

Stockholm Exergi

Strong underlying H1 2026 result driven by cold winter

Stockholm Exergi's (SE) H1 2026 result was relatively strong with group underlying EBITDA improving 5% y/y to SEK1.9bn. SE is ramping up its construction activities on its new carbon capture and storage facility (BECCS). The ensuing capex was, however, absorbed by lower working capital, leaving SE's net debt lower by 3% sequentially. We see SE's adj. FFO to net debt unchanged h/h at 14.5% which is well in line with S&P's requirements for its 'BBB' rating on SE. While SE has large amounts of capex ahead for BECCS, we note that most of this is covered by project-specific credit facilities. The FVHSAM Sep 26's could be refinanced shortly although this is not needed given SE's solid liquidity position. The risk of cost overruns, coupled with fairly tight pricing of the outstanding FVHSAM curve, leads us to maintain our Underweight recommendation.

SE's revenues improved 12% y/y. This was fuelled by an 11% increase in heat sales, driven by both higher prices and higher volumes delivered amounting to 4.5TWh up 6% y/y. The higher prices were driven by higher input fuel costs while demand was spurred by a colder than normal winter in Stockholm. On top of this, SE also recorded a 20% y/y increase in electricity sales, driven by higher spot prices and a 51% y/y increase in generation to 0.6TWh. The latter exemplifies one of the key strengths of SE, which is its ability to exploit high market electricity prices by switching production from heat over to electricity. In periods when electricity prices are low, it can produce heat from electricity driven by heat pumps. SE's reported EBITDA declined 1% y/y due to higher fuel costs. This also, however, includes a one-off gain of SEK100m last year. Excluding this, we see clean EBITDA being up 5% y/y.

Key figures

SEKm	H1 25	H2 25	H1 26	y/y	h/h
Total sales	4,938	3,693	5,510	11.6%	49.2%
EBITDA (rep.)	1,875	1,261	1,856	-1.0%	47.2%
EBITDA (adj.)	1,866	1,252	1,847	-1.0%	47.6%
Net Income	643	38	692	7.6%	1721.1%
FFO(rep.)	1,704	672	1,461	-14.3%	117.4%
FFO (adj.)	1,451	886	1,378	-5.0%	55.6%
Equity	11,950	11,818	12,220	2.3%	3.4%
Net debt	14,739	16,097	15,643	6.1%	-2.8%
Net debt (adj.)	14,739	16,097	15,643	6.1%	-2.8%
Ratios	H1 25	H2 25	H1 26	y/y	h/h
EBITDA-margin	38%	34%	34%	-4pp	0pp
Net debt / EBITDA	4.6	5.1	5.0	0.4	-0.1
Adj. net debt / Adj. EBITDA	4.6	5.2	5.0	0.4	-0.1
FFO / Net debt	17%	15%	14%	-3pp	-1pp
Adj. FFO / Adj. net debt	16%	15%	14%	-2pp	0pp
Adj. Total debt / Total capital	55%	59%	62%	6pp	3pp
Net debt / Total capital	55%	56%	49%	-6pp	-7pp

Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

Underweight

Utilities

Corporate ticker: FVHSAM

Equity ticker: 0679451D SS

Ratings:

S&P: BBB / S

Moody's: NR / NR

Fitch: NR / NR

ESG rating:

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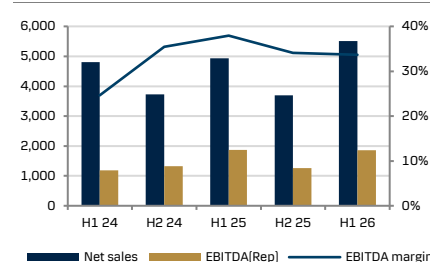
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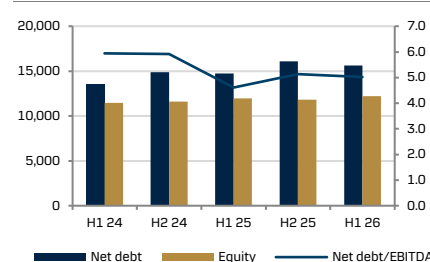
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Profitability (SEKm)



Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

Financial metrics (SEKm)



Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research

Financials

SE recorded a strong operating cash flow of SEK2.6bn up 21% y/y. This was driven by the solid operating result coupled with a strong seasonal reduction in working capital yielding SEK1.1bn. This helped cushion SE's high capex, mainly for the BECCS construction, and landed its FCF at positive SEK524m. The ensuing 3% decline in reported net debt to SEK15.6bn, caused reported net debt to EBITDA to improve to 5x from 5.1x h/h. We note that the BECCS capex, coupled with maintenance capex, will offset higher expected earnings in the coming couple of years and will weigh on SE's metrics. We forecast net debt to EBITDA to grow to 5.4x by 2027. Naturally this is a forecast that is highly sensitive to the BECCS project not encountering budget overruns.

