32.7%



**MARKET PERFORM** 

COUNTRY: GREECE PRICE: € 6.50
SECTOR: RETAIL ASE Index: 3,269.12

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# PLAISIO COMPUTERS: Ahead of a new challenge — the entrance of major international leading retailers in the Greek market

- Plaisio Computers, in our view, is one of the best-specialized retailers in the Greek market. The company's business model is unique and well executed. However, the competitive environment is getting more difficult for the company and we expect this to have an impact on its profitability short/medium term.
- We revise downwards our earnings per share estimates for 05 and 06 to reflect lower margin assumptions due to the competition of Media Markt, Fnac and some local players (already their presence has affected Plaisio's margins in H1 05). We now expect some earnings per share decline in 05 and 06, at 46 eurocents and 42 eurocents respectively (vs. 49 eurocents in 04), but we believe that this will have minor impact on the dividend.
- > We believe that the company's balance sheet is very strong and will enable the company to encounter competition. Also the emphasis of the management cost control offers some additional headroom to confront competition. Finally we believe that the management is very capable to adapt in the new environment.
- ➤ Our valuation models point to a fair value of EUR 6.55 per share for Plaisio's stock under very prudent margin assumptions. At this stage our estimates and forecasts are based on very general assumptions, as the impact of the new comers will be measured in the 05 Christmas season and the beginning of 06.
- ➤ We rate the stock MARKET PERFORM. At current levels the stock is trading 14.1x times its 05 earnings and at a 18% discount vs. the median of its peer group. On the other hand it trades at a premium for 06 earnings (c. 12%) assuming slowdown in profitability.

PLAr.AT Fundamental Data								
Year	Sales	EBITDA	EBIT	Net Profit	EPS	P/E	EV/Sales	EV/EBITDA
	(€ m)	(€ m)	(€ m)	(€ m)	(€)	(x)	(x)	(x)
2002	146.1	13.9	11.2	5.8	0.26	24.7	0.9	9.7
2003	182.5	19.5	16.3	8.5	0.39	16.8	0.7	6.6
2004	232.8	21.3	18.4	10.8	0.49	13.3	0.6	6.2
2005F	252.6	19.1	16.3	10.2	0.46	14.1	0.5	7.2
2006F	275.7	17.8	14.0	9.3	0.42	15.5	0.5	8.1
PLAr.AT Share Data								
Last		€ 6.50 1-n		nth	-7.9%	ATHEX 1-month		-0.9%
52w High		€ 10.94		nth	-9.2%	ATHEX 3-month		-0.4%

-31.6%

ATHEX 12-month

Shares Outstanding: 22.08 m Market Capitalization: € 143.5m

52w Low

€ 6.48

Source: National Securities, Plaisio Computers, Closing prices as of October 27, 2005

12-month

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