

# Rebounding volumes in a challenging environment

Financial Highlights Q2 2024



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### Financial highlights Q2 2024









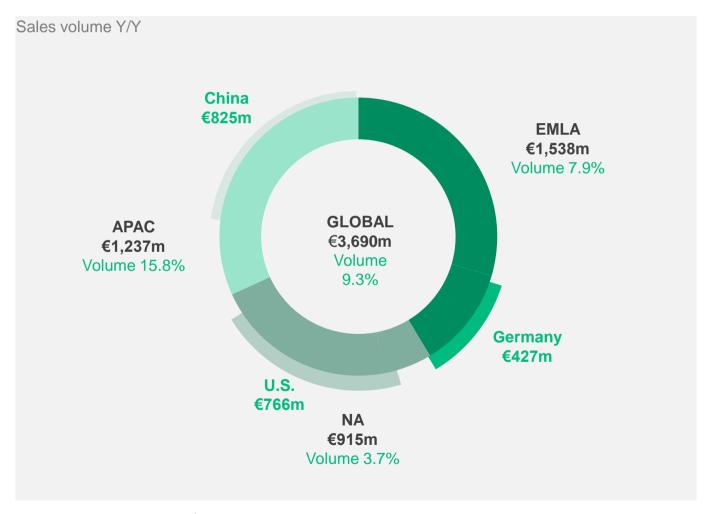




### Volumes are rebounding

### Q2 2024 – Regional split





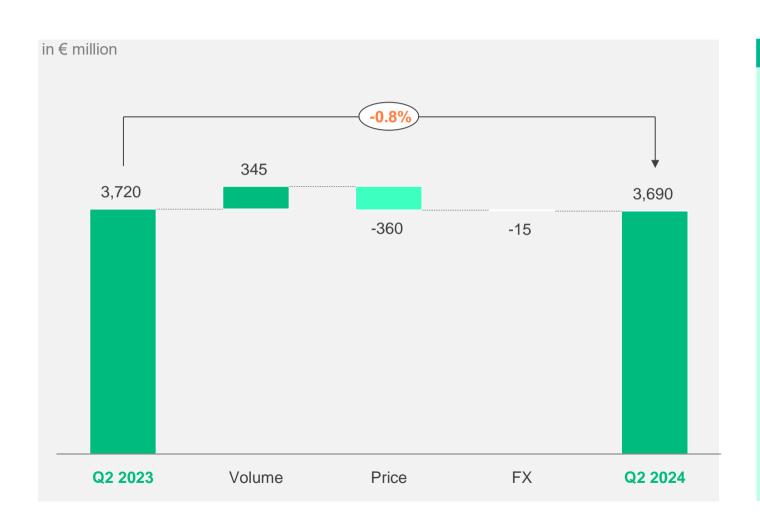
### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Solid year-over-year volume development across the industries:
  - Construction low teens % increase
  - Furniture/wood high single-digit % increase
  - Electro high single-digit % increase
  - Auto flattish
- EMLA: Significant increases in construction and furniture/wood while electro and auto with significant decline
- NA: Furniture/wood with significant growth, construction with slight increase while electro flattish and auto with significant decline
- APAC: Electro, construction, auto and furniture/wood all exhibiting significant growth

### Stable sales as volume growth compensates price decline



### Q2 2024 – Sales bridge



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

### Volume positive

- Volume increase of 9.3% Y/Y
- Performance Materials with 15.0% Y/Y growth while Solutions & Specialties with 4.8% Y/Y increase

### Pricing negative

- Pricing affected sales by -9.7%
- Performance Materials with -12.0% Y/Y whereas Solutions & Specialties with -7.7% Y/Y development

#### FX negative

 FX affected sales by -0.4% Y/Y mainly driven by weaker Chinese Renminbi and Japanese Yen

### EBITDA with positive volume and negative pricing delta



### Q2 2024 – EBITDA bridge



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Positive volume

- Volume leverage<sup>(1)</sup> of 39%
- Volume leverage below long-term average due to low margins per ton reflecting the stage of the cycle

