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# CULTIVATING CHANGE



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## **Agronomics Limited (ANIC:LSE)**

A leading listed company in cellular agriculture, offering access to a differentiated portfolio of future agricultural production



~£22 million in cash\*, Agronomics is not in need of capital



Established portfolio in a rapidly growing sector with companies entering commercialisation and scale-up



Over 20 investments with diversification across multiple markets and key verticals – inclusive of the pillars: food, materials, energy and infrastructure



Confluence of major global trends in the need for food security, simplification of supply chains, and decarbonisation are driving the sectorial growth

\*As per NAV Statement (31/12/2023)

# Global mandate with a specialised focus on biomanufacturing centered around three core pillars:

**CELL CULTURE** 

PRECISION FERMENTATION

**ENABLING TECHNOLOGIES** 







#### **INVESTMENT CRITERIA**

Focused on large markets; Defensible IP and knowhow; Ease of route to commercialisation; Strong management teams with deep domain expertise in their field

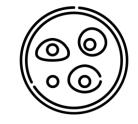
# Plant and animal cells are grown under controlled conditions to produce meat, cocoa, coffee, cotton among other products

#### **BIOPSY**



A biopsy is taken from the plant or animal species of choice: cow, chicken, pig, fish, shrimp, etc. or coffee, cocoa, cotton, etc.

## ISOLATION OF CELLS



Cells are isolated from the tissue

## PROLIFERATION: CELL EXPANSION



Inputs of plant-based growth medium, oxygen and water to stimulate growth of cells to vast quantities of biomass

#### **TISSUE FORMATION**



A change of conditions initiates cells to form tissues. For animal cells, this includes differentiation into muscle and fat tissues

## CONSUMER PRODUCTS







The final product is bioidentical and nutritionally the same as those which are conventionally produced

# Precision fermentation uses microbes as cell factories can produce valuable molecules, such as proteins, fats and oils

**GENETIC CODE** 

THE MICROBIAL HOST

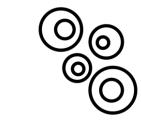
**INSERTED INTO** 

**FERMENTATION** 

DOWNSTREAM PROCESSING AND PURIFICATION

HIGH PURITY END INGREDIENT

















DNA is encoded with the gene to produce the target protein Inserted and induced to secrete large amounts of the target protein

Microorganisms experience rapid growth and multiply in stainless steel bioreactors, fed sugar feedstock which is converted into the target ingredient The target ingredient is recovered and refined to produce the functional product at high purity

The protein powder is used as a key ingredient to recreate the functionality of products containing dairy and eggs

# The Agronomics portfolio provides a sustainable solution to feed 10 billion people by 2060

By 2050, 2 billion more people will need 2x more meat and 7x the current resources to be food secure, which existing systems and supply chains cannot provide

Projections suggest that at our current consumption rates we will not have the land, water, or energy to sustain industrial farming for future population growth



of all habitable land is needed for agriculture

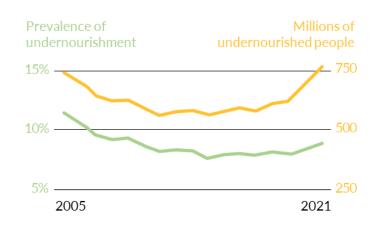
50%

of all fresh water is needed for animal agriculture

**18**%

of all anthropogenic carbon emissions due to industrial farming – more than all forms of transport combined

Today, 33% of the global population are food insecure



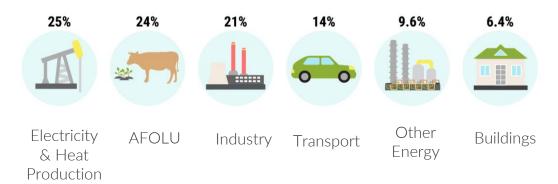
Our existing production systems are fragile and inefficient

Sources: Our World in Data, FAO, IICA, World Economic Forum

## Implications of animal husbandry

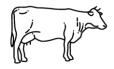
#### **Emissions**

#### **GREEN HOUSE GAS EMISSIONS BY ECONOMIC SECTOR**



#### **Animal Welfare**

~900,000 cows and 202 million chickens are slaughtered everyday for human consumption



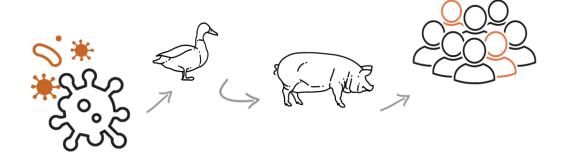






Max Roser (2023), "How many animals get slaughtered every day?" OurWorldInData.org.

