

# ARTIFEX MUNDI

# **ANALYTICAL REPORT - SUMMARY**

In the past few months, the company has consistently exceeded our expectations regarding the monetization of 'Unsolved.' Apart from the impressive revenue growth, the most surprising factor for us has been the shift in the trajectory of marketing expenditures. Through further improvement in KPIs of this application, despite seasonally unfavorable market conditions (high CPI), the company continues to increase user acquisition investments simultaneously maintaining consistent expected returns. Keeping the above in mind, we anticipate that when user acquisition costs begin to decline (likely around end of the 3rd or beginning of the 4th quarter), the potential of the implemented changes in the application should be further unlocked, resulting in its continued dynamic progression of results. Additionally, we would like to point out that the most significant changes regarding 'Unsolved' are still ahead of us. As we indicated in our previous recommendation, the new metagra should prove to be the element that will contribute the most to the improvement of the application's KPIs. We expect to see the initial effects of these changes around 2H'24. The production of the studio's second most important project (a new RPG game) is proceeding according to schedule. A technical soft launch of the game was conducted during 2Q'23, which received positive reviews from testers. We anticipate that this project will make its market debut in 2024. Despite the recent dynamic increase in the stock price, our estimated results for the 2023-24 period imply an attractive multiple valuation for the company (adjusted P/E at the level of 8-10x). Furthermore, the decrease in the risk-free rate also has a positive impact on the valuation. With this in mind, we maintain our BUY recommendation for Artifex Mundi. while simultaneously raising the target price to 22,8 PLN per share, which is 30% above the current market price.

Apart from the impressive revenue growth, the most surprising factor for us has been the shift in the trajectory of marketing expenditures. We would like to note that in recent years, the company has reduced user acquisition costs around April-May, due to rising seasonal CPI, and returned to increasing marketing budgets at the turn of the 3rd and 4th quarter. Currently, despite being in a period of seasonally unfavorable market conditions, the company continues to increase user acquisition investments simultaneously maintaining consistent expected returns. Further improvement of KPIs of this application contributed to such conditions. Part of this improvement can be attributed to the content path and further growth in LTV, but significant changes have also taken place in terms of feature development, mechanics, and game economy optimization. Keeping this in mind, we expect that around the turn of 3Q/4Q'23, due to the seasonal decline in CPI, the impact of the changes made in this application will be even more noticeable in the company's results.

The most significant changes regarding 'Unsolved' are still ahead of us. Work is underway on a new metagame, which should significantly translate into an improvement of the application's KPIs. We assume that regardless of the form of its implementation ('Unsolved 2.0' or an update to the current version), it should have a similar overall economic effect. We anticipate the initial results of these changes around 2H'24.

The RPG studio's most important project is currently progressing according to schedule. A technical soft launch of the game was conducted during 2Q'23, which received positive reviews from testers. We anticipate that the release of this project will take place in 2H'24, hence the first revenues from the game appear in 2024.

We forecast that over the 2023-2024 period, the company will generate 22,0/ 28,1 million PLN in adj. net profit, which translates to an attractive multiple valuation for the company (adjusted P/E at a level of 8-10x).

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023F	2024F	2025F	2026F
Revenues [mln PLN]	16,7	25,7	39,1	38,5	81,3	98,8	113,2	158,0
EBITDA [mln PLN]	-8,2	17,0	20,3	14,9	27,0	37,0	42,0	60,4
EBITDA adj. [mln PLN]	11,2	19,5	21,5	16,4	28,6	38,6	43,6	62,0
EBIT [mln PLN]	-14,4	10,0	15,3	9,9	21,1	27,9	30,0	46,3
Net income [mln PLN]	-13,7	8,2	13,0	12,1	20,4	26,5	28,8	43,8
Net income adj. [mln PLN]	5,6	10,8	14,2	13,6	22,0	28,1	30,4	45,4
P/E	-	25,4	17,6	19,0	11,2	8,6	8,0	5,2
P/E adj.*	37,1	19,4	16,1	16,9	10,4	8,1	7,5	5,0
EV/EBITDA	-	12,3	11,3	15,4	8,5	6,2	5,5	3,8
EV/EBITDA adj.*	18,8	10,7	10,6	13,9	8,0	5,9	5,2	3,7
DPS	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,6	0,7
DY	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	3,5%	3,8%

\*- adj. for cost of the incentive program

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# **BUY**

(INITIAL REPORT)

# **TARGET PRICE 22,8 PLN**

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Target price [PLN]	22,8
Price upside/downside	30%
Cost of capital	15,7%
Price [PLN]	17,6
Market cap [mln PLN]	209,4
Shares mln. szt.]	11,9
Max. price 6M [PLN]	17,7
Min. price 6m [PLN]	8,5
Rate of return 3M	53%
Rate of return 6M	106%
Rate of return 9M	200%
Shareholders (% of votes):	
Shareholders' agreement	21,5%
Warsaw Equity ASI	13,1%
Nationale-Nederlanden OFE	9,9%
TFI Allianz Polska	6,6%
Robert Mikuszewski	5,3%
G5 Entertainment AB	5,2%
Others	38,4%

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Valuation summary		
	Share	Valuation
DCF valution	70%	20,3
Peer valuation	30%	28,7
Target price [PLN]	2	2,8

Source: BDM S.A.