Rating

S&P's 'BBB' rating on SE is contingent on SE to keeping adj. FFO to net debt above 11%. We estimate this metric at 14.5% (unchanged h/h) after H1 26. On our forecast numbers, we estimate that this metric will decline to 12.8% by 2027. As such, and barring budget overruns on BECCS, we expect SE to be able to retain its 'BBB' rating. When the BECCS project is complete in late 2028, metric improvements from the running operations plus the subsidy income from the BECCS facility, could make an upgrade a theme.

Liquidity

On the face of it, SE's short-term liquidity calls for funding needs in the coming 12 months. After H1 26, SE had cash of SEK3.9bn. We forecast operating cash inflow of SEK2.7bn in the coming 12 months. This will be insufficient to cover short-term debt maturities of SEK1.2bn, capex of around SEK5.5bn and dividends of SEK0.4bn. We stress, however, that most of the capex needs will be covered by committed project-specific credit facilities for the BECCS project. SE has SEK1.472bn maturing shortly. While this could be refinanced, we stress that SE does not need to.

Recommendation

We see the H1 2026 result as moderately supportive from a credit perspective. A result where SE demonstrated its strong underlying business within district heating and power production. Our main reservation regarding SE as a credit investment is the budget overrun risks in connection with the BECCS construction. We also flag that input fuel costs remain elevated and could rise further to levels where price pass-through to end-clients can become a challenge. We see the outstanding FVHSAM trading in line with the 'BBB' fair value curve and somewhat tighter than comparable peers. For these reasons we maintain our Underweight recommendation on FVHSAM.

Company summary

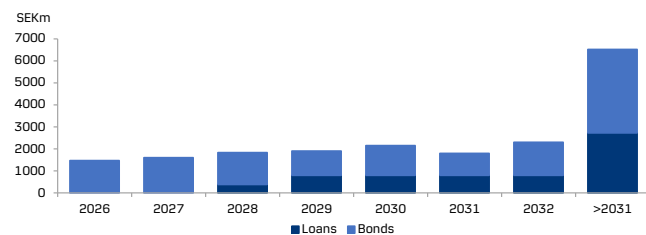
Company description

Stockholm Exergi is a Swedish district heat, power and cooling producer and supplier. Operating in the greater Stockholm area, it has annual heat deliveries of around 8TWh – over 17% of total Swedish district heat demand. The group is also active within district cooling and power generation. Stockholm Exergi has divested all its gas activities. Today, more than 80% of Stockholm Exergi's fuels are renewable and the company targets complete CO2 neutrality by 2030 at the latest.

Key credit strengths

- Sole position in the district heating market in Stockholm
- Stable earnings over the cycle
- Renewable portfolio
- Strong and supportive owners
- Decent diversification with exposure to heat, cooling and power generation

Debt maturity profile



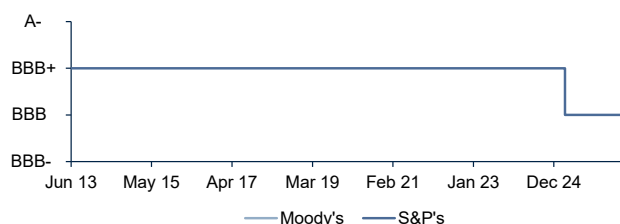
Note: DB estimate as of H1 2026

Selected outstanding bonds

Isin	Coupon	Currency	Maturity/Call	Payment rank	Rating*
SE0013101912	1.085%	SEK	17/09/2027	Sr Unsecured	NR/BBB
SE0020356541		FRN	05/06/2030	Sr Unsecured	NR/BBB
SE0021512985		FRN	24/06/2031	Sr Unsecured	NR/NR
SE0020356749		FRN	25/03/2032	Sr Unsecured	NR/NR

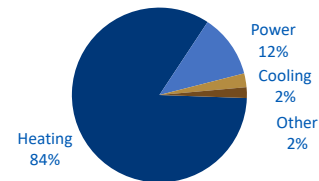
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Rating migration



