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# Capital Markets Day

**27<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2018**  
**MALCOLM PYE, CEO**





## BMK team

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Company  
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**Philippe Léger**  
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Advanced  
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Johannessen**  
Head of  
Genetics



**John Marshall**  
Head of  
Animal Health



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Head of  
Knowledge  
Services



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Group Lead,  
Key Account  
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Director of Investor  
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Corporate  
Development



**Anna Winton**  
Head of People



## Benchmark's vision

To be the leading global player  
in aquaculture health, genetics  
and advanced nutrition

- We address some of the main challenges facing the aquaculture industry
- We focus on improving yield, quality and profitability for our customers
- We bring together technology and biology to deliver innovative products that support producers throughout the growth cycle







# Benchmark at a glance

Global platform to serve the major aquaculture markets



- R&D facilities and farms
- Diagnostic laboratories
- Commercial services
- Manufacturing/production

Leading  
market  
positions

Innovative  
technology

Unique  
product  
offering

Established  
track record

Group  
Revenue  
**£140m**

Customers  
**1435**  
in 70  
countries

**950**  
employees



# Agenda

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3.05 – 3.20	Macro Environment, Gorjan Nikolic, Rabobank
3.20 – 3.45	Advanced Nutrition, Philippe Léger
3.45 – 4.10	Animal Health, John Marshall
4.10 – 4.35	Genetics, Jan-Emil Johannessen
4:35 – 4.50	Financial Outlook, Mark Plampin
4.50– 5.15	Group wide opportunities – panel discussion





# Benchmark Capital Markets Day

*Key market dynamics*

*Gorjan Nikolik,  
Rabobank Research: Food and Agribusiness  
March 2018*



**Rabobank**



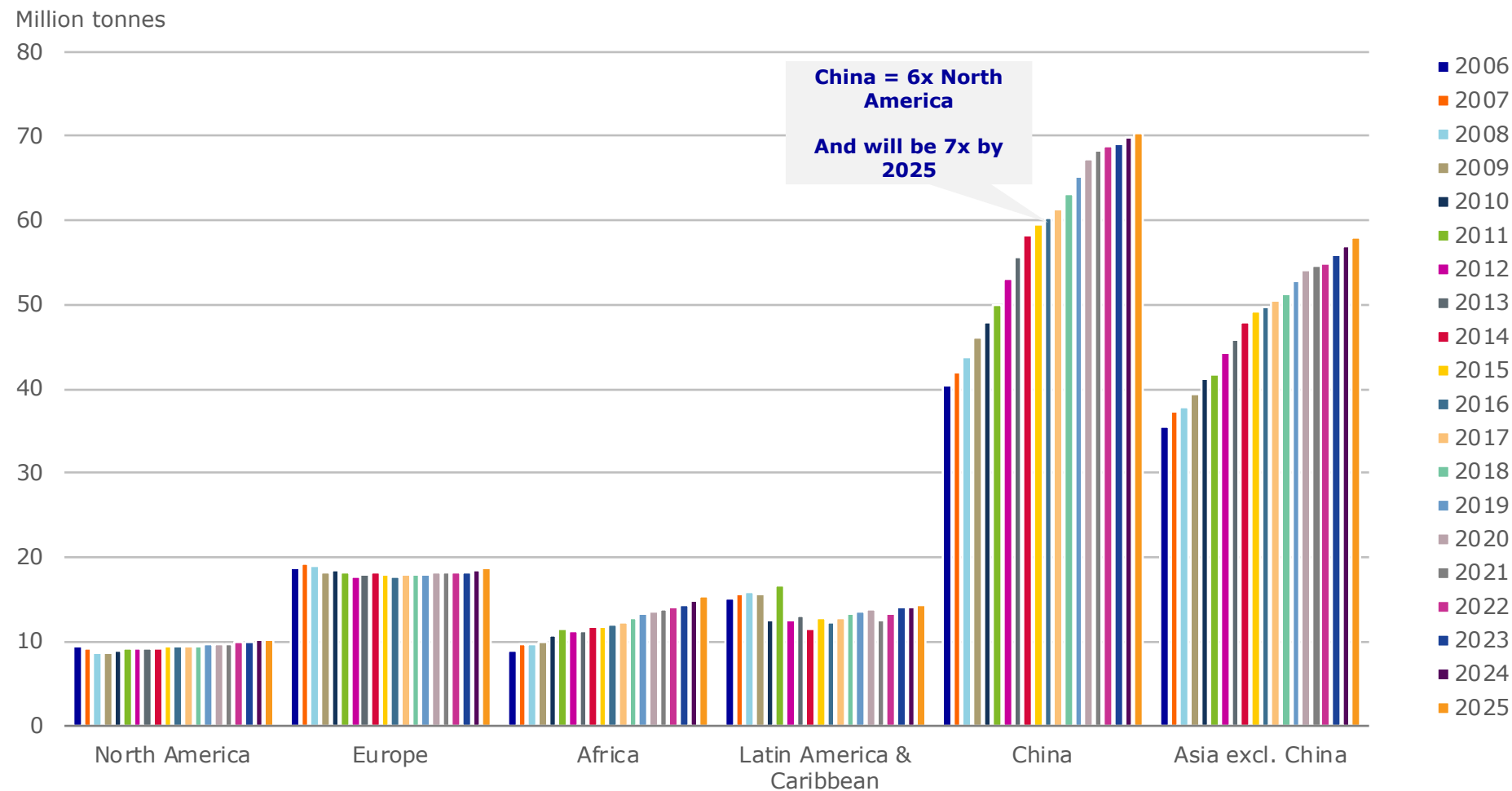
Long term dynamics



# Seafood demand growth is all about Asia, especially China

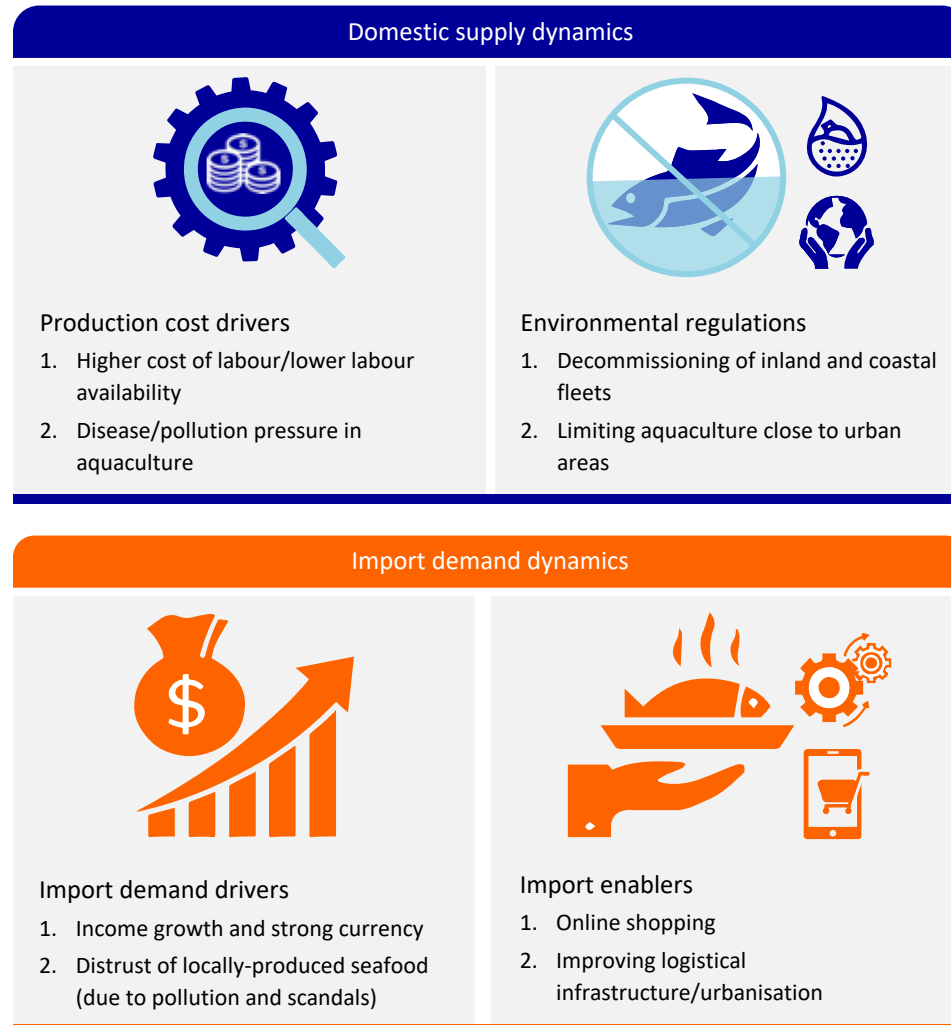


OECD outlook on the Fish consumption per region worldwide (in MT)



Source: OECD, Rabobank 2018

# However, Chinese seafood demand growth will be satisfied, in a large part, with imports... from virtually every part of the world



“Chinese-produced seafood is becoming less competitive vs. seafood from other regions, both in the Chinese domestic market and in key export markets

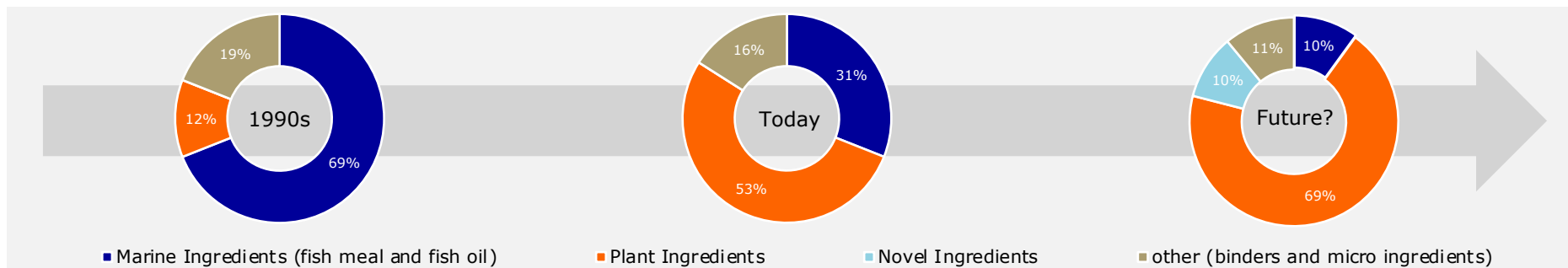
A simultaneous reduction in exports and an increase in imports are likely to erode the current positive net trade position

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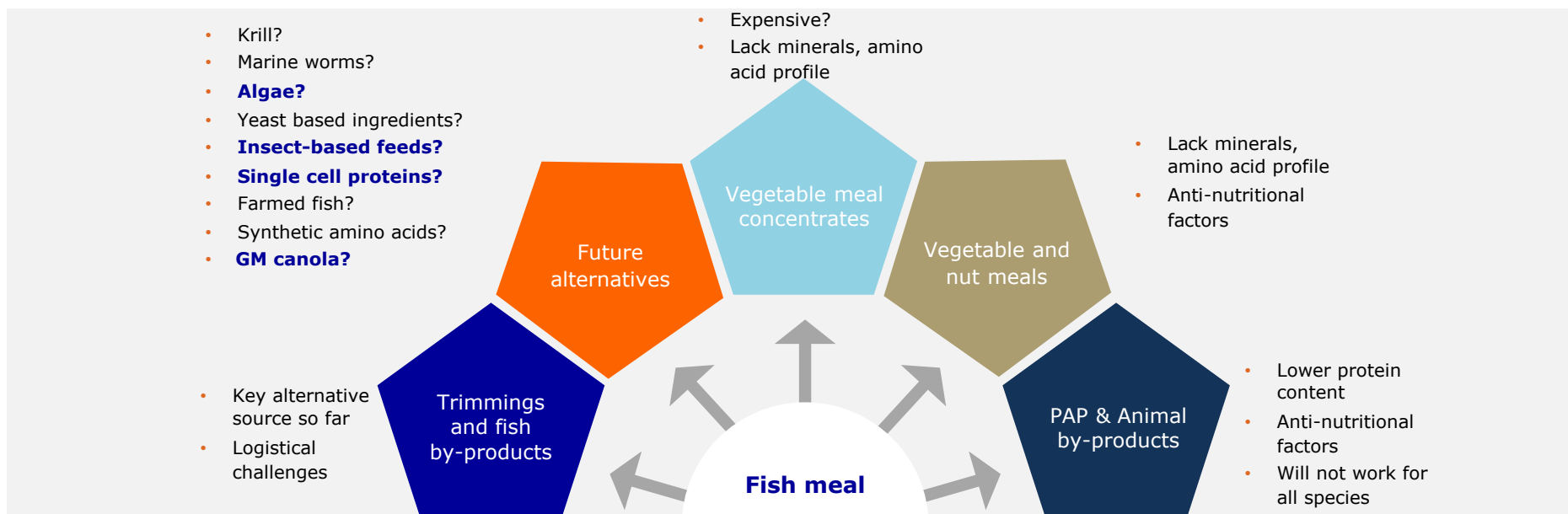


