

Fidelity National Information Services

Worldpay transaction closes; first step in '24 catalyst path

Maintain Rating: BUY | PO: 75.00 USD | Price: 62.26 USD

FIS nets >\$12B in cash proceeds, as expected

Earlier, FIS announced that its transaction to sell 55% of Worldpay to private-equity firm GTCR has closed, in-line with expected 1Q timing. As anticipated, FIS received >\$12B of net proceeds, which are earmarked for debt paydown as well as share buybacks (FIS reiterated plans to repurchase "at least" \$3B of stock in '24). We view today's announcement as the first step on the '24 catalyst path, which we believe will be followed by the 4Q print (on 2/26), a 2Q Analyst Day, and quarterly execution. Maintain Buy on "new" FIS' significant recurring revs, return of cash to shareholders, and attractive valuation (~12x '24 P/E). FIS is on our US1 list.

The "new" FIS has now become reality

The close of the Worldpay transaction means the "new" FIS has become reality. With a majority stake in FIS' most controversial, challenged, and cyclical business now sold, FIS' business model is now financial services software/services-centric, and therefore should start to be comped against a different set of companies (e.g. JKHY, SSNC, and BR), which have a much higher average P/E multiple vs. current comps FI and GPN. In our view, FIS is a story which now becomes more ownable, as the model returns to its pre-Worldpay form, when shares commonly traded at a high-teens forward P/E multiple.

Expect in-line+ 4Q w/ initial '24 revs growth guide 3-5%

Consistent with YTD trends, we believe FIS can deliver an at least in-line 4Q. Per guidance, RemainCo organic revs are expected to decelerate modestly in 4Q, due to tough non-recurring revs comps. We expect 4Q Banking revs to be roughly flat y/y (+3% recurring revs offset by decline in professional services) and Capital Markets to be up modestly (5% headwind from license revs comps, recurring rev growth of \sim +7%). We expect initial '24 organic growth guidance of 2-3% in Banking (with gap narrowing between recurring and total revs growth), and Cap Markets guidance of \sim 5% (both excluding revenue dis-synergies, previously sized by FIS at \sim \$100M, or roughly 1%).

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2021	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EPS	NA	3.78	3.41	5.00	5.52
EPS Change (YoY)	NA	NA	-9.8%	46.6%	10.4%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			4.84	4.68	5.22
DPS	NA	1.93	2.08	1.48	1.63
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	NA	16.5x	18.3x	12.5x	11.3x
Dividend Yield	NA	3.1%	3.3%	2.4%	2.6%
EV / EBITDA*	NA	17.6x	14.2x	13.6x	13.0x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	NA	4.8%	6.3%	4.3%	4.4%
* For full definitions of <i>IQ</i> method SM measures, see page 5.					

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Stock Data

Price	62.26 USD
Price Objective	75.00 USD
Date Established	9-Jan-2024
Investment Opinion	B-1-7
52-Week Range	46.91 USD - 79.32 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	36,888 USD / 592.5
(mn)	
Free Float	99.3%
Average Daily Value (mn)	304.46 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	FIS / NYS
Bloomberg / Reuters	FIS US / FIS.N
ROE (2023E)	8.7%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2022A)	57.9%
ESGMeter™	High

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(US\$ Millions)	2021	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Return on Capital Employed	NA	NA	2.8%	5.4%	8.8%
Return on Equity	NA	16.7%	8.7%	18.9%	30.2%
Operating Margin	NA	12.5%	18.3%	19.2%	20.2%
Free Cash Flow	NA	1,775	2,311	1,568	1,640

*iQ*method SM − Quality of Earnings*

(US\$ Millions)	2021	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Cash Realization Ratio	NA	1.3x	1.7x	0.8x	0.8x
Asset Replacement Ratio	NA	0.4x	0.4x	0.7x	0.7x
Tax Rate	NA	34.7%	31.2%	18.5%	19.0%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	NA	57.9%	73.9%	47.1%	68.1%
Interest Cover	NA	4.3x	2.8x	7.7x	7.2x

Income Statement Data (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2021	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Sales	NA	9,719	9,833	10,198	10,560
% Change	NA	NA	1.2%	3.7%	3.5%
Gross Profit	NA	3,503	3,799	4,166	4,404
% Change	NA	NA	8.4%	9.7%	5.7%
EBITDA	NA	3,182	3,945	4,116	4,288
% Change	NA	NA	24.0%	4.3%	4.2%
Net Interest & Other Income	NA	(277)	(703)	(253)	(295)
Net Income (Adjusted)	NA	2,294	2,017	2,763	2,859
% Change	NA	NA	-12.1%	37.0%	3.5%

