## Nireus Aquaculture S.A.

### **UBS Fish Farming Conference**



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# The Company & The Market

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### Nireus Aquaculture SA

A unique investment opportunity



"But Pontos, the great sea, was father of truthful Nireus who tells no lies, eldest of his sons. They call him the Old Gentleman because he is trustworthy, and gentle, and never forgetful of what is right, but the thoughts of his mind are mild and righteous."

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Hesiod, Theogony 233 ff (trans. Evelyn-White) (Greek epic C8th or C7th B.C.)



## Leader in Mediterranean fish farming

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# The 5 largest companies in Med. fish farming 2007 FY sales (mi. €)

### Evolution of Mediterranean Fish Farming



- ü Greece is the largest country producer of Mediterranean fish
- **ü** Nireus holds the dominant position in both the domestic and the global market
  - **o** 25% of Greek and 12% of world market in fish production of Mediterranean species
  - o 50% of Greek and 25% of world in juvenile production



## **An International Producer**

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Vertically integrated operations ensure:

- Completely safe production conditions => less risk from disease
- Absolute control over the production cycle => lower cost



# Controlling the value chain

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### **PLUS**

- 3 inland pre-fattening units producing 10 gram juveniles
- 2 R&D centers
- 2 Factories producing 80.000 tons of fish feed free of gmo
- 1 company producing fish cages & special nets



## The largest shareholder (30,2%) in Marine Farms



## Aquaculture Industry: Trends and Projections

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**U.S. Projected Consumption** Growth. 2000-2020 P7 **Citrus Fruit** 26 Fish 20 Vegetables 17 Dairv 16 Sugar 15 Beef 8 Processed Potatoes Percent Change in Quantities Consumed, 2000 -2020

FAO: Aquaculture will serve 100% of the growing demand for seafood (fisheries circular no. 1001)

<u>USDA:</u> Fish consumption is expected to grow by 26% annually till 2020 – 2<sup>nd</sup> largest increase in the food sector (USDA, ERS, 2003)

Economist: Fish Farming – The Blue Revolution (link)





## The advantages of Mediterranean fish farming

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### The advantages of the multi-species cultivation

### üProfit stability

Spread the risk of price fluctuations

- üReduced capital needs Transfer and sharing of technological and biological advances
- ülmproved operating margins Marketing synergies









## Nireus' proposition: a strong product mix

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Seabass and Seabream Fresh and frozen, whole, gutted, fillets













### Eggs



Fish feed

### Nets & Cages



### **Juveniles**



### **Bluefin Tuna**







## Selling to the largest markets in Europe





## Exporting 93% of produced fish to 40 countries



- ü Nireus is the largest exporter in the Greek food sector
- ü Every week we ship 500 tons of seabass and seabream ( = 1,25 million 400 gr. fish )



# **Our Five Drivers for Growth**

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Growth has come from exports, new products, new markets



"Look but on the circle of the earth . . . wherever the blue waters of Nereus wind round the broad land." Ovid, Heroides 9. 13 ff



## 1. Product diversification

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A diversified product mix

- ü spreads the risks of price fluctuations
- ü improves operating margins through marketing synergies



### 2. Exports

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### **Exports Evolution**





2008 H1 Sales Breakdown

E.U. 51% Greece 42%

- Nireus sells its products globally to 40+ countries q
- Exports have consistently outperformed domestic sales a
- #1 exporter in the Greek food sector Q



## 3. Opening of new markets

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■ Italy, Spain, France ■ Other countries



Export Growth has come from the opening of New Markets

2004 - 2007

Italy- Spain – France

+ 62 % in value

Other countries

+186% in value



## 4. Ability to grow faster than the market





## 5. Unique technological know - how

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### Targets: reduction in production time by at least 15% by 2011

Selective eggs technology is developed in exclusive agreement with the Norwegian Institute Akvaforsk SUnique in Mediterranean fish farming

**§Cuts production time by 15%** 

**§Inland pre-fattening** reduces winter juvenile production time up to 62%



 ü Transfer and sharing of technological and biological advances reduces capital needs





# Financials

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### Nireus Aquaculture SA Managing growth with stability



"The rule which Nireus once proclaimed, the Old Man of the Sea (Geron Halios) : `Even to an enemy if he is acting nobly, we should offer fullhearted praise and that most justly."

Pindar, Pythian Ode 9. 94 ff (trans. Conway) (Greek lyric C5th B.C.)



### **Balance Sheet**

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### **Balance Sheet**

### Assets

in mi. €	2005	2006	2007	H1 2007	H1 2008
Total non-current	110,77	150,95	221,02	210,64	264,14
Total current	150,48	188,30	308,56	232,69	250,00
Total assets	261,25	339,24	529,58	443,32	514,14

### Equity and liabilities

in mi. €	2005	2006	2007	H1 2007	H1 2008
Total shareholders' equity and					
minority interests	110,23	122,19	176,12	139,71	172,92
Total non-current liabilities	72,48	101,71	151,55	113,54	214,32
Total current liabilities	78,54	115,34	201,91	190,07	126,89
Total liabilities	151,02	217,05	353,46	303,61	341,21
Total equity and liabilities	261,25	339,24	529,58	443,32	514,14









### **Income Statement**

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in mi. €	2005	2006	2007	H1 2007	H1 2008
Biological Sales	75,11	99,02	134,24	68,9	67,3
Non-Biological Sales	63,00	62,47	80,02	35,6	20,1
Total Sales	138,11	161,48	214,26	104,5	87,4
Gain from Biological	75,06	123,86	159,58	73,87	79,04
EBITDA	19,65	27,26	37,84	20,11	17,40
EBIT Operating	14,49	20,15	30,04	17,15	13,90
EBT	11,17	14,54	20,35	12,09	7,98
Тах	-3,44	-5,61	-5,42	-3,50	-3,01
EAT	7,73	8,92	14,93	8,59	4,97
Majority interest	7,46	9,05	10,36	5,33	3,92
Minority interest	0,27	-0,12	4,57	3,26	1,05
Earnings per share	0,193	0,224	0,225	0,1302	0,0762







## **Cash Flow Statement**

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### **Cash Flow**

in mi. €	2005	2006	2007	H1 2007	H1 2008
Profit before tax	11,17	14,54	20,35	14,54	7,98
Cash flow from operating activities	-5,01	5,05	-13,71	-2,78	-21,65
Cash flow from investing activities	-6,51	-2,23	-61,08	-49,86	-13,58
Cash flow from financing activities	12,99	5,90	114,18	47,86	15,64
Total cash flow reporting period	1,46	8,72	39,38	-4,77	-19,59
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	1,13	2,70	12,52	12,50	51,90
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	2,59	11,41	51,90	7,73	32,32

ü Growing the fish inventory for 2 years requires high working capital needs

ü Nireus maintains a high cash balance despite the cost of increasing production constantly



## **Key Ratios**

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Key Ratios	2005	2006	2007
EBITDA margin %	14,2	16,9	17,7
EBIT margin %	10,5	12,5	14,0
EBT margin %	8,1	9,0	9,5
EAT margin %	5,6	5,5	7,0
ROE %	7,3	8,0	7,7
EV / EBITDA *	7,6	9,6	9,3
Interest Coverage Ratio	3,0	3,2	2,7
Net Debt / Equity	0,71	0,87	1,01
EPS *	0,184	0,221	0,201
P / E *	9,3	16,6	14,6



\* Prices end of year

## In 2008 we restructured bank debt

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L/T Debt structure

- 20 mi. convertible of 5 yr duration (obtained Jul 2007)

- 90 mi. joint bond of 7 yr duration (obtained Jan 2008)

 50 mi. long term loan of 10 yr duration secured by the Greek state that also pays ½ of the interest – 1<sup>st</sup> payment January 2010 (obtained 2007)

- 35 mi. loans of 15 year duration (obtained in 2005 and 2006)

## We expect a 2,8 mi. € savings in interest from loan restructuring and subsidized loans

We hedge 76,5 mi. € for interest rate increases



# And improved our profit margins despite rising costs and falling sea bream prices

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European ex-farm prices for sea bream at 10 year low (source: FEAP)



### Fishmeal Peru Monthly (source: IMF)



### **CBOT Soybean Oil weekly**



In H1 2008 we reduced gross cost of fish produced by 3% versus 2007



## **Stock Market Performance**



## **Outlook: Rising demand for Med fish**

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Demand for Mediterranean farmed fish is expected to grow

- § EU is a net importer for fish between 2002 and 2007 the fish trade deficit grew by 40% (+1 mi. MT)
- § Growth in European aquaculture will mainly come from the Mediterranean countries (seabass and seabream)
- § Greece is the fastest growing producer country in the EU

### Total Fish Production EU, 2002 - 2007







## Challenge: Europe's growth is slowing down







# Our 2008-2011 strategy: Rebalancing Growth

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Reduction in production time by 15%

Increase in volume Production clustering

Production close to big markets Emphasis on value added products

Increase in products offered

Use of Nireus group size effect



Improvement in sourcing



# In Summary, Nireus is

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### A Unique Value Proposition

- 1. Attractive Market Fundamentals
- 2. Worldwide leading position in Mediterranean fish
- 3. Vertically Integrated Operations
- 4. Run by Founders & Experienced Management
- 5. Strong Financial Performance

### With Unique Assets

- 1. Know the Med farming business
- 2. Diversified and integrated product mix
- 3. Exclusive Technology / Biology
- 4. Proven Success in internal growth and absorption of other companies
- 5. A dedicated work force



## **Communication – Financial Calendar**

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### **Financial Calendar 2008**

FY 2007 Results Wednesday, 26 March 2008

Ordinary AGM: Tuesday, 20 May 2008

3 Mo. 2008 Results : Wednesday, 28 May 2008

Dividend 2007 Record Date: Monday, 7 July 2008

Dividend Payment Date: Tuesday, 15 July 2008

H1 2008 Results : Thursday, 28 August 2008

9 Mo 2008 Results : Wednesday, 26 November 2008

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