

Update Q1 report 2021

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## Crunchfish: Business model firming up

- Net result in Q1 in line with expectations
- Global push to engage with central banks on CBDC
- We maintain our fair value estimate of SEK 49.80 79.50 per share



The first quarter report from Crunchfish contained no big surprises. Revenues were slightly lower than our estimates but the net loss for the period was roughly in line. Content-wise, the report summarised ongoing activities in each of its main business areas. The report reveals beyond doubt that digital cash is the area that occupies most of the management's time at present. The details of that business model are gradually becoming clearer, and it will be exciting to watch in the months ahead. The opportunities are vast, but still very difficult to translate into an exact valuation. For now, we keep our recently revised valuation interval SEK 49.80 - 79.50 per share.

Our most recent <u>research update</u> on Crunchfish, in which we revised our valuation of the company sharply upwards, was published in mid-April. The company has already released a string of news since then, of which the majority relate to digital payments. First and foremost, the company has intensified its focus on central banks and widened the geographic scope of its central bank digital currency (CBDC) offering to the whole world. Central banks around the world grapple with the question of how to maintain control of their currency when societies go cash-less and new currencies like cryptocurrencies challenge their position.

Physical cash offer the benefit of being instantly recognised, trusted and accepted, requiring no internet connectivity and being completely anonymous to both payer and payee. Crunchfish' digital cash solution can facilitate all of these features and therefore meets the requirements a central bank would reasonably have of a CBDC. Crunchfish emphasises that their solution would require minimal systems development in the banking sector. Banks already handle a multitude of currencies and a country's CBDC would be just another currency, pegged 1:1 to the existing domestic currency. Central banks would be able to control the quantity of CBDC in circulation and consequently maintain control of monetary policy.

Table 1: Financial Overview

MSEK	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e
Total revenues	21,1	23,2	29,5	59,0	187,4
Growth (%)	52,7%	9,9%	27,3%	99,9%	217,4%
EBITDA	(17,0)	(17,6)	(19,0)	(1,6)	111,3
EBITDA margin (%)	neg	neg	neg	1,1%	58,9%
EBT	(23,9)	(25,3)	(28,9)	(12,1)	100,4
Cash holdings	13,2	8,7	1,2	2,9	71,1
Total assets	42,9	44,3	40,7	61,4	162,1
Total equity	36,3	34,8	6,1	51,7	152,1
Solidity (%)	84,5%	78,6%	15,0%	84,2%	93,8%
P/E	neg	neg	neg	neg	20,4
ROE	neg	neg	neg	neg	66,0%
EV/EBIT (x)	neg	neg	neg	neg	20,3
EV/Sales (x)	96,5	87,8	69,0	34,5	10,9

Engaging with central banks globally

The company has been active in promoting their solution in international forums. Crunchfish has joined and recently presented to OMFIF (Official Monetary and Financial Institutions Forum), a think tank for central banking, economic policy and public investment. In late April it was also invited to give a presentation to the Bank of International Settlements, an important global institution often referred to the central bank of central banks. We take this as indication that monetary authorities around the world are listening with interest to the opportunity offered by Crunchfish. In our <a href="web conference">web conference</a> with CEO Joachim Samuelsson after the quarterly report, he also confirmed that the company is involved in discussions with several central banks, among others the Federal Reserve of the US.

The company has worked to expand and improve the relevance of its digital payments solution in other ways as well. In early May, it announced another partnership in India, with a company called Nextgen Telesolutions, which enables digital wallets on feature phones by supplying a secure element hosted either on a SIM overlay card or a microSD card. Another recent partnership was entered with ToneTag, a company specialised in audio-based data communication. The idea is that offline payments can be submitted to the recipient as a highly secure sound-based signal and is another way of expanding the use of digital wallets to feature phones. It is estimated that one half of all mobile telephones in India are feature phones.

Now tracking full body movements

Crunchfish has also announced a couple of interesting news on the Gesture side of the business. Most excitingly, it has recently managed to adapt its skeleton model for tracking hand gestures into detecting and reading movements of a full human body. The solution is said to become commercially available later this year. The algorithm will be able to track a person's movements in three dimensions using a single RGB camera. The applications for this solution could be many, not least in the area of entertainment and gaming.

Two new augmented reality agreements

Lastly, Crunchfish has landed two new agreements in their Gesture business, both with Chinese manufacturers of augmented reality eyewear. On 7 May it announced a commercial license agreement with INMO Technology, who will integrate Crunchfish XR gesture technology into their AR glasses. Crunchfish will receive a small upfront fee followed by royalties per unit produced and equipped with the software. In addition, Crunchfish announced in late April that it had entered an evaluation license agreement with Extremesight Technology who will consider implementing the technology into their AR glasses.

