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ARVERNE GROUP ACT

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Company call

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TP 9.5€

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Strengthening of the Exploration Permit Portfolio

We welcome Arverne's announcement of a new geothermal lithium exploration permit in the Auvergne region. While the immediate impact on valuation remains limited, the award further demonstrates Arverne's ability to expand its asset portfolio and reinforces its position as France's leading holder of geothermal exploration permits.

Arverne has further strengthened its footprint in the French subsurface with the award of a third permit dedicated to geothermal lithium exploration. Located in the Limagne Basin in Auvergne, the new 443 km² permit brings the Group's total portfolio to nine exploration permits.

The strategic value of the project lies in the synergies with work already completed in the area. The permit covers a zone that has been surveyed through 3D seismic campaigns as part of the Riom-Clermont-Métropole permit, allowing Arverne to leverage existing geological, geothermal and hydrogeological datasets. Combined with the scientific programme conducted alongside the BRGM, this knowledge base reduces initial exploration risk and could accelerate resource assessment.

The next step is to determine whether the Limagne Basin can support an integrated model combining renewable heat production with lithium extraction, similar to the approach being developed in Northern Alsace. Although the permit remains at an early-stage exploration phase with no immediate financial impact, it provides an additional long-term growth option and could ultimately emerge as a second strategic basin for Arverne.

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Key data

Price (€)	7.9
Industry	Utilities
Ticker	ARVEN-FR
Shares Out (m)	42.076
Market Cap (m €)	332.4
Next event	RS1-26 = sept 2026

Source: FactSet

Ownership (%)

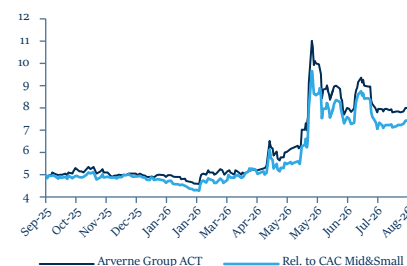
Geogreen	25.8
Fondateurs du SPAC Transition	20.2
ADEME Investissement	9.3
Free float	14.1

Source: TPICAP Midcap estimates

EPS (€)	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
Estimates	-0.59	-0.72	-0.89
Change vs previous estimates (%)	na	na	na

Source: TPICAP Midcap estimates

Performance (%)	1D	1M	YTD
Price Perf	-0.3	-0.5	61.2
Rel CAC Mid&Small	-1.1	2.7	59.9



Source: FactSet

TP ICAP Midcap Estimates	12/24	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
Sales (m €)	14.1	18.0	18.0	25.0
Current Op Inc (m €)	-20.8	-25.7	-25.8	-29.1
Current op. Margin (%)	na	na	na	na
EPS (€)	-0.29	-0.59	-0.72	-0.89
DPS (€)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Yield (%)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
FCF (m €)	-35.3	-56.3	-90.3	-235.1

Valuation Ratio	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
EV/Sales	16.7	19.1	na

Source: TPICAP Midcap

Consensus FactSet - Analysts:na	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
Sales	22.2	34.6	76.7
EBIT	-28.4	-30.2	-35.3
Net income	-26.3	-28.3	-33.0

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FINANCIAL DATA

Income Statement	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
Sales	10.7	10.1	14.1	18.0	18.0	25.0
Changes (%)	-15.0	-5.8	40.2	27.2	0.0	38.9
Gross profit	10.9	13.6	19.7	26.7	27.5	33.1
% of Sales	102.2	134.8	139.1	148.4	152.9	132.2
EBITDA	-0.7	-11.9	-17.7	-20.0	-20.8	-23.5
% of Sales	-6.5	-118.2	-125.3	-110.9	-115.6	-93.8
Current operating profit	-2.7	-15.1	-20.8	-25.7	-25.8	-29.1
% of Sales	-24.9	-149.8	-146.8	-142.6	-143.4	-116.2
Non-recurring items	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
EBIT	-2.7	-15.1	-20.8	-25.7	-25.8	-29.1
Net financial result	-0.1	4.1	4.2	1.7	-1.7	-5.1
Income Tax	-0.0	1.0	0.2	1.5	1.8	2.5
Tax rate (%)	-1.0	0.0	25.0	25.0	na	na
Net profit, group share	-1.6	-53.3	-10.0	-20.7	-24.9	-30.8
Financial Statement	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
Goodwill	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Tangible and intangible assets	11.2	58.6	105.3	136.3	153.8	314.6
Right of Use	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Financial assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9	0.9	0.9
Working capital	-2.4	0.2	-7.7	-7.7	-8.5	-20.9
Other Assets	0.0	3.4	3.1	2.6	2.6	2.6
Assets	8.8	62.3	100.8	132.1	148.9	297.3
Shareholders equity group	-5.6	164.1	155.9	140.6	115.7	84.9
Minorities	0.7	14.3	14.0	18.1	15.3	15.3
LT & ST provisions and others	0.0	2.6	3.0	2.7	2.7	2.7
Net debt	13.6	-124.2	-77.4	-32.6	11.9	191.2
Other liabilities	0.0	5.5	5.3	3.3	3.3	3.3
Liabilities	8.8	62.3	100.8	132.1	148.9	297.3
Net debt excl. IFRS 16	13.6	-124.8	-106.3	-61.9	-17.5	161.8
Gearing net	-2.8	-0.7	-0.5	-0.2	0.1	1.9
Leverage	-19.5	10.4	4.4	1.6	-0.6	-8.2
Cash flow statement	12/22	12/23	12/24	12/25e	12/26e	12/27e
CF after elimination of net borrowing costs and taxes	-0.4	-10.3	-10.4	-15.7	-19.5	-22.7
ΔWCR	-3.7	2.6	-7.9	-0.1	-0.8	-12.4
Operating cash flow	-4.0	-7.7	-18.3	-15.8	-20.3	-35.1
Net capex	-5.0	-18.2	-17.1	-40.6	-70.0	-200.0
FCF	-9.0	-25.9	-35.3	-56.3	-90.3	-235.1
Acquisitions/Disposals of subsidiaries	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other investments	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in borrowings	1.2	7.4	-0.6	-1.4	70.0	0.0
Dividends paid	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Repayment of leasing debt	-0.1	-0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Equity Transaction	0.0	98.2	0.7	9.9	0.0	0.0
Others	0.8	-2.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Change in net cash over the year	-7.0	80.0	-35.2	-47.8	-20.3	-235.1

