

# Talea Group

Sector: Consumer

## Promising start of 2024, despite a contingent weak 4Q23

In 2023, Talea underwent significant transformative developments, including a rebranding, technological advancements, establishment of a state-of-the-art logistics center, and completion of several acquisitions. In this context, FY23 adjusted sales increased by 12.9%, reaching Eu136.3mn, driven mainly by the Consumer division. In 4Q23, Talea adopted a suboptimal price approach, leading to a 19% decline in sales YoY. As Jan-24 sales progression underlines, we believe this issue has been addressed properly and entirely. However, we think this strategy has impacted 2023 profitability and cash flow generation. Figures reported fall short of expectations, and commanded an estimates revision.

- 2023 was a year of transformative developments Last year, Talea underwent a significant transformation with an industrial restructuring journey involving investments and acquisitions: 1) The rebranding, 2) Technological advancements were made in the Media sector through Talea Media, 3) A state-of-the-art logistics center was established in Piemonte, and 4) Seven acquisitions were completed within a short timeframe: Gooimp, Mood Concept Store, DocPeter, Farmahome, Superfarma, Vitamincenter, and Bestbody, diversifying business and adding new private labels with higher associated profitability.
- Adj. Sales were up by 12.7% in 2023 In this context, 2023 adj. revenues totalled Eu136.3mn, up 12.7% vs. Eu120.9mn achieved in 2022, and compare with our Eu151.7mn projection. In 2023 Consumer division grew by 12.9% to Eu129.9mn compared to Eu115.0mn of 2022 and represented more than 95% of the total. Talea reached a market share in excess of 14% from 15% of 2022. The Industrial segment, which includes comarketing sales and sales to third parties, progressed by 9.5% to Eu6.5mn vs. Eu5.9mn in 2022. Orders rose by 9.0% to Eu2.9mn vs Eu2.7mn in 2022. In terms of products, volumes grew by 9.3% to 14.3mn items vs. 12.8mn of 2022.
- In 4Q23 sales dropped by 19.1% Talea implemented a suboptimal positioning strategy in the last quarter of 2023 due to a mismatched price algorithm: adj. revenues declined by 19.1% to Eu29.7mn. Consumer division was down by 18.7% YoY to Eu28.3mn and Industrial segment dropped by 21.1% to Eu1.5mn. In 4Q23 orders declined by 18.4% to 645k from 791k of 4Q22. Volumes in 4Q23 declined by 15.5% to 3.2mn from 3.9mn in 4Q22. The variance in FY23 reported figures compared to our estimate is primarily attributable to the mismatched strategy. We think this tactic had squeezed 2023 profitability and cash flow generation too as a result of fixed costs split to lower volumes in addition to lower volume-based trade discounts offered by suppliers.
- FY24 gets off on the right foot: Jan-24 sales up by 17.4% The year started with a notable business performance: revenues were up by 17.4% YoY in January and bode well for a buoyant start of the year. As this sales progression underlines, we believe the aforementioned issue has been addressed properly and entirely.
- Downgrade in estimates Following a weak 4Q23 top line, we downgraded our 2023, 2024 and to a lesser extent 2025 projections, considering a somewhat slower progression than initially projected for the industrial division and CF contribution, even if partially counterbalanced by a significant slowdown in capital expenditures, restricted to maintenance only. The new estimates foresee an acceleration in the latter part of the timeframe and settle at slightly more conservative values compared to the company's 2025 targets. According to our new figures, in 2025 NFP/EBITDA stands at 3.1x (2.5x company target): this still critical level requires a tight cost/WC discipline. Execution risk remains rather high: Talea understands that should the business plan underperform expectations, it might need to explore options for bolstering its capital structure. However, 1) the projected NFP/Equity ratio falling below 1 in 2025, and 2) the acquisitions extended payment structure, which allows self-financing, prioritising long-term growth over short-term returns, provides a certain degree of solidity.
- BUY rating confirmed, TP at Eu12.5/share from Eu16.6. We reiterate our BUY rating while
  adjusting our TP downwards to Eu12.5 from Eu16.6, reflecting recent cut in estimates. Our
  revised valuation incorporates the weighted average (30-70%) of 2024-25 EV/Sales
  multiples for DocMorris & Redcare, in addition to a DCF (average previously), in order to
  mitigate fluctuations in peer market multiples and factor in the shift in the business model.
  FY23 results are due out next 28-Mar

# BUY

Unchanged

## TP 12.5

From 16.6

Target price upside: 84%

Change in EPS est.

