VIB Vermögen

Buy (unchanged) Target: Euro 29.00 (unchanged)

22 |April | 2020



•	Price (Euro)	24.40			
	52 weeks range	33.25 / 16.52			
•	Key Data				
	Segment Open M				
	M:	access (Munich)			
		DE000A2YPDD0			
	Sec. ID-No.	245751			
	Symbol	VILLO DE			
	Reuters Bloomberg	VIHG.DE VIH GR			
	Internet	www.vib-ag.de			
	Reporting Standard	IFRS			
	Fiscal Year	31/12			
	IPO	28 Nov. 2005			
	Market Cap (EUR million)	672.9			
	Number of shares (million)	27.6			
	Free Float	80.7%			
	Free Float MCap (million)	543.1			
	CAGR net profits '18 - '21e	2.8%			
	Multiples	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e
	MarketCap/ Sales	7.8	7.4	7.1	6.8
	PE-Ratio	11.7	10.7	11.8	10.6
	Dynamic PE-Ratio	4.25	3.88	4.29	3.86
	Dividend Yield	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%
	FFO Yield	6.7%	7.3%	7.5%	7.7%
•	Key Data per Share (Euro)	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e
	Earnings per Share (EPS)	2.09	2.29	2.07	2.30
	Dividends per Share (DPS)	0.65	0.70	0.72	0.76
	Book Value per Share (BVPS)	17.65	19.31	20.66	22.20
	NAV per share (diluted)	20.30	22.23	23.45	24.74
	FFO per share	1.64	1.77	1.82	1.87
	Financial Data (Euro '000)	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e
	Revenues	86,789	90,995	95,312	99,124
	Total operating revenue	88,232	92,640	95,839	99,678
	EBITDA	87,260	93,266	85,606	94,011
	Operating Profit (EBIT)	86,952	92,953	85,256	93,631
	Pre-tax profit (EBT)	71,200	78,287	69,885	77,630
	Net profit (after minorities)	57,610	63,047	56,974	63,406
	Adjusted Shareholders' Equity	486,866	532,683	569,800	612,245
	RoE after tax	12.4%	12.4%	10.3%	10.7%
	Financial Calendar				
	2019 Annual Report				
	1Q 2020 report				
	AGM (to be confirmed or reso	cheduled) 2			
	Main Shareholders				

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9.6%

4.1%

3.7%

1.9%

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www.src-research.de www.aktienmarkt-deutschland.de www.aktienmarkt-international.de www.aktienmarkt-international.at Pleasing news in troubled times as the company reports on new in-house development that is already rented to Amazon - logistics sentiment least affected by Corona pandemic

Today, the company reported on a new own development on an existing site in Gersthofen near Augsburg. This is very good news, even more in the current uncertain times of the Corona pandemic. A 7,500 sqm large warehouse and office property is being developed and is expected to be completed this summer. A rental agreement for the object is signed with one of the largest players on the market, Amazon, which will use the facility as a delivery hub for the Augsburg region. The rental agreement further includes undeveloped space and is on a long-term basis.

As stated in our last update from 25 March, we believe that the firm will reap the benefits from its always solid and conservative approach in terms of operations and on the financing side during the current turbulent times. The news from today is another confirmation of that. Furthermore, in general the sentiment for the logistics market is the least affected of all segments in the real estate sector and only fell by 8.2% from March to April compared to an overall decline of more than 37% according to an index from Catella Research, Deutsche Hypo and Bulwiengesa. It is further suggested, that the price levels in the logistics segment are to remain stable.

In terms of the retail portion in the firm's portfolio, most of the tenants which suffered from the government restrictions, such as Dehner, the largest tenant of VIB with a share of about 8%, were or will be able to open their stores following the first easing of the respective restrictions. Thus, the impact on VIB in terms of rental losses should in our opinion be minimal, as we already mentioned in our last update.

All in all, we confirm our view on the company, even more with today's good news. The rental income from the new objects should start to contribute to the firm's numbers starting at the end of the third quarter in our opinion and will further lift the annualized rental income and FFO. We accordingly lift our P&L estimates, however, for the moment until the effects of the easing of restrictions becomes more visible and the picture becomes even clearer, only slightly. We confirm our Euro 29.00 target price and maintain our Buy rating. The release of the 2019 annual report is scheduled for next week, on 30 April.







