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BUY		LABEL VIE
Initial Opinion	BUY	Sector
Release Date	06/17/2020	Reuters
Initial Target Price	MAD 3,847	Bloomberg

RESILIENT OPERATING ACHIEVEMENTS..., AS EXPECTED

An expected deceleration in activity ..., after an exceptional Q1-20

The Q2-20 was marked by a deceleration in Label Vie's revenue, i.e. +4.0% in comparison to +26,3% in Q1-20 (<u>Cf. Label Vie: A double-digit growth over the medium term</u>). This growth deceleration was expected due to the massive households storage in preparation for the lockdown period, starting from March 20th 2020.

In more details, the supermarket segment, which represents 38% of total revenue, experienced the strongest jump, i.e. +16%. The hypermarket and hyper cash grew by +4% and +3% respectively. At the opposite, the filling stations activity recorded a decline of -39% given the health crisis and population lockdown.

Thanks to a resilient Q2-20, Label Vie's revenue in H1-20 recorded an increase of +15% to MAD 5,381 Mn, above our expectations of 12.3%.

Towards a double digit growth of the recurring profit in 2020E

Taking into account the mid-term achievements and the future dynamic of the Moroccan retail sector, we maintain our initial forecasts for the FY 2020E:

- An increase of +9.4% in revenue to settle at MAD 11,370 Mn with a scenario of 7 stores openings during this year;
- The EBITDA would jump by +6.6% in 2020 to MAD 842 Mn, i.e. an EBITDA margin of 7.4%;
- The recurring NIGS would rise by +15.0% to settle at MAD 359 Mn, excluding the contribution to the Covid-19 fund (MAD 50 Mn).

A stock offering an upside potential of 27%

Label Vie's H1-20 achievements confirm the resilience of its business model's (<u>Cf. Covid-19</u>: <u>Glimmers of Hope at the end of the tunnel</u>). It is reassuring to note that the operator's growth in Q2-20 does not take into account the network extension effect in view of the Covid-19 crisis' repercussions on the real estate activities. Nevertheless, starting from Q4-20, Label Vie would return to a more sustained pace of store openings, thereby supporting its growth pace.

Following these elements, we maintain our recommendation of BUYING the stock with a target price of MAD 3,847, offering an upside potential of 27% (<u>Cf. Book Afrique</u>).

IN MAD MN	2019	2020E	2021E	VAR 19-20E	VAR 20-21E
Revenue	10,396	11,370	12,302	9.4%	8.2%
EBITDA EBITDA margin	790 7.6%	842 7.4%	965 7.8%	6.6% -0.2 pt	14.5% +0.4 pt
Recurring NIGS* Net margin	312 3.0%	359 3.2%	392 3.2%	15.0% +0.2 pt	9.4%
Posted NIGS	312	323	392	3,7%	21.3%

MAD 3,847Current PriceMAD 3,035Potential+27%Investment Horizon24 Months

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STOCK EVOLUTION (BASIS 100)



MARKET INDICATORS

Performances (%)	1 M	3 M	12 M
Label Vie	2.9	3.2	12.4
MASI	1.6	3.5	-12.3
ADV (MAD Mn)	1 M	3 M	12 M
ADV (MAD Mn) Label Vie	1 M 0.4	3 M 0.5	12 M 0.8

Capitalization	As of 09/01/2020
In MAD Mn	8,616
In \$ Mn	938

Prices as at 09/01/2020



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