

# Snap-on

# SNA delivers torque in its tools, but likely not in its earnings

Reiterate Rating: UNDERPERFORM | PO: 240.00 USD | Price: 292.61 USD

## 4Q unlikely to ratchet up investors' expectations for 2024

Snap-On (SNA) will report 4Q23 financial results before the market open on February 8<sup>th</sup> with an earnings call to follow at 10am ET. We are modeling 4Q EPS of \$4.55, below consensus of \$4.66. Compared to consensus expectations we are slightly more conservative on our EBIT assumptions across all segments—Snap-On Tools, Commercial & Industrial (C&I), Repair Systems & Information (RS&I), and Financial Services.

## Few catalysts on the horizon, reiterate Underperform

SNA recently made a small acquisition in its C&I group, but outside of a larger transformative acquisition (which are not modeling) we do not see any material near-term catalysts to drive shares higher from here. With current valuation already at a P/E of about 16x our FY24E—above SNA's pre-pandemic long-term average of 14x—and auto aftermarket tailwinds slowing, per our Owner's manual auto aftermarket primer, we expect shares to underperform compared to our broader coverage universe and maintain our price objective of \$240 (approximately 18% downside from the 02 Feb 2024 closing price), which is based on a P/E of 13x '24E. This is a discount to SNA's historical average which we believe is warranted given slowing earnings growth.

# SNA does not usually provide an annual outlook

We expect SNA to maintain its practice of not providing an explicit outlook for sales, margins, or EPS for 2024 when the company reports its 4Q23 earnings results. Current sell-side consensus expects FY24 EPS of \$19.27 (a 3% YoY increase from consensus FY23 EPS of \$18.67). Our expectation is for EPS to be roughly flat YoY, as modest sales growth and share repurchases are likely to be offset by YoY margin compression. Therefore, we cannot justify the multiple expansion that the stock has enjoyed, as shares of SNA have appreciated 11% in the last three months while consensus estimates for 2024 earnings have stayed roughly flat.

Estimates (Dec) (US\$)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
EPS	14.92	16.82	18.57	18.66	19.56
EPS Change (YoY)	28.3%	12.7%	10.4%	0.5%	4.8%
Consensus EPS (Bloomberg)			18.64	19.23	20.34
DPS	5.11	5.88	6.72	7.44	8.18
Valuation (Dec)					
P/E	19.6x	17.4x	15.8x	15.7x	15.0x
Dividend Yield	1.7%	2.0%	2.3%	2.5%	2.8%
EV / EBITDA*	17.0x	15.6x	14.6x	14.4x	14.0x
Free Cash Flow Yield*	5.8%	3.8%	6.3%	6.6%	6.8%
* For full definitions of <i>IQ</i> method <sup>SM</sup> measures, see page 4.					

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Equity

Key Changes		
(US\$)	Previous	Current
2023E EPS	18.51	18.57
2025E EPS	19.39	19.56
2023E DPS	6.47	6.72

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#### Stock Data

Net Dbt to Eqty (Dec-2022A)  ESGMeter <sup>TM</sup>	10.0%
ROE (2023E)	21.6%
Bloomberg / Reuters	SNA US / SNA.N
BofA Ticker / Exchange	SNA / NYS
Average Daily Value (mn)	55.94 USD
Free Float	98.1%
(mn)	
Mrkt Val (mn) / Shares Out	15,444 USD / 52.8
52-Week Range	226.68 USD - 297.26 USD
Investment Opinion	B-3-7
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# **iQ**profile<sup>™</sup> Snap-on

