

COMER INDUSTRIES

Company Update

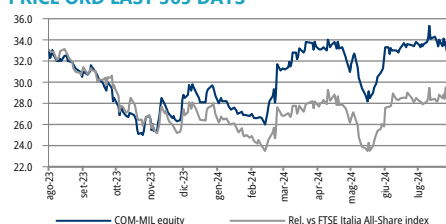
BUY ord. (Unchanged)

Target: **€ 37.00** (Prev.: €38.00)

Risk: High

STOCKDATA	ORD		
Price (as of 05 Aug 2024)	32.5		
Bloomberg Code	COM IM		
Market Cap (€ mn)	932		
Free Float	12%		
Shares Out (mn)	28.7		
52 week Range	€ 25.0 - 35.3		
Daily Volume	7,288		
Performance (%)	1M	3M	1Y
Absolute	-3.8	1.6	-3.3
Rel to FTSE Italia All-Share	4.3	9.0	-11.3
MAIN METRICS	2023	2024E	2025E
SALES Adj	1,224	979	1,038
EBITDA Adj	205	162	173
EBIT Adj	165	120	132
NET INCOME Adj	108	80.4	92.5
EPS Adj - €c	375	280	322
DPS Ord - €c	125	100.0	125
MULTIPLES	2023	2024E	2025E
P/E ord Adj	7.8x	11.6x	10.1x
EV/EBITDA Adj	4.6x	6.0x	5.3x
EV/EBIT Adj	5.7x	8.1x	7.0x
REMUNERATION	2023	2024E	2025E
Div. Yield ord (A)	4.1%	3.1%	3.8%
FCF Yield Adj	15.5%	9.3%	9.8%
INDEBTEDNESS	2023	2024E	2025E
NFP Adj	-94.8	-44.1	13.7
D/Ebitda Adj	0.5x	0.3x	n.m.

PRICE ORD LAST 365 DAYS



Analyst: Martino De Ambroggi
m.deambroggi@equita.eu | +39 02 6204.238
Analyst: Milo Silvestre
m.silvestre@equita.eu | +39 02 6204.895

RESILIENT EBITDA MARGIN AND SOLID FCF DESPITE AG WEAKNESS

In spite of AG market weakness, 2Q24 results once again showed the ability to preserve high EBITDA margin leveraging on WPG synergies and additional efficiencies. Weaker AG market imposes a further reduction in our 2024-25 estimates (on avg. EBITDA -5%), but we confirm our BUY due to WPG synergies (not fully exploited yet) and the solid FCF strengthening the firepower available for new M&A deals.

■ 2Q24 heavily down, but EBITDA margin resilient

Once again in 2Q COMER demonstrated **margin resilience**:

- against a 22% YoY reduction in sales due to the weakness of the AG market
- EBITDA fell by 23% YoY, i.e. the **EBITDA margin was substantially stable** (only -20bps YoY to 17.2%) **due to synergies resulting from the integration of WPG** (including the shut-down of a plant in China, increased production capacity in India and shut down of a plant in Italy) **and other efficiencies**.

■ 2Q24 results in line at operating level

The 2Q is basically in line with expectations at operating level:

- **Revenues -22% YoY** to €259mn (with agricultural down 36% YoY but industrial up 5%) vs expected €261mn; in 1H -22% YoY to €531mn;
- **EBITDA -23% YoY** to €44.4mn (margin 17.2%) vs €43.0mn exp. (margin 16.4%); in 1H -19% YoY to €90.2mn (margin 17.0%)

As for the **1H results** (COMER only releases quarterly data for sales and EBITDA)

- **EBIT -28% YoY** to €59.1mn vs €58.3mn exp.
- **net profit -29% YoY** to €38.8mn vs €39.5mn exp. (penalized by €2mn higher financial charges).

■ Net debt worse due to new investments, LTI cash-out and NWC

1H net debt at €107mn is worse than the €79mn expected, because of:

- **a new investment in the United States** (€6.1mn net in excess of the €35mn capex) to concentrate the activity in a single plant whose start-up is scheduled for October 2024, in order to rationalize North American production capacity, with cost benefits expected in 2025
- **the one-off cash-out referred to the LTI program** (€13.5mn);
- **the NWC absorption** (€~10mn) partly due to slightly longer credit collection which we believe not repeatable.

■ The poor performance is wholly attributable to AG market negative cycle ...

The 1H decline is entirely attributable to the Agriculture division due to market downturn (sales -35% YoY to €288mn, EBITDA -33% YoY to €47mn and EBIT -41% YoY to €30mn) **while Industrial** (mainly construction) **even improved** (sales +4% YoY to €243mn, EBITDA +5% YoY to €44mn and EBIT -6% YoY to €29mn).

■ ... which will also affect 2H24 results

AG sector news flow remains weak in 2H: CNHI and Agco (two of the most important customers), recently further revised the volumes/production estimate downwards. This forces us to revise downwards the FY24-25 estimates (on avg. sales -6%, EBITDA -5% and net profit -10%). As a consequence, **DFCF-based target -3% to €37PS** (2024-25E 13/11x and EV/EBITDA 8.2/7.6x).

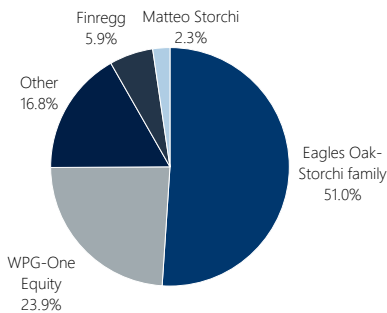
■ In spite of the negative AG market trend, we reiterate our BUY because of the ...

- **positive track record** leveraging on German WPG integration whose synergies allow to mitigate AG's sector weakness (we estimate **at least €30-40mn and more to come** due to North American reorganization)
- **EBITDA margin above sector average** (>16%) to be confirmed going forward;
- **cheap multiples** already factoring in the AG market downward trend;
- **solid financial structure** (debt-free ex-IFRS 16 in 2024) and **high FCF conversion** (well above 70%), typical of the predominantly assembler business model;
- **firepower in excess of €400mn available for further acquisitions**, maybe becoming easier in the current challenging AG market environment.

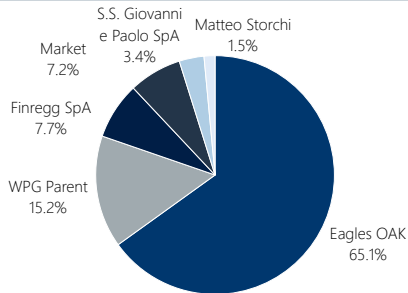
MAIN FIGURES - EURmn	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
SALES Adj	598	1,237	1,224	979	1,038	1,090
Growth	51.0%	106.8%	-1.1%	-20.0%	6.0%	5.0%
EBITDA Adj	75.6	180	205	162	173	180
Growth	50.9%	138.1%	13.9%	-20.9%	6.8%	3.7%
EBIT Adj	56.8	143	165	120	132	140
Growth	75.5%	151.4%	15.3%	-27.0%	9.7%	5.9%
PBT Adj	54.2	123	127	91.5	108	120
Growth	87.3%	127.2%	2.7%	-27.7%	18.3%	11.3%
Net Income Adj	40.4	101	108	80.4	92.5	101
Growth	78.8%	149.9%	6.5%	-25.2%	15.0%	9.5%
MARGIN - %	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
EBITDA Adj Margin	12.6%	14.6%	16.7%	16.6%	16.7%	16.5%
Ebit Adj margin	9.5%	11.5%	13.5%	12.3%	12.7%	12.8%
Pbt Adj margin	9.1%	10.0%	10.3%	9.3%	10.4%	11.1%
Net Income Adj margin	6.8%	8.2%	8.8%	8.2%	8.9%	9.3%
SHARE DATA	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
EPS Adj - €c	192	352	375	280	322	353
Growth	73.1%	83.7%	6.5%	-25.2%	15.0%	9.5%
DPS ord(A) - €c	50.0	75.0	125	100.0	125	125
BVPS	12.1	15.5	17.7	19.1	20.8	22.6
VARIOUS	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Capital Employed	466	535	553	533	525	511
FCF	46.6	60.0	163	100	91.5	101
CAPEX	20.9	33.9	41.0	40.0	35.0	35.0
Working capital	203	254	234	222	236	247
INDEBTNESS	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Nfp Adj	-177	-149	-94.8	-44.1	13.7	79.1
D/E Adj	0.51	0.34	0.19	0.08	n.m.	n.m.
Debt / EBITDA Adj	2.3x	0.8x	0.5x	0.3x	n.m.	n.m.
MARKET RATIOS	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
P/E Ord Adj	16.0x	8.2x	7.8x	11.6x	10.1x	9.2x
PBV	1.9x	1.7x	1.7x	1.7x	1.6x	1.4x
EV FIGURES	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
EV/Sales	1.8x	0.8x	0.8x	1.0x	0.9x	0.8x
EV/EBITDA Adj	13.9x	5.4x	4.6x	6.0x	5.3x	4.7x
EV/EBIT Adj	18.6x	6.8x	5.7x	8.1x	7.0x	6.1x
EV/CE	2.3x	1.8x	1.7x	1.8x	1.8x	1.7x
REMUNERATION	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
Div. Yield ord	2.2%	2.8%	4.1%	3.1%	3.8%	3.8%
FCF Yield Adj	7.1%	7.8%	15.5%	9.3%	9.8%	10.9%
Roce Adj	13.3%	18.5%	19.3%	13.4%	15.3%	16.7%

