

**Quercus TFI****(Buy, TP PLN 13.7)**As of April 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026**2Q26 net profit 16% above our estimates.****Michał Fidelus**

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Quercus TFI released 2Q26 figures with the following highlights:

- **2Q26 net profit** of Quercus TFI came in at PLN 22.2m (74% y/y, 38% q/q) and was 16% above our estimates (PLN 19.2m). Earnings beat was driven by higher than expected revenues (+6% vs. our estimates due to better management fee and revenues from purchase/redemption orders) and slightly better net financial income. Opex came broadly in line with our estimates (+1% vs. our expectations).
- Total **revenues** in 2Q26 amounted to PLN 66m (31% y/y, 18% q/q) and were 6% above our expectations. Management fee (incl. reported success fee) increased 24% y/y (19% q/q) and revenues from purchase/redemption orders went up 55% y/y (10% q/q). Share of low margin debt funds in total AUM declined to 69% on average (vs. 70.5% in 1Q26 and 69% in 2Q25).
- In 2Q26 reported **success** fee came in at PLN 13.5m (vs. PLN 7.9m in 1Q26 and PLN 7.0m in 2Q26). Provision for success fee amounted to PLN 9.4m (vs. PLN 0m in 1Q26 and PLN 10.6m in 2Q25).
- **Total costs** in 2Q26 came in at PLN 40m (11% y/y, 7% q/q) and came broadly in line with our estimates, although with higher than expected staff costs and lower distribution costs. Distribution costs went up 37% y/y, staff costs increased 27% y/y and external services costs grew 5% y/y.
- At the end of 2Q26 **AUM** of Quercus TFI came in at PLN 9,601m (26% y/y, 7% q/q). Y/y growth was largely driven by rising assets of *QRS Global Balanced* (146% y/y), *QRS Dłużny Krótkoterminowy* (36% y/y) and *QRS Obligacji Skarbowych* (75% y/y).. Quarterly growth of total assets was driven by rising AUM of *QRS Global Balanced* (47% q/q), *QRS Dłużny Krótkoterminowy* (6% q/q) and *QRS Agresywny* (10% q/q).
- In 2Q26 **net flows** to Quercus TFI amounted to PLN +266m (vs. PLN -6m in 1Q26, PLN 1,663m in FY 2025 and PLN 504m in FY 2024).
- **Meeting with the Management** – today, 10:00 at [LINK](#)

**Our view: POSITIVE**

2Q26 was another very solid quarter for Quercus. Net profit came in at PLN 22.2m (74% y/y) and was 16% above our expectations. Earnings beat was largely driven by better than expected revenues on the back of higher management fee and better performance of Xelion. Management fee (up 24% y/y, 19% q/q) was supported not only by growing AUM (26% y/y, 7% q/q), but also by PLN 13.5m reported success fee on the back of solid rates of return of QRS's funds. Provision for success at the end of 2Q26 amounted to PLN 9.4m (vs. PLN 0m in 1Q26). At the same time revenues from purchase/redemption orders increased 55% y/y (10% q/q). Total costs were in line with our expectations although with a different structure – distribution costs were lower and staff costs higher than we had assumed. All in all, we see the 2Q26 results of Quercus as solid and supportive. In our earnings estimates we had expected net profit of Quercus TFI at PLN 54m in FY 2026 and at PLN 50m in FY 2027e. Given PLN 38m net profit reported in 1H26 (75% y/y) our forecast - especially for 2026e - may appear far too conservative.

**Quercus TFI – P&L, PLN mn**

|                      | 2Q25        | 3Q25        | 4Q25        | 1Q26        | 2Q26        | y/y        | q/q        | Pekao       | vs. Pekao  |
|----------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|------------|
| Revenues             | 50.7        | 48.2        | 69.8        | 56.3        | 66.4        | 31%        | 18%        | 62.6        | 6%         |
| Total costs          | -35.9       | -31.5       | -40.6       | -37.0       | -39.7       | 11%        | 7%         | -39.3       | 1%         |
| EBIT                 | 14.9        | 16.7        | 29.2        | 19.3        | 26.7        | 79%        | 38%        | 23.4        | 14%        |
| EBITDA               | 15.9        | 17.7        | 30.2        | 20.4        | 27.8        | 75%        | 37%        | 24.4        | 14%        |
| Net financial income | 1.6         | 1.7         | 1.4         | 1.7         | 2.1         | 32%        | 24%        | 1.5         | 45%        |
| Pre-tax profit       | 16.4        | 18.4        | 30.6        | 21.0        | 28.8        | 75%        | 37%        | 24.8        | 16%        |
| <b>Net profit</b>    | <b>12.8</b> | <b>14.2</b> | <b>24.1</b> | <b>16.0</b> | <b>22.2</b> | <b>74%</b> | <b>38%</b> | <b>19.2</b> | <b>16%</b> |
| AUM eop              | 7 592       | 8 606       | 9 021       | 8 981       | 9 601       | 26%        | 7%         |             |            |
| AUM average          | 7 315       | 8 083       | 8 866       | 9 187       | 9 291       | 27%        | 1%         |             |            |

Source: Company, Pekao Equity Research

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