

# Globus Medical

# Integration still the focus; positive EBITDA surprise for 2024

Reiterate Rating: UNDERPERFORM | PO: 55.00 USD | Price: 54.16 USD

### Q4 rev slightly ahead of preannounce; EPS 3% beat

GMED's Q4 revenue of \$616.5m came in slightly ahead of its preannounced range. Q4 EPS of \$0.60 beat the Street by 2c or 3%. GMED reaffirmed its 2024 revenue (\$2.450-2.475bn) and EPS (\$2.68-2.70) guidance. The guide implies ~\$730m of EBITDA (29-30% of sales) in 2024, ~5% better than the Street (\$696m) which should be viewed as a positive surprise. The NuVasive integration appears to be progressing well, but GMED acknowledged that it's still early days and steady state will not come until 2H24. Importantly, we learned that GMED's sales guidance includes \$150m of revenue dissynergies a step up from the \$100m year 1 dis-synergies discussed in the S-4. Given the early stage of the integration, the increased revenue dis-synergies and full visibility not likely until 2H, we continue to see risk to 2024 numbers. That said, GMED's discounted valuation multiple and the \$275m left on its share buyback authorization may help limit downside. We reiterate our Underperform as we expect GMED to underperform peers in the near-term. We maintain our \$55 PO but roll forward our multiple to 10x 2025E EV/EBITDA (9.5x 2024E EV/EBITDA previously) as sector valuations have moved higher.

### GMED expects \$150m of rev dis-synergies in 2024

GMED's 2024 revenue guide implies 2-3% growth over 2023 pro forma GMED/NuVasive revenue of \$2.396bn. Included in guidance is \$150m of revenue dis-synergies. Adjusting for the \$150m, pro forma 2024 growth would be  $\sim$ 9%. It is hard to know if GMED is simply being conservative or if management saw something early in the integration. GMED expects to offset a portion of the \$150m with cross-selling synergies or other potential growth, but management did not quantify or provide any other detail.

## Other 2024 P&L guidance

Other 2024 P&L guidance includes: GM in mid to upper 60s higher than Q4 (65.5%) lower freight and warehousing expenses; SG&A as a percentage of sales is expected to be 100-200bps better than 40.9% in 2023; and R&D is expected to be 7.5%-8.0%. Interest expense is expected to be \$12-15m, a big swing from \$20m of interest income in 2023 due to less cash and convert interest. Diluted shares should be ~140 million in 2024 which we believe assumes some level of share buyback. GMED bought back \$226m of stock (~4m shares) in Q4 at an average price of \$52.11 per share. We raise our 2024 revenue to \$2.448bn (from \$2.443bn) and EPS to \$2.69 (from \$2.65).

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Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E	
EPS	2.06	2.32	2.69	3.10	3.46	
EPS Change (YoY)	1.5%	12.6%	15.9%	15.2%	11.6%	
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			2.69	3.31	4.11	
DPS	0	0	0	0	0	
Valuation (Dec)						
P/E	26.3x	23.3x	20.1x	17.5x	15.7x	
EV / EBITDA*	17.4x	12.7x	8.2x	7.2x	6.5x	
Free Cash Flow Yield*	1.6%	2.6%	9.3%	8.6%	10.2%	
* For full definitions of <i>IQmethod</i> <sup>ss</sup> measures, see page 4.						

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#### 21 February 2024

#### Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
2024E Rev (m)	2,443.2	2,447.4
2025E Rev (m)	2,624.0	2,615.6
2026E Rev (m)	NA	2,788.1
2024E EPS	2.65	2.69
2025E EPS	3.01	3.10
2026E EPS	NA	3.46

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#### Stock Data

Price	54.16 USD
Price Objective	55.00 USD
Date Established	25-Oct-2023
Investment Opinion	B-3-9
52-Week Range	43.39 USD - 62.88 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	6,400 USD / 118.2
(mn)	
Free Float	99.2%
Average Daily Value (mn)	65.15 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	GMED / NYS
Bloomberg / Reuters	GMED US / GMED.N
ROE (2024E)	8.9%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2023A)	-11.7%
FSGMeter <sup>TM</sup>	Medium

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# **iQ**profile<sup>™</sup> Globus Medical

