FINE FOODS OUTPERFORM **SECTOR:** Industrials Giorgio Tavolini Price (Eu): 10.80 Target Price (Eu): 13.00 Andrea Randone

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A Nice Story of Growth and Sustainable Marains In Turbulent Times

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- FY20 Outlook. As of today, the company is not experiencing any major disruption from the Covid-19 outbreak (both the plants in the Bergamo area are open, as pharma and health products are considered essential goods in the recent government decree), nor any issues in manufacturing and shipping to customers, or the supply chain (company constantly in touch with suppliers of raw materials and packaging). Nevertheless, given low visibility at this time, the company is not yet able to quantify the potential impact on FY20, but we believe this should be manageable, bearing in mind the good resilience of both the Fine Foods businesses.
- Fine-tuning to Estimates. We have performed some minor fine-tuning to top-line estimates to reflect a higher Pharma growth, while for FY20 we assume a 13.5% margin (from the previous 14%) to reflect a more gradual improvement from FY19 (13.0%) and higher D&A (due to the recent expansion of production sites), leading to -4%/-1%/+2% EPS changes for FY20/'21/'22.
- Rating OUTPERFORM confirmed, new target at Eu13.0 (from Eu12.80). The group is well placed to confirm double-digit revenue growth thanks to highly visible customer demand and the additional capacity secured through investments, as well as the ability to seize M&A opportunities for quality assets in adjacent markets or to act as a natural aggregator domestically. In the short/medium term, however, we think management focus will be on investing organically in the current business and the potential listing on the MTA segment, which will mean a break of a few months before the company turns its attention back to exploring M&A opportunities.

Key Figures	2018A	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022E
Sales (Eu mn)	139	160	183	206	229
Ebitda (Eu mn)	19	18	25	29	33
Net profit (Eu mn)	9	6	10	12	14
EPS - New Adj.(Eu)	0.370	0.352	0.444	0.519	0.612
EPS - Old Adj.(Eu)	0.370	0.290	0.461	0.525	0.599
DPS (Eu)	0.098	0.120	0.200	0.206	0.241
Ratios & Multiples	2018A	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022E
P/E Adj.	29.2	30.7	24.3	20.8	17.6
Div. Yield	0.9%	1.1%	1.9%	1.9%	2.2%
EV/Ebitda Adj.	10.7	9.9	8.2	6.8	5.6
ROCE	12.6%	6.6%	12.0%	13.9%	16.6%

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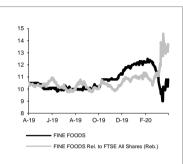
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FINE FOODS - 12m Performance



RATING: Unchanged TARGET PRICE (Eu): fre Ch. in Adj.EPS est:	:	12.80 to 2020E -3.7%	2021E
STOCK DATA			
Reuters code:			FF.MI
Bloomberg code:			FF IM
Performance	1m	3m	12m
Absolute -6	.1%	-10.0%	1.9%
Relative 16	.2%	17.5%	22.2%
12 months H/L:		12	2.50/9.00
SHAREHOLDER DATA			
No. of Ord. shares (r	nn):		23
Total No. of shares (mn):		23
Mkt Cap Ord (Eu mi	n):		253
Total Mkt Cap (Eu m	nn):		253
Mkt Float - ord (Eu n	nn):		104
Mkt Float (in %):			41.2%
Main shareholder:			
Eigenfin Srl + M. Eig	genr	nann	52.8%
BALANCE SHEET DAT	A		2020
Book value (Eu mn):			154
BVPS (Eu):			6.58
P/BV:			1.6
Net Financial Positio	n (E	u mn):	43

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Enterprise value (Eu mn):

