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PRESS RELEASE

NEWLAT FOOD ACHIEVES HISTORIC RECORD IN REVENUES REACHING € 2.03 BILLION AND A CONSOLIDATED NET PROFIT OF € 170.8 MILLION

THE THIRD QUARTER CONFIRMS EXCELLENT CASH GENERATION AND A STRONG RECOVERY IN ORGANIC GROWTH

- Consolidated combined revenues¹ amounted to € 2.03 billion, marking a historic record for the Newlat Group.
- Organic revenue growth showed a strong improvement in Q3 for Newlat Food stand-alone² (-1% compared to -17% in Q2).
- Combined EBITDA adjusted reached € 127.8 million. Current trading confirms expectations for combined EBITDA to be between € 175 million and € 180 million by the end of 2024, as the last quarter of the year is usually the most profitable in the food industry.
- Net profit amounted to € 170.8 million, a significant increase (+840%) compared to € 18.2 million as of 30 September 2023.
- Free Cash Flow (FCF) was above € 120 million in the first nine months.
- Consolidated Adjusted Net Debt³ as of 30 September 2024, amounted to € 437 million, showing a notable improvement of about € 7 million compared to the pro-forma data reported on 31 August 2024, presented at the approval of the half-year results.
- 2025 Guidance: Revenue expected to be above €2.8 billion, EBITDA between €210 and €220 million and consolidated adjusted Net Debt between €300 and €330 million, implying a Net Debt/EBITDA ratio of between 1.36x and 1.57x at the lower end of the EBITDA range.
- Completion of Princes integration: unified procurement department led by Angelo Mastrolia and business units split into three macro-areas, namely UK, Italy, Continental Europe and Rest of the World.

³ Adjusted Net Debt does not include the €200 million shareholder loan granted by the parent company (Newlat Group S.A.) to the subsidiary Newlat Food S.p.A., in support of the acquisition of Princes Ltd.



¹ The combined data for Revenues and EBITDA reflect the aggregated consolidated results of the Newlat Group and the Princes Group from January 1, 2024.

² Excluding the consolidation of Princes Ltd.



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Reggio Emilia, 12 November 2024 – the Board of Directors of Newlat Food S.p.A. ("**Newlat Food**" or the "**Company**"), which met under the chairmanship of Angelo Mastrolia, examined and approved the Interim Financial Report as at 30 September 2024.

Introduction to the Interim Management Report

Below are detailed the financial figures of the Newlat Group at 30 September 2024 and 30 September 2023.

The Group's **revenues** in the first nine months of 2024 amounted to \notin 896 million, an increase of 49.2%, compared to the first nine months of 2023 equal to \notin 600.7 million, thanks to the contribution of the Princes Group included in the consolidation scope starting from August 2024.

The Group's **EBITDA** was € 74.3 million, compared to € 57.1 million recorded in the same period of 2023, with an increase of 30.1%, while **EBITDA margin** was 8.3%, a slight decrease compared to 9.5% recorded at 30 September 2023. Net of non-recurring costs (costs attributable to the Princes acquisition), Adj. **EBITDA** would have been equal to € 80.9 million, with an EBITDA margin of 9%.

EBIT was equal to € 194.4 million, an increase compared to the € 31.8 million recorded in the first nine months of 2023. The gain from the business combination recorded following the consolidation of the Princes Group contributed to the EBIT figure.

Net of the gain from the business combination, the net result would have still been \in 36.4 million, a significant improvement compared to \in 31.8 million, thanks to the Group's strong operational growth.

Net Income equals € 170.8 million, compared to € 18.2 million in the first nine months of the previous year, confirming the positive impact of the Princes acquisition, thanks to the gain from the business combination and the significant operational growth recorded during 2024.

Analysis of the Net Financial Position

The adjusted net financial position stands at \notin 437 million, showing a deterioration of \notin 363 million compared to the closing figure of 31 December 2023, which was \notin -74 million, due to the acquisition of the Princes Group, however marking an improvement of over \notin 120 million compared to analysts' estimated figures, which included a much higher debt position considering the f_{c} 700 million payment for the acquisition.

Ongoing Integration of Princes

Starting from 1st October, the Group's Procurement function has been centralised under the leadership of Angelo Mastrolia, with the aim of optimising processes and strengthening the strategic management of resources.



