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# **Introduction & business overview**

AGRANA Group

# Everyone knows “Wiener Zucker”



# We all consume AGRANA (products)

At the beginning  
there is always  
agriculture...



AGRANA refines  
agricultural 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...



# At a glance

## FRUIT



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

## STARCH



- 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

## SUGAR



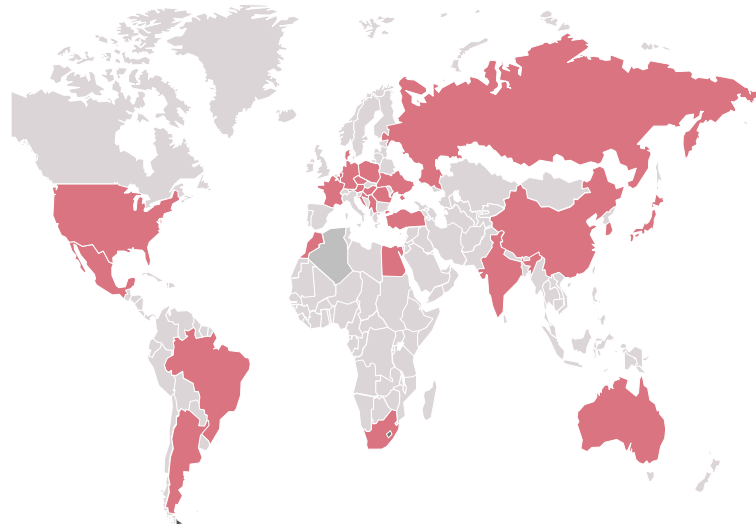
Sugar is sold to

- consumers via the food trade and
- manufacturers: e.g. soft drinks industry, confectionery industry, fermentation industry, other food and beverage industries

# Segmentation by segment

## FRUIT

24 fruit preparation plants and  
14 fruit concentrate plants



■ Countries with production sites

## STARCH

5 starch plants  
(incl. 2 bioethanol plants)



■ Countries with production sites

▨ Main markets

📍 Starch plants

📍 Bioethanol plants

## SUGAR

7 sugar beet plants  
2 raw sugar refineries &  
1 Instantina plant



■ Countries with plants

▨ Other markets

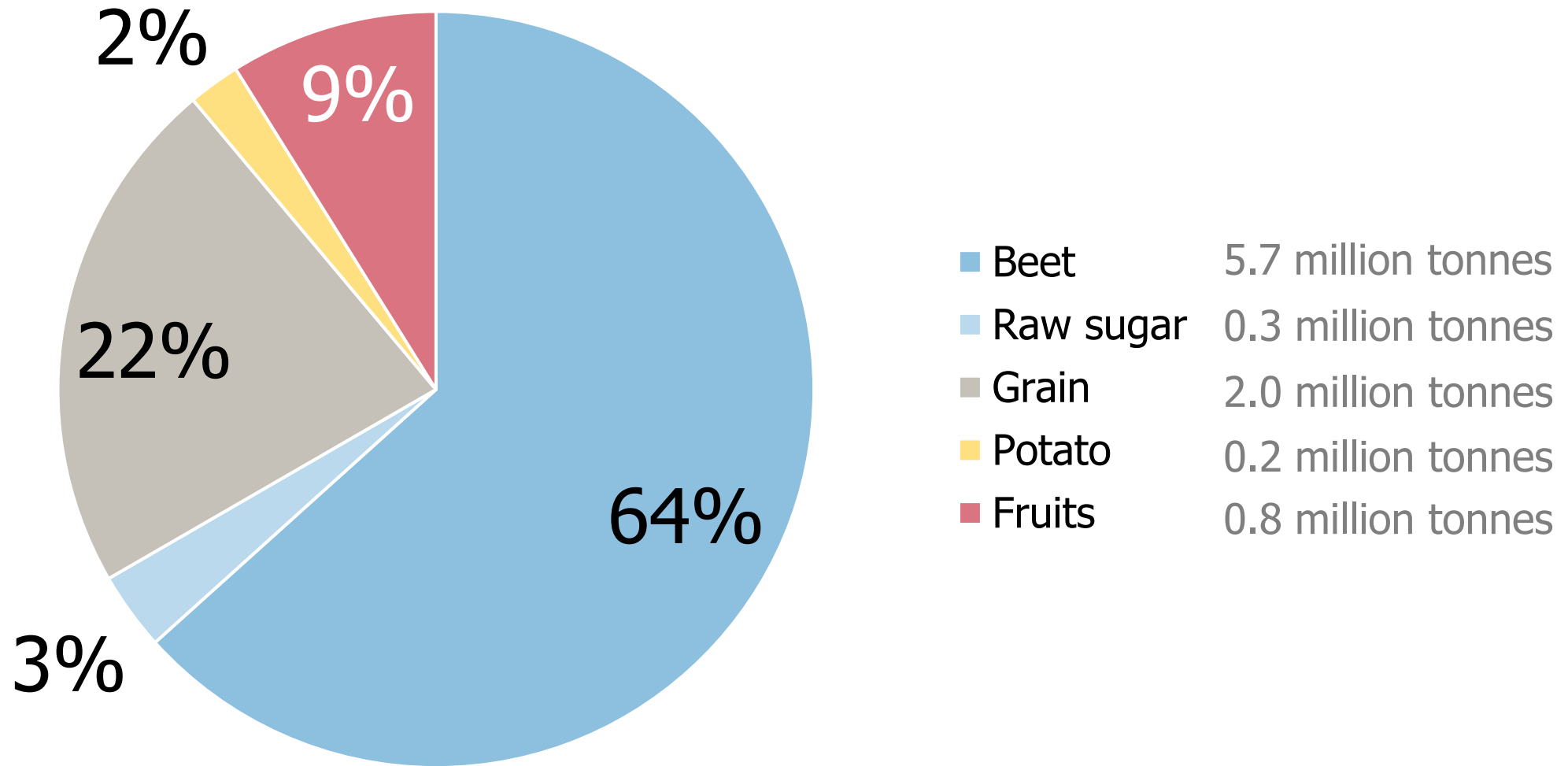
📍 Beet sugar plants

📍 Raw sugar refinery

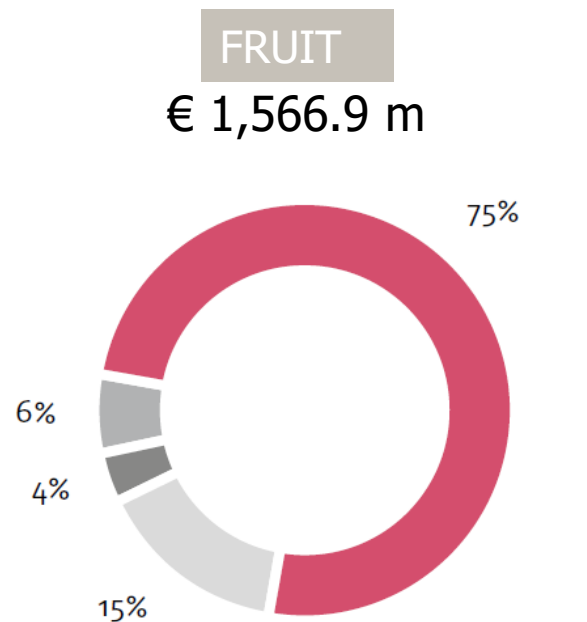
○ Distribution centre

\* Also with refining activities

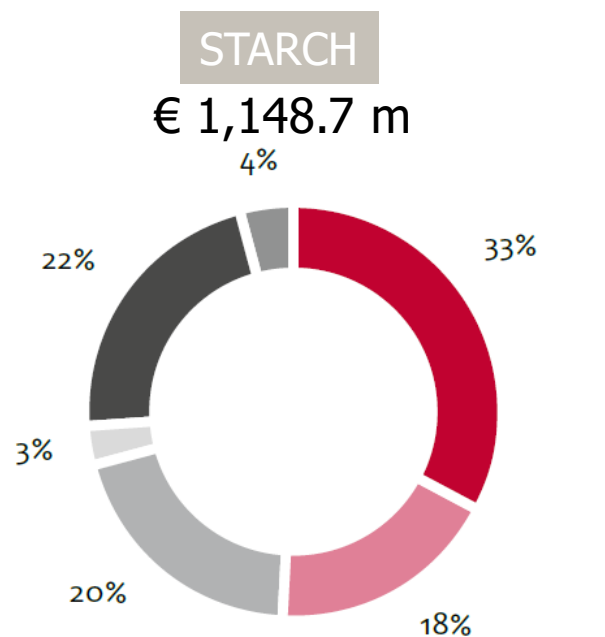
# Agricultural raw materials processed: 9.0 million tonnes



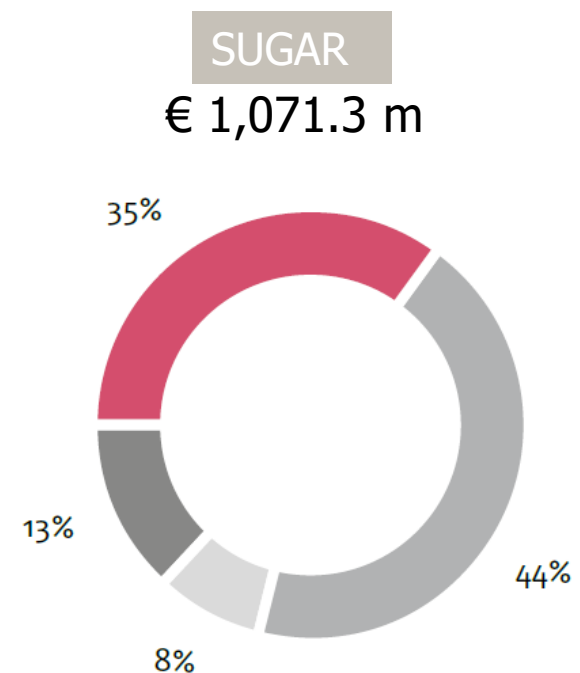
# FOCUS on Food



- Fruit preparations (dairy and non-dairy)
- Fruit juice concentrates
- Other juice core products (value-added business, incl. compounds & flavours, NFC, fruit wine)
- Frozen fruit and fruit reselling

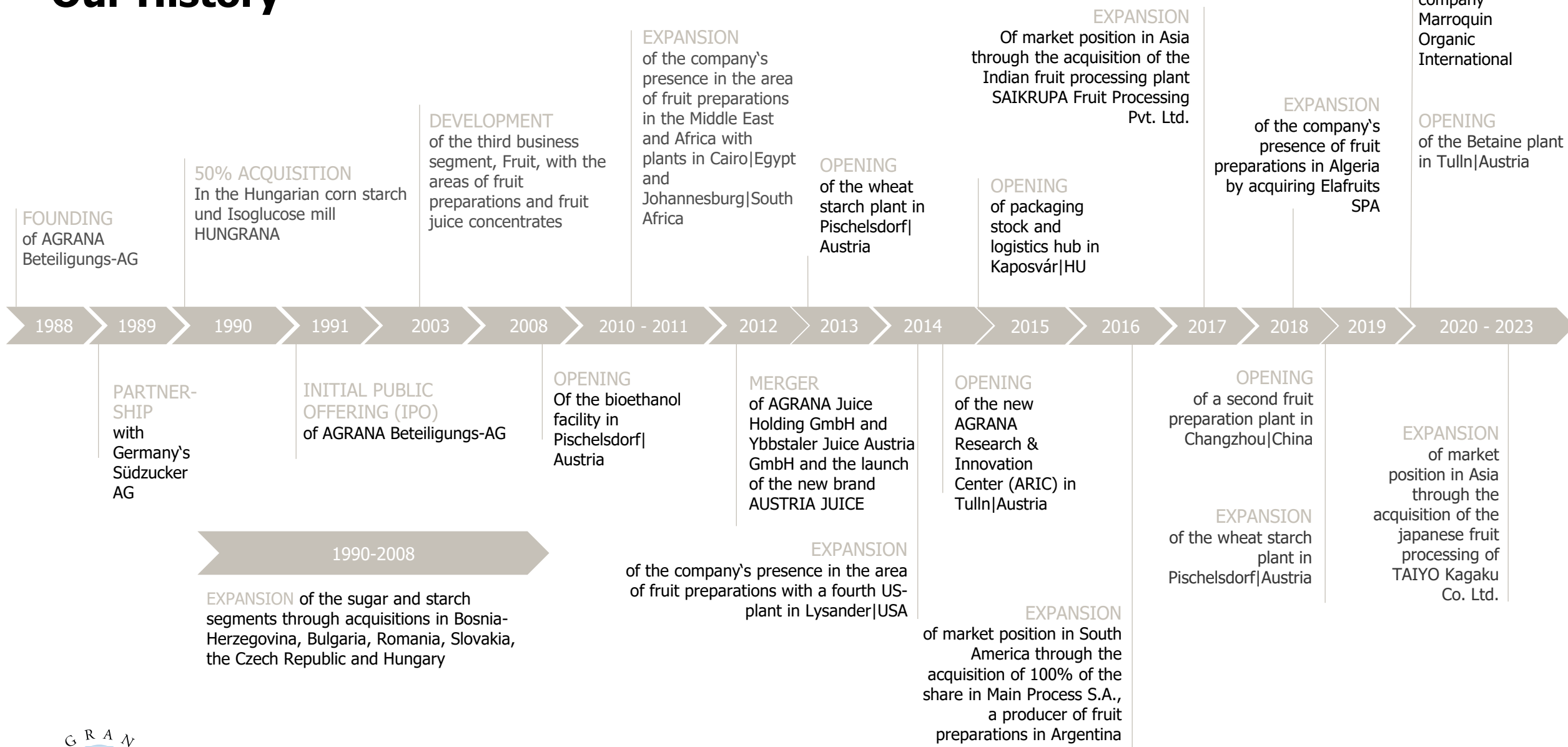


- Native and modified starches
- Saccharification products
- Alcohol and ethanol
- Other core products (dairy and instant products, long-life potato products, etc.)
- By-products (protein products, DDGS, gluten, etc.)
- Others (soy, dried beet pulp, etc.)