#### **Human Health and Zoonotic Disease**



80% of all antibiotics are used in agriculture

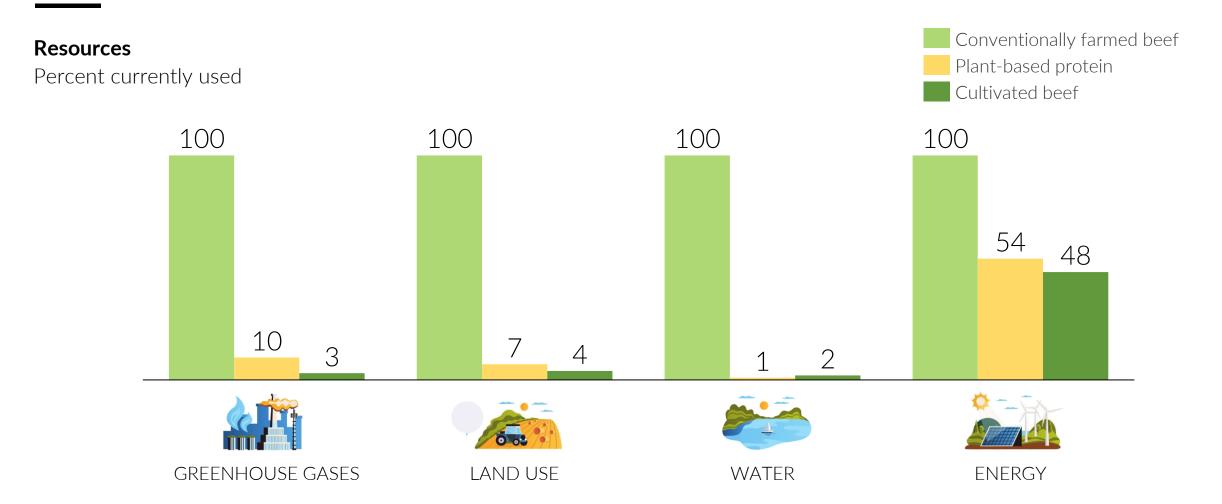
1 in 6 Americans get sick each year from foodborne diseases

of all new human pathogens originate from animals

Martin MJ, Thottathil SE, Newman TB. Antibiotics Overuse in Animal Agriculture: A Call to Action for Health Care Providers. Am J Public Health. 2015

Facts about Food Poisoning, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, March 2023

# Cultivated meat has the potential to use far less resources than conventionally farmed beef



# The global food system is a USD 3 trillion market ripe for technological disruption

#### Global addressable markets, 2021



Cellular agriculture investment increase from ~USD 50 million in 2018 to ~USD 7 billion in 2023

Est. CAGR of cultivated meat between 2022 and 2030\*

Est. CAGR of precision fermentation through 2027\*\*

Sources: Grandview Research & Statista, 2021; \*Allied Market Research; \*\*Techsci Research

## Selected products from the agronomics portfolio





Cultivated Seafood





Precision Fermentation Derived, Animal Free Egg White



Cultivated Pork





Building an Industrial Scale Fermentation Facility







Precision Fermentation Dairy

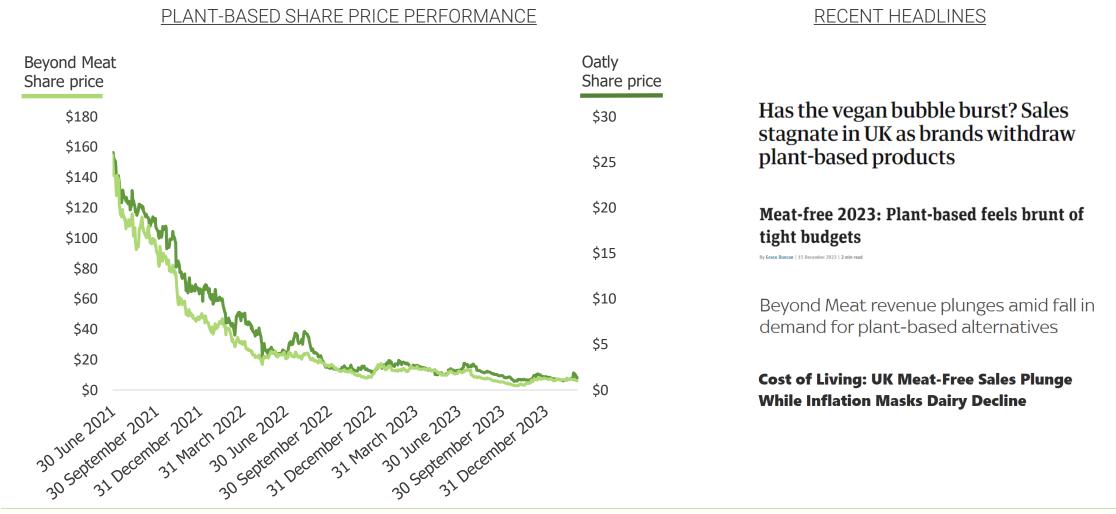




Precision Fermentation
Derived Palm Oil

## Agronomics avoided the plant-based hype cycle

Market over-saturated with poorly performing plant-based products as demand stagnates



