



#### **FORENOTE**

All historic data are restated for comparison purposes, unless otherwise indicated.

- 2013 data for the Group's application of IFRS 11 effective January 1st 2014.
- 2013 and 2014 H1 data for the discontinuation of Eco Services and the reallocation of Corporate shared services costs

Furthermore, Solvay presents Adjusted Income Statement performance indicators that exclude non-cash Purchase Price Allocation (PPA) accounting impacts related to the Rhodia acquisition.

## **Transformation momentum**

2014
Delivery

- Portfolio upgrade
- Excellence delivery
- Earnings growth

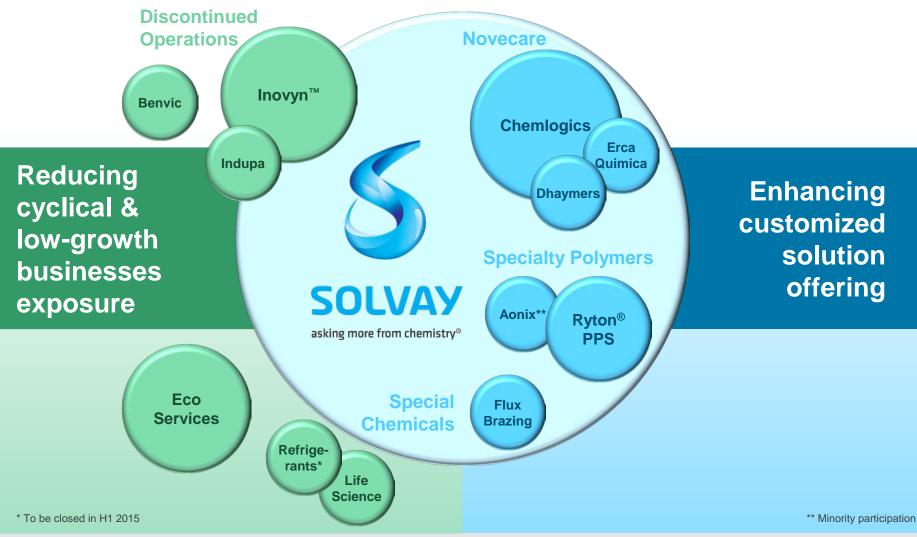
More efficient capital structure

Dividend up

Towards a higher growth, less cyclical & greater returns Group



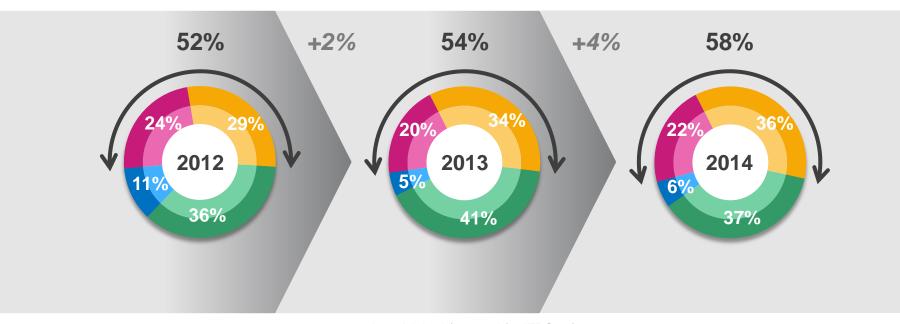
## Portfolio reshaping: Redeployment for value





## **Enhancing growth potential, reducing cyclicality**

**REBITDA** in Growth Engines



As published (restated for IFRS 11)

Advanced Formulations

Advanced Materials Performance Chemicals Functional Polymers



## 2014, sustained delivery

€10.2 bn

+5%

**Net Sales** 

yoy

- Organic innovation-driven volume growth
- → Strong Chemlogics contribution
- → Stable prices: Commercial excellence offset lower raw materials cost environment

€156m

**Net Income** 

Adjusted, Group share

**€ 378 m** in 2013

- → Impairments (European Chlorovinyls, RusVinyl and Chinese Epicerol® plants, mostly non-cash)
- → Recognition of deferred tax assets

€1,783 m

+11%

**REBITDA** 

yoy

- → Sustained 2-digit growth throughout the year
- → Margin up 90 bp to 17.5%
- All operating segments contributing
- Margin improvement driven by excellence

€656 m

**€ 487 m** in 2013

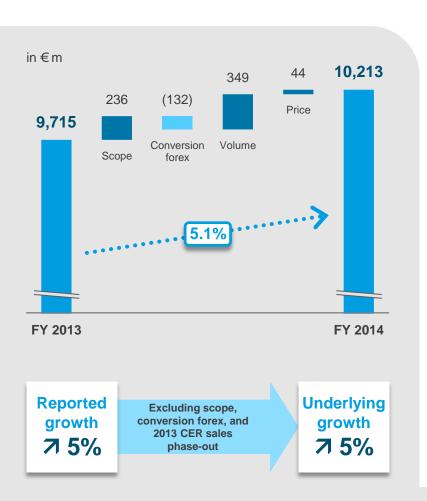
- → REBITDA increase
- IWC control

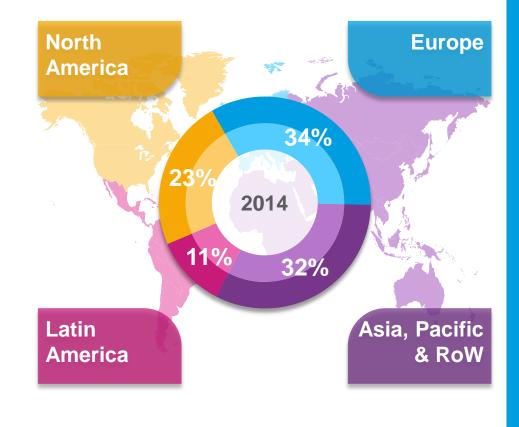
FCF from Discontinued € 144 m vs € 289 m in 2013



# Sales boosted by innovation and successful business integration

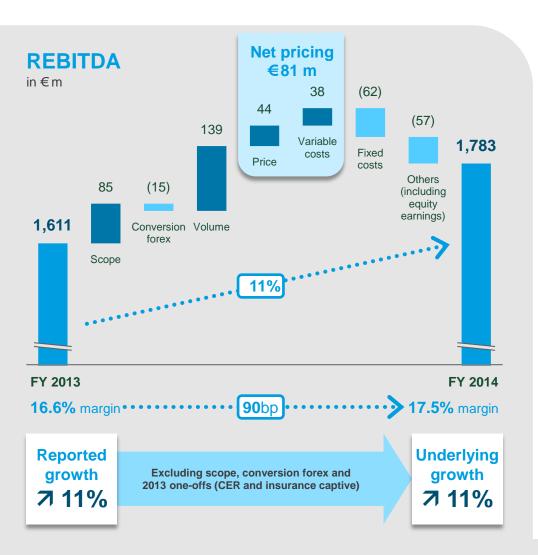
#### **Net sales**







# Robust REBITDA growth, margin expansion



## **Excellence delivers**

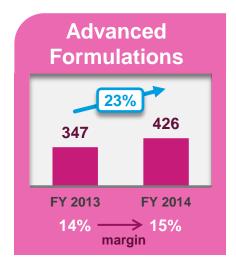
- Innovation
  - Drove volume & mix 7 9%
- Commercial excellence
  - Sustained prices, despite deflationary raw materials cost environment
- Operational excellence
  - Reduced variable costs
  - Offset fixed cost inflation

