

Italy – Food and Beverage

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FY-18 RESULTS RELEASE

RIC: ITWB.MI BBG: IWB IM

Rating: Buy

Price Target: € 18.60

Upside/(Downside): 61.0%

Last Price: € 11.55

Market Cap.: € 85.5

1Y High/Low: € 14.10/€ 10.00

Free Float: 79.8%

Major shareholders:	
Provinco Srl	9.1%
IPOC Srl	8.7%
Praude Assett Management	5.2%



Stock price performance								
1M 3M 12M								
Absolute	6.5%	-2.5%	-16.3%					
Rel.to AIM Italia	6.2%	-9.4%	-6.7%					
Rel.to EU Sector	3.0%	-18.3%	-19.5%					

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Resilient profitability in a negative year for the sector

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PT confirmed at € 18.60/s, 61.0% upside potential: BUY reiterated

The 2018 harvest was more generous than 2017, with soaring volumes and high quality grapes: this should produce a favourable effect on purchase costs for grapes, must and bulk wine visible as of the beginning of 2019. Following the publication of 2018 results, we have updated our model. CFO estimates display organic growth assumptions and do not take into consideration any acquisitions. We have left basically unchanged top line projections and only trimmed profitability on the back of the lower than anticipated operating performance in 2018. We have introduced 2021 projections and updated DCF valuation criteria. The PT is confirmed at € 18.60/s. We reiterate our BUY rating on IWB.

FY-18 turnover € 149.9m, exports 77.4% of total

Revenues increased by 0.1% to \in 149.9m as a result of growing sales in foreign countries (+3.4% with CAGR₁₆₋₁₈ of +5.2%), driven by IWB own brands sold through wholesale channel, grew by 11.8% to \in 77.2m (CAGR₁₆₋₁₈ of +13.1%), mainly in Switzerland, Germany and UK. Export sales accounted for \in 115.4m, 77.4% of total. Italy declined 9.3% to \in 33.8m as a result of the change in sales method in the distance selling: lower telephone sales and massive increase in the web channel. The decline of the domestic market was partially counterbalanced by IWB's entry into Italian Organized Distribution with own brands (i.e. SELLARONDA®), with \in 2.5m sales in 2018, the first year of activity.

EBITDA adj. € 14.6m and € 0.40/s dividend proposal

EBITDA was € 13.4m, 8.9% margin, vs. € 14.2m in FY-17, -50 bps YoY because of higher raw materials costs, partially counterbalanced by the cut of fixed structural and commercial variable costs. Excluding € 1.2m non-recurring items, mainly related to the restructuring of logistic hub, EBITDA adjusted was € 14.6m vs € 16.0m in FY-17. Net Financial Position came in at € 3.4m debt (€ 2.3m at the end of 2017), after consistent cash flow generation partially absorbed by capex, higher dividends payment and treasury share purchasing. The BoD will propose the distribution of an € 0.40/s dividend (45% pay-out, 3.7% yield): exdividend date 23-Apr, record date on 24-Apr, 2019 and payment on 25-Apr.

Investment in distribution, creating new brands and strengthening the production

During 2018 the group also boosted sales throughout its digital platforms giordanovini.it (dedicated to Giordano products) and svinando.it (dedicated to the group's other brands), reaching about \in 12m sales via this channel (+40.2% YoY, CAGR₁₆₋₁₈ of +27.2%). In addition IWB invested in order to update its production capacity, mainly in Puglia and Piedmont, launched its first craft beer brand, Optimacraft, and started to produce in Tuscany (a super-premium project will be launched in 2020).

IWB, key financials and ratios

€m	2017	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e
Sales	149.7	149.9	153.0	158.1	163.0
EBITDA adjusted	16.0	14.6	17.4	18.9	20.0
EBITDA	14.2	13.4	17.4	18.9	20.0
EBIT adjusted	12.7	11.1	13.7	15.2	16.4
EBIT	10.8	9.9	13.7	15.2	16.4
Net profit adjusted	8.1	7.2	9.5	10.5	11.3
Net profit	6.7	6.4	9.5	10.5	11.3
NFP (cash)/debt	2.3	3.4	(3.9)	(12.6)	(21.5)
EPS adjusted FD	1.10	0.98	1.28	1.41	1.53
EPS adj. FD growth	90.6%	-11.1%	31.1%	10.3%	7.8%
DPS ord. €/s	0.40	0.40	0.49	0.54	0.59
Dividend yield	3.5%	3.5%	4.2%	4.7%	5.1%
Free Cash Flow Yield	11.4%	3.4%	12.0%	13.6%	14.1%
PER x	10.5	11.8	9.0	8.2	7.6
PCF x	8.0	12.2	6.2	6.2	6.0
EV/Sales x	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5	0.4
EV/EBITDA x	5.5	6.1	4.7	3.9	3.2
EV/EBIT x	6.9	8.0	6.0	4.8	3.9





1. IWB in a nutshell

IWB (Italian Wine Brands) is a leading producer and distributor in the Italian wine industry. The Group operates through two channels: B2C and B2B.

