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Target Price: EUR 12.2 (from EUR 10.2)

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| Price date (market close) | 28/03/2025 | | | | | | | |
| Target price (€) | 12.2 | | | | | | | |
| Target upside (%) | 40.30 | | | | | | | |
| Market price (€) | 8.71 | | | | | | | |
| Market cap (EUR M) | 418.08 | | | | | | | |
| 52Wk range (€) | NA/NA | | | | | | | |

EPS - DPS changes 2025E 2026E 2025 2026 (€) EPS ▼ **EPS** ▼ chg% chg% Curr. 0.939 1.142 -0.75-3.34 0.946 1.182 Prev. DPS = DPS = chg% chg%

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Source: FactSet Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

Next Geosolutions Europe

New Opportunities Are Around the Corner

FY24 results were strong, as expected. New investments were made in FY24 to enhance operational efficiency and grant additional flexibility in project execution. Capex did not prevent strong cash generation. As stated at the time of the IPO, the company is seeking to capture new opportunities along the value chain and increase its presence in other segments.

Many opportunities ahead

NG stated that it aims to consolidate its presence in the major markets where it currently operates, but also in the Oil & Gas, Environmental Surveys, and Scientific/Oceanographic Research sectors to maintain a constant focus on expanding its footprint through organic growth and new development opportunities. In the wake of the increasing demand for longterm offshore infrastructure management and maintenance services, NG is also looking at further growth opportunities in the Operations & Maintenance (O&M) and Inspection, Maintenance & Repair (IMR) segments. In our view, the strong operational and technological capabilities should also allow NG to respond to the evolving market demand by exploring new business opportunities (i.e. the telecom cable sector) and capturing the renewed demand in Oil & Gas; this should be supported by the company's solid fundamentals that strengthen the pursuit of this growth trajectory.

Organic growth and/or acquisitions

Geotechnical capability improvements are a strategic and operative priority, with an R&D expansion or capacity increase. Geographical footprint increase could be obtained both organically and through acquisitions: preliminary due diligence is ongoing after having already identified a few European companies. Maintaining the flexibility of an asset-light company with a balance of owned and leased vessels remains key for the future, however.

Valuation

We value NextGeo on a DCF model (WACC 9.4%, g=2%) and peers' comparison. We assign a 50% weighting to the DCF model and a 50% weighting to the relative valuation. We obtain a new target price of EUR 12.2 (vs. EUR 10.2). In our estimates NextGeo shows stronger expected growth rates vs. all of its peers, which are characterised by a business model similar to NG's but with a slightly different end-market positioning.

Next Geosolutions Europe – Key data

| Y/E Dec (EUR M) | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E |
|-------------------|-------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| Revenues | 148.6 | 203.3 | 236.2 | 286.5 | 346.1 |
| EBITDA | 40.49 | 53.97 | 62.51 | 76.37 | 91.79 |
| EBIT | 35.34 | 47.90 | 53.11 | 64.37 | 77.79 |
| Net income | 29.18 | 43.14 | 45.08 | 54.82 | 66.42 |
| Adj. EPS (EUR) | 0.61 | 0.90 | 0.94 | 1.14 | 1.38 |
| Net debt/-cash | 9.93 | -66.75 | -70.07 | -95.56 | -134.6 |
| Adj P/E (x) | NA | 8.1 | 9.3 | 7.6 | 6.3 |
| EV/EBITDA (x) | NA | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 3.1 |
| EV/EBIT (x) | NA | 6.0 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| Div ord yield (%) | NA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| FCF Yield (%) | NA | 7.8 | 0.7 | 6.2 | 9.5 |

Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates. Priced at 28/03/2025

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Strong Profitability Is Holding up, Better Cash at YE24

