

Italy - Food and Beverage

Price inflation seems to be comfortably managed

30th March 2022

FY-21 RESULTS RELEASE

RIC: ITWB.MI BBG: IWB IM Thanks to the acquisition of Enoitalia, IWB has become the largest privately-owned wine group in Italy. Since late 2021 the group has been experiencing a certain price inflation with regard to some raw materials, energy and transportation. These cost increases have been partially transferred to sales prices as of Jan-22. IWB remains active in terms of M&A scouting, looking for companies with a similar asset-light business model.

Rating:

Buy

Price Target:

€ 55.00 (€ 61.00)

Upside/(Downside): 56.3%

Last Price: € 35.20

Market Cap.: € 306.8m

1Y High/Low: € 49.30 / € 27.80

Avg. Daily Turn. (3M, 6M): € 374k, € 466k

Free Float: 66.7%

Major shareholders:

Gruppo Pizzolo (Enoitalia) 15.9% Provinco Srl 7.6% IPOC Srl 7.3%



Stock price performance						
	1M	3M	12M			
Absolute	-0.6%	-13.1%	20.1%			
Rel.to FTSE IT Growth	-2.4%	-0.4%	32.5%			
Rel.to EU Sector	-0.7%	-7.3%	13.4%			

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New DCF-based PT at € 55.00/s (€ 61.00), 56.3% upside. Buy reiterated

Following the FY-21 results release and on the back of the current harsh environment, we have fine-tuned our model, factoring in a further increase in the purchase price of certain raw materials and in energy costs compared to our last update in Jan-22. The combined result is an average 3.8% and 5.0% decline in EBITDA and Net Profit, respectively, in 2022-23. We have also introduced projections for 2024. Moreover, CFO has updated the DCF valuation criteria, bringing the Free Risk Rate up to date and postponed the first valuation projection to 2022. The combined result is a new PT of € 55.00/s (€ 61.00), with an upside of 56.3% at current price levels. Buy recommendation is reiterated.

Pro-forma sales at € 409m: IWB doubled in size thanks to the acquisition of Enoitalia In 2021, IWB reported sales of € 313.2m, broadly in line with our estimate of € 304.5m. YoY growth is almost entirely related to the consolidation of Enoitalia for 6 months, while, according to our calculation, organic sales remained flat compared to 2020. On a pro-forma basis, namely including Enoitalia for 12 months (contributing € 208.4m), sales were € 408.9m vs. € 204.3m reported in 2020. Considering the pro-forma figure, exports accounted for more than 80% of total sales. Wholesale totalled € 299.4m (73% of total), Distance Selling generated € 82.7m (20% of total) and the Ho.Re.Ca. segment totalled € 25.9m (6% on total).

Price inflation with regard to some raw materials affected profitability

Adj. EBITDA totalled € 34.0m, 10.8% margin, compared with our forecast of € 36.7m, as a result of higher than expected D&A and raw material inflation. As a percentage of revenues, raw materials increased from 58.2% to 65.2% due to the different sales mix, namely increasing wholesale, characterised by a greater impact of raw materials on sales compared to distance selling. At the same time, costs for services declined from 26.1% to 20.5%. The marginal increase in personnel costs on sales (from 4.3% to 4.9%) is entirely due to the greater portion of internal production carried out by Enoitalia compared to IWB. In addition, the prices of wine (in particular Prosecco) and other raw material components (bottles, corks, paper) rose in Nov/Dec-21. The aforementioned prices trend, coupled with the increase in D&A stemming from the acquisition of Enoitalia and the higher financial charges linked to the € 130m bond issued in May-21, led to a Net Profit of € 14.5m, 4.6% margin, slightly higher than FY-20 and slightly lower than our € 17.8m estimate.

NFP increased to € 121m because of the € 150m outlay for purchasing Enoitalia
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the application of IFRS16, mainly stemming from the long-term rent agreement concerning
the building used for logistics activities. The increase from € 10.3m debt at end-20 is entirely
due to the € 150m outlay for the acquisition of Enoitalia.

IWB, key financials and ratios

€m	2020	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
Sales	204.3	313.2	455.4	471.0	481.6
EBITDA adjusted	25.6	34.0	43.9	52.1	55.2
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EBIT adjusted	20.2	25.9	33.5	41.7	44.9
EBIT	18.2	22.9	33.5	41.7	44.9
Net profit adjusted	15.6	16.7	22.6	28.4	31.3
Net profit	14.2	14.5	22.6	28.4	31.3
NFP (cash)/debt	10.3	121.3	100.1	75.8	50.8
EPS adjusted FD	2.11	1.90	2.56	3.22	3.56
EPS adj. FD growth	70.2%	-10.1%	35.0%	25.8%	10.3%
DPS ord. €/s	0.25	0.10	0.51	0.65	0.71
Dividend yield	0.7%	0.3%	1.4%	1.8%	2.0%
Free Cash Flow Yield	-0.6%	-49.4%	6.9%	9.3%	9.9%
PER adj. X	6.1	20.1	13.6	10.8	9.8
PCF x	6.0	34.0	6.3	8.4	8.0
EV/Sales x	0.6	1.3	0.7	0.7	0.6
EV/EBITDA adj. X	4.8	12.1	9.3	7.3	6.5
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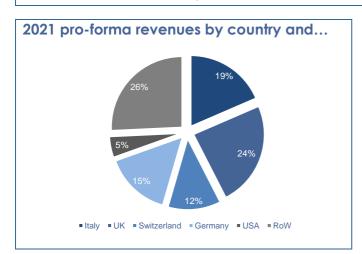
The company at a glance

