

Buy

Share price (20/04/26)	EUR 1.98
Target price	EUR 3.00 (from EUR 2.70)
Risk	Medium
Bloomberg	CABKA:NA
Shares number (m)	24.7
Market cap (m)	EUR 49m
Net debt 12/25 (m)	EUR 63
Net debt/EBITDA 12/26	2.8
1 year price perf.	+1.5%
Diff. with EuroStoxx	-22.2%
Volume (sh/day)	4,285
L/H 1 year	EUR 1.41 -2.16
Free Float	46.5%
RAM.ON Finance	49.3%
Eikenbosch	4.3%

Company description

Cabka produces pallets and large containers made from mainly recycled plastic using proprietary technology, increasingly using customized designs. It also manufactures eco products, made entirely out of recycled plastic.



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Cabka

Solid start to 2026

- Q1-26 revenues +7% to EUR 47.3m, above our estimate of EUR 44.5m, profitability improving.
- Order intake improving, reiterates guidance for higher FY26 revenues and EBITDA
- We will modestly raise our estimates and raise our target price from EUR 2.70 to EUR 3.00, Buy reiterated

Facts: Revenue beat in Q1 with higher profitability

- **Revenue beat in Q1.** Cabka reported a 7% increase in Q1-26 revenues to EUR 47.3m, above our estimate of EUR 44.5m, Thanks to strong execution of the strategy and disciplined cost management, profitability improved 'significantly' yoy.
- **Solid growth driven by Europe.** The revenue growth benefited from strong performance in Portfolio Europe (+10%) and Contract Manufacturing Europe (+32%), while the shift towards Contract Manufacturing in the US also continued to drive higher capacity utilisation. The US Portfolio business (-18%) was under pressure in line with expectations, but the strengthened US sales organisation continues to build pipeline, which should drive an improvement in the course of the year. Pooling & Customised Solutions in Europe (-1%) has solid underlying performance versus a strong comparison base, while the ECO segment (+1%) saw higher product sales offset by lower recycling fees.
- **Reiterates FY26 guidance.** Cabka reiterates its guidance for higher revenues and EBITDA in FY26. It adds that order intake developed positively across segments, and that it will remain focused on disciplined execution and cash generation as it navigates the volatile geopolitical environment.

Our view: Encouraging start with good outlook

This is a very encouraging start to 2026, with solid revenue growth that also translates into higher profitability. The sales growth helps to raise utilisation rates of the plants, which is a powerful driver for margin expansion given the high share of fixed costs. In combination with the effect of the cost savings implemented last year, this should drive up the margin towards the 2028 target of 13-15%.

EUR	12/22a	12/23a	12/24a	12/25a	12/26e	12/27e	12/28e
Sales	208.9	196.9	181.5	180.0	186.0	197.7	210.8
EBITDA	-15.5	19.8	18.1	21.0	22.3	26.7	29.5
Adj. Net Profit	-29.8	1.7	-5.0	-6.1	-0.9	3.2	5.6
Adj. EPS	-1.24	0.07	-0.20	-0.25	-0.04	0.13	0.22
CF per share	-0.49	0.64	0.40	0.49	0.72	0.87	0.96
Dividend ps	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.06	0.09
EV/EBITDA	-12.4	10.4	6.8	5.1	5.0	4.3	3.9
Adj. P/E	-4.9	88.2	-10.4	-7.2	-54.3	15.2	8.8
Dividend yield	2.5%	2.5%	-	-	7.6%	3.0%	4.5%

Source: Cabka/Degroof Petercam estimates

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It is also a positive sign that the pipeline and order intake continue to improve, as that increases confidence that the company can continue to realise good revenue growth in the remainder of the year. The rising prices of virgin plastics should enhance Cabka's competitive position, as it mainly uses recycled plastics instead of virgin plastics for its products.

We will modestly raise our estimates to reflect the strong revenue outlook and encouraging comments on profitability.

Investment conclusion: Buy, target price raised to EUR 3.00

We rate the shares of Cabka a Buy and see the following drivers for the share price:

- **Strong offering driving higher sales.** The favourable sustainability profile (becoming increasingly important due to new EU regulations) in combination with an attractive total cost of ownership, should allow Cabka to gain market share over the coming years. The reinforced sales organization should help to drive revenue growth.
- **Increasing production efficiency.** Thanks to investments in especially the plants in Weira and Hazelwood, Cabka has improved its efficiency while raising capacity. In combination with other cost saving and efficiency initiatives, this should drive the EBIT margin to 13-15% by 2028 and to >15% by 2030.
- **Valuation.** Due to some setbacks in recent years, Cabka trades at only 4x 2027 EBITDA, a significant discount to its peer group. Our target price is based on stable valuation ratios and DCF, and we raise it from EUR 2.70 to EUR 3.00 to reflect the expected increase in our estimates. This target price offers substantial upside, ahead of the average of our Benelux universe. We expect that earnings recovery will drive a revaluation of the shares.

