

Fresh and pure food from sustainable highly efficient aquaponics technologies



Recognized as an **R&D** entity by **ANI**, in the technical-scientific domains:

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Agri-food – Healthy and sustainable food Water and Environment – Waste reduction, management, treatment and recovery Agri-food – Waste treatment and reuse



## **INTERNATIONAL BACKGROUND**













## HOW DOES AQUAPONICS WORK



SEAFOOD AND ORGANIC VEGETABLES NO WATER WASTE NO WASTEWATER **NO PESTICIDES** NO SYNTHETIC FERTILIZERS NO FERTILE SOIL NO NEGATIVE IMPACT ON ECOSYSTEMS **AND BIODIVERSITY NO TRANSPORTATION NO GHG EMISSIONS** FRESHNESS AND PROXIMITY

# WHY AQUAPONICS



#### Demand for fresh (sea)food & greens

Food retailers seek local solutions to avoid supply chain shortages

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#### Water scarcity

The food system is high water-demanding



#### Aquaculture costs & impact

Aquaculture is investment and infrastructure demanding and not environmentally friendly



#### Impacts of food transportation

Nonlocal and centralized farming leads to food transportation, which generates GHG emissions and loss of freshness



# WHY AQUAPONICS (cont.)



#### Rising consumer awareness

of environmental and food safety concerns



#### Taking advantage of seasonality

price fluctuations while being able to grow throughout the year



#### Exemption from emerging EU

environmental legal restrictions on conventional farming



Unpredictable weather has considerable negative impact on the food supply



## MARKET OPPORTUNITY

Global Aquaponics Market to hit \$1billion by 2031

In 2022 global aquaponics market size was \$493million

Compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 9.8% forecast period of 2022-2031

## **CLASSIC AQUAPONICS**



## **STATE-OF-THE-ART AQUAPONICS**



CLASSIC APPROACH

NOWADAYS COMMERCIAL APPROACH

OUR TECHNOLOGY APPROACH

## **OUR TECHNOLOGY**



#### **OUR TECHNOLOGICAL AND SUSTAINABILITY APPROACH**



# **KNOW HOW**

RAS, Aquaponics and Water treatment







































#### Revenue sources

















## **BUSINESS MODEL**

# **B2B** target customers

- Municipality schools canteens
- Food Retailers

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- Restaurants and hotels
- Local workplace offices
- Other industries















## **BUSINESS MODEL**

## **B2C** target customers

- Online consumers
- Weekly Farmers markets
- Fish n' Greens urban fresh food stores



## **END CONSUMER TRENDS**







# **ENVIRONMENT AND IMPACT**







No water waste







Lean scalability and flexibility



## **OUR CONTRIBUTION TO THE SDGs**



# COMPETITION

#### Aquaponics small farmers and startups

Tilamur (Spain) Les Nouvelles Fermes (France) ECF Farmsystems (Germany)

#### Seafood importers

Several companies importing cod, Atlantic salmon, Atlantic seabass, gilthead seabream...

### General hydroponics

Hydroponics farmers in Portugal and Spain

#### QUALITATIVE COMPARISON BETWEEN AQUAPONICS TECHNOLOGIES

#### COMPETITORS

Features	Standard balanced closed-loop aquaponics system	Decoupled aquaponics system	SWIMS
Consumer trust in organicity (symbiotic ecosystem)	$\sim$	×	$\checkmark$
Free of synthetic fertilizers (< input costs)	$\checkmark$	×	$\checkmark$
Flexibility to increase/reduce plant production capacity	×	$\sim$	$\checkmark$
Stability and control of nutrient concentration levels	×	$\checkmark$	$\checkmark$
Long term plant high productivity and stability	×	$\sim$	$\checkmark$
Long term dissolved oxygen availability and food safety	×	*	$\checkmark$
Low maintenance (cleaning) requirements	×	$\sim$	$\checkmark\checkmark$
Low water waste/consumption	$\sim$	×	$\checkmark\checkmark$
Decarbonizing effect in the food industry **	$\sim$	$\sim$	$\checkmark\checkmark$

\* Depending on the option to use controlled oxygen input

\*\* Rich CO<sub>2</sub> air from the fish room is pumped to the greenhouse and assimilated by plants; local production and consumption (reduced transportation)





### WHERE





#### **Torres Vedras**

Location of the first production unit. A region of more than 2 million consumers (50 km radius). Less than 30 minutes from Lisbon.



Future expansion to other municipalities in Portugal and throughout Europe.

# **INVESTMENT** (1<sup>st</sup> FULL COMMERCIAL SCALE UNIT)



- + project
- + equipment, materials
- + technology
- + implementation and tests
- + team expansion and training
- + 15 month OPEX

# 5.8 million€

fish n' greens



## **INVESTMENT IN SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE**



		1 <sup>st</sup> full
Size	$\longrightarrow$	11
<b>Carbon sequestration</b>	$\longrightarrow$	740 t
Less overfishing (fish catches)	$\longrightarrow$	-420
Water savings	$\longrightarrow$	32 50
Educational tours (# students)	$\longrightarrow$	264
Organic waste/wastewater	$\longrightarrow$	
Synthetic fertilizers input	$\longrightarrow$	
Inorganic pesticides input	$\longrightarrow$	
Medication input	$\rightarrow$	

<sup>st</sup> full scale unit	Scale-up	
$11500m^2$	$5 \times 11 500 \text{ m}^2$	
740 tons year <sup>-1</sup>	3 700 tons year <sup>-1</sup>	
-420 tons year <sup>-1</sup>	<b>-2,100</b> tons year <sup>-1</sup>	
32 500 m <sup>3</sup> year <sup>-1</sup>	$162\ 500\ m^{3}\ year^{-1}$	
<b>2 640</b> year <sup>-1</sup>	13 200 year-1	
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## **INVESTMENT IN SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE**

#### Size **Fresh finfish** Organic fresh greens Financing demand Revenues per year **EBITDA-To-Sales Ratio** ROI Payback period

1 <sup>st</sup> full scale unit
$11500\text{m}^2$
100 tons/year
480 tons/year
5.8 M€
6 M€
61%
44%
3 years (2027)

Scale-up 5 x 11 500 m<sup>2</sup> 500 tons/year 2 400 tons/year 27 M€ 31 M€ 64% 47% 3 years

**ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL KEY NUMBERS** 





### OUR FINANCE AND BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT TEAM







Participants in Climate-KIC 2017, EIT Food FAN Bilbao 2019, BlueInvest Readiness Assistance 2020, EIT Innowise Scale Water Scarcity 2022, Blue Bio Value Edition 2022, Ignition Programme 2023



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