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DEA CAPITAL

OUTPERFORM 1.47

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Increasingly Focusing on Alternative Asset Management

- Increasing focus on development of alternative asset management platform. DeA Capital reported double-digit AuM growth to €11.7bn at YE17, of which €9.5bn in real estate (up 10% YoY) and €2.2bn in alternative funds (up 13% YoY). The company continued to step up efforts to strengthen its presence in promising market segments where it can lever on a clear competitive edge, such as the private debt / nonperforming loans market, completing the launch of a second fund dedicated to investing in the debt of companies with liquidity issues and starting to partner large investors in this segment, such as Apollo. FY17 also marked a further milestone in the move to reduce exposure to direct investments with the sale of Sigla, a deal consistent with the strategic focus on investments that support the successful development of alternative asset management initiatives. In conclusion, DeA Capital is emerging as a key point of reference in the real estate segment, as it is by far the largest player in the real estate fund management industry and has developed unique experience in structuring complex deals involving major trophy assets in the main Italian markets of Milan and Rome. Finally, DeA Capital is becoming an important player in the nonperforming loans sector, in which it is taking a distinctive approach.
- FY17 results hit by write-downs. FY17 NAV was flat YoY at €1.91ps (or €489mn) as results were negatively affected by the write-down of real estate platform goodwill, which had a negative impact of €22mn at bottom line: the net reported loss in FY17 was €11.7mn, but adjusted for one-off charges the result was positive at around €10mn. The net financial position at holding company level increased to €92.3mn thanks to disposal activity throughout the year. Treasury shares reached 17.17% of the capital at YE17, and the company has a mandate to increase this stake to 20% in the future.
- A much simpler company to play Italian alternative asset management segment: OUTPERFORM; target €1.65 confirmed. The company is on course to complete its transformation from a diversified holding with sizable direct investments into a company that is increasingly exposed to alternative asset management. Its distinctive skill in structuring complex deals in credit recovery, real estate and club deals places DeA at the heart of this business in Italy, acting as the interface between institutional investors, Italian corporate entities and banks. We believe this positioning will allow DeA to benefit from opportunities on the Italian market, while the company may consider the possibility of growing in other European countries. The company is trading at a discount of around 20% to NAV, but we think investors will increasingly look at DeA on the basis of its operating activity and less as a holding group. Considering the hefty dividend yield - above 8% at current stock price - the buyback plan and the expected increase in DeA NAV we expect an appealing total return for investors. This should allow for a better assessment of its value. We confirm our OUTPERFORM rating; target €1.65ps.

Key Figures	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017A	2018E
Net profit (Eu mn)	-58	41	12	-12	14
EPS - New (Eu)	-0,023	0,029	0,065	0,040	0,054
DPS (Eu)	0,300	0,124	0,120	0,120	0,118
NAVPS (Eu)	2,498	1,871	1,912	1,806	1,806
Ratios & Multiples	2014A	2015A	2016A	2017A	2018E
P/E	nm	51,3	22,7	36,7	27,1
Div. Yield	20,4%	8,5%	8,2%	8,2%	8,0%
P/NAVPS	0,6	0.8	0,8	0,8	0,8

DEA CAPITAL - 12m Performance



RATING: Unchanged TARGET PRICE (Eu): Unchanged Change in EPS est:

STOCK DATA

Reuters code: Bloomberg code	:		DEA.MI DEA IM
Performance Absolute Relative 12 months H/L:	1m 6,7% 8,0%		12m 7,0% -2,1% 50/1.20
SHAREHOLDER DA No. of Ord. share: Total No. of share Mkt Cap Ord (Eu Total Mkt Cap (Eu Mkt Float - ord (Eu Mkt Float (in %): Main shareholder De Agostini	s (mn): s (mn): mn): u mn): u mn):		307 307 451 451 111 24,5% 58,3%
BALANCE SHEET D Book value (Eu m BVPS (Eu): P/BV: Net Debt (#BadK NAV (Eu mn)	n):	mn):	2018 470 1,53 1,0 -92 466

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Alternative Asset Management

Dea Capital Alternative Funds SGR

The company is active in manging private equity funds, i.e. fund of funds, coinvestment funds and thematic funds. The company is currently managing 10 private equity closed ended funds as shown in the table below.