The net profit was a positive surprise as well

- FY24 value of production reached EUR 203.3M, in line with our estimates and up 36.8% yoy, with an implied +28.6% yoy in 2H24. Revenue growth was driven by the Interconnector business with 60.4% of revenues (up 37.8% yoy), followed by the OWF business with 31.2% of revenues (up 22.3% yoy). The Oil & Gas sector represented 3.6% of revenues. The remaining 4.8% was generated by the activities related to the environmental studies and surveys and scientific research in the marine environment and defence sectors. The revenue breakdown reflected our expectations regarding the Interconnector and OWF businesses;
- The focus on geographical areas was on the North Sea (57% of revenues) and the Mediterranean Sea (43% of revenues); the concentration of key customers was lower than in FY23, with the main client accounting for 22% of revenues and the second for 21%;
- **FY24 EBITDA** rose by 33.3% to EUR 54M (with an implied +20% yoy and a 25.8% margin in 2H24). Despite increasing production costs, FY24 EBITDA margin stood at 26.5%;
- FY24 EBIT was up by 35.5% to EUR 47.9M, with a 23.6% margin, in line with last year and slightly better than our estimates;
- Net income stood at EUR 43.1M (better than our estimate due to the lower-thanexpected taxes with a 9.5% tax rate), with a 21.2% weighting on revenues (19.6% in FY23);
- Operating cash flow was EUR 58.9M (vs. EUR 30M in FY23), benefitting from EUR 10.8M cash generated by the net working capital. Capex was EUR 32.7M (16.1% on revenues, vs. EUR 28M in our estimates). The net financial position was positive for EUR 66.8M, better than our assumptions;
- The order backlog stood at EUR 335M (up 21.8% vs. EUR 275M as of December 2023 and vs. EUR 305M in June); the commercial pipeline reached EUR 510M (EUR 443M in June). We highlight that the last year covered by the announced EUR 335M order backlog (as of December 2024) is 2028, while it is 2031 for the announced EUR 510M pipeline (as of December 2024). The order backlog is 1.6x FY24 sales, also thanks to bid-to-bid agreements for new contracts. Among peers, Fugro's order backlog (12 months) is 0.7x sales, while Reach Subsea's order backlog is 0.5x.

NextGeo - FY24 results

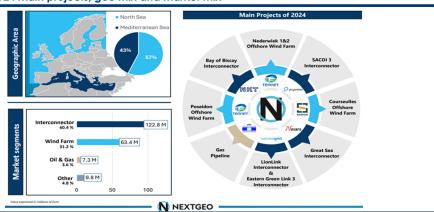
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|---|--------|--------|-------|-------|---------|
| EUR M | FY23A | FY24E | FY24A | yoy % | A/E % |
| Total Revenues (value of production) | 148.6 | 203.8 | 203.3 | 36.8 | -0.3 |
| EBITDA | 40.5 | 53.1 | 54.0 | 33.3 | 1.7 |
| EBITDA margin on total revenues (%) | 27.3 | 26.0 | 26.5 | | |
| D&A | -5.1 | -6.3 | -6.1 | 17.8 | -3.7 |
| EBIT | 35.3 | 46.8 | 47.9 | 35.5 | 2.4 |
| EBIT margin on total revenues (%) | 23.8 | 23.0 | 23.6 | | |
| Pre-tax profit | 33.5 | 46.3 | 47.7 | 42.4 | 3.0 |
| Taxes | -4.3 | -7.4 | -4.6 | 6.1 | -38.5 |
| Net profit | 29.2 | 38.9 | 43.1 | 47.8 | 11.0 |
| Net profit margin on total revenues (%) | 19.6 | 19.1 | 21.2 | | |
| Net debt (-cash) | 9.7 | -49.3 | -66.8 | | |

A: actual; E: estimates; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research

Main FY24 projects

We point out that NextGeo accomplished a higher number of projects in FY24, with a bigger size than in the past.

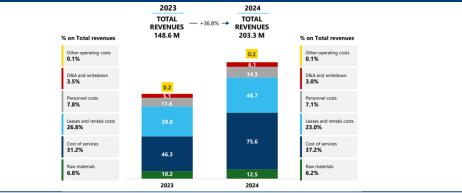
NextGeo – FY24 Main projects, geo mix and market mix



Source: Company data

A focus on FY24 costs and capex

NextGeo - Cost structure FY23/24A



Source: Company data

The cost structure is stable vs. FY23. Despite investments in vessels and equipment allocated in FY24, D&A accounts for 3% of revenues (3.5% in FY23). The pay-per-use strategy allowed the company to respond to increasing project numbers and size.

NextGeo - Costs for services (FY23/24)

| EUR M | FY23A | FY24A | yoy % |
|---------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| External specialised personnel | 16.5 | 26.1 | 58.7 |
| Subcontractors | 11.2 | 21.6 | 93.5 |
| Consultancy | 5.1 | 5.9 | 15.6 |
| Vessel fleet management | 5.3 | 10.0 | 89.5 |
| Service costs related to personnel | 2.6 | 4.0 | 54.5 |
| Compensation for directors, statutory | 1.2 | 2.9 | 139.5 |
| auditors and external auditors | | | |
| Miscellaneous | 4.5 | 5.1 | 13.4 |
| Total costs for services | 46.3 | 75.6 | 63.3 |
| % on total revenues | 31.2 | 37.2 | |

A: actual; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research

NextGeo – Leases and rental costs (FY23/24)

| EUR M | FY23A | FY24A | yoy % |
|-------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Vessels leases and rentals | 27.9 | 30.4 | 9.0 |
| Equipment leases and rentals | 11.1 | 15.4 | 38.4 |
| Other | 0.7 | 0.8 | 10.5 |
| Total leases and rental costs | 39.8 | 46.7 | 17.2 |
| % on total revenues | 26.8 | 23.0 | |

A: actual; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research

The rise in costs for services is due to the business increase and mostly relates to subcontractors, external specialised personnel and vessel fleet management. Leases and rental costs accounted for 23% of revenues vs. 26.8% of FY23, thanks to investments allocated to operational capacity. Costs to Marnavi increased from EUR 20.7M in FY23 to EUR 32.2 M in FY24.

