



## **VALUE GROWTH**









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## **FORENOTE**

Following the announcement in September 2017 of plans to divest the Polyamide business, these have been reclassified as discontinued operations and as assets held for sale. For comparative purposes, the first quarter of the 2017 income statement has been restated.

Besides IFRS accounts, Solvay also presents underlying Income Statement performance indicators to provide a more consistent and comparable indication of the Group's financial performance. The underlying performance indicators 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 that would distort the analysis of the Group's underlying performance.



## **SOLVAY**

## A sustainable investment

## Providing mission critical solutions in fast-growth end-markets

→ Supporting blue chip manufacturers & brands globally

## Technology focused in Advanced Materials & Advanced Formulations

→ Powered by innovation & market leadership positons

## Highest EBITDA margin within diversified chemical companies

→ Propelled by volumes, underpinned by efficiency

## Dividend growth over 30 years and strong cash generation

→ Driven by focus on cash returns

## Futureproofing the business with sustainability at its core

> Deliver more value that stands the test of time

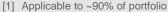


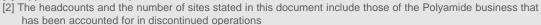
# We are a world leader In the chemical industry





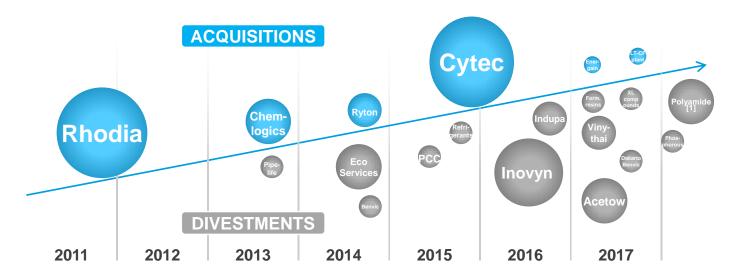








## **Upgraded portfolio**



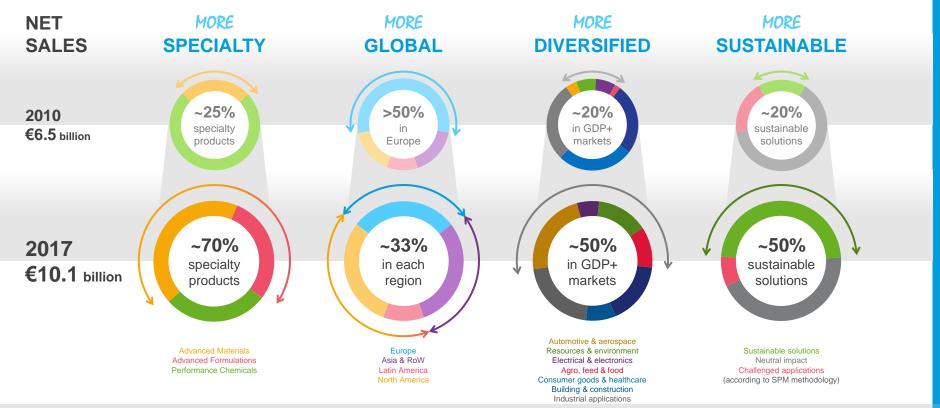
Enhancing customized solution offerings

Reducing cyclical & low-growth businesses exposure





# Significantly enhanced portfolio More specialty and more resilient





# FINANCIAL DELIVERY Mirrors specialty



Metrics as could be deducted from reporting and external data sources

[1] EBITDA margin =

[2] Cash conversion =

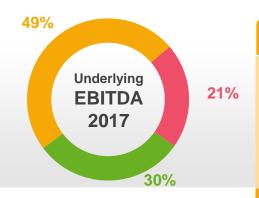
underlying EBITDA net sales

underlying EBITDA + capex underlying EBITDA

[3] HOLT CFROI is a proprietary cash flow return on investment metric of Credit Suisse calculated as an IRR taking into account i) the cash flow generated by a company In the past and prospectively and ii) the amount and estimated lifespan of its operating assets. The metric does not include goodwill and is expressed in real terms (i.e. real returns and not nominal ones).



## **Growth engines deliver 70% of EBITDA**



#### Market positions:



Global market position in main markets addressed



Regional market position in main markets addressed

Net sales	€10,125m
Underlying EBITDA	€2,230m
EBITDA growth	+7.5%
EBITDA margin	22%
CFROI	6.9%

#### **Advanced Materials**

Providing solutions for sustainable mobility, lightweighting, C0<sub>2</sub> and energy efficiency

Spe	cialty	Pol	ymers



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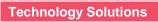
**Special Chem** 

Silica		#1
	€4,370m	
	€1,202m	
	+8.2%	
	27%	
	10.3%	

### **Advanced Formulations**

Customized specialty formulations for surface chemistry & liquid behavior, maximizing yield & efficiency & minimizing eco-impact

