

Creating two strong companies

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Progress beyond

Disclaimer (1 of 2)



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Today's updates

Separation project

- On track to separate into two independent companies in Dec 2023



Credit ratings

- Confirmed commitment to two investment grade rated companies



Capital Structures

- Optimized capital structures provide financial flexibility



Branding

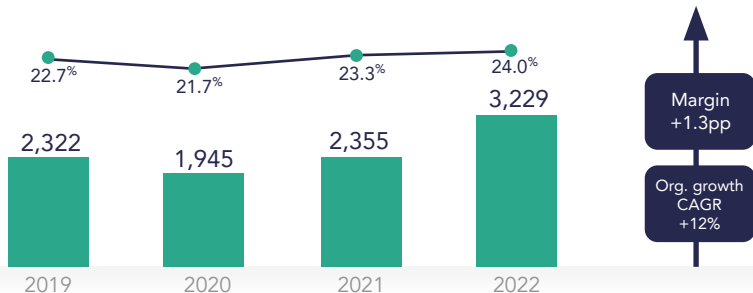
- Revealed new company names



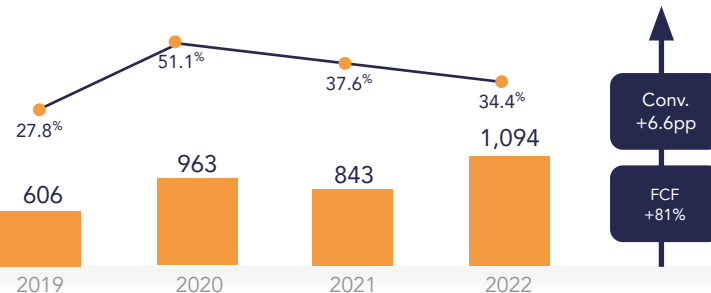
Solvay is delivering strongly on all financial metrics



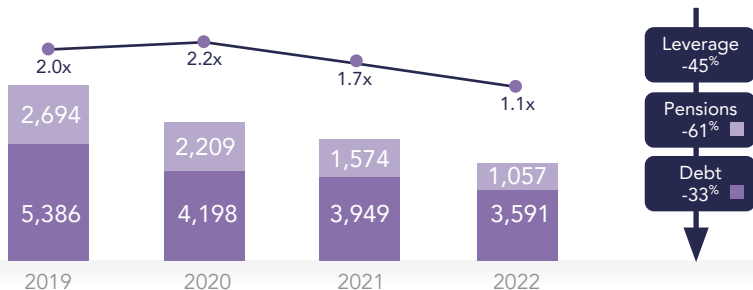
Underlying EBITDA (€ MM) & Margin (%)



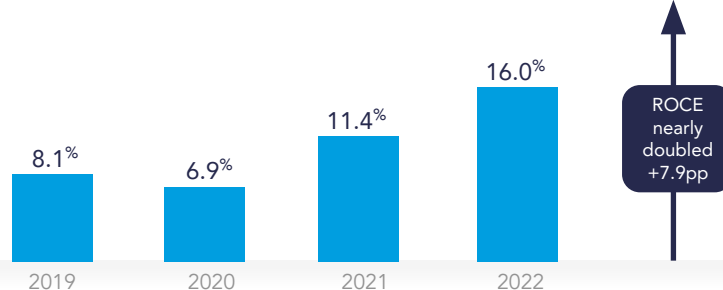
Free Cash Flow (€ MM) and Conversion (%)



Underlying Net Debt & Pension (€ MM) and Leverage (x)



Return on Capital Employed (%)



Extensive progress on ESG

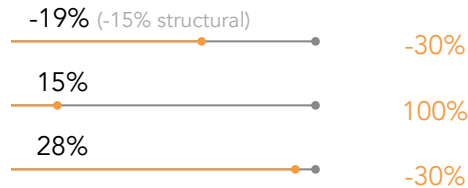
Climate



- Reduce our GHG emissions (scope 1 & 2)
- Phase out coal solid fuels
- Reduce pressure on biodiversity

Progress

2030 targets



Delivered
2x Paris
Agreement

Resources



- Sustainable solutions, % of Group sales
- Double our sales from circular economy
- Reduce non-recoverable industrial waste
- Reduce intake of freshwater



Better life



- Aim for zero accident
- Accelerate DEI and parity in mid & senior management



Progress in 2022 versus 2018 baseline
Accident progress is 2022 comparison versus 2019
DEI: Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