B2C's activity deals with the production and distribution of wine through distance selling channels such as mailing, telesales or internet, addressed to end consumers in Italy, the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Austria, France and the USA. B2C division boasts a catalogue of over 140 different wines and spumanti and 130 traditional Italian food products. Since the B2C arm does not own any vineyards, it procures raw materials (grapes, must and bulk wine) from Italian vineyards and wine producers, which it works in its two proprietary wineries.

B2B is focused on sale and distribution in the international markets to mass retailers where it distributes both privately labelled and branded products. The B2B arm outsources both the bottling and the logistic activity in order to make its supply operations faster, leaner and more efficient.

Sales reached € 149.9m in 2018, +0.1 YoY. The figure was characterised once again by a strong performance in B2B and mixed results in B2C: B2B division up by some 11.8% and B2C down by circa 8.9%. EBITDA, which includes € 1.2m of non-recurring items, was € 13.4m, with 8.9% margin.

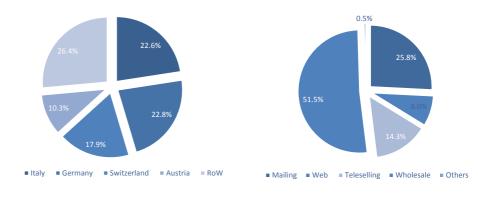


Chart 1 - IWB, 2018 revenues by country and by channel

Source: IWB

IWB was listed on the **Milan AIM** (Alternative Investment Market) on **29-Jan-15** at \in 10/share, corresponding to a market capitalization post money of \in 65.7m, through the innovate pre-booking company **IPO Challenger**, whose investors/ex-bondholders were reimbursed in kind with the listed shares and warrant of IWB, becoming direct shareholders and free float of the company.

Table 1 - IWB, Shareholders structure details

	%	# m
Provinco srl	9.1%	0.672
IPOC srl	8.7%	0.643
Treasury Shares	2.4%	0.181
Free Float, o/w	79.8 %	5.906
Praude Asset Management	5.2%	0.385
Total	100.0%	7.402
Source: IWB, Consob,		





2. The reference market

IWB operates in the wine industry, a worldwide arena. Since winemaking is a traditional activity and it needs particular terrain, its **production is quite concentrated** (82% produced by the principal 10 countries). Even though terrain dedicated to grape production worldwide is gradually decreasing, production remains roughly stable around 270m hl, although this is obviously affected by weather trends: for instance in 2013 total production rose by almost 12% and in 2017 dropped by 8%.

World wine consumption is estimated at 243m hectolitres in 2017, an increase of 1.8 mhl compared to previous years but still quite far from the 250m hectolitres in 2008. The USA, with consumption to the tune of 32.6m hectolitres, is the largest domestic market characterised by continuous growth in volume with a CAGR₁₃₋₁₇ of 1.4%. On the contrary, in Europe consumption remains basically unchanged.

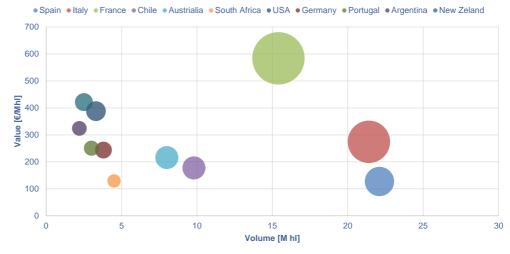
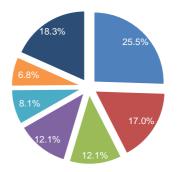


Chart 2 – IWB, global export market

Source: OIV, State of the Vitiviniculture World Market

The key growth driver for producers, in particular for France, Italy and Spain, is export, which reached a value of € 30.4bn in 2017 and which is growing (+4.8% YoY). As shown in Chart 2, Spain is the larger exporter in terms of volumes, although in terms of value France and Italy lead the competitive arena with market shares of 30% and 19% respectively. The largest target markets for producers are the USA, the UK, Germany, China, Canada and Japan.

Chart 3 – Main wine importers



■USA ■UK ■Germany ■China ■Canada ■Japan ■RoW

Source: : OIV, State of the Vitiviniculture World Market

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3. Competitive arena

The Italian wine market is the largest in terms of production with 42.5m hl in 2017, and is very fragmented with hundreds of players operating throughout the country. There are 155 companies with revenues in excess of \in 25m for a total market value of \in 7.2bn, of which 33% is generated by the principal 10 companies. The market in the last years has been characterised by constant growth with the exception of 2014, driven by an increasing interest in sparkling wine and a focus on foreign market sales. Export seems to be the most strategic driver for Italian market growth, in particular for premium wine (price over \in 25 per bottle), as shown by CAGR₁₂₋₁₇ of 6.6% and by Italian producer expectations for 2018.

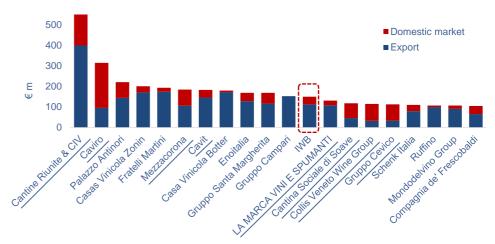


Chart 4 – IWB, the 8th largest player (ex. cooperatives, underlined in the chart)

Source: IWB, Paper on wine sector, Mediobanca Apr-18

Regarding sales channels, **about 40% of Italian wines are distributed locally through mass market retailers** whereas premium wine sales use mainly hotels, restaurants and catering and wine shops & bar channels. In foreign markets, distribution is usually assigned to importers.

