Nokian Tyres

Company report

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A demanding situation

Reflecting our estimate changes, we lower our target price to EUR 15 (previously EUR 18) and our recommendation to Reduce (previously Accumulate). Nokian Tyres' situation is difficult in the short term, as a rapid reduction in Russia risks is impossible and the operating environment is exceptionally unpredictable.

Operating in Russia becomes increasingly tricky day by day

In an analyst call in mid-March, Nokian Tyres reported that up to that point the utilization rates of the Russian production plant had remained good and the war in Ukraine had not yet affected the demand for passenger car tires. Instead, the company had faced challenges on the material and logistics side, reflecting the difficulty in raw material availability for manufacturing, their increased costs and the need to restructure logistics. However, based on to the management's comments, at the time the situation seemed to be that the company had found the solutions needed to operate under significantly changed circumstances, and the operations had not faced massive setbacks. Based on the comments made by the company to the public over the past two weeks and the still acute war situation we believe it is clear that operating in Russia has become and will continue to become increasingly tricky day by day. Naturally, the situation is very problematic for Nokian Tyres from several viewpoints, since a significant share of total capacity is attached to the Russian production plant. Given that this is a structural feature and therefore a matter that essential affects both the implementation of the strategy and relative competitiveness, it is not possible to significantly reduce the Russia risk, that has tragically realized, quickly.

Accelerating European investment plans

The production structure can be changed in the medium and long term and there are three practical options: 1) increasing the capacity of Nokia and Dayton plants , 2) investing in a new production plant organically or through acquisitions and/or 3) increasing contract manufacturing. Nokian Tyres has already previously started measures to increase Nokia's and Dayton's capacities and we believe that these efforts will be accelerated as circumstances permit. Plans for completely new European production capacity will also be stepped up quite unsurprisingly. Our preliminary estimate is that the new plant would initially be at least the size of the Dayton unit, which, when translated into investment, would mean over EUR 350 million. Progressing from the investment decision to a reasonable volume (> 2 million annual tires), would according to our calculations take some 3-4 years when applying the Dayton ramp-up process. The company has a strong financial position which does not limit investments of this size. We have added the plant investment that we find likely, the temporary efficiency encumbrance the ramp-up causes and the effects of a weakening margin structure resulting from increasing contract manufacturing to our estimates for the coming years.

Uncertainty and unpredictability

Based on our estimates, Nokian Tyres' P/E ratios for 2022 and 2023 are 12x and 10x, while the corresponding EV/EBIT ratios are 10x and 8x. The ratios are low in absolute terms, but at the same time the uncertainty associated with our earnings estimates is exceptionally high at the moment. This exceptional uncertainty, together with the unpredictable nature of the situation, depress the short-term return/risk ratio to levels that are too weak.

Recommendation

Reduce

(previous Accumulate)

EUR 15.00

(previous EUR 18.00)

Share price:

14.78



Key figures

	2021	2022 e	2023 e	2024e
Revenue	1714	1648	1761	1843
growth-%	30%	-4%	7%	5%
EBIT adj.	324.9	217.8	278.3	306.6
EBIT-% adj.	19.0 %	13.2 %	15.8 %	16.6 %
Net Income	206.2	143.6	204.6	214.5
EPS (adj.)	1.84	1.20	1.56	1.73
P/E (adj.)	18.1	12.3	9.5	8.6
P/B	2.8	1.2	1.1	1.1
Dividend yield-%	1.7 %	4.1 %	4.4 %	4.7 %
EV/EBIT (adj.)	13.9	9.9	8.2	7.4
EV/EBITDA	10.5	6.1	5.2	4.7
EV/S	2.6	1.3	1.3	1.2

Source: Inderes

Guidance

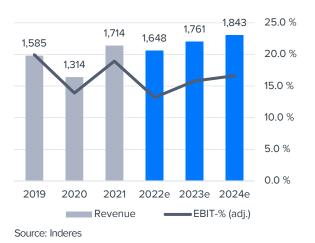
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Russia's military action in Ukraine and subsequent sanctions have resulted in considerable uncertainty regarding Russia, the functioning of the Russian financial system and payment transactions and the exchange rate of the Russian ruble. Due to the ongoing uncertainties, the company refrains from providing any guidance for 2022 at this time.

