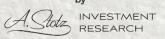


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# Would you invest in Thales if its profits come from war?



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# What's interesting about Thales is that the Ukrainian war has been a massive catalyst for its share price



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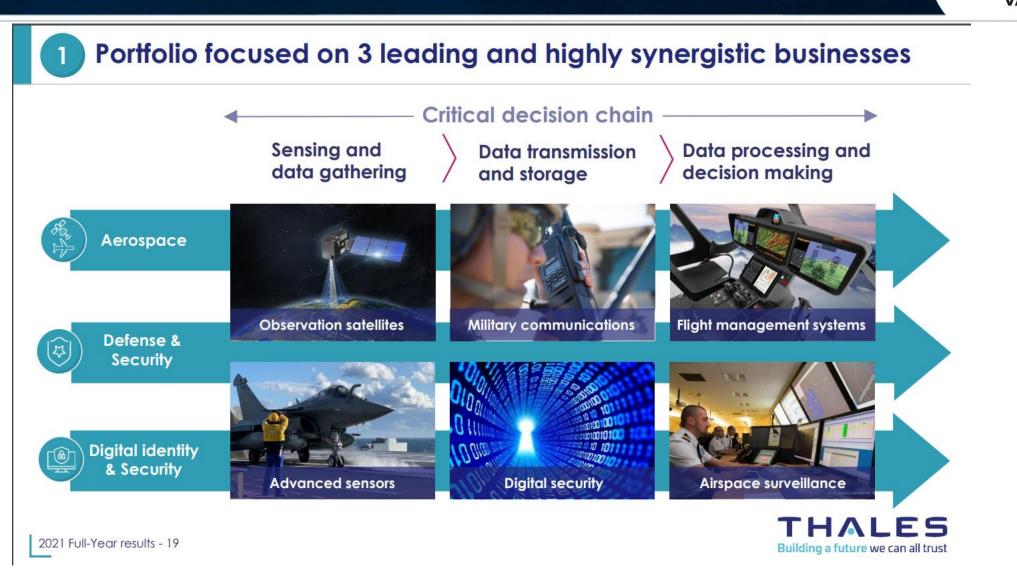
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# Ukraine war boosts weapons makers' stock prices, but revenue to take years to flow through

By Will Jackson with wires





## Mainly selling in Europe





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### **Defense companies benefit from war**





- Major defense contractors saw a surge in share price while the overall NYSE declined
  - Thales has been among the biggest winners so far

## Ukrainian war constituted catalyst for Thales

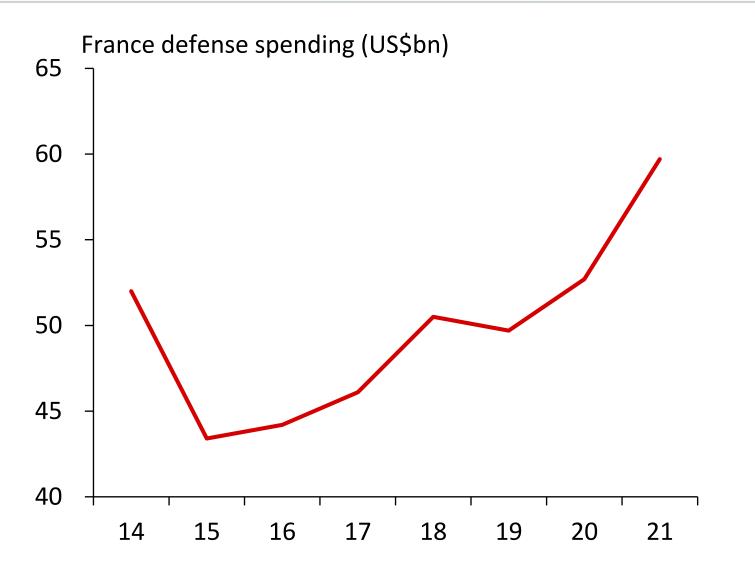


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 The share price mainly remained flat until the war started

 Investors adjusted their expectations upward almost immediately





- ★ In response to the war, France announced to increase its defense budget
  - Currently, it is around 2% of GDP, in line with the NATO requirement
  - This number could go up to 2.5% as France plays an increasingly dominant role in Europe

## Is it ethical as an investor to profit from war?







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# Ethical investing and Russia-Ukraine war

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Jemma Jackson from interactive investor



- Sample of 2,058 Interactive Investor website visitors between the 9 and 10 March 2022
- The UK's second-largest direct to consumer investment platform.
- 42% of respondents believe that the Russia-Ukraine war and the potential escalation of the conflict represent the biggest threat to global stock markets over the next five years, ahead of inflation (23%) and geo-political tensions involving China, Brazil, the Middle East and more broadly (20%).
- Meanwhile, 7% of respondents cited climate change five months on from COP26, the UN climate conference held in Glasgow last year.



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Recommendation	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Current
Strong buy	4	4	4	4
Buy	8	9	7	5
Hold	7	5	6	7
Sell	-	1	1	2
Strong sell	1	-	-	-
Average score	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.4
Price target	Jan-22	Feb-22	Mar-22	Current
Median	100	123	130	133
Mean	99	116	124	132



- With the share price rally, some analysts downgraded to a HOLD recommendation
- Over the past 4 months, analysts constantly increased their target price
  - Currently, analysts only see a small upside of 13% left