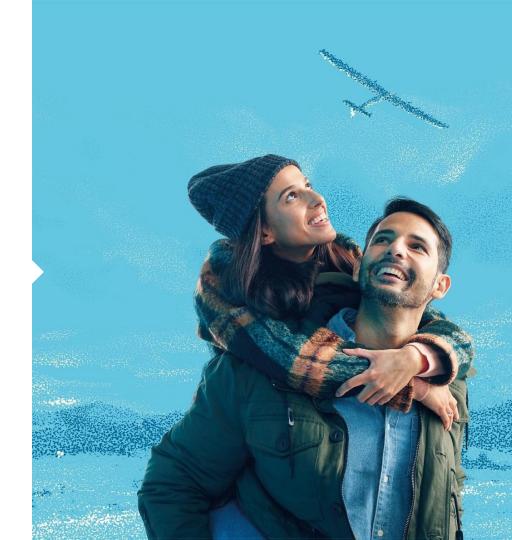


Progress beyond

# Solvay's 2020 Full Year Results

Media presentation

February 24, 2021





# With you today



Ilham Kadri CEO



Karim Hajjar CFO



# SAFETY



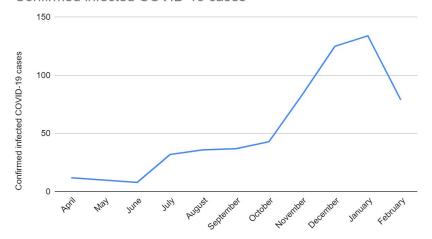
## Health and safety is our top priority



Confirmed COVID-19 cases

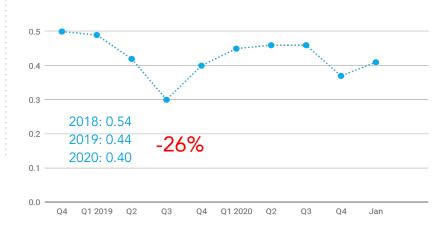


Confirmed infected COVID-19 cases





#### REPORTABLE INJURIES AND ILLNESSES RATE



RIIR (Reportable Injuries and Illnesses per 200,00 work hours)

Since the beginning of the pandemic, six employees have sadly died from COVID



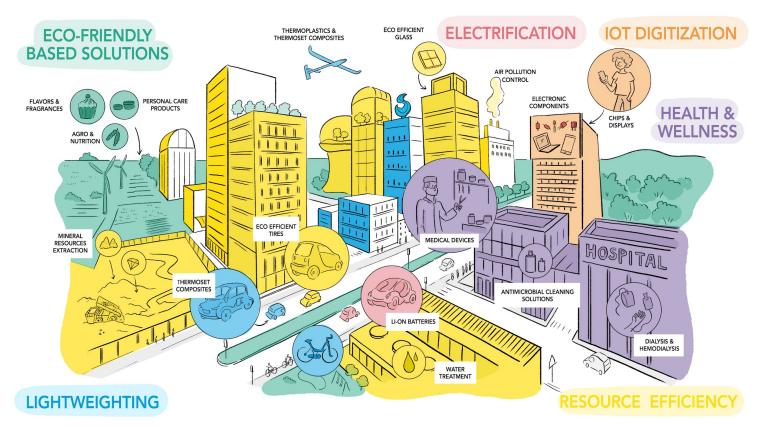
No accident-related fatalities or irreversible accidents in 2020 (3 consecutive years without an accidental fatality)





# Essential and emerging stronger





# 2020: Adapting fast to create value in line with our values



## Our Purpose

We bond people, ideas and elements to reinvent progress

## Our Vision

Sustainable shared value for all

## Our Strategy



Growth



Resilience



Optimization



Win



Sustainability goals

## Our Culture

Our new common operating model helps us work more efficiently and effectively together



Changing our behaviors to be more "customer-obsessed"

## Our Solutions

We align our technologies to customer and societal needs on markets where we are uniquely positioned to make a difference and a profit at the same time

Lightweighting
Electrification
Health & Wellness
Resource Efficiency
IOT Digitization
Eco-Friendly Based Solutions

## 2020: building a sustainable future





- No accident-related fatalities or irreversible accidents
- 16 weeks leave worldwide for all co-parents
- COVID-19 bonus for non-executive employees and Senior Executives voluntary salary cut by 15%
- 30% of changes within the Top 100, empowering talent across the Group
- Solvay Solidarity Fund for COVID-19 relief, raised €15 million



