

# Securing profitable growth in challenging times

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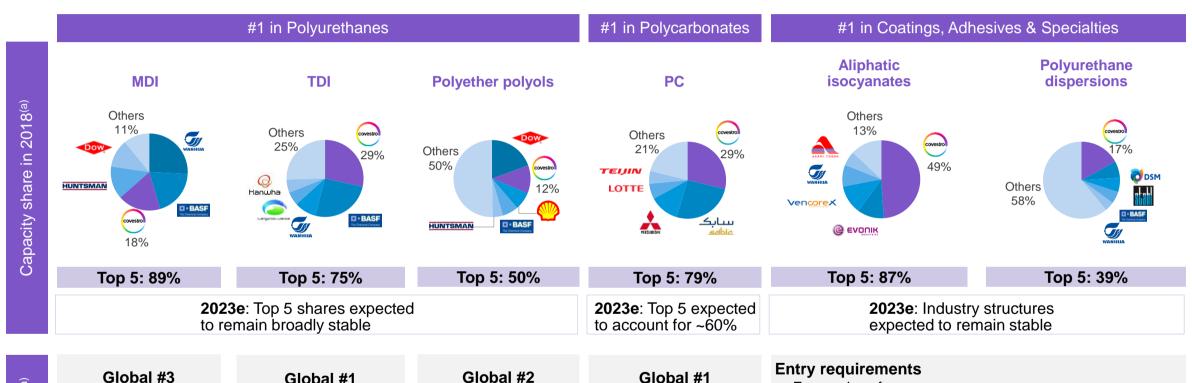


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# Covestro as global leader across its entire portfolio







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Global #3
1,470kt
6 sites

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	775kt
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# Global #2 1,350kt 9 sites

Source:

# 1,490kt 5 sites

# Economies of scope Formulation and application know-how Close customer relationships and long-term R&D collaborations Operation of global business platform

# Covestro is diversified across geographies and end-markets



Key performance indicators and sales split



Sales 2018



Core volume growth CAGR 2014-2018

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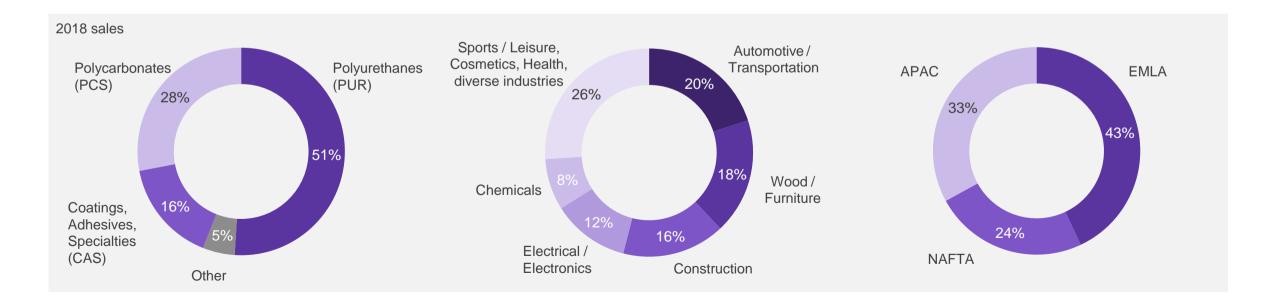
FOCF 2018



ROCE 2018



EBITDA 2018



# Covestro's industries grow above global GDP

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## Growth drivers and industry demand outlook



#### UN SDGs(a) Industry demand outlook(b) 2018 – 2023e Needs to be served ('000kt) **CAGR** related to climate change: Polyurethanes<sup>(c)</sup> ~21.9 Zero emission concepts 17.6 Low-energy buildings related to increasing mobility: 2023e 2018 **Energy-efficient mobility** Lightweight transportation **CAGR** Polycarbonates E-mobility, autonomous driving ~5.5 4.5 related to growing population: Food preservation Low-cost durable goods 2018 2023e Medical applications **CAGR** Specialties<sup>(d)</sup> ~4.2 Adhesives Coatings, 3.4 related to increasing urbanization: Affordable housing Living comfort Public infrastructure 2023e 2018

# Leading cost positions across business segments and regions

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## Covestro cash cost positions



Notes:

#### Highlights

- Covestro is one of the low-cost producers in MDI
- Capex for ongoing MDI expansion projects lead to significant cash cost improvements
- MDI industry with relatively flat cost curves reflected by cash cost advantage of ~20% between the best and the average of 5 least competitive plants
- Covestro is the global cost leader in TDI and PC
- Covestro cash cost advantage of ~50% in TDI and ~30% in PC compared to the average of 5 least competitive plants

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Cash cost improvements based on investment projects

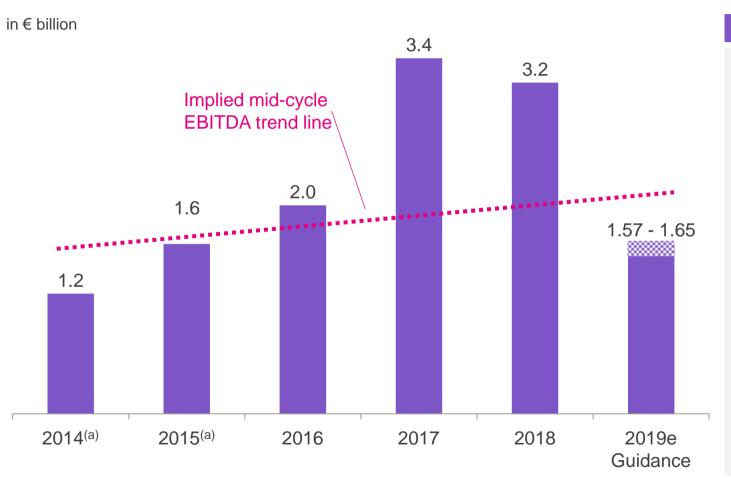
<sup>(</sup>a) Cost of production based on total raw material costs less co-product credits, variable and fixed conversion costs at 100% utilization based on nameplate capacity for FY 2017

<sup>(</sup>b) FY2017 Cash cost ex gate, 82% utilization rate for all plants based on nameplate capacity; integrated players are shown without any margins for BPA, phenol, acetone etc.

