

**Recommendation:** Buy

**Price target:** 12.00 EUR

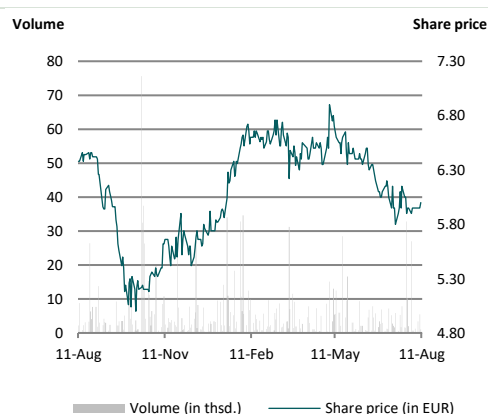
**Upside potential:** +102 Percent

#### Share data

Share price	5.95 Euro (XETRA)
Number of shares (in m)	9.4
Market cap. (in m)	55.9
Enterprise Value (in EUR m)	76.0
Code	BEZ
ISIN	DE0005201602

#### Performance

52 week high (in EUR)	7.00
52 week low (in EUR)	5.00
3 m relative to CDAX	-8.2%
6 m relative to CDAX	-7.6%



#### Shareholder

Free float	73.8%
Main First	8.5%
Marchmain Invest	5.5%
Lazard Frères Gestion	5.1%
Aevum Fondation de Prévoyance	5.0%
Own shares	2.1%

#### Calendar

Q3 results 24. October 2023

#### Change in estimates

	2023e	2024e	2025e
Revenue (old)	188.7	195.1	201.3
Δ in %	-	-	-
EBIT (old)	7.8	9.4	11.1
Δ in %	-	-	-
EPS (old)	0.43	0.57	0.71
Δ in %	-	-	-

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## H1 results slightly above our expectations – Strategic core brands continue their growth trajectory

Last week, Berentzen-Gruppe AG published results for the second quarter, which were in line with our expectations. By confirming the guidance, the company also held out the prospect of a good H2 with the seasonally strong Q4 expected to be the main contributor.

**Ongoing dynamic sales growth for focus brands:** After the first six months, revenues stood at EUR 89.0m, which corresponds to an increase of 12.7% yoy and which was mainly driven by price effects. This means that Q2 was ahead of our expectations (9.9% yoy vs. MONE: 7.6% yoy) despite the challenging market environment. As expected, the top line was mainly driven by the developments of the focus brands (Mio Mio: +28.2% yoy; Berentzen: +23.1% yoy; Puschkin: +30.8% yoy). The Citrocasa segment has performed well below the company's plans, which resulted in changes in the sales team for the German market which in fact is intact and of high demand. In 6M/23, bottlenecks in availability in the logistics of Bourbon whiskey have slowed down the sale of medium and premium brands, which was reflected in a decline of 8.1% yoy or almost one million euros. Delivery capacity has been restored by now so that this core segment is likely to significantly support the group's growth in H2.

**Improvements in cost ratios cannot compensate for increased procurement costs yet:** The current challenging market environment mainly becomes apparent when looking at the development of the material costs. Whilst the gross margin (relating to P/L) was still 45.5% in H1/22, Berentzen saw a decline by 3.9pp yoy to 41.6% as per 30 June 2023. Although the personnel expense and OOE ratios have significantly improved in Q2 (-1.8pp yoy; +1.4pp yoy), this did not compensate for the higher procurement costs. Still, EBITDA of EUR 4.4m and a margin of 9.3% were ahead of our expectations (EUR 4.1m and 9.1%). As the premium brands and the fresh juice systems have regained strength, margins are expected to improve in H2. On the other hand, the company is still facing tough price negotiations with full-range providers such as EDEKA which are under pressure. We therefore expect the EBITDA margin to be in line with level of Q2 (FY: 9.0%).

**Company guidance confirmed – H2 benefits from seasonal effects:** During the earnings call, the management has confirmed its annual outlook which foresees consolidated revenues of EUR 185–195m, EBITDA of EUR 15.6–17.6m and EBIT of 7–9m. Against the backdrop of a stronger second half of the year (FY revenue contribution H2/21: 53.7% and H2/22: 54.7%) we regard the achievement of these targets to be realistic. Applying the average (54.2%) to revenues in H1/23, it may well be possible that the company generates revenues of EUR 194.3m.

**Conclusion:** The H1 figures illustrate an expected development and underline the company's ability to gain ground in a competitive market environment with a product portfolio that is attractive from an LEH's point of view. We confirm the buy recommendation and the price target.