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The new organisation into three business units, divided into the following macro-areas—United Kingdom and Ireland, Italy, and Europe and the Rest of the World—will also have a significant impact on the global development of the business. This structure will ensure effective and targeted management across all markets, allowing us to tailor commercial strategies to the specific needs of each country, enhance client relations, and increase our ability to respond swiftly to the demands and dynamics of each target market.

In Italy, we are completing the integration of Princes Italia (currently focused on the tomato sector) by consolidating all activities of Princes and Newlat Food, which include the production of pasta, bakery products, and specialist items. This integration aims to create productive and operational synergies, enabling greater flexibility in managing client relationships and providing a single point of contact for all product categories. This will significantly enhance production and commercial efficiency across different departments, facilitating the offering of an even broader and more diversified product portfolio. The integration is expected to be completed by 1st January 2025.

A similar integration will be undertaken for the Symington's business—which has already been commercially consolidated under the leadership of Simon Harrison at Princes—with the objective of unifying activities in the UK market and maximising operational synergies between the two companies. The integration is scheduled for completion by 31st March, in line with the UK's traditional fiscal year-end, to ensure a smooth transition and meet the timelines of British retailers.

The Chairman Angelo Mastrolia commented: "The results for the first nine months of 2024 mark an extraordinary milestone for the Group, with a combined revenue of $\in 2.03$ billion and a net profit exceeding $\in 170$ million. This achievement reflects robust cash generation and demonstrates a strong recovery in organic revenue growth, particularly visible in the third quarter. The results underscore the immense value created by the acquisition of Princes across all metrics: revenue increased by 49.2%, net profit by 840%, equity by 133%, and net financial position proved significantly better than any projections. These figures confirm that, in just two months, the acquisition of Princes has delivered value well beyond even our most optimistic expectations for all shareholders, establishing a solid foundation for substantial growth in the years to come.

The 2025 guidance affirms our financial strength, which allows us to continue optimising debt costs, enabling us to explore the possibility of issuing a bond under particularly competitive conditions, with a duration of up to six years, targeting both the general public in Italy and qualified investors in Italy and abroad. The new issuance, planned for the first half of 2025, will allow us to significantly reduce financial costs and gain greater flexibility to advance our future growth and M&A projects.

Additionally, the integration process with Princes has exceeded both expectations and timelines set in our plan. As of 1 October, we centralised the Group's procurement function under my leadership to optimise processes and strengthen the strategic management of resources. Moreover, the Group's business units have been reorganised into three macro-areas—United Kingdom, Italy, Europe, and the Rest of the World—to better respond to the dynamics of each market and strengthen our relationships with major global retailers.





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We are also finalising the integration of Princes Italia, currently focused on the tomato sector, with Newlat's other activities, including pasta, bakery products and special products. This process will enable us to develop significant operational and commercial synergies both in Italy and abroad, further enhancing our offering in the Italian Food sector. The integration is expected to be completed by 1st January 2025.

Finally, the integration of Symington's into Princes Limited in the UK market—which has already been commercially consolidated—will also be completed on a production and corporate level by 31st March, allowing us to offer retailers a more streamlined and efficient management of the Group's product portfolio in the UK market.

We are confident that these strategic initiatives, along with the synergies already presented to the market following the announcement of the operation, represent a crucial step in building an even stronger future, increasingly focused on business growth and enhancing the Group's operational performance.""

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BUSINESS OUTLOOK

As of the approval date of this interim report, Newlat Food Group confirms that the 2024 financial year will be in line with the results and targets presented today. Consequently, the year is expected to close with the best results ever achieved by the Group, also in light of the recent acquisition of the Princes Group. Moreover, management will continue to pay particular attention to cost control and financial management in order to maximize the generation of free cash flow, which will be allocated both to organic and external growth, as well as to shareholder remuneration, including through share buybacks.

The continuation or escalation of recent conflicts in Israel and Palestine, and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, could further worsen the crisis in the "Oil & Gas" sector, negatively impacting the global economy. Despite this, the strong diversification of the product portfolio, further enhanced by the acquisition of Princes Ltd, has proven particularly resilient in overcoming the notable crises experienced in the past three years.

