

## FRUIT STARCH SUGAR

The natural upgrade

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### AGRANA Beteiligungs-AG Annual Results for 2019 | 20

Presentation for investors and analysts



Vienna, 7 May 2020



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Our annual report 2019|20 highlights why we feel **"Ready for the future"**.

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#### Vision. Future. Strength.

Ready for the future today through the biorefinery of tomorrow. Utilising all parts of the raw material efficiently, we model a bioeconomy and circular economy.

#### The digitalization of our manufacturing.

Ready for the future through the digital networking of our production plants. Achieving higher yields with lower production losses and reduced energy consumption.

#### Powered by people.

Ready for the future with motivated and highly skilled employees. Our people drive innovation and growth at AGRANA.

#### Progress through research.

Ready for the future through continual investment in leading-edge lab and application technology. Maintaining and expanding market leadership through research and development.



## 2019|20 OVERVIEW

In 2019 20 the goal of a significant improvement in operating profit (EBIT) at Group level was achieved.

- EBIT: € 87.1 m (prior year: € 66.6 m)
- Revenue: € 2,480.7 m (prior year: € 2,433.0 m)
- EBIT margin: 3.5% (prior year: 2.7%)







World market leader in the production of FRUIT PREPARATIONS and largest manufacturer of fruit juice concentrates in Europe



manufacturer of customised STARCH PRODUCTS and

bioethanol

Major European

\$

Group revenue

in 2019|20

Leading SUGAR SUPPI IFR in Central, Eastern & Southeastern Europe





2019|20 VS PRIOR YEAR REVENUE BY SEGMENT





## 2019|20 AND 2020|21 PROJECTS







## MOST IMPORTANT PROJECTS IN THE GROUP

€m 183.8



### 2019|20

#### FRUIT

- Second production line at new plant in China
- New lab for product development in Mitry-Mory, France

#### **STARCH**

- Expansion of the wheat starch plant in Pischelsdorf, Austria
- Expansion of the corn starch derivatives plant in Aschach, Austria
- Measures taken to increase specialty corn processing in Aschach

#### SUGAR

- Completion of the new warehouse for finished product in Buzău, Romania
- New sugar centrifuges for the optimisation of energy consumption in Hrušovany, Czech Republic



#### MAIN PROJECT IN 2019|20 WHEAT STARCH CAPACITY INCREASE

- 2<sup>nd</sup> wheat starch plant in Pischelsdorf, Austria, was **completed on schedule**
- The plant successfully began operation at the end of November 2019 and will already contribute significant product quantities to the Starch segment's sales volumes in the fourth quarter of 2019|20
- Total investment: € 102 million
- 45 new jobs
- Further expansion of AGRANA's market position in the starch market



Pischelsdorf site	Processed raw materials (to)	Investment	~ 3,300 tonnes processing capacity per
TOTAL:	1,190,000	€ ~300 million (2005 -2019)	day



OUTLOOK FOR 2020|21

- Total investment across the three business segments in this new financial year, at approximately € 80 million
- Significantly below both the 2019|20 capital expenditure and this year's budgeted depreciation of close to € 120 million
- Investment plan was already determined before the COVID-19 crisis and is to remain unchanged

#### Planned share of Group investment by segment in 2020|21

(Total: approx. € 80 million)





#### CURRENT PROJECTS MANUFACTURE OF CRYSTALLINE BETAINE

- The construction of the betaine crystallisation plant in Tulln, Austria, is proceeding and the facility will increase value added to the Sugar segment from the third quarter of 2020|21 (delays due to COVID-19)
- Production of crystalline betaine under a JV between AGRANA and The Amalgamated Sugar Company (USA)
- Completion planned in August 2020
- Investment: approx. € 40 million
- 16 new jobs
- New plant, with a production capacity of around 8,500 metric tonnes of crystalline betaine per year







FRUIT

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MARKET ENVIRONMENT IN 2019|20

#### **Fruit preparations**

- **Spoonable fruit yoghurt**, the actual main market of the fruit preparations division, grew only slightly
- Planned growth in North and South America, Europe and the Middle East was negatively affected by business cycle-driven reversals and political developments
- Ice-cream market exhibited moderate growth in 2019 globally, with higher growth in some regions; in this segment, AGRANA continued to work on expanding collaborations with the global market leaders
- AGRANA also continued to generally strengthen the **food services activities**
- Market for dairy alternatives in the yoghurt and ice-cream sectors still represents only a niche in the overall market, but is showing positive growth

#### Fruit juice concentrates

- 2019 apple campaign was marked by reduced availability of apples
- At the same time, on the customer **supply overhang** from the very good 2018 harvest



FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2019|20



EBIT €m



#### **REVENUE stable at € 1.2 billion**

- Fruit preparations: revenue rose slightly on higher sales volume, with revenue growth seen especially in North America, the IMEA region (India, Middle East and Africa), Russia and Mexico
- Fruit juice concentrates: revenue was down from a year ago due to lower prices for apple juice concentrate from the 2018 crop, while volume was up moderately

#### **EBIT** lower than in prior year

- Reasons for deterioration mainly in the FP business:
  - Sales volume growth was below expectations and general cost increases could not be fully offset by higher sales volumes
  - One-time impacts relating to raw materials in Mexico (strawberry and mango), combined with low sales prices for apples in Ukraine, reduced margins in Europe as well as exceptional staff cost effects
- EBIT in the fruit juice concentrate business declined significantly; resulted mainly from a combination of poorer contribution margins in apple juice concentrate and idle-capacity costs due to a smaller apple crop 2019



## STARCH

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MARKET ENVIRONMENT IN 2019|20
STARCH SEGMENT

- High bioethanol quotations throughout the financial year (with significant contribution to EBIT growth in the Starch segment)
  - increase in blending quotas in some EU countries
  - stronger focus of climate policy on fuels with higher greenhouse gas savings
- The market setting for native and modified starches proved stable in the reporting period; sales volume and revenue, both in the food industry and the paper and packaging sector, increased from the year before
- **Organic sector** as well is benefiting from growing consumer demand
- **Expansion of the wheat starch plant** in Pischelsdorf, Austria: demand for containerboard (the material used to make corrugated board) remains high; new competitors are increasingly entering the market



### 1 JANUARY 2008 – 4 MAY 2020 (EUR) ETHANOL AND PETROL PRICES

#### 2019|20 FY





## FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2019|20

REVENUE €m



#### **REVENUE** at € 807.0 million above prior year

- Key reason was a significant improvement in ethanol revenue due to risen market demand in the EU and higher prices
- Production volumes and thus sales quantities were increased in all plants, and in addition, the new second wheat starch plant in Pischelsdorf, Austria, began production in November 2019
- Increases in revenue were achieved in organic and specialty products



2018 19

#### **EBIT** significantly up to € 75.2 million

- Significant earnings growth primarily from the pronounced rise in the market price of ethanol, as well as from the volume gains in core products
- Profit contribution from HUNGRANA was € 16.3 million, in line with the prior year; company was able to make up for volume with improved bioethanol earnings

75.2

2019|20



- Expansion of **distribution activities** in the **Starch** segment
- Acquisition of 100% of shares in the US distribution company Marroquin Organic International Inc. based in Santa Cruz (California)
- Marroquin with 29 years of experience supplying organic and non-GMO ingredients, US\$ 20 million annual revenue
- Marroquin a long-standing distribution partner of AGRANA Stärke GmbH
- Particularly in the USA where, with starch largely being based on geneticallymodified corn, demand for non-GMO starches is rising
- US market for packaged organic foods is the world's largest (US\$ 17 billion [2017], Euromonitor), to grow 8.2% per year until 2023





SUGAR

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MARKET ENVIRONMENT IN 2019|20

#### World sugar market

- World market price of sugar fluctuated at a low level since the beginning of the 2019/20 financial year; white sugar even reached a new ten-year low in July 2019 (US\$ 294.0 per tonne)
- Upward trend in world market quotations occurred from the financial fourth quarter to the middle of February 2020

#### EU sugar market

- Production expectations for the ongoing SMY 2019 | 20 are low, as a result of the drought-related poorer yields in the large European beet growing regions
- December 2019 estimate of the EC: production of 17.3 million tonnes (SMY 2018|19: 17.3 million tonnes; SMY 2017|18: 20.6 million tonnes)
- In the course of the 2019 calendar year, the average price increased again slightly



## RAW SUGAR & WHITE SUGAR





SUGAR PRICE REPORTING

#### MONTHLY EU AVERAGE PRICES (MAY 2011 TO MAY 2020; € PER TONNE)



Source: European Commission (as of 30 April 2020) and SugarOnline (as of 5 May 2020)



FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR 2019|20

REVENUE €m



#### **REVENUE down to € 488.3 million**

- Slight overall decrease was driven by a significant drop in sugar sales volumes (notably with resellers) that outweighed a rise in sugar selling prices
- By-product revenue increased from one year earlier

