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Paprec reaches the €5 billion revenue mark and enters a new phase of growth in Europe

With revenue expected to reach nearly €5 billion by the end of 2026, including €2 billion generated outside France, Paprec is entering a new stage in its development. Thirty-two years after its creation, the French family-owned group is establishing itself as a European leader in recycling, waste management and green energy production. France, its customers and local communities remain at the heart of its business, while the Group is now structuring its European development around two priority regions: Southern Europe and Central and Eastern Europe, where European regulations are accelerating the transformation of waste management. The signing today of an agreement to acquire Marius Pedersen's operations in the Czech Republic and Slovakia, just a few months after the announcement of the acquisition of Brantner Green Solutions, illustrates this step change in scale.

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By the end of 2026, Paprec will pass the €5 billion revenue mark, subject to completion of the announced acquisitions. The French family-owned group will then have nearly 30,000 employees and more than 800 sites in 15 countries. Nearly €2 billion of revenue will be generated outside France, marking a step change in scale for a Group founded in France in 1994, where it has built the core of its industrial history.

This new European scale is underpinned by a development strategy structured around two major regions: Southern Europe, where Paprec intends to continue strengthening its positions, particularly in Spain, Portugal and Italy; and Central and Eastern Europe, where the Group is creating a new growth platform through the announced acquisitions of Brantner Green Solutions and Marius Pedersen's operations in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

France at the heart of the industrial project

This new stage in Paprec's development does not change its centre of gravity: France remains the Group's primary base and the heart of its industrial project. Paprec intends to continue growing and investing there in support of its private- and public-sector customers and local communities.

Since its creation, the Group has invested more than €4.5 billion in France in its industrial facilities and technological equipment.

A European strategy built on strong local roots

For its European development, Paprec intends to apply the model that has supported its growth in France: combining its industrial and technological expertise and investment capacity with companies that are firmly established in their markets and local communities.

In Southern Europe, Paprec will continue to strengthen its positions, particularly in Spain, Portugal and Italy.

In Central and Eastern Europe, the Group is accelerating its development. A few weeks after announcing the acquisition of Brantner Green Solutions, a major waste management company operating in five Central European countries, Paprec announces today that it has signed an agreement to acquire all of Marius Pedersen's waste management operations in the Czech Republic and Slovakia.

A leader in both markets, Marius Pedersen has been developing its business there for nearly 40 years. Its subsidiaries support local authorities and industrial customers with waste collection, recycling, composting and environmental services. Together, they employ more than 4,500 people and comprise a network of nearly 50 subsidiaries and joint ventures. Their operations process almost 3 million tonnes of waste each year and serve more than 2,300 municipalities and nearly 35,000 industrial customers.

Following Brantner Green Solutions, this new transaction further consolidates a major growth platform for Paprec in Central and Eastern Europe.

Supporting the transformation of European waste management models

This development strategy responds to structural changes in the European waste market. In several countries, European regulations require a significant reduction in landfill and are accelerating the development of recycling and energy recovery.

As part of the European Union's Circular Economy Package, the EU has notably set a target for 2035 of recycling 65% of municipal waste and reducing the share sent to landfill to below 10%.

In the Czech Republic and Slovakia, meeting these targets will require a major transformation of waste management infrastructure. Nearly €3 billion of investment is planned by the governments in new sorting, recycling and energy recovery capacity.

Paprec intends to play a part in this transformation by drawing on more than thirty years of industrial experience in recycling, as well as in the design, construction and operation of energy-from-waste facilities.

A transaction subject to regulatory approvals

Completion of the acquisition of Marius Pedersen's operations in the Czech Republic and Slovakia remains subject to approvals from the relevant competition authorities and to customary conditions precedent. The acquisition of Brantner Green Solutions, announced this summer, likewise remains subject to regulatory and competition approvals in the countries concerned.

Mathieu Petithuguenin, Chairman and CEO of Paprec:

"Since its creation, Paprec has pursued the same ambition: to grow in order to strengthen its businesses and provide ever better support to its private- and public-sector customers in managing their waste. Investment, innovation and industrial excellence have always been the driving forces behind this growth.

Today, we are opening a new chapter. Our ambition is not simply to add acquisitions or geographical positions, but to build a major European group while remaining true to what has made us successful: a long-term industrial vision, a strong entrepreneurial culture and deep local roots.

Together with the companies joining us, we want to build strong local leaders, drawing on the quality of their teams and their knowledge of their markets, while bringing our investment capacity and industrial expertise. This is the approach that enabled us to build Paprec in France, and it is with the same high standards that we intend to continue our development across Europe."

Simon Hovgaard Clausen, CEO of Marius Pedersen A/S:

"Following an in-depth review of the various strategic options available for our Czech and Slovak operations and teams, we identified Paprec as the partner best placed to support their next phase of growth. Paprec shares our commitment to operational excellence, service quality and our employees. This transaction will enable the business to continue its development with the industrial, financial and technological resources of a leading European group."

About Paprec:

Founded in 1994 by the Petithuguenin family, Paprec is France's leading recycling company and one of Europe's major players in waste management and green energy production. In 2025, it generated revenue of €3.5 billion. Since its creation, the Group has invested nearly €4.5 billion in France in its plants and technological equipment. The Group's activities avoid 7 million tonnes of CO2 emissions every year.

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