

AutoStore Holdings Ltd.

Grab it when it's rough

- Sales -8% vs cons, adj. EBITDA -7%: Est. down 10-20%
- · Competitors also being squeezed; customers remain hesitant
- When recovery hits, AutoStore is ready. BUY

Q2: GM the only positive

Q2 was weak with sales -8% vs cons (company collected) and down 12% y-o-y. Orders were USD 141m, 16% below cons and down 23% q-o-q. The soft report was surprising given comments at the Q1 presentation ("start of Q2 has been promising"), so the market has clearly become more challenging. AutoStore highlights that customers are still hesitant to place orders. On sales, management highlights that no orders have been cancelled, but that it is more challenging to convert the backlog into revenues due to the uncertain economic environment (31% backlog conversion vs 33% on average in '22-'23), but AutoStore does expects sequential revenue improvement in H2 with a more notable effect in Q4. Also, the GM was positive at 73.3%, +3.0pp vs cons (price optimisation + improved procurement processes) and AutoStore expects the GM to stay above 70%.

Estimates more achievable now

We have taken a much more cautions view; reducing sales by 11-17% in '24e and '25e and adj. EBITDA down 10-20%. We now have '24e sales of USD 612m (down 5% y-o-y) and with H1'24 sales of 292m, AutoStore needs to deliver USD 319m in H2 (or USD 160m/ quarter, same as the last 5 quarters on average), which is achievable given comments of revenue improvement in H2. For '25e we have sales up 15% y-o-y.

BUY: Still beating peers

Peers have also highlighted a challenging market; H1'24 orders for peers 0% y-o-y vs AutoStore +8% y-o-y (p.10), i.e. to us, AutoStore is not losing market share. This should result in a rebound when the market finally improves as we still argue that warehouse automation is a strong global megatrend and AutoStore, with its proven technology and strong value proposition will benefit. The adj P/E in '23 / '24e is 20.0x, and 17.1x for '25e. BUY, TP of NOK 18 (23).

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USDm	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	584	646	611	703	795
EBITDA	225	48	287	327	373
EBITDA margin (%)	38.5	7.5	46.9	46.5	47.0
EBIT adj.	180	246	216	276	317
EBIT adj. margin (%)	30.8	38.1	35.4	39.2	39.8
Pretax profit	127	-46	178	248	297
EPS	0.03	-0.01	0.04	0.06	0.07
EPS adj.	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07
Sales growth (%)	78.1	10.6	-5.3	15.0	13.1
EPS growth (%)	-233.1	-134.3	-509.5	39.2	19.6

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company Data

Reason: Post-results comment



Capital Goods

Estimate changes (%)			
	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	-11.6	-17.1	-21.4
EBIT	-18.7	-23.7	-29.4
EPS	-21.4	-26.3	-31.8

Source: ABG Sundal Collier AUTO-NO/AUTO NO

Share price (NOK)	14/8/2024	11.10
Target price	(23.0)	18.0

MCap (NOKm)	43,577
MCap (EURm)	3,692
No. of shares (m)	3,428.5
Free float (%)	96.9
Av. daily volume (k)	889

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Performance



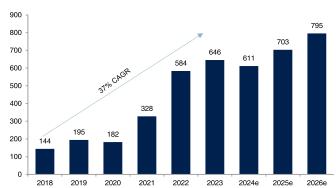
	2024e	2025e	2026e
P/E (x)	25.4	18.2	15.2
P/E adj. (x)	20.8	17.1	14.2
P/BVPS (x)	2.59	2.27	2.15
EV/EBITDA (x)	13.0	10.9	9.4
EV/EBIT adj. (x)	17.3	13.0	11.1
EV/sales (x)	6.10	5.08	4.41
ROE adj. (%)	13.3	14.7	15.8
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	4.9
FCF yield (%)	0.8	4.6	6.3
Le. adj. FCF yld. (%)	0.6	4.4	6.1
Net IB debt/EBITDA (x)	0.7	0.1	-0.1
Le. adj. ND/EBITDA (x)	0.5	-0.1	-0.3

Company description

AutoStore is a leading global provider of warehouse automation technology. It has 1,350 systems installed (Q3'23) and operates in 52 countries. With a strong R&D focus, AutoStore has developed and improved its cubic storage system over 30 years. The key value proposition of its technology is to reduce warehouse labour costs by over 70% and floor space up to 75% vs. manual alternatives, resulting in high customer ROI. In addition, it enables materially shorter delivery times – a key success factor for most companies today.

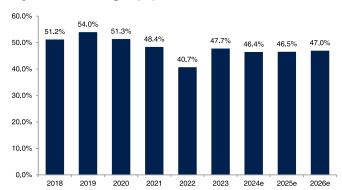
Sustainability Information

Revenues (USDm)



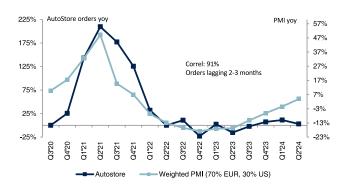
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data

Adj. EBITDA margin (%)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data

AUTO's order intake vs US and Eurozone PMIs

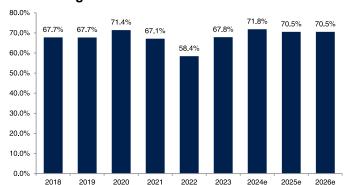


Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Autostore, Bloomberg estimates

Risks

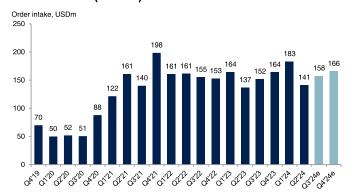
Although the cubic storage market is currently seeing rapid growth, it is uncertain whether that will continue. Technological advances that improve competing technologies could hurt demand for AutoStore's system. Moreover, AutoStore is sold by third-party system integrators, and loss of distribution agreements could negatively impact the company. General risks from macro factors such as global economic growth, interest rates and FX are also risks for AutoStore.

Gross Margin



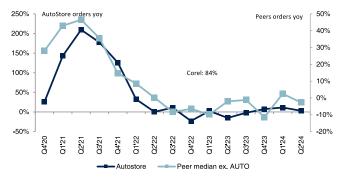
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data

Order intake (USDm)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data

AutoStores order intake vs peers' order intake



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Honeywell, Kion, Troax, Cognex, Jungheinrich Footnote: Only two peers have reported so far

Q2 expectations vs actual

Expectations

									ABGSC	Cons.	vs. Co	ns.
P&L, USDm	Q3'22	Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q2'24e	Q2'24e	%	Δ
Revenues	147	148	149	175	145	176	138	154.2	167	168	-8%	-13.8
Gross profit	80	90	100	118	99	121	101	113.0	115	118	-4%	-5.0
Clean opex	-25	-31	-32	-31	-30	-36	- 37	-38	-37	-37	2%	-0.9
Adj. EBITDA	55	59	68	87	69	84	63	75.1	77	81	-7%	-5.9
Non-rec. costs	- 5	-14	- 9	-256	10	- 5	0	5	-1	-1	-570%	5.7
EBITDA	50	46	60	-169	78	79	63	79.8	77	80	0%	-0.2
D&A	-14	-14	-15	-15	-16	-16	-17	-17.2	-17	-18	-4%	0.8
EBIT	36	31	45	-184	62	63	46	62.6	60	62	1%	0.6
Net finance	-18	2	-19	-10	9	-13	-20	-5.3	-8	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Taxes	-4	-7	-6	45	-16	-11	-6	-12.4	-11	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Net profit	14	26	20	-148	55	39	21	44.7	40	41	9%	3.7
Revenue growth, %	95.2%	58.2%	92.0%	5.9%	-1.8%	19.5%	-7.4%	-12.0%	-4.6%	-4.2%	-7.9%	-
Gross margin, %	54.3%	60.8%	67.1%	67.5%	68.2%	68.5%	72.8%	73.3%	68.7%	70.2%	3.0%	-
Clean opex/sales, %	-17.1%	-20.8%	-21.2%	-17.9%	-20.8%	-20.6%	-27.0%	-24.6%	-22.2%	-22.0%	-2.6%	-
Adj. EBITDA margin, %	37.2%	40.0%	45.8%	49.7%	47.4%	47.8%	45.8%	48.7%	46.2%	48.2%	0.5%	-
									ABGSC	Cons.	Con	s.
Key metrics	Q3'22	Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q2'24e	Q2'24e	%	Δ
Order intake	155	153	164	137	152	164	183	141.0	180.5	169	-16.6%	-28
% q-o-q	-4%	-2%	8%	-17%	11%	8%	12%	-23.0%	-1%	-8%	-	-
% v-o-v	11%	-23%	2%	-15%	-2%	7%	11%	3.1%	32%	24%	_	-
Book-to-bill, x	1.1x	1.0x	1.1x	0.8x	1.0x	0.9x	1.3x	0.9x	1.1x	1.0x	-0.1	-0.1
Order backlog	470	476	489	452	464	451	492	478.8	505	499	-4%	-21
% a-o-a	-2%	1%	30/	_8%	30/-	-30/-	0%	-30/-	30/	20/	1 _	_