# New feed ingredients will change the feed formula, cost and sustainability of farming and fish marketing

## Salmon feed formula evolution



## What offers a similar mix of amino acids and is available at the same scale and price?



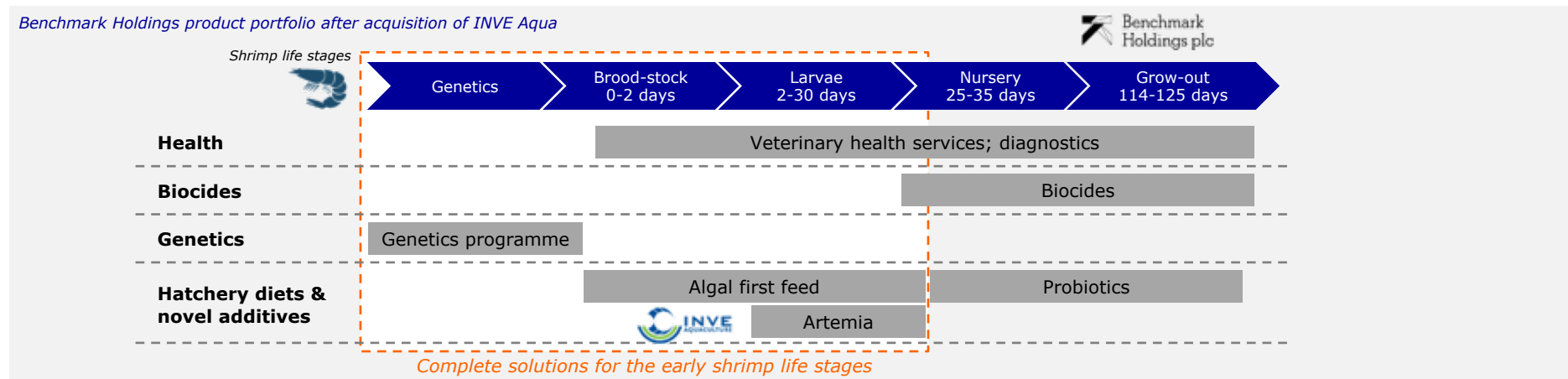
# New solutions to biosecurity are changing farm design and aquaculture business models globally

## Continuous evolution of farm level technology in salmon



## Complete solution to tackle health issues in juvenile shrimp

Benchmark Holdings product portfolio after acquisition of INVE Aqua





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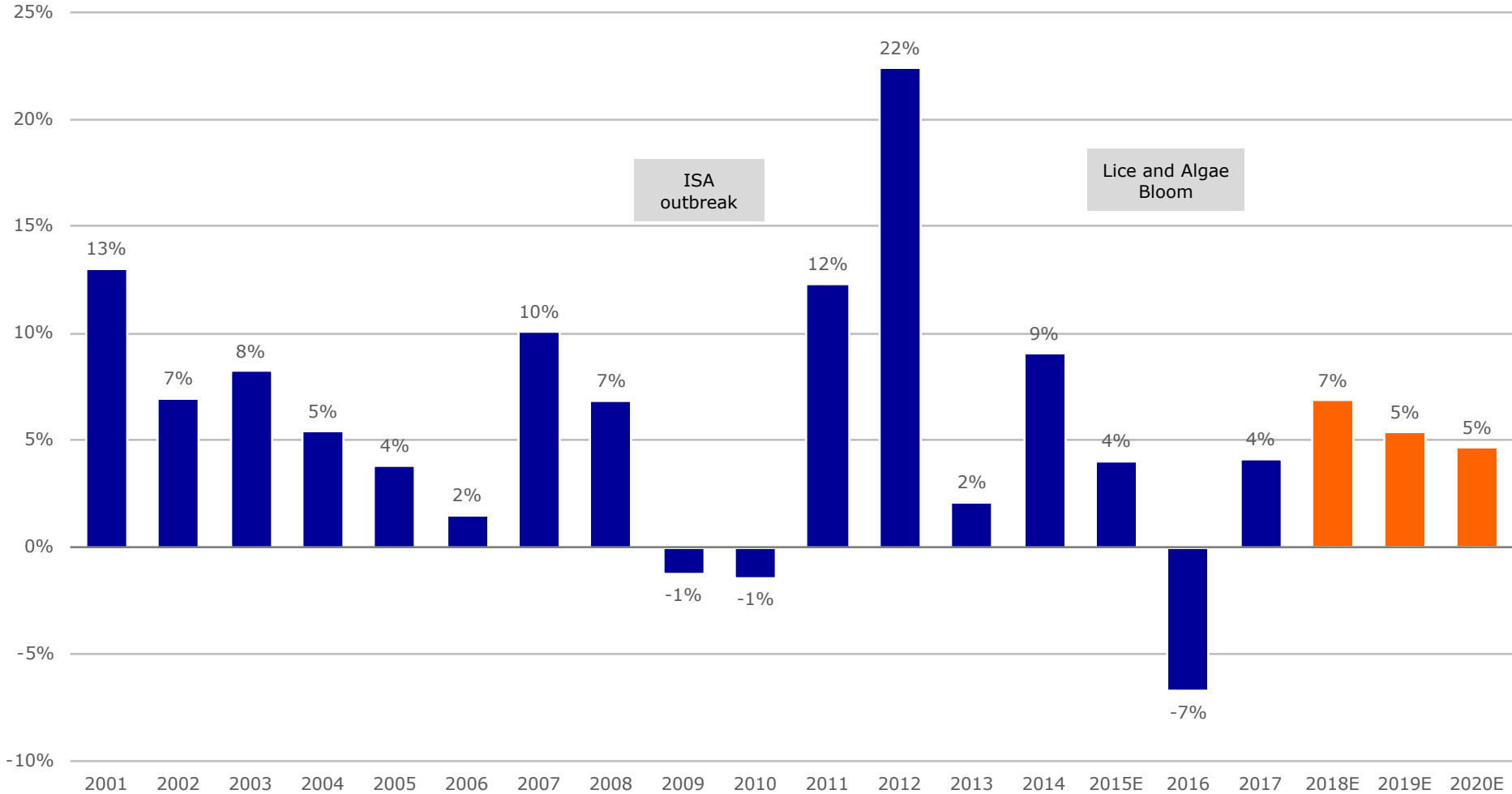


High profitability cycle in  
salmon farming to  
persist

# After a record contraction in 2016, the supply recovery period continues but will be limited by legislation in the medium term



YOY change in global Atlantic Salmon supply and forecast (%)



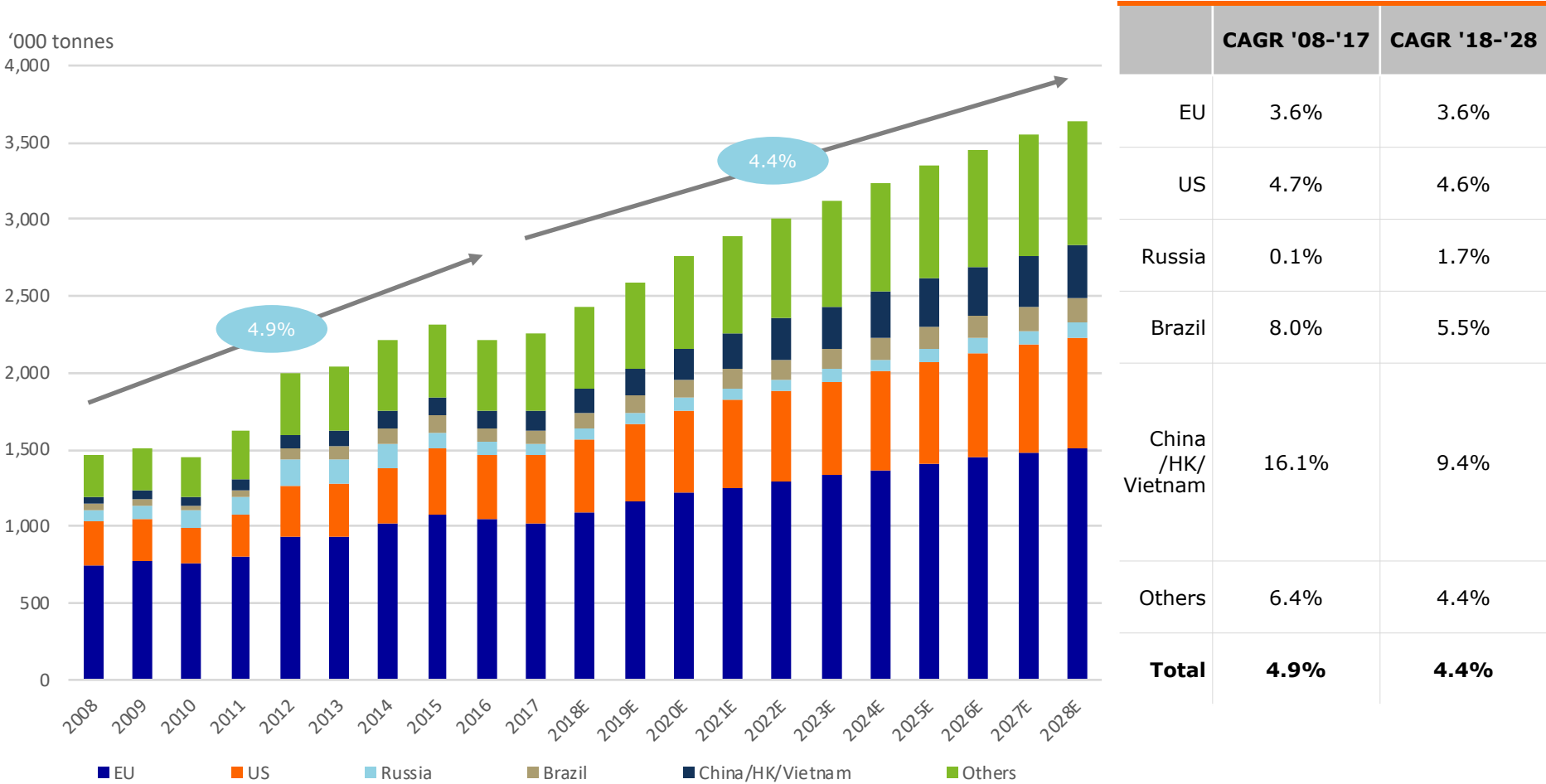
Source: Rabobank, Kontali, Subsecretaría de Pesca, 2018



# This comes at a time of strong global salmon demand, in both traditional and new makers

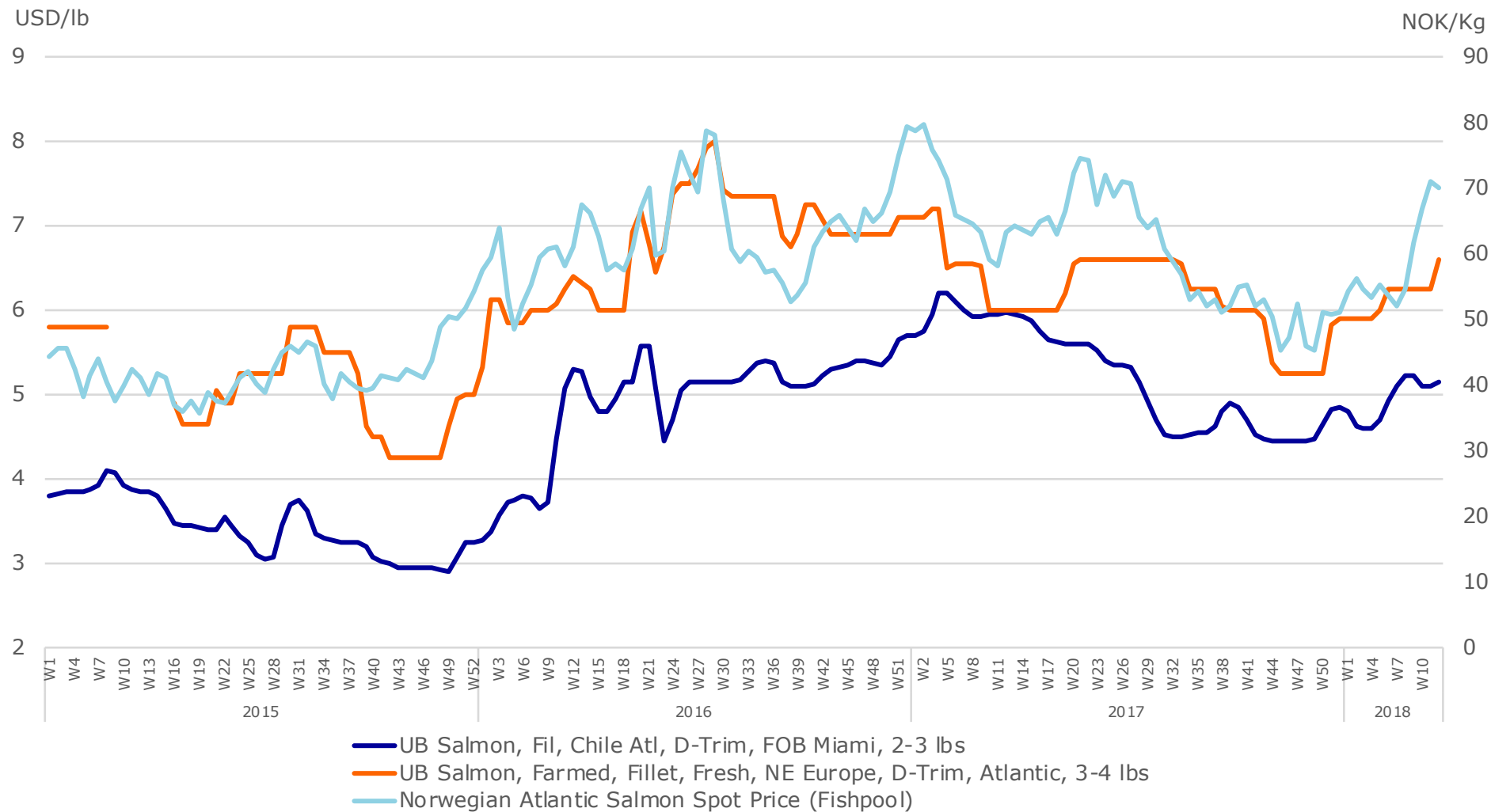


Potential growth of salmon markets



Source: Rabobank, Kontali, 2018

Consequently prices are expected to remain high for the foreseeable future, supporting good profitability





