

Vantage Towers AG: Q1 FY22 Quarterly Statement

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Vantage Towers sees continued momentum in Q1 with increasing tenancies and promising new partnerships; on track to meet FY22 guidance

- Sustained commercial momentum across our business:
 - ✓ Delivered more than 200¹ new tenancies in Q1 FY22 resulting in a tenancy ratio of 1.41x (Q4 FY21: 1.40x), continuing the progress towards our medium-term target of >1.5x
 - ✓ Developing commercial opportunities with new partners and customers across our footprint to drive the technological evolution of our services
- Group Revenue (ex. pass through) of €246m in Q1 FY22, implying a 2.1% year-on-year (YoY) growth compared to Q1 FY21 pro forma of €241m
- Vantage Towers entered the SDAX on 21 June 2021
- FY22 guidance unchanged: revenue €995-€1,010m, EBITDAaL margin broadly stable and recurring free cash flow (RFCF) of €390-€400m

Performance summary

	Q1 FY22 <i>(unaudited)</i>
Macro sites	45.6k
Tenancy ratio	1.41x
Group Revenue ex. pass through (€m)	246
<i>revenue growth year-on-year (YoY)</i>	<i>2.1%</i>

Please note: Q1 FY21 macro sites and tenancy ratio are not available.

Vivek Badrinath, CEO of Vantage Towers AG, commented:

“After an exciting first year launching our company, activity in FY22 has continued at pace. In the first quarter, we were able to further advance the commercialisation of our business by signing promising new partnerships, which will bring us new tenancies. We recorded revenues (ex pass through) of €246m in Q1 FY22 and continue to remain on track to deliver our guidance and our medium-term targets.”

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¹ Sites/ tenancies added from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.

Commercial update

Continued commercial momentum across the business

Fully owned segments

30 June 2021	DE		ES		GR		Other European Markets		Consolidated	
	Q4 FY21	Q1 FY22	Q4 FY21	Q1 FY22	Q4 FY21	Q1 FY22	Q4 FY21	Q1 FY22	Q4 FY21	Q1 FY22
Macro sites	19.4k	19.4k	8.7k	8.7k	4.8k	4.8k	12.7k	12.7k	45.7k	45.6k
Tenancy ratio	1.21x	1.21x	1.70x	1.74x	1.65x	1.66x	1.39x	1.40x	1.40x	1.41x
Market position ²	#2	#2	#2	#2	#1	#1	#2	#2		

Please note: Q4 FY21 is used as a comparative figure, Q1 FY21 macro sites and tenancy ratio are not available.

Due to rounding, the macro site break down does not add up; the decrease in number of sites is mainly driven by the decommissioning of sites in connection with our active sharing agreement in Spain.

In the new financial year (FY22), we have continued to see our commercial story progress thanks to our high-quality grid and powerful value propositions across our European footprint. In particular, we have continued to make good progress across our operational and commercial objectives:

- **Powering Europe's digital transformation:** Vantage Towers' consolidated portfolio remained broadly stable at 45.6k macro sites across the 8 European markets. The increase in new built sites (BTS) was slightly offset by the previously communicated decommissioning of sites, in particular driven by our active sharing agreement in Spain.
- **Continued commercial momentum:** We delivered more than 200³ tenancies in Q1 FY22, with more than 100³ of these being non-committed additions. Our overall tenancy ratio has increased from 1.40x in Q4 FY21 to 1.41x in Q1 FY22. In Spain the tenancy ratio has risen from 1.70x to 1.74x in quarter despite the small decline in macro sites⁴. We remain well on track to deliver our medium-term tenancy ratio of >1.50x.
- **Promising commercial opportunities :** In Spain, we have signed a partnership agreement with LineoX⁵ and expanded our collaboration with Masmóvil. The agreement with Sigfox Greece is also another important step on our way to becoming a 5G superhost. And moreover, across our footprint we secured further partnership agreements in Greece and the Czech Republic. With these new contracts we are developing commercial opportunities with new partners and customers across our footprint in Europe.
- **Efficiency programme to drive margins:** Our programme to optimise ground leases through buyouts or renegotiations is showing continued progress to date, the following milestones have been achieved:
 - ✓ ~250 agreements commercially agreed or signed in Spain
 - ✓ Germany is accelerating with ~80 contracts agreed
 - ✓ Promising initial results in other European markets with ~60 agreements

