

# MILESTONE CE: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES WHILE EXPANDING ABROAD



# **ABOUT ME**

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1999: Foundation of VISIONAPARTMENTS

Today: VISIONAPARTMENTS is the Swiss market leader in the Serviced Apartments sector

One of the five lions of the show "Höhle der Löwen Schweiz" by TV24



# **ABOUT VISIONAPARTMENTS**

Founded in Switzerland, the company specialises in developing and renting furnished apartments with service and style.

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- Management office in Zurich
- Support center in Warsaw
- Business Development Center in Bucharest
- Customers: 80% business travelers, 20% leisure travelers
- Average length of stay: 1 month

### **PORTFOLIO**

### **Apartments**

Over 1,800 apartments in Zurich, Zug, Lausanne, Vevey, Berlin, Frankfurt, Vienna, Warsaw.

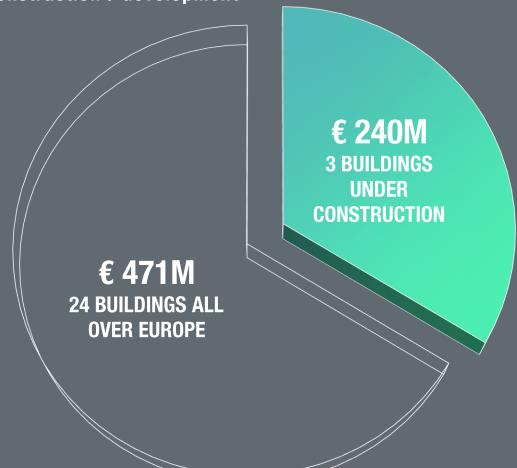






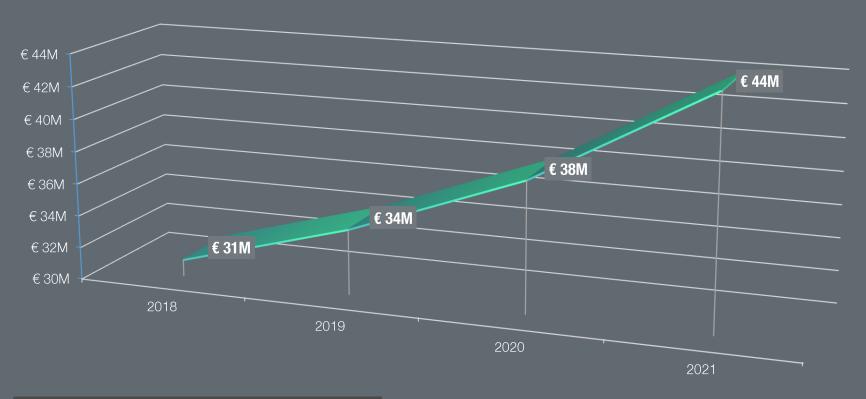
# **INVESTMENT VOLUME IN REAL ESTATE**

CHF 471M in apartment buildings / real estate + CHF 240M real estate under construction / development





### FORECASTED REVENUE OF OWN PROPERTIES



 Forecasted
 2018: CHF 30M (EUR 31M)

 revenue
 2019: CHF 40M (EUR 34M)

 of own properties
 2020: CHF 45M (EUR 38M)

 2021: CHF 52M (EUR 44M)



# **WORLDWIDE NETWORK**

131,000 apartments 850 cities 87 countries



# **PRODUCT**

- Furnished apartments with service and style, incl. completely furnished kitchen/-ette
- Excellent city locations
- Attractive price / quality ratio

### TYPES OF ACCOMMODATION

- Studios
- Duplex apartments
- Accommodation with several bedrooms
- Attic apartments
- Luxurious mansions





# **SERVICES**

- Weekly cleaning
- Weekly change of bath towels and linen
- Internet and TV
- Free use of the laundry facilities
- Final cleaning when moving out
- Professional support helpline

### **ADDITIONAL SERVICES AVAILABLE**

- Laundry service
- Other VIP services





# WHY DID WE EXPAND INTERNATIONALLY?









Registration of the company

2006

SET FOOT IN WARSAW



- Vision Warsaw
- We hired the first four people.
- We wanted to buy single apartments, renovate them and rent them out.

2006 2009

SET FOOT IN WARSAW

SEARCH:
SINGLE
APARTMENTS

### CHALLENGES

 Management of single apartments turned out to be too difficult, due to large distances in the city.





- Opening of call center.
- English became the company language.
- We started to write down all processes and established guidelines / standard procedures.
- We brought our IT infrastructure to Warsaw.

<u>2006</u> <u>2009</u> <u>2010</u>

SET FOOT IN WARSAW

SEARCH: SINGLE APARTMENTS

**OPENING OF A CALL CENTER** 

### **OPPORTUNITIES**

- High level of education
- Most people speak minimum 2 languages
- Easy to find qualified staff
- Comparably low salaries





We wanted to buy complete buildings, renovate the apartments and rent them out.

2006 2009 2010 AT THE SAME TIME

SET FOOT IN WARSAW

SEARCH: SINGLE APARTMENTS

OPENING OF A CALL CENTER

SEARCH: APARTMENT BUILDINGS

### **CHALLENGES**

- Agencies (different offers/prices for the same object)
- Agency behind agency no connection to owner
- Non-transparent prices
- Too high prices
- Buildings belonged to several owners
- Some buildings have to be bought with tenants
- Owners must give guarantee through private assets





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SET FOOT IN WARSAW SINGLE APARTMENTS
OPENING OF A CALL CENTER BUILDINGS

We bought a few apartments to test the market. The apartments were quite expensive.

2011/2012

PURCHASE OF A FEW APARTMENTS

### LEARNING

We will buy a plot and build a whole building ourselves (60+ apartments) OR management contracts.



### **TODAY**

Our call center has turned into the backbone of our operations. A crucial step is the digitalization of our business.

We have over 80 employees in Poland. Many of our core business activities are managed in Poland (online marketing, customer service, part of operations, architecture etc.). VISIONAPARTMENTS will grow further in this area.

As the situation in Bucharest improved tremendously over the past few years, we opened this year a business development center in Bukarest. This will become a main pillar for our global sales.





### **FUTURE PLANS**

# Corporate agreements for VISIONAPARTMENTS locations and partner locations worldwide.

We already started approaching new corporate clients from Central and Eastern Europe with our business development center in Bucharest.

We are planning on opening further business development centers in other eastern European locations, as well as in Asia (Thailand, Indonesia, Vietnam etc.)





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