Positioned for greater value creation

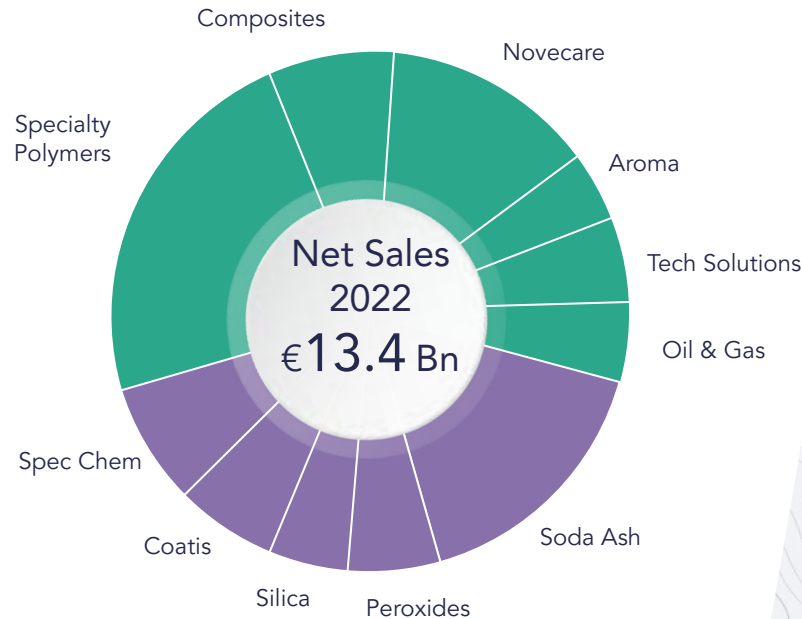
SpecialtyCo

2022 Net Sales: €7.9 Bn
2022 uEBITDA: €1.9 Bn

SOLVAY

EssentialCo

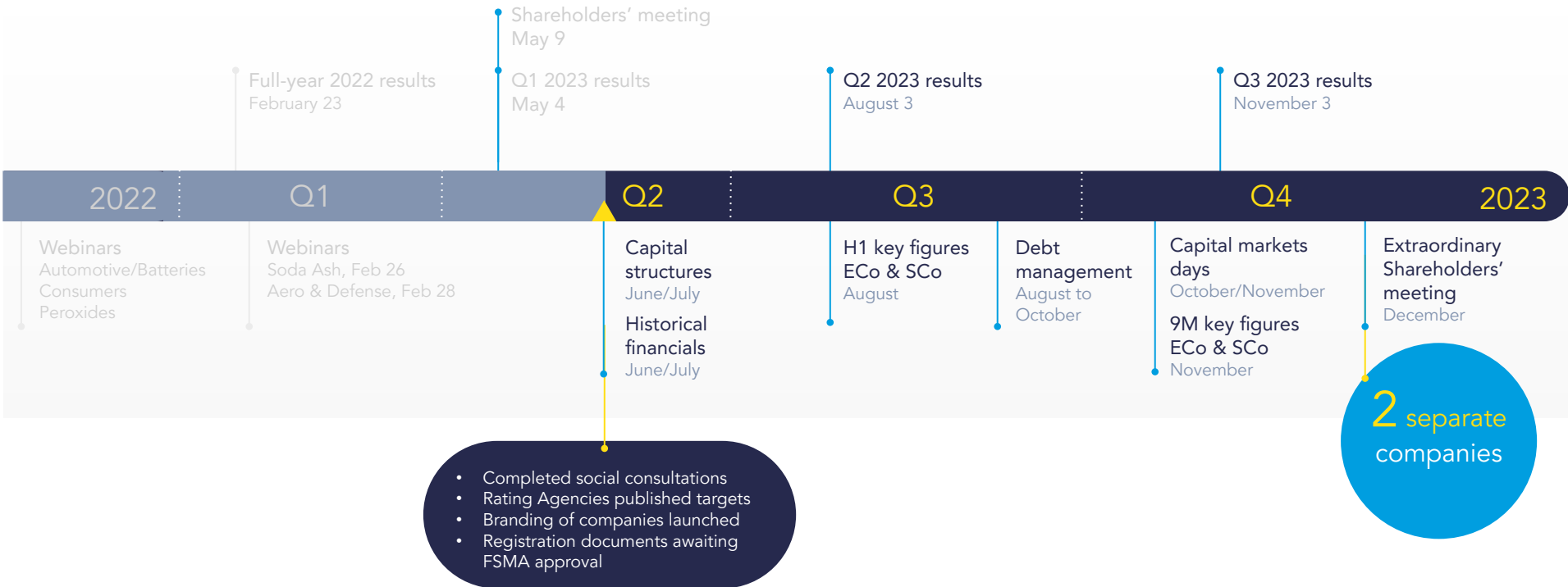
2022 Net Sales: €5.6 Bn
2022 uEBITDA: €1.3 Bn



- ✓ Creates two strong, independent companies
- ✓ Focused strategies and operating models to better serve customers
- ✓ Potential for greater value creation
- ✓ Distinct equity investment opportunities



On track for December 2023



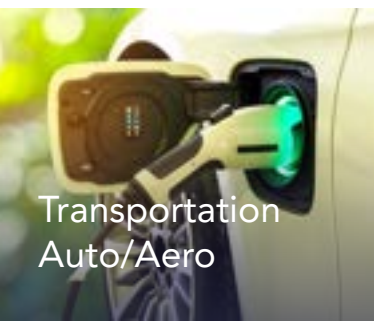
SpecialtyCo is a market leader in Materials & Consumers



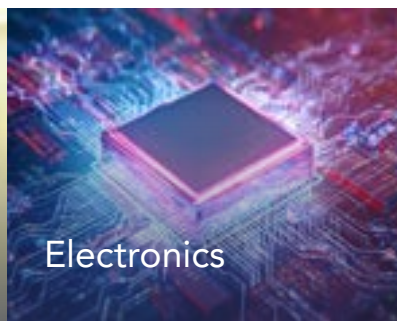
MARKET POSITION

MATERIALS	Specialty Polymers	#1	High-performance polymers; leading position in thermoplastic composites Battery Materials, Thermoplastic composites, Green Hydrogen, Renewable materials & Biotechnology
	Composites	#2 #1	Composites for civil aerospace Composites for defense
CONSUMER & RESOURCES	Novecare	#2	Specialty surfactants and polymers
	Aroma	#1	Flavors & Fragrances; Natural Vanillin
	Technology Solutions	#1	Mining reagents
	Oil and Gas Solutions	#1	Biocides for recycled water

€7.9Bn
2022 Net sales



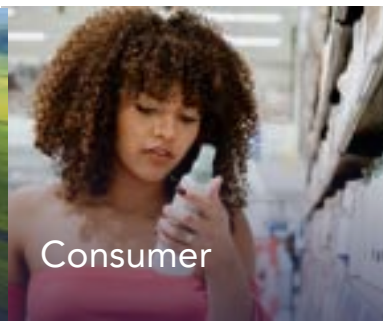
Transportation
Auto/Aero



Electronics



Agriculture



Consumer

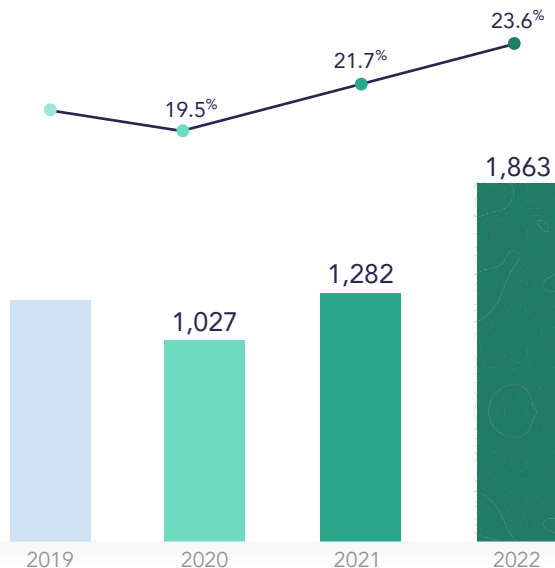


Healthcare

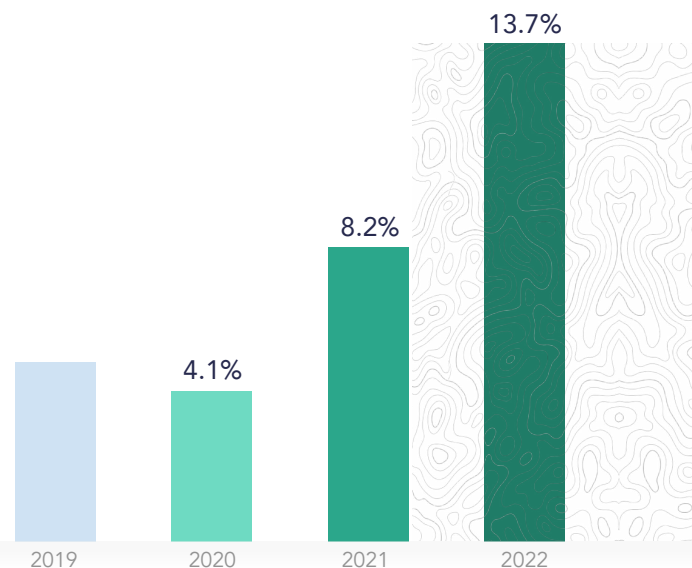
SpecialtyCo demonstrated strong historical growth underpinned by profitability and return on capital



Underlying EBITDA (€ MM) & Margin (%)



Return on Capital Employed (%)



SpecialtyCo is a leader with superior growth potential



Attractive end markets

supported by
tailwinds from
sustainability
driven
megatrends



Above market growth

at superior returns
and
industry-leading
margins



Innovation leadership evidenced

by unique and
patented solutions



Partner of choice

for leading OEMs
and FMCG
companies, with
strong customer
intimacy



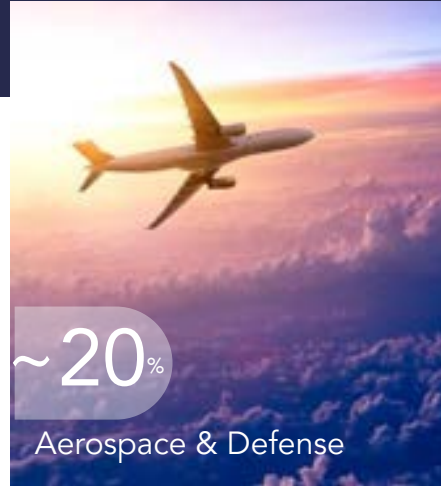
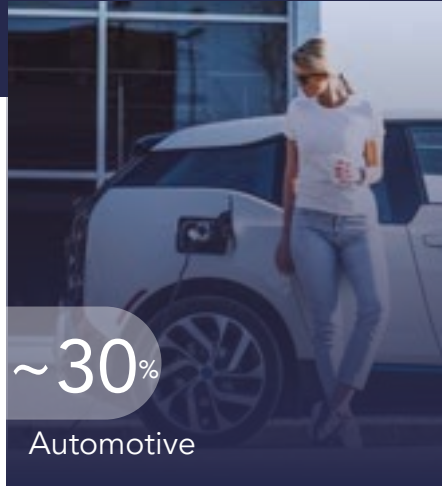
Strong sustainability roadmap,

with path to
achieving it carbon
neutrality goals

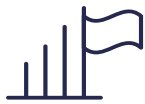
Materials is a highly attractive business



