

# **Media and Games Invest plc**

Malta / Entertainment Xetra

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**Update** 

RATING PRICE TARGET

BUY € 2.80

Return Potential 143.5% Risk Rating High

## **GAMIGO BENEFITING FROM STAY-AT-HOME MEASURES**

Published KPI's confirm our running view that video-gaming is largely crisis-proof and that operations are flourishing during the pandemic. gamigo reported a surge in player activity during the lockdown led by sharp rises in new customers per day and daily active users (DAU). MGI's seamless transition to home-working has also insured operational integrity. Although it is premature to assess the overall impact of the lockdown, business is clearly booming at the moment. Given this operational stability, we continue to regard MGI as a safe-haven for investors during these volatile times. Our rating remains Buy with an unchanged €2.8 price target.

**Lockdown policies driving gamigo KPIs** Video-gaming has become a conduit for millions of quarantined people to stay connected with others and pass time without spreading the coronavirus. Online gaming is also filling the gap of suspended mainstream sports. Simply stated, people are spending way more time playing video-games. In late March, Verizon, the American multinational telecommunications conglomerate, reported a 75% jump in gaming during peak hours vs the prior week. At gamigo, the covid-19 has resulted in a 64% spike in daily new customers for the 14<sup>th</sup> calendar week (30 March to 5 April) versus the 11<sup>th</sup> calendar week (9 to 15 March). The company also noted a 19% DAU increase during this timeframe.

**Topping off the war chest** In late March, MGI successfully tapped up its 2019/2024 bond by €3m bringing the total to €20m. The bearer bonds have a 7% coupon with interest due on a quarterly basis. The bond has a total volume of up to €25m, and the company may place further tranches in the future, depending on the M&A pipeline. Corporate activity is a strategic cornerstone, and management have excelled at finding the right deals at good value in the past. The pandemic has hurt small business leaving some with stretched balance sheets. We suspect this will yield good opportunities for more corporate activity this year. (p.t.o.)

#### **FINANCIAL HISTORY & PROJECTIONS**

2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E
0.00	32.62	71.77	100.47	135.64	176.33
n.a.	n.a.	120.0%	40.0%	35.0%	30.0%
0.00	8.65	13.30	17.54	23.37	34.81
0.0	26.5%	18.5%	17.5%	17.2%	19.7%
0.00	5.26	-0.76	2.45	4.40	10.50
0.00	0.09	-0.01	0.03	0.05	0.12
0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
0.00	-7.17	-17.15	-36.30	5.81	8.89
0.0	24.0%	27.9%	45.4%	43.6%	37.8%
0.00	4.45	24.03	12.89	13.66	5.76
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#### RISKS

Risks include but are not limited to: revenue diversity, financing, technology, and regulatory risks.

#### **COMPANY PROFILE**

MGI is a strategic investment holding company that pursues a 'buy-integrate-build-and-improve' strategy to foster fast-growing companies within the media and games segments through acquisitions and growth in operations. gamigo and AppLift are the flagship holdings within the group.

MARKET DATA	As of 15 Apr 2020
Closing Price	€ 1.15
Shares outstanding	88.22m
Market Capitalisation	€ 101.45m
52-week Range	€ 0.95 / 1.47
Avg. Volume (12 Months)	82.125

Multiples	2018	2019E	2020E
P/E	13.0	n.a.	41.2
EV/Sales	7.6	3.4	2.5
EV/EBITDA	28.5	18.5	14.1
Div Yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

## STOCK OVERVIEW



COMPANY DATA	As of 30 Jun 2019
Liquid Assets	€ 26.25m
Current Assets	€ 49.76m
Intangible Assets	€ 226.70m
Total Assets	€ 245.48m
Current Liabilities	€ 56.42m
Shareholders' Equity	€ 123.73m

## SHAREHOLDERS

Bodhivas GmbH	62.4%
Free Float	37.6%

Too early to call the impact on operations Although user activity outpaces our assumptions for Q2/20, we leave our forecasts unchanged for now. We suspect some of this uptick could soon go into reverse. We can imagine a scenario in a post-pandemic world whereby socially starved people will spend far less time with their gaming consoles and more time outside reconnecting with society. Our forecasts call for 40% Y/Y topline growth with sales topping €100m and EBITDA hitting €17.5m in2020.