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FINE FOODS - KEY FIGURES		2018A	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022E
	Fiscal year end	31/12/2018	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2021	31/12/2022
PROFIT & LOSS (Eu mn)	Sales	139	160	183	206	229
. ,	EBITDA	19	18	25	29	33
	EBIT	10	7	13	15	18
	Financial income (charges)	0	1	0	0	0
	Associates & Others	0	0	0	0	0
	Pre-tax profit (Loss)	10	8	13	16	18
	Taxes	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	(4)
	Tax rate (%)	16.7%	21.4%	21.5%	21.5%	22.0%
	Minorities & discontinue activities	0 9	0	0	0	0
	Total extraordinary items	9	6 0	10 0	12 0	14 0
	Ebitda excl. extraordinary items	19	21	25	29	33
	Ebit excl. extraordinary items	10	10	13	15	18
	Net profit restated	9	8	10	13	10
		23	23	23	23	23
PER SHARE DATA (Eu)	Total shares out (mn) - average fd EPS stated fd	0.370	0.259	23 0.444	23 0.519	0.612
	EPS restated fd	0.370	0.237	0.444	0.519	0.612
	BVPS fd	6.360	6.322	6.577	6.897	7.275
	Dividend per share (ord)	0.098	0.120	0.200	0.206	0.241
	Dividend per share (sav)	0.000	0.000	0.200	0.200	0.000
	Dividend pay out ratio (%)	25.7%	45.0%	45.0%	45.0%	45.0%
	Gross cash flow	17	18	20	24	27
CASH FLOW (Eu mn)	Change in NWC	(19)	2	(5)	(3)	(3)
	Capital expenditure	(32)	(20)	(8)	(9)	(10)
	Other cash items	(32)	(20)	(0)	(7)	(10)
	Free cash flow (FCF)	(1)	19	15	21	24
	Acquisitions, divestments & others	(0)	1	1	1	1
	Dividend	0	(2)	(3)	(5)	(5)
	Equity financing/Buy-back	100	(5)	(2)	0	0
	Change in Net Financial Position	67	(7)	3	8	9
BALANCE SHEET (Eu mn)	Total fixed assets	83	93	89	85	81
DALANCE SHEET (EV HIII)	Net working capital	21	19	24	27	30
	Long term liabilities	0	(2)	(1)	(1)	0
	Net capital employed	102	109	111	111	110
	Net financial position	47	40	43	51	60
	Group equity	149	148	154	162	171
	Minorities	0	0	0	0	0
	Net equity	149	148	154	162	171
ENTERPRISE VALUE (Eu mn)	Average mkt cap - current	253	253	253	253	253
	Adjustments (associate & minorities)	7	7	7	7	7
	Net financial position	47	40	43	51	60
	Enterprise value	200	207	203	196	186
RATIOS(%)	EBITDA margin*	13.4%	13.0%	13.5%	14.0%	14.5%
KA1103(78)	EBIT margin*	7.3%	6.1%	7.2%	7.5%	8.0%
	Gearing - Debt/equity	-31.3%	-26.8%	-28.0%	-31.4%	-35.3%
	Interest cover on EBIT	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
	Debt/Ebitda	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
	ROCE*	12.6%	6.6%	12.0%	13.9%	16.6%
	ROE*	9.2%	4.1%	6.9%	7.7%	8.6%
	EV/CE	2.5	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7
	EV/Sales	1.4	1.3	1.1	1.0	0.8
	EV/Ebit	19.6	21.3	15.4	12.7	10.2
	Free Cash Flow Yield	-0.5%	7.8%	6.1%	8.3%	9.8%
GROWTH RATES (%)	Sales	16.6%	14.5%	14.6%	12.4%	11.4%
	EBITDA*	11.7%	11.3%	18.7%	16.5%	15.4%
	EBIT*	0.2%	-4.7%	35.7%	17.1%	18.8%
	Net profit	40.3%	-30.1%	71.6%	16.9%	17.9%

