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# **Highlights: Sustaining Sales Growth Momentum as Life Science Accelerates**



# **Operations**

**Group Financials** 

Q2 YoY organic sales growth<sup>1</sup>

## **Life Science:**

- Very strong PS growth of +11% drives LS sales (+4%)
- Very strong YoY improvement in PS orders continues
- SLS sales flat amid continued US policy change headwinds

## **Healthcare:**

- Sales increased +4% driven by solid growth in CM&E (+5%) and moderate growth in Oncology (+4%), and N&I (+3%)
- Very strong growth in Mavenclad<sup>®</sup>, Erbitux<sup>®</sup> and Pergoveris<sup>®</sup>

#### **Electronics:**

- DS&S decreased by low to mid-double-digit percentages, negating continued growth in Semi Materials
- Electronics sales down -6%

**Q2** organic sales: +2.0%

**Q2 organic EBITDA pre:** +4.6%

#### 2025 Guidance:

- Net sales: ~€20.5 €21.7 bn EBITDA pre: ~€5.9 - €6.3 bn EPS pre: ~€8.00 - €8.70
- Including the completed M&A of SpringWorks<sup>2</sup> and divestment of Surface Solutions<sup>3</sup>, executing on our strategic agenda
- Upgrading org. EBITDA pre guidance range to +4 to 8%, overcompensating currency headwinds

## **Net financial debt to EBITDA pre:**

1.3x on June 30, 2025



# **Q2 2025: Overview**

## Key figures

[€m]	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Δ
Net sales	5,352	5,255	-1.8%
EBITDA pre	1,509	1,462	-3.1%
Margin (in % of net sales)	28.2%	27.8%	-0.4pp
EPS pre	2.20	2.02	-8.2%
Operating cash flow	861	567	-34.2%

[€m]	Dec. 31, 2024	Jun 30, 2025	Δ
Net financial debt	-7,155	-7,973	11.4%
Net working capital	5,171	5,548	7.3%
Employees	62,557	63,160	1.0%

## Comments

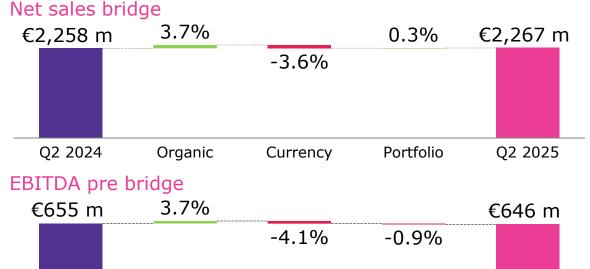
- Sales down -2%; moderate org. growth is overcompensated by FX headwinds
- LS sales around stable, as HC is down slightly and EL is down significantly
- EBITDA pre: very strong org. growth in HC, LS about stable with EL lower mainly due to one-offs¹
- EPS pre fell more than EBITDA pre, due to tax items in financial results and lower cash balances reducing interest income
- OCF down low-double-digit mainly due to higher tax payments and variable comp
- NWC development around stable in Q2
- Net financial debt up, mainly due to annual dividend and variable comp

<sup>1)</sup> One-off items include a low double-digit €m unfavorable adj. of a PPA entry assigned to the 2014 AZ acquisition; and mid-double digit €m provision for a customer following a non-quality related supplier mislabeling dispute. Together a mid-double-digit €m effect with the underlying EBITDA pre margin ~29%; Acronym(s): OCF = Operating Cash Flow; NWC = Net Working Capital; FX = Foreign exchange; LS = Life Science; HC = Healthcare; EL = Electronics; EPS = Earnings Per Share; Totals may not add up due to rounding

# Life Science Q2: Sustains Low-teens PS Growth, Confirming LS Acceleration

#### Life Science P&L

[€m]	IFRS		Pre	
	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	Q2 2025
Net sales	2,258	2,267	2,258	2,267
M&S	-567	-544	-563	-544
Admin	-104	-117	-96	-100
R&D	-96	-97	-96	-97
EBIT	370	365	442	432
EBITDA	639	598	-	-
EBITDA pre	655	646	655	646
(in % of net sales)	29.0%	28.5%	29.0%	28.5%



#### Comments

- Process Solutions: sales up +11% org. against increasing comps, in-line with our mid-term growth ambition of ~10%
- PS order intake up very strongly YoY %, continuing the momentum from the past two quarters, with strong book-to-bill (>1x)
- Science & Lab Solutions: sales around stable (~0% org.); U.S. policy changes continuing to impact spending by academic and government labs; seeing some green shoots from pharma/biotech customers

M&S spend slightly down, with admin costs increasing in line with sales

Currency

Portfolio

Q2 2025

- Stable R&D expenses; continued investment in innovation as a key driver of future growth and differentiation
- EBITDA pre up +4% org., EBITDA pre margin around stable excluding FX and portfolio effects

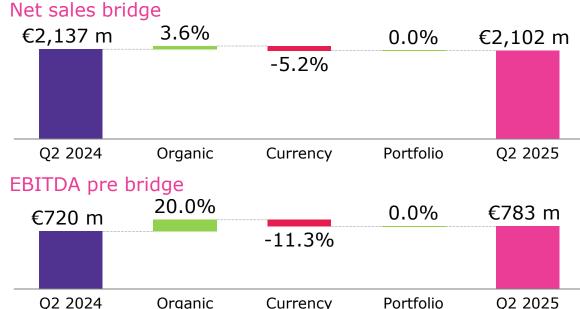
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# Healthcare Q2: Mavenclad®, CM&E and Erbitux® Drive Profitable Growth

