

# **Investor in Special Situations**

in Central and Eastern Europe

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### Who We Are

EMSA Capital is a private equity firm specializing in distressed and underperforming assets in Central and Eastern Europe (CEE) and CIS.

- Twenty-five years of successful presence in the Region
  - Active operating platform dedicated to distressed assets since 1992
  - Successfully managing private equity funds since 2002
- "Hands-on" approach to restructuring and value creation
  - Restructuring, operational improvements, and active asset management represent 60% of the value created in the portfolio companies
  - Assume active management role in most situations
- Experienced regional management team with knowledge of the local market
  - Over 15 years of successfully working together in restructuring, workouts, and asset management in CEE, CIS, US and Western Europe
  - Significant experience in virtually every country of Central and Eastern Europe
- EMSA Capital is currently managing the €93m CEE Special Situations Fund
- Among our main investors in the current Fund are EBRD, IFC, Pamoja Capital, and OeEB (Oesterreichische Entwicklungsbank AG)
- EMSA is headquartered in Vienna, Austria and the acronym stands for Emerging Markets Special Assets



## **EMSA Capital Experience**

Platform dedicated to distressed assets in the CEE Region over 25 years.

1992-1997 1997-2002 2002-2011 2011-on **EMSA Capital / GP Replacement / Entry into the Interim Management CEE Special Asset Management** Region **Practice Situations Fund**  Establishment of local Spin-off from US-based Interim management and New focus on managing stranded private equity offices in the region **CRG Partners Group** restructuring engagements for LLC (US advisory firm) funds Contractor to USAID and regional private equity EMSA Capital HQ set in World Bank for large Mandate / replacement and other financial restructuring and GP for Baltic Fund Vienna, Austria institutions privatization programs Advisor to Odvssev CEE Special Situations Regional offices in Manager of the country Fund Fund at €93 million, with Poland. Slovakia and loan and development cornerstone investors Romania Mandate / replacement programs for Bosnia EBRD, IFC, Pamoja GP for Raiffeisen CEE Build-up of the core Capital and OeEB In 1996-7 managed 150 Private Equity Fund team and its training in professionals throughout Several exits and four the U.S and Western Developing principal the Region new investments from Europe activities 2011 through 2020



## **Investment Philosophy**

EMSA Capital's investment philosophy is based on its long-term dedication to realizing significant capital appreciation by investing in "special situations". These include turnarounds, financial and operational restructurings, corporate non-core divestitures, NPLs, and other situations arising from the lack of access to capital.

- We understand that the commitment of significant time and resources is required to unlock the value of distressed assets or underperforming businesses
- We have significant experience in structuring transactions that align the interests of various stakeholders in special situations
- Our focus is on improving operations and enhancing the business and financial strategy of our investments, creating value by effectively applying our tested and successful turnaround and performance improvement methods
- We work intensively with management and all other stakeholders to maximize value
- With a timely investment, restructured balance sheet, and a successful operational turnaround, these companies can avoid further decline and result in significant returns

Managed properly, special situations can unlock and create significant value for investors and all other stakeholders.



# **Differentiation**

EMSA Capital's focus on underperformers and special situations makes both our positioning and investment criteria unique in the Region.

Typical P/E Fund	EMSA Capital
<ul> <li>Target company should be market leader – #1 or #2 in its industry</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Does not need to be market leader, just have a good core business</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>A strong management team at the target company is a must</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>We will buy companies with or without management</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>The Company should have good growth prospects</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Organic growth capability is a plus, not a must. Turnaround potential is key</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>It should produce substantial cash flow to allow for leverage</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Most target companies have negative cash flow at the outset or are cash-starved</li> </ul>
<ul><li>Invest mostly in equity</li></ul>	<ul><li>Invest anyplace in the Balance Sheet</li></ul>



#### Special Situation Funds in Central and Eastern Europe

### **Investment Criteria**

Industry Focus EMSA invests in all industries except for highly regulated ones

**Investments**We invest in operating businesses, both stand-alone entities and divisions / spin-offs / divestitures. We also acquire non-performing debt instruments, portfolios of stranded or end-of-life PE funds, and invest in other

situations arising from the lack of access to capital

Target Co /
Transaction Size

EMSA invests in companies with revenues between €15 million and €100+ million. Our investment size is usually between €5 million and €20 million. Through its partner investor Pamoja Capital and limited partners, EMSA has access to additional capital to fund larger transactions

Target Co Profitability EMSA can invest in assets without history of profitability or positive cash flow

Equity & Debt Capital

EMSA can invest in equity, senior debt, other debt instruments and provide working capital lines of credit in connection with obtaining control

Target Co Management EMSA will consider investing in companies which require new management teams. We have been successful in both partnering with the existing management and recruiting new teams for our portfolio companies

**Control** We usually target control positions

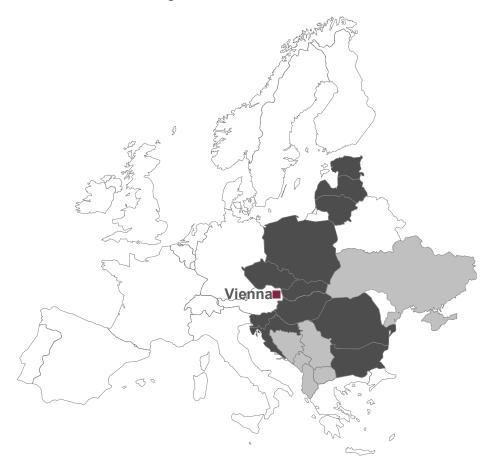
Geography

Our core area is Central and Eastern Europe, but we will also invest in companies that are based in other countries but with significant presence in the region



# **Key Geographic Focus – CEE**

We will also consider situations in other countries with substantial presence in the CEE Region.



EU Members		
Poland	Romania	
Czech Republic	Hungary	
Slovakia	Slovenia	
Latvia	Lithuania	
Estonia	Bulgaria	
Croatia		

Non-EU		
Ukraine	Serbia	
Albania	Bosnia	
Montenegro	Macedonia	
And potentially in other CIS countries		



### **Investment Portfolio**

### **Current investments**



www.famed.com.pl

**Medical Equipment** 

Acquired in 2013

**Poland** 



www.bravointernational.eu

**Construction Materials** 

Invested in 2013

Romania



www.aplast.ro

**Construction Materials** 

Invested in 2014

Romania

### Exited investments (selected)



Confectionery

Exited in 2013

Hungary



www.i.cz

**Information Technology** 

Exited in 2012

Czech Republic



www.wosana.pl

**Beverages** 

Exited in 2009

**Poland** 



www.azeriretail.az

Food Retail

Exited in 2018

Azerbaijan



### **Team**

EMSA Capital professionals combine over 75 years of experience in investing, turning around, and managing special situation assets in Central and Eastern Europe as well as in the US and Western Europe. EMSA Capital's senior team members have 15 years experience of working together.



Tomas Holly Managing Director



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