



# Managing challenging times

Financial Highlights  
Q4/FY 2022



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# FY 2022 Highlights



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

Sales



€18bn

FOCF



€138m

EBITDA



€1.6bn

Shareholder  
return<sup>(1)</sup>



€801m



## NON-FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

GHG emissions  
(Scope 1 & 2)



-12%<sup>(2)</sup>

4.7m tons

PPAs



Power purchase agreement  
(PPA) for 300 GWh / ~30% of  
Shanghai site starting 2023

Renewable  
Energy



12% of renewable  
energy share

Covestro Culture



Certified top  
employer<sup>(3)</sup>

Circularity



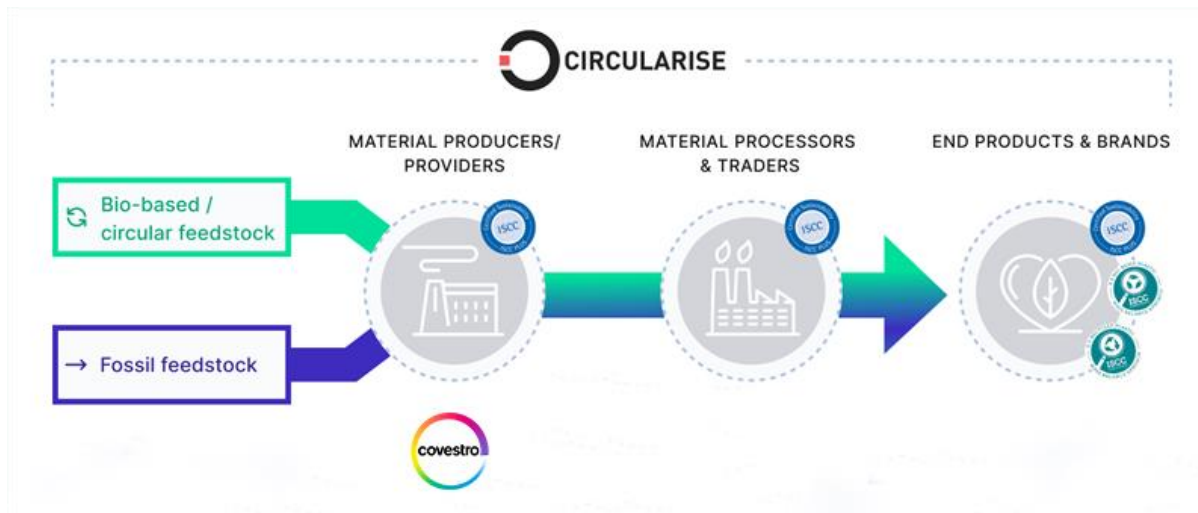
11 sites across  
APAC and EMLA  
ISCC+ certified

# Covestro and Circularise partner in ISCC PLUS certification



## Covestro advances on its path to circularity

### BLOCKCHAIN SYSTEM COMPLEMENTS ISCC PLUS ALONG VALUE CHAIN



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Successful completion of a project with Circularise, a digital pioneer in blockchain technology for end-to-end traceability of circular solutions
- Project involved 10 companies from the chemical industry and respective downstream sectors to bridge the inter-company gap for the smart and secure bookkeeping of mass balance certifications
- Customers are requesting digital certification systems to validate sustainability data on materials
- ISCC PLUS certification ensures sustainable material traceability and verification of data at individual sites and across the value chain
- Simplified digital information transfer will grow the acceptance of mass balancing across the value chain
- Through the mass balance approach fossil feedstock is partially replaced by a bio-circular alternative

# Covestro improves supply & cost position on MDI production

## Performance Materials chlorine supply



### Covestro Tarragona facts:

- MDI site since 1971
- Nameplate capacities:
  - 170kt MDI
  - 125kt chlorine<sup>(3)</sup>
  - 140kt caustic soda<sup>(3)</sup>
  - 90kt hydrochloric acid<sup>(3)</sup>
- Largest MDI production in southern Europe
- Serving Spain, Portugal, France + export hub



### HIGHLIGHTS

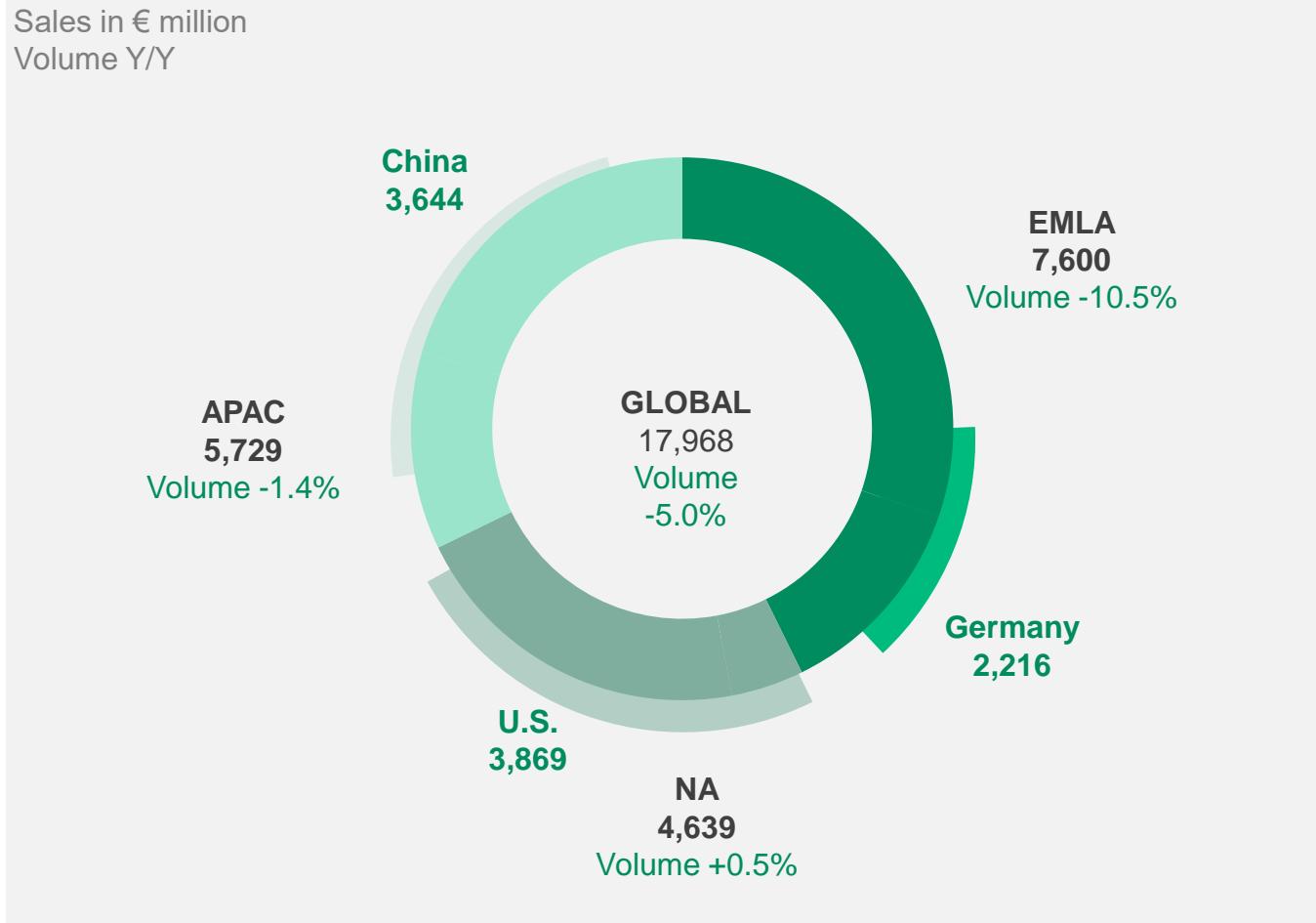
#### New world-scale chlorine plant in Tarragona

