



Press release

First half 2021 results

- **Improvement in all key indicators**
 - Physical occupancy rate up 2 points
 - Financial occupancy rate up 3 points
 - Annualised net rent up 5.7% at €9.6m
 - Increase in portfolio value of 2.4% to €164.8m
 - Consolidated revenues up 4.0%
 - Net operating cash flow up 7.1% (vs H1 2019)
- **Healthy and controlled financial position**
- **Completion of works on the Valentin shopping centre**

Paris, 29 July 2021: MRM (Euronext code ISIN FR0000060196), a real estate investment company specialising in retail property, today announced its first-half results for the period to 30 June 2021. This press release follows on from the review and closing of the interim financial statements by MRM's Board of directors at its meeting held today.

François Matray, Chief Executive Officer of MRM, noted: "**Despite the continuing health crisis, MRM considerably improved all its key indicators during the first half of the year. Occupancy rates for the portfolio increased further, the value of the portfolio increased and net operating cash flow was higher than in the first half of 2019, the last year before the health crisis. MRM is on track to achieve its target of annualised net rent of over €10 million on the basis of the current portfolio.**

As the owner and operator of a diversified retail property portfolio with a favourable retail mix and moderate rents, MRM benefits from its positioning that is both resilient in times of crisis and adapted to changing consumer trends. MRM is also reaping the benefits of active management of its retail properties and the close relations it enjoys with its tenants. These strengths will enable us to continue to keep stride with changes in bricks-and-mortar retail, which still offers a promising future provided it is managed dynamically and with pragmatism."

Continuation of the health crisis in the first half

Retail activity was again severely restricted during the first half of 2021 by the various restrictions on shop openings and curfews introduced by the French government. Over the first six months of the year, MRM's floor space that remained open represented 73% of gross annualised rent

Against this backdrop, the high proportion of food retail, household equipment, discount stores and services makes MRM's retail mix all the more relevant. These sectors make up around two thirds of the rental base, while the most distressed sectors – such as personal equipment and beauty – only account for around 10%.

Furthermore, the portfolio's moderate average rent¹ of around €180 per sqm is also a strength, particularly in this unprecedented situation for the sector.

Further increase in physical and financial occupancy rates

Rental activity remained brisk. The 10 leases² signed during the first half of the year represent rents of €1.0 million, with a positive reversionary rate³ of 2% for a total floor area of 7,100 sqm.

New signatures concern in particular:

- The ongoing letting of the Valentin shopping centre with the signing of four leases representing a total floor area of 625 sqm. These agreements bring the percentage of space let within the shopping gallery to 89%;
- Discount retailer Centrakor, which will occupy the 3,300 sqm medium-sized unit within Aria Parc (Allonnes) previously occupied under a short-term lease. Alongside Action and Gemo, Centrakor will be an anchor for the site as a whole;
- The renewal of the lease held by Habitat, which occupies a 2,500 sqm medium-sized unit at Carré Vélizy.

Robust letting activity has resulted in improvement in all key indicators, with no change in scope:

- Increase in the physical occupancy rate^{4,5} to 89% at end-June 2021, compared with 87% at end-December 2020;
- Increase in the financial occupancy rate^{4,5} to 87% at end-June 2021 compared with 84% at end-December 2020;
- Increase in annualised net rent⁵ of 5.7% to €9.6 million as at 1 July 2021 compared with €9.1 million as at 1 January 2021.

Completion of Valentin shopping centre investment programme

The programme to transform the Valentin shopping centre was completed during the first half of the year, significantly enhancing the appeal of the shopping gallery attached to the Carrefour hypermarket, the leader in the Greater Besançon area.

The extended and refurbished Valentin shopping centre is now home to 50 stores (including three medium-sized units) over a floor area of 6,700 sqm, of which 89% is let. The retail mix has been enhanced by the arrival of Action, Christine Laure, Crescendo and Mise Au Green, alongside existing retailers such as Chausport, Histoire d'Or, Jules & John, Orange and Poulaillon.

¹ Excluding Gamm Vert sub-portfolio

² New or renewed leases

³ Excluding reletting of space previously let on short-term lease, or +19% including this reletting

⁴ Calculated on the basis of total existing lots in the portfolio, including those held strategically vacant and the Valentin shopping centre extension

⁵ Including leases already signed but not yet in effect at 30.06.2021 and excluding short-term leases expiring in Q3 2021. Adjusted for these factors, at 30.06.2021, the physical occupancy rate was 89%, the financial occupancy rate was 86% and annualised net rent was €9.2m.

Particular emphasis has been placed on integrating the shopping centre into its environment from the design stages, including zero net land artificialisation of more than 400 sqm despite the extension, eco-responsible accessibility, a “green worksite” charter and planting of trees. All new leases include an environmental appendix.

Focus on the rent collection

To date, MRM has collected 86% and 69% respectively of rents and charges for the first and second quarters of 2021. These rates are in line with expectations taking account on the one hand of MRM’s merchandising mix, with a high proportion of resilient activities, and on the other hand the terms of aid announced by the French government for retailers concerned by government-ordered closures since the start of 2021, which have not yet been set out.

