

# Increasing profits in a challenging environment

Financial Highlights Q3 2024



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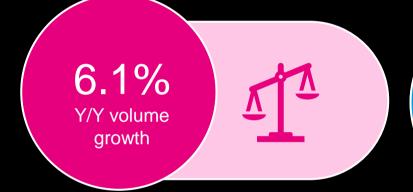
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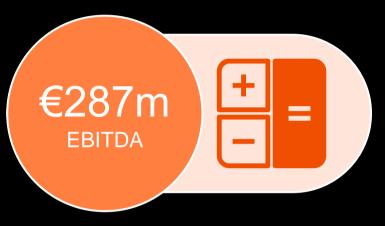
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### Financial highlights Q3 2024

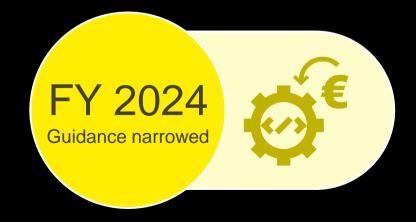












### Progressing on Scope 1 and 2 GHG emission reduction

### GHG reduction to net-zero by 2035









Scope 1

### Scope 2

#### SUSTAINABLE MANUFACTURING

#### Nitric Acid Unit Climate Initiative (NAUCI)

- Reduction of nitrous oxide emissions in Caojing (China) by installation of highly efficient catalysts in nitric acid plant
- New catalyst reduces N<sub>2</sub>O and NO<sub>x</sub> to nitrogen, oxygen and water
- Reduction of ~60kt CO<sub>2</sub> equivalents upon project completion by end 2024

#### RENEWABLE ENERGY

#### Long-term supply of solar energy in Spain

- 10-year PPA with bp<sup>®</sup> for renewable energy from existing solar power plant in Teruel, Spain
- Increases Covestro's renewable electricity use in Spain from 10% to 30%
- Boosts renewable energy share from 16% in 2023 to ~18% in 2024e

#### RENEWABLE STEAM

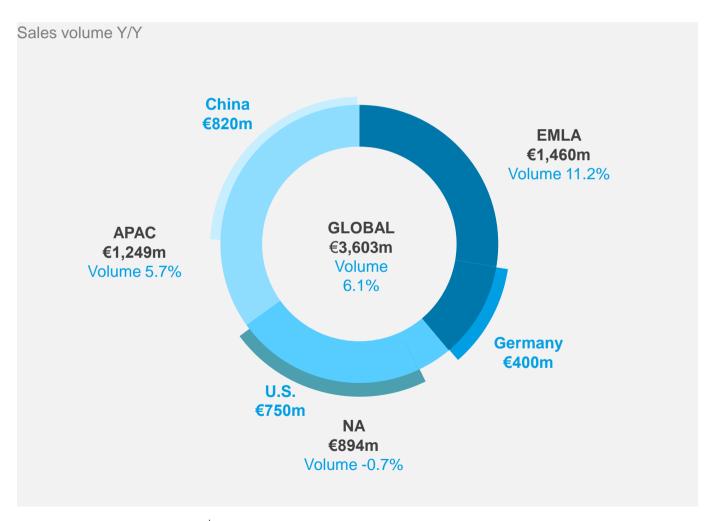
### Innovative heat battery from Rondo Energy

- Innovative heat battery stores renewable electricity
- Generation of continuous hightemperature steam for industrial use
- Hear battery covers 10% of steam needed at Covestro site in Brunsbüttel
- Reduction of 13kt CO<sub>2</sub> after start in 2026
- Funding from Breakthrough Energy Catalyst Foundation and EIB

### Significant volume growth above industry development



### Q3 2024 – Regional split



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Year-over-year, mixed volume development in the different industries:
  - Construction low teens-digit % increase
  - Furniture/wood mid-single-digit % increase
  - Electro flat
  - Auto low single-digit % decrease
- EMLA: Improved chlorine supply leading to increased production rates with significant increase in construction and furniture, while auto with slight decline and electro with significant decline
- NA: Construction with significant increase, furniture/wood flat, electro and auto with slight decline
- APAC: Construction significantly increasing, furniture and electro with slight increase and auto flat

### Sales slightly up with positive volumes while negative pricing and FX



### Q3 2024 – Sales bridge



### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Volume positive

- Volume increase of 6.1% Y/Y
- Performance Materials growth of 8.6% Y/Y while Solutions & Specialties plus 3.9% Y/Y

### Pricing negative

- Pricing affected sales by -4.2%
- Performance Materials minus 3.6% Y/Y whereas Solutions & Specialties minus 4.9% Y/Y

