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Duna House

Recommendation: Accumulate Target price (12M): Under revision

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Hun. Core HUF million	2020 Q1	2019 Q1	Ch (%)	_	
Revenues	2,473	1,858	+33%	4,000	
EBITDA	366	298	+23%	No contraction of the second s	~
EBIT	306	244	+25%	3,500	WAR .
Cleaned Core EBIT	313	220	42%		M M
Profit	265	166	+60%	3,000	
EPS	76	48	+60%		
Cumulated EPS	76	48	+60%	2,500	
No. of transactions (ths)	34	37	-8%		
				2,000	
				2019.12 2020.01 2020.0 —Duna House	
Share price close as of 28/05/2020 HUF			HUF 3,060	Bloomberg	DUNAHHOUS HB
Number of shares [million]			3,5	Reuters	DUNAHOUSE.BU
Market capitalization [HUF mn/EUR mn] 12,856 / 3			12,856 / 37	Free float	30%
Daily turnover 12M [EUR th]			1.46	52 week range	HUF 3,450-4,600

Strong results, but macro headwinds may gather

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In short:

- Duna House Group posted very nice Q1 profit, which increased by 60% to HUF 264 million (EPS 73) helped mainly by the consolidation of the recently acquired entity in Poland, and an FX revaluation of ca. HUF 45 million. Excluding the latter, profit would have been up by ca. 30% y-o-y. In Q1, more than half of the consolidated revenue is arriving from Poland.
- COVID 19: Mgmt withdrew its FY guidance (HUF 1.25 billion; EPS 360), in line with other companies. Also they indicated that transaction numbers have been recovering, in the end of May figures stood at w20 -40% y-o-y, with the lowest point in the middle of April (w15) -70% y-o-y. Fixed cost such as employee expenses was reduced for March and April which has gradually been relaxing and by August wages should return to the normal level. Obviously, Q2 results will be under pressure.
- More than 70% and 81% of the flats for Forest Hill and MyCity projects have been sold, so one may assume that this year we should see a part of the profit to realize this year. For all the three projects we expect ca. HUF 810 per share profit.

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 One of the key drivers of the real estate market is the unemployment rate which has increased lately (from 3.5% to 6% in the last two months), therefore one may expect to headwinds on the macro side.

Financials: In nutshell, despite the striking drop in profitability in the own office segment, loan intermediation was able to more than compensate. **Q1 EBITDA and Q4 Profit increased by 23 % and 60% respectively** on the back of strong loan intermediation which increased by +210% y-o-y (HUF +150m y-o-y) largely thanks to the consolidation of the recently acquired polish loan intermediary. Loans volume jumped by ca. 84% y-o-y thanks again to the consolidation. While loan intermediation was strong, EBITDA from own office segment (concentrated in Bp) practically disappeared as a result of 1), diminishing transaction number in the capital (investors are squeezed from the real estate segment due to extremely attractive retail bond); and 2), drop in office numbers (-21%y-o-y) as a result of rationalization of brands of Duna House and SMART. In Q1 ca. 73% of EBITDA arrived from loan intermediation.

SEGMENT BREAKDOWN ON EBIT LEVEL.

	Q1 2020	Q1 2019	Ch (%)
EBITDA	306	244	25%
Franchise	96	86	12%
Own Offices	1	35	-98%
Loan intermediation	222	72	210%
Other related	39	67	-42%
Real estate mgmt.	38	61	-39%
Elimination	-29	-23	25%

Source: DH, Concorde



THE WORST IS BEHIND US - TRANSACTION NUMBERS ON A WEEKLY LEVEL

On the country breakdown, Polish operation showed the continuation of strong improvement in Q1 as well, posting HUF 53 million EBITDA (14% of total) and HUF 22 million profit (8% of total). Pre – COVID -19, management guided ca. 300-400 million EBITDA for the Polish segment. Polish operation has grown so much that in

Source: DH

Q1, 59% of the revenue arrived from Poland, however, and EBITDA margin for the Polish operation still lags the Hungarian as it stood at 3% vs. 33%. This is a large question whether and in what extent DH is able to converge the margin of the Polish operation to the Hungarian margin.

Opinion: Duna House posted very nice result mainly thanks to loan intermediation segment superior performance (+210% y-o-y), this segment now is accounting for 73% of the EBITDA in Q1. Due to this, investors may start to consider the group as a company that belongs to the financial sector rather than to the real estate. As for effect of the pandemic, Duna House business model relies heavily on services especially on loan intermediation which activity should significantly slow as a result of the quarantine, thus one should not be surprise if Q2 profit ends up in the red, in our view.

Drawing conclusion from the data from China's real estate transaction, the number of sales was higher than December 2019's average after the relaxation of lockdown measures, though price information is not yet known, according to Knight Frank.¹ If transaction numbers returns in a similar pace than the Chinese example, then the loss in Q2 may not be that unbearable, in our view. However going forward, unemployment will also be macroeconomic indicator to follow as that is one of the driver of the real estate market and loan intermediation as well. Unfortunately the latter has almost doubled in two months form 3.5% to 6% according to KSH. On the liquidity side, DH Group has ample of liquidity with ca. HUF 1.6 billion on the balance sheet.



PROPERTY SALES IN 30 MAJOR CHINESE CITIES.

Source: Knight Frank, Capital Economics

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¹ <u>https://www.mansionglobal.com/articles/china-sees-number-of-real-estate-transactions-increase-considerably-213800</u>

Quarterly P&L

	Q1 2020	Q1 2019	Ch (%)
Revenue	2,473	1,858	33%
Operating revenue	2,459	1,832	34%
Other income	14	26	-48%
OPEX	2,167	1,614	34%
Cost of materials	54	16	227%
Cost of sold goods and services	500	236	111%
Used services	1,580	1,218	30%
Personnel expenses	223	218	2%
Depreciation and amortization	60	54	11%
Other operating expenses	-249	-129	94%
EBITDA	366	298	23%
Franchise	96	86	12%
Own Offices	1	35	-98%
Loan intermediation	222	72	210%
Other related	39	67	-42%
Real estate mgmt.	38	61	-39%
Elimination	-29	-23	25%
Cleaned Core EBIT	313	220	42%
EBIT	306	244	25%
Financial income	51	-2	-2655%
Financial expense	30	32	-5%
Revaluation	-13	-9	47%
EBT	314	200	57%
Income tax expense	49	-34	-245%
Net income	265	166	60%
Transaction Number	34,034	36,807	-8%
Intermediated loans [HUF m]	69,018	37,861	82%
EPS	76	48	60%
EBIT margin	12%	13%	-6%
EBITDA margin	15%	16%	69%

Source: company reports

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