MRM also continued to collect amounts due in respect of 2020. Overall, the collection rate of rents and charges due after taking account of rent write-off agreements with tenants (noting that all agreements have been signed) rose from 90% as at 31 December 2020 to 93% to date.

Portfolio value up 2.4% thanks to lettings

The value of MRM’s portfolio was €164.8 million as at 30 June 2021. This 2.4% increase reflects primarily the rise in occupancy rates and rents.

€ million	30.06.2021	31.12.2020	Change
Portfolio value excl. transfer taxes	164.8	161.0	+2.4%

Investments made in the first half of 2021 totalled €1.7 million, relating primarily to the completion of extension works (+2,600 sqm) at the Valentin shopping centre.

Financial results

Net rental income up 4.4%

Gross rental income for the first half of 2021 corresponding to rents billed increased by 4.0% relative to the first half of 2020 to €4.9 million after taking account of the limited impact of the spreading out of rent write-offs granted in 2020 and accompanied by counterparts amending the terms of leases⁶.

MRM benefited from the full effect of new leases signed in 2020 as well as leases signed in the first half of this year already in force. The positive indexation effect is marginal.

Consolidated half-year revenues € million	H1 2021	H1 2020	Change
Gross rental income	4.9	4.7	+4.0%
Non-recovered property expenses	(1.0)	(0.9)	+2.4%
Net rental income	3.9	3.8	+4.4%

Taking account of a non-recovered property expense of €1.0 million, **net rental income** rose by 4.4% to €3.9 million compared with €3.8 million in the first half of 2020.

⁶ Counterparts modifying the terms of leases in the sense of IFRS 16 (e.g. extension of lease duration, or waiver of termination rights at the next three-year break option date).

Sharp increase (+39%) in operating income before disposals and change in fair value

Operating income before disposals and change in fair value in the first half of 2021 was €1.9 million, up 39% compared with the first half of 2020.

This includes in particular operating expenses of €1.2 million, up 3%, and the impact of tenant support measures in respect of the second lockdown in 2020⁷ and the third lockdown in 2021⁸, representing a net charge of €0.5 million.

Positive impact of the change in fair value of assets on net income

After taking account of investments made during the period, the increase in appraised values resulted in a positive change in the portfolio's fair value of €2.1 million, compared with a negative change of €6.0 million in the first half of 2020.

As a result, operating income came to €4.0 million compared with an operating loss of €4.2 million in the first half of 2020.

Net financial expense was stable at €-0.7 million.

Consequently, **consolidated net income** for the first half of 2021 came to a €3.3 million profit compared with a loss of €4.9 million in the first half of 2020.

A condensed income statement is included in the appendix.

Net operating cash flow⁹ higher than in H1 2019, the last year before the crisis

Net operating cash flow came to €1.8 million as at 30 June 2021, up 35.9% compared with the first half of 2020, which represents an increase of 7.1% relative to the first half of 2019, the last year before the crisis.

€ million	H1 2021	H1 2020	Change
Net rental income	4.0	3.8	+5.2%
Tenant support measures	(0.5)	(0.8)	
Operating expenses	(1.2)	(1.2)	+2.9%
Other operating income and expenses	0.1	(0.2)	
EBITDA	2.4	1.5	+55.1%
Net gains/(losses) on disposal of assets	-	0.4	
Net cost of debt	(0.6)	(0.6)	-4.6%
Net operating cash flow	1.8	1.3	+35.9%

After taking account in particular of the €0.5 million relating to tenant support measures, compared with €0.8 million in the first half of 2020, **EBITDA** came to €2.4 million.

Net cost of debt was €0.6 million.

⁷ Lockdown from 30 October to 15 December 2020

⁸ Lockdown from 18 March to 19 May 2021

⁹ Net operating cash flow = Net income before tax adjusted for non-cash items.

Healthy financial position and increase in NAV

The next major debt repayment is in June 2022.

Gross debt is more or less stable at €76.7 million as at 30 June 2021, compared with €76.8 million as at the end of 2020.

During the first half of the year, MRM entered into an agreement with its main partner bank to postpone amortisation payments due in 2021, representing a total of €1.9 million, until the loan maturity in June 2022. This agreement strengthens the Group's liquidity position under the exceptional circumstances relating to the health crisis.

As at 30 June 2020, 91% of debt was at fixed rate, with the average cost down to 153 bp (compared with 158 bp in the first half of 2020).

At the end of June 2021, MRM had **cash and cash equivalents** of €8.8 million compared with €10.2 million at 31 December 2020. The net LTV ratio was 41.2% compared with 41.4% six months earlier.

Taking account the cash pay-out to shareholders in respect of 2020 financial year (€2.2 million), net operating cash flow generated during the first half of the year (€1.8 million) and the positive change in the fair value of properties (€2.3 million), **EPRA NDV** was 94.3 million (€2.16 per share) compared with €93.1 million (€2.13 per share) at end-December 2020 (see table in appendix).

