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UFP Technologies, Inc.

Rating: Buy John Nobile

UFPT \$3.28 — (NASDAQ SC)

December 13, 2004

Revenues (millions) \$61.2 \$60.9 \$67.9 \$78.0 Farnings per share (diluted) \$(0.05) \$(0.34) \$0.10 \$0.52		FY (2002)	FY (2003)*	FY (2004)E	FY (2005)E
Farnings per share (diluted) \$(0.05) \$(0.34) \$0.10 \$0.52	Revenues (millions)	\$61.2	\$60.9	\$67.9	\$78.0
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52week range	\$1.44 - \$4.20	Fiscal year ends:	December
Shares outstanding (millions)	4.6	Revenue per share (TTM)	\$13.54
Trading float (millions)	2.0	Price/Sales (TTM)	0.2X
Insider + 5% ownership	57%	Price/Sales (2005)E	0.2X
Tangible book value/share	\$1.48	Price/Earnings (TTM)	NA
Price/tangible book	2.2X	Price/Earnings (2005)E	6.3X

^{*}Includes a \$1.4 million restructuring charge.

UFP Technologies is a designer and manufacturer of a broad range of high performance cushion packaging and molded fiber products and specialty foam and plastic products. These products are custom designed and fabricated or molded to provide protection for fragile and valuable items, and are sold primarily to original equipment manufacturers in the computer, electronics, automotive, medical/pharmaceutical and industrial markets. (www.ufpt.com)

Key investment considerations:

We are reiterating our Buy rating for shares of UFP Technologies (UFPT) with a twelve-month price target of \$6.00 per share.

For the third quarter ended September 30, 2004, versus the same period in 2003, net sales increased 10% to \$17.7 million from \$16.1 million. Net income was \$0.19 million or \$0.04 per diluted share versus net income of \$0.04 million or \$0.01 per diluted share in the same period in 2003. Included in the results for the third quarter of fiscal 2004 was a benefit of \$280,000 associated with the successful termination of the Company's lease obligation at its closed Visalia, California location.

We continue to believe that an investment in shares of UFPT represents good value at the current price when you consider the recent trend in earnings, the incremental revenue that the \$77 million contract should result in, and the forecasts for the markets that the Company sells to. We also believe that the Company's recent consolidation efforts should result in significant bottom-line increases with moderate increases in revenue.

For fiscal 2004, we estimate UFPT's sales will increase by 12% to \$67.9 million and the Company will report net income of \$0.5 million or \$0.10 per diluted share. For fiscal 2005, we estimate UFPT's sales will increase by 15% to \$78.0 million and the Company will report net income of \$2.6 million or \$0.52 per diluted share.

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Business

The Company operates in two segments: Packaging Products and Component Products.

UFP Technologies' packaging products are used to contain, display and/or protect manufactured goods during shipment, handling, storage, marketing and use. The interior cushion packaging market is characterized by three primary sectors: (1) custom fabricated or molded products for low volume, high fragility products; (2) molded or die-cut products for high volume, industrial and consumer goods; and (3) loose fill and commodity packaging materials for products which do not require custom-designed packaging. Examples of the Company's packaging products include end-cap packs for computers, corner blocks for telecommunications consoles, anti-static foam packs for printed circuit boards, die-cut inserts for attaché cases and plastic trays for medical devices and components.

The Company's component products segment features specialty foam and plastic products that are sold primarily to customers in the automotive, sporting goods, medical, beauty, leisure and footwear industries. These products include components for automobiles and medical diagnostic equipment, abrasive nail files and anti-fatigue mats, and shock absorbing inserts used in athletic and leisure footwear.

Recent Financial Results

For the third quarter ended September 30, 2004, versus the same period in 2003:

- Net sales increased 10% to \$17.7 million from \$16.1 million.
- Gross margins decreased to 18.2% from 19.6%.
- SG&A expenses increased to \$3.0 million from \$2.9 million.
- Net income was \$0.19 million or \$0.04 per diluted share versus net income of \$0.04 million or \$0.01 per diluted share. Included in the results for the third quarter of fiscal 2004 was a benefit of \$280,000 associated with the successful termination of the Company's lease obligation at its closed Visalia, California location.

In comparison, Taglich Brothers' estimates called for third quarter net sales of \$17.0 million and net income of \$0.26 million or \$0.05 per diluted share.

The Company attributed the increase in net sales primarily to increased sales volume to existing customers in the medical and military markets. The decrease in gross margins was primarily due to increased start-up and launch costs related to a new large automotive program. The Company expects to launch this new program in the fourth quarter of this year.