DeA Capital Alternative Funds SGR

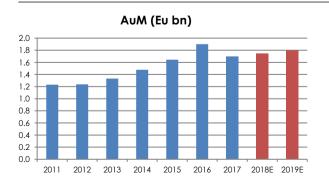
	Fund	Description	Vintage	Commitmen
	IDeA FoF I		2007	681
	ICF II	Italian closed end funds of private equity funds with a	2009	281
Multi	IDeA Global Growth	global focus	2013	55
Manager	ICF III		2014	67
	Total Multi Manager			1084
	Fund	Description	Vintage	Commitmer
	IDeA OF I		2008	217
Character.	IDeA EESS	Thematic Italian Closed end funds	2011	100
Single	IDeA Taste of Italy		2014	218
Manager	Inv. Ass. IV		2004	56
	Total Single Manager			591
	Fund	Description	Vintage	Commitmer
Credit Funds	Corporate Credit Recovery I	Italian Closed end funds investing in NPL from mid- sized italian companies and in Debtor-in-possession	2016	263
	Corporate Credit Recovery II	proceedings	2017	280
	Total Single Manager			543
	Total AuM			2218

Total AuM reached €2.2bn at YE'17 up 13% YoY thanks to the launch of IDeA CCR II. Commissions were down YoY to €18.4mn as a consequence of previous year positive impact coming from closing of IDeA Tol.

We expect the segment to continue to expand in the coming quarters as the company should be able to attract new investors and to fully benefit from the recent establishment of some funds such as the mentioned IDeA CCR II after the previous funds IDeA CCR I experienced a faster than expected success in terms of investment of the proceeds. We expect this segment to tap the opportunities offered by an improving sentiment towards Italian economy and especially in the hot segment of NPLs as banks are planning to accelerate disposals to align to regulators requirements and in the context of a more favourable outlook for collateral values as real estate markets are improving.

We think the experience in credit funds is a unique feature of the company and the strong relationships with both Italian retail banks from one side and international institutional investors will represent a key success driver for the company is this promising sector. In aggregate the credit funding business exceeds €0.5bn and we expect will contribute to revenues and operating margin contribution in this segment in the coming years. In terms of estimates, we expect a flattish trend in 2018 with an acceleration expected to materialize from 2019 onwards.

Dea Capital Alternative Funds SGR – AuM & Operating Trends



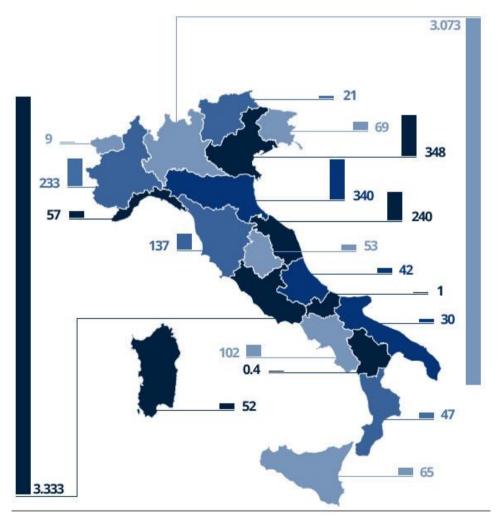


Source: Intermonte estimates and company data

By far the largest Italian real estate asset management company, DeA Capital RE SGR manages 43 funds of which 4 listed. Established in October 2011, as a result of the merger between two of the main players of the Italian market, FIMIT SGR and FARE SGR, the company is one of the European top players with €9.5bn of assets under management. DeA Capital Real Estate SGR has a wide spectrum of investors and is the privileged partner of the most important Italian pension funds: it has approximately 80 institutional investors. The presence of institutional partners in the shareholding base represents an important support in the development of new products, allowing DeA Capital Real Estate SGR to be positioned as a privileged counterparty for Italian and international institutional investors in the promotion, creation and management of real estate investment funds.

Last year the company has launched six new funds and the phase 2 of the 'Trophy Value Added' fund with total gross inflows of €1.3bn bringing total AuM to €9.5bn. The company has been involved in some of the most relevant real estate portfolios requalification in Italy such as the Scarpellini property assets in Rome and some iconic properties in Milan such as the Edison headquarters and Broggi Palace.

The company is mostly invested in Italian real estate properties with a significant exposure to the core markets of Milan and Rome as shown by the geographical breakdown below.