Fyend: 31.12.	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Sales	146.1	174.2	188.7	195.1	201.3
Growth yoy	-5.5%	19.2%	8.3%	3.4%	3.2%
EBITDA	15.4	16.7	17.0	19.0	21.2
EBIT	6.7	7.0*	7.8	9.4	11.1
Net income	3.7	2.1	4.0	5.4	6.7
Gross profit margin	46.9%	45.5%	42.6%	42.9%	43.3%
EBITDA margin	10.5%	9.6%	9.0%	9.7%	10.5%
EBIT margin	4.6%	4.0%	4.1%	4.8%	5.5%
Net Debt	-8.9	-2.5	0.6	0.9	-1.4
Net Debt/EBITDA	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
ROCE	16.8%	16.1%	15.5%	17.3%	19.5%
EPS	0.39	0.22	0.43	0.57	0.71
FCF per share	0.46	-0.44	-0.11	0.18	0.53
Dividend	0.22	0.22	0.22	0.29	0.36
Dividend yield	3.7%	3.7%	3.7%	4.9%	6.1%
EV/Sales	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
EV/EBITDA	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.0	3.6
EV/EBIT	11.3	10.8	9.7	8.1	6.8
PER	15.3	27.0	13.8	10.4	8.4
P/B	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9

Source: Company data, Montega, Capital IQ

\*Includes impairment write-downs of 1.3 EUR m; Figures in EUR m, EPS in EUR Price: 5.95

### COMPANY BACKGROUND

Founded in 1758, Berentzen looks back on a history of over 250 years and is seen as one of the best-known spirits brands in Germany. Alongside production and sale of spirits, the company has expanded its business activities to non-alcoholic beverages and fresh juice systems through numerous acquisitions over the years. Today, Berentzen can be regarded as an integrated beverages group, which has an attractive brand profile with a very good price-performance ratio.

To maintain its ground in the highly competitive beverages market in the long term, the company has established a promising niche strategy over the last years which is based on the Berentzen, Puschkin, Mio Mio and Citrocasa core brands. In addition to this business, the company has a market-leading position in private label spirits which makes the Berentzen group an appreciated partner for customers such as EDEKA and REWE.

#### Key Facts

Code	BEZ	Revenue	174.2 EUR m
Industry	Beverage	EBITDA	16.7 EUR m
Employees	approx. 500	EBITDA margin	9.6%
Core competence	Production and distribution of spirits, non-alcoholic beverages and fresh juice systems		
Locations	Haselünne (headquarters), Minden, Grüneberg, Linz (Austria), Istanbul (Turkey)		
Customers	Food and beverage retail (90%), Gastronomy (10%)		

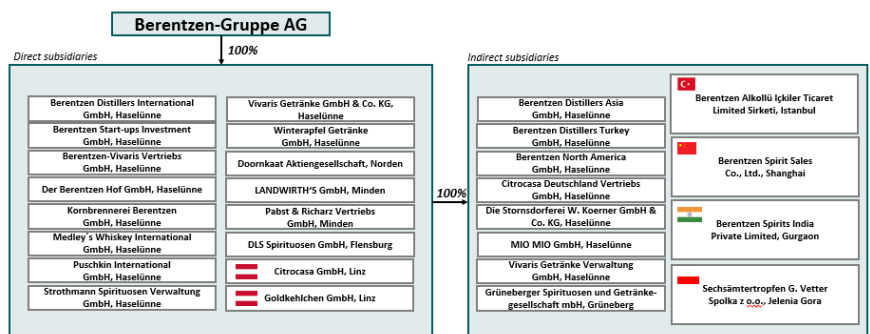
Source: Company

FY 2022

### Organisational structure and locations

Berentzen-Gruppe Aktiengesellschaft, the holding company of the group, is located in Haselünne. Based on the long history and the vast range of activities, the company has many different direct and indirect subsidiaries which are all fully owned by the group. The table below shows the scope of consolidation divided by direct and indirect subsidiaries.

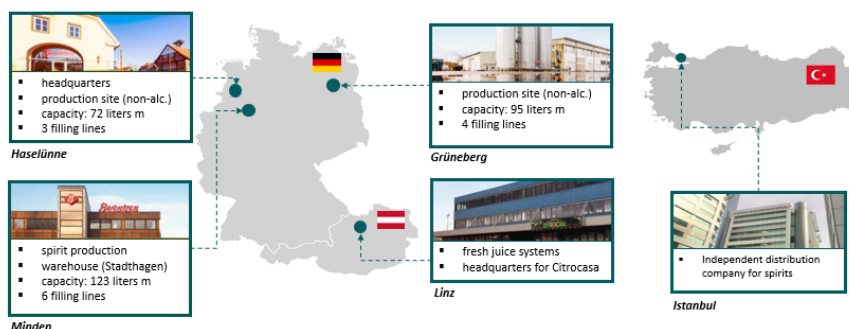
#### Corporate structure of Berentzen-Gruppe AG



Source: Montega

The chart below shows the group's operating locations for production, administration and sale of the goods.