# Current earnings below mid-cycle levels

## EBITDA development between 2014 and 2019e





- 2014 below mid-cycle levels due to excess industry supply
- 2017 and parts of 2018 with strong demand growth and favorable industry supply-demand balance
- 2019 below mid-cycle levels as weaker demand and unfavorable industry supply-demand balance lead to margin pressure
- 18.6% average ROCE clearly above 6.9% average WACC (in 2014 - 2018), with ROCE low of 6.2% in 2014 and ROCE high of 33.4% in 2017
- Expected ROCE of 8 10% in 2019 above WACC

# Significant EBITDA increase under similar conditions

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## EBITDA bridge between 2014 and 2019e



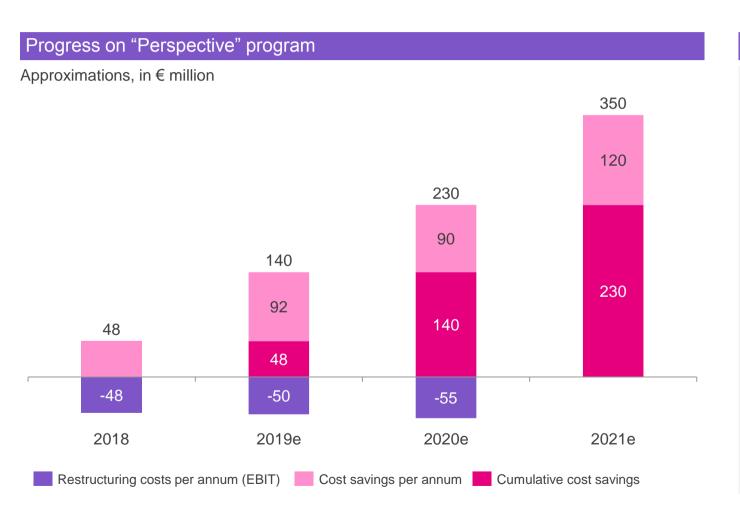
Note:

- Track record of growing core volumes above global GDP at ~4% CAGR in 2014 - 2018
- Corresponding average volume leverage<sup>(a)</sup> of ~45% translates into c. €200m additional EBITDA p.a.
- Average net EBITDA addition of c. €100m p.a. after deducting "other items"
- The increase in "other items" was mainly driven by dis-synergies after the IPO, annual labor cost inflation and capex-related expenses
- Covestro targets to limit future increases of "other items" with the help of the 'Perspective' cost-cutting and efficiency program

# Execute cost-cutting, reduce headcount in non-production areas



## Expected cumulative savings and restructuring costs

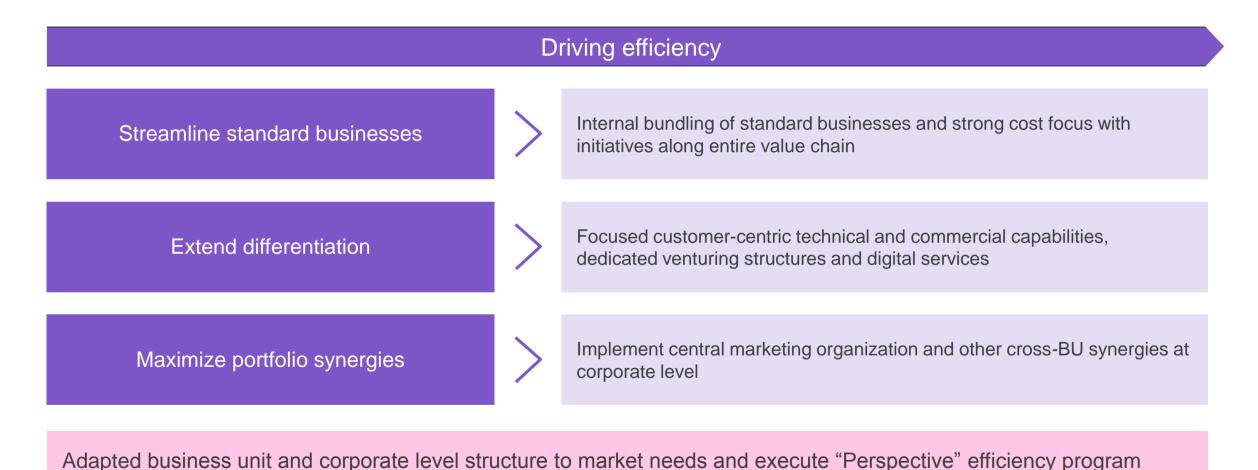


- Cumulative savings of around €350m planned until end of 2021e
- Reduction of ~900 FTE globally in non-production areas, to be carried out by way of socially acceptable solutions
- Functional areas: E2E supply chain, procurement, commercial, general and administration
- Driving efficiency by adapting business unit and corporate level structure to market needs: streamline standard businesses, extend differentiation and maximize portfolio synergies
- Expected increase of FTE in production areas

# Management adapts organizational structure to market needs



Efficiency measures in execution

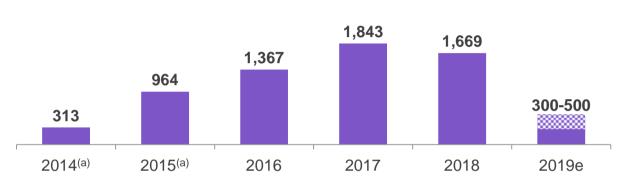


# Covestro generates strong FOCF across the cycle

# Historical FOCF development and 2019 guidance



#### in € million



EBITDA	1,161	1,641	2,014	3,435	3,200	1,570 <b>–</b> 1,650
Changes in WC	-157	+115	+25	-475	-167	Expected positive
Income taxes paid	-84	-230	-418	-510	-574	CTR > ETR
Other effects(b)	+5	-53	+165	-89	-83	Expected negative
Capex <sup>(c)</sup>	-612	-509	-419	-518	-707	c900