Profit & loss (EUR m)	12/22a	12/23a	12/24a	12/25a	12/26e	12/27e	12/28e
Revenues	226.8	198.9	192.1	183.6	192.2	204.1	217.4
(of which sales)	208.9	196.9	181.5	180.0	186.0	197.7	210.8
Organic growth yoy	20.5%	11.4%	-21.7%	-0.4%	3.3%	6.3%	6.6%
Purchased services & goods	-131.5	-102.2	-99.9	-91.3	-96.6	-102.3	-108.9
Gross profit	95.3	96.6	92.2	92.3	95.6	101.7	108.5
Personnel costs	-40.4	-42.6	-44.9	-42.7	-44.6	-46.5	-45.7
Other costs	-70.4	-34.3	-29.2	-28.6	-28.6	-28.6	-33.2
EBITDA	-15.5	19.8	18.1	21.0	22.3	26.7	29.5
Adjusted EBITDA	22.5	24.2	20.5	21.7	22.3	26.7	29.5
Adjusted EBITDA-margin	-22.4%	+7.6%	-15.3%	+6.0%	+2.7%	+19.6%	+10.6%
EBITA	-33.2	2.8	-1.3	2.0	4.1	8.8	11.7
Adjusted EBIT	4.5	7.1	0.4	2.3	3.7	8.4	11.3
Adjusted EBIT-margin	2.1	3.6	0.2	1.3	2.0	4.3	5.4
Amortization	-0.3	-0.6	-0.8	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4	-0.4
EBIT	-33.5	2.3	-2.1	1.6	3.7	8.4	11.3
Net Interest costs	-0.8	-3.9	-4.1	-5.9	-4.8	-4.4	-4.4
Other financial costs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net financial costs	-0.8	-3.9	-4.1	-5.9	-4.8	-4.4	-4.4
Profit before tax	-34.3	-1.6	-6.2	-4.3	-1.1	4.0	6.9
Taxes	4.5	-0.3	-4.1	-3.1	0.2	-0.8	-1.4
Tax rate	13.1%	-20.5%	-66.7%	-72.1%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Minorities	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Discontinued & exceptional items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net profit	-29.8	-2.0	-10.3	-7.4	-0.9	3.2	5.6
Adjusted net profit	-29.8	1.7	-5.0	-6.1	-0.9	3.2	5.6
Balance sheet (EUR m)	12/22a	12/23a	12/24a	12/25a	12/26e	12/27e	12/28e
Tangible fixed assets	77.6	80.8	83.9	71.9	69.8	69.0	69.3
Right of use assets	0.0	10.2	11.6	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other intangible assets	0.7	2.8	2.7	2.2	2.1	2.0	1.9
Financial fixed assets	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Deferred tax assets	7.3	8.0	5.9	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5
Total fixed assets	85.8	101.9	104.3	87.6	85.4	84.5	84.7
Inventories	41.7	32.1	36.2	34.1	35.2	37.5	39.9
Trade receivables	31.8	27.6	19.5	19.0	19.7	21.2	22.6
Other current assets	8.8	12.7	9.1	10.7	11.6	12.5	13.5
Cash & cash equivalents	21.0	7.3	4.4	3.1	2.5	3.1	19.1
Total current assets	103.3	79.5	69.3	66.9	69.0	74.2	95.0
Assets held for sale	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total assets	189.1	181.4	173.5	154.5	154.4	158.7	179.7
Equity	72.7	70.7	56.7	50.7	49.8	49.3	53.4
Minorities & preference shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Equity	72.7	70.7	56.7	50.7	49.8	49.3	53.4
Long-term interest-bearing debt	33.1	32.3	30.0	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.6
Long-term lease debt	5.3	11.0	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9	8.9
Employee benefit provisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other provisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Deferred taxed liabilities	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other long-term liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Total non-current liabilities	39.0	43.4	39.4	38.9	38.9	38.9	38.9
Short-term interest-bearing debt	25.3	17.5	32.2	22.1	22.0	25.0	40.0
Short term lease debt	2.0	3.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3	5.3
Accounts payable	35.2	32.6	29.0	24.7	25.5	27.1	28.9
Other current liabilities	14.9	14.0	10.9	12.8	12.9	13.0	13.2
Total current liabilities	77.4	67.3	77.4	64.9	65.7	70.5	87.4
Liabilities held for sale	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total equity & liabilities	189.1	181.4	173.5	154.5	154.4	158.7	179.7

