

Redfish Longterm Capital

Sector: Holding

Steady NAV with strong private portfolio

RFLTC reported consolidated revenues of Eu20.1mn, a significant rise from Eu4.9mn in 1H23, driven by the full consolidation of Movinter and the acquisition of Six Italia. EBITDA declined to Eu416k (2.1% margin), impacted by higher personnel and restructuring costs to support future growth. Parent company revenues increased to Eu407k, mainly from consultancy services, though service and personnel costs surged due to listing expenses and board expansion. The Net Debt rose due to a Eu7mn loan for the acquisition of a 5% additional stake of Polieco. Despite the negative YTD performance of S3D, the NAV remains unchanged at Eu2.3/s, driven by a strong private investment portfolio, offering 85% upside potential from current prices: BUY.

- Consolidated revenues up to Eu20.1mn, EBITDA at 2.1% —revenues amounted to Eu20.1mn, from Eu4.9mn on Jun-23. This increase is primarily due to the full consolidation of Movinter, vs. only two months in 2023. Movinter contributed Eu20.0mn, with Eu14.2mn from its Metalwork and Piping divisions. Six Italia, acquired in February 2024, added Eu5.8mn, driven by operations in the railway and naval sectors. Tesi (revenue up 37.3%) and Pure Labs demonstrated strong performances. However, other companies, like Industrie Polieco (-10% revenue) and Expo Inox (-7% revenue), faced declines. EBITDA stood at Eu416k, down from Eu515k 1H23, with an EBITDA margin of 2.1%. This decline reflects increased personnel costs due to hiring and restructuring to support future growth, as well as rising raw material and service expenses. EBIT was heavily impacted by higher D&A, reaching Eu1.5mn, driven mainly by the consolidation of Movinter's goodwill and assets. Consequently, net profit turned into negative, also influenced by the lack of significant divestments and the Eu0.5mn goodwill amortisation.
- Parentco. interim figures broadly unchanged YoY Revenues reached Eu407k, from Eu200k for FY23 and Eu91k on Jun-23. This growth was mainly driven by consultancy services to portfolio companies aimed at long-term value creation. Service costs surged to Eu665k, up from Eu292k in 1H23, primarily due to costs linked to financing and the listing on EGM on June 30, 2023. This increased administrative expenses, including board member remuneration, as the board expanded from five to seven members. Personnel costs rose to Eu146k, from Eu125k in 1H23, largely due to the hiring of a senior investment analyst. Operating costs, including lease expenses for office space, remained steady at Eu35k. D&A increased to Eu93k from Eu10k in FY23, reflecting capitalised expenses from the company's listing and office renovations. Net financial income was Eu39k, primarily from dividends and treasury activities, down significantly from Eu6.5mn in 2023, which benefited from dividends related to the sale of Matic Mind. The Net Financial Debt increased primarily due to a Eu7mn loan for the investment in Industrie Polieco. This amount was then transferred to the subsidiary RFLTC-Polieco, resulting in financial receivables for the same amount. At the end-23, the position was neutral, while as of Jun-23, RFLTC had a net cash position of Eu1.0mn.
- No changes to the investment portfolio since our last update Apart from the increase in the participation in Polieco by 5% to 15% and the acquisition of SAIEP, both included in our NAV calculation at the time of the initiation, there have been no changes to RFLTC's investment portfolio. 95% of the gross NAV is represented by private investments, with Polieco, Movinter, and Tesi accounting for 81% of the total. The remainder consists of the listed companies Convergenze and SolidWorld, which made up 7% in our previous report due to the negative performance of the latter (-28% YTD).
- NAV unchanged at Eu2.3/s, BUY The predominance of private assets over listed stocks in the NAV makes RFLTC an appealing investment with a portfolio that is difficult to replicate. In addition, RFLTC presents a compelling investment case due to its focus on acquiring stakes in Italian family-owned SMEs, driving growth through complex transactions and strategic oversight. Managed by a skilled board, RFLTC's five-phase investment model ensures a disciplined due diligence that also includes analysis of the main ESG KPIs for value creation. Its portfolio, spanning sectors like utilities, aerospace, and stainless steel, mitigates industry-specific risks while capitalizing on growth opportunities. The NAV mark-to-market results into an unchanged per share value of Eu2.3: BUY, 85% upside potential to current price.

