

EUROCOMMERCIAL SHOPPING CENTRES

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# EUROCOMMERCIAL PROPERTIES N.V. YEAR END RESULTS 2012/2013

Eurocommercial's properties have performed well over the last year, despite difficult economic conditions: Like for like rents are up 2.8%, vacancies are under 1% with negligible arrears and property values are stable. Funding and other costs have been contained so that earnings (direct investment result) have risen by 2.5%.

Eurocommercial has actively recycled capital by selling mature centres at or above book values in Sweden and France and reinvested the proceeds in properties that can be redeveloped and expanded, producing higher returns.

#### **Summary of Results**

**Net Property Income up 3.6%:** Net property income at 30 June 2013 increased over the 12 month period to € 144.4 million from € 139.4 million for the same period in 2012.

Like for Like Rent up 2.8%: Like for like rental growth (same floor area) for the 12 months to 30 June 2013 was as follows:

 Overall
 +2.8%

 France
 +4.1%

 Italy
 +2.6%

 Sweden
 +1.2%

**Retail Sales Turnover stable:** Overall like for like retail sales turnover for the 12 months to 30 June 2013 grew by 0.7% when compared with the same period of the previous year.

**Direct Investment Result up 2.5%:** The direct investment result increased by 2.5% over the year to 30 June 2013 to € 81.5 million resulting in an increase of 1.5% to € 1.97 per depositary receipt (30 June 2012: € 1.94 per depositary receipt) due to a greater number of depositary receipts in issue following the 30% take-up of the 2012 stock dividend.

**Dividend:** Proposed annual dividend maintained at € 1.92 per depositary receipt payable to shareholders on 29 November 2013.

**Property Valuations:** Property values at 30 June 2013 decreased slightly by 0.1% over June 2012 but were up by 0.4% since December 2012. Over the year to 30 June 2013 the value of Eurocommercial's investment properties increased by 2.7% in France but fell by 1.0% in Sweden and by 2.6% in Italy. The changes since December 2012 were 1.5% in France, -0.6% in Italy and 0.0% in Sweden.

**Adjusted Net Asset Value -1.2%:** Adjusted net asset value per depositary receipt at 30 June 2013 decreased by 1.2% to € 36.47 compared to 30 June 2012, due to a greater number of depositary receipts in issue following the 30% take-up of the 2012 stock dividend, but increased by 3.4% compared to 31 December 2012.

**Property Transactions:** In June 2013, Eurocommercial sold Passy Plaza, Paris 16, at a price of € 141 million (4.7% above its December 2012 valuation), the proceeds of which have already been reinvested in Centre Commercial Val Thoiry in the Greater Geneva area which was purchased for a gross cost of € 111.5 million.



In September 2012, Eurocommercial sold Burlöv centre, in Malmö, Sweden at valuation for SEK 1,158 million (€ 134 million) of which some of the proceeds (SEK 560 million) were reinvested in the acquisition of Eurostop, Halmstad in southern Sweden. In July 2012, Centre Commercial Les Grands Hommes was purchased in the most prestigious central shopping district of Bordeaux at a price of € 18 million. € 24 million was also invested in the new 17,800m² retail park opposite the Chasse Sud shopping centre south of Lyon.

#### **Results in Detail**

#### **Rental Growth**

Like for like rental growth for Eurocommercial's entire portfolio for the year to 30 June 2013 was 2.8% with the best performance coming from France at 4.1% followed by Italy and Sweden with 2.6% and 1.2% respectively.

An overview of like for like rental growth and the number of relettings and renewals completed during the 12 month period to 30 June 2013 is set out in the table below. The rental growth figures compare tenancy schedules at the balance dates and include indexation and turnover rents, but exclude entry premiums.

	Like for like rental growth	Relettings and renewals	Average rental uplift on relettings and renewals
Overall	+2.8%	175	+11%
France	+4.1%	32	+22%
Italy	+2.6%	115	+9%
Sweden	+1.2%	28	+8%

#### **Retail Sales Turnover**

Overall like for like (same floor area) retail sales turnover in Eurocommercial's shopping centres for 12 months to 30 June 2013 increased by 0.7% compared with the same period in 2012. The strongest performance came from Sweden (1.8%) followed by Italy (0.4%) and France (0.1%). Although retail spending was subdued in the autumn/winter of 2012/13, with miserable weather impacting clothing and footwear sales in particular, a recovery in sales in late spring 2013 ensured that overall performance was positive for the year.

The positive performance in Italy should be considered against the Italian shopping centre benchmark, which reported a decline of 4.2%\* to March 2013 versus 0.2% growth in Eurocommercial's Italian centres for the same period, while in Sweden the solid turnover growth of 1.2% through to March 2013 outperformed the Swedish shopping centre benchmark which reported 0.7%\*\*.

Excluding Fnac, which accounts for 21% of French turnover, but less than 5% of rent, retail sales of -0.2%\*\*\* through to May 2013 in Eurocommercial's French centres were in line with the national shopping centre benchmark, which showed -0.1%\*\*\*.

In the various sectors, the strongest performance was once again in Health and Beauty (3.8%) while the weakest came from Electricals (-2.2%).

<sup>\*</sup> CNCC Italy; 12 months to end of March 2013

<sup>\*\*</sup> Köpcentrumbarometern, 12 months to end of March 2013

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> CNCC France, 12 months to end of May 2013.



