Company Flash

IGD

2022-24 Business Plan

We see IGD's new 2022-24 BP as in continuity with the path undertaken in recent years from a strategical standpoint, though now structured to take into account the ongoing macro trends of evolving consumption habits, digitalization and green revolution, that have been intensified by Covid-19. We consider IGD's new financial targets over 2022-24 as feasible, particularly considering the expected economic growth in Italy and assuming no further restrictions driven by the pandemic. We therefore broadly aligned our 2022-24E expectations to the company's targets, though we took a more prudent approach on dividends' distribution in view of the still uncertain scenario with regards to real estate retail market valuations and the linked effect on companies' LTV. Our DPS assumptions point to a DPS in 2021E at EUR 0.25/share (implying a 6.9% dividend yield on yesterday's closing price), at the bottom of the provided range for 2021E, gradually growing to EUR 0.45/share in 2024E, close to pre-pandemic levels at the end of the Plan. We have a positive stance on the stock based on fundamentals, with the stock trading at a 68% discount vs. 2022E NAV. We do not exclude risks coming from potential interest rates' increase and a resurgence of Covid-19 in the short/medium term.

2022-24 BP highlights

Strategic guidelines

After the low point generated by the Covid-19 heath emergency, with restrictions impacting non-essential activities in 2020-21 and translating into IGD shifting capex, lowering dividends and booking the financial impact, the expected economic growth and the increase in private consumption in Italy should drive operations' recovery and lead to a "back to normal" situation. In this context, with an eye to global macro trends of urbanisation, digitalisation, quality of life and green revolution, IGD has outlined its new 2022-24 Business Plan, adapting its strategy so as to cope with this changing environment. Leveraging on the resilience of its business model, which has its foundation in a balanced portfolio of activities (hypermarkets and galleries/malls), IGD's strategy should take shape in three main areas:

- Acceleration of commercial and marketing strategy with a focus on omni-channel attributes, meaning the development of new/scalable solutions with regards to the merchandising mix (from health services to restaurants, household goods, tech and sports) and new tenants' mix, with properties' layout evolving towards more digitalised and inclusive spaces, taking advantage of outdoor areas as well;
- Active asset management activity, with an investment programme of approximately EUR 82M aimed at making the assets increasingly more attractive, preserving value over time and extending their life cycles;
- **ESG strategy**, which calls for important steps to be taken to reduce the portfolio's environmental impact, with the objective to reach zero emissions by 2030, improve employees' expertise and wellbeing, maintain high ethical standards in terms of governance and increase the attractiveness of shopping centres through environmental initiatives and digitalisation;

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Target Price: EUR 4.8 (from EUR 4.6)

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Price Performance (RIC: IGD.MI, BB: IGD IM)



IGD - Key Data			
Price date (market clo	14/12	2/2021	
Target price (EUR)			4.8
Target upside (%) 33.		33.15	
Market price (EUR) 3.6			3.61
Market cap (EUR M) 397.		397.80	
52Wk range (EUR)		4.6	5/3.39
Price performance %	1M	3M	12M
Absolute	-9.9	-1.1	0.6
Rel. to FTSE IT All Sh	-5.8	-2.7	-18.0

Y/E Dec (EUR M)	FY20A	FY21E	FY22E
Revenues	152.7	151.1	148.2
EBITDA	98.70	104.3	111.3
EBIT	-52.32	86.12	98.36
Net income	-74.26	49.15	64.55
EPRA EPS (EUR)	0.57	0.52	0.58
Net debt/-cash	1,155.5	992.4	994.6
Adj P/E (x)	6.7	7.0	6.2
EV/EBITDA (x)	16.0	13.3	12.5
EV/EBIT (x)	Neg.	16.1	14.2
Div ord yield (%)	0	6.9	9.0

Source: Company data, FactSet and Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

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Financial strategy: IGD intends to maintain a rigorous financial discipline, consistent with the investment grade profile, so as to limit financial risks and obtain the best conditions possible in any market environment, as well as exploiting the opportunities linked to the sustainable financing. The company targets an LTV at around 40-43% in 2024E, lowering from 45% expected in 2021E, and has approx. EUR 160M of cash resources, sufficient to cover 2022 financial maturities.