FY23E FY24E

Share price Ord. (Eu)	6.8
N. of Ord. shares (mn)	6.8
Total N. of shares (mn)	6.8
Market cap (Eu mn)	46
Total Market Cap (EU mn)	46
Free Float Ord. (%)	21%
Free Float Ord. (Eu mn)	10
Daily AVG liquidity Ord. (Eu k)	48

Ticker (BBG, Reut) TALEA MI TALEA MI

	1M	3M	12M
Absolute Perf.	-14.9%	-19%	-47%
Rel.to FTSEMidCap	-17.4%	-28%	-51%
52 weeks range		6.5	12.6



	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E
Sales	121	136	170
EBITDA adj.	2.5	(3.4)	4.0
Net profit adj.	(0.8)	(7.6)	(0.2)
EPS adj.	(0.12)	(1.11)	(0.02)
BVPS	5.80	4.68	4.66
EV/Sales	1.1x	0.6x	0.5x
EV/EBITDA adj.	52.0x	-25.6x	20.0x
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
FCF yield	-3.8%	-36.0%	12.7%
Net debt/(Net cash)	21.3	38.0	32.1
Net debt/EBITDA	8.5x	nm	8.0x

Head Of Research

Luca Arena

luca.arena@alantra.com

+39 02 63 671 620

Andrea Zampaloni andrea.zampaloni@alantra.com +39 02 63 671 621



# Key Data (IFRS)

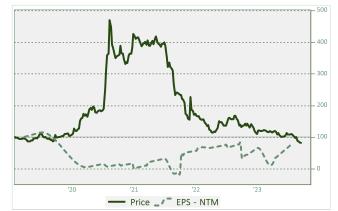
P&L account (Eu mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Adj. Sales	85.9	120.9	136.3	169.5	210.6
Gross margin	27.8	38.4	40.6	55.7	69.4
EBITDA reported	2.0	2.2	(3.4)	4.0	9.6
D&A	(1.7)	(2.2)	(3.1)	(3.1)	(3.1)
EBIT reported	0.3	(0.0)	(6.4)	0.8	6.4
Net financial charges	(0.3)	(0.8)	(1.2)	(1.0)	(0.8)
Associates	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Extraordinary items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Pre-tax profit	(0.0)	(0.8)	(7.6)	(0.2)	5.7
Taxes	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	(1.7)
Minorities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Discontinued activities	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0 4.0
Net profit reported	(0.1)	(0.9)	(7.6)	(0.2)	
EBITDA adjusted EBIT adjusted	2.7 1.0	2.5 0.4	(3.4)	4.0 0.8	9.6 6.4
Net profit adjusted	0.1	(0.8)	(6.4) (7.6)	(0.2)	4.0
Net profit adjusted	0.1	(0.8)	(7.0)	(0.2)	4.0
Margins (%)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Gross margin	32.3%	31.7%	29.8%	32.8%	32.9%
EBITDA margin (adj)	3.1%	2.1%	-2.5%	2.4%	4.5%
EBIT margin (adj)	1.2%	0.3%	-4.7%	0.5%	3.1%
Pre-tax margin	0.0%	-0.7%	-5.6%	-0.1%	2.7%
Net profit margin (adj)	0.1%	-0.7%	-5.6%	-0.1%	1.9%
Growth rates (%)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Sales	30.0%	40.8%	12.7%	24.4%	24.3%
EBITDA	33.3%	7.0%	-253.3%	-219.0%	139.2%
EBITDA adjusted	75.9%	-7.4%	-234.3%	-219.0%	139.2%
EBIT	nm	nm	nm	nm	657.2%
EBIT adjusted	nm	nm	nm	nm	657.2%
Pre-tax Net profit	nm nm	nm nm	nm nm	nm nm	nm nm
Net profit adjusted		nm	nm	nm	
Net pront adjusted	nm				nm
Per share data	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Shares	6.846	6.846	6.846	6.846	6.846
N. of shares AVG	6.290	6.846	6.846	6.846	6.846
N. of shares diluted AVG	6.290	6.846	6.846	6.846	6.846
EPS	(0.014)	(0.133)	(1.112)	(0.022)	0.581
EPS adjusted	0.019	(0.115)	(1.112)	(0.022)	0.581
DPS - Ord.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
DPS - Sav.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
BVPS	6.398	5.797	4.685	4.663	5.243
Enterprise value (Eu mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Share price ()rd (EII)	2∩ 7	15 7	1/1//		
Share price Ord. (Eu) Market can	30.7 210.5	15.7 107.3	10.4 46.4	6.8 46.4	6.8 46.4
Market cap	210.5	107.3	46.4	46.4	46.4