#### **EBIT**



#### **EBIT still negative, but improved significantly**

- Improvement was achieved through the increase in sales prices compared to the prior year
- EBIT contribution of equity-accounted Sugar JVs was € 0.4 million (prior year: loss of € 4.0 million), having improved as a result of a positive market trend and better utilisation

## 2019|20 CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONDENSED)







## CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

€m (condensed)	2019 20	2018 19	Change
Revenue	2,480.7	2,443.0	+1.5%
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	183.1	147.7	+24.0%
Operating profit before except. items and results of equity-accounted JV	73.1	51.1	+43.1%
Share of results of equity-accounted JV	16.7	12.2	+36.9%
Exceptional items	(2.8)	3.3	> -100%
EBIT	87.1	66.6	+30.8%
EBIT margin	3.5%	2.7%	+0.8pp
Net financial items	(17.2)	(15.4)	-11.7%
Profit before tax	69.9	51.2	+36.3%
Income tax expense	(18.6)	(20.9)	+11.0%
Profit for the period	51.3	30.4	+68.8%
Attributable to shareholders of the parent	48.2	25.4	+89.8%
Earnings per share	€ 0.77	€ 0.41	+87.8%

 $^1$  EBITDA represents operating profit before exceptional items, results of equity-accounted joint ventures, and operating depreciation and amortisation.



## ANALYSIS OF NET FINANCIAL ITEMS

€m	2019 20	2018 19	Change
Net interest expense	(8.4)	(5.5)	-52.7%
Currency translation differences	(6.6)	(8.0)	+17.5%
Other financial items	(2.2)	(1.9)	-15.8%
Total	(17.2)	(15.4)	-11.7%

- Increase of € 2.9 million in **net interest expense** was attributable to an average increase of € 150 million in debt and additional interest expense of about € 1.0 million resulting from the initial application of IFRS 16, Leases
- Currency translation differences improved by € 1.4 million: in the prior year this item had included a high FX expense due to the depreciation of the Argentine peso, while in 2019|20 this effect was avoided thanks to the debt reduction of the Argentine subsidiary



### **EXCEPTIONAL ITEMS**

€m	2019   20	2018 19	Change
Exceptional items	(2.8)	3.3	> -100%

- Fruit preparations business registered a net exceptional items expense of € 2.1 million (2018|19: € 0.0 million) reflecting regional restructuring measures (such as in Serbia) and exceptional staff cost effects
- Sugar segment with net expense of € 0.7 million (2018|19: net income of € 3.3 million); positive result in the prior year arose mainly from exceptional tax refunds in Romania of € 5.6 million that outweighed restructuring expenses of € 1.8 million



€m	2019 20	2018 19	Change
Profit before tax	69.9	51.2	+36.3%
Income tax expense	(18.6)	(20.9)	+11.0%
Tax rate	26.6%	40.7%	-14.1pp

Tax reconciliation	2019 20	2018 19
Nominal tax expense (calc. with 25%)	(17.5)	(12.8)
Effects of unrecognized tax loss carryforwards in respect of the financial year	(0.2)	(6.3)
Other effects (net)	(0.9)	(1.8)
Income tax expense	(18.6)	(20.9)



## CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

€m (condensed)	2019   20	2018 19	Change
Operating cash flow before changes in working capital	187.8	177.5	+5.8%
Changes in working capital	(53.0)	(5.9)	> -100%
Total of interest paid/received and tax paid	(24.8)	(30.0)	+17.3%
Net cash from operating activities	110.1	141.7	-22.3%
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(155.6)	(161.9)	+3.9%
Net cash from/(used in) financing activities	57.3	(18.2)	> +100%
Net increase/(decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	11.8	(29 4)	> +100%
cash equivalents	11.0	(38.4)	> 110070



## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET

€m (condensed)	29 Feb. 2020	28 Feb. 2019	Change
Non-current assets	1,331.9	1,252.1	+6.4%
Current assets	1.217.5	1,137.3	+7.1%
Total assets	2,549.4	2,389.4	+6.7%
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Equity	1,387.1	1,409.9	-1.6%
Non-current liabilities	565.3	393.1	+43.8%
Current liabilities	597.0	586.4	+1.8%
Total equity and liabilities	2,549.4	2,389.4	+6.7%
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Equity ratio	54.4%	59.0%	-4.6pp

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Net debt	464.0	322.2	+44.0%
Gearing	33.5%	22.9%	+10,6pp



- The Management Board of AGRANA Beteiligungs-AG decided to propose a dividend payout in the amount of € 0.77 per share for the 2019 | 20 financial year (dividend for 2018 | 19: € 1.00 per share) to the 33rd Annual General Meeting to be held on 3 July 2020.
- AGRANA remains essentially committed to a predictable, reliable and transparent dividend policy that is geared to continuity. The dividend is guided by earnings as well as cash flow and the debt position of the Group in the past financial year, but also takes into account current events and forecasts of future business development.



