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(+)APR: New warehouse - an opportunity for APR, 2Q'25 conference

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We believe Auto Partner's earnings conference was slightly positive. The company noted that part of the costs of the new warehouse are already included in the Q2 results, and the construction of the warehouse in Zgorzelec should translate into an increase in sales, also as a result of the later cut-off time for customers to place orders, which is, however, expected.

Additionally company announced of the construction of a small warehouse in western Germany (approx. 4,500 sq m), which will increase the company's logistics base by another approx. 2-3%. This warehouse is intended to test sales in the French and Spanish markets. We treat this as some upside to our figures. If the tests prove successful, the company will be able to maintain higher sales growth in 2028 as well.

In the short term, however, there are no significant changes – deflation and a slowdown in the market. We believe that catalysts for the company will appear at the beginning of next year.

- **Warehouse in Zgorzelec.** The work is proceeding according to plan. The management board emphasized that thanks to the new warehouse, the company will be able to extend the cut-off time for customers in Germany to place orders, which should directly translate into the number of orders (a low single digit percentage). For the entire half-year, the company has already recognized several million PLN in costs for the new warehouse. The warehouse will temporarily weigh on profitability, but the costs will be spread over time (the company will gradually hire new employees, so there will be no one-off impact). The rent cost has been accounted for since March.
- **Additional warehouse.** The company plans to open an additional 4,500 sq m warehouse in Germany on a trial basis. The opening is scheduled for around the same time as the warehouse in Zgorzelec. Auto Partner emphasizes that this will allow the company to test sales in France and Spain – if the tests prove successful, the company intends to quickly increase the size of the warehouse.
- **Market trends.** The company sees similar trends in Poland and abroad. The market slowdown is also putting pressure on margins. The company expects the market slowdown trend to continue over the next two quarters.
- **Deflation** was at low single digit percentage in Q2'25. The management board does not see price increases on the market at this time.
- **Gross margin.** The Management Board indicated that no significant changes are to be expected in the next two quarters. Auto Partner does not see any changes in the market in terms of margins at this time (Inter Cars noted at the conference that it began to raise margins at the end of Q2).
- **Own brands** account for approx. 17% of sales.
- **Inventory turnover** will temporarily deteriorate due to the stocking of the new warehouse in Zgorzelec.
- **Product range.** The company intends to expand its product range with new lines.
- **AI.** Auto Partner is working on implementing AI and additional IT tools to optimize processes, including using AI to improve customer relations.
- **OPEX.** The CEO noted that he always sees room for cost optimization, which the company will also work on.
- **Debt.** The decrease in debt compared to the end of the year is cyclical (related, among other things, to the settlement of bonuses with suppliers).
- **Acquisition of customers abroad.** The company has sales representatives who search for customers.
- **Business model abroad.** For now, the company does not plan to establish branches in the West.
- **Profitability vs. volume.** The management board emphasized that the increase in exports will not come at the expense of margins and profitability.
- **Market consolidation.** The company is counting on further market consolidation.
- **Currency risk.** The company does not hedge currency risk.
- **Difference in sales dynamics vs. Inter Cars.** According to the CEO, this is related to the work done by Inter Car in establishing branches abroad. Currently, the establishment of these branches is beginning to pay off for Inter Cars.
- **Bonuses.** The company does not see risk of not receiving bonuses from suppliers.
- **December.** The calendar layout in December is unfavorable – Christmas Eve is a State holiday.
- **Key customer.** Auto Partner reiterated that the core customer for APR is the owner of a car that is between 4 and 15 years old. Owners of older cars look for cheaper repairs.
- **Electric cars.** The company offers products for electric cars.
- **New bonus program for the management board.** It is related to deflation on the market. In the opinion of the management board, the objectives of the previous incentive program were not achievable in the current environment. Hence the additional program.



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