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# Quarterly Earnings Forecast: Q2 2020 Equity Market

### Financials

The 2020 Q2 reporting season might bring into view a widening divide between the banking sector's strongest and weakest earners. Obviously the quarterly bottom lines will be battered by lockdown restrictions and low interest rates on top of additional reserves against future risks associated with the coronavirus pandemic, and, in case of lenders with mortgage portfolios denominated in Swiss francs, provisions for legal risk. Against this backdrop, we see PKO BP as the uncontested winner of the earnings season, with Pekao and ING BSK also ending the quarter on a strong footing. At the other end of the spectrum is Alior Bank with an expected net loss. On the whole, most rated banks seem on track to fulfilling our full-year forecasts.

#### Chemicals

Neither Ciech nor Grupa Azoty can be expected to have improved on the year-ago results in Q2 2020, and in case of the latter a second-half recovery is a tentative prospect.

#### Mining

Mining companies were hurt by low commodity prices in Q2 2020, with coal producers also having to curb production. Consequently the second quarter was a period of falling profits for JSW coal, but at KGHM copper we might see stable results thanks to rising prices of precious metals.

#### Oil & Gas

Lotos might come out as the biggest loser of the Q2 2020 earnings season, marked by an oil price crash and slim refining margins. PGNiG gas will most likely deliver a positive surprise with the help of trading profits, and MOL could beat expectations for petchem and gas midstream.

#### **Power Utilities**

The utilities in our coverage universe are set to achieve about 54% of our FY aggregate EBITDA forecast in the year to 30 June 2020 despite coronavirus impacts. CEZ and Enea emerge as the most likely winners, while PGE trailed (but did not fall of track).

#### Telecoms, Media, IT

The coronavirus crisis did not have much of an impact on the second-quarter performance of telecoms, except for Cyfrowy Polsat's media business where ad revenues did post significant declines. Telcos probably have a fairly solid outlook ahead in the second half of the year. On the other hand, both rated media companies, Wirtualna Polska and Agora, are set to report weak results for Q2 2020. In IT, the second quarter was a decent one with no major losses likely to be reported by any of the rated companies. Our top IT pick, Asseco SEE, will stand out with projected EBITDA growth of 37%.

#### Gaming

Our gaming universe is set to deliver continued growth in Q2 2020 on the back of robust sales, albeit less robust then in the previous quarter, when user numbers blew up amid stricter stay-at-home guidelines. 11 bit studios and Ten Square Games will probably move ahead as the top earners.

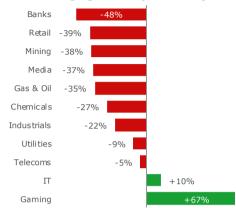
#### Industrials

Only three companies in our industrials universe: Amica, Grupa Kęty, and TIM, can be expected to have improved on the year-ago results in Q2 2020. On the whole, however, the reporting season is looking better today than it did a month ago, with more positive P&L and cash flow surprises facilitated by coronavirus lifelines and more favorable zloty exchange rates.

#### Retail

The coronavirus crisis had a severe impact on the second quarter results of our retail universe, but the grocery operator Dino will most likely be able to deliver improvement compared with the same period last year. We expect to see the worst year-over-year losses at AmRest restaurants and at LPP and VRG fashion.

#### YoY earnings growth by sector: Q2'20E\*



\*Net earnings for banks, otherwise EBITDA

Earnings Surprise Prediction	
negative	positive
Agora	11 bit studios
Alior	Amica
Alumetal	Asseco SEE
AmRest	Cognor
Boryszew	Enea
Grupa Azoty	Famur
Jeronimo Martins	Forte
Lotos	MOL
PKP Cargo	Pekao
Wirtualna Polska	PGNiG
	РКО
	PZU
	Ten Square Games
	TIM

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