Share price



Revenue and EBIT %



EPS and dividend



Source: Inderes

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Value drivers

- A strong winter tire brand and market position in the Nordic countries
- Extensive own distribution network and partner relationships
- Capturing market positions in North America and Central Europe
- Materialization of the benefits of an extensive investment program



Risk factors

- Development of key market areas and demand with cyclical nuances
- Potential distribution challenges
- The decline in brand recognition and pricing power erosion
- Tightening competitive situation
- Failure in capacity management
- · Geo-politics and their unpredictability

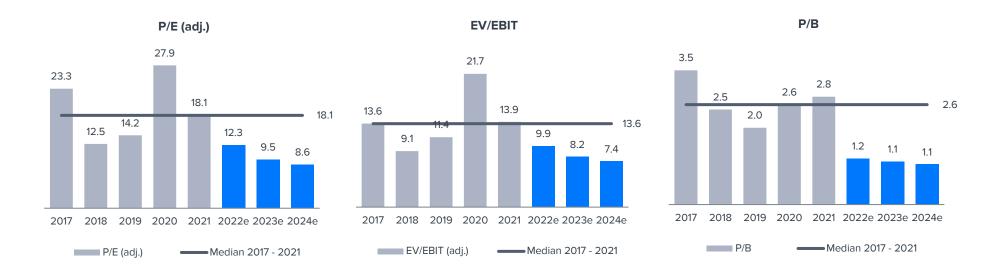
Valuation	2022 e	2023 e	2024 e
Share price	14.8	14.8	14.8
Number of shares, millions	138.2	138.2	138.2
Market cap	2042	2042	2042
EV	2161	2274	2281
P/E (adj.)	12.3	9.5	8.6
P/E	14.2	10.0	9.5
P/FCF	neg.	neg.	22.9
P/B	1.2	1.1	1.1
P/S	1.2	1.2	1.1
EV/Sales	1.3	1.3	1.2
EV/EBITDA	6.1	5.2	4.7
EV/EBIT (adj.)	9.9	8.2	7.4
Payout ratio (%)	57.7 %	43.9 %	45.1%
Dividend yield-%	4.1%	4.4 %	4.7 %
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Structural changes

Estimate revisions MEUR / EUR	2022 e Old	2022e New	Change %	2023e Old	2023e New	Change %	2024e Old	2024e New	Change %
Revenue	1666	1648	-1%	1802	1761	-2%	1885	1843	-2%
EBIT (exc. NRIs)	225	218	-3%	320	278	-13%	350	307	-12%
EBIT	197	190	-4%	310	264	-15%	350	277	-21%
PTP	197	182	-8%	302	256	-15%	342	268	-22%
EPS (excl. NRIs)	1.29	1.20	-7%	1.80	1.56	-13%	1.98	1.73	-13%
DPS	1.00	0.60	-40%	1.20	0.65	-46%	1.30	0.70	-46%
Source: Inderes									

Valuation table

Valuation	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022 e	2023 e	2024 e	2025 e
Share price	37.8	26.8	25.6	28.8	33.3	14.8	14.8	14.8	14.8
Number of shares, millions	136.8	138.1	138.9	138.2	138.2	138.2	138.2	138.2	138.2
Market cap	5169	3703	3561	3984	4603	2042	2042	2042	2042
EV	4961	3388	3602	3966	4504	2161	2274	2281	2166
P/E (adj.)	23.3	12.5	14.2	27.9	18.1	12.3	9.5	8.6	8.0
P/E	23.3	12.5	8.9	46.4	22.3	14.2	10.0	9.5	9.7
P/FCF	32.7	9.4	neg.	9.9	24.3	neg.	neg.	22.9	9.3
P/B	3.5	2.5	2.0	2.6	2.8	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.0
P/S	3.3	2.3	2.2	3.0	2.7	1.2	1.2	1.1	1.1
EV/Sales	3.2	2.1	2.3	3.0	2.6	1.3	1.3	1.2	1.1
EV/EBITDA	10.7	7.3	8.2	13.4	10.5	6.1	5.2	4.7	4.5
EV/EBIT (adj.)	13.6	9.1	11.4	21.7	13.9	9.9	8.2	7.4	6.6
Payout ratio (%)	96.4 %	73.9 %	39.6 %	193.0 %	36.9 %	57.7 %	43.9 %	45.1%	52.5 %
Dividend yield-%	4.1 %	5.9 %	4.4 %	4.2 %	1.7 %	4.1 %	4.4 %	4.7 %	5.4 %