NextGeo – Capex allocation FY24

| Capex allocation FY24 | EUR M |
|-------------------------------------|-------|
| NG Surveyor vessel | 3.6 |
| NG Explorer vessel | 6.9 |
| Vessel upgrade | 5.5 |
| ROV and LARS Schilling | 7.7 |
| Equipment and other tangible assets | 4.2 |
| Total Tangible assets | 27.9 |
| Leasehold improvements & ICT | 0.6 |
| IPO Costs | 3.7 |
| Total Intangible assets | 4.3 |
| Acquisition of 100% of Subonica | 0.5 |
| Total acquisitions | 0.5 |
| Total Capex | 32.7 |
| % on total revenues | 16.1 |

A: actual; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research

We recall that NG Explorer (expected to be operative in July) was bought in December, while the total investment for NG Surveyor (expected to be operative in April, which should be employed in the ISPRA project) was EUR 21M (completed in January 2025). NextGeo can count on a fleet of 4 own vessels in addition to the nearshore vessels NG Coastal and Subonica's coastal vessel (10 meters long), and can also count on 5 Marnavi vessels.

The Market

The Interconnector sector: globally, there are 26,658 km of active Interconnector cables worldwide, and 4,165 km are under construction. Europe has 78% of the worldwide installed capacity in Km (20,857Km cable), followed by Asia (9.7%) and North America (5.8%). In Europe, the biggest hub for offshore energy transmission is the North Sea (77.6%), while the Mediterranean Sea has 22.4% of installed capacity. **OWF**: at the end of 2024, the offshore wind installed capacity globally was 77.9 GW (o/w 46% in Europe), with 349 OWF (o/w 211 in Asia, 135 in Europe, and 3 in North America). China is the biggest market with 37.3GW (47.9% of the global installed capacity). The main markets in Europe have 41.1% of the global installed capacity (UK 20.1%; Germany 10.6%; the Netherlands 7% and Denmark 3.4%). Globally, at the end of 2024, there were 14,124 installed turbines, with a total of 36,135 km subsea cables (43% of them in Europe).

A snapshot of the OWF and Interconnector Markets globally in FY24



Source: Company data on 4C Offshore data

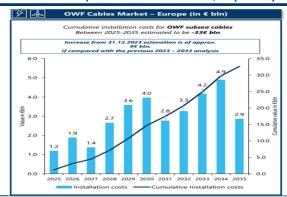
Forecasts

Interconnectors: Expectations are for a total amount of EPCI expenditure for Interconnector cables in Europe (2025-35) at EUR 60Bn, with a 27.8% CAGR (EUR +17Bn vs. the 2023-33 previous estimate dated 31/12/2023), for total of 53,780Km. EPCI expenditure is expected to reach an annual peak in 2031, with EUR 11.7Bn (EUR 5.2Bn in 2025). Subsea cables: The cumulative installation costs for OWF subsea cables in Europe (2025-35) are estimated to be EUR 33Bn (EUR +9Bn vs. the 2023-33 previous estimate), with a 39.2% CAGR. Around 55,093 km of new cables are expected to be installed in Europe by 2035, with significant increases in areas with the largest offshore wind capacity already operational, such as the United Kingdom, Germany and the Netherlands and expansion into new emerging regions such as France and Denmark.

Interconnector mkt Europe – EPCI Expenditure '25/35 (EUR Bn)

Source: Company data on 4C Offshore data

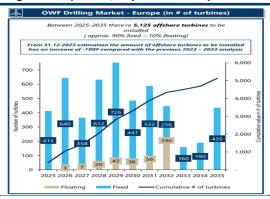
OWF Cables mkt Europe – Installation costs '25/35 (EUR Bn)



Source: Company data on 4C Offshore data

Offshore drilling market in Europe: between 2025 and 2035 there should be 5,125 offshore turbines installed (o/w 4,769 fixed-bottom and 356 floating). The European OWF opex market (to 2035) is estimated at EUR 25.6Bn and to reach EUR 64Bn by 2040 for maintenance, management and safety (also in a predictive manner) of OWF.

