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(FINANCIAL) HIGHLIGHTS H1 2015/16

INTRODUCTION &
BUSINESS
OVERVIEW





QUICK FACTS UPDATE

AGRANA

- We refine agricultural raw materials, turning them into a range of different industrial products to supply local producers as well as large multinational companies active in the food processing industry, in particular.
- We also serve the end-consumer market in the Sugar segment with country-specific brands such as "Wiener Zucker" in Austria.



8,100 employees (FTEs)



54 production sites



€ 2.5 billion revenue





Leading

SUGAR

manufacturer in Central, Eastern & South-Eastern Europe



Major manufacturer of custom

STARCH

products in Europe

World market leader in the production of



FRUIT

preparations and largest manufaturer of fruit juice concentrates in Europe



AGRANA PRODUCTS IN DAILY LIFE

AT A GLANCE

















Sugar is sold

- to consumers via the food trade and
- to manufacturers: e.g. soft drinks industry, confectionery industry, fermentation industry, other food and beverage industries
- AGRANA produces starch and special starch products
- Starch is a complex carbohydrate which is insoluble in water. Starch is used in food processing e.g. as thickener and for technical purposes e.g. in the paper manufacturing process
- Bioethanol is part of our starch business

- Fruit juice concentrates customers are fruit juice and beverage bottlers and fillers
- Fruit preparations are special customized products for
 - the dairy industry,
 - the baked products industry,
 - the ice-cream industry.



STRATEGIC POSITIONING "B2B"

At the beginning there is always agriculture...



AGRANA refines agrarian raw materials...



AGRANA supplies the Big Names...



confectionery, beverage, fermentation industries, food retailers; paper, textile, pharmaceutical industries; feed industry; dairy, ice-cream, bakery industries and many more We all consume AGRANA every day without noticing it...





54 PRODUCTION SITES WORLDWIDE

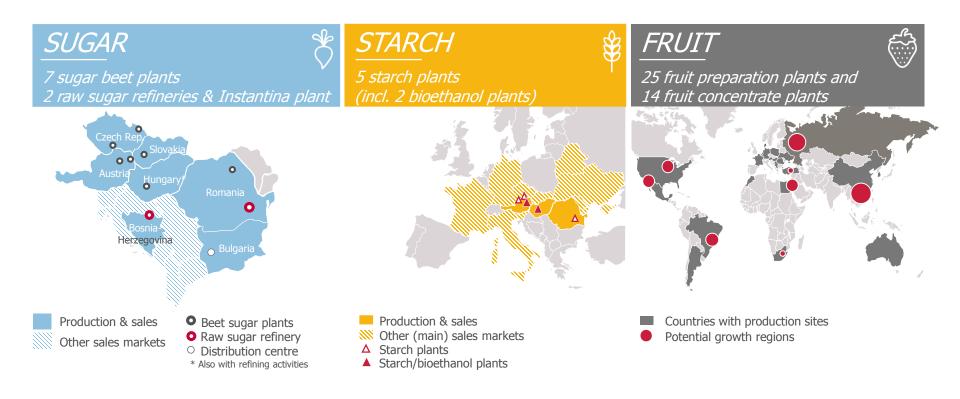
INT. PRODUCTION MEETS INT. CUSTOMERS





54 PRODUCTION SITES WORLDWIDE

SEGMENTATION BY SEGMENT





GROWTH BY STRATEGY

Customer- and marketoriented growth in CEE and Southeastern Europe

Organic growth, and adding value by tailor-made products

Customer- and market-oriented global growth



Synergies

Use synergies between business segments to position the Group optimally for the increasingly volatile operating environment in the segments

Investor and customer value from

Balance of risk

Exchange of know-how

Cost savings through synergies

Capital market

A long-term asset for shareholders



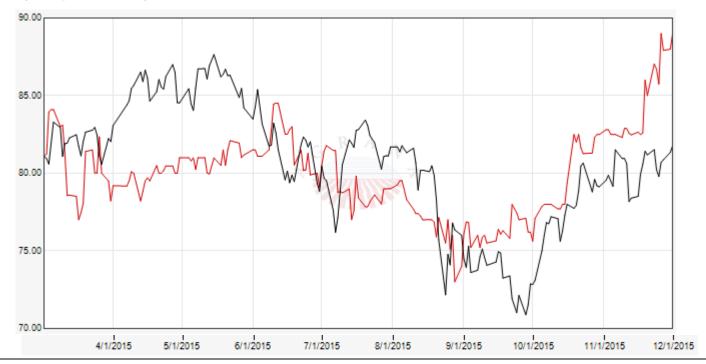
Dividend yield: 4.5%1

P/E ratio: **14.1**¹

Market capitalisation: € 1,051.0² m

¹ Based on 2014|15 YE results.

AGRANA is committed to a **predictable**, **reliable and transparent dividend policy** designed for continuity. The distributions are based not only on profit but also on the Group's cash flow and debt situation and the need to maintain a sound balance sheet structure.

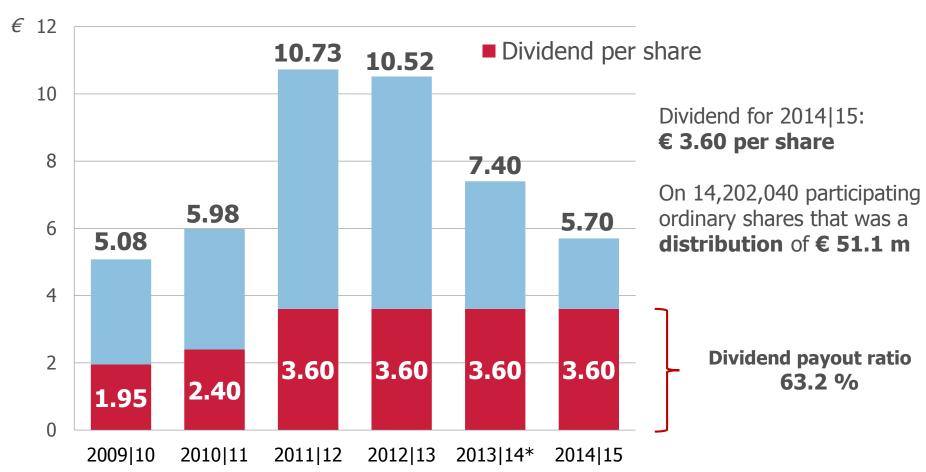


Performance (1 March 2015 – 1 December 2015): AGRANA +9.77% (last: 89.00), ATX +0.85% (last: 2,501.60)

² Based on the closing share price as of 31 Aug. 2015.