# Retail Sales Turnover by Country\*

	Twelve months to 30 June 2013	Six months to 30 June 2013	Three months to 30 June 2013	
Overall	0.7%	-0.1%	1.5%	
France	0.1%	-0.9%	0.9%	
Italy	0.4%	-0.9%	0.7%	
Sweden	1.8%	2.1%	3.3%	

Retail Sales Turnover by Sector\*

	Twelve months to 30 June 2013	Six months to 30 June 2013	Three months to 30 June 2013
Fashion	1.2%	-0.4%	2.7%
Shoes	-1.6%	-4.1%	4.7%
Gifts and jewellery	2.0%	3.2%	4.2%
Health and beauty	3.8%	4.1%	4.5%
Sport	1.2%	-1.1%	4.3%
Restaurants	0.2%	-1.4%	-1.9%
Home goods	0.3%	-1.2%	1.0%
Electricals	-2.2%	-2.8%	-2.3%
Hyper/supermarkets	3.5%	3.0%	1.8%

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding extensions

#### **Occupancy Cost Ratios**

Total occupancy cost ratios (rent plus marketing contributions, service charges and tenant property taxes as a proportion of sales turnover including VAT) for Eurocommercial galleries excluding hypermarkets at the end of the period were 8.1% overall; 8.3% in France, 8.1% in Italy and 7.6% in Sweden.

The low overall occupancy cost ratio is one of the reasons for Eurocommercial's very low retail property vacancies and arrears which have both been consistently around 1% of income for the last 20 years.

#### **Vacancies**

Now that the remaining large ex-Expert electrical stores have been successfully re-let in Sweden after the bankruptcy of the former chain, Eurocommercial's vacancies have resumed their accustomed level of less than 1% of rental income.

We currently see few signs that vacancies are likely to increase significantly in any of our markets but, as always we remain cautious and make sure that our occupancy cost ratios are reasonable and allow tenants to have profitable stores.

#### **Arrears**

Arrears of rent are creeping up overall but the position is better in France and Sweden, where arrears of over 90 days remain well under 1%, than in Italy where retailers are testing the tolerance of landlords for the benefit of the tenants' cash flow. This is despite the fact that Italian turnover and rental growth are positive and vacancies minimal so there is little evidence of real hardship. Overall arrears totalled 0.8% of income at 30 June 2013.

Out of a total of 1,400 tenants, there are three tenants in administration in France and none in Italy or Sweden.



## **Direct Investment Result**

The direct investment result for the year to 30 June 2013 rose to € 81.5 million from € 79.5 million for the year ended 30 June 2012, an increase of 2.5%. The direct investment result per depositary receipt for the year to 30 June 2013, however, increased by 1.5% to € 1.97 from € 1.94 at 30 June 2012 due to a greater number of depositary receipts in issue following the 30% take-up of the 2012 stock dividend.

The direct investment result is defined as net property income less net interest expenses and company expenses after taxation and in the view of the Board more accurately represents the underlying profitability of the Company than the IFRS "result after tax" which must include unrealised capital gains and losses.

#### **Dividend**

The Board proposes maintaining the annual dividend at € 1.92 per depositary receipt (10 ordinary shares) notwithstanding the direct investment result of € 1.97 per depositary receipt. The Board believes that under current circumstances, this cautious approach allows it to be confident that it can continue its unbroken record of at least maintaining dividends despite periods of limited rental growth as a result of lower indexation.

Holders of depositary receipts will again be offered the option of taking new depositary receipts from the Company's share premium reserve, instead of the cash dividend payable on 29 November 2013. The price of these depositary receipts will be announced on 1 November 2013.

#### **Property Valuations**

The independent valuation results for June 2013 demonstrate the resilience of good shopping centre values in difficult economic conditions. Valuers have paid particular regard to security of income, which for Eurocommercial is high, given our low occupancy cost ratios.

As usual, all of Eurocommercial's properties were independently valued at 30 June 2013 by major international firms in accordance with the standards set out in the "Red Book" of The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors. The change in values of the properties since December and June 2012 are set out in the table below, together with their net yields. The net yield figures are derived by dividing expected net income for the coming year by the valuation figure, to which has been added the relevant standardised market allowance for deemed purchaser's costs (usually notional transfer taxes) in the particular country. The objective is to replicate the calculations of a professional institutional investor.

	Valuation	changes	Net yield including purchase costs
	Twelve months to 30 June 2013	Six months to 30 June 2013	At 30 June 2013
Overall	-0.1%	+0.4%	5.7%
France	2.7%	1.5%	5.2%
Italy	-2.6%	-0.6%	6.3%
Sweden	-1.0%	0.0%	5.8%