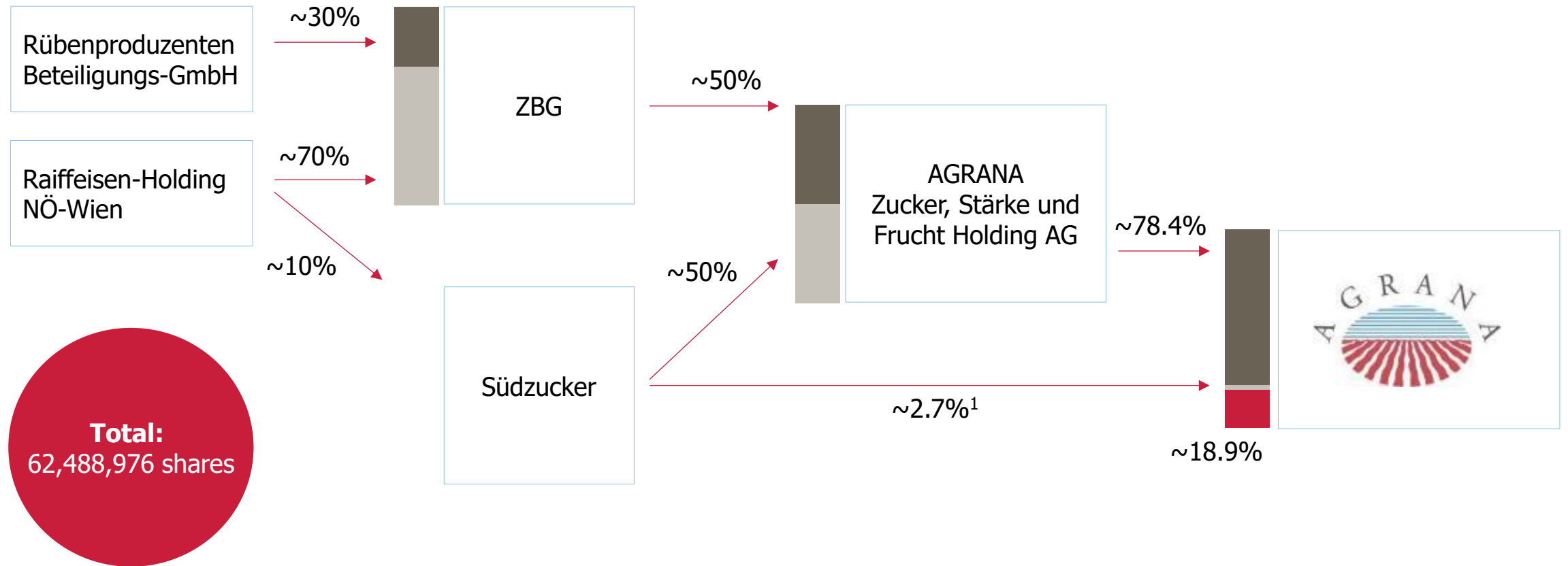


- Sugar: Resellers
- Sugar: Industrial customers
- By-products (molasses, beet pulp, carbolime, etc.)
- Others (products of INSTANTINA, seed, carbolime, services, etc.)

# Our History



# Shareholder structure



<sup>1</sup> directly held by Südzucker

# Management Board since 1 March 2024



**CEO Stephan Büttner**

- Finance (CFO)
- Compliance
- Corporate Secretariat (line authority)
- Human Resources
- Investor Relations
- IT & Organisation
- Legal
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Public Relations
- Purchasing
- Sales
- Strategy and Business policy
- Responsibility for the Fruit segment



**CTO Norbert Harringer**

- Production & Investment
- Quality Management
- Raw Materials
- Research and Development
- Sustainability
- Responsibility for the Starch segment
- Responsibility for the Sugar segment



**CAO Stephan Meeder**

- Internal Audit



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## Strategy "Next Level"

# Supervisory Board approved new NEXT LEVEL strategy

- In addition to the implementation of NEXT LEVEL, the accompanying measures for the structural transformation of the Group were approved
- Restructuring of the Group, which includes optimising processes and reducing fixed costs, is expected to **save € 80 million to € 100 million annually**, with full effect from the 2027|28 financial year
- **5% of the effect** of the measures is expected to be achieved as early as the **current 2024 | 25 financial year**
- **NEXT LEVEL** is expected to have reduced the **Group's expenses by a cumulative total of almost € 160 million by the end of the 2027 | 28 financial year**, and to continue to achieve an annual savings effect of at least € 80 million thereafter

# Current trends with high relevance to AGRANA

## Market and surroundings



**Changes in consumer behavior** and nutrition trends



**Geopolitical shifts** and crises



**Climate change** and sustainability regulations

## Volatility in procurement



**High cyclicity** of raw material supply



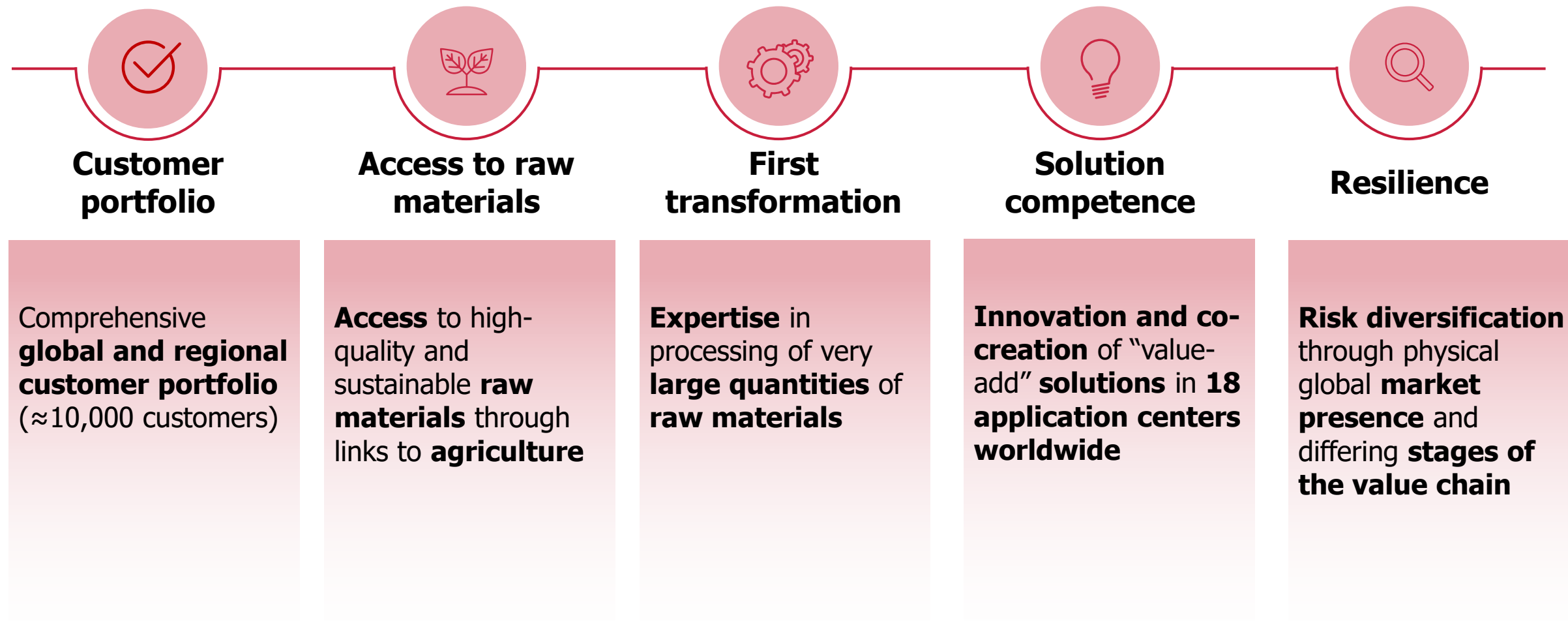
**Energy crisis** / energy revolution

# Challenges necessitate a clear Group strategy

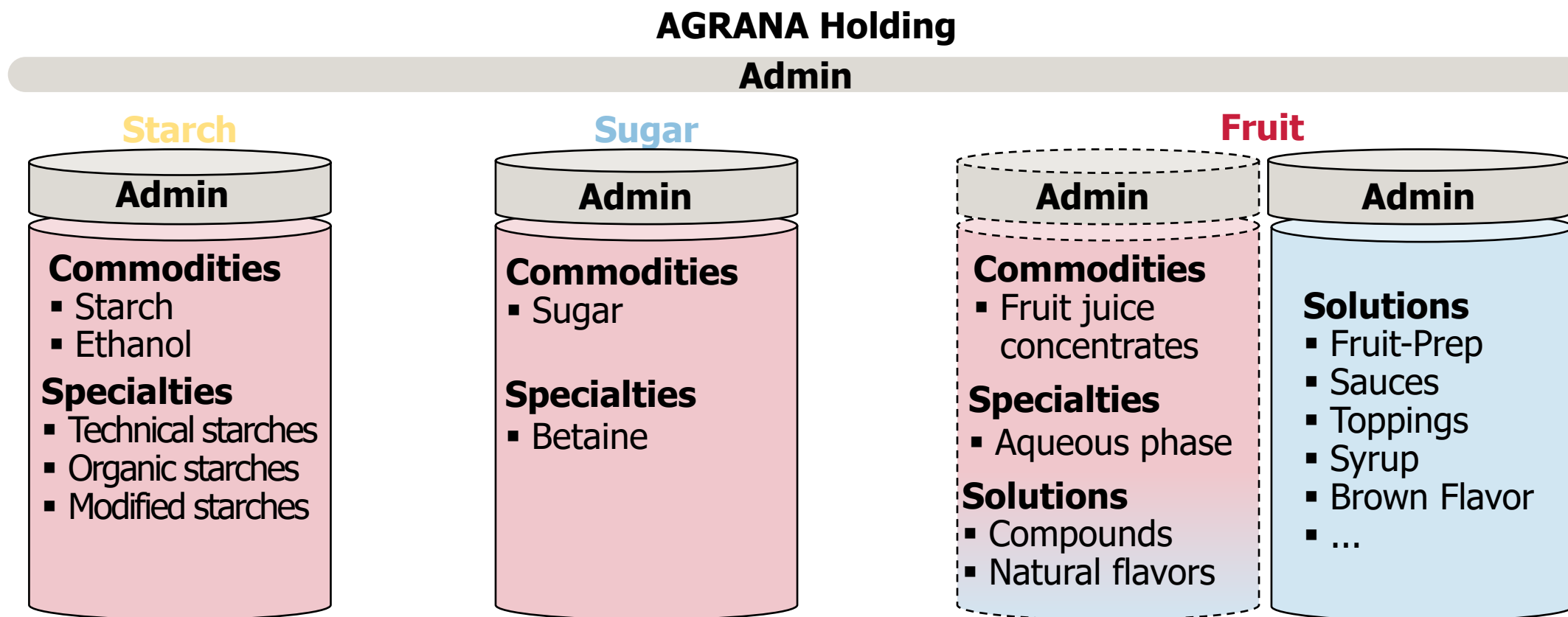


\* Large part of the business (sugar, starch) additionally in a highly geopolitically influenced environment

# AGRANA can build on a number of strengths



# AGRANA has three segments with own administration



# Commodities division with core competencies in raw materials management and in the first transformation

## Agricultural Commodities and Specialties Target Operating Model



### Raw materials

Potatoes  
Corn  
Wheat  
Sugar beet  
Apple and red fruit

### Core competencies along the value chain

#### Raw materials management

- **Strategic and operational sourcing**
- **Supply Chain Mgmt.**

#### First transformation/ R&D

- **Production excellence**
- **Special products**
- **R&D expertise** (process optimisation)

#### Second transformation/ innovation

#### Sales and distribution

- **Sales excellence** (Product Push)
- **Quality leadership and customer service**

### Products / Specialties

**Commodity products:** **Starch, sugar** and **concentrates**, and **specialties** developed from them: e.g. modified starches, betaine, aqueous phase

#### Specialties

- **Specified products** based on **commodities**
- **Smaller quantities**
- **In-depth expertise**
- **Singular product**
- **Application-specific**, not **customer-specific**
- **Pricing power**
- **Share of segment sales** <10%

# Customer-centric solutions division with a focus on product development

## Food and beverage solutions target operating model



### Customer groups

Food industry  
Food Service  
Beverage



### Core competencies along the value chain

Raw materials management

First transformation/  
R&D

Second transformation/  
innovation

Customer consulting and sales

- Strategic raw material mgmt.

- Process innovations and innovation management

- Recipes (formulation and management)

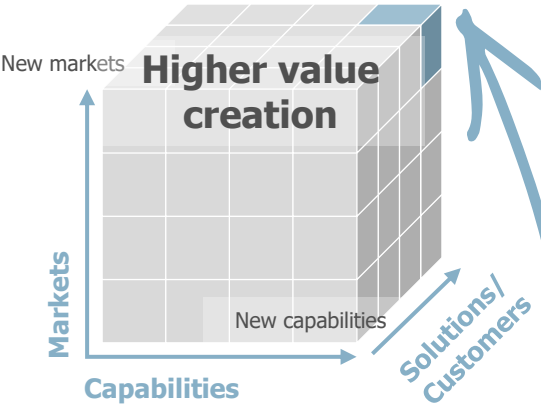
- Co-creation / customer access

- Global and local market presence

- Sales Excellence (Product Pull)

### Solutions

Fruit prep (dairy/non-dairy), non-fruit-prep, juice compounds, natural and FTNF flavors, etc.



