T-Mobile US (TMUS US)

FUNDAMENTAL VIEW¹

As of 19 Aug 2024

KEY METRICS

- We expect T-Mobile will maintain its position as the industry leader in postpaid phone net additions, service revenue, EBITDA and FCF growth in 2024. We think the company has significant subscriber runway remaining in the suburban/rural and enterprise markets.
- Adjusted net leverage (2.5x at 2Q24) is nearly half a turn lower than AT&T and Verizon. Relatively strong EBITDA growth and a modest dividend commitment results in greater financial flexibility than peers.
- T-Mobile benefits from the strongest spectrum position in the industry, including an average of 181 MHz in the 2.5 GHz band, which results in better 5G network coverage than AT&T and Verizon.

RISKS & CATALYSTS

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- With T-Mobile's credit rating now comfortably in the mid-BBB area and leverage in the vicinity of the group's mid-2x target area, we expect the company's capital allocation to shift toward share buybacks.
- The company has not shied away from acquisitions. T-Mobile recently acquired Mint Mobile and announced deals for US Cellular and two FTTH JVs (Lumos and MetroNet). So far, M&A has not had much impact on T-Mobile's credit metrics, but further moves into FTTH may be received poorly by investors.
- Converged wireless/broadband offers from cable operators raises the risk of pricing pressure in the mature consumer wireless market.



REF METRICS					
BAA2/BBB/BBB+	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23	LTM 2Q24
Revenue	68,397	80,118	79,571	78,558	79,096
Organic Revenue Growth	5.8%	7.3%	(0.7%)	(1.3%)	74.6%
EBITDA	24,557	26,924	27,821	29,428	30,529
Adj. EBITDA Growth	4.3%	(64.0%)	33.9%	5.8%	7.2%
Adj. EBITDA Margin	35.9%	33.6%	35.0%	37.5%	38.6%
CapEx % of Sales	16.1%	15.4%	17.6%	12.5%	12.3%
Total Debt	76,660	79,574	78,425	83,586	83,676
Net Debt	66,275	72,943	73,918	78,451	77,259
Gross Leverage	3.5x	3.4x	3.0x	2.9x	2.8x
Net Leverage	2.7x	2.7x	2.7x	2.7x	2.5x
Interest Coverage	9.0x	7.2x	8.0x	8.3x	4.9x
FCF as % of Debt	14.1%	13.7%	13.2%	19.2%	8.8%

Free cash flow = AEBITDA - Capex - Int. expense

BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

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- TMUS is the one of the top 3 U.S. wireless carriers and is owned ~50% by Deutsche Telekom (DT). On April 1, 2020, TMUS and S completed an all-stock merger, valuing S at an EV of approximately \$59.7 bn.
- TMUS ended 2Q24 with ~126 mn customers, including 101 mn postpaid and 25 mn prepaid.
- TMUS reaches 330+mn POPs with its Extended Range 5G network (using the 600 MHz spectrum) and reaches 300mn customers with its Ultra Capacity 5G.

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