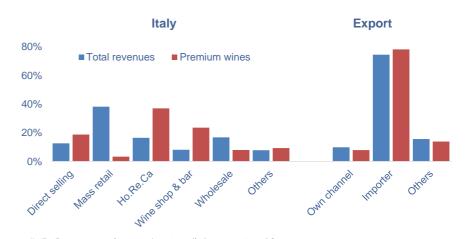


Chart 5 – Sector turnover breakdown by sales channel (Italy/export)

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Source: IWB, Paper on wine sector, Mediobanca Apr-18



4. Business model - strategy

The IWB business model is plain: **IWB purchases wine** (B2C + B2B), **must and grapes** from local producers (B2C). Then **the B2C arm produces wine and bottles the liquid**. Afterwards IWB **markets and distributes the bottles**. IWB does not own vineyards, the asset characterised by the highest capital intensity in the business, granting flexibility, elasticity to short-term trends and thus relatively low capital is employed.

The integration of the B2C & B2B arms is set to bring in **notable synergies**, predominantly **arising from scale and rationalisation** in the course of being **visible in IWB numbers**. Purchasing quotations of bottles, labels, corks, grape must and wines are seen to benefit from the B2C and B2B combined entity. Specifically, the integration allowed the company to obtain an annual saving stemming from **combined wine purchase up to** \in 1.5m, \in 1.25m from glass and labels procurement and \notin 0.25m on general structure costs. In addition, logistics, production and bottling capacity can be exploited more efficiently by the two arms as a whole.

IWB strategy can be defined as follow:

- Foreign markets: IWB aims to grow and consolidate its positioning abroad, in already known countries and in brand new markets, namely the US and Canada, where the perception of Italian Wine leaves room for further growth.
- Web sale channel: currently IWB sells some 20% totally on the web. An enlargement of this channel is set to produce tangible positive impact in term of WC optimization (the client pays by credit card at the order, virtually no credit risk) and simplification of order management.
- Acquisitions: IWB is currently the 8th domestic player in the arena, excluding cooperatives, in a business where scale and volumes matter. The group is looking at some targets, ideally with the same business structure, to leverage on dimension and reach.
- Integration B2C-B2B: proceed to the complete integration process between the two channels, producing significant synergies and developing growth.

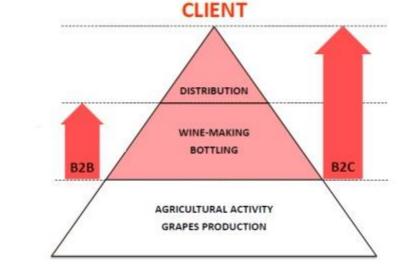


Chart 6 – IWB, wine business value pyramid

Source: Italian Wine Brands

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5. SWOT Analysis

The SWOT analysis, also known as SWOT Matrix, is a structured planning method used to evaluate the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats involved in a project or in a business venture. A SWOT analysis can be carried out for a product, place, industry or person. It involves specifying the objective of the business venture or project and identifying the internal and external factors that are favourable or unfavourable to achieve that objective.

- Strengths: characteristics of the business or project that give it an advantage over others.
- Weaknesses: characteristics that place the business or project at a disadvantage relative to others.
- > **Opportunities**: elements that the project could exploit to its advantage.
- > Threats: elements in the environment that could cause trouble or be detrimental for the business or project.

The technique is credited to Albert Humphrey, who led a research project at Stanford University between the 60's/70's using Fortune 500 data.

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	STRENGTHS	WEAKNESSES
	Lean structured and well-proven logistic platform	Low brand recognition
	B2C huge clients database	Mature arena, poor market growth rates
	Amongst the highest quality/price ratio in the market	B2B segment: relevant customers' bargaining power
	Skilled and motivated top management	
	OPPORTUNITIES	THREATS
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	Web sale channel expansionPenetration in new foreign marketsMove to MTA main market of Italian	Changing in the domestic consumption habits, slowing demand





6. FY-18 Results

IWB reported FY-18 results slightly lower than our estimates. Top line was basically unchanged in a declining reference market, but with double digit growth in foreign countries, driven by the B2B channel. Profitability was impacted by higher raw material costs stemming from 2017 poor harvest, almost entirely counterbalanced by further efficiencies, a better mix and a few price increases. Excluding this impact, profitability improved YoY.

