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**Marine Ingredients Conference 2013** 

"Marine ingredients: investment opportunity or future dream?"

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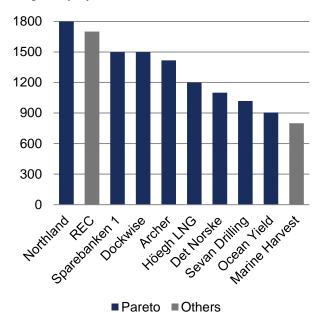
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### Pareto is the #1 Norwegian financial advisor

#### #1 position in equity market

#### 10 largest equity issues on Oslo Børs / Axess, 2012&1H 13



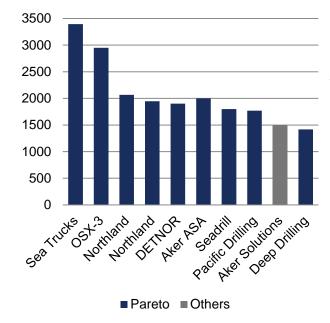
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#### **IPO** champion

- More than 80 IPOs and listings since 2004 (#1)
- Managed 2/3 of IPOs since 2011 (above 100 mNOK)
- Raised 77% of IPO amount since 2011

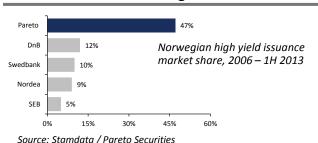
#### #1 position in debt market

#### 10 largest Norwegian HY bond issues, 2012&1H 13



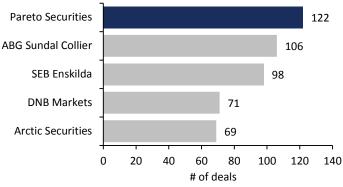
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#### Pareto created the Norwegian HY market



#### #1 position as M&A advisor

#### Number of Norwegian M&A deals 2005 - 1H 2013



Source: Mergermarket. Norwegian target or acquirer

#### Consistently top-ranked advisor

#### Pareto Securities' Nordic rank on key criteria

Criteria	2011	2009	2007
Placing power	<b>4</b> # 1	🗳 # 1	<b>4</b> ° #1
ECM execution	🗳 # 1	# 2	n/a
ECM experience	<b>ℯℯ</b> #1	n/a	n/a
M&A network	🚀 # 1	n/a	n/a
M&A negotiations	# 3	🚀 # 1	# 2
Client knowledge	# 3	💣 # 1	💣 # 1
Large project capacity	<b>4</b> # 1	<b>4</b> #1	<b>4</b> ° #1