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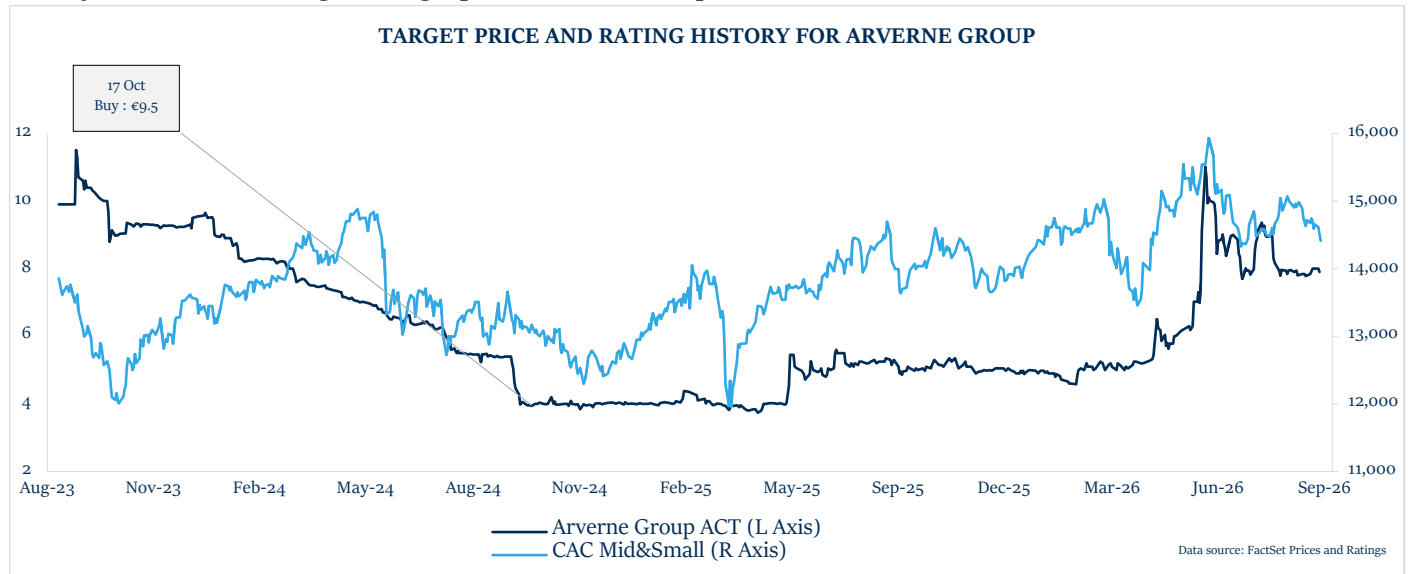
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Date	Analyst	Old Target Price	New Target Price	Closing Price	Old Recommendation	New Recommendation
27 Jul 26 - 05:08:07	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 8.18	Buy	Buy
02 Jul 26 - 07:10:02	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 7.96	Buy	Buy
16 Jun 26 - 07:41:37	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 8.80	Buy	Buy
18 May 26 - 22:51:02	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 7.02	Buy	Buy
10 May 26 - 03:58:24	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 6.24	Buy	Buy
08 Apr 26 - 08:15:26	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 5.28	Buy	Buy
26 Mar 26 - 06:48:01	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 5.20	Buy	Buy
20 Feb 26 - 07:12:59	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 5.05	Buy	Buy
25 Nov 25 - 06:44:07	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 5.05	Buy	Buy
12 Oct 25 - 19:33:19	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 5.10	Buy	Buy
25 Sep 25 - 07:05:27	Veneta Nikolova	€ 9.50	€ 9.50	€ 4.98	Buy	Buy

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