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### X-Trade Brokers

## Climbing up

We maintain our Buy rating for XTB and lift our 12M TP to PLN 56.0/share from PLN 42.0 previously. Strong 4Q23 results coupled with presented product expansion prompted us to lift our 2024/25e EPS estimates by 17/27%. With its growing scale and competitive product offer XTB is well positioned to become a successful global one-stop-shop for investors, we believe. The company offers not only business growth, but also sustainable and high dividends (we expect DY 11% from 2023e earnings) and attractive valuation at 8.0/7.6x P/E.

**Encouraging 4Q23 results** – XTB's 4Q23 net profit reached PLN 249m and was 23/13% above consensus/our estimates. The numbers surprised positively with better than expected CFD trading volumes and higher number of new clients. Management raised also customer acquisition target to 65-90k new clients quarterly (from 40-60k before).

**Product expansion a driver for further growth** – With its 4Q23 results XTB presented road map of new products incl. bonds, social trading, IKE/IKZE, virtual wallet and multicurrency card. Competitive product offer makes XTB very likely to become a successful global one-stop-shop, as given wide investment opportunities for clients, the company is well positioned to benefit from changing investment environment.

**2024/25e EPS estimates up 17/27%** - Strong 4Q23 results coupled with optimistic 2024/25e outlook prompted us to lift our 2024/25e EPS estimates by 17/27%. We raise our CFD trading volumes estimates by 17/21% in 2024/25e and maintain assumptions of profitability per lot broadly unchanged. We lift also our 2024/25e opex estimates by 7/10% and arrive at 2024/25e net profit at PLN 665/700m.

**Trading multiples still attractive** – At our 2024/25e estimates XTB is trading at 8.0/7.6x P/E with c. 30% discount to peers. As prediction of market trends and XTB's earnings is difficult, we would rather point at PLN 600-1,000m net profit range, that implies P/E at 8.8-5.3x.

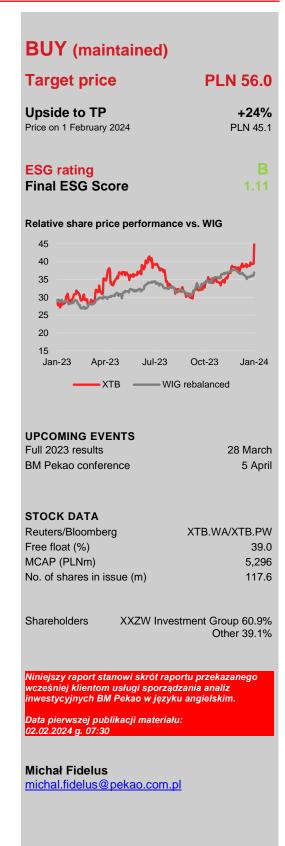
**Regulations a key risk for the company** – Advertising ban in Spain is largely harmless, but introduction of Spain-like regulations in other markets may affect XTB's more materially. Thus, we believe, these are regulations, that remain a key risk factor for XTB nowadays.

XTB - Key figures, 2021-2026e

PLNm unless otherwise stated

	2021	2022	2023p	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net profit	238	766	791	665	700	717
- y/y change	-41%	222%	3%	-16%	5%	3%
EBITDA	286	898	911	825	875	903
- y/y change	-45%	214%	1%	-9%	6%	3%
DPS	1.79	1.50	4.86	5.05	4.24	4.46
Dividend yield	4.0%	3.3%	10.8%	11.2%	9.4%	9.9%
P/E	22.3	6.9	6.7	8.0	7.6	7.4
EV/EBITDA	15.3	4.2	3.9	4.2	3.8	3.4

Source Company, Pekao Equity Research; p-preliminary



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# **Financials**

XTB - P&L, 2021-2026e PLNm unless otherwise stated

P&L (PLNm)	2021	2022	2023p	2024e	2025e	2026e
Revenues	626	1 444	1 588	1 666	1 854	2 025
Operating expenses	-349	-559	-694	-862	-1 002	-1 146
EBIT	277	886	895	803	852	879
EBITDA	286	898	911	825	875	903
Net financial income	14	50	66	17	12	7
Pre-tax profit	290	935	961	820	864	886
Net profit	238	766	791	665	700	717

Source: Company, Pekao Equity Research estimates

# XTB – Balance sheet, 2021-2026e PLNm unless otherwise stated

Balance sheet (PLNm)	2021	2022	2023p	2024e	2025e	2026e
Client's cash and equivalents	1 787	1 939	2 389	2 548	2 768	3 008
Cash	589	1 222	1 410	1 431	1 597	1 751
Financial assets at FVPL	704	843	769	838	902	970
Property, plant and equipment	16	45	48	46	44	41
Other	52	66	69	73	77	82
Total assets	3 148	4 114	4 685	4 937	5 388	5 852
Amounts due to clients	2 010	2 328	2 676	2 854	3 101	3 369
Financial liabilities held for trading	128	106	107	108	109	110
Leasing	7	30	30	30	30	30
Other	87	145	146	148	150	151
Total liabilities	2 232	2 608	2 959	3 140	3 390	3 661
Share capital	77	77	77	77	77	77
Other reserves	599	658	658	658	658	658
Retained earnings	240	771	991	1 062	1 263	1 456
Total equity	916	1 506	1 726	1 797	1 998	2 191
Total equity and liabilities	3 148	4 114	4 685	4 937	5 388	5 852

Source: Company, Pekao Equity Research estimates

#### XTB - Cash flow, 2021-2026e

PLNm unless otherwise stated

Cash Flow (PLNm)	2021	2022	<b>2023</b> p	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net profit	238	766	791	665	700	717
D&A	9	12	16	22	23	24
Financial costs	4	1	0	0	0	0
Working capital	-48	44	4	-25	-11	-12
Operating cash flow	199	1 149	811	661	712	730
Capex	-8	-14	-19	-20	-21	-22
Net proceeds from sale of bonds	67	-30	-34	-26	-28	-29
Investing cash flow	55	-329	-53	-46	-48	-51
Dividend paid	-210	-176	-572	-594	-498	-525
Financial cash flow	-216	-182	-572	-594	-498	-525
Change in cash	38	638	187	22	165	154
Cash at the end of period	589	1 222	1 410	1 431	1 597	1 751

Source: Company, Pekao Equity Research estimates



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