MGI is a sound investment in a volatile market Amid the current chaos one thing is clear: video-gaming is riding the crest of the covid-19 wave. MGI is benefiting from these impulses and the company has the financial clout to capitalise on M&A opportunities. The MGI share price has proven resilient during the bear market, and we think investors have an excellent opportunity to build positions at current levels. Our rating is Buy with a €2.8 price target.

## **VALUATION MODEL**

After-tax cost of debt

Share of equity capital

Share of debt capital

All figures in EUR '000			2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E	2023E	2024E	2025E	2026E
Revenue			71,766	100,473	135,638	176,330	211,595	243,335	267,668	281,052
NOPLAT			1,613	5,736	7,810	13,142	17,483	21,742	25,234	29,215
(+) depreciation & amortisation			10,908	9,043	11,801	15,341	18,409	21,170	20,610	21,641
Net operating cash flow			12,522	14,778	19,611	28,483	35,892	42,912	45,844	50,856
(-) Investments			-28,864	-9,264	-12,506	-16,258	-19,509	-22,435	-22,002	-23,102
(-) Working capital			-2,300	-2,546	-3,289	-4,972	-4,193	-3,891	-2,383	-2,350
Free cash flows (FCF)			-18,643	2,968	3,815	7,253	12,189	16,585	21,459	25,403
PV of FCF's			-18,643	2,782	3,262	5,658	8,675	10,768	12,711	13,728
						Terminal EB	IT margin			
All figures in thousands				17.2%	19.2%	21.2%	23.2%	25.2%	27.2%	29.2%
PV of FCFs in explicit period	105,245		6.6%	3.81	4.51	5.21	5.91	6.61	7.31	8.01
PV of FCFs in terminal period	219,325	ပ္ပ	7.6%	2.94	3.47	4.00	4.53	5.06	5.59	6.12
Enterprise value (EV)	324,570	WAC	8.6%	2.32	2.73	3.15	3.56	3.97	4.38	4.80
(+) Net cash / (-) net debt (pro-forma)	-68,346	>	9.6%	1.85	2.18	2.51	2.83	3.16	3.49	3.82
(-) Non-controlling interests	-6,167		10.6%	1.48	1.75	2.01	2.28	2.54	2.81	3.07
Shareholder value	250,057		11.6%	1.19	1.41	1.63	1.84	2.06	2.28	2.49
Fair value per share (€)	2.80		12.6%	0.95	1.13	1.31	1.49	1.67	1.85	2.03
						Terminal gr	owth rate			
				0.0%	0.5%	1.0%	1.5%	2.0%	2.5%	3.0%
Cost of equity	11.0%		6.6%	4.67	5.02	5.42	5.91	6.51	7.24	8.19
Pre-tax cost of debt	6.0%	ပ	7.6%	3.71	3.95	4.22	4.53	4.91	5.35	5.89
Tax rate	32.5%	ACC	8.6%	2.99	3.15	3.34	3.56	3.81	4.10	4.44

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<sup>20.0%</sup> Please note our model runs through 2030 and we have only shown the abbreviated

## **INCOME STATEMENT**

All figures in EUR '000	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E
Revenues	n.a.	32,621	71,766	100,473	135,638	176,330
Capitalised work	n.a.	2,791	3,658	3,841	4,033	4,235
Total output	n.a.	35,412	75,424	104,314	139,671	180,564
Cost of goods sold	n.a.	-12,699	-22,965	-32,151	-43,404	-54,662
Gross profit	n.a.	22,713	52,459	72,162	96,267	125,902
Personnel expenses	n.a.	-10,438	-21,530	-29,137	-37,979	-47,609
Other OpEx	n.a.	-10,135	-23,180	-31,147	-40,691	-49,372
Other operating income	n.a.	6,506	5,550	5,661	5,774	5,890
EBITDA	n.a.	8,646	13,299	17,540	23,371	34,810
Depreciation & amortisation	n.a.	-6,318	-10,908	-9,043	-11,801	-15,341
Operating income (EBIT)	n.a.	2,328	2,390	8,497	11,570	19,470
Net financial result	n.a.	-1,641	-3,516	-4,870	-5,045	-3,909
Pre-tax income (EBT)	n.a.	687	-1,126	3,627	6,525	15,561
Income taxes	n.a.	895	366	-1,179	-2,121	-5,057
Net income	n.a.	1,582	-760	2,448	4,405	10,504
Discontinued operations	n.a.	3,673	0	0	0	0
Consolidated profit	n.a.	5,255	-760	2,448	4,405	10,504
Minority interests	n.a.	-932	360	-49	-88	-210
Net income to owners	n.a.	4,323	-400	2,399	4,316	10,294
Diluted EPS (in €)	n.a.	0.09	-0.01	0.03	0.05	0.12
Ratios						
Gross margin on revenues	n.a.	61.1%	68.0%	68.0%	68.0%	69.0%
EBITDA margin on revenues	n.a.	26.5%	18.5%	17.5%	17.2%	19.7%
EBIT margin on revenues	n.a.	7.1%	3.3%	8.5%	8.5%	11.0%
Net margin on revenues	n.a.	13.3%	-0.6%	2.4%	3.2%	5.8%
Tax rate	n.a.	-130.3%	32.5%	32.5%	32.5%	32.5%
Expenses as % of revenues						
Personnel expenses	n.a.	32.0%	30.0%	29.0%	28.0%	27.0%
Other OpEx	n.a.	31.1%	32.3%	31.0%	30.0%	28.0%
Depreciation & amortisation	n.a.	19.4%	15.2%	9.0%	8.7%	8.7%
Y-Y Growth						
Revenues	n.a.	n.a	120.0%	40.0%	35.0%	30.0%
Operating income	n.a.	n.a	2.7%	255.5%	36.2%	68.3%
Net income/ loss	n.a.	n.a	n.m.	n.m.	79.9%	138.5%