Balance Sheet as of September 30, 2004

Cash and cash equivalents was approximately \$0.3 million. The Company has working capital of \$1.9 million, a tangible book value of \$1.48 per share and a long-term debt-to-equity ratio of 0.4X. Cash provided by operations in the third quarter of fiscal 2004 was approximately \$0.3 million. UFPT has an available balance under its line of credit of approximately \$3.5 million. We believe that UFPT's current line of credit and future expected cash flows from operations will be sufficient to fund operations for the next twelve months.

Discussion and Outlook

UFPT's top line results in the third quarter beat our expectation but the bottom line was slightly below our expectation. The primary reason for the slight discrepancy in earnings was higher cost of sales than we anticipated which resulted in lower gross margins. Apparently the start-up and launch costs associated with the new automotive program exceeded our expectations; however, we believe these costs will be diminished in the coming quarters as the program launch is expected for the fourth quarter of this year.

We also believe that UFPT should experience continued growth in 2005 and beyond when you consider the current trend in sales and earnings, combined with a strengthening economy and the Company's reduced cost structure. Also, the \$77 million automotive contract should start to show further improvements in operating results later this year and into 2005.

The eight-year \$77 million contract calls for UFPT to provide molded door panels to a large Tier-1 automotive supplier. As mentioned above, manufacturing is expected to begin in the fourth quarter of 2004 with full rate production estimated for 2006. We believe this should provide a significant boost to UFPT's components products sales in fiscal 2005 and beyond.

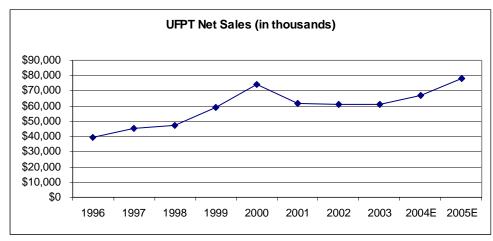
The Company has been preparing for this program for almost two years and has incurred significant operating expenses in 2003 and 2004. The Company originally committed to acquire certain equipment for a total of approximately \$3.4 million of which approximately \$2.2 million has already been incurred as of September 30, 2004. UFPT expects to procure the remaining \$1.2 million of equipment within the next six months.

We believe that there may be additional contracts for automotive trim products in the Company's future when you consider the positive outlook for this market. According to CSM Worldwide, the North American automotive interior trim market will grow to over \$10 billion by 2009 for a 33 percent increase from the \$7.5 billion market in 2004.

We believe that sales of UFP Technologies' packaging products should also do well in 2004 and 2005 when you take into consideration forecasts for the markets that the Company sells to. A significant portion of the Company's packaging products sales are to manufacturers of computer peripherals and other consumer products. According to global IT researchers Gartner, Inc., U.S. enterprises increased IT spending earlier this year and IT spending is on track for a 10% gain in 2004. An increase in IT spending is what we believe will drive demand for UFPT's packaging products going forward.

We believe the above information suggests that UFP Technology's sales should increase in 2004 and show stronger growth in 2005.

For fiscal 2004, we estimate UFPT's sales will increase by 12% to \$67.9 million and the Company will report net income of \$0.5 million or \$0.10 per diluted share. For fiscal 2005, we estimate UFPT's sales will increase by 15% to \$78.0 million and the Company will report net income of \$2.6 million or \$0.52 per diluted share. Our earnings estimates have decreased since our last report primarily due to the recent operating results showing lower gross margins than we originally anticipated. Once the remaining \$1.2 million of equipment related to the new automotive program is procured over the next six months, we believe that gross margins will begin to show a significant improvement. We are assuming that the \$77 million contract discussed earlier will be operating at approximately 50% of full rate production in 2005 and 100% thereafter.



Source: UFPT reports and Taglich Brothers' estimates

Risks

Cash concerns

Although we believe that the Company will have adequate resources to fund operations for the next twelve months, future cash flows may be less than we anticipate due to depressed market conditions. If market conditions remain at weak levels, we believe UFP Technologies will need to secure additional financing in order to maintain its current level of operations. As there can be no assurance of the Company's success in obtaining additional capital, shares of UFPT should only be purchased by those who are comfortable taking on above average risk.

Competition

The packaging and specialty foam products industry is highly competitive. The Company's foam and fiber packaging products compete against other alternative products made from materials such as expanded polystyrene foams, die-cut corrugated, plastic peanuts, plastic bubbles and foam-in-place urethane. UFP Technologies also faces competition in the specialty foam products area from smaller companies that typically concentrate on production for specific industries.

IT spending forecasts

Although recent forecasts support an increase in IT spending for 2004 and 2005, there can be no assurance that this will actually happen. Should IT spending remain at depressed levels, the operating results of UFP Technologies are likely to be adversely affected.

