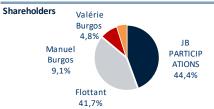
## Acceleration of BESS over the year-end

## **Highlights**

- Full-year sales up 72.3% to €61.2 M
- Sequential acceleration in BESS sales in H2 to €18.3 M (vs. €11 M in H1)
- Price target raised to €34.3 (vs. €30.9 previously), upside +15.5%.

Financial Summary (€m)									
au 31/12	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e					
Sales	35,5	61,2	72,4	84,3					
YoY chg (%)	13,8%	72,6%	18,3%	16,4%					
EBITDA	4,9	14,6	18,8	22,3					
% of sales	13,9%	23,8%	26,0%	26,4%					
EBIT	3,2	11,3	14,9	17,7					
% of sales	8,9%	18,4%	20,6%	21,0%					
Net profit	2,0	8,0	10,7	12,8					
% of sales	5,6%	13,1%	14,8%	15,2%					
EPS (reported)	0,39	1,57	2,10	2,52					
ROCE (%)	16,2%	39,9%	41,4%	43,6%					
ROE (%)	14,6%	39,0%	36,9%	32,6%					
Gearing (%)	-9,3%	-12,6%	-22,0%	-35,4%					
Net debt	-1,4	-2,9	-7,4	-16,3					
Div/share (€)	-0,8	-1,2	-2,2	-2,5					
Yield (%)	2,6%	1,5%	1,6%	1,6%					

Valuation metrics (x)				
	2023	2024e	2025e	<b>2026</b> e
EV/sales (x)	1,1	2,2	1,8	1,5
EV/EBITDA (x)	7,6	9,1	6,9	5,5
EV/EBIT (x)	11,8	11,8	8,7	7,0
P/E (x)	18,2	16,5	12,4	10,3





#### **Annual Sales 2025**

STIF has published record annual sales for fiscal year 2025, reaching €61.2 million, an impressive growth of +72.3%, above our estimates (€59.6 million; +2.7%). This performance was driven by the acceleration of the BESS business, which generated €29.3m over the year (vs. €4.5m in 2023), thanks to a strong momentum in the second half (€18.3m, vs. €11m in H1).

Confident in its outlook, STIF management confirms its ambition to achieve a sales target of 80 M€ and an EBITDA margin above 20% by 2027.

## A booming BESS business

The BESS business, which now accounts for 47.8% of total sales, has emerged as a key growth driver. Sales were supported by key contracts with Tesla and Sungrow, as well as the ramp-up of strategic customers such as Nidec, CATL and BYD.

The dust explosion products business also grew +8%, reaching €10.8m (vs. €10.0m in 2023), and accounting for 17.7% of total sales.

Finally, the historic bulk handling segment generated sales of €19.4 million, up +2.8%, despite a sluggish market environment.

## Increasingly international business

The development of the BESS business has significantly transformed the geographical breakdown of STIF's sales. Today, 84% of sales are generated outside France.

The United States holds a dominant position, accounting for 49% of Group sales, i.e. €29.8 million in 2025 versus €8.2 million in 2023. This strong growth is mainly driven by the strategic partnership with Tesla US.

Asia, meanwhile, contributes 12% of sales, reaching 7.1 M€ in 2025, compared with 5.1 M€ the previous year.









#### **Outlook and estimates**

The Group reiterates its guidance, with a target of €80 million sales and an EBITDA margin above 20% by 2027.

The ramp-up of new contracts in the BESS segment, notably with Sungrow (significant additional orders expected in 2025), should support a strong growth trajectory. The acceleration in the BESS segment observed over the year should be highly accretive for the Group, which could generate exceptional profitability over the full year.

Following this press release, we adjust our estimates slightly upwards. We now forecast 2024 EBITDA of €14.7m (vs. €14.4m previously), a 24.1% margin (+1020 bps y/y), and 2025 sales of €72.4m (vs. €70.9m previously), a +18.5% growth.

Regarding the next fiscal year, STIF looks set both to benefit from the growing strength of its commercial relationships with 1/ Tesla Asia (a partnership worth around €10 million) and 2/ Nidec, CATL, BYD and Siemens over the coming years.

#### Recommendation

Following this publication and after updating our comps, we reiterate our Buy recommendation and raise our target price to 34.3€ (vs. 30.9€), a +15.5% upside. On this new target, STIF trades on 8.3x EV/EBITDA 2025e, 10.7x EV/EBIT 2025e and 15.2x P/E 2025e.







#### Company profile

Historically positioned in bulk handling equipment, STIF has entered a new and ambitious phase of its development in recent years. Building on its recognized expertise, and under the impetus of CEO José Burgos, the group is pursuing a growth strategy in a new market: battery energy storage systems (BESS).

