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## FCR Immobilien

## Real estate

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€11.30

## Seeking new funding to grow its portfolio

FCR Immobilien held a real estate portfolio worth c €312m at end-June 2020 (with retail properties making up 76%). Rental income (including hotel revenue) improved by c 30% y-o-y to €12.5m in H120, supported by H219 acquisitions. Management now guides to a rental and hotel revenue increase of 31% y-o-y to €28.3m in FY20 (not accounting for further acquisitions). Moreover, it expects a property disposal volume of at least €30m this year, which implies a strong pick-up in activity in H220 vs H120. Consequently, management expects FY20 pre-tax profit to reach €11.1m (€11.9m in FY19), which implies over 50% growth in H220 vs €4.4m in H120.

### Lower operating expenses assist H120 results

As well as significant growth in rental revenue, FCR was able to reduce personnel and material expenses by c 14% y-o-y in H120. While financing costs increased by c 23% y-o-y on the back of additional debt to finance portfolio growth, we note that FCR's average effective interest rate was down for both property-level debt and issued bonds in H120. The company's funds from operations excluding property disposal/revaluation gains (FFO1) turned positive and reached €2.2m in H120, while FFO2 stood at €2.8m. Net income in H120 declined by c 20% y-o-y to €3.8m, as previous year figure included €8.3m unrealised property revaluation gains against just €0.9m in H120. FCR has so far sold five properties this year, with a further three to five properties likely to be sold soon, according to management.

## New share issue and change of listing segment

FCR plans to expand its property portfolio by a further €160m by end-2021. While it launched a bond offering with a volume up to €30m in March 2020 (which is still ongoing) to fuel property acquisitions, management also announced that FCR will issue up to 1.3m new shares (with a rights issue at a 7:1 ratio) targeting gross proceeds of up to €14.1m (though the capital raise was recently postponed). On 30 October 2020 the company moved from Scale to the General Standard segment.

## Valuation: Trading at premium to EPRA NAV

FCR's EPRA NAV per share increased from €10.93 at end 2019 to €11.05 at end June 2020 which, together with the €0.30 per share dividend payment, implies a NAV total return of c 3.8% in H120. Based on last reported NAV, FCR is currently trading at a P/NAV multiple of 1.02x, which represents a 20% premium to the broader peer average (but a 24% discount to its closest peers).

Edison estimates						
Year end	FFO1* (€m)	FFO2** (€m)	P/FFO2 (x)	NAV/share*** (€)	P/NAV (x)	Dividend yield (%)
12/19	(3.7)****	9.8****	10.5	10.93	1.03	2.7
12/20e	3.1	7.9	13.0	11.60	0.97	2.9
12/21e	4.4	10.1	10.2	12.58	0.90	3.8
12/22e	6.4	11.4	9.0	14.01	0.81	4.7

Note: \*Funds from operations – defined as net profit before D&A, property revaluation and disposal gains. \*\*FFO1 plus property disposal gains. \*\*\*EPRA NAVPS. \*\*\*\*Edison estimates.



# Code FC9 Shares in issue 9.1m Net debt at 30 June 2020 €216.7m

#### **Business description**

FCR Immobilien is a German real estate investor primarily focused on small and mid-sized properties in tier two domestic locations. It looks for special situations translating into bargain purchases. Subsequent measures are aimed at improving rental income generation.

#### Bull

- Expertise in sourcing attractively priced properties.
- Considerable portfolio expansion leading to rental income growth recently.
- Exposure to mostly non-cyclical tenants, in particular food retail.

#### Bear

- High leverage and loan amortisation rate.
- Relatively high tenant concentration.
- Key personnel risk.

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