DCF valuation										
	2023F	2024F	2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	2030F	2031F	2032F
Revenues [mln PLN]	81,3	98,8	113,2	158,0	166,7	175,5	184,7	194,3	204,2	214,3
EBIT [mln PLN]	21,1	27,9	30,0	46,3	49,8	51,7	53,5	55,4	57,3	59,1
Tax rate	10,3%	10,0%	10,0%	10,0%	10,0%	10,0%	10,0%	10,0%	10,0%	10,0%
Tax on EBIT [mln PLN]	2,2	2,8	3,0	4,6	5,0	5,2	5,4	5,5	5,7	5,9
NOPLAT [mln PLN]	18,9	25,1	27,0	41,7	44,8	46,5	48,2	49,8	51,5	53,2
Amortization [mln PLN]	1,0	1,0	1,0	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,1	1,2	1,2
CAPEX [mln PLN]	-0,9	-1,2	-1,2	-1,3	-1,3	-1,3	-1,3	-1,3	-1,4	-1,4
Purchase of investmen[mln PLN]	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Working capital movement [mln PLN]	-10,5	-12,3	-8,3	-6,2	-7,1	-6,3	-5,8	-5,4	-5,4	-5,8
FCF [mln PLN]	8,5	12,6	18,5	35,3	37,5	40,0	42,2	44,2	45,9	47,1
DFCF [mln PLN]	8,4	10,8	13,7	22,5	20,7	19,1	17,4	15,8	14,2	12,6
Total DFCF [mln PLN]	155,1									

Terminal growth rate: 3,0%

332,2 Terminal value [mln PLN] Discounted terminal value [mln PLN] 88,6 Enterprise value [mln PLN] 243,7 Net debt 2022 [mln PLN] -20,5 Equity value [mln PLN] 264,2 Number of shares [mln] 13.0 Value per share [PLN] 20,3

	2023F	2024F	2025F	2026F	2027F	2028F	2029F	2030F	2031F	2032F
Risk-free rate	5,5%	5,5%	5,5%	5,5%	5,5%	5,5%	5,5%	5,5%	5,5%	5,5%
Risk premium	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%	6,5%
Beta	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10	1,10
Credit premium	1,5%	1,5%	1,5%	1,5%	1,5%	1,5%	1,5%	1,5%	1,5%	1,5%
Cost of equity	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%
Contribution of equity	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%
Cost of debt after tax	6,3%	6,3%	6,3%	6,3%	6,3%	6,3%	6,3%	6,3%	6,3%	6,3%
Contribution of debt	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%	0,0%
WACC	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%	15,7%

Sensivity analysis

		Tern	ninal growth	rate			Ter	minal growth	rate				Beta	
		2,5%	3,0%	3,5%			2,5%	3,0%	3,5%			1,0	1,1	1,2
h - 4 -	1,0	21,0	21,4	21,8	Risk	5,5%	21,8	22,2	22,6	Risk	5,5%	22,6	22,2	21,8
beta	1,1	20,0	20,3	20,6	premium	6,5%	20,0	20,3	20,6	premium	6,5%	20,7	20,3	20,0
	1,2	19,1	19,3	19,6		7,5%	18,5	18,7	19,0		7,5%	19,1	18,7	18,4

Source: BDM S.A.

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		P/E		i	V/EBITD		
	2023F	2024F	2025F	2023F	2024F	2025F	
11 BIT STUDIOS	55,8	8,8	10,3	60,5	6,2	6,7	PLAYTIKA HOLDING CORP
BIG CHEESE STUDIO	8,3	5,7	-	6,3	3,9	-	G5 ENTERTAINMENT AB
BOOMBIT	15,3	13,1	10,5	5,6	3,5	2,6	ROVIO ENTERTAINMENT OY
CD PROJEKT SA	37,7	62,3	78,6	24,6	41,8	44,5	TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD
CREEPY JAR	19,4	8,1	8,9	14,9	5,6	5,5	NETMARBLE CORP
HUUUGE GAMES	7,6	8,6	8,4	3,3	3,3	3,1	SCIPLAY CORP-CLASS A
PCF GROUP	71,3	112,2	-	-	-	-	STILLFRONT GROUP AB
PLAYWAY	15,0	12,8	11,5	11,3	9,7	8,7	ROBLOX
TEN SQUARE GAMES	12,8	10,1	10,2	7,9	5,9	6,1	NEXON
Median	15,3	10,1	10,3	9,6	5,8	6,1	Median
Artifex Mundi*	10,4	8,1	7,5	8,0	5,9	5,2	Artifex Mundi*
Premium/discount	-31,9%	-19,4%	-26,8%	-16,4%	3,1%	-14,4%	Premium/discount
Valuation [PLN/share]	25,9	21,8	24,0	22,2	19,3	23,7	Valuation [PLN/share]
Year's contribution	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	Year's contribution
Average valuation [PLN/share]		23,9			21,7		Average valuation [PLN/sha
Multiple's contribution		50%			50%		Multiple's contribution
Value per share [PLN]	22	2,8		•			Value per share [PLN]