Source: Cabka/Degroof Petercam estimates

Cash Flow (EUR m)	12/22a	12/23a	12/24a	12/25a	12/26e	12/27e	12/28e
EBIT	-33.5	2.3	-2.1	1.6	3.7	8.4	11.3
Depreciations	17.7	17.0	19.4	19.0	18.2	17.9	17.8
Amortisation	0.3	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Impairment	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Changes in provisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Changes in inventories	-10.9	9.7	-4.2	2.1	-1.1	-2.2	-2.5
Changes in receivables	-6.6	0.4	11.6	-1.0	-0.7	-1.4	-1.4
Changes in payables	6.9	-3.6	-6.6	-2.4	0.8	1.6	1.8
Changes in other current assets/liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	3.0	-0.8	-0.8	-0.8
Changes in working capital	-10.7	6.5	0.8	1.7	-1.8	-2.8	-2.9
Other operational cash flow	0.6	0.6	-0.5	-2.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Operational Cash Flow	-25.6	26.9	18.4	20.2	20.5	23.9	26.6
Taxes paid	-2.2	-1.2	-1.5	-1.6	0.2	-0.8	-1.4
Dividends from associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net interest paid	-2.4	-3.7	-4.3	-4.8	-4.8	-4.4	-4.4
Other cash from operating activities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CF from operating activities	-30.2	22.0	12.7	13.8	15.9	18.7	20.8
CAPEX	-24.2	-29.2	-18.1	-11.3	-13.0	-13.8	-14.8
Capex/depreciation	136.7%	172.0%	93.2%	59.4%	71.4%	77.4%	82.8%
Investments in intangibles	-0.4	0.0	-0.6	-0.4	-0.3	-0.3	-0.3
Acquisitions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Divestments	1.5	0.7	0.3	6.4	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other investing cash flow	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
CF from investing activities	-25.0	-28.5	-18.4	-5.3	-13.3	-14.1	-15.1
Dividends paid	0.0	-1.2	-3.7	0.0	0.0	-3.7	-1.5
Minority & preference dividends	-65.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Share buybacks	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity financing	106.8	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Payments on lease liabilities	-2.2	-2.2	-4.4	-3.4	-3.1	-3.2	-3.3
Other financing cash flow	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
CF from financing activities	39.4	-3.6	-8.1	-1.1	-3.1	-6.9	-4.8
Changes in consolidation & currencies	-17.2	-0.6	-1.8	1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in net cash (debt)	-33.0	-10.6	-15.7	9.2	-0.5	-2.4	1.0
FCF to Enterprise	-54.6	-5.7	-6.2	3.5	4.3	5.7	6.8
FCF to Equity	-57.0	-9.4	-10.5	-1.3	-0.5	1.3	2.5
Enterprise Value & Capital Employ. (EUR m)	12/22a	12/23a	12/24a	12/25a	12/26e	12/27e	12/28e
Market capitalisation	146.8	149.3	51.9	43.9	48.9	48.9	48.9
Long-term debt	33.1	32.3	30.0	29.6	29.6	29.6	29.6
Short-term debt	25.3	17.5	32.2	22.1	22.0	25.0	40.0
Lease debt	7.3	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2	14.2
Cash position	21.0	7.3	4.4	3.1	2.5	3.1	19.1
Net financial debt	44.7	56.8	72.0	62.8	63.3	65.7	64.7
Minorities & preference shares	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EV adjustments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Enterprise Value	191.5	206.0	123.9	106.7	112.3	114.7	113.6
Equity (group share)	72.7	70.7	56.7	50.7	49.8	49.3	53.4
Net financial debt	37.4	42.6	57.8	48.6	49.1	51.5	50.5
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Adjustments capital employed	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Cabka/Degroof Petercam estimates