- Successful start up of the first world scale chlorine plant using Covestro's patented energy efficient oxygen depolarized cathode (ODC) technology<sup>(1)</sup>
- Proprietary chlorine production replaces third party supplies employing conventional chlor-alkali electrolysis
- Significant increase of independence and efficiency of MDI production
- Investment of ~€200m and creation of 50 new jobs
- European chlorine capacity increasing by 125kt to 1.4m tons<sup>(3)</sup> (1.1m tons based on salt and 0.3m tons based on hydrochloric acid)
- Covestro global chlorine capacity rising to 2.3m tons<sup>(3)</sup> (1.4m tons based on salt and 0.9m tons based on hydrochloric acid)
- Mid-double-digit € million EBITDA contribution from reduced cost for chlorine and additional sales of caustic soda and hydrochloric acid
- Significant progress on Covestro's goal of energy savings of 25% and avoidance of 22,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions compared to the conventional process<sup>(2)</sup>

# Volume decline due to demand weakness in Europe



## FY 2022 – Regional split



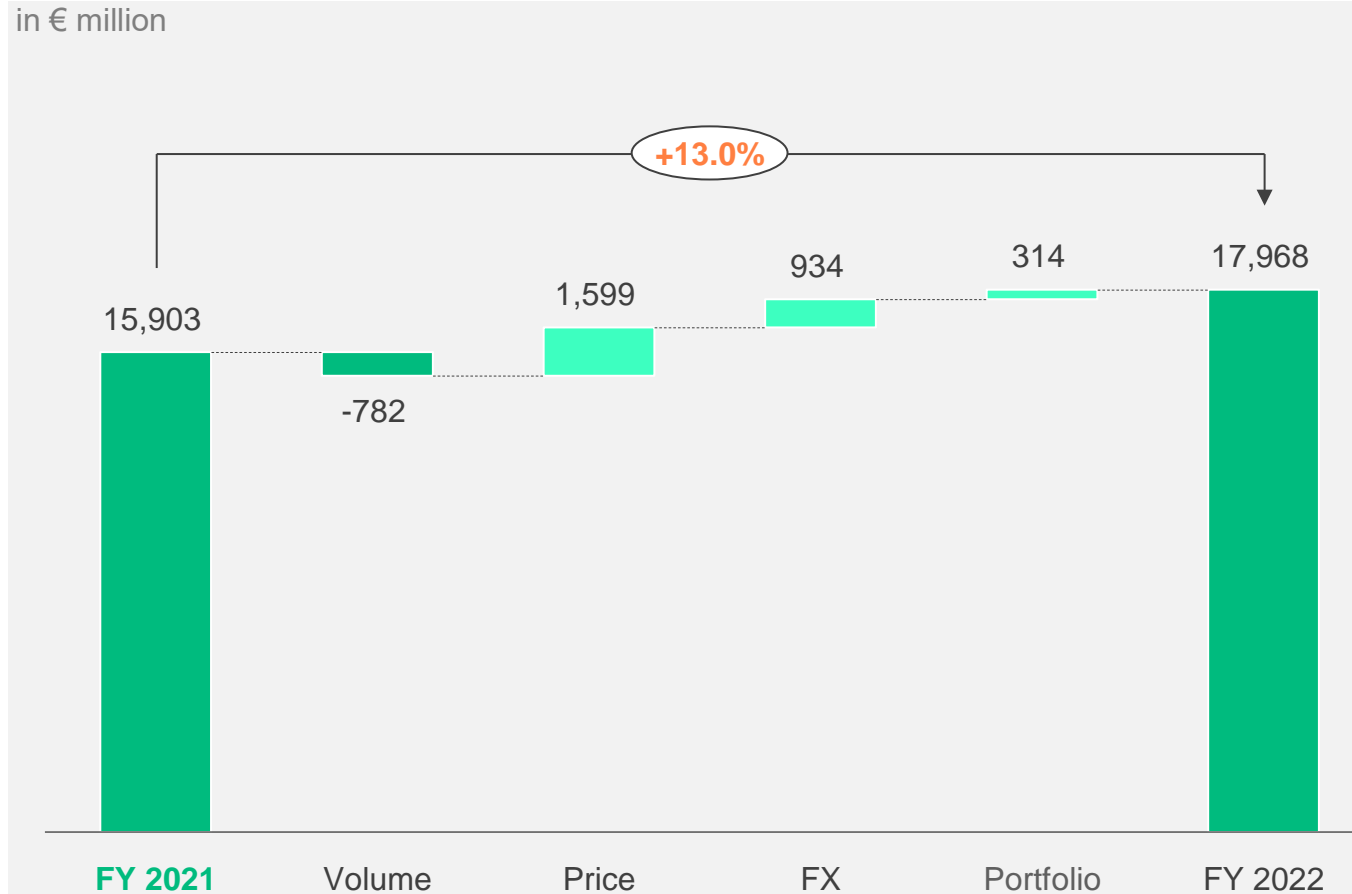
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Volume decline year-over-year driven by a globally weakening economic climate and destocking:
  - Electro low double-digit % decline
  - Furniture/wood high single-digit % decline
  - Auto/transport low single-digit % decline
  - Construction low single-digit % increase
- **EMLA:** Within increasingly weakening economic environment significant decline in electro, furniture and construction; auto/transport only with slight decline due to improving chip supply in 2H 2022
- **NA:** Strong volume growth in construction, slight growth in auto/transport, flat development in electro, slight decline in furniture/wood
- **APAC:** Significant growth in construction; auto/transport slightly positive benefitting from stimulus program despite Covid impact, furniture with slight and electro with significant decline

# Sales increase mainly driven by price and FX



## FY 2022 – Sales bridge



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Volume negative

- Volume contribution of -5.0% Y/Y

#### Pricing positive

- Higher selling prices that partially compensated higher energy and raw material costs pushed sales up +10.1% Y/Y
- Price increases enforced by both Performance Materials (+10.9% Y/Y) and Solutions & Specialties (+9.4% Y/Y)

#### FX positive

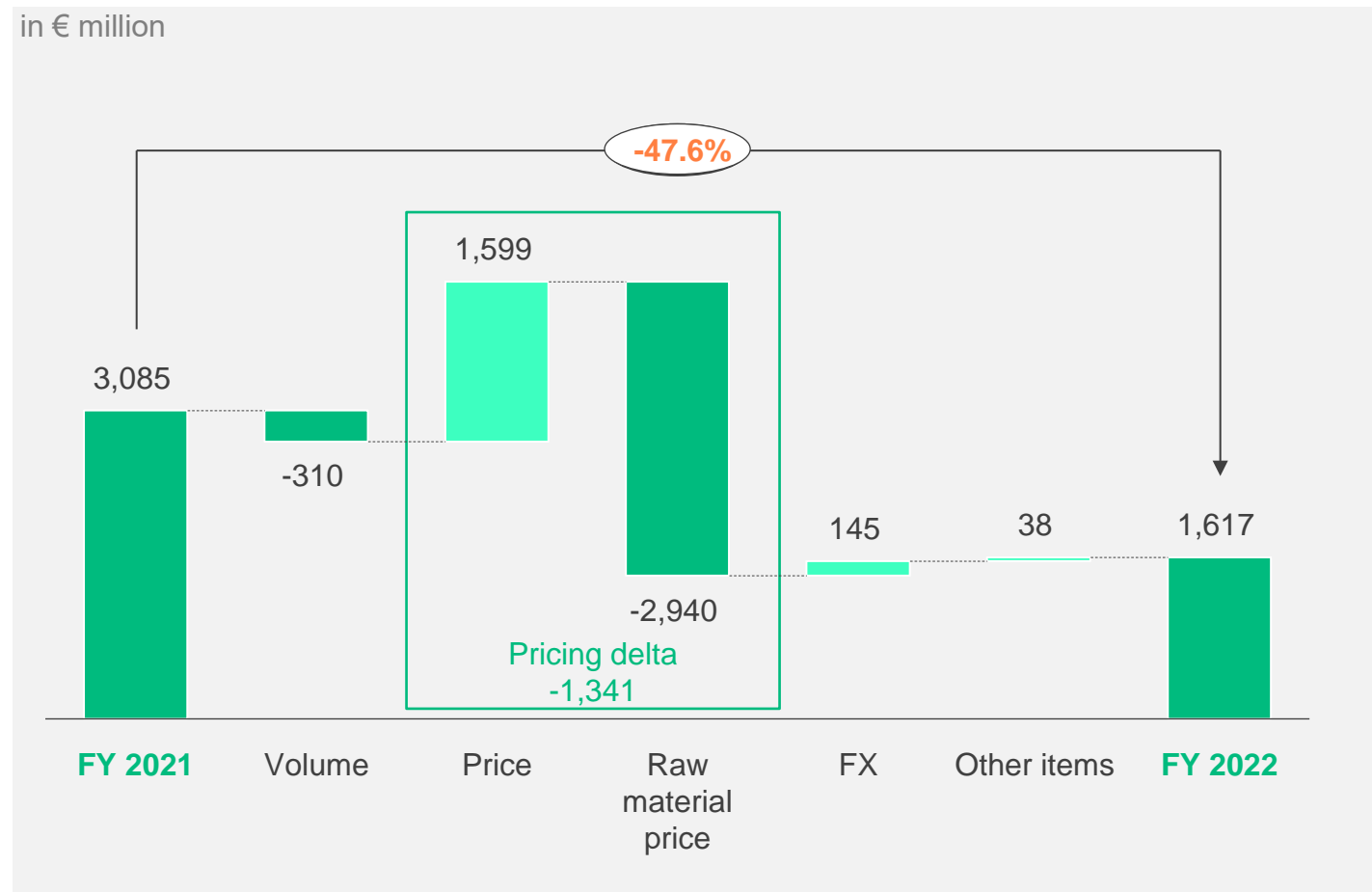
- FX affected sales by +5.9% Y/Y mainly driven by stronger USD and RMB