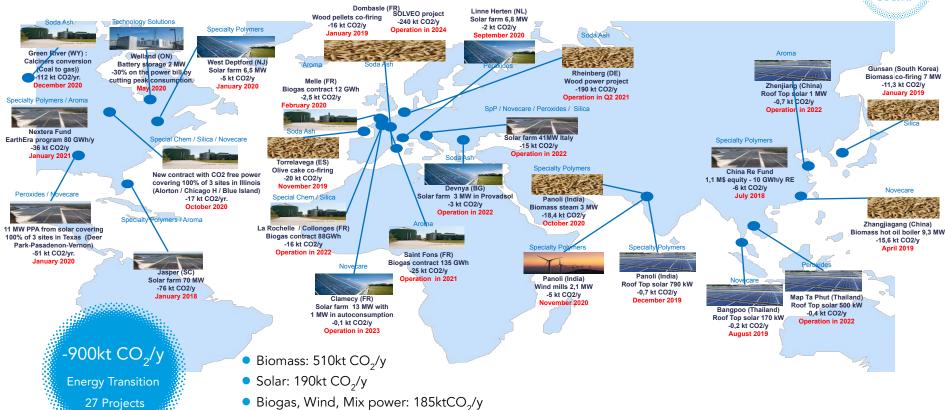
- Launch of Solvay One Planet and joined Paris Accords (Feb'20) and committed to SBTi (Oct'20)
- -20% CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in 2020 (40% structural / 60% due to low activity))
- Coal phase out with -18% already achieved in 2020
- 27 renewable energy transition projects and underway (-0.9Mt CO<sub>2</sub>/y)
- -12% pressure on biodiversity in 2020



- 7 quarters of positive increasing Free Cash Flow (€963 million in 2020)
- €332 million cost savings with structural measures to simplify and streamline organization effectiveness
- 6 divestments underway
- Hydrogen, EV Batteries, Thermoplastic Composites multi-billion growth platforms launched
- Investment in PVDF for EV batteries increasing capacity by 50% globally

## The energy transition at Solvay 2019-2020





Full Year 2020 Earnings

# Partnering with our customers to address today's challenges





Partnership with Bridgestone



Henkel values Solvay innovations



Partnership with Vertical Aerospace



of expected R&I revenue from sustainable solutions



€291M



135
Patent applications



# 2020 PERFORMANCE

# Full Year 2020 Performance Record free cash flow and cost delivery



FREE CASH FLOW continuing operations

€963<sub>m</sub>

- Disciplined working capital
- Structural improvements
- ~60% higher than 2019

**NET SALES** 

€8,965m

- Resilient portfolio
- Down 10% organic basis
- Down 5% excl civil aero, oil & gas

**UNDERLYING EBITDA** 

€1,945<sub>m</sub>

- 21.7% EBITDA margin
- High quality earnings due to record cost reductions of €332m and successful pricing actions

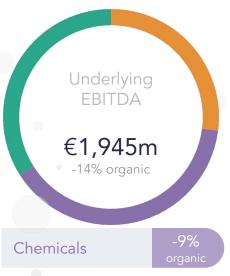
Resilient portfolio and cost reductions deliver strong results



#### Materials

-18.7% organic

- Civil aircraft build rates impact volumes, while defense remains resilient
- Decisive cost reduction actions to adapt to challenges in aerospace
- Automotive demand showed improvement in September
- Growth in batteries for electric vehicles
- Healthcare and electronics remain resilient



- Increased demand for flat glass offset by container glass
- Outperformed in an improving market for tires.
- Volume decline partly offset by price and cost mitigation supported sustained margins

#### Solutions

-11.8% organic

- Growth in home & personal care, agro, coatings and electronics
- Oil & gas remains under pressure but has stabilized
- Cost control and pricing drove higher margin

## High focus and delivery on FCF and deleveraging



Free cash flow to Solvay shareholders continuing operations in € million



Underlying net financial debt in € billion

Leverage in time

Provisions in € billion





# TRANSFORMATION



## Strategic announcements



## **PORTFOLIO**

- Divestments underway for six business lines, expected to close in first half of 2021.
- Solvay's Soda Ash business unity to become a separate and fully controlled legal structure to optimize cash flow, returns, accountability and increase strategic portfolio flexibility
- Continue exploring strategic options for oil and gas business line
- Bolt-on acquisition of seed coatings business, strengthening Solvay's bio-based sustainable solutions for agriculture

# OUTLOOK

## Outlook: Poised for the rebound



#### **FY COSTS**

Cost savings of ~€150m gross

#### Q1 EBITDA

In a range between €520 and €550m

#### FY FREE CASH FLOW

In a range between €600m and €650m



### Financial assumptions full-year 2021

- EBITDA ⇒ Scope and Forex effect of €-120 million
- Free Cash Flow ⇒ Capex is estimated up to €750 million, higher restructuring costs (€60 million) and lower pensions and interests charges (€90 million)

# Investing in sustainable growth platforms





Thermoplastic Composites
Combining our expertise in
polymers and composites



EV Batteries Materials for binders, electrolytes, and separators



Hydrogen & Clean Energy Membranes & electrodes of PEM electrolysers & fuel cells

Q&A