In Spain, Vantage Towers has signed a new 8-year partnership with LineoX that offers them access to up to 9,000 of our existing sites demonstrating the high quality and connectivity of our grid. LineoX will use these sites to offer a number of services including radio links to both its existing and future customers across the country. Another excellent future growth opportunity is with Masmóvil in Spain, where we are expanding our collaboration with them to accelerate the future 5G roll-out and upgrades in both urban and rural areas.

In order to shape the future of our industry, we are also building a strong network across our footprint to further drive the technological evolution of our services and test new products and solutions. In supporting our goal to become a 5G superhost in Europe, we have signed a 10-year contract with Sigfox in Greece. This is expected to deliver 280 additional tenancies over the next three financial years and 180 of these will already be achieved by the end of CY22.

² Estimated based on total number of macro sites compared to other market participants.

³ Sites/ tenancies added from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.

⁴ Small reduction in macro sites in Spain is not directly visible due to rounding, so macro sites appear stable at 8.7k sites.

⁵ LineoX is a wholesale provider of connectivity services and has a network of 10,800 radio links in Spain to provide internet connectivity, especially in those remote areas that cannot be accessed by cable or fibre optics. For more information, please visit the company's website: <https://lineox.es/>.

Furthermore, we have signed a partnership memorandum in Greece with 5G Ventures SA to support 5G innovations and new business models. Accordingly, selected businesses funded by the Phaistos Investment Fund (managed by 5G Ventures SA) will have access to Vantage Towers' portfolio in Greece to pilot their range of products and services.

Finally, Vantage Towers Czech has signed contracts with four new customers in Q1 FY22. These framework agreements are expected to deliver around 100 new tenancies per customer over the next three years, therefore ~400 tenancies in total in the Czech Republic with the following customers:

- ✓ VanCo: Distributor of telecommunications equipment, microwave links, and products.
- ✓ WIA: Provider of residential and business services with tailor-made solutions.
- ✓ NHK: Installation partner for last-mile connectivity, service and support.
- ✓ CBL - Communication by light: Provider of business services, microwave connections, free and licensed bands.

Summary Financial performance

Financial performance on track

Total Revenue Breakdown in €m	Q1 FY21PF (unaudited)	Q1 FY22 (unaudited)	YoY (%)
Macro site revenue	229	233	1.8%
Other rental revenue	7	7	0.9%
Energy and other revenue	6	7	13.7%
Revenue (ex. pass through)	241	246	2.1%

In the first quarter of this financial year (Q1 FY22), we generated total revenue (ex. pass through) of €246m, an increase of 2.1% compared to the prior year's pro forma figure (Q1 FY21PF) of €241m. Macro site revenue of €233m increased by 1.8% compared to Q1 FY21PF revenue of €229m. Macro site revenue represented 93.8% of total revenue (Q1 FY21PF: 94.9%) with growth being primarily driven by new tenancies and macro sites.

Other rental revenue of €7m (Q1 FY21PF: €7m) was broadly stable with a slight increase of 0.9%, whereas energy and other revenue increased by 13.7% from €6m to €7m.

Furthermore, in Q1 FY22 more than 200⁶ new non-Vodafone tenancies have been added, of which more than 150 were tenancies in Spain, mainly driven by the active sharing agreement. Revenue from customers other than Vodafone principally comprised macro site revenue. In the first three months of this financial year, we generated revenue of €40m from customers other than Vodafone compared to the prior year pro forma revenue of 38m, an increase of 4.7%.