#### Portfolio positive

- RFM<sup>(1)</sup> increased sales by +2.0% Y/Y

# Earnings hit by significantly negative pricing delta

## FY 2022 – EBITDA bridge



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Negative volume leverage<sup>(1)</sup>

- Negative volume leverage of 40%

#### Negative pricing delta

- Raw material and energy cost pass-through ability declined during course of the year, leading to only 54% compensation of cost increases

#### Other items:

- Lower provisions for variable compensation of €481m
- €86m from lower cost from RFM integration and LEAP restructuring
- Significant increase of fixed costs among others due to freight, logistic and salary increases



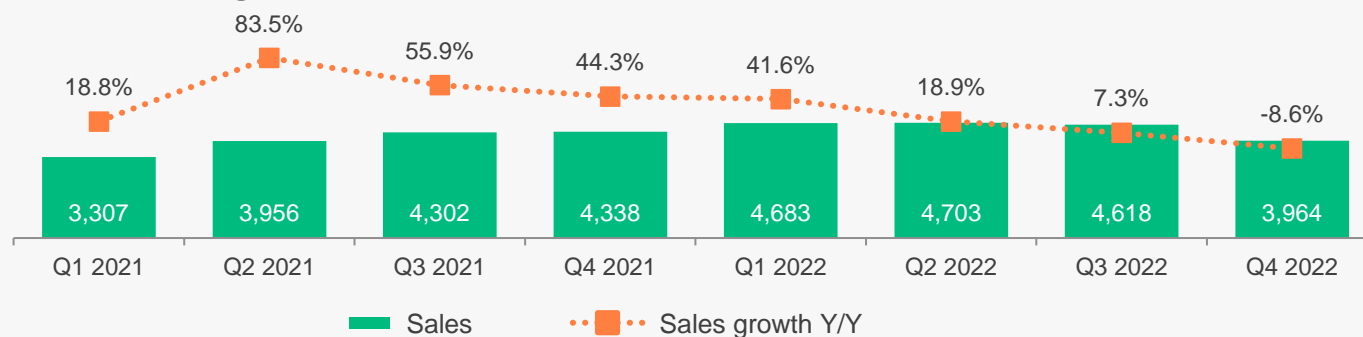
# EBITDA decrease Q/Q resulting from demand weakness



## Group results – Highlights Q4 2022

### SALES<sup>(1)</sup>

in € million / changes Y/Y

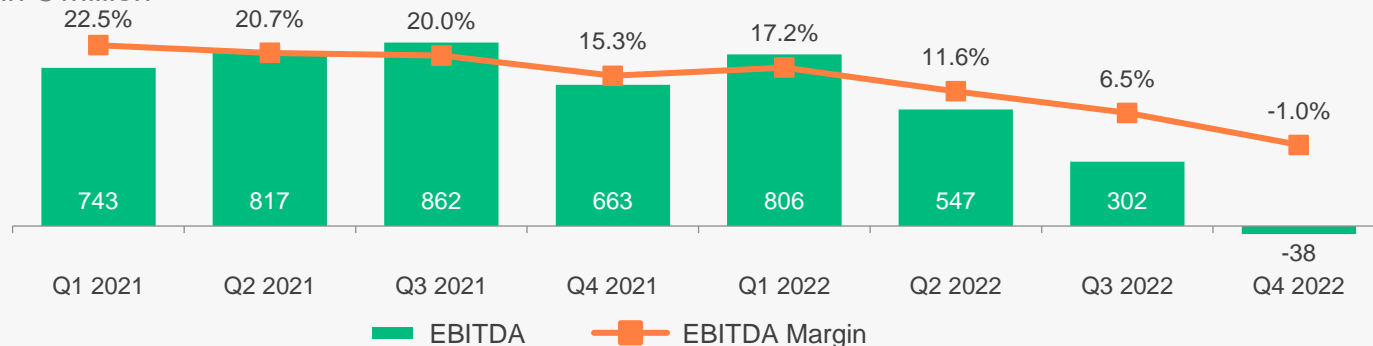


### HIGHLIGHTS

- Year-on-year sales decline mainly attributable to weakening demand and resulting lower sales volume
- Sequentially, negative sales development due to slight reductions in price & currency and strong decline in volume

### EBITDA AND MARGIN<sup>(1)</sup>

in € million



### HIGHLIGHTS

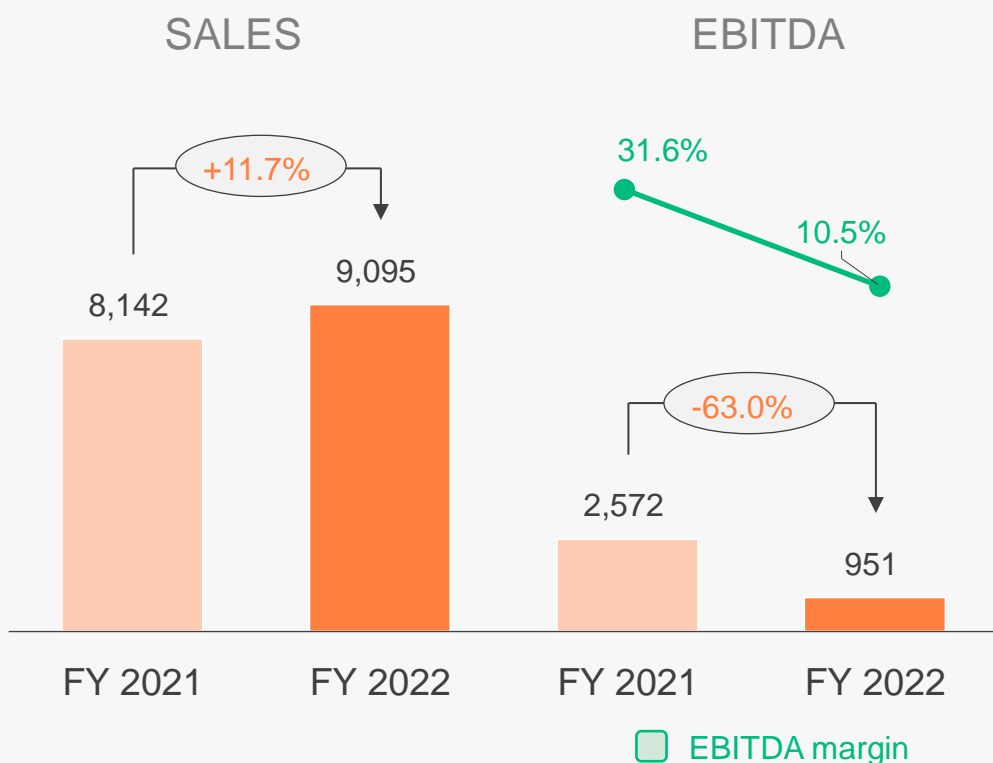
- Sequentially, earnings decreased due to negative pricing delta from significant demand weakness after prolonged destocking on customer side
- EBITDA margin decreased to -1.0% in Q4 2022 marking an all-time historical low