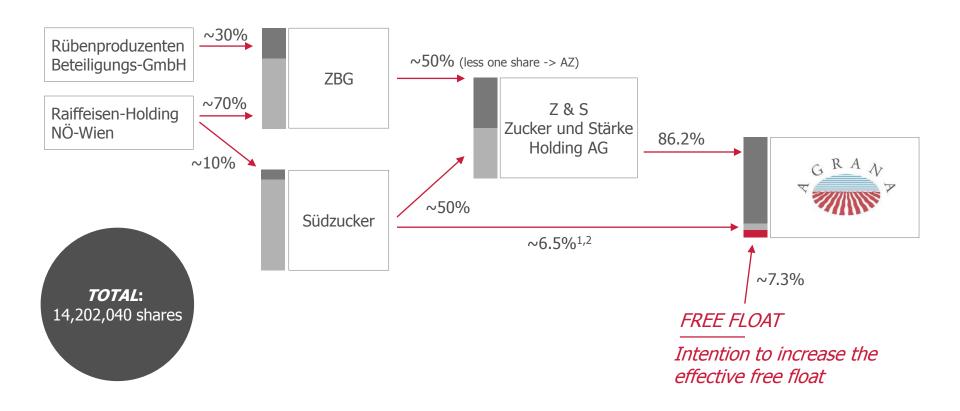
DIVIDEND AND EARNINGS PER SHARE



^{*} The prior year data have been restated under IAS 8.

Dividend yield (based on the closing share price at the last balance sheet date): **4.47** %

"TRANSITION" SHAREHOLDER STRUCTURE



¹ directly held by Südzucker; 4.9% to be placed in the market

² on any shares within this stake of 4.9% that are not placed, Z&S holds a call option which can be exercised since 1 March 2015

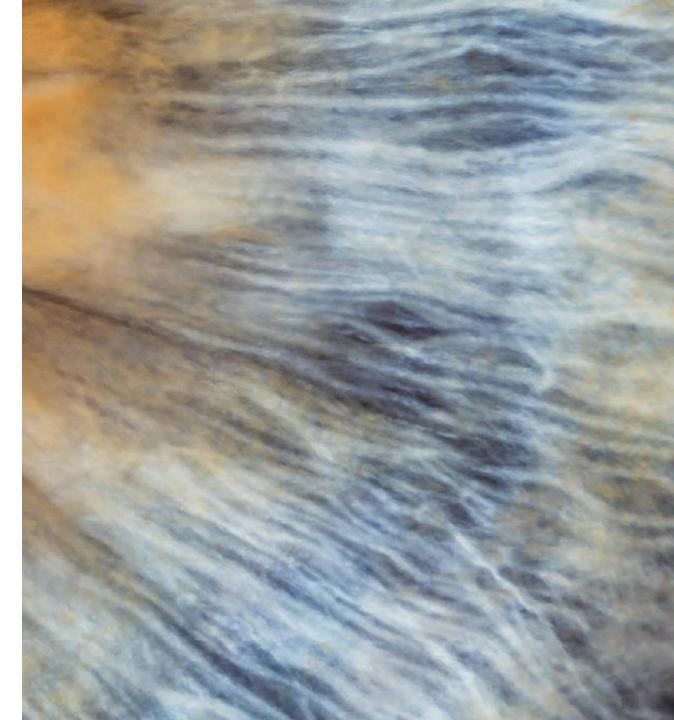


H1 2015/16 OVERVIEW

- Release of an ad-hoc announcement on 22 September 2015: in view of the Group's solid first-half EBIT and the improved margin forecast in the ethanol business, AGRANA upgraded its guidance for EBIT in the 2015|16 financial year from "significantly" to "moderately" below the prior year
- As expected lower prices in the Sugar segment led to significant reduction in EBIT
- The Starch and Fruit segments are stabilising pillars of the Group's operating profitability
- Revenue: € 1,263.5 m (H1 prior year: € 1,285.2 m)
- Operating profit (EBIT): € 68.7 m (H1 prior year: € 87.0 m)
- EBIT margin: 5.4 % (H1 prior year: 6.8 %)



