

Associated British Foods PLC

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Primark owner AB Foods downgraded by Goldman Sachs

Primark owner Associated British Foods PLC (LON:ABF) has been downgraded by Goldman Sachs after the US investment bank updated its forecast assumptions for fiscal 2019.

Factoring in the strength of the dollar against sterling since the end of March, Goldman has cut £26m off its earnings before interest and tax (Ebit) forecast, which now stands at £930m, up 13% year-on-year.

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The earnings per share forecast has been trimmed by 2% to 146.3p, up 10% year-on-year.

The changes fed through to a cut in its sum of the parts-based price target to 3,000p from 3,100p and a downgrade to 'neutral' on valuation grounds.

AB Foods currently trades at 2,721p, down 1.1% on the day.

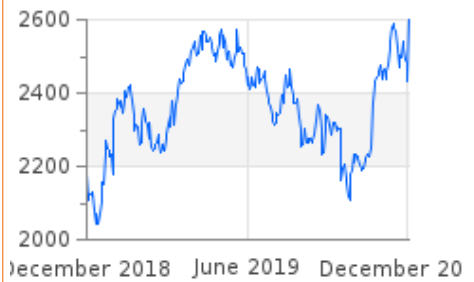
It's 2018 and you still can't order online from Primark, what's that all about ????????????

— Sam (@SamLR0) May 15, 2018

Price: 2599

Market Cap: £20.58 billion

1 Year Share Price Graph



Share Information

Code: ABF

Listing: LSE

52 week	High	Low
	2606	2011

Sector: Food & drink

Website: www.abf.co.uk

Company Synopsis:

Associated British Foods is a diversified international food, ingredients and retail group with sales of £10.2 billion and 97,000 employees in 44 countries.

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