Source: Prospera. Responses from all clients



# Pareto is expanding from a strong Nordic presence...

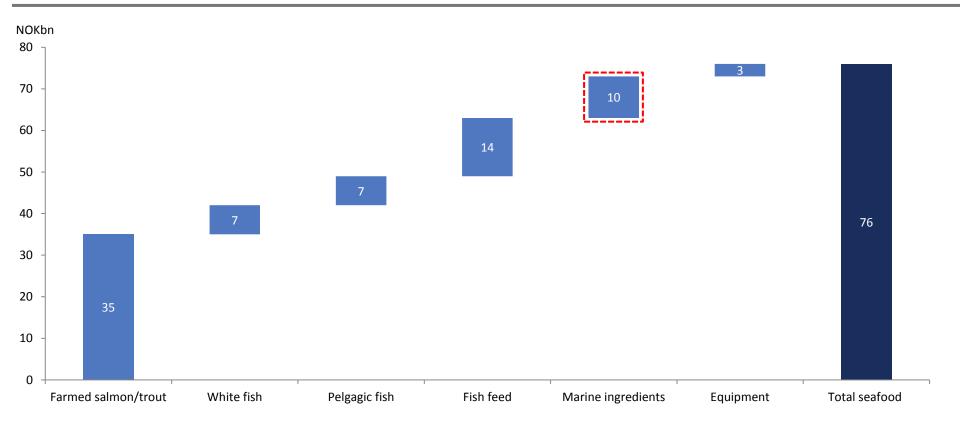


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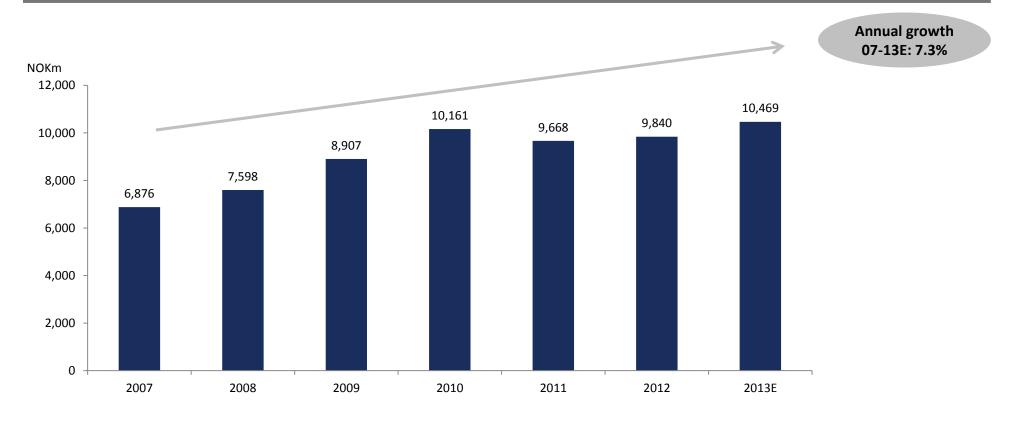
# Marine ingredients is a large and important part of the seafood value chain

### **Total revenue in Norwegian seafood industry (approximate figures)**



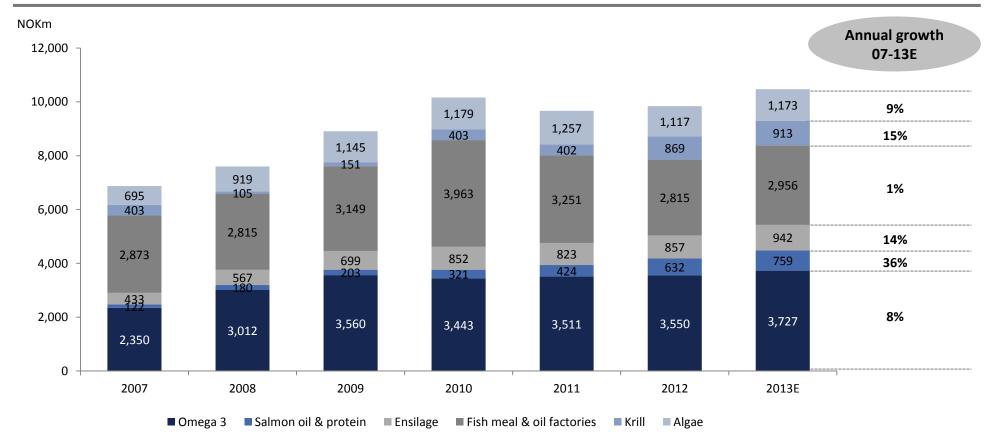
# Strong growth in the marine ingredients industry

### **Total revenue Norwegian marine ingredients companies 2007-2013E**



### Several interesting sub-segments are emerging...

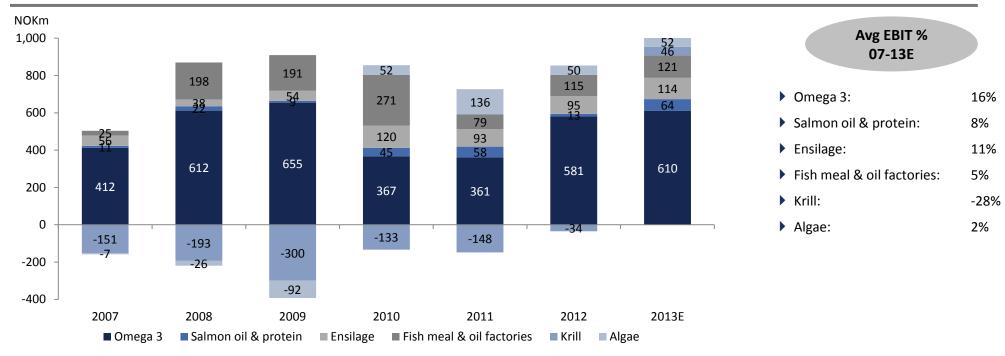
### Revenue per sub-segment for Norwegian companies 2007-2013E



- ▶ The largest sub-segments are "Omega 3" and "fish meal & oil factories", as these have reached a more mature phase
- ▶ The fastest growing areas are "Salmon oil & proteins", "Krill" and "Ensilage", which have all more than doubled in size since 2007

# ...but profitability is often lagging for newcomers

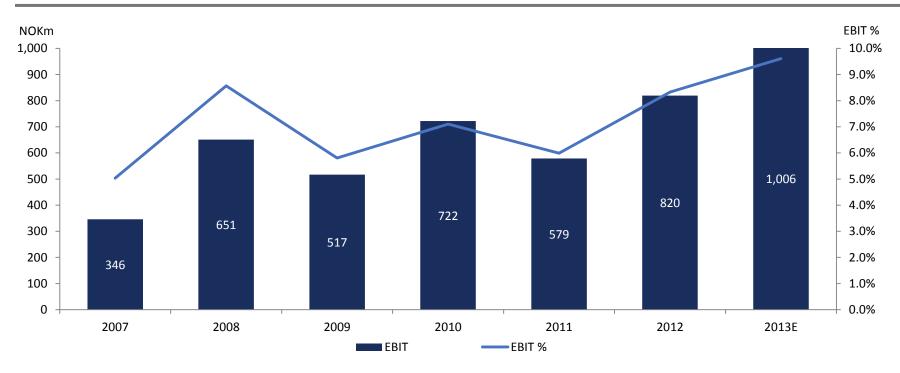
### EBIT per sub-segment for Norwegian companies 2007-2013E



- ▶ "Omega 3" is the most profitable sub-segment with stable EBIT margins around 16%-17%
- "Ensilage" players also operate profitably with EBIT margins around 10%-11%
- ▶ "Salmon oil & protein" have traditionally performed well (10%-15%), but a new entrant with large losses impacts the figures from 2011
- ▶ "Fish meal & oil factories" have more fluctuating earnings with EBIT in the 0%-8% range
- "Krill" has been through a tough period with high investments and low market penetration; expected to reach first positive year in 2013E
- ▶ "Algae" experienced losses in 2007-2009 but have shown positive results since 2010

## The industry as a whole is becoming increasingly profitable

### EBIT per sub-segment for Norwegian companies 2007-2013E



The industry is expected to generate NOK 1bn in operating profits in 2013E, and EBIT margins have improved from 5% in 2007 to 10% at current

## Marine ingredients industry – supported by strong drivers

- Regulation
  - The government and NGOs seeks to reduce waste and pollution from seafood activities
  - Increased focus on utilizing the full potential of the seafood production

- **Health benefits** 
  - Omega 3, protein and other fish-derived products have proven positive health effects for humans
  - Strong momentum in nutritional and pharmaceutical segments

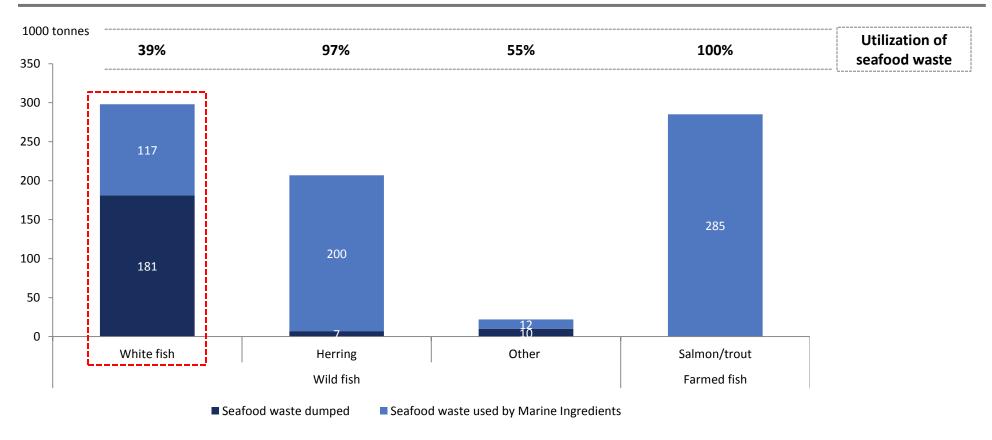
- **Technology** 
  - New technologies for extraction of oil, proteins and other valuable products from seafood waste are emerging
  - Significant R&D effort has been put into transforming the seafood waste into marketable products

- Improved supply chain and increased demand
  - Higher and stable fish farming volumes, professionalized operations and improved end-products enable growth
  - ▶ End-user demand and acceptance for marine ingredients is growing at record levels