Valuations by property			Change	Net yield	
	Net value	Net value	June 2013 /	including	0
	June 2013	June 2012	June 2012	purchase costs	Cost to date
France (€ million)					
Amiens Glisy, Amiens 5	46.80	46.30	1.1%	5.5%	16.0
Les Grands Hommes, Bordeaux <sup>1</sup>	17.80	NA	NA	4.9%	18.15
Saint Doulchard, Bourges 1	39.00	36.00	8.3%	5.9%	48.87
Chasse Sud, Chasse-sur-Rhône <sup>2</sup>	*55.00	30.00	83.3%	6.2%	59.09
Les Allées de Cormeilles, Cormeilles 5	41.00	40.60	1.0%	5.9%	44.78
Les Trois Dauphins, Grenoble 5	35.80	35.70	0.3%	5.8%	25.47
Centr'Azur, Hyères <sup>2</sup>	50.40	47.40	6.3%	5.5%	21.74
Plaine de France, Moisselles <sup>2</sup>	75.20	72.80	3.3%	5.6%	62.92
Passage du Havre, Paris <sup>1</sup>	306.60	288.00	6.5%	4.7%	187.37
Passy Plaza, Paris**	141.00	131.30	7.4%	5.0%	75.4 <sup>-</sup>
74 rue de Rivoli, Paris <sup>5</sup>	53.60	51.90	3.3%	4.5%	20.72
Les Portes de Taverny, Taverny <sup>5</sup>	59.30	56.50	5.0%	5.4%	24.33
Val Thoiry, Thoiry <sup>2</sup>	111.40	NA	NA	5.6%	110.99
Les Atlantes, Tours 5	127.80	122.20	4.6%	5.0%	56.03
TOTAL FRANCE	1,160.70	958.70		5.2%	771.88
Italy (€ million)					
Curno, Bergamo <sup>2</sup>	96.20	96.20	0%	6.4%	34.50
Centro Lame, Bologna <sup>4</sup>	36.20	38.10	-5.0%	6.9%	29.70
Cremona Po, Cremona <sup>2</sup>	80.40	80.60	-0.2%	6.9%	82.6°
Il Castello, Ferrara 2	99.30	101.20	-1.9%	6.6%	84.74
I Gigli, Firenze <sup>4</sup>	244.30	256.10	-4.6%	6.4%	209.20
Centro Leonardo, Imola 2	66.20	72.30	-8.4%	6.6%	65.07
La Favorita, Mantova 1	45.00	47.40	-5.1%	6.7%	33.89
Carosello, Carugate, Milano 1	292.00	281.40	3.8%	5.8%	187.84
I Portali, Modena 4	41.20	43.20	-4.6%	6.5%	41.98
Centroluna, Sarzana <sup>1</sup>	25.20	25.40	-0.8%	6.8%	14.82
TOTAL ITALY	1,026.00	1,041.90		6.3%	784.4 <sup>-</sup>
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Sweden (SEK million) ***					
421, Göteborg <sup>3</sup>	758.00	743.00	2.0%	5.8%	828.91
Eurostop, Halmstad <sup>2</sup>	580.00	NA	NA	5.8%	573.69
Kronan, Karlskrona <sup>2</sup>	171.00	182.00	-6.0%	6.2%	154.10
Bergvik, Karlstad <sup>2</sup>	659.00	653.00	0.9%	5.4%	346.32
Mellby Center, Laholm <sup>3</sup>	167.00	171.00	-2.3%	6.0%	141.19
Ingelsta Shopping, Norrköping <sup>3</sup>	969.00	984.00	-1.5%	5.8%	880.25
Elins Esplanad, Skövde <sup>3</sup>	705.00	668.00	5.5%	5.7%	541.6°
Moraberg, Södertälje <sup>2</sup>	397.00	434.00	-8.5%	6.2%	362.19
Hälla Shopping, Västerås <sup>3</sup>	151.00	213.00	-0.5% -29.1%	7.1%	192.58
Grand Samarkand, Växjö <sup>3</sup>	879.00	847.00	3.8%	5.4%	726.76
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<sup>\*</sup> Includes acquisition of 17,800m² retail park for € 24 million during the period. 
\*\* Sale expected to complete in October 2013. 
\*\*\* 1 € = 8.7773 SEK



#### **Adjusted Net Asset Value and IFRS Results**

The adjusted net asset value figure for 30 June 2013 was € 36.47 per depositary receipt, down 1.2% compared with € 36.92 at 30 June 2012 but up 3.4% compared with € 35.28 at 31 December 2012. Adjusted net asset values do not take into account contingent capital gains tax liabilities nor do they take into account the fair value of financial derivatives (interest rate swaps) which are used to stabilise interest costs.

The IFRS net asset value at 30 June 2013 was € 32.73 per depositary receipt, compared with € 31.75 at 30 June 2012 and € 30.71 at 31 December 2012 and includes both contingent capital gains tax liabilities if all the properties were to be sold simultaneously and the fair value of financial derivatives (interest rate swaps).

Both Adjusted and IFRS Net Asset Values per depositary receipt at 30 June 2013 reflect the increased number of depositary receipts in issue following the 30% take-up of the 2012 stock dividend.

The total investment result (IFRS result after taxation) for the year increased to € 123.0 million from a negative € 12.1 million for the previous financial year mainly due to the significant unrealised positive fair value movement in derivative financial instruments during the year. It is the view of the Board that this result, as it includes unrealised "capital" movements, does not properly represent continuing underlying earnings which are better defined by the direct investment result, the standard representation of operational profit for Dutch property companies.

#### **Funding**

Despite the fact that, generally, European banks are still being cautious in their lending policies as they rebuild their balance sheets after the crisis of 2008, Eurocommercial has entered new funding agreements intentionally obtaining relatively small facilities of € 50 million or less, which are within the capabilities of many banks without the attendant complications and expenses of syndications.

Lending sources have, in fact, grown with a number of major insurance companies entering the market with the capability, indeed sometimes preference, for loans in excess of 10 years.

Short term rates of under 1% and 10 year swaps of less than 2% have given Eurocommercial the ability to keep its overall interest expense under 4% per annum, including margins.