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data, consensus (company/Visible Alpha/FactSet)

ABGSC vs Cons

	ABGS	SC		Conser	nsus		ABG vs	cons	
	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026	2024	2025	2026
Sales	611	703	795	670	783	910	-9%	-10%	-13%
Gross profit	439	496	561	466	530	615	-6%	-6%	-9%
Costs	-155	-169	-187	-153	-168	-181	2%	0%	4%
Adj. EBITDA	284	327	373	313	362	429	-9%	-10%	-13%
EBİT	220	276	317	270	323	377	-19%	-15%	-16%
EPS	0.05	0.06	0.07	0.06	NA	NA	-13%	NA	NA
Orders	647	736	861	722	844	960	-10%	-13%	-10%
Sales growth	-5.3%	15.0%	13.1%	3.7%	25.3%	16.1%	-9.0pp	-10.3pp	-3.0pp
Order growht	5.0%	13.8%	16.9%						
GM	71.8%	70.5%	70.5%	69.5%	67.7%	67.6%	2.3pp	2.8pp	2.9pp
EBITDA margin	46.4%	46.5%	47.0%	46.7%	46.2%	47.2%	-0.3pp	0.3pp	-0.2pp

Source: ABGSC, FactSet, Bloomberg, Visible Alpha

Estimate changes

ABGSC estimate changes

P&L	Old	New			Old	New			Old	New		
USDm	2023	2023	%	Δ	2024e	2024e	%	Δ	2025e	2025e	%	Δ
Revenues	646	646	0%	0	690	611	-11%	-79	849	703	-17%	-145
COGS	-208	-208	0%	0	-210	-172	-18%	37	-263	-207	-21%	55
Gross profit	438	438	0%	0	481	439	-9%	-41	586	496	-15%	-90
Clean opex	-130	-130	0%	0	-155	-155	0%	0	-175	-169	-4%	6
Adj. EBITDA	308	308	0%	0	326	284	-13%	-42	411	327	-20%	-84
Non-rec. costs	-260	-260	0%	0	- 2	4	-319%	5	0	0	N.a.	0
EBITDA	48	48	0%	0	324	287	-11%	-37	411	327	-20%	-84
Depreciation	-11	-11	0%	0	-12	-13	6%	-1	-13	-13	0%	0
EBITA	38	38	0%	0	311	274	-12%	-37	398	314	-21%	-84
Adj. EBITA	298	298	0%	0	313	271	-14%	-42	398	314	-21%	-84
Amortization	-51	-51	0%	0	- 43	- 55	28%	-12	-33	-38	15%	- 5
EBIT	-14	-14	0%	0	269	220	-18%	-49	365	276	-24%	-89
Net financials	-33	-33	0%	0	- 43	-41	-4%	2	- 25	- 27	12%	-3
Pre tax profit	-46	- 46	0%	0	226	178	-21%	-47	340	248	-27%	-92
Taxes	12	12	0%	0	-50	-39	-21%	10	- 75	- 55	-27%	20
Net profit	-34	-34	0%	0	176	139	-21%	-37	265	194	-27%	-71
Adj. net profit	191	191	0%	0	204	170	-17%	-34	274	207	-24%	<u>-67</u>
EPS, diluted	-0.010	-0.010	0%	0.00	0.051	0.041	-21%	-0.01	0.077	0.057	-27%	-0.02
Adj. EPS, diluted	0.056	0.056	0%	0.00	0.059	0.050	-17%	-0.01	0.080	0.060	-24%	-0.02
FCF (after leases)	71	71	0%	0	47	22	-53%	-25	200	156	-22%	-44
FCFPS (after leases)	0.02	0.02	0%	0.00	0.01	0.01	-53%	-0.01	0.06	0.05	-22%	-0.01
Gross margin %	67.8%	67.8%	0.0%	-	69.6%	71.8%	2.2%	-	69.0%	70.5%	1.5%	-
Clean opex/sales %	-20.1%	-20.1%	0.0%	-	-22.4%	-25.4%	-2.9%	-	-20.6%	-24.0%	-3.4%	-
Adj EBITDA margin %	47.7%	47.7%	0.0%	-	47.2%	46.4%	-0.7%	-	48.4%	46.5%	-1.9%	-

Source: ABG Sundal Collier

AutoStore quarterly estimates (USDm)

P&L, USDm	Q3'22	Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24e	Q4'24e
Revenues	147	148	149	175	145	176	138	153	152	167
COGS	-67	-58	-49	-57	-46	-56	-38	-41	-45	-48
Gross profit	80	90	100	118	99	121	101	113	107	119
Clean opex	-25	-31	-32	-31	-30	-36	-37	-37	-38	-42
Adj. EBITDA	55	59	68	87	69	84	63	75	69	77
Non-rec. costs	- 5	-14	-9	-256	10	- 5	0	5	-1	-1
EBITDA	50	46	60	-169	78	79	63	80	68	76
Depreciation	- 2	-2	-2	-3	-3	-3	-3	- 4	-3	-3
EBITA	48	44	58	-171	75	76	60	76	65	73
Adj. EBITA	53	57	66	84	66	81	60	72	66	74
Amortisation	-12	-13	-13	-12	-14	-13	-14	-14	-14	-14
EBIT	36	31	45	-184	62	63	46	63	52	59
Adj. EBIT	52	55	64	82	62	78	56	68	62	69
Net financials	-18	2	-19	-10	9	-13	-20	-5	- 8	-8
PTP	18	34	26	-193	71	51	26	57	44	51
Taxes	-4	-7	<u>-6</u>	45	-16	-11	-6	-13	-10	-11
Net profit	14	26	20	-148	55	39	21	45	34	40
Adj. Net profit*	37	40	42	56	42	51	37	45	41	47
EPS, diluted	0.00	0.01	0.01	-0.04	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Adj. EPS, diluted*	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.02	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
DPS	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Growth	Q3'22	Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24e	Q4'24e
Revenue growth	74%	58%	21%	6%	-2%	20%	-7%	-12%	5%	-5%
Clean opex	90%	50%	37%	30%	19%	19%	18%	18%	27%	15%
Adj. EBITDA	n.a.	n.a.	26%	25%	25%	43%	-7%	-14%	0%	-9%
Adj. Net profit*	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	58%	-15%	37%	-7%	8%	-27%	10%
Margins	Q3'22	Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24e	Q4'24e
Gross profit	54.3%	60.8%	67.1%	67.5%	68.2%	68.5%	72.8%	73.3%	70.2%	71.1%
chg. y-o-y	-11.3pp	-5.3pp	4.2pp	11.0pp	13.9pp	7.6pp	5.7pp	5.7pp	2.0pp	2.7pp
Clean opex % of sales	17.1%	20.8%	21.2%	17.9%	20.8%	20.6%	27.0%	24.0%	25.1%	25.1%
chg. y-o-y	-1.4pp	1.2pp	-2.4pp	-3.3pp	-3.7pp	0.2pp	-5.8pp	-6.1pp	-4.3pp	-4.5pp
Adj. EBITDA	37.2%	40.0%	45.8%	49.7%	47.4%	47.8%	45.8%	48.8%	45.2%	46.0%
chg. y-o-y	-12.7pp	-4.1pp	1.7pp	7 . 7pp	10.2pp	7.8pp	0.0pp	-0.9pp	-2.2pp	-1.8pp
Other key metrics	Q3'22	Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Q3'24e	Q4'24e
Order backlog	470	476	489	452	464	451	492	479	484	483
% growth y-o-y	37%	4%	0%	-5%	-1%	-5%	1%	6%	4%	7%
Order intake	155	153	164	137	152	164	183	141	158	166
% growth y-o-y	11%	-23%	2%	-15%	-2%	7%	11%	3%	4%	1%
NIBD excl. IFRS 16	252	248	225	168	164	179	148	156	150	133
NIBD incl. IFRS 16	274	284	264	225	255	237	203	221	215	199
NIBD/EBITDA incl. IFRS 16	1 <u>.</u> 2x	1.2x	1.0x	0.8x	0.9x	0.8x	0.7x	0.8x	0.7x	0.7x