DeA Capital Real Estate SGR- Real Estate Geographical Breakdown



Source: DeA Capital Real Estate SGR

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The sector is experience a significant margin pressure triggered by competitive pressure and exacerbated by the prolonged downturn in real estate market in Italy. Revenues were slightly up YoY at €41.4mn and operating profit was flat at €15.5mn as a consequence of the mentioned margin pressure (Ebitda margin at 37.4% down 127bps compared to previous year)

The margin pressure was the main reason for the partial write-down of goodwill that negatively hit FY'17 results for overall \leq 34.2mn. In addition, the SGR also booked \leq 7mn write-down of other equity assets. These items were bringing FY'17 results in the red to a net loss of \leq 32mn. Adjusting results for the negative one-offs the company would have closed the year with much higher profit that we estimate in the region of \leq 9mn compared to FY16 \leq 5.4mn.

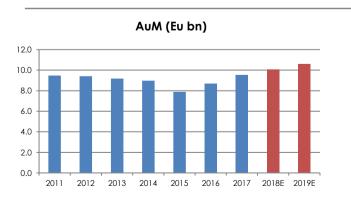
Our estimates are pointing to single digit increase in revenues and Ebitda for 2018. Margin pressure is unlikely to fade but we think that the requalification of the funds portfolio towards more sophisticated and complex products will limit the negative impact of competitive pressure on margins. In this respect, the company launched in 2018 a €200mn fund – Special Opportunities I – devoted to investing into secured non-performing loans. DeA invested €20mn in the fund while the international investor Apollo invested €180mn. We cannot exclude this to be the first of other initiatives in the segment given the expectations in terms of NPLs market evolution in Italy in coming quarters.

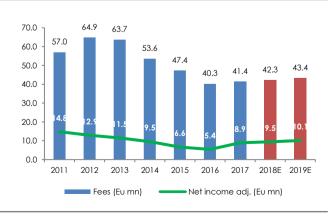
Dea Capital Real Estate SGR Selected Funds Description

Fund	Description	Vintage	AuM	Maturity
Ippocrate	Closed end real estate investment fund that holds real estate assets mainly for office and retail use - The fund focuses its investments in Milan and Rome	March 2007	2070	2027
Atlantic	Closed end listed real estate fund, real estate assets from ENI, Telecom Italia and GS Carrefour.	May 2006	582	2019
Rho Plus	Closed end real estate investment fund that holds real estate assets mainly for office use focused on Lombardia and Lazio	Dec 2011	493	2026
Omega	Closed end real estate fund, real estate assets from Intesa San Paolo, mainly used for management and branch purposes (420k sqm)	Dec 2008	489	2023
Omicron	Closed end real estate fund, real estate assets from Unicredit, 251 properties including high quality offices and bank branches (400k sqm)	Dec 2008	421	2023
Yielding	Closed end real estate fund, real estate assets from Intesa, 26 properties including offices and bank branches	Dec 2016	500	2036
Other			4945	
Total AuM			9500	

source: Intermonte on cmpany data

Dea Capital Real Estate SGR – AuM & Operating Trends





Source: Intermonte estimates and company data

DeA continued in 2018 the phase of asset disposal with the exit from Sigla and the residual stake in Migros Turkey that we cannot exclude could be subject to disposal in the future. The other investments are mostly linked to minority stakes in FoF and other funds in which DeA has a role in its Alternative Asset Management platform. The strategy here is clearly focusing on smaller club deals / co-investments that will contribute to further boost the AM platform revenues.

In 2017, DeA completed minority investments in two SPAC vehicles, Crescita and and IDeaMI. The former has already approved the combination with an industrial company operating in the consumer electronics segment called Cellular Line.

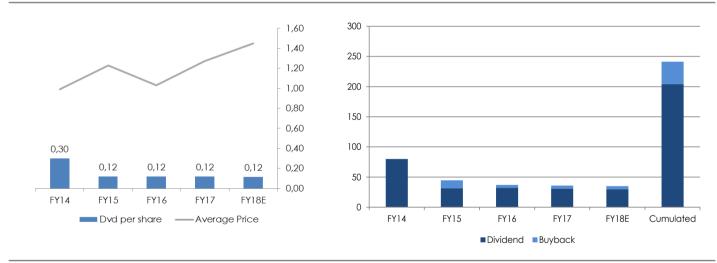
A significant part of NAV consists on FoFs which are expected to become cash in the next few years allowing to accelerate the investment portfolio repositioning and increasing visibility on cash to sustain cash repatriation through dividends and shares buybacks as well as allowing the mentioned strategy to sponsor new initiatives for the AAM business the average size expected not to exceed €25-35mn.