BUY

Unchanged

TP 2.3

Unchanged

Target price upside 85%

Ticker (BBG, Reut) RFLTC IM	RFLTC.MI
Share price Ord. (Eu)	1.3
N. of Ord. shares (mn)	27.7
Total N. of shares (mn)	27.4
Market cap (Eu mn)	35
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Free Float Ord. (%)	45%
Free Float Ord. (Eu mn)	16
Daily AVG liquidity Ord. (Eu k)	20

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Absolute Perf.	0.0%	0.8%	-14%
Rel.to FTSEMidCap	-3.2%	3.3%	-38%
52 weeks range		1.1	1.5



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NAV

Net Asset Value	Eu mn	Eu/s FD %	on GNAV	Methodology	Business
Tesi	8.4	0.31	9%	24E Peers Median EV/EBITDA 9.5x	Industrial - Aerospace Components
Expo Inox	8.4	0.31	9%	24E Peers Median EV/EBITDA 5.9x	Industrial - Stainless Steel Products
Movinter + Six Italia + Saiep	27.2	0.99	30%	24E Peers Median EV/EBITDA 7.1x, excluding Six Italia min.	Industrial - Lightweight Railway Products
Pure Labs	3.7	0.14	4%	24E Peers Median EV/EBITDA 7.8x	Health - Diagnostic Centres
Polieco	38.1	1.39	42%	24E Peers Median EV/EBITDA 11.7x, 51% of the vehicle	Industrial - Pipes and Manhole for Infrastructure
Total Private Companies	85.7	3.13	95%		
Convergenze	1.4	0.05	2%	Market Value, Eu1.96/s	Utility - Energy, Natural Gas and Fiber
SolidWorld	3.4	0.12	4%	Market Value, Eu2.48/s	Technology - 3D Printing System Integrator
Total Listed Companies	4.8	0.17	5%		
Gross Net Asset Value	90.5	3.31	100%		
NFP (debt)/cash	(12.5)	(0.46)		Parent Company, last reported (1H24)	
Net Asset Value	78.0	2.80			
Holding discount	20%				
Target Price	62.4	2.30	85%	Upside	

Source: Alantra, Company data

Holding discount qualitative assessment matrix

Criteria	Low	Medium	High
Liquidity and marketability	Stock liquidity: 1M av. daily turn. of Eu20k		
Control and influence		One participation at 100%, the others are at some 20%	
Diversification of asset	Almost 70% of Gross Net Asset Value in two sectors		
Management quality and strategy			Specialized management with in-house expertise
Transparency and reporting		Good level of reporting, including quarterly KPIs	