# Strong EBITDA decline caused by negative pricing delta

## Performance Materials segment



in € million



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### 2022

- Continuously weakening demand throughout 2022 also from pronounced destocking
- Negative pricing delta driven by raw material and energy price increases going along with low pass-through ability

#### Outlook 2023

- EBITDA expected to significantly decrease Y/Y
- Weak demand causes low utilization rate and high margin pressure
- 2H 2023 expected to show recovery on volumes and margins

### SEGMENT PROFILE

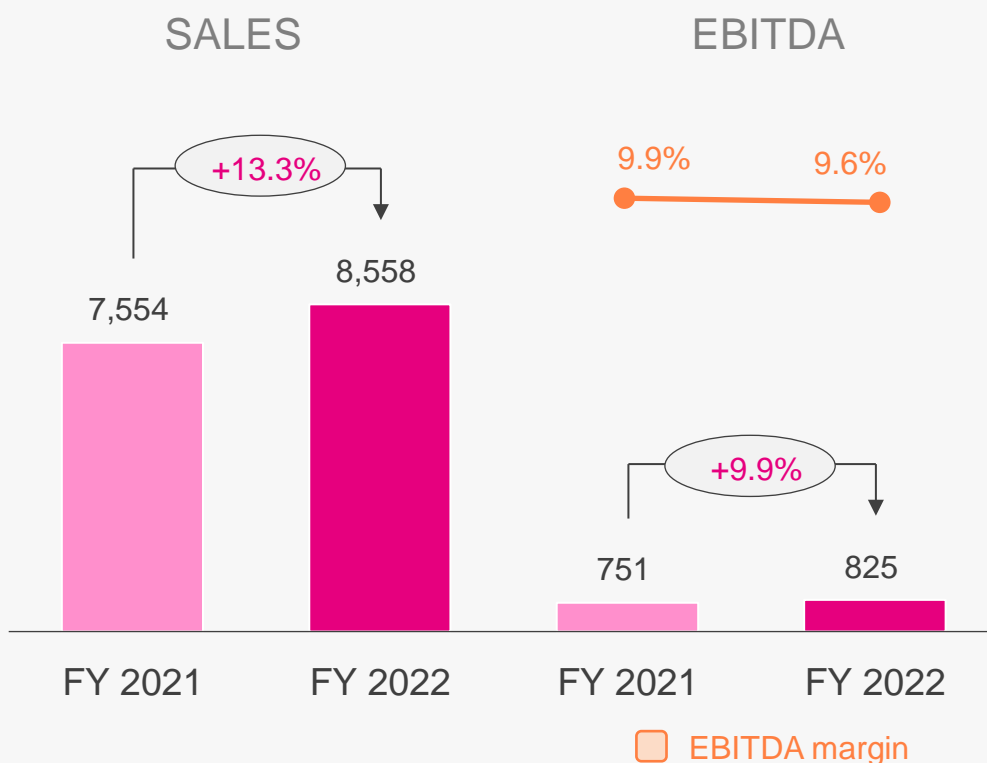
- **Success factors** – Leverage leading cost position with highest possible asset utilization
- **Products** – Standard MDI, TDI, long chain polyols, standard polycarbonate resins and basic chemicals

# Higher EBITDA in line with stronger sales

## Solutions & Specialties segment



in € million



### HIGHLIGHTS<sup>(1)</sup>

#### 2022

- Sales increase in line with group level
- Volume decline of 6.3% Y/Y due to recessionary environment
- EBITDA increase due to lower costs with neutral pricing delta
- RFM integration and contribution ahead of plan

#### Outlook 2023

- EBITDA around 2022 level
- Margin expected to remain around 2022 level with negative volume trends being offset by positive pricing delta

### SEGMENT PROFILE

- **Success factors** – Market innovative products and manage complexity
- **Products** – Coatings and adhesives raw materials, polycarbonate compounds, Specialty-MDI and -polyols, specialty films, elastomers and thermoplastic polyurethanes

# Positive FOCF in a challenging year

## Historical FOCF development



in € million

	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	FY 2022
	1,669	473	530	1,429	138
<b>EBITDA</b>	+3,200	+1,604	+1,472	+3,085	+1,617
<b>Changes in working capital<sup>(1,4)</sup></b>	-167	+437 <sup>(4)</sup>	-100 <sup>(4)</sup>	-727	+312
<b>Capex<sup>(2)</sup></b>	-707	-910	-704	-764	-832
<b>Income tax paid</b>	-574	-296	-155	-546	-538
<b>Other effects<sup>(4)</sup></b>	-83	-362 <sup>(4)</sup>	+17 <sup>(4)</sup>	+381	-421