### Negative press echoes open secrets

## Insiders Reveal Major Problems at Lab-Grown-Meat Startup Upside Foods

Insiders Say Eat Just Is in Big Financial Trouble

Italy moves to ban lab-grown meat to protect food heritage

() 29 March 2023

## The Murky Campaign to Discredit Lab-Grown Meat

A new ad campaign is targeting the cultivated meat industry on TV and online. Industry supporters criticize it as unscientific.

What's next in the legal spat between ABEC and GOOD Meat (Eat Just) over unpaid bills?

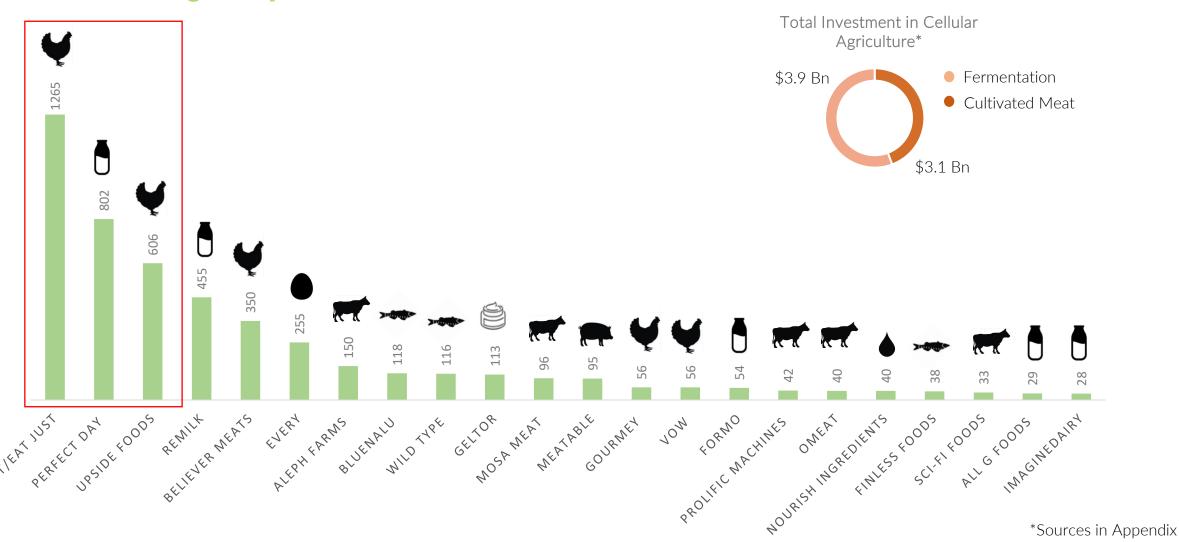
January 2, 2024 Elaine Watson

Perfect Day Lays Off 15% of Its Workforce As It Shifts Focus Back to B2B Operations

The Revolution That Died on Its Way to Dinner

## Top cellular agriculture companies by funding (\$M in total funding)\*

The companies that have raised the most capital, have attracted the bulk of the negative press



## Steady positive march forward for the industry

### Aleph Farms: Israel Awards the World's First **Regulatory Approval for Cultivated Beef**



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CELL-BASED NEWS FUTURE FOODS

New Culture Announces Self-GRAS for Animal-free Casein. World's First Cleared for Commercial Sale

TurtleTree obtains the world's first self-GRAS for animal-free lactoferrin, LF+™ now approved to commercialize in the U.S.