## **Novecare**





roma Performance	#1

€2,966m

€524m

+8.1%

18%

### **Performance Chemicals**

Leading positions in chemical intermediates through scale & technology, developing applications & industrial innovation for optimized costs

Soda Ash & Derivativ	ves
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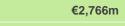


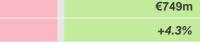


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6.7%	8.4%



27%

# **Enabling tomorrow**Attractive growth markets



20% CAGR<sup>[1]</sup> (Hybrid) electric vehicles on the road by 2030

#### **High-performance polymers**

→ vehicle bodies

#### Silica technology

→ more durable tires

#### Various active materials

→ longer-life EV batteries



4.5% annual growth in aircraft passengers to 2025

#### Lightweight composites

→ aircraft exteriors & interiors

#### **Specialty polymers**

→ aircraft exteriors & interiors, onboard electronics

#### **Functional materials**

→ engine and fuel systems



**Resources scarcity** 

#### **Chemical Solutions:**

→ improve yield of mining and Oil & Gas exploration

**Energy storage & photovoltaic panels** 



## Strategic & Superior Growth Markets



## **Developing innovative solutions** To create value for our customers

### **SUSTAINABLE MOBILITY**



Silica for fuel efficient performance tires **Premium SW** 



Thermoset prepreg resin system for automotive applications Solvalite <sup>™</sup> 730



Batteries separator Binder coating Solef ® PVDF High voltage Li-lon batteries

#### **QUALITY OF LIFE**



Next generation guar polymers & derivatives **Hair Care platform** 



replace metal in removable partial denture frames Solvay Dental 360 TM

Innovative material to



Seed treatment to secure crop potential **GSB**® **Seed boosting** 

#### RESOURCE EFFICIENCY



Lithium extraction

- process speed & efficiency
- · extraction costs reduction



### **NaSH replacement** technology

- better environmental profile for customers
- safety

## **Exceeding mid-term targets**

## Creating more value

2 years 2016 - 2017

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Sustainable Solutions

Increase to 40% of net sales by 2018

49% ☑

EBITDA<sup>[1]</sup> growth

Mid-to-high single-digit

+8.6% ☑

over 2 years

**GHG** intensity

Reduce by -20% over 3 years

**-24%** ☑

Free cash flow

Exceed €2.4 billion over 3 years

**€1.75** bn **☑** 

over 2 years

Occupational Accidents

Reduce by -10% over 3 years

**-16%** ☑

**CFROI** 

Increase by 0.5pp-1.0pp over 3 years

+0.8pp ☑





## **Our strategic commitment**

## Double revenue share from sustainable solutions<sup>[1]</sup>

(From 25% in 2014, baseline)



**GREENHOUSE GAS INTENSITY** 



By 2025, €1 revenue out of €2 in sustainable solutions



Goal MTAR < 0.50



**OF EMPLOYEES INVOLVED IN SOCIETA ACTIONS** 



OF PEOPLE ENGAGEMENT



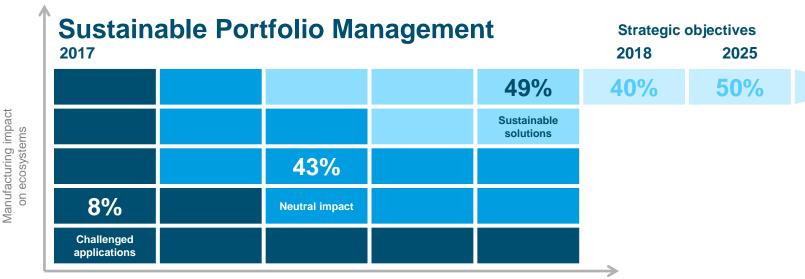
<sup>-</sup> Little or no impact on Carbon intensity, MTAR and Engagement index

- Favorable impact on SPM Solutions and Societal actions



## More sustainable solutions

To drive superior returns over time



Fit with market sustainability criteria

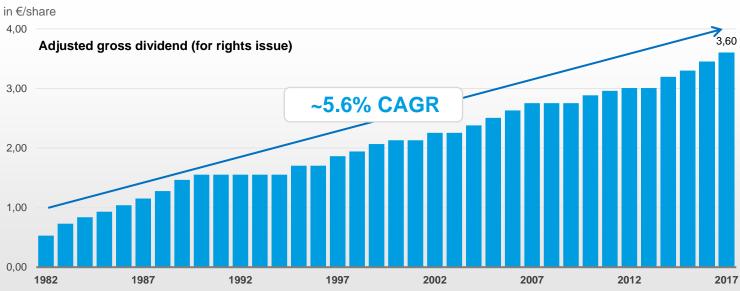




## **Rewarding shareholders**

## Delivery on commitments over 35 years

#### Gross dividend





Committed to stable / growing dividend



# Strong volume growth counters forex headwinds Sustained EBITDA margin



- → Organic EBITDA growth of 6%
- → Foreign exchange headwinds
- → EBITDA margin sustained at 23%



