

# **CR Capital Real Estate AG**

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**Update** 

RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY € 37.00

Return Potential 28.0% Risk Rating High

### THE SHAPE OF THINGS DURING THE LOCKDOWN

CR Capital shares were routed this spring on recessionary fears traced to covid-19. We believe this was overdone, given our unchanged positive views on CR Capital's opportunities to capitalise on the high demand for affordable housing. Despite the recent lockdowns, the company reported no significant red tape or development bottlenecks, and operations have continued unhampered, thanks to secure regional supply chains. We expect the company to hand over up to 200 units in 2020, while the pipeline remains full with > 400 units under development. Management will propose a €1.50 / share dividend to the AGM, which remains unchanged after the 2:1 stock split. Our rolled over DCF model yields a €37 price target (old: €35) Our rating remains Buy.

Reason for optimism unchanged We like CR Capital for its position in the residential property segment. The company specialises in the construction of affordable housing predominantly in Leipzig, Berlin, and the Berlin exurbs and is benefiting from a residential market that continues to be shaped by an acute housing shortage, particularly for affordable homes, and soaring rents. Plus, owning a town house or flat has rarely been so attractive, thanks to rock bottom mortgage lending rates (~0.75%) coupled with an €18k KfW loan credit and another €12k child benefit subsidy.

Remote working could provide further tailwinds We are in the midst of the largest experiment in home-working in our history. Corporates are reporting high investment into IT and communication infrastructures to support remote work and are now rethinking longer-term workspace strategies. Although some people are keen to return to the office, others have readily adapted and enjoy the flexibility of working from home. It is therefore easy to envision a hybrid model emerging whereby staff split time between home and the office. We believe CR Capital could directly benefit from this shift. Home-working requires adequate space. And many low to mid-salaried workers cannot afford to buy large enough flats in central locations. Plus, with the obstacle of a daily commute removed, we expect further migration into the exurbs of major hubs such as Berlin. (p.t.o.)

### **FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS**

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019E*	2020E
Revenue (€m)	8.97	17.50	10.41	26.31	40.52	52.58
Y-o-y growth	-51.0%	95.1%	-40.5%	152.8%	54.0%	29.8%
EBIT (€m)	2.72	2.38	3.99	11.56	11.90	15.91
EBIT margin	30.3%	13.6%	38.4%	43.9%	29.4%	30.3%
Net income (€m)	1.69	2.17	5.77	7.80	10.00	12.57
EPS (diluted) (€)	0.45	0.58	1.54	2.08	2.66	3.35
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	1.00	1.50	1.50	1.67
FCF (€m)	-1.33	10.57	-10.19	10.03	5.20	7.47
Net gearing	17.6%	-14.6%	24.7%	-5.6%	-3.6%	-6.6%
Liquid assets (€m)	1.95	5.44	1.98	3.94	6.39	8.03

<sup>\*</sup> Reporting will switch to IFRS 10 on publication of 2019 results (preliminary 2019 net income of €90m)

#### **RISKS**

Risks include but are not limited to: increasing competition, the company's focus on the residential market in Berlin, and the loss of key personnel.

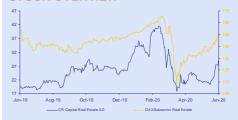
#### **COMPANY PROFILE**

CR Capital Real Estate AG is a property developer focused on the residential segment of the Berlin, Brandenburg, and Leipzig regions. The Berlin-based company specialises in the construction of affordable housing and is listed on the Open Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

MARKET DATA	As of 03 Jun 2020
Closing Price	€ 28.90
Shares outstanding	3.76m
Market Capitalisation	€ 108.58m
52-week Range	€ 17.90 / 41.60
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	4.092

Multiples	2018	2019E	2020E
P/E	13.9	10.9	8.6
EV/Sales	4.3	2.8	2.1
EV/EBIT	9.7	9.5	7.1
Div. Yield	5.2%	5.2%	5.8%

#### STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA	As of 30 Jun 2019
Liquid Assets	€ 1.35m
Current Assets	€ 16.82m
Intangible Assets	€ 10.41m
Total Assets	€ 51.23m
Current Liabilities	€ 1.00m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 38.87m

#### **SHAREHOLDERS**

MPH Group	61.0%
Free Float	39.0%

## **VALUATION**

The company announced a switch to IFRS 10 accounting in February and preliminary unaudited net income of ~€90m for 2019. This overshoots FBe net income of €10m, but this was based on previous reporting standards. We believe the upside is traced to gains on financial assets that will be taken into the profit and loss statement. Shareholders' equity is also thought to have reached €200m at year-end (2018: €35m) and will reflect the new structure as an investment entity. We will overhaul our forecasts and valuation model with publication of the full year results.

CR Capital is on track to realise over 200 units this year, which is at the upper end of our expected range. We look for the good business momentum to continue and spur further growth over the mid term. We have rolled our DCF model forward on unchanged forecasts, which yields a  $\leqslant$ 37 price target (old:  $\leqslant$ 35). Our rating remains Buy.

All figures in € '000			2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Net sales			40,516	52,581	64,601	71,043	78,128	85,928	94,501	103,932
NOPLAT			8,468	11,135	13,934	15,467	17,175	17,882	18,541	19,128
(+) Depreciation & amortisation			61	79	97	107	117	129	142	156
(-) Revaluation profits			-462	-539	-635	-760	-894	-1.040	-1.197	-1,358
Net operating cash flow			8,066	10,676	13,396	14,814	16,398	16,972	17,486	17,926
(-) Capital expenditures			-2,246	-3,222	-5,104	-5,429	-5.795	-6,205	-7,166	-6,687
(-) Working capital			-2,359	-1.691	-2,369	-1,095	-1,250	-1,357	-1,546	-1,763
Free cash flows (FCF)			3,461	5.762	5,923	8,290	9,353	9,410	8,774	9,477
PV of FCF's			3,461	5,478	5,153	6,600	6.815	6,274	5,353	5,292
			-,	0,110		Terminal E	- /		-,	-,
				23.7%	24.7%	25.7%	26.7%	27.7%	28.7%	29.7%
PV of FCFs in explicit period (2018-2028E)	55,572		6.3%	50.00	54.00	59.00	64.00	69.00	73.00	78.00
PV of FCFs in terminal period	80,973	O	7.3%	41.00	44.00	48.00	51.00	55.00	58.00	62.00
Enterprise value (EV)	136,545	WAC	8.3%	35.00	37.00	40.00	43.00	46.00	48.00	51.00
Net cash / - net debt	1,996	>	9.3%	30.00	32.00	35.00	37.00	39.00	41.00	43.00
Investments / minority interests	0		10.3%	27.00	29.00	31.00	32.00	34.00	36.00	38.00
Shareholder value	138,541		11.3%	24.00	26.00	27.00	29.00	30.00	32.00	33.00
Fair value per share in EUR	37.00		12.3%	22.00	23.00	25.00	26.00	27.00	28.00	30.00
·						Terminal g	rowth rate			
				0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%	3.5%
Cost of equity	11.8%		6.3%	51.00	55.00	59.00	64.00	70.00	79.00	90.00
Pre-tax cost of debt	5.0%	Q	7.3%	43.00	46.00	48.00	51.00	55.00	60.00	66.00
Tax rate	30.0%	ACC	8.3%	37.00	39.00	41.00	43.00	45.00	48.00	52.00
After-tax cost of debt	3.5%	>	9.3%	33.00	34.00	35.00	37.00	39.00	41.00	43.00
Share of equity capital	70.0%		10.3%	29.00	30.00	31.00	32.00	34.00	35.00	36.00
Share of debt capital	30.0%		11.3%	27.00	27.00	28.00	29.00	30.00	31.00	32.00
WACC	9.3%		12.3%	24.00	25.00	25.00	26.00	27.00	27.00	28.00

