

Braemar

H125 results

Solid H1 driven by diversification, outlook robust

General industrials

6 November 2024

Braemar's H125 results reflect a continuation of the successful diversification strategy that has been deployed for the last three years. Revenue was robust, up 1%, and operating profit increased 9%, highlighting operational leverage. Braemar's underlying markets retain strong fundamentals that include increasing global demand and an aging global fleet; this bodes well for the future and is reflected in its robust forward order book. The company remains on track to achieve market expectations for this financial year.

Year end	Revenue (£m)	PBT* (£m)	EPS* (p)	DPS (p)	P/E (x)	Yield (%)
02/23	152.9	18.0	45.5	12.0	5.8	4.5
02/24	152.8	14.6	39.6	13.0	6.7	4.9
02/25e	152.5	14.7	44.4	14.0	6.0	5.3
02/26e	152.5	14.6	47.7	16.0	5.6	6.0

Note: *PBT and EPS are normalised, excluding amortisation of acquired intangibles, exceptional items and share-based payments.

Braemar reported H125 revenue of £76.0m, up 1% in sterling terms and 3% in US dollar terms, the latter being a better measure of the underlying performance of the group. Underlying operating profit, including acquisition-related expenditure, was up 9% to £7.3m (H124: £6.7m), highlighting the operational leverage now within the business. Underlying operating profit excluding acquisition-related expenditure, which is a better measure of underlying performance, was £7.9m, compared to £7.6m in the previous year. This implies the business is well positioned to achieve its target of doubling FY21 operating profit of £8.9m.

The diversification strategy is now well established and the benefits of it are evident. In Chartering (66% of group revenue), revenues declined c 5%, largely driven by a fall in the number of tanker fixtures, offset by higher commissions. However, despite this weakness, Investment Advisory (c 19% of revenue) grew 19%, driven by strength in the Sales and Purchase market, and Risk Advisory (15% of revenue) grew 16% as market participants looked to hedge exposure and financial participants heightened interest. The company opened a new office in South Korea that, although small, highlights the ongoing diversification strategy. Investors can expect further diversification.

In the period, average revenue per head remained strong at £181k (H124: £184k), which in US dollar terms is \$227k, down slightly from \$228k. Costs remained under control, rising just 1% despite an inflationary environment.

As a result of the group's trading performance and the increased confidence of management, the interim dividend was raised 12.5% to 4.5p (H124: 4.0p). Braemar ended the period with net cash of £3.3m, up 5% on the previous year, highlighting the company's cash-generative nature. The outlook for the group is encouraging, underpinned by the forward order book that stood at \$80.9m at the end of August, (29 February 2024: \$82.6m; 31 August 2023: \$67.2m), which had risen to \$85.8m at 30 September 2024.

Price **265p**
Market cap **£87m**

US\$1.26/£

Net cash (£m) at 31 August 2024 3.3

Shares in issue 32.9m

Free float 85%

Code BMS

Primary exchange LSE

Secondary exchange N/A

Share price performance



Business description

Braemar is the second-largest shipbroker in the world, providing broking services to the dry cargo, deep sea tanker, specialised tanker and sale and purchase markets. It also addresses the fast-growing areas of offshore and renewables, securities and financial markets.

Analyst

Andy Murphy +44 (0)20 3077 5700

industrials@edisongroup.com
[Edison profile page](#)

**Braemar is a research client of
Edison Investment Research
Limited**

General disclaimer and copyright

This report has been commissioned by Braemar and prepared and issued by Edison, in consideration of a fee payable by Braemar. Edison Investment Research standard fees are £60,000 pa for the production and broad dissemination of a detailed note (Outlook) following by regular (typically quarterly) update notes. Fees are paid upfront in cash without recourse. Edison may seek additional fees for the provision of roadshows and related IR services for the client but does not get remunerated for any investment banking services. We never take payment in stock, options or warrants for any of our services.

Accuracy of content: All information used in the publication of this report has been compiled from publicly available sources that are believed to be reliable, however we do not guarantee the accuracy or completeness of this report and have not sought for this information to be independently verified. Opinions contained in this report represent those of the research department of Edison at the time of publication. Forward-looking information or statements in this report contain information that is based on assumptions, forecasts of future results, estimates of amounts not yet determinable, and therefore involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors which may cause the actual results, performance or achievements of their subject matter to be materially different from current expectations.