## Locations of Berentzen-Gruppe AG



Source: Unternehmen

## Major events in the company's history

- 1758** Company is founded by Johann Bernhard Berentzen
- 1899** Berentzen is entered as a brand as one of the first German spirits
- 1958** Entry into the non-alcoholic beverages segment (Emsland Getränke)
- 1960** Start of the concession business with the PepsiCo group
- 1976** Successful launch of *Berentzen Apfelkorn* as the group's flagship
- 1979** Expansion of the export business
- 1988** Merger with Pabst & Richarz to Berentzen-Gruppe
- 1990** Acquisition of the Puschkin brand which was later expanded as an umbrella brand
- 1992** Acquisition of Doornkaat, the well-known grain spirits brand
- 1993** Conversion into a Aktiengesellschaft
- 1994** IPO at the Frankfurt stock exchange
- 1996** Acquisition of Mineralbrunnen in Grüneberg
- 1998** Acquisition of rival Dethleffsen and thus expansion of product assortment
- 2008** AURELIUS acquires 75.1% of the ordinary shares
- 2014** Acquisition of today's Citrocasa GmbH (formerly: TMP Technic-Marketing-Products GmbH; AT) which marks the entry into the fresh juice system segment
- 2015** Vivaris Getränke GmbH & Co. KG acquires concession from Sinalco  
Conversion of non-voting preference shares into shares with voting rights
- 2016** AURELIUS sells the complete investment
- 2018** "Thirst for live" is the new slogan of the Berentzen group
- 2019** Innovation campaign in the product portfolio
- 2020** Foundation of Berentzen-Vivaris-Vertriebs GmbH (own sales team) to sell spirits and non-alcoholic beverages  
Acquisition of Austrian premium cider brand *Goldkehlchen*

**Brand portfolio and segments**

The chart below shows the brand portfolio of the Berentzen group in the individual segments (Spirits, Non-alcoholic Beverages, Fresh Juice Systems). The right column displays all those brands which are in the focus of the company’s strategy and which therefore play a decisive role in the equity story.

**Brand portfolio of the Berentzen-Gruppe AG**

	Focus brands/ core of Equity Story			
Spirits	      	  		
Non-alcoholic Beverages	  	  	 	
Fresh Juice Systems				

Source: Company, Montega

The four segments below are the basis of reporting pursuant to IFRS 8.

**Spirits segment (revenue share: 59.7%)**

This segment with its traditional Berentzen brand is the origin of the company. In addition to the Berentzen and Puschkin core brands, the company offers other regional and national spirits brands such as Strothmann, Bommerlunder, Doornkaat or Dirty Harry. In the last years, the company has started a broad innovation campaign for its focus brands and launched various product variations which address different target groups. For instance, the seasonal Berentzen *Creamers* product line addresses the target group of younger consumers because of the available flavours and the product presentation. The high-quality product design and lower sweetness of *Landlikör* addresses persons aged 35+. The **domestic brand spirits account for roughly one third of revenues in this segment**. Subsidiary Pabst & Richarz Vertriebs GmbH is responsible for the business activities of the private label business and bundles the commissioned products of all kinds of spirits for customers such as REWE, EDEKA, or the Schwarz group. Together with the export of the brand spirits, the revenue share of these activities accounts for the remaining two thirds of this segment.

**Sample product overview in the spirits segment**



Source: Company

**Non-alcoholic Beverages (revenue share: 25.6%)**

The non-alcoholic beverages segment is exclusively managed by subsidiary Vivaris Getränke GmbH & Co. KG. Mio Mio is the declared focus brand, which is characterised by a sustainable focus (fully climate-neutral) and additive ingredients such as caffeine, guarana, or mate. At an average growth rate of over 30% p.a., **Mio Mio** has been the growth driver of this segment in the past few years and meanwhile accounts for a **segment share of more than one third**. Regional mineral waters of the brands Emsland, Märkisch Kristall and Sankt

Ansgari (revenue shares: almost 50%) make up the largest share in the Non-alcoholic Beverages segment in terms of volume. The remaining revenues in this segment are generated with other lemonades and soft drinks, energy drinks and with the concession business for Sinalco. Contract filling for PepsiCo was discontinued at the end of Q1/21.

#### Sample product overview in the non-alcoholic beverage segment



Source: Company

#### Fresh Juice Systems (revenue share: 10.8%)

The acquisition of TMP Technic-Marketing-Products GmbH in 2014, which changed its name to Citrocasa GmbH in July 2019, marked the entry into the market for fresh juice systems. The company's range of services include the distribution of juicers but also the supply of oranges and the corresponding bottling systems. This one-stop solution of Citrocasa addresses the retail in Germany and Austria, whilst juicers are sold by distributors on a global scale. The distribution of juicers accounted for roughly 32% of revenues in FY 2021, trade in oranges for roughly 45% and the sale of bottling systems for roughly 23%.

#### Sample product overview in the fresh juice systems segment



Source: Company

#### Others (revenue share: 3.9%)

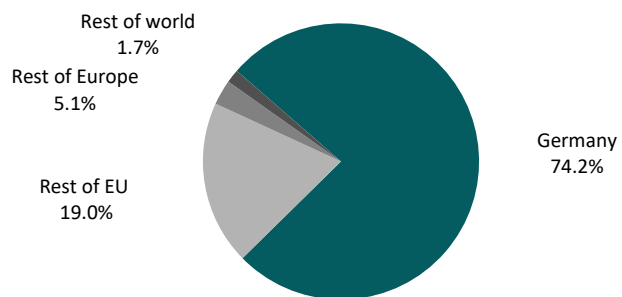
This segment includes the activities of the Turkish subsidiary (segment share c. 75%) and revenues of the *Berentzen Hof* event location at the company's headquarters in Haselünne. In the years prior to Covid-19, *Berentzen Hof* had been a popular destination with more than 35,000 visitors per year.