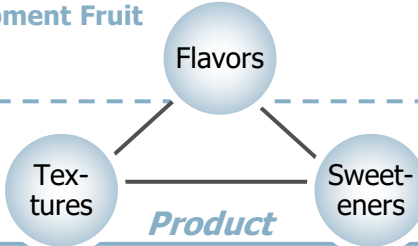
Dairy fruit preparation  
**Core market**

**Beyond Growth markets**

Food Service | Ice Cream  
Bakery | non-Dairy

Innovations together with customers (SERVICE)

Product development Fruit



Product development Juice

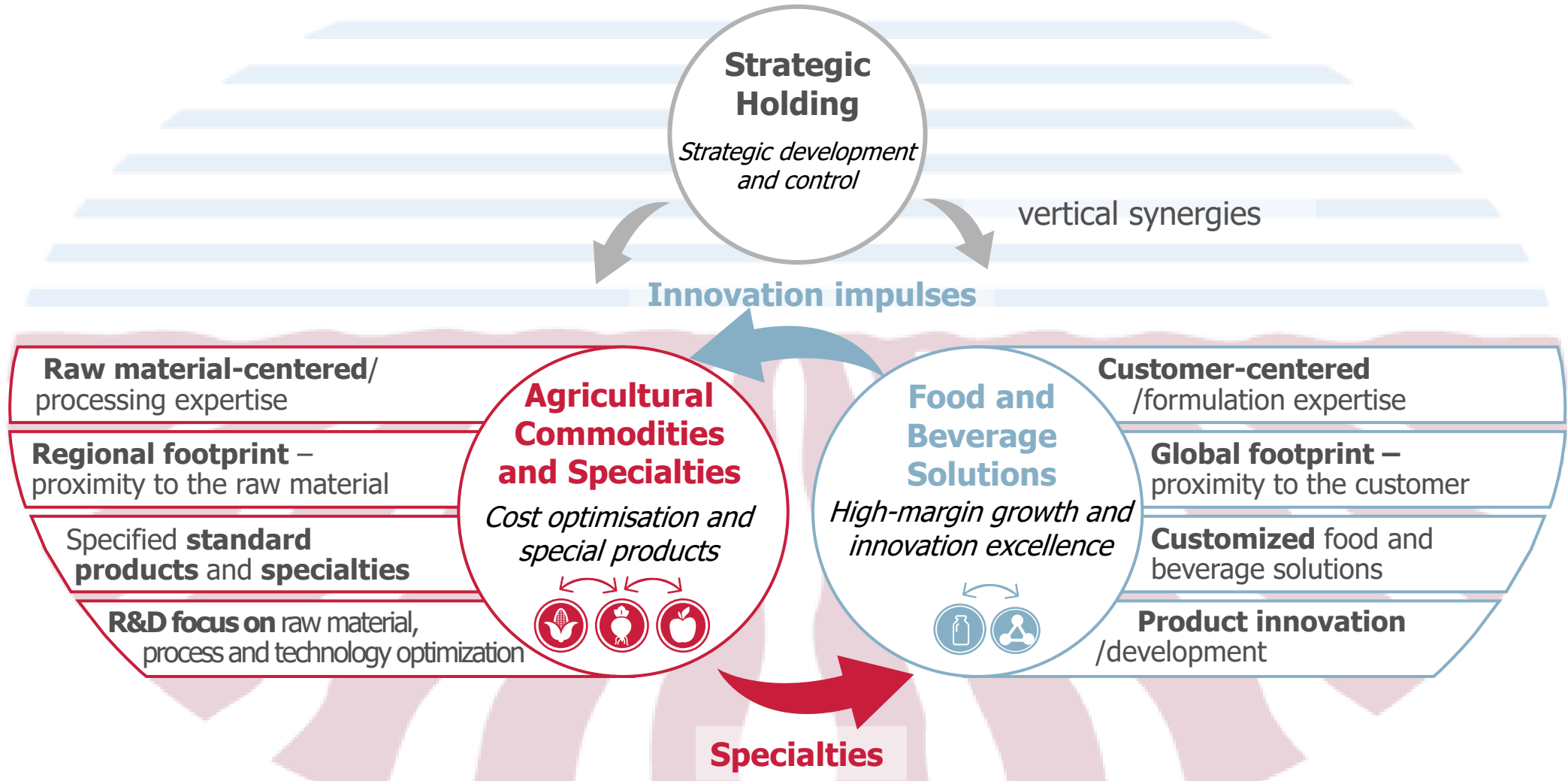
Flavor expertise/  
compounds AJ

New solutions for  
existing/new customers



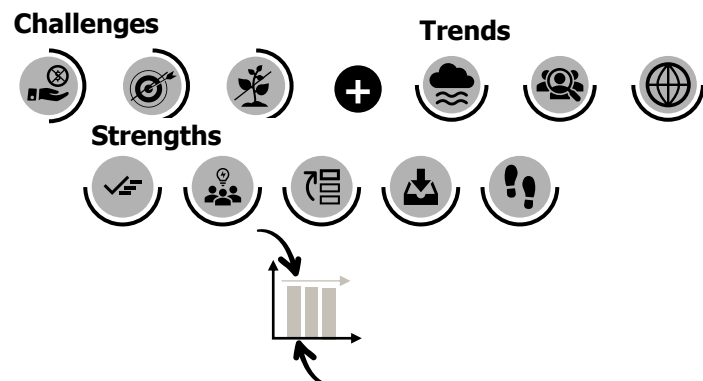
# AGRANA – Next Level

Creating value with nature



# AGRANA "Next Level" – optimal alignment for profitable growth; long-term transformation required

## Today



AGRANA Holding

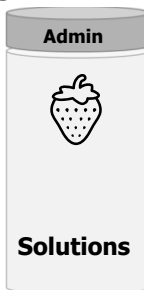
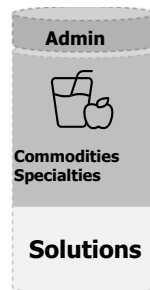
### Starch



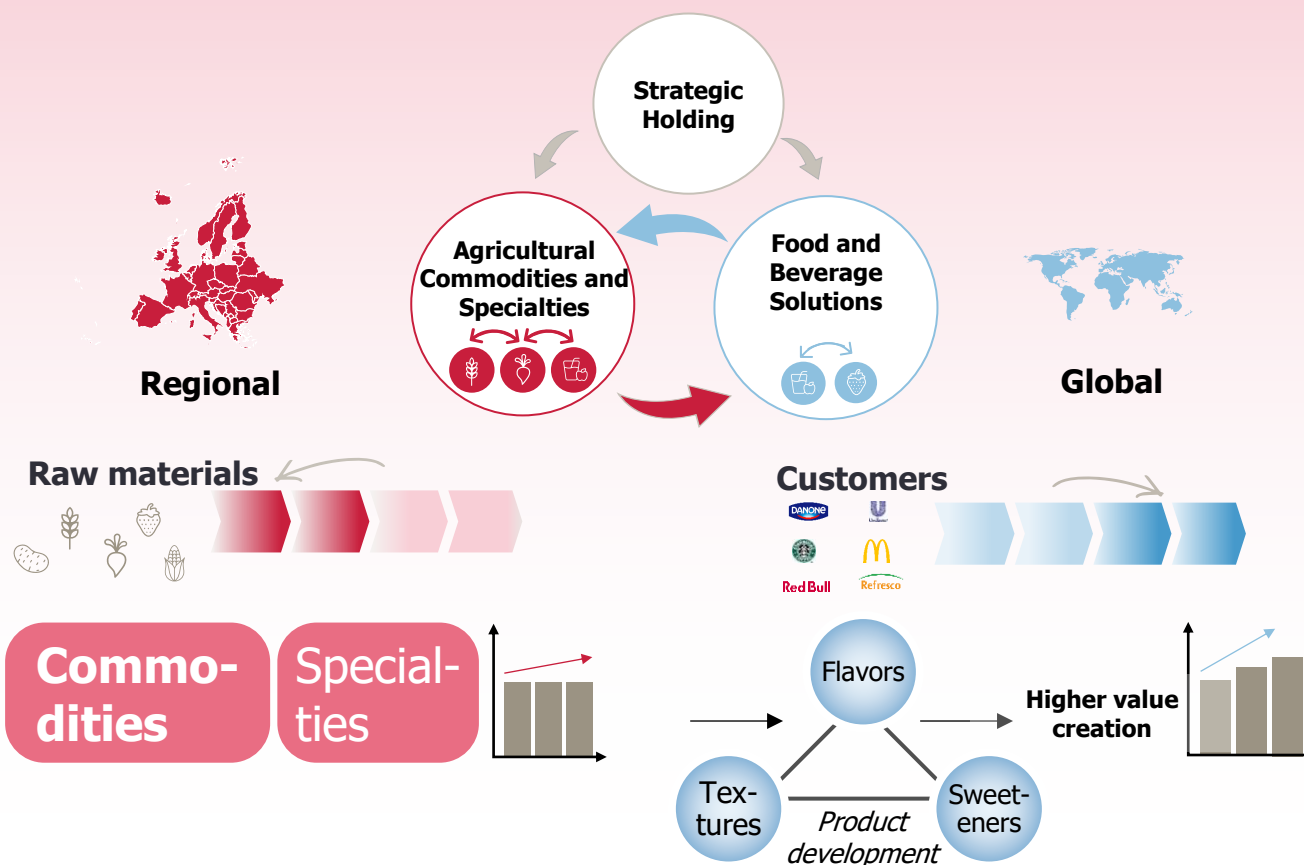
### Sugar



### Fruit



## AGRANA – Next Level



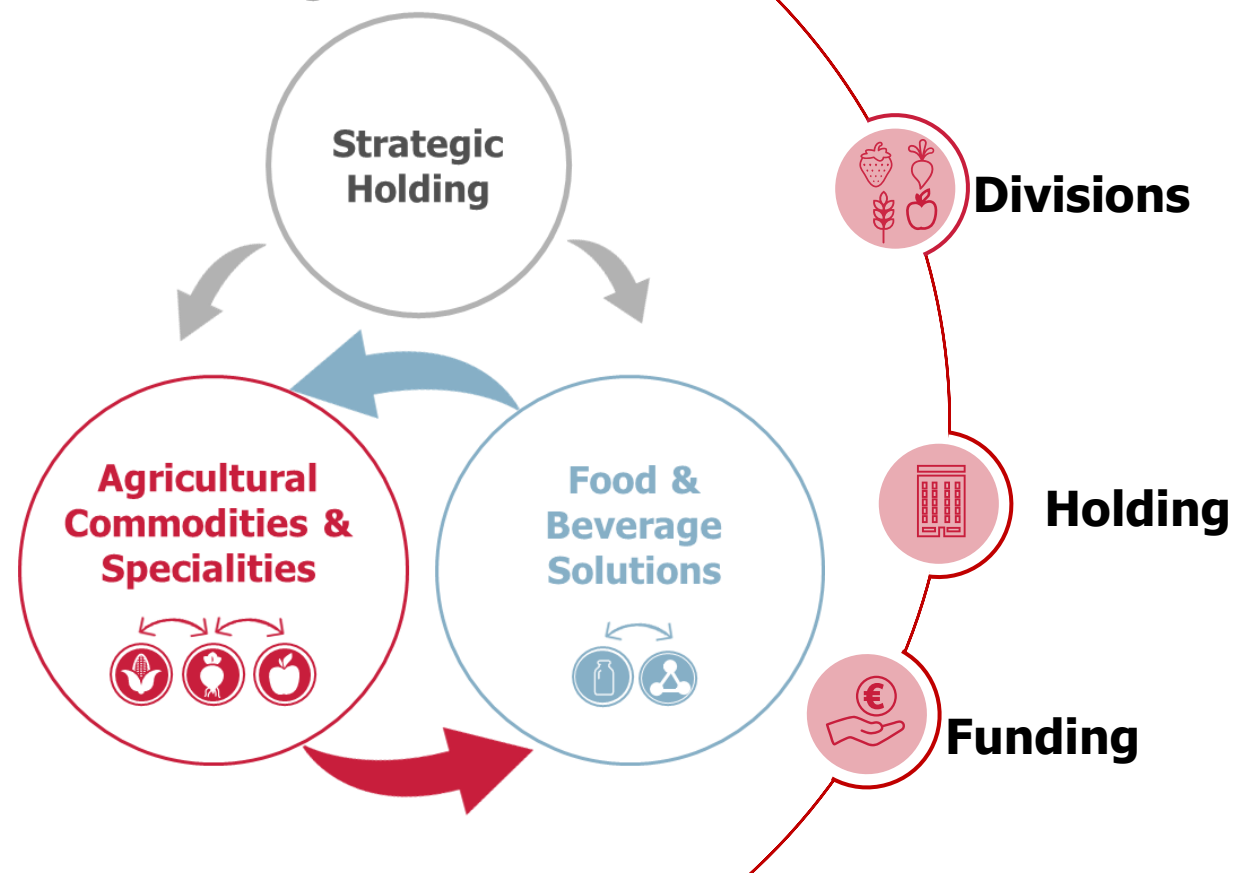
# Implementation priorities for the current business year

## AGRANA – Next Level

Creating value with nature



## Initiatives (selection)



Pursuit of **divisional strategies** – profitable growth

Realization of **portfolio potential Fruit**

**Starch / Sugar synergy potential** (especially cost optimization)

Design of the **strategic holding structure (cost reduction and governance)**

Optimization of **financing structure**

**Working Capital Optimisation**



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# **FOCUS on ESG**

## AGRANA-Climate Strategy

# AGRANA's understanding of sustainability

At AGRANA, we...