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Back to supply growth  
for shrimp farming  
(probably)



# Shrimp: Due to EMS, supply from China and Thailand has been replaced with supply from Ecuador and India

Since approximately 2010 to 2017



**India +400k MT**



**China marine shrimp -500k to 400k MT**



**Ecuador +250k MT**



**Thailand -200k MT**

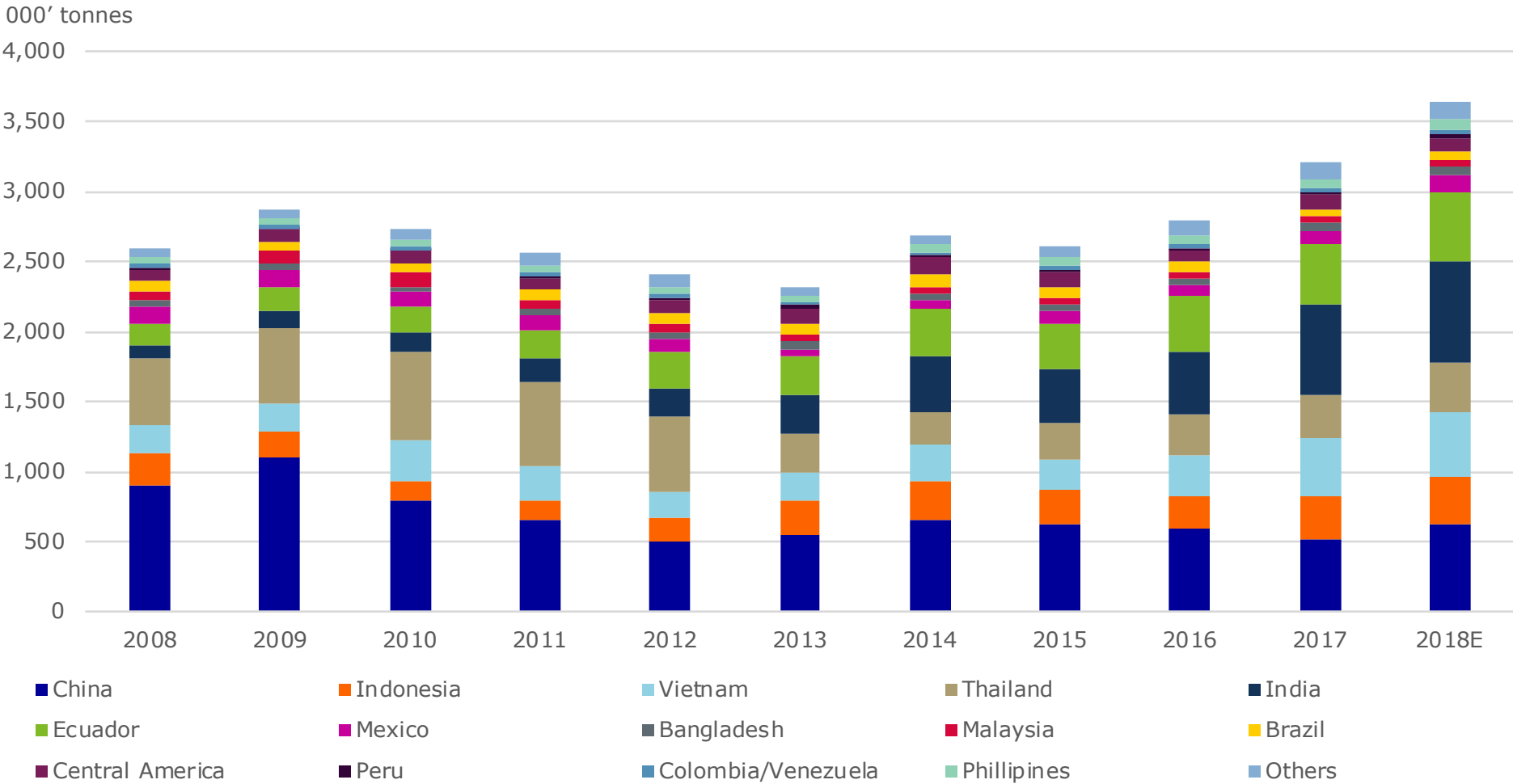
**Total +650k MT**

**Total: -700k to -600MT**

# Second half of 2017 may have been the start of a new growth phase for the global shrimp farming sector



Global Shrimp aquaculture (marine species) 2008 – 2017E

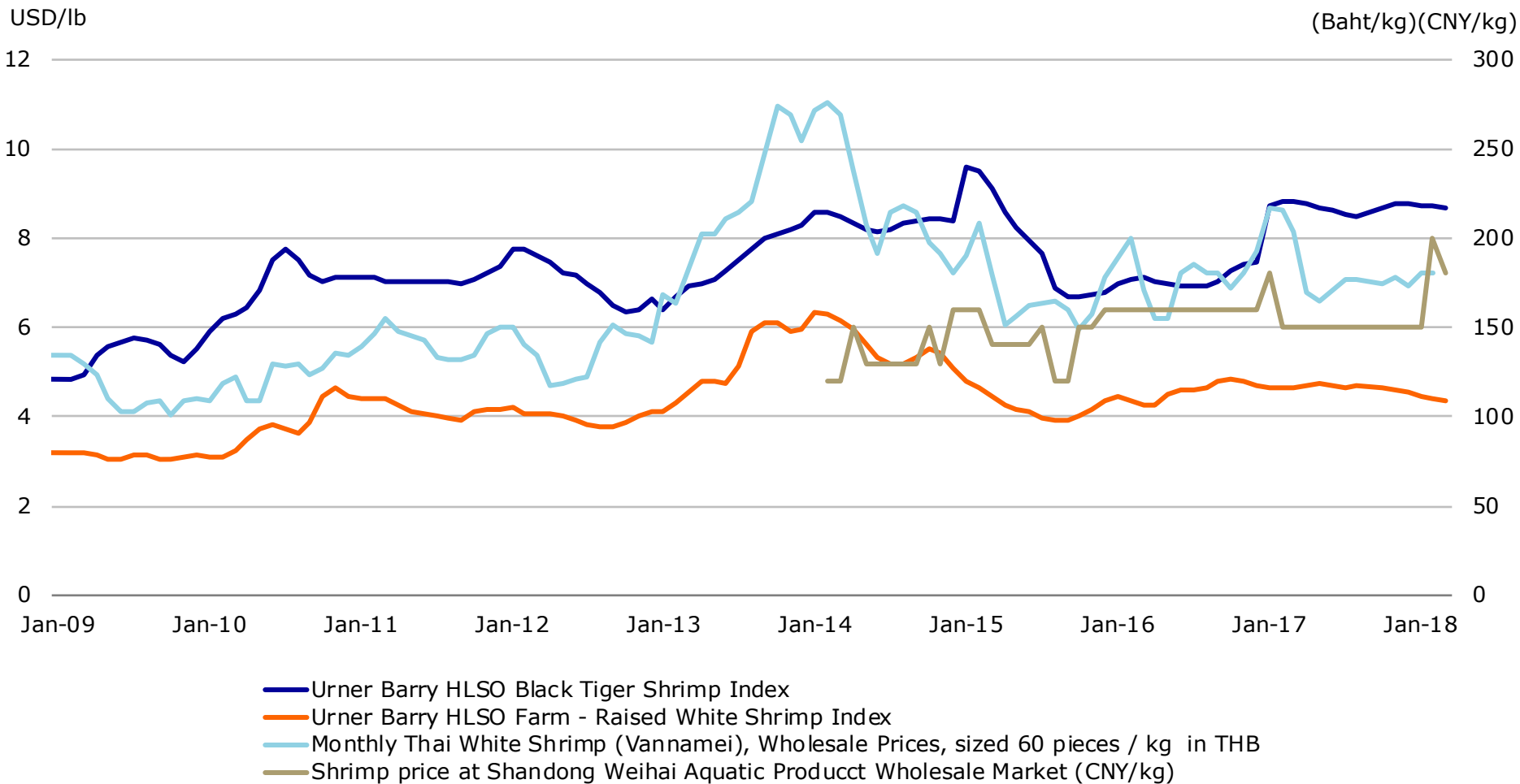


Source: Rabobank, FAO 2018  
\*Chinese production includes freshwater Vannamee farming. M. Rosenbergii is not included. After 2011 we make significant corrections to FAO data based on industry sources

# Despite considerable shifts in supply, the market has remained balanced and shrimp prices relatively stable



Shrimp prices, white and black shrimp index in the US (left axis), Thai shrimp price (right axis)



Source: Urner Barry, Thai Union Frozen Foods, Rabobank 2018

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Caring for growth requires  
optimal nutrition

PHILIPPE LÉGER,  
HEAD OF ADVANCED NUTRITION





# What does advanced nutrition mean for aquaculture

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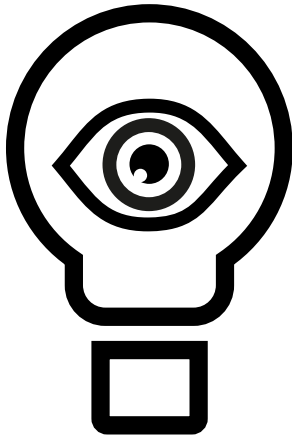
**Drives performance and consistency of production**

## **How?**

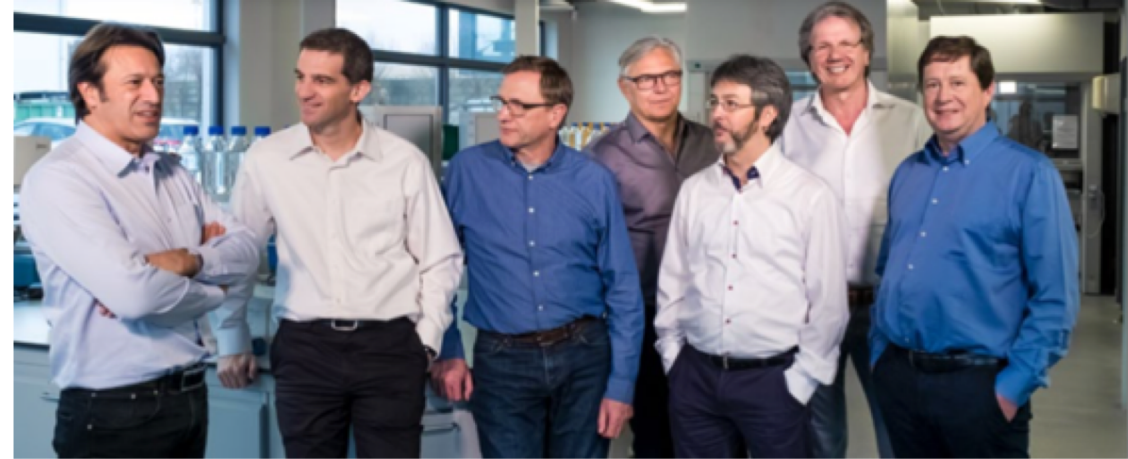
By understanding and inducing biological processes that unlock and promote survivability, development and growth



## History

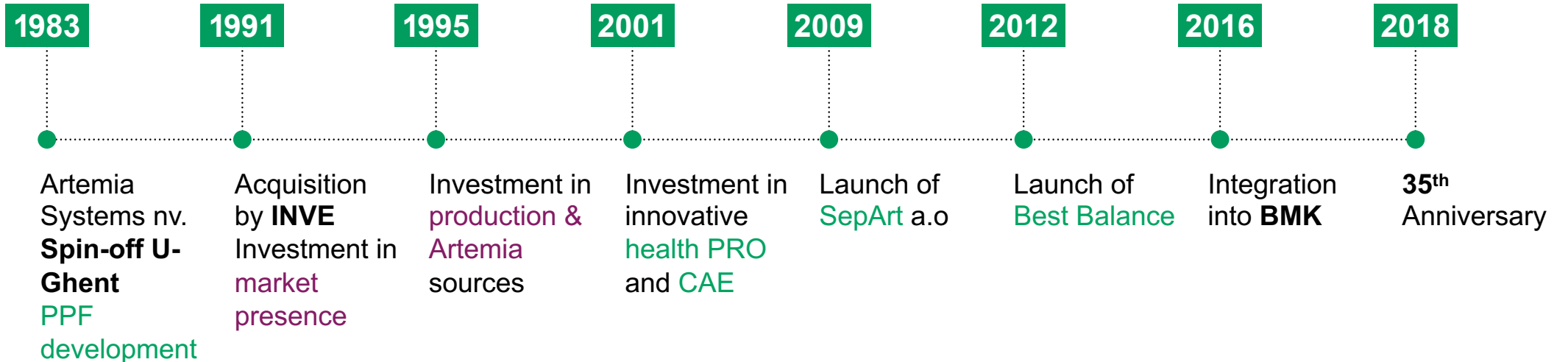


35  
years of  
innovation



Our scientific background leads back to the University of Ghent in the 1980s.