Source: Company data and Equita SIM estimates

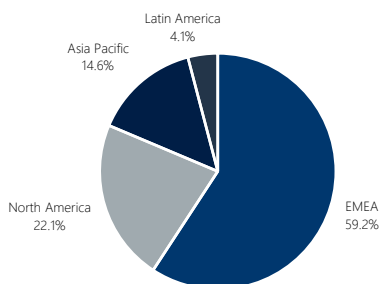
SHAREHOLDERS



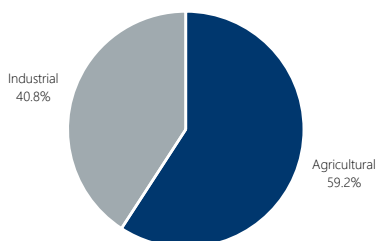
VOTING RIGHTS



GEOGRAPHICAL REVENUES BREAKDOWN



DIVISIONAL REVENUES BREAKDOWN



BUSINESS DESCRIPTION

Founded in 1970 by the Storchi family and originally specialized in the production of transmissions for agricultural machinery, **today COMER Industries (COMIND - Compagnia Meccanica Riduttori) is a key player in the engineered transmission systems for the largest vehicle manufacturers in the agriculture, industrial and energy sectors**, producing more than 2mn pieces every year. **Eagles OAK**, Storchi family’s holding company (equally controlled by Matteo Storchi, his brother Marco, his cousins Cristian and Annalisa), **is the main shareholder (51% stake), while private equity One Equity Partners is the second one, with a 23.9% stake** (resulting from the WPG assets contribution).

Headquartered near Reggio Emilia, **COMIND has an international footprint** with ca. 59% of sales generated in EMEA, 22% in NA, 15% in Asia Pacific and 4% in Latin America. **A distinctive feature is the geographical proximity of its production plants to customers**, i.e. 18 plants globally of which 8 in Italy, 3 in USA, 2 in Germany, 2 in Brazil, 1 in China and 1 in India.

COMIND supplies almost 800 customers in two main sectors:

- **Agricultural** (ca. €724mn or 59% of FY23 revenues) through the manufacture of gearboxes, drive shafts, PTOs (Power Take-Off), axles and DUJs (Double Universal Joint), TAS (Tractor Attachment System) and ICVD (integrated continuously variable drive);
- **Industrial** (ca. €500mn or 41%) through the production of components such as drive shafts, planetary drives, axles and DUJs, and fan clutches mainly for the Construction equipment business but also many other sectors.

Since products are mainly co-developed and very often tailor-made, **we estimate COMIND is the exclusive provider for ~70% of its sales (typical in AG)**. This feature coupled with technological skills, long-term relationships with clients, local-for-local approach, represents a **high entry barrier** and explains a **rather concentrated sector** (also due to the consolidation undertaken in the past few years).

Through a successful M&A strategy COMIND achieved:

- **a transformational deal in 2021**: it acquired the German WPG becoming a world leading powertrain components provider for the off-highway industry. COMIND doubled its revenues, completed its product offering, expanded the geographical coverage in NA, strengthened the penetration of the industrial sector and entered the after-market business with the opportunity to exploit relevant synergies;
- **two bolt-on acquisitions in 2023**: Benevelli Electric Powertrain Solutions and Sitem Motori Elettrici with the aim of getting the know-how and **entering the market for engines and transmissions for electric vehicles**.

Thanks to the strong know-how in manufacturing tailor-made components, the high reliability and the strict relationship with its clients, beyond the abovementioned M&A deals, **in the 7-year period 2016-23** (since the second generation of the Storchi family headed by Matteo took the helm) **COMIND increased sales by 22% CAGR to €1.22bn** (like-for-like +11% CAGR) **and EBITDA by 37% CAGR to €205mn** (like-for-like +31% CAGR).

COMER: 2019-23 MAIN FIGURES

	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Revenues	404.6	396.2	598.1	1,237.0	1,223.9
Change	6.7%	-2.1%	51.0%	106.8%	-1.1%
EBITDA	45.2	48.1	77.6	180.0	205.0
Change	19.0%	6.5%	61.2%	132.0%	13.9%
FCF	33.9	38.1	46.6	60.0	162.9
Net Debt	(29.1)	(26.7)	(177.0)	(148.9)	(94.8)

Source: Company data

STRENGTHS / OPPORTUNITIES

- Co-development capabilities
- Long-term relationship with customers
- Asset light business model (being assembler)
- Solid financial structure and visible recurring FCF
- Positive M&A track record & new M&A deals
- Full WPG cost synergies exploitation

WEAKNESSES /THREATS

- Low bargaining power vs its largest OEM customers in the agricultural sector
- Larger competitors may invest more in R&D
- Flowback from the private equity One Equity Partners owning 23.9% of capital
- Price pressure from larger competitors

1H RESULTS IN LINE WITH EXPECTATIONS EXCEPT NET DEBT

COMER: 2Q/1H24 RESULTS (€ mn)																
Group/€ mn	1H23		2H23		1Q24		2Q24		2Q24		Delta	1H24		1H24		Delta
							Exp	Act	Exp	Act		Exp	Act			
Revenues	676.9	100.0	547.0	100.0	272.4	100.0	261.6	100.0	258.6	100.0	-1%	534.0	100.0	531.0	100.0	-1%
Change	7%		-9%		-21%		-21%		-22%	0%		-21%		-22%		
EBITDA	111.1	16.4	93.9	17.2	45.8	16.8	43.0	16.4	44.4	17.2	3%	88.8	16.6	90.2	17.0	2%
Change	26%		2%		-15%		-25%		-23%	5%		-20%		-19%		
EBIT	81.8	12.1	62.6	11.4								58.3	10.9	59.1	11.1	1%
Change	32%		-4%									-29%		-28%		
Pre-tax profit	75.8	11.2	53.4	9.8								54.8	10.3	53.9	10.2	-2%
Change	20%		-14%									-28%		-29%		
Net Income	55.0	8.1	39.1	7.1								39.5	7.4	38.8	7.3	-2%
Change	14%		-8%									-28%		-29%		
NF Position	-152.4		-94.8		-77.2		-79.2		-107.1		-27.9	-79.2		-107.1		35%