### DIVIDEND AND EARNINGS PER SHARE



**Dividend yield** (based on the closing share price at the last balance sheet date): **4.4%** 

\*\*EPS and DPS adjusted; after the four-for-one stock split performed in July 2018, all EPS and DPS values are based on the number of shares outstanding at 29 February 2020, which was 62,488,976.



# OUTLOOK





## OUTLOOK – INTRODUCTORY INFORMATION

- This outlook is given with the provision that the economic and financial impacts and the duration of the COVID-19 pandemic are not yet clear at the time of preparation of this annual report in April 2020.
- In view of the dynamic nature of the pandemic, assumptions about its economic and financial impacts would be largely speculative.
- AGRANA has therefore chosen not to incorporate such assumptions in this outlook and instead publishes here a "forecast before COVID-19" based on the budget originally planned for 2020|21.
- Although negative impacts of COVID-19 on revenue and operating profit (EBIT) are expected in all business segments, these effects are not yet quantifiable.
- However, this outlook provides an assessment of COVID-19 risk factors that may affect the pre-COVID-19 forecast.

G R A V	OUTLOOK FOR 2020/21 FRUIT SEGMENT				
FRUIT	Forecast before COVID-19		2019 20 Actual	2020 21 Forecast before	
Revenue 🛧				COVID-19	
EBIT 1	Revenue	€m	1,185.4	Moderate increase	$\uparrow$
	EBIT	€m	55.9	Significant increase	$\uparrow\uparrow$
	Investment <sup>1</sup>	€m	56.5	38	

- **Fruit preparations business** is projecting revenue growth, which is to be achieved through the full utilisation of the capacity created and by further diversification in the non-dairy business; through higher margins, which are to be realised partly through smaller cost increases than in 2019|20, EBIT is to be raised significantly
- In the **fruit juice concentrate business**, revenue is projected to rise significantly this financial year, with a solid earnings situation

#### **COVID-19 risk assessment:**

- Especially in the Fruit segment with its global production operations (42 sites in 22 countries), the pre-COVID-19 forecast is fraught with **high uncertainty**.
- In March 2020 (the first month of the 2020|21 financial year), business was nonetheless still very good both in the fruit preparations and the fruit juice concentrate activities, particularly in terms of sales volumes.
- Risks are currently seen above all in the food service product segment, where fruit preparations and fruit products are sold into the quick service industry among other sectors. This business accounted for about 3% of total fruit preparations revenue in 2019|20.


- The revenue trend in the Starch segment overall will again be shaped by ethanol price volatility; for native starches and wheat gluten, selling prices are coming under pressure through increased supply volumes; no major recovery in prices is expected for starch-based saccharification products
- Consistently positive impetus for growth is anticipated in organic and GMO-free products; Starch segment **EBIT** is projected **to decrease** due to foreseeable margin reductions resulting from lower sales prices

#### **COVID-19 risk assessment:**

- Bioethanol is a major core product in the Starch segment (at almost 25% of segment revenue in 2019/20), and the business performance in 2020/21 will thus again be largely determined by prices in the European ethanol markets.
- The fundamentally positive market sentiment, which was driven by the climate debate, is strained by the temporary restrictions on mobility imposed across Europe to contain the COVID-19 pandemic
- The impacts on the whole ethanol value chain cannot be predicted until later in the financial year.



- In the Sugar segment, before COVID-19 effects, AGRANA anticipates an improvement in conditions in the EU sugar market
- AGRANA expects that the capacity utilisation of its sugar beet factories can be increased significantly again, as it has initiated various measures together with the beet farmers to improve beet supply

#### Sugar prices in the EU are expected to rise

 Positive trend in the EU sugar market environment, combined with rigorous cost management, implies a significantly better profitability.

#### **COVID-19 risk assessment:**

- In March 2020 the trend in sales volumes was very positive, particularly with the reseller sector.
- Whether and to what extent the COVID-19 pandemic will affect the expectations for the 2020/21 sugar marketing year (SMY) cannot be predicted at present.
- Thus, among other factors, the effect which the current erosion in world market prices for sugar will have on EU prices in the coming SMY 2020 | 21 cannot be projected meaningfully.



