

Interview



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“Carso strengthens its offering of agri-food analytical services”



Can you describe the Carso Group in a few words?

The Carso Group provides analytical services (nutritional analyses, microbiology, contaminants, GMOs, packaging migration, MOSH/MOAH, etc.), expertise, audits, training courses and regulatory intelligence for the agri-food industry to ensure the quality, safety and authenticity of food products. The analytical techniques used by Carso in providing these services are at the cutting edge of science (bacteriology and virology, high-resolution mass spectrometry, DNA analysis and DNA microchip techniques, LC and GC-ICP-MS metal speciation, electronic microscopy, etc.). With 2,500 scientists, engineers and technicians, Carso can also perform water, environmental and air quality analyses, forensic analyses and pharmaceutical and cosmetic product analyses.

Why did you choose Unigrains as a strategic and financial partner?

Unigrains is a benchmark independent investor in the agri-food industry, with a strong sense of responsibility and ethics matching those of Carso, which adopted a CSR policy many years ago. Unigrains' expertise in finance and strategy will provide invaluable assistance with our acquisitions and in making strategic decisions in our markets.

What services do you provide to the agri-food industry, and do you plan to strengthen them?

Our ambition is to support our agri-food clients by providing the analyses, advice and expertise they need to grow both in France and abroad. Unigrains contributes its dynamism and its high-quality support to the growth of the Carso group for the benefit of the food industry.

What are the group's development prospects for the years ahead?

In the years ahead, Carso's growth strategy is to focus on the quality and safety needs of all the sectors in which it operates (water, environment, ambient and workplace air, forensics, etc.) and, naturally, agri-food. In addition to its existing business units, Carso is creating a pharmaceuticals/cosmetics business unit. This BU will qualify as a pharmaceuticals business in a few weeks' time, and will also work on products such as ingredients derived from aromatic or medicinal plants.

