Investment Opportunity Software AG

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What makes an attractive investment?

Financial Strength

- Solid balance sheet
- Long track record of profits
- Strong, recurrent cash flow

Business Power

- Excellent long-term customer base
- Global presence
- Focused product strategy

Market Potential

- Stable markets with high barriers for entry
 e.g. mission critical enterprise transaction systems
- Markets with potential for dynamic growth because of innovation e.g. XML technology



Software AG is an attractive investment

Multiples based on analyst consensus*

		2003	2004e
EV**/Sales	X	1	1
EV/EBITDA	X	18	5
EV/PbT	X	n/a	8
PE Ratio (op. EPS pre goodw	x vill)	14	11

Organic free cash flow yield: 12% (9 months 2003 annualized in % of EV)

Current share price is below fair value (average price target 21 €)*



^{* 13} sell side analysts

^{**} Enterprise Value (Market Cap ./. net cash balance)

Financial Strength



Key Figures – First 9 Months 2003

(in mn. euros)

Stated Figures (German GAAP)	9M 2003	9M 2002	△ %
License Revenue	68.7	81.5	-8*
Maintenance	143.7	150.7	+5*
Total Revenue	304.4	354.6	-7 *
Total Cost** thereof R&D	319.9 43.9	369.0 49.5	-13 -11
Profit before taxes** Margin (% of revenue)	-1.3 n/a	30.1 *** 8%	n/a
Net Income Margin (% of revenue)	-3.5 n/a	17.4 5%	n/a
Earnings per Share (in €)	-0.13	0.64	n/a

* currency adjusted

** incl. charges for restructuring

*** incl. income from investments



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(in mn. euros)

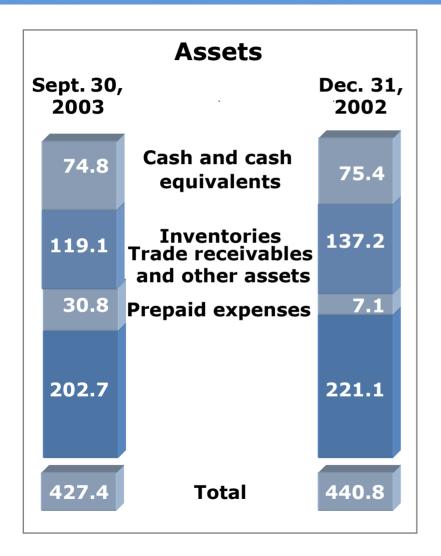
Operating earnings (excl. charges for restructuring and income from investments)	9M 2003	9M 2002	△ %
EBITDA Margin (% of revenue) Goodwill amortization	42.2 14% 16.4	36.6 10% 16.4	+15
Operating PbT Margin (% of revenue)	22.5 7%	11.6 3%	+94
Effective tax rate	40%	42%	
NOPAT*	6.9	-0.2	n/a
EPS (operating)	0.25	0.00	n/a
EPS (op.) pre Goodwill	0.85	0.60	+42

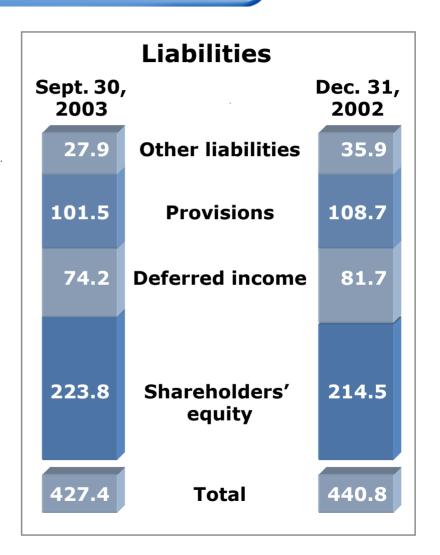
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^{*} Net operating profit after tax = op. PbT ./. tax rate x (op. PbT + goodwill)

Balance Sheet

(in mn. euros)







Balance Sheet Analysis – First 9 Months 2003

(in mn. euros)

	Sep 30, 2003	Dec 31, 2002	Δ %
Equity in % of total assets	52.4%	45.5%	+7
Cash balance stated	74.8	75.4	-1
./. Outstanding Factoring	-22.9	-39.8	-42
+ Other financial assets	16.1	11.3	+42
Net cash balance	68.0	46.9	+45
DSO (days)	96	89	+8



Cash Flow Analysis – First 9 Months 2003

(in mn. euros)

	9M 2003	9M 2002	Δ %
Operating Cash Flow	6.9	31.9	-78
./. CapEx	5.1	9.9	-48
Free Cash Flow	1.8	22.0	-92
+ Reversal of Factoring	16.9	12.2	+39
+ Cash-out for restructuring	12.3	6.9	+78
+ Tax payment for previous periods	6.0	0.0	n/a
Organic Free Cash Flow	37.0	41.1	-10
as % of revenue	12.2%	10.2%	



Forecast FY 2003 as of Dec. 2003

This forecast was made on the basis of 9 months figures 2003.

