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#### Identifying Excellent Investment Opportunities

Does it possess outstanding business economics?



Does it have honest and capable management?



Can it be purchased at an attractive price?



**GREAT BUSINESS** 

**GREAT PEOPLE** 

**GREAT PRICE** 





#### Does it possess outstanding business economics?

- High returns on shareholders' equity
- A strong balance sheet with minimal or no debt
- Attractive operating and profit margins
- Significant brand recognition
- Pricing power for its products
- Growing revenue and earnings over time
- Consistent free cash flow generation





#### Does it have honest and capable management?

- "Skin in the game"
- Reasonable compensation practices
- Measurable pay for performance
- Demonstrated integrity
- Capital allocation record
- Unique corporate culture



#### Can it be purchased at an attractive price?

"Your goal as an investor should be simply to purchase at a rational price a part interest in an easily understood business whose earnings are virtually certain to be materially higher, five, ten or twenty years from now."

Warren Buffett

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## My Best Idea for 2020



#### What is it?

- CPL is a leading employment services group based in Dublin
- Services include recruitment, workforce management, training, outsourcing and outplacement
- Key business strategy is to avoid overdependence on any one service, sector or geography



#### **Corporate Overview**

- Founded in 1989
- IPO in 1999
- > 12,493 flexible talent staff headcount
- > 567 recruiters
- > 23 brands, 47 offices, 11 countries, 19 specialist sectors







#### **Market Data**

Current Share Price \* €7.50

Shares Outstanding 27.4 million

➤ Market Capitalization €206 million

\* As of December 19, 2019





#### **The Three Questions**

- 1. Does it possess superior business economics?
- 2. Does it have honest and capable management?
- 3. Can it be purchased at an attractive price?