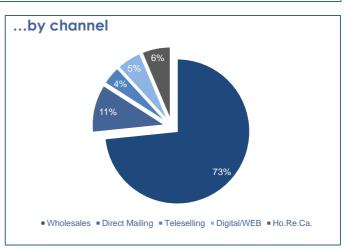
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Provinco	7.63%	0.67
IPOC	7.31%	0.64
Raphael Dal Bo	2.39%	0.2
Treasury Shares	0.09%	0.0
Free Float, o/w	66.67%	5.87
Otus Capital Management	6.14%	0.54
Praude Asset Management	5.32%	0.47
Total	100.00%	8.80

Peer group absolute performance						
	1D	1W	1M	3M	6M	YTD
Concha y Toro Winery Inc	0.6	4.0	9.7	(3.9)	(1.5)	(5.3)
Lanson BCC SA	0.0	2.0	4.5	6.0	13.3	5.3
Laurent Perrier SA	0.0	(0.6)	(0.6)	(6.4)	(3.1)	(8.2)
Masi Agricola SpA	(0.2)	(1.3)	6.0	29.9	53.8	20.7
Schloss Wachenheim AG	(0.5)	(1.0)	6.5	(1.0)	0.5	(1.0)
Treasury Wine Estates Ltd	(0.2)	0.4	4.3	(5.4)	(0.6)	(4.4)
Vranken Pommery	3.5	2.6	(1.4)	(1.4)	3.5	(1.4)
Wine producers median	0.0	0.4	4.5	(1.4)	0.5	(1.4)
Hawesko Holding AG	0.2	(0.8)	(4.9)	(9.2)	(14.4)	(8.9)
Naked Wines PLC	(0.5)	0.7	(9.8)	(44.0)	(48.5)	(44.3)
Wine distributors median	(0.5)	0.7	(9.8)	(44.0)	(48.5)	(44.3)
Italian Wine Brands SpA	0.3	(5.9)	(0.6)	(13.1)	(19.1)	(15.2)
Source: Thomson Reuters Eik	on					

Price & EV multiples x	PER FY1	PER FY2	PER FY3	EBITDA FY1	EBITDA FY2	EBITDA FY3	EBIT FY1	EBIT FY2	EBIT FY3
Concha y Toro Winery Inc	9.6	10.9	n.a.	7.9	7.3	n.a.	9.8	9.0	n.a.
Lanson BCC SA	11.1	10.0	9.2	18.3	17.1	15.5	23.0	21.0	19.3
Laurent Perrier SA	13.2	14.2	13.0	11.1	11.7	10.7	12.7	13.4	12.2
Masi Agricola SpA	27.6	27.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Schloss Wachenheim AG	12.7	12.2	11.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
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Income statement (€ m)	2020	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
Net Revenues	204.3	313.2	455.4	471.0	481.6
Purchasing	(118.9)	(204.4)	(302.3)	(306.0)	(311.5)
Services	(53.3)	(64.2)	(91.8)	(94.7)	(96.9)
Personnel	(8.7)	(15.3)	(20.6)	(21.5)	(21.5)
Other operating expenses	0.2	1.6	3.3	3.3	3.4
EBITDA adjusted	25.6	34.0	43.9	52.1	55.2
EBITDA	23.6	31.0	43.9	52.1	55.2
D&A	(5.4)	(8.1)	(10.4)	(10.4)	(10.3)
EBIT adjusted	20.2	25.9	33.5	41.7	44.9
EBIT	18.2	22.9	33.5	41.7	44.9
Financials	(1.2)	(3.9)	(5.0)	(4.7)	(4.2)
Extraordinary	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-Tax profit	17.0	19.0	28.6	36.9	40.7
Income taxes	(2.8)	(4.4)	(5.7)	(8.1)	(9.0)
Minorities	0.0	0.0	(0.3)	(0.4)	(0.4)
Net Profit adjusted	15.6	16.7	22.6	28.4	31.3
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Balance sheet (€ m)	2020	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
Net Working Capital	(0.8)	8.7	(5.0)	(3.2)	(0.6)
Net Fixed Assets	117.4	267.2	283.6	281.4	279.4
Equity Investments	9.6	14.0	14.9	14.8	14.7
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Other M/L Term A/L	(11.5)	(8.7)	(11.8)	(11.8)	(11.7)
Net Invested Capital	114.9	281.2	281.7	281.3	281.9
Net Financial Position	10.3	121.3	100.1	75.8	50.8
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.7	1.1
Group's Shareholders Equity	104.5	160.0	181.3	204.8	230.0
Financial Liabilities & Equity	114.9	281.2	281.7	281.3	281.9
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Cash Flow statement (€ m) Total net income	14.2	14.5	22.6	28.4	31.3
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Depreciation					
Other non-cash charges	(2.7)	(4.6)	2.5	(0.0)	(0.1)
Cash Flow from Oper. (CFO)	16.9	18.0	35.5	38.8	41.5
Change in NWC	(1.1)	(9.4)	13.7	(1.8)	(2.6)
FCF from Operations (FCFO)	15.8	8.6	49.2	36.9	38.9
Net Investments (CFI)	(16.4)	(152.7)	(27.7)	(8.2)	(8.2)
Free CF to the Firm (FCFF)	(0.6)	(144.1)	21.5	28.7	30.7
CF from financials (CFF)	1.4	169.8	(4.5)	(8.1)	(23.1)
Free Cash Flow to Equity (FCFE)	0.8	25.7	17.0	20.7	7.6
Financial ratios	2020	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
EBITDA margin	11.6%	9.9%	9.7%	11.1%	11.5%
EBIT margin	8.9%	7.3%	7.4%	8.8%	9.3%
Net profit margin	6.9%	4.6%	5.0%	6.0%	6.5%
Tax rate	16.7%	23.4%	20.0%	22.0%	22.0%
Op NWC/Sales	-0.4%	2.8%	-1.1%	-0.7%	-0.1%
Interest coverage x	0.08	0.20	0.16	0.13	0.10
Net Debt/Ebitda x	0.44	3.91	2.28	1.46	0.92
Debt-to-Equity x	0.10	0.76	0.55	0.37	0.22
ROIC	13.2%	7.3%	8.0%	10.1%	11.1%
ROCE	11.5%	6.5%	8.9%	10.5%	11.1%
ROACE	12.0%	8.9%	9.2%	10.8%	11.2%
ROE	14.7%	11.0%	13.2%	14.7%	14.4%
Payout ratio	13.0%	6.1%	20.0%	20.0%	20.0%
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Per share figures	2020	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
Final N. of shares # m	7.40	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80
Average N. of shares # m	7.40	8.10	8.80	8.80	8.80
Final N. of shares (fully diluted) # m	7.40	8.80	8.80	8.80	8.80
EPS reported €	1.92	1.79	2.56	3.22	3.56
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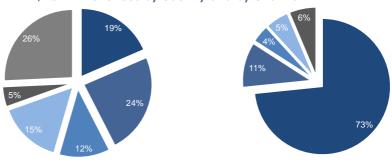
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Chart 1 – IWB, 2021PF revenues by country and by channel



