

# EQUITY - SPAIN Sector: Real Estate

12m Results 2022

**Opinion**<sup>(1)</sup>: In line **Impact**<sup>(1)</sup>: We will maintain our estimates Closing price: EUR 7.00 (23 Feb 2023) Report date: 24 Feb 2023 (13:00h) 12m Results 2022 Independent Equity Research

Cevasa

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# **Business description**

Compañía Española de Viviendas en Alquiler, Cevasa (CEV), Cevasa specialises in the development of buildings for long-term renting, mainly in the residential segment in Catalonia, principally in the city of Barcelona and its metropolitan area (where it is the main private property owner).

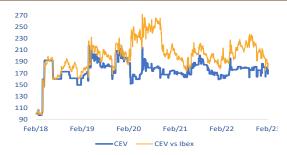
#### **Market Data**

Market Cap (Mn EUR and USD)	162.8	172.5	
EV (Mn EUR and USD) <sup>(2)</sup>	330.3	350.0	
Shares Outstanding (Mn)	23.3		
-12m (Max/Med/Mín EUR)	7.82 / 7.0	2 / 6.45	
Daily Avg volume (-12m Mn EUR)	n.m.		
Rotation <sup>(3)</sup>	0.5		
Factset / Bloomberg	CEV-ES /	CEV SM	
Close fiscal year	31-Dec		

## Shareholders Structure (%)

Shareholders Structure (76)		
Vaqué-Boix family	61.7	
Banco Santander	24.1	
Manuel Valiente	6.9	
Others	2.3	
Free Float	4.9	

### Relative performance (Base 100)



#### Stock performance (%)

	-1m	-3m	-12m	-5Y
Absolute	-2.8	-3.4	5.3	75.2
vs Ibex 35	-5.8	-12.9	-3.7	86.4
vs Ibex Small Cap Index	-5.5	-16.0	0.1	42.9
vs Eurostoxx 50	-5.2	-10.5	-1.7	41.6
vs Sector benchmark <sup>(4)</sup>	0.5	-7.0	47.9	135.6

(1) The opinion regarding the results is on reported EBITDA with respect to our estimate for the year (12m). The impact reflects whether, due to the results, we envisage a significant revision (>5% - 10%, depending on the sector) of our EBITDA estimate (for any of the estimated years).

(2) Please refer to Appendix 2.

(3) Rotation is the % of the capitalisation traded - 12m.

(4) vs Stoxx Europe 600 Real State.

2022 results in line. Demonstrating, at least for now, resilience in NAV (+13% vs 21)

**RENTAL REVENUE: EUR 18.2MN (+6.1% VS 2021)...** Rental prices are at all-time highs due to a lack of supply in the principal cities. In 2022 CEV's rental revenue was EUR 18.2Mn (+6.1% vs 2021; fully in line with estimates). This growth is mainly explained by: i) the renegotiation of leases, ii) the coming on stream of the new Cornellà development (from September 2021; excluding the impact of this, LFL growth in residential rental revenue would have been 5.3%) and iii) a slight increase in the occupancy rate to 95.8% (vs 94.8% in 2021; full occupancy in housing: 99.3% vs 97.6% in 2021).

...MAINTAINING HIGH MARGINS (REC. EBITDA MARGIN 66%). The current inflationary scenario, plus the increase in the workforce (personnel costs +11.5%) due to the development of new businesses that do not yet contribute to the P/L, inevitably squeezes margins (-3p.p. in EBITDA margin). Despite this, CEV ended 2022 with Rec. EBITDA of EUR 13.4Mn (+1% vs 2021). The Rec. EBITDA margin was 65.6% (in line with the most efficient operators in the sector). EPRA Net Initial Yield of 3.3%.

**FOR THE FIRST TIME THE DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS HAS DRIVEN REVENUE**, with the execution of the title deeds on a development of 48 homes in Sabadell, with revenue of EUR 13.9Mn and a high margin (c. 30%) that contributed gross profit of EUR 4.3Mn to 2022 results. Also, in 2022, construction began on land on the balance sheet of a development for sale in L'Hospitalet (Barcelona) comprising 76 homes that we estimate will contribute a margin of c. EUR 4Mn in 2025e.