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data

AutoStore annual estimates (USDm)

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P&L, USDm	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	'18-'22	'22-'26e
Revenues	144	195	182	328	584	646	611	703	795	42%	8%
COGS	-46	-63	-52	-108	-243	-208	-172	-207	-235	51%	-1%
Gross profit	97	132	130	220	341	438	439	496	561	37%	13%
Clean opex	-24	-27	-37	-61	-103	-130	-155	-169	-187	44%	16%
Adj. EBITDA	74	105	94	158	237	308	284	327	373	34%	12%
Non-rec. costs	-2	- 2	-19	-138	-13	-260	4	0	0.0		12/0
EBITDA	72	103	75	21	225	48	287	327	373	33%	14%
Depreciation	-2	- 3	-3	-5	-7	-11	-13	-13	-14	29%	20%
EBITA	69	100	71	16	218	38	274	314	360	33%	13%
Adj. EBITA	71	102	90	154	231	298	271	314	360	34%	12%
Amortisation	-10	-12	-47	-54	<u>-51</u>	<u>-51</u>	-55	-38	-43	49%	-4%
EBIT	59	88	25	-38	167	-14	220	-36 276	317	30%	17%
Adi, EBIT	71	100	89	149	224	286	255	276 296	338	34%	11%
	-37		-51								
Net financials		-20		-22	-40	-33	-41	-27	-20	2%	-16%
PTP	22	68	-27	-60	127	-46	178	248	297	55%	24%
Taxes	-2	-12	6	8	-28	12	-39	-55	<u>-65</u>	96%	24%
Net profit	20	56	-21	-52	99	-34	139	194	232	49%	24%
Adj. Net profit*	43	65	57	104	163	191	170	207	248	40%	11%
EPS, diluted				-0.02	0.03	-0.01	0.04	0.06	0.07	n.a.	24%
Adj. EPS, diluted*				0.03	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07	n.a.	11%
Adj. EPS, dijuted* NOK					0.51	0.60	0.53	0.64	0.77		11%
DPS				0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05		
Growth	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	Tox	gets
	84%	35%	-6%	80%	78%	11%	-5%	15%	13%	Tar	gets
Revenue growth Clean opex		12%	37%	68%	76% 69%	25%	20%	9%	11%		
•	n.a.										
Adj. EBITDA	n.a.	43%	-11%	69%	50%	30%	-8%	15%	14%		
Adj. Net profit*	n.a.	53%	-13%	83%	56%	18%	-11%	22%	20%		
Margins	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	Tar	gets
Gross profit	67.7%	67.7%	71.4%	67.1%	58.4%	67.8%	71.8%	70.5%	70.5%		-
chg. y-o-y	n.a.	0рр	+3.7pp	-4.3pp	-8.7pp	+9.4pp	+4pp	-1.3pp	+0pp		
Clean opex % of sales	16.6%	13.7%	20.1%	18.7%	17.7%	20.1%	25.4%	24.0%	23.6%		-
chg. y-o-y	n.a.	-2.8pp	+6.3pp	-1.3pp	-1pp	+2.4pp	+5.3pp	-1.4pp	-0.4pp		
Adj. EBITDA	51.2%	54.0%	51.3%	48.4%	40.7%	47.7%	46.4%	46.5%	47.0%		_
chg. y-o-y	n.a.	+2.8pp	-2.6pp	-3pp	-7.7pp	+7.1pp	-1.3pp	+0.1pp	+0.4pp		
											Targets
Other key metrics	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	'18-'22	'22-'26e
Order backlog, EOP	90	102	159	457	476	451	483	516	581	52%	5%
% growth y-o-y	71%	14%	56%	187%	4%	-5%	7%	7%	13%		
Order intake	181	212	240	621	630	617	647	736	861	37%	8%
% growth y-o-y	95%	17%	13%	159%	1%	-2%	5%	14%	17%		
NIBD excl. IFRS 16	278	274	642	289	248	179	133	- 23	-94	-3%	n.a.
NIBD incl. IFRS 16	297	291	660	306	284	237	199	42	- 29	-1%	n.a.
NIBD/EBITDA incl. IFRS 16	4.0x	2.8x	7.1x	1.9x	1.2x	0.8x	0.7x	0.1x	-0.1x	<2.0x NIBD/	
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Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data

Orders are set to improve, here are three reasons why:

1) Improved earnings for end customers in '24

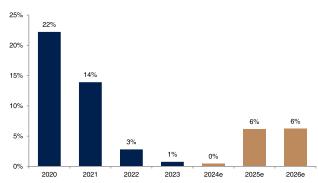
We know retail companies postponed investments in '22 and '23 given high uncertainty and lower consumer spending. The trend has somewhat continued in '24, as average sales growth for '24e is expected (FactSet) at ~0%. However, the trend is anticipated to turn in '25e and '26e, where most e-com/retail players are expected to see positive sales growth y-o-y (average sales growth in '25e and '26e of ~6% and ~6%, respectively). We would argue that positive sales growth should improve the companies' willingness to invest.

E-com/retail players' sales change (y-o-y)

% change in revenue y-o-y 20% 15% 10% -5% -10% -15% 10% -15% 10% -29 -15% 10% -29 -2024e 2025e 2026e

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Factset

Average sales change E-com/retail (y-o-y)

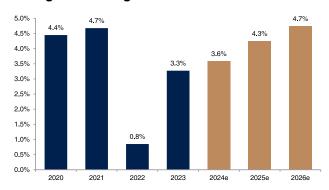


Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Factset

Margins are set to improve in '24e, and overall, we argue that positive sales growth and better margins for e-com/retailers are positive for ASRS players, as this should lead to an improvement in investment momentum, including investments in ASRS solutions.

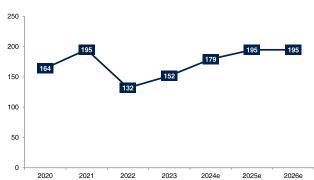
As retailers/e-com is still the largest customer group for AutoStore, we have analysed historical and expected operating cash flow for some more discretionary retailers/ companies, which is a more "cyclical" customer group for ASRS. We argue this also should give some insight as to whether these companies will be more open to invest from '24e. As can be seen below, these companies did see weaker operating cash flow in '22 and '23, which likely affected their willingness to invest. However, operating cash flow is expected to increase materially in '24, which we think should increase investments in ASRS.

Average EBIT margin E-com/retail



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Factset

Cash flow development (index) for discretionary companies



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Companies (Verkkokauppa, Boozt, Zalando, Currys, Asos. FarFetch, Whirlpool, Asbury Automotive, Lululemon, Pool Corp, Deckers Outdoor, RH)

2) The industry is cyclical and indicators are improving

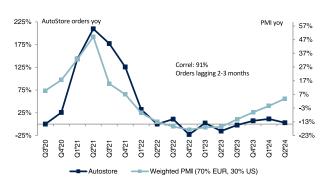
We have tracked the company's listed peers/competitors, and although some of these companies do not directly compete with AutoStore, they provide a good reference for the current temperature of the ASRS market. Unsurprisingly, order intake is cyclical and correlates well with PMIs, i.e. 90% with orders lagging PMI by 2-3 months, as seen below. PMI data has improved recently, suggesting that orders should start to stabilise and eventually improve.