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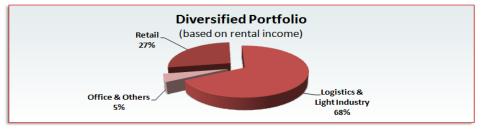
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VIB Vermögen AG acquires and manages commercial real estate properties. Additionally, the company develops real estate properties for its own portfolio and furthermore it indirectly holds real estate assets via company holdings. The properties are located across Germany with a major focus on Southern Germany.

The company aims at a "Develop-or-Buy-and-hold" strategy and holds a diversified portfolio comprising 109 properties with a total lettable area of almost 1,200,000 sqm and a portfolio value of about Euro 1.3bn at FY 2019. The company convinces by its favorable and sustainable occupancy rate of about 99.0% and its lean cost and financing structures. In addition, the real estate portfolio offers a broad diversification within the commercial segment. Logistics and light industry (68%), retail (27%), office utilization (3%) and commercial building/others (2%) are covered.

The average maturity of rental contracts amounts to c. 5.3 years. Among tenants are various well-known and successful brands like Geis Industrie, Loxxess, Dehner Gartenfachmärkte, Edeka, Media Markt, Continental, Aldi, Kaufland etc. that have a high degree of creditworthiness. The average gross rental yield as of FY 2018 is at 6.92%. The logistics and industrial properties and the office properties offer a slightly higher yield, while retail is little below that average. In autumn 2015, the company completed a logistics centre which is its largest in-house development so far. It is located in the Interpark Kösching near Ingolstadt, comprises 55,000 sqm of lettable space and is fully leased up at an initial gross rental yield of 9.5%. In 2019, own developments with an investment volume of Euro 41m were completed. In early 2019, the company announced the second construction phase of a two-storey flagship project at Interpark, which after the expected completion at the end of 2020 will be the firm's largest logistics facility in the portfolio with a rentable area of about 115,000 sqm. Furthermore, the site pipeline for future projects amounts to 160,000 sqm as of FY 2019.





The company has a high equity ratio of 42.5% and also a healthy LTV ratio of 51.0% at FY 2019. Concerning the shareholder structure the firm has a free Float of 80.7%. The crucial investment criteria for property acquisitions is a mid-to long-term rental contract with a solvent tenant and an initial rental yield of more than 7%. Furthermore, the location needs to be within an economically attractive region, as it was realized again with the recent deals.

VIB Vermögen AG is listed at the Open Market of the Frankfurt Stock Exchange and at M:access of the Munich Stock Exchange since November 2005. The company gave a guidance for the 2019 revenues in a range of Euro 88.5m to Euro 92.5m and a pre-tax profit without revaluation to increase to between Euro 52.0m to Euro 54.5m. The FFO should also climb from the Euro 45.3m level in 2018 to a range of Euro 45.5m to Euro 48.0m in 2019. Based on the release of the 2019 prelims, the guidance was fully reached and even exceeded. The company will propose a dividend of 70 cents per share at the next AGM. Our estimate was at only 68 cents. This is already the eleventh consecutive dividend increase.

Source: Company Data, SRC Research







Strengths

SWOT Analysis

- VIB has a total of 109 commercials with a rental area of almost 1,200,000 sqm. The properties are mainly located in the economically strong Southern Germany, resulting in a very stable cash income. In 2019, the FFO surged by 8% to almost Euro 49m and is guided to a range of Euro 48m to Euro 52m in 2020.
- The strategy is clearly long-term-oriented with a Buy-and-Hold or Build-and-Hold strategy. In time of low yields it is more oriented on own developments to grow. The tenant structure divided out in the Top 10 tenants standing for about 45% of the rental income.
- A very low EPRA vacancy rate of about 1.0% at present compared to 1.8% at yearend 2015. In addition, the portfolio is widely spread over various sectors and therefore less affected by an economic shortfall. The average rental yield is at high 6.92% at FY 2019 and the firm's LTV ratio stands at healthy 51.0%.
- ▶ VIB's successful approach and sound track record of further expanding the portfolio size by carefully analyzing given investment opportunities, either existing properties to buy or land sites for in-house developments.
- In-depth and careful planning of in-house development as exemplified by the recent logistics development in the Interpark commercial centre, which has been completed within the time as scheduled and fully leased up already much time in advance of scheduled date of completion.
- Predictability of future earnings is high due to long-term rental agreements for the majority of portfolio (~ 44% with long-term rental contracts at FY 2019).
- The average duration of rental agreements amounts to 5.3 years at FY 2019. Furthermore, tenants have a high degree of creditworthiness (Rudolph Group, Geis Industrie, Audi, BayWa, Dehner Gartenfachmärkte).
- The firm successfully placed three mandatory convertible bonds at 4.5% / 4.0% interest with institutional investors, a Euro 17m issue in Dec. 2012 and a Euro 26m issue in November 2013, and Euro 33m in Dec. 2014.