MATERIALS



% of net sales



Materials
FY 2022

Net sales

~€4.1bn

Historic sales growth
(‘19-’22)

~8%

EBITDA margin

>30%

Broadest Materials technology portfolio



High Performance Polymers

High Performance Composites

	PPS	PEEK	PSU	PTFE	PVDF	HPPA	FKM	PFPE	Thermo-plastic comp.	Carbon Fiber	Thermoset comp.	Resin Infusion	Adhesives & films	3D Additive Mfg	Space Ablatives
SpecialtyCo Market Position	☆	★	★	☆	★	★	★	★	★	☆	★	★	☆	☆	★
SpecialtyCo	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Celanese	✓					✓								✓	
EMS						✓									
HEXCEL									✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
victrex		✓													

Undisputed track record of outgrowing our end-markets in Materials



Automotive¹ ~30%



-2 to -3%

Global light
Vehicles

13-15%

SpecialtyCo

Electronics¹ ~20%



3-4%

Semicon
Smart Devices

8-10%

SpecialtyCo

Aerospace² ~20%



-11 to -13%

Aerospace

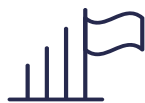
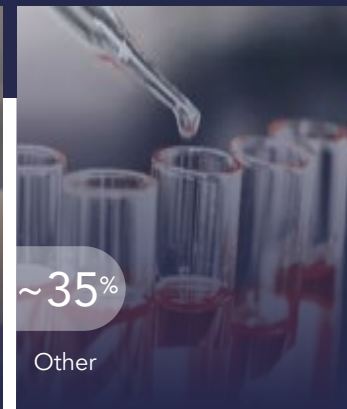
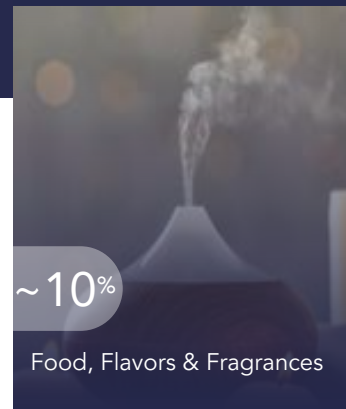
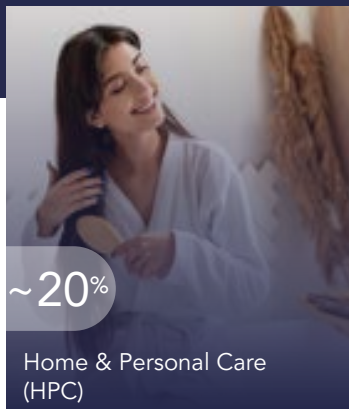
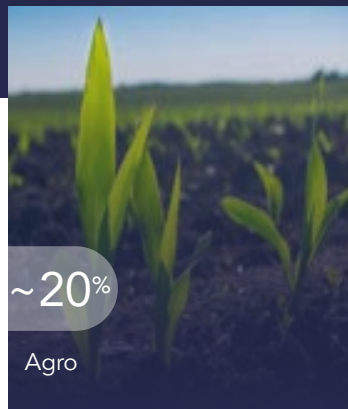
-9%

SpecialtyCo

The improved Consumer segment is backed by sustainable megatrends



CONSUMER⁽¹⁾



Consumer &
Resources
FY 2022

Net sales
~€3.8bn

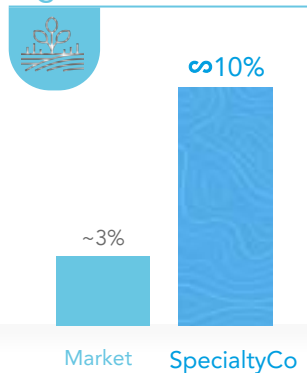
Historic sales growth
(‘19-’22)
~10%

uEBITDA margin
~20%

We outperformed the consumer focused markets

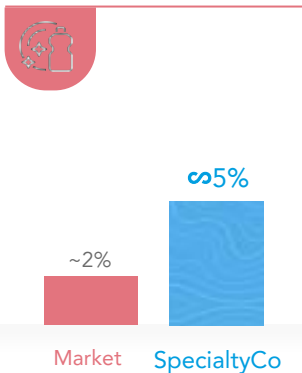


Agro (~20%)



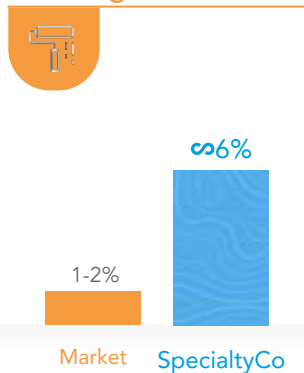
Agrochemicals market

HPC (~20%)



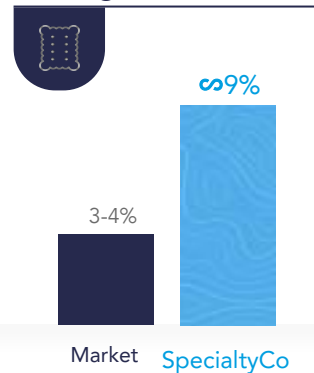
Home & personal care market

Coatings (~15%)



Paints & varnishes market

Food, Flavor & Fragrances (~10%)



FFF end markets¹

- ★ Crop protection
- ☆ Tank mix
- ☆ Enhanced efficiency fertilizer
- ★ Green solvents
- ☆ Seed coatings

- ★ Natural hair care conditioning polymers
- ☆ Mild cleansing solutions
- ☆ Biodegradable fabric care polymers

- ★ Binders
- ☆ Performance additives

- ★ Natural vanillin²
- ★ Synthetic vanillin

★ Global leader ☆ Selected/regional leadership

(2018-2021 CAGR, in value)

(1) Weighted average of key markets served by Food, Flavor & Fragrances, with Food consisting of Bakery, Dairy and Chocolate Confectionery markets

(2) Natural vanillin obtained by a biotechnological process from a source other than vanilla, European Flavour Regulation EC n°1334/2008

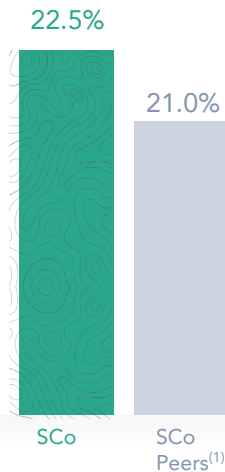
Source: Solvay internal data; External market reports; IHS;

Consumer - Investor webinar
June 2022

SpecialtyCo has outperformed the industry



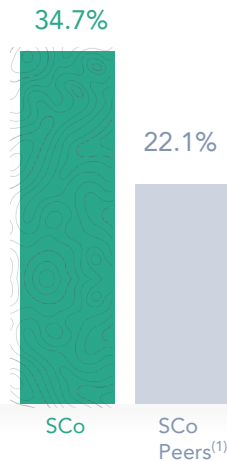
Net Sales CAGR, 2020-22 (%)