H1 2015/16
SEGMENT
OVERVIEW

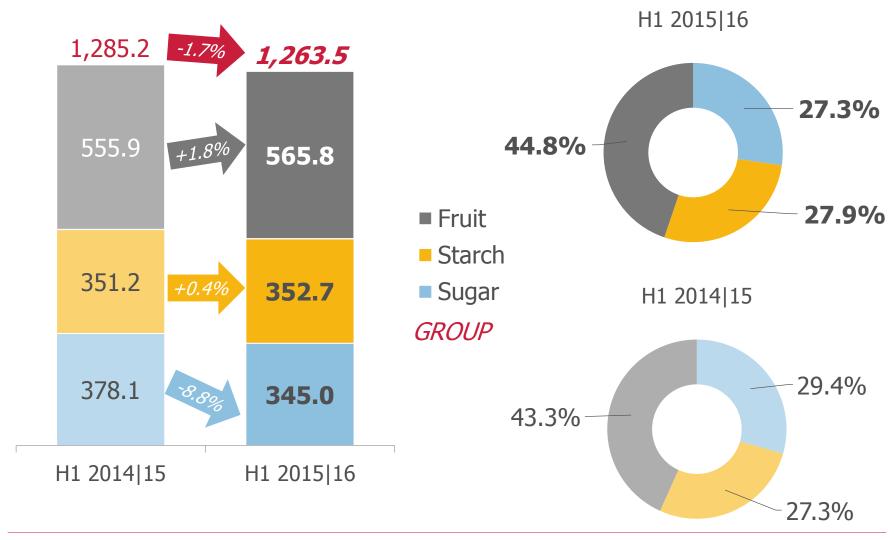




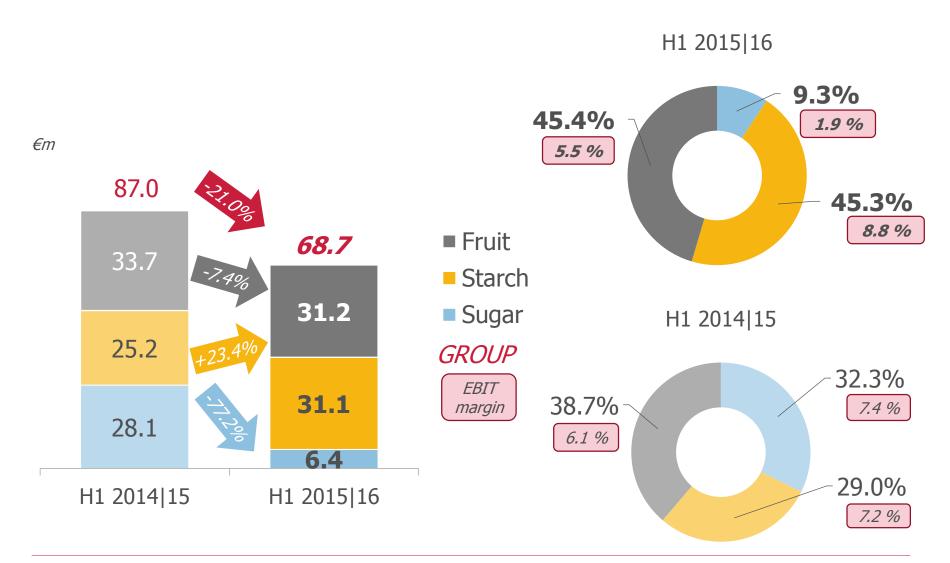
H1 2015/16 VS PRIOR YEAR

REVENUE BY SEGMENT

€m







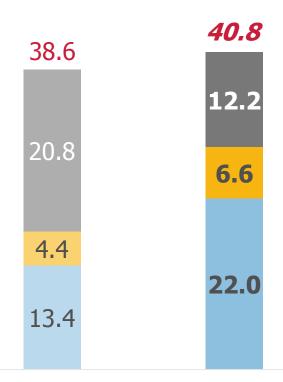


MOST IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN THE GROUP

INVESTMENT OVERVIEW

H1 2015/16

€m



SUGAR

- Expanded evaporator station in Leopoldsdorf, Austria, was successfully commissioned at the start of the beet campaign
- In May 2015 the rebuilt and enlarged molasses desugaring plant in Tulin, Austria, successfully began operation
- Gradual commissioning of packaging machines of the new logistics and packaging center in Kaposvár, Hungary, is on schedule

STARCH

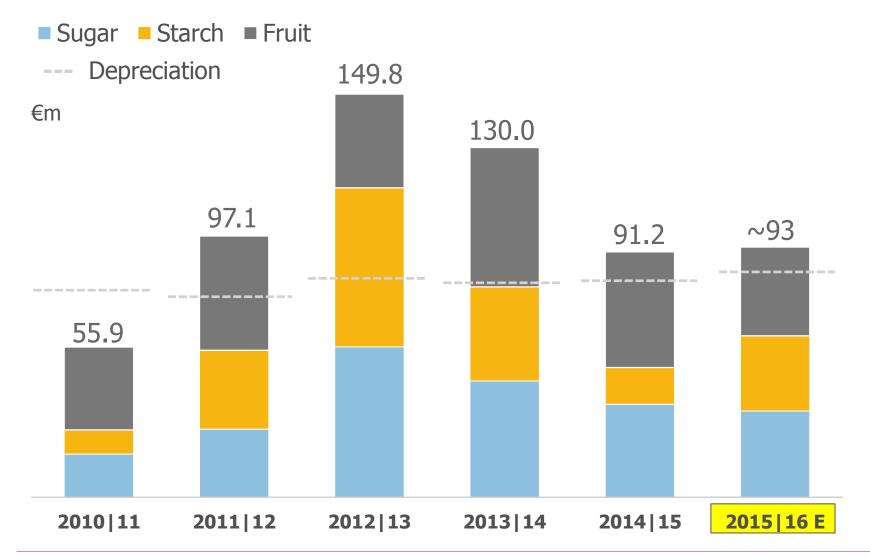
- Project to increase capacity and to reduce energy consumption was launched in Pischelsdorf, Austria
- Dry mixing plant project for infant formula in Gmünd, Austria; under construction
- Plant expansion project in Aschach, Austria: negotiations with regulatory authorities completed, detailed planning on track

FRUIT

- Completion of new container cleaning facilities system at AGRANA Fruit in Australia
- Installation of a 2nd IQF tunnel in Mexico
- Asset replacement investment in fruit juice concentrate division









SUGAR





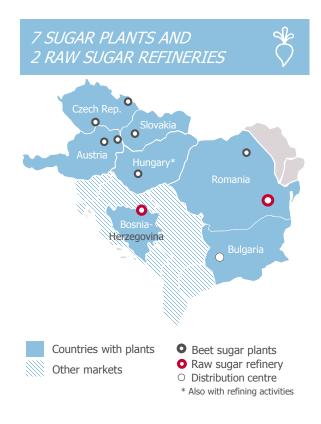
BENEFIT FROM THE STRONG MARKET POSITION IN CEE AND SEE

AGRANA SUGAR

1,000 TONNES	EU- QUOTA	AGRANA SUGAR BEET QUOTA ⁽¹⁾	MARKET POSITION
Austria	351	351	#1
Hungary	105	105	#1
Czech Republic	372	94	#2
Slovakia	112	44	#2
Romania	105	24	n.a.
Total	1,045	618	
Refining activities in total (incl. Bosnia-H.)		278 ⁽²⁾	n.a.