Result of favourable industry characteristics: possible to invest in marine ingredients with a healthy return

## Utilization of seafood waste is improving but there is still a lot of upside

### Utilization of seafood waste per fish type (2012)



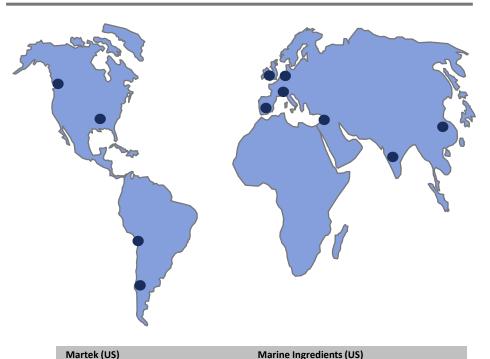
There is big potential in increasing the recovery of residual material from wild white fish – especially cod and pollock. The fishery and the marine ingredients industries have implemented steps for improvement

# Norwegian and international marine ingredients focus

### Norway – several marine ingredients clusters

#### **BioPrawn** Maritex Akva-Ren Sigmarine ArcticZymes **Nordlaks** Calanus Algea Axellus Den. CLAR OliVita **Aquarius AYANDA** Marealis **Cognis Scandinavia** Eximo ConTra **Biokraft** ScanBio Napro Pharma **Berg Lipidtech** Firmenich Bjørge **Pharma Marin** Polargodt Algea G.C. Rieber Oils Hydral **Fortuna Oils Vital Seafood Hofseth Biocare EPAX Fjordlaks** Axellus Hordafor Seagarden Rieber & Søn Biomega Aqua Bio Tech. **FMC Biopolymer MHG Ingredients** Primex BioChem. **Nutrimar** +++ Pronova Biopharma Aker Biomarine Regenetics Omegatri **Eco Marine Marine Bioenergy**

#### International – global presence



Neptune Technologies (US) OmegaBrite (UK) Solutex (Spain) Copalis (Switzerland) Copeinca (Peru) Diamante (Peru) Hayduk (Peru) Smit & Zoon (Netherlands) NCPC (China) Cellana (US) Algaeon (US)

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TripleNine Fish Protein (Denmark)

Marine Ingredients (US) Ocean Nutrition Canada (Canada) Croda International (UK) Firmenich (Switzerland) LYSI HF (Iceland) TASA (Peru) Austral (Peru) Exalmar (Peru) Oniactive (India) ZMC (China) **Ternion Bio Industries (US)** Alga Technologies (Israel)

## Strong M&A activity in the industry demonstrates investor appetite

Year	Target	Country	Bidder	Sector	Purchase price	Description	Туре
2013	Smartfish	Norway	Industrifonden	Omega 3 - nutrition/pharma	NOK 70m	Private placement	Financial
2013	Biokraft Marin	Norway	Scanbio	Ensilage	NA	Acquisition	Industrial
2013	EPAX	Norway	FMC Corp	Omega 3 - nutrition/pharma	USD 345m	Acquisition	Industrial
2013	Pronova Biopharma	Norway	BASF	Omega 3 - nutrition/pharma	NOK 5,000m	Acquisition	Industrial
2013	Welcon/Egersund/NPEL	Norway	NA	Fish meal & oil factories	NA	Merger	Industrial
2013	Copeinca	Peru	China Fishery Group	Fish meal & oil factories	NOK 5,000m	Acquisition	Industrial
2012	Ocean Nutrition Canada	Canada	Royal DSM	Omega 3 - nutrition/pharma	EUR 420m	Acquisition	Industrial
2011	Hordafor	Norway	Welcon	Ensilage	EUR 26m	Acquisition	Industrial
2011	H Lundbeck	UK	Trygg Pharma	Omega 3 - nutrition/pharma	EUR 16m	Acquisition	Industrial
2011	Biomega	Norway	Rhea Capital	Salmon oil & protein	NA	Acquisition	Financial
2012	Denomega Nutritional Oils	Norway	Axellus	Omega 3 - nutrition/pharma	NA	Acquisition	Industrial
2011	Scanbio	Norway	Paine & Partners	Ensilage	NA	Acquisition	Financial
2011	Martek Biosciences Corp.	US	Royal DSM	Omega 3 - nutrition/pharma	EUR 790m	Acquisition	Industrial
2011	Maritex	Norway	LYSI HF	Omega 3 - nutrition/pharma	NA	Acquisition	Industrial
2010	EPAX	Norway	Trygg Pharma	Omega 3 - nutrition/pharma	EUR 108m	Acquisition	Industrial
2010	Cognis	Germany	BASF	Various	EUR 3,100m	Acquisition	Industrial
2009	Welcon	Norway	Origin Enterprises	Fish meal & oil factories	NA	Acquisition	Industrial
2007	Natural	Norway	Aker Biomarine	Krill	NA	Merger	Industrial
2006	Karmsund Fiskemel	Norway	Welcon	Fish meal & oil factories	EUR 21m	Acquisition	Industrial
Total ı	Total number of transactions 18						
Total v	Total value of transactions (NOKm) 47,124 Excluding transactions with uknown value						