We put 35 years of innovation at the disposal of our customers.





# Management Team with depth of experience and track record

**174 years**  
of professional experience

**134 years**  
of experience in aquaculture



**Phillippe Léger**  
Head of Advanced Nutrition

- 39 years' experience
- PhD Bioscience Engineering
- With INVE since foundation
- Strong local relationships with major producers



**Patrick Lavens**  
Innovations Director

- With INVE since 1999
- PhD in Applied Biological Sciences
- 39 years experience in aquaculture



**Stelios Leontios**  
Commercial Director

- Joined INVE in 1993
- Master in Bioscience Engineering
- 22 years experience in aquaculture



**Wim Martens**  
Operations Director

- Joined INVE in 2000
- Over 15 years experience in aquaculture
- Master in Bioscience Engineering



**Emiel de Becker**  
Strategy Director

- Joined INVE in 1995
- Masters in Finance
- Responsible for strategy execution



**Pierre Hugo**  
Finance Director

- Joined INVE from Pfizer in 2012
- Over 19 years' experience
- Master degrees in Finance, Taxation, Risk and Insurance Management



**Marc De Feyter**  
HR Director

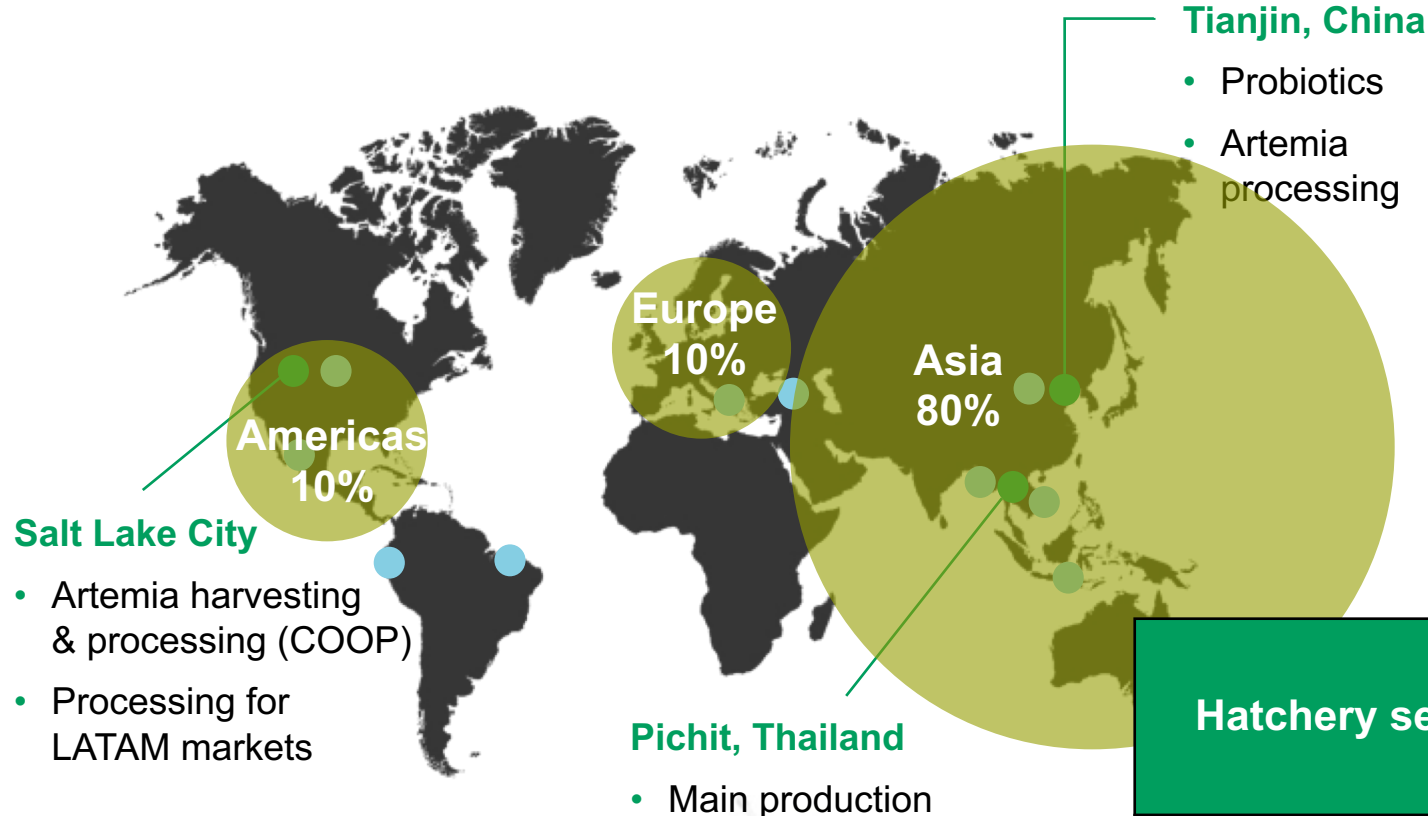
- Joined INVE in 2002
- Degree in mathematics & economics
- Responsible for People



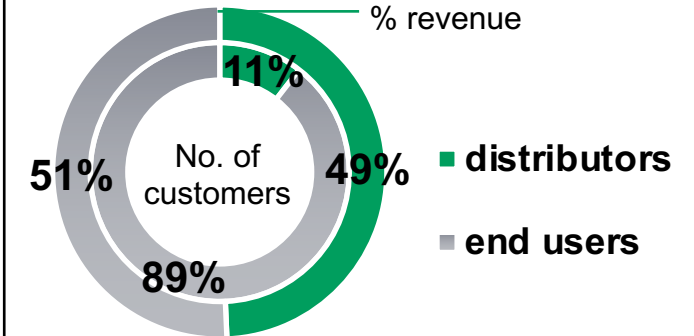


## Strategic footprint built around core markets

**600+** customers in 70 countries



### % Sales per customer segment



### Hatchery segment

- Artemia
- Enrichment diets
- Compound micro diets
- Probiotics
- Robustness boosters

### Farm segment (grow-out)

- Probiotics
- Water treatments
- Nursery feeds and farm feed additives



\$500m

## Market Overview - Hatchery

- Advanced nutrition plays critical role in hatchery
- Core markets in hatchery is estimated at over \$500m with attractive growth
  - **Shrimp** —\$360m
  - **Marine fish** —\$150m
- Top end only = \$300m
- **Dominant** share in **top end**:
  - 40%+ in most markets except China
  - 33% including China

\$1bn

## Market Overview — Farm

- High-end Farm feed estimated at **\$11Bn** (incl. shrimp, marine fish and tilapia; FAOSTAT)
- **Niche** of Farm health and feed additives market (excl. antibiotics, vaccines) estimated at c. **\$1Bn**
- **Minor** share:
  - Just **c. 1%** of additive and health market
  - **Pioneering top end** segment of innovative probiotics and water treatment products for disease prevention



## Pillars of growth

### Maintain leadership in hatchery

- Maintain technological leadership through continued **innovation**
- Maintain sufficient **market presence** and high **service** levels
- Progressing “***One Benchmark***” **key account approach** in Asia

### Increase market share in farm

- Enhance **market penetration** for probiotics & introduce novel products and nursery diets
- Focus on **integrated producers** and **partnerships** with leading feed companies

### Develop salmon and tilapia “***One Benchmark***”

- Develop feed **probiotics** and **booster feeds** for salmon
- Develop **health products** for Tilapia: feed & water treatment



## R&D priorities

- **Strengthen hatchery portfolio**
  - Upgrades, next generation products
  - Production efficiencies
- **Artemia**
  - Replacement diets
- **Expand into new markets**
  - Nursery/farm
  - Disease risk, environment optimisation
  - Salmon, tilapia

<b>2012</b>	Best Balance
<b>2013</b>	FRiPPAK Fresh #2
	O.Range
<b>2014</b>	Sanolife GWS
	Sanocare SURE
<b>2015</b>	Sanolife NutriLake
	Lansy Breed Performance
<b>2017</b>	Secure range Tilapia, D-Fense Artemia, Thalapure
	Natura, EDS, FIT





# Pipeline Overview

Species	Development stage							Peak projected sales			
	Development			Field Verification	Market preparation		Start of sales	DEV	VER	MKT	SLS
Shrimp	(SDO3)							22.8			
Marine fish	(FD05)							7.0			
Shrimp					(ART01)	(ART02)				3.9	
Marine fish					(ART02)					0.4	
Shrimp	(SL18)	(SL20)					(SL16)	2.1			3.2
Marine fish	(SL19)	(SL20)					(FD06)	0.4			3.0
Shrimp	(SL22)			(SG28)				0.1	8.5		
Marine fish							(SL23)				0.2
Tilapia	(SC12)	(SC11)	(SL20)					6.1			
Shrimp	(SG25)					(SC15)	(SD29)	7.0		1.0	1.4
Marine fish	(SG26)						(FD07)	1.5			0.4
								47.0	8.5	5.3	8.2

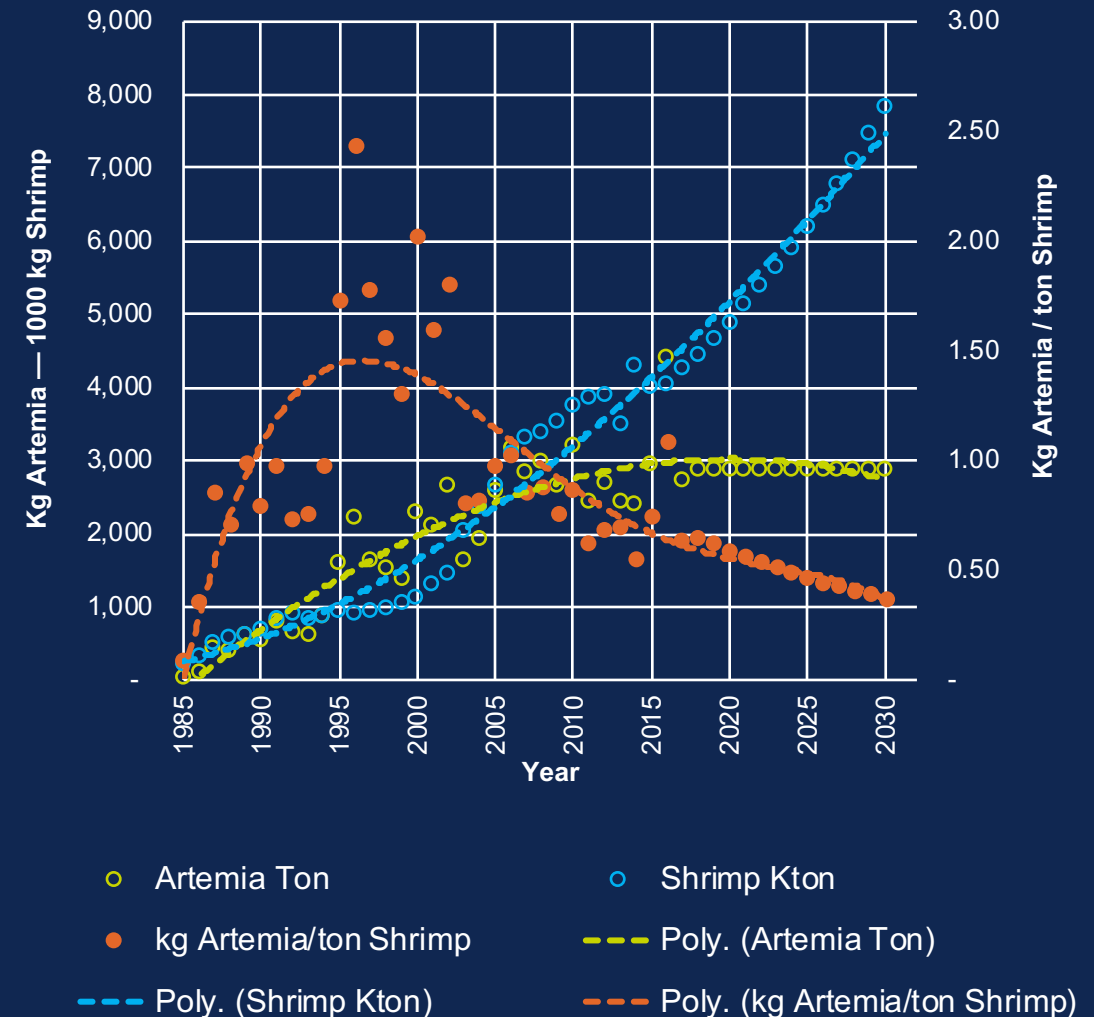


## A closer look at top opportunities

### 1. Artemia Replacement

- **Artemia** supply fully tapped:  
avg. 2900 MT/a
- **Shrimp** is biggest  
consumer >80%
- Shrimp production expected  
to **double** by 2030
- **Artemia availability per shrimp**  
to **halve** by 2030
- **Deficit** gradually filled  
with best **replacement product**