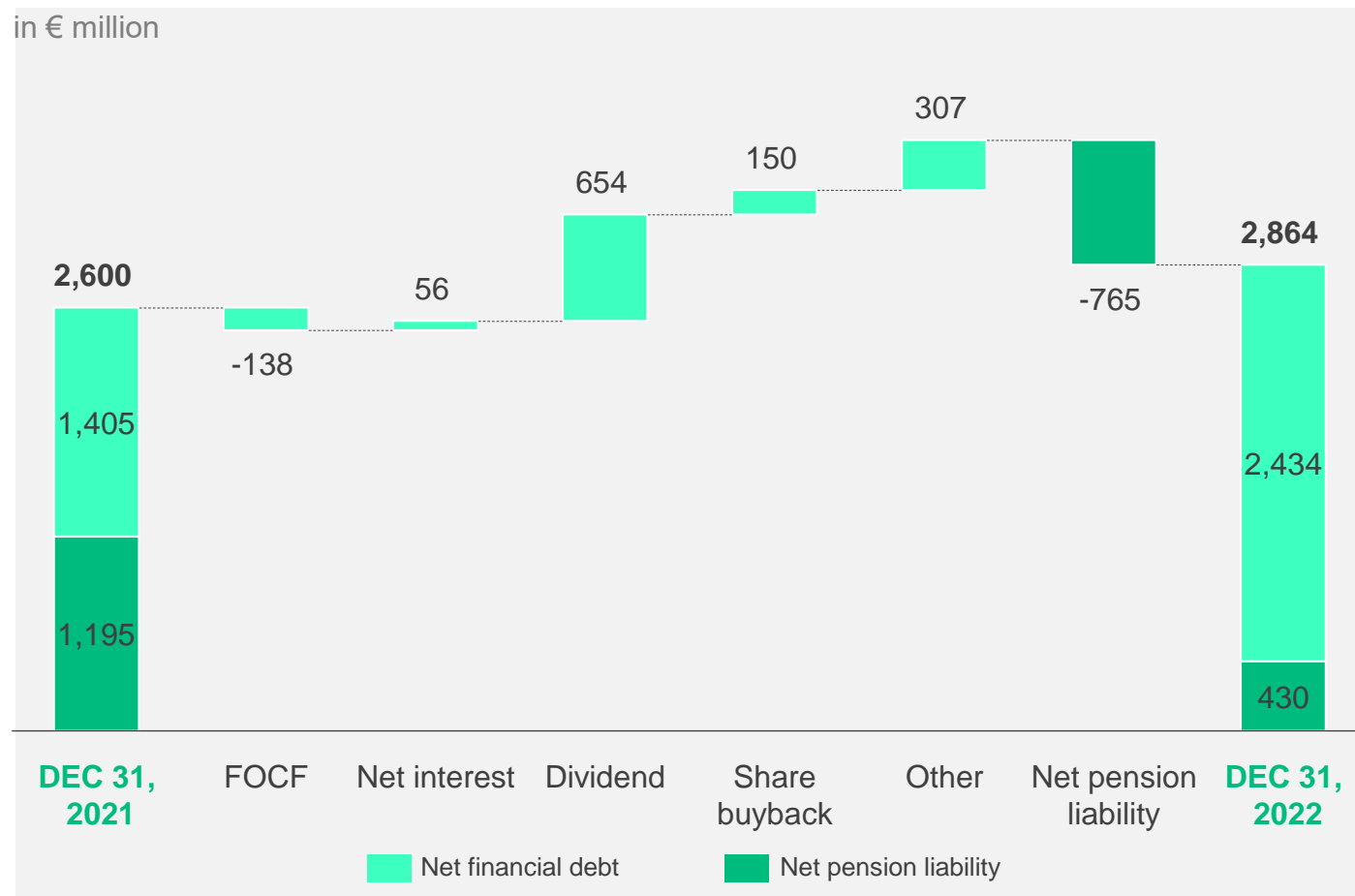
### HIGHLIGHTS

- In Q4, FOCF of €550m, significantly improved vs 9M 2022 after working capital initiative
- Resulting FY 2022 FOCF €138m
- Other effects include €475m bonus payout for successful FY 2021
- Working capital to sales ratio<sup>(3)</sup> decreased to 15.1% mainly due to working capital initiative reducing inventories along with destocking trend of our customers
- Capex of €832m on lower end of the FY 2022 guidance resulting from capex agility program
- Income tax paid of €538m reflects unfavorable geographical mix

# Net debt burdened by dividend and bonus payout



## FY 2022 – Total net debt



### HIGHLIGHTS

- Net pension liability decreased by €765m<sup>(1)</sup>, mainly due to higher interest rates
- “Other” driven by the renewal of finance lease, cash outflows for noncurrent financial assets and change in derivative FX instruments
- Payout of €651m dividend to Covestro shareholders following the AGM resolution for FY 2021
- FOCF includes €475m bonus payout for successful FY 2021
- €150m share buyback executed part of the two year €500m program until February 2024
- Total net debt to EBITDA ratio<sup>(2)</sup> of 1.8x at the end of FY 2022 compared to 0.8x at the end of FY 2021.
- Committed to a solid investment grade rating

# Negative net income due to impairments on assets and on deferred taxes



## P&L statement FY 2022

in million €	FY 2021	FY 2022	% of FY2022 sales	Δ Y/Y
Sales	15,903	17,968	100 %	+13.0 %
EBITDA	3,085	1,617	9.0 %	-47.6 %
D&A excl. impairments	-821	-888	-4.6 %	8.9 %
Impairments	-2	-462	-2.6 %	-
EBIT	2,262	267	1.5 %	-88.2 %
Financial result	-77	-137	-0.8 %	-
EBT	2,185	130	0.7 %	-94.1 %
Taxes excl. DTA	-566	-156	-0.9 %	-
DTA adjustments	-3	-255	-1.4 %	-
<b>Net income</b>	<b>1,617</b>	<b>-272</b>	<b>-1.5 %</b>	<b>-</b>
Earnings per share (in €) <sup>(1)</sup>	8.37	-1.42	-	-
Dividend per share (in €) <sup>(1)</sup>	3.40	0.00	-	-

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Impairments

- Impairment tests triggered by deterioration of business prospects caused by energy crisis and decline in demand

#### Deferred tax assets (DTA)

- Deterioration of business prospects also led to adjustments of deferred tax assets<sup>(2)</sup>
- Theoretical effective tax rate 2022 of 26.3% without DTA adjustments and impairments

#### Dividend policy unchanged

- Payout of 35-55% of net income as dividend to shareholders

#### Provisions for bonus

- No bonus provisions were recognized for FY 2022 due to negative ROCE above WACC

# Global demand outlook remains weak

## Global demand development



KEY CUSTOMER INDUSTRIES		2020 Y/Y	2021 Y/Y	2022 Y/Y <sup>(1)</sup>	2023e Y/Y <sup>(2)</sup>
Global GDP		-3.5%	+6.1%	+3.1%	+1.5%
Automotive EV / BEV		-15.9% +29.2%	+3.0% +105.9%	+6.9% +69.8%	+4.6% +42.5%
Construction Residential		-1.8% -1.0%	+3.5% +4.5%	+1.2% +0.8%	+0.8% -0.2%
Furniture Soft furniture		-4.8% -4.4%	+8.8% +8.2%	-3.6% -5.2%	+0.3% +0.2%
Electrical, electronics and household appliances Appliances		+4.5% +2.4%	+16.6% +9.2%	+4.9% -1.9%	+2.0% +3.7%

# Outlook reflecting current economic climate

## Full year guidance 2023



	FY 2022	Guidance FY 2023
EBITDA <i>thereof Solutions &amp; Specialties</i>	€1,617m €825m	significantly <sup>(4)</sup> below previous year around <sup>(4)</sup> previous year
FOCF <i>thereof Solutions &amp; Specialties</i>	€138m €195m	significantly <sup>(4)</sup> below previous year significantly <sup>(4)</sup> above previous year
ROCE above WACC <sup>(1)</sup>	-5.0 pp	significantly <sup>(4)</sup> below previous year
GHG emissions (scope 1 and 2)	4.7m tons	around <sup>(4)</sup> previous year

### Additional financial expectations

EBITDA Q1	€806m	€100 to 150m
D&A	€1,350	~€850m
Financial result	€-137m	€-160 to -200m
Capex <sup>(2)</sup>	€832m	~€800m

### HIGHLIGHTS

#### 2023 FX assumptions

- €/USD around 1.05 level
- 1pp change equals  
+/- €8m for CNY/EUR  
+/- €4m for USD/EUR

#### Mark-to-market

- Mark-to-market (M2M) EBITDA in FY 2023 of €1.0bn based on January 2023 margins flat forward

#### GHG emissions

- 0.4m tons increase in GHG emission by external factors neutralized by 0.4m tons savings through our CO<sub>2</sub> reductions measures

#### P&L tax rate

- Long-term tax rate estimated between 24-26%<sup>(3)</sup>



# Managing challenging times



## Highlights

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Record sales of €18.0bn in FY 2022

driven by price increases despite significant weaker demand and lower volumes

2

EBITDA slightly below guidance range for FY 2022

despite recessionary environment and high energy & raw material prices

3

FOCF of €138m exceeding guidance of €0-100m

resulting from €550m improved FOCF in Q4

4

€801m return to shareholders

comprising dividend payout of €651m and share buyback of €150m

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Increasing share of renewable energy

with 12% of renewable energy in 2022, expected to increase to 16-18% in 2023



# Questions & Answers

## Q4/FY 2022 Earnings Call

### Remarks:

- Please use hand raise function to verbally ask questions
- For posted questions, please use the „Q&A“ / „F&A“ tab



# Appendix

# Upcoming IR events



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## REPORTING DATES

- |                    |                                 |
|--------------------|---------------------------------|
| • April 28, 2023   | Q1 2023 Quarterly Statement     |
| • August 1, 2023   | 2023 Half-Year Financial Report |
| • October 27, 2023 | Q3 2023 Quarterly Statement     |

## ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

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| • April 19, 2023 | Annual General Meeting |
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## BROKER CONFERENCES