RFLTC competitive positioning

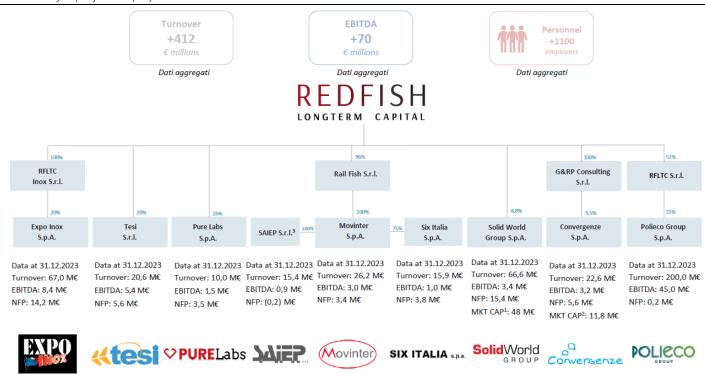
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	HOLDING PERIOD	SHARES LIQUIDABILITY & CAPITAL INCREASES	SECTORS & INVESTEES	OPERATION TYPE	SUPERVISIONING
RFLTC	Long holding period with no predetermined exit	Capital Increases with no restrictions	Generalist with no restrictions in its Article of Association	Minorities, majorities, convertible loans, debt to support Investees	N.A.
CLUB DEAL	3/5 years with drag-along clause	Only with disinvestments of investee companies	Mono target	Minorities or majorities	N.A.
SGR	3/5 years with predetermined exit	No capital increases, closed funds Redemption at maturity	Article of Association identifies target sectors	Article of Association specifies minorities, majorities or debt	Bank of Italy & Consob
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ELTIF	3/5 years with predetermined exit	No capital increases, closed funds Redemption at maturity or through the stock market	70% in qualifying targets, 30% free	Minorities/ Majorities/ Debt / listed companies	Bank of Italy & Consob



RFLTC, overview of portfolio companies

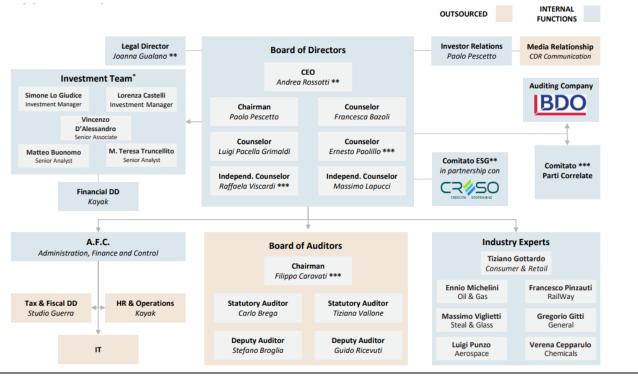
A well-diversified portfolio company structure



Source: company data

RFLTC governance structure

RFLTC's management and in-house experts specialize in sourcing, selecting, analyzing, and defining investment opportunities effectively.



Source: Company data. * Responsible of conducting business development activities on Investees & analyze new potential investments ** Responsabile supervision ESG



Profile

Background

Founded in 2020 by Paolo Pescetto, Andrea Rossotti, and the Bazoli and Gitti families, RedFish LongTerm Capital (RFLTC) is an industrial holding firm focused on acquiring stakes in Italian family-owned SMEs. It drives growth through expertise in complex transactions and strategic management, taking both minority and majority stakes with a long-term investment horizon. Collaborating with other investors, RFLTC aims for sustainable growth and lasting value across its portfolio. It prioritizes economic planning, management control, and financing optimization, while actively participating in the governance of portfolio companies. Leveraging a robust network, RFLTC identifies opportunities and provides strategic support. Revenues derive from dividends, fixed consultancy fees, and variable fees. RFLTC's diverse Board ensures ongoing commitment to strategic investments and value creation.

Positioning

RFLTC is a key player in Italy's SME market, focusing on long-term growth through active management of its portfolio companies. Italy's 157,000 SMEs, known for niche expertise, achieved Eu204bn in 2022 despite economic challenges. RFLTC's strategy emphasizes sustainable growth, seeking long-term value via dividends and share appreciation instead of quick exits. Targeting family-owned or transitioning SMEs, it drives growth with specialized staff and efficient management systems. Its flexible investment horizon, without predetermined exits, aligns with the goals of its investees. Concentrating on private firms, RFLTC offers a unique portfolio that balances growth potential, risk mitigation, and diversification, establishing itself as a leader in investment holding.