Financial targets

- Net rental income, like-for-like, is expected to grow at a 2021-24 CAGR of around +5/6%, thanks to a full recovery from Covid-19 in terms of lower direct costs, greater occupancy and higher variable sales, as well as thanks to higher inflation rates. The total growth in 2021-24 period (including the hypermarkets' disposal and closing Centro Piave leasehold in 2021 for EUR -11M) is expected in the region of +17/20%;
- FFO is planned to improve in 2024E by more than 30% compared to the expected 2021 restated results (EUR 55-56M) or rather to EUR 74-76M (from EUR 63-64M expected at end-2021, within the +7/8% yoy guidance range);
- Intention to propose dividend of EUR 0.25/0.30 per share in 2021 (to be paid in 2022), and targeting EUR 0.50 DPS to be distributed in 2024 (based on 2023 results);
- Cumulated capex over the 2022-24 period for EUR 82M, of which EUR 33M for maintenance and safety of assets, EUR 12M devoted to ESG investments, EUR 24M for asset renewal (restyling, remodelling and fit-out) and EUR 13M for the completion of the Officine Storiche project;
- LTV in the 40-43% range in 2024 (from around 45% expected by end-2021), benefitting from the growing FFO, despite increasing dividends and capex.

Feedback from Q&A

The key points were:

- Management sees the footfalls' dynamic, still at lower levels compared to prepandemic ones, despite tenants' sales (in terms of average ticket) having grown vs. 2019 figures, to be offset by increasing occupancy, greater inflation and higher variable sales:
- On portfolio valuation, the 2022-24 Business Plan assumes a stability in market valuations, amid no significant impact from potential interest rates' hikes and a positive effect deriving from updated inflationary prospects. We note that, according to management, the 2022-24 BP figures do not assume any portfolio revaluation related to maintenance capex and include cash capex outflows;
- As regards the potential diversification strategy, management stated that, in the case of disposals of non-core assets and if allowed by market conditions, IGD could evaluate investments in other asset classes so as to expand its property portfolio, leveraging on its know-how and economies of scale. However, the focus on the retail asset class would remain, with mixed-use solutions, combining commercial and residential units for instance, representing an opportunity that could fit well with IGD's portfolio.

Outlook & estimates

We fine-tuned slightly upwards our 2021E-23E estimates and published for the first time our 2024E assumptions. Our top line improved, thanks to the higher inflation rates, greater occupancy and variable sales assumed, as well as due to adjustments on hypermarkets' contribution over the period on the back of the disposal process closed in late November. Our 2021E-23E EBITDA thus increased on average by 2/3%, whereas our net income figures remained broadly stable in 2021E and rose on average by 7% in 2022E-23E. In light of the capex expected to be deployed in 2022E-24E (EUR 80M vs. EUR 82M planned by IGD) and higher DPS assumed, currently pointing to EUR 0.25/share in 2021E (+56% vs. our previous estimates), EUR 0.325/share in 2022E (+33% vs. our old estimates), EUR 0.40/share in 2023E (+23% vs. our old estimates) and EUR 0.45/share in 2024E, our 2024E LTV is set to improve to 41.9% (from around 45% expected in 2021E), within the range targeted by IGD in 2024E (40/43%). Our estimates do not factor in any asset rotation activity to be carried out over the plan's period.

IGD - 2020A-24E P&L (New vs. old estimates)