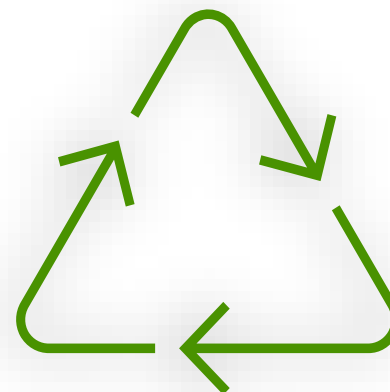
- **utilise almost 100% of the agricultural raw materials** employed, and **use low-emission technologies** in industrial processing to **reduce or avoid impacts on the environment**,
- **respect all stakeholders** and the communities where we operate, directly or indirectly,
- collaborate with suppliers and customers in **long-term partnerships** to jointly foster **business models resilient to climate change**



Ecology



Economy



Social

# AGRANA's material topics along the value chain



## RAW MATERIAL PROCUREMENT

Environmental and social criteria in the sourcing of agricultural raw materials



## ECO-EFFICIENCY OF OUR PRODUCTION

Environmental and energy aspects of production



## OUR EMPLOYEES

Labour practices and human rights of employees



## PRODUCT RESPONSIBILITY

Product responsibility and sustainable products



## COMPLIANCE

Compliance and business conduct

### Sustainability Reporting:

- Acc. to GRI integrated in AGRANA's annual reports since 2012|13
- Taking TCFD recommendations into account since 2019|20
- From 2024|25 implementation of the ESRS according to CSRD

# AGRANA climate strategy



## Targets:

- 1) Net-zero emissions (scope 1+2) **by 2040**
- 2) Net-zero emissions (scope 3) **by 2050** at the latest

- **Verification** of emission reduction targets by 2030 through recognised **Science Based Targets Initiative (SBTi)** in September 2023

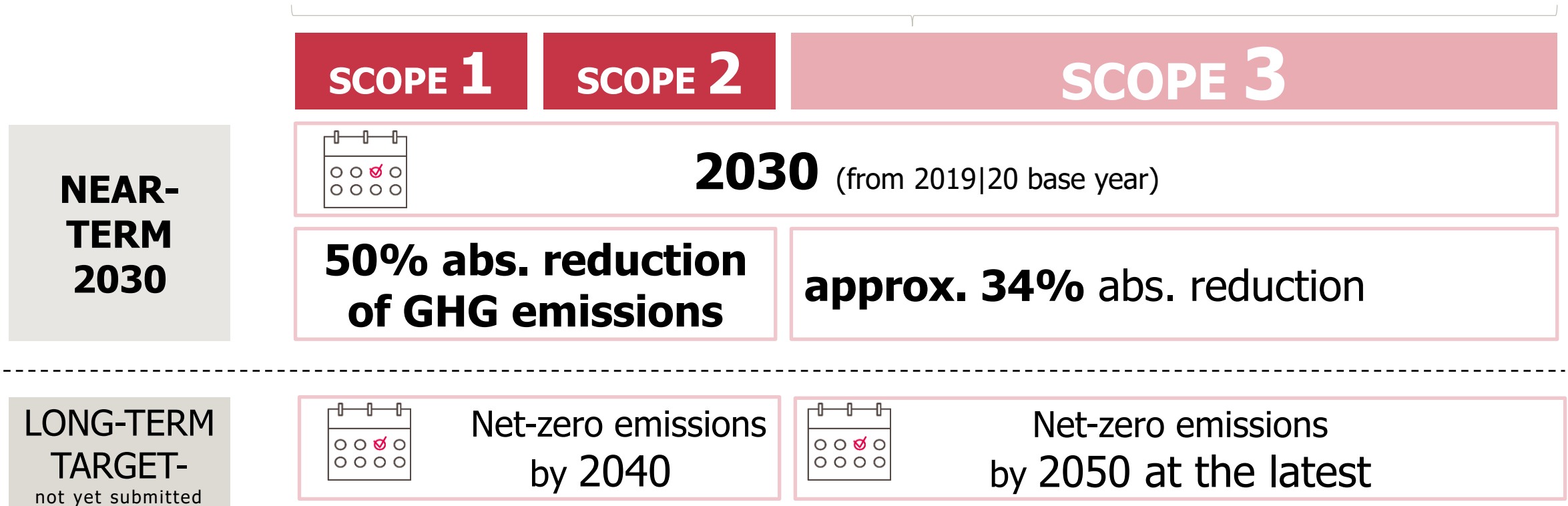
**Near-term targets by 2030:** 50% abs. reduction of GHG emissions (Scope 1+2) / approx. 34% abs. reduction (Scope 3) [from 2019|20 base year]

- **Investment (scope 1+2):** by 2030|31 € 185 million (of which € ~100 million in Austria)  
by 2040 at least around € 576 million (of which € ~213 million in AT)
- **Key measures:**
  - Scope 1+2: ongoing energy efficiency measures, comprehensive green electricity package and, from 2025, use of low-protein raw material residues for energy instead of natural gas
  - Scope 3: measures under development based on AGRANA's own initial emission factors for processed raw materials

# SCIENCE BASED TARGETS initiative (SBTi)



## AGRANA emission reduction targets by 2030 successfully verified by SBTi in September 2023!

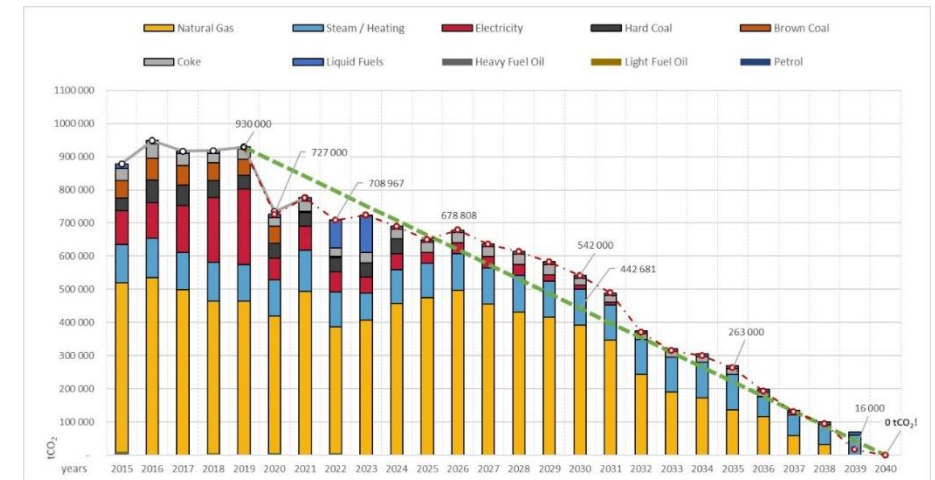


\* New guidelines for "Forest, Land and Agriculture"

# Focus Area @ AGRANA



- **Long-term commitment by 2040 (not SBTi validated)**
  - Switch to 100% renewable energy (scope 1+2) and net-zero emissions
- **Near-term target by 2030|31 (SBTi validated) on track**
  - - 50 % of emissions from 2019|20 base year of 928.000 t CO<sub>2</sub> through the following measures:
    - Energy efficiency measures in all divisions
    - Fade-out of coal use at the last coal-powered sugar production site in Opava|CZ by 2025|26
    - Electrification of processes and switch to green electricity
    - Energetic use of low-protein residuals in line with regulatory provisions



# Major emission reduction projects per division 2024 to 2030 | 31

- In total, > 400 emission reduction projects were modelled until 2040 to achieve net-zero scope 1+2 emissions.
- Concrete projects, which have already been included in the medium-term planning up to 2027 and beyond up to 2030, are presented per division:

| Year | Division Fruit                                                                                   | Division Juice                                                                        | Division Starch                                                                                          | Division Sugar                                                                                           |
|------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2024 | Botkins - Reduction of waste water lagoon<br>Invest 720 t€, saving 170 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> | Vasarosnamený – Dryer adaptation<br>Invest 40 t€, saving 80 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> | -                                                                                                        | Kaposvár – Evaporator station<br>Invest 9.1 m€, saving 3,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                   |
| 2025 | Ostrolenka - photovoltaic Invest 210 t€, saving 860 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                    | Ersekhalma – Boiler adaptation<br>Invest 200 t€, saving 550 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> | Gmünd – Centralised hot water tank<br>Invest 500 t€, save 650 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                  | Opava – Conversion of hard coal to natural gas<br>Invest 4.6 m€, saving 25,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> |
| 2026 | Fortworth - Water preheating Invest 180 t€, saving 80 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                  | Chelm – Evaporator<br>Invest 1.5 m€, saving 800 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>             | Pischelsdorf – Energy optimisation heat exchanger<br>Invest 100 t€, saving 160 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub> | Hrusovany – Pre-evaporator<br>Invest 1.0 m€, saving 2,100 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                      |
| 2027 | Gleisdorf - Process optimisation<br>Invest 1.9 m€                                                | Lipník – Evaporator<br>Invest 2.2 m€, saving 1,400 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>          | Aschach - Heat recovery network<br>Invest 15.0 m€, saving 23,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>               | Hrusovany – VKTs on B-/C-station<br>Invest 1.2 m€, saving 810 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                  |
| 2028 | Gleisdorf - Heat recovery<br>Invest 1,0 m€                                                       | Gora – Evaporator<br>Invest 1.8 m€, saving 1,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>            | Aschach – Conversion to MBV 2/3<br>Invest 2 m€, saving 2,800 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                   | Tulln – Vapour recompressor<br>Invest 6.0 m€, saving 15,200 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                    |
| 2029 | Vinnitsya - Green electricity saving 2,600 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                             | Bialobrzegi – Evaporator<br>Invest 1.5 m€, saving 2,400 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>     | Aschach – Conversion to MBV 3/3<br>Invest 2 m€, saving 2,800 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                   | Kaposvár – Replacing the heaters<br>Invest 1.4 m€, saving 3,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                |
| 2030 | Larache - Green electricity saving 1,600 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                               | Kröllendorf – Evaporator<br>Invest 1.8 m€, saving 3,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>     | Pischelsdorf – Wheat bran incineration<br>Invest €5m, saving 18,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>            | Kaposvár – Lime kiln<br>Invest 2.6 m€, saving 6,000 tonnes of CO <sub>2</sub>                            |

\*to CO<sub>2</sub> = tonnes of CO<sub>2</sub>



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## Segment overview



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**Fruit segment**

# Business model

## FRUIT PREPARATIONS

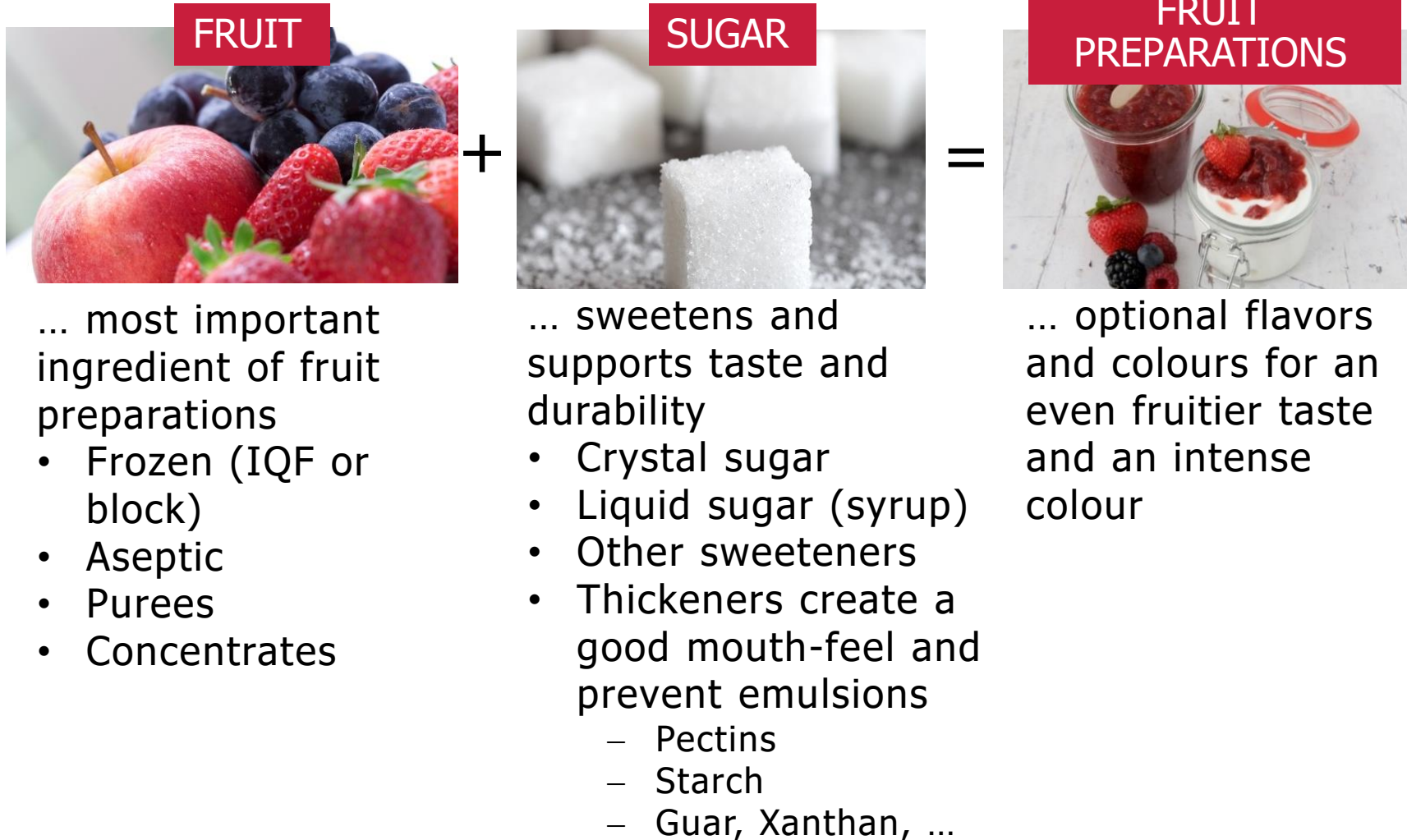
- Based on mostly frozen fruits
- Tailor-made customer products (several thousand recipes worldwide)
- Customers: dairy, bakery, ice cream industry AND food services
- Shelf life of the fruit preparation ~6-8 weeks -> necessity to produce regionally



## 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 preparation – what is it about?



# Market position

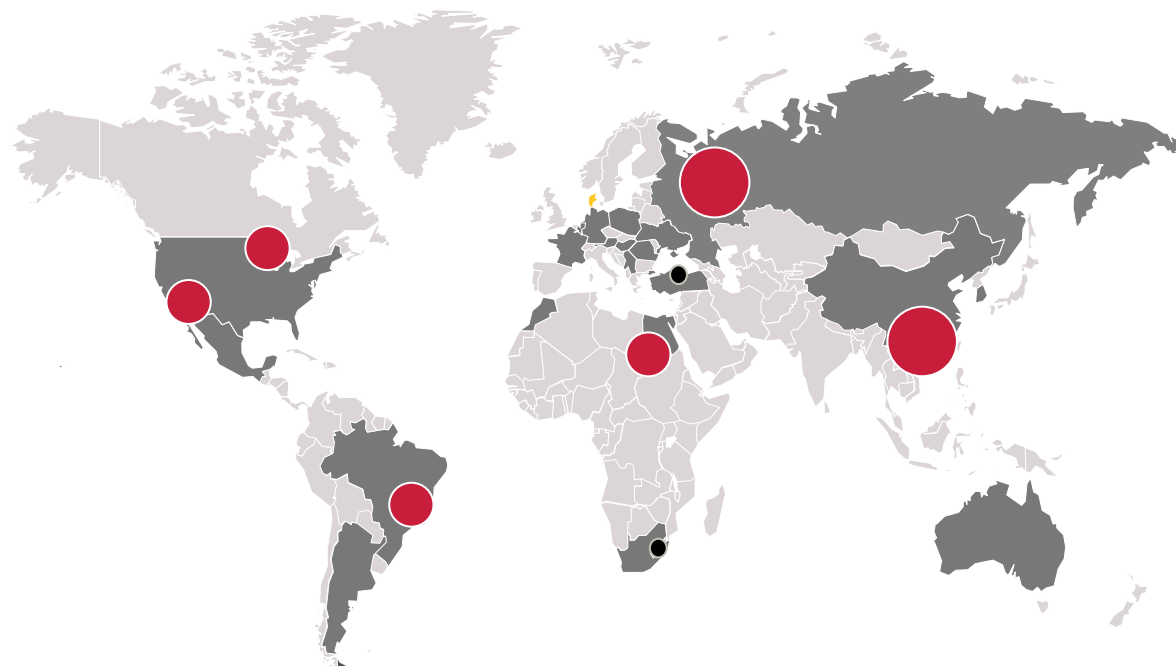
## FRUIT PREPARATIONS

- World Market Leader in Fruit preparations global market share ~40%
- Most emerging markets are showing good market growth rates, while the market's sales volumes of fruit preparations in Europe and the US are stagnating at a high absolute level