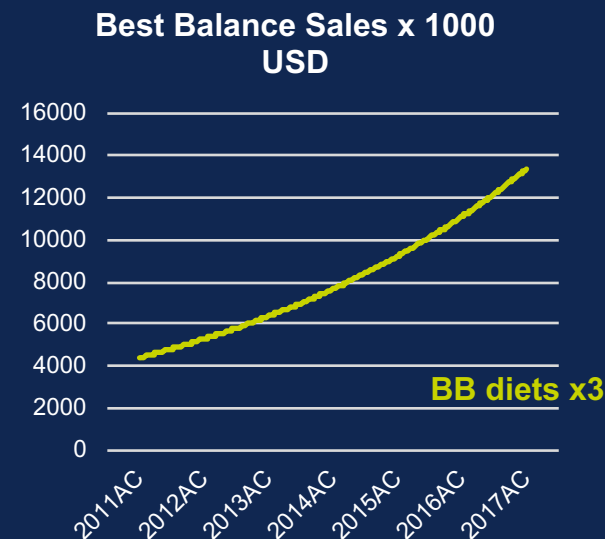
Historical data on Artemia (Kg) &  
Shrimp (1000 Kg) production  
Artemia availability per ton Shrimp (Kg/Ton)





## 1. Artemia Replacement

- Current replacement diets do not meet artemia nutritional value — fry quality degrading
- BMK has current best offering (**Best Balance**: sales tripled in 6 years)
- **100% replacement** shall equal artemia nutritional value
- **More high quality fry** will be produced **with less artemia**
- Farmers expected to **use a mix** of artemia and its replacement
  - **Sophisticated** hatcheries will use **less artemia** and more replacement
  - **Most sophisticated** hatcheries may use **no artemia**
  - Significant **demand for artemia** will continue from **less sophisticated** hatcheries and **emerging species** (crab, grouper)
- Do not expect **cannibalisation** but **complementation**



BMK has long term access to Great Salt Lake Artemia.

GSL Artemia is currently the best and most sustainable source in the world.



## A closer look at top opportunities

### Nutrition + Health Performance Claims

#### Completing AAN Unique Value Proposition

##### Advanced Nutrition

Producing quality fry

- Maturation diets
- Started diets **Natura**
- Enrichment diets **EDS**
- Nursery Diets

##### Biosecurity

reducing contamination

- **D-Fense Artemia**: pathogen free
- Disinfectants
- **Sanocare FIT**: Vibrio control

##### Resilience

to increase immunity and stress resistance

- **Sanoguard S.Pak**: Improve immunity
- **Sanolife GUT**: gut health
- **Sanolife PRO2**: Stress resistance
- Nutraceutical boosters

**Protocol for enhancing Performance and Consistency in production**





## Strong market drivers and BMK's success factors

1

### Market drivers

- Growing **demand** for seafood vs stagnating fisheries
- Move to **intensive** farming
- **Professionalisation** for vertical **integration** and **consolidation**
- Drive need for **consistent** performance and quality
- Urgent need to combat **disease — prevention**

2

### Mitigating Risks

- **#1 = Disease**
- **Climatological** impacts
- **Artemia** as a limited resource
- Industry in **development**: fragmentation, lack of professionalism and long term thinking

3

### Success factors

- **Top performing** products — science based & market driven
- Local **presence** in key markets
- **Long term** commitment
- Strong **customer relationships & service**
- **Operational excellence**: reliable quality and compliant supply
- **BMK unique solutions platform** when combining AAN with other divisions



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Disease prevention  
drives productivity

JOHN MARSHALL,  
HEAD OF ANIMAL HEALTH







# What does health mean for aquaculture

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**Despite progress made using conventional technologies, disease and parasites remain the largest restriction on the growth of aquaculture**

Benchmark is developing solutions for some of the most costly diseases



## Experienced team across disciplines to commercialise BMK pipeline



**John Marshall**  
Head of Animal Health

- 20 years' experience in pharma
- Significant experience taking new products to market
- Ex **Novartis**

### R&D



**Robin Wardle**

- 30+ years in aquaculture product development and commercial operations
- Ex **Merck**

### Manufacturing



**Bob Long**

- 35+ years experience in animal and human health
- Ex **Novartis**

### Regulatory



**Dr. Lindsey Toon**

- 20 years experience in pharma
- Ex **Merck**

### Diagnostics



**Dr. Hamish Rodger**

- 30+ years experience as an aquatic veterinarian (Phd & Msc)
- Founding member of EU College of Aquatic Animal Health
- Specialist consultant to global salmon farming





## We have the capabilities to succeed in aquaculture health

### R&D

- Dedicated team of 25 scientists
- In-house facilities add speed and flexibility
- Innovative platform technologies
- Partnerships with universities, research institutes and pharma

### Regulatory

- Experienced team with large pharma background
- Established relationships with regulators and local authorities
- Leveraging Group experience across multiple jurisdictions

### Manufacturing

- State of the art GMP facilities
- Scale to launch and manufacture BMK's broad pipeline of products
- Flexibility to utilise excess capacity for toll manufacturing

### Commercialisation

- Established market routes in salmon
- Synergy with Advanced Nutrition for marine fish
- Key accounts programme
- Technical sales and support — FishVet





## In-house R&D

### Speeding development of pipeline products

#### **Cold water trials: Scotland**

- Species: Salmon and lumpfish
- Successfully delivered trials for Ectosan & CleanTreat
- Home office licensed

#### **Warm water trials: Thailand and Italy**

- Species: Shrimp, tilapia and marine finfish
- Experimental scale shrimp hatchery
- Commercial scale testing







## Manufacturing capacity to deliver pipeline

- State of the art GMP with flexibility for conventional and new technologies
- Operating at 50% capacity from a combination of own products, toll manufacturing and product development
- Utilisation will increase as pipeline products are delivered



### Why in-house manufacturing?

- Vaccines differ from pharma - IP in manufacturing
- Greater reliability, flexibility and margins
- Easier to introduce new technologies
- Outsourcing requires large stable volumes

**In-house strategy supports faster implementation of innovation**





# Competitive landscape

## How do we compete?

- Growing interest from big pharma validates opportunity
- Large multinational players but opportunity to compete with differentiated offering
- Major unmet needs across multiple markets



Benchmark®

1. Long term commitment to aquaculture producers
2. Use innovative technologies
3. Address unmet needs (most economically important parasite and virus diseases)
4. Long history of high quality aqua vaccine manufacture
5. Holistic platform – health part of total solution

### Our Competitors



Strong player with track record in conventional vaccines in salmon and marine fish



Long-term player, particularly in salmon and tilapia



Focused on salmon globally



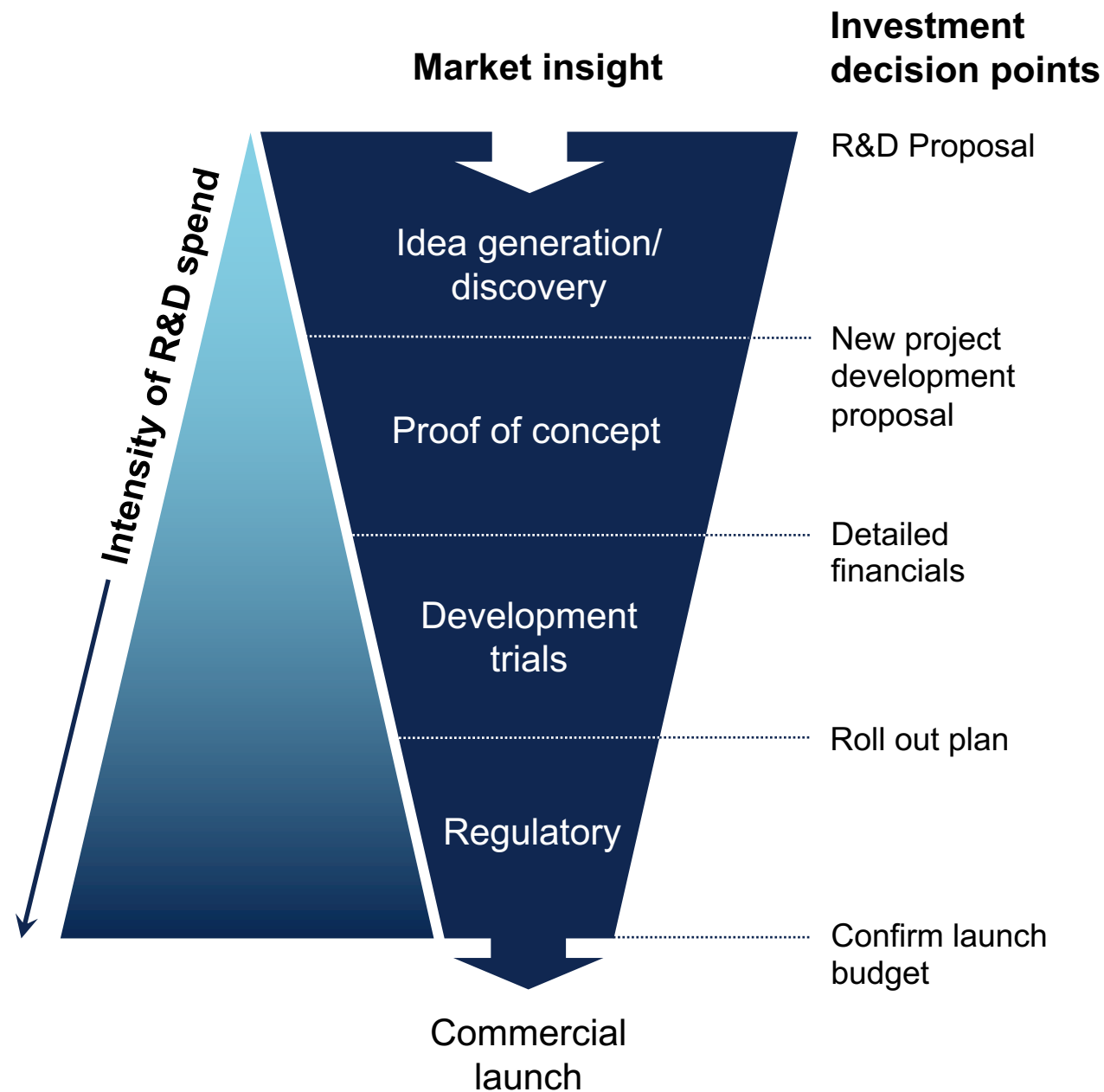
Generics supplier in Chile





## Focused R&D strategy

1. Pipeline centred around large market opportunities and unmet needs
2. Develop platform technologies
  - VLP's, recombinants, live attenuated, DNA plasmids
  - New adjuvant technology
  - Unique cell lines
  - Oral delivery
  - CleanTreat
3. Prioritise projects based on return potential and strategic importance
4. Manage pipeline dynamically
  - Accelerate, pause or abort based on technical success and evolution of market opportunity
5. Holistic approach to disease, leveraging Group capabilities



# Animal Health pipeline overview

Peak projected sales (£), date of first sales (incl. field trials)	Discovery				Passed proof of concept				Development Trials				Regulatory process begins		Field Trials	Species total (£m)
Sea bass/bream								VAQ002 (3m) 2019		PAQ009 (20m) 2020	VAQ007 (12m) 2019	VAQ011 (10m) 2018	VAQ008 (1m) 2018	VAQ016 (1m) 2016		47
Salmonids	PAQ024 (6m) 2021	VAQ017 (25m) 2021	VAQ032 (10m) 2019	VAQ006 (15m) 2019	PAQ017 (3m) 2022	VAQ029 (9m) 2020	VAQ015 (6m) 2020	VAQ010 (1m) 2018	VAQ019 (1m) 2019	VAQ021 (2m) 2019	VAQ020 (1m) 2019	VAQ028 (19m) 2019	PAQ014 (1m) 2018	PAQ008 (45m) 2018		194
	PAQ004 (3m) 2022	PAQ022 (10m) 2021	VAQ031 (6m) 2021			PAQ018 (10m) 2021	PAQ007 (13m) 2021	VAQ009 (2m) 2020	VAQ022 (6m) 2019							
Tilapia	VAQ034 (3m) 2022	VAQ036 (1m) 2021	VAQ025 (1m) 2021									VAQ024 (1m) 2018		VAQ004 (1m) 2018		7
Shrimp														EAQ002 (10m) 2019		10
Cleaner fish				VAQ033 (1m) 2018												1
Catfish					VAQ003 (3m) 2019											3
Other aquaculture		PA016 (6m) 2022	PAQ021 (6m) 2022													12
Non aquaculture						VC002 (55m) 2021	VTS009 (50m) 2021		VC001 (165m) 2021				PAQ023 (3m) 2019			273
Peak sales Est. Prob success	13 products £93m 10%				11 products £155m 30%				10 products £237m 50%				7 products £62m 80%			