Segmental Revenues (ex. pass through) in €m	Q1 FY21PF (unaudited)	Q1 FY22 (unaudited)	YoY (%)
Germany	119	120	0.6%
Spain	40	42	7.4%
Greece	32 ⁷	32	0.8%
Other European Markets	51	52	2.1%
Consolidated	241	246	2.1%

Germany is our largest segment earning total revenue of €120m (Q1 FY21PF: €119m) in Q1 FY22. Revenue in Spain increased by 7.4% during the quarter compared to the prior year from €40m to €42m and Greece generated total revenue of €32m which increased slightly by 0.8% from €32m. Finally, other European Markets generated €52m in the first three months of this financial year increasing by 2.1% YoY from €51m.

6 Sites/ tenancies added from 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.

7 Incl. 100% of Greece.

Vantage Towers co-controlled joint ventures

The Group's co-controlled joint ventures and joint operations include INWIT (33.2%) and Cornerstone (50%). The financial performance of our equity investments in INWIT and Cornerstone are in line with expectations. INWIT has recorded a Q1 total revenue⁸ of €190.2m for the quarter ending 31 March 2021 and Cornerstone a Q1 total revenue⁹ of €112.5m¹⁰ for the quarter ending 30 June 2021.

Our Guidance

We confirm our outlook for FY22 as well as our medium-term targets

Our FY22 group outlook, which we published in our preliminary results and our annual report, remains unchanged. Just to reiterate previous guidance and narrative:

Measure	FY22 guidance	Medium-term Targets ¹¹
Tenancy Ratio for Consolidated Vantage Towers	-	>1.50x
Revenue (ex. pass through)	€995-€1,010m	Mid-single digit CAGR
Adj. EBITDAaL	EBITDAaL margin broadly stable with FY21PF ¹²	High 50s percentage margin (based on Revenue ex. pass through)
Recurring free cash flow (RFCF)	€390-€400m	Mid to high single digit CAGR
Net Financial Debt to Adjusted EBITDAaL	-	Flexibility to exceed for growth investment
Net Financial Debt	-	€1bn leverage capacity

For FY22, we expect revenue (ex. pass through revenues) of €995 to €1,010m, delivering mid-single digit revenue growth in line with our medium-term targets.

Our FY22 revenue growth is expected to generate a broadly stable EBITDAaL margin with FY21PF¹². The Group's expectation to achieve an adjusted EBITDAaL margin in the medium-term of high fifties per cent through operating leverage and optimisation initiatives remains unchanged. As stated before, these initiatives are expected to have an increasing effect over time, but limited impact in FY22.

Furthermore, we expect recurring Free Cash Flow (RFCF) to be in the range of €390m to €400m in FY22. In the medium-term, we expect that the Group's RFCF growth rate will be mid-to high-single-digit, in line with our previous medium-term guidance.

⁸ INWIT results are the INWIT Q1 FY21 results that have been extracted from the INWIT Q1 FY21 Financial Results Investor Presentation available at <https://www.inwit.it/en/investors/presentations-and-webcasts/lq21-financial-results/>

⁹ Cornerstone total revenue includes a pass through revenue of €31.3m in total, which consists of recovery of business rates passed through to the tenants and capital expenditure recharges.

¹⁰ An average GBP/EUR exchange rate of 1.160149235 used for the period of 1 April 2021 to 30 June 2021.

¹¹ Medium-term targets of the consolidated group excluding the UK and Italy.

¹² EBITDAaL margin in FY21PF was 54%. See preliminary results announcement: <https://www.vantagetowers.com/sites/tower-co-v2/files/2021-05/fy21-vantage-towers-preliminary-results-announcement-english.pdf>.