€m	2018	2017	% YoY	2018e	% Diff.
Net revenues	149.9	149.7	0.1	150.1	(0.2)
Purchasing	(87.2)	(80.8)		(88.8)	
Services	(42.0)	(45.9)		(39.3)	
Personnel	(8.3)	(9.8)		(8.6)	
Other operating expenses	1.1	1.0		0.8	
EBITDA	13.4	14.2	(5.2)	14.2	(5.5)
% margin	9.0	9.5		9.5	
D&A	(3.5)	(3.4)		(3.6)	
EBIT	9.9	10.8	(8.5)	10.6	(6.8)
% margin	6.6	7.2		7.1	
Financial income	0.1	0.2		0.3	
Financial charges	(1.2)	(1.7)		(1.5)	
Extraordinary	0.0	0.0		0.0	
Pre-Tax profit	8.7	9.2	(5.3)	9.4	(7.4)
% margin	5.8	6.2		6.3	
Income taxes	(2.4)	(2.5)		(2.5)	
Tax rate	27.3%	27.1%		27.0%	
Minorities	0.0	0.0		0.0	
Net Profit	6.4	6.7	(5.7)	6.9	(7.8)
% margin	4.2	4.5		4.6	
EBITDA adj.	14.6	16.0	(8.9)	15.2	(4.0)
Net Profit adj.	7.2	8.1	(11.0)	7.5	(3.4)

Source: Company data, CFO Sim

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Purchasing costs increased as a percentage of sales to 57.3% from 54.2% as a result of the poor 2017 harvest: it was poor in France, in Italy and in Spain, due to the extreme climatic conditions caused by frost, hail, gusts of wind, heat peaks and droughts. This has contributed to significantly lowering production: -18% France, -25% in Spain, over -26% in Italy. The decline in available wine therefore exerted pressure on supplies with a consequent weighty increase in prices on the bulk wine market and a shortage to a certain extent in some types of grape. This was almost entirely counterbalanced by further efficiencies, a better mix and a few price increases. Excluding this impact, profitability improved YoY.





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EBIT amounted to \in 9.9m, 6.6% margin (\in 10.8m, 7.2% margin in FY-17). After Financial charges lower than FY-17 and unchanged tax rate (27%), **net profit was \in 6.4m vs. \in 6.7m in FY-17.**

Net Financial Position came in at \in 3.4m debt (\notin 2.3m at the end of 2017), after consistent cash flow generation partially absorbed by capex, higher dividends payment and treasury share purchasing.

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According to Assoenologi, the Italian oenologists association, **2018 wine production** was **52.5m hl in Italy, up 23.5% YoY**, with a favourable effect on purchase costs for grapes, musts and bulk wine visible as of the beginning of 2019.





7. Estimates, valuation and risks

Following the publication of 2018 results, we have updated our model. **CFO estimates display organic growth assumptions** and do not take into consideration any acquisitions. We have left basically unchanged top line projections and trimmed profitability on the back of the lower than anticipated operating performance in 2018. The result is a 10% average downgrade in 2019-20 EBITDA. According to our new figures, **IWB is projected to produce an average € 11.9m Free Cash Flow to Equity per annum in 2019-21.** In addition we increased capex for the renewal of some production lines and the automation of the end of production lines. Moreover, CFO has **updated DCF valuation criteria**, brought the Free Risk Rate up-to-date and rolled over the first year of estimates to 2019. We have also introduced 2021 projections. The combined result is a **PT unchanged to € 18.60/s**, with an upside of 61.0% at current prices, reiterating our Buy rating on the stock.

In a year with a substantial raw material cost increase, IWB FY-18 results showed the ability to maintain margins, reached thanks to the Distance Selling restructuring and integration with Wholesale completion: IWB now acts as a whole cohesive group, with integrated production, purchasing, marketing, logistics and IT with the business units differentiated only by the diverse distributing channels served. With a few further cost savings, the IWB extremely lean cost structure and scale, should bring hefty cash flow and operating margin improvement in the coming years.

M&A appeal is still present: IWB is actively on **the buy side**. Ideal value adding targets show **economic and balance sheet solidity, business structure coherent** with that of IWB and **presence in adjacent channels**, to leverage on dimension and reach and to get access to key lucrative markets (namely the US). In addition, we might not exclude, also considering shareholder structure, the possibility of **IWB being a target** for a player aimed at exploiting synergies with the IWB logistic platform and clients/products portfolio.

7.1 DCF

In the valuation via the DCF method explicit estimates until 2023 and a long term growth of 1.0% were used. Cash flows were discounted back at an weighted average cost of capital calculated according to the following parameters:

Table 3 - WACC derived from:

Interest costs, pre-tax	2.5%
Tax rate	27.0%
Int. costs, after taxes	1.8%
Risk premium, incl. small size premium	9.0%
Risk-free (10Y Gov. Bond 2W average)	2.50%
Beta levered (x)	1.00
Required ROE	11.5%
Source: CFO Sim	

Table 4 - IWB, DCF model

2019e	2020e	2021e	2022e	2023e Te	rm. Val.
13.7	15.2	16.4	16.6	16.7	
27.0%	27.0%	27.0%	27.0%	27.0%	
10.0	11.1	12.0	12.1	12.2	
0.5	(0.4)	(0.7)	(0.2)	(0.2)	
3.7	3.7	3.6	1.5	1.0	
(3.4)	(2.2)	(2.2)	(2.0)	(1.0)	
10.9	12.2	12.7	11.4	12.0	141.
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Table 5 – IWB, DCF per share derived from:

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Source: CEO Sim	% upside/(downside)	61.0%
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The application of the model produces an equity value of \in 134.0m, which corresponds to \in 18.60/s, with a potential upside of 61.0%. The number of shares used to get the PT is excluding treasury shares.