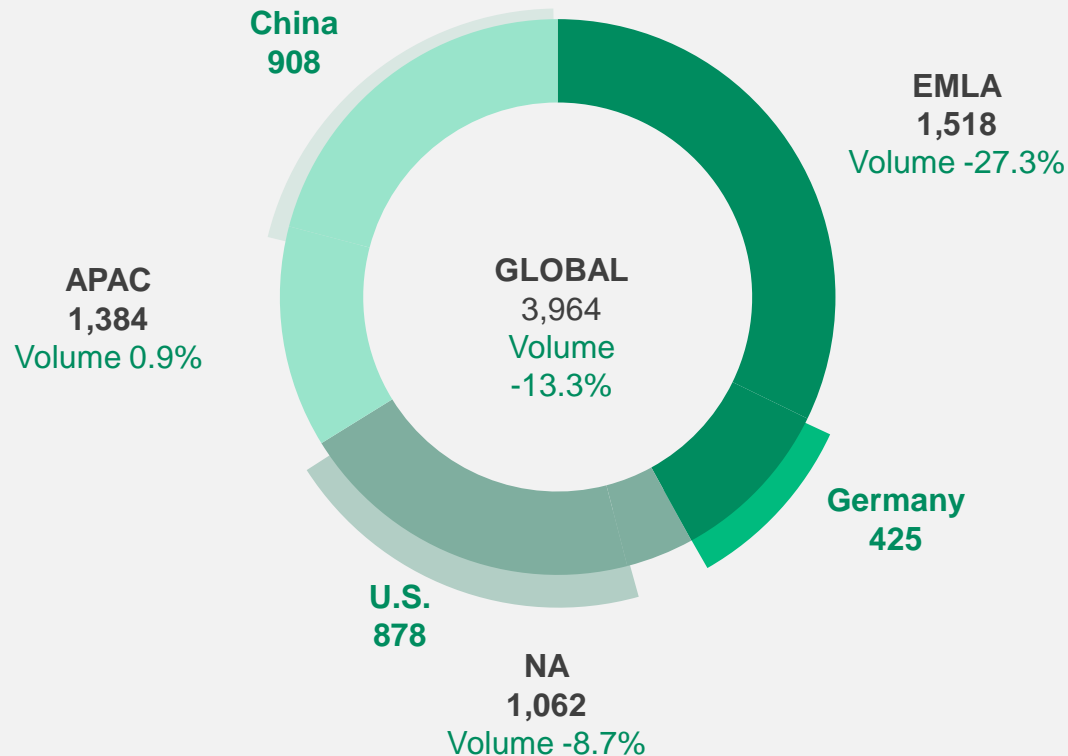
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| • March 9, 2023  | Goldman Sachs 12 <sup>th</sup> Annual European Chemicals and Consumer Ingredients Conference, London |
| • March 10, 2023 | Morgan Stanley China Insight Webinar, virtual  |

# Volume decline mainly in Europe

## Q4 2022 – Regional split



Sales in € million  
Volume Y/Y



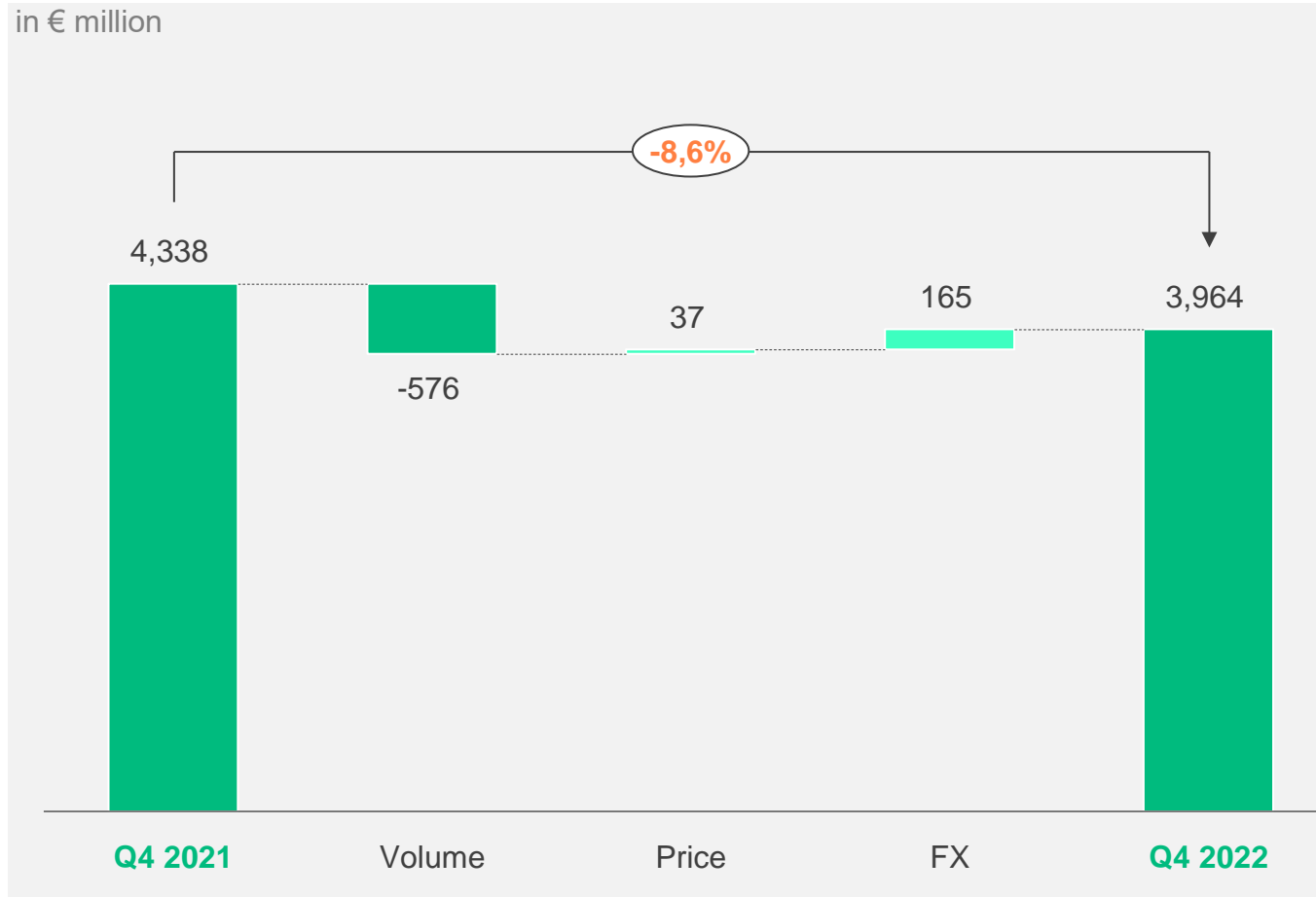
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Volume decline quarter-over-quarter driven by European recessionary environment and customer destocking initiatives:
  - Auto/transport low double-digit % increase
  - Furniture/wood low double-digit % decline
  - Electro low double-digit % decline
  - Construction low double-digit % decline
- **EMLA:** With significant demand weakness also strong decline in electro, construction and furniture; auto/transport with slight increase caused by improved chip supply and orderbook backlogs
- **NA:** Slight volume growth in auto/transport while construction, furniture with significant decline and electro with slight volume drop
- **APAC:** Significant growth in construction and auto/transport, with auto benefitting from stimulus program and easing chip shortage; significant decline in electro and slight drop in furniture

# Sales decrease driven by significant volume decline



## Q4 2022 – Sales bridge



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Volume negative

- Volume decline of -13.3% Y/Y

#### Pricing positive

- Price increases enforced by Solutions & Specialties (+3.3% Y/Y) whereas Performance Materials with negative price effect (-1.3% Y/Y)