Given the above, the Group cannot predict to what extent these events may have significant repercussions on the Group's prospects for the next fiscal year. However, the Directors believe, based on the information available at the time of preparing this report, that it is reasonable to exclude significant negative impacts.

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2025 FINANCIAL CALENDAR

Furthermore, the Board of Directors approved, pursuant to Article 2.6.2 of the Rules of the Markets organised and managed by Borsa Italiana S.p.A., the calendar of corporate events for the year 2025 as follows:

Monday, 17 March 2025	Board of Directors' Meeting (*): Approval of the draft financial statements and consolidated financial statement for the year 2024
Monday, 28 April 2025	Shareholders' Meeting (first call)
Monday, 5 May 2025	Shareholders' Meeting (second call)
Wednesday, 14 May 2025	Board of Directors' Meeting (*): Approval of the interim management report as at 31 March 2025
Monday, 8 September 2025	Board of Directors' Meeting (*): Approval of the half-year financial statements as at 30 June 2025
Monday, 10 November 2025	Board of Directors' Meeting (*): Approval of the interim management report as at 30 September 2025

(*) Following the meetings of the Board of Directors, the presentation of the accounting data to the financial analysts is expected. Times will be communicated as soon as established.

Any changes to the above dates will be promptly communicated to the market.

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CONFERENCE CALL ON THE 9M 2024 RESULTS OF THE NEWLAT FOOD GROUP

The 9M 2024 results of the Newlat Food Group will be illustrated during the conference call to be held today at 11:00 (CET). Below are the dial-in numbers to participate in the *conference call* (Meeting ID: 2368 601 3755; Password: tYpHep9AE37 (89743792 from telephone and video systems):

- Italy: +39-069-974-8087
- France: +33-1-7091-8646
- Germany: +49-619-6781-9736
- Switzerland: +41-2256-75905





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- United Kingdom: +44-20-7660-8149
- Spain: +34-91215-8236

or – to follow the presentation live broadcast – connect at the link: https://newlatfoodspa.my.webex.com/newlatfoodspa.my/j.php?MTID=m3fc2d0f5575cca406b22b1ebe3d86726

The presentation will available on the Company's website at <u>www.newlat.it</u>, as well as at the authorized storage mechanism eMarket Storage at <u>www.emarketstorage.com</u>, about 30 minutes before the beginning of the conference. The recording in MP3 files will also be available on the Company's website starting from 13 November 2024.

DECLARATION OF THE MANAGER RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING THE CORPORATE ACCOUNTING DOCUMENTS

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The manager in responsible for preparing the corporate accounting documents Rocco Sergi declares, pursuant to and for the purposes of Article 154-bis, paragraph 2, of Legislative Decree no. 58 of 1998, that the information contained in this press release corresponds to the document results, books and accounting records.

This press release is available on the Company's website at <u>www.newlat.it</u>, as well as at the authorized storage mechanism eMarket Storage at <u>www.emarketstorage.com</u>.

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The "Interim Management Report as at 30 September 2024" is available on the Company's website at <u>www.newlat.it</u> as well as at the authorized storage mechanism eMarket Storage at <u>www.emarketstorage.com</u>.

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The Newlat Group

The Newlat Group is a leading multinational, multi-brand, multi-product and multi-channel player in the Italian and European food industry, with a portfolio of more than 30 historic and internationally recognised brands. The Group is a leader in several categories, including pasta and bakery products, dairy products, fish and canned food, edible oils, ready meals and specialty products such as infant nutrition and wellness foods.

With an established presence in 4 key markets and exports to more than 60 countries, Newlat serves more than 30,000 of Europe's leading retailers. In 2023, the Group generated pro-forma revenues of € 2.8 billion, thanks to a workforce of more than 8,800 employees and 31 plants spread across Italy, the UK, Germany, France, Poland and Mauritius.

Newlat Food, with its strong production and distribution network, is one of the leading players in the European food industry, with a clear focus on innovation and quality.

For more information, please visit: <u>www.newlat.it</u> and <u>www.princesgroup.com</u>.