Source: CFO SIM elaboration on company data

IWB was listed on Euronext Growth Milan **on 29-Jan-15** at \in 10.0/share, corresponding to a post-money market capitalisation of \in 65.7m, through the innovative pre-booking company **IPO Challenger**, whose investors/ex-bondholders were reimbursed in kind with IWB's listed shares and warrants, thus becoming direct shareholders and the company's free float.

Table 1 - IWB. Shareholder structure details

■ Italy ■ UK ■ Switzerland ■ Germany ■ USA ■ RoW

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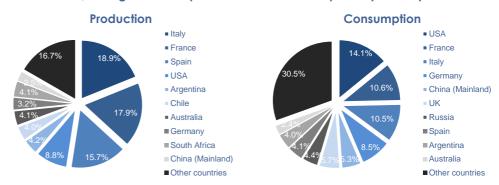
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2. The reference market

IWB operates in the wine industry, a worldwide arena. Since winemaking is a traditional activity and needs particular terrain, its **production is quite concentrated** (roughly 80% produced by 10 main countries). Even though the terrain dedicated to grape production worldwide has been gradually decreasing since 2014, production remains roughly stable at around 270m hl per year on average, although this is obviously affected by weather patterns: for instance, after two consecutive volatile years in 2017-18, **in 2020 global wine production was 260m hl, broadly in line with the 2019** level that was slightly below average.

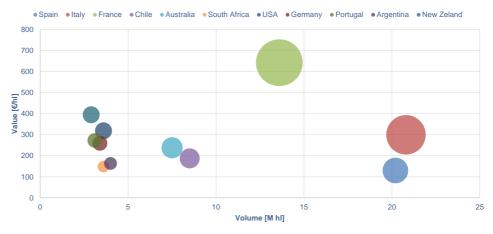
Chart 2 – IWB, 2020 global wine production and consumption by country



Source: OIV, State of the Vitiviniculture World Market Apr-21

Global wine consumption was estimated at 234m hectolitres in 2020, down 2.9% YoY and still quite far from the 250m hectolitres of 2008. The USA, with consumption to the tune of 33.0m hectolitres, is the largest domestic market.

Chart 3 – IWB, global export market



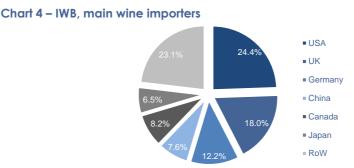
Bubble size: value of export in \in m

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The key growth driver for producers, in particular for France, Italy and Spain, is export, which reached a value of \in 29.6bn in 2020, declining 6.6% YoY. As shown in Chart 3, Italy is the largest exporter in terms of volumes, although in terms of value, France led the competitive arena with market shares of 28%. The largest target markets for producers are the USA, the UK, Germany, China, Canada and Japan.





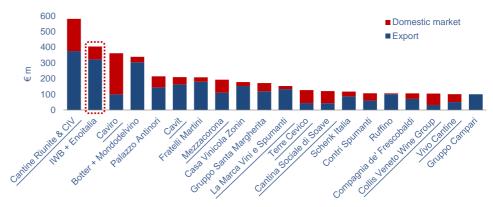


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3. The competitive arena

The Italian wine market is the largest in terms of production with 49.1m hl in 2020, and is very fragmented with hundreds of players operating throughout the country. The market in the last few years has been characterised by constant growth, 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.