Capital Management

DeA closed FY'17 with net cash at holding level equal to \notin 92.3mn (19% of NAV) and up significantly from YE'16 \notin 48.5mn. Net cash mostly benefited from proceeds of assets disposals. Despite the FY'17 net loss due to the goodwill realignment, DeA proposed the payment of \notin 12c dividend and the outlook remains favourable to expect the generous dividend policy to continue in future years as well.

Moreover, the BoD will propose to AGM the renewal of the plan for purchase of treasury shares up the regulatory limit of 20% of the outstanding capital. DeA already owns 17.17% of its own capital. The AGM will take place on April 20, 2018.





Source: Intermonte SIM estimates

Alternative Asset Management Platforms Valuation: 39% of NAV

We approached the valuation of AAM platform by using average sector market multiples. We moved our selection of peers group from traditional asset managers' panel towards a more qualified selection of alternative asset managers that present much more compelling business models to the one of DeA. It is also worth to remind that some competitors are much bigger and diversified than DeA and with higher margins for this reason we are not expecting DeA to close the gap in terms of price to book vs this peer group. The new peer group includes Intermediate Capital Group PLC, Tikehau Capital SA, 3i Group PLC, and Partners Group Holding AG.

		2017	2018 E
AuM	Eu mn	2.200	2.376
Peers P/AUM	х	1,5%	1,4%
Idea CF valuation	Eu mn	33,0	33,3
DeA Capital stake	%	100,0%	100,0%
DeA Capital stake	Eu mn	33,0	33,3
Peers PE	х	14,8x	12,7x
Net income	Eu mn	3,1	3,3
Idea CF valuation	Eu mn	46	42
DeA Capital stake	%	100,0%	100,0%
DeA Capital stake	Eu mn	46,0	42,0
Average Valuation	Eu mn	39,5	37,6

Dea Capital Alternative Asset Management SGR

Source: Inter monte SIM

Dea Capital Real Estate SGR

		2018E	2019 E
AuM	Eu mn	10.070	10.574
Peers P/AUM	х	1,1%	1,0%
Dea RE SGR valuation	Eu mn	110,8	105,7
DeA Capital stake	%	64,3%	64,3%
DeA Capital stake	Eu mn	71,2	68,0
Peers PE	х	13,0x	11,8x
Net income (adj. PPA)	Eu mn	9,5	10,1
Dea RE SGR valuation	Eu mn	123	119
DeA Capital stake	%	64,3%	64,3%
DeA Capital stake	Eu mn	79,1	76,7
DeA Capital stake average valuation	Eu mn	75,1	72,3
Investment in funds	Eu mn	50,0	50,0
Discount		-30%	-30%
Estimated value		35,0	35,0
DeA RE SGR	Eu mn	110,1	107,3

Source: Inter monte SIM

Dea Capital AAM Business - Multiple Comparison

Stock	Price	Ссу	Mkt cap	EV/Ebitda 2017	EV/Ebitda 2018	P/E 2018	P/E 2019	Div Yield 2017	Div Yield 2018
Alternative Asset Managers				2017	2018				
Tikehau Capital SCA	25	Euro	2.589	na	na	30,09	27,73	0,0%	0,0%
Intermediate Capital Group plc	10	GBP	2.884	26,3	21,3	15,21	13,85	3,3%	3,6%
3i Group plc	9	GBP	8.380	6,4	7.6	7,87	6.99	3,2%	3,2%
Partners Group Holding AG	712	CH	18.997	20,9	22,7	26,55	24,34	2,8%	3,1%
Traditional Asset Managers								_,	-/
Aberdeen Asset Management PLC		GBP							
Azimut Holding Spa	17,6	EU	2.520	7,9	8,9	12,6	11,7	6,5%	7,0%
Janus Henderson Group PLC Registe	42,7	GBP	8.574	10,2	7,9	11,8	11,1	4,2%	4,7%
Rathbone Brothers Plc	24,8	GBP	1.270	5,9	4,4	17,6	15,9	2,6%	2,8%
Schroders PLC	32,2	GBP	8.562	9,5	8,1	14,4	13,7	3,5%	3,7%
Blackstone Group L.P.	31,7	USD	20.924	6,9	6,7	10,4	9,9	7,5%	8,2%
Man Group Plc	1,7	GBP	2.776	11,7	9,4	12,9	10,9	4,9%	5,4%
Partners Group Holding AG	711,5	СН	18.997	20,9	22,7	26,6	24,3	2,8%	3,1%
Ashmore Group plc	3,8	GBP	2.665	14,5	12,5	17,9	16,3	4,5%	4,6%
Median Alternative and Traditional A	M			10,2	8,9	14,8	12,7	4,3%	4,6%