#### Highlights 2018

- Solid EBITDA to FOCF conversion rate at 52%
- Working capital (WC) to sales ratio slightly up at 16.2% in 2018 vs. 15.4% in 2017, within the targeted range of 15 - 17%

#### Guidance 2019

- EBITDA to FOCF conversion rate down to around 20 - 30%
- Capex<sup>(b)</sup> of ~€900m up Y/Y with focus on growth investments
- Cash out of ~€350m for 2018 bonus payments
- Cash tax rate expected above P&L tax rate due to phasing of tax payments

# Total net debt impacted by IFRS 16 and pension provisions



## Total net debt as of September 30, 2019



- Positive FOCF contribution reduced net financial debt
- Dividends of €438m paid out in Q2 2019
- Application of IFRS 16 increased net financial debt by €649m
- Pension provisions increased by €574m, mainly resulting from the lower discount rate in Germany
- Total net debt to EBITDA ratio<sup>(c)</sup> of 2.1x end of Q3 2019 vs. 0.6x end of 2018, mainly due to IFRS 16 adoption and increase in pension provisions

## Capital allocation focused on value creation

## Clear set of priorities



#### Commitment

# Dividend policy

- Progressive policy: increase or keep at least stable
- For FY 2018 dividend payment of €2.40 per share:
  - increase of 9% Y/Y
  - payout amount of €438m

#### Focus



- Industry and cost leadership make growth investments most value-creating use of cash
- Growth capex focuses mainly on CAS, MDI and PCS
- Maintenance capex to secure safe, reliable and efficient operations

## Opportunities



- Disciplined and focused approach
- Acquisitions with focus on high-margin and differentiated business areas
- Ongoing portfolio optimization including evaluation of potential disposals

Return to shareholders



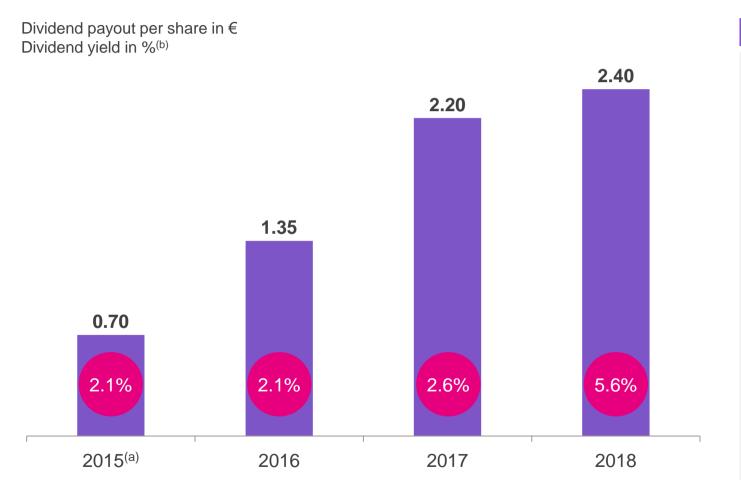
- Return excess cash to shareholders
- New authorization for share buy-back program for up to 10% of share capital available for the next 5 years

Decision based on highest value creation

# Dividend per share to increase or keep at least stable



## Historical dividend development



- Progressive policy: increase dividend per share in every year or keep at least stable
- For FY 2018 the dividend per share amounted to €2.40
- Dividend per share increase of 9% Y/Y
- Corresponding total payout amount of €438m<sup>(c)</sup>

<sup>(</sup>b) Based on year-end closing share price of respective fiscal year

# Value-creating investments secure profitable growth

## Key capacity expansion projects





## Scale and efficiency in Europe: +250kt MDI plus backbone

- Brunsbüttel, Germany: economic doubling of MDI capacity from 200kt to 400kt
- Tarragona, Spain: debottlenecking from 170kt to 220kt and backward integration with own chlorine production
- Antwerp, Belgium: own aniline supply
- Estimated costs: mid-to-high triple-digit Euro million
- Start-up: gradually until 2022e



## New world-scale plant in USA: +410kt MDI plus backbone

- New plant to expand Covestro's Baytown capacity from currently 330kt p.a. to 740kt p.a. by 2024e
- Replacement of 90kt sub-scale plant, in operation since 1974, to extend leading cash cost position with highly efficient world-scale plant
- Estimated costs: around €1.5bn
- Start-up: ≥ 2024e



#### Optional debottlenecking in China: +200kt PC

- Currently 400kt with planned expansions to 600kt, through debottlenecking of existing production lines
- Economic capacity expansion to maintain scale and cost leadership in PC industry
- Estimated costs: low-triple-digit Euro million
- Start-up: gradually until 2022e



#### **Specialty Films: capacity expansion**

- New co-extrusion production lines for high-quality specialty films in Germany, Thailand and China
- Rationale: invest in growth business of multi-layer specialty films
- Estimated costs: low-triple-digit Euro million
- Start-up: 2021e

# ESG ambitions support growth strategy

Covestro non-financial targets for 2025





R&D project portfolio to be aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals





100% of suppliers to be compliant with our sustainability requirements





Reduce specific greenhouse gas emissions by 50%





Help ten million people in underserved markets with sustainable solutions





Getting the most out of carbon by increasing its productivity



# Securing profitable growth in more challenging times



Why invest in Covestro



Above GDP volume growth

driven by innovation and sustainability trends



Leading and defendable global industry positions

as innovation and cost leader



Management focus on driving efficiency

with streamlined structures to better adapt to market needs, focus on cost discipline and strict incentive targets



Capital allocation focused on value creation

with commitment to progressive dividend policy and profitable growth



Full alignment of strategy with ESG criteria

embodied by non-financial targets





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## Attractive Core Volume Growth