### Sales breakdown by regions and channels

Germany is the group’s regional sales focus with revenues of EUR 129.3m in 2022 and a share of 74.2%. The company generated a top line contribution of EUR 33.2m (19.0%) in other countries of the European Union. Revenue streams from the international business also comprise the rest of Europe with EUR 8.8m (5.1%) and revenues outside Europe of EUR 3.0m (1.7%).

In terms of sales channels, Berentzen follows the general market distribution and, at a sales share of c. 90% (MONE), addresses almost exclusively the food retail industry. Accordingly, revenues generated with the food and drink establishments account for some 10%.

Revenues by region

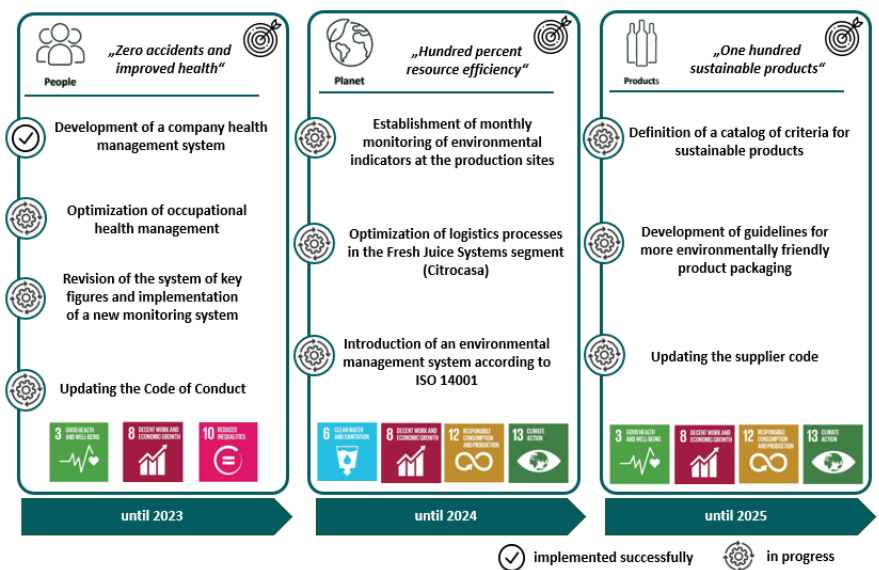


Source: Company

### CSR strategy

Corporate Social Responsibility is a key priority for the Berentzen group and can be regarded as exemplary for a company of this size regarding the scope of reporting. That the efforts in this area are paying off has been demonstrated by the Gold Medal which the company has been awarded by EcoVadis most recently. Only 5% of the over 100,000 rated company receive this medal. The strategic key aspects and the corresponding measures of the CSR strategy can be seen in the chart below.

Illustration of CSR strategy



Source: Company, Montega

## Management

The current Management Board consists of CEO Oliver Schwegmann and CFO Ralf Brühöfner.



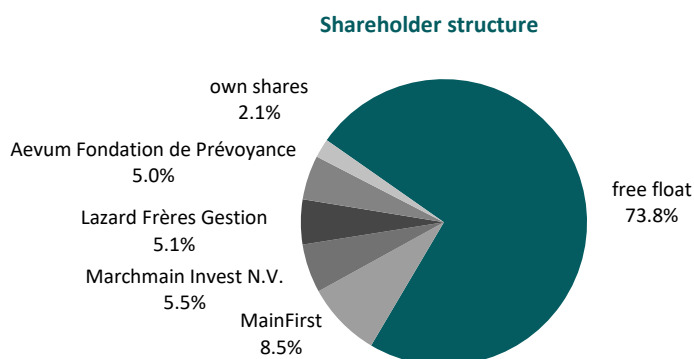
**Oliver Schwegmann** (CEO) assumed this position in June 2017 and is responsible for marketing, distribution, production & logistics, procurement as well as research & development. The graduate sports economist had held several management positions at prestigious companies prior to this. Most recently, Mr. Schwegmann was Country Managing Director at L'Oréal Suisse SA in Switzerland. Hero AG, Mars GmbH and August Stock KG were other renowned companies, where he held management positions.



**Ralf Brühöfner** (CFO), a business graduate, started his career at PwC, where he gained experience in investment controlling over several years. In 2001, Mr. Brühöfner joined the Berentzen group as commercial manager and was appointed to the Management Board as CFO in 2007. He has been responsible for finances, controlling, human resources, IT, legal, corporate communications, investor relations and corporate social responsibility since then.

## Shareholder Structure

Berentzen-Gruppe AG went public in June 1994 at the Frankfurt stock exchange. 9.6m shares are currently outstanding. The free float is relatively high at a rate of 74%. MainFirst is the largest shareholder with a stake of 8.5%. Marchmain Invest N.V. recently acquired a stake of 5.5%. This is followed by Lazard Frères Gestion (France) and Aevum Fondation de Prévoyance (Switzerland) which are both holding a stake of some 5%. Berentzen-Gruppe AG holds 2.1% of its own shares.