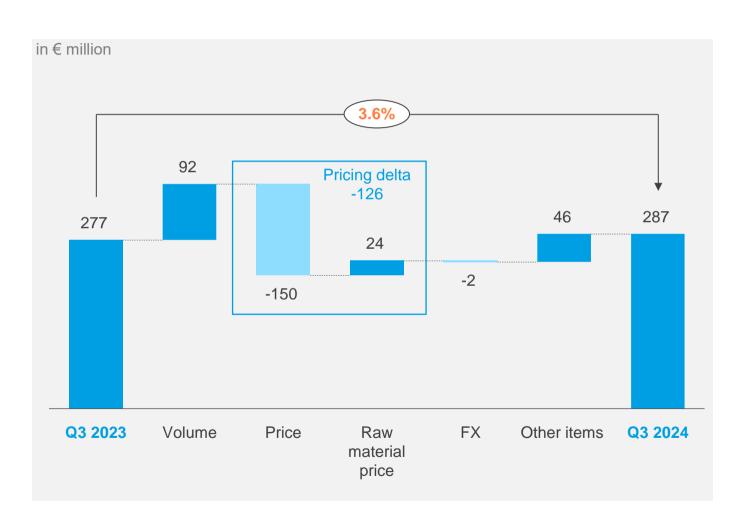
#### **FX** negative

 FX affected sales by -0.9% Y/Y mainly driven by weaker Mexican Peso, Brazilian Real and US Dollar

### EBITDA improvement despite negative pricing delta



### Q3 2024 – EBITDA bridge



#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

#### Positive volume

- Volume leverage<sup>(1)</sup> of 42%
- 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 ongoing unfavorable supply-demand balance

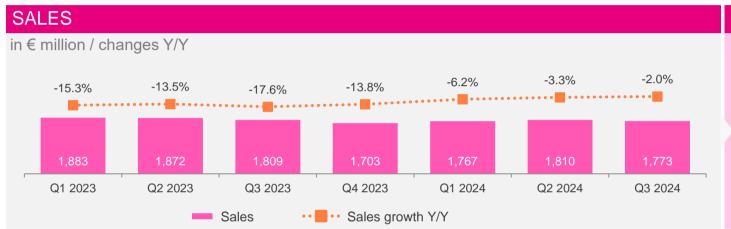
#### Other items

- Pushed by lower LTI/STI provisions of €46m
- Q3 2024 including €6m restructuring cost mainly in Solutions & Specialties

### Solutions & Specialties – sales affected by lower prices and FX



Segment results – Highlights Q3 2024



#### HIGHLIGHTS Q3 2024

- Sales declined by 2.0% Y/Y, driven by lower prices (-4.9%), unfavorable FX (-1.0%) despite increasing volumes (3.9%)
- Quarter-over-quarter, sales increase in APAC driven by volumes, decline in NA and EMLA due to lower volumes and negative FX in NA



### HIGHLIGHTS Q3 2024

- Compared to prior year, EBITDA decline due to negative pricing delta & others despite positive volumes
- Quarter-over-quarter, higher EBITDA due to positive others despite negative pricing delta and lower volumes
- EBITDA margin increased to 11.7% in Q3 2024

### Performance Materials – continuous strong volume rebound



Segment results – Highlights Q3 2024



#### HIGHLIGHTS Q3 2024

- Sales increased by 4.1% Y/Y driven by positive volume (+8.6%) while negative pricing (-3.6%) and FX (-0.9%)
- Quarter-over-quarter, flattish development in NA while sales declined in APAC and EMLA



### HIGHLIGHTS Q3 2024

- Compared to prior year, EBITDA increased based on higher volumes and positive others while negative pricing delta
- Quarter-over-quarter, lower EBITDA driven by negative pricing delta and others despite positive volumes

### Positive FOCF achieved in Q3

### Historical FOCF development





Notes:

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Q3 2024, FOCF of €112m
- 9M 2024, FOCF was negative with €164m
- Working capital to sales ratio<sup>(4)</sup> 9M 2024 stable at 18.6% (9M 2023: 18.7%)
- Reduced capex (Y/Y) with focus on maintenance and lower investment in growth projects; FY 2024 capex budget unchanged around €800m
- Income tax paid down due to lower earnings outside of Germany; FY 2024 cash tax guidance reduced to €150-200m compared to €250-350m
- "Other effects" burdened by bonus pay out for FY 2023 in Q2 2024