## Group results – Highlights Q3 2019



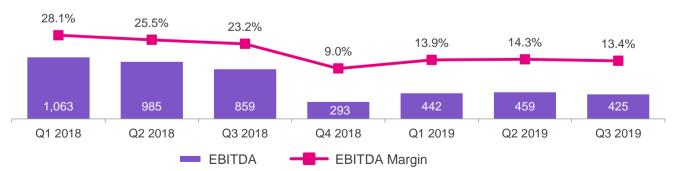




- Core Volume Growth of +5.3% Y/Y
- Strong Core Volume Growth Y/Y in PCS, solid growth in PUR overall, declining volumes in CAS
- Negative pricing with -18.5% Y/Y

## **EBITDA** and Margin

in € million / margin in percent



- Compared to prior year, EBITDA declined due to pronounced negative pricing delta
- Sequentially, EBITDA margin declined to 13.4% vs. 14.3%, mainly due to margin pressure in a continuing challenging industry environment

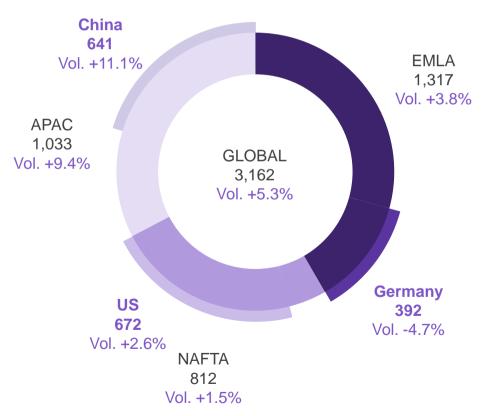
# Strong growth in a difficult environment

## Q3 2019 – Regional split



#### Sales and Core Volume Growth

in € million / changes Y/Y



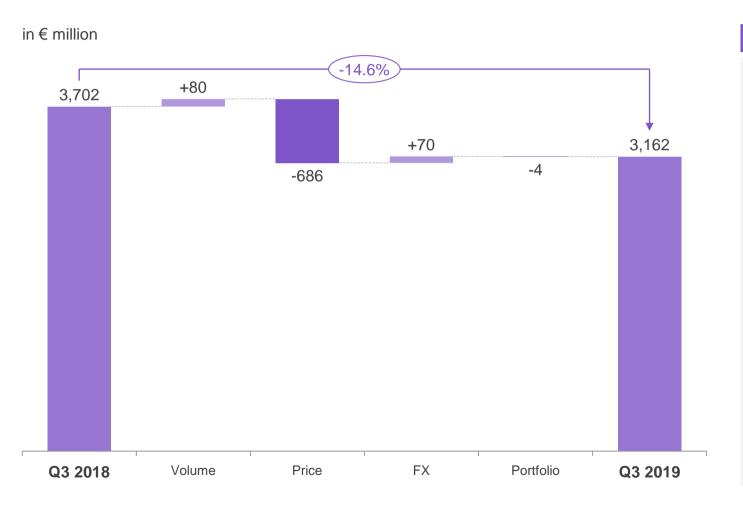
#### Core Volume Growth Y/Y

- APAC: double-digit growth in construction, electronics and wood/furniture
- EMLA: double-digit growth in wood/furniture and electronics compensate negative growth in automotive
- NAFTA: solid growth in construction and wood/furniture compensate negative growth in automotive
- Global: double-digit growth in wood/furniture and electronics as well as strong growth in construction more than compensate negative growth in automotive

# Negative price effects decrease sales despite positive volumes



## Q3 2019 – Sales bridge



### Highlights

#### Positive volume development

- Sales volume expansion (in €) by +2.1% Y/Y
- Sales volume expansion below core volume growth mainly due to declining non-core business and negative product mix effects

#### **Negative pricing**

 Lower selling prices negatively impacted sales by -18.5% Y/Y, driven by competitive pressure in PUR and PCS

#### Positive FX

 Sales benefited +1.9% Y/Y from FX mainly due to stronger USD and CNY

#### Portfolio impact

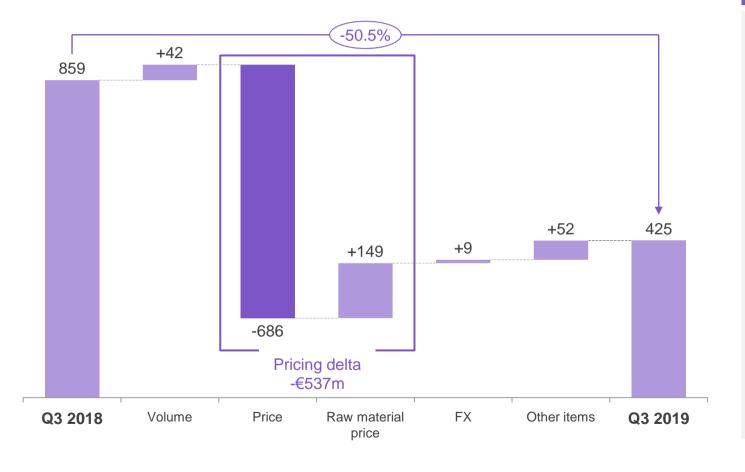
Sales reduced by net effect of -0.1% Y/Y

# Positive volumes and lower costs partly mitigate negative prices



## Q3 2019 – EBITDA bridge





#### Highlights

#### Positive volume leverage

Solid contribution at 53%<sup>(a)</sup>

#### Pronounced decline in contribution margin

 Negative pricing delta in PUR and PCS mainly resulting from higher competitive pressure

#### Other items

- Prior year included €36m book gain from US polycarbonates sheets divestment
- Lower costs, with "Perspective" program on track
- Positive impact of €29m from accounting change (IFRS 16)

