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1 Preface & people

DACH Capital Market Study

Preface

Dear business partners and friends of ValueTrust,

We are pleased to release our twelfth edition of the **ValueTrust DACH¹⁾ Capital Market Study** powered by **finexpert** and **WU** Vienna. The study was carried out by ValueTrust in cooperation with **finexpert** and the Institute of Accounting and Auditing at the **WU** Vienna. With this study, we provide a data compilation of the **capital market parameters** which enable an enterprise valuation in Germany, Austria and Switzerland. It has the purpose to serve as an assistant and data source as well as to show trends in the analyzed parameters.

In this study, we analyze the relevant parameters to calculate the costs of capital based on the Capital Asset Pricing Model (**risk-free rate, market risk premium and beta**). Additionally, we determine **implied as well as historical market and sector returns**. Moreover, this study includes capital structure-adjusted implied sector returns, which serve as an indicator for the **unlevered cost of equity**. The **relevered cost of equity** can be calculated by adapting the company specific debt situation to the **unlevered cost of equity**. This procedure serves as an alternative to the CAPM.

Furthermore, we provide an analysis of empirical (ex-post) costs of equity in the form of **total shareholder returns** which consist of capital gains and dividends. The total shareholder returns can be used as a plausibility check of the implied (ex-ante) returns. Lastly, **trading multiples** frame the end of this study.

We examine the before mentioned parameters for the **German, Austrian and Swiss capital markets** (in form of the CDAX²⁾, WBI³⁾ and SPI⁴⁾). These indices have been merged into **twelve finexpert sector indices** (so-called "super sectors") Banking, Insurance, Financial Services, Consumer Service, Consumer Goods, Pharma & Healthcare, Information Technology, Telecommunication, Utilities, Basic Materials, Industrials and Real Estate.

Historical data has been compiled between the reference dates **December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2022** and will be **updated semi-annually**, with the objective that **historical**, as well as **current data**, can be consulted at the same time. Hence, we can understand changes over time, which allows us to track the performance of all three capital markets. Additionally, further knowledge and information for financial decision making is provided at www.finexpert.info.

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1) D (Germany), A (Austria), CH (Switzerland). 2) German Composite DAX Index. 3) Vienna Stock Index. 4) Swiss Performance Index.

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Disclaimer

This study presents an empirical analysis which serves the purpose of illustrating the cost of capital of Germany's, Austria's, and Switzerland's capital markets. Nevertheless, the available information and the corresponding exemplifications do not allow for a complete presentation of a proper derivation of costs of capital. Furthermore, the market participant must consider that the company specific costs of capital can vary widely due to individual corporate circumstances.

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2 Executive summary

Executive Summary (1/2)

Cost of equity per sector according to four different methodologies







Sectors	Implied levered cost of equity	Levered cost of equity (CAPM) ¹⁾	1/PE-ratio (1yf)	Total shareholder return (Ø 6y) ²⁾
 Banking	11.9%	9.3%	10.9%	7.2%
 Insurance	11.0%	7.6%	7.6%	12.5%
 Financial Services	8.7%	9.7%	7.0%	18.6%
 Consumer Service	6.9%	10.2%	5.5%	16.4%
 Consumer Goods	9.8%	9.4%	5.7%	8.8%
 Pharma & Healthcare	7.2%	10.0%	5.3%	16.9%

1) Based on 2-year sector beta, risk-free rate of 2.03% and implied market risk premium of 7.6% for the German market.

2) Total shareholder returns can be viewed as historic, realized cost of equity. However, it has to be considered that total shareholder returns vary widely, depending on the relevant time period.

Executive Summary (2/2)

Cost of equity per sector according to four different methodologies

Sectors	Implied levered cost of equity	Levered cost of equity (CAPM) ¹⁾	1/PE-ratio (1yf)	Total shareholder return (Ø 6y) ²⁾
 Information Technology	7.5%	9.7%	5.4%	14.3%
 Telecommunication	8.4%	6.6%	5.8%	6.2%
 Utilities	10.3%	8.3%	6.1%	21.2%
 Basic Materials	11.2%	9.6%	9.2%	3.9%
 Industrials	7.9%	10.2%	5.6%	13.9%
 Real Estate	7.1%	6.6%	7.3%	5.1%

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3 Risk-free rate

Risk-Free Rate

Background & approach

The **risk-free rate** is a return available on a security that the market generally regards as free of default risk. It serves as an input parameter for the **CAPM** and is used to determine the risk-adequate cost of capital.

The risk-free rate is a yield, which is obtained from **long-term government bonds** of countries with top notch ratings. By using interest rate data of different maturities, a **yield curve** can be estimated for fictitious zero-coupon bonds (spot rates) for a period of up to 30 years. Therefore, the German Central Bank (Deutsche Bundesbank) and the Swiss National Bank (Schweizer Nationalbank) publish – on a daily basis – the parameters needed to determine the yield curve using the **Svensson method**. Based on the respective yield curve, a **uniform risk-free rate** is derived under the assumption of present value equivalence to an infinite time horizon.

The **German bonds** are internationally classified as **almost risk-free securities** due to their AAA rating according to S&P. As a result, the **Austrian Chamber of Public Accountants and Tax Consultants** also recommends deriving the risk-free rate from the yield curve using the parameters published by the German Central Bank.¹⁾ Likewise, bonds issued by **Switzerland** enjoy a AAA rating and are also considered risk-free according to the Swiss National Bank.²⁾ Hence, a similar approach as for Germany and Austria is in our view appropriate for Switzerland with Swiss parameters.³⁾

To compute the risk-free rate for a specific reference date, the **Institute of Public Auditors** (Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer, **IDW**) in Germany recommends using an **average value** deduced from the daily yield curves over the **past three months** (IDW S 1).

On the contrary, the **Austrian Expert Opinion (KFS/BW 1)** on company valuation recommends deriving the risk-free rate in line with the evaluated company's cash flow profile from the yield curve that is valid for the **reference date (reference date principle)**. Thus, the KFS/BW 1 and its counterpart, the IDW S 1, differ from each other. Consequently, in the following analyses, we depict the **yield curve** for Germany following IDW S 1, while for Austria we adhere to the recommendations of KFS/BW 1.

For **Switzerland**, there is no generally accepted scheme to determine the risk-free rate. The most widely used risk-free rates in valuation practice are the yield of a **10-year Swiss government bond** as of the reference date as well as the **yield derived from the 3-month average of the daily yield curves** (in accordance with IDW S 1).

Additionally, we illustrate the monthly development of the risk-free rates since December 2016 for all three capital markets.

1) www.bundesbank.de.

2) Swiss National Bank – Zinssätze und Renditen, p.11.

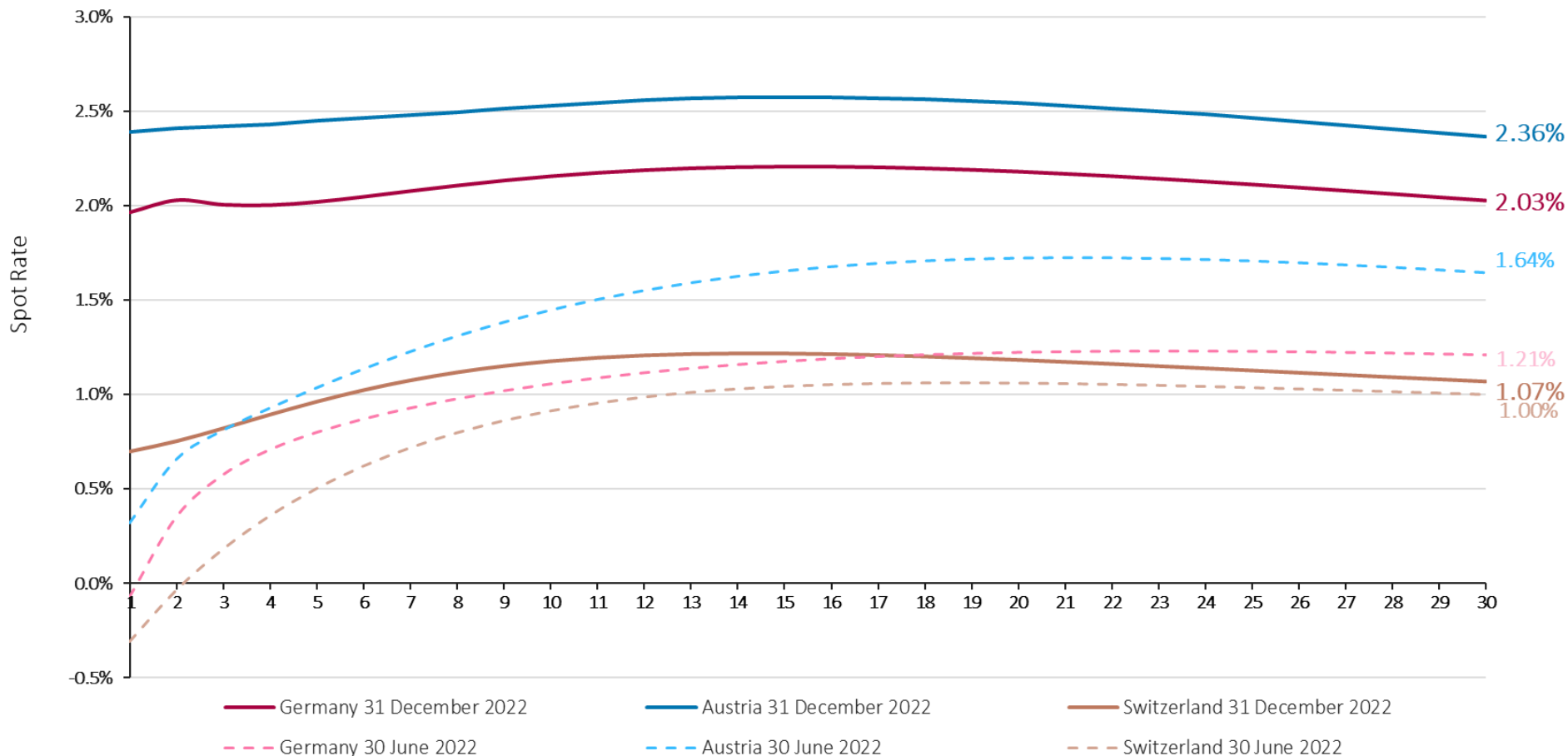
3) *ibid.*, p.13.

Risk-Free Rate – DACH

Determination according to country specific recommendations

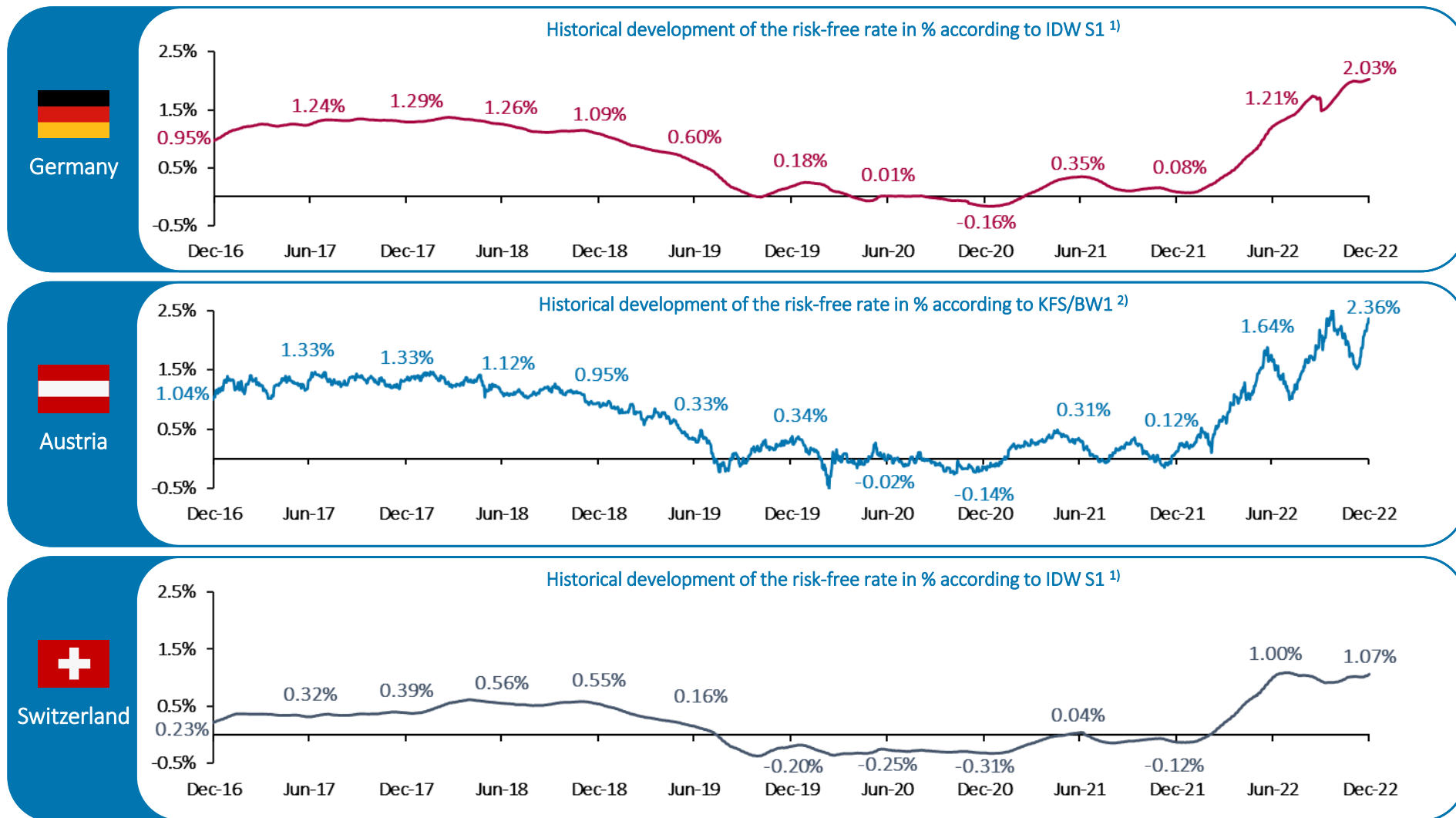
Interest rate curve based on long-term bonds (Svensson method)

Risk-free rates as of December 31, 2022



Risk-Free Rate – DACH

Historical development of the risk-free rate (Svensson method) since December 2016



1) Interest rate as of reference date using 3-month average yield curves in accordance with IDW S 1; 2) Interest rate calculated using the daily yield curve in accordance with KFS/BW 1 (no 3-month average).

4 Market returns and market risk premium

a. Implied returns (ex-ante analysis)

Implied Market Returns and Market Risk Premium

Background & approach

The **future-oriented** computation of **implied market returns** and **market risk premiums** is based on profit estimates for public companies and return calculations. This approach is called **ex-ante analysis** and allows us to calculate the “**implied cost of capital**”. It is to be distinguished from the **ex-post analysis**.

Particularly, the **ex-ante method** offers an **alternative** to the **ex-post approach** of calculating the costs of capital by means of the regression analysis through the **CAPM**. The ex-ante analysis method seeks costs of capital which represent the **return expectations of market participants**. Moreover, it is supposed that the estimates of financial analysts reflect the expectations of the capital market.

The concept of **implied cost of capital** gained momentum recently. For example, it was recognized by the German *Fachausschuss für Unternehmensbewertung* “**FAUB**”.¹⁾ It is acknowledged that implied costs of capital capture the **current capital market situation** and are thus able to reflect the effects of the current **low interest rate environment**.

Furthermore, recent **court rulings** with regards to appraisal proceedings appreciate the use of **implied cost of capital** as they are **forward-looking**. As of the **reference date**, it offers a more insightful perspective in comparison to the exclusive use of ex-post data.

For the following analysis, we use – simplified annually – the formula of the Residual Income Valuation Model by *Babbel*:²⁾

$$r_t = \frac{NI_{t+1}}{MC_t} + \left(1 - \frac{BV_t}{MC_t}\right) * g$$

1) cf. Castedello/Jonas/Schieszl/Lenckner, Die Marktrisikoprämie im Niedrigzinsumfeld – Hintergrund und Erläuterung der Empfehlung des FAUB (WpG, 13/2018, p. 806-825).

2) cf. Babbel, Challenging Stock Prices: Stock prices and implied growth expectations, in: Corporate Finance, N. 9, 2015, p. 316-323, in particular p. 319. In the observation period from H2 2020 until H2 2021, we applied t+2 earnings forecasts in our model due to distortions by the COVID-19 crisis;

3) cf. Reese, 2007, Estimation of the costs of capital for evaluation purposes; Aders/Aschauer/Dollinger, Die implizite Marktrisikoprämie am österreichischen Kapitalmarkt (RWZ, 6/2016, p. 195-202).

4) Approx. 75% of the total market capitalization (CDAX, WBI, SPI) is covered.

With the following parameter definitions:

r_t = Cost of equity at time t

NI_{t+1} = Expected net income in the following time period t+1

MC_t = Market capitalization at time t

BV_t = Book value of equity at time t

g = Projected growth rate

Through solving the models for the cost of capital, we obtain the implied return on equity.³⁾ Since *Babbel's* model does not need any explicit assumptions, except for the growth rate, it turns out to be **robust**. We source all data (i.e. the expected annual net income, the market capitalizations, and the company's book value of equity, etc.) of the analyzed companies from the data supplier S&P Capital IQ. Additionally, we apply the European Central Bank target inflation rate of **2.0% as a typified growth rate**.

Henceforth, we determine the **implied market returns** for the entire DAX, ATX and SMI. We consider these indices to be a valid approximation for the total markets.⁴⁾ The results form the starting points for the calculations of the **implied market risk premiums** of the three capital markets. Subtracting the risk-free rate from the implied market returns results in the implied market risk premium.

To determine the appropriate market risk premium for valuation purposes, it is also important to take into account the analysis of historical returns as well as volatility. Especially in times of crisis it can make sense to apply an average market risk premium over several periods instead of a reference date value.

Implied Market Returns and Market Risk Premium

German, Austrian and Swiss markets



4 Market returns and market risk premium

b. Historical returns (ex-post analysis)

Historical Market Returns

Background & approach

Besides analyzing the implied market returns through the ex-ante analysis, we also analyze **historical (ex-post) returns**. Once this analysis is performed over a **long-term observation period**, an expected **return potential** of the German, Austrian and Swiss capital markets is assessable. Therefore, the analysis of historical returns can be used for **plausibility checks of the costs of capital**, more specifically **return requirements**, which were evaluated through the CAPM.

To further enable a precise analysis of the historical returns of the German, Austrian and Swiss capital markets, we use the so-called **return triangle**.¹⁾ It helps to present the **annually realized returns** from **different investment periods** in a simple and understandable way. Especially the **different buying and selling points in time** and the different annual holding periods are illustrated comprehensively. To calculate the **average annual returns** over several years, we use both the **geometric and arithmetic mean**.

In this study, we analyze the so-called **total shareholder returns**, which include the **returns on investments** and the **dividend yields**. For our analysis, it is crucial to focus on **total return indices** because they include the price and dividend yields. Since **DAX** is a performance index, we already have an index which includes the price and dividend yields. The ATX and SMI only include the price yields, hence we need their specific total return indices. The relevant total return index for Austria is called the **ATX Total Return** and for Switzerland **SMI Total Return**. The composition of both indices are identical to the ATX and the SMI and compromise 20 companies each.

The **observation period** amounts to **25 years**. Therefore, the earliest data of the **DAX and the ATX Total Return** is from the end of 1997. However, the data of the **SMI Total Return** starts from the end of 1997. All ex-post returns are calculated using the **data as of the reference date December 31, 2022**.