Peer group valuation

Peer group valuation	Share price	Market cap	EV	EV/	EBIT	EV/E	BITDA	EV	//S	P	/E	Dividen	d yield-%	P/B
Company		MEUR	MEUR	2022e	2023 e	2022e	2023e	2022e	2023e	2022e	2023 e	2022e	2023 e	2022e
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co	14.44	3,703	9,524	8.5	6.7	4.9	4.2	0.6	0.5	6.7	4.9			0.7
Bridgestone Corp	4758.00	24,991	25,413			4.3	3.7	0.8	0.7	11.9	10.0	3.6	3.9	1.2
Sumitomo Rubber Industries Ltd	8.10	2,176	3,452			5.1	4.4	0.5	0.4	11.5	8.0	4.4	5.2	0.6
Toyo Tire Corp	1563.00	1,773	2,313			4.3	3.7	0.7	0.6	7.5	6.3	4.4	5.1	0.8
Yokohama Rubber Co Ltd	1692.00	2,111	3,122			4.0	3.5	0.5	0.5	7.4	6.2	4.2	4.6	0.5
Michelin SCA	122.95	21,864	25,336	8.3	7.4	5.3	4.9	1.0	1.0	10.0	9.1	4.6	5.1	1.4
Continental AG	65.40	13,399	18,178	10.4	7.0	4.8	3.8	0.6	0.5	9.9	6.9	2.9	4.1	1.0
Cheng Shin Rubber Ind. Co Ltd	35.45	3,606	4,340	15.7	10.9	5.8	5.3	1.2	1.1	19.1	14.3	4.3	5.0	1.3
Nexen Tire Corp	6420.00	480	1,146	31.2	13.6	6.5	5.0	0.7	0.7	13.5	9.0	1.7	1.7	0.4
Apollo Tyres Limited	191.00	1,434	2,104	14.5	10.2	6.9	5.5	0.9	0.7	17.3	11.5	1.7	2.5	1.0
MRF Ltd	65022.10	3,261	3,134							41.6	22.4	0.1	0.2	2.0
Kumho Tire Co Inc	4220.00	898	2,216	17.9	12.4	7.1	5.8	0.8	0.7	20.0	8.4			0.6
Hankook & Company Co Ltd	14650.00	1,030	905									3.8	3.8	
Pirelli & C SpA	4.93	4,966	8,477	9.6	8.2	6.3	5.6	1.4	1.3	9.9	8.4	4.1	4.2	1.0
Nokian Renkaat (Inderes)	14.78	2,042	2161	9.9	8.2	6.1	5.2	1.3	1.3	12.3	9.5	4.1	4.4	1.2
Average				14.5	9.6	5.4	4.6	0.8	0.7	14.3	9.6	3.3	3.8	1.0
Median				12.5	9.2	5.2	4.6	0.8	0.7	11.5	8.4	4.0	4.2	1.0
Diff-% to median				-20%	-11%	18%	11%	72 %	89%	7 %	12%	3 %	6%	23%

Source: Thomson Reuters / Inderes. NB: The market cap Inderes uses does not consider own shares held by the company.