# Full year guidance narrowed

## FY 2019 guidance

	FY 2018	Previous guidance FY 2019	Guidance FY 2019
Core Volume Growth	+1.6%	Low- to mid-single-digit percentage increase Y/Y	Low-single-digit percentage increase Y/Y
FOCF	€1,669m	€300 – 700m	€300 – 500m
ROCE	29.5%	8% – 13%	8% – 10%
Additional financial expectations	FY 2018	Previous guidance FY 2019	Guidance FY 2019
EBITDA FY	€3,200m	€1,500 – 2,000m	€1,570 – 1,650m
D&A	€620m	~€750m	~€770m
Financial result	€-104m	€-100 to -120m	€-80 to -100m
P&L (effective) tax rate	26.1%	24 - 26%	26 - 28%
Capex <sup>(a)</sup>	€707m	≥€900m	~€900m





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# Materials and systems for rigid and flexible foams

## Polyurethanes (PUR) at a glance





Producer globally and inventor of PU<sup>(a)</sup>



Polyols grades for differentiation



Core volume CAGR in 2014 - 2018<sup>(b)</sup>



Sales 2018



EBITDA 2018













**Cold chain** e.g. refrigerator

**Construction** e.g. insulation panel

Cost leadership
e.g. process
technology

**Comfort**e.g. furniture
upholstery

Automotive
e.g. instrument
panel

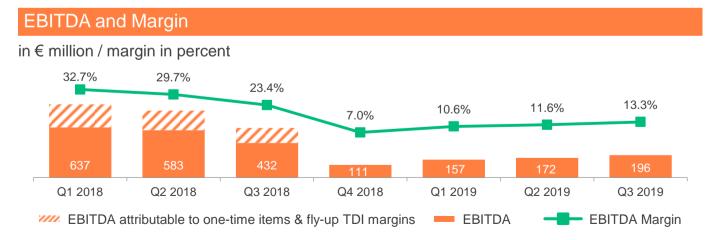
**Sustainability** e.g. CO<sub>2</sub>-based polyether polyols

# Polyurethanes – stabilizing earnings below mid-cycle



## PUR segment results – Highlights Q3 2019





#### Highlights

- Solid core volumes of +5.1% Y/Y, driven by all product groups and most industries except automotive
- Positive effects from volume (+2.1%) despite declining non-core volumes and FX (+1.9%)
- Sales decreased by -20.1% Y/Y, driven by price (-24.4%)

- Compared to prior year, EBITDA declined due to pronounced negative pricing delta
- Sequentially, EBITDA margin increased to 13.3% vs. 11.6%, mainly driven by positive volumes and lower costs

# Polyurethanes broadly positioned for growth

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## Sales by end-markets and regions

### PUR sales split by business

% of 2018 sales

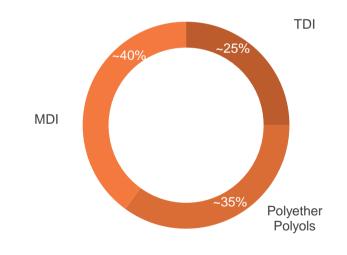
## PUR sales split by end-markets

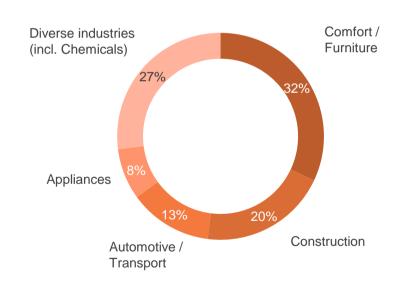
% of 2018 sales

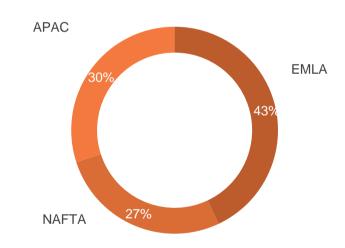
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### PUR sales split by regions

% of 2018 sales







Growth driven by MDI and TDI

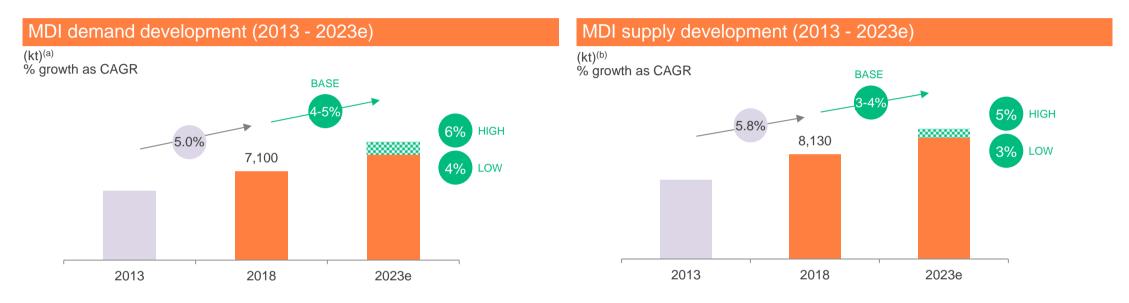
Growth driven by several industries

Growth driven by APAC

# MDI industry supply and demand to remain balanced



## Historical industry development and outlook



#### Industry highlights

- Structurally sound demand of 4% 5% based on global GDP growth and substitution trends
- Major additions<sup>(c)</sup> expected until 2023e: Wanhua (800kt in China) and BASF (300kt in USA)
- Covestro additions: Brunsbüttel, Germany (200kt, 2020e), Caojing, PRC (100kt, 2021e) and Tarragona, Spain (50kt, 2022e)

<sup>(</sup>b) Based on historical and announced future nameplate capacities

<sup>(</sup>c) Based on corporate announcements Covestro estimates

# TDI supply additions to slow down after 2019

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## Historical industry development and outlook



## Industry highlights

- Ongoing ramp-ups: Sadara (200kt), BASF (300kt) and Wanhua (300kt)
- Major additions<sup>(c)</sup> expected until 2023e: Juli Heshan (150kt), Lianshi (50kt), Fujian SEEC (150kt)
- Announced closure of BASF (80kt, Schwarzheide)
- Potential industry consolidation in APAC