Backed by two business segments, 1/ bulk handling equipment and 2/ passive explosion protection equipment, STIF is well placed to ensure profitable growth over the coming years.

#### Investment case

Identified Growth Drivers. STIF is expected to experience a trajectory of strong business growth over the next four years, with a 2023–2027e revenue CAGR of approximately 25%. This growth will translate into increased profitability for the group. The products anticipated to drive this significant growth are equipment designed for explosion protection, which boasts a much higher gross margin (around 60–65%) compared to the group's legacy equipment (around 50–55%). Consequently, the group's profitability and cash generation (FCF) are expected to accelerate, benefiting from a strong operational leverage inherent in its structure.

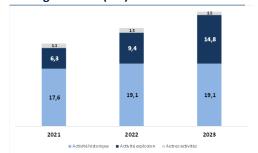
A Strategy of Value Chain Integration. STIF develops, designs, produces, and markets its equipment, thereby controlling the entire value chain. This vertical integration provides optimal control over its operations. The group operates across various industries, offering both bulk material handling equipment and passive explosion protection solutions. This presence in niche markets enables the company to expand its customer base while reducing dependence on any single industry. Furthermore, STIF benefits from international reach, with nearly 75% of its 2022 revenue generated outside France.

**BESS:** A High-Potential Market. Battery Energy Storage Systems (BESS) enables the storage of electricity generated by renewable energy sources (solar and wind). The group enjoys a first-mover advantage, attracting significant international players such as Tesla, with orders reaching substantial amounts (e.g., a €13 million volume contract). This market positions STIF for a drastic shift in its growth trajectory.

#### Comparable valuation multiples

			EV/sales			EV/EBITDA			EV/EBIT			P/E	
Société	Capitalisation (€M)	2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2024e	2025e	2026e
Prodways Group SA	28	0,5x	0,5x	0,5x	5,1x	4,0x	3,4x	12,3x	6,7x	5,2x	18,7x	11,4x	8,3x
Alfen NV	285	0,7x	0,7x	0,6x	12,9x	8,1x	6,1x	35,1x	17,3x	11,4x		21,0x	12,4x
Entech Smart Energies	94	2,0x	1,1x	0,7x		14,2x	6,6x		20,7x	8,7x		23,6x	9,3x
Nabaltec AG	128	0,6x	0,6x	0,6x	4,1x	3,7x	3,4x	6,9x	6,5x	5,9x	10,4x	9,5x	8,5x
R. STAHL AG	125	0,5x	0,4x	0,4x	4,3x	3,9x	3,5x	8,4x	7,1x	5,9x	13,1x	10,9x	8,4x
Moyenne	132,2	0,9x	0,7x	0,6x	6,6x	6,8x	4,6x	15,7x	11,7x	7,4x	14,0x	15,3x	9,4x
Médiane	124,9	0,6x	0,6x	0,6x	4,7x	4,0x	3,5x	10,3x	7,1x	5,9x	13,1x	11,4x	8,5x