Liquidity

With only 4.6 million shares outstanding and 2.0 million in the float, liquidity issues must be considered. Average daily volume is approximately 10,000 shares. Any significant trading in shares of UFPT could result in large swings in the price of the stock.

Miscellaneous risks

The Company's financial results and equity values are subject to other risks and uncertainties known and unknown, including but not limited to competition, operations, financial markets, regulatory risk, and/or other events. These risks may cause actual results to differ from expected results.

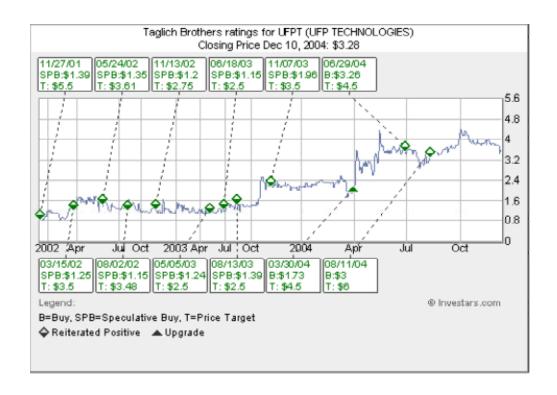
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Conclusion and Valuation

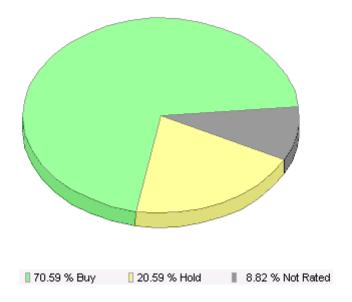
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Taglich Brothers' Current Ratings Distribution



Taglich Brothers, Inc.

Meaning of Ratings

Buy

We believe the Company is undervalued relative to its market and peers. We believe its risk reward ratio strongly advocates purchase of the stock relative to other stocks in the marketplace. Remember, with all equities there is always downside risk.

Speculative Buy

We believe that the long run prospects of the Company are positive. We believe its risk reward ratio advocates purchase of the stock. We feel the investment risk is higher than our typical "buy" recommendation. In the short run, the stock may be subject to high volatility and continue to trade at a discount to its market.

Neutral

We will remain neutral pending certain developments.

Underperform

We believe that the Company may be fairly valued based on its current status. Upside potential is limited relative to investment risk.

Sell

We believe that the Company is significantly overvalued based on its current status. The future of the Company's operations may be questionable and there is an extreme level of investment risk relative to reward.

Some notable Risks within the Microcap Market

Stocks in the Microcap segment of the market have many risks that are not as prevalent in Large-cap, Blue Chips or even Small-cap stocks. Often it is these risks that cause Microcap stocks to trade at discounts to their peers. The most common of these risks is liquidity risk, which is typically caused by small trading floats and very low trading volume which can lead to large spreads and high volatility in stock price. In addition, Microcaps tend to have significant company specific risks that contribute to lower valuations. Investors need to be aware of the higher probability of financial default and higher degree of financial distress inherent in the microcap segment of the market.

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Consolidated Balance Sheets (in thousands)

	Septem	ber 30, 2004	December 31, 200		
Assets					
Current assets:					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	289	\$	310	
Receivables		10,867		9,139	
Inventories		5,100		4,413	
Prepaid expenses		1,668		1,973	
Total current assets		17,924		15,835	
Net property, plant and equipment		11,021		11,473	
Goodwill		6,481		6,481	
Other assets		2,885		2,960	
Total Assets	\$	38,311	\$	36,749	
Liabilities & stockholders' equity					
Current liabilities:					
Notes payable	\$	7,046	\$	6,738	
Current portion of long-term debt		1,111		1,049	
Current portion of capital lease obligations		399		386	
Accounts payable		3,868		2,632	
Accrued restructuring charge		32		765	
Accrued expenses and payroll withholdings		3,604		3,056	
Total current liabilities		16,060		14,626	
Long-term debt		5,899		6,222	
Capital lease obligations		1,747		1,897	
Minority interest		416		456	
Other liabilities		857		857	
Total liabilities		24,979		24,058	
Total stockholder's equity		13,332		12,691	
Total liabilities & stockholder's equity	<u>\$</u>	38,311	\$	36,749	

Annual Income Statements for the Years Ended (in thousands)