<sup>(</sup>b) Based on historical and announced future nameplate capacities

<sup>(</sup>c) Based on corporate announcements Covestro estimates

# Engineering thermoplastic with unique combination of properties



Polycarbonates (PCS) at a glance



Producer globally and inventor of PC<sup>(a)</sup>



PC grades for broadest offering



Core volume CAGR in 2014 - 2018



Sales 2018



EBITDA 2018











**Mobility** e.g. exterior

**Electronics** e.g. robot housing

Consumer electronics e.g. adapter

**Electrical**e.g. LED street lamp

**Mobility** e.g. charging station

**Healthcare** e.g. drug delivery

# Polycarbonates – strong volume growth

## PCS segment results – Highlights Q3 2019



#### Sales and Core Volume Growth

in € million / changes Y/Y



## **EBITDA** and Margin

in € million / margin in percent



## Highlights

- Strong Core Volume Growth of +9.3% Y/Y driven by most industries except automotive
- Positive effects from volume (+6.8%) and FX (+2.0%)
- Sales decreased by -13.2% Y/Y driven by price (-20.7%) and portfolio (-1.3%)

- Compared to prior year, EBITDA declined due to pronounced negative pricing delta
- Sequentially, EBITDA margin decreased to 14.7% vs. 17.2%, mainly driven by lower prices and negative product mix effects

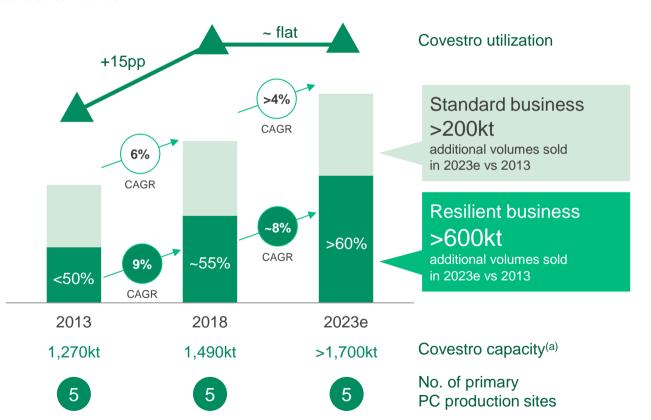
# Resilient business to grow to 65% long term

## PCS product portfolio



## Development of resilient portion of PCS volumes

Covestro sales volumes in kt



## Covestro highlights

#### **Product portfolio improvement**

- Short-term, product mix deterioration expected due to automotive weakness
- Long-term, goal to increase resilient portion of PC volumes to 65% with structural improvement of average contribution margin

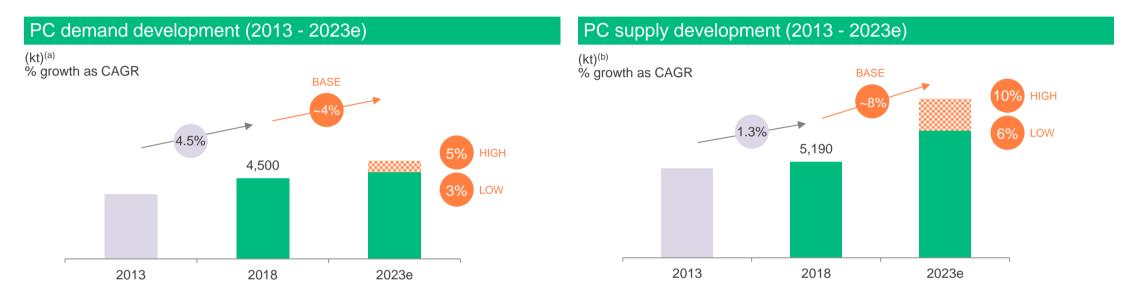
#### **Higher asset utilization**

- Volume leverage through significant improvement of capacity utilization by ~15 percentage points
- Significantly higher output from unchanged number of primary production sites

# Execution risks may limit future capacity additions

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## Historical industry development and outlook



### Industry highlights

- Electric mobility and autonomous driving could accelerate demand growth above base case
- Major additions<sup>(c)</sup> expected until 2023e: Cangzhou Dahua, Heng Yuan, Hubei Ganning, Lotte, Luxi, SABIC-Sinopec, Shenma, Wanhua, ZPC, Zhong Lan
- · Numerous announced projects with high uncertainties regarding actual timing and scope
- Covestro additions: Caojing, PRC (optional 4x 50kt in 2020e 2023e)

(a) Assumes global GDP CAGR 2018 - 2023e of 2 - 3%

(b) Based on historical and announced future nameplate capacities

(c) Based on corporate announcem

Source: Covestro estimates

# Performance materials for coatings, adhesives and specialties



Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties (CAS) at a glance



Producer globally of aliphatic isocyanates and PU dispersions<sup>(a)</sup>



Products based primarily on 6 monomers



Core volume CAGR in 2014 - 2018(b)



Sales 2018



**EBITDA** 2018





Ingredients for surface coatings



Ingredients for adhesives and sealants







# Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties – disappointing demand



