# GREECE: The New Reform Agenda

# Investment & Business Opportunities in Greece

A Global Investor's Perspective

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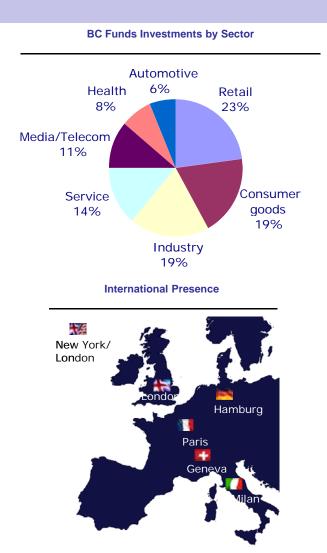
## Private Equity is a Major Player in European M&A

## European LBO Activity as a % of all European M&A value



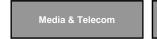
# BC Partners: a Leading Global Private Equity Fund – 1

- Investment in 67 companies since foundation in 1986
  - Total transaction value of US\$100bn
  - Invested in 13 countries in Europe, US and Asia
  - Current portfolio companies representing an aggregate turnover of US\$30bn and employing 81,000 employees
- Over US\$17bn raised in eight funds
  - Fund VIII with US\$9.3bn of equity
  - Up to US\$2.4bn equity for single transaction available plus additional equity from BC funds co-investors
  - Average transaction value of investments of US\$3.1bn since 2000 (from US\$141m to US\$29.9bn)
- Presence in Europe and the US
  - Offices in London, Paris, Milan, Geneva, Hamburg, and New York
  - 50 investment professionals with broad individual experience



# BC Partners: a Leading Global Private Equity Fund – 2

#### **Selected Transactions**







































































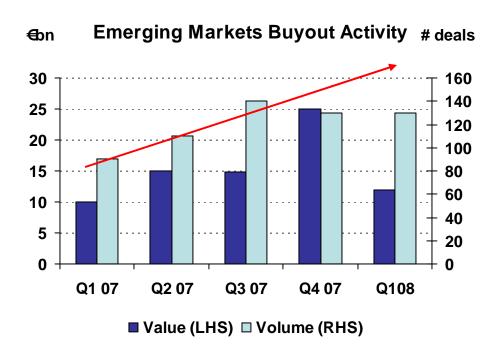


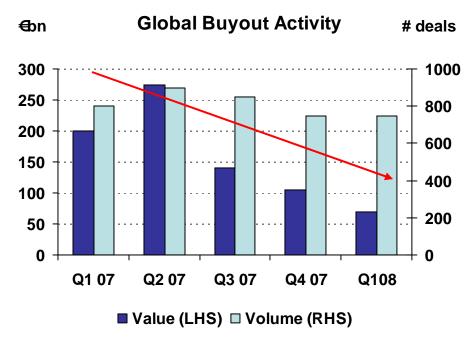




# **SE Europe Growing as an Investment Destination**

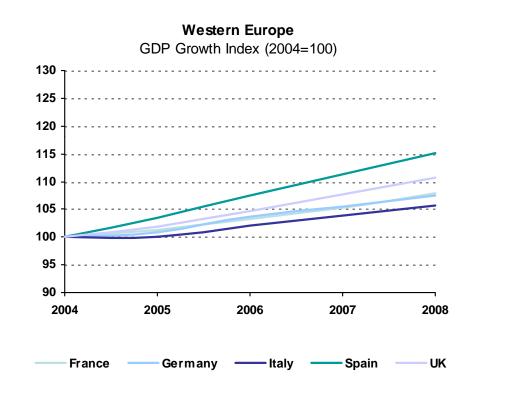
Deals are increasingly financed by local banks, with less exposure to international credit markets