	FY	<u> </u>	F	<u>Y(12/02)</u>	FY	<u>Y(12/03)</u>	FY	(12/04)E	FY	<u>(12/05)E</u>
Net sales Cost of sales	\$	61,574 50,649	\$	61,189 49,084	\$	60,902 50,178	\$	67,919 54,561	\$	78,000 60,000
Gross profit		10,925		12,105		10,724		13,358		18,000
Gross Margin		17.74%		19.78%		17.61%		19.67%		23.08%
Restructuring charge		1,016		-		1,405		(280)		-
SG&A		13,649		11,639		10,827		12,089		13,000
Operating income		(3,740)		466		(1,508)		1,549		5,000
Operating Margin		-6.07%		0.76%		-2.48%		2.28%		6.41%
Interest expense, other income and expenses		(1,014)		(843)		(847)		(773)		(800)
Income before taxes		(4,754)		(377)		(2,355)		776		4,200
Income tax		(1,711)		(143)	_	(839)		293		1,596
Tax rate		35.99%		37.93%		35.63%		37.76%		38.00%
Net Income / (Loss)	\$	(3,043)	\$	(234)	\$	(1,516)	\$	483	\$	2,604
Basic EPS	\$	(0.72)	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.34)	\$	0.10	\$	0.56
Diluted EPS	\$	(0.72)	\$	(0.05)	\$	(0.34)	\$	0.10	\$	0.52
Basic Shares Outstanding		4,248		4,343		4,490		4,709		4,630
Diluted Shares Outstanding		4,248		4,343		4,490		4,982		5,050
Percent of Revenue										
Cost of goods sold		82.26%		80.22%		82.39%		80.33%		76.92%
SG&A		22.17%		19.02%		17.78%		17.80%		16.67%
Year / Year Growth										
Total Revenues		-17.34%		-0.63%		-0.47%		11.52%		14.84%
Net Income		NA		NA		NA		131.86%		439.13%
EPS		NA		NA		NA		128.71%		431.87%

Quarterly Income Statement for the Year Ending 2003 (in thousands)

	Q	1(3/03)	Q	2(6/03)	Q	03(9/03)	<u>Q</u> 4	4(12/03)	FY	X(12/03)
Net sales	\$	14,245	\$	15,353	\$	16,056	\$	15,248	\$	60,902
Cost of sales		11,985		12,614		12,904		12,676		50,178
Gross profit		2,260		2,739		3,152		2,572		10,724
Gross Margin		15.87%		17.84%		19.63%		16.87%		17.61%
Restructuring charge		-		-		-		1,405		1,405
SG&A		2,686		2,640	_	2,906		2,595		10,827
Operating income		(426)		99		246		(1,428)		(1,508)
Operating Margin		-2.99%		0.64%		1.53%		-9.37%		-2.48%
Interest expense, other income & expenses		(168)		(208)		(184)		(288)		(847)
Income before taxes		(594)		(109)		62		(1,716)		(2,355)
Income tax		(226)		(13)		21		(621)		(839)
Tax rate		38.05%		11.93%		33.87%		36.19%		35.63%
Net Income / (Loss)	\$	(368)	\$	(96)	<u>\$</u>	41	\$	(1,095)	\$	(1,516)
Basic EPS	\$	(0.08)	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.01	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.34)
Diluted EPS	\$	(0.08)	\$	(0.02)	\$	0.01	\$	(0.24)	\$	(0.34)
Basic Shares Outstanding		4,429		4,492		4,601		4,520		4,490
Diluted Shares Outstanding		4,429		4,492		4,601		4,520		4,490
Percent of Revenue										
Cost of goods sold		84.13%		82.16%		80.37%		83.13%		82.39%
SG&A		18.86%		17.20%		18.10%		17.02%		17.78%
Year / Year Growth										
Total Revenues		-8.28%		-7.78%		5.06%		11.08%		-0.47%
Net Income		NA		NA		NA		NMF		NA
EPS		NA		NA		NA		NMF		NA

Quarterly Income Statement for the Year Ending 2004 (in thousands)