- Total revenues 2003: 410-415 mn. €
- Operating profit before tax 10-15% higher than previous year's 32 mn. €
- Positive operating cash flow despite cash out for severance payments due to restructuring
- After tax-results will show a loss
 (due to 41 mn. € one time charges for restructuring)

After 12 months, Software AG is confident of meeting or exceeding these targets.



Business Power



First Class Customer Base



Public Administration



Landeshauptstadt München











Financial



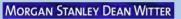






















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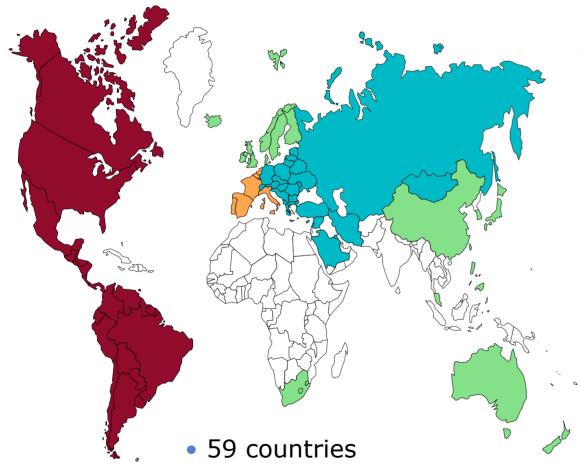




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Global Presence



Four Business Regions

(revenue 9 months 2003):

- **Americas** (34%)
- Southern/
 Western Europe
 (27%)
- Central/ Eastern Europe (22%)
- Northern Europe/
 Asia Pacific (17%)

- Global services to global customers
- Well balanced revenue distribution



Vision

In an increasingly complex and networked environment we want to be the global number one partner to our customers by integrating and modernizing existing platforms, applications and data to maximize our customers' <u>ROI</u>.



Two Business Lines

ETS-Modernization XML Business Process Integration

Sarbanes-Oxley **Post-merger integration Customer multi channel integration Customer service integration** e-Business solutions **Mission-critical Applications Basel II Document** Email, **ERP** CRM Manage-Collabora-**Packages Packages** ment tion

Optimize, Extend, Manage



Enhancing the Value of Enterprise Database Applications...

Mainframe Modernization Suite



Optimize

- Database Performance
- Developer Productivity
- Enterprise Security



Extend

- Web Enablement
- Enterprise Connectivity
- Legacy Integration

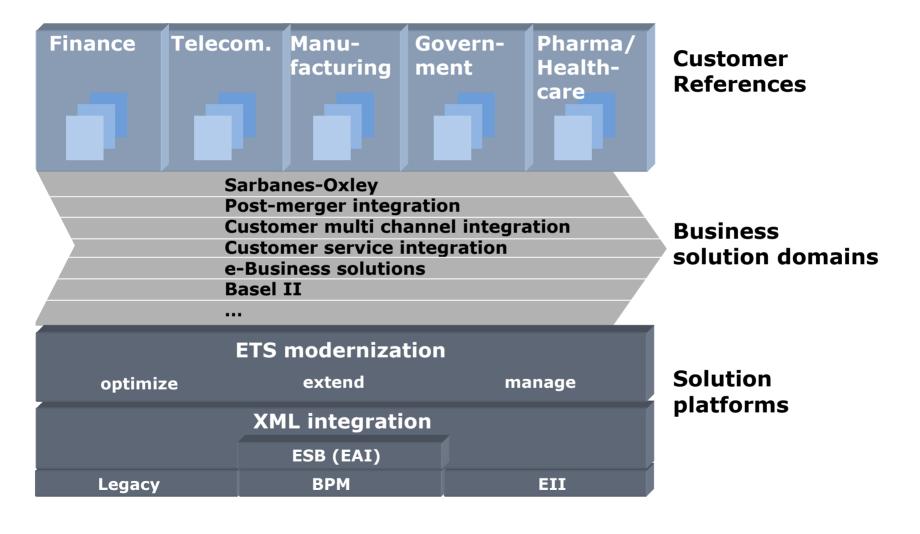


Manage

- Platform Re-Hosting
- System Outsourcing
- Application Re-Engineering



Comprehensive solutions offering





Outlook



Outlook 2004 - Business Opportunities

- Overall economic climate expected to improve
 - IT investments likely to grow in 2004 (Europe 3%, Germany 2%)
- Price pressure in project services will continue
 - Strong Euro will support US competitors
- Customers will continue to modernize and integrate installed (mission-critical) IT-systems
 - Software AG can expand its sales and services to installed customer base (mainframe modernization)
- Customers demand innovative (XML-based) use of enterprise data
 - Software AG can win new customers with superior XML-based business integration solutions



Outlook 2004 - Financial Forecast

- Revenues: the decline will be stopped (net of currency effects)
 - License sales will increase in core business lines and make up for reduction of non strategic business
- Cost: new organization and off-shore services will improve cost structure (lower and more USD based costs)
- Operating result will increase by 25 35% vs. 2003e consensus
- Strong organic free cash flow will continue
- Change to IFRS (IAS): amortization of goodwill may no longer be required