Stock	Price	Ccy	Mkt cap	EV/Ebitda 2017	EV/Ebitda 2018	P/E 2018	P/E 2019	Div Yield 2017	Div Yield 2018
RE service Co									
Sav ills plc	9,8	GBP	1.384	8,9	8,4	13,4	12,7	3,2%	3,3%
CBRE Group, Inc. Class A	46	СН	15.553	9,8	9,4	15,1	14,1	0,0%	0,0%
Average RE Services				9,3	8,9	14,3	13,4	1,6%	1,7%

Source: Factset consensus estimates for peer group

Dea Capital AAM Business - Peer Group - Absolute Performances

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Stock	Price	Ccy	Mkt cap	1M	3M	6M	YTD	1Y	2Y
DeA Capital S.p.A.	1,48	Euro	454	7,2%	9,3%	8,0%	9,7%	7,6%	40,9%
Alternative Asset Managers									
Tikehau Capital SCA	25,0	Euro	2.579	4,6%	13,4%	13,2%	13,9%	0,4%	na
Intermediate Capital Group plc	10,0	GBP	2.906	-4,7%	-11,6%	13,8%	-12,7%	40,5%	64,7%
3i Group plc	8,6	GBP	8.355	-8,3%	-4,7%	-6,3%	-6,0%	19,5%	87,4%
Partners Group Holding AG	712,5	CHF	19.024	3,5%	6,9%	8,4%	6,7%	32,2%	81,1%
Traditional Asset Managers									
Azimut Holding Spa	17,6	EU	2.523	-2,0%	10,6%	-3,3%	10,3%	10,1%	-4,3%
Janus Henderson Group PLC Registe	42,1	GBP	8.450	-6,0%	-15,7%	-0,3%	-14,5%	14,3%	-13,4%
Rathbone Brothers Plc	24,8	GBP	1.270	-6,6%	-4,7%	-3,5%	-3,1%	5,0%	15,9%
Schroders PLC	32,2	GBP	8.559	-6,1%	-7,8%	-2,2%	-8,5%	3,5%	18,5%
Blackstone Group L.P.	31,9	USD	21.012	-6,9%	-2,7%	-3,9%	-0,4%	6,7%	18,2%
Man Group Plc	1,7	GBP	2.790	-3,7%	-15,9%	3,5%	-16,6%	19,9%	12,6%
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Ashmore Group plc	3,8	GBP	2.670	-6,5%	-5,8%	9,4%	-6,8%	8,2%	33,7%
Hargreav es Lansdown plc	16,6	GBP	7.871	-3,4%	-5,5%	14,1%	-7,9%	28,5%	26,6%
Simple mean performance				-3,4%	-4,5%	2,5%	-4,5%	14,3%	21,0%
RE service Co									
Savills plc	9,8	GBP	1.386	-1,8%	-1,3%	10,1%	-1,7%	5,7%	30,4%
CBRE Group, Inc. Class A	45,2	CHF	15.353	-1,6%	4,3%	21,6%	4,4%	29,4%	58,7%
Euro STOXX	369,2	EU		-4,0%	-5,1%	-3,7%	-4,2%	0,4%	15,7%

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Source: Factset



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Private Equity Investments Valuation: 65% of NAV

The private equity assets valuation is mostly based on quarterly updated valuation of DeA investments in FoF and co-investments while the Kenan (Migros) stake value is based on its market value.

Our adjusted NAV including €20mn holding costs and tax assets yields to €1.68ps (€463mn) after applying a 10% discount on NAV ex-cash.

Investment Conclusion

Prospects for the alternative asset management platform are appealing although there are still no signs of improvement for margins in real estate. Exit from non core investments is expected to continue in the future an new investments are expected to be functional to sustain AM platform revenues and operating margins.

DeA is trading at around 20% discount on our adjusted NAV. We think that in the future investors will be more and more looking at the company as an alternative asset manager player and not as a holding company following the ongoing business repositioning of the group.

Considering the hefty dividend yield - above 8% at current stock price – the buyback plan and the expected increase in DeA NAV we expect an appealing total return for investors.

We confirm our positive view on the stock: OUTPERFORM, tp €1.65.