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

Sales breakdown, segments



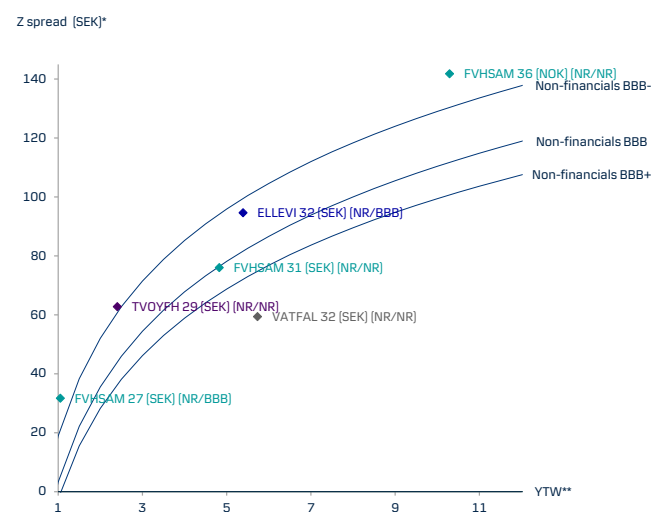
Key credit challenges

- Limited geographical diversification
- High leverage
- High capex programme
- Risk from alternative heating sources
- Exposed to warm winters and cold summers

Main shareholders

Name	Votes (%)	Capital (%)
City of Stockholm	50.0%	50.0%
Ankhiale consortium	50.0%	50.0%

Relative valuation



* Swapped to indicated currency. ** Years-to-worst.
Note: Fair value curve(s) based on Danske Bank Credit Research's index group of EUR bonds.

Summary table

Income statement (SEKm)	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
Total sales	8,501	8,542	8,630	9,800	11,500
Operating expenses	-4,177	-3,735	-3,016	-3,425	-4,019
EBITDA	2,143	2,512	3,136	3,600	4,200
EBITDA adjusted	2,112	2,475	3,117	3,581	4,181
Non-recurring items	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation and amortisation	-1,556	-1,602	-1,810	-1,933	-2,133
EBIT	587	910	1,326	1,667	2,067
EBIT adjusted	587	910	1,326	1,667	2,067
Net interest	-422	-459	-449	-486	-566
Other financial items (net)	12	45	16	24	37
Pre-tax profit	161	450	884	1,181	1,501
Tax	-38	-91	-203	-472	-600
Net income	123	359	681	709	900
Balance sheet (SEKm)	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
Fixed assets	26,310	26,921	28,757	31,724	35,791
Goodwill	334	429	205	205	205
Associates	0	0	0	0	0
Other non-current assets	6	7	8	9	10
Working capital assets	2,761	2,787	2,617	2,972	3,487
Cash and cash equivalents	130	873	829	449	567
of which restricted cash	7	8	9	10	11
Other current assets	1,754	1,431	1,738	1,738	1,738
Total assets	31,626	32,837	34,494	37,108	41,613
Total assets (adj.)	31,653	32,864	34,494	37,111	41,616
Total interest-bearing debt	14,940	15,756	16,926	19,226	23,226
Total interest-bearing debt adjusted	14,967	15,783	16,926	19,229	23,229
Net interest-bearing debt	14,810	14,883	16,097	18,777	22,659
Net interest-bearing debt adjusted	14,837	14,910	16,097	18,780	22,662
Working capital liabilities	739	1,107	1,333	1,514	1,776
Other current liabilities	1,324	1,237	1,141	1,141	1,141
Other non-current liabilities	3,220	3,127	3,277	3,277	3,277
Total equity	11,400	11,607	11,818	12,132	12,637
Total equity and liabilities	31,626	32,837	34,494	37,108	41,613
Total equity and liabilities (adj.)	31,653	32,864	34,494	37,111	41,616
Cash flow statement (SEKm)	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
EBITDA	2,143	2,512	3,136	3,600	4,200
Tax paid	-131	-202	-275	-271	-600
Other cash flow from operations	-431	-595	-483	-540	-634
Funds from operations (FFO)	1,581	1,715	2,378	2,789	2,966
FFO (adjusted)	1,511	1,694	2,335	2,751	2,928
Change in working capital	-223	401	50	-174	-253
Operating cashflow (CFO)	1,358	2,116	2,428	2,615	2,713
CFO (adjusted)	1,358	2,116	2,428	2,615	2,713
Capex	-1,658	-2,134	-3,381	-4,900	-6,200
Divestments/acquisitions of businesses	-191	0	0	0	0
Free operating cashflow (FOCF)	-491	-18	-953	-2,285	-3,487
FOCF (adjusted)	-491	-18	-953	-2,285	-3,487
Dividend paid	-850	0	-359	-395	-395
Share buyback	0	0	0	0	0
Free cashflow (FCF)	-1,341	-18	-1,312	-2,680	-3,882
Other investing activities	0	0	0	0	0
Debt repayment	-1,631	-3,036	-2,906	-2,700	-3,000
Funding shortfall	-2,972	-3,054	-4,218	-5,380	-6,882
New debt	3,100	4,480	4,176	5,000	7,000
New equity	0	0	0	0	0
Other financing activities	0	-683	-2	0	0
Change in cash	128	743	-44	-380	118

Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research estimates

Summary table

Adjusted ratios (SEKm)	2023	2024	2025	2026E	2027E
Sales growth	4%	0%	1%	14%	17%
EBITDA margin	25.2%	29.4%	36.3%	36.7%	36.5%
Adj. EBITDA margin	24.8%	29.0%	36.1%	36.5%	36.4%
EBIT margin	6.9%	10.7%	15.4%	17.0%	18.0%
Adj. EBIT margin	6.9%	10.7%	15.4%	17.0%	18.0%
EBITDA interest coverage (x)	4.9	4.7	6.5	6.7	6.7
Adj. EBITDA interest coverage (x)	4.8	4.6	6.4	6.7	6.6
EBIT interest coverage (x)	1.3	1.7	2.8	3.1	3.3
Adj. EBIT interest coverage (x)	1.3	1.7	2.8	3.1	3.3
FFO interest coverage (x)	3.6	3.2	4.9	5.2	4.7
Adj. FFO interest coverage (x)	3.5	3.2	4.8	5.2	4.7
CFO interest coverage (x)	3.1	4.0	5.0	4.9	4.3
Adj. CFO interest coverage (x)	3.1	4.0	5.0	4.9	4.3
Net debt/EBITDA (reported) (x)	6.9	5.9	5.1	5.2	5.4
Net debt/EBITDA (x)	7.0	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.4
Adj. net debt/adj. EBITDA (x)	7.0	6.0	5.2	5.2	5.4
Debt/EBITDA (x)	7.0	6.3	5.4	5.3	5.5
Adj. debt/adj. EBITDA (x)	7.1	6.4	5.4	5.4	5.6
Debt/EBITDA (reported) (x)	7.0	6.3	5.4	5.3	5.5
FFO/net debt	10.7%	11.5%	14.8%	14.9%	13.1%
Adj. FFO/adj. debt	10.1%	10.7%	13.8%	14.3%	12.6%
Adj. FFO/adj. net debt	10.2%	11.4%	14.5%	14.6%	12.9%
FFO/debt	10.6%	10.9%	14.0%	14.5%	12.8%
Adj. total debt/total capital	57.0%	59.5%	60.6%	62.2%	65.8%
Net debt/total capital	56.2%	54.4%	56.0%	59.9%	63.2%
Adj. net debt/adj. total capital	56.5%	56.2%	57.7%	60.8%	64.2%
Half-yearly overview (SEKm)	H1 24	H2 24	H1 25	H2 25	H1 26
Net sales	4,810	3,732	4,938	3,693	5,510
EBITDA	1,187	1,324	1,875	1,261	1,856
Adj. EBITDA	1,169	1,306	1,866	1,252	1,847
EBIT	391	519	1,032	294	1,055
Net income	113	246	643	38	692
Capex	-660	-1,474	-1,543	-1,838	-1,651
FFO	919	797	1,704	672	1,461
Total debt	15,000	15,756	14,894	16,926	19,571
Net debt	13,542	14,883	14,739	16,097	15,643
Adjusted net debt	13,542	14,883	14,739	16,097	15,643
Equity (incl. minorities)	11,469	11,607	11,950	11,818	12,220
Ratios					
Net debt to EBITDA (x)	6	6	5	5	5
Adj. net debt to EBITDA (x)	6	6	5	5	5
FFO to net debt	13%	12%	17%	15%	14%
Adj. FFO to net debt	11%	11%	16%	15%	14%

Source: Company data, Danske Bank Credit Research estimates

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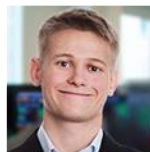
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