We find that AutoStore's order intake has closely mirrored the order intake of Kardex, Honeywell, Kion (Dematic), Troax, Cognex, and Jungheinrich with an ~86% correlation. Finally, as AutoStore has a larger share of its sales in Europe, we have included both the US and Eurozone PMIs and compared that to AutoStore's order intake. As can be seen, the correlation is ~91% (2-3m lag vs order-intake).

Peers' median order intake vs US PMI (YoY)

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Bloomberg estimates, Factset estimates, Honeywell, Kion, Troax, Cognex, Jungheinrich, Kardex

AUTO's order intake vs US and Eurozone PMIs

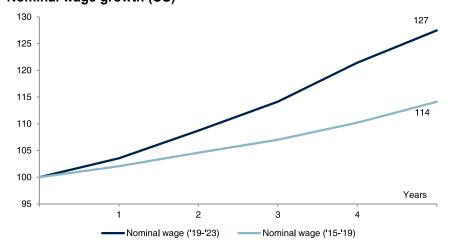


Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Autostore, Bloomberg estimates

3) ROI becoming even stronger on high wage inflation

A typical AutoStore project has an ROI of 79% and 18 months payback (CEO), with the key driver being a 50% headcount reduction. As can be seen below, nominal wages (US) are up 27% in 2019-2023, materially higher growth vs 2015-2019 (14%). With current wage inflation we argue that AutoStore's value proposition has become even stronger, and is set to result in strong order intake growth in '24/25.

Nominal wage growth (US)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Bloomberg

Orders up 3% y-o-y in Q2

Breaking down AutoStore's historical order intake into volume, FX and price increases vs. Q1'20, we see more clearly that the underlying volume trend turned negative in Q2'22 but remained flattish into Q1'23, before further declining in Q2/Q3'23, and rising in Q4'23. In Q1'24 orders were up 11% y-o-y, and in Q2'24 +3% y-o-y.

Order intake, comparable* by driver (USDm)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data. *ABGSC estimated effects on order intake of FX and price increases compared to Q1'20.

Order intake y-o-y by driver* (USDm)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data. *ABGSC estimated effects on order intake of FX and price increases.

Market remains challenging, but improvements from H2'24

All peers have reported Q2 numbers, and overall, the market remains challenging, but revenues/order intake declines are abating. Peers reiterate expectation of a gradual improved market in H2'24 (as has been communicated since Q4'23). However, the market is questioning the potential H2 recovery, as the share prices fell, on average, 5% on reporting day (-11% excl. Kardex). On the positive, most relevant peer, Kardex (an AutoStore partner) reported better and highlighted that demand for AutoStore systems remains "extraordinarily strong". However, AutoStore reported order intake up 3% y-o-y (-12% q-o-q), indicating that the market remains challenging for AutoStore as well.

Peers' order intake

Technology	Orders % y-c-y	Q1'21	Q2'21	Q3'21	Q4'21	Q1'22	Q2'22	Q3'22	Q4'22	Q1'23	Q2'23	Q3'23	Q4'23	Q1'24	Q2'24	Report date Q2'24
	Tier 1 peers															
Conveyor/stacker cranes	Kardex (AutoStore partner)		51%	45%	39%	22%	6%	16%	26%	16%	6%	-3%	-11%	1%	13%	30/07/2024
Conveyor/miniload/shuttle/cranes	Kion Group/Dematic	21%	-2%	58%	4%	2%	-2%	-56%	-17%	-46%	-14%	42%	-11%	41%	-23%	31/07/2024
Shuttle/conveyor/robotics	Honeywell	49%	35%	18%	-10%	-18%	-12%	-7%	-8%	-13%	49%	-24%	-24%	-12%	-8%	25/07/2024
Forklifts/pallet systems/shuttle	Jungheinrich AG	30%	42%	26%	20%	1%	-3%	-2%	-5%	1%	22%	5%	14%	1%	-2%	09/08/2024
	Tier 2 peers															
Warehouse protection systems	Troax	45%	84%	80%	27%	16%	5%	-9%	-13%	-7%	-10%	0%	-5%	4%	-3%	14/08/2024
Automated scanning systems	Cognex	43%	59%	13%	9%	18%	2%	-26%	-2%	-29%	-12%	-6%	-18%	5%	-1%	31/07/2024
Cubic system	Autostore	143%	210%	177%	126%	32%	0%	11%	-23%	2%	-15%	-2%	7%	11%	3%	15/08/2024
	Median excl Auto and Kardex	43%	47%	36%	15%	9%	0%	-8%	-6%	-10%	-2%	-1%	-11%	2%	-3%	

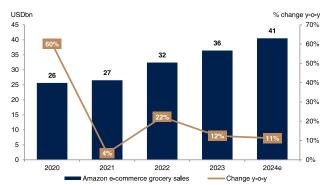
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, companies

Amazon's AutoStore MFC could be a catalyst

Amazon finished the installation of an AutoStore MFC in Long Island, NY, during Q4'23, which is being used for its Amazon Fresh Online store (groceries) concept. The industry expert who first publicised Amazon's AutoStore MFC has recently stated that the company is developing a new AutoStore MFC in Kent, WA, with more MFC's planned. Additionally, recent social media posts suggest that Amazon is rolling out MFCs in their Whole Foods Stores and that Autostore's offering remains the key contender. We argue that this is a material confirmation of AutoStore's offerings, and see massive potential for the company if the partnership with Amazon expands.

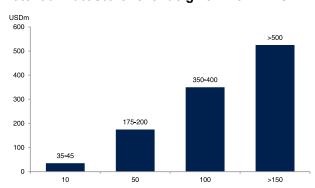
Currently, MFCs account for ~10% of AutoStore's revenue, and the projects could be potential catalysts as Amazon may decide to open more MFCs using AutoStore. The company has already delivered similar systems with great success to Kesko (FIN), Knuspr (Germany), Flaschenpost (Germany), Rohlik (Germany), ASDA (UK), H-E-B (US) etc, improving delivery capacity by 2x-4x in all cases. The size and investment of the projects are uncertain, but assuming the projects are the same size as Kesko's project, the investment would be between USD 3-4m. The potential for AutoStore could be >USD 500m (given that Amazon opens >150 MFCs using AutoStore). To put this in context: If we assume 150 stores are to be opened over a four-year period, it would account for 10-15% of AutoStore's yearly order intake in 2024e–2027e

Amazon e-commerce grocery sales and y-o-y change



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Amazon, Oberlo, Bloomberg

Potential AutoStore revenue given # of MFCs



Source: ABG Sundal Collier

Some would argue that 150 stores seems like a low figure in the US. This is true, as Amazon says that it will deliver groceries within two hours to customers in more than 3,500 US cities. If that is going to hold, it needs close to 487 MFCs (see calculation below). Assuming all 487 MFCs would use an AutoStore system, this would translate to USD 1.7bn in AutoStore orders.

Note that the Whole Food's AutoStore systems come on top of this. One MFC substitutes online orders fulfilled manually by six Whole Foods stores. Amazon's goal is to fulfill a minimum of 500 orders daily, and thus it needs to install ~86 MFCs to automate online fulfilment for the 516 Whole Foods stores.

However, these are "blue sky scenarios", in our view.

Amazon: estimated number of MFCs needed

Timeframe (hours)*	1.5
Average delivery speed (mph)	30
Delivery radius	45
Total area covered by one MFC (square miles)	6,362
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*Assuming 0.5 hours to prepare and pick order

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Amazon

Whole Foods potential

Whole Foods Stores	516
Target of online order fulfilled daily (manually)	500
Number of Whole Food Stores required to fulfill 500 orders	6
Number of MFCs required to fulfill 500 orders	1
Total number of MFCs needed	86
Assumed cost of AutoStore system (USDm)	3
Potential revenue (USDm)*	258

*Assuming all Whole Foods stores use AutoStore

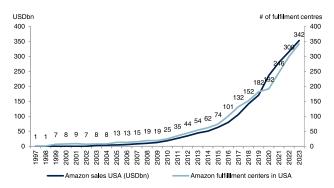
Source: ABG Sundal Collier

Amazon's CEO has highlighted that "delivery speed meaningfully changes customers' conversion rates and the rate at which they're willing to buy". This implies that automation of fulfilment centres (FCs) is imperative, as it increases speed and output. AutoStore's system has proven to increase delivery capacity by 2x-4x.