OWF Drilling mkt Europe - '25/35 (no. of turbines)



Source: Company data on 4C Offshore data

OWF Opex mkt Europe - '25/35 (EUR Bn)



Source: Company data on 4C Offshore data

The oil & gas sector: According to the company, based on market data, in the 2025-30 timeframe the overall capex in Northern Europe could reach around EUR 170Bn. In the Mediterranean area it could reach EUR 40Bn, for a total amount in Europe that could exceed EUR 200Bn. In this context, Inspection, Maintenance & Repair (IMR) activities represent a key pillar for the European offshore oil & gas sector, with a growing focus on the maintenance of subsea pipelines and the assessment of the structural integrity of installations.

The telecom cables in Europe: The submarine telecommunication cable sector represents a strategic infrastructure for global connectivity, ensuring the transport of over 95% of international data traffic to date. In recent years, the sector has seen a strong evolution, with the entry of new players and the adoption of innovative technologies to improve the capacity and resilience of existing networks. The EMEA area has seen a constantly growing market, reaching over 450,000 km of installed telecom cables in 2024. In this scenario, a key role is played by the European Union, which is strengthening regulations to protect critical infrastructures and limit the entry of suppliers considered at risk.

Estimates Revision

Our estimates are broadly unchanged, with a fine-tuning of D&A and better net financial positions, starting also from a better base than expected in FY24.

NextGeo – Estimates revision (2025E/27E)

| EUR M | FY25E | FY25E | New/Old % | FY26E | FY26E | New/Old % | FY27E |
|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-----------|-------|-------|-----------|--------|
| | Old | New | | Old | New | | |
| Total Revenues (value of production) | 235.5 | 236.2 | 0.3 | 285.0 | 286.5 | 0.5 | 346.1 |
| EBITDA | 62.5 | 62.5 | 0.0 | 76.5 | 76.4 | -0.1 | 91.8 |
| EBITDA margin on total revenues (%) | 26.5 | 26.5 | | 26.8 | 26.7 | | 26.5 |
| D&A | -9.0 | -9.4 | 4.4 | -10.0 | -12.0 | 20.0 | -14.0 |
| EBIT | 53.5 | 53.1 | -0.7 | 66.5 | 64.4 | -3.1 | 77.8 |
| EBIT margin on total revenues (%) | 22.7 | 22.5 | | 23.3 | 22.5 | | 22.5 |
| Pre-tax profit | 52.5 | 52.1 | -0.7 | 65.5 | 63.4 | -3.2 | 76.8 |
| Taxes | -7.1 | -7.0 | -0.7 | -8.7 | -8.6 | -2.2 | -10.4 |
| Net profit | 45.4 | 45.1 | -0.8 | 56.7 | 54.8 | -3.3 | 66.4 |
| Net margin on total revenues (%) | 19.3 | 19.1 | | 19.9 | 19.1 | | 19.2 |
| Net debt (-cash) | -30.5 | -70.1 | | -70.0 | -95.6 | | -134.7 |

E: estimates; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

NextGeo – New estimates (2025E/27E)

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|--------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| EUR M | FY24A | FY25E | yoy % | FY26E | yoy % | FY27E | yoy % |
| Total Revenues (value of production) | 203.3 | 236.2 | 16.2 | 286.5 | 21.3 | 346.1 | 20.8 |
| EBITDA | 54.0 | 62.5 | 15.8 | 76.4 | 22.2 | 91.8 | 20.2 |
| EBITDA margin on total revenues (%) | 26.5 | 26.5 | | 26.7 | | 26.5 | |
| D&A | -6.1 | -9.4 | 55.0 | -12.0 | 27.7 | -14.0 | 16.7 |
| EBIT | 47.9 | 53.1 | 10.9 | 64.4 | 21.2 | 77.8 | 20.8 |
| EBIT margin on total revenues (%) | 23.6 | 22.5 | | 22.5 | | 22.5 | |
| Pre-tax profit | 47.7 | 52.1 | 9.3 | 63.4 | 21.6 | 76.8 | 21.2 |
| Taxes | -4.6 | -7.0 | 54.4 | -8.6 | 21.6 | -10.4 | 21.2 |
| Net profit | 43.1 | 45.1 | 4.5 | 54.8 | 21.6 | 66.4 | 21.2 |
| Net margin on total revenues (%) | 21.2 | 19.1 | | 19.1 | | 19.2 | |
| Net debt (-cash) | -66.8 | -70.1 | | -95.6 | | -134.7 | |

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Valuation

We value NextGeo on the basis of a DCF model and peers' comparison. We set a 50% weighting to our DCF model and a 50% weighting to the relative valuation. We obtain a new target price of EUR 12.2 (vs. EUR 10.2 previously).