Free Cash Flow Data (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2021	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	NA	766	(6,594)	1,388	1,489
Depreciation & Amortization	NA	3,373	2,459	1,096	1,109
Change in Working Capital	NA	(760)	967	32	(177)
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA	(692)	(625)	(561)	(359)
Other Adjustments, Net	NA	399	7,137	357	317
Capital Expenditure	NA	(1,310)	(1,033)	(744)	(739)
Free Cash Flow	NA	1,775	2,311	1,568	1,640
% Change	NA	NA	30.2%	-32.2%	4.6%
Share / Issue Repurchase	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Cost of Dividends Paid	NA	(1,166)	(1,230)	(818)	(843)
Change in Debt	NA	634	(909)	(7,500)	0

Balance Sheet Data (Dec)

(US\$ Millions)	2021	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Cash & Equivalents	NA	456	455	2,266	1,081
Trade Receivables	NA	11,261	10,660	2,276	2,419
Other Current Assets	NA	1,101	904	936	1,036
Property, Plant & Equipment	NA	2,764	2,915	3,456	3,456
Other Non-Current Assets	NA	47,696	38,082	20,544	19,857
Total Assets	NA	63,278	53,016	29,478	27,849
Short-Term Debt	NA	2,130	1,320	1,320	1,320
Other Current Liabilities	NA	14,094	14,491	8,974	9,100
Long-Term Debt	NA	14,206	13,241	5,741	5,741
Other Non-Current Liabilities	NA	5,442	4,867	3,263	2,904
Total Liabilities	NA	35,872	33,920	19,297	19,064
Total Equity	NA	27,406	19,096	10,181	8,785
Total Equity & Liabilities	NA	63,278	53,016	29,478	27,849

^{*} For full definitions of $\emph{\textbf{\textit{IQ}}}\textit{method}^{\text{SM}}$ measures, see page 5.

Company Sector

Computer Services

Company Description

Headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida. FIS provides software, services and outsourcing of technology to a wide range of institutions in the financial services industry. FIS is a Fortune 500 company and is a member of the S&P500 Index. In 2022, FIS generated revenues of \$14.53B, adjusted EBITDA margin of 42.7%, EPS of \$6.65, and \$2.9B in free cash flow.

Investment Rationale

FIS plans to sell 55% of its Merchant segment to private equity (transaction expected to close in 1Q24). Following the sale, FIS' business model will be financial services software/services-centric with mostly recurring revenues. Management has also cut guidance to relatively achievable levels. We believe downside in the stock is very limited from here, with substantial upside potential pending successful quarterly execution.

Stock Data

Average Daily Volume 4,890,097

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

	2022	2023
Q1	0.85A	0.72A
Q2	0.94A	0.77A
Q3	1.01A	0.94A
Q4	0.98A	0.99E





Price objective basis & risk

Fidelity National Information Services (FIS)

We apply a 13.5x multiple to our 2025 non-GAAP EPS estimate, which is roughly a 25% discount to the S&P500, given FIS' slower organic growth profile, to calculate our 12-month price objective of \$75.

Risks are: 1) intense competition among core banking providers, 2) client base consolidation, 3) delayed sales cycle among Banking clients, 4) management execution, 5) Worldpay transaction close is delayed or fails to close.

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Return On Capital Employed	NOPAT = (EBIT + Interest Income) × (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 +	Sales
	Other LT Liabilities	
EV / EBITDA	Enterprise Value	Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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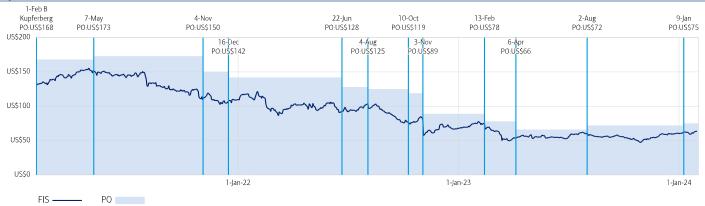
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Hold	97	23.95%	Hold	45	46.39%
Sell	93	22.96%	Sell	24	25.81%

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