

# **Essential Income: CRE for Generations**

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# ST 77 Holding at a Glance

## **Preserving family wealth**

1977

€2.54B

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**Founded** 

In Ulm, Germany

**AUM** 

(2024)

**Properties** 

Essential retail & medical properties in 47 cities (2024)

**Total Investment Losses** 

In 47 years

#### **Focus on Essential Retail**

Targeting AAA food retailers that provide essential services and demonstrate resilience through economic cycles

## **Long-Term Value Creation**

Acquiring properties with 15-20 year management horizons to generate steady, inflation-adjusted cash flows

## **Strategic Location Selection**

Identifying properties in economically stable regions with strong demographic fundamentals



# **Our Backgrounds**



## Wilhelm Hibert

Founder & CEO, ST 77 Holding GmbH

Federal Senator, Germany

Over 27 years of experience in commercial real estate investment and asset management. Author of "Acquiring Income. Reflections of a German Investor" and nominee of the Golden Jupiter award for contributions to the investment market



## **Andrey Korzun**

Senior Financial Analyst & Investment Specialist

International University of Monaco, MSc in Finance

Operating at the intersection of commercial real estate and private equity. Led value creation for METRO in Ukraine and directed private equity investment strategy for a family office before joining ST 77 Holding



## **Our Team**



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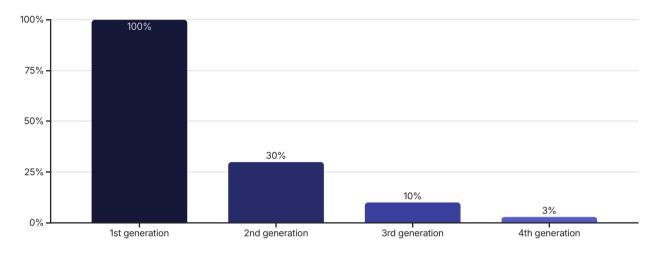


**Jannett Engel**Portfolio Manger



## **The Generational Wealth Challenge**

## Generational wealth retention probability



## **Primary Causes**

Family conflicts and lack of governance

Poor estate planning and tax inefficiency

Lack of financial literacy among heirs

No income-generating assets

☐ While the Rockefeller family thrives in their 7th generation. Why?

Sources: PwC Family Barometer 2024, European Family Business Study 2024, Soteria Trust 2024, BPM LLP 2024

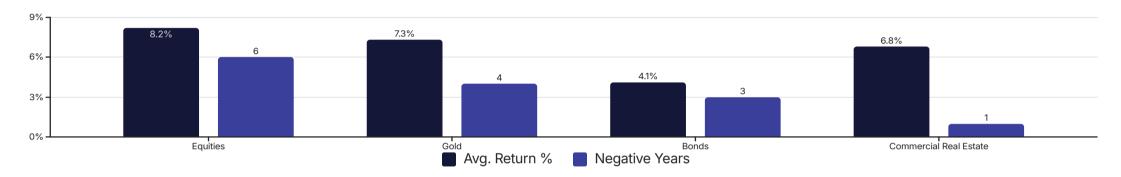




# The Generational Wealth Challenge

## **Why Traditional Approaches Fail**

**Asset Class Performance (2000–2024)** 



## **The Accumulation Trap**

Most wealth is in non-income assets

## **The Timing Dilemma**

Heirs inherit at highs, forced to sell at lows

## No spending without selling

But selling erodes the principal

## The Knowledge Gap

Next generation doesn't understand how to manage inheritance

Sources: MSCI IPD vs. MSCI World 2024, Destatis CPI 2024; ST 77 Lease Analysis 2024, MSCI Real Estate & Equity Correlation Study 2024



## **Daily Income Security Philosophy**

Financial freedom is when daily expenses are covered by income, not asset sales

☐ Formula: (Daily spending × 365 × security margin) ÷ target yield = required portfolio size

## Required Asset Base (at 5% target yield)

Comfortable

€7.3 M

Daily spending of €1,000

**Affluent** 

€29.2 M

Daily spending of €4,000

**Ultra-High** 

€58.4 M

Daily spending of €8,000

Institutional

€109.5 M

Daily spending of €15,000

## **Keep in mind**

#### **Realized Returns Only**

Income must be generated and distributed, not tied up in illiquid appreciation. Sales proceeds don't fund daily costs

#### **Net Yield After Inflation**

Inflation erodes nominal yield, use real yield (net of CPI) when planning distributions

