

Market Data

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Sector	Real Estate Investment & Services	Market Cap (£m)	£797
Technical analysis	Click Here	12 Month High/Low (p)	79.00 / 58.00

Overview

Sirius Real Estate is a real estate company that invests in and operates branded business parks providing conventional and flexible workspace to predominantly SMEs and blue-chip corporations in Germany.

Sirius invests in business parks in or close to the major cities in Germany where it has spotted the potential to generate higher income and asset value growth by subdividing and improving the existing space so that it can be marketed directly to occupiers under its unique range of products. These include office, storage, production and workshop solutions suitable for large international blue-chip companies through to conventional and flexible solutions designed for SMEs and retail customers.

Within the Group's 1.5m+ sqm of lettable space Sirius has three main offerings, suited to a broad range of clients:

1. Large-scale workspace suited to international blue-chip corporations (Siemens, GKN, MAN, etc) requiring sizeable production spaces and can be locked in to long-term leases
2. Conventional workspace targeted towards SMEs
3. Flexible workspace for SMEs and retail customers requiring serviced offices, workshops and/or self-storage on shorter leases

The stability provided by long term anchor tenants is complemented by the higher-income conventional and flexible workspace offerings.



Investment Case

Sirius represents a unique opportunity for investors to gain exposure to the attractive German light industrial and office real estate sector through a market leading owner and operator with a track record of active management and value creation.

Germany is a highly attractive market with strong fundamentals

- The German economy is the largest in Europe and characterised by strong GDP growth, low unemployment and high levels of investment and consumer spending
- 99% of German companies are SMEs, the core customer of Sirius
- Assets can be acquired at attractive yields and at capital values well below replacement cost
- Sirius seeks to buy assets with the potential to create value, predominantly through the asset management process by filling vacant space and converting space to higher value uses
- Sirius maintains overall group LTV at 40% or less, financing new acquisitions with up to 50% LTV using long-term, low interest debt and subsequently blending them with unencumbered assets in the portfolio
- Unlike its competitors, Sirius has a fully integrated operating platform incorporating in-house marketing and sales functions that allows it to lower risk and increase returns

Investment Case Continued...

Sirius has a well-structured portfolio

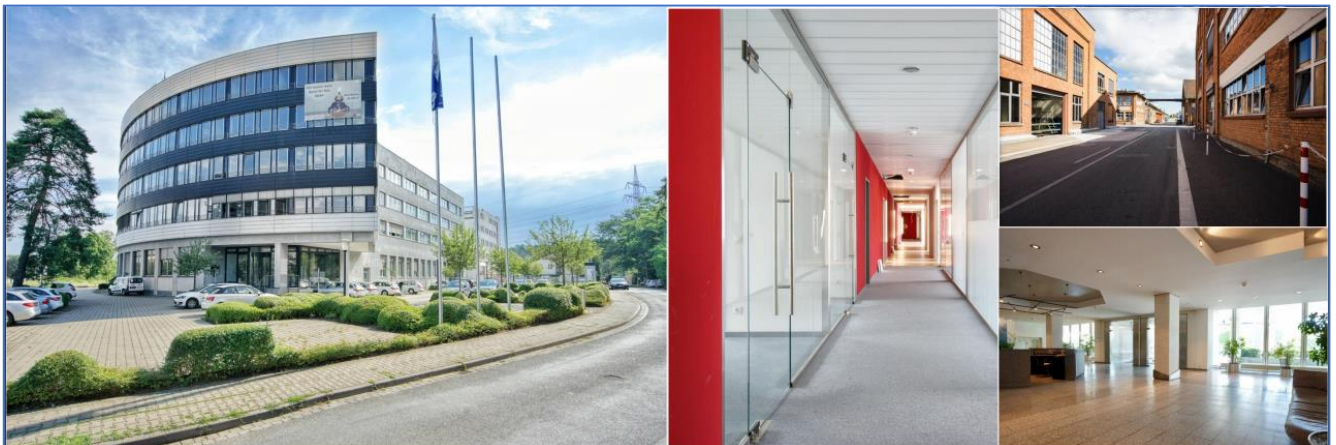
- Sirius owns and manages a portfolio of more than €1.3bn of property assets
- Sirius owns and manages a substantial portfolio of mixed use real estate assets located in and around the “big seven” German markets
- Sirius has a well-diversified tenant base with the top 50 tenants generating 45% of annual income
- Future value enhancement to come from developing and letting the 17% of vacant space in the portfolio that is currently valued at an attractive 7.4% gross yield