Income statement

Income statement	2020	Q1'21	Q2'21	Q3'21	Q4'21	2021	Q1'22e	Q2'22e	Q3'22e	Q4'22e	2022 e	2023 e	2024e	2025 e
Revenue	1314	342	416	444	513	1714	383	378	412	476	1648	1761	1843	1921
Vianor	318	58.1	91.5	70.1	123	343	62.7	92.4	72.2	127	354	368	383	398
Intra-group and eliminations	-70.2	-19.3	-17.8	-26.2	-18.6	-81.9	-18.0	-17.8	-19.4	-22.4	-77.7	-83.0	-86.8	-101.1
Passeeger Car Tyres	871	246	280	331	343	1199	275	235	284	302	1097	1184	1238	1299
Heavy Tyres	195	57.1	62.6	69.0	65.3	254	62.8	68.2	74.5	69.9	275	292	309	325
EBITDA	296	84.3	122	129	92.9	428	73.6	74.9	102	102	352	441	485	483
Depreciation	-176	-40	-40	-40	-40	-160	-41	-41	-41	-41	-162	-177	-208	-211
EBIT (excl. NRI)	183	50.4	89.5	96.9	88.1	325	40.0	41.3	68.2	68.3	218	278	307	327
EBIT	120	44.3	81.8	89.1	53.0	268	33.0	34.3	61.2	61.3	190	264	277	272
Vianor	4.0	-9.8	10.0	-4.5	8.4	4.1	-9.9	9.8	-3.9	9.8	5.8	9.5	11.7	14.0
Intra-group and eliminations	-15.3	-5.2	-2.8	-8.2	-2.1	-18.3	-3.6	-3.6	-3.9	-4.5	-15.5	-14.9	-16.5	-19.2
Passeeger Car Tyres	170	52.8	70.6	97.7	77.6	299	46.3	29.0	63.1	52.5	191	240	263	280
Heavy Tyres	23.6	12.6	11.7	11.9	4.1	40.3	7.2	6.1	12.9	10.5	36.7	43.7	48.8	52.5
Non-recurring items / non-IFRS entries	-63.0	-6.1	-7.7	-7.8	-35.1	-56.7	-7.0	-7.0	-7.0	-7.0	-28.0	-14.0	-30.0	-55.0
Net financial items	-13.9	-0.6	-2.2	-4.1	-3.1	-10.0	-2.0	-1.8	-2.0	-2.0	-8.0	-8.5	-8.5	-8.5
PTP	106	43.7	79.6	85.0	49.9	258	31.0	32.5	59.2	59.3	182	256	268	264
Taxes	-20.1	-8.2	-15.1	-15.8	-12.9	-52.0	-6.5	-6.8	-12.4	-12.5	-38.2	-51.2	-53.6	-52.7
Minority interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net earnings	85.9	35.5	64.5	69.2	37.0	206	24.5	25.6	46.7	46.8	144	205	215	211
EPS (adj.)	1.04	0.29	0.51	0.54	0.49	1.84	0.22	0.23	0.38	0.38	1.20	1.56	1.73	1.84
EPS (rep.)	0.62	0.26	0.47	0.50	0.27	1.49	0.18	0.19	0.34	0.34	1.04	1.48	1.55	1.53
Key figures	2020	Q1'21	Q2'21	Q3'21	Q4'21	2021	Q1'22e	Q2'22e	Q3'22e	Q4'22e	2022 e	2023e	2024e	2025e
Revenue growth-%	-17.1 %	22.2 %	53.7 %	26.8 %	24.0 %	30.5 %	12.0 %	-9.2 %	-7.2 %	-7.2 %	-3.8 %	6.9 %	4.6 %	4.3 %
Adjusted EBIT growth-%	-42.2 %	209.6 %	419.7 %	39.9%	9.9 %	77.6 %	-20.6 %	-53.9 %	-29.6 %	-22.4 %	-33.0 %	27.8 %	10.2 %	6.6 %
EBITDA-%	22.5 %	24.7 %	29.3 %	29.1%	18.1 %	25.0 %	19.2 %	19.8 %	24.7 %	21.4 %	21.4 %	25.1%	26.3 %	25.1%
Adjusted EBIT-%	13.9 %	14.7 %	21.5 %	21.8 %	17.2 %	19.0 %	10.4 %	10.9 %	16.6 %	14.4 %	13.2 %	15.8 %	16.6 %	17.0 %
Net earnings-%	6.5 %	10.4 %	15.5 %	15.6 %	7.2 %	12.0 %	6.4 %	6.8 %	11.4 %	9.8 %	8.7 %	11.6 %	11.6 %	11.0 %