Source: Equita SIM and company data

CHANGE IN FY24-25E ESTIMATES

COMER: CHANGE IN FY24-25 ESTIMATES (€ mn)										
Group/€ mn	2024E	%	2024E	%	Delta	2025E	%	2025E	%	Delta
Revenues	1,040.3	100.0	979.1	100.0	-6%	1,106.9	100.0	1,037.9	100.0	-6%
Change		-15%		-20%			6%		6%	
Adj. EBITDA	171.7	16.5	162.2	16.6	-5%	181.5	16.4	173.3	16.7	-5%
Change		-16%		-21%			6%		7%	
EBITDA	171.7	16.5	162.2	16.6	-5%	181.5	16.4	173.3	16.7	-5%
Change		-16%		-21%			6%		7%	
Adj. EBIT	129.8	12.5	120.2	12.3	-7%	140.3	12.7	131.9	12.7	-6%
Change		-21%		-27%			8%		10%	
EBIT	109.6	10.5	100.0	10.2	-9%	120.1	10.8	111.7	10.8	-7%
Change		-24%		-31%			10%		12%	
Pre-tax profit	103.6	10.0	91.5	9.3	-12%	117.1	10.6	108.2	10.4	-8%
Change		-20%		-29%			13%		18%	
Net Income	75.1	7.2	66.3	6.8	-12%	84.9	7.7	78.5	7.6	-8%
Change		-20%		-29%			13%		18%	
Adj. Net Income	89.1	8.6	80.4	8.2	-10%	98.8	8.9	92.5	8.9	-6%
Change		-17%		-25%			11%		15%	
FCF	99.9		86.5		-13%	96.4		91.5		-5%
NFP (incl. IFRS-16)	(35.8)		(44.1)		23%	27.0		13.7		-49%

Source: Equita SIM estimates

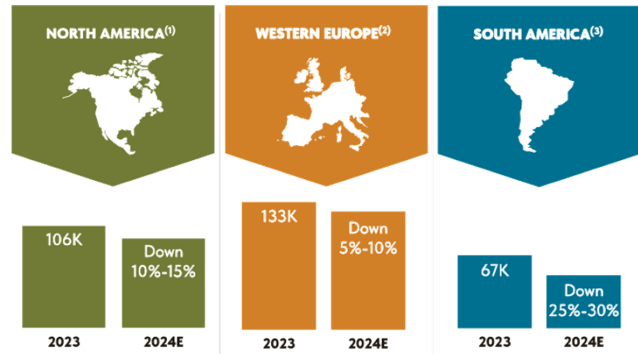
AG MARKET SENTIMENT REMAINS NEGATIVE

The agricultural market news flow remains weak:

- **AGCO** (on July 30th when it issued 2Q24 results) **cut FY24 revenue estimates** by ~7% to \$12.5bn (2H24 points to -13% YoY) and adj. operating margin to 9% (from 11.3%) due to weaker AG (tractor sales) market: North America -10/-15% YoY (from -10% YoY), Western Europe -5/-10% YoY (confirmed) and South America at -25/-30% YoY (from -20% YoY).
 - o It also expects **to reduce FY24 production hours** by -20/25% YoY (from -12/15% YoY which was expected in 1Q24).
 - o "Declines in commodity prices and lower projected farm income in 2024 have negatively affected farmer sentiment, further dampening global industry demand"
 - o "Dealer and company inventory management remains a key priority for us, as the market continues to soften expect further production cuts through 2024, with all regions targeting to align to retail demand for 2025. Currently, we are expecting 20% to 25% lower production in 2024 versus 2023 on a full-year basis, which is a more significant reduction than our prior outlook"
 - o **In addition, last June AGCO announced a restructuring program** to face the weakening AG market: "The initial phase of the Program is expected to result in a net reduction of the Company's salaried workforce by up to approximately 6% as compared to its salaried workforce as of December 31, 2023".

AGCO - 2024 Market Outlook

Regional Market Outlook – Industry Unit Retail Tractor Sales



Source: AGCO company presentation

- **CNHI** (on July 31st when it issued 2Q24 results) **reduced its FY24 outlook** for revenues (-20%/-15% from -15%/-11%) and adj. EBIT margin (13.0%/14.0% from 13.5%/14.5%) due to lower market estimates for tractors in all regions except APAC, which is flat.
 - o It also pointed out that **the adjustment of production/inventories is expected to continue**: “we see still ... about \$1bn plus dealer inventory to be reduced by year end” ... **but that production cuts are starting to show impact** “in the early innings of Q3”. “We are pretty confident that we’re going to reach those inventory levels”.

CNH – 2024 AGRICULTURAL MARKET OUTLOOK AND COMPANY’S GUIDANCE

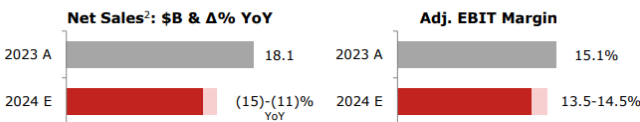
As of 1Q24 presentation

Total Industry Unit Performance¹

	North America	EMEA	South America	APAC
LHP Tractors	~(10)%	~(10)%	~(10)%	(5)% – flat
HHP Tractors	(15)-(10)%	~(10)%	~(10)%	(5)% – flat
Combines	(15)-(10)%	(15)-(10)%	(25)-(20)%	~flat

Total Industry Volume % change FY 2024 vs. FY 2023 reflecting the aggregate for key markets where the Company competes.

CNH Agriculture – Main Assumptions



Source: CNH company presentation

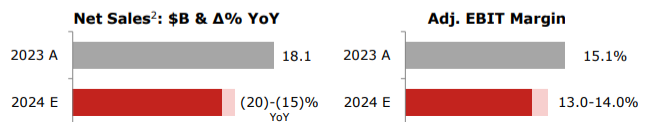
As of 2Q24 presentation

Total Industry Unit Performance¹

	North America	EMEA	South America	APAC
LHP Tractors	(15)% – (10)%	(15)% – (10)%	(15)% – (10)%	(5)% – flat
HHP Tractors	(15)% – (10)%	(15)% – (10)%	(15)% – (10)%	(5)% – flat
Combines	(20)% – (15)%	(25)% – (20)%	(30)% – (25)%	~flat

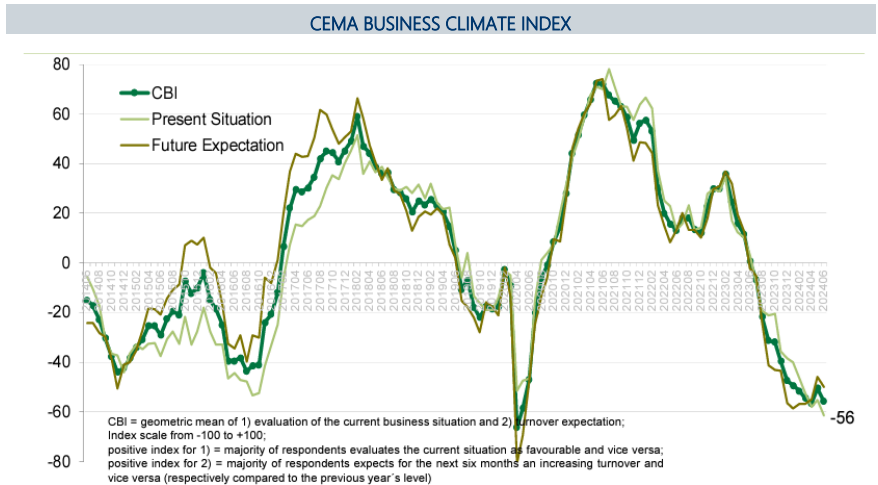
Total Industry Volume % change FY 2024 vs. FY 2023 reflecting the aggregate for key markets where the Company competes.