Operating with a proven business model and solid track record

- Sirius has proven capability in transforming assets through its capex investment programmes, which deliver returns in excess of 40% and enhance income and capital values
- Highly-developed in-house marketing and sales capability that targets prospective tenants directly using online and offline techniques that reduce the overall cost of acquiring customers and minimises dependency on third party agents
- Dedicated service charge team delivers best-in-class cost recovery by utilising advanced measurement and cost allocation techniques
- The Company is led by a team of highly experienced individuals who have been tested over the full real estate investment cycle

Delivering a stable and attractive return profile

- Sirius has delivered a total shareholder accounting return in excess of 15% over the last four years
- The Group’s policy of distributing 65% of FFO as dividends ensures it maintains a well-covered dividend and provides the head-room to flex pay-out ratios as required
- Dividend yield of approximately 4%
- Defensive gross yield of 7.4% with valuation gains mainly resulting from improvements in income
- Further value and income enhancement to come from joint venture activity, asset recycling, filling vacant space in recently acquired assets, implementation and completion of accretive capex investment programmes and reductions in service charge leakage



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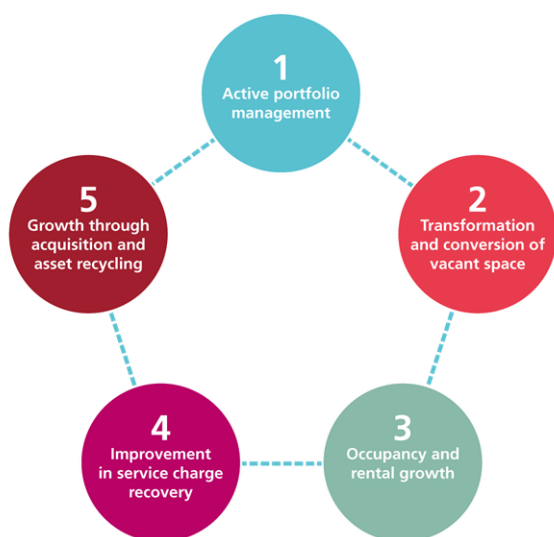
As the largest and strongest economy in Europe, Germany has consistently delivered robust economic growth over the past decade and remains the central driver of the European economy. The German economy has proven resilient to external economic factors and according to Germany's federal statistics office grew 0.1% in the third quarter of 2019, supported by higher spending by households and the government.

Domestic and international demand for assets is expected to remain high, while new build incremental capacity is limited, thereby creating an environment that should see rent rises and yield compression.

SMEs continue to represent a fundamental pillar of the German economy and form a significant part of Sirius's tenant base. According to KfW, 99.95% of German enterprises are SMEs and 68% of workers (29.1 million people) are employed by an SME in Germany. Within the SME category are microenterprises with fewer than 10 employees and these account for 34% of workplaces in Germany. These are the tenants to which Sirius's flexible space offerings are most appealing.

The five value drivers

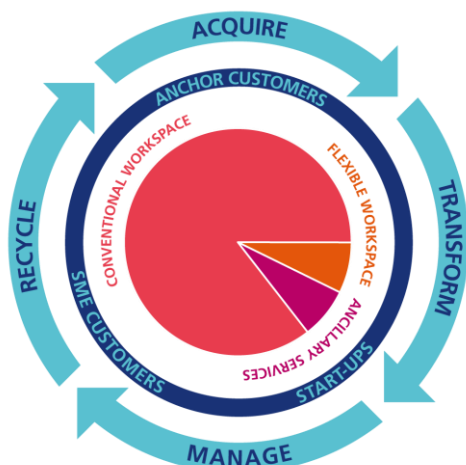
The Group's core strategy is the acquisition of business parks at attractive yields and/or with value-add potential which are transformed through investment and asset management to become higher quality real estate assets



There are three main types of assets that Sirius looks to acquire: traditional business parks developed for large-scale production; mixed use business parks with high quality office; service and warehouse properties and office buildings in secondary and tertiary locations. The management team has a tried and tested approach to maximising the return on investment of these types of assets.

