# Seafood – Investment Perspectives

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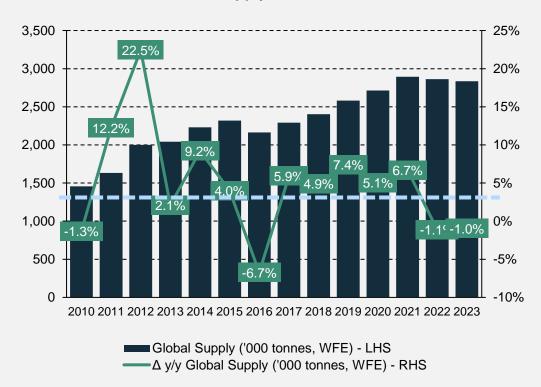
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## No end to the supply-driven supercycle

Supply: 2010-2020 CAGR 6.4% | 2020-2030 2-3% CAGR?

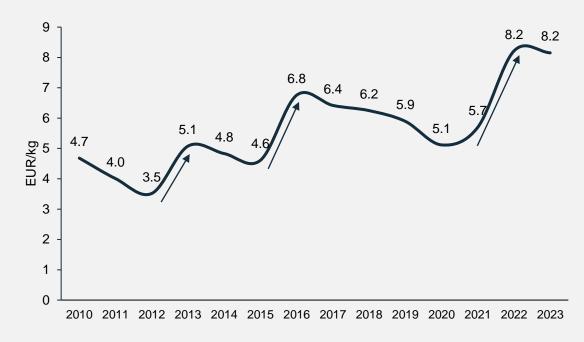


### **Atlantic Salmon - Global Supply**



## From cyclical...

### Fish Pool Index (NASDAQ)



...to secular

Source: Kontali, Fish Pool



## Fundamentals setting the stage for a tight 2024

Biomass levels likely below or on par with the start of 2023



### Biomass overview, y/y



### Norway

- Low seawater temperatures
- Jellyfish impacted losses, growth and avg. weights
- Potential for flat biomass y/y at the start of 2024

### Chile

- Lower smolt release in 2023 (-4% YTD)
- Fear of aggressive algae bloom season
- Believe in 3-5% lower biomass at the start of 2024

### Other

- UK Challenging season over for now
- Canada Limited growth in sight for '24
- Faroes Volume recovery in the cards

Source: Norwegian Directorate of Fisheries, Aquabench



## Potential for volume growth in 2024, but not a certainty

Growth rates in 1h24 and algae situation in Chile key factors to watch



Global Supply ('000 tonnes, WFE)	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Norway	1,369	1,532	1,517	1,493	1,553	1,599
UK	178	199	161	161	177	184
Ireland	16	16	19	17	18	18
Faroe Islands	81	106	100	90	105	113
Russia	11	23	19	24	24	24
Iceland	31	42	43	36	49	62
Total Europe	1,686	1,917	1,857	1,821	1,925	1,999
Chile	778	718	753	771	763	774
Canada	138	142	132	120	123	134
USA	20	19	20	19	19	19
Total Americas	936	879	904	909	904	927
Australia	83	88	89	90	92	92
Others	8	10	12	14	26	44
Total Global Harvest Volumes	2,713	2,894	2,862	2,835	2,947	3,062

Δ y/y Global Supply ('000 tonnes, WFE)	2020	2021	2022	2023E	2024E	2025E
Norway	3%	12%	-1%	-2%	4%	3%
UK	-6%	12%	-19%	1%	10%	4%
Ireland	2%	1%	18%	-12%	9%	0%
Faroe Islands	-7%	31%	-6%	-9%	16%	7%
Russia	-5%	109%	-20%	28%	0%	0%
Iceland	27%	33%	3%	-16%	36%	27%
Total Europe	1.6%	13.7%	-3.1%	-1.9%	5.7%	3.8%
Chile	13%	-8%	5%	2%	-1%	2%
Canada	0%	3%	-7%	-9%	3%	9%
USA	-4%	-5%	3%	-3%	-2%	0%
Total Americas	10.1%	-6.1%	2.9%	0.6%	-0.6%	2.5%
Australia	29%	6%	1%	2%	2%	0%
Other	22%	26%	17%	17%	86%	70%
Total Global Harvest Volumes	5.1%	6.7%	-1.1%	-1.0%	4.0%	3.9%

- We estimate 4% supply growth in 2024
  - Assumes:
    - Productivity improvements in Norway
    - Normal biology in Chile
- Recent years have seen declining productivity in Northern Europe
  - No growth scenario is still plausible in 2024

### Global harvest volumes | Estimate vs. actual



Source: Kontali, Fearnley



## Prices expected to remain high, but how high?

Volatile start to 2024 – see short-term upside risk to CS expectations



### **NASDAQ - FSest and Forward Prices**



Positive outlook on prices (supply driven)

FSest NOK 95/kg | FishPool NOK 98/kg

- Short-term potential for upwards revisions to 2024 CS at ~NOK 90/kg
  - NOK 90/kg at current FX represents close to zero demand growth

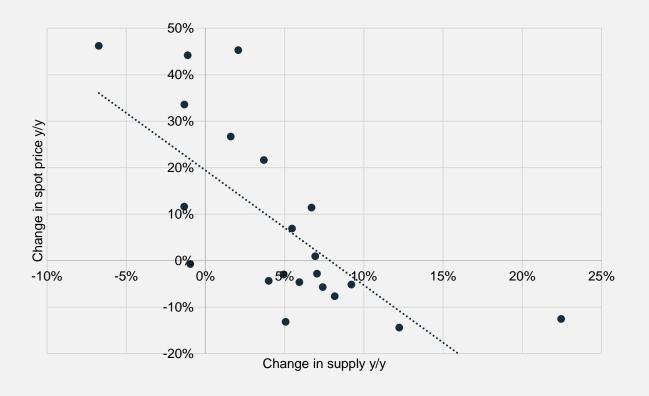
Source: Fish Pool, Fearnley



## Supply outlook supports continuously high prices



# Global Supply Change vs. Salmon Price EUR/kg



Historic spot price neutral supply growth: 8%

• Demand growth of salmon of 10% p.a. according to the largest salmon farmers

Market primarily growing through increased consumption per capita

Source: Kontali, Fish Pool, Fearnley



## Supply outlook supports continuously high prices



# Global Supply Change vs. Salmon Price EUR/kg



• 10-year spot price neutral supply growth: 6%

Growing volume base and higher price level

- Expect continued demand growth, perhaps at a lower pace
  - Still, 2-3% supply growth in this decade screens undemanding

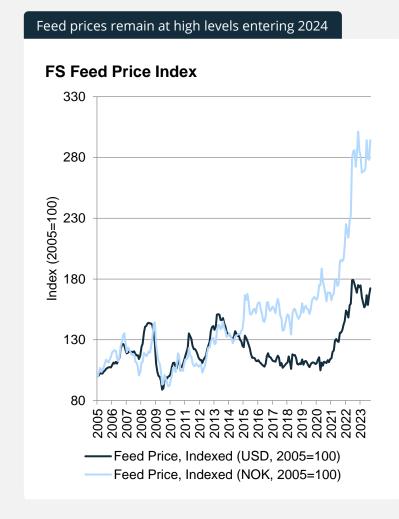
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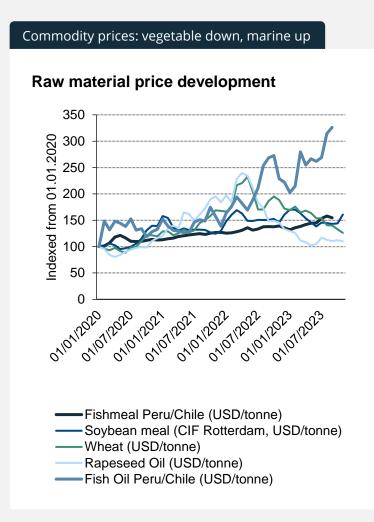


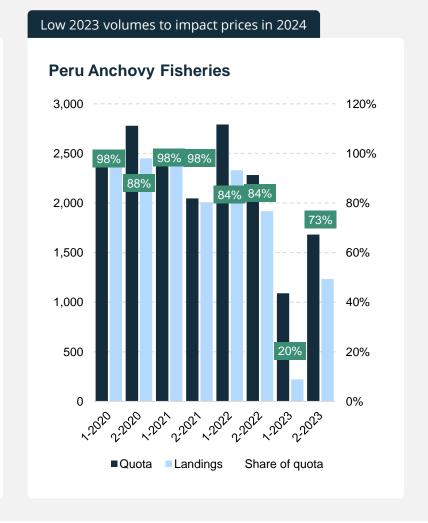
## Costs set to remain at high, but could come down in 2025



Prices for marine ingrediencies at high levels. Lower prices on normalized conditions in 2025 could lower farming cost







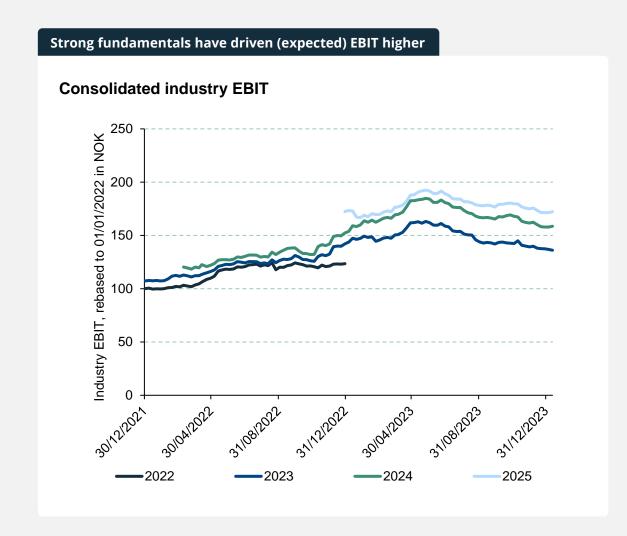
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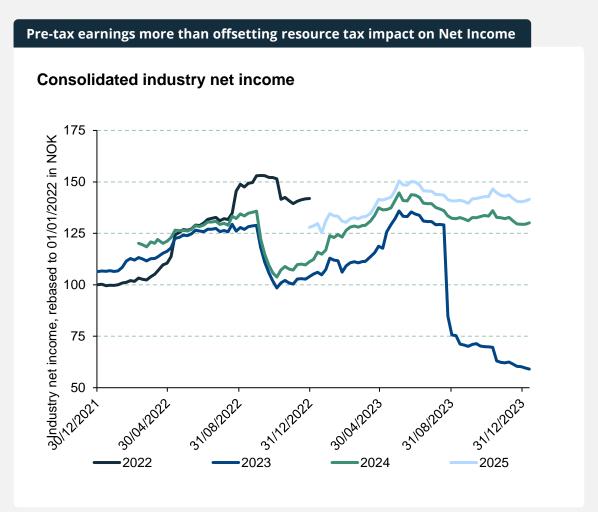


## **Estimate revisions**



Higher prices and currency have driven expectations higher. Biology / cost offsetting some of the earnings momentum





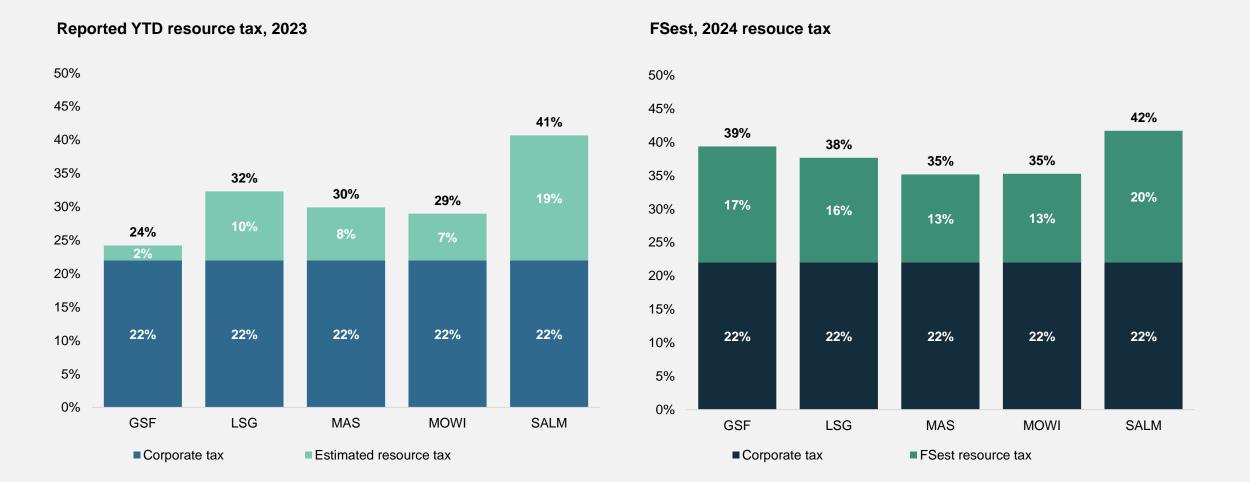
Source: FactSet, Fearnley



## Resource tax of 25% concluded in 2023, but uncertainty remains



Transfer pricing and price calculations the largest uncertainties that remain. We remain on the conservative side



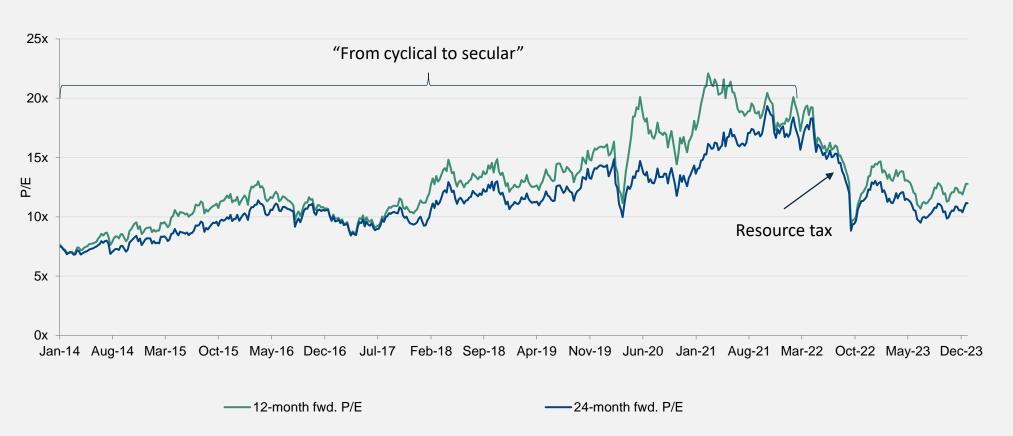
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### Salmon Farming - P/E



Peak earnings?

Back in the commodity basket?

Political risk?

Source: FactSet



Salmon farming fetches lower multiples than comparable industries



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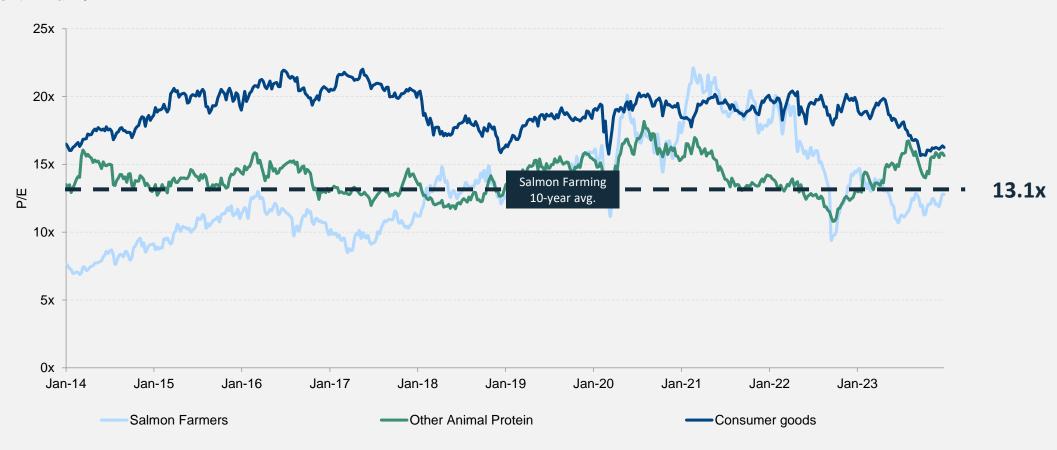


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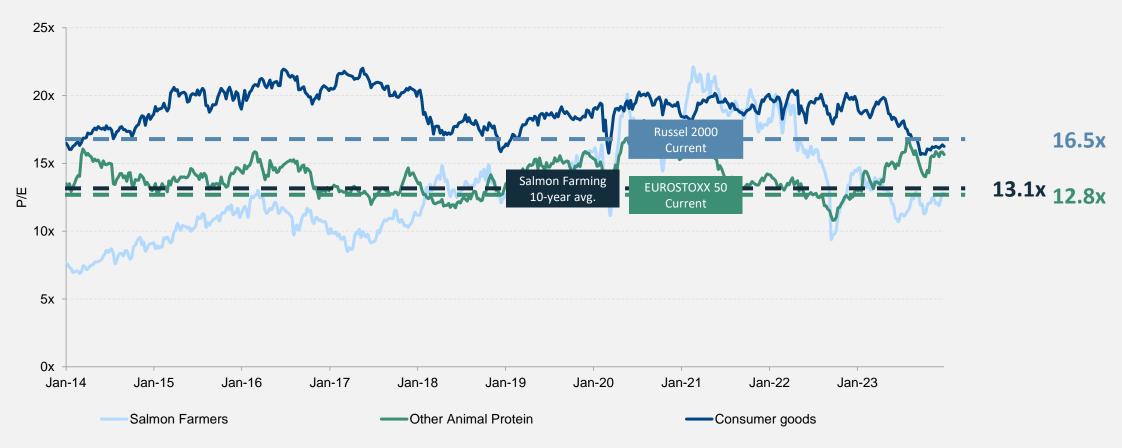


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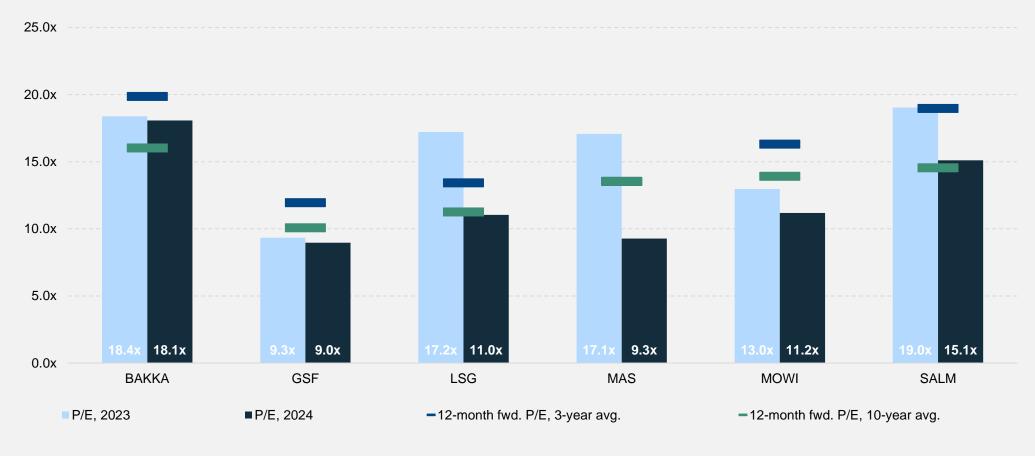
Source: FactSet, Bloomberg

## **Valuations in line with historic averages**

MOWI stands out as the share with the most attractive pricing vs. historic levels

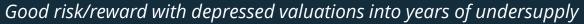


### P/E - Current, peak and 3-year avg.



Source: FactSet, Fearnley

## **Sector: Overweight | Top pick: MOWI**





### **Highly attractive long-term fundamentals**

- Supply / Demand
- Valuations

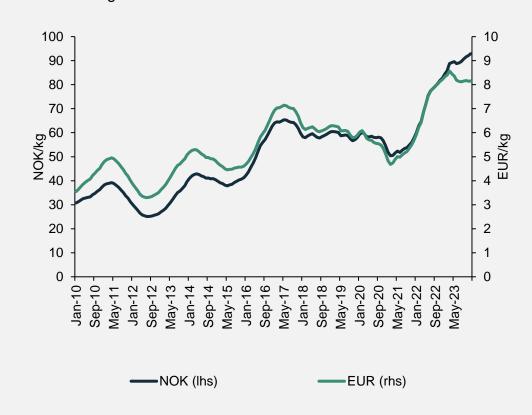
### Potential for short-term headwinds

- Currency movements stronger NOK negative all else equal
- Short-term demand

### **Cause for concern**

- Biology adversely impacting margins (price/volumes/cost)
- Reputational risk (business development and multiples)

# NASDAQ Salmon Index 12m trailing



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