Cash flow (Eu mn)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EBITDA reported	2.0	2.2	(3.4)	4.0	9.6
Net_financial charges	(0.2)	(0.7)	(1.2)	(1.0)	(0.8)
Cash taxes	(0.1)	(0.1)	0.0	0.0	(1.7)
Ch. in Working Capital	(1.8)	(0.9)	(2.3)	6.2	(0.6)
Other operating items	0.1	(0.5)	(6.0)	-	-
Operating cash flow	<b>0.1</b> (1.1)	<b>0.1</b> (4.1)	(6.9)	<b>9.2</b> (3.3)	<b>6.5</b> (4.0)
Capex	(1.1)	. ,	(9.9)	5.9	2.5
FCF Disposals/Acquisitions	(39.6)	<b>(4.0)</b> 0.0	<b>(16.7)</b> 0.0	<b>5.9</b> 0.0	0.0
Changes in Equity	32.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Others	(8.9)	(3.2)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Dividends	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ch. in NFP	(17.5)	(7.3)	(16.7)	5.9	2.5
	127.37		120.77		
Ratios (%)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Capex/Sales	1.3%	3.4%	7.2%	1.9%	1.9%
Capex/D&A	0.7x	1.8x	3.2x	1.0x	1.3x
FCF/EBITDA	-51.9%	nm	nm	147.7%	26.3%
FCF/Net profit	1184.6%	nm	nm	nm	63.1%
Dividend pay-out	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Balanca sheet (Films)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Balance sheet (Eu mn) Working capital	(6.1)	(0.4)	1.9	(4.2)	(3.7)
Fixed assets	65.8	70.5	77.2	77.3	78.2
Provisions & others	(5.3)	(9.2)	(9.1)	(9.1)	(9.1)
Net capital employed	54.3	61.0	70.1	64.1	65.5
Net debt/(Net cash)	14.1	21.3	38.0	32.1	29.6
Equity	40.2	39.7	32.1	31.9	35.9
Minority interests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Willioney interests	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Ratios (%)	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
Working capital/Sales	-7.1%	-0.3%	1.4%	-2.5%	-1.7%
Net debt/Equity	35.0%	53.7%	118.6%	100.7%	82.5%
Net debt/EBITDA	5.2x	8.5x	nm	8.0x	3.1x
Valuation	FY21A	FY22A	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
EV/CE	3.8x	1.9x	1.1x	1.1x	1.0x
P/BV	5.2x	2.7x	1.4x	1.5x	1.3x
EV/Sales	2.6x	1.1x	0.6x	0.5x	0.4x
EV/EBITDA	nm	59.4x	-25.6x	20.0x	8.1x
EV/EBITDA adjusted	83.7x	52.0x	-25.6x	20.0x	8.1x
EV/EBIT	nm	nm	nm	94.2x	12.0x
EV/EBIT adjusted	nm	nm	nm	94.2x	12.0x
P/E	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
P/E adjusted	nm	nm	nm	nm	nm
ROCE pre-tax	2.9%	0.6%	-8.6%	1.1%	8.7%
ROE	0.3%	-2.0%	-23.7%	-0.5%	11.1%
EV/FCF	nm	-32.2x	-5.1x	13.6x	30.9x
FCF yield	-0.5%	-3.8%	-36.0%	12.7%	5.4%
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

## Share price performance

Enterprise value

The stock price at its historical lows



Source: Factset

## Valuation

EV/Sales multiple remains significantly below historical average



Source: Factset



# **Key Charts**

## Revenues (FY15A-22A)

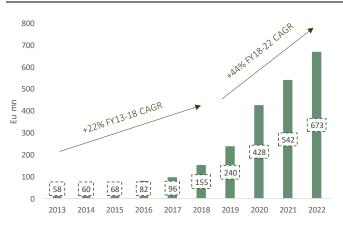
Revenues posted a 57.6% CAGR over the period