Business model

Increasing rental and capital value through active portfolio management



Conventional workspace

- Long term
- Large scale
- Production
- Storage
- Office

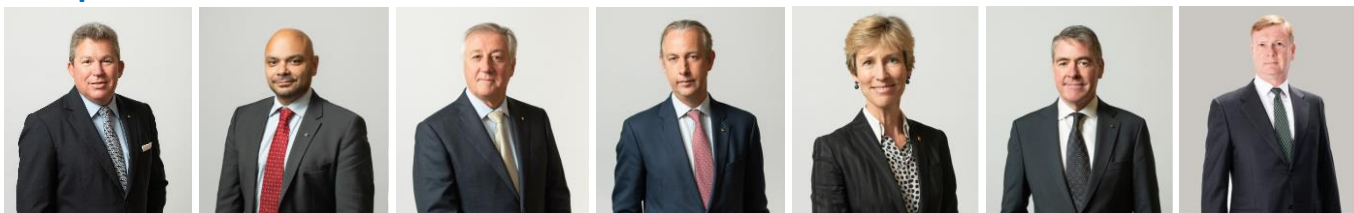
Flexible workspace

- Long and short term
- Office
- Production
- Storage

Ancillary services

- Conferencing
- Catering
- Internet and telephony

Experienced Board of Directors



Andrew Coombs
CEO

Alistair Marks
CFO

Daniel Kitchen
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James Peggie
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Jill May
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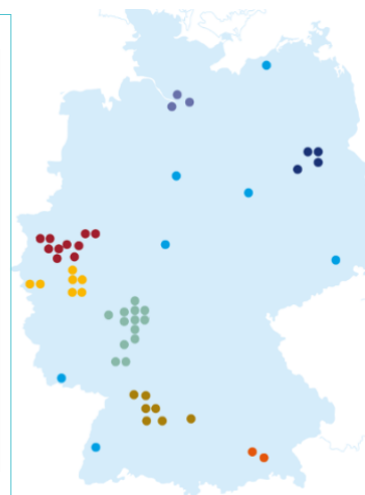
Justin Atkinson
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Mark Cherry
NED

Andrew and **Alistair** were appointed as CEO and CFO respectively of Sirius in January 2012, when Sirius internalised the asset management platform. **Andrew** had joined the asset manager in 2010 and **Alistair** had been with the asset manager since formation. **Danny Kitchen** is non-executive chairman of Workspace Group, Hibernia REIT and Applegreen. He is also a Director of the Irish Takeover Panel. **James** is a director and co-founder of the Principle Capital Group and prior to that was head of legal and corporate affairs at the Active Value group. **Jill** has 24 years' City experience in investment banking, 13 years in M&A and more recently as a Managing Director focused on strategy and organisational change at UBS. **Justin** was the chief executive of Keller Group plc from April 2004 to May 2015. Previously, he had been Keller's group finance director and its chief operating officer. **Mark** was a Main Board Director of Green Property PLC for 10 years and held a board level role at Teesland plc, a Fund and Asset manager specialising in small industrial estates with offices throughout Europe including three in Germany.

Portfolio at a glance – September 2019

Sep-19	No. of Properties	Total Sqm m	Occupancy	Rate psm €	Annualised Rent €m	% of Portfolio By Rent	Book Value €m	Gross Yield
Frankfurt	13	302.6	87.7%	5.88	18.0	23%	235.6	7.7%
Berlin	4	106.7	95.5%	6.92	8.2	10%	122.8	6.7%
Stuttgart	7	268.0	89.3%	4.80	13.2	17%	165.4	8.0%
Cologne	7	130.9	89.7%	7.30	10.0	13%	132.4	7.5%
Munich	2	113.4	81.7%	6.92	7.1	9%	136.6	5.2%
Düsseldorf	10	167.8	84.6%	5.38	8.9	11%	115.9	7.7%
Hamburg	3	81.2	39.0%	4.45	1.6	2%	36.6	4.5%
Other	7	214.4	74.5%	6.10	11.3	14%	119.5	9.4%
TOTAL	53	1,385.1	83.0%	5.90	78.5	100%	1,064.8	7.4%



