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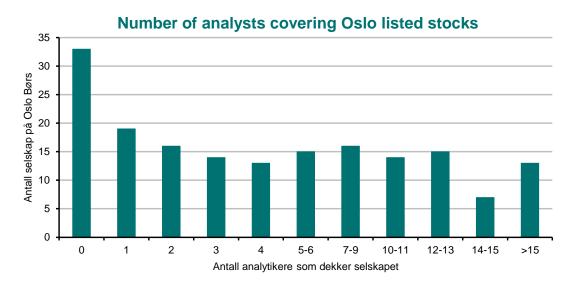
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# **SME** investing requires some work

- Over 30 companies on the Oslo stock exchange have no analyst coverage at all
  - 68 companies are covered by less than three analysts
- This increases the opportunities for finding shares that are incorrectly priced (too low <u>AND</u> too high)
- Lack of analyst coverage can in some cases be a signal in itself
  - Analysts may have done preliminary work on the company and concluded there is not enough upside for it to be interesting





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...and failing large-caps





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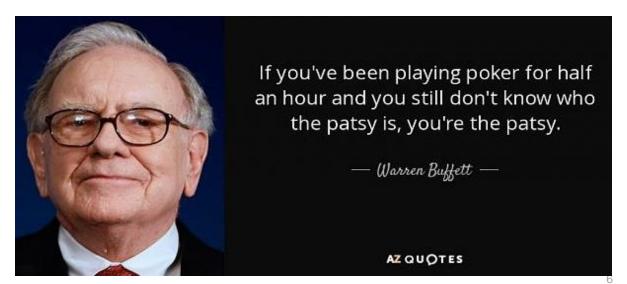
- A growth story is essentially an investment case that the historical trend continues into the future
  - Why has it been successful so far and what can go wrong?
- A 'turnaround' story is essentially an investment case that the historical trend does not continue into the future
  - What went wrong and why is this going to change
  - Be wary of value traps
  - Turnaround situations can become very complicated and often attract sophisticated specialist investors
- If you do not understand the historical share price movements, don't expect to be able to predict future moves





# If you are buying, who is selling and why?

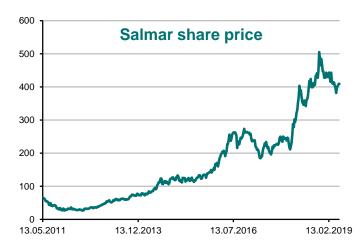
- Be very suspicious if management have sold stock over the past year or two
  - Check www.newsweb.no for insider transactions
- Is there a financial investor that may be looking for an exit strategy?
- Is it a company with 'fast money' investors or long-term share holders?
  - 'Fast money' stocks are more likely to over-shoot fair value in both directions
  - Forced selling from leveraged investors can create opportunities but requires careful timing

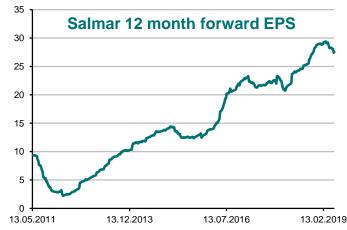




# Listen to the market signals

- The trend is your friend (invest with a tailwind, rather than fighting a headwind)
  - Don't try to time peaks and troughs
- Are analyst's earnings estimates (and your own estimates) trending up or down?
  - Provides a simple illustration of management's track record (under promise and over-deliver or vice versa?)
- How are the shares of similar companies performing?
- Define a stop-loss level in advance of entering a trade and stick to it
  - In most cases, the market is more likely to be correct than you are (wisdom of crowds)







## Does the company need more capital?

- SMEs have fewer financing alternatives than large cap companies
  - Bond markets are not always an option
  - Investors are less willing to invest in SMEs in periods of market volatility
- Do existing loans need to be refinanced?
- Is additional capital need to finance continued expansion?
- What are the consequences if capital is not available?
  - Slower growth or bankruptcy?

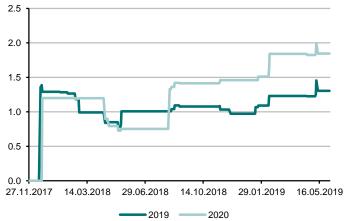


# Crayon

- Strong double digit organic growth profile
  - Crayon provides software asset management consulting to help customers reduce software costs
- Attractive valuation at 11.8x 2020 P/E
- Possible takeover candidate
  - Competitors SoftwareONE and Softline have acquired significant stakes in Crayon



## **Crayon consensus EPS estimates**





## **Scatec Solar**

- Develops, builds, owns and operates solar power plants
- Plants are located in emerging markets
  - Argentina, Brazil, Czech Republic, Egypt, Honduras, Jordan, Malaysia, Mozambique, Rwanda and South Africa
- Market Capitalisation NOK9bn
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> largest company by free float market cap in the Oslo Small Cap index



# Scatec Solar

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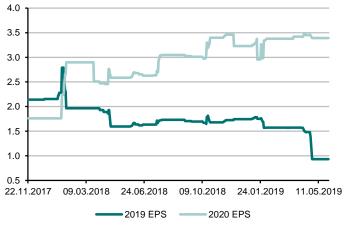
## **Scatec Solar**

- Strong structural demand growth for electricity generation in emerging markets
- Solar power ticks the boxes for investors looking for ESG compliant investment ideas
- The company has a focus on risk management
  - Projects are structured as standalone companies to limit risks for the group
  - Contracts are long-term with inflation adjustments and priced in USD or EUR

#### **Scatec Solar share price**



#### Scatec consensus EPS estimates





# **Europris**

- Solid underlying growth trends despite disappointing Q1 results
  - Underlying like-for-like growth at around 5% (2020e consensus EPS was only modestly trimmed after Q1)
- P/E multiple of around 10x indicates the market is pricing in further estimate cuts
  - The market is assuming the weak EPS trend from 2017/18 will continue
- Positive share price momentum still intact despite Q1 results disappointment

#### **Europris share price**



#### **Europris consensus EPS estimates**





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