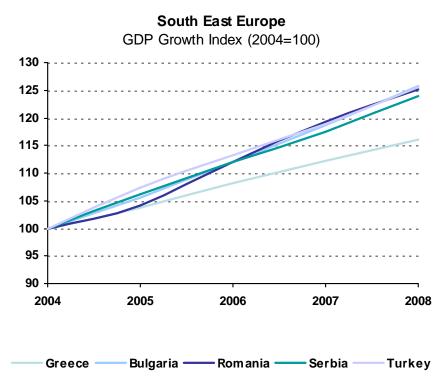




Source: Dealogic

# **GDP Growth has Outpaced WE Economies**





Source: IMF, Note: Constant currency

## Recent Key Transactions in SE Europe

€984m



€1,600m



**TIM Hellas** 

€684m



€300m



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**€910m** 



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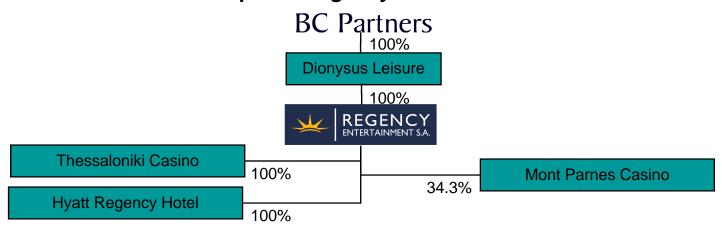
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Case Study I: Regency Entertainment

## **Transaction overview**

#### BC Partners acquired Regency Entertainment for €1.0bn



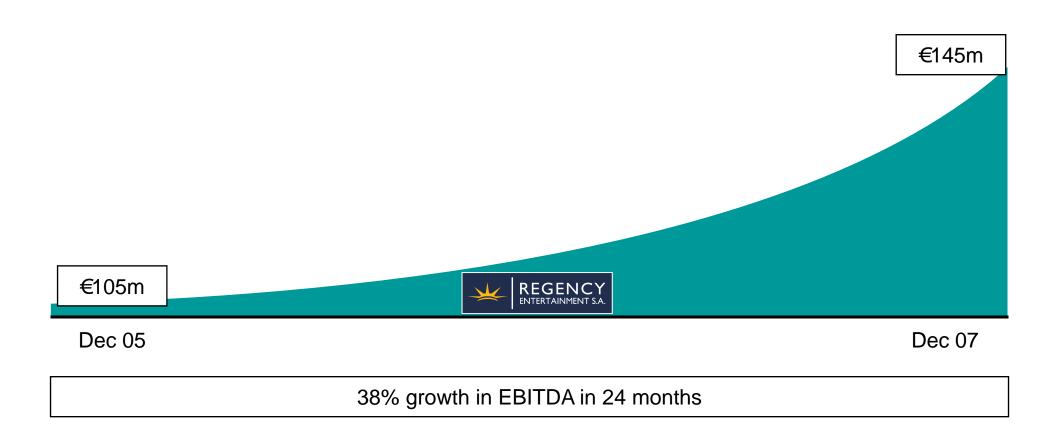
- In January 2006, the main shareholders of Regency Entertainment (ex Hyatt Regency Casinos) agreed to sell their 51.87% stake in the company to BC Partners
- ▶ BC Partners spent the following two years acquiring the remaining free float
- The company owns 100% of the only casino in Thessaloniki and 34.3% of the nearest casino to Athens. The two casinos account for more than 50% of the Greek gaming market
- ▶ The company also owns 100% of the Hyatt Regency hotel in Thessaloniki

First ever LBO of a company listed on the Athens Stock Exchange

## Rationale for transaction

- Local monopoly position
- Prime locations in densely populated areas
- Very favourable industry dynamics
- High barriers to entry
- Untapped demand to be exploited in Athens
- Redevelopment of Mont Parnes Casino
- Experienced management team
- Highly cash generative business
- Potential for a number of operations improvements

## **EBITDA** evolution



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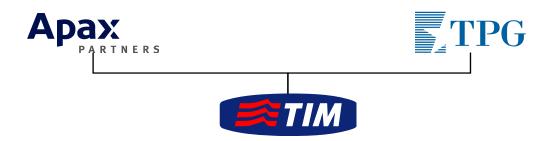
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Case Study II: TIM Hellas

## **Transaction overview**

#### Apax Partners and Texas Pacific Group acquire TIM Hellas for €1.6bn



- On 4 April 2005, TIM International announced a conditional agreement for the disposal of its 80.87% equity stake in TIM Hellas
- The acquirer was a special purpose vehicle owned by private equity funds advised by Apax Partners and Texas Pacific Group
- TIM International received approximately €1,114m for its holding, which is equivalent to €16.43 per share and corresponds to an Enterprise Value of €1.6 billion for 100% of TIM Hellas
- Minority shareholders received the same price with that of TIM International

Largest ever LBO in Greece

First ever LBO of a Greek Société Anonyme

## Rationale for transaction

- One of three players in attractive market
- Very high barriers to entry in mobile market
- Strong dependable cashflows from subscriber base
- Strong brand associated with innovation in Greece
- ▶ Under-penetrated Greek mobile market with 78% penetration vs 90-100% in most EU countries
- ▶ Rationale for Q-Telecom was synergies from using the same network
- Company was badly managed by Telecom Italia losing market share