CAS segment results – Highlights Q3 2019

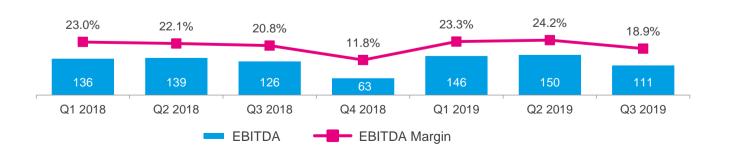
#### Sales and Core Volume Growth

in € million / changes Y/Y



## **EBITDA** and Margin

in € million / margin in percent



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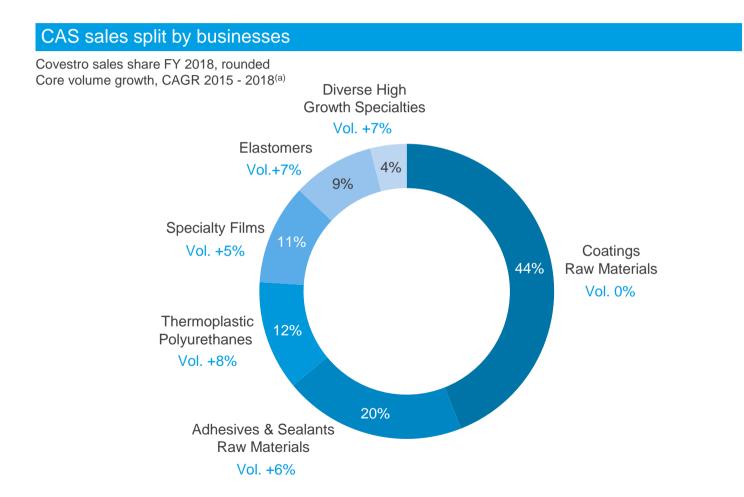
- Decline in core volumes of -4.0% Y/Y, due to weak demand broad-based in all industries
- Sales decreased by -3.0% Y/Y driven by volume (-4.7%) and price (-2.1%)
- Positive FX impact Y/Y (+2.2%)
- Positive portfolio impact Y/Y (+1.6%) from DCP<sup>(a)</sup>

- Compared to prior year, EBITDA decreased due to lower volumes and margin pressure
- Sequentially, EBITDA margin decreased to 18.9% vs. 24.2%, mainly due to the negative volume leverage and decreasing prices

# CAS demonstrated solid underlying growth of 3% p.a.

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## Outperformance of High Growth Specialties businesses



- Core volume growth of 3.0% CAGR in 2014 - 2018<sup>(a)</sup>
- Ongoing weakness in coatings and adhesives markets as well as competitive pressure remain burdens on CAS margin in the foreseeable quarters
- High Growth Specialties businesses generate 36% of sales: Thermoplastic Polyurethanes (TPU), Specialty Films and Elastomers
- Coatings raw materials businesses burdened by weak end markets like marine, oil and gas as well as refinishing





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# Scores reflect Covestro's broad engagement in ESG



Rating results as of September 2019

Rating / Index	Total score	Detail / Status	
MSCI (1)	A (Scoring A-D)	in Specialty Chemicals	10%
Corporate Responsibility Prime rated by Oekom research	B- (Scoring A-D)	Prime	Not Prime Prime  118 companies in the industry
SUSTAINALYTICS	77 (out of 100 Points)	Outperformer	Relative Position Outperformer
ecovadis Supplier Sustainability ratings	80 (out of 100 Points)	Gold	2016 CSR Rating  coup  eco√actis
FTSE Russell	Inclusion in FTSE4Good Index <sup>(a)</sup>	FTSE4Good	
vigeoeiris	Inclusion in Vigeo Eiris Eurozone 120 Index <sup>(b)</sup>	EURONEXT VIGEORIFIS INDICES EUROZONE 120	

# Product innovation as long-term growth driver



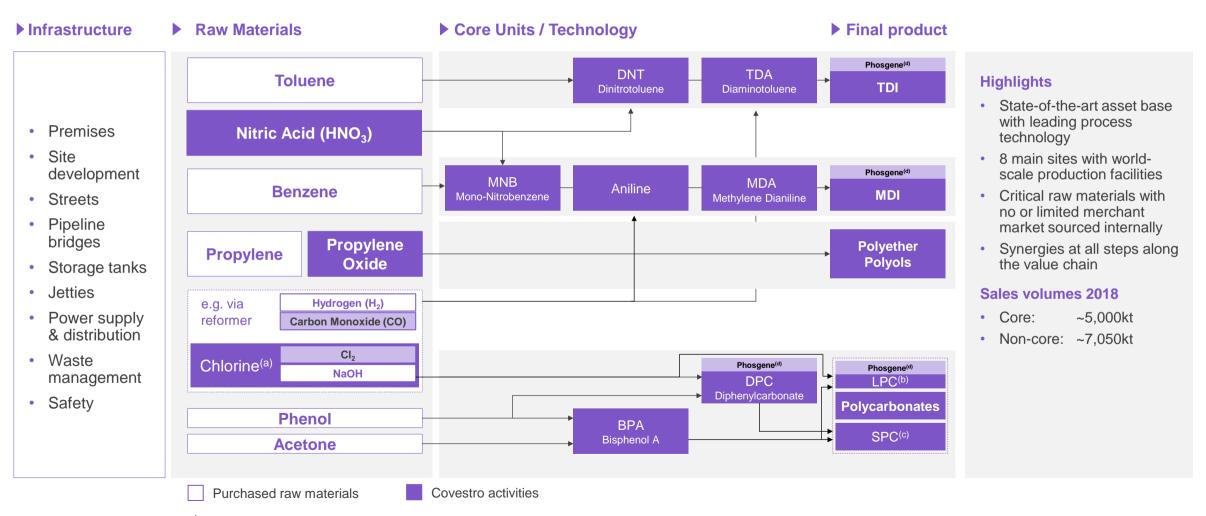
## Addressing ever-changing customer needs for new material solutions

