

WCM Beteiligungs- und Grundbesitz-AG

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Q1/17
 Results

RATING
PRICE TARGET
 Return Potential
 Risk Rating

ADD
€ 3.36
 6.6%
 High

FIRST QUARTER RESULTS IN LINE; GUIDANCE CONFIRMED

First quarter results were in line with our forecasts with headline figures continuing to grow. Thanks to the portfolio expansion, rental income (RI) increased 41% Y/Y to €10.8m and FFO I climbed 32% Y/Y to €5.8m. The first quarter performance puts the company on track to hit our full year targets and management's confirmed guidance (RI: €42m-€44m; FFO I: €23m-€24m). Last week, WCM signed a business combination agreement (BCA) with TLG Immobilien AG to form a €3bn (Gross Asset Value) pan-German commercial real estate company. We see fair value at €3.36 per share; in line with the takeover price. Our rating remains Add.

Strong business performance underscores reasoning behind pending combination Management have done a commendable job in building a quality commercial portfolio from scratch with the company re-launch in late 2014. WCM is off to a strong start in 2017 and on pace for top line growth north of 30% Y/Y with solid conversion into FFO I. Given the tightening supply environment in Germany, the quality of WCM's current €796m portfolio, as well as its €300m deal pipeline, the corporate activity involving WCM comes as little surprise. Management have already endorsed the TLG bid and will recommend that shareholders also accept it. We expect final closure of the transaction in October this year (see Table 4 overleaf for timetable summary).

Revenue +41% Y/Y to €10.8m; further portfolio expansion The top line result edged our estimate (FBe: €10.7m) with growth spurred by portfolio expansion. The fair value adjustments to investment properties totalled €14.6m in the first three months (Q1/16: €0.6m). The spike can be traced to bargain buy effects from the purchase of 4 retail properties. We note that the next fair value assessment of the portfolio is slated to take place 30 June 2017. Net income amounted to €15.0m in Q1 vs €1.7m in the prior year period and equated to diluted EPS of €0.08 (Q1/16: €0.01). (p.t.o.)

FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS

	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E	2019E
Rental income (€m)	0.00	10.45	32.61	42.95	51.96	57.46
Y/Y growth	n.a.	n.a.	212.2%	31.7%	21.0%	10.6%
Adj. EBITDA (€m)	-0.67	10.73	25.17	33.18	38.81	42.60
Net income	1.21	57.68	18.56	55.34	67.26	75.51
EPS (diluted) (€)	0.08	0.72	0.12	0.37	0.41	0.44
EPRA NAV (€m)	31.81	290.61	345.40	444.88	528.70	606.95
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.10	0.11	0.12	0.13
FFO I (€m)	0.00	7.93	18.03	23.29	26.33	28.88
FFOPS I	0.09	0.10	0.14	0.16	0.17	0.18
Liquid assets (€ m)	19.64	11.31	10.20	12.77	11.79	12.82

RISKS

Risks include, but are not limited to, unfavourable interest rate developments, unfavourable macroeconomic developments, and the departure of key personnel.

COMPANY PROFILE

WCM Beteiligungs- und Grundbesitz-AG is a real estate company focused on the acquisition and management of commercial properties, particularly offices and retail properties located in Germany's major commercial districts.

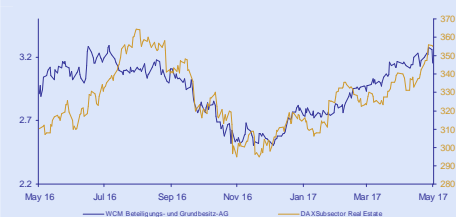
MARKET DATA

As of 16 May 2017

Closing Price	€ 3.15
Shares outstanding	131.96m
Market Capitalisation	€ 415.82m
52-week Range	€ 2.50 / 3.29
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	364,037

Multiples	2016	2017E	2018E
P/FFO I	22.7	19.2	18.6
P/EPRA NAV	1.2	1.1	0.9
FFO I/Yield	4.4%	5.2%	5.4%
Div. Yield	3.1%	3.6%	3.8%

STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA

As of 31 Mar 2017

Liquid Assets	€ 32.30m
Current Assets	€ 53.20m
EPRA NAV	€ 371.80m
Total Assets	€ 869.70m
Current Liabilities	€ 68.20m
Total Equity	€ 337.60m