<sup>\* 2017</sup> reporting reflects discontinued operations

## **BALANCE SHEET**

All figures in EUR '000	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E
Assets						
Current assets, total	n.a.	16,250	45,663	43,167	54,533	58,900
Cash and equivalents	n.a.	4,447	24,035	12,888	13,656	5,759
Trade receivables	n.a.	11,803	21,628	30,279	40,877	53,140
Propeties held for sale	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0
Other ST assets	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0
Non-current assets, total	n.a.	220,043	238,126	238,477	239,314	240,366
Property, plant & equipment	n.a.	4,189	4,203	4,223	4,251	4,286
Intangible assets	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0
Shares in affiliates	n.a.	210,495	228,564	228,894	229,705	230,721
Long-term loans to investees	n.a.	5,359	5,359	5,359	5,359	5,359
Other non-current assets	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0
Total assets	n.a.	236,293	283,789	281,644	293,847	299,266
Shareholders' equity & debt						
Liabilities, total	n.a.	24,358	32,067	38,360	45,859	53,345
Trade payables	n.a.	9,162	16,687	22,792	30,101	37,392
Short-term liabilities	n.a.	333	348	363	379	396
Financial debt	n.a.	3,556	3,556	3,556	3,556	3,556
Provisions	n.a.	6,671	6,771	6,873	6,976	7,080
Other current liabilities	n.a.	4,636	4,706	4,776	4,848	4,920
	n.a.					
Provisions, total	n.a.	53,395	82,345	92,639	92,939	80,369
Long-term debt	n.a.	14,100	14,100	24,100	24,100	54,100
Bonds	n.a.	24,877	53,539	53,539	53,539	10,662
Deferred tax liabilities	n.a.	14,418	14,706	15,000	15,300	15,607
Shareholders' equity	n.a.	158,540	169,376	150,644	155,049	165,552
Total consolidated equity and debt	n.a.	236,293	283,789	281,644	293,847	299,266
Ratios						
Current ratio (x)	n.a.	0.7	1.4	1.1	1.2	1.1
Net debt	n.a.	38,125	47,199	68,346	67,578	62,598
Net gearing	n.a.	24%	28%	45%	44%	38%
Equity ratio	n.a.	67%	60%	53%	53%	55%
Return on equity (ROE)	n.a.	1.0%	-0.4%	1.6%	2.8%	6.3%
Capital employed (CE)	n.a.	211,935	251,721	243,284	247,988	245,921
Return on capital employed (ROCE)	n.a.	1%	1%	3%	5%	8%