EUR M	2020A	2021E New	2022E New	2023E New	2024E New	2021E old	2022E old	2023E old
Rental from domestic malls	98.6	97.0	99.7	105.0	111.0	97.6	99.6	102.9
Rental from hyper/supermarket	38.2	38.0	30.7	31.1	31.4	36.1	28.8	29.1
Rental revenues from Romania	8.2	8.6	8.8	9.1	9.3	8.6	8.8	9.1
City centre & other	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.7	0.6	0.6	0.6
Total gross rental incomes	145.6	144.2	141.1	147.1	152.4	142.8	139.1	142.9
Service revenues	6.4	6.5	6.6	6.7	6.8	6.5	6.5	6.6
Non-operating income	0.7	0.5	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.5	0.5	0.0
Total revenues	152.7	151.1	148.2	153.8	159.2	149.8	146.1	149.5
Cost of sold	-1.4	-1.0	-1.0	0.0	0.0	-1.5	-1.5	0.0
Personnel	-6.3	-6.6	-6.7	-6.8	-6.9	-6.6	-6.6	-6.7
Direct cost	-41.3	-34.6	-24.4	-25.2	-26.1	-35.5	-24.1	-24.5
G&A expenses	-4.9	-4.7	-4.8	-4.9	-4.9	-4.7	-4.8	-4.8
Total costs	-53.9	-46.9	-36.8	-36.9	-37.9	-48.3	-37.0	-36.0
EBITDA	98.7	104.3	111.3	116.9	121.3	101.5	109.2	113.4
EBITDA margin (%)	64.6	69.0	75.1	76.0	76.2	67.8	74.7	75.9
Provisions	-0.6	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
D&A	-4.4	-1.4	-1.5	-1.5	-1.5	-1.4	-1.4	-1.4
Write downs and FV	-146.0	-16.6	-11.4	-8.5	-5.7	-14.3	-11.4	-8.5
EBIT	-52.3	86.1	98.4	106.8	114.0	85.7	96.2	103.4
NFC	-36.2	-35.2	-35.2	-35.1	-35.2	-34.6	-34.1	-33.8
Other operations/equity stakes	-0.1	0.3	3.1	3.1	3.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBT	-88.6	51.2	66.2	74.8	82.0	51.0	62.1	69.6
Taxes	14.2	-2.0	-1.7	-1.5	-1.6	-2.0	-1.6	-1.4
Net income	-74.3	49.1	64.6	73.3	80.4	49.0	60.6	68.2
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Group net income	-74.3	49.1	64.6	73.3	80.4	49.0	60.6	68.2
Group adj. net income	63.3	57.0	64.4	70.2	74.4	54.8	63.5	68.2

A: actual; E: estimates; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research

IGD – 2020A-24E main KPIs (New vs. old estimates)

EUR M - EUR/share	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2021E	2022E	2023E
		New	New	New	New	old	old	old
EPS adj.	0.574	0.516	0.583	0.636	0.674	0.496	0.575	0.618
DPS	0.00	0.250	0.325	0.400	0.450	0.161	0.244	0.326
FFO recurring	54.8	63.1	66.7	72.5	76.5	59.1	67.4	71.9
FFO recurring per share	0.496	0.572	0.604	0.657	0.694	0.536	0.610	0.652
FFO recurring change yoy %		15.2	5.6	8.6	5.6	8.0	13.9	6.8
FFO adjusted	59.3	63.9	67.5	73.3	77.3	60.3	67.0	71.7
FFO adjusted per share	0.537	0.579	0.612	0.664	0.701	0.547	0.607	0.650
FFO adjusted change yoy %		7.8	5.6	8.5	5.6	1.8	11.0	7.1
EPRA NAV	1145.8	1192.5	1228.9	1265.5	1299.8	1192.3	1234.7	1275.0
EPRA NAV per share	10.38	10.81	11.14	11.47	11.78	10.81	11.19	11.55
Net debt	1,155	992	995	968	949	969	946	911
LTV %	49.9	45.1	44.3	42.9	41.9	44.9	43.5	41.8

A: actual; E: estimates; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research

IGD – 2021E-23E % revisions new vs. old estimates

%	2021E New/Old	2022E New/Old	2023E New/Old
Revenues	0.9	1.4	2.9
EBITDA	2.7	2.0	3.0
Net income	0.3	6.6	7.5
Adj. net income	4.0	1.4	2.9
FFO recurring	6.7	-1.0	0.7
FFO adjusted	5.9	0.7	2.1
DPS	55.5	33.1	22.7
Net debt/-cash	2.4	5.1	6.3
LTV	0.5	2.0	2.6
EPRA NAV	0.0	-0.5	-0.7

Source: Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates

Valuation

We value IGD by averaging three different approaches (DCF, DDM and Multiples; please see our report of 31/8/2021 for full valuation methodology), which return a **new rounded target price of EUR 4.8/share (from EUR 4.6/share)**. Our target price moves slightly upwards as a result of the 1-year valuation roll-forward and our estimates finetuning, with both DCF and DDM methodologies returning higher equity values, offset in part by the multiples valuation reflecting the recent sector multiples de-rating (0.62x 2022E P/NAV vs. 0.67x 2021 P/NAV previously embedded in our model). Given the 33% upside on yesterday's closing price, **we upgrade our rating on IGD from ADD to BUY**.