Strong top line growth above leading specialty peers



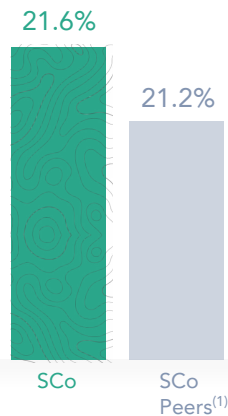
uEBITDA CAGR 2020-22 (%)



Volume growth and value-based pricing



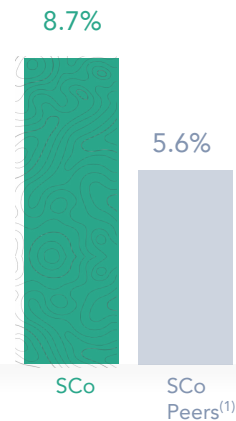
uEBITDA Margin Average, 2020-22 (%)



Strong profitability profile



ROCE Average 2020-22 (%)



Superior return based on well-defined capital allocation policy



Source: Capital IQ, Company Information

Notes: (1) Peers include Akzo Nobel, Ashland, Avient, Celanese, Clariant, Croda, EMS-Chemie, Hexcel, Victrex
2020-2022 unaudited figures

EssentialCo is a resilient market leader




MARKET POSITION

Soda Ash & Derivatives	#1	Soda Ash (global) Bicarbonate (global)
Peroxides	#1	Hydrogen Peroxide (global)
Silica	#1	Silica for tires (global)
Coatis	#1	Coatis (Latin America)
Special Chem	#1	Rare earths for automotive catalysts (global)

€5.6Bn

2022 Net sales



Building &
Construction



Auto



Food
& Beverages



Health &
Environment

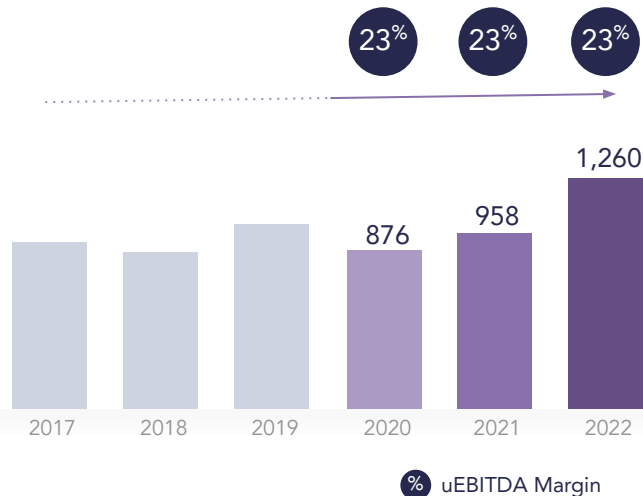


Industrial

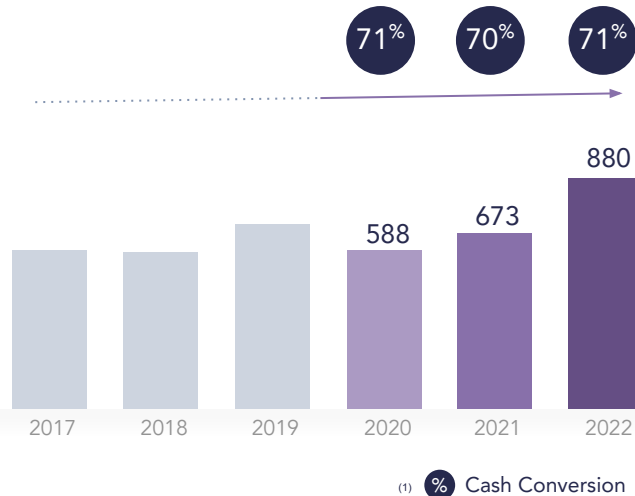
EssentialCo has demonstrated consistent delivery of stable growth and solid cash generation



Underlying EBITDA Evolution (€ MM) & Margin (%)



Cash Conversion (€ MM) & ratio (%)

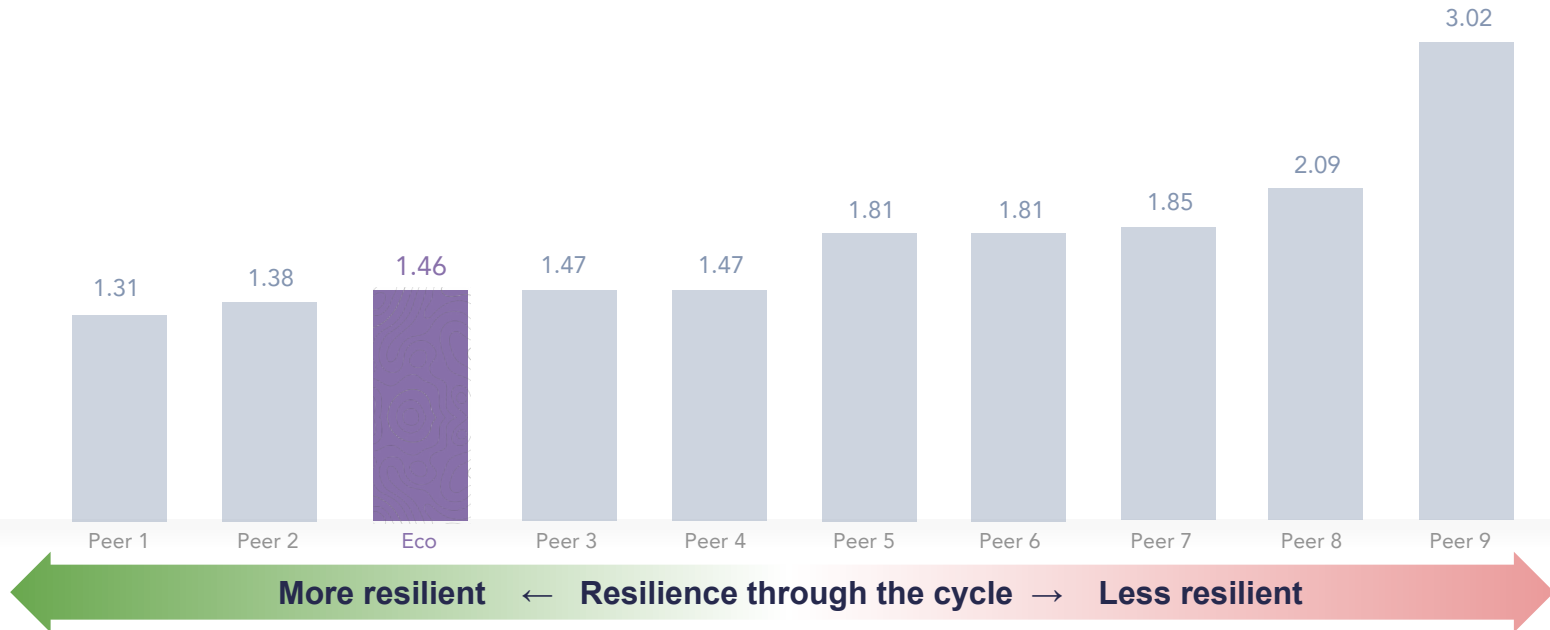


Source: Company information
2017-2019 estimate; 2020-2022 unaudited figures
Notes: (1) Defined as (uEBITDA-Capex)/uEBITDA

EssentialCo is one the most resilient companies in global essential chemicals space



Peak-to-trough underlying EBITDA 2017-22⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾



Source: Company information - for Solvay, 2017-2019 are estimates; 2020-2022 are unaudited figures

(1) Defined as maximum EBITDA in the period 2017-22 to minimum EBITDA in the period 2017-22

(2) Peers include Arkema, Elementis, Evonik, Genesis, Imerys, Kemira, Mineral Technologies, Sisecam Resources, Tata Chemicals

EssentialCo masters cost and cash leadership



**Resilient and
attractive
markets**
backed by
megatrends



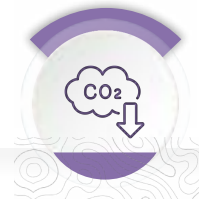
**Global
leadership
positions in key
segments**
in concentrated
markets, driving
strong & resilient
cash generation



**Process
technology
leadership**
driving efficiency
and cost
competitiveness



**Supplier of
choice**
with world-class
global assets



**Accelerating
sustainability
roadmap**
with path to
carbon neutrality
by 2050

EssentialCo technologies are integral across various end markets



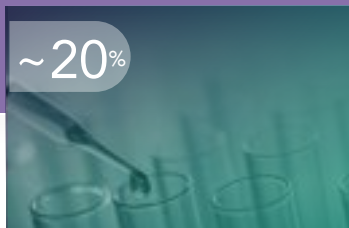
EssentialCo



~30%

Health & environment

Air pollution and emission control
Global access to healthcare treatments



~20%

Industrial

Cleaner production route



~20%

Auto

Longer lasting, green tires
Energy efficiency



~16%

Food & beverages

Recyclable packaging
Alternatives to single-use plastics

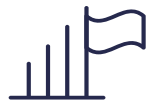


~10%

Building & construction

Energy efficiency
Solar energy

% of net sales



EssentialCo
Financials
FY 2022

Net Sales

~€5.6bn

uEBITDA CAGR
(2019-2022)

~8%

Cash conversion
(EBITDA-CAPEX) / EBITDA

~71%

Note: Percentages shown refer to percentage of Net sales of Solvay's EssentialCo businesses

Leadership position founded on scale, technology, cost



SCALE LEADERSHIP

with balanced portfolio and ability to supply everywhere in the world

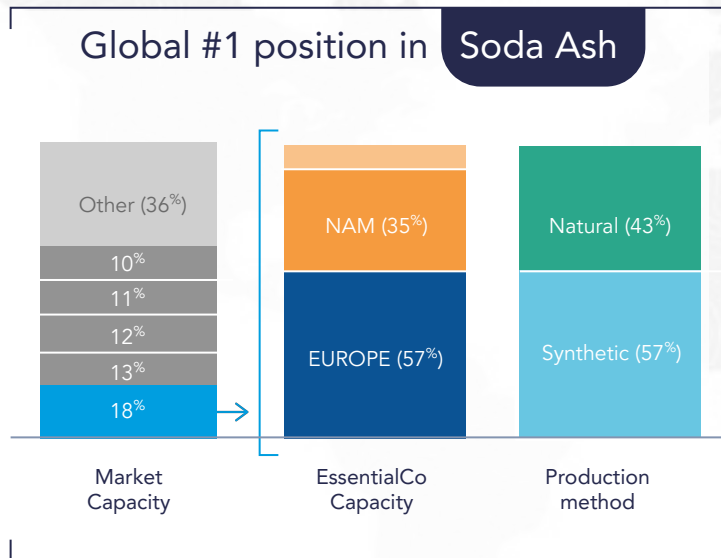
COST LEADERSHIP

with combination of world-class assets and highly competitive regional assets

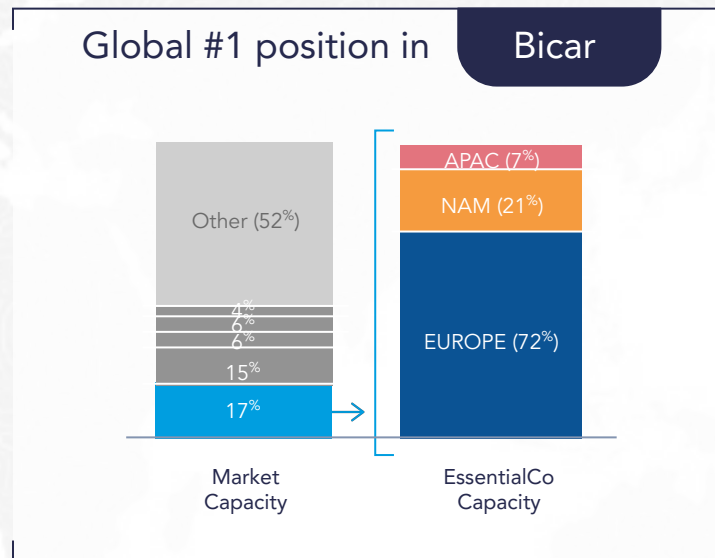
Down- and upstream
**VALUE CHAIN
INTEGRATION**
into raw materials and highly attractive bicar

**TECHNOLOGY
LEADERSHIP** with product and process innovation supported by 400+ active patents

EssentialCo is a global market leader in both Soda Ash and Bicar



Soda Ash global capacity (excl. China) in kt (2022)

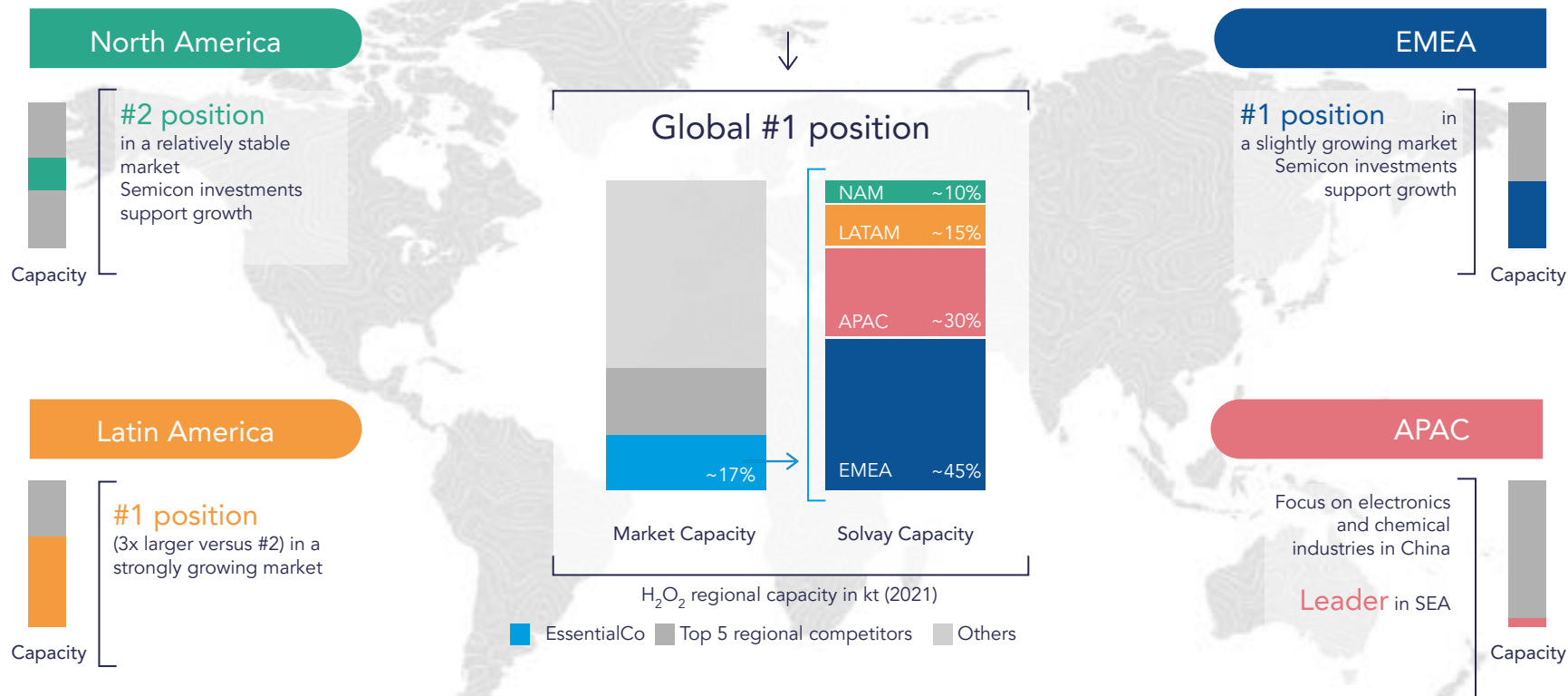


Bicar global capacity (incl. China) in kt (2022)