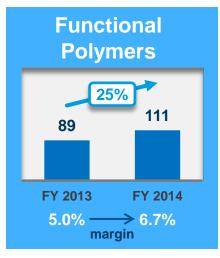
~ €300 m delivered in 2014

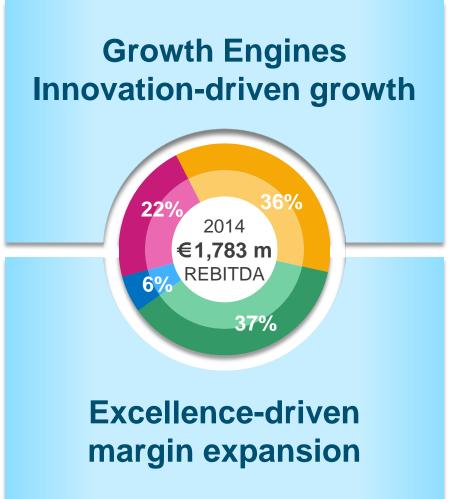


# REBITDA and margin up across all operational segments

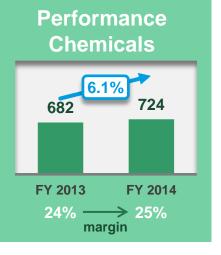
**REBITDA 2014** (in €m)













# Net income impacted by impairments and other exceptionals

#### Adjusted\* P&L

in€m	FY 2014	FY 2013
Net sales	10,213	9,715
REBITDA	1,783	1,611
Other elements	(72)	(25)
Depreciation & Amortization	(641)	(614)
Non-recurring items	(308)	(239)
EBIT	761	734
Net financial charges	(309)	(213)
Income taxes	(120)	(209)
Result continuing operations	333	312
Result discontinued operations	(244)	110
Net income	89	422
Non-controlling interests	67	(44)
Net income Solvay share	156	378

#### Other elements linked to RusVinyl and M&A impacts

RusVinyl € (65) m: mainly ruble devaluation impact on euro debt

#### Non-recurring costs

- Non-cash impairments € (160) m on RusVinyl and Chinese Epicerol<sup>®</sup> plant
- Restructuring expenses down to € (49) m
- Environmental, litigation and portfolio management provisions € (99) m

# **Net financial charges** lower underlying but impacted by discount rate

- Net debt charges fell €21 m to € (145) m (€ (124) m underlying), following debt repayments in H1
- Discounting costs for pension and environmental provisions up
   € (76) m to € (163) m, as discount rates reduced across regions vs 2013
- One-off income from sale financial assets € 40 m in 2013

# **Income taxes** benefited from deferred tax assets recognition

- Nominal tax rate of 25%, underlying at 33%
- Exceptional recognition of deferred tax assets € 110 m

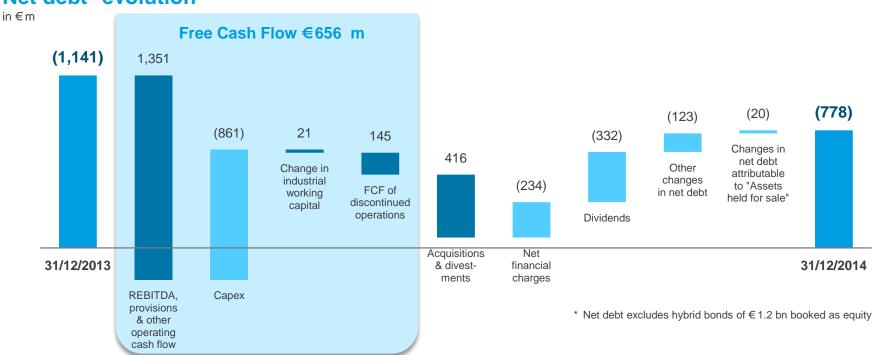
#### **Discontinued operations result** down due to impairments

- Impairment of € (477) m on European Chlorovinyls (€ (422) m Group share)
- Partly offset by exceptional capital gain of €177 m on sale of Eco Services



## Free cash flow and divestments leading to debt reduction

#### **Net debt\* evolution**



#### **Strong Free cash flow**

- REBITDA increase and IWC control
- Capex increase

#### Net inflow from portfolio upgrade

- Acquisition of Ryton<sup>®</sup> PPS, Flux Brazing, Dhaymers
- Gross cash proceeds from Eco Services (Associated tax payable in 2015)

#### **Financial elements**

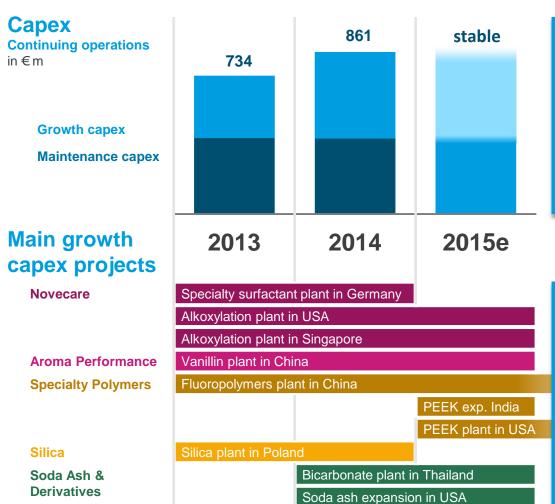
- Early high yield bond repayment
   € (800) m => "Make-whole"
   interests cash-outs € (50) m
- Hybrid bond dividends € (41) m

#### Other changes in net debt

- Capital increase RusVinyl
- Purchase treasury shares



## Selective investments for future value creation



HPPO plant in Saudi Arabia



- 9 new facilities to start up
- > 50% growth capex
- ~70% of growth capex in Growth Engines



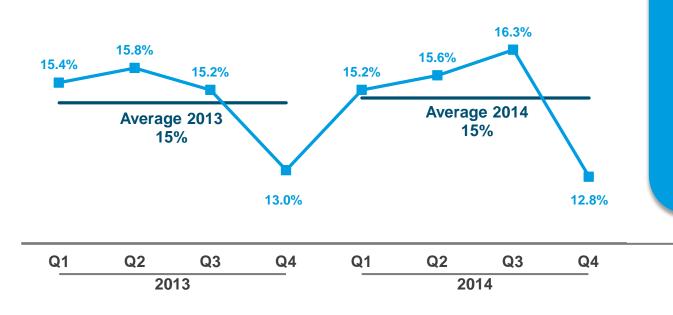


**Peroxides** 

## Back to leading working capital performance

#### **Industrial working capital**





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Inventory management

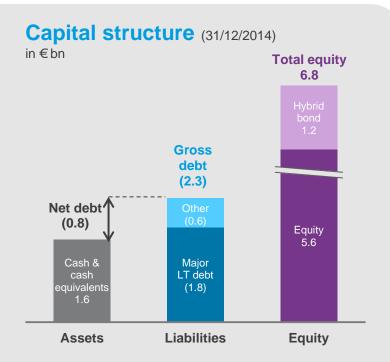
→ room for improvement

\* Days Sales Outstanding

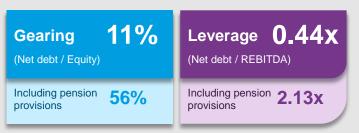
# Committed to further optimization



# Optimizing efficiency Preserving capital structure strength

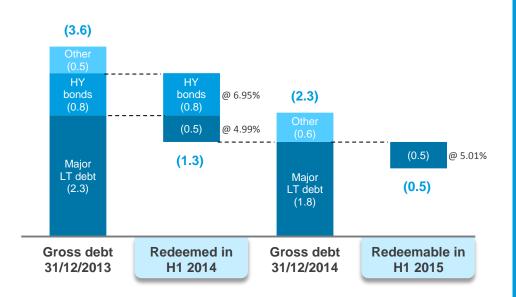


## **Strong credit ratios**



## Managing debt for value

in €bn



## **Repayments in 2014-2015** → **€1.8 bn**

- ⇒ Lowered underlying cost of net debt by € 40 m
- ⇒ Average gross interest rate\* reduced by 50 bp to 4.9%
- ⇒ More than halved negative carry