IGD – Key Data

Rating BUY	Target price (EUR/sh) Ord 4.8	Mkt pr Ord 3.	ice (EUR/sh) 60		Sector Real Estate	
Values per share (EUR)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	
No. ordinary shares (M)	110.3	110.3	110.3	110.3	110.3	
Market cap (EUR M)	665.94	424.60	397.80	397.80	397.80	
Adj. EPS	0.692	0.574	0.516	0.583	0.636	
CFPS	-0.56	-2.04	0.28	0.47	0.57	
BVPS	11.13	10.23	10.60	10.93	11.27	
NAVPS	10.97	10.10	10.45	10.79	11.13	
Dividend ord	0.228	0	0.250	0.325	0.400	
Average Price	6.0	3.8	3.6	3.6	3.6	
Income statement (EUR M)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	
Revenues	162.1	152.7	151.1	148.2	153.8	
EBITDA	124.6	98.70	104.3	111.3	116.9	
EBIT	50.30	-52.32	86.12	98.36	106.8	
Pre-tax income	13.60	-88.59	51.19	66.21	74.79	
Net income	12.60	-74.26	49.15	64.55	73.29	
EPRA earnings	76.40	63.33	56.97	64.36	70.17	
Cash flow (EUR M)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	
Net income before minorities	12.6	-74.3	49.1	64.6	73.3	
Depreciation and provisions	74.3	151.0	18.1	13.0	10.1	
Others/Uses of funds	-1.5	0.1	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	
Change in working capital	7.6	-12.0	12.3	8.9	6.3	
Operating cash flow	93.9	50.5	81.5	88.0	91.0	
Capital expenditure	-59.9	-18.3	-35.0	-40.0	-21.0	
Financial investments	0	0	0	0	0	
Acquisitions and disposals	0	0	0	0	0	
Free cash flow	34.0	32.2	46.5	48.0	70.0	
Dividends	-55.2	-25.2	0	-27.6	-35.9	
Equity changes & other nn op item	-6.5	6.6	-8.3	-14.1	-13.9	
Net cash flow	-54.3	7.2	163.1	-2.2	26.2	
Balance sheet (EUR M)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	
Total fixed assets	2,422.3	2,308.4	2,200.6	2,244.8	2,255.8	
Net working capital	18.4	30.4	18.2	9.2	2.9	
Other items	-49.7	-54.4	-56.9	-53.7	-46.9	
Net capital employed	2,391.0	2,284.4	2,161.9	2,200.3	2,211.9	
Net debt/-cash	1,162.6	1,155.5	992.4	994.6	968.4	
Minorities	0	0	0	0	0	
Net equity	1,228.4	1,128.9	1,169.5	1,205.8	1,243.6	
Stock market ratios (x)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	
Adj. P/E	8.7	6.7	7.0	6.2	5.7	
P/CFPS	-10.8	-1.9	12.8	7.7	6.3	
	0.54	0.38	0.34	0.33	0.32	
P/BVPS						
P/NAVPS	0.32	0.34	0.33	0.32	0.31	
Payout (%)	200	0	56	56	60	
Dividend yield (% ord)	3.8	0	6.9	9.0	11.1	
FCF yield (%)	5.1	7.6	11.7	12.1	17.6	
LTV (%)	47.6	49.9	45.1	44.3	42.9	
D/EBIT	23.1	Neg.	11.5	10.1	9.1	
Profitability & financial ratios (%)	2019A	2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	
EBITDA margin	76.9	64.6	69.0	75.1	76.0	
EBIT margin	31.0	-34.3	57.0	66.4	69.4	
Tax rate	NM	NM	NM	NM	NM	
Net income margin	7.8	-48.6	32.5	43.6	47.7	
ROCE	2.1	-46.6 -2.3	4.0	4.5	4.8	
ROE	1.0	-6.3	4.3	5.4	6.0	
Interest cover	-1.4	1.4	-2.5	-3.1	-3.3	
Debt/equity ratio	94.6	102.4	84.9	82.5	77.9	
Growth (%)		2020A	2021E	2022E	2023E	
C-I		-5.8	-1.0	-2.0	3.8	
Sales		-20.8	5.6	6.8	5.0	
EBITDA					0 /	
		NM	NM	14.2	8.6	
EBITDA EBIT						
EBITDA EBIT Pre-tax income		NM	NM	29.3	13.0	
EBITDA EBIT Pre-tax income EPRA earnings	20194	NM 63.3	NM 57.0	29.3 64.4	13.0 70.2	
EBITDA EBIT Pre-tax income	2019A 2,422.3	NM	NM	29.3	13.0	

