# **WindowMaster**



flarket: First North DK Ticker: WMA Share price (DKK): 6.30 Market cap (DKKm): 91.4 Net debt (DKKm): 64.7 (end 2023) Enterprise value (DKKm): 156.1

## **Share information**



Note: \*WindowMaster's IPO date was 27 October 2020 (subscription price of DKK 10.42). We apply the closing price from 7 June 2024 (Source: Nasdaq).

### **Financials**

241.4	070.0	
271.7	238.0	265.0-275.0
14%	-1%	11-16%
22.8	19.3	28.0-33.0
9%	8%	10-12%
-2.4	-11.1	N/A
-1%	-5%	N/A
3.0	2.5	N/A
71.2	67.2	N/A
	22.8 9% -2.4 -1% 3.0	22.8 19.3 9% 8% -2.4 -11.1 -1% -5% 3.0 2.5

#### **Valuation multiples**

	2022	2023	2024E*			
P/S (x)	0.4	0.3	0.3			
EV/Sales (x)	0.7	0.5	0.6			
EV/EBITDA (x)	7.0	6.8	5.1			
EV/EBIT (x)	47.7	-97.7	N/A			
P/E (x)	-46.4	-5.9	N/A			
P/B (x)	2.6	2.5	N/A			
P/CF (x)	6.3	3.1	N/A			
Note: Multiples for 2022 and 2023 are based on historical numbers. *Multiples for 2024E are based on the midpoint in WindowMaster's guidance range.						

#### **Company description**

Founded in 1990, WindowMaster is a CleanTech company that provides natural ventilation solutions and heat and smoke ventilation solutions, primarily for larger buildings and for commercial use. With production in Germany and sales offices across Europe and North America, WindowMaster has a global presence. In 2015, the CEO and major shareholder Erik Boyter made a management buy-in. The company was listed in 2020.

#### Investment case

Buildings account for approx. 40% of Europe's energy consumption and 72% hereof originate from heating, ventilation, and lightning. WindowMaster's natural ventilation solutions support the transition to net-zero emission buildings, which also is a focus area in the EU Green Deal Industrial Plan. Compared to other Nordic GreenTech companies, WindowMaster is relatively far in its commercialization phase, and should therefore be able to utilize the increased market opportunities.

Despite challenging market conditions in the construction industry, WindowMaster delivered flat growth (approx. -1%) in 2023, which is better than the construction/building-related companies in the peer group. This supports that WindowMaster is less cyclical and exposed to secular growth trends. Recent guidance upgrade shows strong momentum in 2024 with a record high order intake. Order intake is up 19% YoY on a 12-month basis, and revenue growth is 23% YTD by May 2024.

Looking at valuation, WindowMaster trades at 0.6x EV/Sales (2024E) and 5.1x EV/EBITDA (2024E), if WindowMaster delivers on the 2024 guidance (midpoints in ranges). The valuation multiples are below the peer group median (1.0x EV/Sales and 9.5x EV/EBITDA), consisting of larger Danish building-related companies and a Finnish company. Being somewhat less cyclical than the peer group may justify a premium to WindowMaster's multiples. On the other hand, investors may demand a discount on WindowMaster due to its less liquid shares and smaller size than the peers.

#### **Key investment reasons**

Interest rates topping out seem to have changed the negative investor sentiment and market outlook toward companies exposed to both the green- and construction sectors. In 2024, WindowMaster has lifted its guidance twice followed by comments of a better market outlook. In addition to that, high operational gearing potential has been confirmed by a lift in margins.

In 2023 and the first part of 2024, WindowMaster delivered increased sales from its project business. Higher growth and thereby capacity utilization is an important part of its strategy plan, which targets 10-15% yearly organic growth and an EBITDA margin of approx. 15% in 2026 (up from 10-12% in 2024E).

A potential long-term growth driver may be M&A activities. Recently, some larger industry players have acquired smaller companies, and some of the large industry players are also looking to sell their non-core business areas.

#### **Key investment risks**

The future growth and demand for WindowMaster's natural ventilation solutions are somewhat dependent on the continued political focus on green building regulations. Potential postponements of new regulations could lead to lower-than-expected growth rates in the future.

Despite being less cyclical due to secular trends from energy renovation and public investment commitments as well as recurring revenue from service contracts, WindowMaster is still dependent on the building activity and thus also macroeconomic risk. This was shown in 2023 which caused a one-year delay in its financial targets.

There is still some uncertainty regarding interest rate cycles, and it remains unclear how much of the improved sentiment and market growth in the current construction cycle is permanent or merely pent-up demand.

#### Peer group

Company	Price	Total return	Market cap	Latest net debt	EV/Sa	iles (x)	EV/EB	TDA (x)	Revenue growth (CAGR)	EBITDA growth (CAGR)
	(local)	YTD	(EURm)	(EURm)	2023	2024E	2023	2024E	2022-2024E	2022-2024E
Rockwool	2832.0 DKK	43.0%	8,077.4	-338.9	1.5	2.0	7.0	9.2	-1.4%	15.1%
Purmo Group	10.55 EUR	57.0%	450.3	226.3	0.7	0.9	5.4	6.9	-10.7%	2.6%
H+H International	109.4 DKK	26.5%	239.6	134.9	1.1	1.0	12.1	14.7	-12.8%	-46.3%
TCM Group	67.8 DKK	54.3%	94.9	41.0	0.7	0.9	10.7	9.7	-1.6%	-4.9%
Median of selected companies		48.7%	345.0	87.9	0.9	1.0	8.8	9.5	-6.2%	-1.2%
WindowMaster International	6.3 DKK	38.8%	12.3	8.7	0.5	0.6	6.8	5.1	5.8%	15.7%

Note: Being in a B2B niche market with high exposure to the green agenda, there is no direct peer to WindowMaster. For perspective, however, the peer group primarily consists of Danish building-related companies, which are Rockwool, H+H International, and TCM Group (larger companies). We have also included the Finnish-based Purmo Group, which is a large supplier of sustainable indoor climate comfort solutions. We apply the midpoint in WindowMaster's guidance range for 2024E, and Capital IQ consensus mean estimates for all peers in 2024E. Data is extracted on 8 June 2024. Source: Capital IQ, WindowMaster, and HC Andersen Capital.