DIRK Mitgliederversammlung Fall 2022 Consensus management

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Why do we need consensus management at all?

Consensus management

Constant monitoring and management of capital markets expectations as well as regular, proactive dialogue with sell- & buy-side is key task of IR

External

Consensus as main factor for share price reactions

- Always know capital market sentiment and estimates
- Control the narrative and avoid surprises (both positive and negative)
- Focus is regularly on the sell-side, but buy-side expectations might differ

Internal

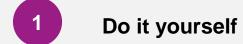
Consensus as important internal benchmark

- Own company's and peer estimates as internal benchmark, e.g. for internal planning
- Both as short-term trend indicator (current trading) as well as long-term guideline
- Detailed estimates available for wide range of KPIs and divisions



How to best monitor capital markets expectations?

Two options to monitor consensus estimates





- + Detailed knowledge of individual estimates
- + More direct contact to analysts
- Lots of (manual) work
- Not externally "certified"



Use a service provider – Examples:







Bloomberg

FACTSET

- + Fully customizable
- + Open to all brokers
- + Public website
- No "live" consensus

- + Always up-to-date
- + Great level of detail
- Pay for access
- Only limited number of brokers included

- + Still widely used by investors
- Often outdated
- Limited number of KPIs



How is the Evonik IR Team doing consensus management?

Before quarter-end

Internal "Prognosegespräch" with CFO, Controlling, Accounting, IR

Last touchpoints with analysts

Q-results release

Intense analyst discussion on reporting day and the following days

~ 2-3 weeks before reporting

Publication of consensus (pre results) by **Vara Research**

~ 2-3 weeks after reporting

Publication of consensus (post results) by **Vara Research**

After 3-4 days

First indication on consensus trends in **Visible Alpha**

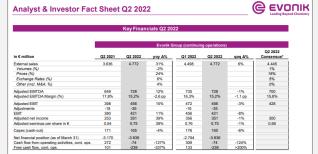
Constantly: Monitoring of Visible Alpha & Bloomberg consensus



What do we do with the collected consensus estimates at Evonik?

External use





- Publication on external Vara Research website with link from IR website; email from IR on updates
- Use in reporting factsheet for direct comparison with actual results
- Provide high level of transparency Ensure analysts use the "right consensus"

Internal use





- Shared internally via "Teams" channel
- Part of every monthly performance review
- Benchmark for quarterly & mid-term planning
- Regular requests for peer data
- Consensus is widely available internally



Summary: The Evonik perspective

Consensus management is **THE** key task of Investor Relations

Use an **external service provider** – but also keep an eye on other sources

Be as transparent as possible

Make sure that consensus data are on the agenda of management board and relevant internal functions

Despite all the consensus data: Don't forget about your equity story!



The international perspective on consensus management

Panel discussion with:

- Laura Hayter, IR Society
- Yvette Lokker, CIRI
- Matt Brusch, NIRI
- Ian Matheson, AIRA