Table 2: Estimates vs actual, Q1 2021

kSEK	Q1 '20	Q1 '21e	Q1 '21 act	Diff
Net revenues	1 948	3 966	1 101	-2 864
Capitalised development cost	1 380	2 602	3 346	744
Other revenues	820	571	545	-26
Total revenue	4 148	7 138	4 992	-2 146
Cost of goods	(17)	(45)	(150)	-105
Personnel costs	(4 506)	(5 784)	(5 799)	-15
Other expenses	(3 950)	(5 460)	(4 140)	1 320
Profit from affilated companies	(478)	(780)	(481)	299
EBITDA	(4 803)	(4 931)	(5 578)	-647
Amortisation and Depreciation	(1 805)	(2 146)	(1 993)	153
EBIT	(6 608)	(7 078)	(7 571)	-493
Other financial items, net	117	(7)	(195)	-188
EBT	(6 491)	(7 085)	(7 766)	-681
Net Profit	(6 491)	(7 085)	(7 766)	-681
Cash and Equivalents	5 715	7 883	11 534	3 651
Total Equity	29 819	27 753	27 182	-571

Source: Västra Hamnen Corporate Finance

EBITDA and net loss as expected

The financials reported for the first quarter were largely in line with our expectations, cf. Table 2 above. Revenues were a little lower than expected this quarter, but somewhat lower operating expenses almost made up for that. EBITDA and net loss for the quarter consequently differed less than one million SEK from our estimate.

Comfortable financial situation

The company ended the quarter with a cash reserve of SEK 11.5 million, nearly 3.7 million more than our estimate. The main reason is that the company has drawn SEK 2.5 million more than we had anticipated on the credit line provided by its main owners. The credit line amounts to SEK 25 million in total, which means that there would have been 15 million of untapped credit left at the end of Q1. We still expect the company to raise new equity of an order of magnitude around SEK 50 million in early 2022, partly to pay off the credit line and partly to finance further expansion. With the recent rise in the stock price, raising that equity should be a minor concern. At the current stock price, a capital increase of SEK 50 million could be achieved by issuing less than one million new shares, meaning a fairly negligible dilution of around 3 percent.

We see no significant changes since our last valuation revision in mid-April. Consequently, we reiterate our valuation interval SEK 49.80 – 79.50 SEK per share.

kSEK	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e
Net revenues	14 565	10 883	14 965	44 351	172 043	469 024	861 723	1 156 307
Capitalised development cost	4 623	10 106	12 134	11 905	12 312	12 533	12 739	12 944
Other revenues	1 928	2 215	2 434	2 778	3 006	3 254	3 523	3 813
Total revenues	21 115	23 204	29 533	59 034	187 362	484 811	877 984	1 173 064
Cost of goods sold		(213)	(335)	(1 925)	(2 200)	(1 375)	(550)	(550)
Personnel costs	(15 496)	(20 965)	(23 947)	(27 500)	(36 480)	(47 762)	(60 904)	(77 662)
Other external costs	(20 714)	(16 936)	(19 388)	(24 750)	(32 832)	(42 986)	(54 814)	(69 896)
Other operating expenses	(379)	(48)	(2 017)	(4 180)	(5 545)	(7 260)	(9 257)	(11 805)
Profit from affiliated companies	(1 527)	(2 595)	(2 810)	(2 262)	973	3 701	4 516	5 203
EBITDA	(17 001)	(17 553)	(18 965)	(1 584)	111 277	389 129	756 975	1 018 355
Amortisation & depreciation	(6 936)	(7 662)	(9 041)	(10 156)	(10 849)	(11 412)	(11 847)	(12 198)
EBIT	(23 937)	(25 216)	(28 007)	(11 740)	100 428	377 717	745 128	1 006 156
Financial items, net	27	(120)	(851)	(313)	-	-		-
EBT	(23 910)	(25 336)	(28 858)	(12 052)	100 428	377 717	745 128	1 006 156
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	(55 147)	(153 496)	(207 268)
Net profit	(23 910)	(25 336)	(28 858)	(12 052)	100 428	322 571	591 632	798 888
Earnings per share (SEK)	(0,97)	(0,92)	(1,02)	(0,41)	3,43	11,01	20,19	27,26
Growth (%)								
Net revenues	na	-25,3%	37,5%	196,4%	287,9%	172,6%	83,7%	34,2%
EBITDA	na	na	na	na	16167,6%	249,4%	95,2%	34,6%
EBIT	na	na	na	na	na	276,1%	98,0%	35,2%
Net profit	na	na	na	na	na	221,2%	83,4%	35,0%
% of revenues (%)								
EBITDA margin	neg	neg	neg	1,1%	58,9%	79,5%	85,7%	86,4%
EBIT margin	neg	neg	neg	neg	53,1%	77,1%	84,4%	85,3%
EBT margin	neg	neg	neg	neg	53,6%	77,9%	84,9%	85,8%
Profit margin	neg	neg	neg	neg	53,6%	66,5%	67,4%	68,1%
Personnel costs	106,4%	192,6%	160,0%	62,0%	21,2%	10,2%	7,1%	6,7%
Total OPEX	251,2%	348,7%	303,1%	127,2%	43,5%	20,9%	14,5%	13,8%
Profitability (%)								
ROE	neg	neg	neg	neg	66,0%	68,0%	55,5%	42,8%