NextGeo - Valuation summary

| EUR/sh | Valuation | Weighting % |
|--------------------|-----------|-------------|
| DCF | 14.9 | 50 |
| Relative valuation | 9.6 | 50 |
| Fair Value | 12.2 | |
| Current price | 8.71 | |
| Potential upside % | 40.3 | |

Source: Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

DCF model

Our key DCF assumptions are reported below together with our WACC calculation:

- For the WACC calculation, we use a risk-free rate of 3.5%, a risk premium of 6.5%; Beta of 0.9x (vs. 0.85x); the company is almost debt free (100% Ke in our assumptions). Our WACC is 9.4% (vs. 9.3% in our previous valuation);
- We incorporate our 2025-27E explicit forecasts; we assume 2028-31E sales at an 8% CAGR, followed by a gradual decrease to a 2% LT growth; the EBITDA margin is well above 23% in the DCF horizon; capex of c. 5% of sales. We use a normalised tax rate at 27.5% from FY28E onwards.

NextGeo - WACC calculation (%)

| Risk-free rate | 3.5 |
|---------------------|-------|
| Beta (x)* | 0.9 |
| Market risk premium | 6.5 |
| Cost of Equity | 9.4 |
| Ke | 100.0 |
| WACC | 9.4 |

 $^{^{\}ast}$ ISP elaborations on company peers; Source: Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

NextGeo - DCF summary

| | EUR M | (% weighting) |
|--|-------|---------------|
| Sum of PV 2025-33 FCF | 247.1 | 38.1 |
| Terminal value | 401.7 | 61.9 |
| Total Enterprise value | 648.7 | |
| - Minorities | -0.9 | |
| - Pension Provision | -1.7 | |
| - Net debt (+ cash) YE24A | 66.8 | |
| Total Equity value | 712.9 | |
| Fully diluted number of shares (M) ex treasury | 48.0 | |
| Fair value per share (EUR) | 14.9 | |

Source: Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

NextGeo - DCF calculation

| EUR M | FY25E | FY26E | FY27E | FY28E | FY29E | FY30E | FY31E | FY32E | FY33E | Norm.year |
|---------------------------------|-------|-------|---------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----------|
| Sales | 236.2 | 286.5 | 346.1 | 373.8 | 403.7 | 436.0 | 470.9 | 480.3 | 490.0 | 499.8 |
| EBITDA | 62.5 | 76.4 | 91.8 | 97.2 | 100.9 | 109.0 | 117.7 | 115.3 | 112.7 | 114.9 |
| Depreciation & other provisions | 9.4 | 12.0 | 14.0 | 15.1 | 16.3 | 17.6 | 19.0 | 19.4 | 19.8 | 12.5 |
| EBIT | 53.1 | 64.4 | 77.8 | 82.1 | 84.6 | 91.4 | 98.7 | 95.9 | 92.9 | 102.4 |
| Taxes | -7.0 | -8.6 | -10.4 | -22.6 | -23.3 | -25.1 | -27.1 | -26.4 | -25.5 | -28.2 |
| Normative tax rate % | 13.5% | 13.5% | 13.5% | 27.5% | 27.5% | 27.5% | 27.5% | 27.5% | 27.5% | 27.5% |
| NOPLAT | 46.1 | 55.8 | 67.4 | 59.5 | 61.3 | 66.2 | 71.5 | 69.5 | 67.3 | 74.3 |
| Gross Operating Cash Flow | 55.5 | 67.8 | 81.4 | 74.6 | 77.7 | 83.9 | 90.6 | 88.9 | 87.1 | 86.8 |
| Capex | -50.0 | -30.0 | -30.0 | -18.7 | -20.2 | -21.8 | -23.5 | -14.4 | -14.7 | -12.5 |
| Change in Net Working Capital | -2.1 | -11.6 | -11. <i>7</i> | -9.2 | -5.7 | -10.0 | -12.6 | -8.1 | -8.4 | -5.0 |
| Cash Flow to be discounted | 3.4 | 26.2 | 39.7 | 46.7 | 51.8 | 52.1 | 54.5 | 66.4 | 64.0 | 69.3 |

Source: Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

Below we show the sensitivity of our fair value to WACC and terminal growth rate:

NextGeo - DCF valuation: WACC and g

| WACC % | | Perpetual (| growth rate (g, %) | | |
|--------|------|-------------|--------------------|------|-------|
| | 1.0 | 1.5 | 2.0 | 2.5 | 3.0 |
| 8.4 | 15.8 | 16.5 | 17.3 | 18.3 | 19.44 |
| 8.9 | 14.7 | 15.3 | 16.0 | 16.8 | 17.71 |
| 9.4 | 13.8 | 14.3 | 14.9 | 15.5 | 16.26 |
| 9.9 | 12.9 | 13.4 | 13.9 | 14.4 | 15.03 |
| 10.4 | 12.2 | 12.6 | 13.0 | 13.4 | 13.97 |