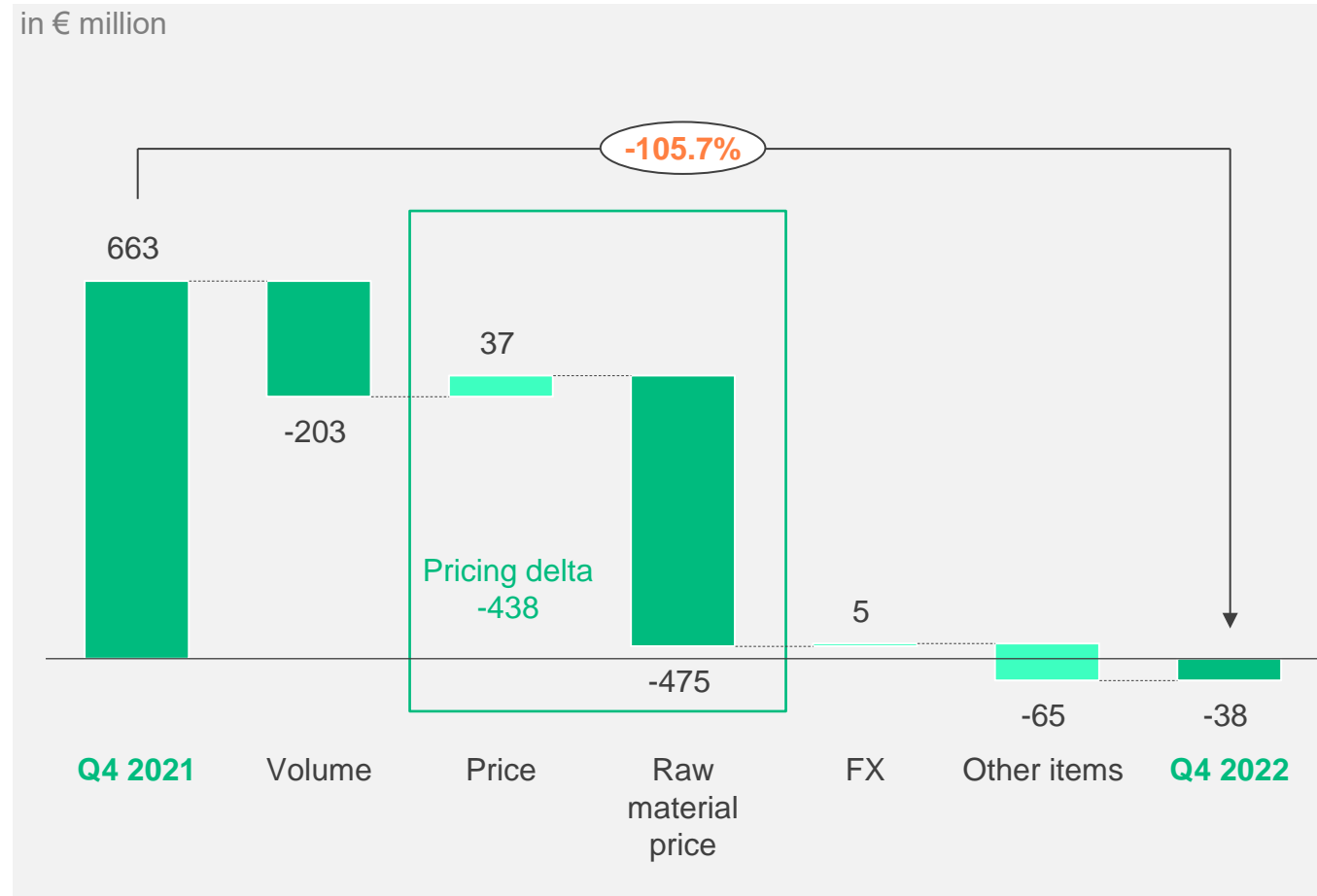
#### FX positive

- FX affected sales by +3.8% Y/Y mainly driven by stronger USD and RMB

# Lower earnings due to negative pricing delta and lower volumes



## Q4 2022 – EBITDA bridge



### HIGHLIGHTS

#### Negative volume leverage<sup>(1)</sup>

- Negative volume leverage of 35%

#### Negative pricing delta widened

- Raw material and energy cost increases could not be compensated by sales price increases

#### Other items driven by:

- Lower provisions for variable compensation of €155m
- Downsizing of inventory levels caused idle costs of ~€140m
- Increase of fixed costs among others due to higher maintenance expenditures, R&D and freight costs

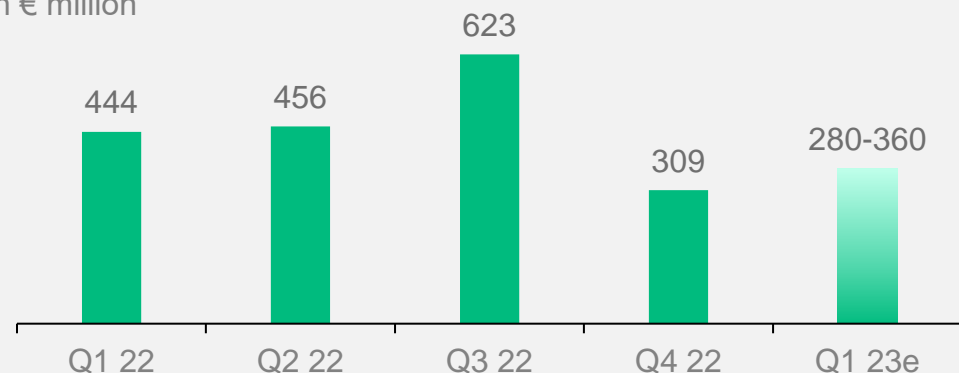
# Global energy prices normalizing after tripling within two years

## Energy cost development



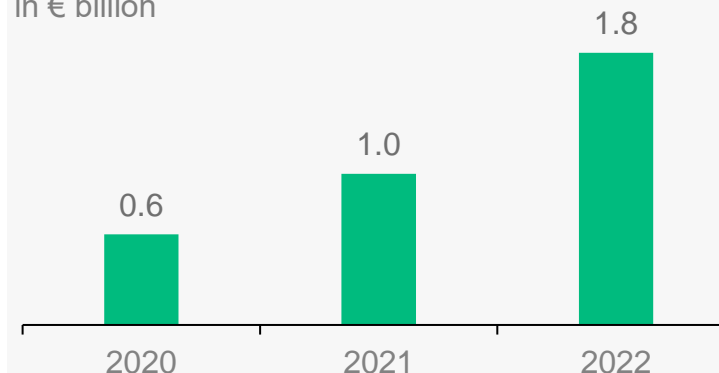
### QUARTERLY ENERGY COST DEVELOPMENT

in € million



### GLOBAL ENERGY COST

in € billion



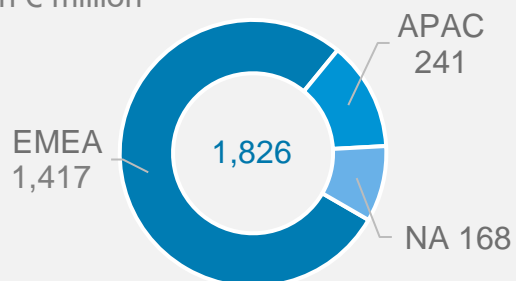
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Global energy bill in 2022 of €1.8bn
- Q4 2022 with reduced cost mainly attributable to lower production volumes in Europe
- Q1 2023 outlook with slight increase vs Q4 due to higher volumes and start up of Tarragona chlorine plant
- In general, Covestro does not hedge its energy purchases
- Energy demand FY2022 reduced by ~7% vs FY2021