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98,4%

197,8%

277,5%

342,7%

Source: Västra Hamnen Corporate Finance

neg

ROIC

kSEK	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e
Inventories	-	-	25	181	181	45	45	45
Account receivable	2 424	3 048	2 632	18 996	49 230	118 687	179 421	198 673
Receivables fr affiliated comp	841	472	1 048	1 594	2 320	2 733	2 898	3 063
Prepaid costs & accrued income	1 066	1 318	1 419	1 496	1 553	1 626	1 705	1 788
Other receivables	361	869	893	934	980	1 028	1 078	1 130
Cash and cash equivalents	13 181	8 668	1 162	2 899	71 093	323 030	853 106	1 632 077
Total current assets	17 872	14 374	7 180	26 099	125 356	447 149	1 038 253	1 836 776
Tangible assets	1 606	1 265	1 003	817	666	542	442	360
Intangible assets	18 052	20 829	24 183	26 118	27 733	28 978	29 970	30 798
Long-term receivables	-	5	5	5	5	5	5	5
Affiliated companies	5 418	7 823	8 342	8 342	8 342	8 342	8 342	8 342
Total fixed assets	25 076	29 921	33 533	35 282	36 746	37 867	38 759	39 505
Total assets	42 949	44 296	40 713	61 381	162 102	485 015	1 077 012	1 876 281
Accounts payable	984	2 381	2 142	2 150	2 155	2 163	2 170	2 179
Accrued cost & prepaid income	4 023	4 611	5 101	5 178	5 405	5 665	5 940	6 229
Other liabilities	843	1 905	2 379	2 392	2 451	2 527	2 608	2 692
Loans	-	-	25 000	-	-	-	-	-
Total current liabilities	5 850	8 897	34 622	9 720	10 012	10 355	10 719	11 100
Total non-current liabilities	789	561	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total equity	36 310	34 838	6 090	51 661	152 090	474 660	1 066 292	1 865 181
Total equity and liabilities	42 949	44 295	40 712	61 381	162 102	485 015	1 077 011	1 876 281
Source: Västra Hamnen Corporate	Finance							
Cash flow statement								
kSEK	2019	2020	2021e	2022e	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e
Operating activities	(15 211)	(14 968)	(19 405)	(1 896)	111 277	333 983	603 479	811 086
Changes in working capital	(2 090)	2 027	(78)	(17 085)	(30 770)	(69 512)	(60 664)	(19 171)
Investing activities	(11 597)	(15 151)	(13 134)	(11 905)	(12 312)	(12 533)	(12 739)	(12 944)
Financing activities	20 743	23 640	25 042	32 623	-	-	-	-
Cash flow for the period	(8 156)	(4 453)	(7 576)	1 736	68 194	251 937	530 076	778 971
Beginning cash balance	21 362	13 181	8 668	1 162	2 899	71 093	323 030	853 106
Adjustments	(26)	(60)	70	-	-	-	-	-
			1 162	2 899	71 093		853 106	1 632 077