Source: Company data

## Online BPC & OTC - Market trend (FY13A-FY22A)

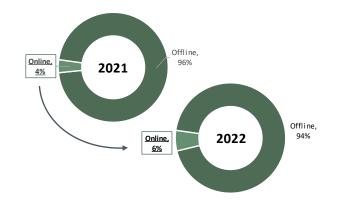
The online BPC & OTC market accelerated in the last 4 years



Source: Company data, IQVIA and Alantra

## Online BPC & OTC - Market penetration (2021/22)

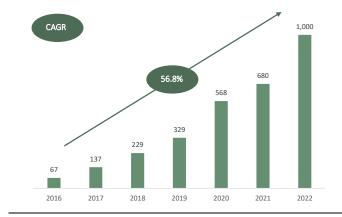
 $On line\ penetration\ of\ BPC\ \&\ OTC\ sales\ in\ Italy\ grows\ but\ still\ remains\ very\ limited$ 



Source: IQVIA and Alantra

### Active Users (FY16A-22A, '000)

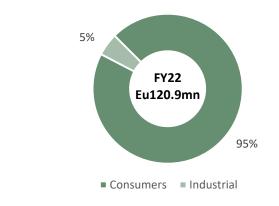
Sharp growth in active users



Source: Company data and Alantra

### FY22 Adj. revenues breakdown

Consumer (online + retail) is by far the mainstream of sales as of 2022



Source: Company data and Alantra

## Talea Group's pro-forma vs market

Group's top line growth showed sequential quarterly improvements in 2022



Source: Company data and IQVIA



## **Profile**

## Background

Talea Group is the leading Italian online retailer of beauty & personal care and OTC products (BPC&OTC). The historical core of the group was in OTC, i.e. products usually sold in pharmacies without prescription such as OTC medications, food supplements, cosmetics and medical devices. The group manages three websites farmae.it, amicafarmacia.com (acquired in 2021) and farmaeurope.eu (acquired in 2022). At the end of 2019 the company also enlarged its value proposition by launching beautye.it, an online store dedicated to luxury cosmetics and professional hair products usually sold in perfumeries and hair salons.

<u>Consumer (95% 2022 Adj. Revenues)</u>: the B2C ePharma business based on its e-commerce brands (Farmaè, AmicaFarmacia, Farmaeurope, Sanort and Beautyè) and the offline business (pharmacies and physical stores).

<u>Industrial (5% 2022 Adj. Revenues)</u>: a division that offers (through Valnan and Talea Media) digital/marketing services to corporates, leveraging on the know-how developed with the various platforms of the group.

Talea Logistics (focused on supply chain activities) should provide enhanced internal support to the core B2C business, with the prospect to offer logistics services to third parties.

The company was founded and is owned by Riccardo Iacometti: 30+ years' experience in the Health and Beauty sector reaching the role of Country General Manager for Italy of Alliance Healthcare (Walgreen Boots Alliance group). The Group has ca 220 employees and is listed on EGM since July 2019.

## **Positioning**

As of today, while Italian regulation does not allow the online sale of prescription drugs, only pharmacies and parapharmacies are allowed to sell OTC and other non-prescription drugs online. The online sale of food supplements and cosmetics is not subject to any restriction. According to IQVIA, in 2022 the online pharmacy market was worth Eu673mn (ca. 6% penetration rate vs full Italian pharmacy market), and Talea Group was the leading player (we estimate a ca. 18% share). Online penetration in Italy is still very low compared to both other product categories and other countries (e.g. online penetration in Germany is >20%) due to the late introduction of favorable regulation. Main Talea Group's competitors are other Italian online retailers, offline Italian pharmacies operating an e-commerce website, international online pharmacies (e.g. Shop Apotheke), Amazon (direct and marketplace).

With the launch of Beautyè, the group is addressing new attractive markets, worth ca Eu3bn if we put together perfumeries, hair salons and ecommerce, that would be highly complementary to Talea Group's existing product range. The online sale of perfumes and cosmetics in 2021 was worth around Eu870mn (ca 8% penetration) and it is expected to have grown by 20% during 2022. Main players in the beauty market are represented by large retail chains like Sephora, Douglas, Profumerie Pinalli, Marionnaud, which have developed their own e-commerce website. An example of a pure pan-European online player is represented by Notino.