\* Excludes Hybrid bond



## **Rewarding shareholders**

### Solvay dividend 2014

Interim dividend	€1.33* / share	Paid on January 22, 2015
Dividend balance	€2.06* / share	To be paid on May 19, 2015
Total**	<b>€3.40</b> / share	Up 6.3%

## **Delivery on commitments**



# Committed to stable / growing dividend



<sup>\*</sup> Repeating last decimal; payments rounded to the nearest eurocent

<sup>\*\*</sup> Proposed dividend, pending General Shareholders meeting

# Poised to capture growth opportunities

- → Macro-economic growth stable
- Forex supportive\*
- → Volatility to persist



- Innovative solutions to deliver further
- → Opportunities & challenges from low oil prices



Costs: Positive contribution to net pricing expected





asking more from chemistry®

## **Accelerate transformation**

2015
Priorities

- Continue portfolio upgrade
- Grow with our customers
- Maintain focus on excellence
- Sustain profit & value growth

## **Sustain momentum**





# Confident to sustain recent momentum

- Transformation levers continue to be deployed Portfolio, Excellence, Performance culture
- Currently in line with 2016 ambitions



## **Take-aways**



Portfolio upgraded



Excellence delivery



Poised for growth

On track



2016



# **Key dates**

May 6 2015	Q1 2015 Results publication
May 12	Annual General Meeting Brussels, Belgium
May 19	<b>Dividend pay-out</b> Ex-dividend trading date on May 15, 2015
June 10-11	Capital Markets Day Italy
July 29	Q2 & H1 2015 Results publication
October 29	Q3 2015 Results publication



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# Strong Q4 results, in continuation of year performance

**€2.6 bn** +9%

Net Sales

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→ Organic volume growth

€208m

**Net Income** 

Adjusted, Group share

- → Small positive impact from forex and prices

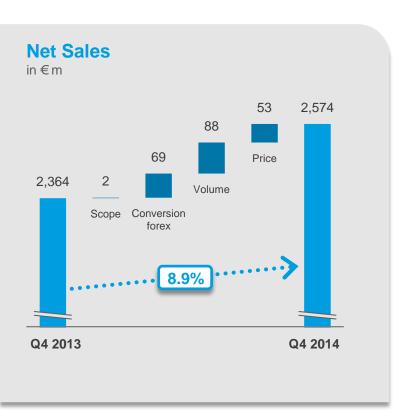
**€ 25 m** in Q4 2013

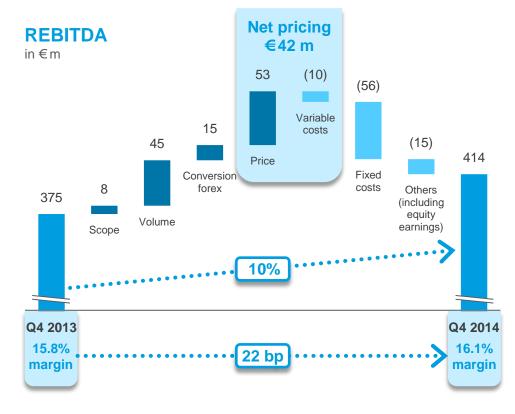
€414 m +10%
REBITDA yoy

- Profit and margin improvement across all operating segments
- → Excellence programs continued to strengthen operating performance
- → Positive pricing power



# Sustained solid REBITDA growth in Q4, underpinned by volume and pricing power





Volume growth of 12% mostly in growth engines

Positive pricing power, underpinned by excellence programs

Fixed costs rise linked to performance-related compensation charges and destocking impacts

Others include RusVinyl start-up



# Broad performance delivery across businesses in Q4

22%

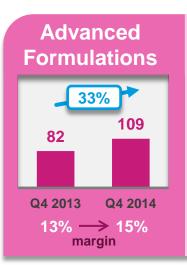
3%

**REBITDA Q4 2014** (in € m)

€414 m

35%

39%



Strong Chemlogics and organic volume growth at Novecare largely outweighed weak perfor-

mance at Coatis

Strong innovationdriven volume growth and operational efficiency



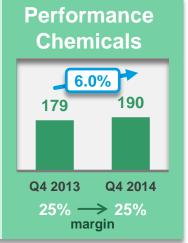
# Functional Polymers



margin

Performance improvement by excellence delivery

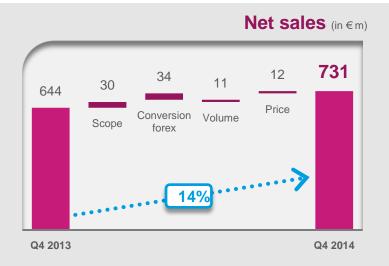
Underpinned by reduction of costs and forex tailwind

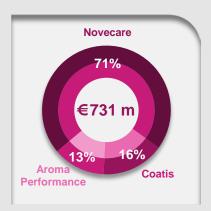


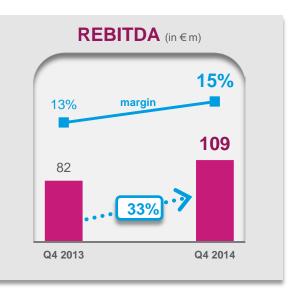


## **Advanced Formulations 2014 Q4 performance**

Strong Chemlogics and organic volume growth (+5%) at Novecare largely outweighed weak performance at Coatis







### **Strong growth in Novecare**

- Strong demand in US Oil & Gas market, despite recent fall in oil prices
- Softer demand in Agro compensated by pricing
- Mixed performance in Home & Personal Care
- Good momentum kept In Industrial applications and Coatings

### **Coatis suffered from Brazilian economy**

- Local industry competitiveness eroded by costly labor and energy
- Lower domestic demand for phenol
- Positive pricing power

### **Good performance at Aroma Performance**

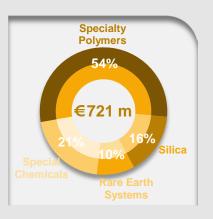
- Good performance in Aroma ingredients
- Inhibitors underpinned by volume and price increase

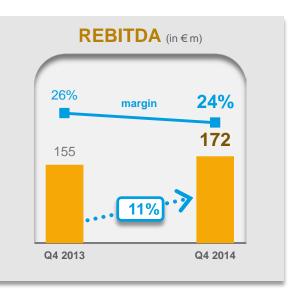


## **Advanced Materials 2014 Q4 performance**

Strong innovation-driven volume growth and operational efficiency







### **Strong sales in Specialty Polymers markets**

- Substantial contribution from new smart devices products
- Good dynamics in automotive driven by light-weighting
- Robust growth performance in industrial, electrical & electronics and water applications

### **Good trends for Special Chemicals**

Modest contribution from newly acquired Flux Brazing

#### **Good performance at Silica**

- Underpinned by strong pricing
- Good demand in North America and Asia

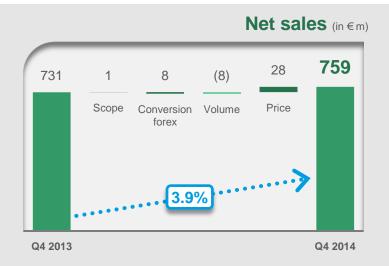
### **Solid volumes at Rare Earth Systems**

- Catalyst business boosted by tighter EU diesel regulation
- Mixed results in electronics

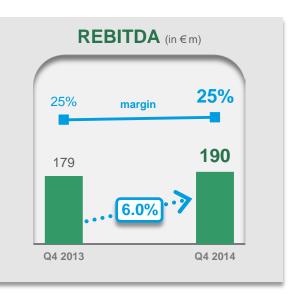


## **Performance Chemicals 2014 Q4 performance**

Underpinned by reduction of costs and forex tailwind







## **Pricing power at Soda Ash**

- Good pricing dynamics
- Delivery of cost savings under 3-year excellence program