■ EssentialCo
 ■ Top 5 global competitors
 ■ Others
■ Incoming capacity additions in the U.S.

■ EssentialCo
 ■ Top 5 global competitors
 ■ Others

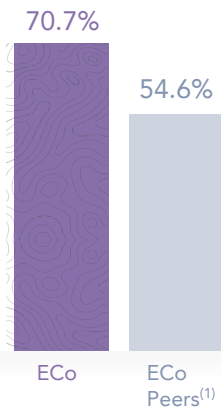
EssentialCo is the H₂O₂ global market leader



EssentialCo has one of the strongest profitability and cash generation profiles amongst its peers



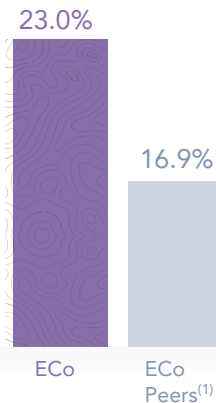
Cash Conversion
Average 2020-22 (%)



Industry leading cash conversion



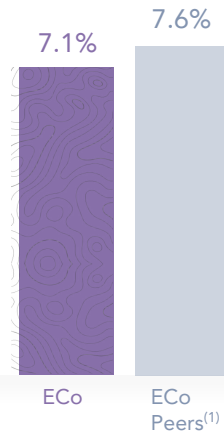
uEBITDA Margin
Average 2020-22 (%)



Strong and resilient profitability through the cycle



Capital Intensity
Average 2020-22 (%)



Efficiency proven by leading capital intensity levels



Source: Company information

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2020-2022 unaudited figures

Deep financial foundation leads to two solid credit profiles



SpecialtyCo

€1.9Bn underlying EBITDA
Margin of 23.6%

Key strengths

- ✓ Leading market positions offering higher than market growth
- ✓ Deep R&I capabilities protect and extend market leadership
- ✓ Balanced geography and diverse end-markets
- ✓ Leading EBITDA margin thanks to effective pricing linked to innovations and market leadership
- ✓ Excellent financial flexibility

EssentialCo

€1.3Bn underlying EBITDA
Margin of 22.7%, Cash conversion of 71%

Key strengths

- ✓ Leading market positions in key segments (soda ash, peroxide, silica)
- ✓ Balanced geographical and end-market split
- ✓ Resilient cash flow generation
- ✓ Cost leadership
- ✓ Solid EBITDA margins



Figures are based on 2022 full year data - unaudited
Cash conversion ratio is defined as (uEBITDA – Capex)/uEBITDA

Differentiated
Capital Structures
will support value
creation








Our approach to optimize capital structures supporting differentiated models



Differentiated and optimized capital structures to support value creation of both future entities

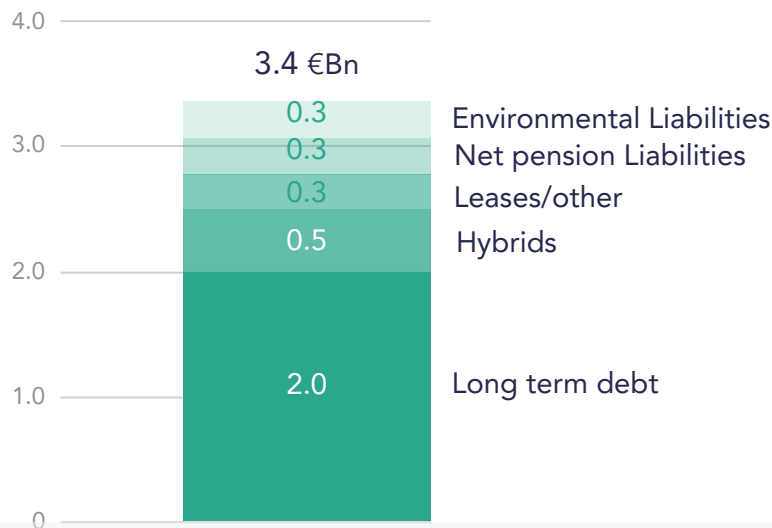


In € bn		Solvay	SpecialtyCo	EssentialCo
 Expected rating	→	Baa2 / BBB	Baa1 / BBB+	Baa3 / BBB-
		stable / neg	stable / stable	stable / stable
 Gross debt	→	5.3	2.8	2.5
 Net debt	→	~3.5	~1.6	~1.9
 Net pension liabilities	→	0.9	0.3	0.7
 Environmental liabilities	→	0.7	0.3	0.4

- ✓ Enhanced credit profile
- ✓ Balanced debt maturity profile; assumes hybrid bonds will not be part of permanent capital structures
- ✓ Strong balance sheets and financial flexibility

SpecialtyCo's capital structure supports its accelerated growth plans

TARGET DEBT AND LIABILITIES¹



¹) Financial debt indications are based on projections at the end of 2023 whereas other liabilities indications are based on end 2022 unaudited figures



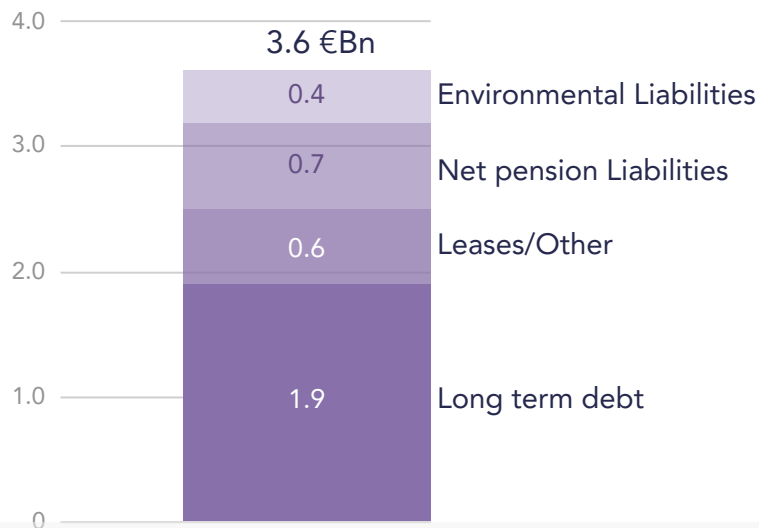
Commitment to
strong investment
grade rating

Hybrid bonds assumed not
to be part of permanent
capital structure

Dividend policy
enables investing in
growth for
value creation

EssentialCo's Solid balance sheet supports capital expenditures and decarbonization plans