ALLOWING A SIGNIFICANT REDUCTION IN LEVERAGE (THAT REMAINS AT VERY CONSERVATIVE LEVELS). LTV 11%. High capacity for cash generation has resulted in a significant reduction of net debt, that ended 2022 at EUR 58.2Mn (-27%). This implies an LTV of 10.8% (vs 15% in 2021) compared to an average of c. 40% for the main REITs listed on the Spanish stock market.

WE MAINTAIN OUR ESTIMATES IN THE LIGHT OF RESULTS THAT ARE IN LINE: VISIBILITY IS VERY SIGNIFICANT UNTIL 2024E... Given the defensive profile of the company's rental assets (mainly in the residential segment in Catalonia, where it is the principal private property owner), visibility in revenue and margins is very significant for the period 2023e-2024e. This leads us to maintain our estimates that basically envisage the continuation of the performance seen -5y (low single-digit organic growth) with 2024e revenue of EUR 22Mn and Rec. EBITDA of EUR 15Mn (+4% and +6% CAGR 22-24e, respectively) while waiting for the investment made in new developments (with the ability to deliver 50-100 homes/year from 2025e) and its participation in HMB (with c. 4,500 rental homes) to bear fruit.

...TRADING AT A 63% DISCOUNT TO ITS ASSET VALUATION (NAV €18.8/SHARE AT DECEMBER 2022). All the above (exposure to housing, high percentage of investment in state-sponsored housing, geographically concentrated asset portfolio, very low gearing) are factors that make CEV a unique option for investing in the Spanish residential segment offering very significant visibility (in sales and margins) and so a low risk of estimate downgrades. There is also an additional ingredient: the resilience shown, at least for now, in terms of NAV (EPRA NTA per share: €18.8; +13% vs 2021), that has increased the discount to the NAV to 63%.

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# Appendix 1. Results table

	12m22		12m22 Real	:	12m22 Real
EUR Mn	Real	12m21 vs 12m21		2022e vs 202	
Total Ingresos	20,4	19,4	5,2%	20,4	0,1%
EBITDA (Recurrente)	13,4	13,3	0,9%	13,1	2,4%
EBITDA Rec. / Ingresos	65,6%	68,3%	-2,8 p.p.	64,1%	1,4 p.p.
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	17,6	13,3	32,4%	17,3	1,8%
EBITDA / Ingresos	86,0%	68,4%	17,7 p.p.	84,6%	1,4 p.p.
EBIT	33,1	32,0	3,2%	33,1	0,0%
BAI	37,6	30,5	23,2%	37,5	0,4%
BN	28,7	24,5	17,1%	28,1	2,4%
BN ordinario	9,4	9,3	0,6%	8,0	17,8%
Deuda Neta	58,2	80,4	-27,6%	63,0	-7,6%
LTV	10.8%	15.2%	-4.4 p.p.	13.8%	-3.0 p.p.

LTV 10,8% 15,2% -4,4 p.p. 13,8% -3,0 p.p. (1) EBITDA including gross profit of EUR 4.2Mn generated by the development business in 2022 (EUR 18.2Mn of revenue and EUR 9.7Mn of cost of sales).

# Appendix 2. EV breakdown at the date of this report

	EUR Mn	Source
Market Cap	162.8	
+ Minority Interests	12.8	12m Results 2022
+ Provisions & Other L/T Liabilities	85.3	12m Results 2022
+ Net financial debt	59.0	12m Results 2022
<ul> <li>Financial Investments</li> <li>+/- Others</li> </ul>	(10.4)	12m Results 2022
Enterprise Value (EV)	330.3	



# Table 1. EPRA performance measures

EPRA Cost Ratio (excl. Direct vacancy costs)

A 31 de Diciembre	20	20	2021	
A 51 de Diciembre	Miles Euros	Euros por acción	Miles Euros	Euros por
EPRA Net Reinstatement Value (EPRA NRV)	496.124	21,43	457.946	
EPRA Net Tangible Asset (EPRA NTA)	436.282	18,84	385.346	
EPRA Net Disposal Value (EPRA NDV)	413.303	17,85	378.206	
A 21 do Diciombro	2022	2021		
A 31 de Diciembre	2022	2021		
	Miles Euros	Miles Euros		
EPRA Net Initial Yield	3,32%	3,27%		
EPRA 'topped up' Net Initial Yield	3,32%	3,27%		
EPRA Vacancy Rate	4,38%	4,59%		
EPRA Cost Ratio (incl.direct vacancy costs)	35,68%	35,06%		

35,15%

34,32%

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