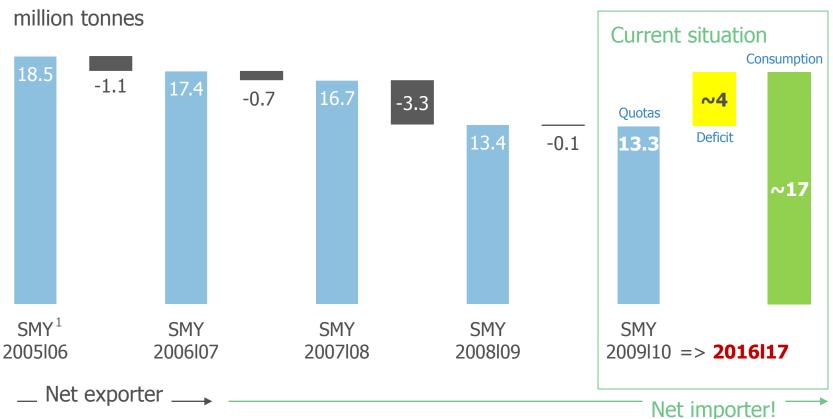


⁽²⁾ Refined raw sugar production (2014|15)



END OF QUOTAS AS OF 30 SEPTEMBER 2017

REFORM PROCESS OF EU SUGAR REGIME



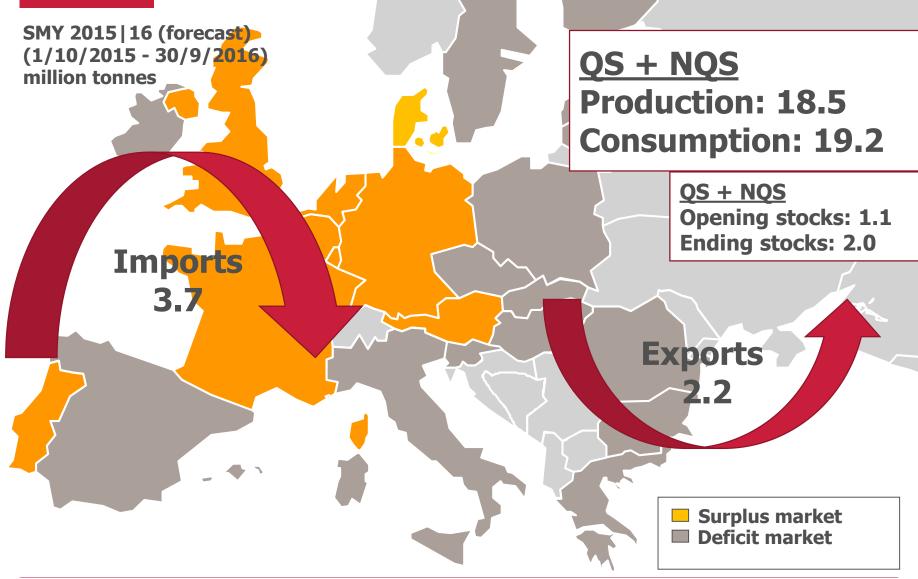
[■] EU-28 sugar quota for SMY

- Sugar quota renouncements
- Imports from ACP, LDC & Western Balkan Agreement
- EU demand

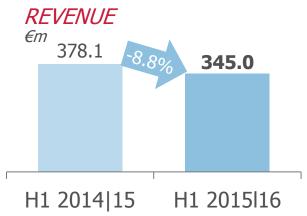
(1) SMY Sugar Marketing Year

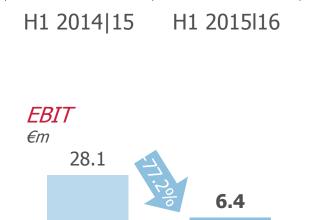


SURPLUS AND DEFICIT MARKETS (EU)









H1 2014l15

REVENUE down to € 345.0 million

- Significant drop in sales prices with customers in industry and wholesalers/retailers compared to prior year
- Considerable increase of quantities sold to the food industry
- Volumes of out-of-quota sugar sold into the chemical industry were in line with the previous year's level
- Exports to non-EU countries were lower than in the previous year's period
- Revenue from by-products declined slightly

EBIT declined significantly to € 6.4 million

- Decline was caused by reduced sugar sales prices compared to the first six months of the prior year, when higher prices were still being received from 2013|14 contracts
- Lower raw material costs (particularly for raw sugar) did not offset the revenue reduction

H1 2015l16



MARKET ENVIRONMENT IN H1 2015/16

SUGAR SEGMENT

SUGAR



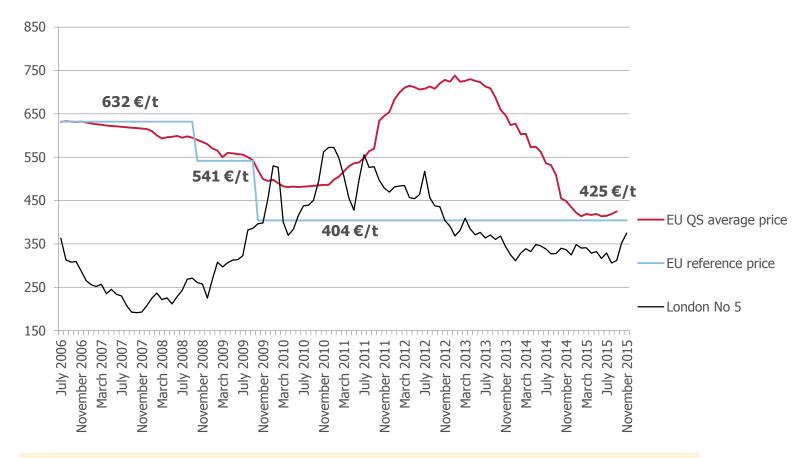
- The downward trend on world sugar markets witnessed since June 2014 took the white and raw sugar quotations to lows not seen since 2009
- In its fourth, revised estimate from July 2015 of the **world sugar balance** for the 2014|15 SMY, the analytics firm F.O. Licht continues to forecast **steady to slightly rising world sugar production and further growth in consumption**
- Record-high yields in the 2014 | 15 European sugar beet campaign resulted in the full utilisation of the EU sugar quota and in the production of 6.4 million tonnes of NQS; as a consequence of drastically fallen sugar prices in the EU, preferential import volumes in SMY 2014 | 15 remained well below the prior year; quota sugar stocks at the end of SMY 2014 | 15 were therefore down significantly
- SMY 2015 | 16: a significant cut in production volume is currently predicted; area planted to sugar beet in important production countries has been markedly reduced; moreover, weather conditions (drought) in Central and Eastern Europe led to significantly lower yield expectations
- Nevertheless, a full utilisation of the quota and a sufficient non-quota supply are expected due to **carry-overs of non-quota stocks** from the last SMY; at the same time we expect a **further decrease in quota sugar stocks**