CNH Agriculture – Main Assumptions



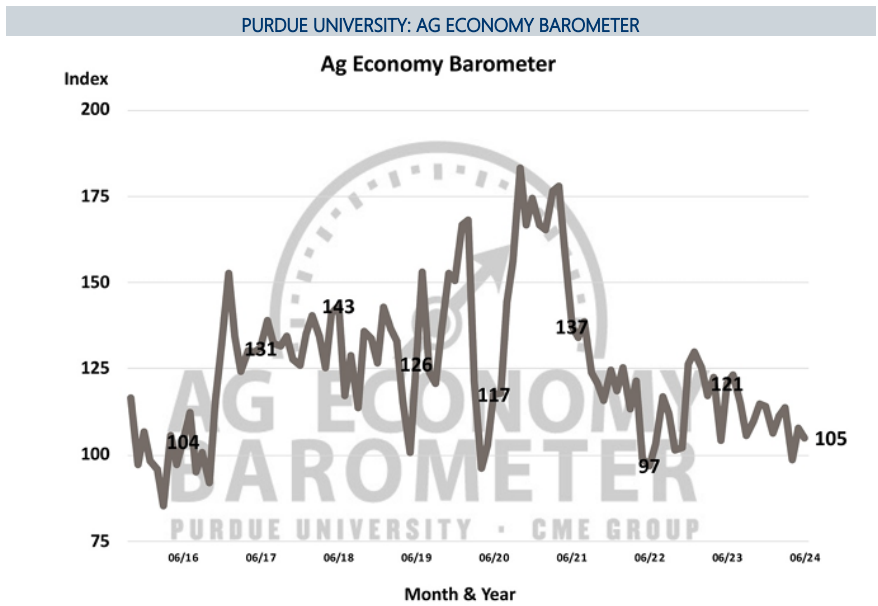
Source: CNH company presentation

- **Deere**, according to some press rumors (source: Agriculture Dive dated July 2nd), **is laying off about 590 factory employees in Illinois and Iowa**, effective Aug. 30, because of reduced demand at these facilities;
- Looking at the **most recent surveys on the AG market**:
 - o **In Europe the business climate index elaborated by CEMA** (measuring the business sentiment of the agricultural machinery industry in Europe) reported a negative market sentiment and, with the index dropping to -56 points in June (on a scale of +/-100), indicates a **recessionary environment**;



Source: CEMA Business Barometer

- o The latest report from the *Purdue University/CME Group Ag Economy Barometer* showed a **more negative picture in the US**. In June, the overall producers sentiment declined by 3 points to 105, mostly due to worsen expectations. Farmers report several issues:
 - High input costs
 - Risk of lower prices for their products
 - Rising interest rate
 which results in a bad environment to make large investments.



Source: Purdue University Center for Commercial Agriculture, Producer Survey, June 2024

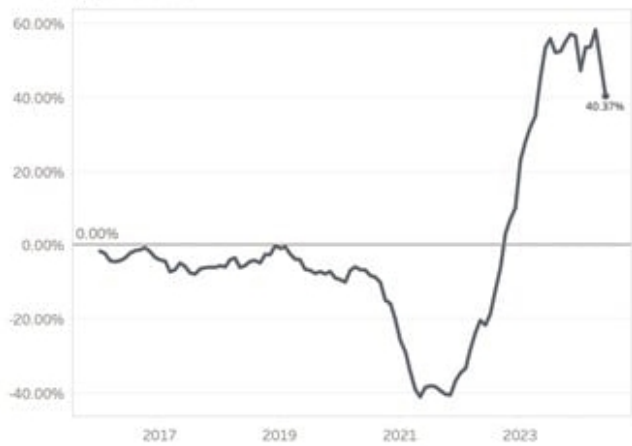
- **The secondary market for AGRO machinery** is showing weakness and is continuing the soft trend with auction values that are declining at a faster rate, especially among used >100hp tractors (-6%) and planting equipment (-19%). The decline in prices is mainly due to still very high inventory levels, as in the case of tractors above 100hp.

SANHILLS EQUIPMENT VALUE INDEX: US USED TRACTOR MARKET >100hp

Asking vs Auction Equipment Value Index Y/Y Variance



Inventory Y/Y Variance



© Copyright 2024, Sandhills Global, Inc. ("Sandhills"). All rights reserved.

The information in this document is for informational purposes only. It should not be construed or relied upon as business, marketing, financial, investment, legal, regulatory or other advice. This document contains proprietary information that is the exclusive property of Sandhills. This document and the material contained herein may not be copied, reproduced or distributed without prior written consent of Sandhills.



Source: Sandhills Global

INDUSTRIAL MARKET SENTIMENT IS MIXED

The news flow in the industrial/construction sector is mixed: **North America shows to be resilient while Europe and China remain weak.**

More in detail:

- **Caterpillar** (on 18th June in a virtual event), highlighted that "... construction is strong in North America, not so strong in Europe, strong in the Middle East, not so strong in China". In particular:
 - o **North America:** "... Infrastructure-related spend it's a big driver for us, has been what we are seeing on the infrastructure side. How that's coming through, how that's being managed across megaprojects and reshoring is probably in the short term, was actually a bigger factor in that as people were building battery plants and so forth as part of IRA (Inflation Reduction Act)".
 - o **Europe:** "Europe is in tough area for the moment in the current environment, economically, obviously, Germany has been pretty weak"
 - o **China:** "China has been quite weak and the market, particularly for 10-ton and above excavators, which is the market we're focused on, has dropped quite dramatically."
- **Volvo** (on July 18th when it issued 2Q24 results) worsened the expectations for both Europe (from -20/-10% to -25/-15% YoY) and South America (from 0/+10% to -5/+5% YoY).

VOLVO: 2024 CONSTRUCTION MARKET OUTLOOK

Total market development	Year-to-date May 2024	Forecast 2024	Previous forecast 2024
Change in % measured in units			
Europe	-23	-25% to -15%	-20% to -10%
North America	-6	-10% to 0%	-10% to 0%
South America	5	-5% to +5%	0% to +10%
Asia excl. China	-2	-15% to -5%	-15% to -5%
China	-2	-10% to 0%	-10% to 0%

Source: Volvo 2Q24 results presentation

- **CNH** (on July 31st when it issued 2Q results) reduced its FY24 revenues outlook (-20%/-15% from -11%/-7%) given increasing inventories, expected lower demand, and increasingly negative leading indicator trends and it pointed out that it would be able to maintain its FY24 adj. EBIT margin guidance (at 5%/6%) due to cost reduction programs, compensating pricing pressures, and lower production levels.

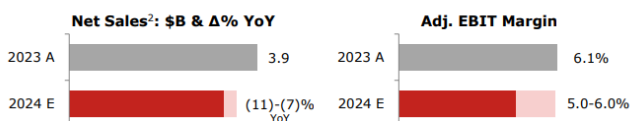
CNH – 2024 CONSTRUCTION MARKET OUTLOOK AND COMPANY’S GUIDANCE

As of 1Q24 presentation

Total Industry Unit Performance ¹				
	North America	EMEA	South America	APAC
Light	(5)% – flat	(15)–(10)%	flat	(10)–(5)%
Heavy	(5)% – flat	(10)–(5)%	flat – 5%	(5)% – flat

Total Industry Volume % change FY 2024 vs. FY 2023 reflecting the aggregate for key markets where the Company competes.

CNH Construction – Main Assumptions



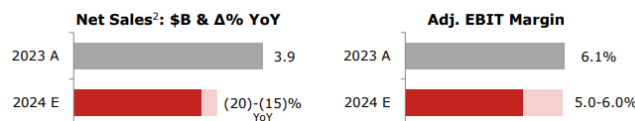
Source: CNH company presentation

As of 2Q24 presentation

Total Industry Unit Performance ¹				
	North America	EMEA	South America	APAC
Light	(10)% – (5)%	(20)% – (15)%	(5)% – flat	(10)% – (5)%
Heavy	(10)% – (5)%	(10)% – (5)%	flat – 5%	(5)% – flat

Total Industry Volume % change FY 2024 vs. FY 2023 reflecting the aggregate for key markets where the Company competes.

CNH Construction – Main Assumptions



Source: CNH company presentation

SOLID FCF AND FIREPOWER FOR NEW ACQUISITIONS >€400MN

Despite revising our operating estimates downwards and factoring in some one-off effects (€13.5mn cash out for LTI and €6mn purchase of a building in North America), in addition to some NWC absorption, **FY24E FCF remains solid** (€+87mn), confirming COMER will be **debt free ex-FRS 16 at the end of FY24**.

The **asset light business model** (being an assembler with fixed costs ~30% of total, capex to sales ratio ~3.5% and NWC on sales at 20-22%) leaves unchanged the **sizeable firepower** available for new acquisitions that we estimate **in excess of €400mn**.