#### Growth

Talea Group was established in 2015, when revenues amounted to Eu3.4mn. In 2022 Adj. revenues reached Eu120.9mn, resulting in an outstanding 19-22 CAGR of 48%. Growth was organic (driven by the sharp expansion of online sales and the openings of brick & mortar stores) and through M&A (Amica Farmacia has been an important deal, then followed by Farmaeurope). Since its launch Talea Group has always achieved operating break-even, thanks especially to a disciplined approach in pricing policy and marketing investments. Adj. EBITDA grew from Eu0.1mn in FY15 to Eu2.5mn in FY21 supported by volume increase. Operating leverage allowed Talea Group to almost completely offset the impact of the decreasing gross margin (from 42.2% in FY15 to 33.0% in FY22).

### Strategy

After the announcement of its rebranding from Farmaè in Talea and its strategic evolution, Talea Group is increasingly focus on: 1) the consolidation of the core B2C business (based on its e-commerce brands); 2) the expansion of the B2B digital services (through the brands Valnan and the newly established Talea Media); 3) the enhancement of the logistic operations (focused on enhanced internal support to the core B2C business, but also with the possibility to offer logistics services to third parties; 4) the potential international expansion, also through M&A. We believe that Talea is poised to outstand in a variegated competitive environment as a reliable and accretive digital partner for both brands and consumers.

#### Strengths

Leadership in the online sale of BPC & OTC products in Italy Data property and partnerships with Beauty and Pharma companies Tech capabilities, wide product offer and attractive prices

### Opportunities

Expansion in adjacent product categories M&A to acquire market share, technology, or to enter into foreign markets Potential increase of TAM if Italy allows online sale of prescription medicine

#### Weaknesses

Small size compared to international peers Still limited brand visibility Need to reinforce internal resources in key areas

#### Threats

Tightnening competition leading to price pressure
Adverse regulation
Execution risk in the roll-out of the omnichannel strategy

## Key shareholders

RIAC Holding - 58.63% Riccardo Iacometti - 2.92% MDF - 17.15% Free float - 21.18%

## Management

Riccardo Iacometti - Chairman and CEO Alberto Maglione - Vice Chairman Marco Baroni - CFO

# Next events FY23 results: 28/03/24

FY23 results: 28/03/24 KPI 1Q24: 23/04/24 Shareholding meeting: 29/04/24 KPI 2Q24: 23/07/24 1H24 results: 26/09/24 KPI 3Q24: 24/10/24



# **Estimates**

#### Estimates revision

We downgraded our 2023, 2024 and to a lesser extent 2025 projections

	NE	NEW Estimates				% Chang	e	OLD Estimates				
(Eu mn)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E		FY23E	FY24E	FY25E		FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	
Net Sales	131.1	163.7	201.1		-10%	-7%	-2%		146.2	177.0	205.5	
EBITDA	(3.4)	4.0	9.6		-227%	-37%	-5%		2.6	6.4	10.1	
EBIT	(6.4)	0.8	6.4		nm	-71%	-2%		(0.5)	3.0	6.6	
Pretax Profit	(7.6)	(0.2)	5.7		nm	-108%	-2%		(1.7)	2.0	5.8	
Net profit	(7.6)	(0.2)	4.0		nm	-111%	-2%		(1.7)	1.4	4.1	
EPS	(1.112)	(0.02)	0.58		nm	-111%	-2%		(0.245)	0.20	0.59	
Net financial position	(38.0)	(32.1)	(29.6)		nm	nm	nm		(33.4)	(24.5)	(21.9)	

Source: Alantra estimates

# **Peers**

## Trading multiples

Talea Group is currently trading below Redcare and DocMorris on EV/Sales multiples, in line with peers average