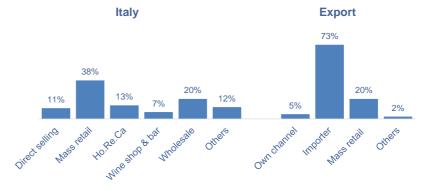
Chart 5 – IWB: the largest Italian player (ex. cooperatives, underlined in the chart)



Source: Paper on wine sector, Mediobanca May-21

As for sales channels, **about 38% of Italian wines are distributed locally through mass-market retailers**. In foreign markets, distribution is usually assigned to importers.

Chart 6 – IWB, sector turnover breakdown by sales channel (Italy/export)



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4. Business model - strategy

The IWB business model is plain: **IWB purchases wine**, **must and grapes** from local producers. Then **the group's proprietary wineries produce wine and bottle the liquid**. Afterwards IWB **markets and distributes the bottles** through two different sales channels: wholesale and distance selling.

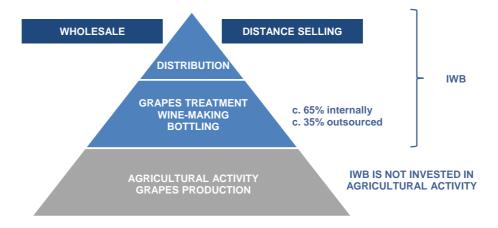
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IWB does not own vineyards, an asset characterised by the highest capital intensity in the business. IWB's business model is therefore extremely flexible and able to quickly respond to short-term changes in demand and it employs a relatively low amount of capital.

IWB's 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 is selling over 30% on the web (both through direct mailing and digital platforms). An expansion of this channel is set to produce a tangible positive impact in terms of WC optimisation (the customer pays by credit card as he/she orders, with virtually no credit risk) and simplification of order management.
- Acquisitions: following the acquisition of Enoitalia, IWB is currently the largest domestic player in the arena, excluding cooperatives, in a business where scale and volumes matter. Nevertheless, M&A scouting continues, potential targets are characterised by the same asset-light business model as IWB.

Chart 7 – IWB, wine business value pyramid



Source: CFO SIM elaboration on company data





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 use to its advantage.
- > Threats: elements in the environment that could cause harm 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 60s'/70s' using Fortune 500 data.

S.W.O.T. ANALYSIS **STRENGTHS WEAKNESSES** Amongst the highest quality/price Mature arena, poor market growth П ratio in the market rates □ B2C huge customer database B2B segment: bargaining power of important customers ■ Lean structured and well-proven logistic platform ■ Skilled and motivated top management **OPPORTUNITIES THREATS** ☐ Web sale channel expansion Changing consumer habits, slowing demand Penetration in **new foreign markets** Competition by similar initiatives □ Free float of about 70%, technically Effects of the long, wide spread of subject to takeover COVID-19 □ Acquisitions and/or development agreements □ Up-listing on the main market of Italian Stock Exchange





6. FY-21 Results

IWB reported growing FY-21 results, with soaring top line driven by the consolidation of Enoitalia. Margins grew less than proportionally to the top line as a result of raw material inflation and higher D&A. It has to be noted that 2021 compares with an exceptional 2020, characterised by a boost in wine consumption driven by the lockdowns, which makes the association unfavourable. According to our estimation, IWB organic sales remained basically unchanged YoY.

Table 2 – IWB, FY-21 results summary

€m	2021	2020	% YoY	2021e	% Diff.
Net Revenues	313.2	204.3	53.3	304.5	2.9
Other Revenues	2.6	1.5		0.0	
Total Revenues	315.9	205.8	53.4	304.5	3.7
Purchasing	(204.4)	(118.9)		(178.0)	
Services	(64.2)	(53.3)		(79.4)	
Personnel	(15.3)	(8.7)		(12.6)	
Other operating expenses	(1.0)	(1.4)		1.0	
EBITDA	31.0	23.6	31.3	35.5	(12.7)
% margin	9.8	11.5		11.7	
D&A	(8.1)	(5.4)		(6.7)	
EBIT	22.9	18.2	25.6	28.8	(20.6)
% margin	7.2	8.8		9.5	
Financial income	0.6	0.2		0.5	
Financial charges	(4.5)	(1.4)		(5.8)	
Pre-Tax profit	19.0	17.0	11.3	23.5	(19.2)
% margin	6.0	8.3		7.7	
Income taxes	(4.4)	(2.8)		(5.6)	
Tax rate	23.4%	16.7%		24.0%	
Minorities	0.0	0.0		0.0	
Net Profit	14.5	14.2	2.3	17.8	(18.6)
% margin	4.6	6.9		5.9	
Adj. EBITDA	34.0	25.6	32.9	36.7	(7.2)
% margin	10.8	12.4		12.0	()
Adj. Net Profit	16.7	15.6	6.9	17.4	(4.2)
% margin	5.3	7.6		7.5	()
NFP Debt/(Cash)	121.3	10.3	n.m.	99.9	21.3

Sources: Company data, CFO Sim

In 2021, IWB reported sales of \leqslant 313.2m, up by 53.3% YoY and broadly in line with our estimate of \leqslant 304.5m. The increase compared to 2020 is almost entirely related to the consolidation for 6 months of Enoitalia, acquired in Jul-21. In fact, according to our elaboration, organic sales remained flat YoY.