COMER: FIREPOWER FOR FUTURE M&A

Firepower available for further inorganic growth

2021 → 2022

~ 400 mn available for next acquisition¹

FUTURE TARGETS

- Existing business fields to increase market share
- New technologies: Electric, electronic and hydraulic for the move towards system supplier
- Geographical markets: market standing in USA for aftermarket and OEM

1. Maintaining a conservative capital structure and financial stability with maximum leverage of 2.5x EBITDA

Source: Company presentation (May 2024)

VALUATION -3% TO €37PS

Following 2Q results we have trimmed our DFCF-based target price by 3% to €37PS (with 8.2% WACC and 1.5% g factor), implying 2024-25E adj. PE 13/11.5x, EV/EBITDA 6.8/6.0x, EV/adj. EBIT 9.2/7.9x and FCF yield 8.2/8.6%.

COMER: DFCF ANALYSIS (€ mn)			2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	Beyond
Assumptions								
g	1.5%	Sales	979	1,038	1,090	1,122	1,156	1,173
WACC	8.2%	Change %	-20.0%	6.0%	5.0%	3.0%	3.0%	1.5%
		EBITDA	162	173	180	180	185	136
		Change %	-20.9%	6.8%	3.7%	-0.1%	3.0%	-26.6%
		Margin	16.6	16.7	16.5	16.0	16.0	11.6
		D&A	-62	-62	-60	-59	-58	-15
		EBIT	100	112	119	120	127	121
		Change %	-30.8%	11.7%	6.9%	0.8%	5.5%	-4.9%
		Margin	10.2	10.8	11.0	10.7	11.0	10.3
		Taxes	-28	-31	-33	-33	-35	-33
		EBIT after Tax	73	81	87	87	92	88
		Change %	-31.0%	11.7%	6.9%	0.8%	5.5%	-4.9%
Valuation								
NPV of Free Cash Flows	437	Capex	-40	-35	-35	-37	-38	-15
NPV of Terminal Value	929	(increase) decrease in WC	11	-14	-11	-6	-8	-3
Estimated Enterprise Value	1,366	Free Cash Flow before minorities	106	94	101	103	104	85
2023 NFP	-95	FCF Minorities	0	0	0	0	0	0
Adjustment to NFP	-212	Free Cash Flow after minorities	106	94	101	103	104	85
Equity	1,059	Discount Factor	1.00	1.08	1.17	1.27	1.37	1.37
Peripherals & other	1	PV of FCF	106	87	86	81	76	62
Total Equity	1,060							
# of shares	28.7							
Target Price	37.0							

Source: Equita SIM estimates

COMER: DFCF SENSITIVITY (€ PS)				
		WACC		
		8.7%	8.2%	7.7%
g	1.0%	32.1	34.7	37.7
	1.5%	34.0	37.0	40.4
	2.0%	36.2	39.6	43.5

Source: Equita SIM estimates

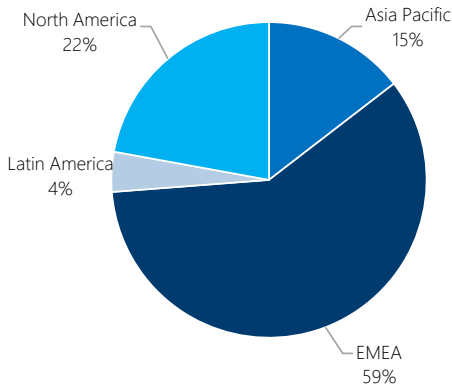
STATEMENT OF RISKS FOR COMER INDUSTRIES

The primary elements that **could have a negative impact include:**

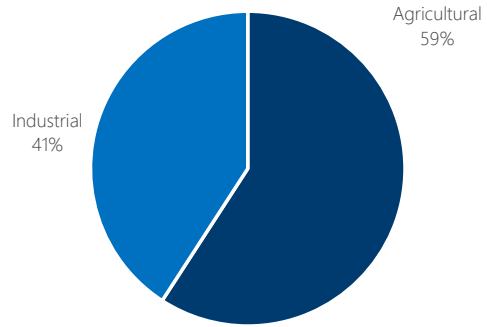
- Significant worsening in the reference macroeconomic scenario
- Significant reference markets volumes slowdown
- AG commodity prices decline
- Price pressure coming from main OEMs customers and/or competitors
- NWC absorption due to inventory increase and/or higher RM prices
- Value destroying M&A deals, significantly increasing the net debt

APPENDIX: QUICK OVERVIEW

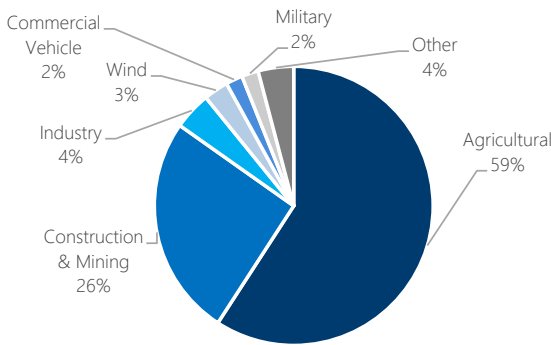
GEOGRAPHICAL REVENUES BREAKDOWN (2023)



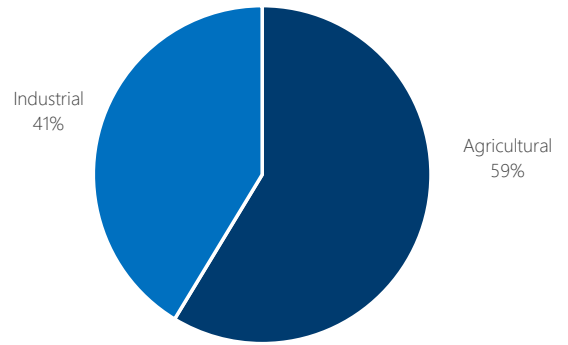
DIVISIONAL REVENUES BREAKDOWN (2023)



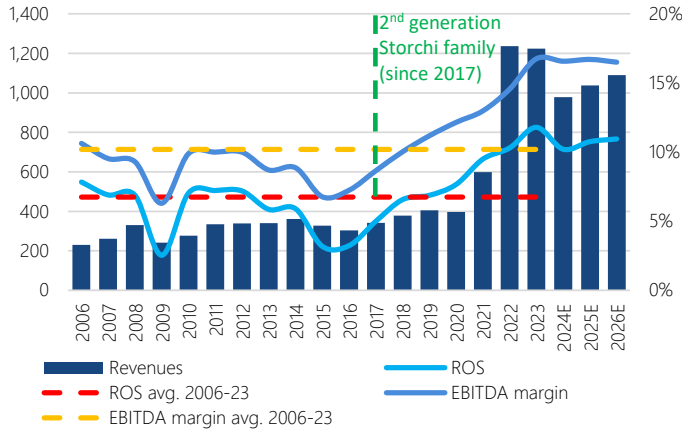
DIVISIONAL REVENUES BREAKDOWN BY END-MARKET (2023 - estimated)



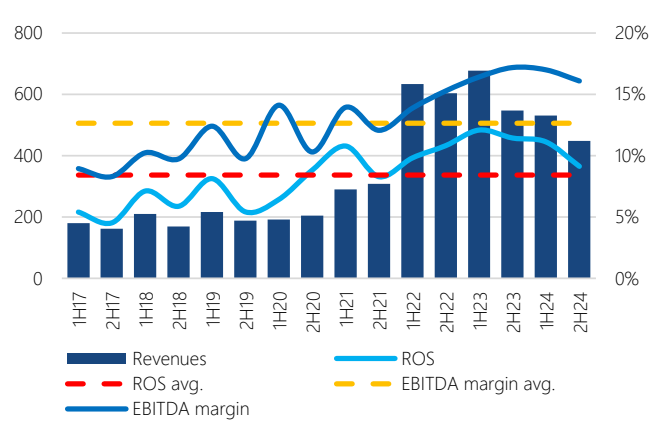
DIVISIONAL EBITDA BREAKDOWN (2023)