In '21/'22 Amazon changed its FC strategy, increasing the number of centres and focusing on having them closer to customers to improve delivery speed. Since Amazon is focusing on having FCs closer to customers, it has increased the number of small FCs. In total, the company now has ~342 FCs (large and small), up from 308 in '22 (+11%). Of those, 109 are small sortable, and Amazon expects to add 27 more in '24e/'25e, exceeding the number of large FCs that Amazon operates (116 + 16 new).

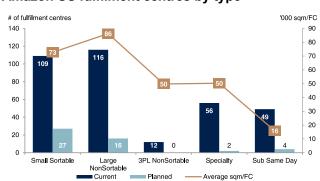
Amazon's focus on smaller FCs bodes well for AutoStore, as its technology is more space efficient and would be the obvious choice (compared to shuttle) when automating smaller FCs.

Amazon US sales and fulfilment centres



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Amazon, Bigrentz, armzprep, DigitalCommerce360, MWPVL

Amazon US fulfilment centres by type



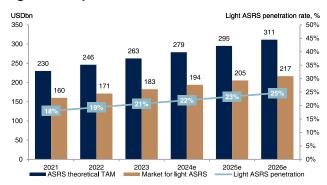
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Well-positioned in a growing market

With more warehouses expected to be automated (driven by the need for reduced costs, better productivity/efficiency and consumer demand for same-day deliveries), the 21% ASRS penetration rate in '23 (or USD 38bn) is expected to rise to 25% by 2026e (or USD 53bn). Despite reaching 25% penetration in 2025e, there will still be material opportunities, as 75% of the market will remain untapped.

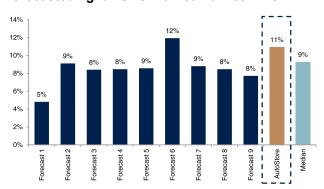
To provide a clearer understanding of the anticipated annual growth for the light ASRS market, we have aggregated forecasts from multiple research firms below. The consensus indicates a median '23-'26e CAGR of 9%, while AutoStore expects a CAGR of 11%. However, most forecasts are high-single digits. To us, this highlights that the ASRS companies are exposed to two of the strongest megatrends: e-com and automation.

Light ASRS penetration rate to reach 22% in 2024e



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, AutoStore, Interact Analysis, Benzinga, PrecedenceResearch, MarketsandMarkets, ResearchandMarkets, Sphericalinsights, Mordor Intelligence, ExpertMarketResearch, Statista

Forecasted light ASRS market '23-'26e CAGR



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, AutoStore, Interact Analysis, Benzinga, PrecedenceResearch, MarketsandMarkets, ResearchandMarkets, Sphericalinsights, Mordor Intelligence, ExpertMarketResearch, Statista

70% gross margin not far-fetched

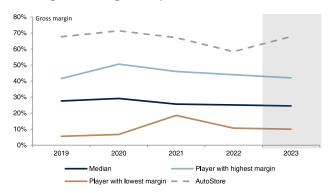
Examining gross margins below, AutoStore has outperformed its leading shuttle competitors. From 2018 to 2022, AutoStore maintained an average gross margin of ~68% vs. the shuttle competitors' median of ~26%. In 2022, the shuttle competitor with the highest gross margin (SSI Schäfer) achieved ~45%, whereas the one with the lowest margin, Kion (Dematic), reported 11%. To provide more reference, we have also included the margins for Kardex, which is an AutoStore partner and not a direct competitor.

We argue that a key driver for AutoStore's superior margin is the complexity and customisability of shuttle systems vs. the 100% standardised AutoStore system. Shuttle systems are designed to meet specific customer needs, and are equipped with arms to retrieve and deliver products to vertical lifts, which then transport the products to conveyors or other systems. Each storage level in these systems is served by its own shuttle, and each aisle has dedicated lifts. The shuttles require complex movements both vertically and horizontally, relying heavily on hardware performance. This necessitates the use of expensive components, increasing the cost of production, which in turn lowers the margins for shuttle providers and probably also explains why capex for shuttle systems is higher than for AutoStore's systems.

In contrast, AutoStore's system is more standardised and space-efficient. Autostore relies on standardised modules that are simple to assemble and easy to connect, i.e. robot, port/ workstation, grid, bin and controller: its design involves stacking bins vertically, allowing robots to operate on top of these stacks for item retrieval. This setup reduces the need for extensive and costly hardware, as the robots only need to move above the stacked bins, and not vertically/horizontally. Furthermore, AutoStore's robots are predominantly software-driven. Significant efficiency gains, including a 40-50% improvement in recent years, are attributed to software advancements rather than hardware modifications. This reliance on software updates rather than customised hardware enables AutoStore to maintain lower costs compared to shuttle competitors, thereby achieving higher margins.

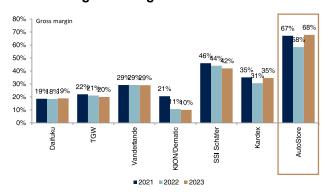
We argue that AutoStore's standardised system and software-driven efficiency improvements are key to maintaining its current margin levels. Given that competitors face inherently higher costs, it is unlikely they will compete with AutoStore on pricing, thus preserving AutoStore's margins from being squeezed. Additionally, AutoStore has stated that it considers its margins to be sustainable.

AUTO gross margin vs. peers



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Companies

Forecasted gross margins

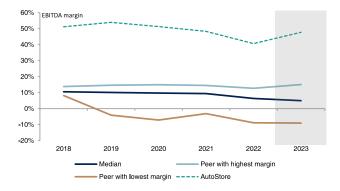


Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Companies

Footnote: Ocado '23 margin reflects YTD (H1'23)

Looking at EBITDA margins, AutoStore has consistently outperformed shuttle competitors, which is explained by the higher gross margin shown below. Between 2018 and 2022, AutoStore's average EBITDA margin was ~49%. This contrasts with the median EBITDA margins of ~9% for shuttle providers. Below we have also included Exotec, a hybrid between shuttle and AMR. To our understanding this is a key competitor to AutoStore. As can be seen below, profitability is low, and we struggle to see Exotec aggressively reducing prices. We also note that Ocado (not included in charts), which provides a system similar to AutoStore's with a focus on grocery companies, has historically had negative EBITDA margins in its robotics segment.

AUTO EBITDA margin vs. peers



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Companies

Forecasted EBITDA margins



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Companies

Valuation

If we benchmark AutoStore's P/E multiple vs. Nasdaq, the company is currently trading at a ~40% discount. Historically, AutoStore has traded at a 20% premium to Nasdaq, which we find warranted given that AutoStore is expected to exhibit higher growth vs. Nasdaq (AutoStore ~20-30% annually vs. Nasdaq ~10% annually). This implies that the company is trading ~60pp below its historical premium to Nasdaq.

Additionally, we have benchmarked AutoStore's P/E vs. Swedish capital goods companies. While there are clear differences in track record and history, it is notable that these companies are correlated with PMI. AutoStore is currently trading at a ~28% discount to Swedish capital goods companies, while it has historically traded at a 25% premium (higher expected earnings growth).

Historical 24m forward P/E



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Factset

AUTO vs Nasdaq (24m forward P/E)



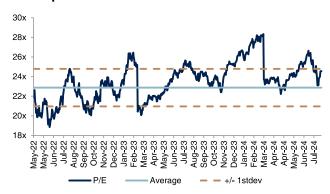
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Factset

Stock price development last 3m (Rebased to AUTO)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, FactSet

Nasdag historical 24m forward P/E



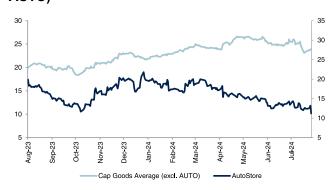
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Factset

AUTO vs. Swedish cap. goods (24m forward P/E)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, FactSet

Stock price development last 12m (Rebased to AUTO)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, FactSet

The valuation on our estimates is shown below. Given the expected strong earnings growth, multiples move down.

AutStore valuation on ABGSC' estm.

