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Pozbud: 2021 Q3 Results

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Pozbud delivered much better results in Q3 2021 than in the corresponding quarter in 2020, thanks mainly to improved margins achieved on higher sales (a segmental split reveals a 15% revenue rebound in Building Services and a 25% surge in Windows & Doors).

On a less positive note, operating cash flow was negative in O3 2021.

Pozbud fulfilled only 64% of our full-year revenue forecast in the year to 30 September 2021 but thanks to higher-thanexpected sales margins and non-recurring profits the operating profits have already exceeded our FY expectations, which are due for suitable revisions.

Costs have not weighed on this year's earnings as much as we had feared.

Today's earnings release sends a positive signal to the market after a 20% fall in Pozbud's share price in November alone in the aftermath of a lost PLN 391m contract tender.

 Pozbud generated revenue of PLN 49m in Q3 2021, an increase of 11% from the same year-ago quarter. By segment, quarterly revenue from door and window frames grew 25% y/y in a reversal of the previous quarter's falls owed to increased orders and accounting shifts. Revenue from building services was up 15% at PLN 39.6m, driven by higher payments under the GSM-R contract. After completing its lone residential project, the Zacisze apartment complex in Poznań, Pozbud's real-estate segment did not generate any revenue in O3 2021.

- **EBITDA** in Q3 2021 registered a rebound of 71% from the prior-year period to PLN 16m, driven by higher revenues and large income from other operating activity that made up 30% of the quarterly EBIT. With the extra income, Pozbud was able to offset higher costs and report 12pp growth in operating margin something that the Company might not be able to repeat in future quarters.
- Net profit came in at PLN 9.3m after 25% tax, a higher figure than reported in Q3 2020.
- The third quarter of 2021 was another quarter in a row of **negative operating cash flow** at PLN -10.6m. This was accompanied by another increase in **net debt** to PLN 101.4m as of 30 September 2021, equivalent to 2.58x 9M EBITDA a ratio that may not be worryingly high in itself, but that appears to be following a worrying upward trend.

2021 Q3 results of Pozbud

(PLN m)	3Q'21	3Q'20	Y/Y	2Q'21	Q/Q	2021E	2020	change	YTD*
revenue	49.1	44.3	11%	46.3	6%	220	194	14%	64%
EBITDA	16.2	9.4	71%	11.5	40%	37	51	-27%	105%
EBITDA margin	33%	21%		25%		17%	26%		
EBIT	13.5	7.2	89%	9.4	43%	28	42	-33%	112%
net profit	9.3	4.0	135%	8.0	16%	20	25	-19%	120%

Source: Pozbud, , E - mBank estimates *expected year-to-date result as a percentage of our full-year estimate

Segmental split of 2021 Q3 revenues

Revenue (PLN m)	Q1'20	Q2'20	3Q'20	4Q'20	Q1'21	Q2'21	Q3'21	Y/Y	YTD
door & window frames	8.3	5.1	7.6	6.6	7.0	3.5	9.5	25%	44%
real estate	1.1	3.2	2.3	8.0	0.0	1.9	0	-100%	38%
building services	29.1	39.5	34.4	55.7	38.6	40.9	39.6	15%	70%

Source: Pozbud



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