### Negative pricing delta

 Negative pricing delta due to unfavorable supplydemand balance

#### Other items

- Benefitted from lower LTI/STI provisions of €26m
- Q2 2024 restructuring cost related to STRONG of €23m in Solutions & Specialties

### Solutions & Specialties – lower EBITDA due to restructuring costs



Segment results – Highlights Q2 2024



#### HIGHLIGHTS Q2 2024

- Sales declined by 3.3% Y/Y, mainly driven by lower prices (-7.7%), unfavorable FX (-0.4%) while increasing volumes (4.8%)
- Quarter-over-quarter, strong sales increase in APAC, slight increase in NA while EMLA decreasing due to lower volumes



### HIGHLIGHTS Q2 2024

- Compared to prior year, EBITDA significantly down due to negative pricing delta & restructuring costs while positive volumes
- Quarter-over-quarter, lower EBITDA driven by negative pricing delta and restructuring cost while positive volumes
- EBITDA margin decreased to 9.6% in Q2 2024

### Performance Materials – continued strong volume rebound

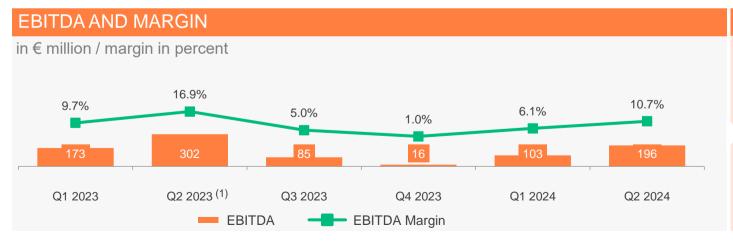


### Segment results – Highlights Q2 2024



#### HIGHLIGHTS Q2 2024

- Sales increased by 2.5% Y/Y driven by positive volume (+15.0%) while negative pricing (-12.0%) and FX (-0.5%)
- Quarter-over-quarter, strong sales increase in all regions; sequentially positive volume growth in APAC and NA



Notes:

### HIGHLIGHTS Q2 2024

- Compared to prior year, EBITDA declined due to negative pricing delta and higher fixed cost, partly compensated by increasing volumes
- Q2 '23 included €75m insurance reimbursement
- Quarter-over-quarter, significantly higher EBITDA driven by positive pricing delta and positive volumes

### Seasonally negative FOCF due to bonus payout and lower EBITDA



### Historical FOCF development



Notes:

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- H1 2024, FOCF was negative €276m with Q2 contributing minus €147m
- Working capital to sales ratio<sup>(4)</sup> increased to 19.8% (H1 2023: 19.4%), driven by steadily declining sales despite lower absolute working capital
- Stable capex (Y/Y) with increasing maintenance capex and focus on selected growth investments
- "Other effects" burdened by bonus pay out in Q2 2024 for FY 2023 (zero pay out in 2023 for FY 2022)

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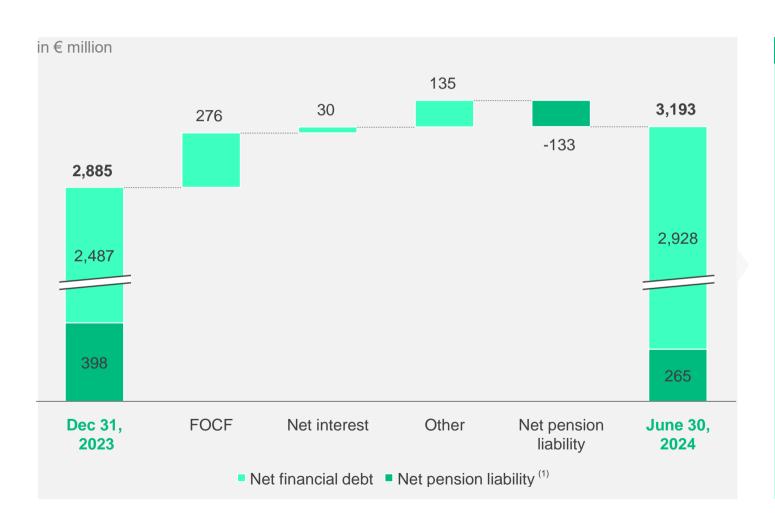
<sup>(1)</sup> Working capital includes changes in inventories, trade accounts receivable and trade accounts payable

