

Odfjell Drilling

Resilience proven and deleveraging on track

Odfjell Drilling (ODL) faced what we believe was the largest single-rig downtime event in its history in Q2, with Deepsea Atlantic off-hire for 106 days. Even so, it continued to de-lever and kept its shareholder distribution unchanged. A total cash flow impact of just c. USD35m, or c.1.5% of EV, is better than peers have managed through comparable events and is a further testament to ODL's operational quality. The event notwithstanding, deleveraging is well under way, and we forecast net leverage falling to 1.2x next year from 1.6x today, alongside a continued increase in dividends. We keep our recommendation at Marketweight as the bond offers limited spread upside versus more diversified oil-service peers.

Continued deleveraging expected, though at a slower pace next year

ODL continues to reduce reported leverage as Deepsea Bergen approaches a full year of contribution following its acquisition late last year. Net leverage, incl. leasing, has fallen from 2.1x at YE/25 to 1.6x, with net debt down to USD906m from USD958m, and we expect 1.4x by YE 26. Into 2027, we assume shareholders capture the larger share of excess cash flow but still see leverage trending down to 1.2x by YE 27. This would sit at the low end of the peer group. Combined with ODL's sector-leading cash conversion and high backlog-to-revenue cover, we argue that a spread in line with its larger, more diversified peers seems fair.

Key figures

USDm	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
Total sales	775	901	1,027	1,004	961
EBITDA (rep.)	345	451	595	574	530
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Net income	65	173	207	174	143
FFO (rep.)	272	390	516	502	471
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Equity	1,403	1,428	1,383	1,273	1,132
Net debt	548	958	856	679	583
Net debt (adj.)	562	958	856	679	584
Ratios	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
EBITDA margin	44.6%	50.0%	58.0%	57.2%	55.1%
Net debt/EBITDA (x)	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.1
Adj. net debt/adj. EBITDA (x)	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.1
FFO/net debt	50%	41%	60%	74%	81%
Adj. FFO/adj. net debt	49%	41%	60%	74%	81%
Adj. total debt/total capital	34%	44%	41%	42%	41%
Net debt/total capital	26%	38%	37%	33%	32%

Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

Marketweight

Energy

Corporate ticker:

Equity ticker: ODL NO

Market cap (NOKm): 21,762

Ratings:

S&P: B+ / S

Moody's: B1 / S

ESG rating:

Sustainalytics ESG Risk Rating: 24.8

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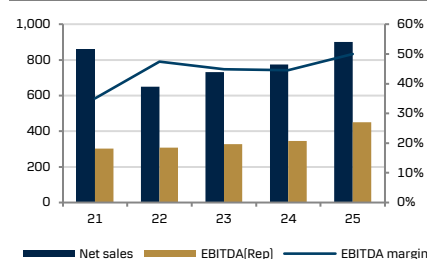
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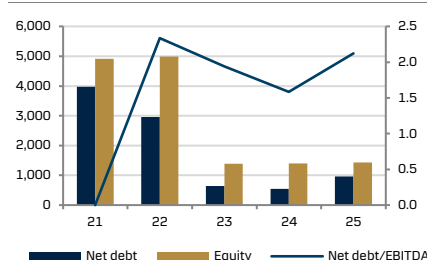
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Profitability (USDm)



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Financial metrics (USDm)