The following slides illustrate how the two calculation methods (arithmetic and geometric) differ from each other for the period between December 31, 1997 and December 31, 2022:

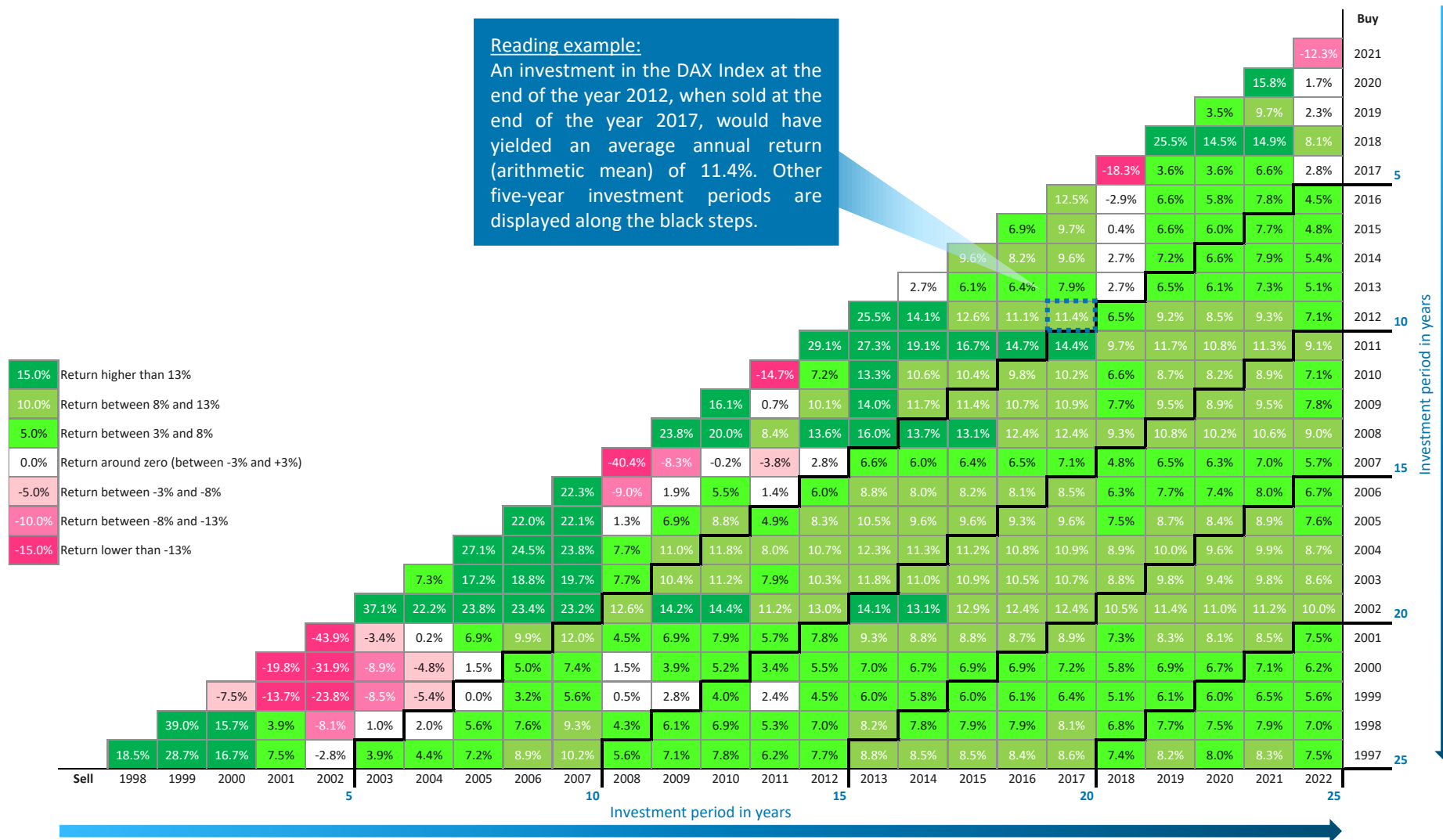
- DAX:
 - the **arithmetic mean** of the historical market returns is **7.5%**
 - the **geometric mean** of the historical market returns is **4.9%**

- ATX:
 - the **arithmetic mean** of the historical market returns is **10.3%**
 - the **geometric mean** of the historical market returns is **6.3%**

- SMI:
 - the **arithmetic mean** of the historical market returns is **6.9%**
 - the **geometric mean** of the historical market returns is **5.4%**

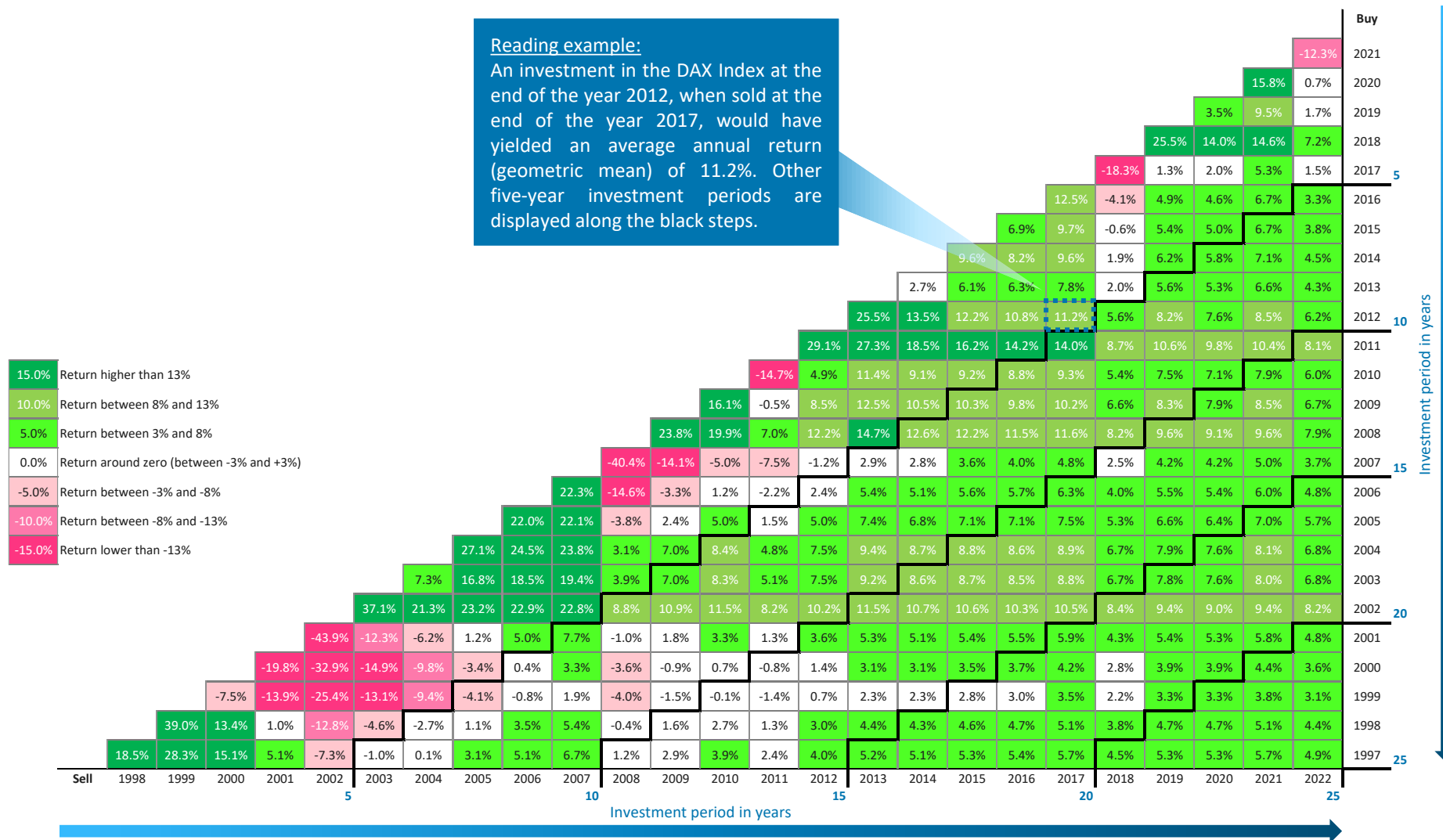
1) The German Stock Institute e.V. (DAI) developed the return triangle for DAX and EURO STOXX.

Historical Market Returns (Arithmetic Mean) – German Market DAX Performance Index Return Triangle



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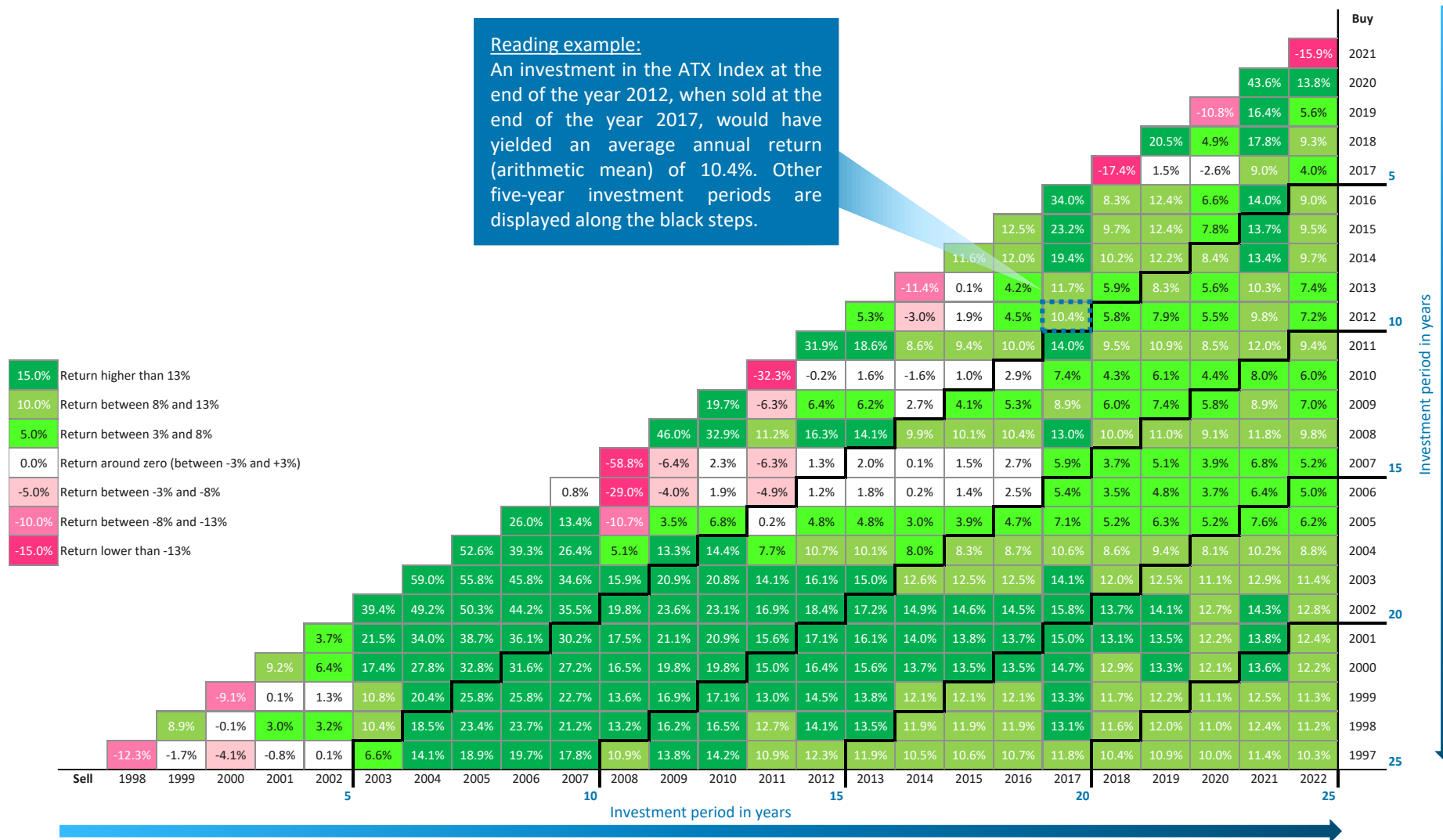
Historical Market Returns (Geometric Mean) – German Market DAX Performance Index Return Triangle



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Historical Market Returns (Arithmetic Mean) – Austrian Market

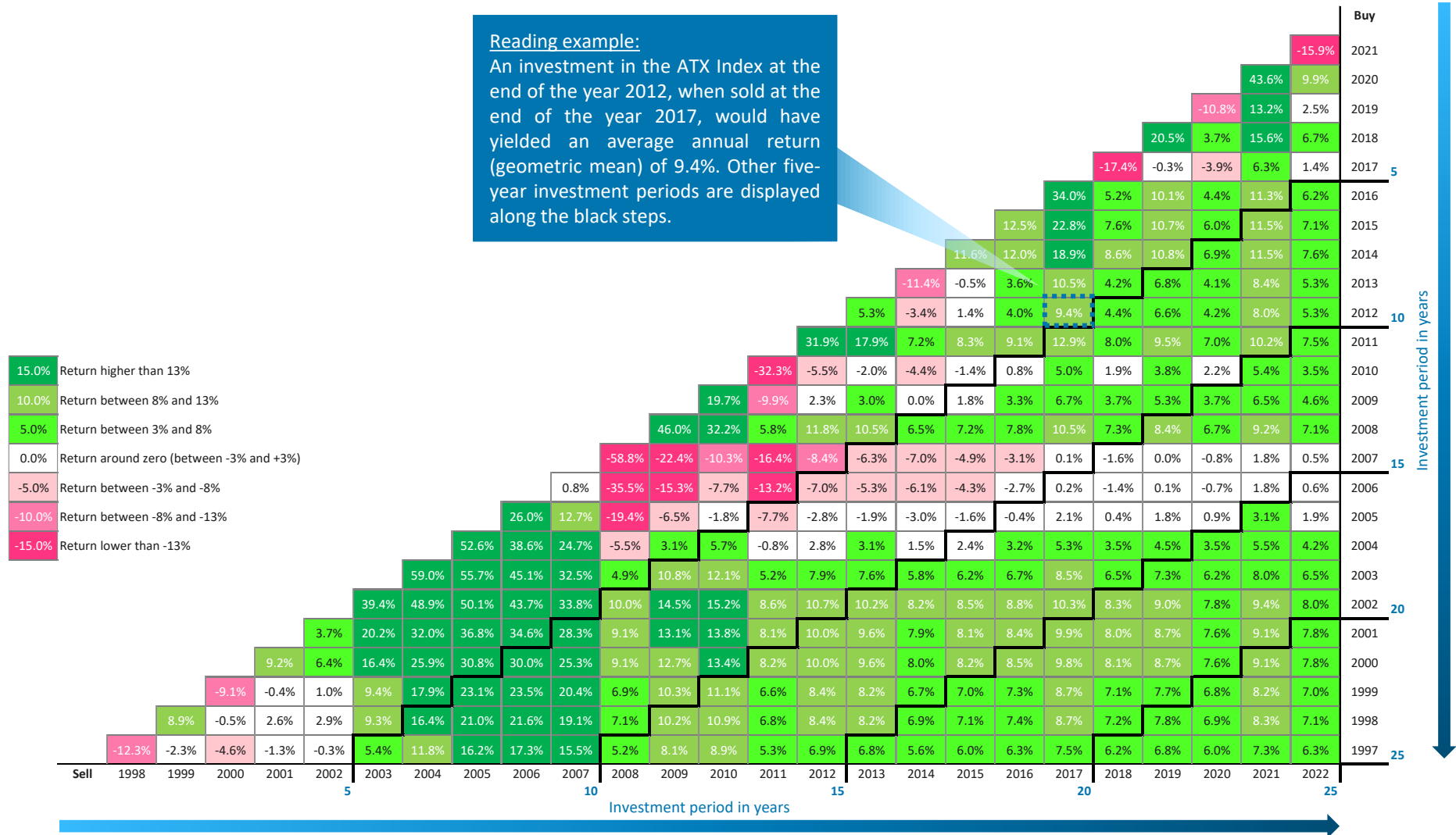
ATX Total Return Index Return Triangle



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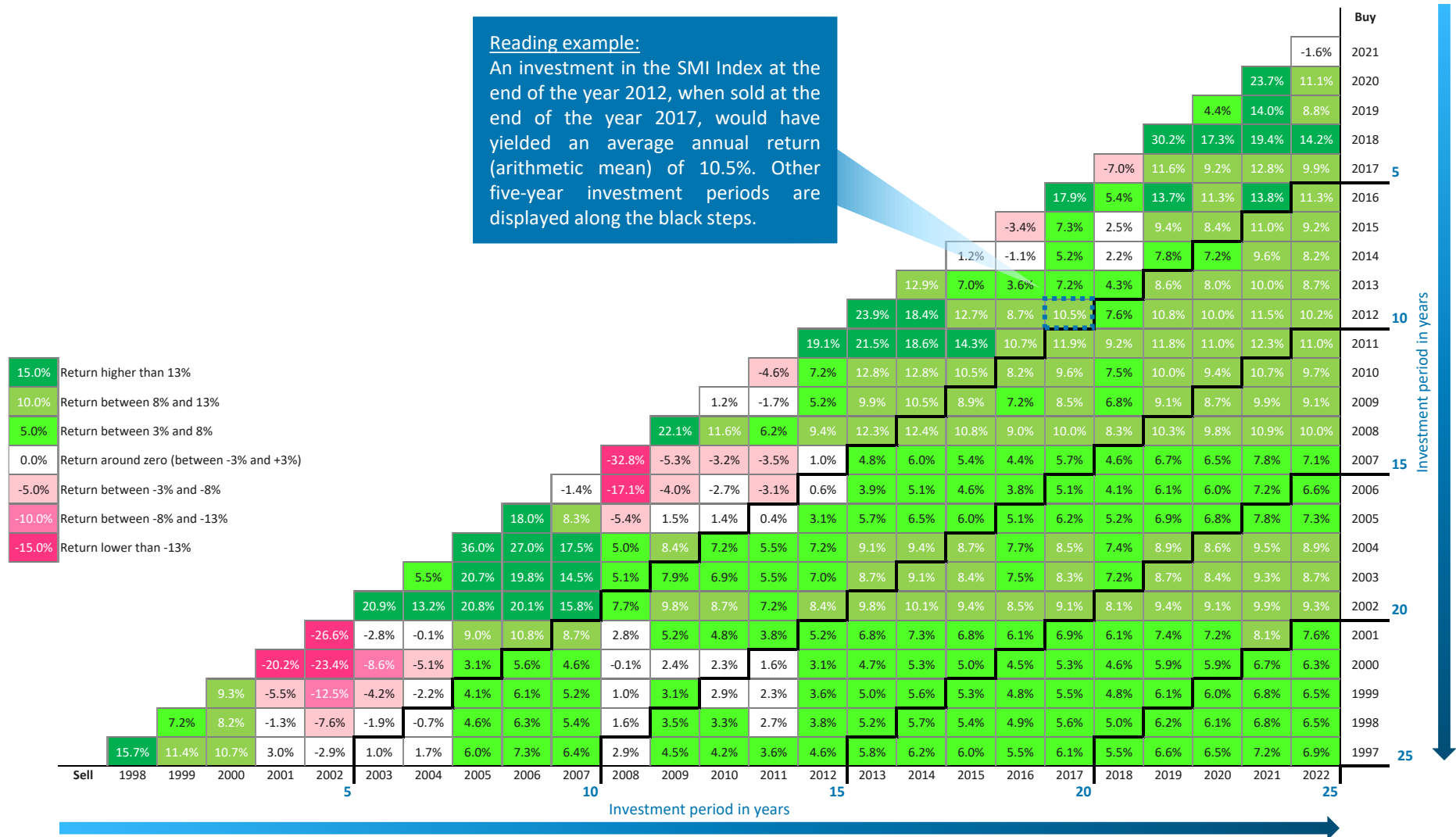
Historical Market Returns (Geometric Mean) – Austrian Market

ATX Total Return Index Return Triangle



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Historical Market Returns (Arithmetic Mean) – Swiss Market SMI Total Return Index Return Triangle

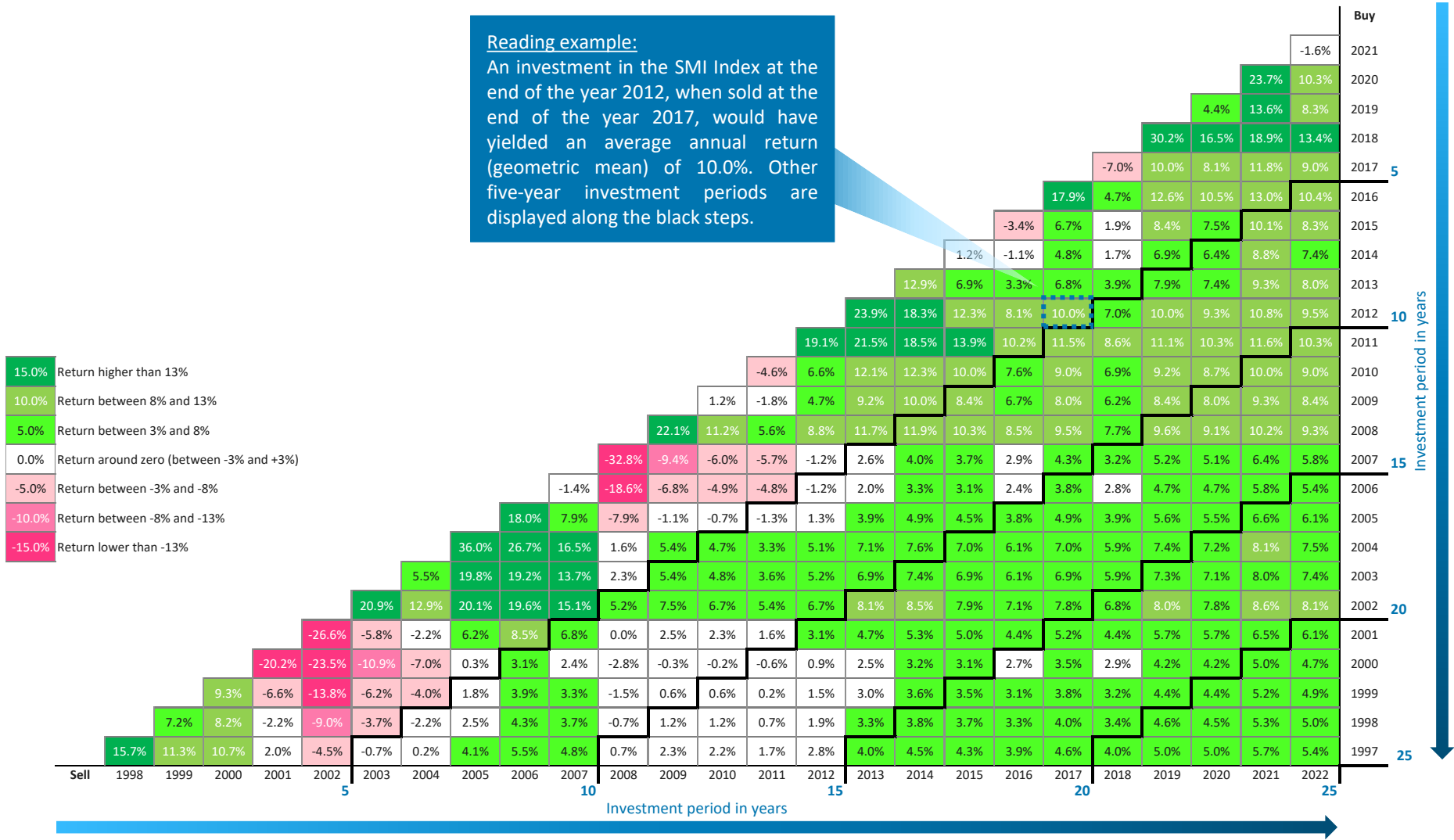


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Historical Market Returns (Geometric Mean) – Swiss Market SMI Total Return Index Return Triangle

Reading example:
An investment in the SMI Index at the end of the year 2012, when sold at the end of the year 2017, would have yielded an average annual return (geometric mean) of 10.0%. Other five-year investment periods are displayed along the black steps.