<sup>(2)</sup> Cash-relevant capex(3) Restated for fiscal year 2020 for the change in presentation for rebates granted to customers, affecting trade and other liabilities(4) Method of calculation: Working Capital on June 30, 2024, divided by sales of last four quarters

### Total net debt seasonally burdened by negative FOCF



June 30, 2024 – Total net debt



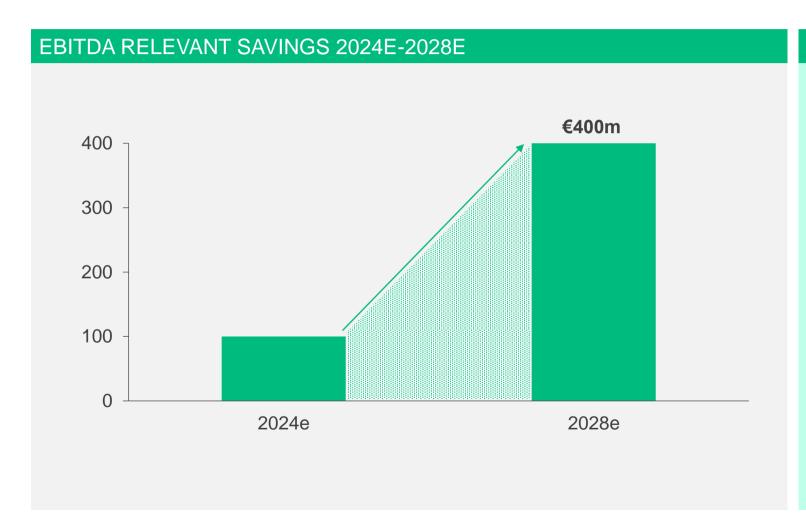
### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Total net debt to EBITDA ratio<sup>(2)</sup> of 3.2x at the end of H1 2024 compared to 2.7x at the end of Q4 2023
- Increased net debt to EBITDA ratio reflects the cyclical nature of Covestro's business and is expected to be only temporary
- · Others mainly driven by lease contracts
- No financial covenants in place
- Committed to a solid investment grade rating;
  Baa2 with stable outlook confirmed by Moody's in May 2024

### Launched program STRONG to contribute €400m annual savings



### Transformation program STRONG



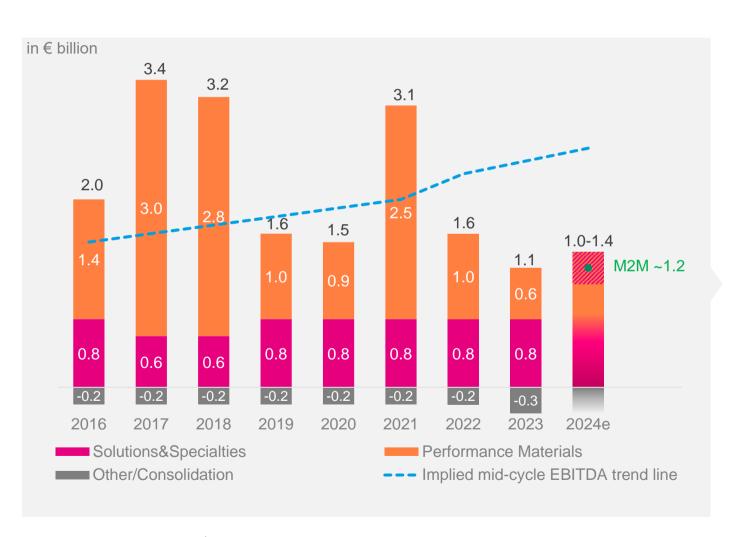
### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Launched program STRONG to shape Covestro for sustained competitiveness
  - Effective structures and efficient processes with strong customer focus
  - Broad introduction of AI solutions
- STRONG to contribute €400m annual savings by 2028 (slightly below 10% of total fixed costs)
- Requires cumulated ~€300m restructuring costs, thereof €23m in H1 2024
- In 2024, EBITDA impact of STRONG assumed slightly positive with savings partially offset by restructuring costs

