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■ The company confirmed its outlook provided during the 1H23 results presentation, adding a clear quantification of sales and EBITDA expected trend. FY23E sales are expected down by 18-21% yoy (in 1H23 the company guided for a further decrease vs. 1H23 when sales were down by -14%; our estimates point to -18% yoy). Heating and Ventilation sales are expected to decrease by 25-30% (our estimates: -27%). Smart gas Metering sales are expected up by a high double-digit (+20-25%). Water Metering sales are expected up between 10% and 15%. The EBITDA margin is expected below double-digit (9-10%); the net debt is expected in line with 1H23.

What we think: Results were weak as expected, with slightly higher net debt. We recall that SIT has around 26% of total business that is growing (Metering), and a mid/high-single-digit percentage of Heating and Ventilation business that is performing well, while the remaining part is strongly affected by harsh market conditions. We see a long road for SIT to get out of the woods (in terms of profitability recovery and debt reduction), strongly related to its capability to rethink its business. Rating BUY and TP EUR 4.2, in view of a possible business rethinking.

SIT - 3Q/9M23 results

EUR M	3Q22A	3Q23A	3Q23E	yoy %	A/E %	9M22A	9M23A	9M23E	yoy %	A/E %
Total revenues	95.7	75.2	73.7	-21.4	2	290.4	242.1	240.6	-16.6	1
o/w Heating	77.0	52.7	52.3	-31.5	1	234.8	176.1	175.7	-25.0	0
o/w Smart Metering	17.3	21.6	20.4	25.2	6	51.4	64.0	62.7	24.4	2
Adj. EBITDA	11.8	7.5	6.9	-36.6	8	35.6	21.9	20.1	-38.4	9
Margin (%)	12.3	9.9	9.4			12.3	9.1	8.4		
EBIT	-4.0	-0.3	1.9	NM		6.5	-20.2	-17.0	NM	
Margin (%)	NM	NM	NM			2.3	NM	NM		
Pre-tax	-5.4	-2.0	0.1	NM		11.4	-24.9	-22.7	NM	
Net Result attr.	-3.7	-1.2	0.8	NM		10.5	-19.4	-17.4	NM	
Net Result adjusted	2.1	-0.8	0.8	NM		8.2	0.9	2.4	NM	
Net debt	138.7	159.0	154.0		3	138.7	159.0	154.0		3

NM: not meaningful; A: actual; E: estimates; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates