

COMPANY NOTE

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Veganz Group AG

Rating	Buy (Buy)
Share price (EUR)	12.50
Target price (EUR)	20.00 (30.00)
Bloomberg	VEZ GY
Sector	Consumer Goods

Share data

Shares out (m)	1.2
Daily volume shs (m)	0.0
Free float (%)	0.51
Market cap (EUR m)	16
EV (EUR m)	23
DPS (EUR)	0.00
Dividend yield (%)	0.0
Payout ratio (%)	0.0

Performance

-5.1
-76.1
-65.6
SDAX

Share price performance



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Prel. FY 2022 results

Veganz published preliminary FY 2022 results that were in line with expectations. The outlook for the current business year is realistic given the continued tense market situation. Based on lower estimates we derive a new DCF-Based TP of EUR 20.00 (EUR 30.00) and confirm our Buy recommendation. The capex for its new production site in Brandenburg is clearly below expectations and has positive effects on its liquidity.

FY 2022

According to prel. figures Veganz realized sales of EUR 23.6m, as expected clearly below FY 2021 (EUR 30.4m). Following high inflation the company suffered from low demand for premium vegan products. However, the number of points of sale (POS) as of 31 December 2022 increased to a preliminary 28,217 (31 December 2021: 25,199) – mainly due to a Christmas promotion in the discount segment. The gross profit margin rose slightly to a preliminary 32.4% in the past business year (FY 2021: 31.3%). Following the sales decrease, the adjusted EBITDA fell to a prel. EUR -10.6m (FY2021: EUR -5.5). Considering the one-off expenses regarding cost reduction and efficiency improvement program, the EBITDA came in at EUR -11.6m (FY 2021: EUR -9.8m). Furthermore, net loss was EUR 13.3m (FY 2021: net loss of EUR 13.3m). Net cash and the equity ratio decreased to EUR 0.5m (31 December 2021: EUR 16.2m) and 39.7% (31 December 2021: 53.3%), respectively. Net cash includes the EUR 10m bond maturing in February 2025 and the crowdfunding of EUR 2m. This subordinated loan agreement has indefinite terms and can be terminated by either party at the earliest on December 31, 2023, with six months' notice to the end of the respective financial year.

FY 2023 outlook

Veganz expects sales in the FY 2023 to be broughly at the previous year's level (FY 2022: preliminary EUR 23.6m). Following cost reductions and efficiency improvement program, as well as the expansion of in-house production with the start of the production facility in Brandenburg, Veganz expects an improved EBITDA compared to the previous year (FY 2022: preliminary EUR -11.6m). We expect EBITDA to come in at EUR -6.5m.

Veganz Food Factory Germany in Brandenburg

Veganz has taken over a production facility of around 3,000 square metres in Ludwigsfelde, Brandenburg. The site is clearly smaller than the originally planned facility in Werder (~ 10,000 square metres). Capex will amount to EUR < 1m. We therefore reduce our capex estimates for the current business from EUR 10m to EUR 2.5m. Based on our current estimates this reduction makes further financing measures in 2023/24e - besides the potential re-financing of the EUR 2m crowd funding loan – unlikely.

Key figures		2020	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
Sales	EUR m	27	30	24	24	27
EBITDA	EUR m	-3	-10	-12	-6	-2
EBIT	EUR m	-4	-11	-13	-8	-3
EPS	EUR	-4.04	-10.88	-10.88	-6.05	-2.71
Sales growth	%	12.1	13.6	-22.3	3.0	11.1
EBITDA margin	%	-12.1	-32.2	-49.0	-26.7	-7.4
EBIT margin	%	-16.0	-35.5	-53.3	-30.8	-11.1
Net margin	%	-18.4	-43.8	-56.3	-30.4	-12.2
EV/Sales	ratio	0.79	-0.10	0.59	0.94	0.94
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EV/EBIT	ratio	-4.9	0.3	-1.1	-3.0	-8.5
P/E	ratio	n.a.	-8.3	-1.2	-2.1	-4.7
P/BV	ratio	n.a.	4.1	1.1	2.5	5.2
Dividend yield	%	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Source: Bloomberg, Company data, Quirin Privatbank estimates

DCF valuation

Our DCF model indicates a fair value of EUR 20.60 per share for Veganz and reflects the long-term perspectives of the company. Our assumptions are as follows:

Phase 1 (2022e-24e):

We estimated the free cash flows (FCF) of phase 1 according to our detailed financial forecasts for this period stated in the financials section.

Phase 2 (2025e-31e):

For Phase 2, we assumed an initial sales growth of 35% which in particular reflects the increased inhouse production. The growth fades out to 2.2% in 2031e. We assumed the EBIT margin to rise from 2.0% to 7.6% in FY 2031e.

Phase 3:

For the calculation of the terminal value, we applied a long-term FCF growth rate of 2.0% to reflect Veganz' growth perspectives.

Based on these assumptions, we calculated a fair value of the Veganz' operating business of EUR 9m. We added Veganz's net cash position (cash as of 31 December 2021 minus financial debt). The resulting fair value of equity amounts to EUR 25m or EUR 20.60 per share.

		PHASE 1					PHASE 2				PHASE 3
EURm	2022e	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e	2030e	2031e	8
Sales	23.6	24.3	27.0	36.5	44.6	50.8	55.2	58.2	60.3	61.6	
YoY growth	-22.3%	3.0%	11.1%	35.0%	22.1%	13.9%	8.8%	5.5%	3.5%	2.2%	
EBIT	-12.6	-7.5	-3.0	0.7	1.1	1.6	2.2	2.8	3.7	4.7	
EBIT margin	-53.3%	- 30.8%	-11.1%	2.0%	2.5%	3.1%	3.9%	4.9%	6.1%	7.6%	
Income tax on EBIT (cash tax rate)	0.0	0.0	0.9	-0.2	-0.3	-0.5	-0.6	-0.9	-1.1	-1.4	
Depreciation and amortisation	1.0	1.0	1.0	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	0.9	0.9	0.9	
Change in long-term provisions	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Other non-cash items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Change in net working capital	-1.6	-0.1	-0.4	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
Net capital expenditure	-1.0	-2.5	-0.8	-0.6	-0.7	-0.8	-0.9	-0.9	-1.0	-0.9	
Free cash flow	-14.2	-9.1	-2.3	0.4	0.7	1.0	1.4	1.9	2.5	3.3	
Present values	-14.2	-7.9	-1.8	0.3	0.5	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.3	1.5	27.
Present value Phase 1	-23.9			Ris	sk free rate		3.00%	Targe	t equity ratio		40.05
Present value Phase 2	6.0			Eq	uity risk prem	nium	6.00%	Beta	fundamental)		1.
Present value Phase 3	27.0			De	ebt risk premi	um	2.75%	WAC	С		7.795
Total present value	9.0			Ta	x shield		30.0%	Term	inal growth		2.05
+ net cash	16.2						Sens	sitivity analysi	à		
							Т	erminal grow	th (Phase 3)		
- Pension provisions	0.0						1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%
Fair value of equity	25.2				WACC	6.8%	23.43	25.84	28.74	32.33	36.87
						7.3%	20.38	22.32	24.62	27.40	30.83
Number of shares (m)	1.2					7.8%	17.82	19.40	20.60	23.45	26.12
						8.3%	15.65	16.95	18.47	20.24	22.34
Fair value per share (EUR)	20.60					8.8%	13.80	14.88	16.13	17.57	19.27

Veganz Group AG: Discounted Cash Flow Model

Source: Quirin Privatbank

Profit & loss statement

Profit & loss statement (EUR m)	2020	YOY	2021	YOY	2022e	YOY	2023e	YOY	2024e	YOY
Sales	26.8	n.m.	30.4	13.6 %	23.6	-22.3 %	24.3	3.0 %	27.0	11.1 %
Unfinished Goods	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other own work capitalized	0.0		0.0		0.6		0.6		0.6	
Other operating earnings	0.5		0.2		0.2		0.1		0.1	
Cost of goods	18.8		21.1		16.4		16.9		18.7	
Gross profit	8.5		9.6		8.0		8.2		8.9	
Personnel expenses	2.9		3.4		4.7		4.8		5.3	
Depreciation	1.0		1.0		1.0		1.0		1.0	
Other operating expenses	8.8		15.9		15.0		9.9		5.6	
EBITDA	-3.2	n.m.	-9.8	n.m.	-11.6	n.m.	-6.5	n.m.	-2.0	n.m.
EBITDA margin (%)	-12.08		-32.19		-49.04		-26.67		-7.38	
EBIT	-4.3	n.m.	-10.8	n.m.	-12.6	n.m.	-7.5	n.m.	-3.0	n.m.
EBIT margin (%)	-15.96		-35.53		-53.33		-30.81		-11.09	
Net interest	-0.9		-2.8		-1.3		-1.3		-1.3	
Income from Participations	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	
Net financial result	-0.9		-2.8		-1.3		-1.3		-1.3	
Exceptional items	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	
Pretax profit	-5.1	n.m.	-13.6	n.m.	-13.9	n.m.	-8.8	n.m.	-4.3	n.m.
Pretax margin (%)	-19.19		-44.63		-58.96		-36.15		-15.90	
Taxes	-0.2		-0.3		-0.6		-1.4		-1.0	
Tax rate (%)	3.86		1.92		4.44		15.96		22.98	
Earnings after taxes	-4.9		-13.3		-13.3		-7.4		-3.3	
Minorities	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	
Group attributable income	-4.9	n.m.	-13.3	n.m.	-13.3	n.m.	-7.4	n.m.	-3.3	n.m.
No. of shares (m)	1.2		1.2		1.2		1.2		1.2	
Earnings per share (EUR)	-4.04	n.m.	-10.88	n.m.	-10.88	n.m.	-6.05	n.m.	-2.71	n.m.
Source: Company data Quirin Privatbank	estimates									

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Balance sheet

Balance sheet (EUR m)	2020	YOY	2021	YOY	2022e	YOY	2023e	YOY	2024e	YOY
Assets										
Cash and cash equivalents	0.1		28.7		11.7		2.9		0.3	
Accounts receivables	2.1		3.5		3.7		3.8		4.3	
Inventories	2.1		2.8		3.2		3.3		3.6	
Other current assets	2.0		2.5		2.5		2.5		2.5	
Tax claims	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	
Total current assets	6.4	n.m.	37.6	485.7 %	21.2	-43.6 %	12.6	-40.5 %	10.8	-14.4 %
Fixed assets	0.4		0.8		0.8		3.3		4.0	
Goodwill	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other intangible assets	12.6		11.6		11.6		10.6		9.6	
Financial assets	0.8		0.8		0.8		0.8		0.8	
Deferred taxes	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	
Other fixed assets	4.7		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	
Total fixed assets	18.5	n.m.	13.1	-28.9 %	13.1	-0.1 %	14.6	11.4 %	14.4	-1.4 %
Total assets	24.9	n.m.	50.7	103.7 %	34.3	-32.3 %	27.2	-20.6 %	25.2	-7.4 %
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Equity & Liabilities	0.7		1.0		1.0		1.0		1.0	
Subscribed capital	0.7		1.2		1.2		1.2		1.2	
Reserves & other	3.8		48.3		48.3		48.3		48.3	
Revenue reserves	-4.4		-22.5		-35.8		-43.2		-46.5	
Accumulated other comprehensive	0.0		0.0		0.0	40 7 %	0.0	F7 0 %	0.0	F2 4 %
Shareholder's equity	0.0	n.m.	27.0	-	13.7	-49.3 %	6.3	-53.9 %	3.0	-52.4 %
Minorities Shareholder's equity incl. minorities	0.0	n.m.	0.0 27.0	-	0.0	-49.3 %	0.0 6.3	-53.9 %	0.0 3.0	-52.4 %
Long-term liabilities										
Pension provisions	0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.0	
Financial liabilities	3.4		10.0		10.0		10.0		10.0	
Tax liabilities	3.5		3.3		2.5		2.6		2.9	
Other liabilities	3.9		2.7		2.1		2.1		2.4	
Total long-term debt	10.8	n.m.	15.9	47.4 %	14.6	-8.3 %	14.8	1.0 %	15.3	3.6 %
Short-term debt										
Other provisions	1.3		2.8		2.2		2.3		2.5	
Trade payables	6.7		4.7		3.7		3.8		4.2	
Financial debt	2.1		0.0		0.0		0.0		0.1	
Other liabilities	4.0		0.1		0.1		0.1		0.1	
Total short-term debt	14.1	n.m.	7.8	-45.0 %	6.0	-22.8 %	6.2	3.0 %	6.9	12.3 %
Total equity & liabilities	24.9	n.m.	50.7	103.7 %	34.3	-32.3 %	27.2	-20.6 %	25.2	-7.4 %
Source: Company data, Quirin Privatbank est										

Financial key ratios

Key ratios	2020	2021	2022e	2023e	2024e
Per share data (EUR)					
EPS	-4.04	-10.88	-10.88	-6.05	-2.71
Book value per share	0.0	22.1	11.2	5.2	2.5
Free cash flow per share	-2.4	-10.8	-11.5	-4.1	-1.1
Dividend per share	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Valuation ratios					
EV/Sales	0.79	-0.10	0.59	0.94	0.94
EV/EBITDA	-6.5	0.3	-1.2	-3.5	-12.8
EV/EBIT	-4.9	0.3	-1.1	-3.0	-8.5
P/E	n.a.	-8.3	-1.2	-2.1	-4.7
P/B	n.a.	4.1	1.1	2.5	5.2
Dividend yield (%)	n.a.	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Growth					
Sales growth (%)	12.1	13.6	-22.3	3.0	11.1
Profitability ratios					
EBITDA margin (%)	-12.1	-32.2	-49.0	-26.7	-7.4
EBIT margin (%)	-16.0	-35.5	-53.3	-30.8	-11.1
Net margin (%)	-18.4	-43.8	-56.3	-30.4	-12.2
ROCE (%)	-39.5	-25.2	-44.5	-35.6	-16.4
Financial ratios					
Total equity (EUR m)	0.0	27.0	13.7	6.3	3.0
Equity ratio (%)	0.0	53.3	40.0	23.2	11.9
Net financial debt (EUR m)	5.4	-18.6	-1.7	7.1	9.8
Net debt/Equity	0.0	0.5	0.4	0.2	0.1
Interest cover	-4.9	-3.6	-8.3	-5.0	-2.0
Net debt/EBITDA	-1.7	1.9	0.1	-1.1	-4.9
Payout ratio (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Working Capital (EUR m)	-7.7	29.8	15.2	6.4	3.9
Working capital/Sales	-0.29	0.98	0.64	0.26	0.14

Source: Company data, Quirin Privatbank estimates

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