#### **Intergenerational Transfer**

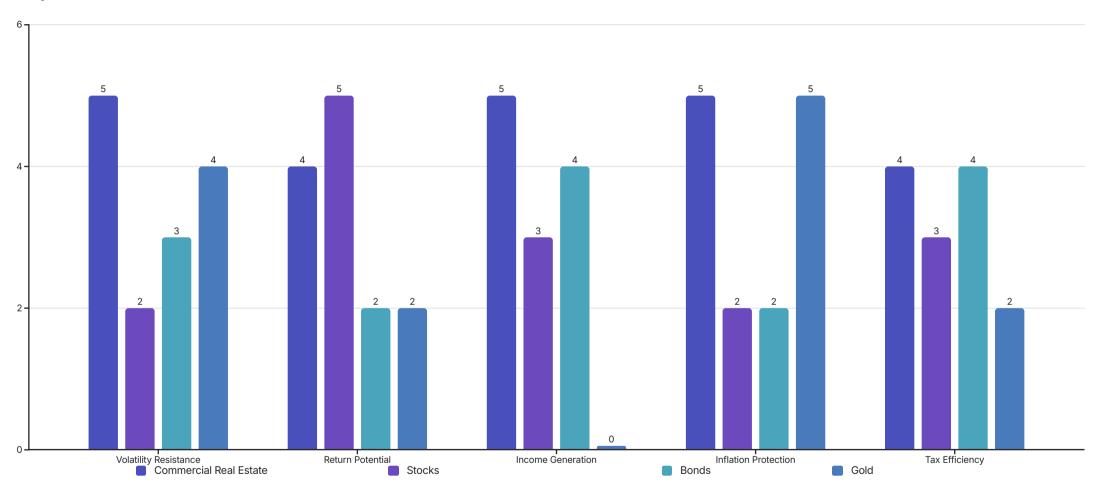
Assets chosen for clear title, simple structures, and professional management to ease future wealth transfer

□ Align assets to real family lifestyle needs

Source: ST 77 Holding Internal Wealth Planning Framework



## **Why Commercial Real Estate?**



Source: CBRE Germany, BNP Paribas Real Estate (2024), German Federal Statistical Office, CPI Indexation in Commercial Leases 2024, CBRE Germany Market Report Q4 2024 (avg. prime CRE yield), BNP Paribas Real Estate, "Germany Investment Market Q4 2024", Bloomberg, "Realized vs. Unrealized Gains in Equity Markets," 2025, German Inheritance Tax Code (ErbStG) Business Asset Relief, 2024, German Income Tax Act (EStG) Depreciation Rules, 2024, MSCI Global Property vs. Equity Correlation Study, 2024



#### Why Germany?

#### **Strong Economy**

Germany remains Europe's largest economy with €4.3 trillion GDP and maintains strong fiscal fundamentals

#### Safe Heaven

Germany ranks 5th globally in the World Justice Project Rule of Law Index 2024 with a property rights protection score of 95/100 from the Heritage Foundation

#### **Inflation Resistance**

94% of German commercial leases include CPI indexation, preserving real rental income against inflation.

#### **Tax Efficiency**

Depreciation deductions (2% linear on German buildings) and 85-100% inheritance tax relief for qualifying business assets.

#### **Ease of Transfer**

CRE ownership structures allow straightforward succession without requiring heirs to trade or manage complex securities.

#### **Portfolio Diversification**

CRE exhibits low correlation (0.2) with equity markets, reducing overall portfolio volatility during equity downturns.

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## Why Essential Food Retail?

## Rent & Tenant Failure Rates (2008–2009)

Property Type	Rent <b>Δ</b>	Occupancy Δ	Tenant Failures
Supermarkets	+2.1%	-0.3%	0.8%
Pharmacies	+1.8%	+0.2%	0.3%
Discount Stores	+3.2%	+1.1%	0.1%
Fashion Retail	-18.7%	-12.4%	23.7%
Restaurants	-22.1%	-15.7%	31.2%

## **Scenario Impacts & Recovery**

Scenario	Rev. Δ	Val. Δ	Recovery
2008-style recession	-12%	-18%	3.4 yrs
Major tenant default	-8%	-11%	2.1 yrs
+400 bp interest rates	-15%	-22%	Hedged
Regional economic decline	-6%	-9%	1.8 yrs
COVID-19 lockdown	-4%	-7%	1.2 yrs

Crisis Resistance: During the COVID-19 pandemic, German food retailers' same-store sales rose 5.4%, and grocery-anchored retail centers saw rental collections above 98% despite lockdowns.

