



QUARTERLY UPDATE

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ALTERNATIVE PROTEIN



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NEW SPACE



4 Myths about alternative proteins

1. Fermentation is only useful to produce beer, kombucha and yogurts

Fermentation has historically been used to produce beer and yogurts, but new, more engineered end uses are now being developed with precision fermentation. By modifying microorganisms, companies have been able to create high protein, high fiber ingredients that can enhance plant-based alternatives, but also cruelty-free dairy proteins. Such ingredients account for roughly 12% of the ingredients market and a limited portion of plant-based alternatives, but penetration could increase sharply as products obtain regulatory approval.

2. Mushrooms are only a great addition to my risotto

Mushrooms, or more specifically fungi, has been used for over 40 years to produce mycoprotein, a protein and fiber rich product similar to tempeh or tofu. Although Quorn has been leading the market, new players are entering the field with direct-to-consumer products and ingredients that can be used to produce hybrid plant-based alternatives with better taste and enhanced nutritional profile.



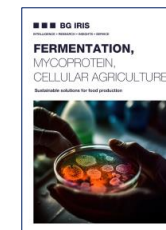
Luxury companies, in particular Kering, are also showing a growing interest in fungi derived leather alternatives and working with key players in the space, as shown by the collaboration between SQIM and Balenciaga.

3. Cultivated meat is not really meat

Cultivated meat has exactly the same nutritional properties, taste and texture as conventional meat. Companies have been working hard to find the perfect growth media formulation to grow a bifeck or chicken breast and clients who've tried it so far (in the US) confirm! Not only do companies look at meat, but also seafood, fat and even leather replication: the cultivated protein landscape offers an unlimited set of opportunities supported by a rapidly evolving regulatory landscape.

4. There are limited investment opportunities in the space

Although fermentation, mycoprotein and cultivated meat have attracted over EUR5bn of investment since 2020, financing needs and opportunities remain in the space. On one side Venture Capitalists will find great novel companies in Europe that need support to reach pilot plant. On another side, later stage investors might want to contribute funding the USD5-12bn CAPEX investments required in the space by 2030. Even large corporates in the food and ingredients space.



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Energy Transition & Sustainability

Banking for a better future

Leadership



Olivier Beaudouin
Partner,
Head of Industrial Tech,
Energy Transition & Sustainability

“ Amid a volatile market environment, we see several reasons to remain optimistic about the future. Climate-focused funds have continued building their AuM, resulting in a significant pile of dry powder earmarked for climate tech investment. The IRA has given a new impetus to the market in the US and beyond.

Finally, while investors have become more demanding on valuation and route to profitability, several landmark transactions have been successfully closed, demonstrating that climate and sovereignty-driven opportunities remain potent themes, notably in verticals like recycling (notably plastics) and circularity, batteries, or rare earths.

Key figures

+20
Transactions since 2020

+90%
Growth Financing

+€1.8 bn
Deal value since 2020

+20
Dedicated bankers and research experts

Selected Deals

 Rights Issue € 141 000 000 <i>Joint Global Coordinator & Joint Bookrunner</i>	 Follow-on Offering NOK 126 000 000 <i>Joint Global Coordinator & Joint Bookrunner</i>	 Acquired by Undisclosed <i>Sole Financial Advisor to the Sellers</i>	 Private Placement € 20 000 000 <i>Financial Advisor</i>
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Healthcare

Backing innovation in Healthcare

Leadership



Hervé Ronin
Partner, Head of Healthcare

“ It was a challenging quarter for the market with healthcare indices trading down in line with the general indices as macro-economic uncertainty persisted. That said, it was an unusually robust quarter for public capital raises for European healthcare companies on the back of strong clinical data or following growth pockets in the healthcare services segment.



Alex Cogut
Head of Healthcare Research, BG IRIS

However, healthcare M&A activity was globally one of the lowest in recent years in terms of value but rebounded in transactions volume. In biopharma, we saw a continuation of a well established pattern by now of big pharma acquiring clinically derisked or commercial stage biotechs.

Key figures

#1
European Healthcare Growth ECM investment bank

+60
Transactions since 2020

€2.5bn
Raised in public capital since 2020

+40
Dedicated bankers and research experts

Selected Deals

 PIPE & Debt Financing SEK 462 000 000 <i>Sole Global Coordinator & Sole Bookrunner</i>	 Structured Debt Financing € 150 000 000 <i>Sole Advisor & Sole Placement Agent</i>	 Follow-on Offering & Convertible bonds issuance € 21 600 000 <i>Sole Global Coordinator & Sole Bookrunner</i>	 Acquired by \$ 45 000 000 (Pending) <i>Sole Financial Advisor to the Company and its Shareholders</i>
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 HIDDEN VALUE IN CONSUMER HEALTHCARE Exploring the new pathways of growth	 The Corporate Mental Health Market Healthy, Resilient, Ready	 Digital health ONA & MENTAL, DIGITAL HEALTH & MENTAL HEALTH: ONE OF HEALTHY'S BLACK FLAGS	 Advancing Therapies WITH A NEW APPROACH TO TREATING AND PREVENTING DEMENTIA
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Software & FinTech

Delivering for our clients through challenging times

Leadership



Thibaut De Smedt
Partner,
Co-Head of Software & FinTech

“ Acknowledging high but stabilised interest rates, investors in public and private equity remain keen on paying premium valuations to high-performing software vendors.

On the fintech industry, although valuation multiples are nearing an all-time-low, public market investors continue shunning the sector. The deterioration in financing conditions and consumer spending cast a shadow on near term prospects while commoditisation risks put further pressure on sub-scaled players. In that context, fintech companies are natural takeover opportunities for private equity investors.



Stanislas de Gmeline
Partner,
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Key figures

#1
European investment bank in France for Software companies

+15
Transactions as of Q3 2023

3
Deals involving international strategic buyers

+35
Dedicated professionals

Selected Deals

Acquired by **enovos.com**
Subsidiary of **Business**

Sole Financial Advisor to the Sellers

Acquired by **INTESCIA**
Portfolio company of **Five Arrows**

Sole Financial Advisor to the Sellers

Acquired by **Bridgepoint**

Undisclosed

July 2023
Sole Financial Advisor to the Sellers

Investment in **eAttestations**

Undisclosed

July 2023
Financial Advisor to the Buyer

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Investors aim for the stars

The space challenges

Space has emerged as a notable investment category, drawing capital inflows of tens of billions of dollars since the beginning of NewSpace. Nevertheless, the challenges of investing in space were apparent during a tumultuous 2022. That year was characterized by a more stringent capital environment and the collapse of growth-oriented technological stocks, with a particular impact on Special Purpose Acquisition Companies (SPACs).

Greater market potential

However, the space sector demonstrated commendable resilience. Investment within this sphere experienced a slower rate of decline compared to the global tech industry. Aeronautics and Space stocks managed to outperform the broader market. While space-based value-added services, distinguished by their greater market potential and lower capital intensity, continue to exude strong appeal, our contention is that upstream markets, although often narrower and fragmented, can also be highly attractive due to robust government support.

Increased M&A activity

We anticipate an increasing number of M&A deals to take place in the coming months and years, although transaction activity in the New Space sector has recently been mainly financing oriented.



Consolidation will mainly take place between complementary players resulting in the emergence of category leaders which will become much more relevant for later stage investors, or perhaps even for public markets investors.

Lack of additional required funding may also force certain entrepreneurs to accelerate their M&A plans. Lastly, Satellite incumbents are undoubtedly expected to take an active role by adding innovative capabilities to their existing core offerings.

A record year

The spacetech M&A is witnessing an all-time high, primarily driven by well-capitalised 'New Space' acquirers. Space deals in the twelve months leading to Q3 2023 have increased by 45% year-on-year. When putting this trend in the current M&A context, we cannot help but notice that investors are indeed aiming for the stars.



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Industrial Tech

Automating industries

Leadership



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“ We're witnessing a resurgence in mid-market M&A as companies embark on strategic transformations to accelerate their growth.

The market is displaying resilience, particularly for cash-rich corporate acquirers and mid-market transactions. We also denote a steady increase in business owners' willingness to transact in 2024.

Key figures



Selected Deals

 Investment in Sole Financial Advisor	 Acquired by Sole Financial Advisor to the Sellers	 Acquired by A portfolio company of HLD Sole Financial Advisor to the Sellers	 Acquired by Sole Financial Advisor to the Sellers
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 RISING STARS Support the best, unending opportunities in Manufacturing 	 DIGITAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDERS A new era for capital markets 	 Industrial IoT AUTOMATION AND DIGITALIZATION SET TO ACCELERATE 	 Game changers facing B2B telecom operators THE BUSINESS OPPORTUNITY
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IT Engineering - Business & Tech-Enabled Services

A resilient sector

Leadership



Guillaume Nathan
Partner,
Head of Business & Tech-Enabled
Services

“ Investor interest in IT and Engineering Services firms stays high, since digital transformation and the development of products which include more digital content remain top priorities for organisations. Private equity investors are still actively investing in the sector, although they are increasingly selective in the quality and the potential of their investment.

Finally, M&A momentum is still there, driven by the needs of potential acquirers for additional capacity in targeted areas, provided that sellers are less demanding on valuation.

Key figures



Selected Deals

 Acquired by Backed by <i>Sole Advisor to the Seller</i>	 Acquired by EQUISTONE <i>Sole Financial Advisor to the Buyer</i>	 Private Placement MARONDO TGFS <i>Sole Financial Advisor</i>	 Sold Canon to PARAGON <i>Sole Financial Advisor to the Seller</i>
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 A VIBRANT MARKET FOR M&A Engineering and M&A Services Update	 DIGITAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDERS A new era for capital markets	 IT SERVICES UPDATE The digital transformation steers ahead	 Beyond IT Service Management Beyond IT Service Management
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