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We are somewhat disappointed with the results for Q3 2024 did not meet expectations. Agora recorded an EBIT loss of PLN 0.4m in Q3 2024, which was below our expectations of a profit of almost PLN 3.8m.

In accordance with our earlier remarks, we had anticipated a notable decline in Agora's results for the third quarter of 2024 compared to the same period the previous year. The weak cinema market was the decisive factor in the results for the completed Q3 2024. On a more positive note, the radio sector is performing well. It is also worth noting that the advertising-exposed segments (with the exception of the film and book segment) generated a similar EBIT level overall to that seen in Q3 2023.

In Q3 2024, the Helios chain recorded a 24% decline in cinema ticket sales year-on-year. This was the quarter with the largest erosion in attendance since the end of the post-pandemic turbulence. On a Q1-3 Q2024 basis, the number of tickets sold at Helios cinemas was more than 2% lower year-on-year.

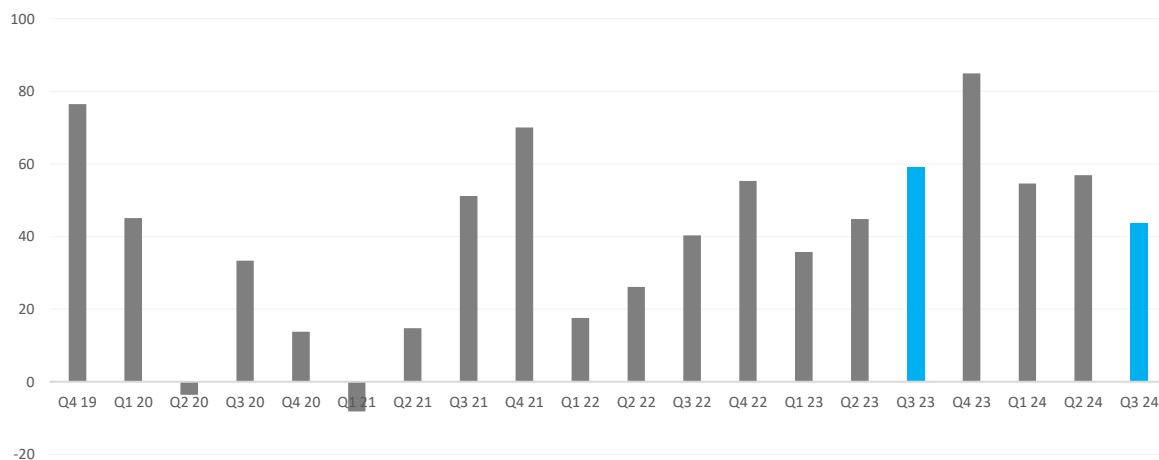
AGORA Q3 2024 results [PLN m]

	Q3 23	Q3 24	y/y	Q3 23 LTM	Q3 24 LTM	y/y	Q3 24E BDM	Q3 24 / Q3 24E BDM
Total revenue	363,5	334,5	-8%	1 317,2	1 496,0	14%	330,2	101%
Advertising	167,7	176,3	5%	631,6	757,5	20%	170,9	103%
Cinema tickets	71,7	56,3	-21%	234,2	242,8	4%	56,2	100%
Publishing sales	33,2	31,0	-6%	139,1	137,5	-1%	34,0	91%
Cinema bars	39,8	35,9	-10%	129,7	144,1	11%	32,1	112%
Catering sales	11,4	0,0		41,5	34,8	-16%	0,0	100%
Movie operations	4,2	2,7	-36%	20,8	52,5	152%	4,3	64%
Other sales	35,5	32,2	-9%	120,3	126,8	5%	32,7	99%
EBITDA adj*	59,2	43,7	-26%	195,0	240,1	23%	47,0	93%
EBIT	14,6	-0,4		-20,2	56,9		3,8	
Net interest and others	-32,6	-10,6		30,1	2,5	-92%	-7,8	
EBT	-18,3	-10,8		8,9	59,8	571%	-2,7	
Net profit	-13,2	-11,5		3,6	35,2	890%	-2,7	
equity holders of the parent company	-14,2	-11,5		-6,1	15,7		-3,1	

*EBITDA adjusted calculated by BDM may differ from the EBITDA readings Agora presents in its reports

