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# Case study:

Lysogene, A Leading Gene Therapy Company initiated by Alliance Sanfilippo, seeded by private funders and patient groups, chaired by a RD mother

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### **FOUNDER**

- Karen AIACH, M.Sc. MBA (ESSEC) Research Degree in Economics (Paris 8)
  - ✓ Founding president and CEO of LYSOGENE
  - ✓ With her team, successfully brought LYSOGENE's first product SAF-301 into the clinic, in less than five years
  - ✓ Before creating LYSOGENE, Karen's entrepreneurial experience already included successfully founding and running a business consultancy specialized in the financial industry
  - ✓ Prior to that, Karen was a manager at Arthur Andersen where she began her carrier. At Andersen, she specialized in international M&A related transaction services for major tier one clients
  - ✓ From 2008 to 2009, Karen served as a Member of the Pediatric Committee of the European Medicine Agency as a Patient Representative
  - ✓ In 2008, she also served on the French Ethical Review Board CCPPRB Hôpital Ambroise Paré Boulogne
  - ✓ Karen was also involved with several not-for-profit organizations engaged in advocacy and research in the field of rare diseases such as Alliance SANFILIPPO and EURORDIS, where she served on Board as Treasurer from 2010 to 2011.
  - ✓ Karen received her M.Sc., MBA from ESSEC, France (1993) and a pre-doctoral Research Degree (DEA) in Economics at Université Paris-8 (1994)



### **GENESIS**

- July 2005: Karen & Gad Aiach parents to a child with Sanfilippo Syndrome type A, a lethal disease with no treatment option, decide to make a difference and conquest a cure for that disease
- January 2006: Inception of Alliance Sanfilippo (association Loi 1901)
  - Chairman: Karen AIACH (ESSEC + DEA, Andersen, Armadys Conseil) Advisor: Olivier DANOS (PhD, Descartes, Harvard, Pasteur, Genethon, UCL, Kadmon)– Treasurer: Gad AIACH (Paris Dauphine, Andersen, Siparex, Deutsche Bank (M&A), Colombus Audit & Expertise)
- December 2006: Decision is made to launch a gene therapy program mainly based on promising PoC
- First Half 2007:
  - Planning & Budget (Karen AIACH, Olivier DANOS & Experts)
  - Financial support: Alliance SANFILIPPO AFM Téléthon
  - Additional support (Fondation Sanfilippo Suisse)
- Second Half 2007: Effective Start of Alliance SANFILIPPO's Gene Therapy Program



### MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE

- 2007 2009: The intense work lead by Alliance SANFILIPPO and its scientific academic partners: study designs, product manufacturing..., is being extremely productive
  - Decision to move ahead towards clinical trial with an appropriate structure
- Situation in early 2009: no candidate for a transfer into the clinical stage
  - Money
  - Motivation
- May 2009: Inception of a sponsor company, Lysogene (formerly Sanfilippo Therapeutics), an Alliance Sanfilippo owned subsidiary
  - Mission: finalize the translational program organize and perform a Phase I/II trial
  - Structuration:
    - Karen Aiach
    - Colombus Audit & Expertise
  - Funding
    - ✓ Founders
    - ✓ Wealthy individuals
    - ✓ Alliance Sanfilippo
    - ✓ AFM Téléthon
    - ✓ Fondation Sanfilippo Suisse



# MAIN ACHIEVEMENTS TO DATE AND VISION

- 2009 2010: Preparation of the trial / submission
- 2011 2013: Clinical trial completion
- 2013: Expanding the company into a commercially viable one



# SAF-301 – TRANSLATION FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE IN LESS THAN 5 YEARS

	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
Activities							
Proof of concept and vector design							
Selection of manufacturer		> <u> </u>					
Production of GLP batches / tox. batches							
Production, import, QA & release of GMP vector			>				
Efficacy studies			>				
Toxicology & Biodist. studies							
CTA submission, review & approval (AFSSAPS + ERB)				*			
CT phase I/II					<b>&gt;</b>		



# PAGs and RESEARCH, UP TO CLINICAL TRIALS AND MA

- Raising awareness
- Initiating
- Funding
- Contributing
- → Catalyzing

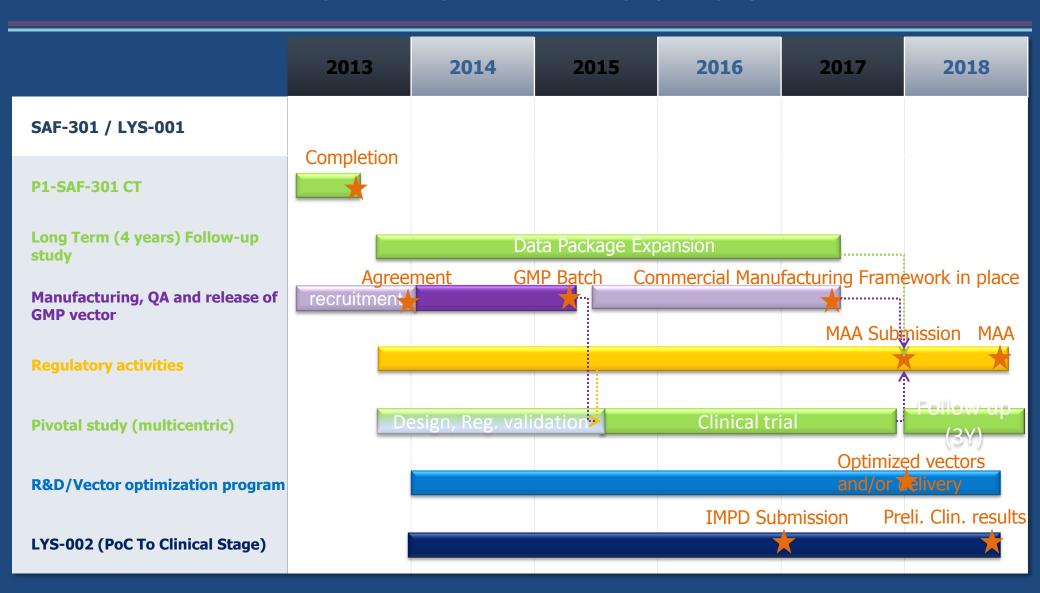


### **OUR VISION**

- In 2018, LYSOGENE wants to be one of the worldwide top commercial gene therapy companies in the orphan drug space
- Taking advantage of a Global Gene Therapy Market holding tremendous therapeutic potential
  - With one product on the market, one additional product in clinical development, a potential to expand to additional diseases
- Leveraging on its established and growing platform infrastructure and assets
- Expanding its impact through scientific and societal innovation
- Patients at every stage of the development:
  - Clinical design cf. Lysogene's QASAS Program (Quality of life Assesment in SAnfilippo Syndrome)
  - Ethical framework and documentation
  - Evaluation
  - Recruitement
  - Communiaction



## **OPERATIONAL PLAN 2013 - 2018**





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