Source: BDM S.A., Bloomberg; \*-adj. for cost of the incentive program

		P/E		E	V/EBITD	A
	2023P	2024P	2025P	2023P	2024P	2025P
PLAYTIKA HOLDING CORP	11,9	10,7	10,0	5,8	5,2	4,4
G5 ENTERTAINMENT AB	9,4	9,1	8,5	3,8	3,3	2,9
ROVIO ENTERTAINMENT OY	25,4	21,9	20,3	11,4	9,8	9,1
TENCENT HOLDINGS LTD	21,2	18,1	15,9	15,3	12,8	10,8
NETMARBLE CORP	-	37,4	33,4	26,3	15,3	11,8
SCIPLAY CORP-CLASS A	123,1	106,3	44,6	11,3	10,1	9,0
STILLFRONT GROUP AB	9,6	6,8	5,9	4,9	4,3	3,8
ROBLOX	-	-	-	55,4	35,8	26,0
NEXON	21,0	19,8	18,0	13,1	10,8	9,5
Median	21,0	18,9	17,0	11,4	10,1	9,1
Artifex Mundi*	10,4	8,1	7,5	8,0	5,9	5,2
Premium/discount	-50,5%	-56,9%	-55,6%	-29,4%	-41,4%	-42,1%
Valuation [PLN/share]	35,5	40,9	39,6	26,1	32,2	33,5
Year's contribution	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%	33%
Average valuation [PLN/share]		38,7			30,6	
Multiple's contribution		50%			50%	
Value per share [PLN]	34,6					

Main risks: 1) Risk associated with Apple's new privacy policy and planned changes in Google's policy; 2) Risk of diverse and unpredictable demand for the company's individual products; 3) The risk related to possible delays in game production; 4) Risk related to the loss of key employees; 5) Risk related to difficulties in acquiring experienced employees; 6) Risk related to the possible failure of IT systems, telecommunications infrastructure and servers; 7) Risk related to the competitive environment; 8) Risk related to the  $development\ of\ new\ technologies\ and\ industry\ 9)\ Risk\ of\ volatility\ of\ foreign\ exchange\ rates.$ 



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rating	price target	previous rating	previous target price	report date	report date (hour)	price	WIG
buy *	22,8	buy	14,1	30.08.2023	08:50 CEST	17,6	68 795
buy	14,1	buy	18,0	13.03.2023	12:40 CET	10,4	58 050
buy	18,0	buy	22,5	18.01.2022	07:00 CEST	9,94	72 250
Buy*	22,5	buy	13,9	16.04.2021	07:00 CEST	17,8	60 280
Buy*	13,9	buy	13,6	19.10.2021	07:00 CEST	9,00	48 210
Buy*	13,6	-	-	10.08.2021	07:00 CEST	9,12	51 732

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#### Explanations of terminology:

EBIT - earnings before interest and tax

 ${\tt EBITDA-earnings\ before\ interest,\ taxes,\ depreciation,\ and\ amortization}$ 

Net debt – interest bearing debt minus cash and equivalents

WACC - weighted average cost of capital

CAGR - cumulative average annual growth

EPS - earnings per share

DPS - dividend per share

CEPS - net profit plus depreciation per share

EV - market capitalization plus interest bearing debt minus cash and equivalents

EV/S - market capitalization / sales

EV/EBITDA – EV / sales

P/EBIT – market capitalization / EBIT

MC/S — market capitalization / sales

P/E — market capitalization / net profit

P/BV — market capitalization / book value

P/CE - market capitalization / net profit plus depreciation

ROE - net profit / equity

ROA - net income / assets

Gross margin - gross profit on sales / sales

EBITDA margin – EBITDA / sales EBIT margin – EBIT / sales

Net margin – net profit / sales

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Hold	0	0%	0	0%
Reduce	1	13%	0	0%
Sell	0	0%	0	0%

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