<sup>\* 2017</sup> reporting reflects discontinued operations

## **CASH FLOW STATEMENT**

All figures in EUR '000	2017	2018	2019E	2020E	2021E	2022E
Pre-tax income	n.a.	5,255	-760	2,448	4,405	10,504
Depreciation and amortisation	n.a.	6,318	10,908	9,043	11,801	15,341
Change in trade rec & other assets	n.a.	-8,083	-9,952	-8,781	-10,730	-12,398
Change in payable & other liabilities	n.a.	14,501	7,998	6,587	7,799	7,791
Results from sale of subsidaries	n.a.	-5,645	0	0	0	0
Other non-cash adjustments	n.a.	-6,150	0	0	0	0
Net interest expense	n.a.	1,641	3,516	4,870	5,045	3,909
Tax result	n.a.	-895	-366	1,179	2,121	5,057
Operating cash flow	n.a.	6,942	11,344	15,346	20,440	30,204
Tax expense	n.a.	0	366	-1,179	-2,121	-5,057
Interest income	n.a.	1	0	0	0	0
Net operating cash flow	n.a.	6,943	11,710	14,167	18,320	25,146
CapEx	n.a.	-8,251	-158	-41,421	-298	-388
Investment in intangible assets	n.a.	-3,919	-28,706	-9,043	-12,207	-15,870
Change in financial assets	n.a.	0	0	0	0	0
Other adjustments	n.a.	-1,943	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from investing	n.a.	-14,113	-28,864	-50,464	-12,506	-16,258
Free cash flow (FCF)	n.a.	-7,170	-17,154	-36,297	5,814	8,889
Equity inflow, net	n.a.	3,792	11,596	20,020	0	0
Debt inflow, net	n.a.	-15,992	0	10,000	0	30,000
Corporate debt	n.a.	25,800	28,662	0	0	-42,877
Interest paid	n.a.	-2,014	-3,516	-4,870	-5,045	-3,909
Other adjustments	n.a.	-489	0	0	0	0
Cash flow from financing	n.a.	11,097	36,742	25,150	-5,045	-16,786
Net cash flows	n.a.	3,927	19,588	-11,147	769	-7,897
Fx adjustements	n.a.	114	0	0	0	0
Cash, start of the year	n.a.	406	4,447	24,035	12,888	13,656
Cash, end of the year	n.a.	4,447	24,035	12,888	13,656	5,759
EBITDA/share (in €)	n.a.	0.18	0.20	0.20	0.26	0.39
Y-Y Growth						
Operating cash flow	n.a.	n.m.	68.7%	21.0%	29.3%	37.3%
Free cash flow	n.a.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	n.m.	52.9%
EBITDA/share	n.a.	n.m.	14.0%	0.9%	29.8%	48.9%

<sup>\* 2017</sup> reporting reflects discontinued operations



### FIRST BERLIN RECOMMENDATION & PRICE TARGET HISTORY

Report No.:	Date of publication	Previous day closing price	Recommendation	Price target
Initial Report	7 November 2019	€1.23	Buy	€2.10
2	18 December 2019	€1.13	Buy	€2.10
3	21 February 2020	€1.23	Buy	€2.80
4	4 March 2020	€1.16	Buy	€2.80
5	Today	€1.15	Buy	€2.80

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#### PRICE TARGET DATES

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First Berlin's system for asset valuation is divided into an asset recommendation and a risk assessment.

#### ASSET RECOMMENDATION

The recommendations determined in accordance with the share price trend anticipated by First Berlin in the respectively indicated investment period are as follows:

Category		1	2
Current market	capitalisation (in €)	0 - 2 billion	> 2 billion
Strong Buy <sup>1</sup>	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 50%	> 30%
Buy	An expected favourable price trend of:	> 25%	> 15%
Add	An expected favourable price trend of:	0% to 25%	0% to 15%
Reduce	An expected negative price trend of:	0% to -15%	0% to -10%
Sell	An expected negative price trend of:	< -15%	< -10%

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The expected price trend is in combination with sizable confidence in the quality and forecast security of management.

Our recommendation system places each company into one of two market capitalisation categories. Category 1 companies have a market capitalisation of  $\le 0 - \le 2$  billion, and Category 2 companies have a market capitalisation of  $> \le 2$  billion. The expected return thresholds underlying our recommendation system are lower for Category 2 companies than for Category 1 companies. This reflects the generally lower level of risk associated with higher market capitalisation companies.

#### RISK ASSESSMENT

The First Berlin categories for risk assessment are low, average, high and speculative. They are determined by ten factors: Corporate governance, quality of earnings, management strength, balance sheet and financial risk, competitive position, standard of financial disclosure, regulatory and political uncertainty, strength of brandname, market capitalisation and free float. These risk factors are incorporated into the First Berlin valuation models and are thus included in the target prices. First Berlin customers may request the models.

### **INVESTMENT HORIZON**

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