SUGAR

MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES

(JULY 2006 TO SEPTEMBER 2015; € PER TONNE)



QS - Min: 414 € per tonne (February, June and July 2015)

QS - Max: 738 € per tonne (Jan. 2013)

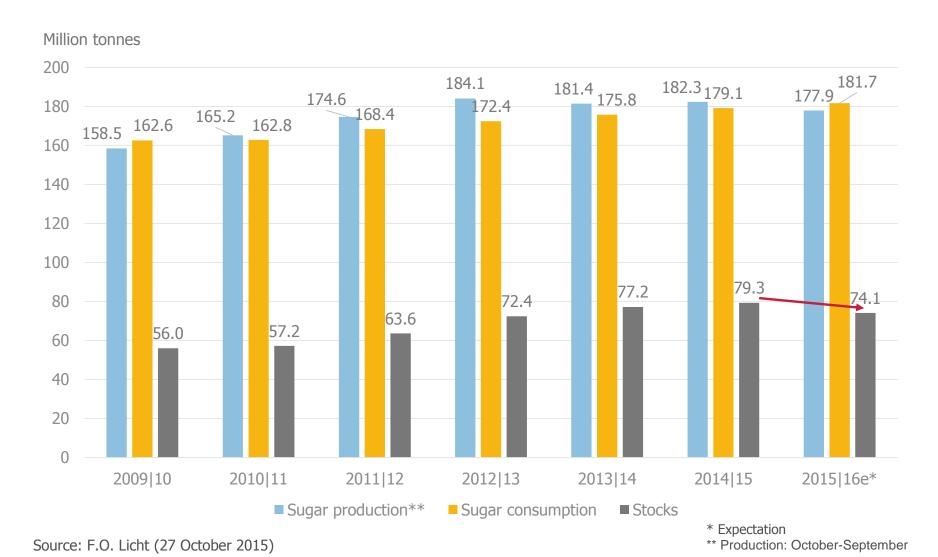
Source: European Commission: Sugar Price Reporting, Version 26 November 2015







WORLD SUGAR PRODUCTION & CONSUMPTION





SEPTEMBER 2017 - END OF QUOTAS



- CEE area will continue to be a "sugar deficit region" (AGRANA is located in these main deficit areas)
 - Complexity in logistics and costs from Western Europe are somehow a protection of intra-EU imports
 - The company operates its own raw sugar refineries; safeguarding of existing market share in CEE
- "3-legs-strategy" with beet, refining and trading; focus on balanced strategy between these three fields of activity
- AGRANA has established long-term relationships with key sugar producers in the LDCs and ACPs (duty-free-imports)
- Uncertain market development requires continuous flexibility
- High volatility expected

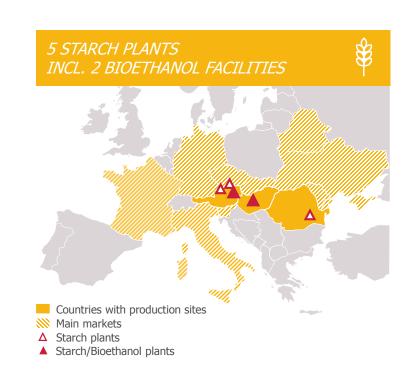


SEGMENT STARCH



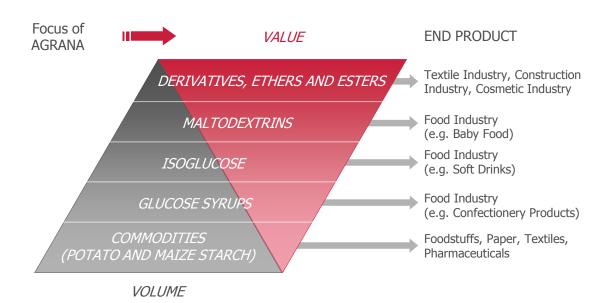


- Austrian production sites:
 - potato starch factory in Gmünd
 - corn starch plant in Aschach
 - wheat starch plant in Pischelsdorf
- Operational management and coordination of international holdings in Hungary and Romania
- The bioethanol business also forms part of the Starch segment
- Focus on highly refined speciality products
- Innovative, customer-driven products supported by application advice
- Leading position in organic and in GMO-free starches for the food industry





SPECIALISATION STRATEGY

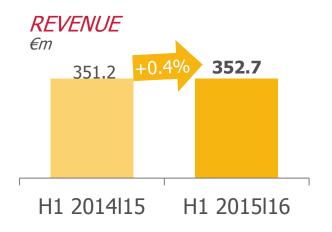


FOOD

- Growth in products from special raw materials (market leadership)
- Growth in starch derivates for fruit preparations
- Growth in "high care"-starches