#### **New strategy**

Increase customer acquisition

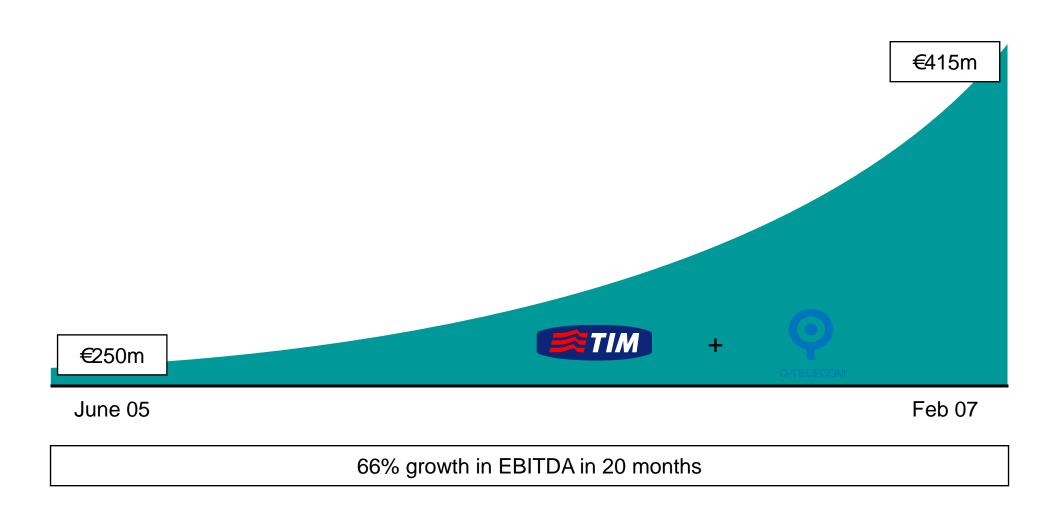
Increase ARPU<sup>(a)</sup> and stimulate usage

Increase customer retention

Exploit potential in next generation services

(a) Average Revenue Per User

## **EBITDA** evolution



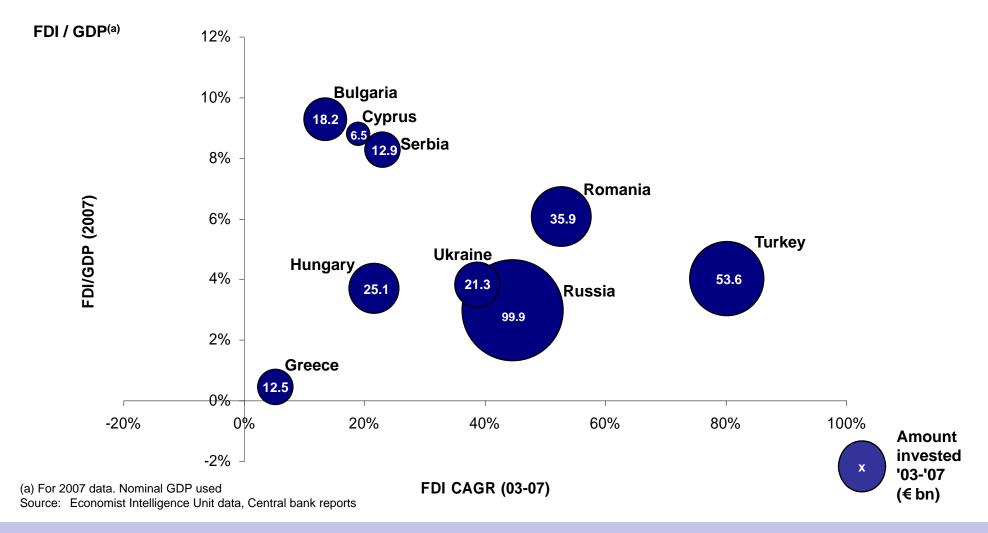
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# Foreign Investors are Increasingly Interested in the Region





## **Greece - Key Challenges**

- Administrative obstacles
  - Bureaucracy
  - Unions/industrial actions/labour terms
  - Changing tax regimes
- Size of market
- Political stability
- GDP growth slowdown
- Transparency and speed of decision-making
- Investor protection