## FRUIT JUICE CONCENTRATES

- World's leading producer (and supplier) of apple juice and berry juice concentrates (AUSTRIA JUICE)
- In general, optimisation measures taken in previous years show their positive effects
- Customer portfolio extended and new markets

24 FRUIT PREPARATION PLANTS &  
14 FRUIT JUICE CONCENTRATE PLANTS



- Countries with production sites
- Potential growth regions

# Market environment – Highlights

## Fruit segment:

- Fruit preparations: market situation remains volatile as a result of **high inflation in many places**, lower consumer spending and elevated geopolitical, climatic and supply chain risks
- Fruit juice concentrate: level of **customer call-offs** for apple juice concentrate was good in the first half of 2024|25, exceeding the figure of one year earlier

# Raw materials and production – Highlights

## Fruit segment:

- **Fruit preparations:** in the H1 2024|25, about **185,000 tonnes of raw materials** were purchased; harvest of strawberry (principal fruit) was completed in July in all relevant procurement markets; average purchase prices were above the previous year's level
- **Fruit juice concentrates:** for apple (principal fruit) an overall **weaker harvest in the EU** is anticipated, including in Poland, for example; consequently, rising raw material costs should also be expected in the 2024 apple campaign now underway

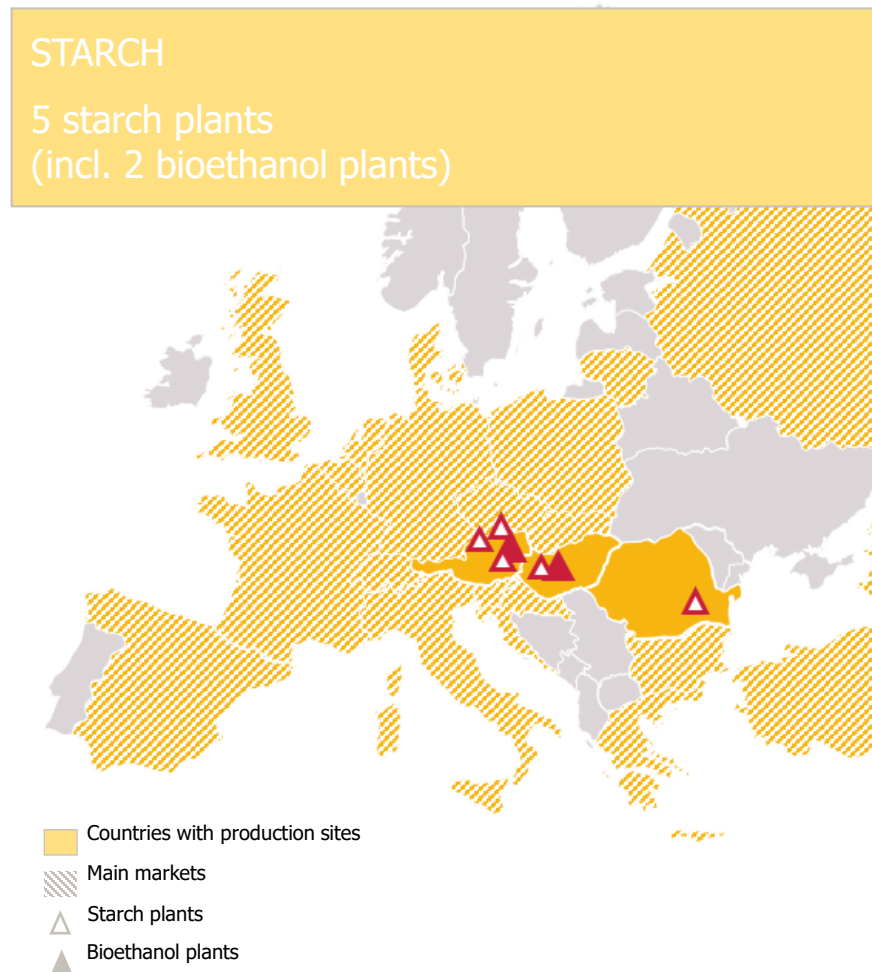


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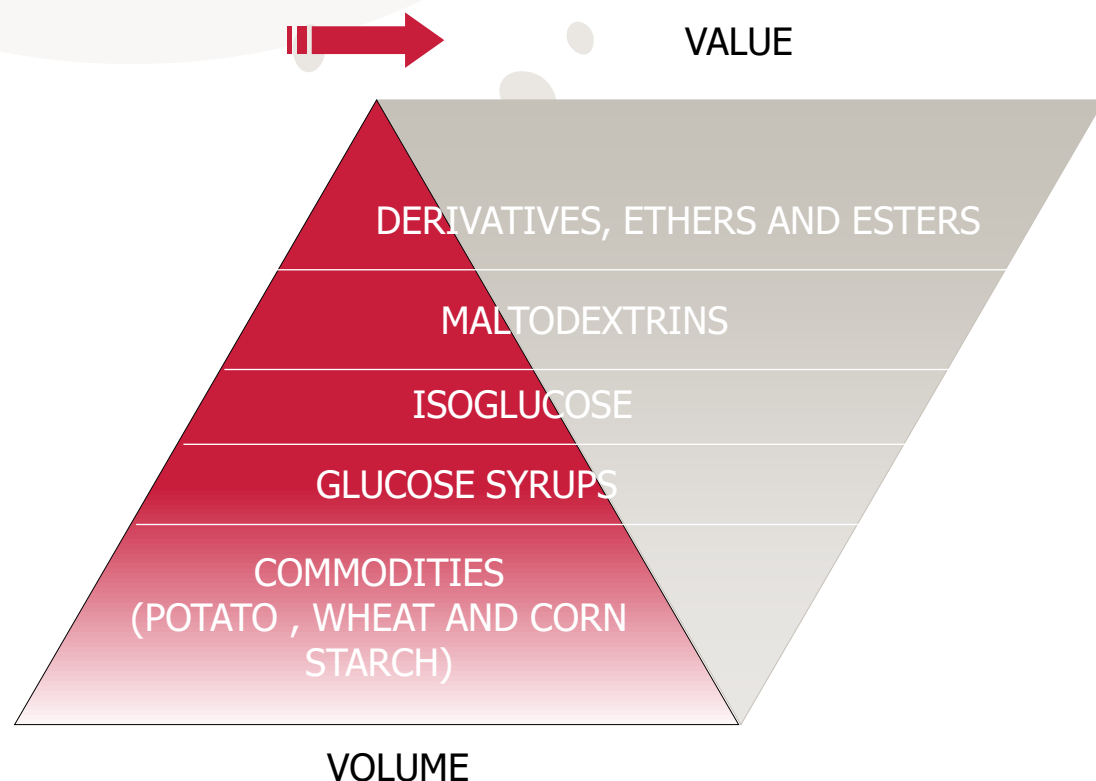
**Starch segment**

# Market position

- Austrian production sites:
  - **Potato** starch factory in Gmünd
  - **Corn** starch plant in Aschach
  - **Wheat** starch & bioethanol 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



## END PRODUCT

Textile industry, construction industry, cosmetic industry

Food industry  
(e.g. baby food)

Food industry  
(e.g. soft drinks)  
Food industry  
(e.g. confectionery products)

Foodstuffs,  
paper, textiles,  
pharmaceuticals

## FOOD

- Growth in products from special raw materials (market leadership)
- Growth in starch derivatives for fruit preparations
- Growth in „high care“-starches

## NON-FOOD

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

# AGRANA bioethanol activities

## PISCHELSDORF (Austria)

- Total investment: € 125 million
- Capacity: up to 240,000 m<sup>3</sup> (= 190,000 tonnes)
- Production start: June 2008
- Raw material base: wheat, corn and sugar beet thick juice\*
- Raw material base: wheat, corn, B+C starch slurry

## 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 m<sup>3</sup>
- Conclusion of expansion programme: July 2008
- Raw material base: corn



# E10

- **AVAILABLE IN AUSTRIA SINCE THE END OF MARCH 2023**
- AGRANA has been producing enough bioethanol for a 10% blend (E10) in Austria since 2008
- Before E10 introduction, 40% of production used for E5 blending; 60% exported, resulting in a loss of nearly 200,000 t GHG savings for Austria

**Austria 16th EU country with E10**

## BIO-ETHANOL REDUCES PROTEIN GAP

- Bioethanol is produced exclusively from the starch content of feed grains; the valuable protein content remains in "concentrated" form in the feed cycle and replaces soy imports
- thus the market demand for conc. protein due to dietary habits is eliminated
- approx. 200,000 tons of non-GMO protein feed ActiProt® significantly reduces EU protein feed imports



# Market environment – Highlights

## Starch segment:

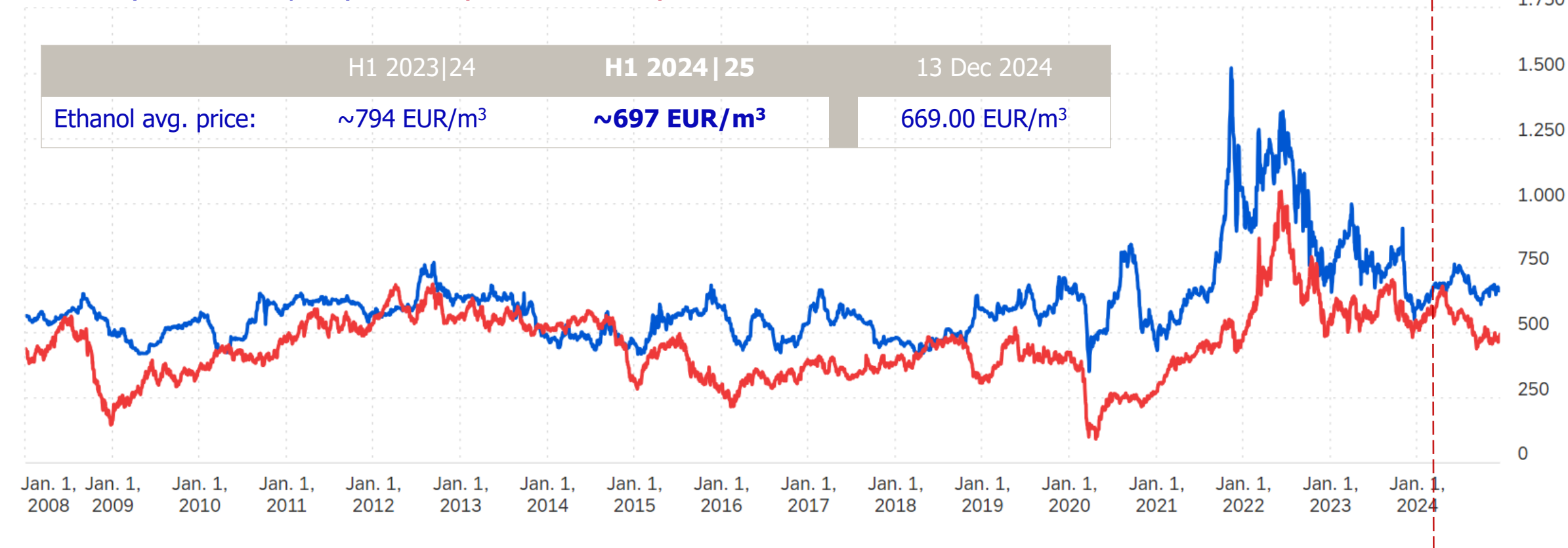
- From the beginning of this FY, market demand was firmer again; however, markets relevant for AGRANA exhibit high competitive pressure that is directly felt in **declining sales prices**
- In the **ethanol business**, sustained high import pressure from the USA is heavily affecting the European market for fuel ethanol; accordingly, **Platts prices struggled** during the whole first half of 2024|25 despite solid demand from refineries

# Ethanol and petrol prices

FY 2024|25

1 January 2008 – 13 December 2024

Ethanol (Platts T2 spec.) | Fuel (PU-10PP-ARA) (EUR per m<sup>3</sup>)



# Raw materials and production – Highlights

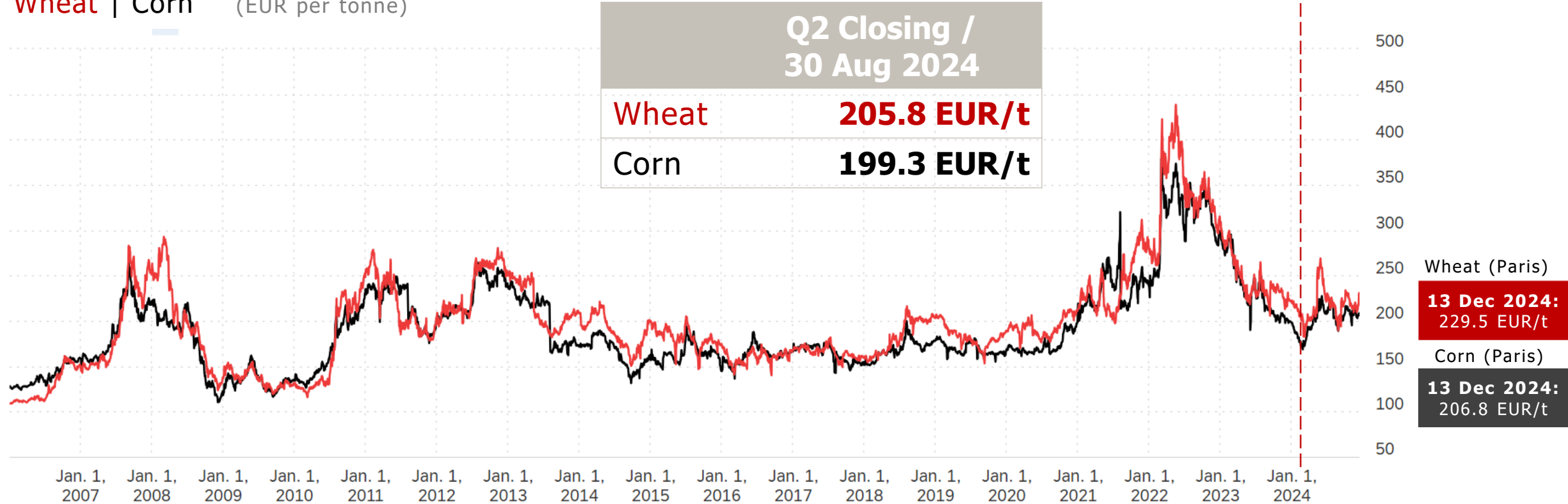
## Starch segment:

- **Wheat prices** on the Euronext Paris commodity derivative exchange **fell** considerably with the 2024 harvest; **corn quotations** followed this trend
- In the last third of August 2024, **potato starch** factory in Gmünd, Austria, began receiving the year's new crop of starch potatoes
- Receiving and processing of freshly harvested **wet corn** at the corn starch plant in Aschach, Austria, began in the final third of August 2024 (wet corn volume of about 110,000 to 120,000 tonnes is expected to be received)

# Commodity prices

1 January 2006 – 13 December 2024

Wheat | Corn (EUR per tonne)





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**Sugar segment**

# AGRANA Sugar since the 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
- Defend and extend existing market share in CEE
- 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

|                        | MARKET POSITION |
|------------------------|-----------------|
| Austria                | #1              |
| Hungary                | #1              |
| Czech Republic         | #2              |
| Slovakia               | #1              |
| Romania                | #1              |
| Bosnia and Herzegovina | #1              |
| Bulgaria               | #1              |

7 Sugar Plants and  
2 Raw Sugar Refineries



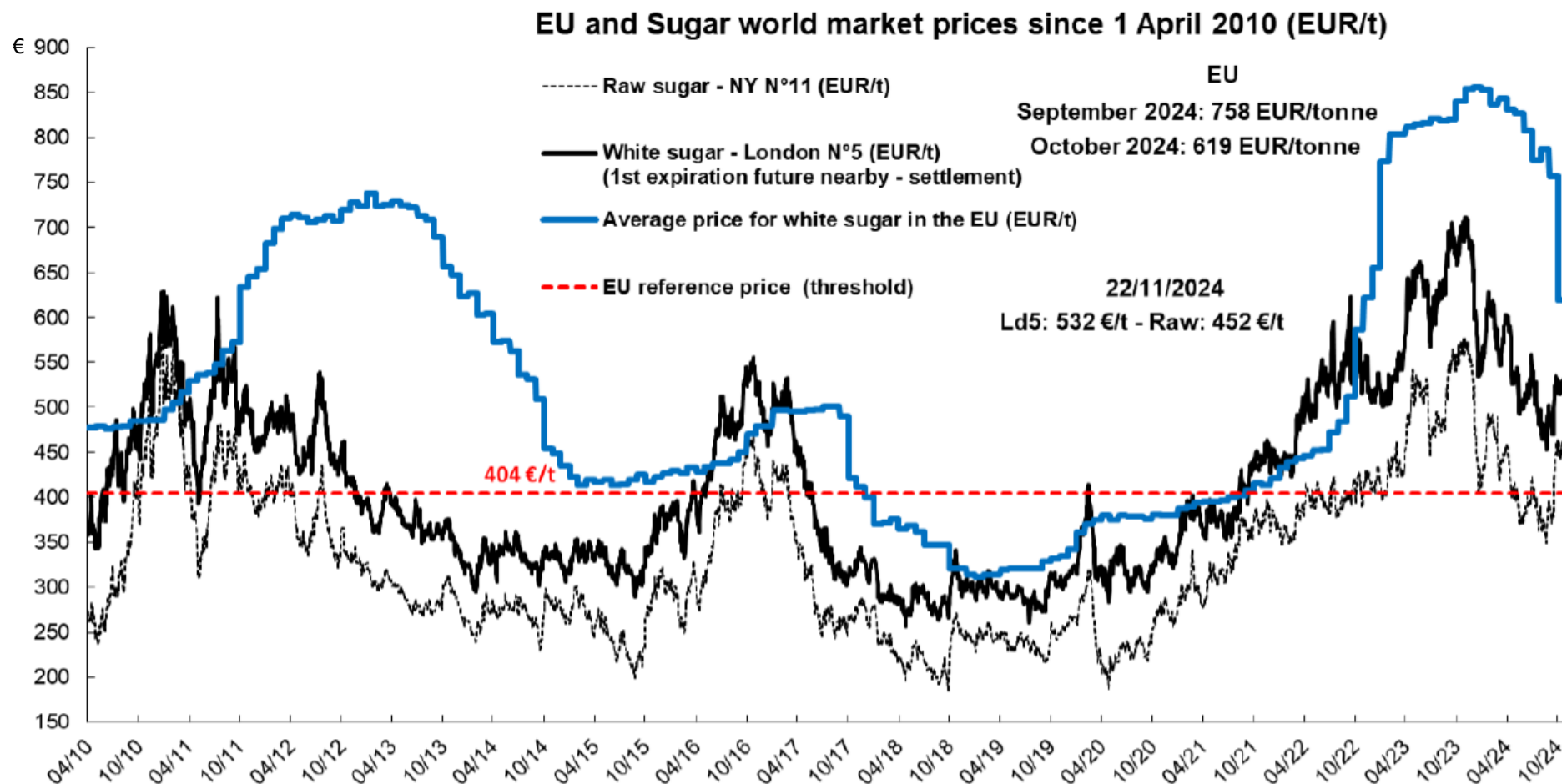
- Countries with plants
- ▨ Other markets
- Beet sugar plants
- Raw sugar refinery
- Distribution centre
- \* Also with refining activities

# Market environment – Highlights

## Sugar segment:

- **Significant drop in sugar prices** during the last months, triggered by good harvest expectations in the EU and high import volumes from Ukraine
- Due to the weak general market environment **situation will remain challenging** in the coming months

# EU vs sugar world market prices



Source: Sugar Market situation; European Commission, published on 28 November 2024

# Raw materials and production – Highlights

## Sugar segment:

- **Area contracted** by AGRANA with its growers for sugar beet production in the 2024 crop year was about **99,000 hectares** (2023 crop year: around 86,000 hectares)
- Austria (AGRANA's most important sugar production country): average yield expectation of around **75 tonnes per hectare**
- Based on the current estimate of beet volume this year for the AGRANA Group, **factory utilisation** is expected to rise by about 6 percentage points year-on-year to 105%



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# War in Ukraine

# War in Ukraine

- AGRANA in Ukraine since 1997 / 778 employees\*
- **Two sites in Vinnitsa** (300 km SW of Kiev) for production of fruit preparations and fruit juice concentrates
- Agricultural production plant in Luka
- Product sales largely in Ukraine

## Current situation

- Current situation on site relatively calm; no hostilities in the vicinity of the plant
- Limited production to supply regional customers
- Power supply ensured by backup diesel generators
- Around 30 people on army deployment



\*Average number of full-time equivalents employed during FY 2023|24

# AGRANA Fruit Russia

- AGRANA's presence in Russia is exclusively in the Fruit segment
- Production of fruit preparations in Serpuchov, about 100 km south of Moscow
- 292 employees\*
- Sales of products in Russia and other CIS countries
- Task as **supplier of essential staple foods** and **obligation as employer** continues to be fulfilled -> therefore, no withdrawal planned at present
- AGRANA backs politically imposed sanctions against Russia
- In addition, **investment freeze** decided
- Monitoring of further developments and ongoing reassessment of involvement in Russia



\*Average number of full-time equivalents employed during FY 2023|24

# Financial exposure in Ukraine and Russia

| €000                        |                  | Revenue        | % of Group  | Total assets  | % of Group  | FTEs         | % of Group   |
|-----------------------------|------------------|----------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| Ukraine                     | 2023 24          | 32,983         | 0.9%        | 30,443        | 1.1%        | 737          | 8.3%         |
| Russia                      | 2023 24          | 83,834         | 2.2%        | 57,306        | 2.0%        | 304          | 3.4%         |
| <b>Ukraine &amp; Russia</b> | <b>2023   24</b> | <b>116,817</b> | <b>3.1%</b> | <b>87,749</b> | <b>3.0%</b> | <b>1,041</b> | <b>11.7%</b> |
|                             |                  |                |             |               |             |              |              |
| Ukraine                     | 2022 23          | 24,650         | 0.7%        | 21,112        | 0.7%        | 778          | 8.9%         |
| Russia                      | 2022 23          | 73,957         | 2.0%        | 47,192        | 1.6%        | 292          | 3.3%         |
| <b>Ukraine &amp; Russia</b> | <b>2022   23</b> | <b>98,607</b>  | <b>2.7%</b> | <b>68,304</b> | <b>2.3%</b> | <b>1,070</b> | <b>12.3%</b> |
|                             |                  |                |             |               |             |              |              |
| Ukraine                     | 2021 22          | 40,463         | 1.4%        | 29,029        | 1.1%        | 801          | 9.2%         |
| Russia                      | 2021 22          | 60,040         | 2.1%        | 28,999        | 1.1%        | 289          | 3.3%         |
| <b>Ukraine &amp; Russia</b> | <b>2021   22</b> | <b>100,503</b> | <b>3.5%</b> | <b>58,028</b> | <b>2.2%</b> | <b>1,090</b> | <b>12.5%</b> |



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# Financials

H1 2024|25

# Overview - Highlights

- As projected, **Q2 2024 | 25** was **significantly weaker** than in the previous year
- While the **fruit segment** delivered a **very strong** performance in the first six months, the **earnings trend in the starch and sugar segments** was **weighed down heavily** by general market developments
- In the **sugar segment**, we will continue to face **very challenging times** in the coming months
- **We confirm our forecast** of significantly lower group EBIT for 2024|25 compared to the previous year
- **Flood disaster** in Central and Eastern Europe: AGRANA was directly affected at several sites, mainly in Lower Austria; production outages occurred primarily at our biorefinery in Pischelsdorf, Austria, and at the potato starch factory in Gmünd, Austria

# Overview – Key figures

**Revenue: € 1,861.7 m**

**-5.0%**

(H1 2023|24: € 1,959.5 m)

**EBITDA<sup>1</sup> : € 107.6 m**

**-34.3%**

(H1 2023|24: € 163.7 m)

**Operating profit<sup>2</sup> : € 55.3 m**

**-50.9%**

(H1 2023|24: € 112.7 m)

**EBIT: € 56.6 m**

**-49.0%**

(H1 2023|24: € 110.9 m)

**Earnings per share: € 0.35**

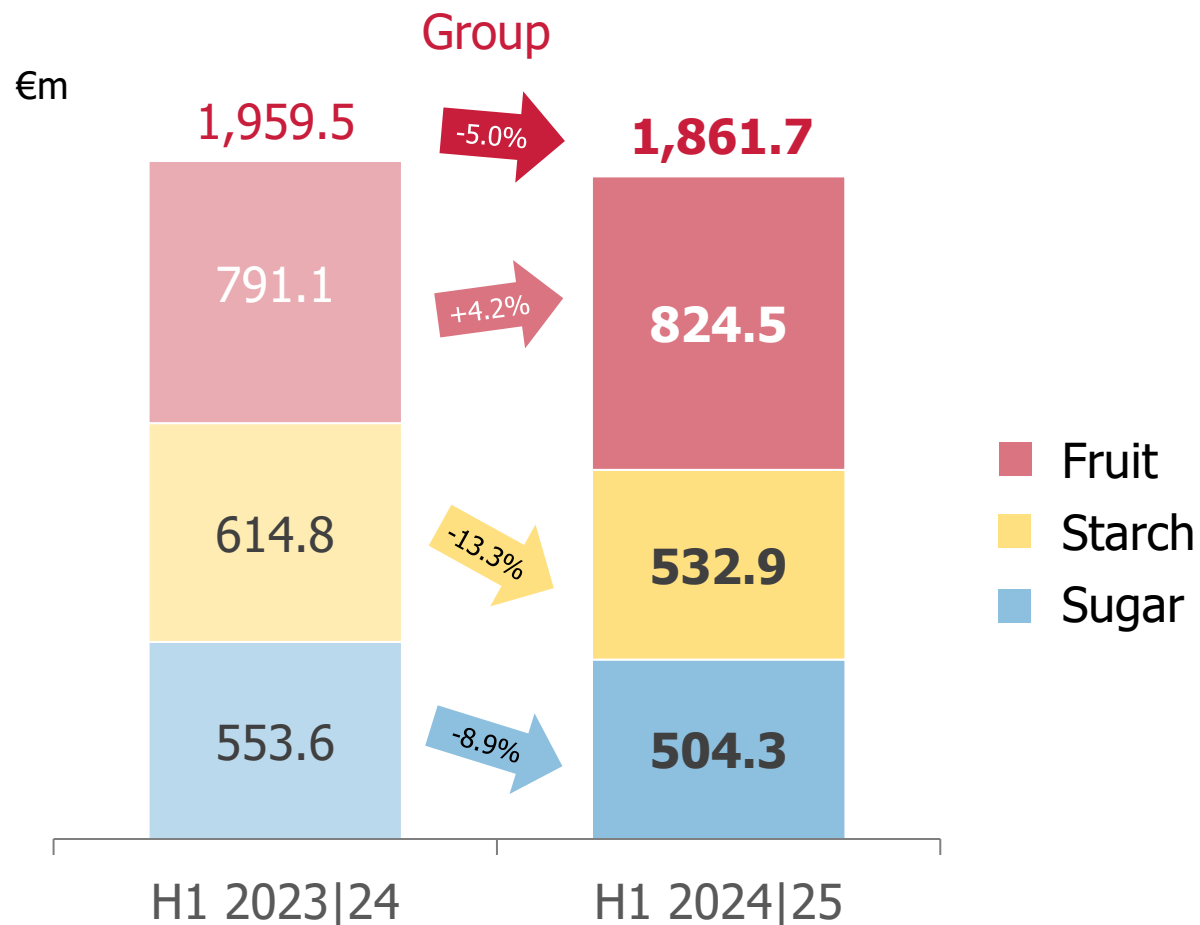
**-63.9%**

(H1 2023|24: € 0.97)

<sup>1</sup> EBITDA represents operating profit before exceptional items, results of equity-accounted JVs, and operating depreciation and amortisation.

