Keeping its momentum

WANdisco's trading update confirmed that momentum continued into Q4, both in terms of commercial progress with the Subversion application lifecycle management business and in hitting development milestones in big data, where the first product launches are now anticipated in Q1.

Year end	Revenue (US\$m)	PBT* (US\$m)	EPS* (c)	Net cash/(debt) (US\$m)	P/E (X)	Yield (%)
12/11	3.9	(1.0)	(20.4)	(0.7)	N/A	N/A
12/12e	5.3	(4.1)	(28.2)	14.8	N/A	N/A
12/13e	8.2	(5.1)	(23.6)	11.5	N/A	N/A
12/14e	12.8	(3.6)	(16.6)	10.8	N/A	N/A

*PBT and EPS are normalised, excluding intangible amortisation, exceptional items and share-based payments.

Strong bookings, renewals and new client momentum

Fourth quarter subscription bookings of \$2.53m (vs Edison \$2.5m) are up 76% yearon-year (25% sequentially) with full year bookings of \$7.92m up 71% year-on-year. The annualised renewal rate by booking value of 140% signals that existing customers are continuing to spend more, with significant increases from four large customers driving particularly strong growth in this figure. (Stripping this out, the renewal rate was 116%). New customers included Apple, Fujitsu, Cap Gemini and General Dynamics while another division of Cisco has also become a customer.

Significant advances in big data strategy

While the statement contains no new news regarding the developments in big data/Hadoop, the company had clearly taken large strides forward over the course of Q4. In particular, the November 2012 acquisition of AltoStor significantly strengthened the company's credentials in the arena, expanding the product set and accelerating the anticipated launch of first products from 2014 to H113. We now understand that the first three product launches are anticipated to be within Q1, meaning initial bookings should come in this year.

Estimates unchanged, but good grounds for upside

We maintain our estimates, with bookings forecast to grow at a CAGR of 47% from 2012 through 2014 and sales growth of 56%. It is worth noting that our 2013 forecasts do not factor in any contribution from Hadoop which should be incremental to our forecasts, with potentially significantly higher average subscription fees than for the more established Subversion Application Lifecycle Management products. We will address this when we have more visibility on potential booking volumes and prices.

Valuation: What price for exposure to the core of Hadoop?

With the company rated at 14x 2014 EV/sales, clearly substantial growth prospects are being priced in. However, we feel that a continuation of the progress shown over the course of Q4 should project the company into a select group of four or five independent companies at the core of Hadoop, one of the key technologies underpinning the structural growth of big data. Progress over the next few months will give us a clearer picture of the commercial potential, but if the company executes on its plans then we can still see significant upside potential.

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Technology

	15 January 2013			
Price	585.0p			
Market cap	£125m			
	£1/US\$1.6			
Shares in issue Free float Code Net cash (30 June 2012)	21.3m 58% WAND \$22m			
Primary exchange Other exchanges	AIM N/A			

Share price performance



Business description

WANdisco is a distributed computing company. It has applied its proprietary replication technology to open-source tools to claim a strong position in the software version control market. It is now targeting the big data infrastructure market.

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Full year results

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Exhibit 1: Financial summary

	\$'000s 201	0 20'	1 2012e	2013e	2014 0
Year end 31 December	IFR				IFRS
PROFIT & LOSS					
Revenue	2,98	4 3,87	78 5,258	8,188	12,769
Cost of Sales	(58			(1,320)	(1,881)
Gross Profit	2,39			6,868	10,888
EBITDA	(82			(3,140)	(131)
Operating Profit (before amort. and except.)	(1,47			(5,195)	(3,686)
Intangible Amortisation		0	0 0		(0,000)
Exceptionals	(20			0	0
Share based payments	(18			(100)	(100)
Operating Profit	(1,86			(5,295)	(3,786)
Net Interest	(1,00		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	100	100
Profit Before Tax (norm)	(1,57			(5,095)	(3,586)
Profit Before Tax (FRS 3)	(1,95			(5,195)	(3,686)
Tax			25 74	52	37
Profit After Tax (norm)	(1,52			(5,043)	(3,549)
Profit After Tax (FRS 3)	(1,91			(5,143)	(3,649)
Average Number of Shares Outstanding (m)	4		.5 14.3		21.3
EPS - normalised (c)	(33.	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		(23.6)	(16.6)
EPS - normalised and fully diluted (c)	(33.			(23.6)	(16.6)
EPS - (IFRS) (c)	(42.			(24.1)	(17.1)
Dividend per share (c)	0	0 0	.0 0.0	0.0	0.0
Gross Margin (%)	80	3 92	.2 83.4	83.9	85.3
EBITDA Margin (%)	N/	A N	/A N/A	N/A	-1.0
Operating Margin (before GW and except.) (%)	N/	A N	A N/A	N/A	N/A
BALANCE SHEET					
Fixed Assets	1,19	8 1,38	36 9,171	11,676	12,671
Intangible Assets	1,11				12,643
Tangible Assets			-3 9,143 -3 28		28
Investments		0	0 0		0
Current Assets	28				
					14,051
Stocks Debtors	20	0	0 0 38 1.980		3.249
Cash			74 14,819	2,280 11,483	10,802
			1	1	
Other Current Liabilities		0			0
Creditors	(6,08			(14,752) (14,752)	(19,484)
	(5,45				(19,404)
Short term borrowings	(63				
Long Term Liabilities		5) (7	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	(5)	(5)
Long term borrowings		0 (6			0
Other long term liabilities			5) (5)		(5)
Net Assets	(4,60	9) (5,57	3) 15,624	10,682	7,233
CASH FLOW					
Operating Cash Flow	84	0 97	73 (3,270)	1,072	3,732
Net Interest	(9	7) (7	5) 100	100	100
Tax		0	0 74	52	37
Capex (inc capitalised R&D)	(1,13	4) (1,21	4) (4,140)	(4,560)	(4,550)
Acquisitions/disposals		0	0 (1,500)	0	0
Financing		0	0 24,252	0	0
Dividends		0	0 0	0	0
Net Cash Flow	(39	1) (31	6) 15,515	(3,336)	(682)
Opening net debt/(cash)	16	3 55	696	(14,819)	(11,483)
		0	0 0		0
HP finance leases initiated		0			
Other		0 17			(0)

Source: WANdisco, Edison Investment Research



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