SHAREHOLDERS

DIC OF RE 2 GmbH	26.0%
Karl P. Ehlerding	4.9%
John F. Ehlerding	4.9%
Karl Ehlerding	4.2%
Stavros Efremidis	2.6%
Free Float	57.5%

**Table 1: Q1 results vs forecasts**

in €'000	Q1 2017	Q1 2017E	% delta	Q1 2016	% delta
Rental income	10,849	10,737	1.0%	7,764	40%
Adjusted EBITDA	8,353	8,299	0.7%	5,965	40%
Margin (%)	77.0%	77.3%	-	76.8%	-
FFO	5,782	4,524	27.8%	4,381	32%

Source: First Berlin Equity Research; Company

Adjusted EBITDA, which reflects recurring operating profit and excludes non-cash effects, climbed some 40% Y/Y in Q1/17 to €8.4m (Q1/16: €6.0m). This improvement reflects the underlying portfolio growth over the past year. The company incurred one-off transaction expenses of €1.9m and non-cash receivable write downs traced to acquired properties of €0.4m. Personnel expenses increased to €1.0m (Q1/16: €0.9m) in line with the portfolio growth.

The key FFO I metric used to measure bottom line profits climbed some 32% Y/Y in Q1/17 to €5.8m compared to €4.4m in the prior year period. This strong conversion of adj. EBITDA into FFO I reflects the excellent financing conditions. FFO I per share amounted to €0.04 matching the prior year figure due to the higher share count. Thanks to the positive results and portfolio expansion, EPRA NAV rose to €371m or €2.75 per share (Q4/17: €345m; €2.62).

Table 2: Portfolio development and KPIs

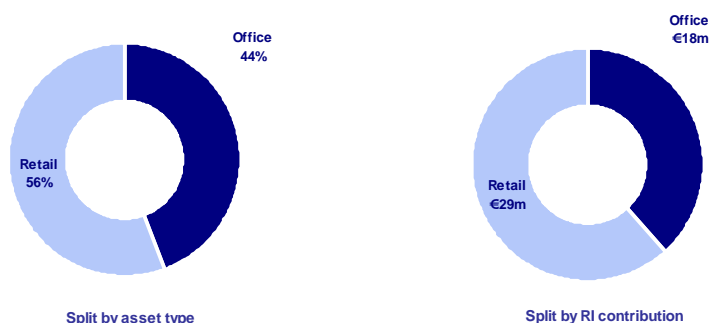
	Q1/16	Q4/16	Q1/17
Number of properties	51	53	57
Market value (€'000)	530,540	662,100	796,200
WALT in years	9.4	8.9	8.2
EPRA vacancy	4.8%	3.8%	4.3%
Rental income p.a. (€'000)	33,300	38,300	47,500
Gross yield	6.2%	5.8%	6.0%
Net debt (€m)	276,089	351,851	460,000
Net LTV	52.0%	53.1%	57.0%
Average cost of debt	2.1%	2.0%	1.9%

Source: First Berlin Equity Research; Company

WCM reported investment properties totalling €796m compared to €531m in Q1/16 and €662m in Q4/16. The growth includes the closure of two sizable transactions in Q1. As expected, a retail centre in Jena, Thuringia was acquired for €21m. The purchase price was financed by the issuance of a mandatory convertible note to the seller, cash, and the assumption of an existing loan (€13m). The note carries a 1.5% coupon, is convertible into 2.1m new shares, and matures on 30 June 2017.

The company also closed the announced deal to acquire three further retail centres in the Federal States of Baden-Wuerttemberg and Saxony-Anhalt for €98.2m. The deal was financed with a combination of cash and mortgage lending.