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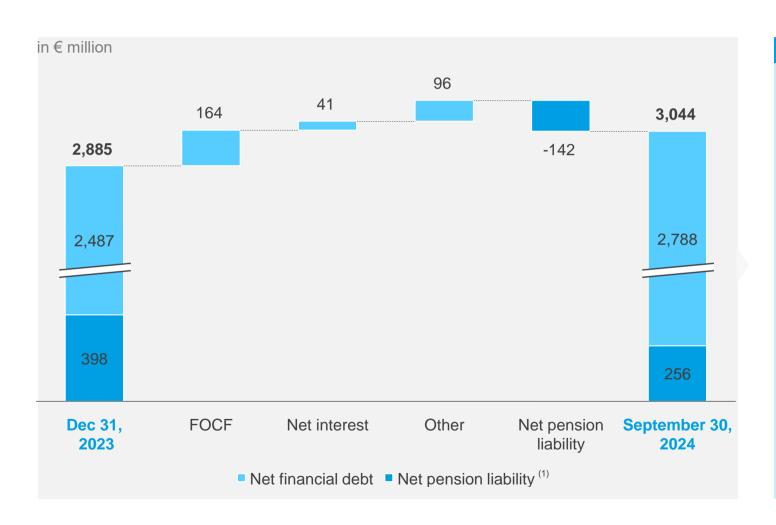
<sup>(1)</sup> Working capital includes changes in inventories, trade accounts receivable and trade accounts payable

<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

### Total net debt burdened by negative FOCF

### September 30, 2024 – Total net debt





#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

- Total net debt to EBITDA ratio<sup>(2)</sup> of 3.0x at the end of 9M 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
- Net pension liability decreased due to an increase in pension discount rate in Germany and return on plan assets
- 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

### Weak industry development continues in 2024

### Global demand development



KEY CUSTOMER INDUSTRIES		2023 Y/Y	2024 Y/Y <sup>(1)</sup>	Update 2024e <sup>(2)</sup>
Global GDP		+2.8%	+2.4%	+2.7%
Automotive EV / BEV		+10.4% +29.5%	+0.8% +28.9%	-0.5% +11.9%
Construction Residential		-2.1% -4.1%	-2.5% -5.8%	-2.5% -5.8%
Furniture Soft furniture		-4.7% -3.8%	-0.1% +0.5%	-0.2% +0.2%
Electrical, electronics and household appliances  Appliances	HH	-1.7% +5.9%	+1.5% +1.4%	+4.2% +4.8%

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### Guidance narrowed

### Full year guidance 2024



		Guidance FY 2024				
	FY 2023	as of Feb. 29	as of June 30	as of Oct. 29		
EBITDA	€1,080m	€1,000 to 1,600m	€1,000 to 1,400m	€1,000 to 1,250m		
FOCF	€232m	€0 to 300m	€-100 to 100m	€-100 to 100m		
ROCE above WACC <sup>(1)</sup>	-6.1pp	-7 to -2pp	-7 to -4pp	-7 to -5pp		
GHG emissions <sup>(2)</sup>	4.9m tons	4.4 to 5.0m 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	€14.0 to 14.5bn		
D&A	€894m	~€850m	~€850m	~€850m		
Financial result	€-113m	€-120 to -160m	€-120 to -160m	€-100 to -130m		
Income tax	€275m	€250 to 350m	€250 to 350m	€250 to 300m		
Capex <sup>(2)</sup>	€765m	~€800m	~€800m	~€800m		

#### **HIGHLIGHTS**

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

 Mark-to-market (M2M) EBITDA for FY 2024 around €1.1bn; theoretical calculation based on September 2024 margins flat forward and forecast assumptions for 2024

### 2024 FX sensitivity

1pp change equals
+/- €10m for CNY/EUR (basis 7.85)
+/- €6m for USD/EUR (basis 1.10)

#### Income tax

 Income tax driven by unfavorable geographical earnings mix (nondeductible losses in Germany)

### Increasing profits in a challenging environment

Q3 2024 Highlights





Continued strong volume growth of 6.1% driven by higher demand and improved internal availability



Sales slightly up at €3.6bn

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



EBITDA of €287m in the guidance range of €250m to €350m burdened by negative pricing delta



FY 2024 guidance narrowed with an expected EBITDA of €1.00 to 1.25bn



Strong progress on path to climate neutrality with significant projects underway for scope 1 and 2 emissions



### **Questions & Answers**

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### Upcoming IR events



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#### **REPORTING DATES**

February 26, 2025
 2024 Annual Report

May 6, 2025
 Q1 2025 Quarterly Statement

July 31, 2025
 2025 Half-Year Financial Report

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 17, 2025
 Annual General Meeting

### BROKER CONFERENCES

November 6, 2024
 J.P. Morgan's ESG Connect Series, virtual

November 13, 2024 UBS European Conference 2024, London

December 4, 2024
 Bank of America European Materials Conference 2024, London

January 14-15, 2025
 Commerzbank & ODDO BHF German Investment Seminar 2025, New York

January 16, 2025
 Baader Helvea, German Corporate Day, Toronto

January 23, 2025
 Kepler Cheuvreux, 24th German Corporate Conference, Frankfurt