#### Healthcare P&L

[€m]	IFRS		Pre	
	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	Q2 2025
Net sales	2,137	2,102	2,137	2,102
M&S	-437	-432	-439	-432
Admin	-78	-79	-76	-76
R&D	-445	-350	-441	-350
EBIT	501	681	627	708
EBITDA	749	759	-	-
EBITDA pre	720	783	720	783
(in % of net sales)	33.7%	37.2%	33.7%	37.2%



#### Comments

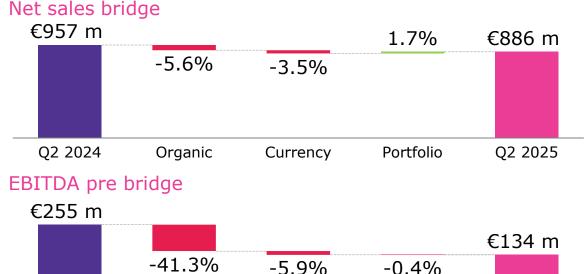
- CM&E sales up +5% org. with contribution across all therapeutic areas; Fertility sales moderately down (-3% org.) against still elevated comps and amid softening market growth in APAC
- Oncology up +4% org., with double-digit growth of Erbitux®
   (+11% org.) and Tepmetko® (+41% org.) are partially offset by lower Bavencio® sales (-12% org.) in a competitive environment
- N&I sales up +3% org., driven by very strong Mavenclad® growth (+21% org.); Rebif® down (-26% org.) in declining interferon market

- M&S developing in line with sales
- Lower R&D spending; envelope to gradually increase from mid-teens percentage (in H2'24); prior year includes asset impairment<sup>1</sup>
- EBITDA pre margin of 37% with underlying margin expansion due to favorable mix, strong commercial execution and cost discipline

# **Electronics Q2: Faster DS&S Downcycle, Materials Growth Remains Intact**

#### **Electronics P&L**

[€m]	IFRS		Pre	
	Q2 2024	Q2 2025	Q2 2024	Q2 2025
Net sales	957	886	957	886
M&S	-142	-142	-142	-136
Admin	-36	-50	-34	-37
R&D	-75	-69	-75	-69
EBIT	107	-13	131	20
EBITDA	242	105	-	-
EBITDA pre	255	134	255	134
(in % of net sales)	26.7%	15.1%	26.7%	15.1%



#### Comments

- Semiconductor Solutions: sales down -6% org. as DS&S down low- to mid-double-digit % with customer project phasing even further delayed
- Low-single-digit org. growth in Semi Materials against stronger comps; sustained Materials demand, particularly for AI and adv. nodes; timing of NAND / analog acceleration is uncertain
- Optronics: reported sales around stable considering the consolidation benefit of UnitySC acquisition and FX headwinds
- Surface: sales down -6% org. mainly due to weaker cosmetics demand

 M&S costs slightly down, with lower logistics costs resulting from continued cost management and a reclassification of fleet depreciation from logistics costs to costs of goods sold

Currency

Portfolio

Q2 2025

- EBITDA pre % lower, mainly due to LDD adj. of a PPA entry assigned to the 2014 AZ acquisition; and a MDD provision related to supplier mislabeling, resulting in historical pricing adj. with no impact on quality
- Higher exceptional costs reflect carve out activities in the divestment of Surface Solutions<sup>2</sup>; Completed successfully on 31 July

Organic

Q2 2024



# Merck Group Full-year 2025 guidance

## **Net sales:**

Organic: +2% to +5% YoY FX: -5% to -2% YoY ~€20.5 - €21.7 bn

## **EBITDA** pre:

Organic: +4% to +8% YoY PF: -2% to -1% (-€120 m to -€80 m)¹ FX: -6% to -3% YoY

~€5.9 – €6.3 bn

**EPS pre:** ~ €8.00- €8.70

<sup>1)</sup> Mainly driven by SpringWorks acquisition closed on July 1, 2025; with Surface Solutions divestment closed on July 31, 2025 and Unity-SC acquisition closed on October 31, 2024

# 2025 business sector guidance<sup>1</sup>

# **Life Science**

- Organic: +3% to +6% YoY
- FX: -5% to -2% YoY
- ~€8.80 bn to €9.30 bn
- PS in line with mid-term target of ~10%

## EBITDA pre

- Organic: +3% to +7% YoY
- FX: -5% to -2% YoY
- ~€2.50 bn to €2.70 bn

## Healthcare

## **Net sales**

• Organic: +3% to +5% YoY

**Net sales** 

- PF: ~2% (~€170 m)<sup>2</sup>
- FX: -5% to -2% YoY
- ~€8.50 bn to €8.90 bn

## **EBITDA** pre

- Organic:+9% to +13% YoY
- PF: -3% to -2% (-€90 m to -€70 m)<sup>2</sup>
- FX: -9% to -6% YoY
- ~€2.90 bn to €3.10 bn

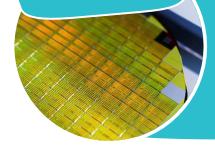


## **Net sales**

- Organic: -5% to-1% YoY
- PF: ~-3% (~-€120 m)<sup>3</sup>
- FX: -5% to -2% YoY
- ~€3.30 bn to €3.60 bn

## **EBITDA** pre

- Organic: -15% to -7% YoY
- PF: -3% to -1% (-€30 m to -€10 m)<sup>3</sup>
- FX: -6% to -3% YoY
- ~€0.70 bn to €0.90 bn



- 1) Divisional guidances are only support to the group guidance and do not have to add up
- 2) Mainly driven by SpringWorks acquisition closed on July 1, 2025
- 3) Mainly driven by Surface Solutions divestment closed on July 31, 2025; Unity-SC acquisition closed on October 31, 2024