TARGET DEBT AND LIABILITIES¹



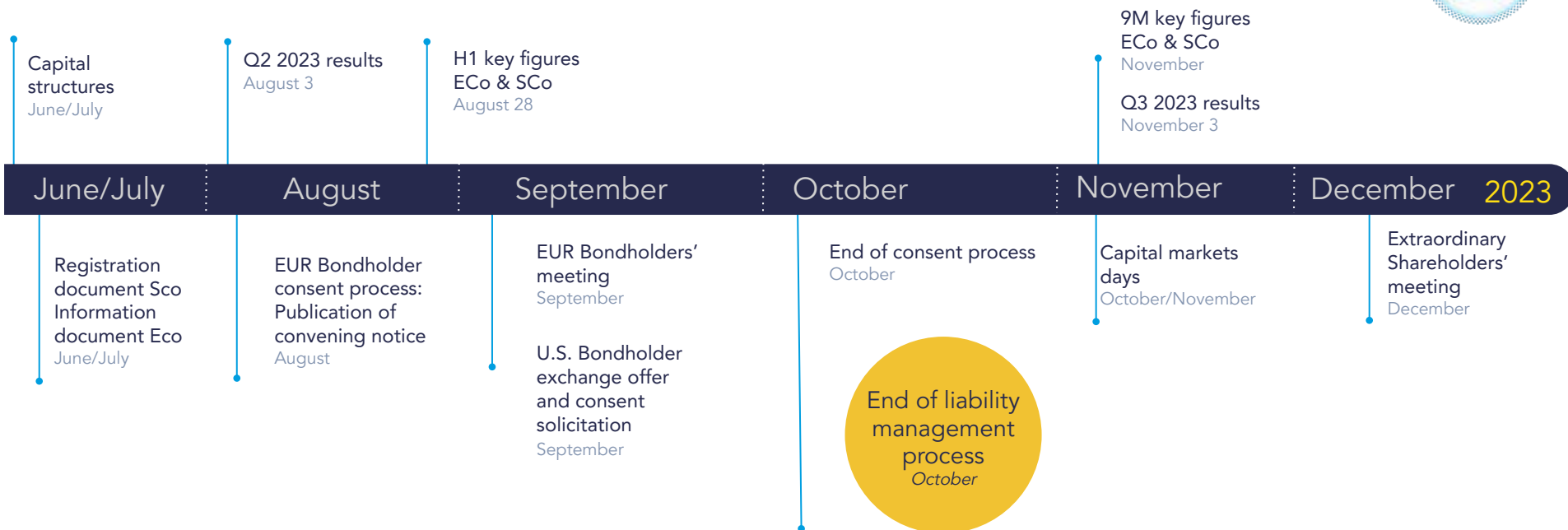
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Stable or increasing
dividends

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Liability Management Timeline



- ✓ Registration documents including audited financial information expected to be published end June / July 2023
- ✓ Bondholder consents process starts in August 2023; detailed terms shared with bondholders simultaneously in August 2023
- ✓ Priority to existing bondholders to participate in SpecialtyCo
- ✓ 2023 Hybrids will be redeemed; Solvay plans to tender the 2024 Hybrid ahead of the separation

Unlocking greater value for all stakeholders



Leverages strong foundation following strategic transformation



Establishes two strong industry leaders poised to win



Attractive investment thesis for differentiated investors profiles [growth and yield]



Tailored capital structures for differentiated strategic mandates backed by investment grade ratings



Management teams will keep disciplined focus to drive even greater long-term success



Creating two
strong industry
leaders



“Will you keep the
Solvay name?”



Branding EssentialCo

MASTERY

Ernest and Alfred Solvay, mastering the soda ash technological breakthrough,
which has enabled many other disruptive processes.

Manifesto



Life is made of elements coming together.
We are mastering the elements.

Over the past 160 years, our obsession to reach excellence
has been driving us to achieve mastery of our processes.

Invisible and yet so vital, our products are at the heart of everyone's life.
The essential solutions of continuous progress
for our planet and its people. Generation after generation.

We are EssentialCo,
mastering the elements essential to our world.

FROM ...



...TO



SOLVAY



SpecialtyCo new brand

EXPLORERS

The Conferences gathering the most brilliant and visionary minds
to collaborate on the future of science.

Manifesto



The future is rich with unexplored possibilities.
We are explorers.

People from many horizons who
dream the impossible, solve the unsolvable,
partnering to pioneer the future of science.

Because a sustainable future starts with our commitment,
our solutions and innovations are the catalysts
that open new frontiers for the planet and its people.

We are SpecialtyCo,
explorers creating breakthroughs that advance humanity.



Time to unveil the
new brand...

SYENSQO



It symbolizes the gathering of the 24 great minds who participated in the first Solvay Conference of 1911.

SYENSQO



SY : A reference to Solvay letters

EN : A reference to Ernest Solvay

SYENS : A reference to our heritage in Science since 1911

Q : In reference to the title of the first Solvay Congress :
Radiation and the Quanta, who laid the foundations of quantum physics

QO: is for company



SYENSQO

We are explorers creating
breakthroughs that advance humanity.

SOLVAY

We are mastering the elements
essential to our world.

Appendix

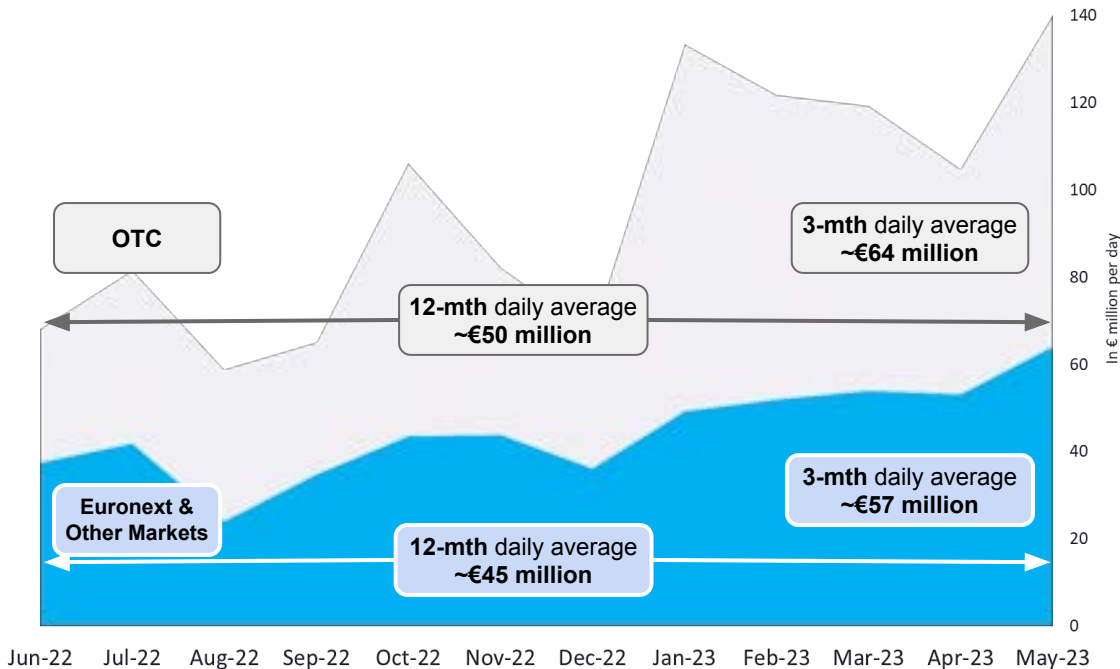


Indicative overview of debt allocation

In €m	Solvay	SpecialtyCo	EssentialCo
Debt instruments	Dec 2022	At Spin-Off date	At Spin-Off date
	Actual	Indicative	Indicative
EUR Senior Notes			
500m Dec 27 2.75%	500	500	
600m Sep 29 0.50%	600	600	
<i>New debt ECo (incl. €1.5 billion of new bonds)</i>			1,850
USD Senior Notes			
163m May 25 3.95%	154	154	
800m Dec 25 4.45%	753	753	
Hybrid bonds			
500m Perp NC Nov 23 5.425%	500		
300m Perp NC Dec 23 4.25%	300		
500m Perp NC Jun 24 5.869%	500		
500m Perp NC Dec 25 2.5%	500	500	
Lease Liabilities and other debt	951	259	691
Gross Debt	4,758	2,766	2,541