The following tables illustrate that sensitivity 1) compared to changes in the terminal growth rate produces an equity value per share of between $\in 17.10 - 20.40$ (perpetuity range of between 0.00% and 2.00%), while 2) compared to changes in the free risk rate produces an equity value/s of $\in 17.00-20.50$ (free risk range of between 1.50% and 3.50%) and 3) compared to changes in the risk premium, including small size premium results into an equity value/s of $\in 15.60-22.90$ (risk premium range of between 11.0% and 7.0%).

Table 6 – IWB, equity value sensitivity to changes in terminal growth rate

€m	0.00%	0.25%	0.50%	0.75%	1.00%	1.25%	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%
Present value of CF	46.3	46.3	46.3	46.3	46.3	46.3	46.3	46.3	46.3
PV of terminal value	81.3	83.7	86.3	88.9	91.7	94.7	97.9	101.3	104.9
Total value	127.7	130.1	132.6	135.3	138.1	141.1	144.2	147.6	151.2
NFP last reported FY-18	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)
Pension provision FY-18	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)
Equity value	123.6	126.0	128.6	131.2	134.0	137.0	140.2	143.6	147.2
Equity value/share €	17.10	17.50	17.80	18.20	18.60	19.00	19.40	19.90	20.40
Sources CEO Sim									

Source: CFO Sim

Table 7 – IWB, equity value sensitivity to changes in free risk rate

€m	1.00%	1. 25 %	1.50%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.50%	2.75%	3.00%
Present value of CF	47.2	47.0	46.8	46.6	46.3	46.1	45.9	45.7	45.5
PV of terminal value	104.8	101.3	97.9	94.8	91.7	88.9	86.1	83.5	81.1
Total value	152.0	148.3	144.7	141.3	138.1	135.0	132.0	129.2	126.5
NFP last reported FY-18	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)
Pension provision FY-18	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)
Equity value	148.0	144.2	140.7	137.3	134.0	131.0	128.0	125.2	122.5
Equity value/share €	20.50	20.00	19.50	19.00	18.60	18.10	17.70	17.30	17.00
Sources CEO Sim									

Source: CFO Sim

Table 8 – IWB, equity value sensitivity to changes in risk premium

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€m	7.00%	7.50%	8.00%	8.50%	9.00%	9.50%	10.00%	10.50%	11.00%
Present value of CF	48.1	47.7	47.2	46.8	46.3	45.9	45.5	45.0	44.6
PV of terminal value	121.0	112.4	104.8	97.9	91.7	86.1	81.1	76.4	72.2
Total value	169.1	160.1	152.0	144.7	138.1	132.0	126.5	121.5	116.8
NFP last reported FY-18	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(3.4)
Pension provision FY-18	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)	(0.7)
Equity value	165.1	156.1	148.0	140.7	134.0	128.0	122.5	117.4	112.8
Equity value/share €	22.90	21.60	20.50	19.50	18.60	17.70	17.00	16.30	15.60
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Source: CFO Sim





7.2 Market multiples

We have included 10 peers in the sample, operating in the wine producing and distribution arena. What characterises our sample is almost total turnover stemming from wine sales: from the 91.2% of Treasury Wine Estates to the 100% of Lanson, Lauent Perrier, Masi and Schloss. Our sample for wine producers comprises: **Baron de Ley (ES), Lanson (FR), Laurent Perrier (FR), Masi Agricola (IT, listed on the Milan AIM), Schloss Wachenheim (D), Treasury Wine Estates (AU), Vina Concha (ES) and Vranken Pommery Monopole (FR). In addition we have included two players involved purely in distribution of wine: Majestic Wine (UK)** and **Hawesko (D)**.

Looking at these figures, it emerges that growth on offer on the market is limited, to the tune of 4.0% for producers and 5.7% for distributors. IWB is the smallest in terms of market capitalization and amongst the smallest in terms of turnover. However, thanks to B2C & B2B integration benefits, it offers much higher projected profitability growth than the median for wine producers in 2018-21.

€m	Mkt Cap	Wine % of Sales	Sales FY1	EBITDA FY1	EBITDA %	Sales CAGR ₁₈₋₂₁	EBITDA CAGR ₁₈₋₂₁	EBIT CAGR ₁₈₋₂₁	EPS CAGR ₁₉₋₂₁	NFP	NFP/ EBITDA
Baron de Ley SA	432	99.0%	101	34	33.8%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	(170)	(5.0)
Lanson BCC SA	208	100.0%	285	29	10.2%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	511	17.6
Laurent Perrier SA	553	100.0%	234	50	21.2%	4.0%	3.5%	8.2%	9.3%	260	5.2
Masi Agricola SpA	123	100.0%	66	13	18.9%	3.3%	9.6%	9.2%	6.9%	10	0.8
Schloss Wachenheim	139	91.2%	342	33	9.7%	3.3%	3.7%	4.2%	5.1%	n.a.	n.a.
Treasury Wine Estates	7,024	91.7%	1,804	484	26.8%	11.6%	18.9%	21.7%	19.1%	565	1.2
Vina Concha y Toro SA	1,395	97.6%	896	145	16.2%	9.3%	21.5%	29.8%	20.1%	335	2.3
Vranken Pommery	209	97.6%	307	39	12.7%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	601	15.4
Wine producers median	321	98.3 %	296	36	17.6%	4.0%	9.6%	9.2%	9.3%	335	2.3
Majestic Wine PLC	185		592	21	3.6%	7.3%	10.2%	22.0%	20.3%	16	0.8
Hawesko Holding AG	318		526	37	6.9%	4.2%	5.7%	5.0%	15.6%	16	0.4
Wine distr. median	252		559	29	5.2%	5.7%	7.9 %	13.5%	1 7.9 %	16	0.6
IWB	86	100%	153	17.4	11.4%	2.8%	11.1%	18.4%	9 .1%	(4)	(0.2)