NM: not meaningful; NA: not available; Neg.: negative; A: actual; E: estimates; Source: Company data and Intesa Sanpaolo Research

Company Snapshot

Company Description

IGD SIIQ Spa listed on the star segment of the Italian Stock Exchange, the first SIIQ (Società di investimento immobiliare quotata or Real Estate Investment Trust) in Italy.lgd SIIQ is one of the main players in Italy's retail real estate market focusing on medium/large shopping centres made up of hypermarkets/superstores (with a surface area averaging 4,500-10,0000 sm and 3,000-4,500 respectively) and shopping malls (60/70 shops each on average). The Italian retail real estate sector is probably one of the most attractive in Europe and shows further upside potential compared to the other European countries. Igd's core business is to hold and manage shopping centres (Property Management activity), but it also provides real estate services (Facility Management and Agency activity) to both owned and third parties centres. Igd's portfolio, as at 31 December 2018, includes 27 shopping malls and retail parks, 25 hypermarkets and supermarkets, 1 plot of land for development, 1 property held for trading and 5 additional real estate properties. From april 2008 Igd adds to its portfolio 14 malls and a building with offices in Romania. Igd's freehold properties market value amounts Euro 2.41 billion at 31 December 2018.

Key Risks

Company specific risks:

- The company's high domestic exposure, with a strong correlation to Italian country risk;
- The rising interest rates to affect cost of debt on new financing;
- The exposure to the retail business to affect top line in a slow down of $\ensuremath{\mathsf{GDP}}$
- Covid-19 health emergency perduration

Sector generic risks:

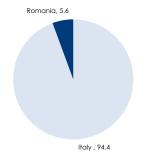
Key data

Mkt price (EUR)	3.61	Free float (%)	48.7
No. of shares	110.3	Major shr	Coop Alleanza 3.0
52Wk range (EUR)	4.65/3.39	(%)	40.9
Reuters	IGD.MI	Bloomberg	IGD IM
Performance (%)	Absolute		Rel. FTSE IT All Sh
Performance (%)	Absolute -9.9	-1 <i>M</i>	Rel. FTSE IT All Sh -5.8
		-1M -3M	

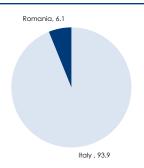
Estimates vs. consensus

EUR M (Y/E Dec)	2020A	2021E	2021C	2022E	2022C	2023E	2023C
Sales	152.7	151.1	149.8	148.2	146.0	153.8	135.5
EBITDA	98.70	104.3	101.5	111.3	106.8	116.9	107.9
EBIT	-52.32	86.12	94.35	98.36	100.8	106.8	104.9
Pre-tax income	-88.59	51.19	51.00	66.21	70.80	74.79	76.00
EPRA Earnings	63.33	56.97	59.27	64.36	65.01	70.17	68.19
EPRA EPS (€)	0.57	0.52	0.56	0.58	0.61	0.64	0.68

Sales breakdown by asset (%)



GAV breakdown by asset (%)



Source: Company data, Intesa Sanpaolo Research estimates and FactSet consensus data (priced at market close of 14/12/2021)

Our Mid Corporate Definition

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Historical recommendations and target price trend (-1Y)

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