- ▶ There have been numerous transactions in the past few years totaling NOK 47bn in deal value. Probably more deals "under the radar"
- ▶ Deal activity is clearly highest in the established sub-segments with proven earnings record
  - Omega 3 related transactions make up the vast majority in terms of deal value (Pronova, EPAX, Ocean Nutrition, Martek)
  - Fish oil & meal companies also generate investor interest (Copeinca, Welcon/Egersund/NPEL)
  - Ensilage players Scanbio and Hordafor has been involved in several deals
- Most of the transactions are industrial, but interest from financial investor is likely to pick up as the industry continues to improve, demonstrated by Smartfish (Industrifonden) and Scanbio (Paine & Partners)

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# Omega 3 – the leading space in marine ingredients with proven success

#### Description

- Development of marine oils (mainly Peruvian anchovy) into animal/fish feed, human nutrition, cosmetics and pharmaceutical applications
- Increasingly technology intensive as many companies try to enter the human nutrition / pharma segments where the earnings potential is highest
- Global high-end market dominated by a few very large companies and many smaller local players in the bulk segment with low-medium margins

### **Companies**























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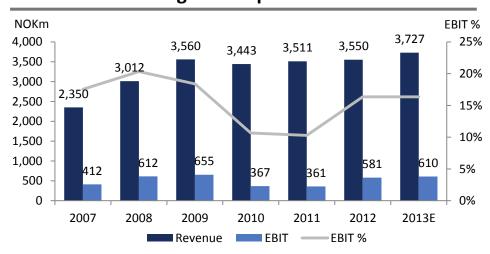








### Financials – Norwegian companies



#### **Economics and M&A**

- ▶ Omega 3 has been the main earnings producer in the marine ingredients industry in the past decade with margins of +15%
- ▶ Key to success: develop a unique formula for nutrition/pharma applications or address a niche segment
  - These companies are often acquired by large international pharmaceutical or chemical companies with the necessary resources to finalize and market the product on a global scale
- Notable M&A transactions include Pronova Biopharma, EPAX, Ocean Nutrition Canada and Martek

### Salmon oil and salmon protein – emerging aquaculture-based sector

### Description

- ▶ Development of salmon oil into animal/fish feed, human nutrition, cosmetics and pharmaceutical applications.
- ▶ High fish farming activity in Norway coupled with focus on waste recovery enable substantial growth in this sector. Fastest growing segment in marine ingredients
- Norway is the leading country, some small firms abroad
- ▶ Similar situation as in Omega 3 space with companies focusing on addressing the premium market segments

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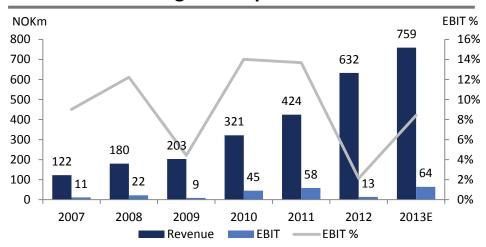




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#### **Economics and M&A**

- Revenue growth has been very impressive at 36% p.a. since 2007, while maintaining maintain operating profits
- A new interesting player entered the market in 2012 with ambitious growth plans which require large upfront investments (affect 2012/13 industry EBIT negatively)
- Companies with successful product lines will be targeted by both seafood companies and international pharmaceutical/chemical firms
- Notable M&A deals include Biomega (Marine Bio)