Table 9 - IWB, peers aroup summary table

Source: CFO Sim, Thomson Reuters Eikon

Table 10 - IWB, peers group multiples table

Price & EV multiples x	PER FY1	PER FY2	PER FY3	EBITDA FY1	EBITDA FY2	EBITDA FY3	EBIT FY1	EBIT FY2	EBIT FY3
Baron de Ley SA	17.1	15.8	n.a.	7.7	6.6	n.a.	9.7	8.2	n.a.
Lanson BCC SA	15.4	14.3	2.1	24.8	23.5	n.a.	31.2	29.3	n.a.
Laurent Perrier SA	24.1	21.3	20.1	16.4	15.1	14.1	19.5	17.8	16.5
Masi Agricola SpA	17.6	15.4	15.4	10.6	10.3	8.4	12.5	11.8	11.2
Schloss Wachenheim	12.1	11.3	11.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Treasury Wine Estates	25.2	21.0	17.8	15.7	13.5	11.7	18.2	15.4	13.0
Vina Concha y Toro SA	17.1	14.2	11.8	11.9	10.1	9.2	15.1	13.1	11.4
Vranken Pommery	27.8	24.5	n.a.	20.8	19.7	n.a.	30.1	27.6	n.a.
Wine producers median	17.3	15.6	13.6	15.7	13.5	10.4	18.2	15.4	12.2
Majestic Wine PLC	16.8	14.1	11.6	9.5	7.8	6.8	14.7	12.4	10.1
Hawesko Holding AG	19.1	15.3	14.3	9.1	7.9	7.4	13.3	10.3	9.4
Wine distr. median	18.0	14.7	13.0	9.3	7.9	7.1	14.0	11.3	9.7
IWB	9.0	8.2	7.6	4.7	3.9	3.2	6.0	4.8	3.9
% prem.(disc.)to prod.	-48.1%	-47.5%	-44.3%	-70.2%	-71.4%	-69.3%	-67.3%	-68.9%	-67.9%
% prem.(disc.)to distr.	-49.9%	-44.5%	-41.7%	-49.9%	-51.1%	-54.9%	-57.6%	-57.7%	-59.9%
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Source: CFO Sim, Thomson Reuters Eikon





IWB trades at an massive unjustified discount vs. peer medians – producers and distributors - at all levels considering EV multiples and PER. This can be partially explained by lower size, trading volumes and listing on the AIM Italia. Even if comparing IWB with Masi Agricola, also listed on the Milan AIM, and which offers higher margins but lower projected growth, it trades at a discount. We believe this is not justified and the stock has to fill somewhat the valuation gap compared to its peers.

7.3 Stock performance

IWB was listed on the **Milan AIM** (Alternative Investment Market) on 29-Jan-15 at \in 10/share, corresponding to a market capitalization post money of \in 65.7m, through the innovate pre-booking company IPO Challenger, whose investors/ex-bondholders were reimbursed in kind with the listed shares and warrants of IWB, becoming direct shareholders and free float of the company. IWB also issued 6.16m warrants, 33% owned by the sponsors of the transaction and 67% owned by public investors. The stock reached the annual maximum of \in 14.10/s on 03-Apr-18 and the minimum of \in 10.00/s on 11-Dec-18. IWB consistently outperformed peers, sector and indexes in the last 1M.

Table 11 - IWB, peers group absolute performance

	1D	1W	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y
Baron de Ley SA	0.0	(2.3)	(3.2)	(4.1)	(7.5)	(4.1)	(0.9)
Lanson BCC SA	0.0	(0.7)	6.6	(2.0)	(8.8)	(2.0)	(5.8)
Laurent Perrier SA	(0.2)	1.3	0.4	(2.1)	(11.8)	(2.1)	(1.9)
Masi Agricola SpA	(1.3)	0.5	(0.8)	3.5	(9.7)	3.5	(10.7)
Schloss Wachenheim AG	(0.3)	(0.3)	1.4	5.1	(11.6)	5.1	(15.2)
Treasury Wine Estates Ltd	0.2	3.2	0.8	4.1	(12.5)	4.1	(8.6)
Vina Concha y Toro SA	0.5	4.0	(0.6)	5.1	6.6	5.1	9.1
Vranken Pommery Monopole SA	1.7	1.7	(0.8)	(1.3)	(3.3)	(1.3)	3.1
Wine producers median	0.0	0.9	(0.1)	1.1	(9.2)	1.1	(3.9)
Majestic Wine PLC	(0.9)	(7.1)	(22.9)	(10.5)	(44.0)	(10.5)	(44.5)
Hawesko Holding AG	1.1	(5.3)	(9.2)	(13.7)	(25.0)	(13.7)	(30.6)
Wine distributors median	0.1	(6.2)	(16.0)	(12.1)	(34.5)	(12.1)	(37.5)
IWB	0.4	2.7	6.5	(2.5)	(13.5)	(2.5)	(16.3)