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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS



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Consolidated Statement of Financial Position

(€ thousand)	At 30 September	At 31 December	
Non-current assets	2024	2023	
Property, plant and equipment	564,523	164,732	
Right of use		· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	100,678	43,773	
of which towards related parties	<i>12,143</i>	<i>14,105</i>	
Intangible assets	121,013	91,548	
Investments in associated companies	64,118	1,401	
Non-current financial assets valued at fair value with impact on I/S	785	777	
Financial assets stated at amortized cost	803	800	
of which towards related parties	735	735	
Deferred tax assets	8,589	6,362	
Total non-current assets	860,509	309,392	
Current assets			
Inventory	504,270	74,099	
Account receivables	338,929	84,634	
of which related parties	5,638	2,493	
Current tax assets	5,644	1,323	
Other receivables and current assets	59,157	22,529	
Current financial assets valued at fair value with impact on I/S	1,532	69	
Financial receivables valued at amortized	258,366	13,099	
of which related parties	258,366	13,099	
Cash and cash equivalents	334,540	312,459	
of which related parties	-	93,586	
Total current assets	1,502,438	508,212	
TOTAL ASSETS	2,362,946	817,604	
Equity	2,302,740	017,004	
Share capital	43,935	43,935	
Reserves	-		
	130,755	102,079	
Currency reserve translation	1,193	(1,703)	
Net income	168,439	14,325	
Total equity	344,322	158,636	
Equity attributable to non-controlling interest	63,104	16,022	
Total consolidated equity	407,426	174,658	
Non-current liabilities			
Provisions for employees	15,081	10,951	
Provisions for risks and charges	2,459	2,337	
Deferred tax liabilities	47,631	22,868	
Non-current financial liabilities	614,809	290,466	
Non-current <i>lease</i> liabilities	83,748	37,160	
of which related parties	9,340	14,092	
Shareholder loans	203,190	-	
of which related parties	203,190	-	
Total non-current liabilities	966,918	363,783	
Current liabilities		,	
Account payables	460,431	172,198	
of which related parties	3,830	823	
Current financial liabilities	312,955	64,653	
of which related parties	3,025	3,916	
Current lease liabilities	20,361	7,694	
	20,301	2,457	
of which related parties			
Current tax liabilities	6,669	2,988	
Other current liabilities	188,186	31,630	
of which related parties	73	0	
Total current liabilities	988,692	279,163	
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2.362.946	817.604	



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Consolidated Income Statement

(C the word)	At 30 September			
(€ thousand)	2024	2023		
Revenue from clients' contracts	896,307	600,666		
Cost of goods sold	(729,578)	(491,968)		
Of which towards related parties	(2,450)	(2,839)		
Gross profit	166,729	108,698		
Sales and distribution costs	(85,295)	(64,317)		
Administrative expenses	(49,310)	(15,716)		
Of which towards related parties	(227)	(126)		
Net impairment losses on financial assets	(439)	(586)		
Other revenues and income	9,384	6,712		
Income from business combination	158,028	1,685		
Other operational costs	(4,670)	(4,666)		
EBIT	194,427	31,810		
Financial income	9,075	6,788		
Of which towards related parties	4,329	1,501		
Financial expense	(25,624)	(13,447)		
Of which towards related parties	(2,877)	(493)		
EBT	177,879	25,152		
Gross income tax	(7,031)	(6,977)		
Net Income	170,848	18,175		
Net income attributable to non-controlling interest	2,405	2,187		
Group Net Income	168,439	15,988		
Basic EPS	3.84	0.37		
Diluted EPS	3.84	0.37		

Consolidated Statement of Comprehensive Income

(C there and)	At 30 September			
(€ thousand)	2024	2023		
Net profit (A)	170,848	18,175		
b) Other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to				
profit or loss				
Actuarial gains / (losses)	-	-		
Total other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to	_	_		
profit or loss				
c) Comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to profit or				
loss				
Hedging instruments net of the tax effect	(72)	(154)		
Currency translation	2,896	2,809		
Total other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to	2,824	2,655		
profit or loss	2,021	2,000		
d) Total other comprehensive income for the period, net of tax	2,824	2,655		
(B+C)	2,021	2,055		
Total comprehensive income for the period (A)+(D)	173,672	20,829		
Net income attributable to non-controlling interest	4,595	2,187		
Group net income	169,077	18,643		







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Consolidated Statement of Changes in Equity