Climate plan

MRM has been working for a number of years on Environmental, Social and Governance aspects.

In terms of environmental criteria, the portfolio is constantly becoming more energy efficient, in line with the target of reducing energy consumption by 30% by 2030 compared with 2015.

In addition, increased cooperation with tenants is essential in order to work on buildings together with a view to improving energy consumption. That is why MRM makes contractual commitments with its tenants to support these improvements. To date, 60% of leases in the portfolio include an environmental appendix, even though this is only an obligation for leases for more than 2,000 sqm. At present, all new leases signed by MRM will include this environmental appendix.

Outlook

Although all retailers have gradually been able to reopen their doors to the public since 19 May 2021, the current situation is still overshadowed by the health crisis and uncertainties relating to a potential fourth epidemic wave. Uncertainties remain regarding new decisions of restricting access to retail stores, restaurants and shopping centres, and their impact is difficult to predict.

In addition to adapting operations to the health situation, MRM's priorities for 2021 as a whole are:

- Letting available space;
- Refinancing bank debt falling due in June 2022;
- The deployment of the Climate Plan adopted by the Company, with particular attention paid to reducing energy consumption;
- Dynamic management of the portfolio with analysis of potential acquisitions and disposals.

MRM maintains its target of total annualised net rent in excess of €10 million, based on an assumed physical occupancy rate of 95%. This target is based on the current portfolio (excluding acquisitions and disposals).

Calendar

Financial information for the 3rd quarter of 2021 will be published before the market opens on 4 November 2021.

About MRM

MRM is a listed real estate investment company that owns and manages a portfolio of retail properties across several regions of France. Its majority shareholder is SCOR SE, which owns 59.9% of share capital. MRM is listed in Compartment C of Euronext Paris (ISIN: FR0000060196 - Bloomberg code: MRM:FP – Reuters code: MRM.PA). MRM opted for SIIC status on 1 January 2008.

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Appendix 1: Retail mix

Sector breakdown (CNCC classification) As % of annualised gross rent	30.06.2021	31.12.2020
Household equipment excluding discount	19%	17%
Discount household equipment	12%	13%
Food	11%	11%
Services	10%	10%
Culture, gifts and leisure	7%	8%
Health	4%	4%
Foodservice	9%	9%
Recreation (fitness)	6%	6%
Personal goods	8%	7%
Beauty	3%	3%
Offices	8%	8%
Logistics	3%	3%

Appendix 2: Agenda of closures and legal restrictions

MRM tenants' openings per period As % of annualised gross rent	
1 January - 17 March 2020	100%
17 March - 11 May	Opening limited to "strictly essential" stores 27%
12 May - 30 June	Restaurants remain closed 93%
1 July - 29 October	100%
30 October - 27 November	Opening limited to "essential" stores 53%
28 November - 31 December	Restaurants and fitness centres remain closed 86%
2020 average	83%
1 January - 30 January 2021	Restaurants and fitness centres remain closed 86%
31 January - 18 March	Closure of centres >20,000 sqm, with access to food and pharmacy stores Restaurants and fitness centres remain closed 70%
19 March - 2 April	Opening limited to "essential" stores depending on the region 58%
3 April - 18 May	Opening limited to "essential" stores nationwide 51%
19 May - 8 June	Fitness centres remain closed 94%
Since 9 June	100%
Average first half 2021	73%

Appendix 3: Income statement

Simplified IFRS income statement €m	H1 2021	H1 2020
Net rental income	3.9	3.8
Operating expenses	(1.2)	(1.2)
Provisions net of reversals	(0.7)	0.4
Other operating income and expenses	(0.2)	(1.6)
Operating income before disposals and change in fair value	1.9	1.4
Net gains/(losses) on disposal of assets	-	0.4
Change in fair value of properties	2.1	(6.0)
Operating income	4.0	(4.2)
Net cost of debt	(0.6)	(0.6)
Other financial income and expense	(0.1)	(0.1)
Net income before tax	3.3	(4.9)
Tax	-	-
Consolidated net income	3.3	(4.9)

Appendix 4: 2nd quarter revenues

€m	Q2 2021	Q2 2020	Change
Gross rental income	2.47	2.30	+7.2%

Appendix 5: Balance sheet

Simplified IFRS balance sheet €m	30.06.2021	31.12.2020
Investment properties	160.5	161.0
Assets held for sale	4.3	-
Current receivables and other assets	9.0	8.2
Cash and cash equivalents	8.8	10.2
Total assets	182.6	179.4
Equity	95.0	93.9
Bank debt	76.7	76.8
Other debt and liabilities	10.9	8.7
Total equity and liabilities	182.6	179.4

Appendix 6: Net Asset Value

Net Asset Value	30.06.2021		31.12.2020	
	Total €m	Per share €	Total €m	Per share €
EPRA NDV	94.3	2.16	93.1	2.13
EPRA NRV	105.8	2.43	104.5	2.39

*Number of shares
(adjusted for treasury stock)*

43,623,471

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