Source: Thomson Reuters Eikon

Table 12 - IWB, reference sector index and Italian Market performances

	1D	1W	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y
FTSE AIM All Share	0.1	2.1	0.2	6.8	(16.7)	6.8	(9.6)
Thomson Reuters Food & Beverage	(0.4)	0.5	3.5	15.8	5.2	15.8	3.2
IWB	0.4	2.7	6.5	(2.5)	(13.5)	(2.5)	(16.3)

Source: Thomson Reuters Eikon

7.4 Risks

The principal investment **risks** in IWB may include:

- impact on economics and balance sheet profile triggered by a deep decline in local and global economic growth,
- Competition by similar initiatives
- > Changing in consumers habits, slowing demand.





Income statement (€ m)	2017	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e
Net Revenues	149.7	149.9	153.0	158.1	163.0
Purchasing	(80.8)	(87.2)	(87.0)	(89.8)	(92.1)
Services Personnel	(45.9) (9.8)	(42.0) (8.3)	(42.0) (7.6)	(42.5) (7.9)	(43.8) (8.1)
Other operating expenses	1.0	1.1	1.0	1.0	1.0
EBITDA adjusted	16.0	14.6	17.4	18.9	20.0
EBITDA	14.2	13.4	17.4	18.9	20.0
D&A	(3.4)	(3.5)	(3.7)	(3.7)	(3.6)
EBIT adjusted	12.7	11.1	13.7	15.2	16.4
EBIT	10.8	9.9	13.7	15.2	16.4
Financials	(1.6)	(1.1)	(0.7)	(0.9)	(0.9)
Extraordinary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-Tax profit	9.2	8.7	13.0	14.3	15.5
Income taxes	(2.5)	(2.4)	(3.5)	(3.9)	(4.2)
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Profit adjusted	8.1	7.2	9.5	10.5	11.3
Net Profit	6.7	6.4	9.5	10.5	11.3
Balance sheet (€ m)	2017	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e
Net Working Capital	(4.4)	(4.7)	(5.3)	(4.9)	(4.2)
Net Fixed Assets	99.7	101.8	101.5	100.0	98.6
Equity Investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other M/L Term A/L	(11.4)	(9.4)	(9.4)	(9.4)	(9.4)
Net Invested Capital	83.9	87.7	86.8	85.7	84.9
Net Financial Position	2.3	3.4	(3.9)	(12.6)	(21.5)
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Group's Shareholders Equity	81.6	84.3	90.7	98.3	106.5
Financial Liabilities & Equity	83.9	87.7	86.8	85.7	84.9
Cash Flow statement (€ m)	2017	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e
Total net income	6.7	6.4	9.5	10.5	11.3
Depreciation	3.4	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.6
Other non-cash charges	(1.6)	(3.3)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0
Cash Flow from Oper. (CFO)	8.5	6.6	13.2	14.2	14.9
Change in NWC	2.2	0.4	0.5	(0.4)	(0.7)
FCF from Operations (FCFO)	10.7	7.0	13.7	13.8	14.3
Net Investments (CFI) Free CF to the Firm (FCFF)	(1.0) 9.7	(4.0) 2.9	(3.4) 10.3	(2.2) 11.6	(2.2)
CF from financials (CFF)	(6.6)	5.6	(3.0)	(3.7)	(4.0)
Free Cash Flow to Equity (FCFE)	3.1	8.5	7.3	7.9	8.1
Financial ratio	2017	2018	20100	2020.0	20210
Financial ratios EBITDA margin	<u> </u>	<u>2018</u> 9.0%	2019e 11.4%	2020e 12.0%	2021e 12.3%
EBIT margin	7.2%	6.6%	9.0%	9.6%	10.1%
Net profit margin	4.5%	4.2%	6.2%	6.6%	6.9%
Tax rate	27.1%	27.3%	27.0%	27.0%	27.0%
Op NWC/Sales	-2.9%	-3.2%	-3.5%	-3.1%	-2.6%
Interest coverage x	0.16	0.12	0.06	0.08	0.08
Net Debt/Ebitda x	0.16	0.25	(0.22)	(0.67)	(1.08)
Debt-to-Equity x	0.03	0.04	(0.04)	(0.13)	(0.20)
ROIC	7.9%	7.4%	10.9%	12.1%	13.2%
ROCE	8.5%	7.1%	9.4%	10.0%	10.3%
ROACE	8.5%	7.4%	9.6%	10.2%	10.5%
ROE	8.5%	7.7%	10.8%	11.1%	11.0%
Payout ratio	38.5%	48.3%	30.0%	30.0%	30.0%
Der eherre flerunge	2017	2018	2019e	2020e	2021e
Per share figures	7 40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40
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Final N. of shares # m Average N. of shares # m	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40	7.40
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Final N. of shares # m Average N. of shares # m Final N. of shares (fully diluted) # m EPS reported \in	7.40 7.40 0.91	7.40 7.40 0.86	7.40 1.28	7.40 1.41	7.40 1.53
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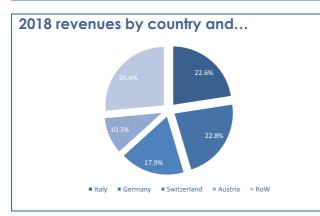
The company at a glance