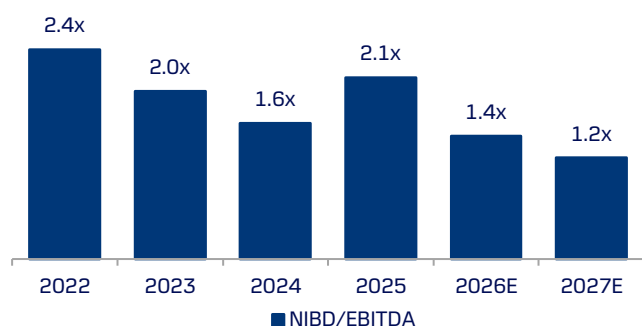


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Recommendation

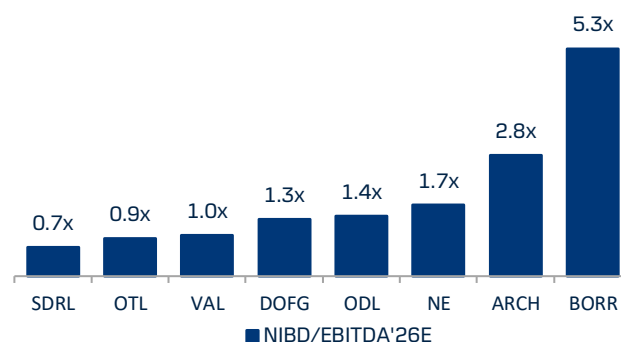
We keep our recommendation on Odfjell Drilling's credit at Marketweight, as we see current pricing at 102.3/240bp fair versus peers. Leverage (incl. leasing) is now 1.6x and we expect it to end the year at 1.4x, which would put it broadly in line with peers.

Chart 1. Leverage development for Odfjell Drilling



Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

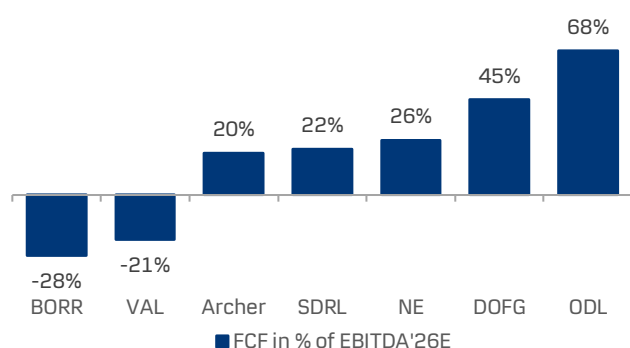
Chart 2. Leverage across peers



Source: Danske Bank Credit Research (Odfjell Drilling), Bloomberg consensus (remaining estimates)

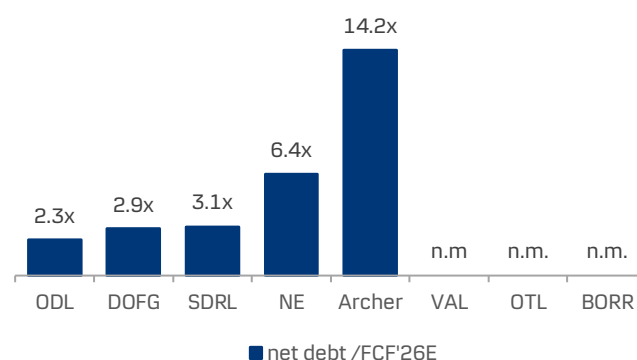
Earnings leverage does not tell the whole story when looking at ODL, as one of the strengths of the credit is high cash conversion, with BBG consensus expecting 68% conversion for ODL compared with -28-45% for peers. The main reason for this is ODL's high earnings on a per-rig basis, while maintenance capex is mostly fixed per rig. Looking at FCF to net debt, ODL screens best, which, in our view, offsets the concentration risk from ODL having only 5 rigs, compared with drilling peers with more than 10.