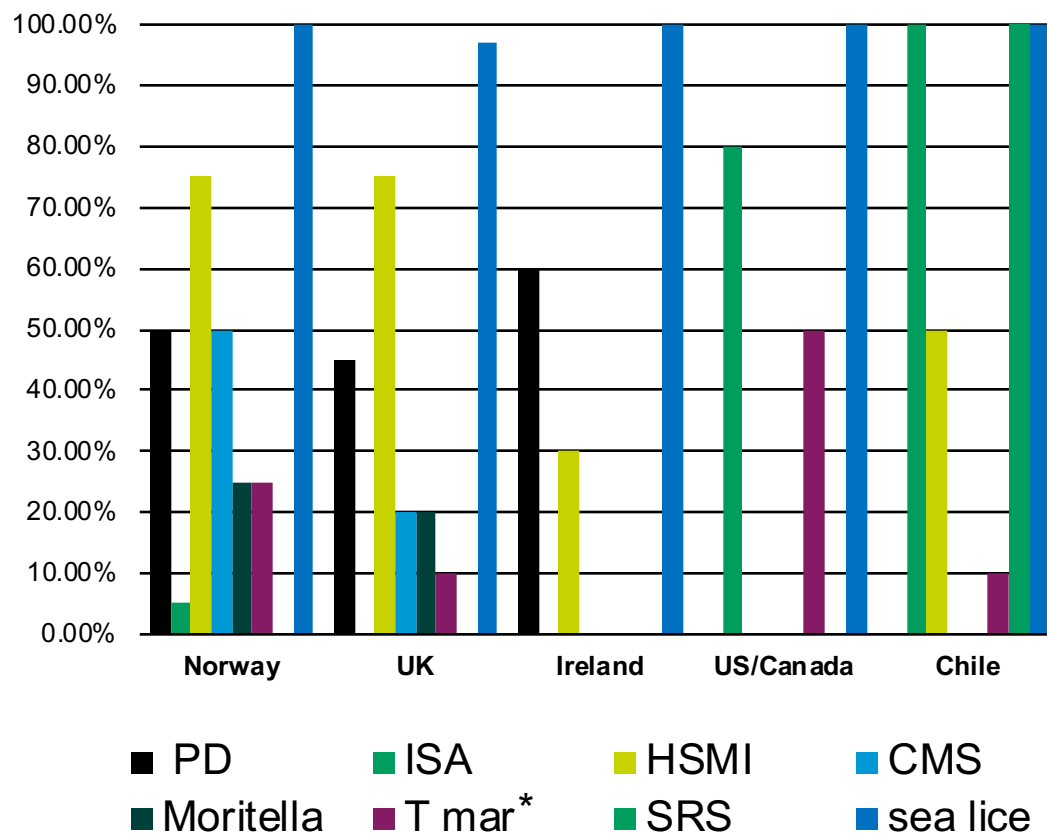
## Top core opportunities

		Peak projected sales	Risk Weighted
1	Next generation sea lice treatment	£45m	£36m
2	Salmon vaccines portfolio	£99m	£26m
3	Sea bass/sea bream portfolio	£46m	£24m



## Salmon opportunities

### Incidence and impact of major diseases



\*Tenacibaculum maritimum

Source: Company estimates

Sea lice estimated annual  
cost to industry<sup>1</sup>

**\$500m+**

PD impact in Norway<sup>2</sup>

**\$250m**

SRS estimated annual  
cost to industry<sup>3</sup>

**\$300m**

HSMI<sup>4</sup>

**Up to 20%  
Mortality**

Source: <sup>1</sup>Rabobank, <sup>2</sup>Norwegian Fish Health Report

<sup>3</sup>Rozas & Enriques (2014) <sup>4</sup>Fish Vet Group





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## Salmon lice: Next generation sea lice treatment + CleanTreat

- **100% efficacy** including in populations resistant to other medicines
- **Safe for most sensitive marine species**
- **Superior safety profile** even at high exposure level
- **Excellent fish welfare**

### Overview of current sea lice treatments

	Efficacy	Welfare	Environment
Next generation sea lice treatment	100%		None
Pyretheroids	Low		Long
Azamethiphos	Moderate		Short
Avamectin	Low		Long
H202	Moderate	XX	Short
Fresh water	Declining	X	None
Mechanical	Moderate	XXX	None

Source: Company analysis





## Next generation sea lice treatment + CleanTreat

### Large opportunity initially in Norway with significant return potential

- Estimated annual peak revenue: £45m based on conservative assumptions:
  - Treatment market size: 1.1mtons
  - Market penetration: 25%
  - Treatments/year/farm: one
  - Premium price vs treatments in the market
  - Years to reach peak sales (from MA): 2yrs
- Target IRR: 50%



Salmon farms  
in Norway



## Next generation sea lice treatment roll-out plan

### 2018

- Field trials in Norway
- Great interest from producers to participate in trial extension
- Obtaining approvals to conduct field trials in other markets.
- Exploring CleanTreat opportunities

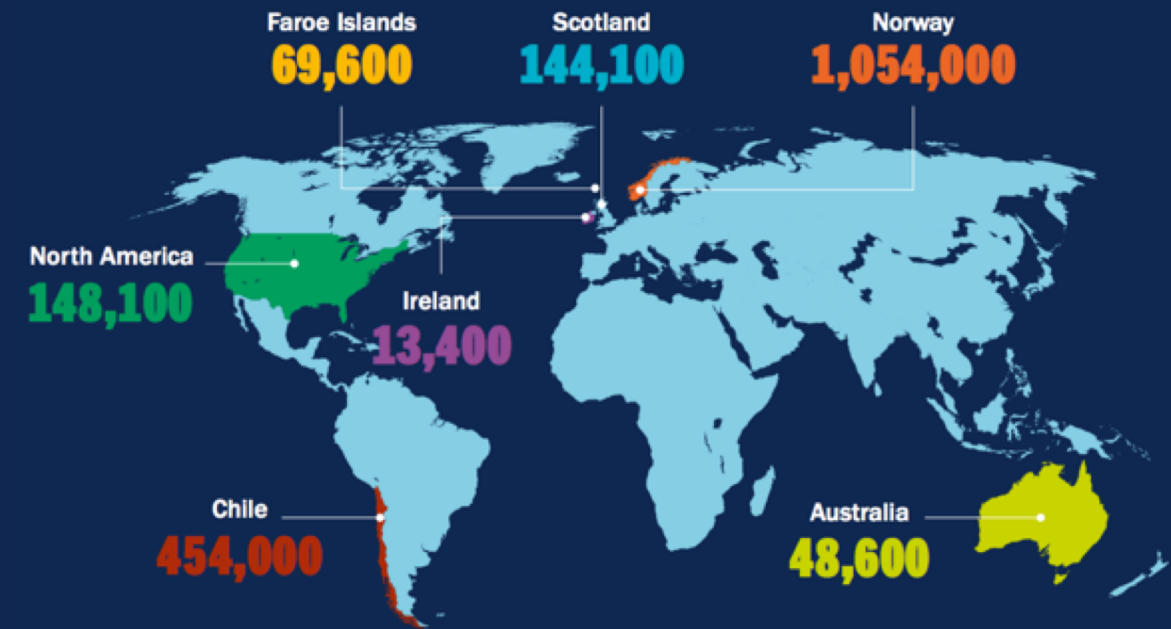
### 2019

- Field trials:
  - UK, Ireland and Faroe Islands
  - Canada
  - Chile

### 2020

- MA in place

### Top salmon producing countries 2016<sup>3</sup> (tonnes GWE\*)



Source: Salmon Farming Handbook



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## Salmon vaccine portfolio strategy

**Unmet Need**



**Core Antigens**



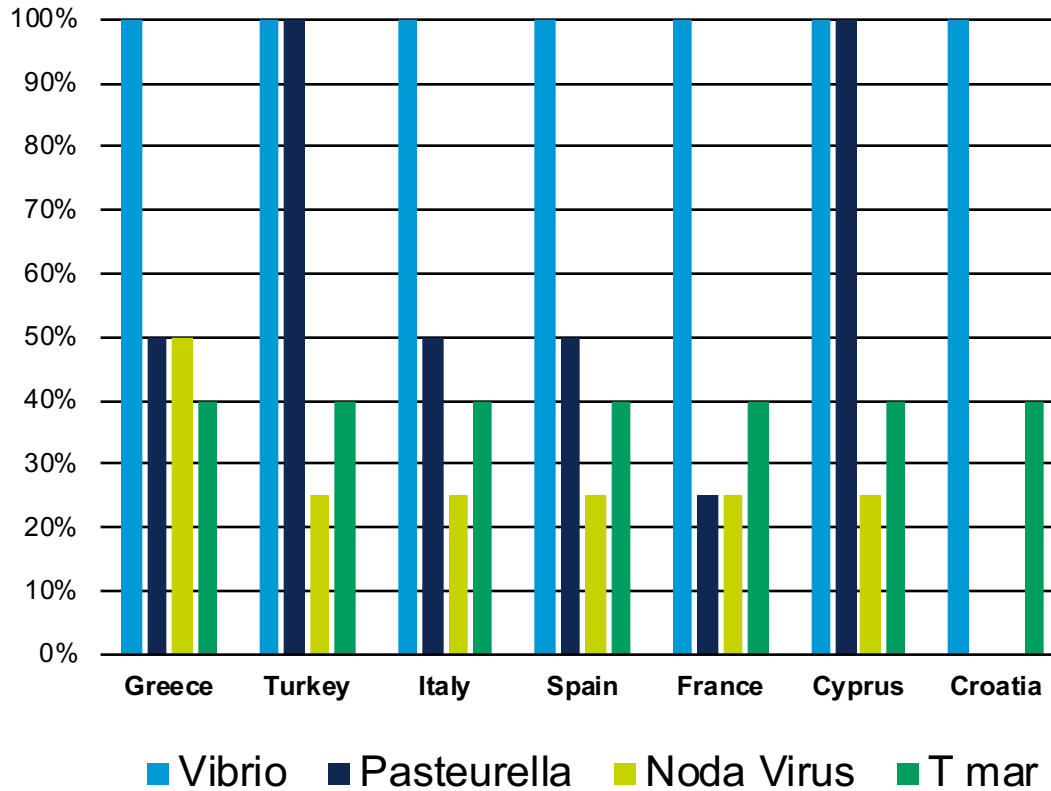
**Full solution**

- Apply new technologies to solve existing and unmet needs
  - High value added for farmers
- Focus diseases: sea lice, PD, SRS and skin lesions caused by *Tenacibaculum maritimum* (Tmar)
- Follow with standard core antigens e.g. Vibrios to deliver full differentiated protocol
- Regional strategies for Chile, Norway, UK and Canada
- BMK holds core antigens (from Zoetis aquaculture asset acquisition)
- Patented technology and know-how
- Platform technologies for oral delivery, injection and immersion
- Peak projected sales: £99m (risk weighted £26m)



## Marine fish opportunities

### % incidence of major diseases by region



Nodavirus<sup>1</sup>  
**up to 100%  
mortality**

Pasteurella  
(in juvenile fish)  
**up to 90%  
mortality**

Source: <sup>1</sup> Doan et al 2016, <sup>2</sup> Andreoni & Magnani, 2014

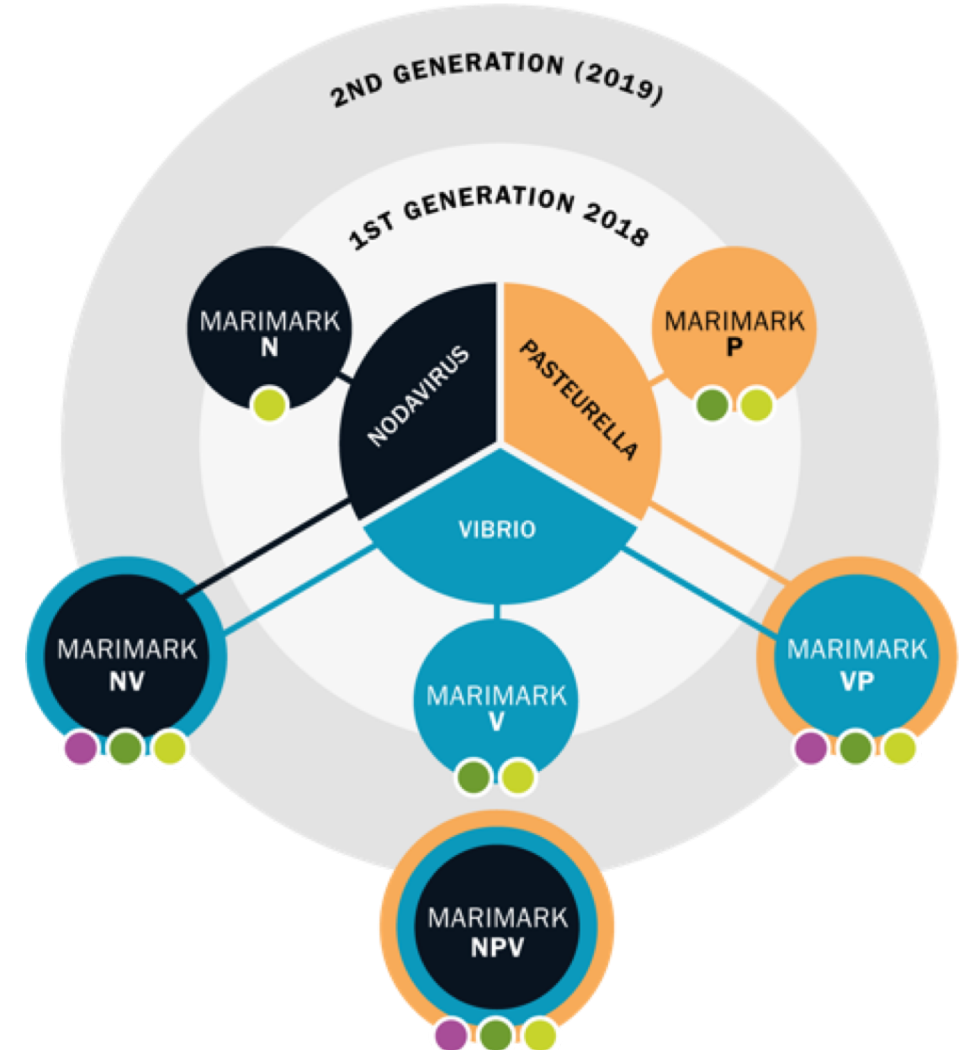




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## Warm Water Marine Fish Portfolio e.g. Sea Bass & Sea Bream