## 2018 first half results

## Strong volume growth counters adverse forex

## EBITDA -3% Organic growth +6%

- Volume/Mix
  - → Strong volumes across Advanced Materials and Advanced Formulations
- Pricing power
  - → Net pricing stable amid higher raw materials and energy prices
- Fixed costs
  - → Operational excellence and synergies partly offset inflation

EBITDA margin sustained at 23%

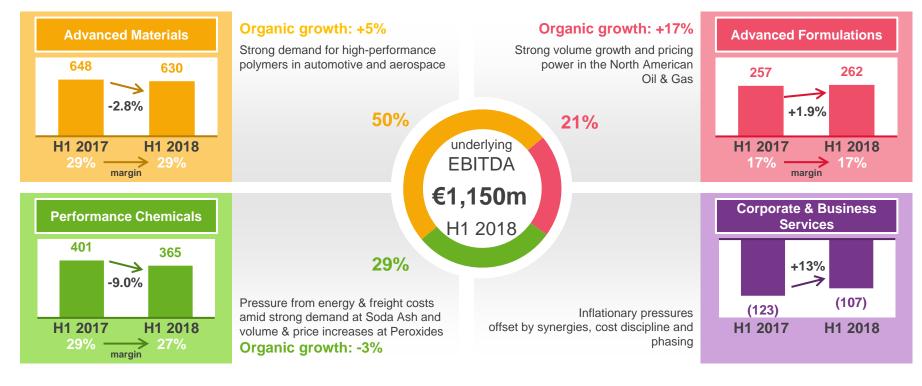
## Free cash flow<sup>[1]</sup> €123 million

- Resulting from
  - → Lower EBITDA
  - → Phasing in working capital
  - → Capex discipline maintained
- Underlying net debt at €5.7 billion
  - → Seasonally up on dividend payments to shareholders

FCF to Solvay shareholders<sup>[1][2]</sup> **€77 million** 



# Organic EBITDA growth Driven by volumes in Advanced businesses



Corporate & Business Services included in €1,150 m EBITDA, but excluded from the pie chart as the contribution is negative



## **Our priorities**

Deliver and prepare the future





## Outlook Full year 2018

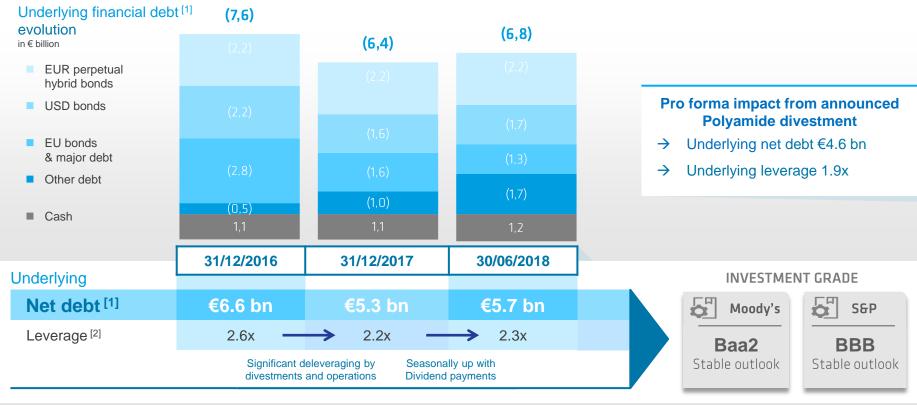


## **Underlying Organic EBITDA growth 5% to 7%**

Free cash flow<sup>[2]</sup> to exceed 2017 level of €782 million



## **Efficient capital structure** Leading to reduced cost of debt



Underlying debt includes perpetual hybrid bonds (considered as equity under IFRS)



Net debt / underlying EBITDA of last 12 months

## **Debt profile**

## Balanced maturities allowing flexibility



Major financial debt [1]	D	<b>December 31, 2017</b>			June 30, 2018		
	Face value	Average maturity	Average cost	Face value	Average maturity	Average cost	
EUR bonds	1,632	5.5	2.67%	1,250	6.5	2.08%	
EUR perpetual hybrid bonds [2]	2,200	4.1	5.07%	2,200	3.6	5.07%	
USD bonds	1,634 <sup>[3]</sup>	5.7	3.88%	1,682 <sup>[3]</sup>	5.1	3.88%	
Total major debt	5,465	5.0	4.00%	5,132	4.8	3.95%	
	in € million	in years		in € million	in years		