Chart 3. Cash conversion across peers



Source: Bloomberg consensus, Danske Bank Credit Research

Chart 4. net debt to FCF

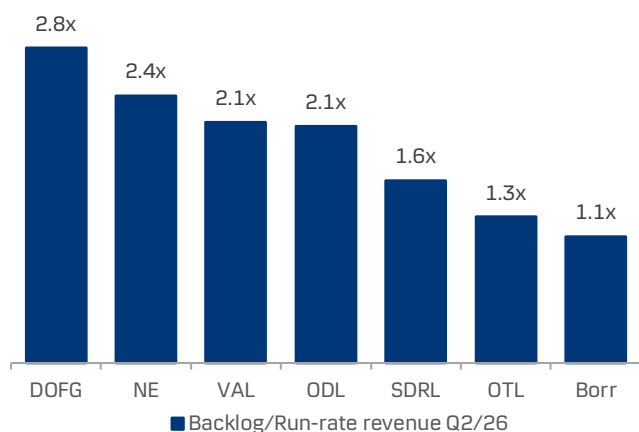


Source: Bloomberg consensus, Danske Bank Credit Research

On an implied loan-to-value basis, Odfjell Drilling also screens slightly weaker than peers, with ODL at 27% and drilling peers at 8-17%. However, we would argue that more of the value in ODL is in its backlog, which represents around 2.1x run-rate sales as of Q2 '26. Peers are at similar levels, but since ODL has higher cash conversion on its earnings, as previously described, its backlog is also more valuable. As a result, the uncertainty and risk of that enterprise value in the LTV calculations should be meaningfully lower for ODL. As such,

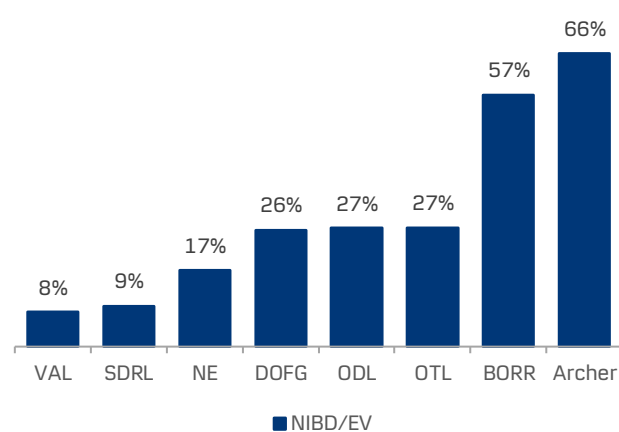
we argue that the better earnings and value visibility in ODL offset the higher implied net loan-to-value versus peers.

Chart 5. Last reported backlog vs run-rate revenue among peers



Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

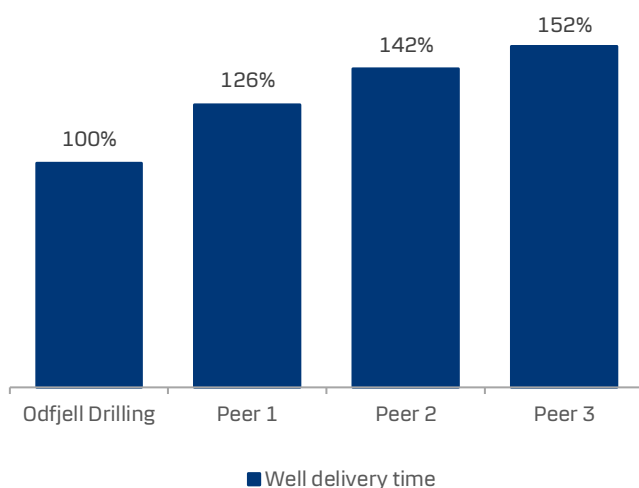
Chart 6. Implied net LTV (Net debt/EV)



Source: Bloomberg as of 27 August 2026, Danske Bank Credit Research

ODL has the most efficient rigs in the harsh environment market, with a 26% faster well delivery time than its closest peer. Having the most efficient rigs offers attractive downside protection for creditors, as that should result in clients choosing the ODL rigs, which lowers the utilisation risk, unless peers offer a significantly lower dayrate. By how much will vary based on the dayrate and the spread cost, which includes all other costs related to drilling the well other than the rig. Assuming USD400kpd in spread cost and a dayrate equal to the opex level, we calculate that Odfjell Drilling can offer its rigs at around USD300kpd to match the total cost of the well compared to taking a rig from its best peer at USD160kpd. Hence, if peers are offering rigs at an opex break-even level, Odfjell Drilling will be able to cover all its cash costs, including an assumed 10-year amortisation profile that we estimate to be USD297kpd.