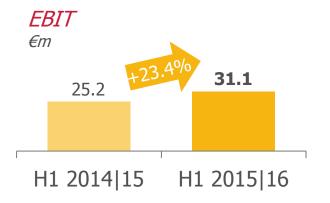
NON-FOOD

- Innovation and market leadership in
 - Special applications for construction industry
 - Adhesive (sack adhesive)
- Growth in cosmetics industry
- Growth in special applications for paper, textile & cardboard industry



REVENUE at € 352.7 m slightly above prior year level

- Revenue growth in the ethanol business due to higher prices for bioethanol
- Declining revenues from saccharification products reflect the low level of the European sugar prices
- Revenue from by-products was (price-driven) slightly below the previous year's figure



EBIT significantly up to € 31.1 million

- Increase in earnings is primarily due to improved margins for ethanol
- At the same time, raw material costs have fallen slightly on average compared to last year
- The result of the equity-accounted subsidiary HUNGRANA was lower than in the prior year (reflecting the decline in selling prices for saccharification products)



MARKET ENVIRONMENT IN H1 2015/16

STARCH SEGMENT



- Size of the market for food starch is steady in terms of sales quantities; low crop outlook for starch potatoes (especially in southern Germany, Austria and Eastern Europe) is causing a moderate rise in market prices
- Starch saccharification products in general and isoglucose in particular are showing direct impacts of the pressure in sugar markets
- The **paper and corrugated board sector** is marked by higher-than-expected demand in the EU
- For **bioethanol** the market setting in the EU picked up again, after passing through a difficult stage at the beginning of the calendar year; Ethanol prices in Europe were not negatively influenced from farther afield, rising to € 583 per m³ FOB Rotterdam at the end of August
- Continuing high demand for wheat gluten and protein products



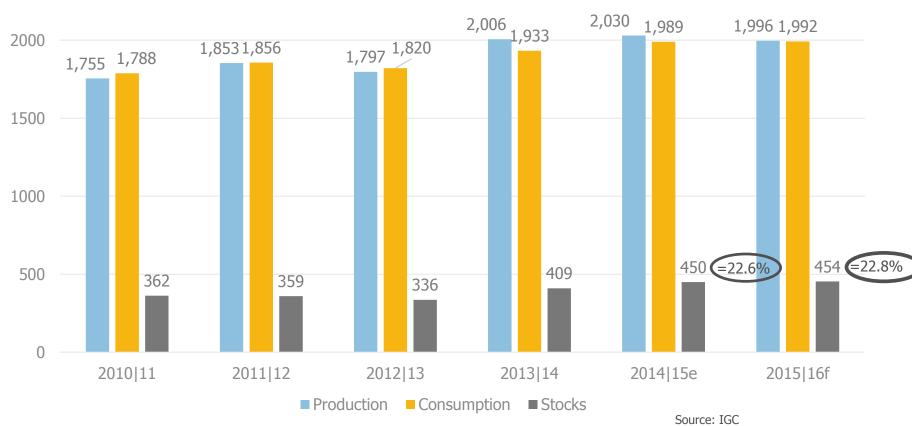




WORLD CEREAL PRODUCTION & CONSUMPTION

Million tonnes





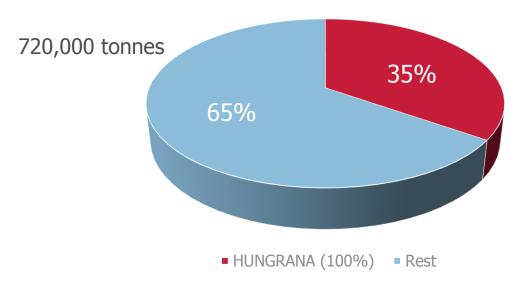
Critical stocks limit at 20 % of consumption

e...estimate f...forecast Period: July - June



ISOGLUCOSE MARKET IN THE EU

Isoglucose Quota of the EU-28 ~< 5% of sugar consumption



AGRANA holds 125,000 tonnes (->> HUNGRANA: 250,000 tonnes)

Starting with 1st of October 2017 also the quotas for isoglucose will be abolished, which means new growth potential for AGRANA.

10 - 15% market share of isoglucose expected.



MARKET OPPORTUNITIES FOR ISOGLUCOSE

- Main application area for isoglucose is the "SOFT DRINKS" market
- Substitution potential on the European market of 10 15% of granulated sugar
- The main argument for the use of isoglucose in place of granulated sugar is the current price advantage of approximately 10 %



AGRANA BIOETHANOL ACTIVITIES

PISCHELSDORF (Austria)

- Total investment: € 125 million
- Capacity: up to 240,000m³ (= 190,000 tonnes)
- Production start: June 2008
- Raw material base: wheat, corn and sugar beet thick juice
- By-products: up to 190,000 tonnes of ActiProt© (animal feed)

HUNGRANA (Hungary)

- Investment volume: ~ € 100 m (50% share held by AGRANA: ~ € 50 m)
 - for grind increase from 1,500 to 3,000 tonnes/day
 - for isoglucose capacity increase due to quota increase
 - for bioethanol expansion
- Capacity: up to 187,000 m³
- Conclusion of expansion programme: July 2008
- Raw material base: corn