Need	Overall market	Relevant market	Covestro solutions
More durable and economical wind power plants	Energy consumption CAGR: ~3%	Offshore wind energy CAGR: ~19%	Novel materials for wind power plants: PU resins for rotor blades, PU-based coatings, elastomers for sea cables
Energy- and cost-efficient buildings	Construction CAGR: ~2%	Polyurethane insulation CAGR: ~5%	Raw materials for PU foam (rigid and in spray form) enabling highly efficient insulation
Reduction of high energy consumption of lighting	Luminaire CAGR: ~3%	Luminaire LED CAGR: ~12%	Polycarbonates in LED lenses, light guides, heat sinks
Eco-friendly produced furniture	Coating ind. furniture CAGR: ~3%	Water-based ind. furniture CAGR: ~5%	New bio-based hardener for water-based wood coatings
Sustainable and functional fashion	Textile coating CAGR: ~6%	Relevant textile coating CAGR: ~11%	Waterborne, solvent-free materials for functionalized textiles in diverse applications
More and better cooling devices	Refrigerators CAGR: ~3%	Refrigeration insulation foam CAGR: ~8%	Raw materials for particularly effective insulating foams: 40% smaller pores allow up to 10% better insulation
Reduced weight and increased comfort	Global car production CAGR: ~3%	Relevant car applications CAGR: ~5%	Attractive alternatives to conventional materials: polymers to replace glass and metal

# Synergies in scale, process technology and chemical know-how



## One chemical backbone across all segments

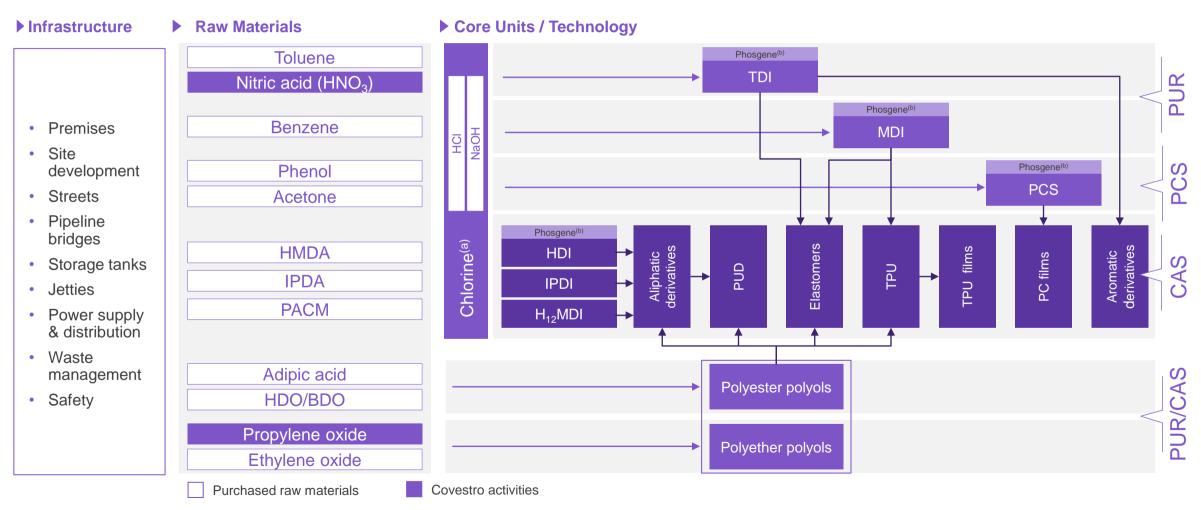


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# Significant synergies from Covestro chemical backbone



## CAS backward integration



# Disciplined decision process for capex projects

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## Focus on value creation

Financial fit	<ul> <li>ROCE (return on capital employed)</li> <li>NPV (net present value)</li> <li>POT (pay-off time)</li> </ul>
Strategic fit	Relevancy for strategy realization
Process	<ol> <li>Definition of resource framework</li> <li>Definition of strategic priorities and financial expectations</li> <li>Prioritization of investment proposals:         <ul> <li>Maintenance capex projects: risk assessment, financial impact from project delay</li> <li>Growth and efficiency capex projects: ROCE, NPV, POT and strategic fit</li> </ul> </li> <li>Approval of overall project portfolio by Covestro Board of Management and inclusion in Covestro financial plan</li> <li>Individual project approval according to stage-gate process</li> </ol>

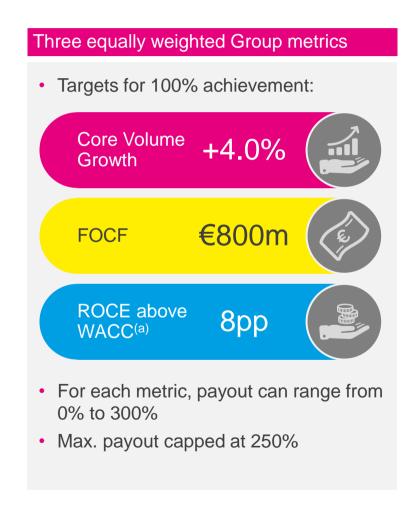
# Entire organization aligned for performance

## Full STI annual target achievement requires EBITDA above €2bn



## Uniform bonus system

- Full alignment of all employees (including board) along the same KPIs
- Criteria with full focus on performance and shareholder value creation
- 100% payout, as percentage of annual base salary, linked to hierarchy level
- Total payout at Group level for 0%, 100% and 250% achievement is €0m, ~€180m and ~€450m, respectively
- Fixed hurdle rates for 2019 2021 reflect KPI values in mid-cycle conditions, based on historical review and expected future development



### Transparent ambition

- Future core volume growth goal of 4% requires growth capex
- 100% target achievement for ROCE and FOCF implies mid-cycle EBITDA above
   €2bn for 2019 - 2021

# Upcoming IR events



## Find more information on investor.covestro.com

#### Reporting dates

• February 19, 2020 Annual Report 2019

April 29, 2020
 Q1 2020 Interim Statement

July 23, 2020 Half-year Report 2020

#### Broker conferences

November 12, 2019
 UBS European Conference, London

November 13, 2019
 Société Générale, European ESG & SRI Conference, Paris

December 3, 2019 Crédit Suisse, Chemicals and Agriculture Conference, London

December 4, 2019 Société Générale, Premium Review Conference, Paris

January 14, 2020 Commerzbank, German Investment Seminar, New York

January 20, 2020
 Kepler Cheuvreux, German Corporate Conference, Frankfurt

### **Annual General Meeting**

April 17, 2020
 Annual General Meeting, Bonn



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