Source: Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

Multiples' analysis

We select three peers, characterised by a business model similar to NG's but with a slightly different end-market positioning. While NG is currently exposed for around 90% to the renewable/subsea cable and interconnector cables sectors, its peers are also strongly exposed to the oil & gas sector. Some peers own many more operative assets (vessels fleet) than NG that has an asset light business model.

NextGeo - Peers multiples comparison

| | | Mkt Cap | | Е | V/sales | | ΕV | //EBITDA | | E | V/EBIT | | | P/E | |
|------------------|-------------|---------|-------------|------|---------|-------|------|----------|------|------|--------|-------|------|------|------|
| X | Country | (EUR) | Price (EUR) | 2025 | 2027 | 2027 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 |
| Fugro | Netherlands | 1,588.6 | 13.7 | 0.7 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 5.5 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 6.3 | 5.7 | 5.6 |
| DOF Group | Norway | 2,054.0 | 8.3 | 1.6 | 1.5 | 1.5 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3.4 | 5.9 | 4.9 | 4.6 | 6.7 | 5.2 | 4.8 |
| Reach Subsea | Norway | 213.8 | 0.7 | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 2.6 | 2.2 | 1.9 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 6.0 | 7.8 | 5.9 | 4.8 |
| Peers average | | | | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 3.3 | 2.9 | 2.7 | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.1 | 6.9 | 5.6 | 5.1 |
| Peers median | | | | 1.2 | 1.1 | 1.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 | 2.9 | 5.9 | 5.1 | 4.8 | 6.7 | 5.7 | 4.8 |
| NextGeo* | Italy | 418.08 | 8.71 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.8 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 3.1 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 3.7 | 9.3 | 7.6 | 6.3 |
| Prem./-disc. vs. | | | | 24.7 | 3.0 | -20.9 | 68 | 44 | 14.3 | 2.1 | -6.7 | -28.5 | 34 | 36 | 24.4 |
| peers avg. $\%$ | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Prem./-dis. vs. | | | | 21.4 | 1.7 | -17.9 | 63.4 | 37.4 | 8.6 | 10.8 | -2.0 | -23.3 | 37.7 | 34.4 | 30.2 |
| peers median % | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Priced at market close of 28/03/2025; Source: FactSet and * Intesa Sanpaolo Research

NextGeo - Peers growth and profitability comparison

| 2025A/27E CAGR (%) | | %) | EBIT margin (%) | | | YTD stock performance (%) |
|--------------------|----------|------|-----------------|------|------|---------------------------|
| Company | Revenues | EBIT | 2025 | 2026 | 2027 | (,, |
| Fugro | 5.5 | 5.0 | 12.8 | 12.6 | 12.6 | -17.9 |
| DOF Group | 2.5 | 8.9 | 27.5 | 31.1 | 33.0 | 16.6 |
| Reach Subsea | 6.7 | 9.5 | 15.5 | 18.1 | 16.7 | -2.1 |
| NextGeo* | 13.6 | 13.6 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 4.7 |

Data as at 28/03/2025; E: estimates; Source: FactSet and *Intesa Sanpaolo Research, Note: stock performance since 22/05/2024

We note that in our estimates NextGeo shows stronger expected growth rates vs. all of its peers. Its EBIT margin is only below that of DOF, which has a strong exposure to the oil and gas sector. We use EV/EBIT as the reference multiple, given peers' high amount of D&A.

NextGeo - Multiples valuation

| EUR M | 2025E | 2026E | 2027E | Average |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|--------|---------|
| EV/EBIT - Peers average (x) | 6.4 | 5.4 | 5.1 | |
| EBIT | 53.1 | 64.4 | 77.8 | |
| Implied EV | 341.7 | 346.6 | 397.7 | |
| Debt/(-Cash) | -70.1 | -95.6 | -134.6 | |
| Pension liabilities | -2.0 | -2.2 | -2.5 | |
| Equity value | 409.8 | 440.0 | 529.8 | |
| Value per share (EUR) | 8.5 | 9.2 | 11.0 | 9.6 |

Source: Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

Valuation and Key Risks

Valuation basis

We value NextGeo on the basis of a DCF model (WACC 9.4%, g=2%) and peers' comparison. We assign a 50% weighting to the DCF model and a 50% to the relative valuation.