Figure 1: Portfolio split by market value and rental income contributions



Source: First Berlin Equity Research; Company

Table 3: Financial highlights

in €'000	Q1/17	2016	delta
Cash & liquid assets	32,251	10,013	222.1%
Investment property	796,303	662,073	20.3%
Total assets	869,682	710,273	22.4%
Total equity	337,647	315,933	6.9%
EPRA NAV	371,800	345,366	7.7%
Interest bearing debt	482,743	361,864	33.4%
Net debt	450,492	351,851	28.0%
Loan-to-Value (LTV)	56.6%	54.7%	-
Equity ratio	38.8%	44.5%	-

Source: First Berlin Equity Research; Company

Balance sheet stable over three month period; ample cash position WCM reported cash and liquid assets of €32.3m for the period ended 31 March compared to €10m at the end of 2016. Net debt climbed to €470m vs €352m at the end of 2016. The increase in interest bearing debt stems from portfolio growth and the recent closings. The debt portfolio features a 1.9% cost of debt (Q4/16: 2.0%) and a maturity north of five years. The company reported an LTV of 57% at the end of the quarter compared to 55% at end 2016. This is slightly above management's targeted range of 45%—55%.

The increase in net operating cash flow to €5.5m (Q1/16: 1.9m) stems from the Y/Y portfolio growth and associated rise in rental and operating income. Cash flow from investing was below the prior year level at €-47m (Q1/16: €-56m). Cash flow from financing totalled €64m vs €76m in the prior year period. The cash position thus increased some €22m to €32m at the end of the period. In our view, the company has ample liquidity to react to market opportunities.



APPENDIX

Table 4: Timetable summary

	date
Expected approval of tender offer by BaFin	27 June
Offer period	28 June - 6 Sept
Expected publication of the statement of the Management and Supervisory Board of WCM in support of the offer	5 July
Expected publication of the Tender Offer results and start of 2-week additional acceptance period	13 Sept
Additional acceptance period	14 - 27 Sept
Expected publication of the final results of tender offer	5 Oct
Transaction closing	Oct 2017

Source: *First Berlin Equity Research; Company*



INCOME STATEMENT

All figures in EUR '000	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E
Rental income	0	10,445	32,613	42,947	51,963
Property OpEx	0	-885	-2,817	-3,650	-4,417
Net rental income	0	9,560	29,796	39,296	47,546
Disposals	0	0	799	0	0
Capital gains, property revaluations & gains from disposals	0	54,904	29,213	37,974	44,540
Other operating income	996	3,012	1,454	1,400	1,400
Personnel expenses	-180	-1,530	-4,576	-4,724	-4,677
Other operating expenses	-1,489	-6,715	-12,853	-7,633	-7,823
Depreciation & amortisation	0	-359	-1,086	-1,074	-1,247
Operating income (EBIT)	-673	58,872	42,747	65,240	79,739
Net financial result	-209	-2,076	-7,138	-8,900	-11,317
Other financial expenses	1	0	0	0	0
Pre-tax income (EBT)	-881	56,796	35,609	56,340	68,422
Income taxes	2,087	879	-17,048	-995	-1,164
Net income / loss	1,206	57,675	18,561	55,344	67,257
Minority interests	0	3,383	2,763	3,321	4,035
Net income after minorities	1,206	54,292	15,798	52,024	63,222
Basic EPS (in €)	0.08	0.72	0.12	0.37	0.41
Diluted EPS (in €)	0.08	0.72	0.12	0.37	0.41
Adjusted EBITDA	-673	10,731	25,165	33,181	38,813
Ratios					
Adjusted EBITDA margin	n.m.	102.7%	77.2%	77.3%	74.7%
Tax rate	4.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%	3.0%
Expenses as % of revenues					
Property OpEx	n.m.	8.5%	8.6%	8.5%	8.5%
Personnel expenses	n.m.	14.6%	14.0%	11.0%	9.0%
Y-Y Growth					
Revenues	n.m.	n.m.	212.2%	31.7%	21.0%
Operating income	n.m.	n.m.	-27.4%	52.6%	22.2%
Adjusted EBITDA	n.m.	n.m.	134.5%	31.9%	17.0%
Net income/ loss	n.m.	4682.3%	-67.8%	198.2%	21.5%