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5 Sector classification of the DACH region

based on finexpert sector indices

finexpert Sector Indices of the DACH Region

Methodology & approach

The **finexpert** sector indices aim to cover the **whole capital market of the DACH region**. Therefore, this capital market study contains all equities of the **German Composite DAX Index (CDAX)**, **Vienna Stock Exchange Index (WBI)** and **Swiss Performance Index (SPI)**. These three indices contain all shares listed on the **Official** and **Semi-Official Market**.

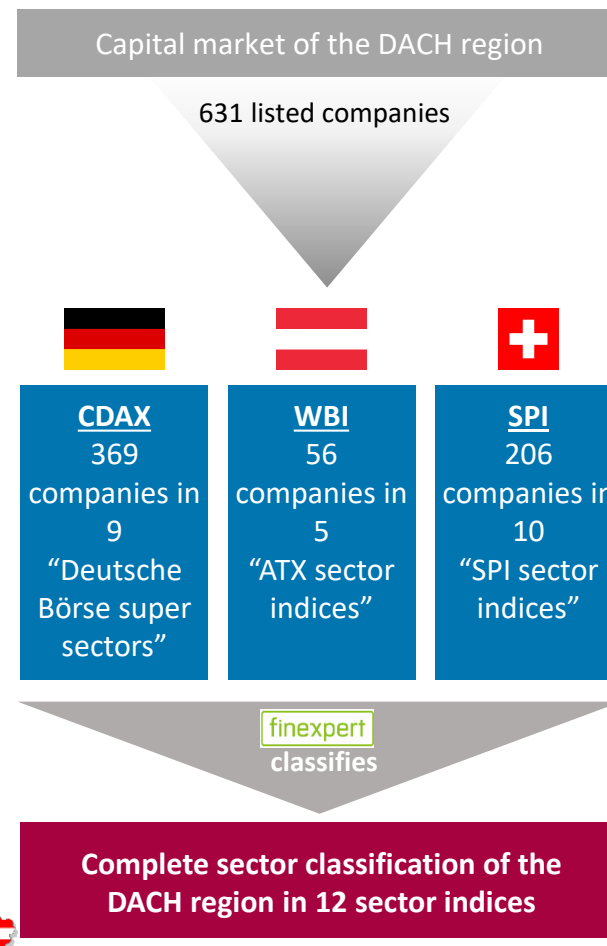
The **631 public companies**, which are listed in the mentioned indices as of December 31, 2022, build the base for the **sector classification** and the **subsequent analyses**:

- The German DAX Sector All Index¹⁾ includes 369 companies listed in the Prime Standard and General Standard and is classified into nine “Deutsche Börse super sectors”.
- The Austrian ATX only has five sector indices, ValueTrust assigns the remaining companies of the WBI to the classified sector indices.
- The Swiss SPI contains ten sector indices that comprise 206 companies.

Eventually, **finexpert** merged all three market indices and the respective sector index classification into twelve **finexpert** sector indices, so-called “super sectors.”

The **twelve sector indices** for this study are defined as follows:

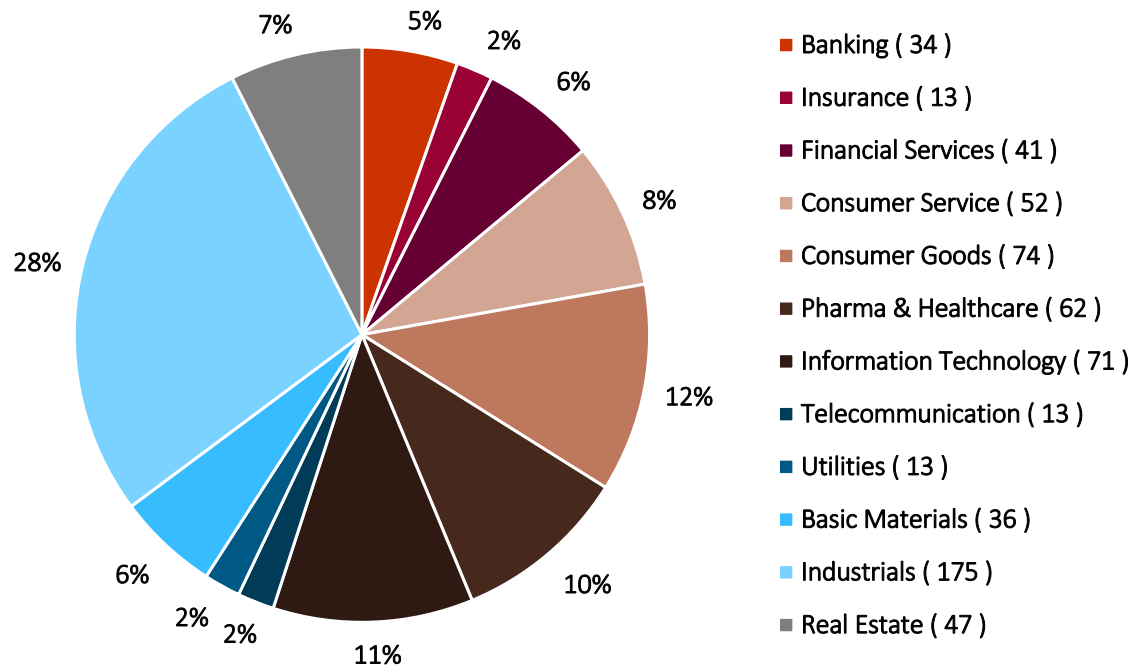
- Banking
- Insurance
- Financial Services
- Consumer Service
- Consumer Goods
- Pharma & Healthcare
- Information Technology
- Telecommunication
- Utilities
- Basic Materials
- Industrials
- Real Estate



1) The DAX Sector All Index contains all equities listed in the Prime and General Standard as well as in the Scale segment of the Frankfurt stock exchange.

Sector distribution and number of companies

Sector classification of the DACH Region



The chart shows the percentage distribution of the 631 listed companies in the twelve “super sectors” (the absolute number of companies is displayed in parentheses).

The twelve defined sectors can be classified in **three different dimensions**.

- eight different sectors represent a proportion of less than 10%,
- three represent a share between 10% and 20%,
- and only one represents a portion of more than 20%.

Companies within the **Industrials, Information Technology and Consumer Goods** sectors, hence, represent **approximately 50%** of the entire market.

1) Including asset managers, leasing firms and distribution companies for financial products.

6 Betas

Betas

Background & approach

Beta is used in the **CAPM** and is also known as the beta coefficient or beta factor. Beta is a measure of **systematic risk** of a security of a specific company (**company beta**) or a specific sector (**sector beta**) in comparison to the market. A beta of less than 1 means that the security is theoretically less **volatile** than the market. A beta of greater than 1 indicates that the security's price is more volatile than the market.

Beta factors are estimated based on **historical returns of securities** in comparison to an **approximate market portfolio**. Since the company valuation is **forward-looking**, it has to be examined whether or what potential risk factors prevailing in the past also apply for the future. By valuing non-listed companies or companies without meaningful share price performance, it is common to use a beta factor from a group of comparable companies ("**peer group beta**"), a suitable sector ("**sector beta**") or one single listed company in the capital market with a similar business model and a similar risk profile ("**pure play beta**"). Within this capital market study we have used **sector betas** which are computed as **arithmetic means of the statistically significant beta factors of all companies** of a particular sector.

The estimation of beta factors is usually accomplished through a **linear regression analysis**. We use the CDAX, WBI, and SPI as country specific reference indices.







Furthermore, it is important to set a time period for which the data is collected (**benchmark period**) and whether daily, weekly or monthly returns (**return interval**) are analyzed. In practice, it is common to use **observation periods of two years** with the regression of **weekly returns** or a **five-year observation period** with the regression of **monthly returns**. Both alternatives are displayed in our study.








In the CAPM, company specific **risk premiums** include not only **business risk**, but also financial **risk**. The beta factor for levered companies ("**levered beta**") is usually higher compared to a company with an identical business model but without debt (due to financial risk). Hence, **changes in the capital structure** require an **adjustment of the betas** and therefore of the company specific risk premiums.

In order to calculate the **unlevered beta**, adjustment formulas have been developed. We prefer to use the **adjustment formula by Harris/Pringle** which assumes a value-based financing policy, stock-flow adjustments without time delay, uncertain tax shields and a so-called **debt beta**. We calculate the debt beta based on the respective company's rating or the average sector rating (if a company's rating is not available) through the application of the **credit spread** derived from the expected cost of debt. We do not adjust the credit spread for unsystematic risks. The capital market data, in particular historical market prices, is provided by the data supplier S&P Capital IQ.

Betas

Sector specific levered and unlevered betas as of December 31, 2022 (arithmetic mean)

Sector	Beta levered	Beta unlevered
 Banking ¹⁾	0.95 0.84	n.a.
 Insurance ¹⁾	0.73 0.96	n.a.
 Financial Services ¹⁾	1.01 1.06	n.a.
 Consumer Service	1.08 1.14	0.88 0.88
 Consumer Goods	0.97 1.14	0.69 0.79
 Pharma & Healthcare	1.05 1.04	0.95 0.93

Sector	Beta levered	Beta unlevered
 Information Technology	1.01 1.15	0.88 0.99
 Telecommunication	0.61 0.75	0.51 0.64
 Utilities	0.83 0.80	0.60 0.57
 Basic Materials	1.00 1.11	0.73 0.81
 Industrials	1.08 1.23	0.88 0.98
 Real Estate	0.60 0.77	0.50 0.56
 DACH ²⁾	1.02 1.02	

  2-years weekly (darker fill)
   5-years monthly (transparent fill)

1) We refrained from adjustments of the companies' specific debt (unlevered) because indebtedness is part of the companies' operational activities and economic risk. Bank specific regulations about the minimum capital within financial institutions let us assume that the indebtedness degree is widely comparable. For that reason, it is possible to renounce the adaptation of levered betas.

2) For all DACH companies, the market value-weighted mean of the levered beta was calculated. This value deviates slightly from 1 due to the exclusion of statistically insignificant betas.

7 Sector returns

a. Implied returns (ex-ante analysis)

Implied Sector Returns

Background & approach

Other than the future-oriented calculation of **implied market returns** (cf. slide 16 et seq.), we calculate **implied returns for sectors**. That offers an **alternative** to and simplification of the **ex-post analysis** of the company's costs of capital via the **CAPM**. Using this approach, the calculation of sector betas via regression analyses is not necessary.

The **implied sector returns** shown on the following slides can be used as an **indicator** for the **sector specific levered costs of equity**. Those already consider **sector specific leverage**. Accordingly, another simplification would be to renounce making adjustments with regards to the capital structure risk.

Comparable to the calculation of the implied market returns, the following return calculations are based on the Residual Income Valuation Model by *Babbel*.¹⁾ The required data (i.e. net income, market capitalization, and book values of equity) are sourced from the data provider S&P Capital IQ. With regards to the profit growth, we assume a growth rate of 2.0%.

We unlever the implied returns with the following **adjusting equation** for the **costs of equity**²⁾ to take the specific leverage into account:³⁾

$$r_E^L = r_E^U + (r_E^U - R_f) * \frac{D}{E}$$

with:

$$\begin{aligned} r_E^L &= \text{Levered cost of equity} \\ r_E^U &= \text{Unlevered cost of equity} \\ R_f &= \text{Risk-free rate} \\ \frac{D}{E} &= \text{Debt}^{4)}\text{-to-equity ratio} \end{aligned}$$

The **implied unlevered sector returns** serve as an indicator for an **aggregated and unlevered cost of equity** for **specific sectors**. The process of relevering a company's cost of capital to reflect a company specific debt situation (cf. calculation example on the next slide) can be worked out without using the CAPM.

1) cf. Babbel, Challenging Stock Prices: Share prices and implied growth expectations (Corporate Finance, n. 9, 2015, p. 316-323, especially p. 319); cf. Aders/Aschauer/Dollinger, Die implizite Marktisikoprämie am österreichischen Kapitalmarkt (RWZ, 6/2016, p. 195-202).

2) In situations in which the debt betas in the market are distorted, we would have to adjust these betas to avoid unsystematic risks. For simplification reasons, we deviate from our typical analysis strategy to achieve the enterprise value (Debt beta > 0) and assume that the costs of debt are at the level of the risk-free rate. This process is designed by the so-called Practitioners formula (uncertain tax shields, debt beta = 0), cf. Pratt/Grabowski, Cost of Capital, 5th ed., 2014, p. 253.

3) We assume that the cash and cash equivalents are used entirely for operational purposes. Consequently, we do not deduct excess cash from the debt.

4) "Debt" is defined as all interest-bearing liabilities. The debt illustration of the companies in the Banking, Insurance and Financial Services sector only serves an informational purpose. We will not implement an adjustment to these companies' specific debt (unlevered) because their indebtedness is part of their operational activities and economic risk.

Implied Sector Returns

Exemplary calculation to adjust for the company specific capital structure

Calculation example:

As of the reference date December 31, 2022, we observe a sector specific, unlevered cost of equity of **7.6%** (market-value weighted mean) in the German Basic Materials sector. For the exemplary company X, which operates in the German Basic Materials sector, the following assumptions have been made:

- The debt-to-equity ratio of the exemplary company X: **40%**
- The risk-free rate: **2.03%** (cf. slide 13)

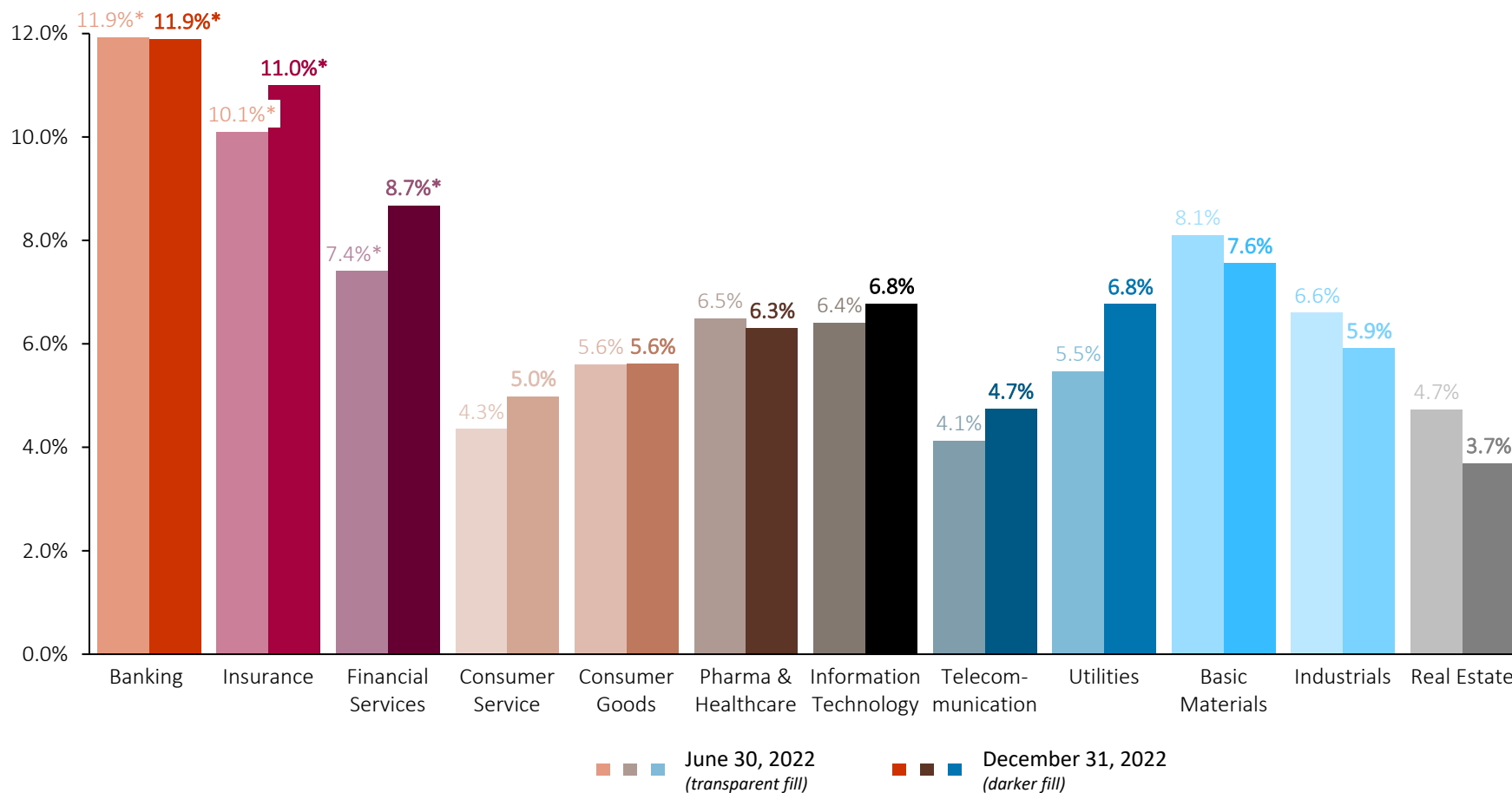
Based on these numbers, we calculate the relevered costs of equity of company X with the adjustment formula:

$$r_E^L = 7.6\% + (7.6\% - 2.03\%) * 40\% = 9.8\%$$

Thus, **9.8%** is the company's relevered cost of equity. In comparison, the levered cost of equity of the Basic Materials sector is **11.2%**, reflecting the sectors' higher average leverage.