Valuation	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e
P/E adj.			63.2	34.5	22.1	18.8	21.1	17.4	14.5
P/FCF			69.2	27.2	1,400.6	42.4	39.6	19.2	16.6
FCF yield			1.4%	3.7%	0.1%	2.4%	2.5%	5.2%	6.0%
EV/Sales			23.4	11.9	6.6	5.9	6.2	5.2	4.5
EV/EBITDA adj.			45.5	24.6	16.3	12.4	13.4	11.1	9.6
EV/EBITA adj.			47.2	25.4	16.8	12.9	14.0	11.6	9.9
EV/EBIT adj.			98.2	38.9	21.6	15.6	17.6	13.2	11.3

Source: Company,, ABG Sundal Collier

We acknowledge that there are no clear-cut peers in the Nordics, Europe or globally, as AutoStore is 1) a global leader in the cubic storage market, 2) expected to deliver considerably higher sales and earnings growth, and 3) benefiting from relatively large barriers to entry given its "know-how" and large patent portfolio. Despite this, we have put together a blend of Nordic, European and US companies that we argue have similar financial or fundamental characteristics to AutoStore. Our peers range from e-commerce enablers to international technology and automation companies, as well as some Nordic tech/capital goods companies.

Using peer's average EV/EBITDA, EV/EBIT and P/E for '24e-'26e we find a fair value for AutoStore of NOK 22/share, implying an upside of ~100%.

Peers' trading multiples

	'24 EV	EV	/ EBITD	Λ		EV / EBIT	-		P/E		So	loc arou	wth	EP	IT grow	· la	EBIT n	oorgin	ECE	yield
	USDm	2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2026e		les grov 2025e		2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2024e	
eCommerce Enablers																				
Adyen	33,230	31.5x	22.4x	15.7x	34.9x	24.6x	17.1x	39.8x	31.6x	24.8x	22%	24%	24%	34%	35%	34%	43.5%	47.5%	3.7%	5.1%
International tech/automation																				
Cognex	6,270	41.0x	27.4x	19.7x	49.8x	31.4x	21.9x	60.0x	38.1x	27.5x	6%	13%	14%	-8%	57%	41%	13.8%	19.1%	2.3%	3.2%
Descartes	7,980	28.1x	24.2x	21.3x	41.9x	33.6x	26.8x	59.3x	48.1x	40.7x	11%	11%	10%	33%	22%	21%	29.6%	32.5%	2.6%	3.3%
Manhattan Associates	14,966	43.8x	38.4x	32.6x	44.7x	38.8x	33.4x	57.4x	50.5x	43.5x	10%	11%	14%	19%	13%	17%	32.2%	32.8%	1.8%	2.2%
Nvidia	2,857,110	36.6x	25.5x	20.9x	36.1x	25.7x	21.8x	45.6x	33.5x	27.7x	93%	38%	16%	114%	38%	15%	65.7%	65.7%	2.1%	2.7%
Nasdag																				
Nasdaq	25,487,671	17.9x	15.3x	12.8x	25.7x	20.8x	17.5x	30.6x	24.6x	20.4x	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	17.8%	20.0%	n.a.	n.a.
Nordic																				
Nordic semiconductor	2,292	428.2x	25.0x	14.9x	-62.9x	47.4x	21.7x	-85.2x	59.1x	29.5x	-8%	31%	19%	-867%	-230%	111%	-7.1%	7.1%	0.3%	2.5%
Nibe	9,682	20.0x	12.9x	10.9x	30.4x	17.8x	14.7x	60.4x	22.5x	18.3x	-12%	9%	10%	-52%	66%	17%	7.9%	12.0%	3.3%	4.6%
Atlas Copco	86,690	19.3x	17.7x	16.2x	23.0x	21.0x	19.2x	29.5x	27.4x	25.3x	2%	6%	7%	4%	7%	8%	22.0%	22.4%	3.2%	3.6%
Average		74.0x	23.2x	18.3x	24.8x	29.0x	21.6x	33.0x	37.3x	28.6x	16%	18%	14%	-90%	1%	33%	25.1%	28.8%	2.4%	3.4%
Median		31.5x	24.2x	16.2x	34.9x	25.7x	21.7x	45.6x	33.5x	27.5x	8%	12%	14%	11%	29%	19%	22.0%	22.4%	2.4%	3.2%
AutoStore	4,438	14.1x	11.9x	10.1x	16.7x	13.7x	11.6x	25.4x	19.3x	17.0x	1%	18%	9%	-4%	17%	13%	39.4%	39.1%	0.6%	3.7%
vs median		-55%	-51%	-38%	-52%	-47%	-47%	NA	-42%	-38%										
AutoStore estimates, USDm		297	343	394	286	268	312	-34	149	206	-2%	15%	14%	-6%	16%	15%	42.6%	43.0%	25	167
Autostore implied share price, NOK/sh.		28	25	19	30	21	20		16	18									3	16
Average '24e and '25e	22																			

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, FactSet

As we expect AutoStore to see materially stronger growth than many Nordic companies, we would argue investors should focus on '25/'26e multiples. Consequently, we have compared AutoStore's trading multiples to some Nordic capital goods companies.

We have used FactSet estimates for the Nordic capital goods companies and our earnings estimates for AutoStore. Nordic capital goods companies are expected (FactSet) to deliver a 2023-2026e EBIT CAGR of ~6%, while we expect Autostore to deliver a ~9% CAGR. We argue AutoStore should trade at a premium in '25e/'26e. Trading in line with the Nordic capital goods companies in '26e should see AutoStore trading at NOK 15/share.

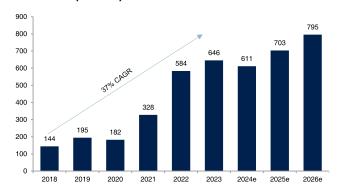
Nordic capital goods trading multiples

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	'26e EV	E۷	/ / EBITC	Α		EV / EBI	Г		P/E		Sa	les gro	wth	E	BIT grow	vth .
	USDm	2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2026e
Nordic capital goods																
ABB	97,538	15.9x	14.1x	12.9x	17.2x	15.5x	14.2x	24.5x	22.3x	20.6x	3%	6%	6%	8%	10%	7%
Alfa Laval	17,672	14.5x	13.0x	12.1x	16.7x	14.9x	13.8x	24.1x	21.2x	19.9x	10%	6%	4%	14%	10%	5%
Assa Abloy	35,054	13.2x	12.0x	10.9x	15.3x	13.8x	12.7x	21.2x	18.9x	17.3x	7%	5%	5%	10%	8%	6%
Atlas Copco	73,553	17.0x	15.6x	14.2x	19.3x	17.8x	16.3x	25.9x	24.2x	22.3x	4%	6%	7%	3%	7%	7%
Hexagon	27,232	12.8x	11.3x	10.2x	15.9x	13.4x	11.9x	21.2x	18.6x	16.7x	3%	7%	7%	8%	16%	9%
Hexpol	3,493	9.1x	8.5x	8.2x	10.3x	9.5x	9.0x	14.1x	13.1x	12.5x	-4%	4%	4%	-1%	5%	6%
Munters	4,012	15.7x	13.5x	12.5x	17.6x	15.5x	14.4x	29.7x	23.2x	20.6x	12%	14%	7%	32%	11%	8%
NIBE	9,407	20.0x	12.9x	11.3x	32.2x	16.3x	14.3x	60.4x	22.5x	18.3x	-10%	9%	10%	-57%	91%	14%
Average		14.8x	12.6x	11.5x	18.1x	14.6x	13.3x	27.6x	20.5x	18.5x	3%	7%	6%	2%	20%	8%
Median		15.1x	13.0x	11.7x	17.0x	15.2x	14.0x	24.3x	21.7x	19.1x	4%	6%	6%	8%	10%	7%
AutoStore	4.085	14.1x	11.9x	10.1x	16.7x	13.7x	11.6x	25.4x	19.3x	17.0x	4%	18%	9%	-4%	17%	13%
AutoStore (ABGSC est.)	3,545	12.8x	10.5x	9.0x	14.1x	11.6x	9.9x	24.1x	17.4x	14.4x	-2%	15%	14%	-6%	16%	15%
Premium/(discount) to peers me	edian	-15%	-19%	-23%	-17%	-23%	-29%	-1%	-20%	-24%	-6pp	+9pp	+7pp	-14pp	+7pp	+8pp
2025e on today's estimates	14	Ī										• • •				
2026e on today's estimates	15															