Source: Company

## APPENDIX

## DCF Modell

Figures in m	2023e	2024e	2025e	2026e	2027e	2028e	2029e	Terminal Value
<b>Sales</b>	<b>188.7</b>	<b>195.1</b>	<b>201.3</b>	<b>207.3</b>	<b>213.5</b>	<b>219.3</b>	<b>224.6</b>	<b>229.1</b>
<i>Change yoy</i>	8.3%	3.4%	3.2%	3.0%	3.0%	2.7%	2.4%	2.0%
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>11.1</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>12.8</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.6</b>
<i>EBIT margin</i>	4.1%	4.8%	5.5%	6.0%	6.0%	5.9%	5.8%	5.5%
<b>NOPAT</b>	<b>5.5</b>	<b>6.6</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.0</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>8.8</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.7</b>	<b>11.0</b>	<b>11.2</b>	<b>11.5</b>
<i>in % of Sales</i>	4.9%	4.9%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
<b>Change in Liquidity from</b>								
- Working Capital	-4.0	-2.5	-0.7	-1.7	-0.7	-0.7	-0.6	-0.5
- Capex	-10.4	-10.7	-11.1	-11.0	-11.1	-11.0	-11.2	-11.5
<i>Capex in % of Sales</i>	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%	5.3%	5.2%	5.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Other	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
<b>Free Cash Flow (WACC model)</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>6.1</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>8.6</b>	<b>8.4</b>
<b>WACC</b>	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%	8.0%
Present value	0.4	2.6	5.1	4.9	5.7	5.6	5.3	80.1
<b>Total present value</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>24.3</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>109.7</b>

## Valuation

Total present value (Tpv)	109.7
Terminal Value	80.1
Share of TV on Tpv	73%
Liabilities	11.0
Liquidity	13.5
<b>Equity value</b>	<b>112.2</b>

Number of shares (mln)	9.39
<b>Value per share (EUR)</b>	<b>11.95</b>
<b>+Upside / -Downside</b>	<b>101%</b>
Share price	5.95

## Model parameter

Debt ratio	40.0%
Costs of Debt	5.0%
Market return	9.0%
Risk free rate	2.50%
Beta	1.30
WACC	8.0%
Terminal Growth	2.0%

## Growth: sales and margin

Short term: Sales growth	2023-2026	3.2%
Mid term: Sales growth	2023-2029	2.9%
Long term: Sales growth	from 2030	2.0%
EBIT margin	2023-2026	5.1%
EBIT margin	2023-2029	5.5%
Long term EBIT margin	from 2030	5.5%

## Sensitivity Value per Share (EUR)

## Terminal Growth

WACC	1.25%	1.75%	2.00%	2.25%	2.75%
8.47%	10.17	10.68	10.96	11.27	11.96
8.22%	10.57	11.12	11.43	11.77	12.54
<b>7.97%</b>	10.99	11.60	<b>11.95</b>	12.32	13.17
7.72%	11.45	12.12	12.50	12.92	13.87
7.47%	11.95	12.69	13.11	13.57	14.64

## Sensitivity Value per Share (EUR)

## EBIT margin from 2030e

WACC	5.00%	5.25%	5.50%	5.75%	6.00%
8.47%	10.24	10.60	10.96	11.32	11.68
8.22%	10.67	11.05	11.43	11.82	12.20
<b>7.97%</b>	11.14	11.54	<b>11.95</b>	12.35	12.76
7.72%	11.64	12.07	12.50	12.93	13.36
7.47%	12.20	12.65	13.11	13.57	14.03

Source: Montega



P&L (in Euro m) Berentzen-Gruppe AG	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
<b>Sales</b>	<b>154.6</b>	<b>146.1</b>	<b>174.2</b>	<b>188.7</b>	<b>195.1</b>	<b>201.3</b>
Increase / decrease in inventory	0.1	0.3	4.7	0.4	0.4	0.5
Own work capitalised	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>154.6</b>	<b>146.4</b>	<b>178.9</b>	<b>189.2</b>	<b>195.6</b>	<b>201.7</b>
Material Expenses	87.5	78.0	99.7	108.7	111.8	114.5
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>67.1</b>	<b>68.5</b>	<b>79.3</b>	<b>80.5</b>	<b>83.8</b>	<b>87.2</b>
Personnel expenses	25.0	26.8	28.8	31.5	32.2	32.8
Other operating expenses	31.2	30.1	38.6	35.9	36.7	37.4
Other operating income	3.1	3.8	4.7	4.0	4.1	4.2
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>17.0</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>21.2</b>
Depreciation on fixed assets	6.4	6.4	6.3	7.2	7.6	8.1
<b>EBITA</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>8.9</b>	<b>10.3</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>11.4</b>	<b>13.1</b>
Amortisation of intangible assets	2.5	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.0	2.0
Impairment charges and Amortisation of goodwill	1.4	0.0	1.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>7.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>9.4</b>	<b>11.1</b>
Financial result	-1.5	-1.4	-2.9	-2.0	-1.7	-1.6
<b>Result from ordinary operations</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>9.5</b>
Extraordinary result	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>EBT</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.2</b>	<b>5.8</b>	<b>7.7</b>	<b>9.5</b>
Taxes	1.0	1.6	2.1	1.7	2.3	2.9
Net Profit of continued operations	1.2	3.7	2.1	4.0	5.4	6.7
Net Profit of discontinued operations	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net profit before minorities</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>
Minority interests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.1</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>5.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>