Adjusted EBITDA totalled \leqslant 34.0m, 10.8% margin, compared with our forecast of \leqslant 36.7m, as a result of higher than expected D&A and raw material inflation. The adjustments of \leqslant 3.0m refer to non-recurring costs related to the acquisition of Enoitalia, personnel redundancy and the second tranche of the stock grant plan.

The raw materials as a percentage of revenues increased from 58.2% to 65.2% due to the different sales mix, namely increasing wholesale, characterised by a greater impact of raw materials on sales compared to the distance selling channel. At the same time, the costs for services declined from 26.1% to 20.5%. The marginal increase in personnel costs/sales (from 4.3% to 4.9%) is entirely due to the greater portion of internal production carried out by Enoitalia compared to IWB before the acquisition. In addition, the prices of wine (in particular Prosecco) and other raw material components (bottles, corks, paper) rose in Nov/Dec-21. These **cost increases have been almost entirely transferred to sales prices starting from Jan-22**, thanks to the upward realignment of the sales price lists.





The aforementioned prices trend, coupled with the increase in D&A stemming from the acquisition of Enoitalia and the higher financial charges linked to the \in 130m bond issued in May-21, led to a **Net Profit of \in 14.5m**, **4.6% margin**, slightly higher than FY-20 and slightly lower than our \in 17.8m estimate. The BoD will propose the distribution of an \in **0.10 cash dividend per share** at the AGM (lower than our \in 0.61 projection): exdividend date 2-May, record date 3-May and payment date 4-May.

Net Financial Position was € 121.3m debt, including € 13.3m related to the right of use liabilities deriving from the application of IFR\$16, mainly stemming from the long-term rent agreement concerning the building used for logistics activities. The increase from € 10.3m debt at end-20 is entirely due to the € 150m outlay stemming from the acquisition of Enoitalia.

Table 3 – IWB, FY-21 pro-forma results summary

€ m	2021PF	2021	2020	% YoY	2021e	% Diff.
Net Revenues	408.9	313.2	204.3	53.3	304.5	2.9
Total Revenues	411.9	315.9	205.8	53.4	304.5	3.7
Adj. EBITDA	41.8	34.0	25.6	32.9	36.7	(7.2)
% margin	10.2	10.8	12.4		12.0	
Adj. EBIT	31.4	25.9	20.2	28.3	28.8	(10.0)
% margin	7.6	8.2	9.8		9.5	
Adj. Net Profit	20.5	16.7	15.6	6.9	17.4	(4.2)
% margin	5.0	5.3	7.6		5.7	
NFP Debt/(Cash)	121.3	121.3	10.3	n.m.	99.9	21.3

Sources: Company data, CFO Sim

FY-21 pro-forma revenues were € 408.9m vs. € 204.3m reported in 2020. The pro-forma figure includes the consolidation of Enoitalia for 12 months, contributing € 208.4m. Considering the pro-forma figure, **exports accounted for more than 80%** of total revenues. Wholesale totalled € 299.4m (73% of total), Distance Selling generated € 82.7m (20% of total) and the Ho.Re.Ca. segment totalled € 25.9m (6% on total).

Table 4 – IWB, FY-21 pro-forma results breakdown by geography

2021PF	2020	%YoY
75.7	39.5	91.4
332.3	164.1	102.5
0.9	0.7	37.4
408.9	204.3	100.2
18.5	19.4	
81.3	80.3	
0.2	0.3	
100.0	100.0	
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Sources: Company data, CFO Sim

Table 5 – IWB. FY-21 pro-forma results breakdown by distribution channel

€m	2021PF	2020	%YoY
Wholesale	299.4	119.6	150.3
Distance selling	82.7	84.0	(1.5)
Ho.Re.Ca.	25.9	-	n.m.
Other Revenues	0.9	0.7	31.5
Total Revenues	408.9	204.3	100.2
% on total revenues			
Wholesale	73.2	58.5	
Distance selling	20.2	41.1	
Ho.Re.Ca.	6.3	_	
Other Revenues	0.2	0.3	
Total Revenues	100.0	100.0	

Sources: Company data, CFO Sim







7. Estimates, valuation and risks

Thanks to the acquisition of Enoitalia, IWB doubled in size in 2021, becoming the largest privately-owned wine group in Italy. The size reached highlights the group successful strategy that combines organic brands development and external growth.

In 2021, IWB reported growing results mainly driven by the consolidation of Enoitalia while organic sales remained basically unchanged YoY. Margins grew less than proportionally to the top line as **starting from the late 2021 the group experienced a certain price inflation** with regard to wine (in particular Prosecco), other raw material components (bottles, corks, paper), energy and transport. Furthermore, the outbreak of the war in Ukraine exacerbated the inflationary trend, mainly with regard to the cost of glass, electricity, gas, transport and packaging. According to IWB, it could have an economic effect starting from Apr-22, namely additional costs of 1) approximately \in 3 cents per bottle due to the higher cost of glass, 2) \in 2.0m additional expense for electricity and gas and 3) between \in 3.0m and \in 3.5m increase in expenditure for transport and packaging.

Overall, IWB estimates some € 6/7 cents cost increase per bottle for the period Apr-Dec 2022. Considering some 150m bottles to be sold in the aforementioned period, higher production costs should total some € 10m in 2022. In order to mitigate this extraordinary inflationary trend, the group implemented different strategies:

- ➤ With regard to **branded products** sold via the wholesale and Ho.Re.Ca channels (c. 55% of total turnover), as of Mar-22 IWB was able to transfer the costs increases to sales prices, albeit by carefully monitor the sales trend with the aim of defending the group's market share.
- In the **Distance Selling** channel (c. 20% of total turnover) the group was able to preserve margins in the period Nov-21/Mar-22 thanks to a massive storage of raw materials carried out starting from Jun-21. As of Apr-22, IWB will increase the price list by 6% on average.
- With regard to **private label products** (c. 25% of total turnover), the agreements with discount chains and retailers have been defined or are still being negotiated, and alternatively provide for 1) the adjustment of the sales price lists, 2) the setting up of multi-year sales agreements with underlying supply chain contracts or 3) the setting up of "cost-plus" supply agreements, which provide for the recognition of the margin for sourcing, winemaking and bottling in favour of IWB and the purchase of raw materials directly by the end customer. IWB expects to be able to almost entirely absorb the cost increases in the coming months with regard to private label products.

Following the FY-21 results release and the current harsh environment, we **have fine-tuned our model factoring in a further increase in the purchase price of certain raw materials**, including grapes, must, bulk wine, bottles and in energy costs compared to our last estimates revision in Jan-22. The combined result is an **average 3.8% and 5.0% decline in EBITDA and Net Profit, respectively, in 2022-23.** We have also introduced projections for 2024.

Table 6 – IWB, 2022e new/old estimates

€m	New	Old	% Diff.	€ m Diff.
Net Sales	455.4	455.4	(0.0)	(0.0)
EBITDA	43.9	45.0	(2.3)	(1.0)
% margin	9.7	9.9		
EBIT	33.5	34.8	(3.6)	(1.3)
% margin	7.4	7.6		
Net Profit	22.6	23.4	(3.4)	(0.8)
% margin	5.0	5.1		
Y/E net debt (net cash)	100.1	91.3	9.7	8.8

Sources: Company data, CFO Sim







Table 7 – IWB, 2023e new/old estimates

€m	New	Old	% Diff.	€ m Diff.
Net Sales	471.0	471.0	(0.0)	(0.0)
EBITDA	52.1	55.0	(5.3)	(2.9)
% margin	11.1	11.7		
EBIT	41.7	44.4	(6.2)	(2.8)
% margin	8.8	9.4		
Net Profit	28.4	30.3	(6.5)	(2.0)
% margin	6.0	6.4		
Y/E net debt (net cash)	75.8	65.1	16.4	10.7

Sources: Company data, CFO Sim

Moreover, CFO has updated the DCF valuation criteria, bringing the Free Risk Rate up to date and postponed the first valuation projection to 2022. The combined result is a **new PT of € 55.00/s (€ 61.00)**, with an upside of 56.3% at current prices. Buy rating is reiterated.

7.1. DCF

In our DCF-based valuation, we assess explicit estimates until 2026 and assume a long-term growth rate of 1.0%. Cash flows are discounted back at a weighted average cost of capital calculated according to the following parameters:

Table 8 – 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 200d moving average)	1.05%
Beta levered (x)	1.00
Required ROE	10.0%

Source: CFO Sim

The WACC is calculated by using a 60:40 equity/debt balance-sheet structure.

Table 9 - IWB. DCF model

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€m	2022e	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e	Term. Val.
EBIT	33.5	41.7	44.9	47.1	48.8	
Tax rate	20.0%	22.0%	22.0%	22.5%	27.0%	
Operating profit (NOPAT)	26.8	32.5	35.0	36.5	35.6	
Change working capital	13.7	(1.8)	(2.6)	(1.3)	(0.1)	
Depreciation	10.4	10.4	10.3	7.2	4.0	
Investments	(8.2)	(8.2)	(8.2)	(6.1)	(4.0)	
Free Cash Flows	42.7	32.9	34.5	36.2	35.5	622.6
Present value	40.7	29.3	28.8	28.3	26.0	456.2
WACC	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	6.8%	
Long-term growth rate	1.0%					

Source: CFO Sim







Table 10 – IWB, DCF per share derived from:

€m	
Total EV present value € m	609.4
thereof terminal value	74.9%
NFP last reported (debt)/cash	(121.3)
Pension provision last reported	(1.2)
Minorities (valued at 7.6x PER)	(3.0)
Equity value € m	483.9
#m shares (excl. treasury shares)	8.79
Equity value €/s	55.00
% upside/(downside)	56.3%

Source: CFO Sim

The outcome of our DCF model generated an equity value of \leqslant 483.9m for IWB, which corresponds to \leqslant 55.00/s (\leqslant 61.00), with a potential upside of 56.3%.

