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Business description

Netex (NTX), is a Spanish technology company (A Coruña) dedicated to the development and commercialisation of software for the education sector. Its two main lines of business are the sale/renewal of licences (30% of revenues 2023) and the development of projects with customised content (70% of revenues 2023). Revenues outside Spain represent c. 55%. The founders control c. 51% of the capital.

Market Data

Market Cap (Mn EUR and USD)	41.5	44.4	
EV (Mn EUR and USD) ⁽²⁾	66.9	71.6	
Shares Outstanding (Mn)	8.9		
-12m (Max/Med/Mín EUR)	4.70 / 3.5	9 / 2.48	
Daily Avg volume (-12m Mn EUR)	0.01		
Rotation ⁽³⁾	7.2		
Factset / Bloomberg	NTX-ES /	NTX SM	
Close fiscal year	30-Sep		

Shareholders Structure (%)⁽⁵⁾

José Carlos López Ezquerro	25.4	
José Ramón Mosteiro López	25.2	
Angel Fandos (Odre 2005)	12.1	
3-Gutinvest, S.L.	5.0	
Free Float	30.7	

Relative performance (Base 100)



Stock performance (%)

	-1m	-3m	-12m	-5Y
Absolute	23.2	26.5	88.7	283.6
vs Ibex 35	24.6	24.6	57.3	216.0
vs Ibex Small Cap Index	24.8	14.8	72.6	186.2
vs Eurostoxx 50	25.6	29.3	63.3	167.7
vs Sector benchmark ⁽⁴⁾	22.5	23.4	49.3	109.4

(1) The opinion regarding the results is on reported EBITDA with respect to our estimate for the year (12m). The impact reflects whether, due to the results, we envisage a significant revision (>5% - 10%, depending on the sector) of our EBITDA estimate (for any of the estimated years).

- (2) Please refer to Appendix 2.
- (3) Rotation is the % of the capitalisation traded 12m.

(4) vs Stoxx Europe 600 Technology.

(5) Others: Treasury stock 1.7%

(*) Unless otherwise indicated, all the information contained in this report is based on: The Company, Factset and Lighthouse.

BD-Capital's bid for NTX likely to be successful. **Delisting expected for 1 August**

BD CAPITAL'S TAKEOVER BID FULFILS THE REQUIREMENTS. BD-Capital (private equity firm specialised in European mid-market) launched a takeover bid on 27 May 2024 for NTX with aim of securing control and delisting the company. The bid was subject to the following sine qua non conditions: (i) a waiver of the obligations to repay borrowings subject to a change of control (at least 80% of the outstanding amounts) and (ii) acceptance of at least 50.5% of share capital. Both condition have de facto been fulfilled as at the date of this note.

A FRIENDLY TAKEOVER BID BACKED BY THE FOUNDERS WITH SETTLEMENT ON 9

JULY. José Carlos López Ezquerro and José Ramón Mosteiro -- NTX's core shareholders, with 50.6% of share capital - have agreed to accept BD-Capital's bid. Both will vote in favour of the proposed delisting. Therefore, no additional support is needed for approval (as their combined shareholding is >50.5%). Settlement of the bid is expected to be on 9 July. The company's founders have agreed to retain 30.3% of the shares post-acquisition by BD-Capital.

SHAREHOLDERS HAVE UNTIL 28 JUNE TO TENDER THEIR SHARES IF THEY ACCEPT.

Shareholder who choose not to accept the bid may sell their shares directly to BD-Capital at the bid price (EUR 4.75/share) until 31 July 2024 (inclusive). No additional liquidity window is expected for shareholders who don't sell. There will be no squeeze-out for the rest of the shares and NTX will in all certainty be delisted.

NTX HAS CALLED AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING ASSUMING A SUCCESSFUL BID TO SPEED UP THE DELISTING. NTX has called an Extraordinary General Meeting for 24 July 2024 for approval to delist the shares from BME Growth. However, the proposed delisting is subject to successful settlement of the offer, expected to take place on 9 July 2024. Once shareholder approval is given, the delisting will become effective from 1 August 2024.

THE TAKEOVER BID PRICE REFLECTS THE COMPANY'S INTRINSIC VALUE. The takeover bid was launched after a strong rally by the stock in the previous months (NTX -12m: +45.0%, pre-takeover bid). In our opinion, it factored in the company's potential for improvement in recurring EBITDA and FCF generation in the 2024e-2026e period.

Our estimates for 2024e put NTX trading at an EV/EBITDA of 12.1x (pre-bid) vs 15.5x for its comps (current multiple). The bid price equates to an implicit EV/EBITDA 2024e multiple of 13.8x (-11% vs sector). Discounting cash flows (2024e-2026e) using a WACC of 8.3% and assuming that NTX can generate FCF "to the firm" 2026e of EUR 5.0Mn, we obtain a valuation of EUR 47Mn or a price of EUR 5.3/share (+11% vs price of the bid). In sum, the price offered reasonably reflects the company's intrinsic value.

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NTX is a BME Growth Company

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Appendix 1. EV breakdown at the date of this report

	EUR Mn	Source
Market Cap	41.5	
+ Minority Interests	-	12m Results 2023
+ Provisions & Other L/T Liabilities	2.2	12m Results 2023
+ Net financial debt	23.4	3m Results 2024
- Financial Investments	0.2	12m Results 2023
+/- Others		
Enterprise Value (EV)	66.9	



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27-May-2024	n.a.	3.80	n.a.	n.a.	Small & Micro Caps (Spain)	Alfredo Echevarría Otegui
27-May-2024	n.a.	3.80	n.a.	n.a.	Important news	Luis Esteban Arribas, CESGA
01-Feb-2024	n.a.	3.80	n.a.	n.a.	12m Results 2023 - Estimates downgrade	Luis Esteban Arribas, CESGA
25-Jul-2023	n.a.	2.86	n.a.	n.a.	6m Results 2023	Luis Esteban Arribas, CESGA
12-Jun-2023	n.a.	2.74	n.a.	n.a.	Small & Micro Caps (Spain)	David López Sánchez
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