# Ensilage-based products – traditional industry with growth from fish farming

### **Description**

- Ensilage is a traditional Norwegian business which converts waste from white fish, pelagic fish and farmed salmon/trout into ingredients for fish and animal feed
- Increased fish farming volumes in Norway has been the main source of growth. The next step is to increase waste recovery from wild white fish
- Norwegian market is dominated by 3 players, few known international firms

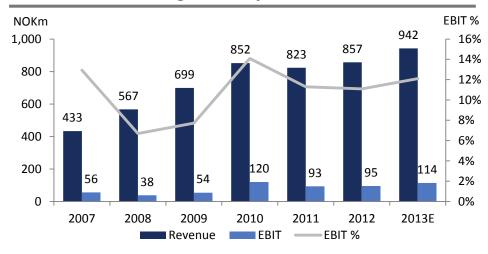
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#### **Economics and M&A**

- Revenues in ensilage is approaching NOK 1bn per year, while maintain operating margins at healthy levels
- The key sources of future growth are expected to be increased volumes of seafood waste (farmed and/or wild). In addition, ensilage players can innovate to make the end-product more valuable to the feed producers
- Mainly a local business with limited technical barriers to entry. M&A appetite is likely to come from Scandinavia
- Key M&A deals include Biokraft Marin, Hordafor and Scanbio Pareto Securities 18

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### Fish meal and fish oil factories – Norway small part of the value chain

### Description

- ▶ Conversion of seafood waste into fish meal (mainly for animal feed) and fish oil (mainly for fish feed)
- ▶ The majority of worldwide fish meal and fish oil production is done in Peru from pelagic fish
- Norwegian fish meal factories have been around for many years and typically use herring waste as input.
- ▶ Revenue decline from 2010 is partly explained by reduced herring quotas in Norway

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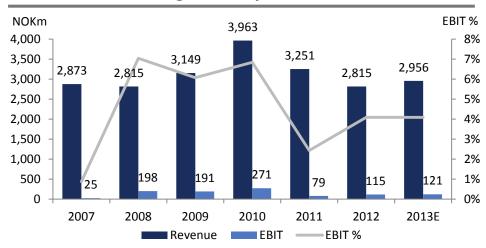
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#### **Economics and M&A**

- ▶ Revenues have traditionally been around NOK 3bn per year, except for 2010 which was a peak year
- Operating margins are in the low range (0%-8%) but tend to vary somewhat from year to year with fluctuating purchasing cost and sales price
- Investment candidates: Peruvian fish meal players, fish feed or animal feed producers, fish farming players (e.g. CEQ/COP) and other industrial and financial investors
- ▶ Key M&A deals: Welcon/Egersund, TripleNine/Vedde, Copeinca Pareto Securities 19

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### Krill – huge potential but challenging start

### **Description**

- ▶ Krill is used to produce both krill oil (for human nutrition/pharma and fish feed) and krill meal (for fish feed and pets)
- The krill industry has been through a very tough period with high investments in both vessels and product development, combined with low market penetration
- Two Norwegian players dominate the market, while some foreign firms focus on developing krill oil (not harvest)

### **Companies**





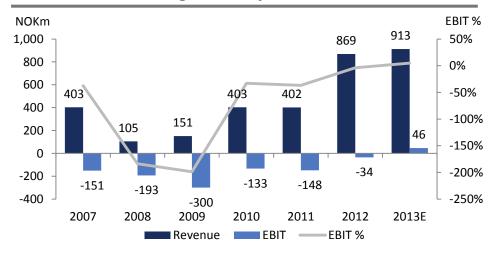
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#### **Economics and M&A**

- ▶ The period from 2007-2011 gave an aggregate operating loss of NOK 925m for the companies involved
- ▶ 2012 appeared to be the turning point with two-fold increase in revenues and nearly zero losses. The industry is expected to reach first year of profit in 2013
- ▶ Pharmaceutical/chemical companies are likely to show investment interest if the market adoption of krill products continues to improve

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## **Summary - the future of marine ingredients**

Marine ingredients has grown tremendously over the past decade and now represents a NOK 10bn industry with high importance for the seafood activity in Norway

The underlying drivers for marine ingredients are very promising with favourable regulation, health-oriented consumers, technological advancements and growing seafood supply

Marine ingredients has demonstrated its potential for profitable growth as operating margins have doubled  $(5\% \rightarrow 10\%)$  while revenues have increased by 50%

M&A activity of NOK 47bn demonstrates a clear investor interest for companies across all sub-sectors if the target can deliver a unique product/process with scalability

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