Source: Company (reported results), Montega (forecast)

P&L (in % of Sales) Berentzen-Gruppe AG	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
<b>Sales</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
Increase / decrease in inventory	0.0%	0.2%	2.7%	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
Own work capitalised	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Total sales</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.2%</b>	<b>102.7%</b>	<b>100.2%</b>	<b>100.2%</b>	<b>100.2%</b>
Material Expenses	56.6%	53.4%	57.2%	57.6%	57.3%	56.9%
<b>Gross profit</b>	<b>43.4%</b>	<b>46.9%</b>	<b>45.5%</b>	<b>42.6%</b>	<b>42.9%</b>	<b>43.3%</b>
Personnel expenses	16.2%	18.3%	16.5%	16.7%	16.5%	16.3%
Other operating expenses	20.2%	20.6%	22.1%	19.0%	18.8%	18.6%
Other operating income	2.0%	2.6%	2.7%	2.1%	2.1%	2.1%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>9.1%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>	<b>9.6%</b>	<b>9.0%</b>	<b>9.7%</b>	<b>10.5%</b>
Depreciation on fixed assets	4.2%	4.4%	3.6%	3.8%	3.9%	4.0%
<b>EBITA</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>5.9%</b>	<b>5.2%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
Amortisation of intangible assets	1.6%	1.5%	1.2%	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%
Impairment charges and Amortisation of goodwill	0.9%	0.0%	0.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>4.6%</b>	<b>4.0%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>
Financial result	-1.0%	-1.0%	-1.6%	-1.1%	-0.9%	-0.8%
<b>Result from ordinary operations</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Extraordinary result	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>EBT</b>	<b>1.5%</b>	<b>3.6%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>3.9%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>
Taxes	0.7%	1.1%	1.2%	0.9%	1.2%	1.4%
Net Profit of continued operations	0.8%	2.5%	1.2%	2.1%	2.8%	3.3%
Net Profit of discontinued operations	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Net profit before minorities</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>
Minority interests	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
<b>Net profit</b>	<b>0.8%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>2.1%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

Source: Company (reported results), Montega (forecast)

Balance sheet (in Euro m) Berentzen-Gruppe AG	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Intangible assets	10.8	9.8	9.3	8.2	7.2	6.2
Property, plant & equipment	44.3	45.7	46.7	49.0	51.1	53.1
Financial assets	1.1	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>56.1</b>	<b>56.9</b>	<b>57.3</b>	<b>58.5</b>	<b>59.6</b>	<b>60.6</b>
Inventories	39.4	39.0	51.1	55.5	59.1	61.0
Accounts receivable	11.8	7.5	10.6	9.8	10.2	10.5
Liquid assets	26.3	28.3	13.5	10.4	10.1	12.4
Other assets	11.6	10.4	13.7	13.7	13.7	13.7
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>89.1</b>	<b>85.2</b>	<b>89.0</b>	<b>89.4</b>	<b>93.1</b>	<b>97.5</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>145.2</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>146.3</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>152.7</b>	<b>158.2</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>						
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>47.2</b>	<b>48.9</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>52.1</b>	<b>55.5</b>	<b>59.4</b>
<b>Minority Interest</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Provisions	9.0	8.7	7.2	7.2	7.2	7.2
Financial liabilities	10.3	10.8	3.9	3.9	3.9	3.9
Accounts payable	34.6	36.3	45.9	45.5	47.0	48.5
Other liabilities	44.1	37.5	39.2	39.2	39.2	39.2
<b>Liabilities</b>	<b>97.9</b>	<b>93.3</b>	<b>96.2</b>	<b>95.8</b>	<b>97.3</b>	<b>98.8</b>
<b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>	<b>145.2</b>	<b>142.1</b>	<b>146.3</b>	<b>147.8</b>	<b>152.7</b>	<b>158.2</b>

Source: Company (reported results), Montega (forecast)

Balance sheet (in %) Berentzen-Gruppe AG	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
<b>ASSETS</b>						
Intangible assets	7.4%	6.9%	6.4%	5.5%	4.7%	3.9%
Property, plant & equipment	30.5%	32.1%	31.9%	33.1%	33.5%	33.6%
Financial assets	0.7%	1.0%	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%	0.8%
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>38.7%</b>	<b>40.0%</b>	<b>39.2%</b>	<b>39.6%</b>	<b>39.1%</b>	<b>38.3%</b>
Inventories	27.1%	27.4%	35.0%	37.6%	38.7%	38.6%
Accounts receivable	8.1%	5.3%	7.3%	6.6%	6.7%	6.6%
Liquid assets	18.1%	19.9%	9.3%	7.0%	6.6%	7.8%
Other assets	8.0%	7.3%	9.3%	9.2%	8.9%	8.6%
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>61.4%</b>	<b>60.0%</b>	<b>60.8%</b>	<b>60.5%</b>	<b>61.0%</b>	<b>61.7%</b>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>
<b>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</b>						
<b>Shareholders' equity</b>	<b>32.5%</b>	<b>34.4%</b>	<b>34.3%</b>	<b>35.2%</b>	<b>36.3%</b>	<b>37.6%</b>
<b>Minority Interest</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
Provisions	6.2%	6.1%	4.9%	4.9%	4.7%	4.5%
Financial liabilities	7.1%	7.6%	2.7%	2.6%	2.6%	2.5%
Accounts payable	23.8%	25.5%	31.4%	30.8%	30.8%	30.7%
Other liabilities	30.3%	26.4%	26.8%	26.5%	25.7%	24.8%
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<b>67.5%</b>	<b>65.6%</b>	<b>65.8%</b>	<b>64.8%</b>	<b>63.7%</b>	<b>62.4%</b>
<b>Total Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