Implied Sector Returns (unlevered)*

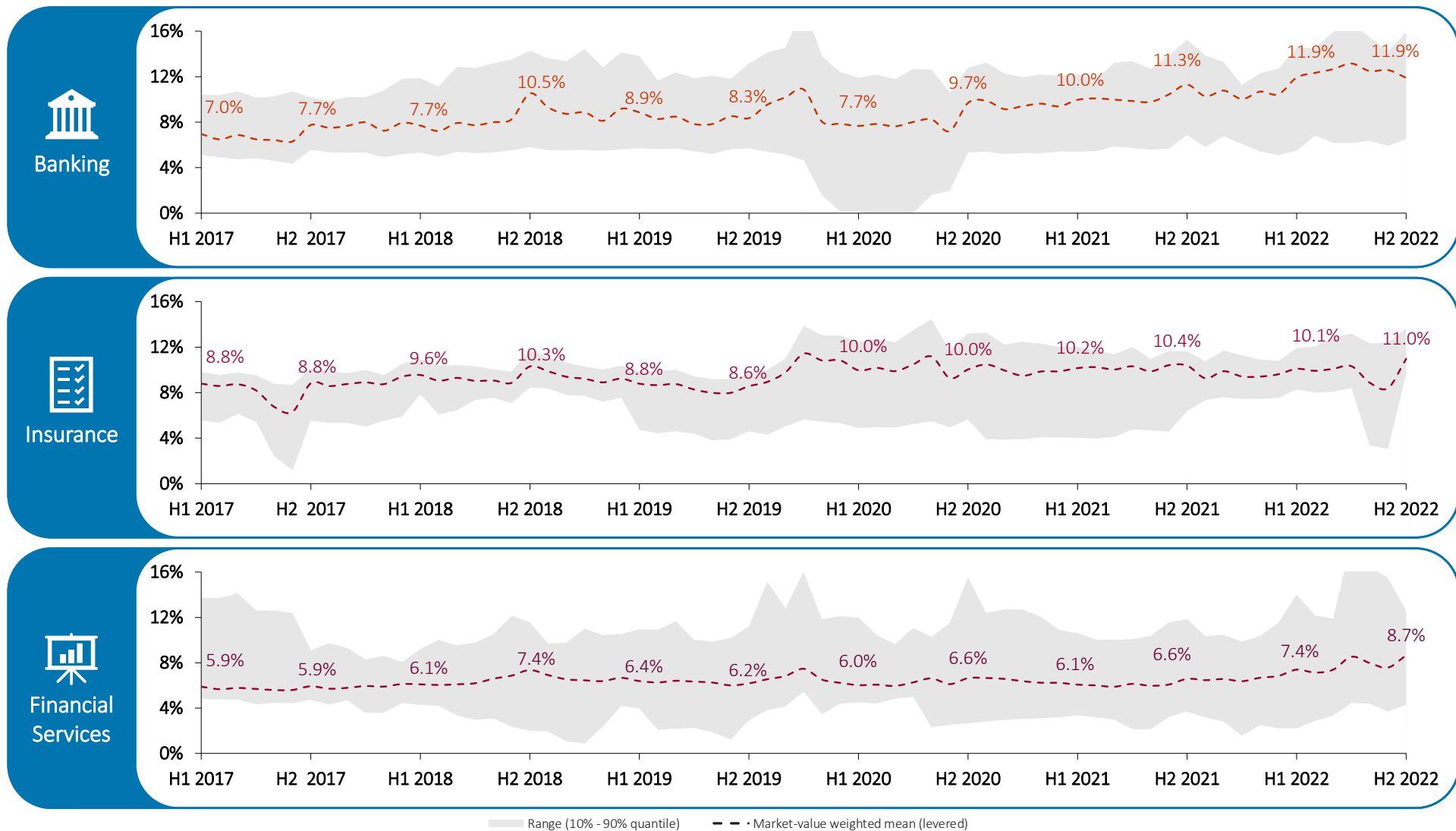
Overview as of December 31, 2022 vs. June 30, 2022



* The returns for the sectors Banking, Insurance and Financial Services are levered sector returns. For all other sectors unlevered returns are displayed.

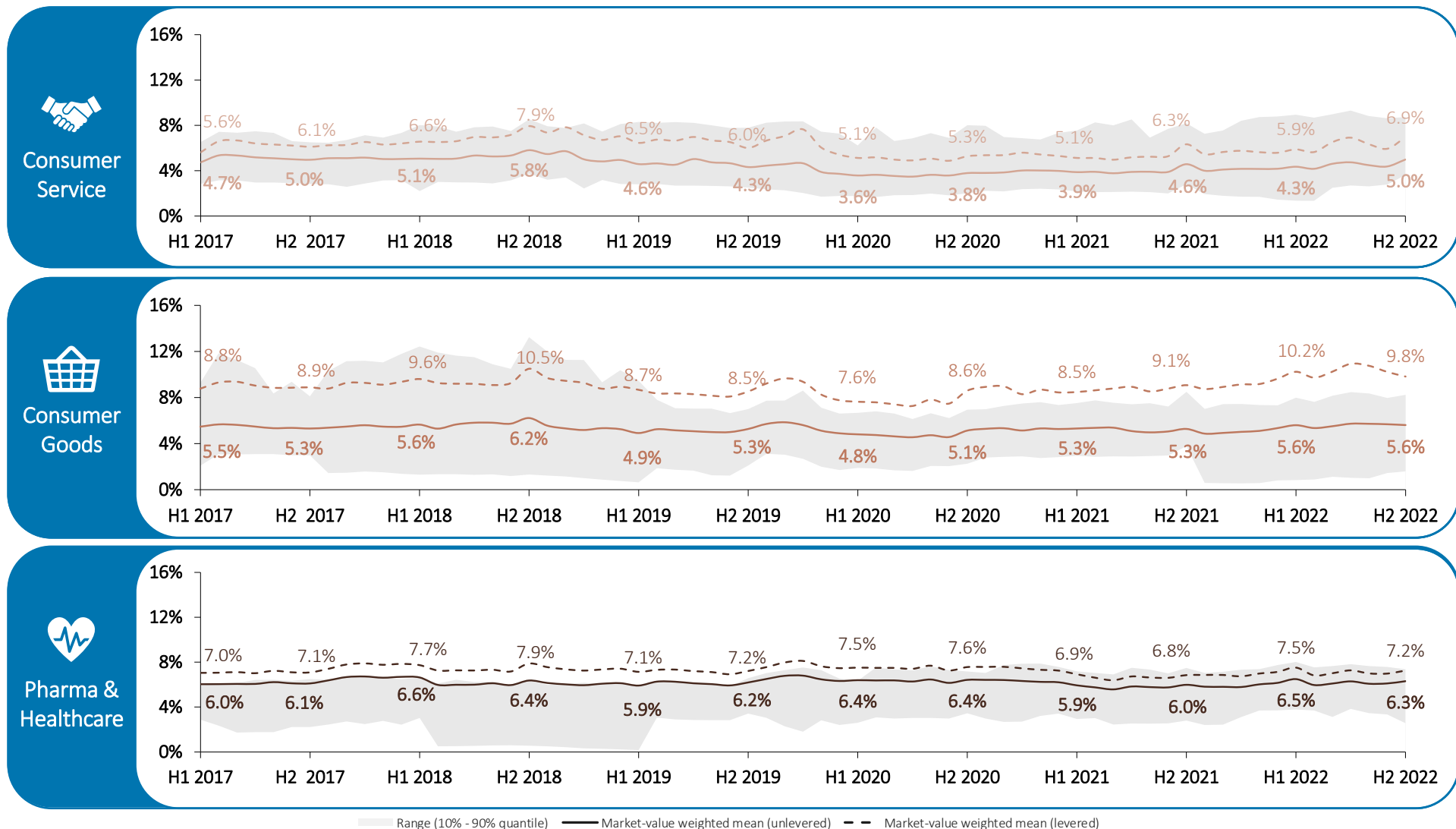
Implied Sector Returns

Banking, Insurance and Financial Services



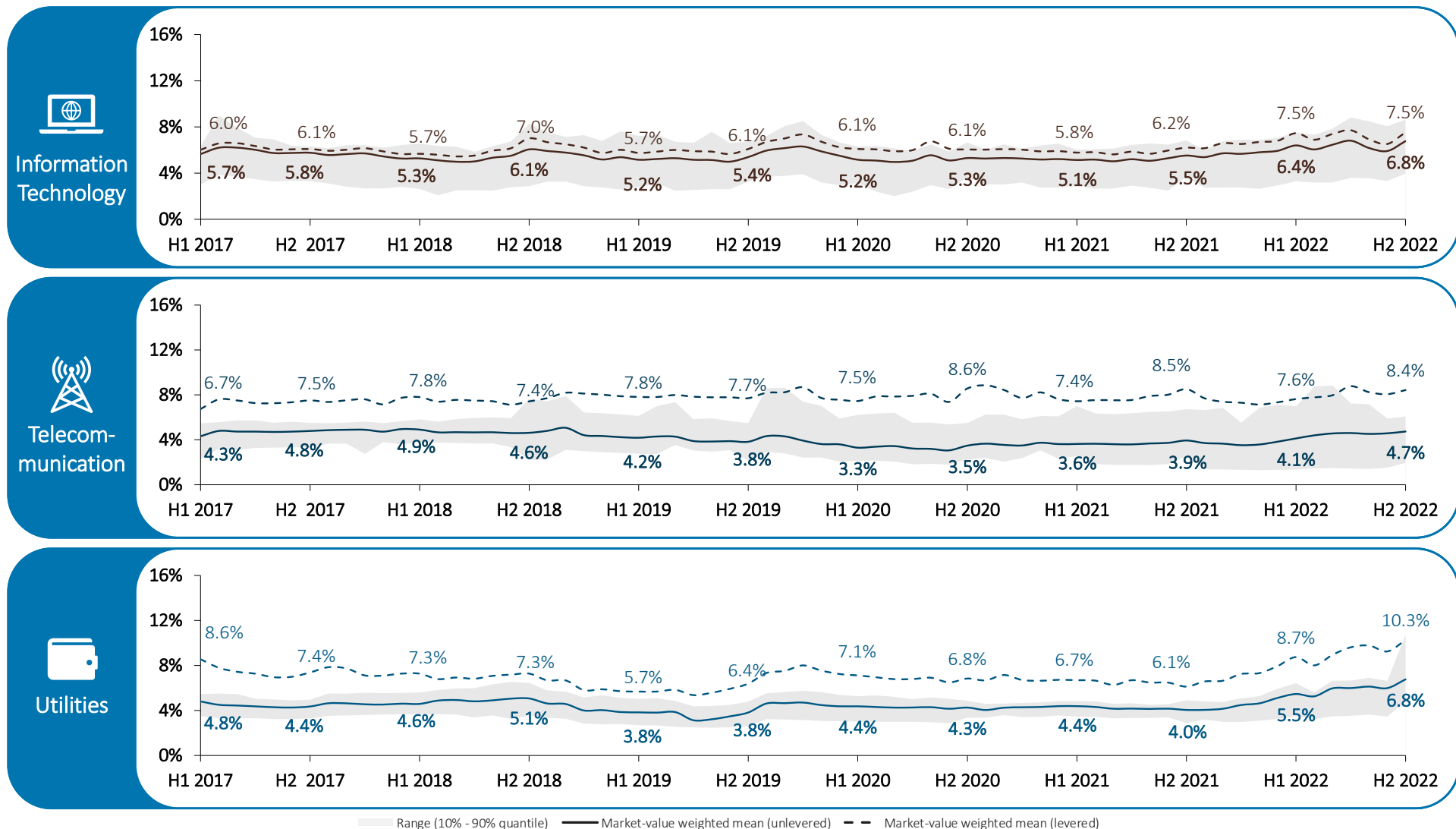
Implied Sector Returns

Consumer Service, Consumer Goods and Pharma & Healthcare



Implied Sector Returns

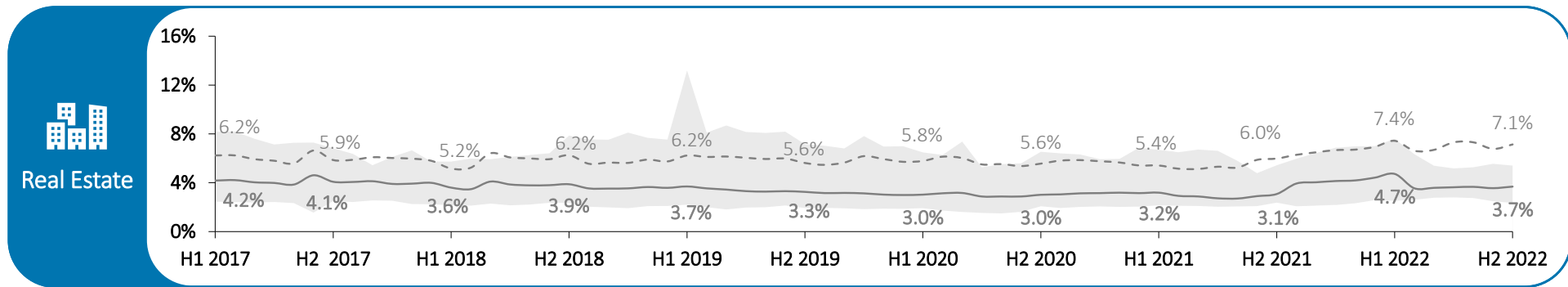
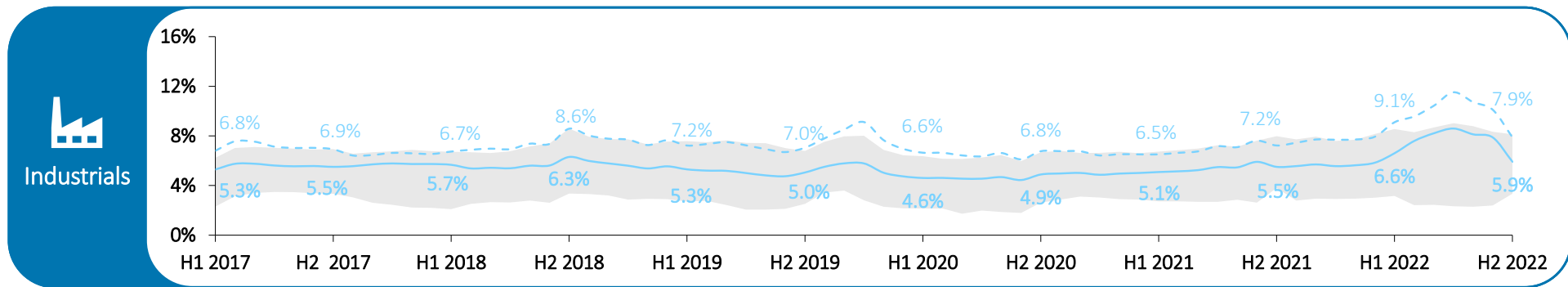
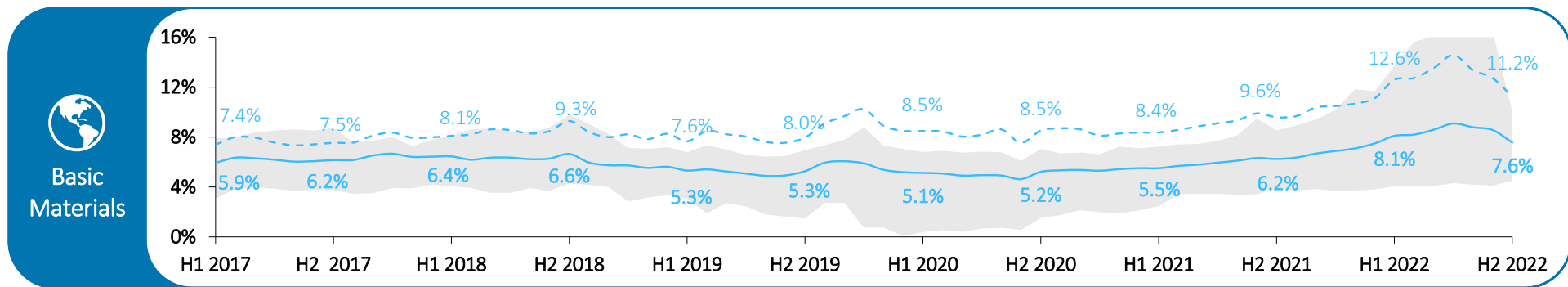
Information Technology, Telecommunication and Utilities



Range (10% - 90% quantile) — Market-value weighted mean (unlevered) - - Market-value weighted mean (levered)

Implied Sector Returns

Basic Materials, Industrials and Real Estate



Range (10% - 90% quantile) — Market-value weighted mean (unlevered) - - Market-value weighted mean (levered)

7 Sector returns

b. Historical returns (ex-post analysis)

Historical Sector Returns

Background & approach

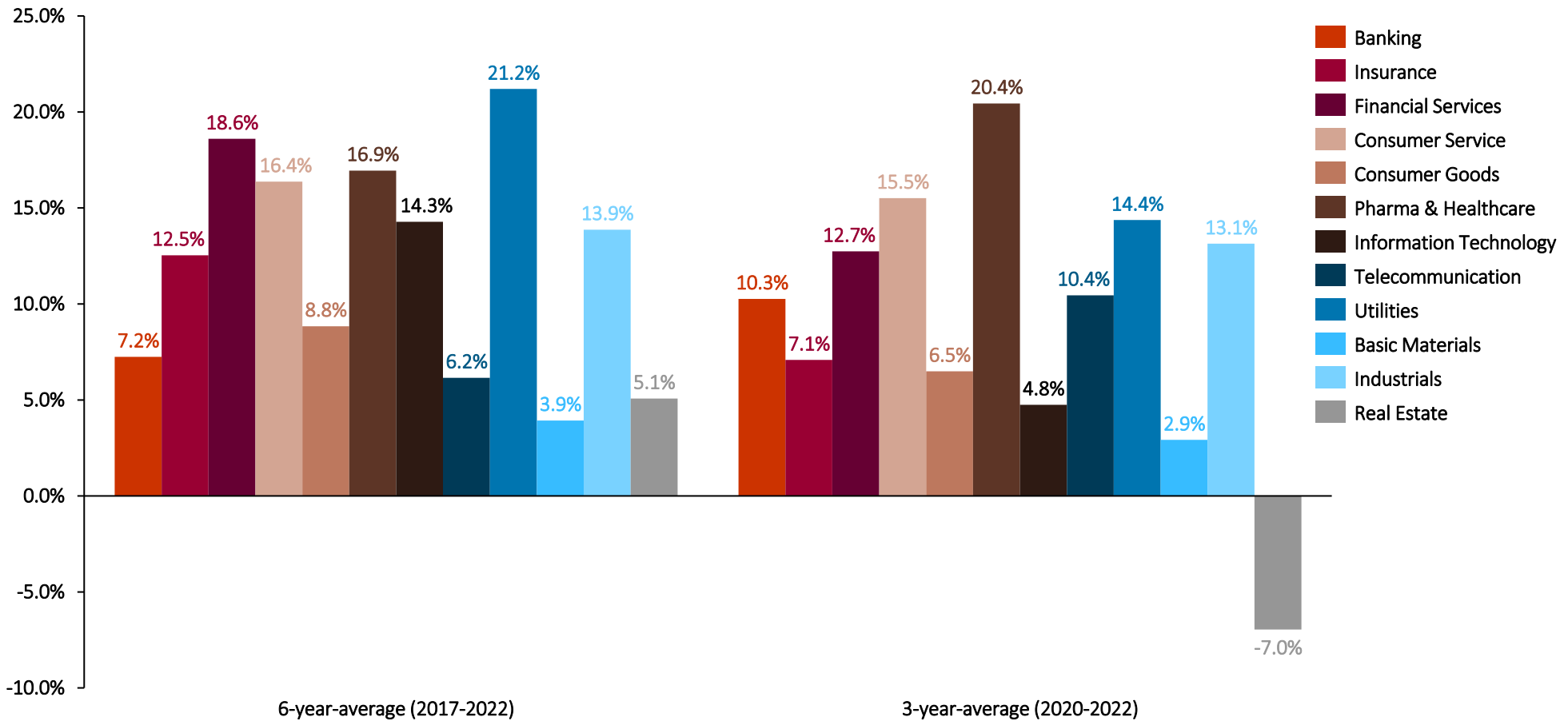
In **addition** to the **computation of historical market returns**, we calculate **historical sector returns**. This allows for an **alternative approach**, like the implied sector returns, to the ex-post analysis of the determination of costs of capital based on regression analyses following the **CAPM**.

Our analysis contains so-called **total shareholder returns** analogous to the return triangles for the German, Austrian and Swiss total return indices. This means, we consider the **share price development** as well as the **dividend yield**, whereas the share price development generally represents the main component of the total shareholder return.

We calculate the **annual total shareholder returns as of December 31**, for every DAX Sector All Index, WBI, and SPI listed company. Afterwards, we aggregate those returns market-value weighted **to sector returns**. Our calculations comprise the time period between 2017 and 2022. Since annual total shareholder returns tend to fluctuate to a great extent, their explanatory power is limited. Therefore, we do not only calculate the 1-year market-value weighted means, but furthermore calculate the 3-year (2020-2022) and the 6-year (2017-2022) averages.

Historical Sector Returns

Annual total shareholder returns as of December 31, 2022



8 Trading multiples

Trading Multiples

Background & approach

Besides absolute valuation models (earnings value, DCF), the **multiples approach** offers a practical approach for an enterprise value estimation. The multiples method estimates a company's value **relative** to another company's value. Following this method, the enterprise value arises from the product of a reference value (revenue or earnings values are frequently used) of the company with the respective multiples of **similar companies**.

Within this capital market study, we analyze **multiples for the "super - sectors"** as well as **multiples for the DACH market** consisting of the German, Austrian and Swiss capital markets (DAX Sector All Index, ATX and SPI). We will look at the following multiples:

- Revenue-Multiples (" $EV^1/Revenue$ ")
- EBIT-Multiples (" $EV^1/EBIT$ ")
- Price-to-Earnings-Multiples (" P/E ")
- Price-to-Book Value-Multiples (" EqV^2/BV ")

Multiples are presented for the reference dates December 31, 2022 and June 30, 2022. The reference values are based on one-year forecasts of analysts (so called forward multiples, in the following "**1yf**"). Solely the Price-to-Book-Value-Multiples are calculated with book values as of the reference dates. We present **median** values.

