buy	2	Telefonica Deutschland United Internet	Sen	3.70 63.00	Sell Buy	
FuchsPetrolub		47.00	-	2		Bruns	26.50		2/7
Gea Group	Hinkel	39.00	Neutral Neutral		Vapiano va-Q-tec	Sen	17.00	Buy Neutral	2/3/5
Gerresheimer AG	Augustin Rüzgar	75.00	Neutral		Viscom	Rüzgar	29.50	Accumulate	2/3/3
Gerry Weber	Josefson	8.50	Neutral		Volkswagen	Schuldt	172.00	Neutral	2/3
Gesco	Becker	35.20	Accumulate	2/3/5	Wacker Neuson SE	Becker	27.20	Neutral	
GFTTechnologies	Mildner	15.00	Buy	2/3/3	windeln.de	Josefson	4.10	Buy	2
Gigaset	Sen	0.85	Accumulate	2/3	XINGAG	Heilmann	315.00	Buy	-
Grenke	Häßler	83.00	Neutral	2/0	Zalando	Josefson	44.50	Accumulate	
Hannover Re	Häßler	110.00	Neutral		Zararido	000010011		7100011101010	
Heidelberg Pharma	Miemietz	3.50	Buy	2/3					
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HELLA GmbH & Co. KGaA	Tanzer	57.00	Accumulate						
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Hugo Boss	Josefson	80.00	Buy						
Hypoport AG	Häßler	164.00	Buy	7					
INDUS Holding AG	Becker	64.50	Neutral	•					
K+SAG	Hinkel	24.40	Accumulate						
Koenig & Bauer	Augustin	67.00	Accumulate						
KronesAG	Augustin	121.00	Accumulate						
KWSSAAT	Hinkel	348.00	Neutral						
Lanxess	Hinkel	83.00	Buy						
Leoni	Schuldt	57.00	Neutral						
Linde	Hinkel	175.00	Neutral						
Logwin	Mildner	148.00	Neutral	2/3/5					
Manz AG	Rüzgar	37.00	Neutral	2/3					
MAXAutomation AG	Becker	9.40	Buy	2/3/5					
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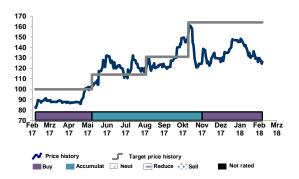


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Date	Recommendation	Target price	Price at change date
01. Nov 17	Buy	164.00	126.10
03. Aug 17	Accumulate	131.00	119.15
08. Mai 17	Accumulate	114.00	103.00
25. Aug 16	Buy	100.00	82.50
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Source: Factset & ESN, price data adjusted for stock splits.

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