Company	Country	Mkt Cap		EV/Sales		Ε	V/EBITD	Α		EV/EBIT			PE	
Company	Country	(Eu mn)	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E	FY23E	FY24E	FY25E
TALEA	ITALY	62	0.6 x	0.5 x	0.4 x	32.8 x	12.7 x	7.6 x	-534.8 x	25.6 x	11.3 x	nm	nm	nm
Premium (discount) to Pee	rs' Median		7%	-6%	-11%	112%	40%	26%	-359%	79%	33%	nm	nm	nm
PEERS	Average		0.6 x	0.5 x	0.4 x	15.4 x	9.1 x	6.1 x	206.7 x	14.3 x	8.5 x	31.3 x	147.4 x	19.0 x
						T						ı		
Zalando SE	GERMANY	5,573	0.5 x	0.4 x	0.4 x	7.9 x	6.0 x	4.7 x	19.9 x	11.7 x	7.8 x	36.5 x	21.6 x	15.7 x
HelloFresh SE	GERMANY	4,885	0.7 x	0.6 x	0.5 x	10.3 x	7.3 x	5.3 x	19.6 x	11.7 x	7.7 x	33.5 x	18.5 x	13.2 x
ASOS plc	UNITED KINGDOM	529	0.2 x	0.2 x	0.2 x	6.9 x	3.1 x	2.6 x	na	11.0 x	8.0 x	na	229.9 x	18.9 x
boohoo group Plc	UNITED KINGDOM	462	0.3 x	0.3 x	0.2 x	7.3 x	5.8 x	4.4 x	931.9 x	32.0 x	14.7 x	na	43.9 x	17.4 x
DocMorris Ltd	SWITZERLAND	719	0.8 x	0.7 x	0.6 x	na	nm	nm	na	na	na	na	na	na
Redcare Pharmacy N.V.	GERMANY	2,041	1.3 x	1.0 x	0.8 x	57.6 x	30.1 x	16.9 x	na	nm	nm	na	682.0 x	43.2 x
zooplus SE	GERMANY	1,897	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	na
Boozt AB	SWEDEN	523	0.7 x	0.6 x	0.6 x	9.9 x	8.1 x	6.9 x	17.2 x	13.1 x	10.7 x	23.9 x	20.4 x	17.1 x
Farmacosmo S.P.A.	ITALY	27	0.2 x	0.2 x	0.1 x	8.1 x	3.4 x	1.5 x	44.8 x	6.0 x	2.0 x	na	15.8 x	7.1 x

Source: Alantra estimates and Factset

### Financials

Talea's EBIT and EBITDA margins are below than those of its closest peers (Redcare and DocMorris)

Company			FY23E - FY25E average margins						CAGR FY22A - FY25E			
	Country	Mkt Cap (Eu mn)	EBITDA Margin	EBIT Margin	Net Income Margin	Capex / Sales	Dividend Payout	Sales	EBITDA	EBIT	EPS	
TALEA	ITALY		1.5%	-0.4%	-1.3%	3.7%	0.0%	20.3%	63.4%	-652.4%	56.3%	
PEERS	Average Median		4.4% 4.2%	0.9% 0.5%	-0.4% -0.3%	3.0% 2.8%	0.0% 0.0%	8.1% 2.9%	8.8% 12.6%	20.1% 26.7%	70.4% 28.1%	
Zalando SE	GERMANY	5,023	7.1%	3.4%	1.8%	3.0%	0.0%	2.7%	20.9%	62.9%	167.6%	
HelloFresh SE	GERMANY	1,188	5.4%	2.5%	1.0%	3.6%	0.0%	3.2%	0.2%	-1.3%	15.4%	
ASOS plc	UNITED KINGDOM	498	3.3%	-1.0%	-1.9%	4.3%	0.0%	-4.9%	-7.7%	-45.8%	nm	
boohoo group Plc	UNITED KINGDOM	503	4.7%	0.3%	-0.6%	4.0%	0.0%	-1.9%	12.6%	57.8%	nm	
DocMorris Ltd	SWITZERLAND	1,037	-1.2%	-4.7%	-6.1%	2.5%	0.0%	-1.2%	nm	nm	nm	
Redcare Pharmacy N.V.	GERMANY	2,459	3.5%	0.4%	0.1%	2.0%	0.0%	34.0%	nm	nm	nm	
zooplus SE	GERMANY	1,435	na	na	na	na	na	na	nm	na	na	
Boozt AB	SWEDEN	721	8.6%	5.7%	3.8%	1.9%	0.0%	11.7%	18.2%	26.7%	28.1%	
Farmacosmo S.P.A.	ITALY	35	3.7%	0.5%	-0.9%	2.6%	0.0%	21.1%	na	nm	nm	