Germany invests €38 million in the protein transition, setting sights on field leadership

Foodtech startup Imagindairy receives FDA approval for animal-free milk proteins

Brazil's JBS starts building lab-grown beef factory in Spain

Politics & Law

**UK Government Backs Cultivated Meat and** Fermentation in Landmark £2 Billion Plan

December 5, 2023 The White House Unveils New Goals to Advance Biotechnology & Biomanufacturing

NEOM and BlueNalu Partner to Advance Cell-Cultured Seafood

Lab-grown meat is cleared for sale in the United States

Vivici achieves self-affirmed GRAS[1] status and launches nature-equivalent whey protein from fermentation less than a year after starting up

### The first wave of approvals has arrived

Companies producing novel foods







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**IMPOSSIBLE** 







Companies with official approval





















Companies producing at commercial scale







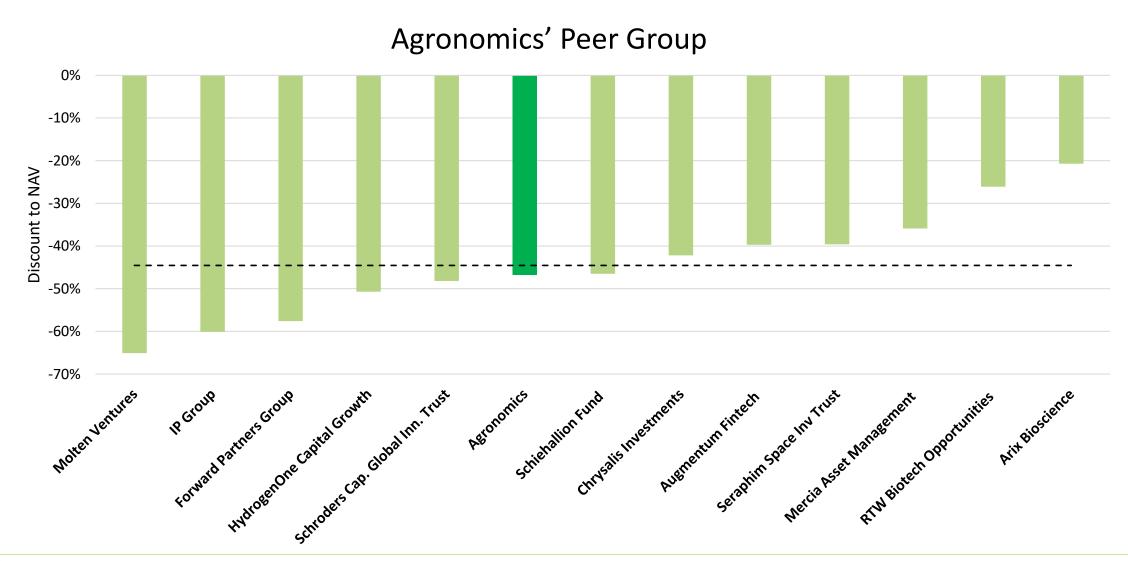






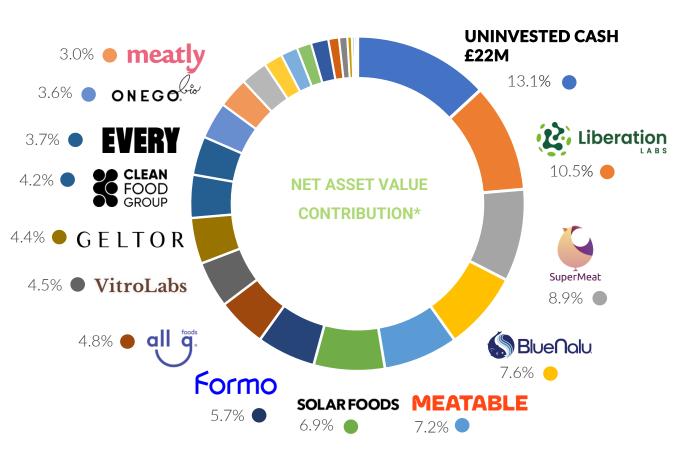


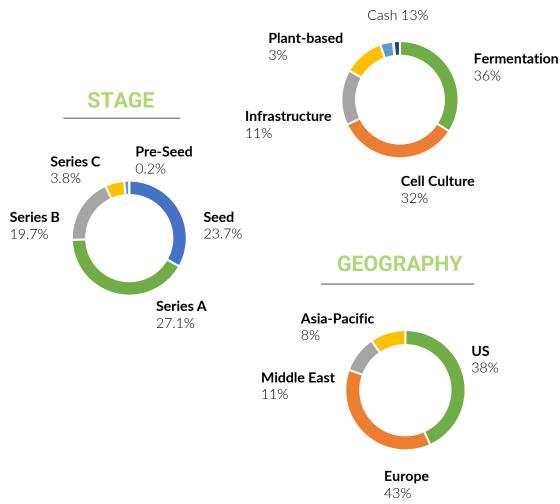
## Agronomics' peer group all trading at major discounts to NAV



### **Agronomics portfolio composition**

#### **SUB-SECTOR**





<sup>\*</sup>Companies with Net Asset Value contribution below 3% are not specified. As per NAV Statement (31/12/23).