<sup>\*</sup>for layout purposes the model shows data only to 2025 but runs until 2028

# **INCOME STATEMENT**

in € '000	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Rental and operating income	17,498	10,409	26,309	40,516	52,581	64,601
Cost of goods sold	-16,002	-10,777	-22,118	-26,741	-34,704	-42,637
Personnel expenses	-706	-1,208	-1,633	-1,747	-1,887	-2,000
Other impairments	0	-24	-17	0	0	0
Other operating expenses	-853	-1,128	-1,444	-1,531	-1,622	-1,720
Other operating income	813	7,013	150	1,000	1,080	1,123
Revaluation gains	1,649	0	10,347	462	539	635
EBITDA	2,399	4,285	11,594	11,960	15,987	20,003
Depreciation & amortisation	-23	-291	-34	-61	-79	-97
Operating income (EBIT)	2,376	3,994	11,560	11,899	15,908	19,906
Interest expense	-176	-117	-212	-138	-199	-199
Interest income	12	0	1	0	0	0
Pre-tax income (EBT)	2,212	3,877	11,350	11,761	15,709	19,707
Tax expense	-46	1,890	-3,550	-1,764	-3,142	-4,336
Net income / loss	2,166	5,767	7,800	9,997	12,567	15,371
Diluted EPS (in €)	0.58	1.54	2.08	2.66	3.35	4.09
Adjusted EBITDA	750	4,285	1,247	11,497	15,448	19,367
Ratios						
EBITDA margin on revenues	13.7%	41.2%	44.1%	29.5%	30.4%	31.0%
EBIT margin on revenues	13.6%	38.4%	43.9%	29.4%	30.3%	30.8%
Net margin on revenues	12.4%	55.4%	29.6%	24.7%	23.9%	23.8%
Tax rate	2.1%	-48.7%	31.3%	15.0%	20.0%	22.0%
Expenses as % of revenues						
Personnel expenses	4.0%	11.6%	6.2%	4.3%	3.6%	3.1%
Other operating expenses	4.9%	10.8%	5.5%	3.8%	3.1%	2.7%
Y-Y Growth						
Revenues	95.1%	-40.5%	152.8%	54.0%	29.8%	22.9%
Operating income	-12.6%	68.1%	189.4%	2.9%	33.7%	25.1%
Net income/ loss	28.3%	166.2%	35.2%	28.2%	25.7%	22.3%

<sup>\*</sup> CRC will report according to IFRS 10 from 2019 onwards

# **BALANCE SHEET**

in € '000	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
<u>Assets</u>						
Current assets, total	11,199	14,136	9,309	14,622	18,284	22,151
Cash and cash equivalents	5,440	1,984	3,940	6,391	8,030	9,197
Accounts receivable	377	2,187	268	2,220	2,881	3,540
Other assets	171	438	155	160	164	169
ST financial assets	31	146	3,136	3,136	3,136	3,136
Assets held for sale	5,180	9,381	1,810	2,715	4,073	6,109
Non-current assets, total	16,182	27,933	36,130	38,777	42,459	48,101
Intangible assets & goodwill	6,588	16,979	16,987	17,006	17,033	17,065
Tangible assets	32	96	76	96	123	155
Investment properties	9,179	10,854	19,064	21,672	25,301	30,878
Other LT assets	383	4	3	3	3	3
Total assets	27,380	42,068	45,439	53,399	60,743	70,252
Shareholders' equity & debt						
Current liabilities, total	611	1,774	1,484	2,011	2,368	2,726
Accounts payable	198	562	601	1,099	1,426	1,752
Provisions	221	252	325	332	338	345
ST debt	93	386	110	110	110	110
Other current liabilities	99	575	448	470	494	519
Long-term liabilities, total	4,063	11,905	8,549	11,619	11,673	11,737
Deferred tax assets	2,033	3,289	6,715	6,761	6,815	6,879
LT debt	2,030	8,616	1,834	4,858	4,858	4,858
Shareholders' equity, total	22,706	28,390	35,406	39,769	46,702	55,790
Total consolidated equity and debt	27,380	42,068	45,439	53,399	60,743	70,252
Ratios						
Current ratio (x)	18.3	8.0	6.3	7.3	7.7	8.1
Net debt	-3,317	7,018	-1,996	-1,423	-3,062	-4,229
Net gearing	-15%	25%	-6%	-4%	-7%	-8%
Return on equity (ROE)	10%	20%	22%	25%	27%	28%
Capital employed (CE)	23,456	41,985	46,840	51,868	57,270	65,318
Return on capital employed (ROCE)	9%	19%	18%	21%	24%	26%