[1] Major debt only, excluding cost of currency swaps

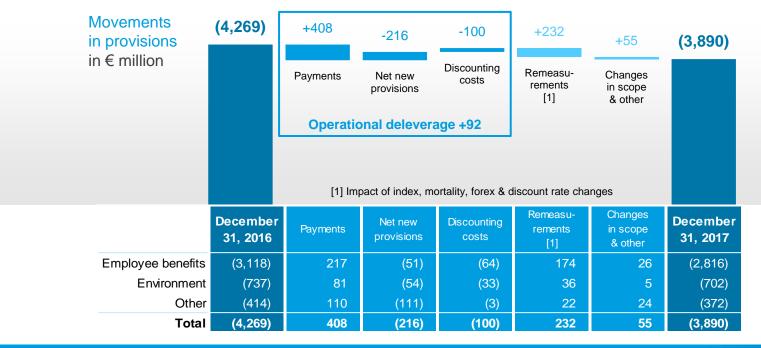
[2] At first call date

[3] USD 1,960 million



## **Provisions**

## Gradual operational deleveraging



## Complemented by positive impact of discount rate changes



## 2018 P&L Considerations

## **Underlying EBITDA**

EBITDA to grow 5% to 7% organically, excluding forex conversion an scope effects

- Forex conversion impact estimated at €(125) million based on rates prevailing in H1 2018 (and US\$/€ 1.25)
- Scope impact expected of €(30) million

## **Scope effects**

Discontinued operations consist of Polyamide

- planned to be sold to BASF
- expected to be completed in H2 2018

Scope effects include acquisitions and divestments of smaller businesses not leading to the restatement of previous periods, mainly:

- Polyolefin cross-linkable compounds in June 2017
- Formulated resins businesses in June 2017
- Phosphorous business in February 2018.

## **Depreciation/Amortization**

Underlying D&A expected at ~€(700)m, in line with 2017

- Excludes ~€(240)m PPA amortization
- PPA impacts related to Rhodia, Cytec and other smaller acquisitions (e.g. Chemlogics, Ryton)

## **Underlying net financial charges**

Underlying net financial charges expected at ~€(350)m, excluding forex impact

- Underlying net cost of borrowings at ~€(150)m
- Coupons from perpetual hybrid bonds of €(111)m
  - considered as dividends under IFRS.
  - €(84)m in H1 and €(27)m in Q4
- Non-cash recurring discounting costs at ~€(80)m

### Tax rate

Underlying tax rate expected at ~26% versus 27.5% in 2017



## **2018 Sensitivities**

### **EBITDA** sensitivity

### Forex sensitivity on conversion and transaction:

- Immediate impact on conversion exposure
- Deferred transactional impact due to hedging (~6-12 month rolling basis)

#### Mainly linked to USD Sensitivity in 2018:

- ~€120m underlying EBITDA per (0.10) \$/€
- ~2/3 conversion & ~1/3% transactional

Other forex exposures: CNY, BRL, JPY, RUB, KRW, THB

## **Financials sensitivity**

#### Net debt sensitivity

- ~€140m per US\$/€ 0.10 change

#### Net financial charges sensitivity

~€5m per US\$/€ 0.10 change

/€	BRL	CNY	JPY	KRW	RUB	THB	USD
Q2 2018	4,29	8	130	1 287	74	38	1,19
Q2 2017	3,54	8	122	1 245	63	38	1,10
(d)evaluation FC in %	-18%	-1%	-6%	-3%	-15%	-0,7%	-8%



## **2018 Cash Considerations**

#### Free cash flow

Free cash flow from continuing operations expected to exceed 2017 level of €782m, including:

- Capital expenditure from continuing operations at ~€(700)m
- Total net cash-out for provisions at ~€(390)m, including mainly:
  - Higher pensions and related payments of ~€(235)m
  - Environmental provision payments of ~ €(80)m
  - Restructuring payments of ~ €(80)m

## **Cash financing payments**

Net cash financing payments at ~€(250)m Reduction by more than €100m

#### **Net financial debt**

Net financial debt to reduce form €(5.3)bn at year start to €(4.1)bn at year end

- Including expected net proceeds form Polyamide divestment of ~€1.1bn
- Leading to expected leverage ratio of 1.9x (from 2.2x at year start)



## Solvay's ADR program

#### **ADRs Details**

ADR Symbol	SOLVY
Platform	ОТС
CUSIP	834437303
DR ISIN	US834437305
Underlying ISIN	BE0003470755
SEDOL	BD87R68
Depositary bank	Citi
ADR ratio	1 ORD : 10 ADR

### **Benefits of ADRs**

- Clear and settle according to US standards
- Convenience of stock quotes and dividend payments in US dollars
- Purchase in the same way as other US stocks via a US broker
- Cost effective means of building an international portfolio

### For questions about creating Solvay ADRs, please contact Citi

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## An expanded executive committee More diverse & customer-centric



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