Demand for attractive logistics and retail properties has significantly increased, also due to the low interest environment. Acquiring properties at yields of more than 7.0% is becoming increasingly difficult but the last news underlined the company's ability to buy or develop the "right" assets.

- VIB consequently reengineers its financing by fixing the currently favorable interestrate level by medium-term forward agreements. The current average interest rate came down to 2.10%, after 2.55% in 2017 and 2.33% at FY 2018 and should further decline in the current FY 2020.
- The firm placed a Euro 42.5m promissory note in April 2019 at a very low rate of 1.03%. The Euro 70m bonded loan issued in Sept. 2016 with an interest of only 1.27% (10 years) and even 0.7% (7 years) is another highlight of the debt side.
- In the face of growing challenges with regard to acquiring high quality German real estate at attractive prices, VIB can largely benefit from its in-house development operations in order to further strengthen its portfolio in terms of size and quality, for example the two new Kösching developments in 2017.

In case of a sustained recession, portfolio vacancy rate might not remain at the negligibly low level of 1.0% and estimated rental values with prospective tenants potentially will be agreed at lower levels. A subsequent negative impact on the portfolio, leading to valuation losses, would burden the P&L.

Weaknesses

Opportunities

Threats







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P&L Account for VIB Vermög	jen AG							
VIB Vermögen AG 31/12 IFRS (Euro '000)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e	CAGR '18 - '21e
Revenues	75,133	79,549	83,550	86,789	90,995	95,312	99,124	4.5%
Net Result from Revaluations	16,410	18,018	17,380	19,454	22,319	12,369	17,854	
Other operating income Total operating income	500 92,043	350 97,917	344 101,274	1,443 107,686	1,645 114,959	527 108,208	554 117,532	
Expenses for investment properties	-13,620	-13,292	-13,775	-14,968	-16,057	-16,539	-17,035	
Gross margin without revaluation	81.9%	83.3%	83.5%	82.8%	82.4%	82.6%	82.8%	
Net operating income (NOI)	61,513	66,257	69,775	71,821	74,938	78,773	82,090	4.6%
NOI-margin	81.9%	83.3%	83.5%	82.8%	82.4%	82.6%	82.8%	
Personnel expenses	-3,303	-3,797	-3,621	-3,678	-3,861	-4,012	-4,040	
Other operating expenses EBITDA	-1,626 73,494	-1,647 79,181	-1,785 82,093	-1,780 87,260	-1,775 93,266	-2,051 85,606	-2,447 94,011	2.5%
EBITDA-margin	97.8%	99.5%	98.3%	100.5%	102.5%	89.8%	94.8%	2.5%
EBITDA without revaluation	57,084	61,163	64,713	67,806	70,947	73,237	76,157	3.9%
Amortization of intangible assets and depreciation	31,004	01,103	04,115	01,000	10,541	10,201	10,131	3.374
of property, plant and equipment and investment								
properties	-56	-62	-271	-308	-313	-350	-380	
Operating profit (EBIT)	73,438	79,119	81,822	86,952	92,953	85,256	93,631	2.5%
EBIT-margin Operating profit (EBIT) without revaluation	97.7% 57,028	99.5% 61,101	97.9% 64,442	100.2% 67,498	102.2% 70,634	89.4% 72,887	94.5% 75,777	
Net income from investments accounted for using	31,020	01,101	04,442	07,430	10,034	12,001	13,111	
the equity method	19	210	152	3	125	108	91	
Income from participating interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Income/Expenses from measurement of financial derivatives	-132	0	0	0	0	0	1	
Interest earnings	62	0	23	8	343	14	16	