The net debt to adjusted net equity ratio at 30 June 2013 was 81%, higher than the ratio reported for 31 March (76%), however this is entirely due to the short term funding of the Val Thoiry acquisition. This ratio is expected to return to previous levels once the proceeds from the sale of Passy Plaza have been used to repay the short term debt. For the same reason, the net loan to property value was 44% and is expected to return to 41% in October. As a precaution against further market uncertainties, the Company intends to gradually increase its average overall loan term of just under five years towards its historic average of around seven years.

## **Country Commentary**

## France

Rental growth for the year was 4.1% to which indexation contributed 3.4% while 1.8% came from relettings and renewals. This was offset by a marginal increase in vacancies of 0.9% of rental income and slightly less turnover rent (-0.2%). There have been 32 rent reviews/new lettings throughout the year with an average increase in rent of 22%. These deals have been evenly spread across the portfolio and the different sectors. In addition, nine new leases have been signed on the retail park at Chasse sur Rhône and six for the Saint Doulchard extension.

Retail sales for 12 months to 30 June 2013 in Eurocommercial's French centres were just positive at 0.1%. Boutique sales grew by 0.9% whereas sales in medium surfaces fell by 1.1% impacted by a negative performance from the electrical sector.

In June, contracts were signed for the sale of Passy Plaza, Paris, at a price of € 141 million (4.7% above book value). The property was purchased in 1999 for € 70 million and has provided us with an internal rate of return of 15% per annum over the period of ownership. The proceeds of this sale have already been reinvested in Centre Commercial Val Thoiry in



France just over the border with Switzerland and within the Greater Geneva area. This centre does, we believe, have considerable expansion potential and work has already started on its refurbishment and on designs for a significant expansion, subject to all the usual planning consents.

Other investments made during the year include the successful opening of the new 17,800m² retail park at Chasse-sur-Rhône which is now trading and yielding almost 7% off a total price of € 24 million. The 1,000m² extension at Saint Doulchard, Bourges has been completed at a cost € 5.4 million and is also yielding 7%. The acquisition of Centre Commercial Les Grands Hommes, in the most prestigious central shopping district of Bordeaux, was completed at a price of € 18 million.

#### Italy

Like for like rental growth for the year was +2.6% with the majority coming from indexation, which was 1.9%, and the remainder from uplifts at lease renewals and increased turnover rent. There were 115 new leases signed in the year which produced an overall uplift of 9% over the previous passing rent. Of these, 39 were signed with new tenants thereby refreshing the tenant mix in the process. Interestingly the rental uplift achieved from a new tenant was almost three times greater than on a renewal to an existing tenant. This level of growth is a sign of the quality of the portfolio as rental growth is becoming harder to achieve in some areas of the market.

Turnover growth was +0.4% for the year. This positive performance should be considered against the Italian shopping centre benchmark which reported -4.2%\* to March 2013 versus +0.2% in Eurocommercial's Italian centres for the same period. National retail sales of -2.4% reflect weak demand resulting from the wider macro-economic slowdown. With the exception of I Portali in Modena, the boost to sales from additional Sunday openings has almost disappeared due to a similar number of Sundays last year.

The investment market is showing signs of activity after a long, quiet period although investors still face political and economic concerns and the fact that only prime properties, whether large or small, are attracting and keeping the best retailers. No properties were purchased by Eurocommercial in Italy during the year; however a 35,000m² parcel of land was acquired adjacent to Carosello in Milan in July 2012. This land will either be used for car parking or, more likely, as a part of an extension to the centre in the form of a retail park or as part of a larger development that will see Carosello once more extend its shopping gallery. Whilst no firm decision to extend has been taken, Eurocommercial is already in discussions with the local authority and region.

#### Sweden

Rental growth was modest this year at 1.2% mainly on account of lower indexation which fell from 2.5% last year to 0.4% in 2013. There was also a calendar effect as only 28 leases came up for renewal compared to 54 last year and 77 which are due next year. Nevertheless, the 28 lettings and renewals completed still produced an average uplift of 8%, with the strongest rental growth being at Bergvik, Karlstad whose dominant market position continues to produce the highest sales per square metre in the portfolio. Having been negative in 2012, turnover growth returned to positive at 1.8% for the 12 months to 30 June 2013 while the solid turnover growth of 1.2% through to March 2013 outperformed the national shopping centre benchmark which reported 0.7%.\*\*

In September, Eurocommercial sold Burlöv centre in Malmö for SEK 1,158 million (€ 134 million). The centre was acquired in 2001 providing, after refurbishment costs, an internal rate of return of 20% per annum over our period of ownership. Part of the proceeds were reinvested in the Eurostop shopping centre, which opened in 1990 and is located outside Halmstad on Sweden's west coast. The property comprises a 10,800m² Coop hypermarket, and a 13,600m² adjoining gallery comprising 34 retail tenants including Willys, H&M, KappAhl, Lindex and Systembolaget together with a hotel. The purchase price of SEK 560 million (€ 64 million) represented a net initial yield of 6%. The property provides the opportunity for an extension of an additional 21,000m² of gross buildable retail space to add to the existing 24,000m² GLA and a planning application was submitted in December 2012 with a decision expected during the first half of 2014. There is already keen demand from existing tenants wanting to expand and introduce their other concepts as well as new tenants who want to gain a foothold into what will be the only regional shopping centre serving a catchment of 200,000 people.