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# **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

in <b>€</b> '000	2016	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E
Net income	2,166	5,767	7,800	9,997	12,567	15,371
Depreciation & amortisation	23	291	34	61	79	97
Revaluation result	-1,649	-158	-10,348	-462	-539	-635
Financial result	164	116	210	138	199	199
Tax Result	46	-1,733	3,550	1,764	3,142	4,336
Change in receivables/ other assets	7,743	-8,060	1,568	-1,957	-666	-664
Change in payables and other liabilities	-5,990	366	485	573	411	421
Operating cash flow	2,503	-3,411	3,299	10,114	15,193	19,125
Tax paid	-329	0	-47	-1,764	-3,142	-4,336
Interest income	12	0	1	0	0	0
Net operating cash flow	2,186	-3,411	3,253	8,350	12,052	14,789
Purchase PP&E	-12	-68	-21	-61	-79	-97
Purchase intangibles	-3	-1	0	-41	-53	-65
Purchase investment property	-376	-8,326	-1,461	-4,957	-6,616	-8,496
Proceeds from investment property disposals	8,773	1,612	8,660	1,906	2,167	1,518
Purchase of financial assets	0	0	-400	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	8,382	-6,783	6,778	-3,151	-4,580	-7,140
Dividend paid to shareholders	0	0	-1,834	-5,634	-5,634	-6,284
Debt inflow, net	-3,433	6,878	-7,057	3,024	0	0
Equity inflow, net	0	-84	1,033	0	0	0
Interest expense	-176	-117	-211	-137	-199	-199
Cash flow from financing	-3,609	6,677	-8,069	-2,747	-5,833	-6,482
Consolidation changes to financial assets	-3,467	61	-6	0	0	0
Cash, start of the year	1,947	5,440	1,984	3,940	6,391	8,030
Change in cash, net	6,959	-3,517	1,962	2,451	1,639	1,167
Cash, end of the year	5,440	1,984	3,940	6,391	8,030	9,197
Free cash flow (FCF)	10,568	-10,194	10,031	5,198	7,472	7,650
FCFPS (in €)	2.81	-2.71	2.67	1.38	1.99	2.04
Y-Y Growth						
Net operating cash flow	-28.1%	n.m.	n.m.	156.7%	44.3%	22.7%
Free cash flow	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	-48.2%	43.7%	2.4%
FCFPS	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	-48.2%	43.7%	2.4%

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Category			2	
Current market capitalisation (in €)		0 - 2 billion	> 2 billion	
Strong Buy <sup>1</sup>	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 50%	> 30%	
Buy	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 25%	> 15%	
Add	An expected favourable price trend of:	0% to 25%	0% to 15%	
Reduce	An expected negative price trend of:	0% to -15%	0% to -10%	
Sell	An expected negative price trend of:	< -15%	< -10%	

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Report No.:	Date of publication	Previous day closing price	Recommendation	Price target
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25	<b>↓</b>	<b>↓</b>	$\downarrow$	↓
6	23 May 2017	€1.60	Buy	€14.00
7	29 April 2019	€31.80	Buy	€20.00
8	30 September 2019	€25.20	Buy	€35.00
9	Today	€28.90	Buy	€37.00

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