Source: Alantra estimates and Factset



### Performance

Talea underperformed peers average in the last month

Company	Country	Mkt Cap			Perfor	mance		
Company	Country	(Eu mn)	1M	3 M	6M	1YR	3YR	5YR
TALEA	ITALY	46	-14.9%	-19.0%	-29.0%	-47.0%	-77.9%	na
PEERS	Average		-9.9%	-7.0%	-6.3%	-18.8%	-60.0%	17.8%
PEERS	Median		-1.9%	-9.8%	1.9%	-38.2%	-78.6%	-19.0%
Zalando SE	GERMANY	5,023	0.1%	-14.5%	-24.1%	-49.6%	-76.3%	-42.0%
HelloFresh SE	GERMANY	1,188	-47.0%	-57.2%	-76.6%	-64.9%	-87.7%	-25.2%
ASOS plc	UNITED KINGDOM	498	-3.3%	-9.8%	-11.6%	-61.1%	-93.1%	-87.8%
boohoo group Plc	UNITED KINGDOM	503	-1.9%	-10.0%	1.9%	-38.2%	-89.4%	-80.6%
DocMorris Ltd	SWITZERLAND	1,037	-19.9%	1.2%	24.0%	52.9%	-80.9%	-12.7%
Redcare Pharmacy N.V.	GERMANY	2,459	-15.7%	-9.2%	18.4%	70.2%	-33.7%	216.5%
zooplus SE	GERMANY	1,435	0.9%	-11.9%	-29.4%	-32.7%	6.7%	75.4%
Boozt AB	SWEDEN	721	-1.1%	-4.6%	24.5%	-2.2%	-25.9%	99.0%
Farmacosmo S.P.A.	ITALY	35	-1.0%	52.9%	15.7%	-43.5%	na	na

Source: Alantra estimates and Factset



## Disclaimer

Explanation of Ratings: Alantra Capital Markets Sociedad de Valores SAU (Italian Branch) ("Alantra CM (Italian Branch)") Research Department provides six core ratings: BUY, HOLD, SELL, NOT RATED, UNDER REVIEW and SUSPENDED, based on the expected performance over the next 12 months.

BUY: The stock is expected to generate returns of over 10% during the next 12 months.

HOLD: The stock is expected to generate returns of 0-10% during the next 12 months.

SELL: The stock is expected to generate negative returns during the next 12 months.

NOT RATED: The stock is not covered.

**UNDER REVIEW**: An event occurred with an expected significant impact on our target price and we cannot issue a recommendation before having processed that new information and/or without a new share price reference.

SUSPENDED: Alantra CM (Italian Branch) is precluded from providing an investment rating or price target for compliance reasons.

Due to share price volatility, ratings and target prices may occasionally and temporarily be inconsistent with the above definition.

This report has been prepared by Alantra CM (Italian Branch), which is pertaining to the Alantra Group, a financial Spanish group that provides investment banking, asset management, equities brokerage, capital markets and financial advisory services.

#### **Analyst Certification**

Each authoring analyst of Alantra CM (Italian Branch) whose name appears on the front page of this research hereby certifies that (i) the recommendations and opinions expressed in this research accurately reflect the authoring analyst's personal, independent and objective views about any and all of the designated investments or relevant issuers discussed herein that are within such authoring analyst's coverage universe and (ii) no part of the authoring analyst's compensation was, is, or will be, directly or indirectly, related to the specific recommendations or views expressed by the authoring analyst in the research.

This report is solely for the information of clients of Alantra CM (Italian Branch) and for distribution only under such circumstances as may be permitted by applicable law. Alantra CM (Italian Branch) specifically prohibits the redistribution of this material in whole or in part without the prior written permission of Alantra CM (Italian Branch) and therefore Alantra CM (Italian Branch) accepts no liability whatsoever for the actions or third parties in this respect.

Nothing in this report constitutes a representation that any investment strategy or recommendation contained herein is suitable or appropriate to a recipient's individual circumstances or otherwise constitutes a personal recommendation. This report is published solely for information purposes, it does not constitute an advertisement and is not to be construed as a solicitation or an offer to buy or sell any securities or related financial instruments in any jurisdiction. The information contained in this research has been compiled by Alantra CM (Italian Branch) from sources believed to be reliable, but no representation or warranty, either expressed or implied, is provided in relation to the fairness, accuracy, completeness or correctness of the information contained herein, nor it is intended to be a complete statement or summary of the securities or markets referred to in this report. Alantra CM (Italian Branch) nor any of its affiliates has not independently verified the facts, assumptions, and estimates contained herein. All estimates, opinions and other information contained in this research constitute Alantra CM (Italian Branch)'s judgement as of the date of this research, are subject to change without notice and are provided in good faith but without legal responsibility or liability. Alantra CM (Italian Branch) its affiliated companies or any other person does not undertake that investors will obtain profits nor accept any liability for any investment losses arising from any use of this report or its contents. This report should not be regarded by recipients as a substitute for the exercise of their own judgement. Any opinions expressed in this report are subject to change without notice and may differ or be contrary to opinions expressed by other business areas of the Alantra Group as a result of using different assumptions and criteria. Research will be initiated, updated and coverage ceased solely at the discretion of Alantra CM (Italian Branch). The analysis contained herein is based on numerous ass

From time to time, Alantra CM (Italian Branch) salespeople, traders, and other professionals may provide oral or written market commentary or trading strategies to our clients and our principal trading desk that reflect opinions that are contrary to the opinions expressed in this research. Alantra CM (Italian Branch)'s affiliates, principal trading desk, and investing businesses also from time to time may make investment decisions that are inconsistent with the recommendations or views expressed in this research.

Investments involve risks and investors should exercise prudence in making their investment decisions. The securities described herein may not be eligible for sale in all jurisdictions or to certain categories of investors. Stocks bear significantly risk that typically cannot be valued by normal fundamental criteria. Investments in the stock may result in a material loss. Options, derivative products and futures are not suitable for all investors, and trading in these instruments is considered risky. Past performance is not necessarily indicative of future results. Foreign currency rates of exchange may adversely affect the value, price or income of any security or related instrument mentioned in this report.

Any prices stated in this report are for information purposes only and do not represent valuations for individual securities or other instruments. There is no representation that any transaction can or could have been realized at those prices.

Neither Alantra CM (Italian Branch) nor any of the companies pertaining to the Alantra Group nor any of their shareholders, directors, employees or agents accepts any liability for any loss or damage arising out of the use of all or any part of this report.

Except as otherwise specified herein, this material is exclusively communicated by Alantra CM (Italian Branch) to persons who are eligible counterparties or professional clients and is only available to such persons. The information contained herein does not apply to retail clients.

The analysts responsible for the preparation of this report may interact with trading desk personnel, sales personnel and investment managers. Alantra CM (Italian Branch), any other company pertaining to the Alantra Group, and any of their shareholders, directors, employees may, to the extent permitted by law, have a position or otherwise be interested in any transactions, in any investments directly or indirectly the subject of this publication. The Alantra Group relies on information barriers to control the flow of information contained in one or more areas within the Alantra Group, into other areas, units, groups or affiliates of the Alantra Group. The Alantra Group may do and seek to do business with companies covered in its research reports. As a result, investors should be aware that the Alantra Group may have a conflict of interests. Information regarding transactions in which the Alantra Group has acted as an advisor, or provided professional services, is available on Alantra Group's website (http://www.alantra.com).The Alantra Group has established, implemented and maintains an effective conflicts of interest policy appropriate to its size and organization and to the nature, scale and complexity of its business. Investors should consider this report as only a single factor in making their investment decisions.

#### Conflict of interest

In order to disclose its possible conflicts of interest Alantra states that:

- Alantra is Corporate Broker of the following Companies: Openjobmetis, Eurotech, Talea Group, ICF, Tecma Solutions, Planetel, Powersoft, ATON Green Storage, Giglio.com, Almawave, Bifire, ESI, Indel B, Solid World Group, Comer Industries, Edil San Felice, Fae Technology, Kruso Kapital

## Research Distribution Policy

Alantra, according to article 3, paragraph 1, numbers (34) and (35) Regulation (EU) No 596/2014, has been commissioned to produce Equity Research for the Company by arrangement with the Specialist engaged by the Company.

Alantra CM (Italian Branch) research will be available simultaneously for all of Alantra CM (Italian Branch)'s customers who are entitled to receive the firm's research. Research may be distributed by the firm's sales and trading personnel via email, instant message or other electronic means. Customers entitled to receive research may also receive it via third party vendors. Until such time as research is made available to Alantra CM (Italian Branch)'s customers as described above, Authoring Analysts will not discuss the contents of their research with Sales and Trading or Investment Banking employees without prior compliance consent.

For further information about the proprietary model(s) associated with the covered issuer(s) in this research report, clients should contact their local sales representative.

The disclosures contained in research reports produced by Alantra CM (Italian Branch) shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Spanish and Italian laws.

The receipt of this report implies full acceptance by its recipients of the contents of this disclaimer.

Alantra Capital Markets Sociedad de Valores SAU is the Spanish investment firm located in Madrid, Calle de José Ortega y Gasset 29, registered at the Comisión Nacional del Mercado de Valores (CNMV) with number 258. Alantra CM (Italian Branch) is located in Milano (Italy), Via Borgonuovo 16 with number 155.