* Excluding extraordinary items

Source: Intermonte SIM estimates

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Fine Foods -	- FY19	Results:	P&L
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P&L (Eu mn)	1H18A	2H18A	2018A	1H19A	2H19A	2019A	2019E
Net revenues	70,5	68,8	139,4	83,1	76,5	159,7	160,5
YoY growth				17,9%	11,1%	14,5%	15,2%
Food	51,3	54,3	105,6	63,1	56,1	119,2	122,5
YoY growth				23,0%	3,3%	12,8%	16,0%
as % of sales	73%	79%	76%	76%	73%	75%	76%
Pharma	19,2	14,6	33,8	20,0	20,5	40,5	38,0
YoY growth				4,2%	40,9%	20,0%	12,5%
as % of sales	27%	21%	24%	24%	27%	25%	24%
Other Income/ Δ finished goods	0,8	3,7	4,5	5,5	(1,9)	3,5	6,4
Value of production	71,4	72,5	143,9	88,6	74,6	163,2	166,9
Total Opex	(63,2)	(62,0)	(125,2)	(77,5)	(64,9)	(142,4)	(146,2)
Adjusted EBITDA	9,4	9,3	18,7	11,2	9,6	20,8	20,7
YoY growth				18,8%	3,8%	11,3%	10,9%
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	13,3%	13,5%	13,4%	13,4%	12,6%	13,0%	12, 9 %
one off	(1,2)	1,2	-	(1,4)	(1,4)	(2,8)	(2,9)
Reported EBITDA	8,2	10,5	18,7	9,8	8,3	18,0	17,8
Reported EBITDA margin	11, 6%	15,2%	13,4%	11,7%	10, 8%	11, 3 %	11,1%
D&A	(4,1)	(3,7)	(7,7)	(4,6)	(5,5)	(10,1)	(11,4)
Writedowns/Provision	(0,7)	(0,1)	(0,8)	(0,9)	(0,1)	(1,0)	-
EBIT adjusted	3,4	6,8	10,2	5,7	4,1	9,7	9,3
EBIT reported	3,4	6,8	10,2	4,3	2,6	6,9	6,4
Financial Income (Charges)	0,5	(0,2)	0,2	0,7	0,1	0,8	(0,7)
Non recurring income (Charges)	0,0	0,0	0,0	(0,5)	0,5	-	-
Pretax	3,9	6,5	10,4	4,5	3,2	7,7	5,7
Taxes	(1,1)	(0,7)	(1,7)	(1,3)	(0,4)	(1,7)	(1,2)
tax rate	27,9%	10,1%	16,7%	28,4%	11,8%	21,4%	21,0%
Net income	2,8	5,9	8,7	3,2	2,9	6,1	4,5
Net Income Restated	2,8	5,9	8,7	4,2	4,2	8,2	6,8

Source: Company Data (A), Intermonte Estimates (E)

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FCF Evolution (Eu mn)	2018A	1H19A	2H19A	2019A	2019E
Net Income Restated	8,7	3,2	5,0	8,2	6,8
D&A and Provisions	8,5	4,6	6,5	11,1	11,4
Change in Working Capital	(18,6)	(2,4)	4,1	1,7	1,2
Other	0,3	-	(1,8)	(1,8)	-
Operating CF	(1,1)	5,4	13,8	19,2	19,4
Capex (Fixed & Intangible Assets)	(31,7)	(8,3)	(11,8)	(20,1)	(20,0)
Dividends	-	(2,2)	(0,0)	(2,2)	(2,2)
Share Buy-back	-	(2,7)	(2,0)	(4,7)	(4,7)
Rights Issue/ ipo	100,0	-	-	-	-
Other	(0,1)	-	-	-	-
Cash Flow	67,1	(7,8)	0,9	(6,8)	(7,6)
NFP at the beg. of the year: Cash/(Debt)	(20,4)	46,7	38,9	46,7	46,7
Cash Flow: Cash/(Debt)	67,1	(7,8)	0,9	(6,8)	(7,6)
NFP at year end: Cash/(Debt)	46,7	38,9	39,8	39,8	39,1

Source: Company Data (A), Intermonte Estimates (E)