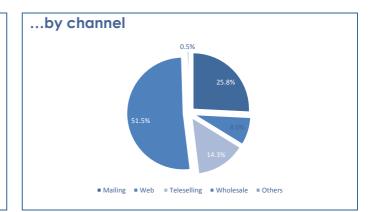
IWB (Italian Wine Brands) is the holding company of a leading producer and distributor in the Italian wine industry. The Group operates through two channels: B2C and B2B.

B2C's activity deals with the production and distribution of wine through distance selling channels such as mailing, telesales or internet, addressed to end consumers in Italy, the UK, Germany, Switzerland, Holland, Austria, France and the USA. B2C division boasts a catalogue of over 140 different wines and spumanti and 130 traditional Italian food products. Since the B2C arm does not own any vineyards, it procures raw materials (grapes, must and bulk wine) from Italian vineyards and wine producers, which it works in its own two proprietary wineries.

B2B is focused on sale and distribution in the international markets to mass retailers where it distributes both privately labelled and branded products. The B2B arm outsources both the bottling and the logistic activity in order to make its supply operations faster, leaner and more efficient.

Sales reached € 149.9m in 2018, +0.1% YoY. The figure was characterised once again by a strong performance in B2B and mixed results in B2C: B2B division up by some 11.8% and B2C down by circa 8.9%. EBITDA, which includes € 1.2m of non-recurring items, was € 13.4m, with 8.9% margin.





Shareholder structure

	%	# m
Provinco srl	9.1%	0.672
IPOC srl	8.7%	0.643
Treasury Shares	2.4%	0.180
Free Float, o/w	79.8 %	5.907
Praude Asset Management	5.2%	0.385
Total	100.0%	7.402

Peer group absolute performance

	1D	1W	1M	3M	6M	YTD
Baron de Ley SA	0.0	(2.3)	(3.2)	(4.1)	(7.5)	(4.1)
Lanson BCC SA	0.0	(0.7)	6.6	(2.0)	(8.8)	(2.0)
Laurent Perrier SA	(0.2)	1.3	0.4	(2.1)	(11.8)	(2.1)
Masi Agricola SpA	(1.3)	0.5	(0.8)	3.5	(9.7)	3.5
Schloss AG	(0.3)	(0.3)	1.4	5.1	(11.6)	5.1
Treasury Wine Est.	0.2	3.2	0.8	4.1	(12.5)	4.1
Vina ConchaYToro	0.5	4.0	(0.6)	5.1	6.6	5.1
Vranken Pommery M.	1.7	1.7	(0.8)	(1.3)	(3.3)	(1.3)
Wine producers median	0.0	0.9	(0.1)	1.1	(9.2)	1.1
Majestic Wine PLC	(0.9)	(7.1)	(22.9)	(10.5)	(44.0)	(10.5)
Hawesko Holding AG	1.1	(5.3)	(9.2)	(13.7)	(25.0)	(13.7)
Wine distributors median	0.1	(6.2)	(16.0)	(12.1)	(34.5)	(12.1)
IWB	0.4	2.7	6.5	(2.5)	(13.5)	(2.5)

Peers group multiples table

Price & EV multiples x	PER FY1	PER FY2	PER FY3	EBITDA FY1	EBITDA FY2	EBITDA FY3	EBIT FY1	EBIT FY2	EBIT FY3
Baron de Ley SA	17.1	15.8	n.a.	7.7	6.6	n.a.	9.7	8.2	n.a.
Lanson BCC SA	15.4	14.3	2.1	24.8	23.5	n.a.	31.2	29.3	n.a.
Laurent Perrier SA	24.1	21.3	20.1	16.4	15.1	14.1	19.5	17.8	16.5
Masi Agricola SpA	17.6	15.4	15.4	10.6	10.3	8.4	12.5	11.8	11.2
Schloss Wachenheim	12.1	11.3	11.0	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Treasury Wine Estates	25.2	21.0	17.8	15.7	13.5	11.7	18.2	15.4	13.0
Vina Concha y Toro SA	17.1	14.2	11.8	11.9	10.1	9.2	15.1	13.1	11.4
Vranken Pommery	27.8	24.5	n.a.	20.8	19.7	n.a.	30.1	27.6	n.a.
Wine producers median	17.3	15.6	13.6	15.7	13.5	10.4	18.2	15.4	12.2
Majestic Wine PLC	16.8	14.1	11.6	9.5	7.8	6.8	14.7	12.4	10.1
Hawesko Holding AG	19.1	15.3	14.3	9.1	7.9	7.4	13.3	10.3	9.4
Wine distr. median	18.0	14.7	13.0	9.3	7.9	7.1	14.0	11.3	9.7
IWB	9.0	8.2	7.6	4.7	3.9	3.2	6.0	4.8	3.9

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