(€ thousand)	Share capital	Reserves	Net Income	Group Total Equity	Equity attributable to non-controlling interest	Total
At 31 December 2022	43,935	74,313	6,223	124,472	14,834	139,306
Allocation of net profit/(loss) for the previous year		6,223	(6,223)	-		-
Treasury shares		20,085		20,085		20,085
Total treasury shares		20,085		20,085		20,085
Other movimentation		-		-	-	-
Net profit/(loss)			15,988	15,988	2,187	18,175
Hedge accounting		(154)		(154)		(154)
Translation reserve		2,809		2,809		2,809
Actuarial gains/(losses) net of the related tax effect		-		-	-	-
Total comprehensive net profit/(loss) for the year		2,655	15,988	18,643	2,187	20,830
At 30 September 2023	43,935	103,276	15,988	163,199	17,020	180,220
Treasury shares	,	(1,232)	,	(1,232)	,	(1,232)
Total treasury shares		(1,232)		(1,232)		(1,232)
Other movimentation		()-)		() -)		() -)
Net profit/(loss)			(1,663)	(1,663)	(999)	(2,662)
Hedging accounting		(97)		(97)		(97)
Translation reserve		(1,494)		(1,494)		(1,494)
Actuarial gains/(losses) net of the related tax effect		(78)		(78)		(78)
Total comprehensive net profit/(loss) for the		(1 ((0)	(4.((2))	(2.222)	(000)	(1.224)
year		(1,669)	(1,663)	(3,332)	(999)	(4,331)
At 31 December 2023	43,935	100,375	14,325	158,635	16,022	174,657
Allocation of net profit/(loss) for the previous year		14,325	(14,325)	-		-
Treasury shares		8,936		8,936		8,936
Total treasury shares		8,936		8,936		8,936
Other movimentation		(201)		(201)	44,673	44,741
Net profit/(loss)			168,439	168,439	2,409	170,848
Hedging accounting		3,227		3,227		3,227
Gains on own shares		2,392		2,392		2,392
Translation reserve		2,889		2,889		2,889
Actuarial gains/(losses) net of the related tax effect						
Total comprehensive net profit/(loss) for the		8,515	168,439	176,954	2,409	179,363
year		0,313	100,439	1/0,954	2,409	1/9,303
At 30 September 2024	43,935	132,151	168,439	344,322	63,104	407,426





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Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

(C theward)	At 30 September			
(ϵ thousand)	2024	2023		
Profit before income tax	177,879	25,152		
- Adjustments:				
Depreciation and amortization	37,860	26,968		
Capital gain / (loss) from disposal of assets	16,549	6,659		
Of which towards related parties	1,452	1,008		
Other non-monetary changes from business combination	(158,028)	(1,685)		
Other non-monetary changes	-	-		
Cash flow from operating activities before changes in net	74,259	57,094		
working capital	74,239	57,094		
Changes in inventory	(33,582)	5,548		
Changes in trade receivables	(8,629)	20,298		
Changes in trade payables	88,952	(29,252)		
Changes in other assets and liabilities	37,032	6,408		
Uses of employee benefit obligations and provisions for risks and	(2,084)	(1,156)		
charges	(2,004)	(1,150)		
ncome tax paid	(5,342)	(3,163)		
Net cash flow provided by / (used in) operating activities	150,607	55,777		
Investments in property, plant and equipment	(19,358)	(11,804)		
Investments in intangible assets	(1,481)	(1,092)		
investments of financial assets	(11,089)	(3,096)		
Net cash acquired from Princes Limited	4,415	(1,000)		
Net cash flow provided by / (used in) investing activities	(27,513)	(16,992)		
Proceeds from long-term borrowings	578,000	19,500		
Repayment of long-term borrowings	(424,954)	(28,420)		
Repayment of lease liabilities	(11,403)	(7,341)		
Of which towards related parties	(4,470)	(4,470)		
Net financial expenses paid	(16,549)	(6,659)		
Share Buy Back	8,936	20,085		
Net cash flow provided by / (used in) financing activities	134,031	(2,835)		
Total cash flow provided / (used) in the year	257,124	35,950		
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	312,460	287,820		
Of which towards related parties	<i>93,586</i>	97,909		
Offsetting of cash and cash equivalents	(235,045)	(3,025)		
Fotal change in cash and cash equivalents	257,124	35,950		
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	334,540	320,744		
Of which towards related parties		80,987		

