



UNDER VALUATION	
Initial Opinion	BUY
Release Date	01/25/2021
Initial Target Price	MAD 685

SNEP	
Sector	CHEMISTRY
Reuters	SNP.CS
Bloomberg	SNP MC

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Current Price	MAD 768.9
Upside	-
Investment Horizon	_

ACHIEVEMENTS ABOVE EXPECTATIONS ..., IMPLYING A REVISION OF FORECASTS

A double "Price/Volume" effect raising revenue's growth to +28%

At the end of the first two quarters of 2021, SNEP posted revenues up +19.3% and +38.6% respectively. Thus, the half-year turnover settled at MAD 517 Mn, i.e. an increase of +28.0%. This is an achievement rate higher than our initial forecasts, i.e. 55%.

This activity's dynamic results from a double Price/Volume effect. On the one hand, we note an unprecedented surge in international PVC prices, with an average contribution of 62% to revenue. Indeed, the average PVC price more than doubled from 758 \$/T in H1-20 to 1,581 \$/T in H1-21. On the other hand, we note the recovery of Demand during the first half of the year against a net decline during H1-20.

A profitable gross margin of 39%, up +8.8 points

Driven by the surge in international PVC prices, the gross margin reached a high level of 38.7% in H1-21 against 29.9% in H1-20. This is an increase of 8.8 points. In this context, the EBIT shows a more sustained increase than that of the activity, i.e. +53.4% to MAD 88 Mn. However, we note a doubling of other external expenses from MAD 29 Mn to MAD 59 Mn over the studied period. An evolution justified by a non-recurring increase in maintenance costs. To this end, the increase in the operating margin was relatively limited, i.e. +2.8 pts to 17.0%.

In the end, the net income jumped by +57.9%, from MAD 35 Mn in H1-20 to MAD 55 Mn in H1-21. An achievement above our initial forecasts which anticipated an annual profit of MAD 90 Mn, i.e. a high achievement rate of 61%.

Toward a revision of our growth forecasts over the period 2021-2023

On August 24th 2021, SNEP announced the suspension of its sales of vinyl products, chlorine and hydrochloric acid, due to the decision of the competent authorities to direct all oxygen production to the Kingdom hospitals. Today, we believe that the improvement in the sanitary situation in recent weeks has allowed the operator to return to its normative pace of production.

The sustainability of PVC average prices above 1,550 \$/T during the second half of 2021, combined with the entry into production of the new investment project during Q2-22, require a revision of our growth scenario for SNEP.

SNEP: PARENT COMPANY RESULTS IN H1-21 VS. AGR INITIAL FORECASTS 2021

IN MAD MN	H1 2020	H1 2021	VAR	AGR 21E	AR 2021 ⁽¹⁾
Revenue	404	517	+28.0%	947	55%
EBIT	57	88	+53.4%	144	61%
EBIT margin	14.2%	17.0%	+2.8 pts	15.2%	-
Net income	35	55	+57.9%	90	61%
Net margin	8.6%	10.6%	+2.0 pts	9.5%	-

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STOCK EVOLUTION (BASIS 100)



MARKET INDICATORS

Performances (%)	1 M	3 M	12 M
SNEP	11.4	3.9	89.9
MASI	2.0	7.4	28.8

ADV (MAD Mn)	1 M	3 M	12 M
SNEP	2.9	2.0	1.8
MASI	160	117	1/5

Capitalization	As at 10/11/2021		
In MAD Mn	1,845		
In \$ Mn	203		

Prices at 10/11/2021

(1) Achievement's rate, i.e. H1 2021 results/ AGR annual forecasts

Sources : SNEP PR, Refinitiv, Management call, AGR Computations & Estimates



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