	Q	01(3/04)	Q	2(6/04)	Q	3(9/04)	<u>Q4</u>	(12/04)E	FY	<u>(12/04)E</u>
Net sales	\$	15,934	\$	16,827	\$	17,658	\$	17,500	\$	67,919
Cost of sales		12,692		13,166		14,440	-	14,263		54,561
Gross profit		3,242		3,661		3,218		3,238		13,359
Gross Margin		20.35%		21.76%		18.22%		18.50%		19.67%
Restructuring charge		-		-		(280)		-		(280)
SG&A		2,981		3,118		2,990		3,000		12,089
Operating income		261		543		508		238		1,550
Operating Margin		1.64%		3.23%		2.88%		1.36%		2.28%
Interest expense, other income & expenses		(174)		(198)		(201)		(200)		(773)
Income before taxes		87		345		307		38		777
Income tax		33		129		117		14		293
Tax rate		37.93%		37.39%		38.11%		38.00%		37.77%
Net Income / (Loss)	\$	54	\$	216	\$	190	\$	23	\$	483
Basic EPS	\$	0.01	\$	0.04	\$	0.04	\$	0.01	\$	0.10
Diluted EPS	\$	0.01	\$	0.04	\$	0.04	\$	0.00	\$	0.10
Basic Shares Outstanding		4,574		5,006		4,627		4,630		4,709
Diluted Shares Outstanding		4,821		5,006		5,049		5,050		4,982
Percent of Revenue										
Cost of goods sold		79.65%		78.24%		81.78%		81.50%		80.33%
SG&A		18.71%		18.53%		16.93%		17.14%		17.80%
Year / Year Growth										
Total Revenues		11.86%		9.60%		9.98%		14.77%		11.52%
Net Income		114.67%		325.00%		-363.41%		-102.12%		131.88%
EPS		114.21%		301.90%		-322.30%		-101.90%		128.73%

Quarterly Income Statement for the Year Ending 2005 (in thousands)

	<u>Q1</u>	1(3/05)E	<u>Q2</u>	2(6/05)E	<u>Q3</u>	3(9/05)E	<u>Q4</u>	(12/05)E	FY	(12/05)E
Net sales	\$	18,000	\$	19,000	\$	20,000	\$	21,000	\$	78,000
Cost of sales		14,400		14,440		15,200		15,960		60,000
Gross profit		3,600		4,560		4,800		5,040		18,000
Gross Margin		20.00%		24.00%		24.00%		24.00%		23.08%
SG&A		3,100		3,200		3,300		3,400		13,000
Operating income		500		1,360		1,500		1,640		5,000
Operating Margin		2.78%		7.16%		7.50%		7.81%		6.41%
Interest expense, other income & expenses		(200)		(200)		(200)		(200)		(800)
Income before taxes		300		1,160		1,300		1,440		4,200
Income tax		114		441		494		547		1,596
Tax rate		38.00%		38.00%		38.00%		38.00%		38.00%
Net Income / (Loss)	\$	186	\$	719	\$	806	\$	893	\$	2,604
Basic EPS	\$	0.04	\$	0.16	\$	0.17	\$	0.19	\$	0.56
Diluted EPS	\$	0.04	\$	0.14	\$	0.16	\$	0.18	\$	0.52
Basic Shares Outstanding		4,630		4,630		4,630		4,630		4,630
Diluted Shares Outstanding		5,050		5,050		5,050		5,050		5,050
Percent of Revenue										
Cost of goods sold		80.00%		76.00%		76.00%		76.00%		76.92%
SG&A		17.22%		16.84%		16.50%		16.19%		16.67%
Year / Year Growth										
Total Revenues		12.97%		12.91%		13.26%		20.00%		14.84%
Net Income		244.44%		232.96%		324.21%		3740.00%		438.85%
EPS		240.28%		260.00%		323.94%		3740.00%		448.07%

Statement of Cash Flows for the Nine Months Ended (in thousands)

	September 30, 2004	September 30, 2003
Cash Flows from Operating Activities		
Net income (loss)	\$ 461	\$ (422)
Depreciation & amortization	1,803	1,970
Minority interest earnings	65	-
Equity in income of uncons. affiliate and partnership	(12)	(17)
Stock issued in lieu of compensation	132	109
Changes in assets and liabilities		
Receivables	(1,728)	(1,274)
Inventories	(687)	(215)
Prepaid expenses and other	305	(427)
Accounts payable	901	634
Accrued restructuring charge, net	(733)	(142)
Accrued expenses and payroll	548	(438)
Retirment and other liabilities	-	(15)
Other assets	49	(13)
Net Cash Provided by Operations	1,104	(250)
Cash Flows from Investing Activities		
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(1,096)	(901)
Payments from affiliated company	13	52
Proceeds from surrendering life insurance	<u>-</u> _	124
Net Cash Used in Investing	(1,083)	(725)
Cash Flows from Financing Activities		
Borrowings of notes payable	309	757
Change in book overdrafts	335	(68)
Principal repayments of long-term debt	(773)	(7,098)
Principle repayments of capital lease obligations	(368)	(167)
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	512	7,500
Distribution to United Development Company partners	(105)	-
Net proceeds from sale of common stock	48	48
Net cash Provided Financing	(42)	972
Net change in Cash	(21)	(3)
Cash - Beginning of Period	310	26
Cash - End of Period	<u>\$ 289</u>	<u>\$</u> 23