Summary

- Software AG has a focused strategy for profit and growth
 - ETS (mainframe) modernization
 - XML business integration
- Software AG is financially strong
 - Solid balance sheet
 - Recurrent free cash flow
 - Growing operating results
- Software AG is an attractive investment opportunity
 - Trading at PE Ratio of 11 (2004e)
 - Priced at 1x sales (2004e)
 - Offering an organic free cash yield of 12% EV (2003)







Backup Slides

- Stock Information
- Market Potential
- Customer References



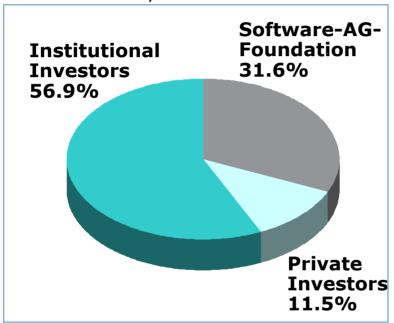
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Shareholder Structure

(Number of Shares: 27.3 mn.; Free Float: 68.4%)

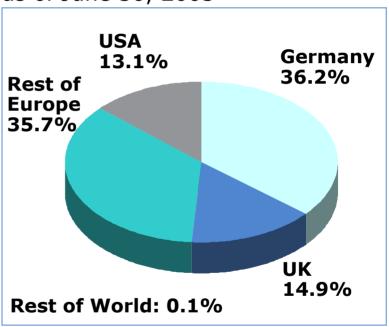
Shareholder Structure

as of June 30, 2003



Free Float by Region

as of June 30, 2003



Major Funds (Source: Thomson Financial):

Classic Global Equity Fund, Switzerland

Dekafonds, Germany

Fidelity Investment Funds, UK

Julius Bär Multistock – German Stock Fund, Switzerland

Investors European Growth Fund, Ireland



Share Price

12 months rolling



- Software AG
- **MDAX**
- **TecDAX**

SAG share price:

12/31/02: 9.01 €

12/31/03: 16.30 €





Market Potential



Renewed Interest in Enterprise Systems and the Mainframe

"Today, mainframes deliver tremendous <u>value for the money</u>. Organizations are well advised to preserve their investment in this critical technology which has been the lynchpin for many enterprises."

Carl Olofson, IDC Research

"Enterprises can increase their flexibility and <u>reduce their risk</u> by restructuring established mission-critical systems."

Dale Vecchio, Gartner Group

"IT Managers are recognizing that maintaining and updating legacy systems is <u>vital to corporate success</u>."

Michael Bucken, Editor AD Trends



Market potential

Total Modernization Market

- 2004 = \$500M
- 2005 = \$560M
- 2006 = \$620M

50

(Dollars in Millions)

350

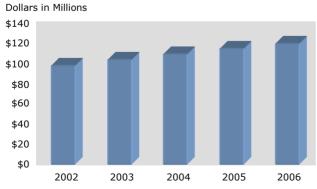
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2004 Legacy Integration = \$210M

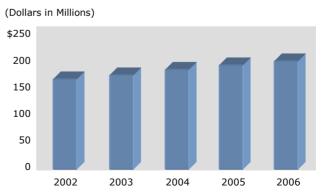
Source: Gartner Research (December 2003)

2004 Screen Scraper = \$105M



Source: Gartner Research (March 2003)

2004 Code Re-engineering = \$185M



Source: Gartner Research



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Why focus on XML Integration

Analyst quotes

Integration is still #1 issue for the CIO

- Ranked in Morgan Stanley CIO survey as the #1 problem
- According to Gartner, 90% of business applications involve integration
- Integration market is expected to grow 9.8% CAGR

Gartner, August 2003

Imperative need to provide a single view of information

"Developing an enterprise view of the customer is one of the primary requirements of a CRM-based sales and service strategy."

TowerGroup Research, March 2003

Abundance of monolithic, mission-specific, silo systems

"More than 90% of enterprise applications in production are monolithic. Their business logic is not externally accessible in a modular form that allows easy reuse in other applications."

Gartner, The Agile Enterprise, October 2003

Inability to effectively aggregate data

"I feel like we are missing a major opportunity because our systems aren't integrated. We have to do a ton of custom coding right now, and unfortunately no one has shown us a solution that doesn't ask us to change our business model to fit the package."

Insurance Company, Forrester Research



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Customer References





NYC Department of Buildings

Challenge

Improve the efficiency for accessing the 900,000 building codes, occupancy and safety information, so engineers and architects can save days and weeks on their building projects

Solution

The Building Department used EntireX to put a "wrapper" around the data and applications, allowing the mainframe data to be passed forward to web system



"It's remarkable how easy and cheap it was."

Matti Friedman – Director, DOB NYC



Two Developers Built Site, with over 135,000 daily hits, in Less Than 6 Months



Supply Chain Integration

Technology

- EntireX XML Mediator and Tamino (Required)
- EntireX Communicator (Optional)

Domain Implementation Components

Architecture based on Mediator,
 Tamino and Communicator

Services

 Variable service offerings for integration

Sales Pattern

 Motor Manufacturers that need to shorten time from customer requirement (customized vehicle) to delivery while efficiently managing stock holding

Ownership

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Reference

Nissan