Figures per share (EUR)	12/22a	12/23a	12/24a	12/25a	12/26e	12/27e	12/28ee
Adjusted EPS	-1.24	0.07	-0.20	-0.25	-0.04	0.13	0.22
Adjusted EPS fully diluted	-1.09	0.06	-0.17	-0.20	-0.03	0.11	0.19
Declared EPS	-1.24	-0.08	-0.42	-0.30	-0.04	0.13	0.22
Cash flow per share	-0.49	0.64	0.40	0.49	0.72	0.87	0.96
FCF to equity per share	-2.37	-0.39	-0.43	-0.05	-0.02	0.05	0.10
Dividend per share	0.15	0.15	0.00	0.00	0.15	0.06	0.09
Book value per share	3.03	2.86	2.30	2.05	2.02	2.00	2.16
Shares (m)							
Number of shares at year-end	23.980	24.710	24.710	24.710	24.710	24.710	24.710
Average number of shares	23.980	24.410	24.680	24.710	24.710	24.710	24.710
Average number of shares diluted	27.310	28.040	29.910	29.910	29.910	29.910	29.910
Ratios	12/22a	12/23a	12/24a	12/25a	12/26e	12/27e	12/28e
Valuation analysis							
Adj. P/E	-4.9	88.2	-10.4	-7.2	-54.3	15.2	8.8
Price/book value	2.0	2.1	0.9	0.9	1.0	1.0	0.9
EV/Adj. EBITDA	8.5	8.5	6.0	4.9	5.0	4.3	3.9
EV/EBITA	-5.8	72.6	-95.8	53.7	27.5	13.0	9.7
EV/Adj. EBIT	42.8	29.1	309.7	45.9	30.4	13.6	10.1
EV/Capital Employed	1.7	1.8	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.1
EV/FCF	-3.5	-36.1	-19.9	30.3	26.1	20.1	16.6
FCF yield	-38.8%	-6.3%	-20.2%	-2.9%	-1.1%	2.7%	5.0%
Dividend yield	2.5%	2.5%	-	-	7.6%	3.0%	4.5%
Financial ratios							
Interest cover	-41.8	0.6	-0.5	0.3	0.8	1.9	2.6
Net debt/EBITDA	-2.9	2.9	4.0	3.0	2.8	2.5	2.2
Covenant net debt/EBITDA	-1.7	2.6	3.9	2.7	2.6	2.2	1.9
Net debt/equity	61.5%	80.3%	126.8%	123.9%	127.2%	133.3%	121.1%
Net debt/FCF	-0.8	-6.0	-6.9	-49.0	-119.5	50.2	26.2
ROCE pre-tax	-34.3%	2.0%	-1.8%	1.5%	3.7%	8.4%	11.0%
ROCE post-tax	-22.9%	2.2%	-2.5%	2.2%	2.5%	5.7%	7.1%
Return on Equity	-53.5%	-2.7%	-16.1%	-13.8%	-1.8%	6.5%	10.8%
Working capital (as % of sales)	15.4%	13.1%	13.7%	14.6%	15.1%	15.6%	16.1%
Payout	-12.1%	219.1%	-	-	-411.6%	45.0%	40.0%
Margin analysis and tax rate							
Gross margin	45.6%	49.1%	50.8%	51.3%	51.4%	51.5%	51.5%
Adj. EBITDA-margin	10.8%	12.3%	11.3%	12.1%	12.0%	13.5%	14.0%
EBITDA-margin	-7.4%	10.1%	10.0%	11.7%	12.0%	13.5%	14.0%
Adj. EBIT-margin	2.1%	3.6%	0.2%	1.3%	2.0%	4.3%	5.4%
EBIT-margin	-16.0%	1.2%	-1.1%	0.9%	2.0%	4.3%	5.4%
Adj. net profit margin	-14.2%	0.9%	-2.7%	-3.4%	-0.5%	1.6%	2.6%
Tax rate	13.1%	-20.5%	-66.7%	-72.1%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Growth analysis							
Sales change yoy	+22.4%	-5.7%	-7.8%	-0.8%	+3.3%	+6.3%	+6.6%
Organic sales change yoy	20.5%	11.4%	-21.7%	-0.4%	3.3%	6.3%	6.6%
EBITDA change yoy	-158.9%	-227.9%	-8.4%	+15.8%	+6.3%	+19.6%	+10.6%
EBIT change yoy	-503.5%	-108.6%	-145.6%	-253.8%	+105.6%	+115.3%	+32.9%
Adjusted net profit change yoy	-793.6%	-105.6%	-397.3%	+22.8%	-85.2%	-457.5%	+72.4%
Adjusted EPS change yoy	-805.7%	-105.5%	-394.0%	+22.7%	-85.2%	-457.5%	+72.4%
Dividend change yoy	-	-	-100.0%	-	-	-60.9%	+53.3%

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