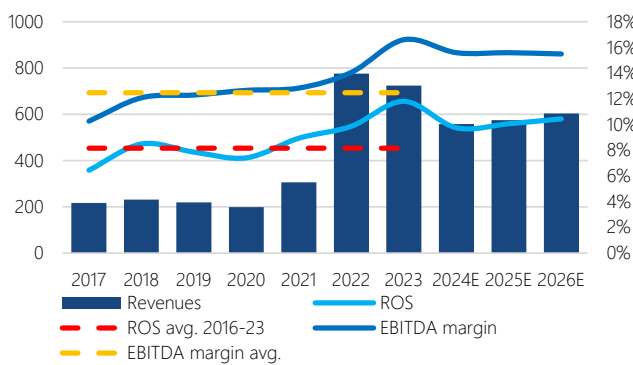
GROUP ANNUAL SALES (€ mn), EBITDA and EBIT MARGIN (%)



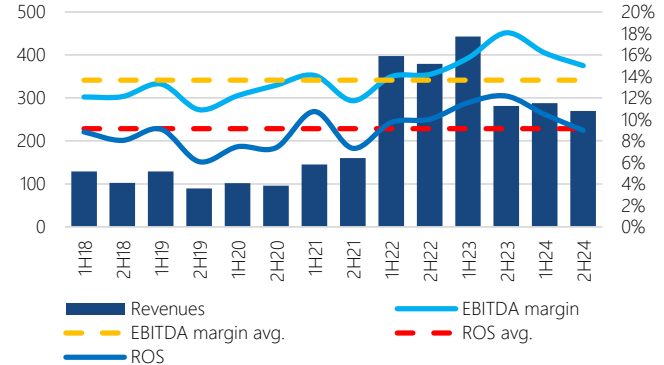
GROUP SEMI-ANNUAL SALES (€ mn), EBITDA and EBIT MARGIN (%)

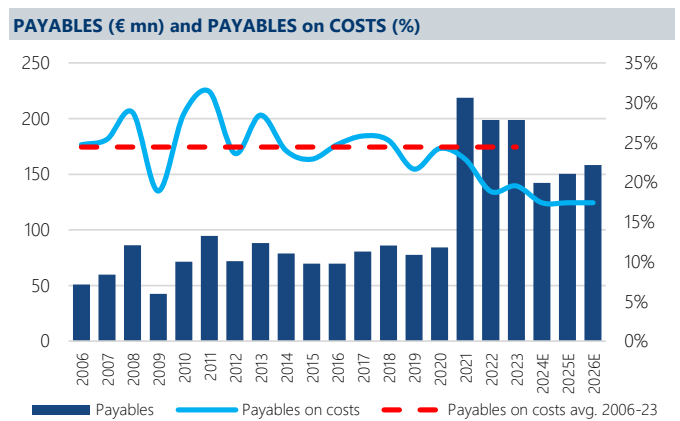
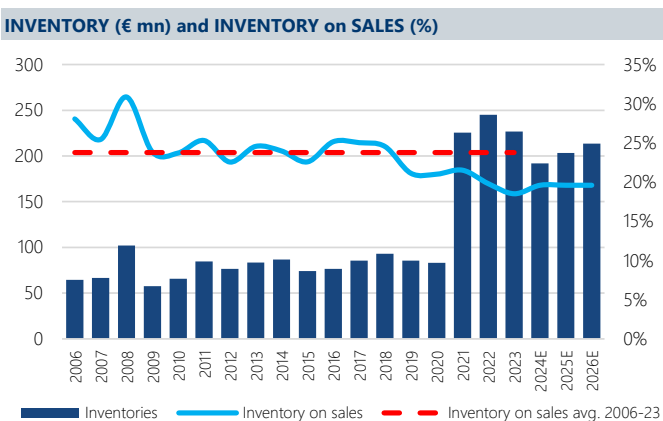
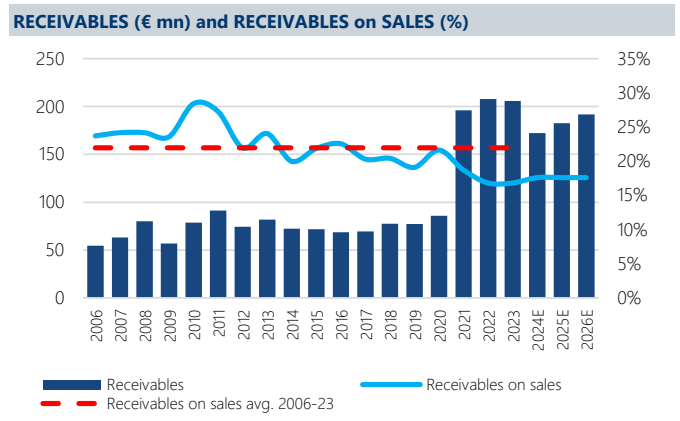
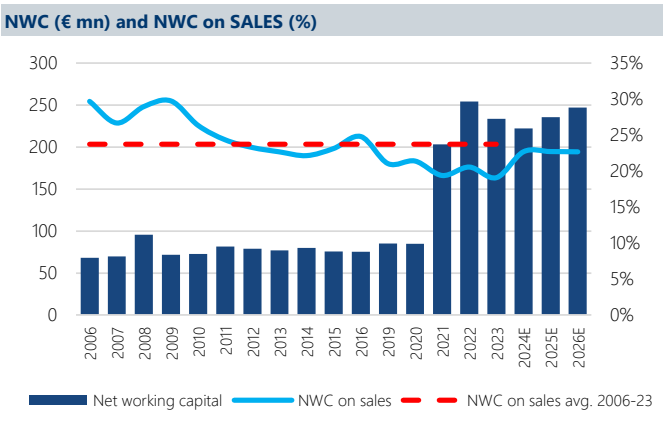
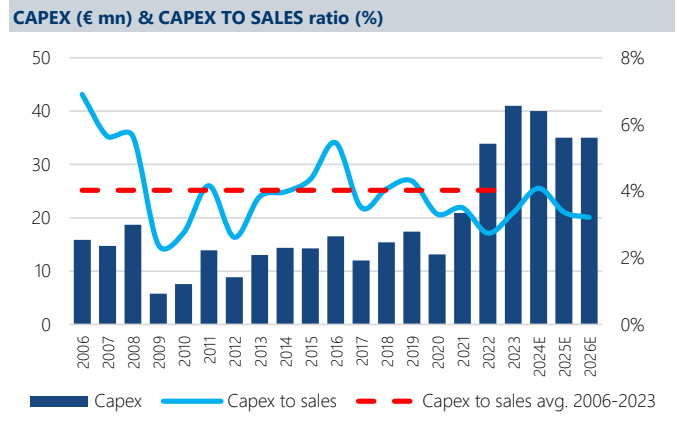
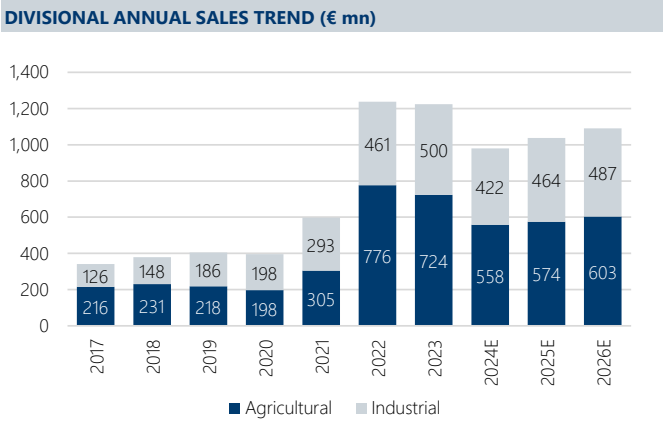
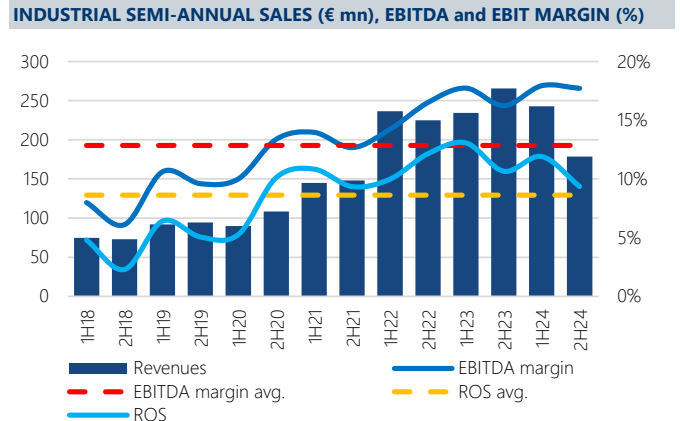
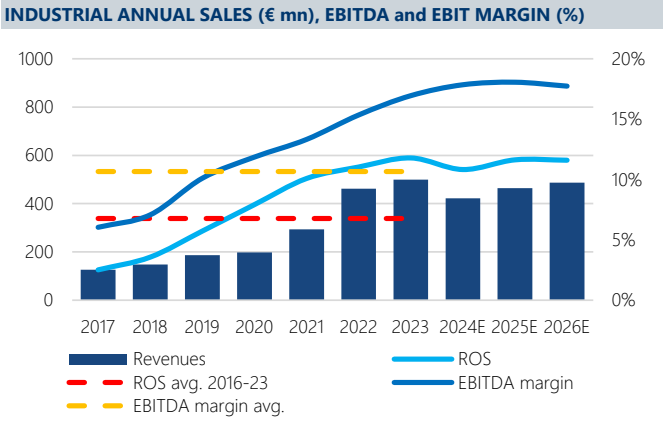