1) Enterprise Value.

2) Equity Value.

We present historical multiples as of June 30, 2017 in the appendix and will update the applied multiples **semi-annually at the predefined reference date (as of December 31 and as of June 30)**.


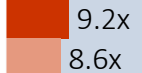



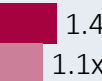


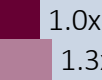

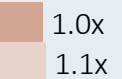

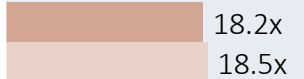
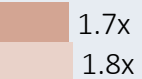

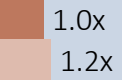


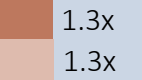




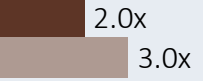
For the purpose of **simplification**, we exclude negative multiples and multiples in the highest quantile (95%). The multiples in the lowest quantile (5%) build the lower limit.

To calculate the multiples, we source the data (i.e. Market Cap., Revenue, EBIT, etc.) from the data provider S&P Capital IQ. Based on the availability of data, especially in terms of forecasts, the number of companies underlying each specific multiple varies.

Additionally, we present a **ranking table** of the sector multiples. Firstly, sector multiples are sorted from highest to lowest for each analyzed multiple. The resulting score in the ranking is displayed in the table and visualized by a color code that assigns a **red color** to the **highest rank** and a dark **green color** to the **lowest rank**. Thus, a red colored high rank indicates a high valuation level, whereas a green colored low rank suggests a low valuation level. Secondly, we aggregate the rankings and calculate an average of all single rankings for each sector multiple. This is shown in the right column of the ranking table. This **average ranking** indicates the overall **relative valuation levels** of the sectors when using multiples.

Trading Multiples (1/2)

Sector multiples as of December 31, 2022 and June 30, 2022 (1yf)







Sector	EV / Revenue	EV / EBIT	P / E	P / BV
 Banking	n.a.	n.a.	 9.2x 8.6x	 0.8x 0.9x
 Insurance	n.a.	n.a.	 13.2x 11.7x	 1.4x 1.1x
 Financial Services	n.a.	n.a.	 14.4x 12.6x	 1.0x 1.3x
 Consumer Service	 1.0x 1.1x	 17.7x 17.2x	 18.2x 18.5x	 1.7x 1.8x
 Consumer Goods	 1.0x 1.2x	 15.8x 15.9x	 17.4x 18.0x	 1.3x 1.3x
 Pharma & Healthcare	 4.1x 4.4x	 19.5x 20.1x	 18.7x 21.0x	 2.0x 3.0x

 June 30, 2022
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Note: For companies in the Banking, Insurance and Financial Services sectors, Revenue- and EBIT-Multiples are not meaningful and thus are not reported.

Trading Multiples (2/2)

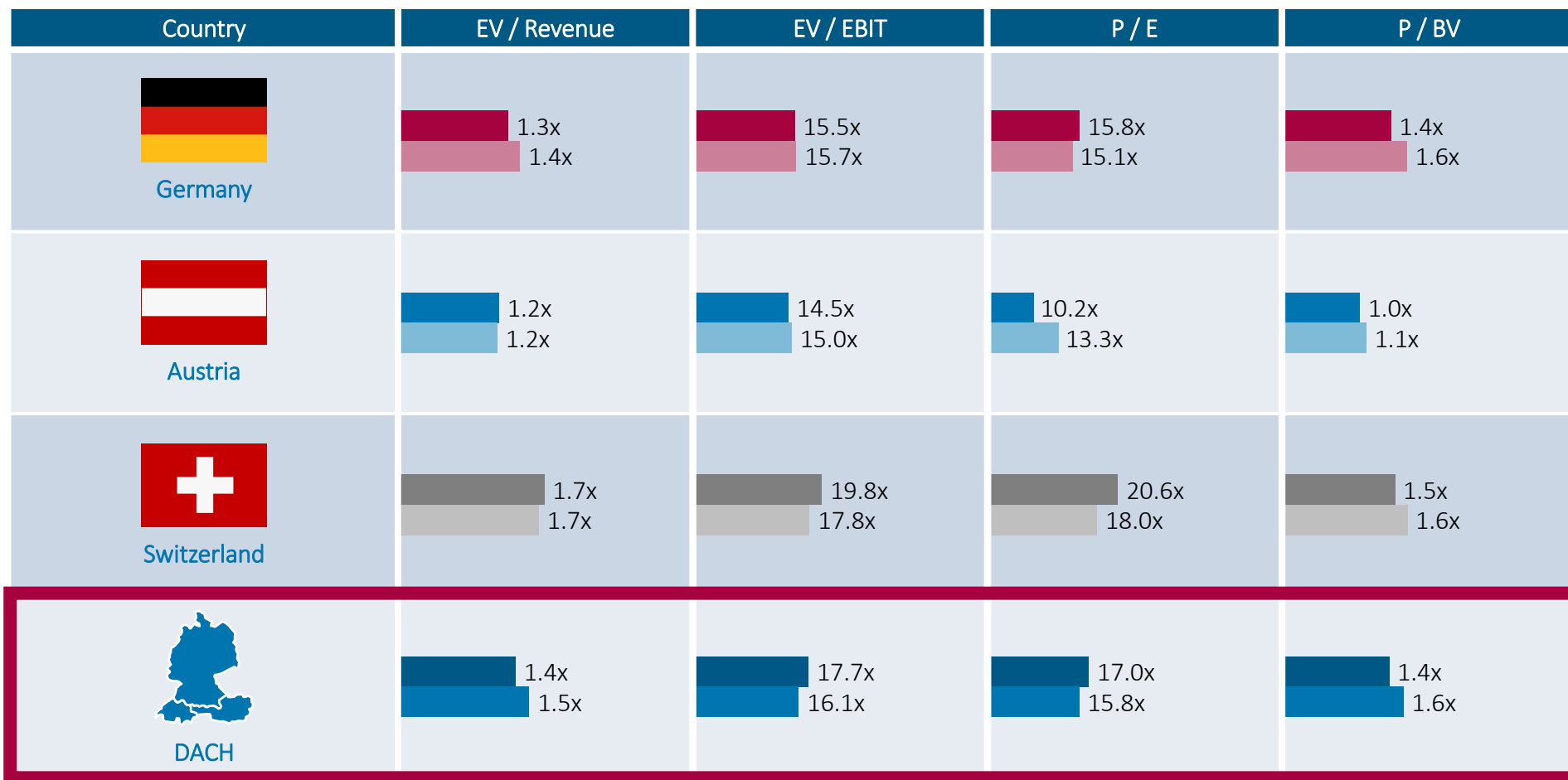
Sector multiples as of December 31, 2022 and June 30, 2022 (1yf)

Sector	EV / Revenue	EV / EBIT	P / E	P / BV
 Information Technology	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 1.6x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 1.7x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 15.9x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 15.6x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 19.3x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 18.7x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 2.3x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 2.3x
 Telecommunication	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 1.8x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 1.4x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 21.0x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 23.3x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 17.9x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 17.3x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 1.8x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 1.8x
 Utilities	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 2.0x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 2.0x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 16.1x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 16.9x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 16.7x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 16.5x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 1.8x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 1.6x
 Basic Materials	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 1.1x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 1.0x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 12.0x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 12.6x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 9.1x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 10.8x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 1.6x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 1.1x
 Industrials	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 1.3x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 1.2x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 14.8x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 16.7x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 15.4x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 17.8x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 1.8x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 1.6x
 Real Estate	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 9.7x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 7.6x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 19.6x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 22.9x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 14.4x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 13.7x	June 30, 2022 (transparent fill): 0.9x December 31, 2022 (darker fill): 0.9x

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Trading Multiples













Country multiples – Median 1yf as of December 31, 2022 and June 30, 2022



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Trading Multiples

Sector multiples ranking based on median 1yf as of December 31, 2022

	EV / Revenue 1yf	EV / EBIT 1yf	P / E 1yf	P / BV LTM	Ø Ranking
 Banking	n.a.	n.a.	12	12	12.0
 Insurance	n.a.	n.a.	10	7	8.5
 Financial Services	n.a.	n.a.	8	10	9.0
 Consumer Service	9	4	3	4	5.0
 Consumer Goods	8	7	5	8	7.0
 Pharma & Healthcare	2	3	1	2	2.0
 Information Technology	4	8	2	1	3.8
 Telecommunication	5	1	6	3	3.8
 Utilities	3	5	7	5	5.0
 Basic Materials	7	9	11	9	9.0
 Industrials	6	6	4	6	5.5
 Real Estate	1	2	9	11	5.8

The Banking sector shows the least expensive valuation level of all sectors.

The Pharma & Healthcare sector shows the highest multiples on average, followed by the Information Technology and Telecommunication sectors.

Note: Multiples are ranked from highest to lowest values: 1 – highest (red), 9/12 – lowest (dark green).

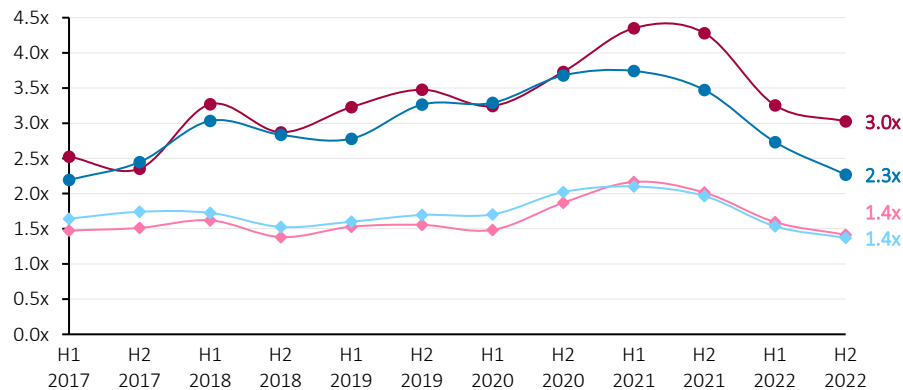
Appendix

Historical development of trading multiples since 2017

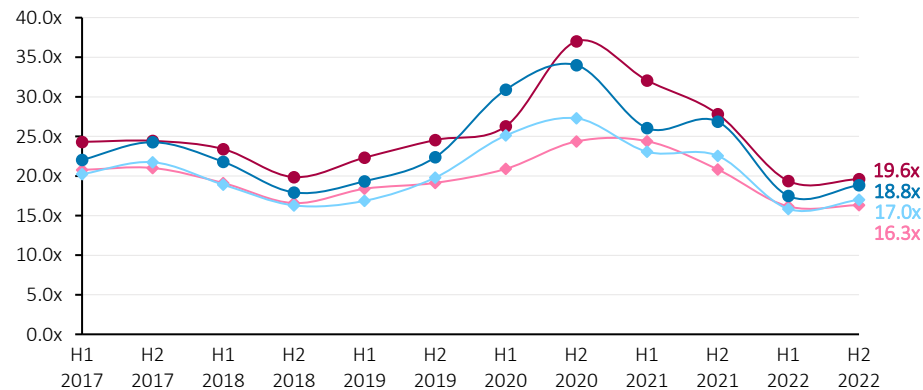
Trading Multiples

DACH – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

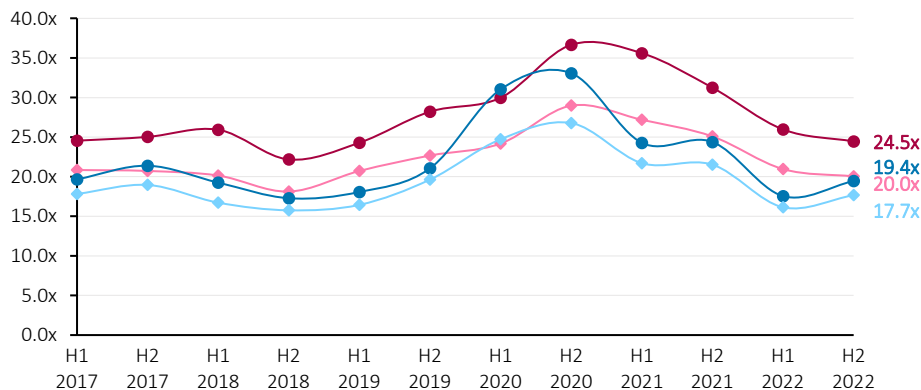
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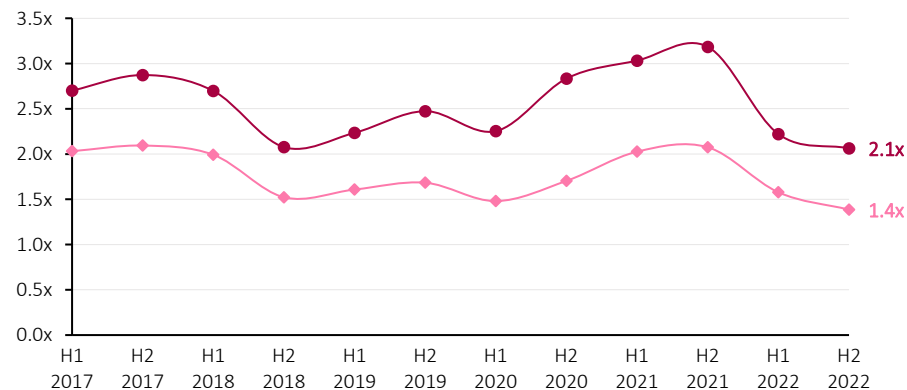
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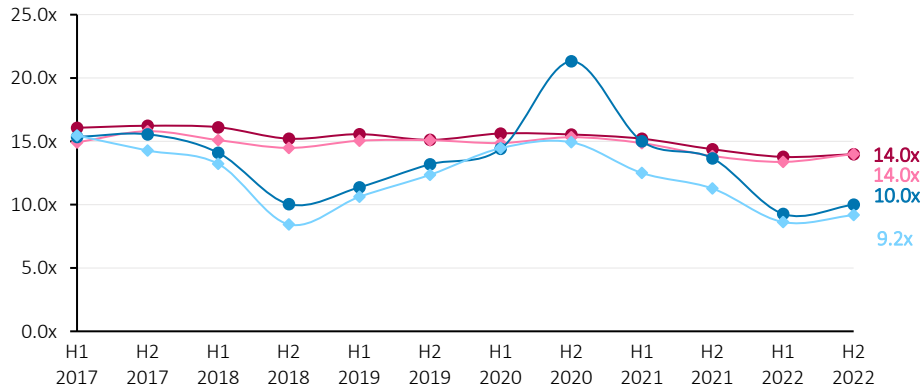


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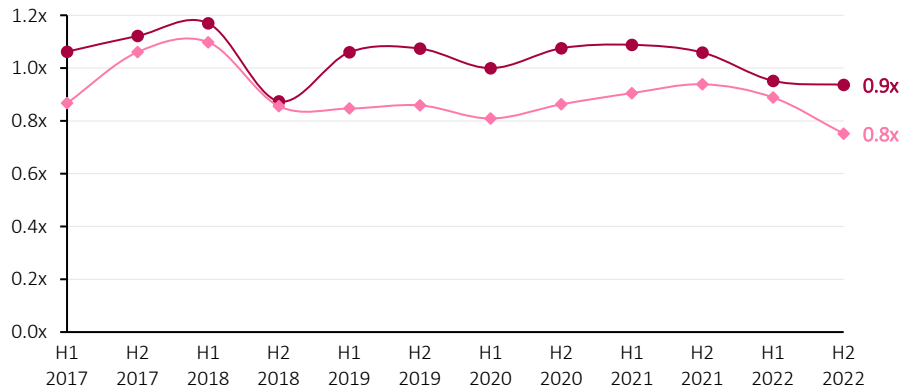
Trading Multiples

Banking – P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

P/E Banking



P/BV Banking

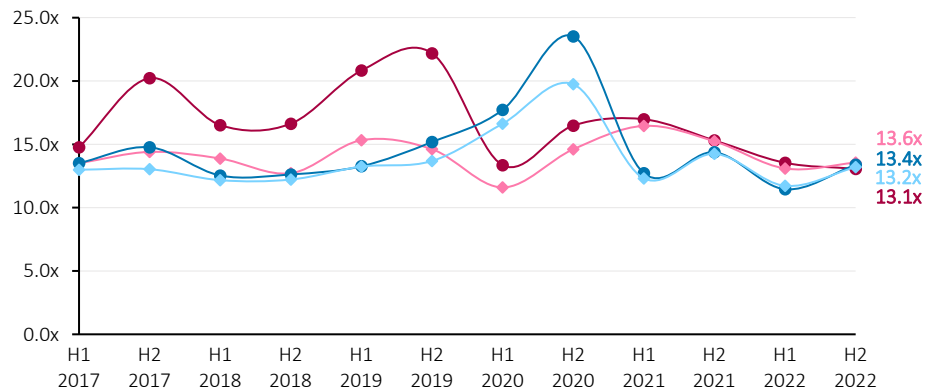


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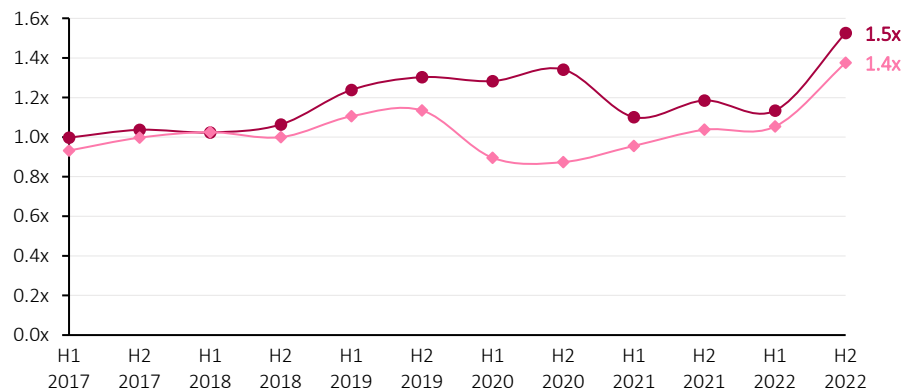
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Insurance – P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

P/E Insurance



P/BV Insurance

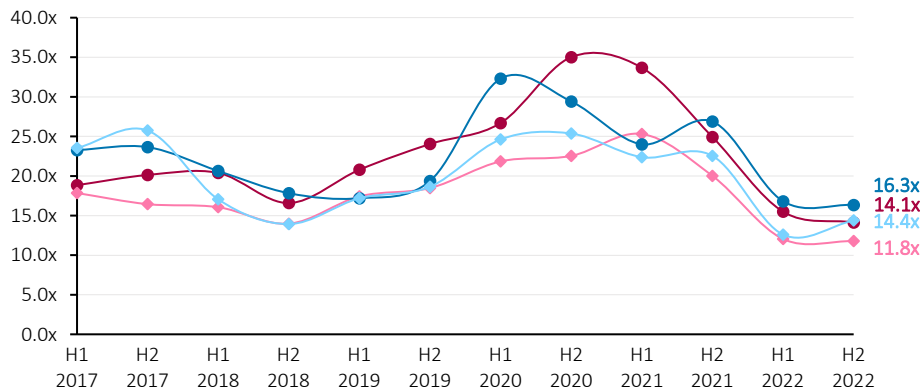


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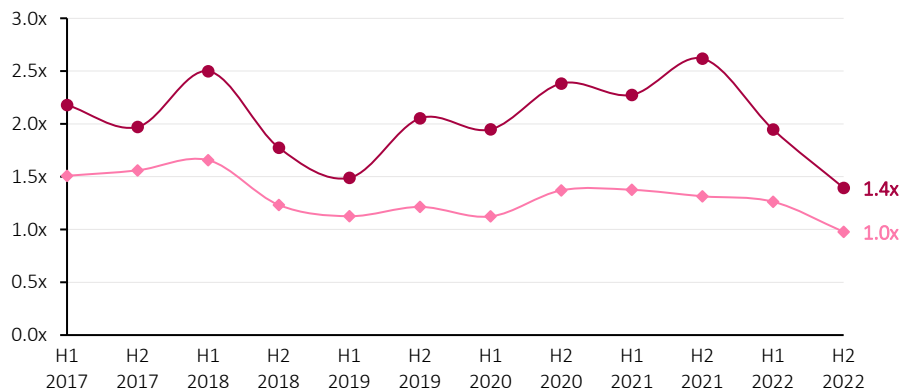
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Financial Services – P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