Balance sheet

Assets	2020	2021	2022 e	2023 e	2024e
Non-current assets	1110	1142	1169	1362	1463
Goodwill	79.2	65.3	65.3	65.3	65.3
Intangible assets	23.6	21.7	31.7	41.7	51.7
Tangible assets	977	1024	1042	1225	1317
Associated companies	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Other investments	2.7	2.9	0.7	0.7	0.7
Other non-current assets	5.7	6.2	7.3	7.3	7.3
Deferred tax assets	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6	21.6
Current assets	1227	1241	1371	1459	1522
Inventories	329	415	379	405	424
Other current assets	71.8	83.1	84.9	84.9	84.9
Receivables	322	357	494	528	553
Cash and equivalents	504	386	412	440	461
Balance sheet total	2337	2384	2539	2820	2986

Liabilities & equity	2020	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
Equity	1521	1628	1695	1817	1941
Share capital	25.4	25.4	25.4	25.4	25.4
Retained earnings	1545	1592	1659	1781	1905
Hybrid bonds	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Revaluation reserve	-287.1	-227.6	-227.6	-227.6	-227.6
Other equity	238	238	238	238	238
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Non-current liabilities	291	286	433	546	569
Deferred tax liabilities	32.6	37.8	37.8	37.8	37.8
Provisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Long term debt	257	247	395	508	530
Convertibles	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other long term liabilities	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9	0.9
Current liabilities	525	470	411	457	476
Short term debt	230	40.4	136	164	170
Payables	281	411	264	282	295
Other current liabilities	13.5	19.3	10.9	10.9	10.9
Balance sheet total	2337	2384	2539	2820	2986

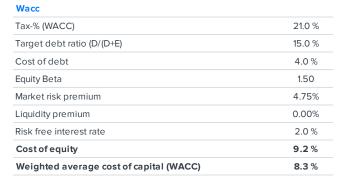
DCF calculation

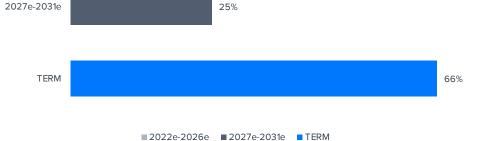
DCF model	2021	2022 e	2023e	2024e	2025 e	2026e	2027 e	2028 e	2029 e	2030e	2031e	TERM
EBIT (operating profit)	268	190	264	277	272	333	340	347	354	359	364	
+ Depreciation	160	162	177	208	211	204	199	194	190	187	184	
- Paid taxes	-46.8	-38.2	-51.2	-53.6	-52.7	-64.9	-66.3	-67.6	-69.0	-70.1	-73.1	
- Tax, financial expenses	-2.5	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-2.2	-0.8	
+ Tax, financial income	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	1.1	
- Change in working capital	2.5	-258.4	-41.8	-30.2	-29.0	-38.7	-15.0	-15.3	-15.6	-11.9	-12.1	
Operating cash flow	382	53.7	347	399	399	432	456	456	458	462	464	
+ Change in other long-term liabilities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
- Gross CAPEX	-192	-189	-370	-310	-180	-180	-180	-180	-180	-180	-180	
Free operating cash flow	189	-135	-23	89	219	252	276	276	278	282	284	
+/- Other	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
FCFF	189	-135	-23	89	219	252	276	276	278	282	284	4,255
Discounted FCFF		-127	-20	72	163	173	175	162	150	141	131	1,962
Sum of FCFF present value		2,980	3,107	3,127	3,055	2,893	2,720	2,545	2,384	2,234	2,093	1,962
Enterprise value DCF		2 980										

Enterprise value DCF	2,980
- Interesting bearing debt	-287
+ Cash and cash equivalents	386
-Minorities	0
-Dividend/capital return	0
Equity value DCF	3,078
Equity value DCF per share	22.3