Solvay's shares are liquid

..Good reasons to expect SpecialtyCo and EssentialCo to also be liquid



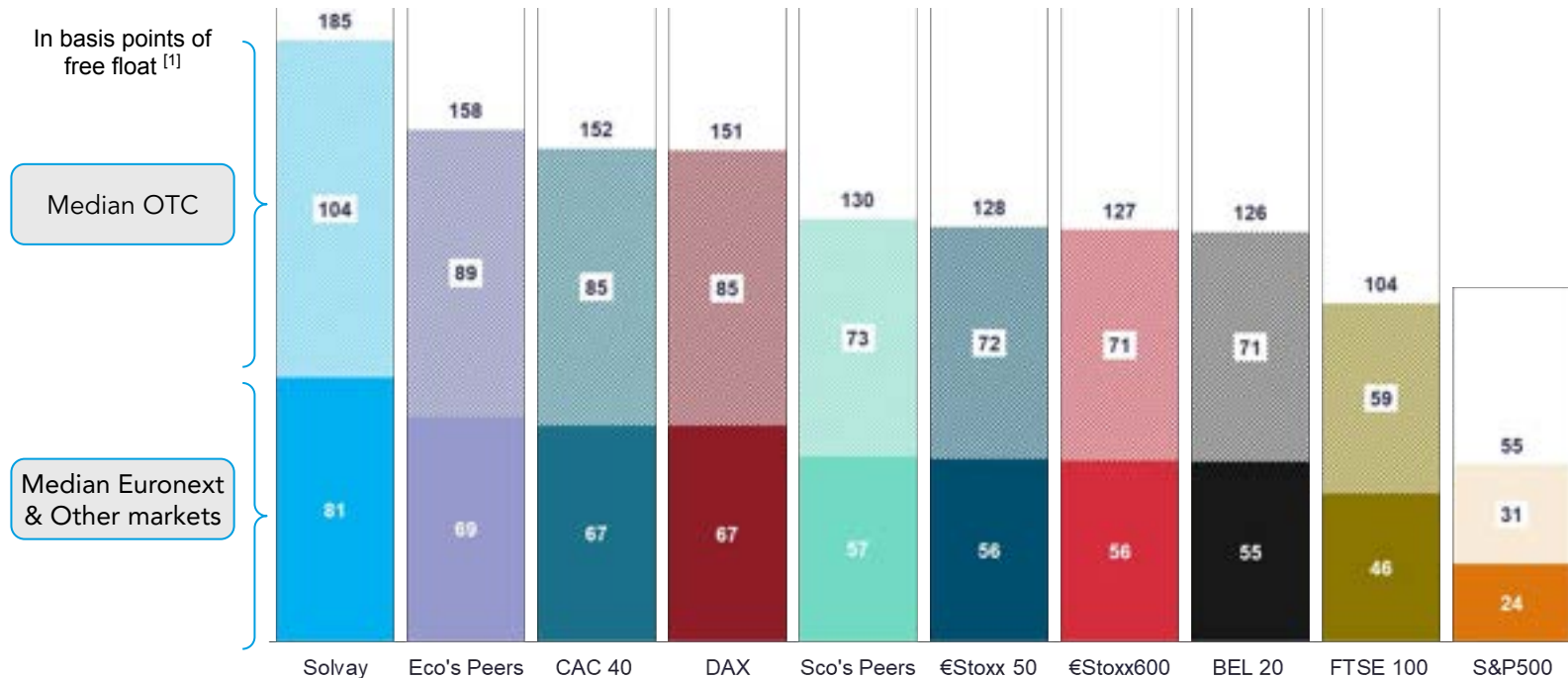
Source: Based on data from Bloomberg and Eikon

- ✓ Average total daily liquidity ~ €95m/day last 12 months; ~ €120m/day last 3 months, of which OTC accounted for approx 50%
- ✓ SpecialtyCo and EssentialCo liquidity profile should remain strong after spin-off

Solvay shares are traded on regulated exchanges such as Euronext, other venues/platforms (CBOE, Aquis, Turquoise...) and Over-the-Counter (OTC). OTC can be considered to be less accessible.

Solvay's shares are liquid relative to benchmarks

3-month average daily breakdown



Solvay's stock has traded better than (1) similar sized companies and (2) medians in major indices

Source: Based on data from Bloomberg and Eikon

[1] Free float: The number of shares in a company that are owned by many different shareholders and can be traded freely in the capital market. The float refers to shares that are not owned by major shareholders, and can therefore be acquired and traded by the general public.

Useful links to previous webinars

February 28, 2023 [Aerospace and Defense webinar](#)

February 27, 2023 [Soda ash webinar](#)

October 4, 2022 [Peroxides webinar](#)

June 15, 2022 [Consumer webinar](#)

February 2, 2022 [Auto & batteries webinar](#)

- ✓ Underlying figures adjust IFRS figures for the non-cash Purchase Price Allocation (PPA) accounting impacts related to acquisitions, for the coupons of perpetual hybrid bonds classified as equity under IFRS but treated as debt in the underlying statements, and for other elements to generate a measure that avoids distortion and facilitates the appreciation of performance and comparability of results over time.
- ✓ Organic growth: growth of Net sales or underlying EBITDA excluding scope changes and forex conversion effects. The calculation is made by rebasing the prior period at the business scope and forex conversion rate of the current period.
- ✓ Free cash flow: this is the free cash flow to Solvay shareholders from continuing operations after payment of net interests, coupons of perpetual hybrid bonds and dividends to non-controlling interests. This represents the cash flow available to Solvay shareholders, to pay their dividend and/or to reduce the net financial debt.
- ✓ Free cash flow conversion ratio is calculated as the ratio between the free cash flow to Solvay shareholders of the last rolling 12 months (before netting of dividends paid to non-controlling interest) and the underlying EBITDA of the last rolling 12 months.
- ✓ ROCE: Return on Capital Employed, calculated as the ratio between underlying EBIT (before adjustment for the amortization of PPA) and capital employed. Capital employed consists of net working capital, tangible and intangible assets, goodwill, rights-of-use assets, investments in associates & joint ventures and other investments, and is taken as the average of the situation at the end of the last 4 quarters.
- ✓ Underlying net financial debt includes the perpetual hybrid bonds, accounted for as equity under IFRS.
- ✓ Gross debt includes leases
- ✓ Cash conversion is defined as underlying EBITDA minus Capex divided by underlying EBITDA.
- ✓ Capital intensity is defined as Capex divided by Net sales.
- ✓ Free float: The number of shares in a company that are owned by many different shareholders and can be traded freely in the capital market. The float refers to shares that are not owned by major shareholders, and can therefore be acquired and traded by the general public.
- ✓ Extra-financial indicators: Indicators used that measure the sustainability performance of the company in complement to financial indicators. Solvay has selected 10 indicators that are included in the ONE Planet initiative. For more information, we refer to the last available annual report available on www.solvay.com