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BuyTicker **HDD:AIM****Speciality Chemicals**

Shares in issue (m) 78.7

Next results H1 May

Price **51.0p**

Target price 60.0p

Upside 18%

Enterprise value **£41.7m**

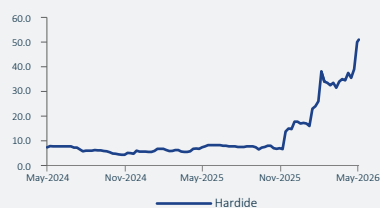
Net cash/(debt) £0.8m

Other EV adjustments -£2.4m

Market cap **£40.1m****What's changed?** **From** **To**

Adjusted EPS 3.4 4.0

Target price 52.0 60.0

Share price performance

%	1M	3M	12M
Actual	47.8	54.5	591.5

Company description

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Hardide***Further significant contract win – FY26E EPS up 16.9%**

Hardide has announced an additional significant order win with its large North American energy sector customer. The value of this contract is £2.4m, some of which was previously expected in our FY26 forecasts. This new contract has been enabled by recent operational improvements at its Martinsville facility that have accelerated existing orders and opened the opportunity to process additional work. Management expects this to have a significant increase in the Group's revenues and profit, and we raise our FY26E EPS by 16.9% to 4.0p. We also increase our target price from 52p to 60p, a similar increase as the increase in earnings. This is a further endorsement of the growing relationship with this substantial customer, with follow on orders anticipated into FY27. We believe the shares remain a compelling valuation, with earnings momentum underwriting our maintained Buy rating.

- **Contract win:** The group has announced a further significant contract win with its North American energy sector customer, valued at £2.4m, some of which had been anticipated in our previous forecasts. This order placement fills the customer needs through to the end of the groups year end and is now being placed on a 4 month order cycle. The majority of this order will be processed by the Martinsville facility in the US. In recent months Martinsville has made several operational improvements enabling it to accelerate delivery of its existing order book than was originally anticipated, with this further contract award reflecting Hardide's capacity to meet growing demand. The new orders include selling price surcharges helping to mitigate the effect of recent input cost inflation.
- **Supply chain:** Over recent weeks Hardide has broadened its supply chain for process gas to manage cost inflationary pressures and facilitate continuity of supply. It has now secured additional supplies of tungsten gas at known prices to cover the remainder of the financial year and into the first months of FY27.
- **Forecasts:** The additional contract win results in a significant upgrade to FY26E, with some of the contract already anticipated in previous expectations. We increase revenue by £1.0m to £13.4m, an increase of 8.1%. with £0.5m dropping through to profit, with PBT of £3.4m, and EPS moving from 3.4p to 4.0p, a 16.9% increase. The year-end cash balance is now expected to be £3.6m, up £0.3m with some increase in outstanding year-end trade balances.
- **Valuation:** The shares have outperformed over the past year reflecting the transformation in trading prospects and a series of contract wins and upgrades. We increase our target price from 52p to 60p, a similar increase as the EPS upgrade, placing the shares on a target P/E of 15x. The shares currently trade on a P/E of 12.7x which looks attractive and offers significant upside. We expect further trading momentum will drive earnings and anticipate FY27E will show a robust advance.

Key estimates		2022A	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Revenue	£m	5.0	5.5	4.7	6.0	13.4
Adj EBITDA	£m	-1.0	-0.1	0.0	1.0	4.3
Adj EBIT	£m	-2.2	-1.0	-0.8	0.3	3.6
Adj PBT	£m	-2.3	-1.1	-0.9	0.1	3.4
Adj EPS	p	-3.9	-1.8	-1.3	0.21	4.0
DPS	p	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Key valuation metrics		2022A	2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
EV/sales	x	8.3	7.6	8.8	6.9	3.1
EV/EBIT (adj)	x	-19.3	-43.4	-52.7	160.4	11.6
P/E (adj)	x	-13.0	-28.6	-39.2	239.8	12.7
Dividend yield	%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Free cash yield	%	-3.3%	0.1%	-1.2%	1.5%	7.9%

Further significant contract win – FY26E EPS up 16.9%

Income statement		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Sales	£m	5.5	4.7	6.0	13.4
Gross profit	£m	2.6	2.3	3.5	7.2
EBITDA (adjusted)	£m	-0.1	0.0	1.0	4.3
EBIT (adjusted)	£m	-1.0	-0.8	0.3	3.6
Associates/other	£m	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net interest	£m	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
PBT (adjusted)	£m	-1.1	-0.9	0.1	3.4
Total adjustments	£m	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.0
PBT (reported)	£m	-1.2	-1.3	0.1	3.4
Tax charge	£m	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0
Minorities/Disc ops	£m	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Earnings (reported)	£m	-1.1	-1.3	0.2	3.5
Earnings (adjusted)	£m	-1.0	-0.9	0.2	3.5
EPS (basic)	p	-1.9	-1.9	0.23	4.4
EPS (adjusted, fully diluted)	p	-1.8	-1.3	0.21	4.0
DPS	p	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Cash flow		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
EBITDA (adjusted)	£m	-0.1	0.0	1.0	4.3
Net change in working capital	£m	0.4	0.1	-0.3	-0.4
Other operating items	£m	-0.1	-0.4	0.0	0.0
Cash flow from op. activities	£m	0.2	-0.3	0.7	3.9
Cash interest	£m	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	-0.2
Cash tax	£m	0.2	0.0	0.1	0.0
Capex	£m	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.6
Other items	£m				
Free cash flow	£m	0.1	-0.5	0.6	3.2
Acquisitions / disposals	£m	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends	£m	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shares issued	£m	0.0	0.7	0.0	0.0
Other	£m	0.4	-0.2	-0.3	-0.2
Net change in cash flow	£m	0.4	0.0	0.4	3.0
Opening net cash (debt)	£m	-0.4	-0.0	-0.0	0.4
Closing net cash (debt)	£m	-0.0	-0.0	0.4	3.3