Summary

Income statement	2019	2020	2021	2022 e	2023 e	Per share data	2019	2020	2021	2022 e	2023e
Revenue	1585.3	1313.7	1714.2	1648.3	1761.4	EPS (reported)	2.88	0.62	1.49	1.04	1.48
EBITDA	441.3	295.5	428.2	352.0	441.5	EPS (adj.)	1.80	1.03	1.84	1.20	1.56
EBIT	316.5	119.9	268.2	189.8	264.3	OCF / share	1.61	3.85	2.76	0.39	2.51
PTP	336.7	106.0	258.2	181.8	255.8	FCF / share	-2.86	2.92	1.37	-0.98	-0.17
Net Income	399.9	85.9	206.2	143.6	204.6	Book value / share	12.74	11.01	11.77	12.26	13.14
Extraordinary items	0.0	-63.0	-56.7	-28.0	-14.0	Dividend / share	1.14	1.20	0.55	0.60	0.65
Balance sheet	2019	2020	2021	2022e	2023 e	Growth and profitability	2019	2020	2021	2022e	2023 e
Balance sheet total	2332.6	2336.7	2383.5	2539.4	2820.4	Revenue growth-%	-1%	-17%	30%	-4%	7 %
Equity capital	1769.7	1521.4	1627.5	1695.1	1816.8	EBITDA growth-%	-5%	-33%	45%	-18%	25%
Goodwill	84.4	79.2	65.3	65.3	65.3	EBIT (adj.) growth-%	-15%	-42%	78%	-33%	28%
Net debt	41.2	-17.2	-98.6	118.9	231.8	EPS (adj.) growth-%	-16%	-43%	78%	-35%	30%
						EBITDA-%	27.8 %	22.5 %	25.0 %	21.4 %	25.1 %
Cash flow	2019	2020	2021	2022 e	2023 e	EBIT (adj.)-%	20.0 %	13.9 %	19.0 %	13.2 %	15.8 %
EBITDA	441.3	295.5	428.2	352.0	441.5	EBIT-%	20.0 %	9.1%	15.6 %	11.5 %	15.0 %
Change in working capital	-274.3	268.4	2.5	-258.4	-41.8	ROE-%	24.6 %	5.2 %	13.1 %	8.6 %	11.7 %
Operating cash flow	223.7	531.7	381.8	53.7	346.8	ROI-%	17.5 %	6.1 %	13.8 %	9.3 %	11.3 %
CAPEX	-488.4	-127.7	-192.4	-188.9	-370.0	Equity ratio	75.9 %	65.1 %	68.3 %	66.8 %	64.4 %
Free cash flow	-397.2	403.9	189.4	-135.1	-23.2	Gearing	2.3 %	-1.1 %	-6.1 %	7.0 %	12.8 %
Valuation multiples	2019	2020	2021	2022 e	2023e						
EV/S	2.3	3.0	2.6	1.3	1.3						
EV/EBITDA (adj.)	8.2	13.4	10.5	6.1	5.2						

Source: Inderes

EV/EBIT (adj.)

P/E (adj.)

Dividend-%

P/E

11.4

14.2

2.0

4.4 %

21.7

27.9

2.6

4.2 %

13.9

18.1

2.8

1.7 %

9.9

12.3

1.2

4.1 %

8.2

9.5

1.1

4.4 %

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Date	Recommendation	Target price	Share price
28-05-20	Reduce	20.00 €	21.85 €
05-08-20	Reduce	21.00 €	21.30 €
28-09-20	Reduce	22.00 €	22.65 €
28-10-20	Reduce	26.00 €	27.70 €
09-02-21	Reduce	29.00 €	30.64€
05-05-21	Accumulate	33.00 €	31.32 €
04-08-21	Accumulate	35.00 €	33.60 €
10-09-21	Accumulate	35.00 €	31.90 €
03-11-21	Accumulate	35.00 €	33.34 €
13-01-22	Accumulate	35.00 €	34.09€
08-02-22	Accumulate	30.00 €	28.35 €
01-03-22	Accumulate	18.00 €	16.75 €
01-04-22	Reduce	15.00 €	15.48 €

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