<sup>\*</sup> CNCC Italy, 12 months to end of March 2013

<sup>\*\*</sup> Köpcentrumbarometern, 12 months to end of March 2013



#### Marketing and services in Eurocommercial's shopping centres

Eurocommercial is working harder than ever to ensure that its shopping centres remain attractive places to visit. Our marketing teams work closely with tenants to ensure that the campaigns are effective with continuous improvement and differentiation through the marketing mix, customer services, advertising campaigns, loyalty programmes and events.

In addition to traditional communication channels such as newspapers, television, radio and billboards, digital communications offer even greater opportunities to engage with consumers. The majority of Eurocommercial's shopping centres have for some time provided Wi-Fi, 80% use social media and 20% have mobile apps and we expect these figures to increase going forwards.

At six of our shopping centres in France, new mobile-compatible websites and mobile apps were launched and Facebook pages and newsletters were created or refreshed. Data is filtered into a centralised customer relationship management (CRM) system which efficiently collects and manages the information. The results are then analysed and cross-referenced among different shopping centres ensuring tenants can benefit fully from any trends and identify opportunities for further promotions and events. In July 2013, Google launched "Google Indoor Maps" in Italy and the layout plans of Eurocommercial's centres were inserted into Google Maps to help customers familiarise themselves with the properties before visiting. CBS Outdoor is also to provide digital signage in three of Eurocommercial's Italian shopping centres. The screens will show a mixture of gallery-related marketing and general advertising. In Sweden, all shopping centre websites have recently been upgraded and the number of hits have subsequently increased. Grand Samarkand outside Växjö, for example, has had 200,000 visitors to its website, a 23% increase on the previous year, while its Facebook page has 20% more fans.

Shopping centre gift cards, which can be redeemed in multiple stores, were launched at the end of 2012 in France. Although still at a relatively early stage, initial take up has been positive. Loyalty cards have also proven popular with several retailers in our French centres already reporting that a notable percentage of their turnover comes as a result of promoting in this way.

In Italy, the "Gigli Pass" loyalty card was launched at the I Gigli shopping centre in Firenze in May 2012. The cards have proved extremely popular with customers, with over 24,000 cards issued in the first year, helping the scheme to win the CNCC's prestigious "Best of the Best" marketing award 2012. It also won Silver in the 'Alternative Revenues' category at the 2013 ICSC European SOLAL Marketing Awards.

Several of the larger centres in Sweden now offer gift cards and more attention is also being given to providing children's crèches, personal shoppers and showcasing local artists. Celebrating calendar events and anniversaries is always popular and has proven successful in increasing visitor numbers. Eurocommercial actively monitors all marketing efforts and customer surveys illustrate that visitors to the centres are becoming increasingly aware of marketing initiatives while CFI, who survey major retail tenants throughout Sweden, confirm that marketing quality in Eurocommercial's shopping centres ranks above the national benchmark.



## What makes a shopping centre successful?

There has been much debate recently about the future of shopping centres in the face of the internet. Some argue for very large centres offering significant leisure activities, others promote small neighbourhood centres or even smaller 'high street' shops. In our experience, apart from the electrical sector, books and DVDs, there is little evidence so far in rent or turnover of a significant loss of sales to the internet. No major chains in our countries deliver food, with online purchases collected by the buyers from either the hypermarkets themselves or from adjacent collection points or "drives". It is therefore our clear view that hypermarket- or supermarket-anchored shopping centres, because of their constant and frequent visitors, offer the best protection against competition from internet retail sales.

Many types of retail space have their place in the market. The key is to ensure that whatever type it is, the property must meet some basic criteria. A recent survey\* of 10,000 shoppers in Europe, by one of the world's largest commercial property consultants, found that customers' priorities in choosing a shopping centre were as follows:

- Easily accessed facilities with good free parking
- Attractive pricing of goods
- · Cleanliness and security

We agree with these findings but from an investment point of view, we would add a number of other important criteria:

- The position of the property must be the best possible it must be in a well-established, wealthy town and be easily accessible by its customers with a good road network and high visibility. Parking must be free and plentiful with a clear internal road network. Public transport is helpful but not vital except in city centres.
- The centre should be clean, secure, well lit and offer attractive facilities for customers including for example, baby and children's facilities, good toilets, clear signage. Essentially the centre must be welcoming, pleasant and efficient. When appropriate, refurbishments should be carried out and opportunities to extend the centre identified, to ensure that these objectives are maintained.
- There should not be a too high proportion of retail space in the catchment in relation to its population.
- The centre should be of a size appropriate to its purpose and catchment not too large, not too small. The centre layout should be logical and clear with well positioned anchors. There should not be too many entrances and, with the exception of very large centres, there should be only one level.
- The retailer mix should be appropriate for the catchment. A hypermarket, for example, is very attractive in a suburban location but quite inappropriate in the inner city, even if space for it could be found. There should be a careful balance of retail types with care taken to ensure that the goods offered are appropriate for the spending patterns of the catchment.
- Leisure facilities which encourage "dwell time", such as restaurants, cafés and, for larger centres, cinemas, bowling etc. should be present, as long as they do not destroy retail frontage and are economically viable.
- Rents must be carefully matched to sales turnover in the centre which must be declared monthly by the tenants so that an appropriate and sustainable occupancy cost ratio is achieved and the retailer mix can be judged and adapted as necessary.
- Centre management must continually survey customers to gauge their satisfaction. Competing retail facilities,
  present and future, must be continually monitored to ensure that there is no loss of standing or attractiveness to
  customers. Modern electronic aids to marketing and customer identification should support the fundamental
  merits of the centre.