### Change in sales (€m)



## Change in sales (€m) and op. margin (%)









# **STIF** / Industrial

P&L (€m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e
Sales	26,6	31,2	35,5	61,2	72,4	84,3	95,9
EBITDA	3,4	3,5	4,9	14,6	18,8	22,3	25,8
EBIT	2,4	2,6	3,2	11,3	14,9	17,7	20,7
Operating income	2,4	2,6	3,2	11,3	14,9	17,7	20,7
Net financial income (loss)	-0,1	0,0	-0,3	-0,3	-0,3	-0,3	-0,3
Tax	-0,4	-0,3	-0,4	-1,6	-2,1	-2,5	-2,8
Affiliates	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Minorities	0,4	0,6	0,4	1,3	1,7	2,1	2,4
Net income, group share	1,5	1,7	2,0	8,0	10,7	12,8	15,0
Balance sheet (€m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e
Non current assets	5,4	7,6	10,2	12,3	12,9	12,6	11,3
Working capital	2,7	3,2	4,4	8,9	14,1	17,9	20,4
Cash and cash equivalents	1,9	1,9	7,8	9,4	13,8	22,7	36,6
Equity	4,7	6,0	15,2	23,4	33,6	46,0	61,1
Borrowings and financial debt	4,8	6,1	6,4	6,4	6,4	6,4	6,4
Total balance sheet	14,4	17,3	29,2	40,7	52,9	67,4	84,5
Cash flow statement (€m)	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e
Cash flow from operations Change in working capital	2,9 -0,5	3,3 -0,6	3,6 -1,3	12,6 -4,5	16,3 -5,2	19,4 -3,9	22,6 -2,5
Cash flow from operating activities	-0,3 <b>2,4</b>	-0,6 <b>2,6</b>	-1,3 2,3	-4,3 <b>8,1</b>	-3,2 <b>11,2</b>	15,6	-2,3 <b>20,2</b>
CAPEX, net	-1,3	-3,2	-3,2	-5,4	-4,5	-4,2	-3,8
FCF	1,2	-0,6	-3,2 -1,0	-3,4 <b>2,7</b>	6,7	11,4	16,3
Capital increase	0,0	0,0	8,1	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Change in financial debt	-0,3	1,3	-0,4	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0
Dividends paid	-0,6	-0,7	-0,8	-1,2	-2,2	-2,5	-2,4
Cash flow from financing activities	-1,0	0,6	6,9	-1,2	-2,2	-2,5	-2,4
Change in cash and cash equivalents	0,3	0,0	5,9	1,5	4,4	8,9	13,9
Ratios	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e
Sales growth (%)		17,0%	13,8%	72,6%	18,3%	16,4%	13,8%
EBITDA margin (%)	12,8%	11,2%	13,9%	23,8%	26,0%	26,4%	26,9%
EBIT margin (%)	9,1%	8,2%	8,9%	18,4%	20,6%	21,0%	21,5%
Operating profit margin (%)	9,1%	8,2%	8,9%	18,4%	20,6%	21,0%	21,5%
Net margin (%)	5,8%	5,5%	5,6%	13,1%	14,8%	15,2%	15,7%
CAPEX (% sales)	4,8%	10,3%	9,1%	8,8%	6,2%	5,0%	4,0%
Working capital (% sales)	10,2%	10,2%	12,3%	14,5%	19,4%	21,3%	21,3%
ROCE (%)	22,4%	17,8%	16,2%	39,9%	41,4%	43,6%	48,9%
ROCE ex GW (%)	22,4%	17,8%	16,2%	39,9%	41,4%	43,6%	48,9%
ROE (%)	42,2%	37,7%	14,6%	39,0%	36,9%	32,6%	28,9%
Payout (%)	0,0%	0,0%	48,3%	24,0%	20,0%	16,0%	0,0%
Dividend yield (%)		0,0%	2,6%	1,5%	1,6%	1,6%	0,0%
Leverage ratios	2021	2022	2023	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e
Gearing (%)	61,3%	70,2%	-9,3%	-12,6%	-22,0%	-35,4%	-49,4%
Net debt/EBITDA (x)	0,8	1,1	-0,3	-0,2	-0,4	-0,7	-1,2
Interest coverage (x)	29,9 <b>2021</b>	69,6 <b>2022</b>	15,2 <b>2023</b>	42,1 <b>2024</b> e	54,2 <b>2025</b> e	64,2 <b>2026</b> e	74,4 <b>2027</b> e
Valuation Nb of shares (millions)	5,1	5,1	5,1	5,1	5,1	5,1	5,1
Average nb of shares (millions)	5,1	5,1	5,1	5,1	5,1	5,1	5,1
Price (annual average, €)	0,0	8,8	7,2	26,0	26,0	26,0	26,0
Average market capitalization (€m)	0,0	44,7	36,5	132,2	132,2	132,2	132,2
(2) Net debt (+)/ Net cash (-)	2,9	4,2	-1,4	-2,9	-7,4	-16,3	-30,2
(3) Value of minorities	1,1	1,5	1,6	2,9	4,6	6,7	9,1
(4) Value of financial assets	0,4	0,2	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7	0,7
EV = (1)+(2)+(3)-(4)	4,3	50,7	37,3	132,8	130,1	123,4	111,9
EV/sales	0,2	1,6	1,1	2,2	1,8	1,5	1,2
EV/EBITDA	1,3	14,5	7,6	9,1	6,9	5,5	4,3
EV/EBIT	1,8	19,8	11,8	11,8	8,7	7,0	5,4
P/E	0,0	26,1	18,2	16,5	12,4	10,3	8,8
P/B	0,0	7,4	2,4	5,7	3,9	2,9	2,2
P/CF	0,0	17,0	16,0	16,4	11,8	8,5	6,6
FCF yield (%)	26,7%	-1,1%	-2,5%	2,0%	5,1%	9,2%	14,6%
Per share data (€)	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
EPS (reported)	0,30	0,34	0,39	1,57	2,10	2,52	2,96
Book value	0,9	1,2	3,0	4,6	6,6	9,0	12,0
Dividend	0,0	0,0	0,2	0,4	0,4	0,4	0,0







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