### FY 2024 EBITDA guidance narrowed

### EBITDA development between 2016 and 2024e





### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### EBITDA guidance FY 2024:

Narrowed between €1.0 and 1.4bn

#### Mark-to-market (M2M):

 Mark-to-market (M2M) EBITDA for FY 2024 around €1.2bn; theoretical calculation based on June 2024 margins flat forward and forecast assumptions for 2024

#### Mid-cycle EBITDA:

- Mid-cycle definition: Respective year's EBITDA performance under average market conditions
- Mid-cycle EBITDA expected to yearly increase based on capacity additions

#### Global demand outlook 2024:

- Unchanged outlook for global GDP and most of Covestro's key customer industries
- Stronger outlook for electro and appliances

### FY 2024 guidance narrowed

### Full year guidance 2024



	FY 2023	GUIDANCE FY 2024 as of February 29	GUIDANCE FY 2024 as of July 30
EBITDA	€1,080m	€1,000 to 1,600m	€1,000 to 1,400m
FOCF	€232m	€0 to 300m	€-100 to 100m
ROCE above WACC <sup>(1)</sup>	-6.1pp	-7 to -2pp	-7 to -4pp
GHG emissions (scope 1&2)	4.9m tons	4.4 to 5.0m tons	4.4 to 5.0m tons
Additional financial expectations			
Sales	€14.4bn	€14.0 to 15.0bn	€14.0 to 15.0bn
EBITDA Q3	€277m	-	€250 to 350m
D&A	€894m	~€850m	~€850m
Financial result	€-113m	€-120 to -160m	€-120 to -160m
Income tax	€275m	€250 to 350m	€250 to 350m
Capex <sup>(2)</sup>	€765m	~€800m	~€800m

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#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

### 2024 FX sensitivity

- 1pp change equals
  - +/- €10m for CNY/EUR (basis 7.85)
  - +/- €5m for USD/EUR (basis 1.10)

### FOCF range

 Smaller range compared to EBITDA due to counterbalancing working capital effects

#### **GHG** emissions

 GHG range mainly driven by expected increase in production volumes offset by EEG exit in Germany

#### Income tax

- Income tax driven by unfavorable geographical earnings mix (nondeductible losses in Germany)
- Long-term tax rate estimated between 24-26%(3)

<sup>(2)</sup> Cash-relevant capex

<sup>(3)</sup> Covestro estimate

### Rebounding volumes in a challenging environment







Continued strong volume growth of 9.3%

driven by globally higher demand and improved internal availability



Sales stable at €3.7bn

caused by continued strong volumes increase while lower prices and unfavorable FX



EBITDA Q2 2024 of €320m at mid-point of guidance range burdened by negative pricing delta



FY 2024 guidance narrowed with an expected EBITDA of €1.0 to 1.4bn



Transformation program STRONG launched saving annually €400m by 2028



### **Questions & Answers**

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### Remarks:

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## Appendix

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### Upcoming IR events



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#### **REPORTING DATES**

October 29, 2024
 Q3 2024 Quarterly Statement

• February 26, 2025 2024 Annual Report

May 6, 2025
 Q1 2025 Quarterly Statement

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 17, 2025 Annual General Meeting

### **BROKER CONFERENCES**

September 3, 2024 Commerzbank & ODDO BHF Corporate Conference, Frankfurt

September 4, 2024 UBS Global Materials Conference, New York City

September 5, 2024
 Jefferies Industrials Conference, New York City

September 10, 2024
 Berenberg Food Ingredients & Chemicals Conference, London

September 11, 2024 Kepler Cheuvreux Autumn Conference 2024, Paris

September 23, 2024
 Baader Investment Conference 2024, Munich

September 24. 2024
 Berenberg & Goldman German Corporate Conference, Munich

October 10, 2024
 JP. Morgan CEO Series Call, virtual