

EQUITY RESEARCH

PAT NEWS Press release

BUY
TP 24.6€
Up/Downside: 97%

Research Collaboration in the Field of Nutraceuticals

The executives announced their first major collaboration agreement in the nutraceutical segment, with a recognised innovation player, Fytexia, which has the support of its new shareholder since 2022: ABF Ingredients division of Associated British Foods.

Management announced the signing of a collaboration agreement with Fytexia in the field of polyphenols, organic molecules present in plants, known for their natural antioxidant roles, with possible applications in human health (pharma, nutraceuticals) and cosmetics.

This agreement is part of the research programme conducted by the company and its subsidiary Cellengo (created in 2019) within the N'GINS consortium, launched in early 2022 (Nouvelle Génération d'Ingrédients Natures Santé), which aims to produce, through metabolic engineering technologies with low environmental impact, new health ingredients, such as new classes of polyphenols, which could supply the dietary supplements market. The project has received the support of public authorities with a funding envelope of €4.8m within the framework of the France 2030 programme in the category "Tomorrow's food needs," including €1.6m for PAT and Cellengo.

In this field of nutraceuticals, management had announced its intention to establish partnerships, co-development and / or industrial partnerships. Thus, this agreement falls in line with the stated strategy. Founded in 2003 in the south of France, Fytexia develops and manufactures high value-added ingredients in the fields of metabolism, nutrition and quality of life. The company is present in Europe, the United States and Asia. Since February 2022, Fytexia has been part of the ABF Ingredients group, a division of Associated British Foods, a UK listed company (€17bn market capitalisation, €20bn in revenue) active mainly in the sourcing, production and distribution of ingredients and derivatives for the food industry.

The track record and the strength of this new partner bodes well for the company's prospects in the nutraceutical sector. To date, the group has one product under development in this sector, in the field of memory protection.

Developments in new segments such as nutraceuticals, health and agrochemicals are continuing, and could, in a few years' time, provide growth drivers for the sale of natural ingredients to the cosmetics sector. We are reiterating both our Buy rating and TP of ϵ 24.6.

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Key data	
Price (€)	12.5
Industry	Heathcare
Ticker	ALPAT-FR
Shares Out (m)	1.091
Market Cap (m €)	13.6
Next event	RN 2022 : avril 2023

Ownership (%)

Famille Fèvre			28.4
Famille Bourgaud			6.3
Clariant			10.1
Vetoquinol			2.1
Free float			52.1
EPS (€)	10/000	10/010	/
EPS (€)	12/23e	12/24e	12/256
Estimates	0.13	1.08	1.74
Change vs previous	0.00	0.00	0.00
estimates (%)			
Performance (%)	1D	1 M	YTE
Price Perf	0.0	-5.3	-6.0
Rel CAC Mid&Small	-0.0	-0.4	-11.7



TP ICAP Midcap Estimates	12/22	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e	1
Sales (m €)	2.3	3.0	5.0	7.0	F
Current Op Inc (m ϵ)	-3.0	-2.5	-1.7	-0.9	I
Current op. Margin (%)	na	na	na	na	I
EPS (€)	-0.73	0.13	1.08	1.74	
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	
FCF (m €)	-0.9	-0.1	0.3	1.1	

valuation Ratio	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e
EV/Sales	6.1	3.6	2.4
EV/EBITDA	na	15.9	9.0
PE	94.8	11.6	7.2

Analyst Claire Deray - Sponsor Finance for TPICAP Midcap



FINANCIAL DATA

Income Statement	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e
Sales	1.3	2.3	2.3	3.0	5.0	7.0
Changes (%)	7.1	83.4	1.3	28.5	66.7	40.0
Gross profit	1.4	2.9	2.9	3.7	6.1	8.4
% of Sales	112.7	127.0	125.7	123.3	121.0	120.0
EBITDA	-1.2	-0.9	-0.8	0.0	1.1	1.9
% of Sales	-99.5	-39.6	-35.5	0.3	22.5	26.6
Current operating profit	-1.6	-2.8	-3.0	-2.5	-1.7	-0.9
% of Sales	-127.1	-123.2	-129.7	-83.0	-33.5	-13.4
Non-recurring items	0.0	1.2	1.3	1.6	1.8	1.8
EBIT	-1.6	-2.1	-1.7	-0.9	0.1	0.9
Net financial result	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2	-0.1	-0.1	-0.1
Income Tax	0.8	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2
Tax rate (%)	55.2	48.7	58.1	116.8	-3,314.9	-152.9
Net profit, group share	-0.7	-1.1	-0.8	0.1	1.2	2.0
EPS	na	na	na	0.13	1.08	1.74
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Financial Statement	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e
Goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tangible and intangible assets	4.4	9.4	9.6	9.8	9.8	9.8
Financial assets	5.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Working capital	1.9	2.1	2.0	2.1	3.0	3.9
Other Assets	2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Shareholders equity group	9.5	7.7	6.9	7.0	8.2	10.2
Minorities	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
LT & ST provisions and others	0.0	0.1	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5
Net debt	4.0	3.7	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.1
Other liabilities	7.0	12.0	13.0	14.0	15.0	16.0
Liabilities	13.6	11.6	11.8	12.0	13.0	13.9
Net debt excl. IFRS 16	4.0	3.7	4.6	4.6	4.3	3.1
Gearing net	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.3
Leverage	-3.2	-4.0	-5.5	461.3	3.8	1.7
Cash flow statement	12/20	12/21	12/22	12/23e	12/24e	12/25e
ΔWCR	-0.2	-0.6	0.1	-0.1	-0.9	-0.9
Net capex	-0.6	-1.2	-1.2	-1.1	-1.0	-1.1
FCF	-1.3	-1.6	-0.9	-0.1	0.3	1.1
Acquisitions/Disposals of subsidiaries	-1.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other investments	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in borrowings	1.5	0.4	0.0	-0.5	-0.5	-0.5
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repayment of leasing debt	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity Transaction	0.0	-0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in net cash over the year	-1.3	-0.8	-0.9	-0.5	-0.2	0.6
ROA (%)	na	na	na	1.4%	9.3%	12.0%
ROE (%)	na	na	na	2.5%	15.0%	19.5%
ROCE (%)	na	na	na	3.5%	15.0% na	19.5% na
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