

Sebastien Lemonnier to Share Investment Thesis on Dermapharm

MOI Global instructor Sebastien Lemonnier, a featured speaker at the upcoming European Investing Summit 2018, serves as European equity portfolio manager at INOCAP Gestion, managing Quadrige Europe, the recently awarded top-performing UCITS fund by Agefi-Europerformance.

Sebastien's investment strategy follows a pragmatic approach, implementing a rigorous stock-picking process based on five fundamental criteria:

- 1) Leading position in growing niche market,
- 2) International exposure,
- 3) Operating excellence,
- 4) Family owned,
- 5) Disciplined capital allocation.

Sebastien favors companies that provide differentiated, value-added solutions in existing but evolving industries. His investment conviction is built from an intense on-the-ground approach, with more than five hundred company meetings and site visits annually.

Last year, Sebastien presented his investment case on Barco, based in Belgium, which is up ~40% over the past year and remains among the fund's top investment holdings.

At European Investing Summit 2018, coming up live online on October 11-12, Sebastien will discuss his latest top holding — Dermapharm, a family-owned leading manufacturer of patent-free branded pharmaceuticals, listed in Germany, with a market capitalization of €1.5+ billion.

Founded in 1991, Dermapharm focuses on specialist niche markets, such as vitamin D (originator of Dekristol) and dermatological products where R&D costs and the barriers to entry are relatively high. Implementing a "buy and build" approach, along with international expansion and operational excellence, the company generates strong free cash flow (with EBIT margin in excess of 20%). Profits are estimated to grow 20+% annually, while the valuation multiple recently stood at only 12x EBIT 2019.