The following tables illustrate that sensitivity 1) compared to changes in the terminal growth rate produces an equity value per share of \in 46.90 – 66.60 (perpetuity range of between 0.00% and 2.00%), while, 2) if compared to changes in the free risk rate, it produces an equity value/s of \in 49.80 – 61.20 (free risk range of between 1.85% and 0.25%) and, 3) if compared to changes in the risk premium, including small size premiums, it results in an equity value/s of \in 43.40 – 72.80 (risk premium range of between 11.00% and 7.00%).

Table 11 – 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	153.2	153.2	153.2	153.2	153.2	153.2	153.2	153.2	153.2
PV of terminal value	384.9	400.7	417.7	436.2	456.2	478.1	502.1	528.5	557.6
Total value	538.1	553.8	570.9	589.3	609.4	631.3	655.3	681.6	710.8
NFP last reported	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)
Pension provision last reported	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)
Minorities (valued at 7.6x PER)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)
Equity value	412.6	428.4	445.4	463.9	483.9	505.8	529.8	556.2	585.3
Equity value/share €	46.90	48.70	50.60	52.70	55.00	57.50	60.20	63.20	66.60

Source: CFO Sim

Table 12 – IWB, equity value sensitivity to changes in free risk rate

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€m	0.25%	0.45%	0.65%	0.85%	1.05%	1.25%	1.45%	1.65%	1.85%
Present value of CF	155.0	154.5	154.1	153.6	153.2	152.7	152.3	151.9	151.4
PV of terminal value	508.5	494.5	481.2	468.4	456.2	444.5	433.3	422.6	412.2
Total value	663.5	649.0	635.3	622.1	609.4	597.3	585.6	574.4	563.7
NFP last reported	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)
Pension provision last reported	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)
Minorities (valued at 7.6x PER)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)
Equity value	538.0	523.6	509.8	496.6	483.9	471.8	460.2	449.0	438.2
Equity value/share €	61.20	59.50	58.00	56.50	55.00	53.70	52.30	51.10	49.80

Source: CFO Sim

Table 13 – IWB, equity value sensitivity to changes in risk premium

€m	7.00%	7.50%	8.00%	8.50%	9.00%	9.50%	10.00%	10.50%	11.00%
Present value of CF	157.7	156.5	155.4	154.3	153.2	152.1	151.0	149.9	148.9
PV of terminal value	608.2	563.0	523.1	487.8	456.2	427.9	402.3	379.1	358.0
Total value	765.9	719.5	678.5	642.1	609.4	580.0	553.3	529.1	506.9
NFP last reported	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)	(121.3)
Pension provision last reported	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)	(1.2)
Minorities (valued at 7.6x PER)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)
Equity value	640.4	594.0	553.1	516.6	483.9	454.5	427.8	403.6	381.4
Equity value/share €	72.80	67.60	62.90	58.70	55.00	51.70	48.70	45.90	43.40

Source: CFO Sim







7.2. Market multiples

In the sample, we have included 9 peers operating in wine production and distribution. What characterises our sample is that turnover almost entirely stems from wine sales: from 91.2% of Schloss Wachenheim to 100% of Lanson, Lauent Perrier and Masi. It comprises: Concha y Toro Winery (CL), Lanson (FR), Laurent Perrier (FR), Masi Agricola (IT, listed on Euronext Growth Milan), Schloss Wachenheim (D), Treasury Wine Estates (AU), and Vranken Pommery Monopole (FR). In addition, we have included two players involved purely in wine distribution: Hawesko (D) and Naked Wine (UK).

As one can see from these figures, market growth is limited, to the tune of 3.3% for producers, and 6.2% for distributors. IWB is broadly in line with the median in terms of market capitalisation and turnover. However, it offers much higher projected sales and profitability growth than the median in 2022-24.

Table 14 – IWB, peer group summary table

€m	Mkt Cap	Wine % of Sales	Sales FY1	EBITDA FY1	EBITDA	Sales	EBITDA CAGR ₂₁₋₂₄	EBIT	EPS	NFP FY1	NFP/ EBITDA
Console and Tone Miles and Inc.	1.075			_					-	_	
Concha y Toro Winery Inc	1,065	97.6%	956	170	17.8%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	280	1.6
Lanson BCC SA	211	100.0%	289	39	13.5%	3.7%	n.a.	n.a.	10.0%	504	12.9
Laurent Perrier SA	559	100.0%	288	74	25.8%	14.6%	16.0%	16.6%	0.8%	266	3.6
Masi Agricola SpA	146	100.0%	70	12	16.6%	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Schloss Wachenheim AG	155	91.2%	373	42	11.2%	3.3%	3.5%	4.2%	3.0%	n.a.	n.a.
Treasury Wine Estates Ltd	5,782	91.7%	1,606	430	26.8%	3.0%	6.9%	12.8%	20.9%	722	1.7
Vranken Pommery Monopole	157	97.6%	294	45	15.4%	1.8%	n.a.	n.a.	34.0%	657	14.5
Wine producers median	211	97.6%	294	45	16.6%	3.3%	6.9%	12.8%	10.0%	504	3.6
Hawesko Holding AG	430		676	77	11.4%	1.0%	n.a.	n.a.	-2.6%	96	1.2
Naked Wines PLC	314		419	0.6	0.1%	11.4%	n.m.	n.m.	n.a.	(71)	n.m.
Wine distributors median	372		548	39	5.8%	6.2%	n.a.	n.a.	-2.6%	13	1.2
Italian Wine Brands SpA	307	100%	455	44	9.7%	15.4%	21.2%	25.2%	17.8%	100	2.3