- BMK strategy is to build a flexible mix and match portfolio to deliver tailored, cost effective vaccination programmes
- Opportunity to leverage INVE's established position and long term relationships with key producers
- Scope to extend technology to other species





## Summary

### Key growth drivers

#### **Disease is aquaculture's greatest limiting factor**

- Unmet disease solutions in salmon
  - Sea lice greatest restriction on salmon industry growth
  - Virus and bacterial diseases cost to industry over \$1bn
- Unmet disease solutions in marine fish
  - Nodavirus and Photobacterium
  - Parasites

### Capabilities

- Group track record of commercialising
- New technologies allows first mover advantage
- State of the art manufacturing capacity
- Programmes showing superior performance
- Holistic solutions with BMK synergies

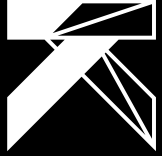
### Main opportunities

#### **Salmon**

- Sea lice treatment: Commercial trials in Norway, Faroe Islands, UK & Canada
- Exploit CleanTreat for current bath medicines & 'own' future medicines
- Novel Salmon Vaccine portfolio launch — oral vaccines, SRS, PD

#### **Marine Fish**

- Mediterranean Vaccine portfolio launch
- Strengthen commercial structure globally
- Global vaccines (VAQ028)



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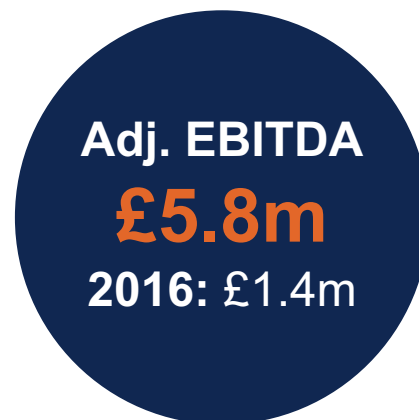
# Breeding for the future with genomic precision

JAN-EMIL JOHANNESSEN,  
HEAD OF GENETICS



## What does **genetic selection** mean for aquaculture?

Delivering the best genetic starting point for production efficiencies and health resilience







## Over 135 years experience in aquaculture genetics



**Jan-Emil Johannessen**  
Head of Benchmark Genetics

- 30+ years' experience in the salmon industry
- Deep-rooted market insight into food production
- Ex **Lerøy** and **Rieber & Søn**



**Dr. Morten Rye**  
Director of Genetics and R&D

- 30+ years' experience
- Established renowned genetic programme for aquaculture industries globally
- Ex **Nofima**



**Dr. Jónas Jónasson**  
Operations Director, Salmon

- 30+ years' experience in aquaculture genetics
- PhD in Animal Breeding
- Experience with numerous species
- Ex scientist in genetics at the **Freshwater Institute, Iceland**



**Oscar Hennig**  
Operations Director, Shrimp

- 25+ years' experience in shrimp industry
- Expert in disease management, farming technology and genetics
- Ex **Shrimp Improvement Systems & Kona Bay**



• **Hernan Pizarro**  
Operations Director, Tilapia

- 20 years' experience in aquaculture in the Americas
- Sales and marketing, technical services and business development
- Ex **Pfizer**



## Built through acquisition of top players

### Integration complete – synergies emerging



○ **2014**  
SalmoBreed  
& StofnFiskur

○ **2015**  
Akvaforsk  
Genetics  
& Spring  
Genetics

○ **2016**  
Genetica  
Spring

**Salmon  
Shrimp  
Tilapia**

**>300**  
customers in  
30 countries

**Top 5: 29%**

**Tilapia, Mexico**



**Shrimp, Colombia**



**Tilapia, Miami**



**Tilapia, Brazil (2018)**



**Salmon, Norway**



**Salmon, Iceland**

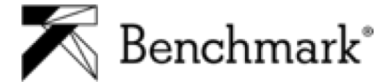




# 1. Salmon — leading position in concentrated market

- Four key players and high entry barriers
- Market share gains from agreements with Lerøy and SalMar
- Future gains from innovation, biosecure year-round facilities, and partnerships

Products	BMK Revenue	Mkt size (ova m)		BMK share
Ova/ Broodstock/ Lumpfish	£27m	Norway	400	35%
		Scotland	62	37%
		Faroe	32	89%
		Iceland	25	100%
		Chile	305	2.3%
		N. America	58	6.9%
Services	£2.3m			



Market size  
**c. £90m**

Projected market  
growth (2018-'20)<sup>1</sup>  
**5-7%**



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## How do we compete?

1. Leading genetic traits
2. Biosecurity
3. Year-round availability
4. Technical support
5. Customer Partnerships



## 2. Shrimp: opportunity to expand in large, underpenetrated market

### Market

- Genetic underpenetration c.30% v 90%+ in salmon
- Current market (broodstock) estimated at US\$100m
  - will grow with increase in sophisticated genetics and continued industrialisation
- PL's and nauplii represent much bigger opportunity – require local multiplication capabilities

### Competition

- Some competition but underdevelopment and growth create large opportunity



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### Strategy

1. Continue to develop high performing strains from 20 year breeding programme
2. Leverage commercial experience in salmon and presence in shrimp hatcheries through advanced nutrition
3. Challenge “one size fits all” approach adapting lines and genetics to local markets
4. Continue to develop SPR shrimp for Asia and determine market entry routes





### 3. Tilapia — early entry, first mover advantage

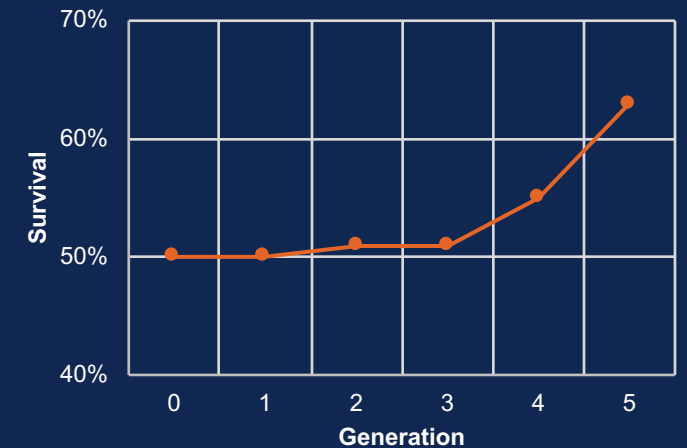
#### Market

- Less industrialised than shrimp
- Very low penetration of sophisticated genetics
- Highly dispersed — small local/FAO programmes
- Emerging privatisation; interest from large players (Aquagen)

#### Strategy

- Continue to develop 30 year breeding programme
  - Selection for growth, survival, strep resistance
- Invest in genomic tools
- Commercialise as market matures
  - Build from current base in Latam (Mexico, Brasil)

#### Genetic trend Resistance to streptococcus



Survival increase from  
**51% to 63%**  
in 2 generations = 2 years

**15%**  
Growth gain per  
generation



## Commercialisation: flexible model maximises value for Benchmark

Products
Atlantic salmon ova
Atlantic salmon fry/smolts/broodstock
Tilapia eggs, fry/juveniles
Shrimp postlarvae (PL) Breeder, nauplii
Genetic services - multi species
Lumpfish

ROUTES TO MARKET

Traditional sales

License/royalty

Sales of broodstock

JV or franchises

Own multipliers and/or  
fingerling production



Range of products and routes to market address all customer segments



## R&D strategy

### 1. Long term breeding + latest genetic tools

- Breeding delivers long term continuous improvement
  - Growth, survival, maturation, feed conversion, quality
- Genomic tools add precision
- New traits focused on disease resistance using latest genetic techniques
  - ISA, PD, AGD, CMS

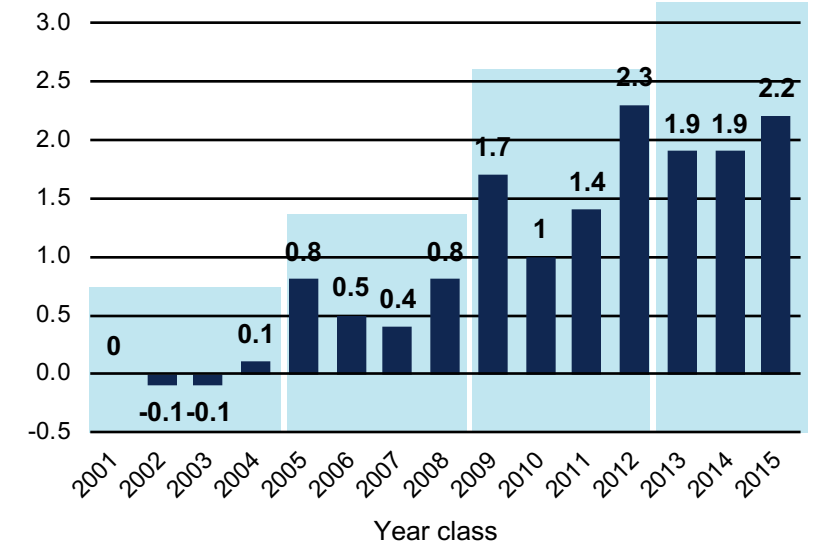
### 2. Leverage R&D and expertise across species

- Investment and experience with genomic tools can be used across species

### 3. Develop holistic solutions with BMK Group

- i.e. sea lice strategy

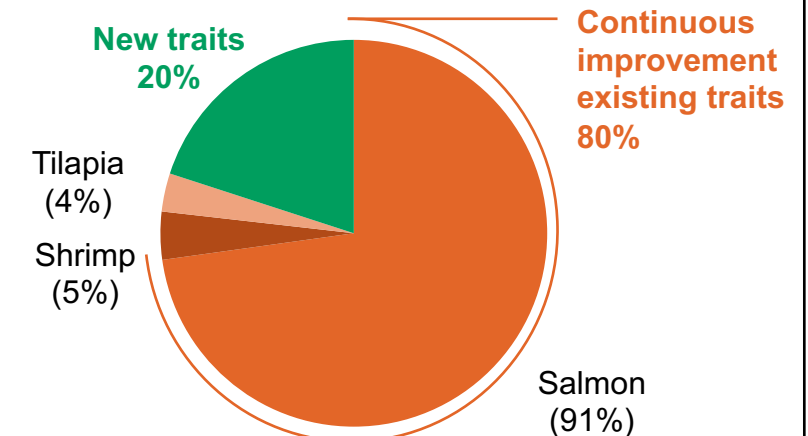
### Slaughter weight increase over 4 generations