Interest costs	-20,433	-20,509	-17,378	-15,597	-14,968	-15,327	-15,943	
Financial result	-20,371	-20,509	-17,355	-15,589	-14,625	-15,313	-15,927	
Expenses from guaranteed dividend	-166	0	-166	-166	-166	-166	-166	
Extraordinary result	62.700	60,020	0	74 200	70 207	0	77.020	2.0%
Pre-tax Profit (EBT) EBT-margin	52,788 70.3%	58,820 73.9%	64,453 77.1%	71,200 82.0%	78,287 86.0%	69,885 73.3%	77,630 78.3%	2.9%
Pre-tax Profit (EBT) without revaluation	36,378	40,802	47,073	51,746	55,968	57,516	59,776	
Tax expenses	-8,741	-9,417	-10,515	-11,305	-12,876	-11,391	-12,654	
Tax rate	16.6%	16.0%	16.3%	16.3%	16.3%	16.3%	16.3%	
Net Profit before minorities	44,047	49,403	53,938	59,895	65,411	58,494	64,976	2.8%
Minorities	-3,928	-2,140	-2,334	-2,285	-2,364	-1,520	-1,570	
Net Profit after minorities	40,119	47,263	51,604	57,610	63,047	56,974	63,406	3.2%
Return on sales	53.4%	59.4%	61.8%	66.4%	69.3%	59.8%	64.0%	
Number of shares	27,580	27,580	27,580	27,580	27,580	27,580	27,580	
Earnings per share (Euro)	1.45	1.71	1.87	2.09	2.29	2.07	2.30	
Dividends per Share (DPS) in Euro BookValue per Share (BVPS) in Euro	0.51 13.59	0.55 14.82	0.60 16.15	0.65 17.65	0.70 19.31	0.72 20.66	0.76 22.20	
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Adjusted Shareholders Equity' without								
minorities and after dividend payment	374,744	408,678	445,486	486,866	532,683	569,800	612,245	7.9%
RoE after Tax	11.1%	12.1%	12.1%	12.4%	12.4%	10.3%	10.7%	
Key ratios & figures	2015	2016e	2017	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e	
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Margins in % EBITDA	76.0%	76.9%	77.5%	78.1%	78.0%	76.8%	76.8%	
EBIT	75.9%	76.8%	77.1%	77.8%	77.6%	76.5%	76.4%	
EBT	48.4%	51.3%	56.3%	59.6%	61.5%	60.3%	60.3%	
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Expense ratios in % Personnel costs quota	4.4%	4.8%	4.3%	4.2%	4.2%	4.2%	4.1%	
Depreciation to sales	0.1%	0.1%	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%	
Tax rate	16.6%	16.0%	16.3%	16.3%	16.3%	16.3%	16.3%	
Profitability in %								
Net profit to sales ratio	53.4%	59.4%	61.8%	66.4%	69.3%	59.8%	64.0%	
Return on equity (RoE) after tax	11.1%	12.1%	12.1%	12.4%	12.4%	10.3%	10.7%	
Valuation PE-ratio	16 77	14.24	12.04	11.60	10.67	11 01	10.61	
PE-ratio Price/BVpS	16.77	14.24 1.65	13.04	11.68 1.38	10.67	11.81 1.18	10.61 1.10	
Dividend yield in %	2.1%	2.3%	2.5%	2.7%	2.9%	3.0%	3.1%	
Market Cap/Sales	8.96	8.46	8.05	7.75	7.40	7.06	6.79	
Market Cap/EBITDA	9.16	8.50	8.20	7.71	7.22	7.86	7.16	
Data per share								
Number of shares in k	27,580	27,580	27,580	27,580	27,580	27,580	27,580	
EpS	1.45	1.71	1.87	2.09	2.29	2.07	2.30	
DpS	0.51	0.55	0.60	0.65	0.70	0.72	0.76	
BVpS	13.59	14.82	16.15	17.65	19.31	20.66	22.20	







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Company	Date	Rating	Former Share Price	Former Target	
VIB Vermögen	25 Mar 2020	Buy	22.60 €	29.00 €	
VIB Vermögen	06 Nov 2019	Hold	28.25 €	29.00 €	
VIB Vermögen	07 Aug 2019	Hold	25.40 €	28.00 €	
VIB Vermögen	02 Jul 2019	Accumulate	25.40 €	27.00 €	
VIB Vermögen	15 May 2019	Hold	24.90 €	26.00 €	
VIB Vermögen	02 May 2019	Hold	25.20 €	26.00 €	
VIB Vermögen	27 Mar 2019	Accumulate	24.00 €	26.00 €	
VIB Vermögen	05 Feb 2019	Accumulate	22.50 €	25.00 €	
VIB Vermögen	07 Nov 2018	Accumulate	21.70 €	24.50 €	
VIB Vermögen	08 Aug 2018	Accumulate	22.00 €	24.50 €	

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