

shared living and workation spaces for purpose oriented location-independent professionals

property yield maximisation enabling community value

Driving Trends

- changing job market with ever growing number of freelancers, remote-workers and 'digital nomads'
- coworking preferences for community work environments
- coliving impending explosion of shared living-as-a-service
- workations working on holiday whilst travelling
- coworking and coliving united as purposeful live-work hubs
- desire of city-dwellers to visit and reconnect with countryside
- regeneration of rural areas due to population migration
- digital nomads whom move location to location as a lifestyle

Opportunity

- individual properties and/or operating company
- property-backed investment
- ~10% annual yield
- expansion target of 10 properties; >€10m valuation
- future self-funding expansion
- possible diversification with value-added programmes, city locations and new builds
- social impact promoting revitalisation and entrepreneurship in areas suffering depopulation

Model

- acquisition of low-cost properties in under-developed locations
- redevelopment as destinational coliving hub
- consumer desirability is foremost the community not location double and higher the rate of long-term rentals
- generally 30% cheaper plus private bathroom versus competitors
- reliable revenue from mid-term stays (14–90 days)
 improved occupancy and reduced staffing versus short-term hospitality
- reduced overheads on staff
 using work-exchange programmes and by providing accommodation
- may leverage tourism and events segments for additional revenue
- strong community enables expansion with immediate demand from existing customers for new locations

Typical Property

- €200,000 acquisition
- €300,000 renovation
- €400–800 typical monthly rent per room
- 12–24 bedrooms (around 100 guests per year)
- under-developed areas yet within 3h of a major city
- reduced taxation through regeneration programmes
- may function as a hub, dynamising the local community

Market

- some operators with multiple locations; mostly upper-market positioning due to prime locations (€1500+/month)
- varied independent operators with inconsistent offerings;
 usually few rooms and small communities (around €1000/month)
- operators achieve 100–200 guests per year; new mid-market space received 25 within first three months of opening
- no single multi-location operator is both well specified and affordable
- Remote Year received 200,000 applicants, for their programme including travel, accommodation and community (€2000/month)
- 40,000 applicants in 48h for AirBnB sabbatical programme (albeit free!)
- 100m estimated current western market, forecast of 1 billion worldwide

Considerations

- private rooms and common facilities
 a balance of shared and private spaces; rarely intentionally planned
- community and connection
 fostering a sense of belonging through meals and events; often overlooked
- longer-term affordability
 not only targeted with short-term rates for workations and retreats
- low-friction planning for next location every few months a familiar operator can retain customers as they travel
- good internet
 possible in some semi-rural locations, not just cities
- not an isolated location
 main activity is work, but shops, outdoors and trips around are all necessary

Founder

- created first ever mixed use mid-term live-work space, operating for four years (2011–2014)
- replicated and adapted the model for a new operator
- capable with property renovation and space planning
- knowledge and guest of other operator's spaces whilst the sector has been developing
- involvement in the sector, initiating a co-marketing and consumer awareness mark

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