## Meatable

Total investment	GBP 7.9 million		
Current unrealized value	GBP 11.8 million	It isn't like meat.	
Gross MOIC	1.49x		
Gross IRR	19.4% (calculated 9 Jan 2024)	It is meat.	
Equity ownership	6.51% fully diluted		
Location	Netherlands		
Funds Raised	USD 95 million		
Last Round	USD 35 million, August 2023 (Series B)		
Technology	Cell culture technology to maximize cell performance and efficiency – pork and beef		
Management	Krijn de Nood (CEO, ex-McKinsey), Daan Luining (CTO, worked on world's first cultivated burger in 2023), Caroline Wilshust – Head of Commerce and Strategy (ex-BCG), Hans Huistra (COO, 30+ years in food industry, president of EMEA at Fonterra)		
Commercialization strategy	Capital light approach for launch in Singapore with cultivated pork fat and muscle initially, full launch US		
Co-investors	Blueyard Capital, Agronomics, Humboldt, DSM Venturing, Section 32, Dr. Rick Klausner, Dr. Jeffrey Leiden		
Investment thesis	Differentiated IP and approach with exclusive access to opti-ox technology for rapid and efficient differentiation of stem cells into the target cells types – faster bioprocess than industry norm		



## **BlueNalu**

Total investment	GBP 6.3 million	<b>Blue∩alu</b>	
Current unrealized value	GPB 13.5 million	Dioei Idio	
Gross MOIC	2.03x	Seafood without	
Gross IRR	22.1% (calculated 9 Jan 2024)	BETTER FOR THE COMPTOMISE	
Equity ownership	5.12% fully diluted	OCEAN COMPTONIAS	
Location	California, USA		
Funds Raised	USD 118 million		
Last Round	USD 33.5 million, Oct 2023 (Series B)		
Technology	Scalable suspension cell process – proof of concept achieved in 2022		
Management	Lou Cooperhouse (Co-Founder & CEO) , Lauran Madden, PhD (CTO), Amir Feder (CFO), Noreen Hobayan (Director Quality Assurance & Regulatory Affairs), Keerthi Srinivas (Director BioProcess Development)		
Commercialisation strategy	Capital light approach for launch in Singapore with cultivated pork fat and muscle initially, full launch US		
Co-investors	NEOM, Bloom8, Lewis & Clark, AgriFood, McWin, Siddhi Capital, CPT capital, KBW Ventures		
Investment thesis	Highly experienced team with 30+ years of food industry experience led by Lou Cooperhouse Leader in cellular aquaculture with a species agnostic platform to produce whole muscle fish fillets		



### **Liberation Labs**

Total investment	GBP 6 million	450	
Current unrealized value	GBP 17.8 million	Liberation LAB	
Gross MOIC	2.94x		
Gross IRR	145.7% (calculated 9 Jan 2024)	Scaling the precision fermentation process for alternative proteins	
Equity ownership	37.4% fully diluted		
Location	USA		
Funds Raised	USD 21 million		
Last Round	USD 20 million, December 2022 (Seed)		
Business	CDMO for biomanufacturing		
Management	Mark Warner, CEO, (ex-Impossible Foods), Etan Bendheim, CBO, (ex-LAVVAN), Jessica Kates CFO (ex-Motif Foodworks, L Catterton)		
Commercialization strategy	Build the first dedicated food biotech facility in the Midwest, US, launch facility projected to generate USD 40 million ARR with NPM close to 70% - expand to a global network of 4 million litre facilities worldwide		
Co-investors	Siddhi Capital, CPT Capital, Thia Ventures, 8090 Industries		
Investment thesis	Business case to provide bioreactor capacity to a sector with limited supply and enormous demand – 10 billion litres of bioreactor capacity is required by 2030 to support the new bioeconomy, only 61 million litres exists worldwide at present (2023)		



## **Liberation Labs - Biomanufacturing Facility in Richmond, Indiana**



January 2024 – Assembling of Main Fermenters





January 2024 - Spray Dryer for downstream processing

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January 2024 – Assembling of Main Fermenters





November 2023 - Concrete Foundations

January 2024 - Spray Dryer for downstream processing

### **Summary**

- Do not be distracted by market noise
- Major year ahead for funding rounds and regulatory approvals
- Secular trends that underpin cellular agriculture have only strengthened
- Scale of the opportunity to change our food system is vast