P/E Financial Services



P/BV Financial Services

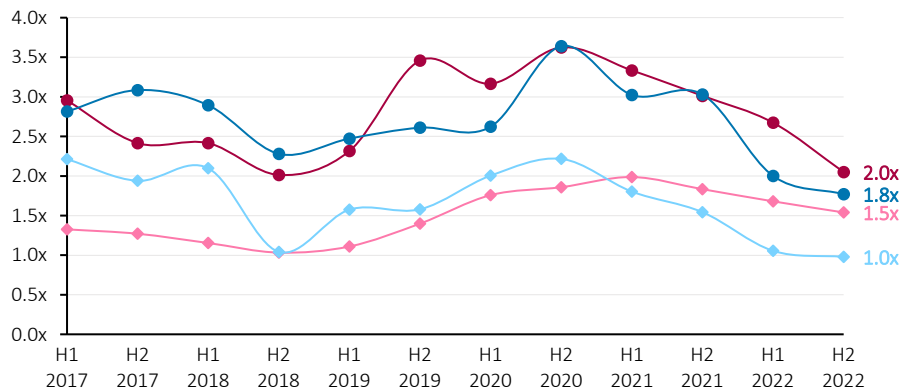


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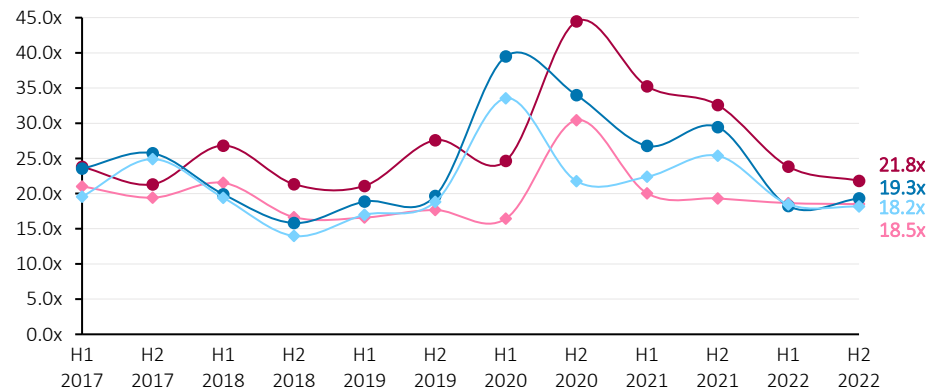
Trading Multiples

Consumer Service – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

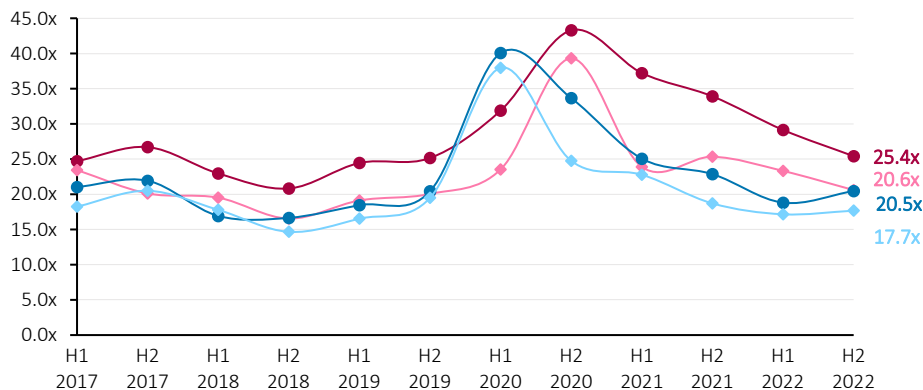
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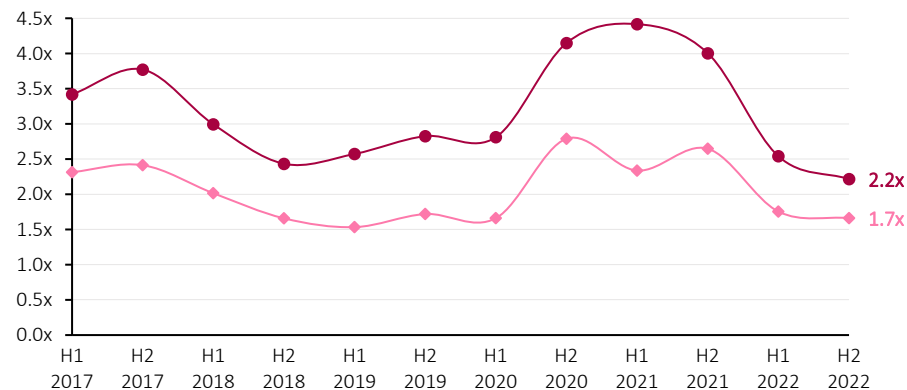
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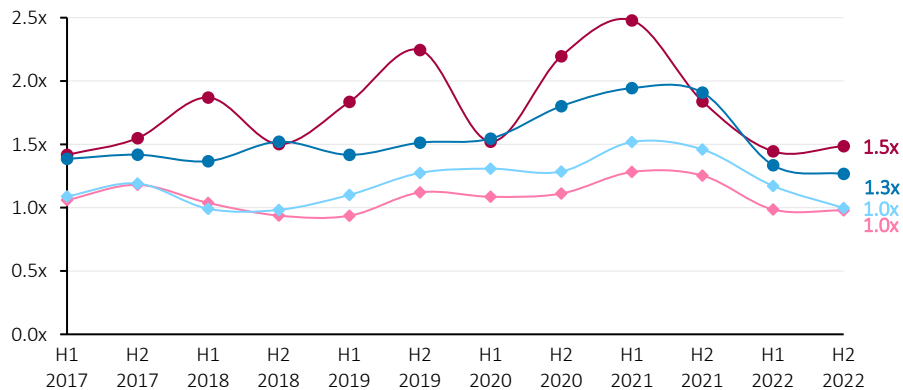


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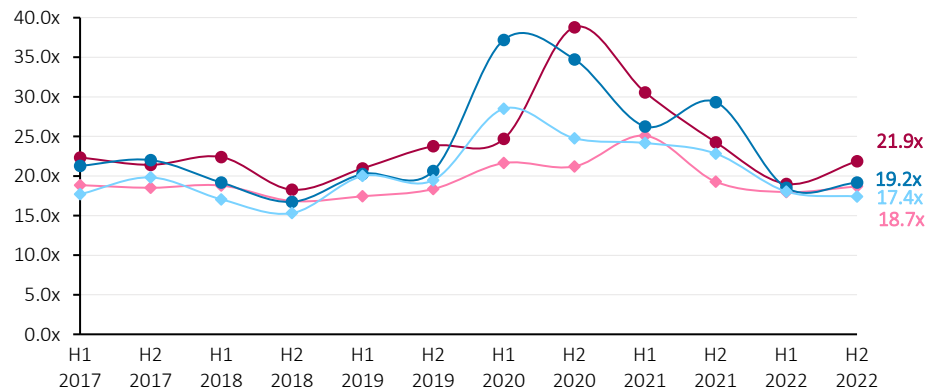
Trading Multiples

Consumer Goods – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

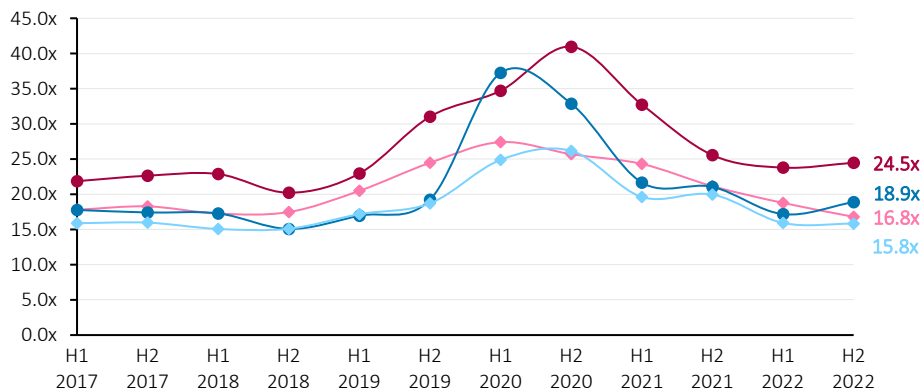
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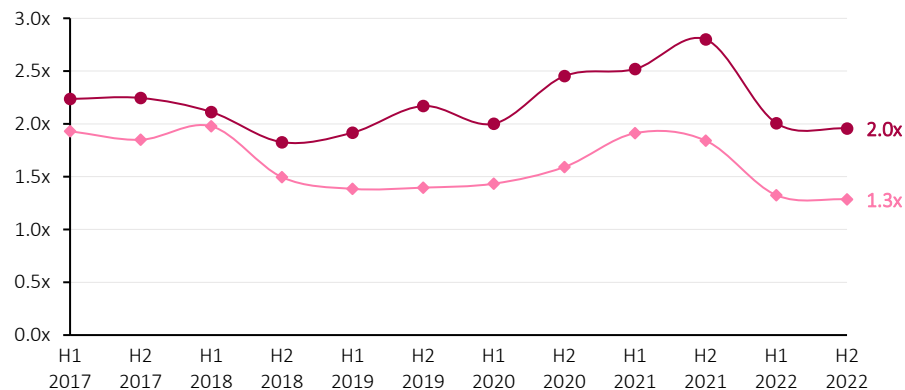
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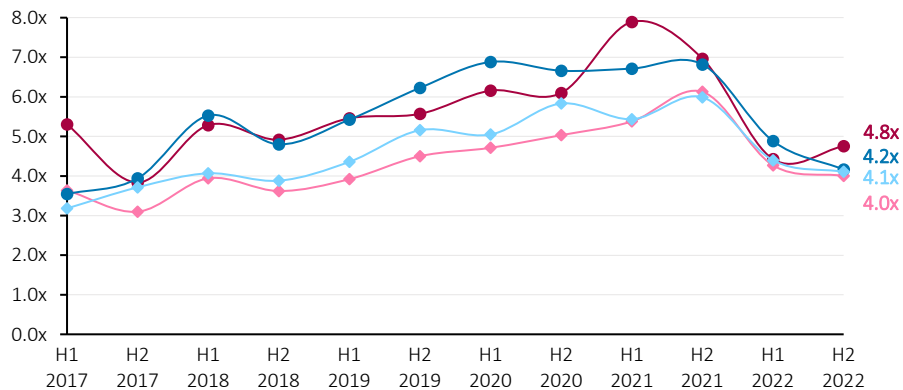


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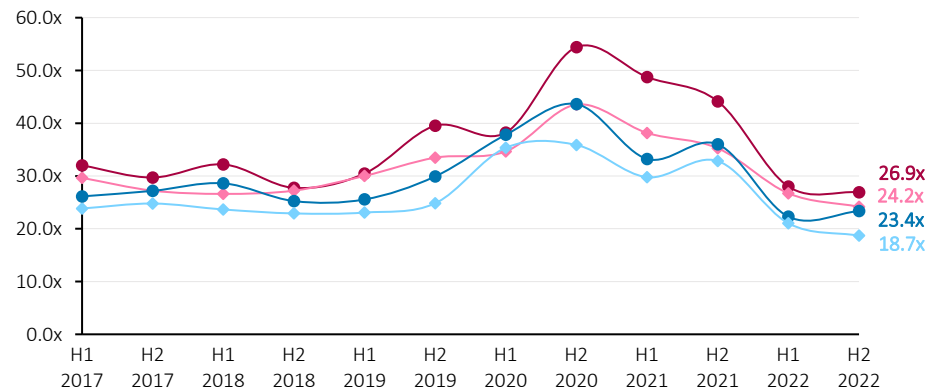
Trading Multiples

Pharma & Healthcare – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

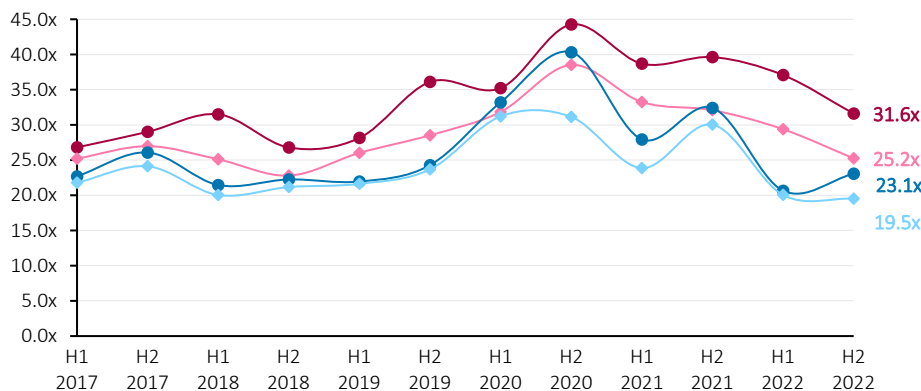
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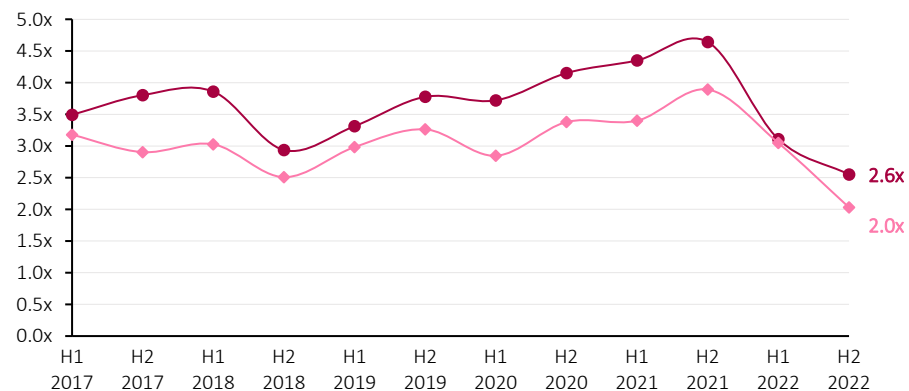
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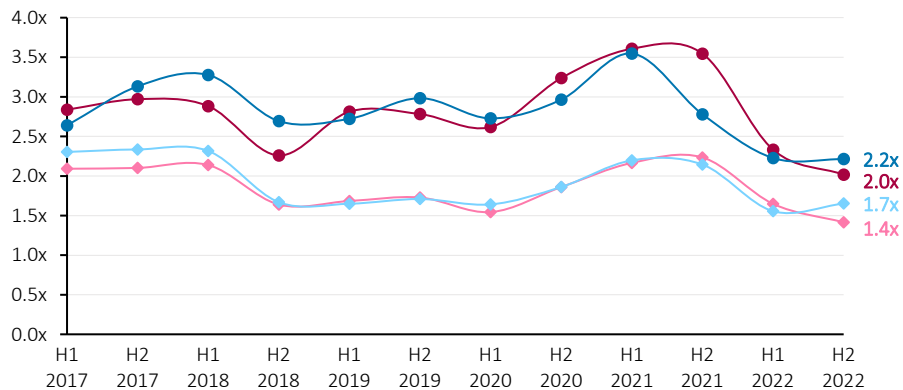


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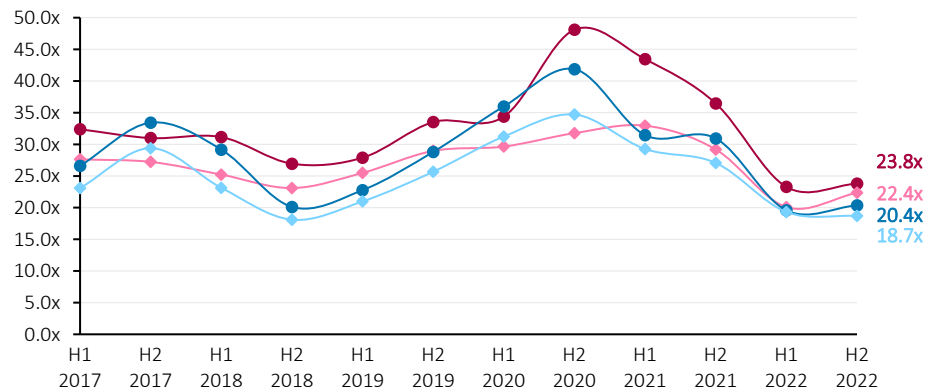
Trading Multiples

Information Technology – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

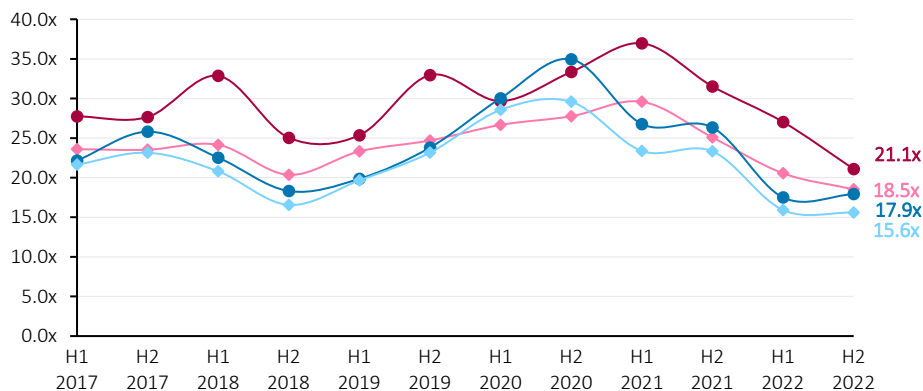
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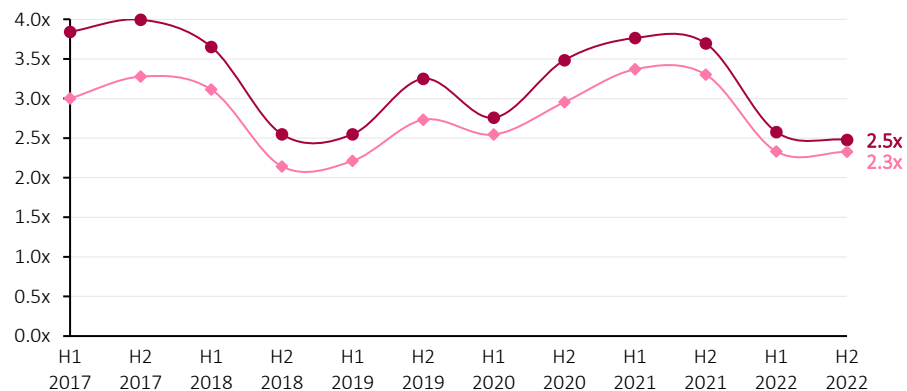
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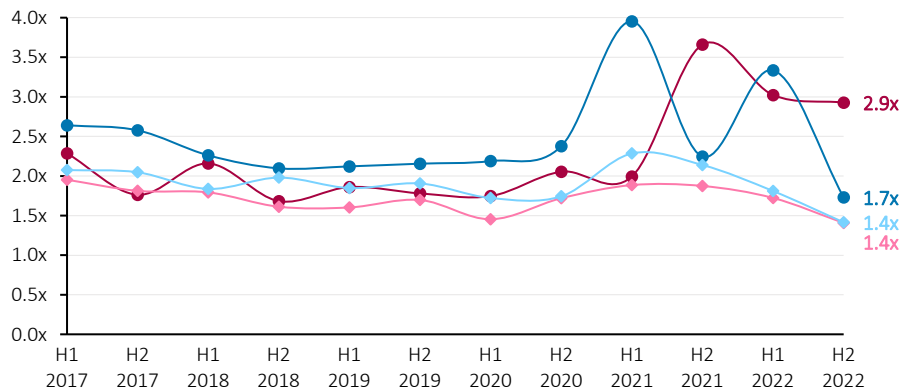


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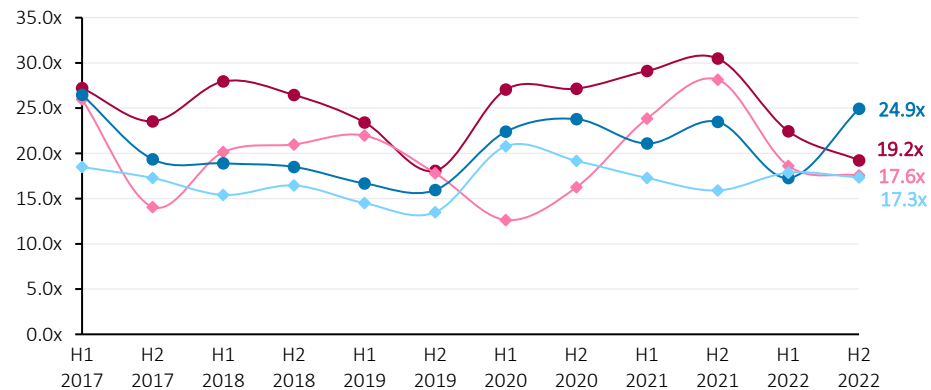
Trading Multiples