<sup>\*</sup> CBRE, How we shop – Inside the minds of Europe's consumers



#### **Market Commentary and Outlook**

Despite generally weak economies in Europe, the major feature of property markets in France, Italy and Sweden is paradoxically insufficient good quality shopping centre investments to meet continuing strong institutional investor demand. The result is that prices have remained firm or, even, in the case of France, risen slightly.

The outlook for rental growth must, clearly, be affected by the economic weakness in France and Italy with Swedish growth expected to be between 1% and 2%. Rents in our countries are also linked to inflation which remains subdued – between 0% and 1.5% - so that rental growth is not generally expected to be much greater. Base rent reviews and relettings at the end of leases are still expected to show rises compared with historic rents set five or more years previously, in addition to indexation.

The overall outlook, therefore, for total returns (rental and value growth combined) from good retail properties is in the order of 6-8% per annum; sound when considering subdued inflation and expected investment returns from other asset classes.

Eurocommercial's strategy continues to be to acquire centres in its existing countries that, regardless of size, have rental growth and expansion potential.

#### **Financial Calendar**

20 September 2013 Annual report 2012/2013 published 1 November 2013 Annual report 2012/2013 published

5 November 2013 at 14:00 Annual General Meeting at the Amstel InterContinental Hotel, Amsterdam

7 November 2013 Ex-dividend date

8 November 2013 First quarter results 2013/2014
29 November 2013 Dividend payment date
7 February 2014 Half year results 2013/2014
9 May 2014 Third quarter results 2013/2014
29 August 2014 Year end results 2013/2014

#### **Conference Call and Webcast**

Eurocommercial will host a conference call and audio webcast today, Friday 30 August 2013, at 9:00 AM (UK) / 10:00 AM (CET) for investors and analysts.

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# STATEMENT OF CONSOLIDATED DIRECT, INDIRECT AND TOTAL INVESTMENT RESULTS\*

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(€ '000)	Twelve	Twelve	Fourth	Fourth
	months	months	quarter	quarter
	ended	ended	ended	ended
	30-06-2013	30-06-2012	30-06-2013	30-06-2012
Rental income	172,596	163,030	44,545	42,124
Service charges income	28,418	27,428	6,090	6,284
Service charges expenses	(31,325)	(29,561)	(6,578)	(6,646)
Property expenses	(25,321)	(21,544)	(7,605)	(6,282)
Net property income	144,368	139,353	36,452	35,480
Interest income	2,479	2,155	591	940
Interest expenses	(54,248)	(51,055)	(13,275)	(13,520)
Net financing expenses	(51,769)	(48,900)	(12,684)	(12,580)
Company expenses	(10,576)	(10,707)	(2,626)	(3,348)
Direct investment result before taxation	82,023	79,746	21,142	19,552
Current tax	(505)	(231)	(194)	70
Direct investment result	81,518	79,515	20,948	19,622
Disposal of investment properties	(1,696)	0	(1,696)	0
Investment revaluation	6,563	5,138	18,697	(4,154)
Fair value movement derivative financial instruments	20,479	(93,109)	22,688	(15,617)
Investment and company expenses	(2,523)	(2,115)	(1,311)	(1,372)
Indirect investment result before taxation	22,823	(90,086)	38,378	(21,143)
Deferred tax	18,578	(1,547)	(1,192)	(2,598)
Indirect investment result	41,401	(91,633)	37,186	(23,741)
Total investment result	122,919	(12,118)	58,134	(4,119)
Per depositary receipt (€)**				
Direct investment result	1.97	1.94	0.50	0.48
Indirect investment result	1.00	(2.24)	0.91	(0.58)
Total investment result	2.97	(0.30)	1.41	(0.10)

# STATEMENT OF ADJUSTED NET EQUITY\*

(€ '000)	30-06-2013	30-06-2012
IFRS net equity per balance sheet	1,366,064	1,300,147
Derivative financial instruments	120,350	148,616
Deferred tax liabilities	36,192	63,864
Deferred tax assets	(284)	(751)
Adjusted net equity	1,522,322	1,511,876
Number of depositary receipts representing shares in issue after deduction of depositary receipts bought back	41,740,054	40,953,515
Net asset value - € per depositary receipt (IFRS)	32.73	31.75
Adjusted net asset value - € per depositary receipt	36.47	36.92
Stock market prices - € per depositary receipt	28.20	27.25

Stock market prices - € per depositary receipt

\* These statements contain additional information which is not part of the IFRS financial statements.

<sup>\*\*</sup> The average number of depositary receipts on issue over the year was 41,410,071 compared with 40,895,429 for the previous financial year.



# CONSOLIDATED PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

(€ '000)	Twelve	Twelve	Fourth	Fourth
()	months	months	quarter	quarter
	ended	ended	ended	ended
	30-06-2013	30-06-2012	30-06-2013	30-06-2012
Rental income	172,596	163,030	44,545	42,124
Service charges income	28,418	27,428	6,090	6,284
Service charges expenses	(31,325)	(29,561)	(6,578)	(6,646)
Property expenses	(25,321)	(21,544)	(7,605)	(6,282)
Net property income	144,368	139,353	36,452	35,480
Disposal of investment properties	(1,696)	0	(1,696)	0
Investment revaluation	6,563	5,138	18,697	(4,154)
Interest income	2,479	2,155	591	940
Interest expenses	(54,248)	(51,055)	(13,275)	(13,520)
Fair value movement derivative financial instruments	20,479	(93,109)	22,688	(15,617)
Net financing cost	(31,290)	(142,009)	10,004	(28,197)
Company expenses	(10,650)	(11,694)	(2,700)	(4,335)
Investment expenses	(2,449)	(1,128)	(1,237)	(385)
Result before taxation	104,846	(10,340)	59,520	(1,591)
Current tax	(505)	(231)	(194)	70
Deferred tax	18,578	(1,547)	(1,192)	(2,598)
Total tax	18,073	(1,778)	(1,386)	(2,528)
Result after taxation	122,919	(12,118)	58,134	(4,119)
Per depositary receipt (€)*				
Result after taxation	2.97	(0.30)	1.41	(0.10)
Diluted result after taxation	2.86	(0.30)	1.35	(0.09)