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, FactSet

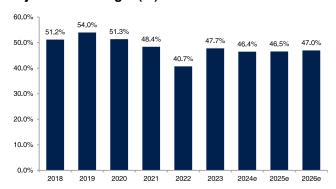
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Revenues (USDm)



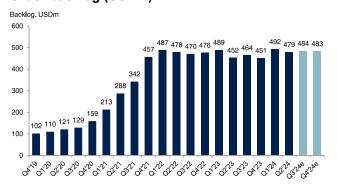
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data

Adj. EBITDA margin (%)



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Order backlog (USDm)



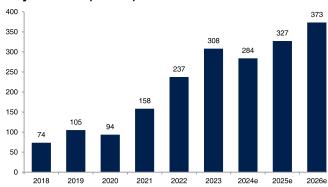
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AutoStore: GM and COGS/rev development



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Adj. EBITDA (USDm)



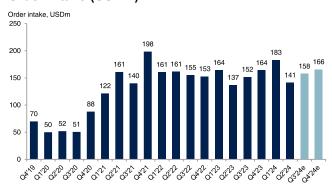
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Adj. EBITDA margin change (pp)



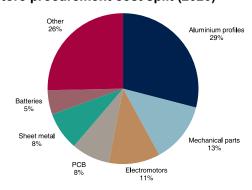
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Order intake (USDm)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data

AutoStore procurement cost split (2020)



Source: ABG Sundal Collier, company data

Income Statement (USDm)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Sales	78	144	195	182	328	584	646	611	703	795
COGS	-	-46	-63	-52	-108	-243	-208	-172	-207	-235
Gross profit	78	97	132	130	220	341	438	439	496	561
Other operating items	-78	-26	-29	-55	-199	-116	-390	-153	-169	-187
EBITDA	0	72	103	75	21	225	48	287	327	373
Depreciation and amortisation	0	-3	-5	-5	-9	-13	-22	-28	-31	-35
of which leasing depreciation	-	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-5	-6	-6	-7
EBITA	0	69	97	70	12	211	27	259	296	338
EO Items	-	-2	-2	-19	-138	-13	-260	4	0	0
Impairment and PPA amortisation	0	-10	-9	-45	-49	-44	-40	-39	-20	-21
EBIT	-	59	88	25	-38	167	-14	220	276	317
Net financial items	0	-37	-20	-51	-22	-40	-33	-41	-27	-20
Pretax profit	0	25	88	-38	-82	127	-46	178	248	297
Tax	0	-2	-12	6	8	-28	12	-39	-55	-65
Net profit	0	24	76	-32	-75	99	-34	139	194	232
Minority interest	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit discontinued	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net profit to shareholders	0	24	76	-32	-75	99	-34	139	194	232
EPS	-	-	-	-	-0.02	0.03	-0.01	0.04	0.06	0.07
EPS adj.	-	-	-	-	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07
Total extraordinary items after tax	0	1	15	-26	-145	-10	-190	3	0	0
Leasing payments	0	-2	-2	-2	-2	-3	-5	-6	-6	-7
Tax rate (%)		7.5	14.1	14.6	9.6	22.1	26.7	21.9	22.0	22.0
Gross margin (%)	100.0	67.7	67.7	71.4	67.1	58.4	67.8	71.8	70.5	70.5
EBITDA margin (%)	0.0	49.8	52.7	41.0	6.3	38.5	7.5	46.9	46.5	47.0
EBITA margin (%)	0.0	47.6	50.0	38. <i>4</i>	3.5	36.2	4.1	42.3	42.1	42.5
EBIT margin (%)	0.0	40.9	45.4	13.5	-11.5	28.6	-2.1	35.9	39.2	39.8
Pre-tax margin (%)	0.0	17.7	45.3	-20.7	-25.2	21.8	-7.2	29.2	35.3	37.4
Net margin (%)	0.0	16.3	38.9	-17.7	-22.7	17.0	-5.3	22.8	27.6	29.1
Growth Rates y-o-y	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Sales growth (%)	30.0	84.5	35.2	-6.4	79.9	78.1	10.6	-5.3	15.0	13.1
EBITDA growth (%)			43.1	-27.2	-72.5	995.4	-78.5	493.4	14.2	14.1
EBITA growth (%)			41.9	-28.1	-83.5	1,733.6	-87.4	875.0	14.3	14.3
EBIT growth (%)			50.0	-72.2	-253.1	-544.4	-108.2	-1,697.6	25.6	14.8
Net profit growth (%)			222.1	-142.6	130.9	-233.1	-134.3	-509.5	39.2	19.6
EPS growth (%)						-233.1	-134.3	-509.5	39.2	19.6
Profitability	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
ROE (%)		26.6	37.2	-4.7	-5.8	7.2	-2.6	10.6	13.3	14.5
ROE adj. (%)		36.2	34.3	5.6	9.4	11.2	15.0	13.3	14.7	15.8
ROCE (%)		24.9	20.8	1.1	-3.3	9.2	-0.8	12.2	14.9	17.6
ROCE adj. (%)		28.3	19.2	7.4	8.0	12.3	16.1	14.2	16.0	18.8
ROIC (%)		26.7	16.8	5.1	0.6	9.9	1.2	13.2	14.6	16.4
ROIC adj. (%)		27.5	17.2	6.5	7.7	10.5	13.4	13.0	14.6	16.4
Adj. earnings numbers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
EBITDA adj.	0	74	105	94	158	237	308	283	327	373
EBITDA adj. margin (%)	0.0	51.2	54.0	51.3	48.3	40.7	47.7	46.3	46.5	47.0
EBITDA lease adj.	0	72	103	92	156	234	303	277	321	367
EBITDA lease adj. margin (%)	0.0	50.0	53.1	50.4	47.6	40.1	46.9	45.3	45.6	46.1
EBITA adj.	0	71	100	89	149	224	286	255	296	338
EBITA adj. margin (%)	0.0	49.0	51.2	48.7	45.6	38.4	44.4	41.8	42.1	42.5
EBIT adj.	0	61	91	43	100	180	246	216	276	317
EBIT adj. margin (%)	0.0	42.3	46.6	23.8	30.6	30.8	38.1	35.4	39.2	39.8
Pretax profit Adj.	0	34	80	38	127	184	254	214	269	319
Net profit Adj.	0	32	70	39	120	153	197	176	214	253
Net profit to shareholders adj.	0	32	70	39	120	153	197	176	214	253
Net adj. margin (%)	0.0	22.3	35.8	21.3	36.6	26.3	30.5	28.7	30.4	31.8
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company	y Data									
Cash Flow (USDm)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
EBITDA	0	72	103	75	21	225	48	287	327	373
Net financial items	0	-37	-20	-51	-22	-40	-33	-41	-27	-20
Paid tax	-	-3 <i>1</i>	-20 -5	-31 -16	-22 -9	- 4 0 -6	-29	-41 -24	-27 -55	-20 -65
Non-cash items	0	-3 32	-5 6	11	-9 -7	-0 27	72	-108	-33 -31	-03
Cash flow before change in WC	0	52 64	83	19	-7 -18	206	58	114	-31 214	288
_	0	-11	-55	30	-16 64	-117	63	-32	-2	∠oo -9
Change in working capital	<u> </u>	-11	-00	30	04	-117	03	-32	-2	-9