Source: ST 77 Analysis, McKinsey "State of Grocery Europe" 2023, EHI Retail Institute 2021, Creditreform Company Reports 2024



## Why Anchor Tenants Matter?

Tenant	Market Position	Founded	Sales (€bn)	Market Share	Store Count
Edeka	#1	1898	72	25.3%	5,858
REWE	#2	1927	84	16.9%	3,300+
Lidl	#3	1973	125	22.6%	3,301
ALDI	#4	1946	100	11.2%	4,178

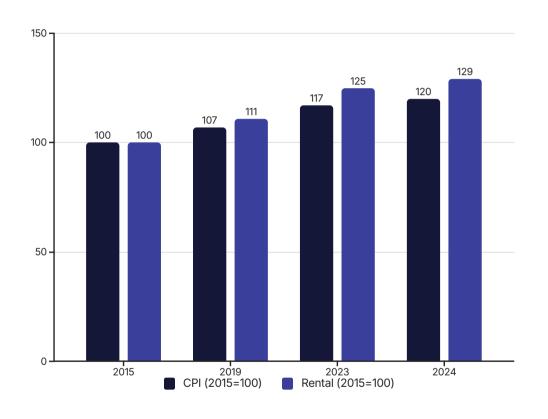
In 2023 the online food trade reached a market share of 2.9%. The majority of food is purchased in stores

Source: ST 77 Analysis, McKinsey "State of Grocery Europe" 2023, EHI Retail Institute 2021, Creditreform Company Reports 2024, Statista, Datapulse, Mintel, McKinsey



## **Built-In Inflation Protection**

## **Rents That Rise Automatically**



#### **Rental Income Outpaces Inflation**

CPI rose 20% over 2015–2024, yet ST 77 rental index grew 29%, delivering +9% real income growth

#### **Buffering Macro Volatility**

During the 2022 inflation spike (7.9%), ST 77 rent resets averaged +6.5%, protecting cash flows from macro shocks

#### **Tenant Affordability Maintained**

Retail sales grew 35%, outpacing both rent (+29%) and wage (+15%) growth in 2015-2024 - keeping rental costs easily affordable for tenants.

#### **Indexed vs. Non-Indexed Performance**

Properties with inflation-indexed leases outperformed non-indexed assets by 3.2% annualized return

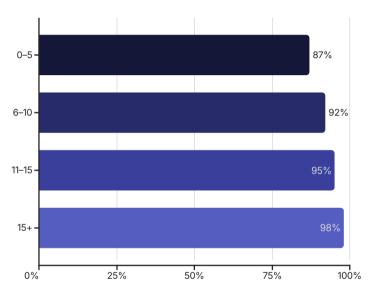
Source: Destatis CPI 2024, ST 77 Lease Analysis 2024, ECB Monetary Reports 2023, ST 77 Lease Data, Destatis Wage Statistics 2024, ST 77 Tenant Surveys, IPD Global Property Index 2024



## **Lease Security**

#### **Income Locked In for Decades, Not Months**

#### **Years to Contract Expiry and Renewal Rates**



46% of rental income secured for >10 years, providing predictable long-term cash flows.

Average German Food Retail Lease is 16.8 years (vs. 3-5 years for offices).

German anchored food retail leases commonly include 5–10 year extension options.

Renewal rates above 90% for major tenants (supermarket, discount) over the past decade.

Our portfolio vacancy and downtime is less than 1% per year vs. European retail average of 5%.

This security underpins stable distributions to investors and supports favorable borrowing terms from banks.

Supermarkets rarely relocate - investment in equipment and local customer base

Source: ST 77 lease data, CBRE Germany Lease Survey 2024, JLL 2024



# 2025-2027: A Rare Entry Window

## Why This Moment Matters?

#### **Value Correction**

Commercial real estate prices are currently 8–15% below 2022 peaks, creating rare value for disciplined buyers.

#### **Interest Rates**

Interest rates have stabilized in the 3.5–4.0% range, supporting predictable financing costs and improving deal confidence.

## **Foreign Investment**

47% of all market transactions in Q3 2024 involved foreign institutional investors, highlighting international confidence in Germany.

## **Supply Constraint**

New retail property supply has fallen by 67% since 2019, ensuring that high-quality assets remain scarce while the majority grocery shopping is still conducted in physical stores.

Timing is favorable: the combination of lower entry prices, limited new supply, and resilient demand offers strong return potential.

Source: CBRE, Cushman & Wakefield, ST 77 Market Analysis, CBRE Q2 2025



# **Historical Proof of Concept**

#### The 1982 REWE Investment Case



1982: Acquired REWE center for 3.2M DM ( $\sim$  €4.5–5M today) during 15% interest rates, 9% unemployment.



Long lease, CPI-indexed, investment-grade tenant

## **Minimal Upgrades**

Only minor capital expenditure needed every decade, no repositioning or repurposing required.



€18.7M cash returned + €12.4M current value = 6.3x total return

☐ 43 years, five recessions, zero missed payments

Sources: Wilhelm Hibert, "Investment Guide to German Real Estate," Chapters 3-4 (2018); ST 77 Portfolio Records





# **Family Governance Framework**

## Making governance practical, not theoretical

## The 3 Governance Layers

Family Constitution: Written values, decision rules, conflict resolution

Professional Board: 40% independent experts for objective oversight

**Investment Committee:** Family + professionals, unanimous vote for major decisions

## **Next-Generation Development:**

Financial education programs starting in teenage years

Property tours and "apprenticeship" in real decision-making

**Responsibility transfer:** advisory (years 1-3)  $\rightarrow$  co-decision (years 4-7)  $\rightarrow$  leadership (year 8+)

Why It Matters: Families with governance are 3x more likely to successfully transfer wealth to generation 3

Sources: ST 77 Governance 2024, Family Business Review, "Governance & Longevity" 2023



# **Tax-Efficient Wealth Transfer**

## **German Inheritance Tax Exemptions**

Heir Relationship	Exemption	Rate on Excess
Child	€400k	15-30%
Spouse	€500k	15-30%
Grandchild	€200k	15-30%

## **Business Asset Relief (With Planning):**

- Real estate held in family company structure = 85-100% tax exempt
  - Requirements: Hold 5-7 years, maintain business operations
- Additional savings: 20-35% valuation discounts for minority interests

Case Study: €45M estate → normally €18-22M tax → with structure: €3M tax

Source: Tax Advisor Reports 2024, German ErbStG, ST 77 Holding investors case study





# **Daily Income Global Comparison**

Investments needed to generate €1,000 per day, all credit ratings

Unadjusted			
Asset	Required Investment	Risk TE Score	Returns
Turkey Government Bonds	€1,143,126	38, Non-investment grade	31.9%
Zambia Government Bonds	€2,003,293	30, Highly speculative	18.2%
Nigeria Government Bonds	€2,342,747	25, Highly speculative	15.6%
Russia Government Bonds	€2,503,429	14, Substantial risks	14.6%
Brazil Government Bonds	€2,644,928	46, Non-investment grade	13.8%

Inflation Adjusted			
Asset	Required Investment	Risk TE Score	Returns
Brazil Government Bonds	€4,229,432	46, Non-investment grade	8.6%
Kenya Government Bonds	€4,279,015	23, Highly speculative	8.5%
Germany Commercial Real Estate	€5,370,806	75, Upper medium grade	6.8%
Russia Government Bonds	€5,547,112	14, Substantial risks	6.6%
Colombia Government Bonds	€5,676,516	52, Lower medium grade	6.4%

Sources: Trading Economics, ST 77 Models (22.10.2025)



# **Daily Income Global Comparison**

Investments needed to generate €1,000 per day, top credit ratings

Unadjusted			
Asset	Required Investment	Risk TE Score	Returns
Germany Commercial Real Estate	€5,367,647	75, Upper medium grade	6.8%
Iceland Government Bonds	€5,530,303	78, Upper medium grade	6.6%
Chile Government Bonds	\$€6,624,319	73, Upper medium grade	5.5%
Poland Government Bonds	€6,821,155	72, Upper medium grade	5.4%
Czech Republic Government Bonds	€8,147,321	85, High grade	4.5%

Inflation Adjusted			
Asset	Required Investment	Risk TE Score	Returns
Germany Commercial Real Estate	€5,370,806	75, Upper medium grade	6.8%
Poland Government Bonds	\$€14,308,114	72, Upper medium grade	2.6%
Finland Government Bonds	€14,484,127	96, Prime	2.5%
France Government Bonds	€14,959,016	83, High grade	2.4%
Iceland Government Bonds	€15,869,565	78, Upper medium grade	2.3%

Sources: Trading Economics, ST 77 Models (22.10.2025)



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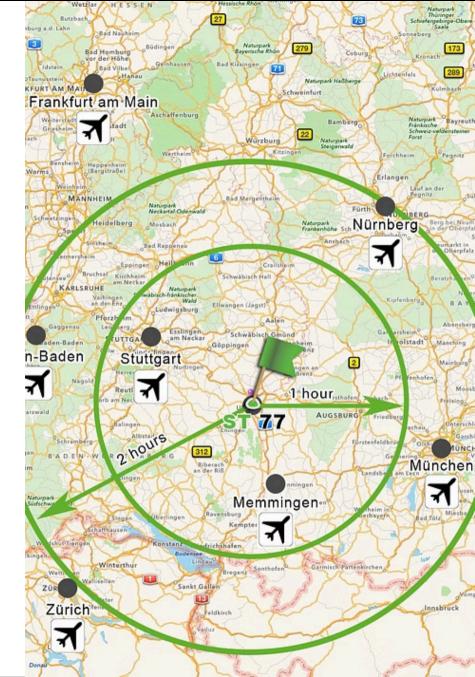
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#### **About ST 77 Holding**

ST 77 Holding GmbH specializes in acquiring and managing commercial real estate properties that are vital for the economy, with a focus on AAA system-forming food retailers. Our investment strategy delivers steady, secure cash flows and inflation-adjusted rent over 15-20 year holding periods.

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We look forward to answering your questions





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