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Definitions

Measure	Definition	Relevance of its Use
Adjusted EBITDA	Adjusted EBITDA is operating profit before depreciation on lease-related right of use assets, depreciation, amortization and gains/losses on disposal for fixed assets, share of results of equity accounted joint ventures, and excluding impairment losses, restructuring costs arising from discrete restructuring plans, other operating income and expense and significant items that are not considered by management to be reflective of the underlying performance of the Group.	Management uses Adjusted EBITDA to assess and compare the underlying profitability of the company before charges relating to capital investment, capital structure, tax and leases. The measure is used as a reference point for cross-industry valuation.
Adjusted EBITDAaL	Adjusted EBITDAaL is Adjusted EBITDA less recharged capital expenditure revenue, and after depreciation on lease-related right of use assets and deduction of interest on lease liabilities. Recharged capital expenditure revenue represents direct recharges to Vodafone of capital expenditure in connection with upgrades to existing sites.	Management uses Adjusted EBITDAaL as a measure of underlying profitability to support the capital investment and capital structure of the Company after the cost of leases, which represent a significant cost for Vantage Towers and its peers. The measure is also used as a reference point for valuation purposes across the broader telecommunication sector.
Adjusted EBITDAaL margin	Adjusted EBITDAaL margin is Adjusted EBITDAaL divided by revenue excluding recharged capital expenditure revenue.	Management uses Adjusted EBITDAaL margin as a key measure of Vantage Towers' profitability and as a means to track the efficiency of the business.
Recurring Operating Free Cash Flow	Recurring Operating Free Cash Flow is Adjusted EBITDAaL plus depreciation on lease-related right of use assets and interest on lease liabilities, less cash lease costs and Maintenance capital expenditure. On a pro forma basis cash lease costs are calculated based on the sum of depreciation on lease-related right of use assets and interest on lease liabilities that were incurred by the Group excluding the effects from lease reassessment of the IFRS 16 lease liability and right of use asset on the sum of the associated depreciation on lease-related right of use assets and interest on lease liabilities, which have a non-cash impact in the respective period. Maintenance capital expenditure is defined as capital expenditure required to maintain and continue the operation of the existing tower network and other Passive Infrastructure, excluding capital investment in new Sites or growth initiatives (" maintenance capital expenditure ").	Management uses Recurring Operating Free Cash Flow as a measure of the underlying cashflow available to support the capital investment and capital structure of the Company.
Recurring Free Cash Flow	Recurring Free Cash Flow is Recurring Operating Free Cash Flow less tax paid and interest paid and adjusted for changes in operating working capital.	Management uses Recurring Free Cash Flow to assess and compare the underlying cash flow available to shareholders, which could be distributed or reinvested in Vantage Towers for growth as well as reference point for cross industry valuation

Glossary

"Active Equipment"	The customers' equipment used to receive and transmit mobile network signals.
BTS	Build-to-suit arrangements which corresponds to committed new build site programs and related services that have been contracted.
"Company"	Vantage Towers AG
"Consolidated Vantage Towers"	The European tower infrastructure business in Germany, Spain, Greece, Portugal, Romania, Czech Republic, Hungary and Ireland in which Vantage Towers has a controlling interest.
"Cornerstone"	Cornerstone Telecommunications Infrastructure Limited
"CY22"	Calendar year ending 31 December 2022
"Q1 FY21PF"	Pro forma for first quarter ending 30 June 2020
"Q1 FY22"	First quarter ending 30 June 2021
"FY22"	Financial year ending 31 March 2022
"GLBO Programme"	Ground Lease Buy Out Programme
"INWIT"	Infrastrutture Wireless Italiane S.p.A
"Macro sites"	The physical infrastructure, either ground-based ("Ground Based Tower" or "GBT") or located on a building ("Rooftop Tower" or "RTT") where communications equipment is placed to create a cell in a mobile network including streetworks and long-term mobile sites.
"Revenue (ex. pass through)"	Total revenue excluding pass-through recharged capital expenditure. Recharged capital expenditure revenue represents direct recharges to Vodafone of capital expenditure in connection with upgrades to existing sites.
"Site"	The Passive Infrastructure on which Active Equipment is mounted as well as its physical location.
"Tenancy ratio"	The total number of tenancies of Vantage Towers divided by the total number of Macro sites.

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Pro Forma figures

Q1 FY21PF figures have been based on previously disclosed H1 FY21PF figures, no Q1 FY21PF results have been released before.

Rounding

Due to rounding, numbers presented may not add up precisely to the totals provided and percentages may not precisely reflect the absolute figures.