Cash Flow (USDm)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Operating cash flow	-	53	29	49	46	89	121	82	212	280
Capex tangible fixed assets	-	-3	-3	-5	-3	-9	-15	-16	-11	-12
Capex intangible fixed assets	-	-6	-11	-13	-28	-34	-34	-38	-39	-44
Acquisitions and Disposals	0	0	0	0	-5	0	0	0	0	0
Free cash flow	0	43	14	30	10	46	72	28	163	224
Dividend paid	-	-166	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-145
Share issues and buybacks	0	0	0	0	332	3	0	0	0	0
Leasing liability amortisation	-	-2	-3	-2	-3	-3	-5	-6	-6	-7
Other non-cash items	0	-207	-7	-506	30	-30	-40	99	31	-0
Balance Sheet (USDm)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Goodwill	-	325	322	1,256	1,224	1,096	1,062	1,016	1,016	1,016
Other intangible assets	0	155	151	644	604	525	492	455	455	456
Tangible fixed assets	-	4	6	10	11	17	30	39	43	48
Right-of-use asset	-	14	12	13	12	31	51	61	61	61
Total other fixed assets	0	0	0	1	4	10	6	6	6	6
Fixed assets	0	498	491	1,925	1,855	1,679	1,641	1,577	1,582	1,588
Inventories	-	17	22	29	51	84	83	116	120	129
Receivables	-	17	61	44	46	90	111	90	93	100
Other current assets	-	4	24	6	15	20	42	39	45	51
Cash and liquid assets	-	25	20	50	147	175	253	269	269	124
Total assets	0	559	617	2,054	2,114	2,048	2,130	2,091	2,109	1,992
Shareholders equity	0	177	230	1,157	1,391	1,347	1,273	1,362	1,556	1,642
Minority	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total equity	0	177	230	1,157	1,391	1,347	1,273	1,362	1,556	1,642
Long-term debt	-	303	294	692	436	422	432	403	247	30
Pension debt	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Convertible debt	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Leasing liability	0	19	17	18	17	36	58	65	65	65
Total other long-term liabilities	0	34	36	143	130	138	158	75	44	44
Short-term debt	-	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0
Accounts payable	-	18	32	29	89	56	47	46	58	71
Other current liabilities	0	8	9	14	52	49	163	140	140	140
Total liabilities and equity	0	559	617	2,054	2,114	2,048	2,130	2,091	2,109	1,992
Net IB debt	0	297	291	660	306	284	237	199	42	-29
Net IB debt excl. pension debt	0	297	291	660	306	284	237	199	42	-29
Net IB debt excl. leasing	0	278	274	642	289	248	179	133	-23	-94
Capital employed	0	499	540	1,868	1,843	1,806	1,763	1,830	1,867	1,737
Capital invested	0	474	520	1,818	1,697	1,631	1,509	1,560	1,598	1,613
Working capital	0	11	66	36	-28	89	26	58	60	69
EV breakdown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_
Market cap. diluted (m)	0	0	0	0	3,533	3,533	3,533	3,533	3,533	3,533
Net IB debt adj.	0	297	291	660	306	284	237	199	42	-29
Market value of minority	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Reversal of shares and	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
participations										
Reversal of conv. debt assumed	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
equity	•	297	204	000	2 020	2.047	2 770	2 720	0.570	2 504
EV	0		291	660	3,839	3,817	3,770	3,732	3,576	3,504
Total assets turnover (%)		51.4	33.1	13.6	15.7	28.0	30.9	29.0	33.5	38.8
Working capital/sales (%)	0.0	3.8	19.7	27.9	1.3	5.3	8.9	6.9	8.4	8.1
Financial risk and debt service	-	407.0	400.5	-	-	-	40.0	-	- 0.7	4.0
Net debt/equity (%)		167.8	126.5	57.1	22.0	21.1	18.6	14.6	2.7	-1.8
Net debt / market cap (%)			07.0		8.7	8.0	6.7	5.6	1.2	-0.8
Equity ratio (%)		31.6	37.3	56.3	65.8	65.8	59.8	65.1	73.8	82.4
Net IB debt adj. / equity (%)		167.8	126.5	57.1 2.00	22.0	21.1	18.6	14.6	2.7	-1.8 1.01
Current ratio		2.38	3.11	3.00	1.84	3.49	2.33	2.75	2.66	1.91
EBITDA/net interest		2.0	5.1	1.5	0.9	5.6	1.5	6.9	11.9	18.9
Net IB debt/EBITDA (x)		4.1	2.8	8.8	14.9	1.3	4.9	0.7	0.1	-0.1
Net IB debt/EBITDA lease adj. (x)		3.9	2.7	7.0	1.9	1.1	0.6	0.5	-0.1	-0.3
Interest coverage		1.9	4.9	1.4	0.5	5.3	0.8	6.3	10.8	17.1
Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company D										
Share Data (USDm)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Actual shares outstanding	-	-	-	-	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429
Actual shares outstanding (avg)	0	0	0	0	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429

AutoStore Holdings Ltd.

Share Data (USDm)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
All additional shares	-	0	0	0	3,429	0	0	0	0	0
Issue month	-	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Assumed dil. of shares from conv.	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
As. dil. of shares from conv. (avg)	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Conv. debt not assumed as equity	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
No. of warrants	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Market value per warrant	-	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Dilution from warrants	-	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1
Issue factor	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	1.0
Actual dividend per share	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
Reported earnings per share	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company Data

Valuation and Ratios (USDm)	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e
Shares outstanding adj.	0	0	0	0	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429
Diluted shares adj.	0	0	0	0	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429	3,429
EPS	-	-	-	-	-0.02	0.03	-0.01	0.04	0.06	0.07
Dividend per share	-	-	-	-	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.05
EPS adj.	-	-	-	-	0.03	0.05	0.06	0.05	0.06	0.07
BVPS	-	-	-	-	0.41	0.39	0.37	0.40	0.45	0.48
BVPS adj.	-	-	-	-	-0.13	-0.08	-0.08	-0.03	0.02	0.05
Net IB debt/share	-	-	-	-	0.09	0.08	0.07	0.06	0.01	-0.01
Share price	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10	11.10
Market cap. (m)	0	0	0	0	3,533	3,533	3,533	3,533	3,533	3,533
Valuation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
P/E (x)					-47.4	35.6	-103.9	25.4	18.2	15.2
EV/sales (x)	0.00	2.06	1.49	3.63	11.72	6.54	5.84	6.10	5.08	4.41
EV/EBITDA (x)		4.1	2.8	8.8	187.1	17.0	78.1	13.0	10.9	9.4
EV/EBITA (x)		4.3	3.0	9.5	333.0	18.1	142.0	14.4	12.1	10.4
EV/EBIT (x)		5.0	3.3	26.9	-102.1	22.8	-274.2	17.0	13.0	11.1
Dividend yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	4.9
FCF yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.3	1.3	2.0	8.0	4.6	6.3
Le. adj. FCF yld. (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	1.2	1.9	0.6	4.4	6.1
P/BVPS (x)					2.54	2.62	2.78	2.59	2.27	2.15
P/BVPS adj. (x)	1.03	1.03	1.03	1.03	-8.07	-12.90	-12.56	-32.40	41.84	20.79
P/E adj. (x)					33.9	21.7	18.5	20.8	17.1	14.2
EV/EBITDA adj. (x)		4.0	2.8	7.1	24.2	16.1	12.2	13.2	10.9	9.4
EV/EBITA adj. (x)		4.2	2.9	7.4	25.7	17.0	13.2	14.6	12.1	10.4
EV/EBIT adj. (x)		4.9	3.2	15.2	38.3	21.2	15.3	17.3	13.0	11.1
EV/CE (x)		0.6	0.5	0.4	2.1	2.1	2.1	2.0	1.9	2.0
Investment ratios	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Capex/sales (%)	0.0	6.5	7.3	10.2	9.5	7.4	7.6	8.9	7.0	7.0
Capex/depreciation		6.8	4.0	5.9	4.6	4.3	3.0	2.5	2.0	2.0
Capex tangibles / tangible fixed assets		73.3	53.2	50.9	25.0	52.0	51.0	40.6	24.6	24.9
Capex intangibles / definite intangibles		4.2	7.4	2.1	4.7	6.5	6.8	8.4	8.5	9.6
Depreciation on intang / def. intang		0	2	0	1	1	2	3	4	5
Depreciation on tangibles / tangibles		15.43	15.86	16.02	20.09	19.08	17.55	15.63	15.12	14.46

Source: ABG Sundal Collier, Company Data

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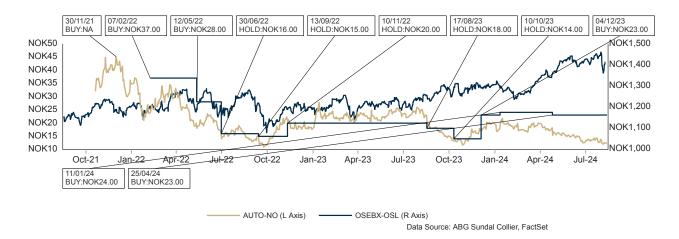
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