<sup>\*</sup> The Company's shares are listed in the form of bearer depositary receipts on NYSE Euronext Amsterdam (the Amsterdam Stock Exchange). One bearer depositary receipt represents ten ordinary shares.



(€ '000)	30-06-2013	30-06-2012
Property investments	2,640,423	2,558,581
Property investment under development	24,600	
Tangible fixed assets	2,034	836
Receivables	245	786
Derivative financial instruments	0	(
Deferred tax assets	284	75 <sup>-</sup>
Total non-current assets	2,667,586	2,560,960
Receivables	29,019	29,153
Cash and deposits	51,422	120,954
Total current assets	80,441	150,107
Property investments held for sale	141,000	131,886
Total assets	2,889,027	2,842,953
Creditors	66,505	65,696
Borrowings	293,280	103,603
Total current liabilities	359,785	169,299
Creditors	11,137	9,982
Borrowings	993,643	1,149,14
Derivative financial instruments	120,350	148,622
Deferred tax liabilities	36,192	63,86
Provision for pensions	1,856	1,898
Total non-current liabilities	1,163,178	1,373,507
Total liabilities	1,522,963	1,542,806
Net assets	1,366,064	1,300,147
Equity Eurocommercial Properties shareholders		
Issued share capital	208,890	204,983
Share premium reserve	393,547	396,385
Other reserves	640,708	710,89
Undistributed income	122,919	(12,118
Net assets	1,366,064	1,300,147
Number of depositary receipts representing shares in issue after deduction of depositary receipts bought back	41,740,054	40,953,515



# CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(€ '000)	Twelve months ended 30-06-2013	Twelve months ended 30-06-2012
Cash flow from operating activities	00 00 2010	00 00 2012
Result after taxation	122,919	(12,118)
Adjustments:		
Decrease/increase in receivables	(6,469)	3,654
Increase/decrease in creditors	211	(16,093)
Interest income	(2,479)	(2,155)
Interest expenses	54,248	51,055
Movement stock options	1,117	1,106
Investment revaluation	2,985	(6,527)
Derivative financial instruments	(20,479)	93,109
Deferred tax	(18,578)	1,547
Current tax	505	231
Other movements	(3,094)	402
	130,886	114,211
Cash flow from operations		
Current tax paid	(254)	0
Derivative financial instruments	(8,038)	0
Borrowing costs	(980)	(1,383)
Interest paid	(54,194)	(50,526)
Interest received	2,866	1,661
	70,286	63,963
Cash flow from investing activities		
Property acquisitions	(196,404)	(58,944)
Capital expenditure	(50,598)	(29,360)
Property sales	125,301	0
Additions to tangible fixed assets	(2,008)	(282)
	(123,709)	(88,586)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Borrowings added	278,469	299,652
Repayment of borrowings	(243,909)	(199,982)
Dividends paid	(54,670)	(72,008)
Stock options exercised	124	0
Increase in non-current creditors	4,270	519
	(15,716)	28,181
Net cash flow	(69,139)	3,558
Currency differences on cash and deposits	(393)	4,420
Decrease/increase in cash and deposits	(69,532)	7,978
Cash and deposits at beginning of year	120,954	112,976
Cash and deposits at the end of year	51,422	120,954



# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(€ '000)	Twelve months ended 30-06-2013	Twelve months ended 30-06-2012	Fourth quarter ended 30-06-2013	Fourth quarter ended 30-06-2012
Result after taxation	122,919	(12,118)	58,134	(4,119)
Foreign currency translation differences (to be recycled through profit and loss account)	(3,573)	13,017	(16,084)	2,612
Total other comprehensive income	(3,573)	13,017	(16,084)	2,612
Total comprehensive income	119,346	899	42,050	(1,507)
Per depositary receipt (€)				
Total comprehensive income	2.87	0.02	1.01	(0.04)
Diluted total comprehensive income	2.77	0	0.97	(0.04)

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

The movements in shareholders' equity in the financial year ended 30 June 2013 were:

(€ '000)	Issued share capital	Share premium reserve	Other reserves	Undis- tributed income	Total
30-06-2012	204,983	396,385	710,897	(12,118)	1,300,147
Profit after taxation				122,919	122,919
Other comprehensive income			(3,573)		(3,573)
Total comprehensive income			(3,573)	122,919	119,346
Issued shares	3,907	(3,907)			0
Result previous financial year			(12,118)	12,118	0
Dividends paid		(48)	(54,622)		(54,670)
Stock options exercised			124		124
Stock options granted		1,117			1,117
30-06-2013	208,890	393,547	640,708	122,919	1,366,064

The movements in shareholders' equity in the previous financial year ended 30 June 2012 were:

(€ '000)	Issued share capital	Share premium reserve	Other reserves	Undis- tributed income	Total
30-06-2011	204,283	395,990	568,600	201,277	1,370,150
Result after taxation				(12,118)	(12,118)
Other comprehensive income			13,017		13,017
Total comprehensive income			13,017	(12,118)	899
Issued shares	700	(700)			0
Profit previous financial year			129,280	(129,280)	0
Dividends paid		(11)		(71,997)	(72,008)
Stock options granted		1,106			1,106
30-06-2012	204,983	396,385	710,897	(12,118)	1,300,147



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(€ '000)	Franc	ce	Ital	<b>y</b>	Swed	len	The Netherlands*		Total	
For the twelve months ended										
30-06	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012	2013	2012
Rental income	57,726	53,682	73,384	69,174	41,486	40,174	0	0	172,596	163,030
Service charge income	7,057	6,509	8,285	7,059	13,076	13,860	0	0	28,418	27,428
Service charge expenses	(8,394)	(7,592)	(8,285)	(7,059)	(14,646)	(14,910)	0	0	(31,325)	(29,561)
Property expenses	(7,256)	(6,440)	(12,265)	(9,591)	(5,800)	(5,513)	0	0	(25,321)	(21,544)
Net property income	49,133	46,159	61,119	59,583	34,116	33,611	0	0	144,368	139,353
Disposal of investment	0	0	0	0	(1,696)	0	0	0	(1,696)	0
properties										
Investment revaluation	34,112	13,105	(25,000)	(25,026)	(4,960)	17,133	2,411	(74)	6,563	5,138
Segment result	83,245	59,264	36,119	34,557	27,460	50,744	2,411	(74)	149,235	144,491
Net financing cost									(31,290)	(142,009)
Company expenses									(10,650)	(11,694)
Investment expenses									(2,449)	(1,128)
Result before taxation									104,846	(10,340)
Corporate income tax									(505)	(231)
Deferred tax									18,578	(1,547)
Result after taxation									122,919	(12,118)
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Property investments	995,100	958,700	1,026,000	1,041,900	619,323	557,981	0	0	2,640,423	2,558,581
Property investments under development	24,600	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24,600	0
Tangible fixed assets	317	345	1,352	89	198	28	167	374	2,034	836
Receivables	20,486	21,456	5,600	5,971	2,446	1,344	732	1,168	29,264	29,939
Derivative financial instruments	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	6
Deferred tax assets	0	0	284	751	0	0	0	0	284	751
Cash and deposits	3,730	3,848	21,302	519	10,634	12,403	15,756	104,184	51,422	120,954
Property investments held for sale	141,000	0	0	0	0	131,886	0	0	141,000	131,886
Total assets	1,185,233	984,349	1,054,538	1,049,236	632,601	703,642	16,655	105,726	2,889,027	2,842,953
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Creditors	33,058	25,777	16,682	20,420	14,658	17,535	2,107	1,964	66,505	65,696
Non-current creditors	9,332	7,660	1,792	2,310	13	12	0	0	11,137	9,982
Borrowings	395,021	354,450	590,360	581,212	246,542	317,082	55,000	0	1,286,923	1,252,744

Non-current creditors	9,332	7,660	1,792	2,310	13	12	0	0	11,137	9,982
Borrowings	395,021	354,450	590,360	581,212	246,542	317,082	55,000	0	1,286,923	1,252,744
Derivative financial instruments	23,441	29,242	84,405	97,731	12,504	21,649	0	0	120,350	148,622
Deferred tax liabilities	0	0	0	0	36,192	63,864	0	0	36,192	63,864
Provision for pensions	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,856	1,898	1,856	1,898
Total liabilities	460,852	417,129	693,239	701,673	309,909	420,142	58,963	3,862	1,522,963	1,542,806
Acquisitions, divestments and capital expenditure (including capitalised interest)	169,443	25,582	11,034	98,272	(60,616)	10,521	0	0	119,861	134,375

<sup>\*</sup> The Netherlands represents assets and liabilities of Eurocommercial Properties N.V. and its offices in Amsterdam and London.

# **COUNTRY SPREAD**

_ (%)	30-06-2013	30-06-2012
France	41	36
Italy	37	39
Sweden	22	25
	100	100



# **PROPERTY EXPENSES**

Property expenses in the current financial year were:

(€ '000)	30-06-2013	30-06-2012
Direct property expenses		
Bad debts	599	433
Centre marketing expenses	2,446	2,374
Insurance premiums	585	501
Managing agent fees	1,952	1,808
Property taxes	2,750	1,657
Repair and maintenance	1,310	1,485
Shortfall service charges	303	378
	9,945	8,636
Indirect property expenses		
Accounting fees	398	428
Audit fees	291	267
Depreciation fixed assets	380	85
Dispossession indemnities	993	583
Italian local tax (IRAP)	1,564	1,452
Legal and other advisory fees	1,728	1,339
Letting fees and relocation expenses	1,856	1,657
Local office and accommodation expenses	1,471	973
Pension contributions	97	87
Salaries, wages and bonuses	3,670	3,287
Social security charges	1,448	1,250
Stock options granted (IFRS 2)	187	186
Travelling expenses	547	567
Other local taxes	562	578
Other expenses	184	169
	15,376	12,908
	25,321	21,544

The financial statements of the Company as per 30 June 2013 are in the process of being prepared and audited. The Annual Report enclosing these financial statements will be published on www.eurocommercialproperties.com on 20 September 2013. The figures in this press release have not been audited by an external auditor.