BALANCE SHEET

All figures in EUR '000	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E
Assets					
Current assets, total	23,311	30,446	31,735	34,413	33,476
Cash and cash equivalents	19,376	11,136	10,013	12,582	11,590
Property held for sale	0	4,185	0	0	0
Trade receivables	0	309	132	235	285
Other current assets	3,935	14,816	21,590	21,596	21,601
Non-current assets, total	20,578	520,478	678,538	959,354	1,123,078
Property, plant & equipment	483	4,807	3,692	3,766	3,841
Investment property	17,337	501,546	662,073	942,117	1,105,011
Other LT assets	2,758	14,125	12,773	13,470	14,226
Total assets	43,889	550,924	710,273	993,767	1,156,554
Shareholders' equity & debt					
Current liabilities, total	5,879	88,877	39,999	68,789	79,115
Short-term debt	1,966	76,316	22,169	48,010	54,874
Trade payables	3,628	10,733	15,077	17,339	19,939
Provisions & current liabilities	285	1,828	2,753	3,441	4,302
Long-term liabilities, total	6,201	192,465	354,341	498,539	571,638
Long-term debt	6,201	187,815	339,695	480,096	548,741
Deferred tax liabilities	0	4,650	14,646	18,443	22,897
Minority interests	1,050	8,223	11,977	15,298	19,333
Shareholders' equity	30,759	261,359	303,956	411,141	486,468
Loss carryforward / retained earnings	-16,799	62,420	78,396	117,801	164,723
Total consolidated equity and debt	43,889	550,924	710,273	993,767	1,156,554
Ratios					
Current ratio (x)	3.97	0.34	0.79	0.50	0.42
Equity ratio	72.5%	48.9%	44.5%	42.9%	43.7%
Financial leverage	-36.4%	96.8%	115.8%	125.4%	121.7%
EPRA NAV	1.97	3.45	2.34	2.89	3.13
EPRA NAV per share (€)	0.94	2.41	2.62	2.94	3.33
Net debt	-11,209	252,995	351,851	515,523	592,025
Return on equity (ROE)	3.9%	22.1%	6.1%	13.5%	13.8%
Loan-to-value (LTV)	47.1%	52.2%	54.7%	56.1%	54.6%
Net LTV	n.a.	50.0%	53.1%	54.7%	53.6%



CASH FLOW STATEMENT

All figures in EUR '000	2014	2015	2016	2017E	2018E
Net income	1,206	57,675	18,561	55,344	67,257
Capital gains, property revaluations & other	0	-54,904	-29,212	-37,974	-44,540
Depreciation & amortisation	0	359	1,086	1,074	1,247
Net financial result	0	2,076	7,138	8,900	11,317
Tax result	0	722	388	995	1,164
Operating cash flow	1,206	5,928	-2,039	28,339	36,446
Proceeds from disposal of trading properties	0	0	0	0	0
Changes in working capital	2,348	-11,850	189	2,008	2,398
Provisions and other liabilities	-1,868	3,324	23,988	3,933	4,707
Tax paid	0	12	-799	-995	-1,164
Net operating cash flow	1,686	-2,586	21,339	33,285	42,386
CapEx/ intangibles	0	-4,748	-424	-1,148	-1,322
Outflows for investment property	-3,086	-347,658	-89,345	-174,291	-89,949
Inflows from disposal of PP&E	319	66	14,002	0	0
Cash flow from investing	-2,767	-352,340	-75,767	-175,438	-91,271
Debt financing, net	2,860	176,133	62,552	166,241	75,510
Equity financing, net	17,593	172,765	-2,415	0	0
Interest paid	0	-2,212	-6,832	-8,900	-11,317
Dividends paid	0	0	0	-12,619	-16,300
Cash flow from financing	20,453	346,686	53,305	144,723	47,892
Net cash flows	19,372	-8,240	-1,123	2,570	-992
Cash, start of the year	4	19,376	11,136	10,013	12,583
Cash, end of the year	19,376	11,136	10,013	12,583	11,591
Adjusted EBITDA/share (in €)	n.m.	0.14	0.19	0.23	0.25
FFO I	1,414	7,931	18,027	23,286	26,332
FFO I/share	0.09	0.10	0.14	0.16	0.17
Y-Y Growth					
EBITDA/share	n.m.	n.m.	36.8%	20.3%	7.0%
FFO I	n.m.	460.9%	127.3%	29.2%	13.1%
FFOPS I	n.m.	15.8%	32.6%	17.9%	3.4%

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Initial Report	8 December 2015	€2.59	Buy	€3.60
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7	22 March 2017	€3.03	Buy	€3.70
8	28 April 2017	€3.14	Buy	€4.00
9	12 May 2017	€3.22	Add	€3.36
10	Today	€3.15	Add	€3.36

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