Financials for the half-year to 30 September 2019

Income statement

	As at Sep 19	As at Sep 18	Movement
	€m	€m	€m
Rental and other income *	43.9	40.4	3.5
Service charge irrecoverable costs	(2.7)	(3.3)	0.6
Non-recoverable maintenance	(1.1)	(0.8)	(0.3)
Net Operating Income	40.1	36.3	3.8
Corporate costs and overheads	(8.5)	(9.0)	0.5
Adjusted EBITDA	31.6	27.3	4.3
Bank interest	(4.0)	(3.9)	(0.1)
Current tax	(0.5)	(0.1)	(0.4)
FFO	27.1	23.3	3.8
Amortisation of financing fees	(0.7)	(0.6)	(0.1)
Depreciation	(0.7)	(0.7)	-
Add back current taxes	0.5	0.1	0.4
Adjusted profit before tax	26.2	22.1	4.1
Adjusting items	(10.0)**	(0.1)	(9.9)
Surplus on revaluation of investment properties	58.2	56.2	2.0
Gain on disposal of investment properties	6.3	0.1	6.2
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments	(1.1)	(0.1)	(1.0)
Share of profit from investment in associate	0.1***	-	0.1
Profit Before Tax	79.7	78.2	1.5

Balance sheet

	As at Sep 19	As at Mar 19	Movement
	€m	€m	€m
Assets			
Investment properties	1,064.8	1,132.5	(67.7)
Prepayments for investment properties	2.3	0.4	1.9
Plant and equipment	4.1	3.4	0.7
Goodwill	3.7	3.7	-
Right of use assets IFRS 16	21.1	-	21.1
Investment in associate	26.3	-	26.3
Trade and other receivables	17.8	13.6	4.2
Cash and cash equivalents	81.0	40.3	40.7
Total Assets	1,221.1	1,193.9	27.2
Liabilities			
Trade and other payables	(37.8)	(44.4)	6.6
Interest bearing bank loans	(335.3)	(380.1)	44.8
Lease liabilities IFRS 16	(21.3)	-	(21.3)
Current & deferred tax liabilities	(40.3)	(42.2)	1.9
Derivative financial instruments	(2.0)	(1.2)	(0.8)
Total Liabilities	(436.7)	(467.9)	31.2
Net Assets	784.4	726.0	58.4
NAV per share	76.18c	71.01c	
Adjusted NAV per share	80.20c	75.17c	
EPRA NAV per share	79.29c	74.82c	

Strategy for Growth

Value generation:

Sirius has a proven ability to transform assets by delivering improvements to tenant mix, occupancy levels and rents. In the first half, it achieved a €70.7 million valuation uplift on a total book value of €1064.8 million, new lettings of c. 80,000 sqm and continued the roll out of highly accretive capex investment programmes that focus on under utilised or sub-optimal space.

Operating model driving returns:

Sirius differentiates itself by controlling key functions which enhance the tenant's experience and are proven to deliver results over and above outsourced alternatives. In-house teams for lettings, marketing, service charge recovery, property management, and acquisitions drive top line growth and margin improvement across all the company's assets. Sirius' SmartSpace solutions – innovative uses of suboptimal space that represent c7% of total lettable area – give flexibility in the search for acquisition targets and deliver eye-catching rental yields

Favourable market dynamics:

Germany provides a unique market opportunity with an estimated 3.6m mid-sized businesses – the Mittelstand – located across the country. Often technology-driven, these businesses are in many cases global leaders and run with a view to secure the long term existence of the company as opposed to short term profit maximisation. As a result Germany provides Sirius with a large market opportunity and a broad client base of long term, stable tenants.

Joint venture with AXA Investment Management – Real Assets:

On 31 July 2019, Sirius completed a real estate investment joint venture with clients represented by AXA Investment Managers - Real Assets in which AXA acting on behalf of its clients, acquired a 65% interest with retaining the balance of 35%. The JV is called Titanium.

The business parks provide a combination of office, warehouse, industrial and storage space. The implied property value of €168 million equated to a gross yield for the portfolio of 6.2% and reflected a premium to the last reported book value as at 30 September 2018 which was €141.1 million.

The transaction generated net cash proceeds of more than €70 million for Sirius.

Commercial rationale:

- Strength of combining brand and financial power of AXA Investment Management – Real Assets with the asset and property management capabilities of Sirius
- Creates an opportunity to leverage the capacity of the Sirius operating platform
- Sirius minority share investment returns boosted by asset and property management fee income
- Provides an alternative source of capital, enabling Sirius to close bigger deals in partnership with AXA Investment Management – Real Assets.

Shareholder Data

LEADING SHAREHOLDERS *	(%)
Blackrock	10.0
Bank Of Montreal	5.38
Standard Life Aberdeen	5.34
Homestead Group Holding Ltd	4.82
Old Mutual Investment Group	4.80

FINANCIAL CALENDAR	
Next year end	Mar 20
Next final results (approx.)	Jun 20
Next half year	Sep 2020
Next half year (approx.)	Nov 2020