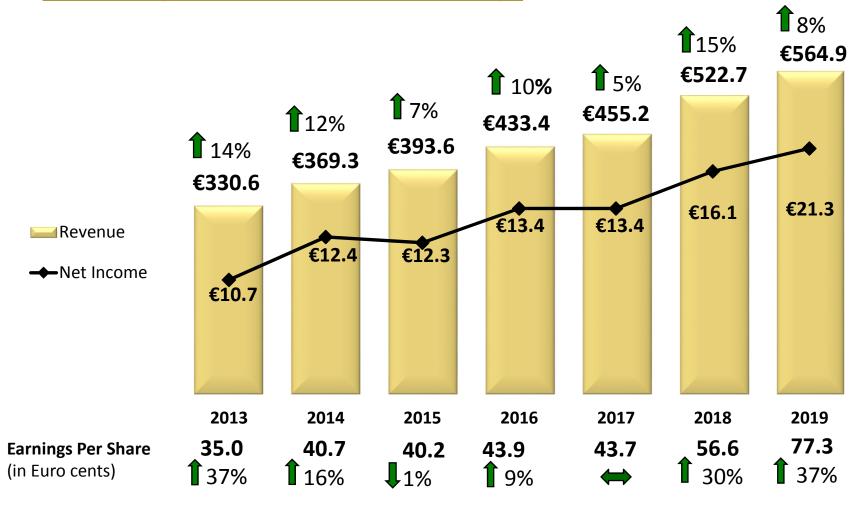


## Does it possess superior business economics?





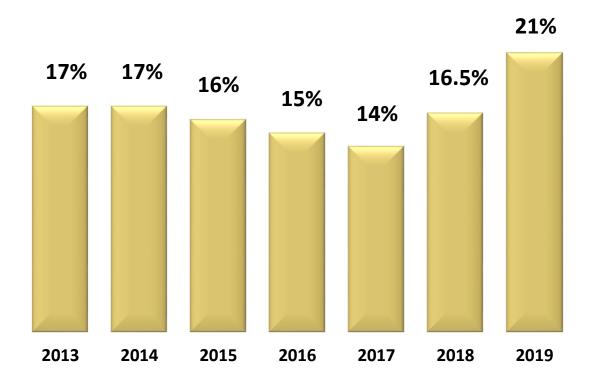
#### **Growing Revenue and Earnings**





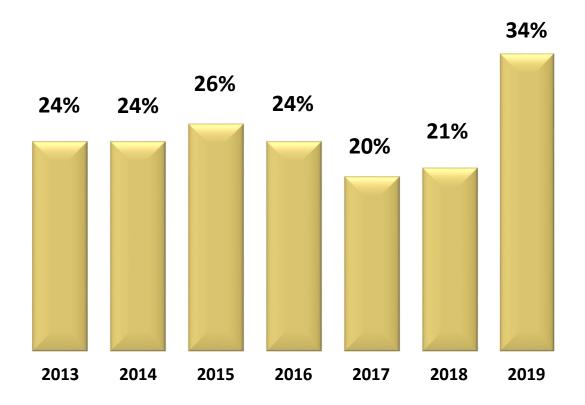


#### **High Returns on Shareholder Equity**





#### **High Returns on Shareholder Equity (excluding cash)**





#### **Solid Financial Position**

#### As of 06/30/2019

Cash	€40,058
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Working Capital €81,539

Non-Current Liabilities €0

Total Equity €110,368





































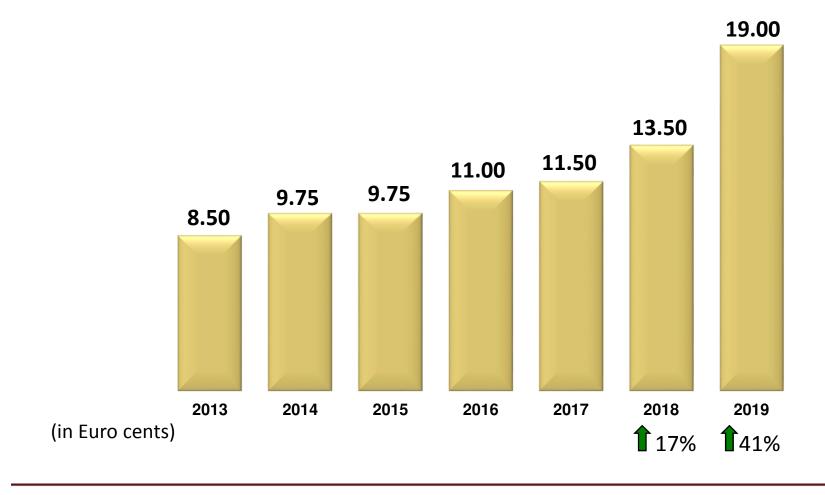








#### **Increasing Dividends Per Share**





#### **Share Repurchase History**

<u>Year</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Shares</u> <u>Repurchased</u>	<u>Price</u>
2011	€20 million	6,666,666	€3.00
2017	€25 million	3,703,703	€6.75
	€45 million	<u>10,370,369 sh</u>	<u>1S</u>

CPL spent €22.9 million on acquisitions over the same time period





#### **Does it Possess Superior Business Economics?**

Growing Revenues and Earnings

**√** 

High Returns on Shareholder Equity



Solid Financial Position



Significant Brand Recognition



Increasing Dividends Per Share



Opportunistic Share Repurchases





# Does it have honest and capable management?





- Anne Heraty and Paul Carroll own 9,706,108 shares representing 35.4% of the total shares outstanding
- Unique corporate culture consistent "Great Places to Work" award winner
- Reasonable, shareholder oriented board
- Consistent return of capital to shareholders
- Anne Heraty Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year (2006)
  - Businesswoman of the Year (2014)





#### **Does it have honest and capable management?**

"Skin in the Game"



Reasonable compensation practices



Capital allocation record



Unique corporate culture



# Can it be purchased at an attractive price?





#### **Current Valuation**

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	<u> 2018</u>	<u>2020</u>
Share Price	€6.22	€7.50*
Less: Cash/Share	€0.30	<u>€1.46</u>
	€5.92	€6.04
Trailing P/E (excluding cash)	13.5x	7.8x
Trailing Dividend Yield	2.0%	2.5%
Return on Shareholder Equity (excluding cash)	25%	34%

<sup>\*</sup> As of December 19, 2019



#### **Outlook for the Future**



Compounded growth of all key metrics over 19 years since IPO!!!!



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#### What price "could" CPL trade at?

	Current Market Price Per Share	€7.50
>	Current Earnings Per Share (TTM)	€0.77
>	Annual Compounded Growth Rate	10%
>	Earnings Per Share in 5 Years	€1.24
>	Earnings Multiple	15x
>	Market Price in 5 Years	€18.60
>	Annual Compounded Rate of Return (excluding dividends)	19.9%





#### **Summary**

**Great Business** 

**Great People** 

**Great Price** 







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## Question and Answer Period