iQmethod <sup>SM</sup> − Bus Performance*					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025E
Return on Capital Employed	11.5%	12.4%	13.0%	12.0%	11.4%
Return on Equity	20.6%	21.1%	21.6%	19.3%	17.9%
Operating Margin	20.0%	20.9%	22.0%	21.3%	21.2%
Free Cash Flow	897	591	966	1,016	1,057
<i>iQ</i> method <sup>SM</sup> − <b>Quality of Earnings*</b>					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Cash Realization Ratio	1.2x	0.7x	1.1x	1.1x	1.2x
Asset Replacement Ratio	0.7x	0.8x	1.0x	1.0x	1.1>
Tax Rate	22.7%	22.3%	22.6%	22.6%	22.6%
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	10.1%	10.0%	10.0%	0.9%	-6.6%
Interest Cover	16.0x	20.0x	20.6x	19.7x	20.2x
Income Statement Data (Dec)					
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	20251
Sales	4,252	4,493	4,722	4,846	4,985
% Change	18.4%	5.7%	5.1%	2.6%	2.9%
Gross Profit	2,111	2,181	2,368	2,368	2,414
% Change	20.4%	3.3%	8.6%	0%	1.9%
EBITDA	956	1,041	1,113	1,133	1,158
% Change	29.0%	8.9%	6.9%	1.8%	2.2%
Net Interest & Other Income	(37)	(5)	15	3	3
Net Income (Adjusted) % Change	820 28.7%	912 11.1%	1,001 9.8%	987 -1.4%	1,012 2.5%
(US\$ Millions)	2021A	2022A	2023E	2024E	2025
Net Income from Cont Operations (GAAP)	841	934	1,001	987	1,012
Depreciation & Amortization	105	100	101	102	103
Change in Working Capital	(80)	(434)	(132)	(65)	(47)
Deferred Taxation Charge	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
Other Adjustments, Net	100	75	96	97	99
Capital Expenditure	(70)	(84)	(100)	(105)	(110)
Free Cash Flow	897	591	966	1,016	1,057
% Change	-4.9%	-34.1%	63.4%	5.2%	4.0%
Share / Issue Repurchase	(269)	(143)	(254)	(25)	(25)
Cost of Dividends Paid	(276)	(313)	(362)	(394)	(423)
Change in Debt	(247)	2	0	0	C
Balance Sheet Data (Dec)	20214	20224	20225	20245	20251
(US\$ Millions) Cash & Equivalents	<b>2021A</b> 780	<b>2022A</b> 757	<b>2023E</b> 717	<b>2024E</b> 1,152	<b>2025</b> I 1,591
Trade Receivables	682	762	803	824	848
Other Current Assets	1,591	1,850	2,007	2,059	2,119
Property, Plant & Equipment	518	513	511	514	521
Other Non-Current Assets	3.188	3,091	3,323	3,308	3,360
Total Assets	6,760	6,973	7,360	7,858	8,439
Short-Term Debt	17	17	17	17	17
Other Current Liabilities	965	954	964	963	989
	1,183	1,184	1,184	1,184	1,184
Long-Term Debt	1,105				
Long-Term Debt Other Non-Current Liabilities	425	361	361	366	371
			361 <b>2,526</b>	366 <b>2,530</b>	
Other Non-Current Liabilities	425	361			371 <b>2,561</b> <b>5,940</b>

**Company Sector** 

Industrials/Multi-Industry

#### **Company Description**

Snap-on (SNA) was founded in Milwaukee, Wisconsin in 1920 and is a leading global manufacturer of tools, storage, equipment and diagnostics for professional users. SNA's end markets include automotive repair, vehicle dealerships and industries including aviation, agricultural, government and military and power. Snap-on generated \$4.5bn in revenues in 2022 and operates across the globe. SNA distributes through a franchise of mobile tool vans as well as distributor and direct channels.

#### **Investment Rationale**

SNA is the dominant player in the market for automotive technician tools, equipment and storage, with a reputation for quality precision and strong pricing power. We believe SNA can leverage these competitive advantages to gain share in markets ranging from industrial tools to high-tech diagnostic equipment and software. However, with sales and earnings growth slowing and valuation in line with the 10-year average, we see less upside potential in SNA than in most other stocks in our coverage.

Stock Data	
Average Daily Volume	191,187

#### **Quarterly Earnings Estimates**

	2022	2023
Q1	4.00A	4.60A
Q2	4.27A	4.89A
Q3	4.14A	4.51A
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\* For full definitions of  $\emph{iQ}$  method  $^{\text{SM}}$  measures, see page 4.

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# Price objective basis & risk

#### Snap-on (SNA)

Our 12-month PO of \$240 is based on 13x our 2024 EPS estimate, which is a discount to SNA's pre-COVID average of 14x due to slowing earnings growth. With peak earnings growth likely in the rearview mirror, we do not expect SNA to maintain the premium to its historical valuation range that the stock has enjoyed in recent quarters.

Downside risks to our PO are exposure to cyclically sensitive markets through SNA's C&I segment, softness in the financial services segment, lower tools sales if macro conditions worsen and wages for technicians are pressured, and sales volatility in the RSI segment.

Upside risks to our PO are better-than-expected revenue growth in the commercial & industry segment in an environment of economic recovery, less than anticipated margin compression and better revenue growth in financial services, more robust tools sales on a better than expected pickup in industry trends and better than forecast adoption of SNA diagnostic tools and software.

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	Whirlpool	WHR	WHR US	Jason Haas, CFA

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<b>Business Performance</b>	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
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
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EV / EBITDA	Enterprise Value	Basic EBIT + Depreciation + Amortization

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Buy	45	50.56%	Buy	25	55.56%
Hold	26	29.21%	Hold	13	50.00%
Sell	18	20.22%	Sell	7	38.89%

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Buy	1895	53.62%	Buy	1083	57.15%
Hold	832	23.54%	Hold	454	54.57%
Sell	807	22.84%	Sell	383	47.46%

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