Sources: CFO Sim, Thomson Reuters Eikon

Table 15 – IWB, peer group multiples table

Price & EV multiples x	PER FY1	PER FY2	PER FY3 EE	BITDA FY1 EI	BITDA FY2 EE	BITDA FY3	EBIT FY1	EBIT FY2	EBIT FY3
Concha y Toro Winery Inc	9.6	10.9	n.a.	7.9	7.3	n.a.	9.8	9.0	n.a.
Lanson BCC SA	11.1	10.0	9.2	18.3	17.1	15.5	23.0	21.0	19.3
Laurent Perrier SA	13.2	14.2	13.0	11.1	11.7	10.7	12.7	13.4	12.2
Masi Agricola SpA	27.6	27.1	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Schloss Wachenheim AG	12.7	12.2	11.9	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.
Treasury Wine Estates Ltd	28.4	22.4	19.5	15.1	12.6	11.4	19.4	15.6	13.7
Vranken Pommery Monopole	25.2	20.5	14.0	18.0	19.4	16.9	28.3	30.5	25.7
Wine producers median	13.2	14.2	13.0	15.1	12.6	13.4	19.4	15.6	16.5
Hawesko Holding AG	13.1	14.5	13.9	6.8	7.0	6.5	9.8	10.4	9.7
Naked Wines PLC	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	49.1	39.1	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.
Wine distributors median	13.1	14.5	13.9	6.8	28.0	22.8	9.8	10.4	9.7
IWB	13.6	10.8	9.8	9.3	7.3	6.5	12.1	9.2	8.0
% prem.(disc.)to prod.	2.7%	-24.0%	-24.7%	-38.8%	-41.5%	-51.7%	-37.3%	-41.0%	-51.8%
% prem.(disc.)to distr.	3.5%	-25.4%	-29.3%	35.7%	-73.8%	-71.6%	23.4%	-12.0%	-17.7%

Sources: CFO Sim, Thomson Reuters Eikon

IWB trades at discount vs. wine producers median considering the EV/EBITDA and EV/EBIT multiples in 2022-24 period. This can be partially explained by its smaller size, its trading volumes and its listing on Euronext Growth Milan. However, we believe this is not justified and the stock has to somehow fill the valuation gap with its peers.





7.3. Stock performance

IWB was listed on **Euronext Growth Milan on 29-Jan-15** at \in 10.00/share, corresponding to a post-money market capitalisation of \in 65.7m, through the innovative pre-booking company **IPO Challenger**, whose investors/ex-bondholders were reimbursed in kind with IWB's listed shares and warrants, thus becoming direct shareholders (i.e. the company's free float). The stock reached a 1Y maximum level of \in 49.30/s on 25-Aug-21 and a minimum price of \in 27.80/s on 14-Apr-21.

Table 16 – IWB, peer group absolute performance

	1D	1W	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y
Concha y Toro Winery Inc	0.6	4.0	9.7	(3.9)	(1.5)	(5.3)	5.3
Lanson BCC SA	0.0	2.0	4.5	6.0	13.3	5.3	27.8
Laurent Perrier SA	0.0	(0.6)	(0.6)	(6.4)	(3.1)	(8.2)	21.8
Masi Agricola SpA	(0.2)	(1.3)	6.0	29.9	53.8	20.7	55.4
Schloss Wachenheim AG	(0.5)	(1.0)	6.5	(1.0)	0.5	(1.0)	23.3
Treasury Wine Estates Ltd	(0.2)	0.4	4.3	(5.4)	(0.6)	(4.4)	14.3
Vranken Pommery Monopole SA	3.5	2.6	(1.4)	(1.4)	3.5	(1.4)	2.0
Wine producers median	0.0	0.4	4.5	(1.4)	0.5	(1.4)	21.8
Naked Wines PLC	0.2	(8.0)	(4.9)	(9.2)	(14.4)	(8.9)	6.2
Hawesko Holding AG	(0.5)	0.7	(9.8)	(44.0)	(48.5)	(44.3)	(51.6)
Wine distributors median	(0.5)	0.7	(9.8)	(44.0)	(48.5)	(44.3)	(51.6)
IWB	0.3	(5.9)	(0.6)	(13.1)	(19.1)	(15.2)	20.1

Source: Thomson Reuters Eikon

Table 17 – IWB, reference sector index and Italian Market performances

	1D	1W	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y
FTSE Italia Growth	0.8	0.8	1.9	(12.7)	(16.7)	(14.0)	(12.4)
Thomson Reuters Food & Beverage	1.2	1.3	0.2	(5.8)	2.7	(6.1)	6.7
IWB	0.3	(5.9)	(0.6)	(13.1)	(19.1)	(15.2)	20.1

Source: Thomson Reuters Eikon

7.4. Risks

The principal investment **risks** associated with IWB may include:

- impact on the profit and loss account and balance sheet profiles triggered by a deep decline in local and global economic growth,
- > effects of the long-lasting, widespread COVID-19 and its possible variants,
- competition by similar initiatives,
- > slower than anticipated integration with Enoitalia,
- > changing consumer habits, slowing demand.





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