Telecommunication – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

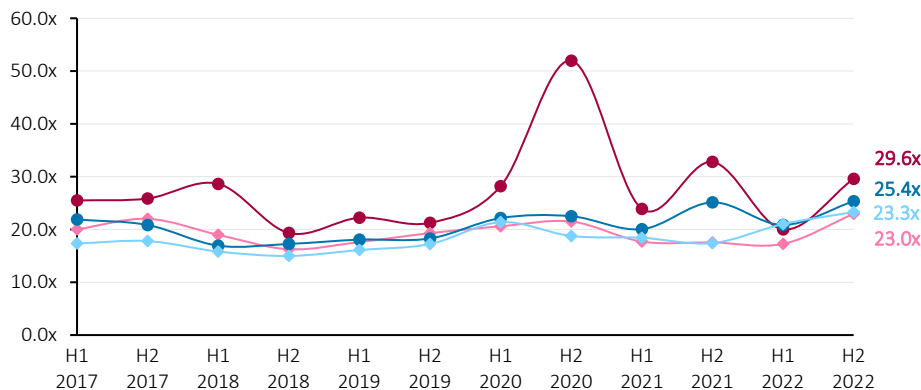
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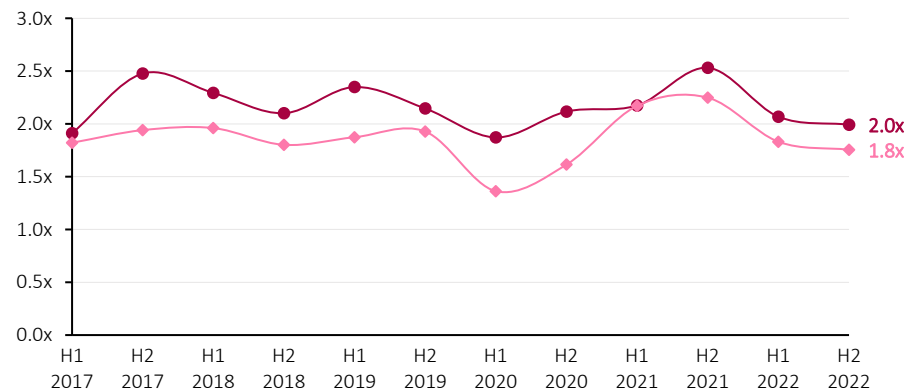
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EV/EBIT Telecommunication



P/BV Telecommunication

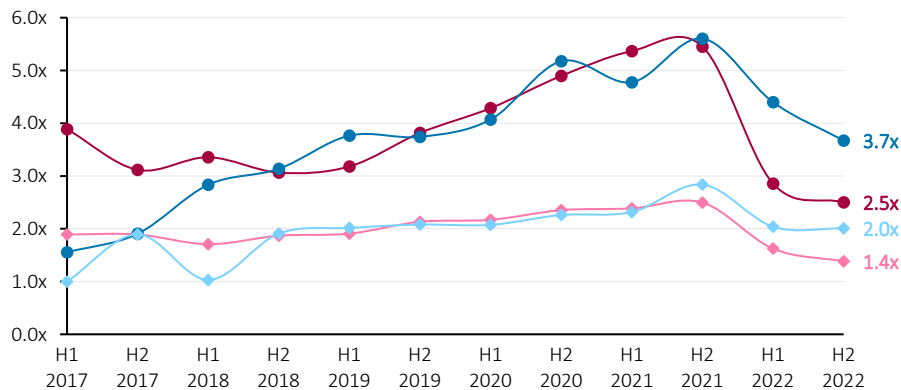


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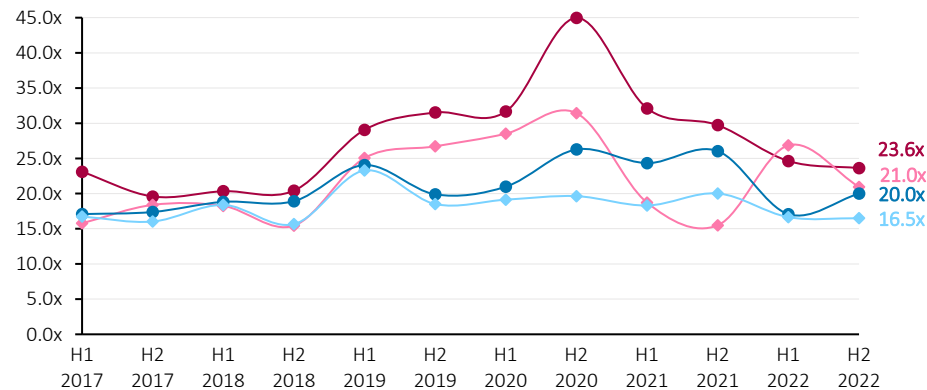
Trading Multiples

Utilities – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

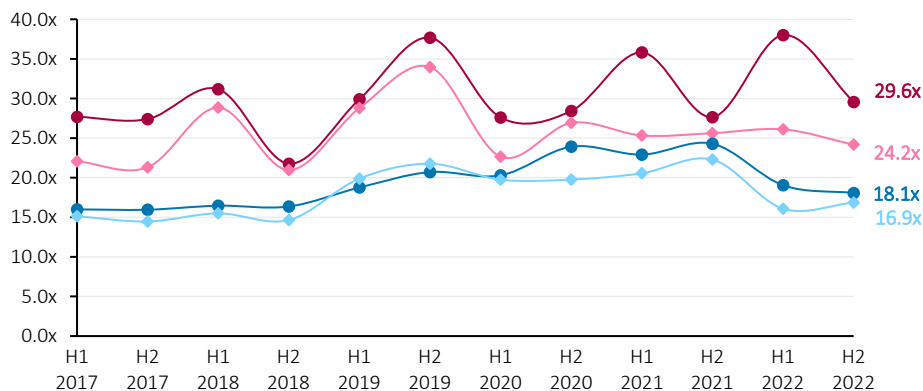
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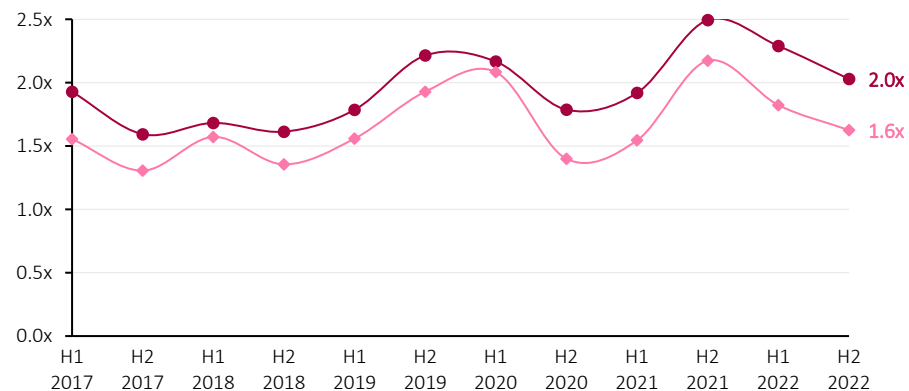
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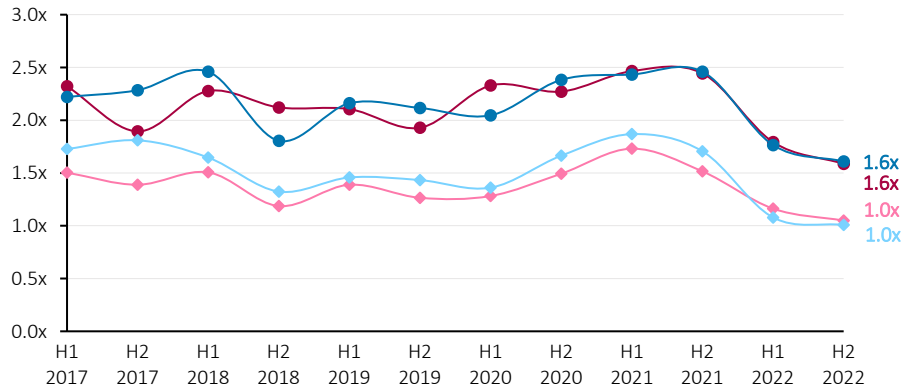


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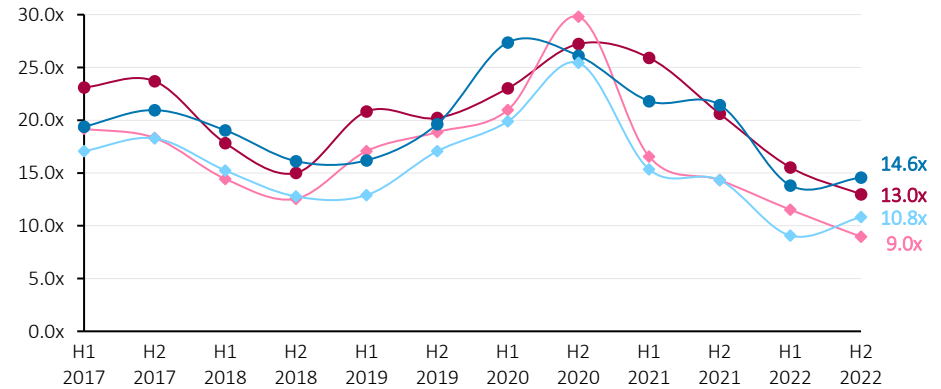
Trading Multiples

Basic Materials – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

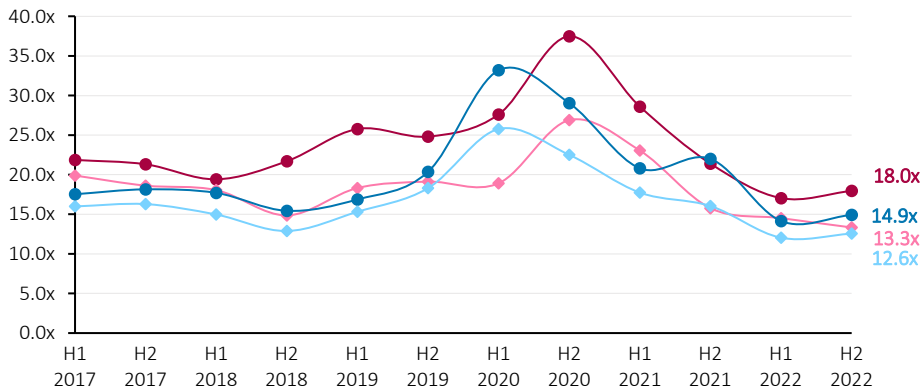
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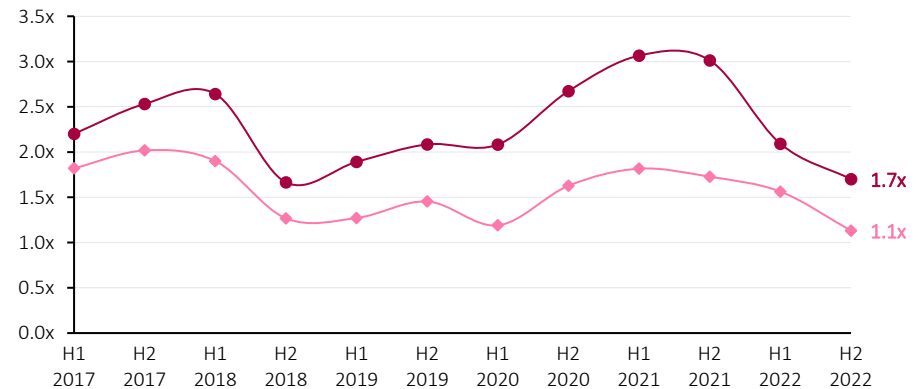
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EV/EBIT Basic Materials



P/BV Basic Materials

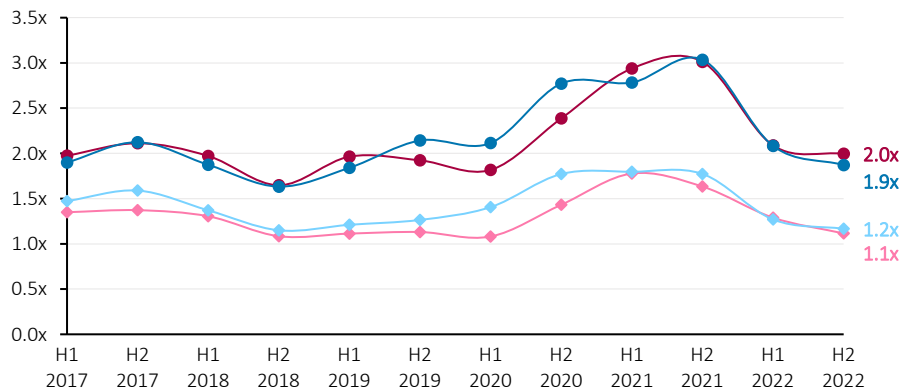


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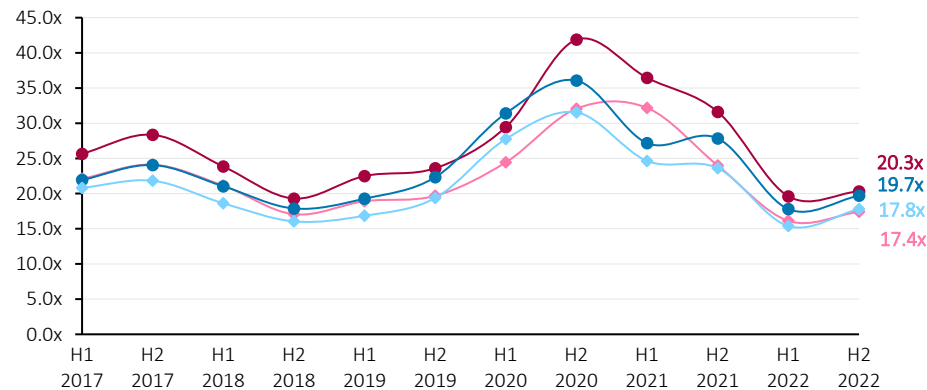
Trading Multiples

Industrials – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

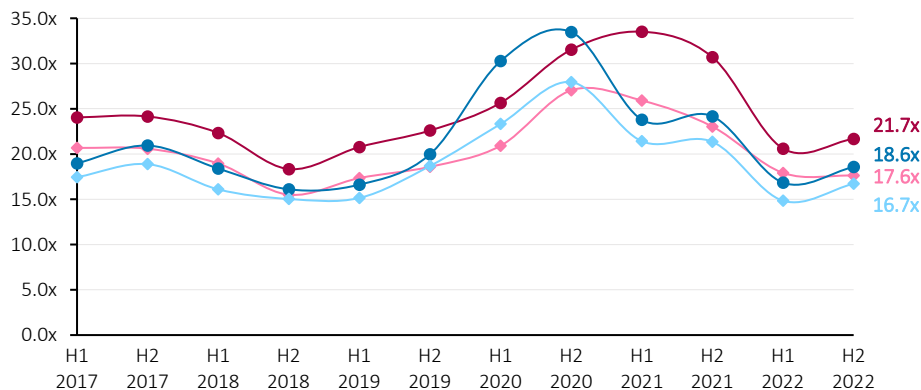
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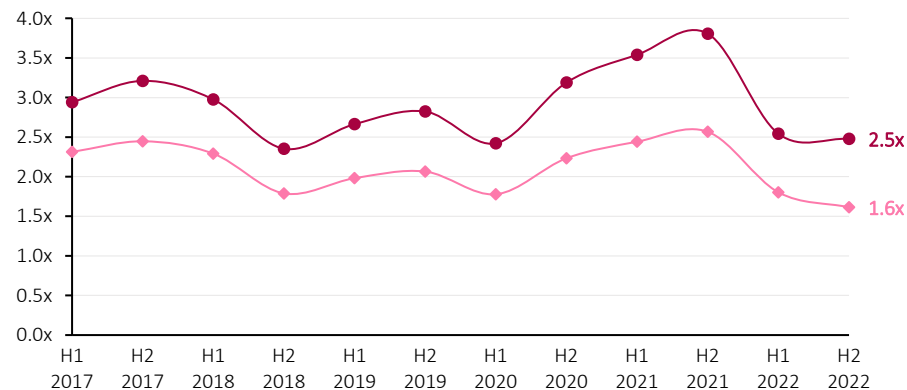
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EV/EBIT Industrials



P/BV Industrials

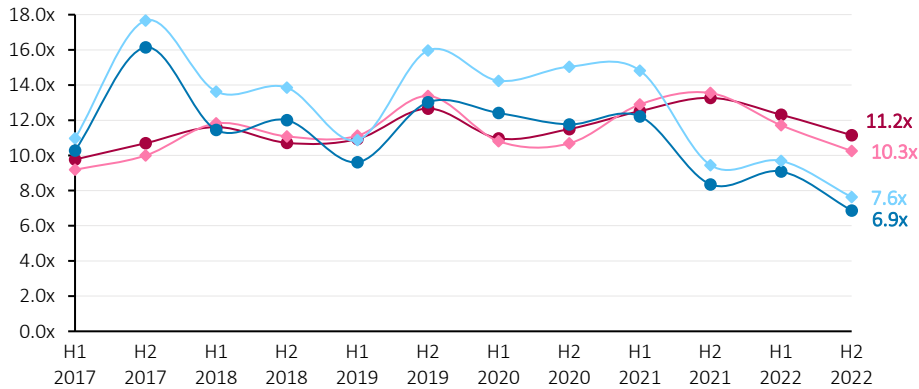


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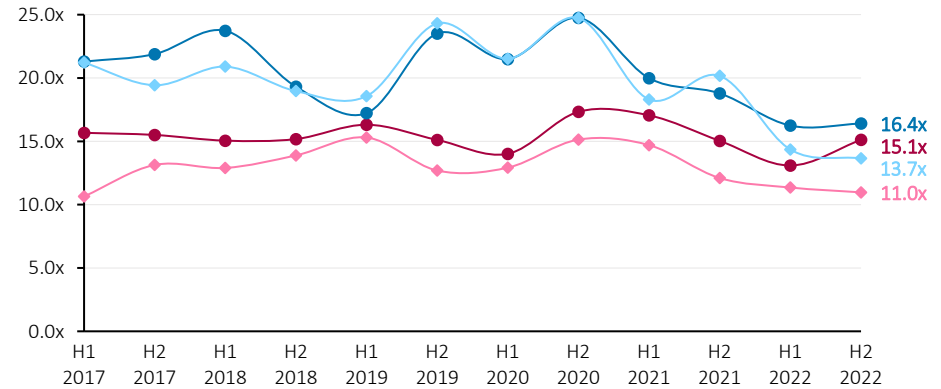
Trading Multiples

Real Estate – Revenue-, EBIT-, P/E- and P/BV-Multiples

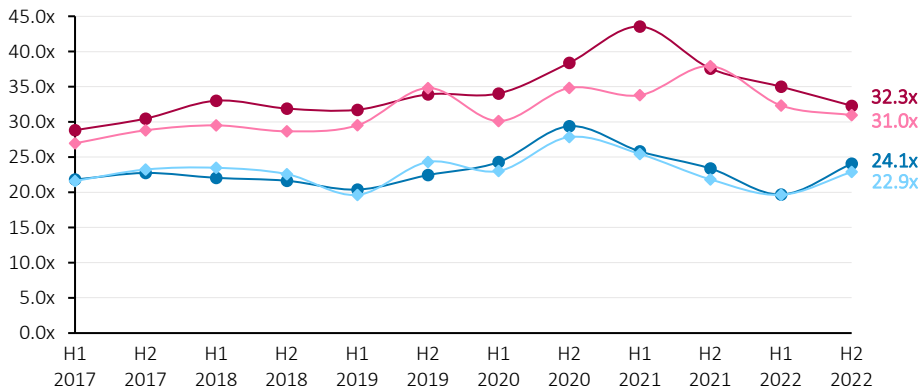
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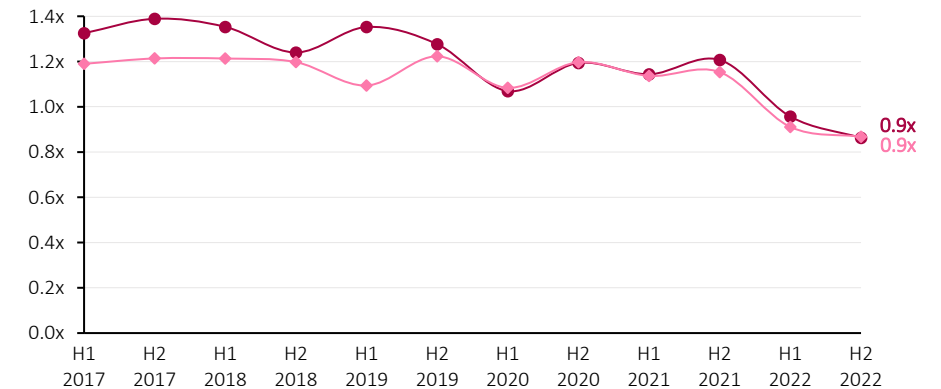
P/E Real Estate



EV/EBIT Real Estate



P/BV Real Estate



● LTM arithmetic mean ◆ LTM median ● 1yf arithmetic mean ◆ 1yf median

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Composition of the sectors of DAX Sector All Index, WBI and SPI as of December 31, 2022