<sup>2</sup> Before exceptional items and results of equity-accounted JVs.

# Revenue by segment



## Fruit segment:

- Fruit preparations: revenue rose for volume reasons; increase in fruit juice concentrate revenue: driven by volume and prices

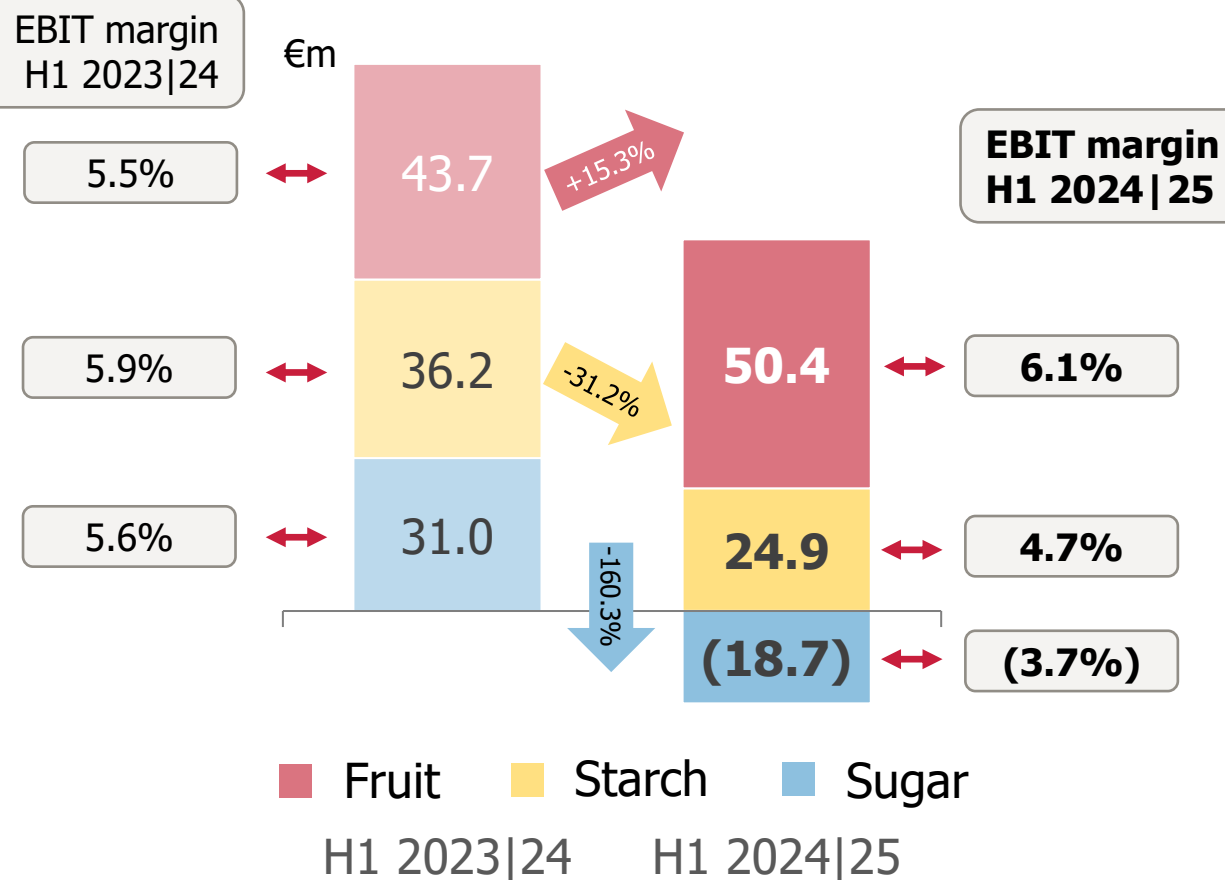
## Starch segment:

- Owing to the decline in raw material and energy prices, market prices for the segment's products decreased noticeably year-on-year
- Ethanol sales prices, for instance, fell by about 12% amid a substantial drop in Platts quotations

## Sugar segment:

- Negative effect of lower sugar sales prices could not be made up for by slightly higher sales volumes
- Trajectory of the EU sugar market was most recently driven by 1) higher European stocks of the commodity, 2) the expectation of increased EU sugar production in the 2024/25 campaign, and 3) declining world market prices

# EBIT by segment



## Fruit segment:

- Fruit preparations: EBIT was significantly above the year-ago level; improvement was attributable especially to a positive business performance in the Europe region (including Ukraine), in Mexico and in Russia
- Fruit juice concentrates: operations also achieved good EBIT, although not matching the very strong p/y result

## Starch segment:

- Key reason for this was the margin decline in starch and saccharification products driven by significantly lower sales prices for core and by-products
- As a result of reduced raw material and energy prices, the ethanol business improved its EBIT despite selling at lower prices
- HUNGRANA Group was a positive contributor to segment EBIT again

## Sugar segment:

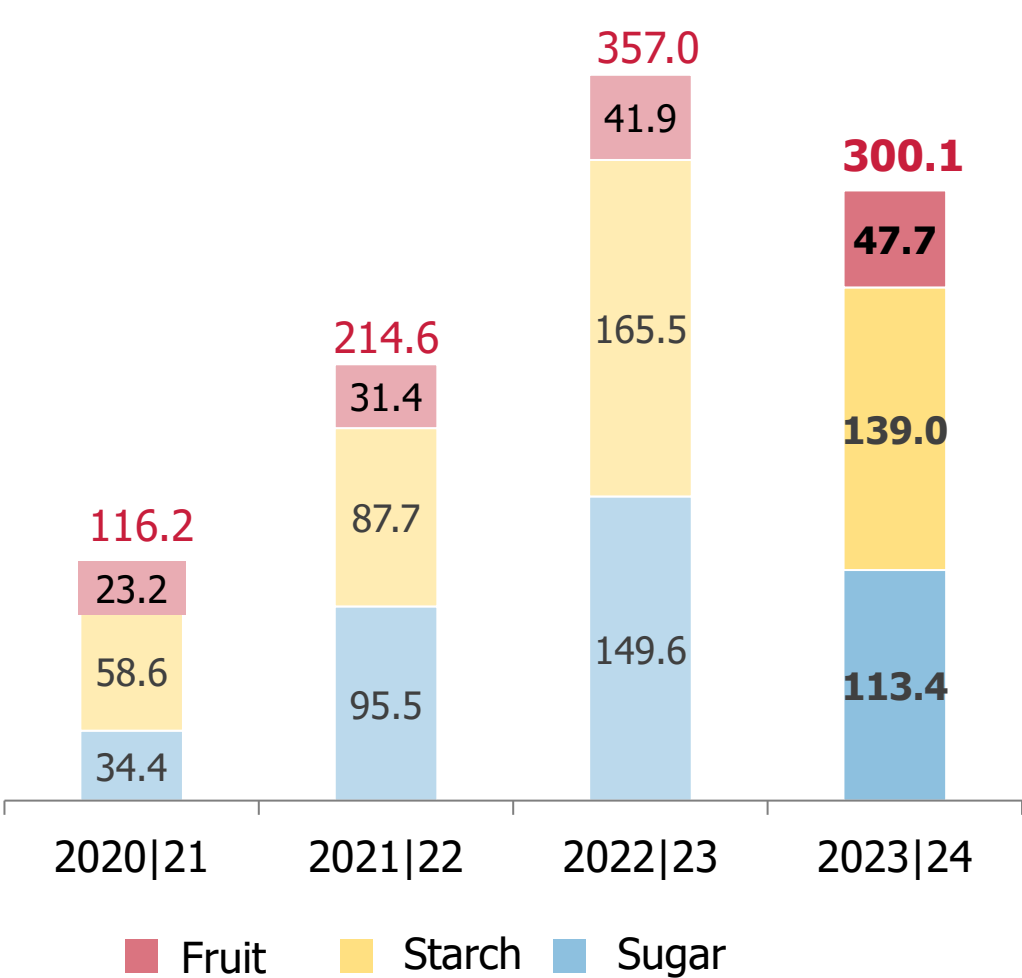
- Deficit of € 18.7 million reflected especially the significant fall in sugar sales prices with the resellers channel
- Deficit markets (CEE region) in particular showed downward price pressure
- Earnings result of joint ventures too was lower than in the year-ago period

# Consolidated income statement

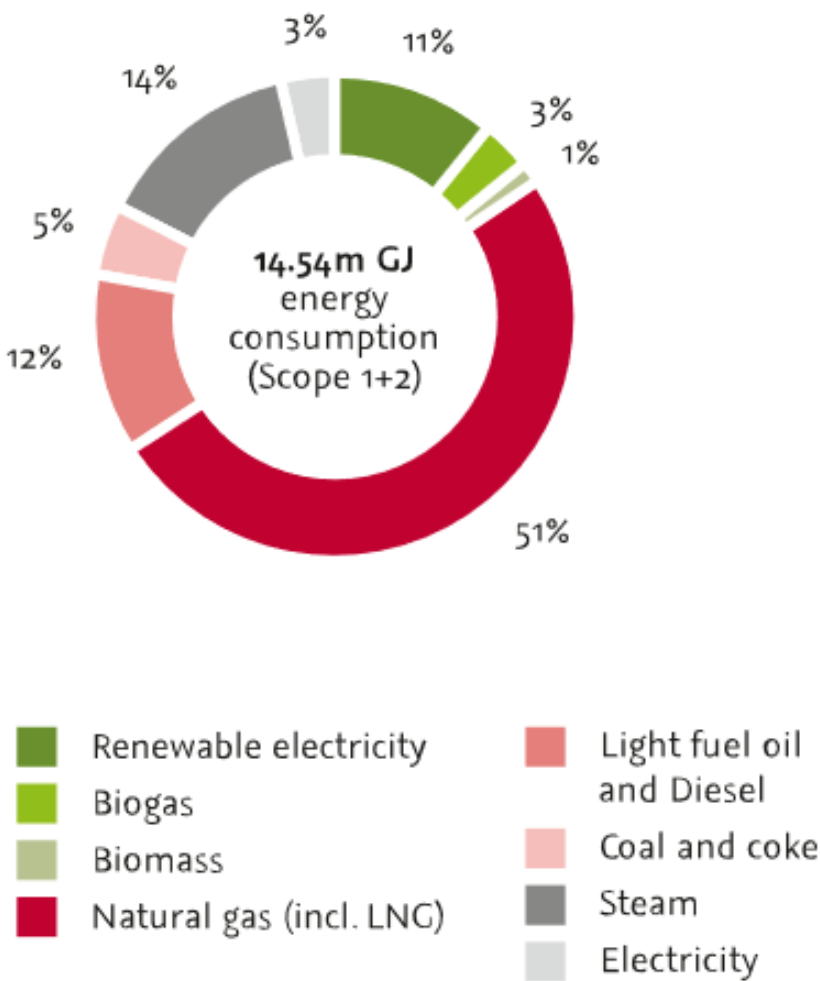
| €m (condensed)                                                           | H1<br>2024   25 | H1<br>2023   24 | Q2<br>2024   25 | Q2<br>2023   24 |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| <b>Revenue</b>                                                           | <b>1,861.7</b>  | <b>1,959.5</b>  | <b>917.4</b>    | <b>993.4</b>    |
| EBITDA <sup>1</sup>                                                      | <b>107.6</b>    | 163.7           | <b>51.8</b>     | 73.1            |
| Operating profit before except. items and results of equity-accounted JV | <b>55.3</b>     | 112.7           | <b>25.3</b>     | 47.8            |
| Share of results of equity-accounted JV                                  | <b>3.2</b>      | (2.2)           | <b>1.1</b>      | (0.4)           |
| Exceptional items                                                        | <b>(1.9)</b>    | 0.4             | <b>(2.1)</b>    | 0.0             |
| <b>EBIT</b>                                                              | <b>56.6</b>     | <b>110.9</b>    | <b>24.3</b>     | <b>47.4</b>     |
| <b>EBIT margin</b>                                                       | <b>3.0%</b>     | 5.7%            | <b>2.6%</b>     | 4.8%            |
| Net financial items                                                      | <b>(19.4)</b>   | (24.3)          | <b>(10.2)</b>   | (11.0)          |
| Profit before tax                                                        | <b>37.2</b>     | 86.6            | <b>14.1</b>     | 36.4            |
| Income tax expense                                                       | <b>(13.7)</b>   | (22.3)          | <b>(6.7)</b>    | (10.1)          |
| <b>Profit for the period</b>                                             | <b>23.5</b>     | <b>64.3</b>     | <b>7.4</b>      | <b>26.3</b>     |
| Attributable to shareholders of the parent                               | <b>21.7</b>     | 60.6            | <b>6.4</b>      | 24.5            |
| Earnings per share                                                       | <b>€ 0.35</b>   | € 0.97          | <b>€ 0.11</b>   | € 0.39          |

# Energy costs and mix

€m      Energy costs of the group



Energy mix of the group in  
FY 2023|24



# Net financial items | Tax Rate

| €m                               | H1 2024   25  | H1 2023 24    | Change        |
|----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Net interest expense             | (14.1)        | (15.0)        | +6.0%         |
| Currency translation differences | (4.6)         | (7.5)         | +38.7%        |
| Other financial items            | (0.7)         | (1.8)         | +61.1%        |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>(19.4)</b> | <b>(24.3)</b> | <b>+20.2%</b> |

| €m                         | H1 2024   25 | H1 2023 24   | Change         |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|
| Profit before tax          | 37.2         | 86.6         | -57.0%         |
| Income tax expense         | (13.7)       | (22.3)       | +38.6%         |
| <b>Tax rate (reported)</b> | <b>36.8%</b> | <b>25.8%</b> | <b>+11.0pp</b> |

# Consolidated cashflow statement

| €m (condensed)                                        | H1<br>2024   25 | H1<br>2023   24 | Change         |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| Operating cash flow before changes in working capital | 125.8           | 180.1           | -30.1%         |
| Changes in working capital                            | 11.0            | (142.7)         | +107.7%        |
| Total in interest paid/received and tax paid          | (18.5)          | (25.7)          | +28.0%         |
| <b>Net cash from operating activities</b>             | <b>118.3</b>    | <b>11.7</b>     | <b>+911.1%</b> |
| Net cash (used in) investing activities               | (44.4)          | (40.5)          | -9.6%          |
| Net cash (used in)/from financing activities          | (50.6)          | 34.5            | -246.7%        |
| <b>Net increase in cash and cash equivalents</b>      | <b>23.3</b>     | <b>5.7</b>      | <b>+308.8%</b> |
| <b>Free cash flow</b>                                 | <b>73.9</b>     | <b>(28.8)</b>   | <b>+356.6%</b> |