## **Strong performance at Peroxides**

- Volumes growing across regions and end-markets
- Mega-HPPO plants in Europe and Asia at high capacity utilization

#### Acetow sales volumes down

- · Customer destocking continued
- Lower sales volumes affected operational leverage
- Pricing power satisfactory

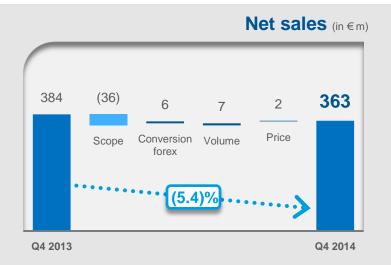
### **Emerging Biochemicals market stabilized**

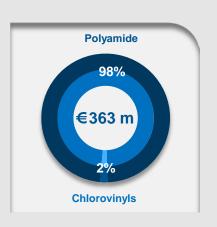
- PVC market conditions stabilized with diminishing pressure from Chinese import
- Epichlorohydrin market remained low

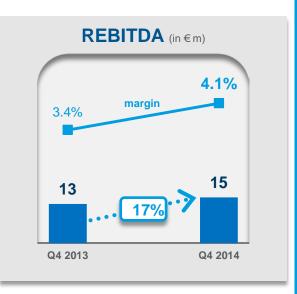


## **Functional Polymers 2014 Q4 performance**

Performance improvement by excellence delivery







## **Polyamide**

- Profit restoration plan delivered on manufacturing and commercial excellence
- Poor macro-economic conditions and competitive erosion for Fibras in Brazil
- Profit restoration plan continued to deliver on reining in fixed and variable costs as well as on improving commercial excellence programs

## **Chlorovinyls**

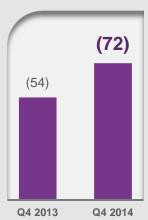
- RusVinyl start-up posted modest loss
  - RusVinyl reaching 60% capacity by year end
  - € (110) m impairment charge (not in REBITDA)
- Divestment of Benvic in Q2 2014
- European chlorovinyls (in discontinued operations) suffered from difficult market environment



## **Corporate & Business Services performance**

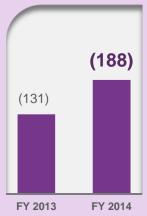
Tight cost control maintained, phasing as anticipated

#### **REBITDA Q4 2014** (in € m)



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	2013	2014
Energy Services	3	7
Other C&BS	(57)	(79)
Reported	(54)	(72)

## REBITDA 2014 (in € m)



	2013	2014
Energy Services	54	25
Other C&BS	(185)	(213)
Reported	(131)	(188)
CER sales	(58)	-
Insurance captive	(22)	-
Underlying	(211)	(188)

### **Energy Services**

Modest contribution mainly from energy and carbon management services

## **Other Corporate & Business Services**

- Higher Q4 corporate costs, including performancerelated compensation charges
- Anticipated phasing of certain corporate programs concentrated in H2 2014

### Cost discipline over the year

- Reported REBITDA up due to
  - CER sales in H1 2013, which phased out since for €58 m
  - One-off provision reversal on insurance captive in Q3 2013 for €22 m
- Underlying REBITDA improved €23 m thanks to cost discipline over the year



## Solvay's share in net income at €208 m

### Adjusted\* P&L

in€m	Q4 2014	Q4 2013
Net sales	2,574	2,364
REBITDA	414	375
Other elements	(56)	(20)
Depreciation & Amortization	(168)	(167)
Non-recurring items	(202)	(68)
EBIT	(12)	120
Net financial charges	(68)	(20)
Income taxes	55	(81)
Result continuing operations	(25)	20
Result discontinued operations	183	9
Net income	158	29
Non-controlling interests	51	(3)
Net income Solvay share	208	25

#### Other elements

RusVinyl € (58) m: mainly ruble devaluation impact on euro debt

#### Non-recurring costs

- Non-cash impairments € (144) m on RusVinyl and Chinese Epicerol<sup>®</sup> plant
- Restructuring expenses down to € (20) m
- Environmental, litigation and portfolio management provisions at € (48) m

#### **Net financial charges**

- Net debt charges fell €7 m to € (29) m, following debt repayments in H1
- Discounting costs for pension and environmental provisions increased by € (18) m to € (39) m, as discount rates reduced across regions, compared to increases in Q4 2013
- Q4 2013 included €38 m of one-off income from sale of financial assets

#### **Income taxes**

- Nominal tax rate of 35%, underlying at 33%
- Included €110 m from the exceptional recognition of deferred tax assets

#### **Discontinued operations**

• €177 m capital gain on sale of Eco Services

<sup>\*</sup> Adjusted: Excluding non-cash PPA accounting impacts related to the Rhodia acquisition



# Factors impacting Net income

in€m	FY 2014	FY 2013
IFRS Net income, Group	80	270
Rhodia PPA (after tax)	76	107
Adj. net income, Group	156	378
Exceptional elements		
Non-recurring items	308	239
M&A-related elements	58	28
Net financial charges	57	(73)
Capital gain Eco Services	(177)	-
Impairments (in disc. ops.)	497	68
Pharma (in disc. ops.)	-	(105)
Tax-related elements	(175)	(36)
Non-controlling interests	(89)	8
Adj. Net income, Group excluding exceptionals	635	507

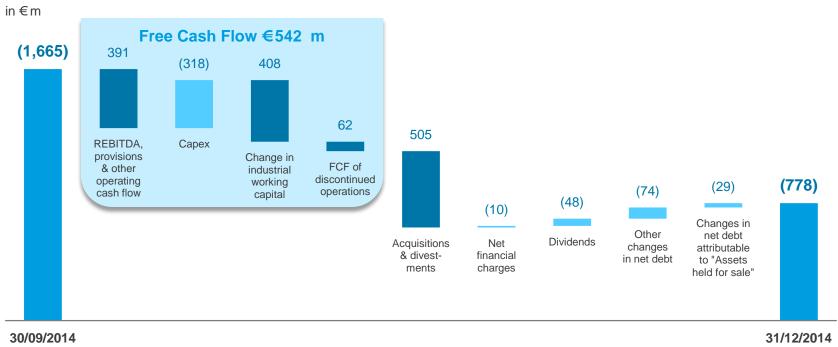
## **Balance sheet**

in€m	31/12/2014	31/12/2013
Fixed assets	10,080	9,732
Investment & shares	545	734
Loans & other non current financial receivables / payables	(10)	86
Assets held for sale	1,414	1,621
Taxes payable/receivable + Others	31	44
Working capital	1,101	1,260
Total invested capital	13,160	13,477
Equity	6,778	7,453
Provisions	4,328	3,820
Dividends	114	113
Net financial debt	778	1,141
Liabilities related to assets held for sale	1,162	948
Total financing	13,160	13,477



# Strong reduction of Net debt in Q4 thanks to WC inflow and Eco Services divestment

#### Net debt\* evolution



Strong cash inflow from reduction in working capital needs

- Divestment of Eco Services
- Acquisition of Ryton® PPS and Dhaymers

Other changes in net debt mainly relate to purchase of treasury shares

Changes in net debt of "Assets held for sale" linked to Indupa



<sup>\*</sup> Net debt excludes hybrid bonds of €1.2 bn booked as equity

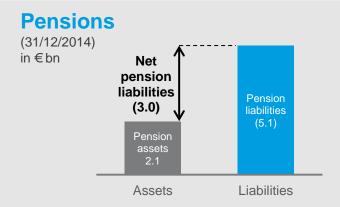
## **Cash flow statement**

in€m	Q4 2014	Q4 2013
Cash flow from operating activities	868	522
Cash flow from investing activities	161	(1,183)
Cash flow from financing activities	(688)	1,382
Net change in cash & cash equivalents	341	721
Currency translation differences	17	(1)
Opening cash balance	917	1,252
Ending cash balance	1,275	1,972
Free Cash Flow	542	197
From continuing operations	480	175
From discontinued operations	62	22