Balance sheet		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Tangible fixed assets	£m	4.6	4.0	3.5	3.6
Goodwill & other intangibles	£m	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other non current assets	£m	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.2
Net working capital	£m	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.8
Other assets	£m	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.3
Other liabilities	£m	-2.4	-2.6	-2.0	-1.8
Gross cash & cash equivs	£m	0.7	0.7	0.8	3.6
Capital employed	£m	5.1	4.4	4.4	7.6
Gross debt	£m	0.8	0.7	0.5	0.3
Net pension liability	£m	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shareholders equity	£m	4.3	3.7	3.9	7.3
Minorities	£m	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Capital employed	£m	5.1	4.4	4.4	7.6

Growth analysis		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Sales growth	%	9.7%	-14.0%	27.5%	122.2%
EBITDA growth	%	89.6%	132.3%	n/m	321.2%
EBIT growth	%	55.4%	17.8%	132.9%	n/m
PBT growth	%	50.8%	16.0%	113.2%	n/m
EPS growth	%	54.6%	27.0%	116.4%	n/m
DPS growth	%	n/m	n/m	n/m	n/m

Profitability analysis		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Gross margin	%	47.5%	48.1%	57.3%	53.4%
EBITDA margin	%	-1.8%	0.7%	16.9%	32.1%
EBIT margin	%	-17.5%	-16.7%	4.3%	26.9%
PBT margin	%	-20.4%	-20.0%	2.1%	25.7%
Net margin	%	-19.1%	-19.5%	3.0%	25.8%

Valuation analysis		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
EV/EBITDA (adjusted)	x	-421.3	1,303.5	40.9	9.7
EV/EBIT (adjusted)	x	-43.4	-52.7	160.4	11.6
P/E (adjusted)	x	-28.6	-39.2	239.8	12.7

Cash flow analysis		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Cash conv'n (op cash / adj EBITDA)	%	n/m	n/m	73.3%	90.0%
Cash conv'n (FCF / adj EBITDA)	%	-56.6%	n/m	58.2%	74.0%
U/lying FCF	£m	-0.7	-1.2	-0.1	3.0
Cash quality (u/l FCF / adj earn)	%	66.4%	135.2%	-55.1%	87.6%
Investment rate (capex / depn)	x	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.8
Interest cash cover	x	1.0	n/a	5.5	24.2
Dividend cash cover	x	n/m	n/a	n/m	n/m

Working capital analysis		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Net working capital / sales	%	1.1%	7.4%	5.7%	5.8%
Net working capital / sales	days	4	27	21	21
Inventory (days)	days	16	13	10	13
Receivables (days)	days	49	76	85	68
Payables (days)	days	61	61	75	60

Leverage analysis		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Net bank debt / equity	%	0.5%	0.4%	net cash	net cash
Net bank debt / EBITDA	x	n/a	0.4	net cash	net cash
Liabilities / capital employed	%	15.1%	16.3%	11.0%	3.6%

Capital efficiency & intrinsic value		2023A	2024A	2025A	2026E
Year end:		Sep	Sep	Sep	Sep
Adjusted return on equity	%	-24.4%	-25.2%	4.6%	47.1%
RoCE (EBIT basis, pre-tax)	%	-19.0%	-18.1%	6.0%	47.3%
RoCE (u/lying FCF basis)	%	-13.8%	-28.5%	-2.2%	39.8%
NAV per share	p	7.3	4.7	4.9	9.3
NTA per share	p	7.3	4.7	4.9	9.3

Summary of forecast changes

Figure 1: Summary of forecast changes

Year to September		2026E		Delta
		Old	New	
Revenue	£m	12.4	13.4	8.1%
EBITDA (adjusted)	£m	3.8	4.3	13.2%
PBT (adjusted)	£m	2.9	3.4	17.0%
EPS (adjusted)	p	3.4	4.0	16.9%
Dividend	p	0.0	0.0	0.0
Gross Cash	£m	3.3	3.6	0.3
Net cash	£m	3.0	3.3	0.3

Source: Cavendish estimates

- We increase FY26E revenue by £1.0m to £13.4m an 8.1% increase. We anticipate a strong drop through to profitability, with a £0.5m increase in EBITDA and PBT to £4.3m and £3.4m respectively. This propels EPS by 16.9% from 3.4p to 4.0p.
- Year-end gross cash is expected to increase by £0.3m to £3.6m, with the final months additional volume increasing net working capital.

Valuation

Figure 2: Valuation at current and target price

		Current Price	Target price
Share price	p	49.5	60.0
Issued share capital	m	78.7	78.7
Mkt cap (full dil)	£m	39.0	47.2
Net cash/(debt)	£m	3.3	3.3
other EV adjustment	£m	-1.7	-1.7
Rolling EV	£m	37.3	45.6
EV/Sales	x	2.8	3.4
EV/EBITDA	x	8.7	10.6
EV/EBIT	x	10.4	12.7
P/E	x	12.3	14.9
FCF yield	%	7.9%	6.7%

Source: Cavendish estimates

The shares have been fantastic outperformers over the past year but still look compelling value and are set to continue their outperformance given that FY27 expectations should also see robust momentum.

We increase our target price from 52p to 60p, a similar increase as the EPS upgrade, maintaining a consistent P/E target metric of 15.0x, which looks fully justified given the momentum being experienced.

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