Dea Capital Adjusted NAV

Asset	Stake	Value (€ mn)	per share €	%	Valuation Method
DeA Capital Real Estate SGR	64,3%	108,7	0,43	29,1%	Intermonte Fair Value
IDeA Capital Funds SGR	100,0%	38,4	0,15	10,3%	Intermonte Fair Value
IRE / SPC	n.m.	6,0	0,02	1,6%	NAV
Other minor investments	n.m.	0,6	0,00	0,2%	NAV
IDeA Funds (FoF & Colnv)	n.m.	170,9	0,67	45,8%	Fair Value*
Others (SPAC: IDeaMI, Crescita)	n.m.	33,4	0,13	8,9%	
Kenan (Migros)	4,0%	35,2	0,14	9,4%	Market Price
Holding Costs and Tax Assets		-20,0	-0,08	-5,4%	Intermonte Estimates
* quarterly updated by fund manag	gers				
Adjusted NAV ex cash		373,2	1,47	100%	
Fair % discount			10%		
Discounted Adjusted NAV ex cash	۱		1,32		
NFP		92,3	0,36		
Intermonte Fair Value per share		465,5 <	1,69	>	
# shares (mln) net of Buy Back			254,0		

shares (mln) net of Buy Back Source: Intermonte SIM and Company Data

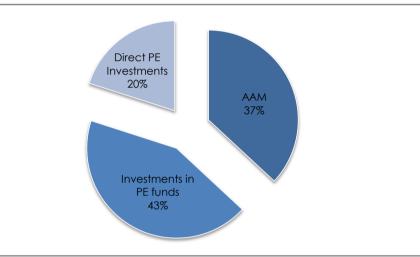
Adjusted NAV ex cash	373,2	1,47
NFP	92,3	0,36
Adjusted NAV	465,5	1,83
Current Mkt Price		1,48

Source: Inter monte SIM and Company data Dea Capital in a Nutshell

The group is basically operating in three segments.

- 1) Private Equity Investing
- 2) Alternative Asset Management
- Credit Servicing 3)

Weight on NAV excluding NFP - as of FY17

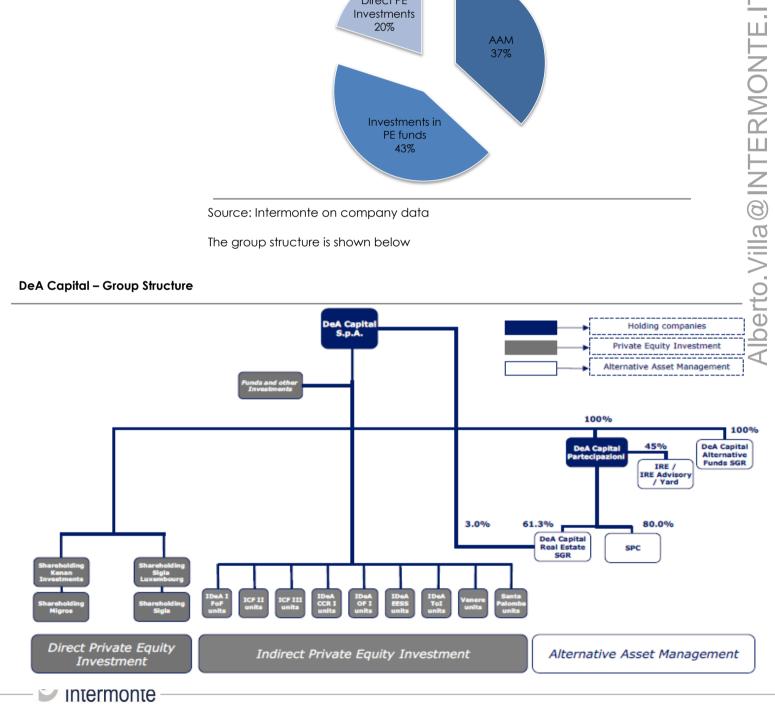


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Source: Intermonte on company data

The group structure is shown below

DeA Capital – Group Structure



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Alternative Asset Managers

Partners Group Holding AG

Intermediate Capital Group plc

Tikehau Capital SCA

3i Group plc

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Median Alternative and Traditional AM
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DETAILS ON STOCKS RECOMMENDATION

Stock NAME	DEA CAPITAL		
Current Recomm:	OUTPERFORM	Previous Recomm:	OUTPERFORM
Current Target (Eu):	1.65	Previous Target (Eu):	1.65

Current Price (Eu):	1.47	Previous Price (Eu):	1.34
Date of report:	26/03/2018	Date of last report:	06/10/2017



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