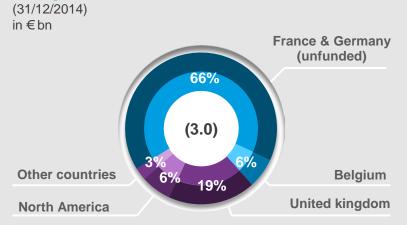
in€m	FY 2014	FY 2013
Cash flow from operating activities	1,621	1,299
Cash flow from investing activities	(650)	(1,745)
Cash flow from financing activities	(1,690)	686
Net change in cash & cash equivalents	(718)	240
Currency translation differences	21	(55)
Opening cash balance	1,972	1,787
Ending cash balance	1,275	1,972
Free Cash Flow	656	487
From continuing operations	511	198
From discontinued operations	145	289



# Stable pension cash outflows, net pension liability impacted by lower discount rates



## **Net pension liabilities**



All presented figures are for continuing operations only

#### Cash contribution stable at €(180) m in 2014

#### Discount rates\* decreased in 2014

	31/12/2013	31/12/2014	change	average duration
€	3.25%	1.75%	-1.50%	12 years
£	4.50%	3.50%	-2.00%	16 years
US\$	4.75%	4.00%	-0.75%	10 years
weighted average	3.88%	2.71%	-1.17%	13 years

#### Pension assets of €2,102 m

- ~50% Equities / Diversified alternative funds
- ~50% Bonds / Real estate

#### Majority of liabilities denominated in €

\* Average discount rate on post employment benefit related liabilities applicable to high quality corporate bonds in EUR, GBP and USD zones



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# **REBIT(DA)** considerations for 2015

## **Forex impact**

- Forex tailwind expected at prevailing rates
  - Immediate impact on conversion exposure
  - Deferred transactional impact due to hedging
- Mainly linked to USD

#### **Scope effects**

- Acquisitions
  - Ryton® PPS on 31/12/2014
    - Sales of ~ € 100 m in 2014
    - Meaningful REBITDA contribution from 2016
  - Other smaller acquisitions end 2014: Flux Brazing, Dhaymers
- Divestments
  - Benvic in June 2014: Sales of ~ €75 m in H1 2014
  - Refrigerants sale to be closed in H1 2015

## **REBITDA adjustments**

- RusVinyl JV
  - Consolidated through Equity associates
  - Adjusted for financial charges
    - Important impact from ruble devaluation linked to debt in €
    - 2014 impact of € (65) m
- Chemlogics
  - Retention payments of ~ €(2) m per Q until 2016

### **Depreciation & amortization**

- Recurring depreciation & amortization
  - FY cost expected of ~ € (680) m
- Rhodia PPA impact
  - Excluded from adjusted figures
  - FY impact expected of ~ € (105) m



# Significant forex tailwind expected at prevailing rates

#### Forex exposure

- Conversion: No cash effect / no coverage provided
- Transactional: Typical coverage on a 6-12 month rolling-forward basis

#### Main forex exposure

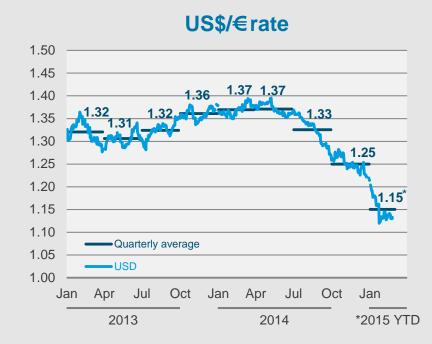
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   CNY
   JPY
   RUB
- BRL
   THB
   KRW

## Net impact of forex in 2014

- Conversion: € (15) m
- Transaction: € (25) m

#### **Exposure to USD**

- Sensitivity of ~ € 100 m per US¢ (0.10) / €
- Half conversion, half transactional





#### Financials and tax considerations for 2015

#### **Net debt charges**

- Gross debt repayments to come
  - € (500) m in June 2015
- Net debt charges expected at ~€ (100) m
- Average gross interest rate\* at 3.9% (4.9% in 2014) \* Excludes Hybrid bond

#### **Discounting of pensions and HSE**

- Recurring FY cost of ~ € (100) m, provided no change in discount rates\*\* during year
- Sensitivity to changes in discount rates (for a 50 bp increase)
  - In OCI: Pensions
    - €zone ~ €160 m
    - UK ~ € 125 m
    - USA ~ €35 m
  - In P&L, HSE (in €zone) ~ €8 m

#### **Hybrid bond**

- Nominal value of € 1.2 bn
- Initial average dividend yield of 4.7%
  - € 0.7 bn at 4.199%
  - € 0.5 bn at 5.425%
- Accounting considerations
  - Income statement → No impact
  - Balance sheet → Treated under Equity
  - Cash flow statement → Dividends treated in CF from financing
- Dividend cash-out
  - Q2: €(29) m / Q4: €(27) m

#### Tax rates

- Underlying tax rate (excluding non-recurring elements) progressing from mid to low 30s
- 2014 included € 110 m recognition of deferred tax assets



<sup>\*\*</sup> Average discount rate on environmental provisions based on 10-year government bonds in EUR, GBP, USD and BRL zones

#### Other considerations for 2015

#### **Non-recurring elements**

- Comprises
  - Restructuring costs
  - Impairments (not under discontinued operations)
  - HSE provisions on non-operational sites
  - Portfolio management-related gains & losses
  - Contingencies / litigations

#### **Cash flow**

- FCF fluctuations
  - Cash expenses for pensions of ~€ (200) m
  - Sustained capex efforts (€ (861) m in 2014)
- Eco services divestiture
  - Transaction closed end 2014
  - €721 m cash proceeds (pre-tax) received in 2014
  - Taxes for € (220) m to be paid in Q1 2015

#### **Discontinued operations**

- Indupa sale
  - CADE anti-trust veto to Braskem
  - Strategic intent not impacted, disposal process re-launched
  - € (65) m in CTA to be recycled through P&L at exit

- INOVYN™ JV project with Ineos
  - Final stages reached of the implementation of the commitments agreed with the European Commission, now awaiting clearance
  - To be treated as consolidated equity investment upon JV effectiveness



# Annexes

- Additional Q3 and Q3 YTD 2014 financial data
- 2015 considerations
- Group presentation



# Solvay, a major global chemical player

€10.2 bn

**Net Sales** 

**REBITDA** 

€1.8 bn

17.5%

**REBITDA** margin

€156 m

Adjusted Net Income, Group share

Restated for IFRS 11 application as from 01/01/2014 and discontinuation of Eco Services Adjusted: Excluding non-cash PPA accounting impacts related to the Rhodia acquisition

# **Based on strengths**



Well-balanced geographical spread and end-user markets



Leading player in 90% of our businesses



Strong R&I portfolio

# And with ambition

2014 figures

119

Industrial sites

15

Major R&I centers

26,033

Employees (FTEs)