Chart 7. Well delivery time, ODL vs peers



Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

Chart 8. Simplified cost for a well - ODL vs Peer 1

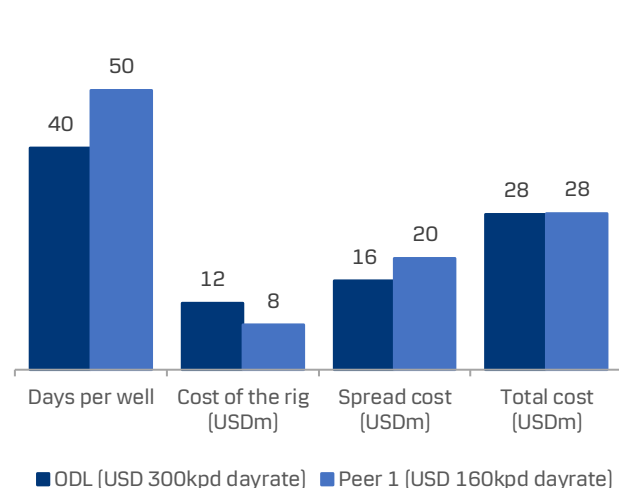
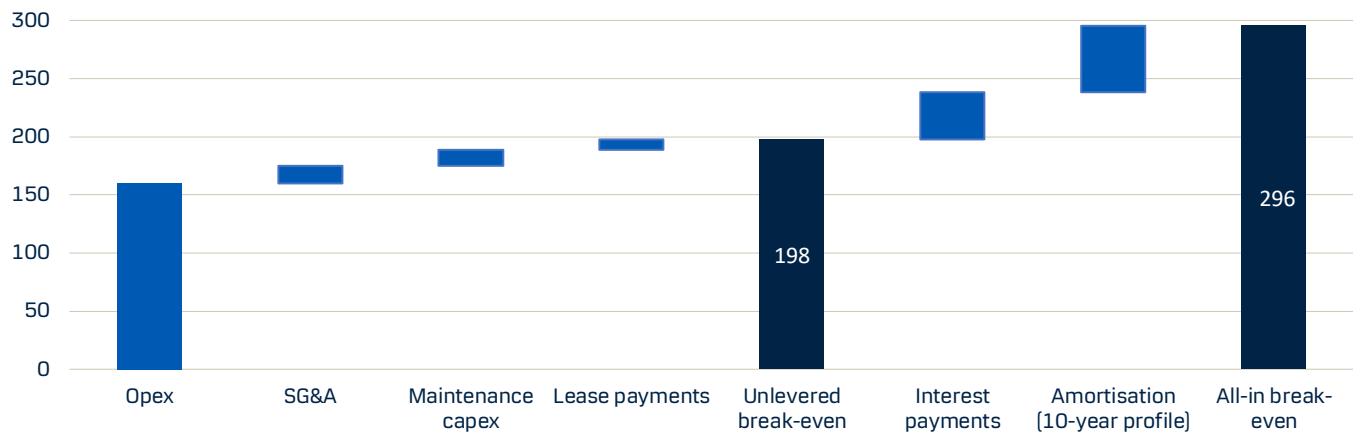