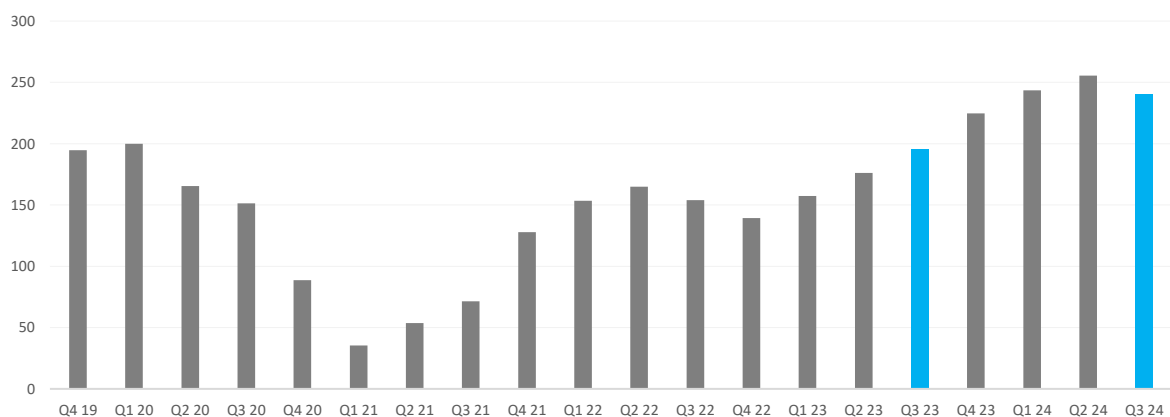
Source: Dom Maklerski BDM S.A., Agora

Historical adj. EBITDA readings by quarter [PLN m]



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LTM adj. EBITDA [PLN m]



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rating	price target	previous rating	previous target price	report date	report date (hour)	price	WIG
buy	14,6	buy	14,5	2024-07-12	13:49 CET	10,8	88 454
buy	14,5	buy	10,46	2024-01-09	11:20 CET	10,45	77 250
buy	10,46	buy	10,16	2023-09-13	10:10 CEST	7,60	66 609
buy	10,16	resume	---	2023-03-28	10:05 CEST	5,7	57 132
buy**	21,5	buy	14,8	10.06.2021	07:00 CEST	10,0	66 115
buy**	14,8	buy	16,0	30.09.2019	12:00 CEST	9,8	57 380
buy**	16,0	buy	20,3	01.07.2019	09:12 CEST	13,2	60 917
buy	20,3	buy	19,4	26.05.2017	10:53 CEST	14,8	61 266
buy	19,4	hold	11,8	13.03.2017	10:07 CEST	15,0	58 820
hold	11,8	reduce	11,2	23.02.2016		11,5	45 761
reduce	11,2	buy	10,8	18.06.2015		12,1	53 408
buy	10,8	buy	10,0	03.02.2015		9,0	52 078
buy	10,0	buy	12,2	06.08.2014		7,8	50 692
buy	12,2	buy	10,2	07.02.2014		9,3	52 139
buy	10,2	reduce	8,1	04.09.2013		8,6	48 969
reduce	8,1	accumulate	8,8	18.03.2013		9,0	46 500
accumulate	8,8	accumulate	10,4	06.08.2012		7,8	40 594
accumulate	11,4	buy	16,5	18.05.2012		10,6	37 000
buy	16,5	reduce	18,0	26.10.2011		13,8	40 771
reduce	18,0	reduce	24,0	16.06.2011		20,2	49 077
reduce	24,0	---	---	23.02.2011		25,9	46 548

Explanations of terminology:

EBIT - earnings before interest and tax
 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

The strengths and weaknesses of the valuation methods used in the report:

DCF – the most popular and the most effective of the valuation methods - it is based on the discounting of future cash flows generated by the company. The disadvantage is the high sensitivity to changes in the basic financial parameters forecast in the model (interest rates, exchange rates, profits, residual value).

DDM – the method is based on discounting future cash flows from dividends. The advantage of the valuation is the inclusion of future financial results and cash flows from dividends. The main disadvantages are the high sensitivity to changes in the basic financial parameters forecasted in the model (capital cost, profits, residual value) and the risk of changing the dividend payment policy.

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Accumulate	3	33%	0	0%
Hold	1	11%	0	0%
Reduce	1	11%	0	0%
Sell	0	0%	0	0%

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