**52** 

Country presence

Non-financial figures exclude discontinued operations

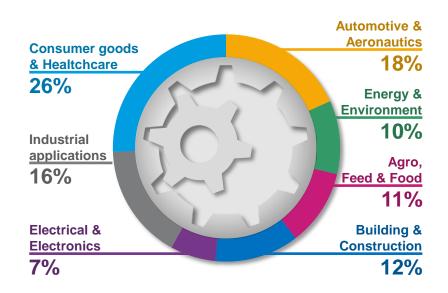


# Well-balanced geographical spread and end-user markets





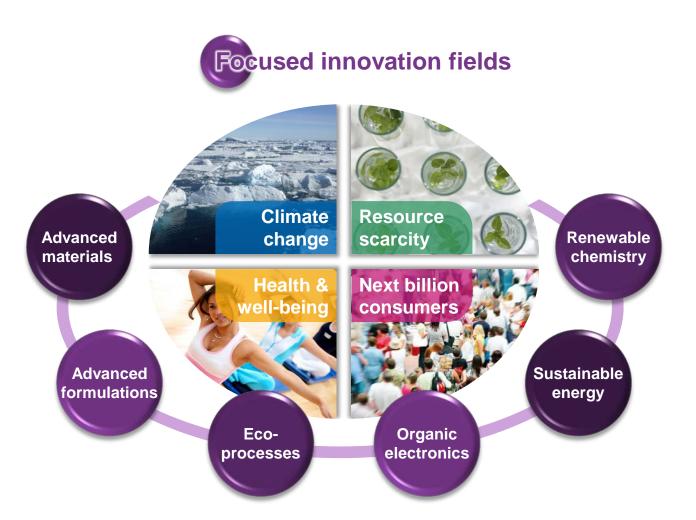
# **Exposure to**higher growth end-markets\*





<sup>\*</sup> Figures represent % of 2014 net sales

# Strong innovation portfolio aligned with global megatrends



2014

**15** 

Major R&I sites worldwide

1,950

R&I staff

€287 m

**R&I efforts** 

21%

New sales ratio

**259** 

Patents filed



# Focused on being a model of sustainability with commitments



- Reach excellence in safety & health
- Deploy unmatched sustainable portfolio management
- Reduce our environmental impact by 2020

Energy consumption
Greenhouse gas emissions
Groundwater consumption
Air emission\*



- Manage risk
- Develop rich & balanced social dialogue



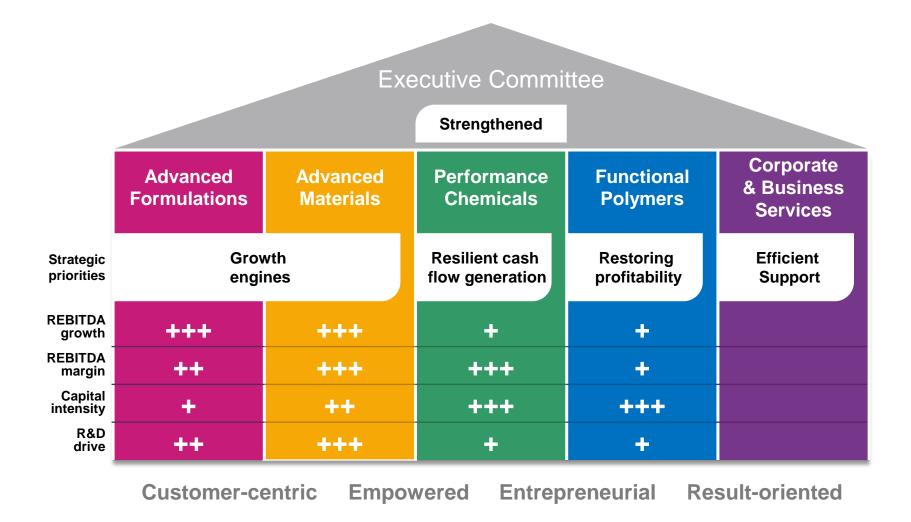




**Providing sustainable solutions** 

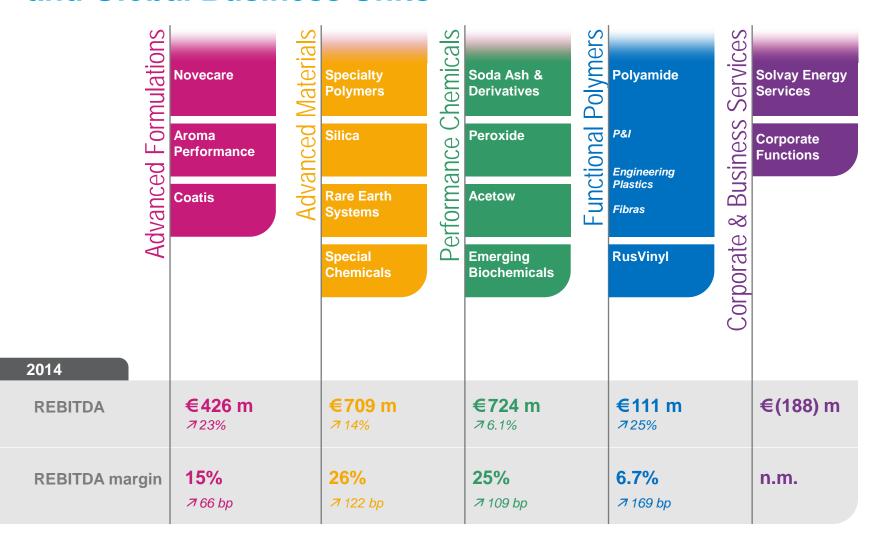


# **Organization set-up**





# Organized in Operating segments and Global Business Units





#### **Advanced Formulations**

2014 figures

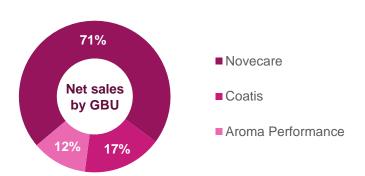
€2,854 m Net Sales €426 m

15% Margin

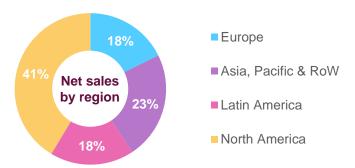


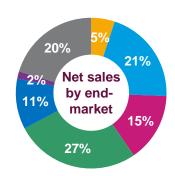






As one of Solvay's growth engines, the businesses grouped under Advanced Formulations stand out for their innovation capacity and relatively low capital intensity. Their offerings address major societal trends, meeting ever stricter requirements to respect the environment and save energy, and providing solutions to the challenges of the mass consumer markets.





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#### **Novecare**

#### Continuous growth in fast growing regions and segments





North America
12 production sites
(1 in construction)
12 R&I centers







Latin America
3 production sites

1 R&I center









Net sales 2014



**~ 3,800** employees



33 production sites22 R&I centers



#### **Novecare**

Cutting-edge technologies in diversified focused markets







### **Coatis**

Sustainable solvents solutions provider and leading Latin American player of phenol

# Multiple applications for phenol and oxygenated solvents



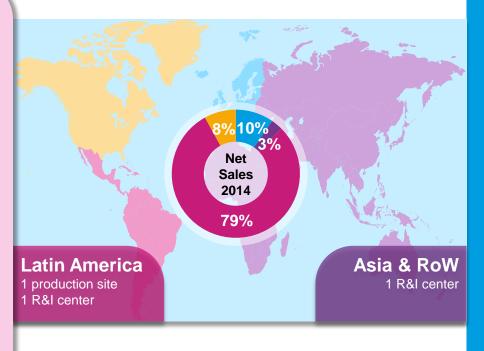














**€0.5 bn**Net sales 2014



~ 600 employees



1 production site

2 R&I centers



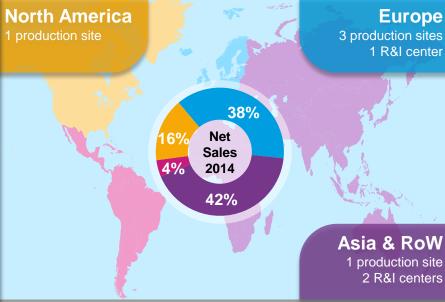
### **Aroma Performance**

World's largest Diphenols & Fluoroaliphatics integrated producer serving customers growth and innovation













~ 800 employees



5 production sites3 R&I centers



#### **Advanced Materials**

2014 figures

€2,762 m Net Sales €709 m

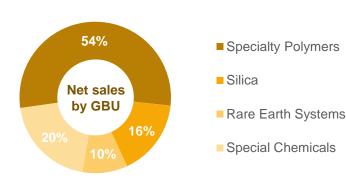
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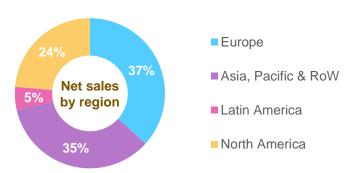


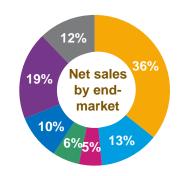






A leader in markets with high entry barriers and strong returns on investment, the Advanced Materials segment is a major contributor to the Group's performance and growth. Innovation, its global presence and long-term partnerships with customers provide a compelling competitive edge with industries seeking increasingly energy efficiency and less polluting functionalities.