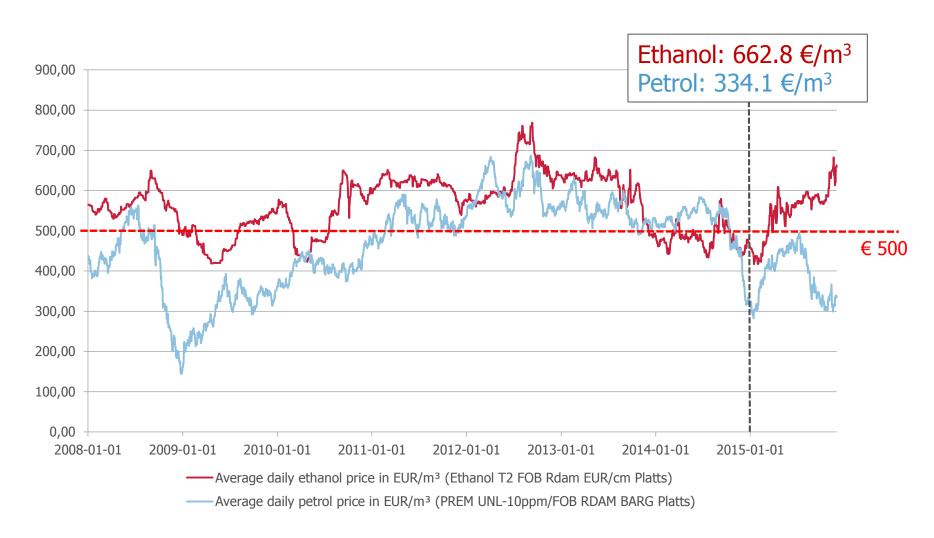






1 JANUARY 2008 - 1 DECEMBER 2015 (€)

DEVELOPMENT OF ETHANOL PRICES











FRUIT SEGMENT - BUSINESS MODEL

FRUIT PREPARATIONS

- Based on mostly frozen fruits
- Tailor-made customer products (several thousand recipes worldwide)
- Customers: dairy, bakery and ice cream industry
- Shelf life of the fruit preparation ~6 weeks -> necessity to produce regionally

FRUIT JUICE CONCENTRATES

- Based on fresh fruits
- Production in the growing area of the fruits (water content and quality of the fruits don't allow far transports)
- Customers: bottling industry
- Shelf life of fruit juice concentrates
 2 years -> can be shipped
 around the world













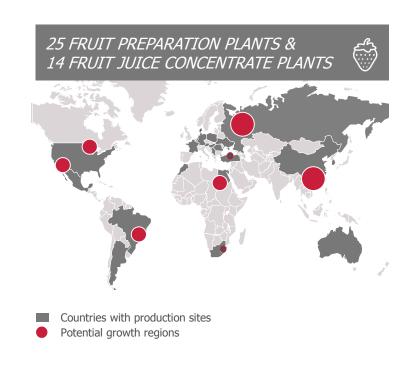


FRUIT PREPARATIONS

- World Market Leader in Fruit preparations global market share > 30%
- While the market's sales volumes of fruit preparations in Europe are stagnating at a high absolute level, the non-European regions are overall showing good market growth rates

FRUIT JUICE CONCENTRATES

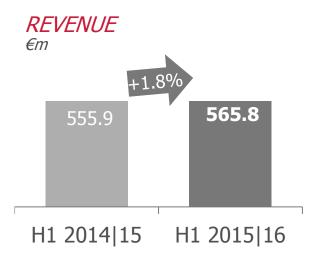
- Largest producer of fruit juice concentrates in Europe (AUSTRIA JUICE)
- In general, optimisation measures taken in previous years show their positive effects
- Customer portfolio extended and new markets





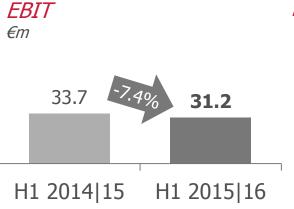
FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR H1 2015/16

FRUIT SEGMENT



REVENUE slightly up to € 565.8 million

- Fruit preparations:
 - Sales volume was up slightly compared to last year
 - Moreover, higher sales prices and favourable currency translation effects contributed to revenue growth of about 10 %
- Fruit juice concentrates:
 - Revenue decrease of approximately 20 %
 - Resulted from sharply fallen selling prices for apple juice concentrate



EBIT with € 31.2 million less than in the prior year

- Fruit preparations business showed a significant improvement in EBIT
- The lower apple prices of the last campaign and the decline in concentrate prices had a negative impact on margins in the fruit juice concentrate activities
- A positive operating business performance was especially seen in fruit preparations in Europe, North and Latin America and in China/South Korea (also supported by FX effects)





- For **fruit preparations** there is an ongoing gentle decrease in demand in the EU, but **slight growth in the non-European markets**
 - Macroeconomic and political problems are, however, slowing market development in the growth regions of Eastern Europe (Russia, Ukraine, Belarus), North Africa (Egypt, Algeria), the Middle East and Argentina
 - Markets such as Brazil, China and Turkey are showing a sustained positive trend
- In the **fruit juice concentrates** division, low apple prices as a result of large crops and of Russia's import ban on fresh fruit from the EU led to a **significant drop in prices for apple juice concentrate** in the marketing year following the 2014 campaign
 - In the past weeks the 2015 apple campaign started in the middle of September – selling prices in Europe rose again as a result of low supplies of raw material
 - The competitive situation for Chinese apple juice concentrate remains challenging, and will depend on how the local processing season unfolds



H1 2015/16 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS.





CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

€m (condensed)	H1 2015/16	H1 2014 15 ¹	Q2 2015/16	Q2 2014 15 ¹
Revenue	1,263.5	1,285.2	<i>650.8</i>	638.0
EBITDA ²	93.1	113.2	49.9	49.7
Operating profit before except. items				
and results of equity-accounted JV	58.0	78.2	32.0	31.7
Share of results of equity-accounted JV	12.0	12.9	6.3	6.5
Exceptional items	(1.3)	(4.1)	(1.1)	(4.1)
EBIT	<i>68.7</i>	87.0	<i>37.2</i>	34.1
Net financial items	(11.2)	(8.1)	(9.5)	(5.4)
Profit before tax	<i>57.5</i>	78.9	27.7	28.7
Income tax expense	(13.6)	(18.7)	(5.3)	(7.7)
Profit for the period	43.9	60.2	22.4	21.0
Attributable to shareholders of the parent	43.7	57.2	23.1	19.5
Earnings per share	€ 3.08	€ 4.03	€ 1.63	€ 1.37

¹ The prior-year data were restated in accordance with IAS 8.

² EBITDA represents operating profit before exceptional items, results of equity-accounted joint ventures, op. depreciation and amortisation.



ANALYSIS OF NET FINANCIAL ITEMS

€m	H1 2015/16	H1 2014 15 ¹
Net interest expense	(4.9)	(8.5)
Currency translation differences	(6.1)	2.9
Other financial items	(0.2)	(2.5)
Total	(11.2)	(8.1)

¹ The prior-year data were restated in accordance with IAS 8.



CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

€m (condensed)	H1 2015/16	H1 2014 15 ¹
Operating cash flow before changes in working capital	<i>73.3</i>	92.6
Losses/(Gains) on disposal of non-current assets	0.4	(0.5)
Changes in working capital	(11.3)	128.1
Net cash from operating activities	<i>62.3</i>	220.2
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(42.7)	(38.3)
Net cash (used in) financing activities	(103.2)	(94.4)
Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents	(83.5)	87.5

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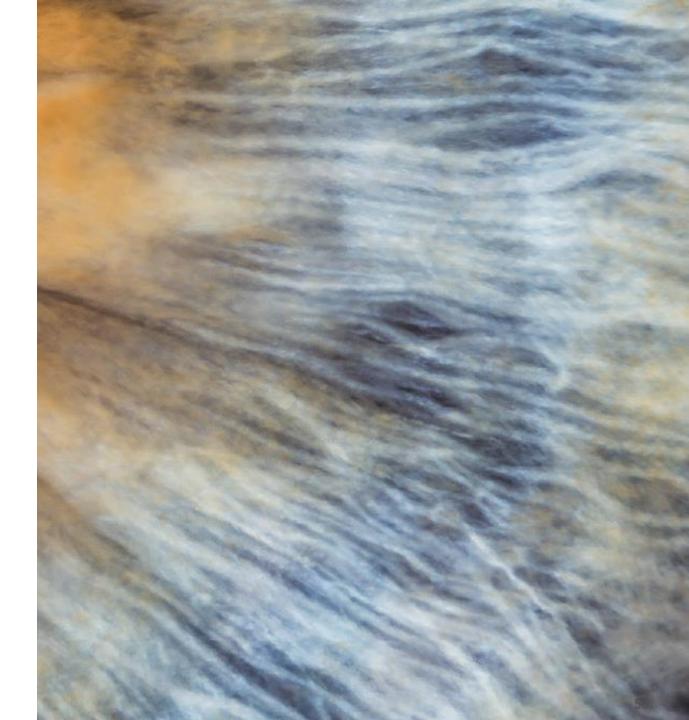


CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

€m (condensed)	<i>31 Aug. 2015</i>	28 Feb. 2015
Non-current assets	1,110.5	1,136.6
Current assets	1,111.2	1,270.3
Total assets	2,221.7	2,406.9
Equity	1,174.8	1,194.4
Non-current liabilities	417.5	418.1
Current liabilities	629.4	794.4
Total equity and liabilities	2,221.7	2,406.9
Equity ratio	<i>52.9</i> %	49.6 %
Net debt	373.0	330.3
Gearing	31.8 %	27.7 %



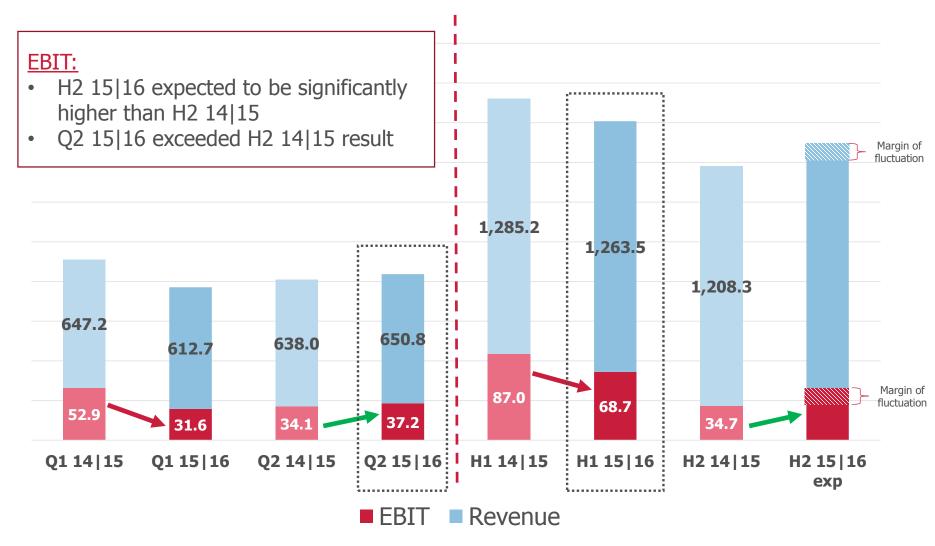
2015/16 **OUTLOOK**





2015/16 VS 2014/15

REVENUE AND EARNINGS DEVELOPMENT





- Outlook for 2015|16 was again adjusted with the ad-hoc release as of 19 November 2015
- AGRANA now forecasts a slight increase in operating profit (EBIT) for its 2015 16 FY in comparison to the prior year (2014|15: € 121.7 million)

AGRANA Group

Revenue 2015/16 → EBIT 2015/16 **7**

- Due to higher forecast prices for bioethanol and a balanced result in the Sugar segment, the EBIT forecast has again been raised
- With regards to Group revenues, AGRANA continues to expect stable development (2014|15: € 2,493.5 million)
- In 2015|16 the AGRANA Group's total investment of about € 93 million for the financial year will be slightly ahead of depreciation



13 January 2016

Results for the first three quarters of 2015 | 16

17 May 2016

Results for full year 2015|16 (Annual results press conference)

1 July 2016

Annual General Meeting for 2015|16 financial year

6 July 2016

Ex-dividend date

7 July 2016

Results for the first quarter of 2016 | 17

8 July 2016

Dividend payment date



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Modifier	Visualisation	Numerical rate of change
Steady	→	0% up to 1%, or 0% to -1%
Slight(ly)	7 or 1	More than 1% and up to 5%, or less than -1% and not less than -5%
Moderate(ly)	↑ or ↓	More than 5% and up to 10%, or less than -5% and not less than -10%
Significant(ly)	↑↑ or ↓↓	More than 10%, or less than -10%