Key Risks

Company specific risks:

- High importance of related parties (Marnavi)
- Competition from big players
- Strong reliance on OWF and EPCI players and on single customers

Sector generic risks:

- New technologies replacing wind turbines
- The implementation costs for OWF could be higher than expected
- OWFs struggle to grow in certain geographies

Company Snapshot

Company Description

NextGeo is among the leading European marine geo-data specialists. It provides marine geoscience surveying and offshore construction support services mainly in the Mediterranean and Northern Sea, with headquarters in Italy and subsidiaries in the UK and the Netherlands. The group (NextGeo and its subsidiaries) is characterised by an asset light approach, managing a fleet of owned and rented vessels (currently 4 and 5, respectively). It can leverage on in-house technical resources, including an extensive inventory of positioning, geophysical, geotechnical, oceanographic, environmental and UXO (unexploded ordnance) survey equipment tools. These instruments are used to gather and analyse data and information related to seabed characteristics, that are provided to clients, which are: i) subsea cable producers/installers (EPCI); ii) OWF (Offshore Wind Farm) developers; or iii) TSO (Transmission System Operators). This helps customers reduce risks during the design, construction and operation of assets.

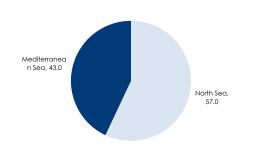
Key data

| -1M -3M | 3.2 11.2 | -1M -3M | 14.2 |
|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| -1M | 3.2 | - I /VI | 4.3 |
| | 2.0 | 1 1 4 | 4.3 |
| Performance (%) | Absolute | | Rel. FTSE Italia Growth |
| Reuters | NXT.MI | Bloomberg | NXT IM |
| 52Wk range (€) | NA/NA | (%) | 51.1 |
| No. of shares | 48.00 | Major shr | Marnavi SpA |
| Mkt price (€) | 8.71 | Free float (%) | 17.2 |

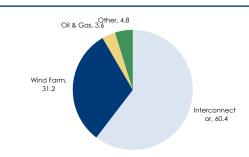
Estimates vs. consensus

| 2024A | 2025E | 2025C | 2026E | 2026C | 2027E | 2027C |
|-------|----------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|
| 203.3 | 236.2 | 238.4 | 286.5 | 291.0 | 346.1 | 358.3 |
| 53.97 | 62.51 | 62.90 | 76.37 | 77.53 | 91.79 | 95.00 |
| 47.90 | 53.11 | 52.95 | 64.37 | 65.70 | 77.79 | 79.90 |
| 47.70 | 52.11 | 51.40 | 63.37 | 64.60 | 76.79 | 78.90 |
| 43.14 | 45.08 | 44.25 | 54.82 | 54.20 | 66.42 | 66.20 |
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FY24 Sales breakdown by Geographical Area (%)



FY24A Market Segments (%)



Source: Company data, Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates and FactSet consensus data (priced at market close of 28/03/2025)