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# **Specialty Polymers**

Innovation leader with broadest product portfolio

Diversified end markets with superior growth potential













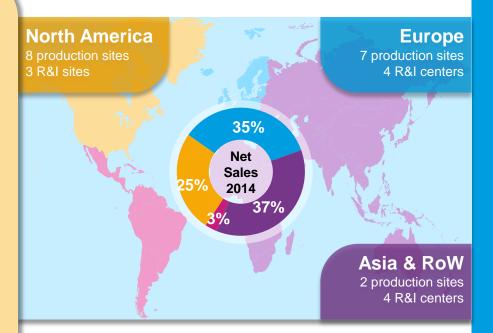


















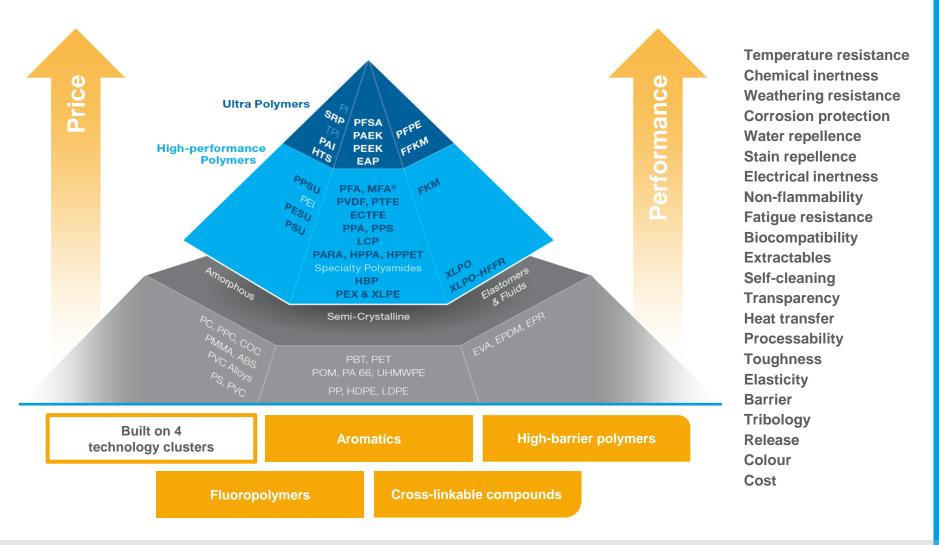
**~ 3,100** employees

17 production sites11 R&I centers



# **Specialty Polymers**

### Focused on the most advanced products





# **Specialty Polymers**

Unique solution offering to customers differentiates Solvay from competitors

	Aromatics						Fluoropolymers					High-barrier polymers	X-linkable compounds
	LCP	НРРА	PPS	PEEK	PAI	PSU	PTFE	PVDF	PFA	FKM	PFPE	PVDC	XLCP
SOLVAY asking more from Chemistry®		•	•	0	•	•	•		•		•	•	•
PARKETTA													
BASF													
DAIKIN													
<b>QU POND</b>													
dyneon													
EMS													
Celanese													
DSM (\$													
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TORAY Innovation by Chemistry													
AGC													
KUREHA													
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## **Silica**

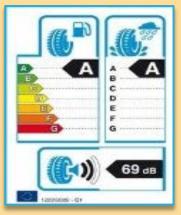
#### Growth through innovation for sustainable mobility

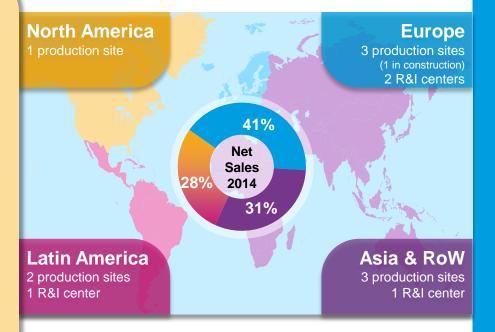
HDS (Highly Dispersible Silica) for fuel-efficient & performance tires



















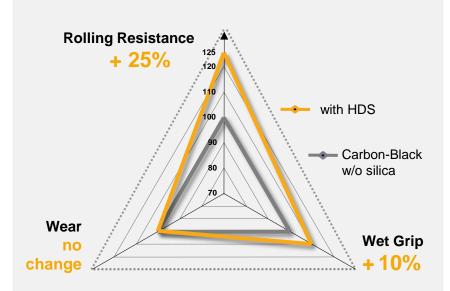
9 production sites4 R&I centers



## **Silica**

#### Highly Dispersible Silica (HDS) delivers value to the tire industry





Enables a 5-7% improvement in fuel efficiency

... growing across a number of applications

#### In passenger car and light trucks

- Energy-efficient tires
- Winter tires
- Sport tires

#### In heavy trucks

 Commercial emergence of tires using a majority of silica instead of carbon black

HDS: a significant enabler of performance, a minor portion of overall tire production cost (<3%)



# **Rare Earth Systems**

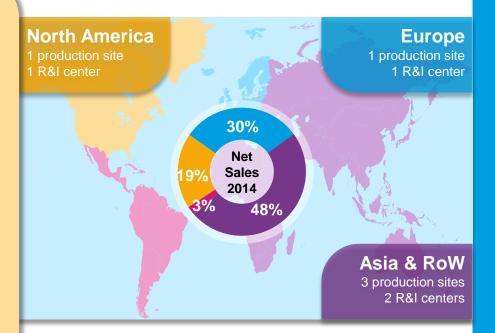
Best value capturing business portfolio in rare earth chemicals

# 1
rare earth
specialty
chemicals

Sales, R&I & industrial footprint close to target markets & target customers









**€0.3 bn**Net sales 2014



~ 1,000 employees



5 production sites4 R&I centers



# **Special Chemicals**

Leader in fluor chemistry and selected electronic applications

#### Multiple end markets

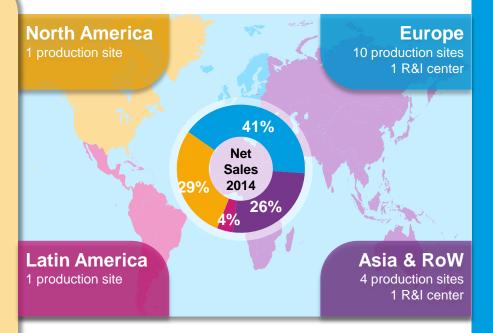




















**16** production sites 2 R&I centers



# **Special Chemicals**

Executing strategic repositioning through increased focus in selective segments



#### Leverage our distinctive knowledge in Fluor

by reinforcing innovation for applications in agro, healthcare, Aluminum brazing and electronics