### ENERGY BREAKDOWN

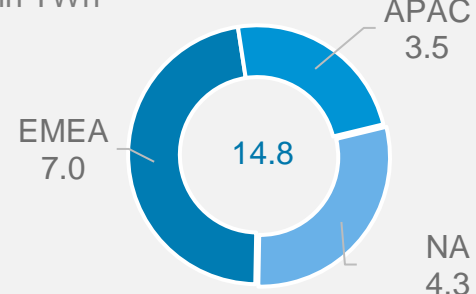
#### 2022 ENERGY SPENT BY REGION

in € million



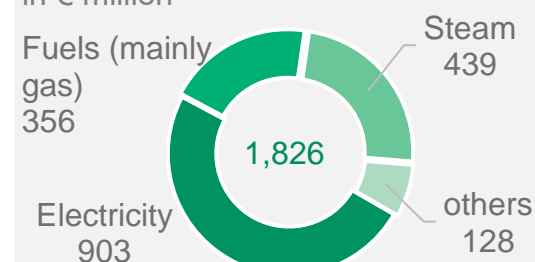
#### 2022 PRIMARY ENERGY VOLUME BY REGION<sup>(1)</sup>

in TWh



#### 2022 SPENT BY ENERGY TYPE

in € million





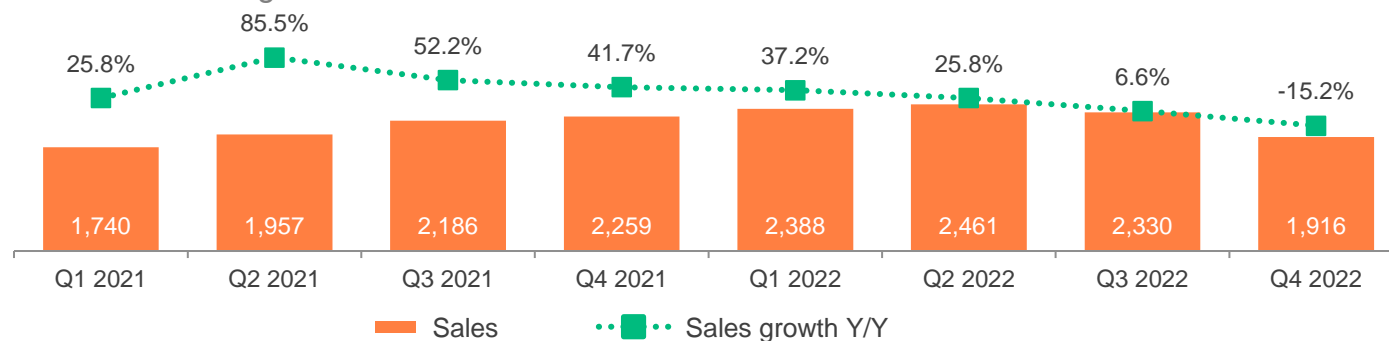
# Performance Materials – strongly declining EBITDA



## Segment results – Highlights Q4 2022

### SALES

in € million / changes Y/Y

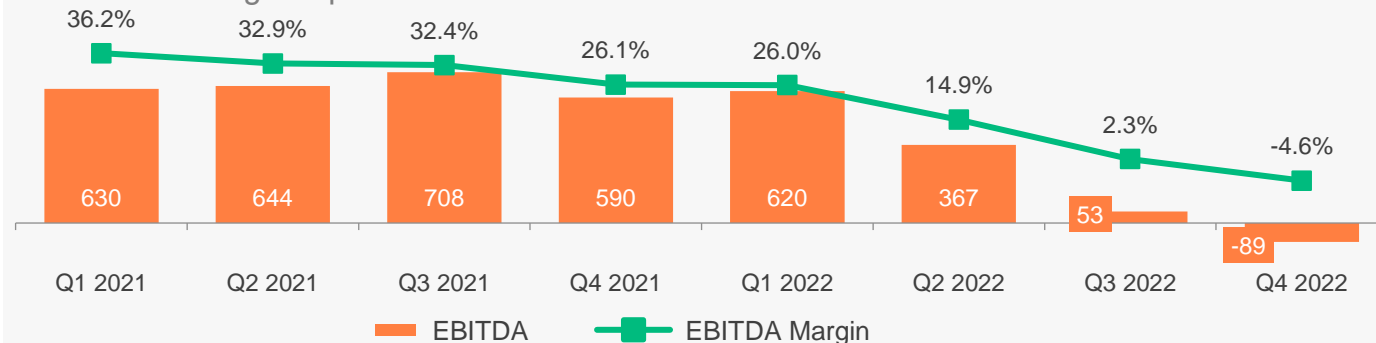


### HIGHLIGHTS

- Sales decreased by -15.2% Y/Y driven by volume (-17.5%) and price (-1.3%), marginally counterbalanced by FX (+3.6%)
- Sales decline across all regions with strongest decline in EMLA, followed by NA and a small reduction in APAC.

### EBITDA AND MARGIN

in € million / margin in percent



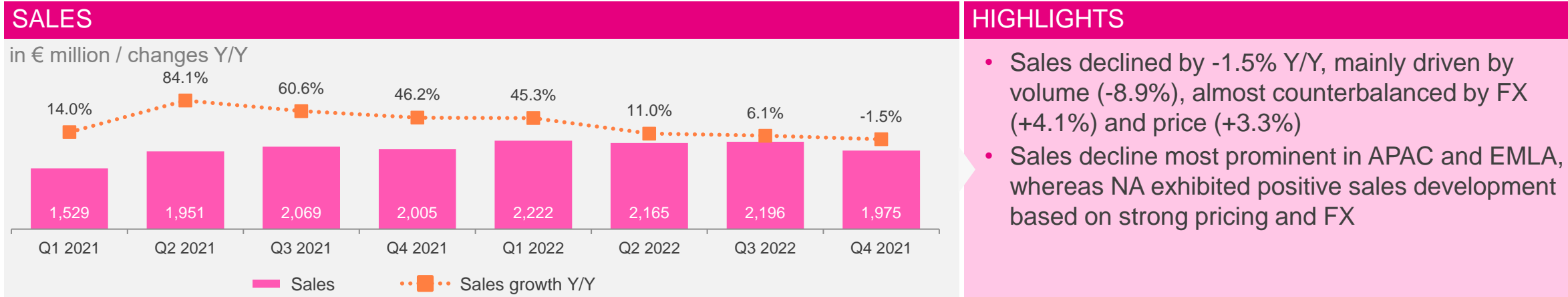
### HIGHLIGHTS

- Compared to prior year, EBITDA decrease mainly driven by significantly negative pricing delta
- Quarter-over-quarter, EBITDA decrease was driven by lower volumes, idle costs and a negative pricing delta
- In 2H 2022, EBITDA suffered from weak demand and additional destocking along the value chain

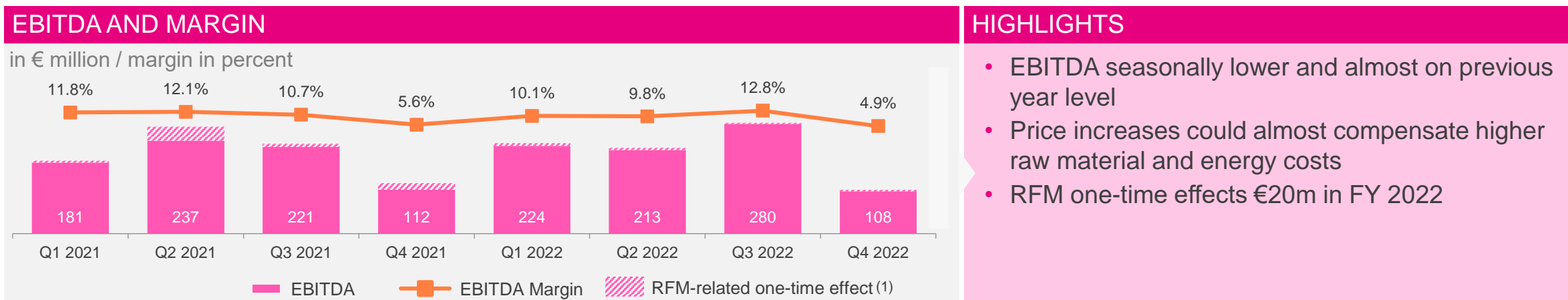
# Solutions & Specialties – flat earnings development



## Segment results – Highlights Q4 2022



- ### HIGHLIGHTS
- Sales declined by -1.5% Y/Y, mainly driven by volume (-8.9%), almost counterbalanced by FX (+4.1%) and price (+3.3%)
  - Sales decline most prominent in APAC and EMLA, whereas NA exhibited positive sales development based on strong pricing and FX



- ### HIGHLIGHTS
- EBITDA seasonally lower and almost on previous year level
  - Price increases could almost compensate higher raw material and energy costs
  - RFM one-time effects €20m in FY 2022