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BUY		LABEL VIE
Initial Opinion	BUY	Sector
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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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%
<b>EBITDA</b> EBITDA margin	<b>790</b> 7.6%	<b>842</b> 7.4%	<b>965</b> 7.8%	<b>6.6%</b> -0.2 pt	<b>14.5%</b> +0.4 pt
Recurring NIGS* Net margin	<b>312</b> 3.0%	<b>359</b> 3.2%	<b>392</b> 3.2%	<b>15.0%</b> +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	<b>1 M</b> 0.4	<b>3 M</b> 0.5	<b>12 M</b> 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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