#### Strengthen the Electronics platform

by enhancing formulation capabilities and developing as a player with strong partners 2014
Acquisition of
Flux Brazing
Schweiß& Lötstoffe



#### **Conduct selective acquisitions**

to strengthen leadership in selected growth markets



Divest cash-drain and/or non-related activities

2015
Exit of Refrigerants
2013
Exit of Life Science



#### **Performance Chemicals**

2014 figures

€2,944 m Net Sales €724 m

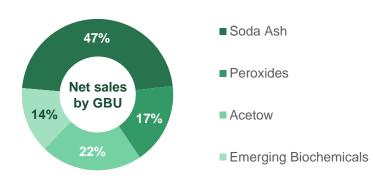
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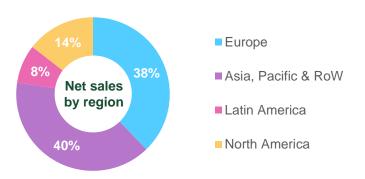


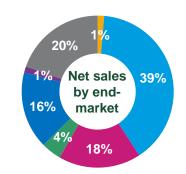






Operating in mature resilient markets, this Segment's success is based on economies of scale, competitiveness and quality of service. Solidly cashgenerating, the Performance Chemicals businesses are engaged in programs of excellence to create additional sustainable value.





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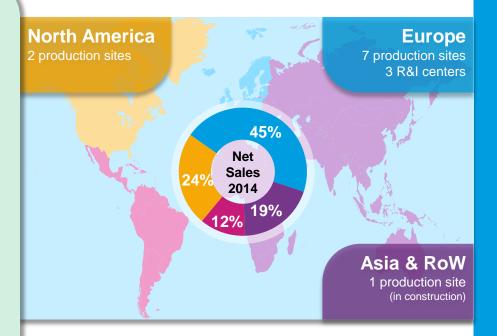
## **Soda Ash & Derivatives**

Resilient cash generator for the Solvay Group





Pharma









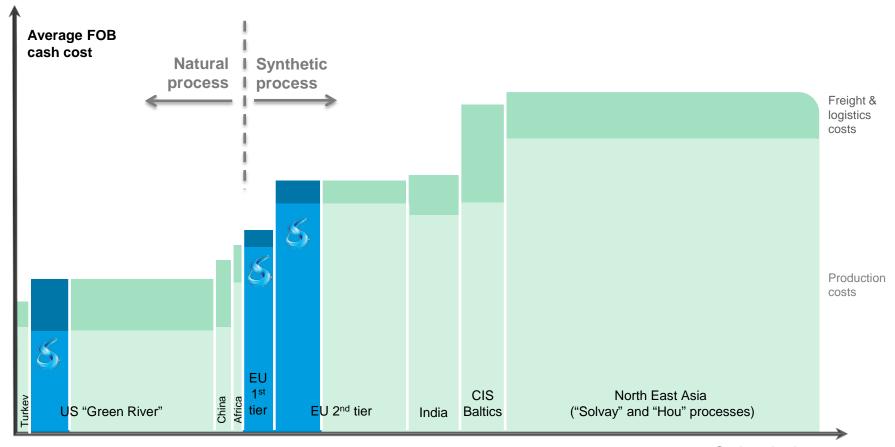


10 production sites3 R&I centers



#### **Soda Ash & Derivatives**

Cost is a key success factor in the soda ash industry



Soda ash plants

Source, Solvay based on external databases



#### **Soda Ash & Derivatives**

### European soda ash supply/demand improved

#### 2014-2016

#### 2017-2019

# **Restructuring** started with **closure** announcements

- Solvay Povoa (0.2 mt/yr)
- Tata Winnington (0.5 mt/yr)

# Production capacity utilization rate increasing

- Following restructuring at the supply side
- Following expected slight growth in demand

**Net pricing** increasing

#### Kazan project

- Potentially adding 2.5 mt/yr production capacity
- Based on natural production process
- Cash cost expected at same level as Solvay's best-in-class European synthetic assets

Further **restructuring** among least competitive assets in the European industry can be expected



#### **Peroxides**

#### Market & technology leader in global peroxides market

Balance between **commodity** markets and selected end-markets







packaging

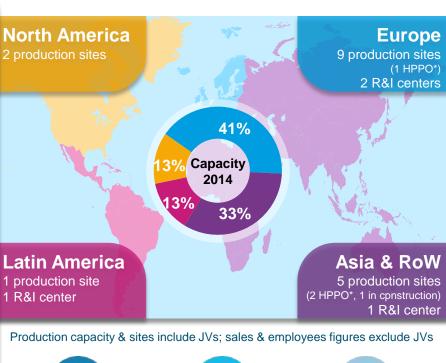
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€0.5 bn Net sales 2014



~ 900 employees



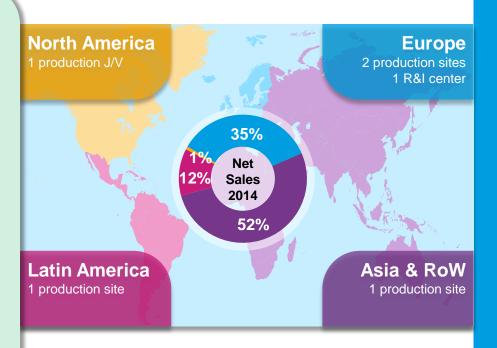
**17** production sites 4 R&I centers



#### **Acetow**

#### Leading the market with quality and innovation

# **Products** Cellulose acetate flakes Cellulose acetate tow **Applications New applications: Cigarette filter** Outdoor wood, Spectacle frames











4 production sites1 R&I center



# **Emerging Biochemicals**

Leader in bio- based epichlorohydrine, vinyls and caustic soda in South East Asia

#### **Vinyl applications**















#### Epicerol® applications









**€0.4 bn**Net sales 2014



~ **500** employees



1 production site1 R&I center



# **Functional Polymers**

2013 figures

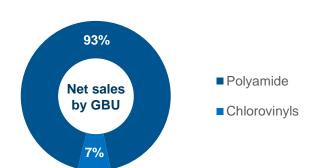
€1,654 m Net Sales €111 m REBITDA 6.7% Margin



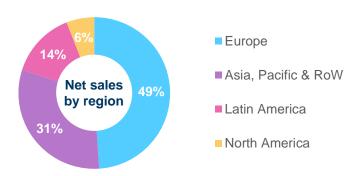


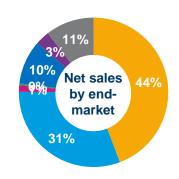






The key success factor of this Segment, which primarily groups the Polyamide activities, is continuous manufacturing optimization. Solvay is one of few players to operate across the entire polyamide 6.6 chain.





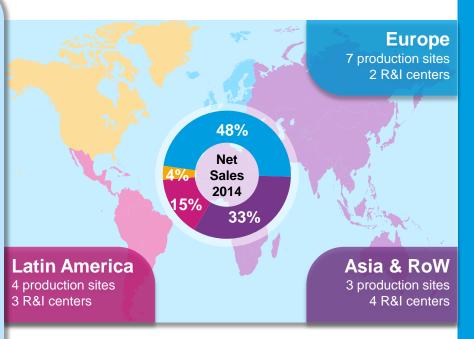
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# **Polyamide**

Integrated polyamide player







**€1.5 bn**Net sales 2014



~ **3,600** employees



14 production sites9 R&I centers



# **Corporate & Business Services**

2014 figures

**€(188) m** REBITDA





This Segment includes the Solvay Energy Services business which delivers energy optimization programs both within the Group as well as for third parties. It also includes the corporate functions.



# **Executing a clear value creation strategy**

Towards a higher growth,
less cyclical
& greater returns
Chemical Group



Targeting Sustainable Value Growth