Income Statement - Quarterl	y Data							
kSEK	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021e	Q3 2021e	Q4 2021e
Notice	1.040	0.000	0.070	0.004	4.404	4.440	4.000	4.004
Net revenues	1 948	2 330	2 970	3 634	1 101	4 440	4 620	4 804
Capitalised development cost	1 380	2 955	2 685	3 085	3 346	2 917	2 907	2 964
Other revenues	820	390	462	544	545	599	629	661
Total revenues	4 148	5 675	6 118	7 263	4 992	7 956	8 156	8 429
Cost of goods sold	(17)		-	(196)	(150)	(50)	(60)	(75)
Personnel costs	(4 506)	(5 498)	(5 172)	(5 789)	(5 799)	(5 915)	(6 048)	(6 185)
Other external costs	(3 950)	(4 417)	(4 240)	(4 329)	(4 140)	(4 850)	(5 141)	(5 257)
Other operating expenses	-	(11)	-	(37)	-	(431)	(671)	(915)
Profit from affiliated companies	(478)	(646)	(822)	(649)	(481)	(780)	(780)	(769)
EBITDA	(4 803)	(4 898)	(4 116)	(3 737)	(5 578)	(4 070)	(4 545)	(4 772)
Amortisation & depreciation	(1 805)	(1 843)	(1 929)	(2 086)	(1 993)	(2 286)	(2 352)	(2 410)
EBIT	(6 608)	(6 740)	(6 044)	(5 823)	(7 571)	(6 356)	(6 897)	(7 183)
Financial items, net	117	(146)	(34)	(57)	(195)	(125)	(219)	(313)
EBT	(6 491)	(6 886)	(6 078)	(5 880)	(7 766)	(6 481)	(7 116)	(7 495)
Taxes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Net profit	(6 491)	(6 886)	(6 078)	(5 880)	(7 766)	(6 481)	(7 116)	(7 495)
Earnings per share (SEK)	(0,25)	(0,24)	(0,21)	(0,21)	(0,27)	(0,23)	(0,25)	(0,26)
Y-o-Y Growth (%)								
Net revenues	(51,0%)	(5,5%)	14,2%	(34,2%)	(43,5%)	90,5%	55,5%	32,2%
EBITDA	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
EBIT	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Net profit	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
% of revenues (%)								
EBITDA margin	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg
EBIT margin	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg
EBT margin	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg
Profit margin	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg
Personnel costs	231,3%	235,9%	174,1%	159,3%	526,6%	133,2%	130,9%	128,7%
Total OPEX	434,1%	426,0%	316,8%	279,4%	902,6%	252,2%	256,7%	257,2%
Profitability (%)								
ROE	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg
ROIC	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg	neg
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kSEK	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021e	Q3 2021e	Q4 2021e
Inventories	_	_		_		40	20	0.5
			-		-	16	20	25
Account receivable Receivables fr affiliated comp	3 260 853	366 1 317	491 900	3 048 472	479 546	1 946 1 000	2 025 1 000	2 632 1 048
·	1 803	1 337	933		1 255	1 320	1 315	
Prepaid costs & accrued income	1 803			1 318	718		886	1 419
Other receivables		1 108	855	869		932		893
Cash and cash equivalents	5 715	23 501	15 888	8 668	11 534	9 374	9 537	1 162
Total current assets	12 188	27 630	19 068	14 374	14 531	14 588	14 782	7 180
Tangible assets	1 506	1 453	1 357	1 265	1 170	1 112	1 056	1 003
Intangible assets	17 729	18 922	19 774	20 829	22 277	22 966	23 576	24 183
Long-term receivables	-	-	5	5	5	5	5	5
Affiliated companies	5 940	6 293	7 471	7 823	8 342	8 342	8 342	8 342
Total fixed assets	25 174	26 668	28 608	29 921	31 794	32 425	32 979	33 533
Total assets	37 362	54 298	47 677	44 296	46 325	47 013	47 761	40 713
Accounts payable	2 711	1 570	1 150	2 381	1 938	2 198	2 197	2 142
Accrued cost & prepaid income	3 190	4 005	3 704	4 611	4 511	4 628	4 800	5 101
Other liabilities	909	1 259	1 561	1 905	2 695	1 985	2 179	2 379
Loans	_	-	-	-	10 000	17 500	25 000	25 000
Total current liabilities	6 810	6 835	6 414	8 897	19 143	26 311	34 176	34 622
Total non-current liabilities	733	676	618	561	-	-	-	_
Total equity	29 819	46 788	40 645	34 838	27 182	20 701	13 586	6 090
Total equity and liabilities	37 362	54 298	47 677	44 295	46 325	47 013	47 761	40 712
Source: Västra Hamnen Corporate  Cash flow statement	Finance							
kSEK	Q1 2020	Q2 2020	Q3 2020	Q4 2020	Q1 2021	Q2 2021e	Q3 2021e	Q4 2021e
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Operating activities	(4 331)	(4 246)	(3 302)	(3 089)	(5 362)	(4 195)	(4 764)	(5 085)
Changes in working capital	(820)	2 367	526	(45)	2 463	(2 549)	334	(326)
Investing activities	(2 381)	(3 995)	(4 691)	(4 085)	(4 346)	(2 917)	(2 907)	(2 964)
Financing activities	(55)	23 800	(121)	17	10 042	7 500	7 500	-
Cash flow for the period	(7 587)	17 925	(7 589)	(7 202)	2 796	(2 160)	163	(8 375)
Beginning cash balance	13 181	5 715	23 501	15 888	8 668	11 534	9 374	9 537
Adjustments	121	(139)	(24)	(18)	70	-	-	-
Ending cash balance	5 715	23 501	15 888	8 668	11 534	9 374	9 537	1 162

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