OUTLOOK FOR 2020/21

## Forecast before COVID-19



- Based on the segments' forecasts before COVID-19, a significant increase in EBIT before COVID-19 effects is expected for the Group in the 2020|21 financial year
- Group revenue before COVID-19 effects is also projected to grow significantly

#### **COVID-19 risk assessment:**

- The still rapid evolution of the impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic currently prevents any specific determination of parameters and thus presently does not allow a realistically quantified "postcoronavirus" forecast to be made for 2020|21.
- With its diversified business model and sound balance sheet and financing structure, AGRANA considers itself well positioned for the future.
- Depending on the trajectory of the COVID-19 pandemic, a more specific forecast will be provided in the course of the financial year, possibly already in connection with the publication of the results for the first quarter of 2020|21.



## 2020|21 COVID-19





- As a food producer, AGRANA is regarded as being a part of "critical infrastructure"
- The continuation of AGRANAs production activities safeguards supplying the population with food an feed products (and also jobs)
- By coordinating future actions on a daily basis and taking prudent decisions, AGRANA is living up to its responsibility as a food product supplier
- Health and safety are of paramount importance to AGRANA in this context
- At the current point in time AGRANA is able to supply its customers despite the high level of demand
- All of the Group's sites around the world are operating and AGRANA is working diligently and responsibly to ensure the optimal deployment of its resources and to sustainably safeguard business continuity



#### FOCUS ON FOOD (REVENUE IN 2019|20) REVENUE SPLIT FOOD VS NON-FOOD



GROUP





Food Non-Food

SUGAR



Food Non-Food

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### **Business areas with higher risk / potentially negatively impacted:**

- Ethanol / Starch
- Non-food / Starch
- Food service / Fruit preparations

#### **General risks:**

- Logistics / supply chain
- FX-impact (worldwide presence)

#### No production sites, but sales activities:

- Italy
- Spain

#### **Production sites / impact which can already be "measured":**

- China
- South Korea



## 1 JANUARY 2008 – 4 MAY 2020 (EUR) SLUMP IN ETHANOL PRICES





STRATEGY FOR THE FUTURE

## With its **diversified business model** and sound balance sheet, AGRANA considers itself well positioned for the future.

Execute properly and utilise our **growth projects** (e.g. wheat starch plant II, China FP II)

**Working capital** improvements -> to get financial resources free

## (Risk) diversification →means crisis resistance

**Food industry is less sensitive** than other industries (e.g. car industry) to economic slow-downs

Push forward the **organisational harmonisation** projects -> increase efficiencies



# AGRANA STRATEGY SPANNING MORE THAN 30 YEARS (1)

✓ Crisis resistance✓ Dividend payout

By means of

- Regional diversification (eastward expansion)
- Vertical integration (specialisation strategy)
- Horizontal diversification (Fruit segment)

along the value-added chain and in the core competences of the Group (B2B, adding value to agrarian commodities)



# AGRANA STRATEGY SPANNING MORE THAN 30 YEARS (2)

This strategic mix has been applied differently across the segments. **Objective: Risk diversification** 

Many options in line with the relevant business strategy:

- Sugar: beet sugar, isoglucose, refining
- Starch: Wheat, corn and potato starch
- Fruit: global production, broad portfolio

#### --> means crisis resistance

In a highly competitive environment we are aiming for the following targets:

- Highest efficiency in production
- Best possible prices through qualitative differentiation of our products and
- Further growth



## FINANCIAL CALENDAR (CURRENT STATUS)

## 3 July 2020

### Annual General Meeting in respect of 2019 | 20

COVID-19 "Virtual AGM"

23 June 2020 Record date for Annual General Meeting participation 3 July 2020 Annual General Meeting in respect of 2019|20 8 July 2020 **Ex-dividend date** 9 July 2020 Results for first quarter of 2020|21 9 July 2020 Record date for dividend 10 July 2020 Dividend payment date 8 October 2020 Results for first half of 2020|21 14 January 2021 Results for first three guarters of 2020|21



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Modifier	Visualisation	Numerical rate of change
Steady	<b>→</b>	0% up to 1%, or 0% to -1%
Slight(ly)	7 or N	More than 1% and up to 5%, or less than -1% and not less than -5%
Moderate(ly)	<b>↑</b> or <b>↓</b>	More than 5% and up to 10%, or less than -5% and not less than -10%
Significant(ly)	<b>↑↑</b> or <b>↓↓</b>	More than 10% and up to 50%, or less than -10% and not less than -50%
Very significant(ly)	<b>↑</b> ↑↑ or <b>↓↓↓</b>	More than 50%, or less than -50%

Quantitative definitions of selected common modifying words used: