

Company: **Cofle** Rating: **BUY** Target Price: **€6.1 (from €8)** Sector: **Auto Parts & Equipment**

## Cost control while waiting for market recovery

### FY24 below guidance and estimates

In FY24, sales were down 1.1% yoy to €59.9m (vs our €57.4m) but in line with guidance of €55-60m. OE declined by 10.5% to €36.7m (vs our €34.9m) mainly due to weak conditions of the agricultural machine market as well as temporary halt of INEOS Grenadier production. Conversely, IAM increased by 18.4% to €23.2m (vs our €22.5m). Adj. EBITDA was down 40.9% yoy to €6.8m, (11% below our estimates) and just below guidance of €7-8m, due to higher costs related to renegotiations of turkey labour cost and rent. EBITDA Adj. margin was 11% (vs our 12.7%), down 7.9pp yoy. Net loss came in at €-5.3m (vs our estimates of €-3.2m) due to higher D&A, interest expenses and €2.2m hyperinflation charges. Net debt increased to €13.9m (vs our estimates of €12.2m) from €5.1m at YE23, mainly due to completion of the new logistics hub, financial charges, dividends distribution and purchase of own shares. Cofle stated that it has implemented initiatives to enhance technology and strengthen its organizational structure. Moreover, it expects that savings actions implemented in 2H24 (reshoring, offshoring from Turkey to India) will start to generate concrete results in 2H25 with "significant benefits for profitability". Finally, the Company appointed a new Global CFO in February 2025.

### Agritech market remains weak in 2025

The agricultural machinery downturn is set to persist in FY25, with current outlooks pointing to a decline in unit between of 0 to -5% in Europe. The business climate index for the European agricultural machinery industry remains in negative territory, but saw a significant improvement during 2025, from -37 in December 2024 up to -5 in March 2025, mainly thanks to improving general turnover expectations. The IMF report from December 2024 still classifies Turkey as a hyper-inflationary economy, requiring IAS29.

### FY25-27 estimates cut

We cut our FY25E sales estimates by 5.0%, implying a 3.7% yoy decline. On OE we reduced sales forecasts by 6% (-8% yoy) on the back of the general agricultural machinery market downturn, as producers expect between a 0 to 5% contraction in Western Europe. On IAM, we reduced our sales forecasts by 3.6% (+3% yoy) as Companies in automotive OE/IAM reduced their revenue guidance for FY25. In FY26-27E we now model revenues 4.3% below previous estimates. We expect OE sales to begin recovery in FY26E, which is seen slightly above FY24 levels, with ramp up from FY27E. We kept underlying yoy growth expectation for IAM, which leads to 3.6% lower revenues vs old estimates. We significantly cut our Adj. EBITDA estimate for FY25-27E (-18% vs previous) due to lower top line and because FY24A costs were materially above our expectations. In FY25E we expect €7.3m (-23% vs previous) with margin seen at 12.2% (-2.9pp vs previous) but improving yoy by 1.2pp as the Company reaps the benefits of the cost reduction plan. We expect more margin recovery in FY26E (+1.8pp yoy) as we forecast a ramp up in sales. We shifted our break even forecast to FY26E, as we now see a €2m loss in FY25E (vs previous €0). Given lower cash flow generation, we expect €14.5m net debt at YE25E (vs previous €12m), declining to €11m in FY27E thanks to improving marginality and gradual destocking.

### Valuation: BUY confirmed; 12-month target price cut to €6.1 (from €8)

We cut our TP to €6.1 (from €8, *[Company Update on October 10, 2024]*), calculated as the weighted average between DCF (75%) and market multiples (25%). DCF is €6.3/sh (from €8.2/sh), due to lower top line and margins, with TV of €3.2m (from €3.8m). For the multiples valuation, we took the EV/EBITDA 26E of 5.2x (vs previous 25E of 6.1x) which led to €5.5 (from €7.5/sh). Cofle trades at a discount on EV/EBITDA26E (3.4x) vs comparable (5.2x) justified by lower marginality & short term growth. Given the significant potential upside vs current Cofle price, we confirm our BUY recommendation.

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Company Profile						
Bloomberg						CFL IM
FactSet						CFL-IT
Stock Exchange	Italian Stock Exchange					
Reference Index	FTSE Italia Growth					
Market Data						
Last Closing Price						2.46
Number of shares (mln)						6.2
Market cap. (mln)						15.1
1Y Performance						
Absolute						-61%
Max / Min						6.3 / 2.5
(€mln)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E	
Total revenue (VoP)	64.1	62.0	60.1	65.6	70.9	
yoy (%)	11%	-3%	-3%	9%	8%	
Adj. EBITDA	11.5	6.8	7.3	9.2	10.0	
margin (%)	18%	11%	12%	14%	14%	
EBIT	6.7	-0.4	1.2	4.1	5.0	
margin (%)	10%	-1%	2%	6%	7%	
Group Net Profit	0.4	(5.3)	(1.9)	1.5	2.3	
margin (%)	1%	-9%	-3%	2%	3%	
Net Debt	5.1	14.0	14.5	13.0	11.0	
Net Debt Reported	5.0	13.9				
Sh. Equity	29.2	26.9	25.0	26.5	28.8	
Capex	(8.5)	(4.6)	(4.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	
FCFs			2.4	3.2	3.4	



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## The reference market

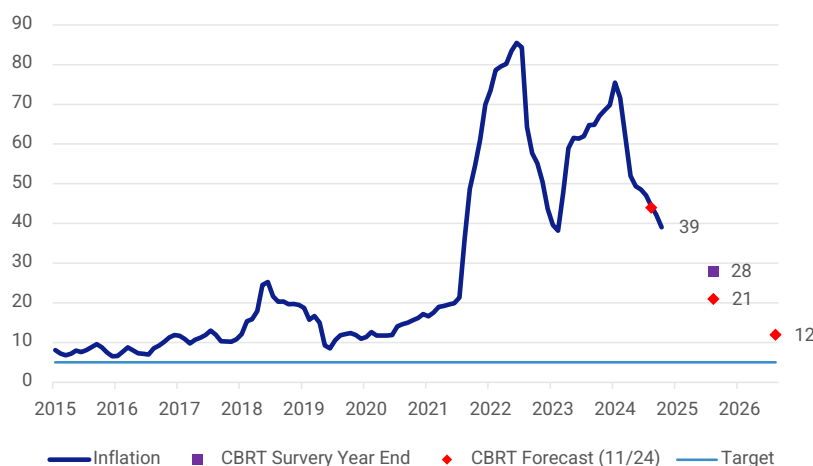
### Turkey disinflation, market long term expectations above target

According to the IMF report released in December 2024, Turkey remains among hyperinflationary economies, so IAS29 has to be applied. IAS29 does not establish a precise threshold for hyperinflation but lists qualitative characteristics of a country experiencing hyperinflation, along with the “cumulative inflation rate over three years approaches, or exceeds, 100%”.

After Turkey CPI growth peak in May 2024 (+75% yoy), subsequent months witnessed a gradual disinflation, reaching 39% yoy in February 2025, the lowest reading since June 2023. CBRT March survey median year-end inflation climbed from 27% in January to 28.03% in March, which remains well above CBRT forecast (21%) and the target (5%). Regardless, high inflation levels recorded in 2023 and 2024 are likely to keep Turkey above the 100% cumulative levels, for 2025 and potentially in 2026 as market participants foresee above target (11%) inflation levels even 5 years from now.

Following the disinflation process, the CBRT started its easing cycle in December 2024, by cutting its benchmark rate to by 2.5pp to 47.5%, by 2.5pp in January and by 2.5pp in March. On April 17 Turkey's benchmark rate was raised to 46%, while consensus expected no change (42.5%).

Figure 1: Turkey disinflation



Source: CBRT, TurkStat, Turkish Presidency of Strategy and Budget, Bloomberg Economics (BE)

### Farm tractor companies

CEMA Business climate improvement, slight increase in turnover in 2025

The business climate index by CEMA for the European agricultural machinery industry remains in negative territory, but saw a significant improvement during 2025, from -37 in December 2024 up to -5 in March 2025, mainly thanks to improving general turnover expectations.

For the full year of 2025, the survey participants on average expect their company's turnover to increase by 3% yoy.

Figure 2: CEMA Business Barometer



Source: Bloomberg

**Deere outlook FY25**

Throughout 2024 Deere's expectations for own operations as well as the overall market outlook gradually worsened. The negative trends continues in 2025, as the Company foresees contractions in most segments of Agriculture & Turf as well as Construction & Forestry.

Table 1: Deere outlook for 2025

Deere	February 2025
<b>Industry Outlook (FY25 units)</b>	
<b>Agriculture &amp; Turf</b>	
Large Ag (US & Canada)	Down ~30%
Small AG & Turf (US & Canada)	Down ~10%
Europe	Down ~5%
South America (Tractors & Combines)	Flat
Asia	Down slightly
<b>Construction &amp; Forestry</b>	
Construction Equipment (US & Canada)	Down ~10%
Compact Construction Equipment (US & Canada)	Down ~5%
Global Forestry	Flat to down ~5%
Global Roadbuilding	Flat
<b>Deere Segment (FY25 Net Sales)</b>	
Production & Precision Ag	Down 15-20%
Small Ag & Turf	Down ~10%
Construction & Forestry	Down 10-15%

Source: Deere &amp; Company

**AGCO**

In its market outlook In February, AGCO said US demand is expected to decline significantly in 2025 due to higher interest rates, tighter profit margins, and lower soybean and wheat prices. In Western Europe, industry demand is expected to fall by 0% to 5%, driven by lower grain and oilseed yields and high input costs. In Brazil, following a sharp decline in 2024, demand is anticipated to remain flat in 2025, supported by improved weather, stable inflation and easing interest rates.

Table 2: AGCO outlook for 2025

AGCO	February 2025
<b>Industry Unit Retail Tractor Sales</b>	
Large Ag (US & Canada)	Down ~25%
Small AG & Turf (US & Canada)	Down ~0-5%
Western Europe	Down ~0-5%
Brazil	Flat
<b>AGCO Revenues</b>	
Revenues FY25	\$9.6bn (-17% yoy)

Source: AGCO

**CNH** In its market outlook In February, CNH expected 2025 global industry retail sales to be lower yoy in both the agriculture (down 13-18% yoy) and construction equipment markets (down 5-10% yoy). The Company also said it is focusing on driving down excess channel inventory primarily by producing fewer units than demand, so 2025 net sales will be lower than in 2024.

Table 3: CNH guidance for 2025

CNH	February 2025
<b>CNH EPS</b>	
Adjusted EPS FY25	\$0.65-0.75

Source: CNH

### Agricultural machineries registration

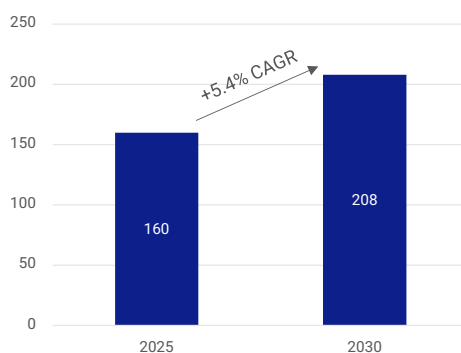
**-12.3% farm tractors registration in Italy during 2024** In 2024, registrations of agricultural machinery in Italy (FederUnacoma based on data from Ministry of Infrastructure and Transport) were down by 12.3% yoy to 15.5k (vs 17.6k in 2022). The negative trend was also witnessed in other European countries, such as France with registrations down -10.1% yoy, Germany -3.4% yoy, UK -11.9% yoy as well as overseas with US down -13.2% yoy and Canada -15.8% yoy.

Following the peak in 2021 the sector has been contracting for the last three years, due to higher production costs, high interest rates as well stagnation of agricultural income, conditioning the demand for machinery also in the main European countries and North America.

### Positive long-term trends in agricultural machine market

**5.4% CAGR 2025-2030** The global agricultural machinery market is poised for significant growth in the coming years, with market forecasts pointing to a CAGR of 5.40% from \$160bn in 2025 to ~\$208bn by 2030. One major contributor is the ongoing technological advancement of agricultural machinery, particularly in developing nations where modernization is rapidly transforming traditional farming practices. Meanwhile, in more developed countries, the integration of mechatronic innovations is enhancing the efficiency and precision of modern farming equipment. Another critical factor fueling this market growth is the global push toward environmentally sustainable farming. Regulatory frameworks and policy initiatives are encouraging the adoption of eco-friendly farm tractors and equipment, aligning agriculture with broader environmental goals. Finally, governments are implementing strategic policies to boost domestic agricultural production. These initiatives often include financial support, subsidies, and infrastructure development aimed at strengthening food security and reducing reliance on imports.

Figure 3: Global Agricultural Machinery Market Size (\$bn)



Source: Agricultural Machinery Market: Mordor Intelligence Industry Report

## Automotive components

We highlight the evolution of guidance across selected European companies operating in the automotive components sector, both aftermarket and OEM.

- Valeo decreased FY25 revenue guidance by 8.3% compared to previous data.
- Forvia decreased FY25 revenue guidance by 4.8% compared to previous data

Table 4: Automotive components companies guidance

Company				
<b>Valeo</b>	<b>October 2023</b>	<b>April 2024</b>	<b>July 2024</b>	<b>February 2025</b>
Revenues FY25	€27.5bn	↓€24.5-25.5bn	↓€23.5-24.5bn	↓€21.5-22.5bn
<b>Forvia</b>	<b>February 2024</b>	<b>July 2024</b>	<b>April 2025</b>	
Revenues FY25	€30bn	↓€28-28.5bn	↓€26.3-27.5bn	

Source: Valeo, Forvia

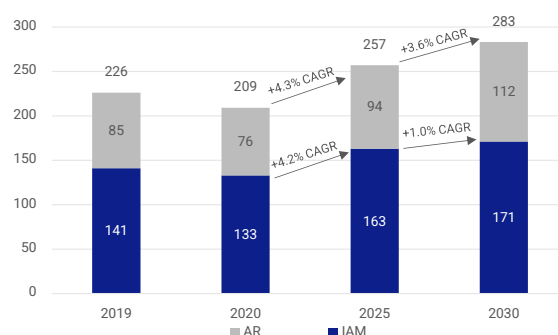
## Aftermarket Industry

### Aftermarket Industry

The Aftermarket industry is related to companies that operate in the production, distribution and selling of spare part and components for motor vehicles.

The aftermarket sector is made of i) independent aftermarket (IAM), repairers without contractual ties to one vehicle manufacturer and ii) authorized repairers (AR), which includes automakers, OEMs, and affiliated repair shops. Cofle is active in both sectors. According to a study from BCG, wolk and Clepa, after a contraction in 2020 due to the Covid outbreak, IAM is seen growing at 4.2% CAGR in 2020-25, slowing down to 1.0% CAGR in 2025-30. Similarly, AR IAM is seen growing at 4.3% CAGR in 2020-25, with a softer decline to 3.6% CAGR in 2025-30.

Figure 4: European Market Size Aftermarket (\$bn)



Source: Banca Profilo elaborations of Company Data (BCG, CLEPA, wolk)

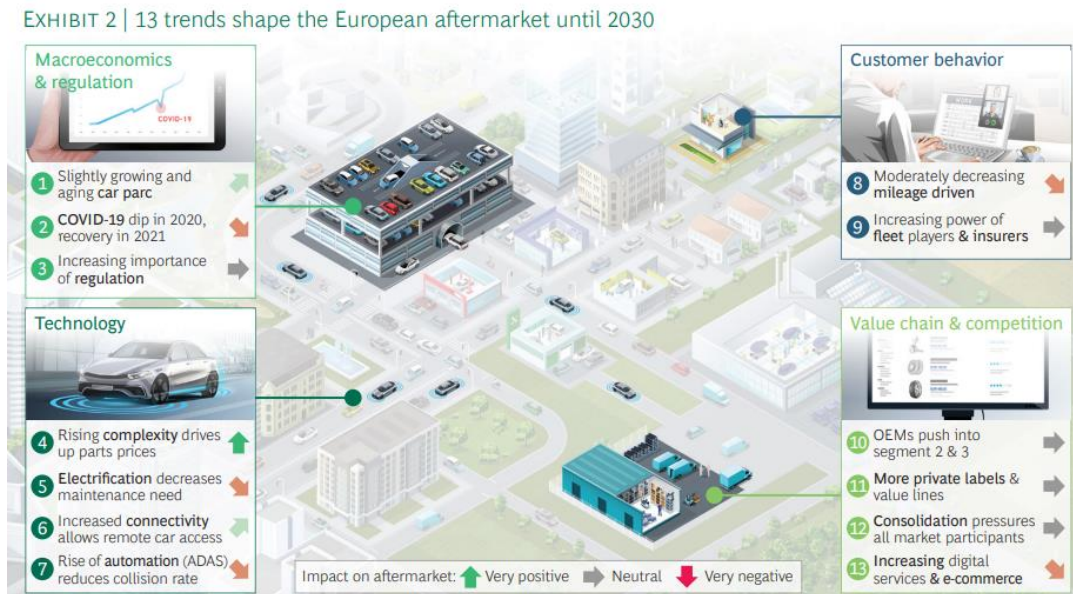
**Growing and aging European car parc supports the aftermarket segment**

During the current decade several key trends will shape the aftermarket sector.

Main positive trends include:

- Growing and aging car parc in Europe;
- Higher price for parts due to the rising complexity of vehicles;
- Increased connectivity enables remote diagnostics and preventive maintenance services, though it will benefit AR at the expense of IAM.

**Figure 5: European Aftermarkets trends**



Source: *At the Crossroads: The European Aftermarket in 2030* (BCG, CLEPA, wolk)

**4 challenges for the aftermarket sector**

Finally, the sector faces four significant challenges and negative trends:

- EV transition should reduce demand for replacements part as EV require less maintenance;
- Technological improvements reduce crashes and collisions, though they won't affect wear and tear items;
- Europe's mileage driven has been steadily declining since 2000;
- Increasing digital services & e-commerce.

## FY24 Results

### IAM growth almost keep sales flat

In FY24, sales were down 1.1% yoy to €59.9m, slightly above our estimate of €57.4m but in line with guidance of €55-60m. OE sales declined by 10.5% to €36.7m (vs our estimate of €34.9m) due to unfavorable conditions of the agricultural machine market. Conversely IAM sales increased by 18.4% to €23.2m (vs our estimate of €22.5m). Revenues excluding the impact of hyperinflation were down 7.6% yoy.

### EBITDA guidance miss

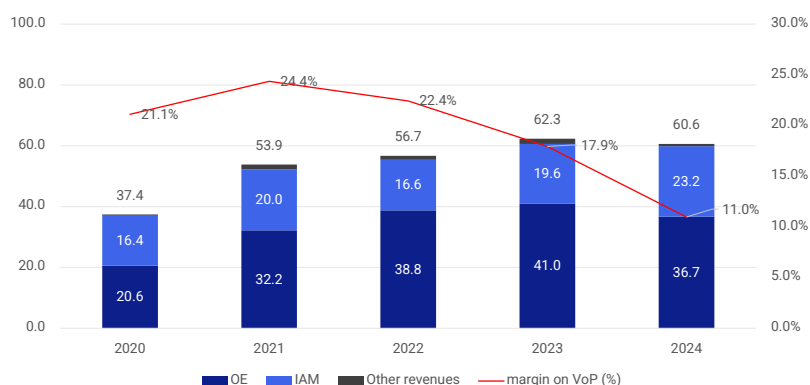
Adjusted EBITDA was down 40.9% yoy to €6.8m, 11% below our estimates of €7.6m and just below guidance of €7-8m. EBITDA Adj. margin was 11% (vs our estimates of 12.7%), down 7.9pp yoy. The adjustments to EBITDA relate to IFRS 16 (€1.8m) and one off costs (€0.9m) such as employment termination EBITDA was down 58.6% yoy to €4.1m and below our estimates of €6.4m, due to higher costs related to renegotiations of turkey labour cost and rent.

### Net loss driven by hyperinflation and interest expenses

Net loss came in at €-5.3m (vs our estimates of €-3.2m) due to higher D&A, interest expenses and €2.2m hyperinflation charges. Net debt increased to €13.9m (vs our estimates of €12.2m) from €5.1m at YE23, mainly due to completion of the new logistics hub, financial charges, dividends distribution and purchase of own shares.

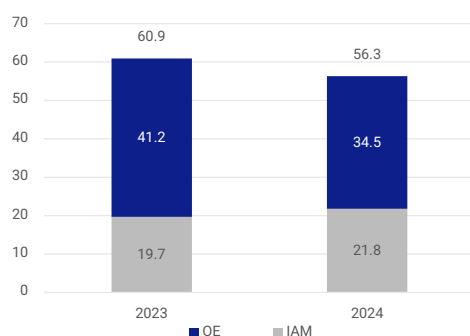
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Figure 6: Revenue breakdown and adj EBITDA margin (%)



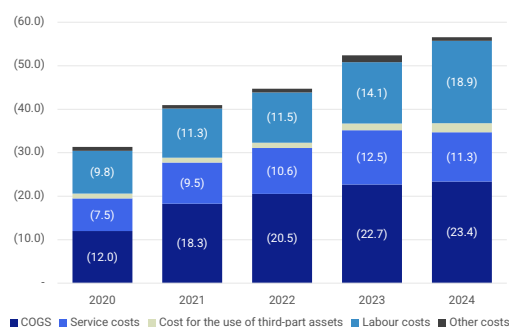
Source: Banca Profilo elaborations and estimates on Company data

Figure 7: Revenues ex-hyperinflation



Source: Banca Profilo elaborations and estimates on Company data

Figure 8: Costs breakdown



Source: Banca Profilo elaborations and estimates on Company data



Table 5: Revenue breakdown FY21-FY24 (€, mln)

Revenues	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2024A	A vs E
OE	32.2	38.8	41.0	34.9	36.7	+5.3%
yoy (%)		20%	6%	-15%	-10%	
% on revenues	62%	70%	68%	61%	61%	
IAM	20.0	16.6	19.6	22.5	23.2	+2.9%
yoy (%)		-17%	18%	15%	18%	
% on revenues	38%	30%	32%	39%	39%	
<b>Sales</b>	<b>52.2</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>+4.3%</b>
Other revenues	1.6	1.3	1.7	1.1	0.7	
Change in inventories	1.6	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.4	
<b>Total revenues (VoP)</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>+3.6%</b>
yoy (%)		5%	10%	-6%	-3%	

Source: Banca Profilo elaborations on Company data

Table 6: Income statement FY21-24 (€, mln)

Profit & Loss (€/mln)	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2024A	A vs E
<b>Total revenues (VoP)</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>+3.6%</b>
Raw materials	(23.0)	(25.0)	(28.0)	(25.8)	(26.7)	+3.8%
Change in inventories (raw materials)	3.2	3.2	3.6	3.2	2.0	-37.3%
Service costs	(9.5)	(10.6)	(12.5)	(12.1)	(11.3)	-5.9%
Cost for the use of third-part assets	(1.1)	(1.2)	(1.5)	(2.0)	(2.1)	+6.6%
Labour costs	(11.3)	(11.5)	(14.1)	(15.9)	(18.9)	+18.7%
Other costs	(0.8)	(0.9)	(1.6)	(0.9)	(0.8)	-8.7%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>12.9</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>-36.9%</b>
margin on VoP (%)	23.3%	21%	15%	11%	7%	-4%
yoy (%)		-7%	-17%	-35%	-59%	
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>13.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>-10.8%</b>
margin on VoP (%)	24.4%	22.4%	17.9%	12.7%	11.0%	-2%
D&A	(2.5)	(3.4)	(3.2)	(4.6)	(4.2)	
Provision for risks	(0.0)	(0.1)	-	-	(0.2)	
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>	<b>n.m.</b>
margin on VoP (%)	18.7%	15%	10%	3%	-1%	-4%
yoy (%)		-19%	-21%	-72%	-105%	
Net financial expenses	1.2	(3.9)	(5.3)	(5.0)	(5.0)	
o/w Hyperinflation charges	-	(4.1)	(2.7)	(3.4)	(2.7)	
Taxes	(2.3)	(1.9)	(0.6)	(0.2)	(0.2)	
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>(3.4)</b>	<b>(5.6)</b>	<b>n.m.</b>
margin on VoP (%)	16.7%	5%	1%	-6%	-9%	-3%
Minorities	1.0	0.4	0.4	(0.2)	(0.3)	
<b>Group Net Profit</b>	<b>8.2</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>(3.2)</b>	<b>(5.3)</b>	<b>n.m.</b>

Source: Banca Profilo elaborations on Company data



Table 7: Balance Sheet FY21-24 (€, mln)

Balance sheet (€/mln)	2021	2022	2023	2024E	2024A
Inventory	10.7	14.1	16.3	16.3	18.9
Accounts receivables	12.7	13.3	11.6	13.1	11.8
Accounts payables	(8.1)	(8.1)	(9.2)	(7.6)	(7.3)
<b>Operating Net Working Capital</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>23.4</b>
Other Current Assets (Liabilities)	(1.1)	0.4	0.2	0.2	(0.2)
<b>Net Working Capital</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>23.2</b>
Intangibles	3.8	4.2	4.8	5.2	6.4
Tangibles	4.5	7.0	11.6	10.6	12.5
Financials	0.7	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3
<b>Fixed Asset</b>	<b>9.1</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>19.2</b>
Other Non Current Assets (Liabilities)	(0.8)	(1.8)	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.4)
<b>Net Invested Capital</b>	<b>22.5</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>40.9</b>
Share capital	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Reserves	(3.9)	(3.9)	(8.3)	(8.3)	(10.3)
Share premium reserve	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9
Accumulated profit/loss	4.9	13.9	19.1	20.7	24.2
Net profit	9.3	2.6	0.8	(3.4)	(5.6)
Minority share	1.4	1.8	2.5	(0.2)	2.8
<b>Equity</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>26.9</b>
Net debt (cash)	(3.6)	(0.2)	5.1	12.2	14.0
Net debt (cash) reported	(3.6)	(0.8)	5.0	-	13.9

Source: Banca Profilo elaborations on Company data

## Strategy and estimates

### Corporate strategies

**Cost savings plan and reshoring to save €2.5mln**

In 1H24 Cofle announced a cost saving plan to recover marginality and improve long term stability, while reshoring should reduce dependence on volatile economies. This should yield effects by the end of 2024 and in 2025. Key initiatives include i) rationalization of costs related to production plants, reducing operating cost by €1mln by the first half of 2025, ii) reshoring plan, with production to be gradually moved to Italy and India, increasing production capacity of the Indian plant and keeping production in Turkey for direct sales with higher margins. This is expected to reduce operating costs by an estimated €1.5mln.

**Ineos production resumed**

In January 2025, Ineos announced the resumption of Grenadier production at the Hambach plant, following a suspension from September to December 2024 due to a supply disruption of a key component. We remind that Ineos Grenadier is among the few OEM automotive customers, for which Cofle produces the locking differential and the reduced gear unlock. According to Cofle's statement from December 2023, the contract generated revenues of €1.6mln in 2023 and was expected to generate €3.6mln in 2024.

**New Group CFO**

At the end of February 2025, Cofle appointed Claudio Viscardi as Group CFO, previously he was CEO at Crippa, specialized in tube bending machines.

**Figure 9: Navigating market trends**

### NAVIGATING MARKET TRENDS

Overview of Key Sector Trends

- **Aftermarket (AM) Trends:** Observing decline in control/pull cables and an increase in demand for gear shift cables and electronic parking brakes (EPB), as well as brake hoses
- **Original Equipment (OE) Trends:** Observing a gradual decrease in mechanical controls in favor of intelligent electronic systems, reflecting broader industry shifts towards automation and connectivity (especially EU and USA)



Source: Company data

**Figure 10: New logistic center in Italy**

Warehouse A Warehouse B



**New logistics plant**

In 2024, the new OE division logistics center became fully operational. It is located near Trezzo sull'Adda and will lead to logistics optimization and digitalization, aiming at significantly reducing time to market.

In 2022 Cofle set up its French division to be directly present in the Region, tackling market opportunities thanks to 3 managers with extensive knowledge of the sector. The new unit could also unlock previously untapped opportunities across Spain, Portugal, Maghreb and Benelux. In 2023, the French subsidiary has entered into two significant commercial agreements with i) the second-largest European spare parts distribution group and with ii) a spare parts distributor that is part of a large industrial group in the automotive sector.

The commercial strategies of the subsidiary have supported IAM growth by acquiring new customers.

### Our FY25E-27E estimates

**FY25E Revenue cut 5%**

We cut our FY25E sales estimates by 5.0%, implying a 3.7% yoy decline. On OE we reduced sales forecasts by 6% (-8% yoy) on the back of the general agricultural machinery market downturn, this is on the conservative side as producers expect between a 0 to 5% contraction

in Western Europe. On IAM, we reduced our FY25E by 3.6% (+3% yoy) as Companies in automotive OE/IAM reduced their revenue guidance for FY25.

In FY26-27E we kept mostly unchanged OE yoy growth assumptions, which point to 4.3% lower revenues vs old estimates. In our model OE sales are expected to begin recovery in FY26E, which is expected to be slightly above FY24 levels, with ramp up from FY27E.

We kept underlying yoy growth expectation for IAM, which lead to FY26-27E revenues 3.6% lower vs old estimates.

**FY25-27E Adj.  
EBITDA cut by 18%**

We significantly cut our Adj. EBITDA estimate for FY25-27E (-18% vs previous) due to lower top line and because FY24A costs were materially above our expectations. In FY25E we expect €7.3mIn (-23% vs previous) with margin seen at 12.2% (-2.9pp vs previous) but improving yoy by 1.2pp as the Company reaps the benefits of the cost reduction plan. We expect more margin recovery in FY26E (+1.8pp yoy) as we forecast a ramp up in sales.

**Break even from  
FY26E**

We shifted our break even forecast to FY26E, as we now see a €2mIn loss in FY25E (vs previous €0) due to lower EBITDA and still high net financial expenses due to debt in Turkish Lira.

**Table 8: Revenue breakdown FY22-FY27E (€, mln)**

			2024E	2024	2025E	202E	2026E	2026E	2027E	2027E
Revenues	2022	2023	old	actual	old	new	old	new	old	new
OE	38.8	41.0	34.9	36.7	35.9	33.8	38.8	37.1	41.9	40.1
yoy (%)	20%	6%	-15%	-10%	3%	-8%	8%	10%	8%	8%
% on revenues	70%	68%	61%	61%	59%	59%	59%	59%	59%	59%
IAM	16.6	19.6	22.5	23.2	24.8	23.9	26.8	25.8	28.9	27.9
yoy (%)	-17%	18%	15%	18%	10%	3%	8%	8%	8%	8%
% on revenues	30%	32%	39%	39%	41%	41%	41%	41%	41%	41%
<b>Sales</b>	<b>55.4</b>	<b>60.6</b>	<b>57.4</b>	<b>59.9</b>	<b>60.7</b>	<b>57.7</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>62.9</b>	<b>70.8</b>	<b>68.0</b>
Other revenues	1.3	1.7	1.1	0.7	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.4
Change in inventories	1.3	1.8	1.3	1.4	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.4	1.6	1.5
<b>Total revenues (VoP)</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>70.9</b>
yoy (%)	5%	10%	-6%	-3%	6%	-3.0%	8%	9%	8%	8%

Source: Banca Profilo elaborations and estimates on Company data

Table 9: Income statement FY22-FY27E (€, mln)

			2024E	2024	2025E	2025E	2026E	2026E	2027E	2027E
Profit & Loss (€/mln)	2022	2023	old	actual	old	new	old	new	old	new
<b>Total revenues (VoP)</b>	<b>58.0</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>59.8</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>63.3</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>68.4</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>73.8</b>	<b>70.9</b>
Raw materials	(25.0)	(28.0)	(25.8)	(26.7)	(27.3)	(25.3)	(29.2)	(28.0)	(31.5)	(30.3)
Change in inventories (raw materials)	3.2	3.6	3.2	2.0	3.4	3.2	3.6	3.5	3.9	3.8
Service costs	(10.6)	(12.5)	(12.1)	(11.3)	(11.5)	(11.0)	(12.5)	(11.3)	(13.4)	(12.2)
Cost for the use of third-part assets	(1.2)	(1.5)	(2.0)	(2.1)	(1.5)	(2.1)	(1.6)	(2.2)	(1.7)	(2.2)
Labour costs	(11.5)	(14.1)	(15.9)	(18.9)	(17.5)	(18.9)	(18.5)	(19.2)	(19.6)	(20.7)
Other costs	(0.9)	(1.6)	(0.9)	(0.8)	(1.0)	(0.9)	(1.0)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(1.1)
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>6.4</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>8.0</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>9.3</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>10.4</b>	<b>8.2</b>
<i>margin on VoP (%)</i>	21%	15%	11%	6.5%	13%	8.6%	14%	11.3%	14%	11.5%
<i>yoy (%)</i>	-7%	-17%	-35%	-59%	24%	27%	17%	44%	12%	10%
<b>Adjusted EBITDA</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>7.6</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>9.6</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>10.9</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>12.0</b>	<b>10.0</b>
<i>margin on VoP (%)</i>	22.4%	17.9%	12.7%	11.0%	15.1%	12.2%	16.0%	14.0%	16.3%	14.1%
D&A	(3.4)	(3.2)	(4.6)	(4.2)	(4.3)	(3.7)	(4.1)	(3.1)	(3.9)	(3.0)
Provision for risks	(0.1)	-	-	(0.2)	-	(0.2)	-	(0.2)	-	(0.2)
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>8.4</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>1.9</b>	<b>(0.4)</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>5.3</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>6.5</b>	<b>5.0</b>
<i>margin on VoP (%)</i>	15%	10%	3%	-1%	6%	2%	8%	6%	9%	7%
<i>yoy (%)</i>	-19%	-21%	-72%	-105%	99%	-451%	42%	231%	24%	22%
Net financial expenses	(3.9)	(5.3)	(5.0)	(5.0)	(3.7)	(3.2)	(1.5)	(2.1)	(1.3)	(1.8)
Taxes	(1.9)	(0.6)	(0.2)	(0.2)	-	-	(0.9)	(0.5)	(1.3)	(0.8)
<b>Net Profit</b>	<b>2.6</b>	<b>0.8</b>	<b>(3.4)</b>	<b>(5.6)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(2.0)</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>4.0</b>	<b>2.4</b>
<i>margin on VoP (%)</i>	5%	1%	-6%	-9%	0%	-3%	4%	2%	5%	3%
Minorities	0.4	0.4	(0.2)	(0.3)	0.0	(0.1)	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.1
<b>Group Net Profit</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>(3.2)</b>	<b>(5.3)</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>(1.9)</b>	<b>2.7</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.3</b>

Source: Banca Profilo elaborations and estimates on Company data

Given lower cash flow generation due to lower EBITDA in relative and absolute terms, we now see €14.5mln net debt at YE25E (vs previous €12mln), with minor yearly improvements from FY26E declining to €11mln in FY27E thanks to improving marginality and gradual destocking.

Table 10: Balance Sheet FY22-FY27E (€, mln)

			2024E	2024	2025E	2025E	2026E	2026E	2027E	2027E
Balance sheet (€/mln)	2022	2023	old	actual	old	new	old	new	old	new
Inventory	14.1	16.3	16.3	18.9	16.7	16.8	17.5	17.1	18.9	17.6
Accounts receivables	13.3	11.6	13.1	11.8	13.9	11.6	15.0	12.5	16.2	13.3
Accounts payables	(8.1)	(9.2)	(7.6)	(7.3)	(8.8)	(6.7)	(9.4)	(7.9)	(10.3)	(8.9)
<b>Operating Net Working Capital</b>	<b>19.3</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>21.8</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>23.0</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>24.7</b>	<b>22.0</b>
Other Current Assets (Liabilities)	0.4	0.2	0.2	(0.2)	0.2	(0.2)	0.2	(0.2)	0.2	(0.2)
<b>Net Working Capital</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>18.9</b>	<b>22.0</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>21.9</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>23.2</b>	<b>21.4</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>21.8</b>
Intangibles	4.2	4.8	5.2	6.4	5.6	6.5	5.6	6.5	5.6	6.5
Tangibles	7.0	11.6	10.6	12.5	10.4	12.6	10.4	12.6	10.4	12.6
Financials	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3
<b>Fixed Asset</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>19.5</b>
Other Non Current Assets (Liabilities)	(1.8)	(1.5)	(1.5)	(1.4)	(1.6)	(1.4)	(1.7)	(1.4)	(1.7)	(1.5)
<b>Net Invested Capital</b>	<b>29.4</b>	<b>34.3</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>40.9</b>	<b>36.7</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>38.0</b>	<b>39.5</b>	<b>39.6</b>	<b>39.8</b>
Share capital	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6
Reserves	(3.9)	(8.3)	(8.3)	(10.3)	(8.3)	(10.3)	(8.3)	(10.3)	(8.3)	(10.3)
Share premium reserve	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9	14.9
Accumulated profit/loss	13.9	19.1	20.7	24.2	17.5	18.9	16.5	17.0	17.7	18.5
Net profit	2.6	0.8	(3.4)	(5.6)	0.0	(2.0)	2.8	1.6	4.0	2.4
Minority share	1.8	2.5	(0.2)	2.8	0.0	2.8	0.2	2.8	0.2	2.8
<b>Equity</b>	<b>29.6</b>	<b>29.2</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>24.8</b>	<b>25.0</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>26.5</b>	<b>28.8</b>	<b>28.8</b>
Net debt (cash)	(0.2)	5.1	12.2	14.0	12.0	14.5	11.5	13.0	10.8	11.0
Net debt (cash) reported	(0.8)	5.0	-	13.9	-	-	-	-	-	-

Source: Banca Profilo elaborations and estimates on Company data

## Valuation

### DCF and market multiples

We carry out the valuation of Cofle using both a DCF method and a relative market multiples approach based on a sample of listed international companies "comparable" to Cofle.

TP €6.1/sh (from €8),  
BUY

We took the weighted average between DCF (75%) and relative market multiples valuation (25%) and ended up with a TP of €6.1/sh (from €8). Given the significant potential upside on Cofle closing price (as of April 23), we maintain a BUY recommendation.

### DCF

Cumulated FCFs of  
€12.7mIn, €3.2mIn  
TV

To run the DCF model, we used our projections of FCFs for the FY25-28E explicit period: €12.7mIn of cumulated FCFs (vs previous €15.1mIn). We consider the FY25-28E average FCF of €3.2mIn as the Terminal Value cash flow (vs previous €3.8mIn).

Table 11: FCF forecasts FY24-FY28E

	2024E	2024E	2025E	2025E	2026E	2026E	2027E	2027E	2028E	2028E
Free Cash Flow (€/mIn)	old	new	old	new	old	new	old	new	old	new
EBIT	3.7	1.2	5.3	4.1	6.5	5.0	7.5	5.9	3.7	1.2
taxes	(0.9)	(0.3)	(1.3)	(1.0)	(1.6)	(1.3)	(1.9)	(1.5)	(0.9)	(0.3)
<b>NOPAT</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>3.9</b>	<b>3.1</b>	<b>4.9</b>	<b>3.8</b>	<b>5.7</b>	<b>4.4</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>0.9</b>
D&A	4.3	3.7	4.1	3.1	3.9	3.0	3.7	2.9	4.3	3.7
Change in Net operating working capital	0.1	1.7	(1.3)	0.0	(1.7)	(0.4)	(2.0)	(0.6)	0.1	1.7
Other funds	0.1	(0.0)	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	(0.0)
Capex	(4.5)	(4.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)	(4.5)	(4.0)
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>3.4</b>	<b>4.5</b>	<b>3.7</b>	<b>2.8</b>	<b>2.4</b>

Source: Banca Profilo elaborations and estimates on Company data

### 7.6% WACC

We use a 7.6% WACC (unchanged), derived from:

- risk free rate at 4.3% (unchanged), as implicitly expected by consensus on the 30Y Italian BTP yield curve;
- equity risk premium equal to 5.5%;
- beta of 1 (unchanged) coming from the average of chosen listed peers;
- target Debt to Equity structure of 67%.

Table 12: DCF Valuation

DCF Valuation	2024E	2025E	2026E	2027E	2028E	TV	Valuation		WACC Calculation	
Free Cash Flows (€,mln)	2.4	3.2	3.4	3.7	3.2	3.2	Enterprise Value (€,mln)	53	Perpetual growth rate	2.0%
Years	1	2	3	4			Net debt (cash) (€,mln)	14.0	<b>WACC</b>	<b>7.6%</b>
Discount factor	0.93	0.86	0.80	0.75			Equity Value (€,mln)	39.1	Risk free rate (30Y)	4.3%
Terminal Value						57.1	Number of shares	6.2	Equity risk premium	5.5%
NPV	2.2	2.8	2.7	2.8	42.6		Price per share €	6.3	Levered Beta	1.0
<b>Sum of NPVs (€,mln)</b>	<b>2.2</b>	<b>5.0</b>	<b>7.8</b>	<b>10.5</b>	<b>53.1</b>				KE	10.1%
									Cost of debt	5.4%
									Tax rate	30%
									KD	3.8%
									Target D/E	67%

Source: Banca Profilo elaborations and estimates

### Market multiples

We provide the updated multiples table, compared to our latest research *[Please refer to our Company Update on 10 October 2024]*.

**EV/EBITDA 26E at 5.2x**

For the market multiples valuation, we considered the EV/EBITDA 26E of 5.2x (from previous 6.1x for EV/EBITDA 25). This led us to an Equity Value of €5.5/sh (from €7.5/sh) due to lower multiples and EBITDA cut. Cofle trades at a discount on EV/EBITDA 26E (3.4x) vs comparable (5.2x).

**Table 13: Sample EV/EBITDA**

	EV/EBITDA			
17/04/2025	2024	2025E	2026E	12M
Brembo	4.5	4.6	4.2	4.5
Comer	5.6	6.1	5.4	5.6
SKF	6.1	5.6	5.1	6.3
CIE Automotive	5.1	4.8	4.6	5.6
Kongsberg Automotive	4.7	4.2	3.3	4.8
Suprajit Engineering	15.4	11.5	9.7	16.7
Mayville Engineering	4.3	6.1	4.9	4.3
SAF	4.6	4.5	4.2	4.7
<b>Mean</b>	<b>6.3</b>	<b>5.9</b>	<b>5.2</b>	<b>6.6</b>
Cofle	4.7	4.5	3.4	3.2

Source: Banca Profilo estimates and elaborations on Bloomberg (as of April 17, 2025)

**Table 14: Sample EBITDA margin and Revenue Growth**

	Revenue Growth				EBITDA Margin			
	2022	2023	2024E	2025E	2022	2023	2024E	2025E
Brembo	6.1%	-0.2%	-0.7%	4.7%	16.9%	16.8%	16.7%	17.3%
Comer	-1.1%	-23.0%	-3.8%	6.7%	16.7%	16.7%	16.1%	16.9%
SKF	7.2%	-5.0%	-0.9%	3.7%	14.8%	14.6%	16.2%	16.9%
CIE Automotive	3.1%	0.0%	2.2%	4.3%	18.0%	18.4%	18.9%	19.1%
Kongsberg Automotive	-2.3%	-10.9%	0.6%	4.6%	1.5%	6.2%	6.9%	8.3%
Suprajit Engineering	5.2%	14.4%	16.4%	12.0%	11.2%	10.6%	12.2%	12.8%
Mayville Engineering	9.1%	-1.2%	-1.8%	9.5%	10.3%	14.7%	10.4%	11.8%
SAF	34.6%	-10.9%	3.4%	6.4%	11.3%	13.3%	13.0%	13.2%
<b>Mean</b>	<b>7.7%</b>	<b>-4.6%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>6.5%</b>	<b>12.6%</b>	<b>13.9%</b>	<b>13.8%</b>	<b>14.5%</b>
Cofle	9.9%	-2.7%	-3.0%	9.2%	18.5%	11.2%	12.5%	14.3%

Source: Banca Profilo estimates and elaborations on Bloomberg (as of April 23, 2025)

**Listed comparable****A sample of 8 listed companies**

There are no listed companies that can be considered as good as “comparable” to Cofle, for significant differences in terms of business model and company size. Starting from a wide list of Original Equipment Manufacturing and Aftermarket listed companies, we selected 9 “comparable” to Cofle: Brembo (Italy), Comer Industries (Italy), SAF Holland (Germany), SKF (Sweden), CIE Automotive (Spain), Kongsberg Automotive (Norway), Suprajit Engineering (India), Mayville Engineering Company (USA), and Meritor Inc. (USA).

**Brembo (Italy)**

Brembo is the world leader and acknowledged innovator of brake technology for automotive vehicles. Brembo supplies high performance brake systems for the most important manufacturers of cars, commercial vehicles, and motorbikes worldwide, as well as clutches and other components for racing.

**Comer Industries (Italy)**

Comer is the leading global player in the design and manufacture of advanced engineering systems and mechatronics solutions for power transmission. The Company operates in the



agricultural and industrial machinery sectors. In the field of Agriculture, it deals with applications for machines for the preparation and application of the soil, while in the industrial sector for construction machines, mines and others. The main products are related to transmissions (gearboxes, reducers, multipliers and both angular and parallel axis transmissions).

<b>SKF (Sweden)</b>	SKF is a leading global supplier of products, solutions and services within bearings, seals, lubrication systems and services. It operates through the divisions Industrial and Automotive. The Automotive segment provides a range of products, solutions, and services to manufacturers of cars, light trucks, heavy trucks, trailers, buses, two-wheelers, and the vehicle aftermarket.
<b>Kongsberg Automotive (Norway)</b>	Kongsberg Automotive engages in the development, manufacture, and trade of components, accessories, and spare parts. The Company has two divisions, Powertrain & Chassis and Specialty Products. The first provides cable controls, shift systems, clutch actuation systems, vehicle dynamics, shift cables, and shift towers for transmissions. The second is focused on fluid handling systems for both the automotive and commercial vehicle markets, coupling systems for compressed-air circuits in heavy-duty vehicles, agriculture, outdoor power equipment and power electronics products.
<b>Suprajit Engineering (India)</b>	The Suprajit Group is a global leader in the automotive cable and halogen bulb industry. With a competitive manufacturing base in India, UK, US and Mexico, the Group provides the optimal product development and manufacturing solutions to its domestic and international customers. Suprajit today has carved a niche for itself as a pioneer in the design and manufacture of Mechanical Control Cables and is recognized as India's largest cable maker and worlds largest in the two-wheeler cable market.
<b>Mayville Engineering Company (United States)</b>	Mayville Engineering Company (MEC) engages in the manufacturing of metal components. The firm offers a broad range of prototyping and tooling, production fabrication, coating, assembly, and aftermarket components. Its customers operate in a diverse end market, including heavy- and medium-duty commercial vehicle, construction, powersports, Agriculture, military, and other end markets.
<b>SAF Holland (Germany)</b>	Following the acquisitions of Haldex by SAF Holland, we include the latter in our sample. SAF Holland is a manufacturer of chassis-related systems and components such as axle and suspension systems, primarily for trailers and semi-trailers, but also for trucks and buses.
<b>CIE Automotive (Spain)</b>	CIE Automotive is a supplier of components, assemblies, and sub-assemblies for the global Automotive market, using complementary technologies and various associated processes.

**Table 15: Main similarities and differences with listed peers**

Company	Similarities	Differences
Brembo	Active in the Automotive market, with a particular focus on brakes	Agriculture sector not addressed, portfolio focused on brakes
Comer Industries	Italian and active in the Agricultural market	Not active in the Automotive, products mainly relate to transmission systems
SKF	Both OEM and Aftermarket Industry	Focus on rotating equipment
Kongsberg Automotive	Both OEM and Aftermarket Industry	Mainly Automotive
Suprajit Engineering	Mainly active in cable production	Main reference market is India
Mayville Engineering	Both OEM and Aftermarket Industry	Revenues are only from US market
SAF Holland	Both OEM and Aftermarket Industry	Mainly active in the Truck Industry, smaller presence in the Agricultural segment
CIE Automotive	Diversified portfolio	Mainly Automotive, little presence in the Agricultural segment

*Source: Banca Profilo research*

## Overview and business model

Cofle: 78.4%  
Barbieri's family

Cofle was listed on Euronext Growth on 11 November 2021, at €13/share. The share capital is represented by 6,153,276 shares. Barbieri Family owns the remaining 78.4% through its holding Valfin. The 24 months lock up period expired in November 2023.

### A multinational company specialized in components for the agricultural sector

Cofle's business model is becoming more focused on the OEM division

Cofle is a multinational company operating in engineering and production of components for the agricultural and automotive sector. The BUs are i) OE division, acting as Original Equipment Manufacturer for top global manufacturers of agricultural & earthmoving machineries, luxury automotive and light commercial vehicles; ii) IAM division, specialized in the production of aftermarket parts for the automotive sector.

### OE division

Control Systems, Cables and others

Cofle's OE division offers three main product categories: i) Control Systems for industrial application (from agricultural to earthmoving machineries), such as joysticks, power shuttles and pedals; ii) Cables for brakes, clutch and accelerator; iii) Others, developed based on customers' requests, such as steering columns, die castings, plastics.

1 to 3 years to develop products, high customization

OE products are meant to be highly customized to meet the requirements of top clients, with a minimal standardization to ensure cost efficiency. An OE project usually takes from 1 to 3 years, due to the highly distinctive know-how involved. Production and delivery to clients take place at a global scale with Cofle acting as the client's global supplier.

Figure 11: OE division



Source: Company data

### IAM division

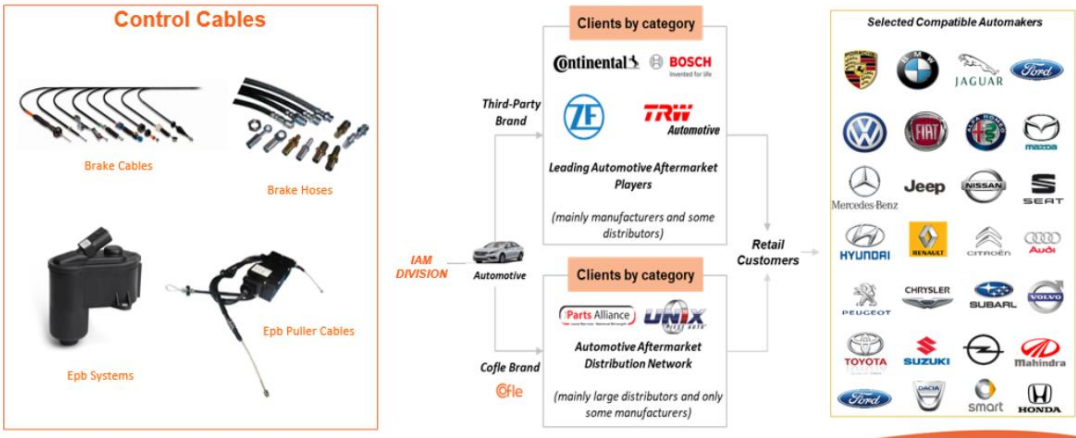
IAM: highly standardized products

Conversely, IAM products (Aftermarket) are highly standardized and serve both leading Aftermarket players under third-party brands, as well as large distributors under Cofle's brand. The AM catalogue offers more than 7,000 solutions, with the four main products categories being: i) Clutch cables, ii) Brake cables, iii) Brake hoses, iv) Gear shift cables.

Reverse-engineering activities

Cofle's IAM division operates with a push strategy, aiming for a 3-4 week turnaround. The Aftermarket R&D team focuses on reverse-engineering the latest car models, often enhancing the original product. Subsequently, production costs are estimated and pricing surveys are conducted, considering the price of original products. Finally, Cofle launches production and updates its catalog.

Figure 12: IAM division



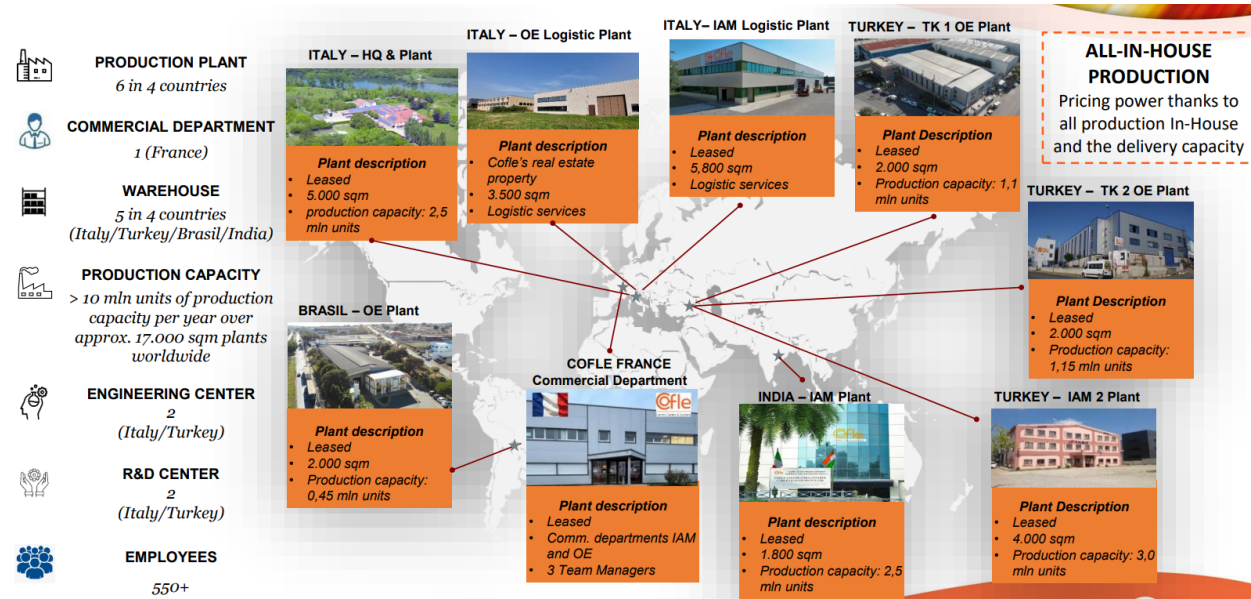
Source: Company data

Industrial footprint

6 Production plants

The Group has production sites in Brazil, India, Italy and Turkey with ~17k sqm worldwide with >10mln units of production capacity per year. Cofle owns 6 production plants, 5 warehouses, 2 engineering centres, 2 R&D centres and 2 representative offices around the world. The Italian and Indian plants have a production capacity of 2.5mln units each, the three plants in Turkey have more than 5mln of combined production capacity while the Brasil OEM plant has 0.45mln capacity.

Figure 13: Cofle’s global presence



Source: Company data

## Company's history

**Founded in 1964 and  
listed in 2021**

Cofle was founded by Bruno Barbieri in 1964 revolutionizing control cable manufacturing for the automotive industry. Initially serving major Italian brands, Cofle expanded rapidly during the '70s. Their product range extended to include control cables for agricultural and earth-moving machinery, distributed globally.

In the '80s, Cofle established its first internal production plant, enabling vertical integration. The '90s marked significant milestones in the IAM division, leading to a new logistics center with a 4,000 sqm warehouse. Cofle's international expansion began with Tabo in Turkey, followed by Cofle DCI, Cofle TK, Cofle China, Cofle do Brasil and Cofle Taylor India.

In June 2021, leveraging expertise and financial strength, Cofle initiated an IPO on the EGM segment of Borsa Italiana. The strategic focus includes expanding product offerings, entering untapped markets, and pursuing M&A opportunities.

## Cofle

Recommendation  
**BUY**

Target Price  
**6.1 €**

Upside  
**149%**

## Company Overview

Cofle is an international OEM of control cables and remote-control systems for farming machines, earthmoving machines, luxury cars and commercial vehicles. It is a fully integrated company: its value chain includes the co-engineering with customers, pricing and prototyping, orders intaking, production and delivery. In the OE division there is no product catalogue as Cofle branded equipment is built in-house according to customer's needs. The IAM unit products range from brake cables to EPB systems. The Company has more than 500 employees with a footprint across Italy, Turkey, India, Brazil and

## Main Financials

(€/mln)	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
<b>Total revenue (VoP)</b>	<b>64.1</b>	<b>62.0</b>	<b>60.1</b>	<b>65.6</b>	<b>70.9</b>
yoy (%)	10.6%	-3.3%	-3.0%	9.2%	8.0%
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>9.9</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>7.4</b>	<b>8.2</b>
margin (%)	15.5%	6.5%	8.6%	11.3%	11.5%
<b>Adj. EBITDA</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>6.8</b>	<b>7.3</b>	<b>9.2</b>	<b>10.0</b>
margin (%)	17.9%	11.0%	12.2%	14.0%	14.1%
<b>EBIT</b>	<b>6.7</b>	<b>-0.4</b>	<b>1.2</b>	<b>4.1</b>	<b>5.0</b>
margin (%)	10.5%	-0.6%	2.1%	6.3%	7.1%
<b>Group net profit</b>	<b>0.4</b>	<b>-5.3</b>	<b>-1.9</b>	<b>1.5</b>	<b>2.3</b>
margin (%)	0.6%	-8.5%	-3.2%	2.3%	3.3%
<b>Net debt (cash)</b>	<b>5.1</b>	<b>14.0</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>13.0</b>	<b>11.0</b>
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Shareholders Equity	29.2	26.9	25.0	26.5	28.8
Net Working Capital	18.9	23.2	21.5	21.4	21.8
Capex and acquisitions	(8.5)	(4.6)	(4.0)	(3.0)	(3.0)
Free Cash Flow			2.4	3.2	3.4

## Revenues Breakdown

	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
OE	41.0	36.7	33.8	37.1	40.1
on Sales (%)	68%	61%	59%	59%	59%
IAM	19.6	23.2	23.9	25.8	27.9
on Sales (%)	32%	39%	41%	41%	41%

## Key Ratios

	2023	2024	2025E	2026E	2027E
ROE	3%	-21%	-8%	6%	8%
ROA	2%	-14%	-5%	4%	6%
DSO	68	71	72	71	70
DPO	147	114	118	125	130
Capex/Sales	13%	7%	7%	5%	4%
Current ratio	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.9	3.3
Net debt (cash) / EBITDA	0.5x	3.5x	2.8x	1.8x	1.3x

Source: Bloomberg, Banca Profilo estimates and elaborations

## Strengths

Multinational Company  
Strong commitment in eco-sustainability  
Strongly investing on corporate culture, brand awareness and innovative marketin  
Wide portfolio of patented products  
Geographically diversified production  
Top end customers  
Focus on innovation and R&D  
Long-lasting client relationships

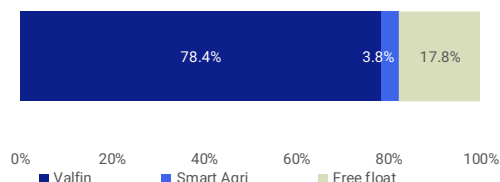
## Opportunities

Large potential in Eastern Europe for both OE and IAM segments  
Cofle France expansion in France, Spain, Portugal, Maghreb and Benelux  
Only at the beginning of international scalability  
OE Expansion into building machinery  
Growth through M&A  
Production capacity expansion  
Major technological upgrade involving farm tractors in the next decade

## Company Description

Company Sector	Auto Parts & Equipment
Price (€)	2.5
Number of shares (mln)	6.2
Market Cap (€ mln)	15.1
Reference Index	FTSE Italia Growth
Main Shareholders	Valfin S.r.l.
Free Float	17.8%
Daily Average Volumes (30D)	10,091
Sample of comparables	Brembo, Comer Industries, SKF, Kongsberg Automotive, Suprajit Engineering, Mayville Engineering, SAF Holland, CIE Automotive

## Main shareholders



## Multiples

	2024	2025	2026	12M
Cofle EV / EBITDA	4.7x	4.5x	3.4x	3.2x
Peers EV / EBITDA	6.3x	5.9x	5.2x	6.6x

## Weaknesses

Farm tractor down-cycle  
Exposure to Turkey  
Revenue concentration by client  
Slow process of digitalization

## Threats

Intensifying competition within large manufacturers  
High growth rates could lead to cost management issues  
Internalization of Cofle process by its main customer  
Cannibalization of products under Cofle's brand and Third-Party brand

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