

Investment focus & criteria

Paragon pursues investments from classic LBO / MBO situations and succession solutions, via corporate carve-outs and divestitures to investments with various layers of complexity.

- Enterprise values: up to € 500 million
- EBITDA: typically, € 5 - 75 million
- Equity tickets: up to € 250 million
- Geographical focus: Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy and other neighbouring European countries
- Successful investments in the following sectors: Industrial Goods & Services, Healthcare, Business & Financial Services and Technology, Media & Telecom (TMT)
- Due diligence: sound, but focussed & pragmatic
- Flexible shareholding structures: focus on majorities (up to 100%), selectively also (qualified) minorities
- Situations: classic LBO / MBO situations, succession solutions, corporate carve-outs and divestitures, complex buyouts such as restructuring cases, acquisitions out of insolvency, "all equity" deals etc.
- Investment types: acquisition financing, re-financing and growth capital

Selected investments



About Paragon

One of the leading, independent private equity firms in Europe

- € 2.4 bn of equity under management and € 1.4 bn available for new investments
- Current portfolio consists of 13 platform investments across different sectors
- More than 50 successful investments since inception in 2004

The Paragon team

- More than 30 investment professionals incl. dedicated support functions (Business Development, HR, M&A, Value Creation & Sustainability etc.)
- Experienced specialists for new investments and portfolio support help identify and unlock tangible operational value creation potential
- Autonomous and pragmatic internal decision-making process led by the Partners (no dependency on external decision-making bodies)

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Investment criteria for add-on acquisitions

Approach

For some of Paragon's investments, add-on acquisitions constitute an element of the investment strategy. In these cases, Paragon aims to acquire additional companies and integrate them into the existing investments. The specific add-on investment criteria depend on the respective investment platforms (see below).

Relevant investments and investment criteria for add-on acquisitions

Investment	Sector	Description	Add-on criteria
 7days	Healthcare	Leading supplier of modern and innovative workwear for medical professions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From €0.5m EBITDA Preference for focus on healthcare sector Companies across Europe
 Castolin Eutectic	Industrial Goods & Services	Globally leading provider of wear protection and repair solutions for industrial equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on solutions in the area of maintenance & repair as well as welding, brazing and coating Companies in Europe and Northern America
 CUNOVA	Industrial Goods & Services	World leader in casting moulds and casting technologies for the global steel industry	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From €0.5m EBITDA Steel plant service companies International companies
 Primed	Healthcare	Leading provider of high-quality medical devices and sterilization services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From €1.0m EBITDA HQ in Central / Western Europe Focus on manufacturers of medical single-use products
 prooptik	Healthcare	Third largest optical retailer in Germany with 195 stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From €1.0m revenue Focus on optician / acoustician chains in Germany (and Austria / Switzerland)
 WEKA	Technology, Media & Telecommunications	Leading media group for business information, education and communication services in the DACH region and France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From €1.0m EBITDA Provider of business information/ workflow tools with a focus on regulation & compliance (especially digital offerings with subscription business models)
 SOVENDUS	Technology, Media & Telecommunications	Leading provider of tools for checkout-based online marketing in Europe with over 1,200 partners	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From €1.0m EBITDA (if dynamically growing) Lead-generation/ conversion-optimization positioning, ideally with revenues outside of DACH
 DUOPLAST	Industrial Goods & Services	Leading manufacturer of high-performance stretch films and sales of packaging machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focus on producers/ processors/ wholesalers of films with EBITDA margins from around 10% Products/ services in the field of closed-loop recycling
 TP FOOD GROUP	Industrial Goods & Services	Manufacturer and service provider for customized food processing solutions (machines & turnkey lines), focused on bakery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> From €1.0 million EBITDA Manufacturer with a focus on industrial baked goods Global businesses (incl. USA, APAC) with similar quality