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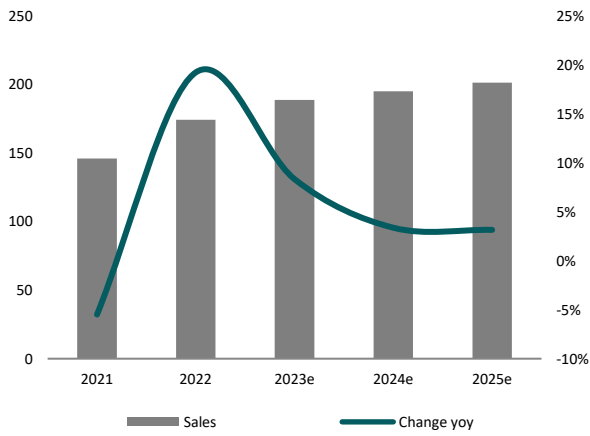
Statement of cash flows (in Euro m) Berentzen-Gruppe AG	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
Net income	1.2	3.7	2.1	4.0	5.4	6.7
Depreciation of fixed assets	6.4	6.4	6.3	7.2	7.6	8.1
Amortisation of intangible assets	3.9	2.2	3.3	2.1	2.0	2.0
Increase/decrease in long-term provisions	-1.0	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other non-cash related payments	-7.0	-7.5	5.3	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cash flow</b>	<b>3.5</b>	<b>4.6</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>15.0</b>	<b>16.7</b>
Increase / decrease in working capital	10.1	7.0	-12.1	-4.0	-2.5	-0.7
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>13.6</b>	<b>11.6</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>12.5</b>	<b>16.0</b>
CAPEX	-5.2	-8.5	-9.1	-10.4	-10.7	-11.1
Other	-0.2	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cash flow from investing activities</b>	<b>-5.4</b>	<b>-7.3</b>	<b>-9.0</b>	<b>-10.4</b>	<b>-10.7</b>	<b>-11.1</b>
Dividends paid	-2.6	-1.2	-2.1	-2.1	-2.0	-2.7
Change in financial liabilities	0.1	0.5	-6.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other	-1.4	-1.9	-1.9	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>-3.9</b>	<b>-2.7</b>	<b>-10.9</b>	<b>-2.1</b>	<b>-2.0</b>	<b>-2.7</b>
Effects of exchange rate changes on cash	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Change in liquid funds</b>	<b>4.3</b>	<b>1.7</b>	<b>-15.0</b>	<b>-3.1</b>	<b>-0.3</b>	<b>2.3</b>
<b>Liquid assets at end of period</b>	<b>27.0</b>	<b>28.0</b>	<b>13.3</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>10.1</b>	<b>12.4</b>

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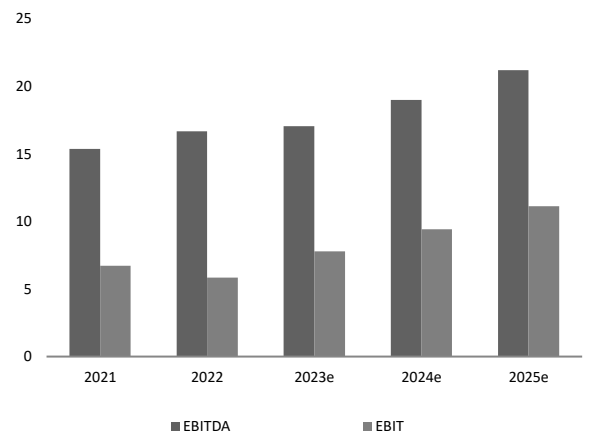
Key figures Berentzen-Gruppe AG	2020	2021	2022	2023e	2024e	2025e
<b>Earnings margins</b>						
Gross margin (%)	43.4%	46.9%	45.5%	42.6%	42.9%	43.3%
EBITDA margin (%)	9.1%	10.5%	9.6%	9.0%	9.7%	10.5%
EBIT margin (%)	2.4%	4.6%	4.0%	4.1%	4.8%	5.5%
EBT margin (%)	1.5%	3.6%	2.4%	3.1%	3.9%	4.7%
Net income margin (%)	0.8%	2.5%	1.2%	2.1%	2.8%	3.3%
<b>Return on capital</b>						
ROCE (%)	8.6%	16.8%	16.1%	15.5%	17.3%	19.5%
ROE (%)	2.5%	7.8%	4.3%	8.1%	10.4%	12.0%
ROA (%)	0.8%	2.6%	1.4%	2.7%	3.5%	4.2%
<b>Solvency</b>						
YE net debt (in EUR)	-7.1	-8.9	-2.5	0.6	0.9	-1.4
Net debt / EBITDA	-0.5	-0.6	-0.2	0.0	0.0	-0.1
Net gearing (Net debt/equity)	-0.2	-0.2	-0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Cash Flow</b>						
Free cash flow (EUR m)	8.3	4.3	-4.1	-1.1	1.7	4.9
Capex / sales (%)	3.3%	5.8%	5.2%	5.5%	5.5%	5.5%
Working capital / sales (%)	12%	9%	7%	9%	11%	11%
<b>Valuation</b>						
EV/Sales	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
EV/EBITDA	5.4	4.9	4.6	4.5	4.0	3.6
EV/EBIT	20.4	11.3	10.8	9.7	8.1	6.8
EV/FCF	9.2	17.6	-	-	44.2	15.4
PE	45.8	15.3	27.0	13.8	10.4	8.4
P/B	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.0	0.9
Dividend yield	2.2%	3.7%	3.7%	3.6%	4.8%	6.0%