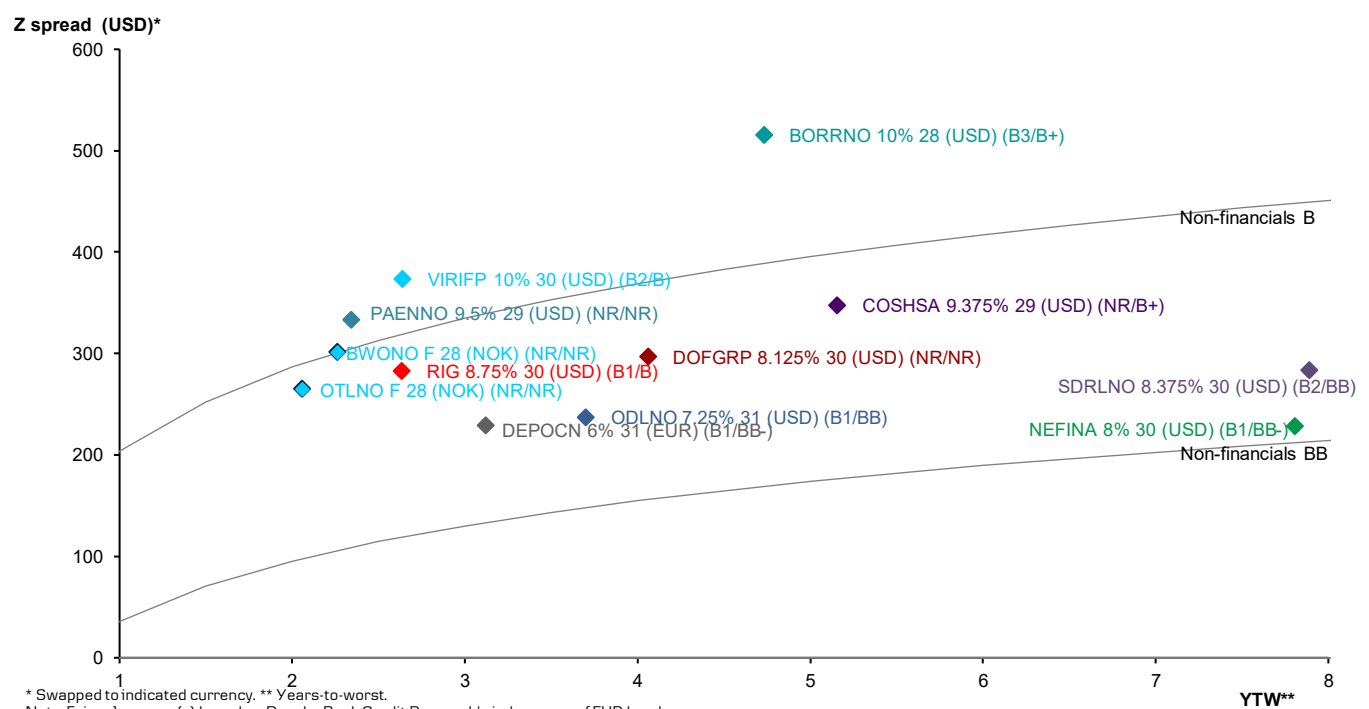
Chart 9. Simplified all-in breakeven analysis on USDk per day



Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

Odfjell Drilling is rated B+/B1, with the bond being rated BB, which is in line with peers such as Noble and Seadrill. Similar to these, we see that ODL trades a bit wider than the BB-rated curve, which we believe is a result of the history of the offshore drilling industry and its cyclical nature. For Odfjell Drilling's pricing to change from today's level, we would like to see additional backlog additions and some deleveraging, which would leave its cash cost well below where peers would be able to offer their rigs without losing more money than it cost to warm stack. On the other hand, if ODL chooses a more aggressive dividend increase than we forecast, that should negatively impact the pricing of the ODL bonds.

Chart 10. Relative value on 27 August 2026



Source: Bloomberg as of 27 August 2026, Danske Bank Credit Research

Company summary

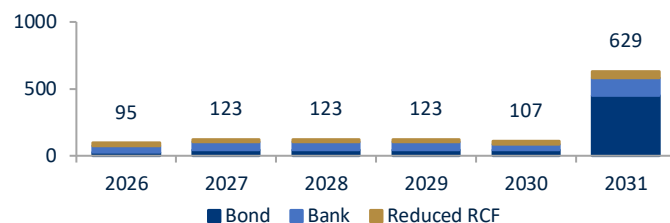
Company description

Odfjell Drilling Ltd provides mobile offshore drilling worldwide, but with a focus on the North Sea. The company own five ultra deepwater drilling rigs for harsh environments, while managing three ultra deepwater drilling rigs for external owners.

Key credit strengths

- High-quality drilling fleet with solid track-record
- High cash conversion
- High near-term revenue visibility from solid backlog
- Investment grade rated contract counterparties
- Good collateral coverage from contemplated first-lien bond issue

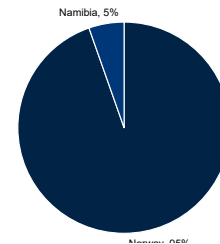
Debt maturity profile



Selected outstanding bonds

ISIN	Coupon	Currency	Maturity/call	Seniority	Rating
NO0013698159	7.25	USD	08/03/2031	Secured	B1/BB

EBITDA breakdown, segments



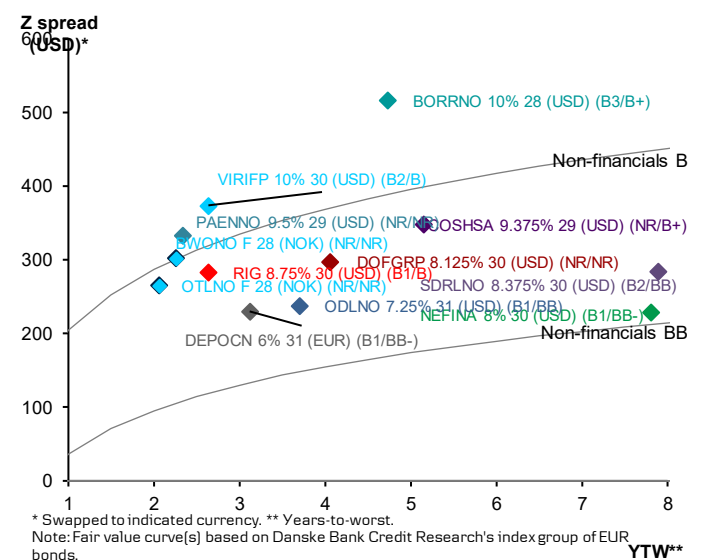
Key credit challenges

- Long-term pressure on business due to energy transition
- Smaller own fleet compared to rated peers
- Some counterparty concentration risk
- Relatively low bargaining power towards clients
- High focus on shareholder distribution

Main shareholders

Name	Votes [%]	Capital [%]
Odfjell Partners Holding Limited	49.9%	49.9%
FMR LLC	4.9%	4.9%
Bank of New York Mellon	3.6%	3.6%
Merrill Lynch	3.1%	3.1%
State Street Corp	2.5%	2.5%

Relative valuation



Source: Company data, Bloomberg, Danske Bank Credit Research [all charts and tables]

Summary table

Income statement (USDm)	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
Total sales	775	901	1,027	1,004	961
Operating expenses	430	451	431	430	431
EBITDA	345	451	595	574	530
EBITDA adjusted	345	451	595	574	530
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation and amortisation	-195	-181	-299	-328	-328
EBIT	150	270	296	246	202
EBIT adjusted	150	270	296	246	202
Net interest	-72	-78	-69	-54	-43
Other financial items (net)	-144	-157	-139	-107	-86
Pre-tax profit	78	191	227	193	158
Tax	-14	-18	-20	-18	-15
Net income	65	173	207	174	143
Balance sheet (USDm)	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
Fixed assets	1,932	2,378	2,126	1,844	1,612
Goodwill	3	3	3	3	3
Associates					
Other non-current assets	7	11	25	25	25
Working capital assets	114	124	132	127	123
Cash and cash equivalents	118	103	59	133	126
of which restricted cash	-14	-0	-0	-0	-0
Other current assets	14	18	112	112	112
Total assets	2,215	2,668	2,488	2,275	2,031
Total assets (adj.)	2,215	2,668	2,488	2,275	2,031
Total interest-bearing debt	622	1,012	871	768	665
Total interest-bearing debt adjusted	666	1,061	915	812	709
Net interest-bearing debt	548	958	856	679	583
Net interest-bearing debt adjusted	562	958	856	679	584
Working capital liabilities	80	28	29	30	30
Other current liabilities	66	108	112	112	112
Other non-current liabilities	1	43	48	48	48
Total equity	1,403	1,428	1,383	1,273	1,132
Total equity and liabilities	2,215	2,668	2,488	2,275	2,031
Total equity and liabilities (adj.)	2,215	2,668	2,488	2,275	2,031
Cash flow statement (USDm)	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
EBITDA	345	451	595	574	530
Tax paid	-9	-12	-21	-18	-15
Other cash flow from operations	-65	-49	-58	-54	-43
Funds from operations (FFO)	272	390	516	502	471
FFO (adjusted)	272	390	516	502	471
Change in working capital	15	11	-96	5	4
Operating cashflow (CFO)	288	402	420	508	475
CFO (adjusted)	288	402	420	508	475
Capex	-132	-617	-51	-32	-82
Divestments/acquisitions of businesses	0	0	0	0	0
Free operating cashflow (FOCF)	157	-216	370	476	393
FOCF (adjusted)	157	-216	370	476	393
Dividend paid	-57	-160	-250	-284	-284
Share buyback	0	0	0	0	0
Free cashflow (FCF)	102	-375	122	191	109
Other investing activities	2	0	2	0	0
Debt repayment	-182	-681	-224	-103	-103
Funding shortfall	-96	-1,070	-116	74	-8
New debt	92	1,052	72	0	0
New equity	0	0	0	0	0
Other financing activities	-7	5	-0	0	0
Change in cash	-11	-14	-45	74	-8

Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

Summary table

Adjusted ratios (USDm)	2024	2025	2026E	2027E	2028E
Sales growth	6%	16%	14%	-2%	-4%
EBITDA margin	44.6%	50.0%	58.0%	57.2%	55.1%
Adj. EBITDA margin	44.6%	50.0%	58.0%	57.2%	55.1%
EBIT margin	19.4%	29.9%	28.8%	24.5%	21.0%
Adj. EBIT margin	19.4%	29.9%	28.8%	24.5%	21.0%
EBITDA interest coverage (x)	4.8	5.8	8.6	10.7	12.2
Adj. EBITDA interest coverage (x)	5.0	6.0	8.8	10.7	12.2
EBIT interest coverage (x)	2.1	3.4	4.3	4.6	4.7
Adj. EBIT interest coverage (x)	2.2	3.6	4.4	4.6	4.7
FFO interest coverage (x)	3.8	5.0	7.4	9.4	10.9
Adj. FFO interest coverage (x)	3.9	5.2	7.6	9.4	10.9
CFO interest coverage (x)	4.0	5.1	6.1	9.5	11.0
Adj. CFO interest coverage (x)	4.2	5.3	6.2	9.5	11.0
Net debt/EBITDA (reported) (x)	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.1
Net debt/EBITDA (x)	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.1
Adj. net debt/adj. EBITDA (x)	1.6	2.1	1.4	1.2	1.1
Debt/EBITDA (x)	1.8	2.2	1.5	1.3	1.3
Adj. debt/adj. EBITDA (x)	1.9	2.4	1.5	1.4	1.3
Debt/EBITDA (reported) (x)	1.9	2.4	1.5	1.4	1.3
FFO/net debt	49.8%	40.8%	60.3%	74.0%	80.8%
Adj. FFO/adj. debt	40.9%	36.8%	56.4%	61.9%	66.5%
Adj. FFO/adj. net debt	48.5%	40.8%	60.3%	74.0%	80.7%
FFO/debt	43.8%	38.6%	59.2%	65.4%	70.8%
Adj. total debt/total capital	33.9%	44.5%	40.9%	41.6%	41.3%
Net debt/total capital	26.5%	38.5%	37.3%	32.5%	31.7%
Adj. net debt/adj. total capital	28.6%	40.1%	38.2%	34.8%	34.0%
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Ratios:					
Net debt to EBITDA	1.6x	2.1x	1.4x	1.2x	1.1x
Adj. net debt to EBITDA	1.6x	2.1x	1.4x	1.2x	1.1x
FFO to net debt	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%
Adj. FFO to net debt	0%	0%	0%	0%	0%

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Date	Old rec.	New rec.
6 Jan 2026	Overweight	Marketweight
10 Dec 2025	No recommendation	Overweight
17 Nov 2025	Overweight	No recommendation

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