<i>iQ</i> method <sup>™</sup> – Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Return on Capital Employed	12.3%	8.9%	9.2%	9.6%	9.7%
Return on Equity	11.8%	9.1%	8.9%	9.2%	9.2%
Operating Margin	25.0%	20.8%	20.5%	22.2%	23.3%
Free Cash Flow	104	165	598	553	655
<i>iQ</i> method <sup>™</sup> – <b>Quality of Earnings*</b>					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Cash Realization Ratio	0.8x	0.9x	1.9x	1.5x	1.6x
Asset Replacement Ratio	1.0x	0.7x	0.6x	0.6x	0.6x
Tax Rate	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	-8.1%	-11.7%	-24.5%	-33.6%	-42.2%
Interest Cover	17.9x	16.2x	NA	NA	NA
(US\$ Millions) Sales % Change	<b>2022A</b> 1,023 6.8%	<b>2023A</b> 1,568 53.3%	<b>2024E</b> 2,447 56.0%	<b>2025E</b> 2,616 6.9%	<b>2026</b> l 2,788
Gross Profit	760	1,092	1,660	1,786	1,913
% Change	5.6%	43.6%	52.0%	7.6%	7.1%
EBITDA	339	464	720	820	912
% Change	2.9%	36.8%	55.2%	13.9%	11.2%
Net Interest & Other Income	15	19	(13)	(13)	(13
Net Income (Adjusted)	212	267	376	436	489
% Change	0.4%	26.0%	41.2%	15.8%	12.2%
Free Cash Flow Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	211	266	376	436	489
Depreciation & Amortization	76	117	182	195	207
Change in Working Capital	(105)	(117)	2	(118)	(85)
Deferred Taxation Charge	(22)	(58)	0	0	(
Other Adjustments, Net	18	35	149	158	169
Capital Expenditure	(74)	(78)	(110)	(118)	(125)
Free Cash Flow	104	165	598	553	655

# **Company Sector**Medical Technology

#### **Company Description**

Globus is a rapidly growing medical device company focused exclusively on the development and commercialization of products for the treatment of spine disorders

#### **Investment Rationale**

We see risk to GMED's sales estimates based on potential dis-synergies from the NUVA acquisition. We see limited upside potential in the stock until we get more details on GMED's integration plan and we expect shares to underperform relative to our coverage universe.

#### **Stock Data**

Average Daily Volume 1,203,002

#### **Quarterly Earnings Estimates**

	2023	2024
Q1	0.53A	0.55E
Q2	0.63A	0.63E
Q3	0.57A	0.69E
Q4	0.60A	0.82E

#### **Balance Sheet Data (Dec)**

Cost of Dividends Paid

**% Change** Share / Issue Repurchase

Change in Debt

(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash & Equivalents	150	467	1,096	1,689	2,384
Trade Receivables	213	503	529	564	602
Other Current Assets	620	945	925	1,015	1,066
Property, Plant & Equipment	244	587	553	508	453
Other Non-Current Assets	849	2,584	2,471	2,359	2,246
Total Assets	2,076	5,086	5,574	6,135	6,751
Short-Term Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Other Current Liabilities	159	392	400	407	411
Long-Term Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Other Non-Current Liabilities	71	696	696	696	696
Total Liabilities	230	1,088	1,096	1,103	1,107
Total Equity	1,846	3,998	4,478	5,032	5,644
Total Equity & Liabilities	2,076	5,086	5,574	6,135	6,751

-52.4%

(144)

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58.2%

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<sup>\*</sup> For full definitions of  $\emph{\textbf{IQ}} \textit{method}^{\text{SM}}$  measures, see page 4.

# Price objective basis & risk

#### Globus Medical (GMED)

Our PO of \$55 is based on 10x 2025 EV/EBITDA which is a discount to SMID cap peers. We believe GMED should trade at a discount to peers because of the potential of sales disruption from the integration of the acquisition of NuVasive. Upside risks to our PO would be less disruptive integration, more cost synergies than expected or better than expected cross selling. Downside risks include sales disruption from the NuVasive integration, increased competition in the spine market and less than expected annual margin expansion.

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# *IQ*method<sup>™</sup> Measures Definitions

<b>Business Performance</b>	Numerator	Denominator
Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) $\times$ (1 $-$ Tax Rate) + Goodwill Amortization	Total Assets – Current Liabilities + ST Debt + Accumulated Goodwill Amortization
Return On Equity	Net Income	Shareholders' Equity
Operating Margin	Operating Profit	Sales
Earnings Growth	Expected 5 Year CAGR From Latest Actual	N/A
Free Cash Flow	Cash Flow From Operations — Total Capex	N/A
Quality of Earnings	Numerator	Denominator
Cash Realization Ratio	Cash Flow From Operations	Net Income
Asset Replacement Ratio	Capex	Depreciation
Tax Rate	Tax Charge	Pre-Tax Income
Net Debt-To-Equity Ratio	Net Debt = Total Debt - Cash & Equivalents	Total Equity
Interest Cover	EBIT	Interest Expense
Valuation Toolkit	Numerator	Denominator
Price / Earnings Ratio	Current Share Price	Diluted Earnings Per Share (Basis As Specified)
Price / Book Value	Current Share Price	Shareholders' Equity / Current Basic Shares
Dividend Yield	Annualised Declared Cash Dividend	Current Share Price
Free Cash Flow Yield	Cash Flow From Operations – Total Capex	Market Cap = Current Share Price × Current Basic Shares
Enterprise Value / Sales	EV = Current Share Price × Current Shares + Minority Equity + Net Debt + Other LT Liabilities	Sales

EV / EBITDA Enterprise Value Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	234	60.94%	Buy	115	49.15%
Hold	80	20.83%	Hold	36	45.00%
Sell	70	18.23%	Sell	29	41.43%

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Hold	832	23.54%	Hold	454	54.57%
Sell	807	22.84%	Sell	383	47.46%

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