AGRICULTURAL ANNUAL SALES (€ mn), EBITDA and EBIT MARGIN (%)

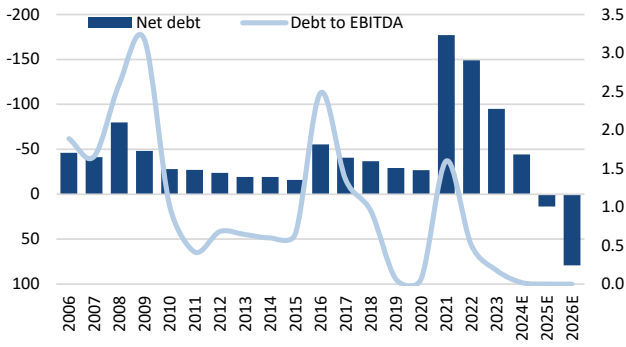


AGRICULTURAL SEMI-ANNUAL SALES (€ mn), EBITDA and EBIT MARGIN (%)

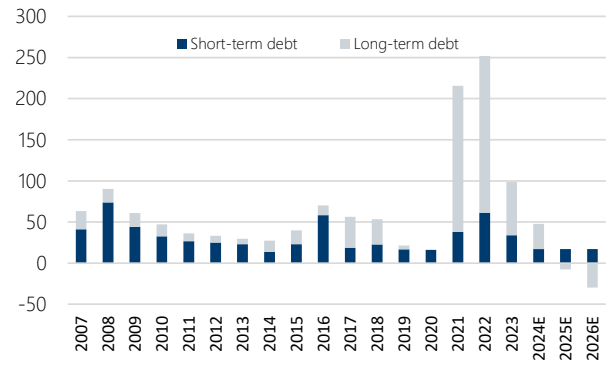




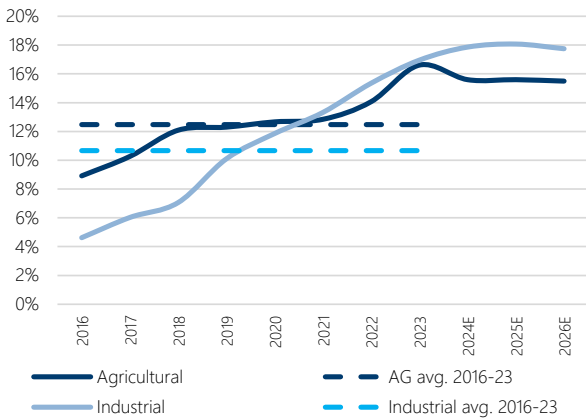
NET DEBT (€ mn) and DEBT to adj. EBITDA* RATIO (x)



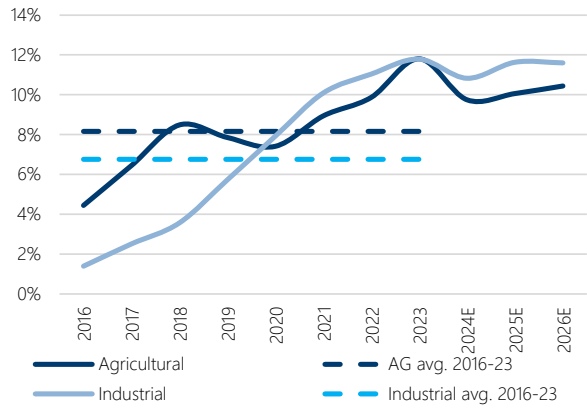
GROSS DEBT SPLIT BETWEEN SHORT-TERM AND LONG-TERM



EBITDA MARGIN (%) BY DIVISION



EBIT MARGIN (%) BY DIVISION



P&L - €mn	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
SALES Rep	598	1,237	1,224	979	1,038	1,090
Growth	51.0%	106.8%	-1.1%	-20.0%	6.0%	5.0%
EBITDA Rep	77.6	180	205	162	173	180
Growth	61.2%	132.0%	13.9%	-20.9%	6.8%	3.7%
Margin	13.0%	14.6%	16.7%	16.6%	16.7%	16.5%
D&A	21.4	54.2	63.2	62.2	61.6	60.4
EBIT Rep	56.2	126	142	100	112	119
Growth	87.9%	123.8%	12.8%	-29.5%	11.7%	6.9%
Margin	9.4%	10.2%	11.6%	10.2%	10.8%	11.0%
Financial Expenses	-2.0	-2.6	-15.3	-8.5	-3.5	1.0
PBT Rep	54.2	123	127	91.5	108	120
Growth	87.3%	127.2%	2.7%	-27.7%	18.3%	11.3%
Income Taxes	-15.4	-34.2	-35.1	-25.2	-29.8	-33.1
Tax rate	28.4%	27.8%	27.8%	27.5%	27.5%	27.5%
Minority Interest	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Net Income Rep	38.8	89.0	91.4	66.3	78.5	87.3
Growth	82.1%	129.3%	2.8%	-27.4%	18.3%	11.3%
Margin	6.5%	7.2%	7.5%	6.8%	7.6%	8.0%
Net Income Adj	40.4	101	108	80.4	92.5	101
Growth	78.8%	149.9%	6.5%	-25.2%	15.0%	9.5%
Margin	6.8%	8.2%	8.8%	8.2%	8.9%	9.3%
CF Statement	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2026E
FFO	60.8	145	163	129	140	148
Chg. in Working Capital	-118	-51.1	20.7	11.5	-13.6	-11.4
NCF from Operations	-57.6	93.9	183	140	127	136
CAPEX	-20.9	-33.9	-41.0	-40.0	-35.0	-35.0
Financial Investments	-191	-0.2	-49.8	0.0	0.0	0.0
NCF from Investments	-211	-34.1	-90.8	-40.0	-35.0	-35.0
Dividends paid	-10.2	-14.3	-21.5	-35.8	-28.7	-35.8
Capital Increases	165	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other changes in financing	-36.4	-17.3	-16.7	-13.5	-5.0	0.0
NCF from Financing	119	-31.6	-38.3	-49.3	-33.7	-35.8
CHG IN NFP	-150	28.1	54.1	50.7	57.8	65.4

Source: Company data and Equita SIM estimates

INFORMATION PURSUANT TO EU REGULATION 2016/958 supplementing Regulation EU 596/2014 (c.d. MAR)

This publication has been prepared by the following financial analyst(s) on behalf of EQUITA SIM SpA (licensed to practice by CONSOB resolution no. 11761 of December 22nd 1998 and registered as no. 67 in the Italian central register of investment service companies and financial intermediaries) to which he/she/they is/are bound by an employment contract: Martino De Ambroggi, Milo Silvestre

In the past EQUITA SIM has published studies on Comer Industries

EQUITA SIM is distributing this publication via e-mail to more than 900 qualified operators and to unqualified operators via Borsa Italiana website on Tuesday, 06 August 2024 at 10:14 AM.