Exclusion of Liability: To the fullest extent allowed by law, Edison shall not be liable for any direct, indirect or consequential losses, loss of profits, damages, costs or expenses incurred or suffered by you arising out of or in connection with the access to, use of or reliance on any information contained on this note.

No personalised advice: The information that we provide should not be construed in any manner whatsoever as, personalised advice. Also, the information provided by us should not be construed by any subscriber or prospective subscriber as Edison's solicitation to effect, or attempt to effect, any transaction in a security. The securities described in the report may not be eligible for sale in all jurisdictions or to certain categories of investors.

Investment in securities mentioned: Edison has a restrictive policy relating to personal dealing and conflicts of interest. Edison Group does not conduct any investment business and, accordingly, does not itself hold any positions in the securities mentioned in this report. However, the respective directors, officers, employees and contractors of Edison may have a position in any or related securities mentioned in this report, subject to Edison's policies on personal dealing and conflicts of interest.

Copyright: Copyright 2024 Edison Investment Research Limited (Edison).

Australia

Edison Investment Research Pty Ltd (Edison AU) is the Australian subsidiary of Edison. Edison AU is a Corporate Authorised Representative (1252501) of Crown Wealth Group Pty Ltd who holds an Australian Financial Services Licence (Number: 494274). This research is issued in Australia by Edison AU and any access to it, is intended only for "wholesale clients" within the meaning of the Corporations Act 2001 of Australia. Any advice given by Edison AU is general advice only and does not take into account your personal circumstances, needs or objectives. You should, before acting on this advice, consider the appropriateness of the advice, having regard to your objectives, financial situation and needs. If our advice relates to the acquisition, or possible acquisition, of a particular financial product you should read any relevant Product Disclosure Statement or like instrument.

New Zealand

The research in this document is intended for New Zealand resident professional financial advisers or brokers (for use in their roles as financial advisers or brokers) and habitual investors who are "wholesale clients" for the purpose of the Financial Advisers Act 2008 (FAA) (as described in sections 5(c) (1)(a), (b) and (c) of the FAA). This is not a solicitation or inducement to buy, sell, subscribe, or underwrite any securities mentioned or in the topic of this document. For the purpose of the FAA, the content of this report is of a general nature, is intended as a source of general information only and is not intended to constitute a recommendation or opinion in relation to acquiring or disposing (including refraining from acquiring or disposing) of securities. The distribution of this document is not a "personalised service" and, to the extent that it contains any financial advice, is intended only as a "class service" provided by Edison within the meaning of the FAA (i.e. without taking into account the particular financial situation or goals of any person). As such, it should not be relied upon in making an investment decision.

United Kingdom

This document is prepared and provided by Edison for information purposes only and should not be construed as an offer or solicitation for investment in any securities mentioned or in the topic of this document. A marketing communication under FCA Rules, this document has not been prepared in accordance with the legal requirements designed to promote the independence of investment research and is not subject to any prohibition on dealing ahead of the dissemination of investment research.

This Communication is being distributed in the United Kingdom and is directed only at (i) persons having professional experience in matters relating to investments, i.e. investment professionals within the meaning of Article 19(5) of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (Financial Promotion) Order 2005, as amended (the "FPO") (ii) high net-worth companies, unincorporated associations or other bodies within the meaning of Article 49 of the FPO and (iii) persons to whom it is otherwise lawful to distribute it. The investment or investment activity to which this document relates is available only to such persons. It is not intended that this document be distributed or passed on, directly or indirectly, to any other class of persons and in any event and under no circumstances should persons of any other description rely on or act upon the contents of this document.

This Communication is being supplied to you solely for your information and may not be reproduced by, further distributed to or published in whole or in part by, any other person.

United States

Edison relies upon the "publishers' exclusion" from the definition of investment adviser under Section 202(a)(11) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and corresponding state securities laws. This report is a bona fide publication of general and regular circulation offering impersonal investment-related advice, not tailored to a specific investment portfolio or the needs of current and/or prospective subscribers. As such, Edison does not offer or provide personal advice and the research provided is for informational purposes only. No mention of a particular security in this report constitutes a recommendation to buy, sell or hold that or any security, or that any particular security, portfolio of securities, transaction or investment strategy is suitable for any specific person.