| Rating | | orice (€/sh) | | ce (€/sh) | | Secto |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| BUY | Ord 12. | 2 | Ord 8.7 | 1 | Engineering | g & Machinery |
| Values per share (EUR) | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027 |
| No. ordinary shares (M) | 48.00 | 48.00 | 48.00 | 48.00 | 48.00 | 48.00 |
| Total no. of shares (M) | 48.00 | 48.00 | 48.00 | 48.00 | 48.00 | 48.00 |
| Market cap (EUR M) | NA | NA 0.71 | 350.94 | 418.08 | 418.08 | 418.08 |
| Adj. EPS BVPS | 0 0.42 | 0.61 1.0 | 0.90 3.0 | 0.94 3.9 | 1.14 5.1 | 1.38 |
| องคร Dividend ord | 0.42 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6.4 |
| Income statement (EUR M) | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027 |
| Revenues | 67.22 | 148.6 | 203.3 | 236.2 | 286.5 | 346. |
| EBITDA | 10.64 | 40.49 | 53.97 | 62.51 | 76.37 | 91.79 |
| EBIT | 8.38 | 35.34 | 47.90 | 53.11 | 64.37 | 77.79 |
| Pre-tax income | 7.44 | 33.49 | 47.70 | 52.11 | 63.37 | 76.7 |
| Net income | 7.36 | 29.18 | 43.14 | 45.08 | 54.82 | 66.42 |
| Adj. net income | 0.00 | 29.18 | 43.14 | 45.08 | 54.82 | 66.4 |
| Cash flow (EUR M) | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027 |
| Net income before minorities | 7.4 | 29.2 | 43.1 | 45.1 | 54.8 | 66.4 |
| Depreciation and provisions | 2.3 | 5.1 | 6.1 | 9.4 | 12.0 | 14.0 |
| Others/Uses of funds | 2.1 | 0.9 | 0.1 | 0.6 | 0.6 | 0.8 |
| Change in working capital | -14.9 | -4.9 | 10.8 | -2.1 | -11.6 | -11.3 |
| Operating cash flow | -3.1 | 30.4 | 60.1 | 53.0 | 55.8 | 69. |
| Capital expenditure | -13.9 | -20.5 | -32.7 | -50.0 | -30.0 | -30.0 |
| Financial investments | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (|
| Acquisitions and disposals | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (|
| Free cash flow | -17.0 | 9.9 | 27.4 | 3.0 | 25.8 | 39. |
| Dividends | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (|
| Equity changes & Non-op items | 0.3 | -0.5 | 49.3 | 0.3 | -0.3 | -0.4 |
| Net change in cash | -16.7 | 9.5 | 76.7 | 3.3 | 25.5 | 39. |
| Balance sheet (EUR M) | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027 |
| Net capital employed | 39.2 | 58.9 | 75.9 | 118.1 | 147.5 | 174.7 |
| of which associates | 0 19.4 | 0 9.9 | 0 | 0 | 0 -95.6 | -134.c |
| Net debt/-cash Minorities | 0.1 | 9.9 0.1 | -66.8 0.9 | -70.1 0.9 | -93.6 0.9 | -134.6 |
| Net equity | 20.0 | 49.2 | 141.7 | 187.3 | 242.2 | 308. |
| Minorities value | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 | 0.9 |
| Enterprise value | NA | NA | 285.0 | 348.9 | 323.4 | 284.3 |
| Stock market ratios (x) | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027 |
| Adj. P/E | NA | NA | 8.1 | 9.3 | 7.6 | 6.3 |
| P/CFPS | NA | NA | 7.1 | 7.7 | 6.3 | 5.2 |
| P/BVPS | NA | NA | 2.5 | 2.2 | 1.7 | 1.4 |
| Payout (%) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | (|
| Dividend yield (% ord) | NA | NA | 0 | 0 | 0 | (|
| FCF yield (%) | NA | NA | 7.8 | 0.7 | 6.2 | 9. |
| EV/sales | NA | NA | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.1 | 0.82 |
| EV/EBITDA | NA | NA | 5.3 | 5.6 | 4.2 | 3. |
| EV/EBIT | NA | NA | 6.0 | 6.6 | 5.0 | 3.7 |
| EV/CE | NA | NA | 3.8 | 3.0 | 2.2 | 1.0 |
| D/EBITDA | 1.8 | 0.25 | Neg. | Neg. | Neg. | Neg |
| D/EBIT | 2.3 | 0.28 | Neg. | Neg. | Neg. | Neg |
| Profitability & financial ratios (%) | 2022A | 2023A | 2024A | 2025E | 2026E | 2027 |
| EBITDA margin | 15.8 | 27.3 | 26.5 | 26.5 | 26.7 | 26. |
| EBIT margin | 12.5 | 23.8 | 23.6 | 22.5 | 22.5 | 22. |
| Tax rate | 0.7 | 12.8 | 9.6 | 13.5 | 13.5 | 13. |
| Net income margin | 10.9 | 19.6 | 21.2 | 19.1 | 19.1 | 19. |
| ROCE | 21.4 | 60.0 | 63.1 | 45.0 | 43.6 | 44. |
| ROE Interest cover | 73.5 8.9 | 84.3 | 45.2 | 27.4 53.1 | 25.5 | 24. |
| | 8.9 96.6 | 19.0 20.1 | 233.5 Neg | | 64.4 Nea | 77.8 Neo |
| Debt/equity ratio Growth (%) | 70.0 | 20.1 2023A | Neg. 2024A | Neg. 2025E | Neg. 2026E | Neg 2027 I |
| Sales | | NM | 36.8 | 16.2 | 2026E | 2027 |
| EBITDA | | NM | 33.3 | 15.8 | 22.2 | 20.0 |
| EBIT | | NM | 35.5 | 10.9 | 21.2 | 20. |
| Pre-tax income | | NM | 33.3 42.4 | 9.3 | 21.2 | 20.6 |
| Net income | | NM | 42.4 47.8 | 4.5 | 21.6 | 21.2 |
| Adj. net income | | NA | 47.8 | 4.5 | 21.6 | 21 |

NM: not meaningful; NA: not available; Neg.: negative; A: actual; E: estimates; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research

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|------------------|---|
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Next Geosolutions Europe:

Target price and market price trend (-3Y)



Historical recommendations and target price trend (-3Y)

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|-----------|--------|----------|-----------------|
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