Change to Estimates

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Fine	Foods –	Changes	to	Estimates
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(Eu mn)	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022E
Revenues new	159,7	182,9	205,5	228,9
Revenues old		181,2	201,1	221,2
% change		0,9%	2,2%	3,5%
Adj. EBITDA new	20,8	24,7	28,8	33,2
Adj. EBITDA old	20,7	25,4	29,0	32,5
% change		-2,7%	-0,6%	2,1%
Adj. EBIT new	9,7	13,2	15,4	18,3
Adj. EBIT old		14,0	15,9	18,1
% change		-5,6%	-3,0%	1,0%
Adj. Net profit new	8,2	10,4	12,2	14,4
Adj Net profit old		10,8	12,3	14,0
% change		-3,7%	-1,1%	2,3%
Net Cash (Debt) new	39,8	43,2	50,9	60,2
Net Cash (Debt) Old		29,9	39,1	50,1
% change		44,5%	29,9%	20,2%

Source: Company Data (A), Intermonte Estimates (E)

(Eumn)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022E
Total Revenues	102	113	120	139	160	183	206	229
Total Operating Costs	(89)	(98)	(104)	(121)	(142)	(158)	(177)	(196)
EBITDA	13	15	16	19	18	25	29	33
% EBITDA Margin	13%	13%	13%	13%	11%	14%	14%	15%
Depr. Prov 's. and Write-downs	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)	(11)	(12)	(13)	(15)
ЕВП	8	9	9	10	7	13	15	18
% EBIT Margin	7,9%	8,2%	7,5%	7,3%	4,3%	7,2%	7,5%	8,0%
Net Financial Charges	(0)	(0)	(0)	0	1	0	0	0
Other Charges and Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Operating Margin	8	9	9	10	8	13	16	18
Taxes	(3)	(3)	(2)	(2)	(2)	(3)	(3)	(4)
Tax Rate %	-32%	-31%	-27%	-17%	-21%	-22%	-22%	-22%
NetIncome	5	6	6	9	6	10	12	14

Source: Company data and Intermonte SIM estimates.

Fine Foods – Balance Sheet

(Eumn)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022E
Fixed assets:								
- Intangible	2	2	2	4	4	3	3	3
- Tangible	39	42	57	79	89	86	82	77
- Financial	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total Fixed Assets	40	43	59	83	93	89	85	81
Net working capital	10	10	2	21	19	24	27	30
Gross inv. capital	51	53	61	103	112	113	113	111
Severance provision	(0)	(0)	0	0	(2)	(1)	(1)	0
Net invested capital	49	52	59	102	109	111	111	110
Group sharehold. equity	31	33	39	149	148	154	162	171
Minority interests	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Net Debt /(Net Cash)	18	19	20	(47)	(40)	(43)	(51)	(60)
Total cover	49	52	59	102	109	111	111	110

Source: Company data and Intermonte SIM estimates.

Fine Foods - Cash Flow Statement

(Eu mn)	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019A	2020E	2021E	2022E
Net fin position beg of year	(14)	(18)	(19)	(20)	47	40	43	51
Net income	5	6	6	9	8	10	12	14
Depreciation	5	6	7	8	11	12	13	15
Change in working capital	(7)	0	8	(19)	2	(5)	(3)	(3)
Others	0	0	0	0	(2)	(2)	(2)	(2)
Operating cash flow	4	12	21	(1)	19	15	21	24
Inv estments	(8)	(10)	(22)	(32)	(20)	(8)	(9)	(10)
Free cash flow	(3)	2	(1)	(33)	(1)	7	11	14
Dividends	(5)	0	0	(2)	(3)	(5)	(5)	(6)
Other mov ements	(O)	2	(0)	100	(4)	(1)	1	1
Cash flow	(9)	4	(1)	65	(7)	1	7	8
Net fin position end of year	(18)	(19)	(20)	47	40	43	51	60

Source: Company data and Intermonte SIM estimates.

DETAILS ON STOCKS RECOMMENDATION

Stock NAME	FINE FOODS		
Current Recomm:	OUTPERFORM	Previous Recomm:	OUTPERFORM
Current Target (Eu):	13.00	Previous Target (Eu):	12.80
Current Price (Eu):	10.80	Previous Price (Eu):	10.20
Date of report:	01/04/2020	Date of last report:	04/10/2019

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