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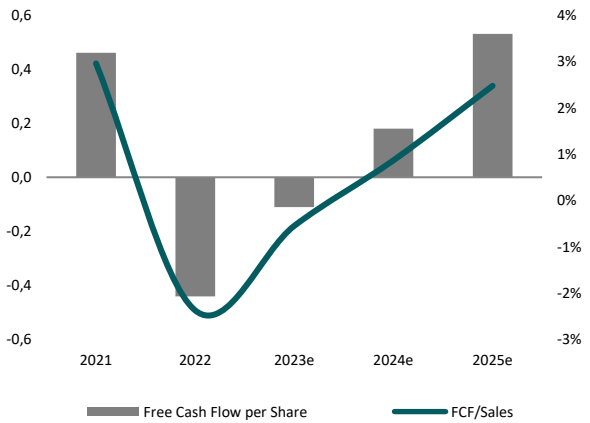
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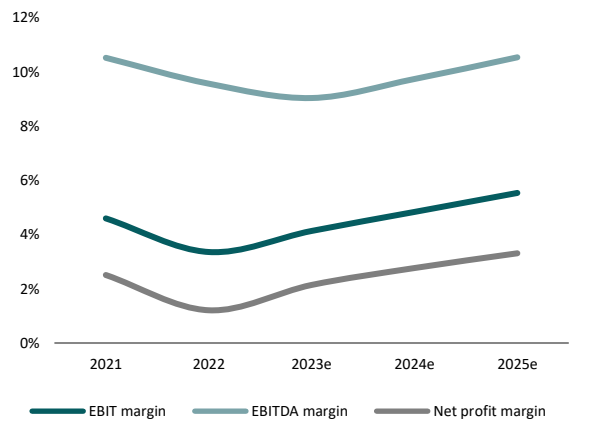
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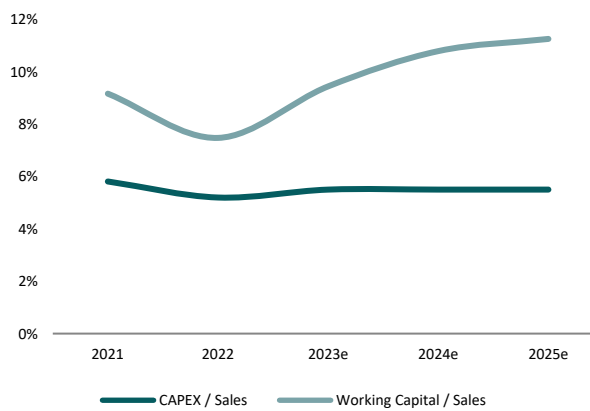
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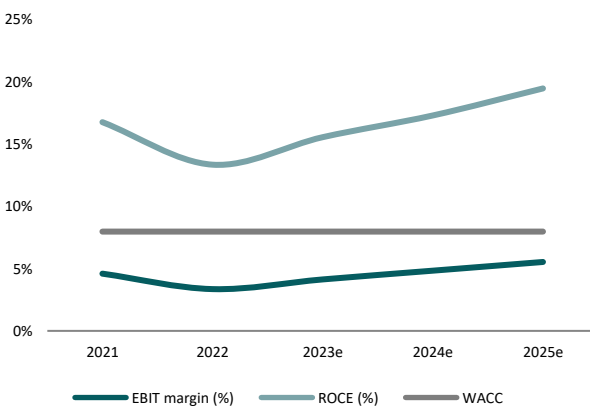
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Investments / Working Capital



EBIT yield / ROCE



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Buy	27.03.2023	6.48	12.00	+85%
Buy	05.05.2023	6.50	12.00	+85%
Buy	01.08.2023	5.95	12.00	+102%
Buy	14.08.2023	5.95	12.00	+102%