

Inspire Medical

Steady profitability 2H24; full year profits in 2025; PO to \$265

Reiterate Rating: BUY | PO: 265.00 USD | Price: 226.00 USD

First qtr of op income; guidance for profitability in 2H24

Inspire Medical (INSP) achieved its first qtr with positive operating margins (Q4 op margins were +4.8%) and Q4 EPS came in at +\$0.49 (vs street's negative EPS). For 2024, INSP reiterated revenue guidance for \$775m-\$785m (+24-26% y/y) but gave new comments that it expects to move toward steady operating profitability as 2024 progresses with profitability in 2H24. This commentary suggests 2025 can be full-year profitable. DTC advertising spend is expected to stay flat in 2024 at \$100m (total opex \$700m in 2024). We think as revenue comes in stronger, margins can beat as well. The Q1 guide was a topic on the call (Q1'24 rev down -15-18% q/q; Q4 strength and it takes a couple of qtrs to work through any catchup) but we think this will prove conservative too.

Additional Q4 detail

Q4 revenue of \$192.5m was at the high-end of the preannounced range of \$192.3m-\$192.5m. Q4 GM was 85.4% (+130bps q/q, +150bps y/y), bringing 2023 GM to 84.5%, at the higher end of the preannounced range of 83-85%. INSP reiterated 2024 revenue guidance for \$775m-\$785m (+24-26% y/y) and introduced GM guidance for 83-85%. Revenue guidance assumes 52-56 new US centers/qtr and 12-14 new US territories/qtr, with increased utilization at existing centers continuing to be the primary growth driver. INSP said that it expects indication expansion will start to show in 2024, primarily with the high AHI population, and noted that the pediatric population with down syndrome is getting strong awareness. INSP does not expect Inspire V to have a big impact in 2024 as INSP continues to expect limited launch in 2024 and full launch in 2025.

Move our PO to \$265 on better profitability outlook

We reiterate our Buy rating as we believe INSP can continue to show more operating leverage with time, and profits outweigh Surmount OSA data. We also raise our PO from \$230 to \$265 (8x 2025 sales vs 7x prior) as we give credit for the focus on profitability.

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS	(1.58)	(0.72)	(1.17)	0.10	0.81
EPS Change (YoY)	-2.6%	54.4%	-62.5%	NM	710.0%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			(0.70)	0.07	1.15
DPS	0	0	0	0	0
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	NM	NM	NM	2,260.0x	279.0x
EV / EBITDA*	NM	150.8x	165.7x	75.2x	59.8x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	0%	0%	0%	0.6%	0.9%
* For full definitions of <i>IQ</i> method SM measures, see page 4.					

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Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
Price Obj.	230.00	265.00
2025E Rev (m)	923.3	923.2
2024E EPS	-0.86	-1.17
2025E EPS	-0.16	0.10
2026E EPS	0.28	0.81

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Stock Data

Price	226.00 USD
Price Objective	265.00 USD
Date Established	7-Feb-2024
Investment Opinion	C-1-9
52-Week Range	123.27 USD - 330.00 USD
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	6,672 USD / 29.5
(mn)	
Free Float	98.1%
Average Daily Value (mn)	121.40 USD
BofA Ticker / Exchange	INSP / NYS
Bloomberg / Reuters	INSP US / INSP.N
ROE (2024E)	-5.8%
Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2023A)	-55.0%
ESGMeter™	Medium

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iQprofile[™] Inspire Medical

i Q method SM − Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Return on Capital Employed	-10.4%	-3.2%	-4.5%	1.0%	3.0%
Return on Equity	-12.4%	-3.9%	-5.8%	0.5%	3.1%
Operating Margin	-11.7%	-6.4%	-5.7%	0.2%	2.2%
Free Cash Flow	2	2	2	43	57
<i>iQ</i> method [™] – Quality of Earnings*					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash Realization Ratio	NM	NM	NM	22.3x	3.6x
Asset Replacement Ratio	4.9x	8.7x	7.5x	8.8x	10.1x
Tax Rate	NM	NM	NM	77.0%	30.1%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	-89.0%	-55.0%	-52.7%	-53.6%	-54.6%
Interest Cover	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Income Statement Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026
Sales	408	625	781	923	1,069
% Change	74.7%	53.2%	25.0%	18.3%	15.8%
Gross Profit	342	528	656	779	904
% Change	70.8%	54.6%	24.2%	18.7%	16.1%
EBITDA	6	42	38	84	106
% Change	NM	573.3%	-8.9%	120.3%	25.7%
Net Interest & Other Income	3	20	12	12	12
Net Income (Adjusted)	(45)	(21)	(36)	3	25
% Change	-6.8%	52.9%	-68.1%	NM	682.7%
Free Cash Flow Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	(45)	(21)	(36)	3	25
Depreciation & Amortization	2	3	3	3	3
Change in Working Capital	2	(37)	(21)	(15)	(18)
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other Adjustments, Net	53	82	79	79	79
Capital Expenditure	(9)	(24)	(23)	(28)	(32)
Free Cash Flow	2	2	2	43	57
% Change	NM	-10.9%	-10.0%	NM	34.5%
Share / Issue Repurchase	260	31	16	16	16
Cost of Dividends Paid	0	0	0	0	0
Change in Debt	0	0	0	0	0
Balance Sheet Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2022A	2023A	2024E	2025E	2026E
Cash & Equivalents	442	347	365	424	497
Trade Receivables	61	90	109	127	147
Other Current Assets	27	172	177	181	187
Property, Plant & Equipment	17	40	61	85	114
		38	38	38	38
Other Non-Current Assets	18				
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Company Sector

Medical Technology

Company Description

Inspire Medical Systems, Inc. operates as a medical technology company. The company develops implantable neurostimulation systems to treat obstructive sleep apnea.

Investment Rationale

Inspire provides an effective treatment for moderate to severe obstructive sleep apnea patients when CPAP therapy fails. INSP has been hitting on all cylinders with DTC advertising and having a best-in-class product portfolio. INSP's pipeline could keep this market expanding as they continue to address many of the things doctors have mentioned as potential roadblocks and make the procedure more economical for doctors to perform.

Acronym glossary

qtr = quarter

op = operating

DTC = direct to consumer

Quarterly Earnings Estimates

GM = gross margin

OSA = obstructive sleep apnea

Stock Data Average Daily Volume 537,171

2023 2024 Q1 -0.53A -0.85E Q2 -0.41A -0.43E Q3 -0.29A -0.23E Q4 0.49A 0.33E

Total Equity

Total Equity & Liabilities

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

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Price objective basis & risk

Inspire Medical (INSP)

Our \$265 PO is based on 8x our 2025 rev. With INSP executing and revenue growth remaining strong there are reasons to believe that INSP can eventually achieve profitability. This allows us to assign INSP an EV/Sales at the high end of the medtech SMID group.

Risks are 1) future competitors could pose a risk, 2) procedure interruptions due to COVID-19, 3) lack of ability to train doctors and have doctors want to do the procedure, and 4) heavier weighted OUS exposure to Germany.

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	Becton Dickinson	BDX	BDX US	Travis Steed
	Boston Scientific	BSX	BSX US	Travis Steed
	Dexcom	DXCM	DXCM US	Travis Steed
	Inari Medical	NARI	NARI US	Travis Steed
	Inspire Medical	INSP	INSP US	Travis Steed
	Insulet	PODD	PODD US	Travis Steed
	Intuitive Surgical	ISRG	ISRG US	Travis Steed
	Medtronic	MDT	MDT US	Travis Steed
	Paragon 28	FNA	FNA US	Craig Bijou
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	Integer Holdings Corporation	ITGR	ITGR US	Craig Bijou
	Teleflex Incorporated	TFX	TFX US	Craig Bijou
	Zimmer Biomet	ZBH	ZBH US	Travis Steed
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D	N	Demonstrator
Business Performance	Numerator	Denominator
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
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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
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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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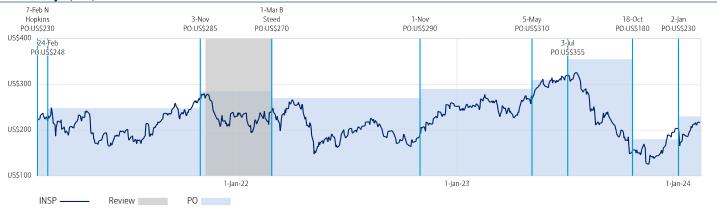
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Coverage Universe	Count	Percent	Inv. Banking Relationships R1	Count	Percent
Buy	234	60.94%	Buy	115	49.15%
Hold	80	20.83%	Hold	36	45.00%
Sell	70	18.23%	Sell	29	41.43%

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nderperform	N/A	≥ 20%

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