Portfolio

RFLTC has built a diverse portfolio of seven companies, each in different sectors to reduce industry-specific risks. These include Convergenze (Utilities), Tesi (Aerospace), Solid World (Technology), Expo Inox (Stainless Steel Chimneys), Movinter (Railroad Equipment), PureLabs (Healthcare Services), Six Italia (Rail/Naval Equipment), Polieco (Pipe manufacturing) and SAIEP (Railway Cabling). This diversification not only spreads risk but also capitalizes on growth opportunities across various sectors. RFLTC's strategy includes expanding its portfolio, as seen with its investment in Polieco, set to finalize by June 2024. Expo Inox, acquired in 2022 with a 20% stake, grew its turnover from Eu50mn in 2021 to Eu67mn in 2022, driven by market expansion, including acquiring A1 Flue Systems in the UK. Movinter reached Eu67mn in 2023, boosted by contracts in Spain and Germany. Six Italia joined in December 2023, aligning with RFLTC's goals in the rail sector.

Strategy

RFLTC adopts a disciplined investment approach, scouting two opportunities weekly through a vast network. Opportunities undergo expert and ESG committee evaluations before Board approval, ensuring strategic alignment. The firm prioritizes sustainable financing, utilizing third-party investments and excluding certain sectors. Growth strategies emphasize operational efficiency, targeted acquisitions, and enhanced financial management, with international expansion supported by foreign advisors and overseas scouting. Quarterly monitoring by dedicated teams assesses performance, compliance, and alignment. RFLTC's 5-phase model—identification, analysis, structuring, financing, and growth—drives long-term value creation through due diligence, strategic planning, and post-investment oversight, aiming to optimize operations, expand markets, and mitigate risks via diversified funding sources.

Strengths

Experience management proficient in capital acquisition and investment strategy RFLTC's focus on strategic, value-driven investments fosters sustainable development Well-established connections facilitate opportunities for joint investments

Weaknesses

Company's success heavily relies on a few individuals

The company's dependence on particular industry may limit diversification opportunities

Due to its size. RFLTC may face challenges in competing with larger firms

Opportunities

Value expansion, particularly through the IPO of portfolio companies

Strategic acquisitions for portfolio enhancement

Geographical diversification and access to new markets

Threats

Uncertanties, including interest rate flucutation and inflation could impact performance
Rising competition from other investment firms with larger firepower
Ensuring consistent adherence to tight investment criteria amidst changing mkt dynamics

Key shareholders

Maior Srl: 19.1% Red-Fish Kapital: 10.6% Bruno Negri: 8.8% OMR Holding: 7.4% Free Float: 44.8%

Management

Paolo Pescetto - Chairman Andrea Rossotti - CEO Lorenza Castelli - Investment Manager Simone Lo Giudice - Investment Manager

Next events

3Q24 KPIs: 29/10/24 FY24 KPIs: 30/01/25



1H24 Results

RFLTC - 1H24 Results

PF factors the acquisition of Six Italia and SAIEP from 1-Jan (completed in Feb and Jun-24). Rising operational costs reduce PF EBITDA despite revenue growth in 1H24

Eu mn	1H23A	1H24A	YoY %	1H23PF	1H24PF	YoY %
Revenues	5.1	20.1	290%	32.7	33.8	3.3%
EBITDA	0.5	0.4	-19%	2.3	1.5	-31.8%
Ebitda Margin %	10.0%	2.1%		6.9%	4.6%	
EBIT	0.2	(1.1)	nm	1.4	0.0	nm
Ebit Margin %	3.3%	-5.6%		4.3%	0.1%	
Pretax Profit	0.2	(1.6)	n m	1.1	(0.5)	nm
Pretax Margin %	4.3%	-8.0%		3.5%	-1.5%	
Net Profit	0.1	(1.8)	n m	0.9	(1.0)	n m
Net Profit Margin %	1.2%	-8.8%		2.9%	-3.1%	
Restated Net Profit	0.0	(1.9)	n m	0.9	(0.5)	nm
Net Profit Margin %	0.8%	-9.7%		2.9%	-1.4%	
NFP at YE (debt)/cash	17.3	30.1		na	na	

Source: Company data



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