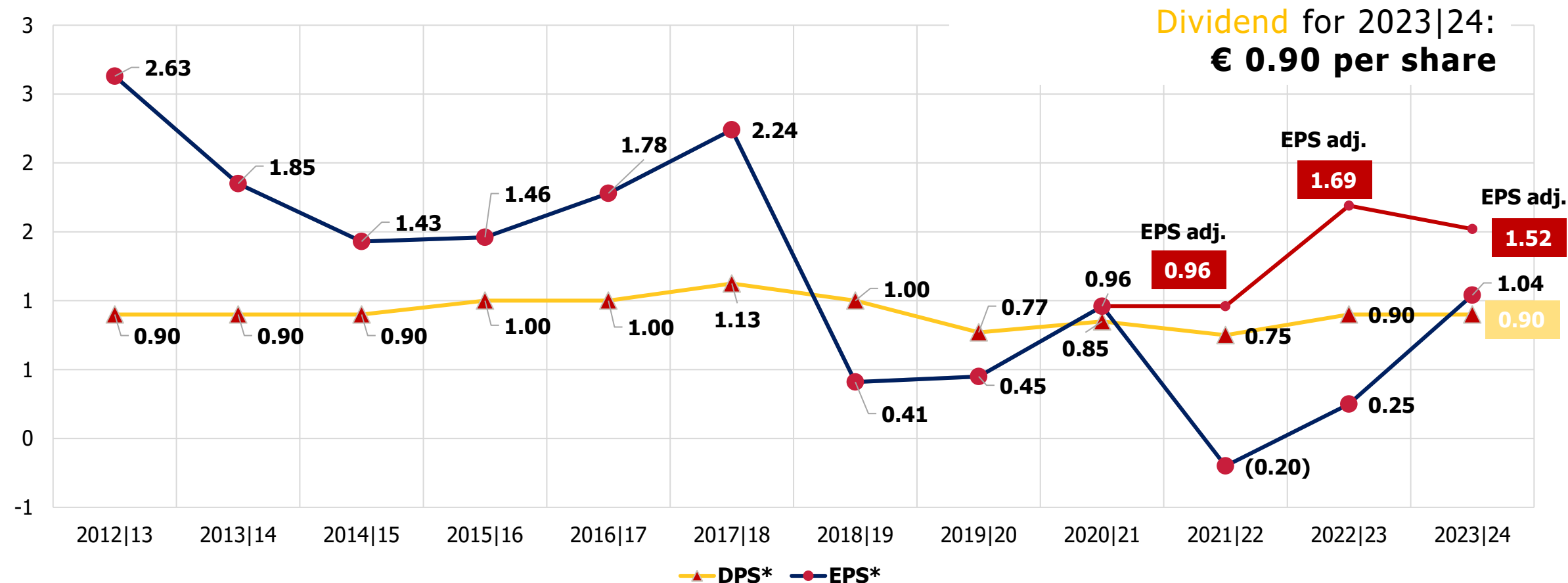
# Consolidated balance sheet

| €m (condensed)                      | 31 Aug 2024    | 29 Feb 2024    | Change       |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|--------------|
| Non-current assets                  | 1,034.7        | 1,031.2        | +0.3%        |
| Current assets                      | 1,600.2        | 1,858.2        | -13.9%       |
| <b>Total assets</b>                 | <b>2,634.9</b> | <b>2,889.4</b> | <b>-8.8%</b> |
|                                     |                |                |              |
| Total equity and liabilities        | 1,220.5        | 1,248.4        | -2.2%        |
| Non-current liabilities             | 621.2          | 628.7          | -1.2%        |
| Current liabilities                 | 793.2          | 1,012.3        | -21.6%       |
| <b>Total equity and liabilities</b> | <b>2,634.9</b> | <b>2,889.4</b> | <b>-8.8%</b> |
|                                     |                |                |              |
| Equity ratio                        | 46.3%          | 43.2%          | +3.1pp       |
| Net debt                            | 621.2          | 636.1          | -2.3%        |
| Gearing ratio                       | 50.9%          | 51.0%          | -0.1pp       |

# Financial structure

| €m                                | 29 Feb 2024 | Due within<br>1 year | Due after more<br>than 1 year | 28 Feb 2023 |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Borrowings                        | 742.4       | 218.8                | 523.6                         | 820.6       |
| Securities and cash (equivalents) | (106.3)     |                      |                               | (135.7)     |
| Net debt                          | 636.1       |                      |                               | 684.9       |
| Credit lines                      | 1,174.8     | 420.8                | 754.0                         | 1,152.4     |
| Average effective interest rate   | 3.92%       |                      |                               | 2.78%       |

# Dividend and EPS development



**Dividend yield** (based on the closing share price at the last balance sheet date): **6.7%**

\*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 out-standing at 29 February 2024, which was 62,488,976.





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# Financial Outlook

2024|25

# Ad-hoc announcement as of 11 November 2024

- It had **already been communicated** that, due to higher sugar inventories and sharply falling sugar prices (in the EU and globally), AGRANA's **Sugar segment** in particular would continue to **face very challenging times** in the coming months
- Since the full-blown start of the sugar beet processing campaign in October 2024, it has also become evident that the **campaign costs of the new 2024 | 25 sugar marketing year will be higher than expected**
- In the meantime, the **evaluation of September's flooding damages** (primarily in Austria) has also been largely **completed**; **negative impact on earnings** in the current financial year has been **higher than originally forecast**, mainly due to the production stoppage at the plant in Pischelsdorf, Austria, in the Starch segment
- **These developments are primarily responsible for the forecast now that the 2024 | 25 financial year will be characterised by a very significant decline in EBIT**

# Outlook for 2024 | 25

EBIT 2024 | 25



Revenue 2024 | 25



- At **Group** level for the full 2024|25 financial year, AGRANA expects a **very significant reduction** in **EBIT**
  - Operating profit before exceptional items and results of equity-accounted joint ventures is expected to be in the range of € 55 million to € 75 million
- **Group revenue** is projected to show a **moderate decrease**

## Forecast uncertainty and assumptions

The war in Ukraine underway since the beginning of the 2022|23 financial year broadly led to an increase in the already high volatility in target and procurement markets, notably for raw materials and energy. The further evolution of the negative impacts from the duty-free access for agricultural imports from Ukraine – extended by the EU but now volume-capped – is still uncertain. Similarly, the effects of the war that broke out in the Middle East in October of last year remain difficult to assess.

# Outlook for 2024 | 25

| FRUIT   |    |                       |
|---------|----|-----------------------|
| Revenue | ↗  | Slight increase*      |
| EBIT    | ↗↗ | Significant increase* |

| STARCH  |    |                        |
|---------|----|------------------------|
| Revenue | ↓  | Moderate reduction*    |
| EBIT    | ↓↓ | Significant reduction* |

| SUGAR   |     |                             |
|---------|-----|-----------------------------|
| Revenue | ↓↓  | Significant reduction*      |
| EBIT    | ↓↓↓ | Very significant reduction* |

\* These quantitative terms as used in this Outlook section are defined as specific ranges of percentage change; see the definitions on [slide No. 34](#).

# Outlook for third quarter of 2024 | 25

Q3 2023|24 (3 months)  
EBIT: € 38.5 million

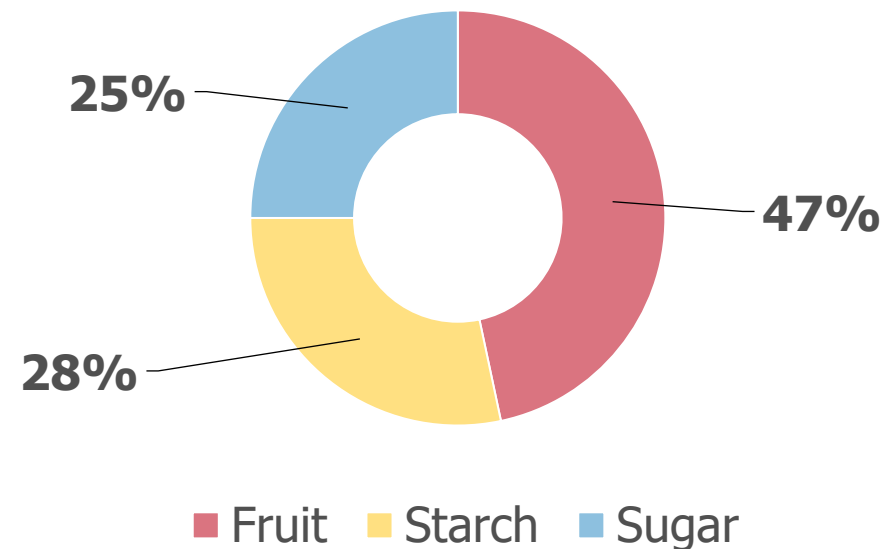
**Q3 2024 | 25**  
**EBIT**

EBIT for the third quarter of this financial year is expected to be very significantly below the year-earlier figure

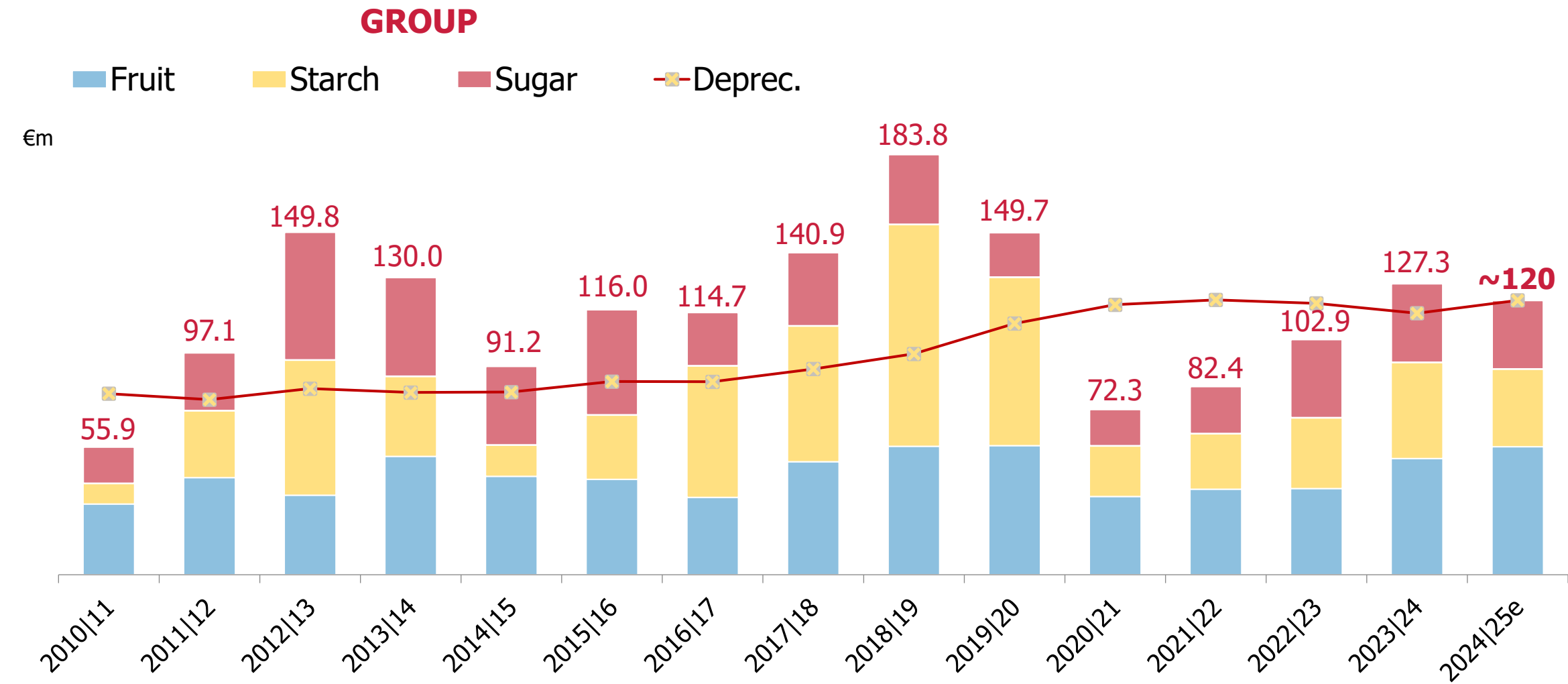
# Investment plan

- **Total investment** across the three business segments in the 2024|25 financial year, at approximately **€ 120 million**
- Is expected to be moderately below the 2023|24 value and thus only **in line with the budgeted depreciation** of about **€ 120 million**
- Around **12%** of this **capital expenditure** will be **for emission reduction measures** in the Group's own production operations as part of the AGRANA climate strategy

Investment split 2024|25  
(total ~ € 120 million)



# Capex evolution



# Financial calendar

## **14 January 2025**

Results for first three quarters of 2024|25

## **16-17 January 2025**

Capital Markets Day (in Vienna and Kröllendorf|Lower Austria)

## **9 May 2025**

Results for full year 2024|25 (annual results press conference)

## **24 June 2025**

Record date for participation in Annual General Meeting

## **4 July 2025**

Annual General Meeting in respect of 2024|25

## **9 July 2025**

Ex-dividend date

## **10 July 2025**

Results for first quarter of 2025|26

## **10 July 2025**

Record date for dividend

## **14 July 2025**

Dividend payment date

## **9 October 2025**

Results for first half of 2025|26

## **13 January 2026**

Results for first three quarters of 2025|26

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Quantitative definitions of selected common modifying words used:

| Modifier             | Visualisation | Numerical rate of change                                        |
|----------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|
| Steady               | →             | 0% up to +1%, or 0% to -1%                                      |
| Slight(ly)           | ↗ or ↘        | More than +1% and up to +5%, or more than -1% and up to -5%     |
| Moderate(ly)         | ↗ or ↘        | More than +5% and up to +10%, or more than -5% and up to -10%   |
| Significant(ly)      | ↗↗ or ↘↘      | More than +10% and up to +50%, or more than -10% and up to -50% |
| Very significant(ly) | ↗↗↗ or ↘↘↘    | More than +50% or more than -50%                                |