The prices of the financial instruments shown in the report are the closing prices of the date indicated in the first page stock data table.

EQUITA SIM intends to provide continuous coverage of the financial instrument forming the subject of the present publication, with a semi-annual frequency and, in any case, with a frequency consistent with the timing of the issuer's periodical financial reporting and of any exceptional event occurring in the issuer's sphere of activity.

The information contained in this publication is based on sources believed to be reliable. Although EQUITA SIM makes every reasonable endeavour to obtain information from sources that it deems to be reliable, it accepts no responsibility or liability as to the completeness, accuracy or exactitude of such information. If there are doubts in this respect, EQUITA SIM clearly highlights this circumstance. The most important sources of information used are the issuer's public corporate documentation (such as, for example, annual and interim reports, press releases, and presentations) besides information made available by financial service companies (such as, for example, Bloomberg and Reuters) and domestic and international business publications. It is EQUITA SIM's practice to submit a pre-publication draft of its reports for review to the Investor Relations Department of the issuer forming the subject of the report, solely for the purpose of correcting any inadvertent material inaccuracies. This note has been submitted to the issuer.

The recommendation was produced using proprietary Excel models that are stored on company servers. The models are backed up at the end of each month.

EQUITA SIM has adopted internal procedures able to assure the independence of its financial analysts and that establish appropriate rules of conduct for them.

Furthermore, it is pointed out that EQUITA SIM SpA is an intermediary licensed to provide all investment services as per Italian Legislative Decree no. 58/1998. Given this, EQUITA SIM might hold positions in and execute transactions concerning the financial instruments covered by the present publication, or could provide, or wish to provide, investment and/or related services to the issuers of the financial instruments covered by this publication. Consequently, it might have a potential conflict of interest concerning the issuers, financial issuers and transactions forming the subject of the present publication.

Equita SIM S.p.A. performs or has performed in the last 12 months the role of specialist for financial instruments issued by Comer Industries. Equita SIM S.p.A. performs or has performed in the last 12 months the role of intermediary in charge of the execution of the buy back plan approved by the shareholders' meeting of Comer Industries.

In addition, it is also pointed out that, within the constraints of current internal procedures, EQUITA SIM's directors, employees and/or outside professionals might hold long or short positions in the financial instruments covered by this publication and buy or sell them at any time, both on their own account and that of third parties.

Research Division management alone determines the remuneration of the analysts who produced the publication, and their remuneration is not linked to Equita SIM's Investment Banking transactions. It is linked to Equita SIM's total revenue, which includes the revenue of the Investment Banking and Sales & Trading Divisions.

For more details on the policies and principles designed to ensure the integrity and independence of Equita SIM analysts, please refer to the policy on organizational mechanisms of the Research activity available at www.equita.eu on the "Legal notices" section.

The recommendations to BUY, HOLD and REDUCE are based on Expected Total Return (ETR – expected absolute performance in the next 12 months inclusive of the dividend paid out by the stock's issuer) and on the degree of risk associated with the stock, as per the matrix shown in the table. The level of risk is based on the stock's liquidity and volatility and on the analyst's opinion of the business model of the company being analysed. Due to fluctuations of the stock, the ETR might temporarily fall outside the ranges shown in the table.

EXPECTED TOTAL RETURN FOR THE VARIOUS CATEGORIES OF RECOMMENDATION AND RISK PROFILE

RECOMMENDATION/RATING	Low Risk	Medium Risk	High Risk
BUY	ETR >= 10%	ETR >= 15%	ETR >= 20%
HOLD	-5% <ETR< 10%	-5% <ETR< 15%	0% <ETR< 20%
REDUCE	ETR <= -5%	ETR <= -5%	ETR <= 0%

The methods preferred by EQUITA SIM to evaluate and set a value on the stocks forming the subject of the publication, and therefore the Expected Total Return in 12 months, are those most commonly used in market practice, i.e. multiples comparison (comparison with market ratios, e.g. P/E, EV/EBITDA, and others, expressed by stocks belonging to the same or similar sectors), or classical financial methods such as discounted cash flow (DCF) models, or others based on similar concepts. For financial stocks, EQUITA SIM also uses valuation methods based on comparison of ROE (ROEV – return on embedded value – in the case of insurance companies), cost of capital and P/BV (P/EV – ratio of price to embedded value – in the case of insurance companies).

Ord COM IM MOST RECENT CHANGES IN RECOMMENDATION AND/OR IN TARGET PRICE:

Date	Rec.	Target Price	Risk	Comment
August 5, 2024	Buy	37.00	High	
May 9, 2024	Buy	38.00	High	
April 2, 2024	Buy	39.00	High	change in estimates/valuation
January 30, 2024	Buy	35.00	High	Initiation of coverage

DISCLAIMER

The purpose of this publication is merely to provide information that is up to date and as accurate as possible. The publication does not represent to be, nor can it be construed as being, an offer or solicitation to buy, subscribe or sell financial products or instruments, or to execute any operation whatsoever concerning such products or instruments.

EQUITA SIM does not guarantee any specific result as regards the information contained in the present publication, and accepts no responsibility or liability for the outcome of the transactions recommended therein or for the results produced by such transactions. Each and every investment/divestiture decision is the sole responsibility of the party receiving the advice and recommendations, who is free to decide whether or not to implement them. Therefore, EQUITA SIM and/or the author of the present publication cannot in any way be held liable for any losses, damage or lower earnings that the party using the publication might suffer following execution of transactions on the basis of the information and/or recommendations contained therein.

The estimates and opinions expressed in the publication may be subject to change without notice.

EQUITY RATING DISPERSION AS OF JUNE 30, 2024
(art. 6, par. 3 Delegated Regulation (EU) 2016/958 of 09 March 2016)

	COMPANIES COVERED	COMPANIES COVERED WITH BANKING RELATIONSHIP
BUY	55.4%	59.7%
HOLD	42.0%	36.4%
REDUCE	1.3%	1.3%
NOT RATED	1.3%	2.6%

The list of all conflicts of interest, rating dispersion, last 12 months recommendation made by Equita SIM's analysts and other important legal disclaimers are available on www.equita.eu in the "Legal notices" section.

This document has been provided to you solely for informational purposes and may not be reproduced or distributed, directly or indirectly, to any other person, nor may it be published, wholly or in part, for any reason, without EQUITA SIM's specific authorisation. By accepting this document, you agree to comply with the limitations indicated above.

For Entities and Clients in the United Kingdom

Equita is registered as a UK's "Overseas Persons Exclusion" ("OPE"): this means that Equita has not established an actual or deemed permanent place of business in the UK. Equita is not a member of the "Financial Conduct Authority" and Research Analysts and Research Reports must comply with requirements for fairness, balance and disclosure of potential conflicts of interest. This research report is only being offered to UK "investment professionals" and "high net worth companies" and the investment to which it relates is available only to such persons and that any other person(s) should not act or rely upon it.

For Entities and Clients in the United States

Equita is not registered as a broker-dealer with the U S Securities and Exchange Commission, and it and its analysts are not subject to SEC rules on securities analysts' certification as to the currency of their views reflected in the research report. Equita is not a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority. It and its securities analysts are not subject to FINRA's rules on Communications with the Public and Research Analysts and Research Reports and the attendant requirements for fairness, balance and disclosure of potential conflicts of interest.

This research report is only being offered to Major U S Institutional Investors and is not available to, and should not be used by, any U S person or entity that is not a Major U S Institutional Investor. Equita can not and will not accept orders for the securities covered in this research report placed by any person or entity in the United States. Orders should be placed with our correspondent, Auerbach Grayson & Co. 212-557-4444.