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Banking

Germany

AAREAL BANK AG
COMMERZBANK AG
DEUTSCHE BANK AG
DT.PFANDBRIEFBK AG
PROCREDIT HOLDING AG
WUESTENROT & WUERTTEMBERG AG

Austria

BANK FUER TIROL UND VBG AG
BAWAG AG
BKS BANK AG
ERSTE GROUP BANK AG
OBERBANK AG
RAIFFEISEN BANK INTERNATIONAL AG

Switzerland

BASELSTADT. KANTONALBANK AG
BASLER KANTONALBANK SA
BC DE GENEVE SA
BC DU JURA SA
BC VAUDOISE SA
BERNER KANTONALBANK AG
CEMBRA MONEY BANK AG
CREDIT SUISSE GROUP AG
EFG INTERNATIONAL AG
GLARNER KANTONALBANK AG
GRAUB KANTONALBANK AG
HYPOTHEKARBANK LENZBURG AG
JULIUS BAER EUROPE AG
LUZERNER KANTONALBANK AG
SCHWEIZERISCHE NATIONALBANK AG
ST GALLER KANTONALBANK AG
THURGAUER KANTONALBANK AG
UBS GROUP AG
VALIANT BANK AG
VONTOBEL EUROPE AG
WALLISER KANTONALBANK AG
ZUGER KANTONALBANK AG

Insurance

Germany

ALLIANZ SE
DFV DEUTSCHE FAMILIENVERSICHERUNG AG
HANNOVER RUECK SE
MUENCHNER RUECK AG
TALANX AG

Austria

UNIQA INSURANCE GROUP AG
VIENNA INSURANCE GROUP AG

Switzerland

BALOISE HOLDING AG
HELVETIA HOLDING AG
SWISS LIFE HOLDING AG
SWISS RE AG
VAUDOISE VERSICHERUNGEN HOLDING SA
ZURICH INSURANCE AG

Financial Services

Germany

ALBIS LEASING AG
BROCKHAUS CAPITAL MGMT
CAPSENIXX AG
CREDITSHLF AG
DEUTSCHE BETEILIGUNGS AG
DEUTSCHE BOERSE AG
DEUTSCHE CANNABIS AG
DF DEUTSCHE FORFAIT AG
DWS GROUP GMBH & CO KGAA
FINTECH GROUP AG
FORIS AG
FRITZ NOLS AG
GRENKE AG
HEIDELBERGER BETEILIGUNGSHOLDING AG
HESSE NEWMAN CAPITAL AG
HYPOPORT AG
KAP BETEILIGUNGS-AG
LINUS DIGITAL FINANCE AG
MLP AG
MUTARES AG
OVB HOLDING AG
PEARL GOLD AG
SIXT LEASING SE
SPOBAG
VALUE MANAGEMENT & RESEARCH AG
WCM BETEILIGUNGS- UND GRUNDBESITZ-AG
WEBAC HOLDING AG

Austria

ADDIKO BANK AG
BURGENLAND HOLDING AG
WIENER PRIVATBANK SE

Switzerland

BELLEVUE GROUP AG
CIE FIN TR
GLOBAL ASSET MGMT AG
LEONTEQ AG
ONE SWISS BANK SA
PARTNERS GROUP HOLDING AG

PRIVATE EQUITY HOLDING AG
SWISSQUOTE GROUP HOLDING LTD
TALENTHOUSE AG
VALARTIS GROUP AG
VZ HOLDING AG

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Consumer Service

Germany

ABOUT YOU HOLDING AG
ARTNET AG
AUTO1 GROUP SE
BASTEI LUEBBE AG
BEATE UHSE AG
BET-AT-HOME.COM AG
BIJOU BRIGITTE AG
CECONOMY AG
CTS EVENTIM AG & CO. KGAA
DELIVERY HERO AG
DELTCOM AG
ELANIX BIOTECHNIK AG
ELUMEO SE
FIELMANN AG
HAWESKO HOLDING AG
HELLOFRESH SE
HOME24 SE
HORNBAACH HOLDING AG & CO. KGAA
INTERENTAINMENT AG
KLASSIK RADIO AG
LUDWIG BECK AG
METRO AG
NEXR TECHNOLOGIES SE
PHICOMM AG
PROSIEBENSAT.1 MEDIA SE
READCREST CAPITAL AG
SCOUT24 AG
SLEEPZ AG
SPLENDID MEDIEN AG
SPORTTOTAL AG
STROEER SE & CO. KGAA
TAKKT AG
TRAVEL24.COM AG
UNITED LABELS AG
WESTWING GROUP AG
WILD BUNCH AG
WINDELN.DE SE
YOUR FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT AG

ZALANDO SE
ZEAL NETWORK SE
Switzerland
APG SGA AG
ASMALLWORLD AG
DUFREY AG
GALENICA AG
HIGHLIGHT EVENT & ENTERTAINMENT AG
JUNGFRAUBAHN HOLDING AG
KHD HUMBOLDT WEDAG AG
MOBILEZONE HOLDING AG
OREL FUESSLI HOLDING AG
TX GROUP
VILLARS HOLDING SA
ZUR ROSE GROUP AG

Consumer Goods

Germany

A.S.CREATION TAPETEN AG
ADIDAS AG
BAWAG AG
BAYERISCHE MOTOREN WERKE AG
BEIERSDORF AG
BERENTZEN-GROUP AG
BERTRANDT AG
BIKE24 HOLDING AG
BKS BANK AG
BORUSSIA DORTMUND GMBH & CO. KGAA
CEWE STIFTUNG & CO.KGAA
CONTINENTAL AG
DAIMLER TRUCK HOLDING AG
DAIMLER AG
DIERIG HOLDING AG
EINHELL GERMANY AG
ELRINGKLINGER AG
GERRY WEBER INTERNATIONAL AG
GRAMMER AG
HELLA KGAA HUECK & CO.
HENKEL AG & CO. KGAA
HUGO BOSS AG
KNAUS AG
LEIFHEIT AG
LEONI AG
MING LE SPORTS AG
MISTER SPEX SE
MUEHL PRODUKT & SERVICE AG
PFERDEWETTEN.DE AG
PORSCHE AUTOMOBIL HLD. SE
PROGRESS-WERK OBERKIRCH AG
PUMA SE
ROY ASSET HOLDING SE
SAF-HOLLAND SE
SCHAEFFLER AG
SCHLOSS WACHENHEIM AG
STO SE & CO. KGAA
STS GROUP AG

SUEDZUCKER AG
TC UNTERHALTUNGSELEKTRONIK AG
VALENS HOLDING AG
VILLEROY & BOCH AG
VOLKSWAGEN AG
WASGAU PRODUNKTIONS & HANDELS AG
WESTAG & GETALIT AG
Austria
AGRANA BETEILIGUNGS-AG
DO & CO AG
GURKTALER AG
JOSEF MANNER & COMP. AG
LINZ TEXTIL HOLDING AG
OTTAKRINGER GETRAENKE AG
PIERER MOBILITY AG
POLYTEC HOLDING AG
STADLAUER MALZFABRIK AG
WOLFORD AG
Switzerland
AIRESIS SA
ARYZTA AG
AUTONEUM AG
BARRY CALLEBAUT AG
BELL AG
CALIDA HOLDING AG
EMMI AG
GM SA
HOCHDORF HOLDING AG
LALIQUE GROUP SE
LECLANCHE SA
LINDT & SPRUENGLI AG
METALL ZUG AG
NESTLE SA
ORIOR AG
RICHEMONT SA
STADLER RAIL AG
SWATCH GROUP SA
V-ZUG

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Pharma & Healthcare

Germany

4 SC AG
AAP IMPLANTATE AG
BB BIOTECH AG
BIOFRONTERA AG
BIOTEST AG.
CARL ZEISS MEDITEC AG
CO.DON AG
DERMAPHARM HOLDING SE
DRAEGERWERK AG & CO. KGAA
ECKERT & ZIEGLER AG
EPIGENOMICS AG
EVOTEC AG
FRESENIUS MEDICAL CARE AG & CO. KGAA
FRESENIUS SE & CO.KGAA
GERRESHEIMER AG
HEIDELBERG PHARMA AG
MATERNUS-KLINK AG
MEDICLIN AG
MEDIGENE AG
MEDIOS AG
MERCK AG & CO. KGAA
MORPHOSYS AG
PAION AG
PHARMASGP HOLDING SE
RHOEN-KLINIKUM AG
SARTORIUS AG
SIEMENS HEALTHINEERS AG
STRATEC SE
SYGNIS AG
SYNLAB AG
VITA 34 AG

Austria

MARINOMED BIOTECH AG

Switzerland

ACHIKO AG
ADDEX AG
AEVIS HOLDING SA
ALCON INC.

BACHEM HOLDING AG
BASILEA PHARMACEUTICA AG
COLTENE HOLDING AG
DOTTIKON ES HOLDING AG
EVOLVA HOLDING SA
IDORSIA LTD
IVF HARTMANN AG
KINARUS THERAPEUTICS HOLDING AG
KUIROS BIOSCIENCES AG
LONZA GROUP AG
MEDARTIS HOLDING AG
MOLECULAR PARTNERS AG
NOVARTIS AG
OBSEVA SA
POLYPEPTIDE GROUP AG
POLYPHOR AG
RELIEF THERAPEUTICS HOLDING AG
ROCHE AG
SANTHERA PHARM. HOLDING AG
SIEGFRIED HOLDING AG
SKAN GROUP AG
SONOVA HOLDING AG
STRAUMANN HOLDING AG
TECAN GROUP AG
XLIFE SCIENCES AG
YPSOMED HOLDING AG

Information Technology

Germany

ADESSO AG
ADVA OPTICAL NETWORKING SE
AIXTRON SE
ALL FOR ONE STEEB AG
ALLGEIER SE
ATOSS SOFTWARE AG
B & S BANKSYSTEME AG
BECHTLE AG
CANCOM SE
CENT AG
CHERRY AG
COMPUGROUP MEDICAL SE
DATA MODUL AG
ELMOS SEMICONDUCTOR AG
FIRST SENSOR AG
FORTEC ELEKTRONIK AG
GFT TECHNOLOGIES SE
GIGASET AG
GK SOFTWARE SE
INFINEON TECHNIK AG
INIT INNOVATION SE
INTERSHOP COMMUNICATIONS AG
INTICA SYSTEMS AG
INVISION AG
IVU TRAFFIC TECHNOLOGIE AG
KPS AG
MEVIS MEDICAL SOLUTIONS AG
NAGARRO SE
NEMETSCHKE SE
NEW WORK SE
NEXUS AG
NORCOM INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY AG
OHB SE
PANAMAX AG
PARAGON AG
PSI AG
Q.BEYOND AG
REALTECH AG

SAP SE

SCHWEIZER ELECTRONIC AG
SECUNET SECURITY AG
SERVICEW ARE AG
SILTRONIC AG
SNP AG
SOCIAL CHAIN AG
SOFTWARE AG
STEMMER IMAGING AG
SUESS MICROTEC AG
SYZYGY AG
TEAMVIEWER AG
TELES AG
TISCON AG
UNITED INTERNET AG
USU SOFTWARE AG
VIVANCO GRUPPE AG
Austria
AT&S AUSTRIA TECH.& SYSTEMTECH. AG
FREQUENTIS AG
KAPSCH TRAFFICCOM AG
MASCHINENFABRIK HEID AG
RATH AG
Switzerland
ALSO HOLDING AG
AMS AG
ASCOM HOLDING AG
CREALOGIX HOLDING AG
HUBER+SUHNER AG
KUDELSKI SA
LOGITECH INTERNATIONAL SA
SOFTWAREONE HOLDING AG
TEMENOS GROUP AG
U-BLOX HOLDING AG
WISEKEY INTERNATIONAL HOLDING AG

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Telecommunication

Germany

1+1 AG
11 88 0 SOLUTIONS AG
3U HOLDING AG
DEUTSCHE TELEKOM AG
ECOTEL COMMUNICATION AG
FREUNET AG
LS TELCOM AG
NFFON AG
TELEFONICA DEUTSCHLAND HOLDING AG
VANTAGE TOWERS AG
YOC AG

Austria

TELEKOM AUSTRIA AG

Switzerland

SWISSCOM AG

Utilities

Germany

E.ON SE
ENBW ENERGIE B./W. AG
ENCAVIS AG
GELSENWASSER AG
MAINOVA AG
MVV ENERGIE AG
RWE AG
UNIPER SE
Austria
EVN AG
VERBUND AG
Switzerland
BKW ENERGIE AG
EDISUN POWER EUROPE AG
ROMANDE ENERGIE HOLDING SA

Basic Materials

Germany

ALTECH ADVANCED MATERIALS AG
ALZCHEM GROUP AG
AURUBIS AG
B.R.A.I.N. AG
BASF SE
BAYER AG
COVESTRO AG
DECHENG TECHNOLOGY AG
EISEN- & HUETTENWERKE AG
EVONIK INDUSTRIES AG
FUCHS PETROLUB SE
H & R GMBH & CO KGAA
K & S AG
LANXESS AG
SALZGITTER AG
SGL CARBON SE
SIMONA AG
SURTECO SE
SYMRISE AG
WACKER CHEMIE AG

Austria

AMAG AUSTRIA METALL AG
LENZING AG
OMV AG
PORR AG
SCHOELLER-BLECKMANN AG
STRABAG SE
VOESTALPINE AG
WIENERBERGER AG

Switzerland

CLARIANT AG
CPH CHEMIE & PAPIER HOLDING AG
EMS-CHEMIE AG
GIVAUDAN SA
GURIT HOLDING AG
SCHMOLZ & BICKENBACH AG
SUNMIRROR AG
ZWAHLEN & MAYR SA

Industrials (1/2)

Germany

7C SOLARPARKEN AG
A.I.S. AG
ALBA SE
AMADEUS FIRE AG
AUMANN AG
BASLER AG
BAUER AG
BAYWA AG
BILFINGER SE
BRENNTAG AG
COM.CHARG.SOL.AG
CROPENERGIES AG
DEUTSCHE POST AG
DEUTZ AG
DMG MORI AG
DR. HOENLE AG
DUERR AG
ENAPTER AG
ENERGIEKONTOR AG
FRANCOTYP-POSTALIA HOLDING AG
FRAPORT AG
FRIEDRICH VORWERK GROUP SE
FRIWO AG
GEA GROUP AG
GESCO AG
HAMBURGER HAFEN & LOGISTIK AG
HANSEYACHTS AG
HAPAG-LLOYD AG
HEIDELBERG.DRUCKMASCHINEN AG
HEIDELBERGCEMENT AG
HENSOLDT AG
HGEARS AG
HOCHTIEF AG
INDUS HOLDING AG
INFAS HLDG AG
ITN NANOVATION AG
JENOPTIK AG
JOST WERKE AG

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Industrials (2/2)

JUNGHEINRICH AG
KATEK SE

KHD HUMBOLDT WEDAG

KION GROUP AG

KLOECKNER & CO: SE

KNORR-BREMSE AG

KOENIG & BAUER AG

KROMI LOGISTIK AG

KRONES AG

KSB AG

KWS SAAT SE

LPKF LASER & ELECTRONICS AG

LUFTHANSA AG

MANZ AG

MASCHINENFABRIK BERTHOLD HERMLE AG

MASTERFLEX AG

MAX AUTOMATION AG

MBB SE

MEDION AG

MS INDUSTRIE AG

MTU AERO ENGINES AG

MUELLER-DIE LILA LOGISTIK AG

NESCHEN AG

NORDEX SE

NORDWEST HANDEL AG

NORMA GROUP SE

ORBIS AG

PFEIFFER VACUUM TECHNOLOGY AG

PITTLER MASCHINENFABRIK AG

PNE WIND AG

PVA TEPLA AG

R. STAHL AG

RATIONAL AG

RHEINMETALL AG

RINGMETALL AG

SCHUMAG AG

SFC ENERGY AG

SIEMENS AG

SIEMENS ENERGY AG

SINGULUS TECHNOLOGIES AG

SINO-GERMAN UNITED AG

SIXT SE

SLM SOLUTIONS GROUP AG

SMA SOLAR TECHNOLOGY AG

SOFTING AG

SOLAR-FABRIK AG

TECHNOTRANS AG

THYSSENKRUPP AG

TRATON SE

TUFF GROUP AG

UZIN UTZ AG

VA-Q-TEC AG

VARTA AG

VERBIO VEREINIGTE BIOENERGIE AG

VISCOM AG

VITESCO TECHNOLOGIES GROUP AG

VOLTABOX AG

VOSSLOH AG

WACKER NEUSON SE

WASHTEC AG

ZHONGDE WASTE TECHNOLOGY AG

Austria

ANDRITZ AG

CLEEN ENERGY AG

FACC AG

FLUGHAFEN WIEN AG

FRAUENTHAL HOLDING AG

MAYR-MELNHOF KARTON AG

OESTERREICHISCHE POST AG

PALFINGER AG

RHI MAGNESITA NV

ROSENBAUER INTERNATIONAL AG

SEMPERIT AG HOLDING

SW UMWELTECHNIK AG

ZUMTOBEL GROUP AG

Switzerland

ABB LTD

ACCELLERON INDUSTRIES LTD

ADECCO GROUP AG

ADVAL TECH HOLDING AG

ALUFLEXPACK AG

ARBONIA AG

BELIMO AUTOMATION AG

BOSSARD HOLDING AG

BUCHER INDUSTRIES AG

BURCKHARDT AG

BURKHALTER HOLDING AG

BVZ HOLDING AG

BYSTRONIC AG

CICOR MANAGEMENT AG

COMET HOLDING AG

DAETWYLER HOLDING AG

DKSH HOLDING AG

DORMAKABA HOLDING AG

ELMA ELECTRONIC AG

FEINTOOL INTERNATIONAL HOLDING AG

FISCHER AG

FLUGHAFEN ZUERICH AG

FORBO HOLDING AG

GAVAZZI HOLDING AG

GEBERIT AG

IMPLENIA AG

INFICON HOLDING AG

INTERROLL HOLDING AG

KARDEX AG

KLINGELNBERG LTD

KOMAX HOLDING AG

KUEHNE & NAGEL INTERNATIONAL AG

LAFARGEHOLCIM AG

LANDIS+GYR GROUP AG

LEM HOLDING AG

MCH GROUP AG

MEDACTA GROUP SA

MEDMIX LTD

MEIER TOBLER AG

MEYER BURGER AG

MIKRON SA

MONTANA AEROSPACE AG

OC OERLIKON CORPORATION AG

PERFECT SA

PERROT DUVAL HOLDING SA

PHOENIX AG

RIETER MASCHINENFABRIK AG

SCHAFFNER AG

SCHINDLER AUFZUEGE AG

SCHLATTER HOLDING AG

SCHWEITER TECHNOLOGIES AG

SENSIRION HOLDING AG

SFS GROUP AG

SGS SA

SIG COMBIBLOC GROUP AG

SIKA AG

STARRAG GROUP HOLDING AG

SULZER AG

TORNOS HOLDING AG

VAT GROUP AG

VETROPACK HOLDING AG

VON ROLL HOLDING AG

ZEHNDER GROUP AG

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Real Estate

Germany

ACCENTRO REAL ESTATE AG

ADLER REAL ESTATE AG

ALSTRIA OFFICE REIT-AG

DEMIRE DEUTSCHE MITTELSTAND REAL ESTATE AG

DEUTSCHE EUROSHOP AG

DEUTSCHE KONSUM REIT-AG

DEUTSCHE REAL ESTATE AG

DEUTSCHE WOHNEN AG

DIC ASSET AG

EYEMAXX REAL ESTATE AG

FAIR VALUE REIT-AG

FCR IMMOBILIEN AG

GATEWAY REAL ESTATE AG

GWB IMMOBILIEN AG

HAMBORNER REIT AG

INSTONE REAL ESTATE GROUP N.V.

LEG IMMOBILIEN AG

PATRIZIA IMMOBILIEN AG

TAG IMMOBILIEN AG

TTL AG

VONOVIA SE

YMOS AG

Austria

CA IMMOBILIEN ANLAGEN AG

IMMOFINANZ AG

S IMMO AG

UBM DEVELOPMENT AG

WARIMPEX FINANZ- UND BETEILIGUNGS AG

Switzerland

ALLREAL HOLDING AG

ARUNDEL AG

EPIC SUISSE AG

FUNDAMENTA REAL ESTATE AG

HIAG IMMOBILIEN HOLDING AG

INA INVEST HOLDING AG

INTERSHOP HOLDING AG

INVESTIS HOLDING SA

MOBIMO HOLDING AG

NOVAVEST REAL ESTATE AG

ORASCOM DEVELOPMENT HOLDING AG

PEACH PROPERTY GROUP AG

PLAZZA AG

PSP SWISS PROPERTY AG

SWISS FINANCE & PROPERTY GROUP AG

SWISS PRIME SITE AG

VARIA US PROPERTIES AG

WARTECK INVEST AG

ZUEBLIN IMMOBILIEN HOLDING AG

ZUG ESTATES HOLDING AG

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