Source: Company data

Note: 2015 year class harvested in 2017 and 2018

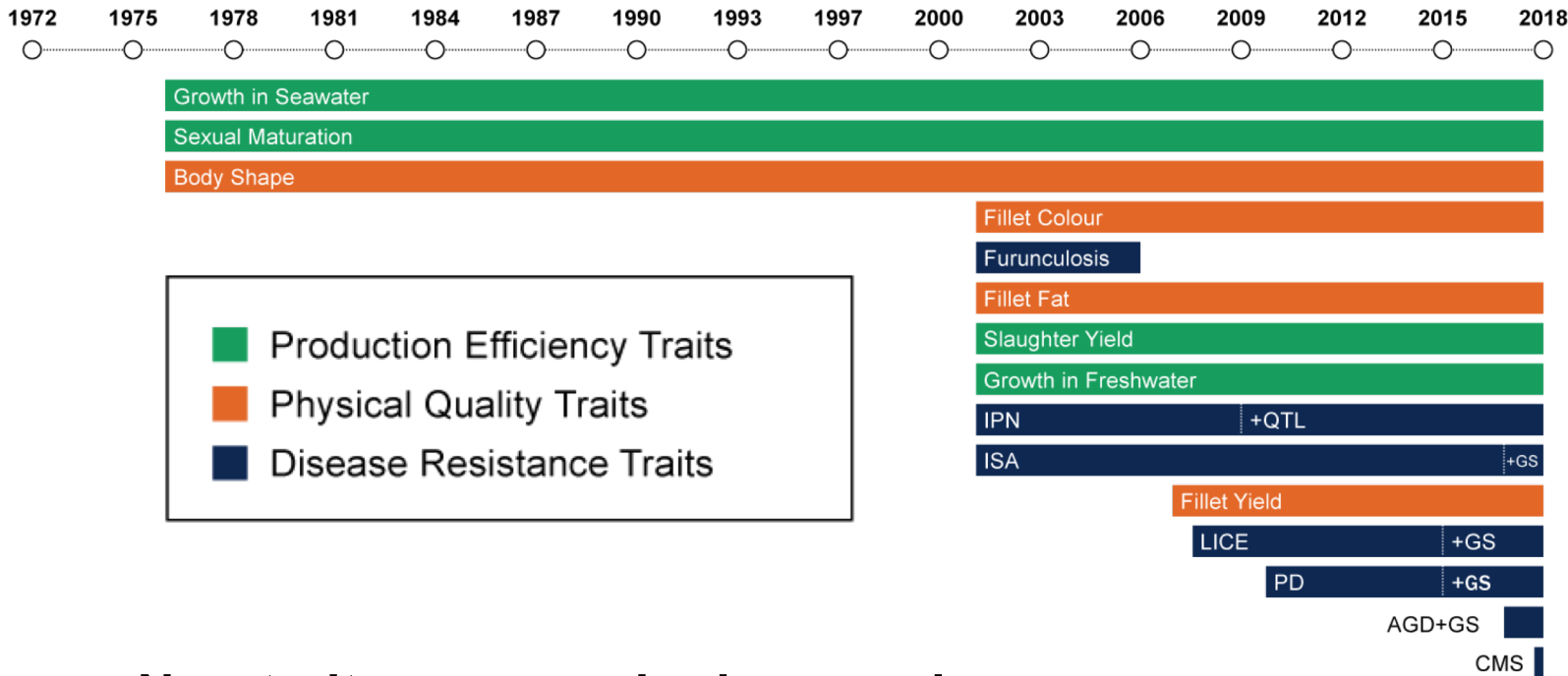
### R&D spend (2017: £3m)



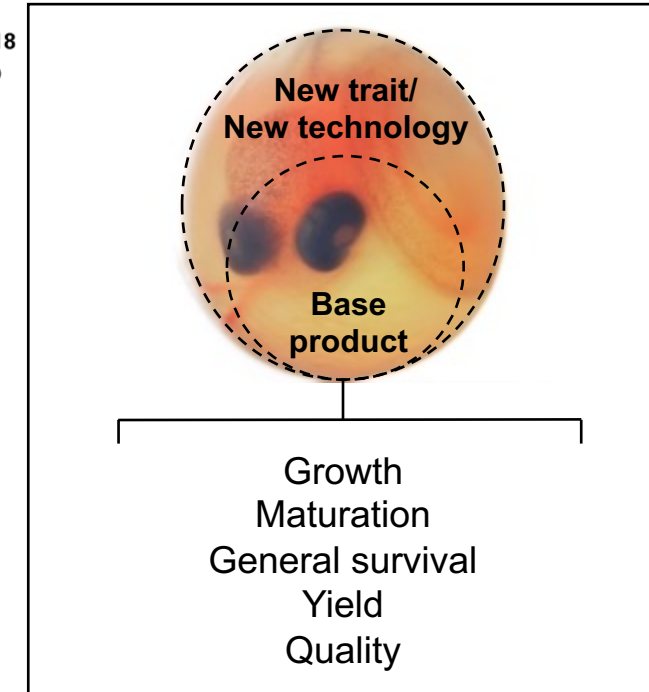


# Evolution of genetic trait development

## Salmon



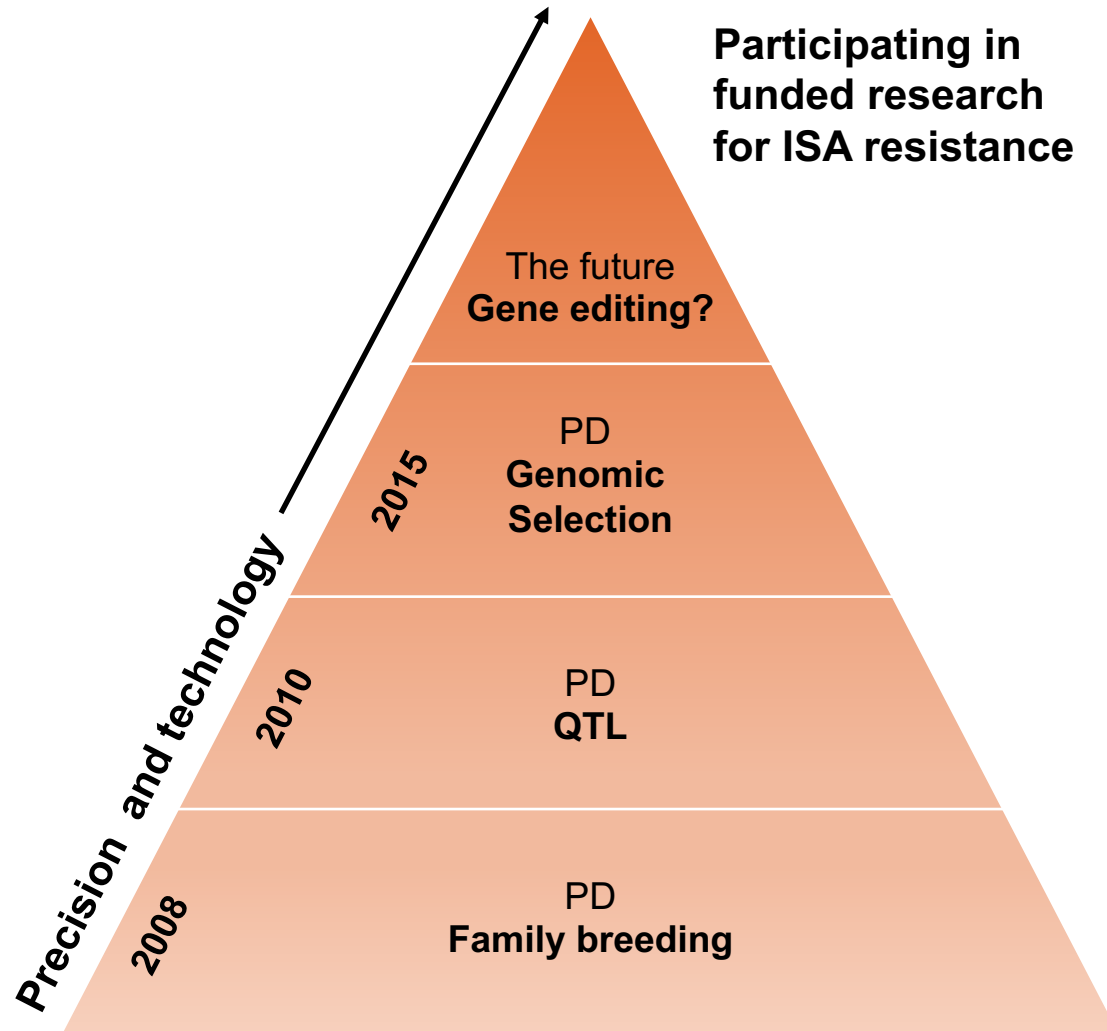
**New traits command price premium  
....and become standard over time**





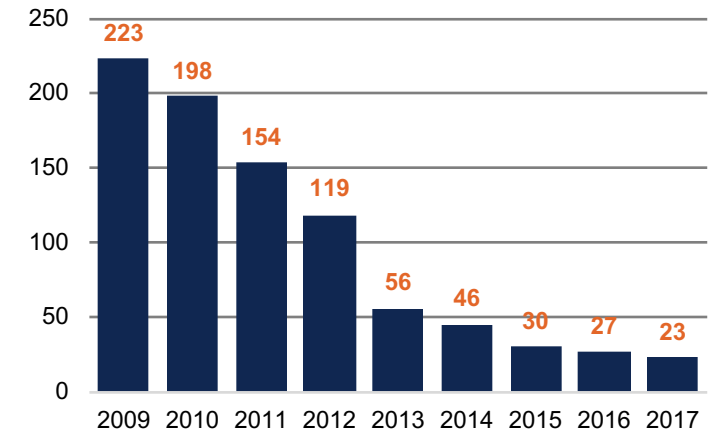


## We aim to be a leader in the understanding and responsible adoption of new genetic tools



### Case Study - QTL

**85% reduction in IPN** with introduction of QTL  
(Incidence of IPN in farmed salmonids 2009–2017)



Source: Veterinary Institute Norway



## Rich pipeline of new traits

- New traits focused on resistance to diseases and parasites that result in major losses
- Commercial strategy moving from single traits to bundled products
  - Simplified offering
  - Opportunity for increased margins
- Local adaptation of shrimp and tilapia strains
  - Environmental factors and differences in farming systems require tailored genetics

**Revenue  
Potential  
£115m**

	Pre-Project				Project phase		Test development		Launch			
Salmon			PF011 (5.4m) 2020/23	DH021 (3.5m) 2020	DH022 (3.5m) 2020	QF001 (0.2m) 2019		DS011 (2.1m) 2021	Genomics GS-Quality (0.3m) 2018	Genomics ISA (5.4m)	Genomics SRS (1.9m)	Genomics AGD (2.7m)
Lumpfish									Lumpfish Scotland (4m)			
Tilapia	DT003 (6m) 2021	DT006 (3m) 2020	DT005 (3m) 2020	DT004 (4.5m) 2020					DT002 (4.5m) 2018	DT001 (4.5m) 2018		
Shrimp							DP002 (28m) 2019	DP001 (32m) 2019				



# Outlook

## Growth drivers

### Salmon

- Production efficiency
- Year round delivery and biosecurity

5-7% projected growth (2018-2020)<sup>1</sup>

### Shrimp

- Disease control
- Increased industrialisation

5% projected growth (2015-2019)<sup>2</sup>

### Tilapia

- Industrialisation and investment

c.5% projected growth per annum<sup>1</sup>

## Risk Mitigation

Diversification of geographies and species mitigate risks

- disease
- border closures
- environmental effects



## Main opportunities

### Salmon

- Increased in-house capacity (Salten)
- Disease resistance traits => margin growth

### Shrimp

- Develop SPR shrimp for Asian countries

### Tilapia

- Develop superior strain as catalyst for industrialisation



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# Financial Outlook

MARK PLAMPIN, CFO







## Divisional Outlook

### Nutrition



- Growth driven by replacement diets and health products
- Margin improvements from focus on direct sales in key markets
- Working capital in line with sales growth
- Investment capex and R&D funded by operational cashflow
- **Current 21% Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> % margin**
- **Mid to long term mid-twenties Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> % margin**

### Health



- Top line growth from product launches
- High margin products
- Investment capex and R&D short term needs funded by Group cashflow and facilities
- Longer term operating cash will fund ongoing capex / R&D and will support returns to shareholders
- **Current Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> negative**
- **Long term Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> % margin develops through breakeven to mid-twenties**

### Genetics



- Strong growth drivers with new traits drive higher prices and market gains
- Increased capacity supports growth and operational leverage
- Working capital - increase in breeding stock as volumes grow
- Investment capex and R&D funded by increasing operating cashflow
- **Current 19% Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> % margin**
- **Long term (3-5 years) mid-twenties Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup> % margin**



# Financial Discipline

## Leverage and Headroom

- Net debt increasing in the short-term
- Covenant Leverage<sup>1</sup> peaks around 2.5x
- Liquidity headroom minimum £10m
- Applying cost and capital discipline to manage headroom
- Long term positive Free Cashflow<sup>2</sup> applied to pay down debt
- Steady state Covenant Leverage<sup>1</sup> targets 1.5x to 2.0x

## Capital Allocation

- Capital allocation based on business case including strategic, commercial, financial:
  - DCF<sup>3</sup>, IRR<sup>3</sup> and ROIC<sup>3</sup>
  - Base threshold of WACC<sup>4</sup>
  - Risk weighted hurdle rate specific to each project
  - Typical hurdle rates 14% to 20%
- Use of JV's to share financial and execution risk

<sup>1</sup> Covenant Leverage is net debt (excluding ringfenced JV's) to Adjusted EBITDA (earnings before tax, depreciation, amortisation, exceptional items and acquisition related expenditure)

<sup>2</sup> Free Cashflow is operating cashflow less capex (including capitalised development costs)

<sup>3</sup>DCF = discounted cashflow analysis, IRR = Internal rate of return, ROIC = typically year 4 or 5 return on cumulative invested capital

<sup>4</sup>WACC = company weighted average cost of capital



## Summary and Outlook

- Diversified Group with leading market positions in high growth markets
- Two profitable, stable, cash generating core divisions:
  - Animal Health on path to earnings generation in the medium term
- Short term capex and R&D requirements funded from Group cash generation and facilities in place:
  - Review of non-core activities underway
  - Cost and capital discipline
  - Peak capex expected over next 12 months
- Production capacity to grow and drive operational leverage
- Long term cash generation to deliver returns to shareholders whilst continuing to invest for organic growth