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# **Group - Guidance delivered**

2024 Guidance 2024 Results Net sales €20.7 - 22.1 bn €21.2 bn €6.1 bn €5.8 - 6.4 bn EPS Pre €8.63 €8.20 - 9.30



- Guidance: achieved
- Commitment met: return to profitable growth in 2024
- Resilience of multiindustry business model demonstrated

# Highlights: Strong finish to 2024 with outstanding profitable growth



# **Operations**



#### Q4 YoY organic sales growth<sup>1</sup>

#### **Life Science:**

- Sales growing +2%, with solid QoQ growth (+4%)
- PS sales growth +4% YoY and +5% QoQ; SLS up +3%
- Very strong YoY and low-teens QoQ improvement in PS orders

#### **Healthcare:**

- Strong sales increase (+7%) driven by Oncology (+14%), CM&E (+8%), and N&I (+3%)
- Healthcare is the largest growth contributor to the Group

#### **Electronics:**

- Sales up (+2%) driven by solid growth in Semiconductor Solutions (+5%)
- Continued demand for differentiated materials, particularly for AI and adv. nodes, drives Semiconductor Materials growth

**Q4 organic sales:** +3.8%

**Q4 organic EBITDA pre:** +19.7%

#### 2025 Guidance:

Net sales: €21.5bn to €22.9 bn EBITDA pre: €6.1 bn to €6.6 bn

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

1.2x on Dec. 31, 2024

Stable **dividend** of €2.20 proposed<sup>2</sup>



#### FY 2024: Overview

#### Key figures

[€m]	FY 2023	FY 2024	Δ
Net sales	20,993	21,156	0.8%
EBITDA pre	5,879	6,072	3.3%
Margin (in % of net sales)	28.0%	28.7%	0.7pp
EPS pre	8.49	8.63	1.6%
Operating cash flow	3,784	4,586	21.2%
[€m]	Dec. 31, 2023	Dec. 31, 2024	Δ
Net financial debt	Dec. 31, 2023 -7,500	Dec. 31, 2024 -7,155	Δ -4.6%

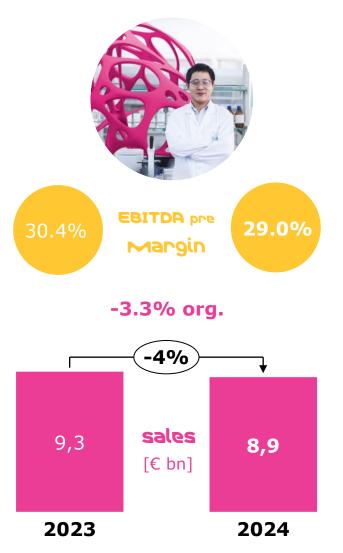
#### Comments

- Sales up +1% with organic growth overcompensating FX headwinds
- Strong sales growth from HC and EL partially compensated by moderate sales decline in LS
- EBITDA pre growth and margin expansion in HC and EL overcompensate LS decline
- Growth in EPS pre slightly lower than EBITDA pre, reflecting higher D&A
- OCF up higher than EBITDA pre, driven by higher D&A, lower LTIP cash out, lower cash taxes and PY UDC / HC outlicensing
- NWC around stable YoY
- Net financial debt significantly down YoY, even after acquisitions<sup>1</sup>

# Life Science: Leaving destocking behind in 2024 with H2 growth inflection

# **Business performance**

- H2 growth inflection in PS (sales +4% org.), leaving customer destocking behind
- Organic sales down -3% with Science & Lab Solutions flat; Life Science Services (-9%); Process Solutions (-6%)
- Sales decline largely driven by customer destocking in Process Solutions, non-repeat of Covid-19 business (2023: ~€250 m)
- EBITDA pre margin down due to lower volumes YoY; gradual QoQ margin expansion across 2024 as volumes recover
- Slight unfavorable FX with negative impact on sales (-1%) and EBITDA pre



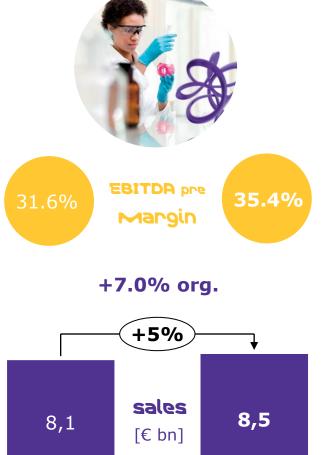
#### **Sector focus**

- Reaccelerating towards mid-term growth targets in 2025
  - Driven by PS as most customers started to reorder in '24; further acceleration across '25
  - SLS diversified geographically and by customer segments; expecting gradual recovery amid factors of uncertainty
- Innovative portfolio supports growth aspirations
  - Process Solutions a key enabler of next gen mAbs manufacturing, novels' production
  - Expanding portfolio offering for novels' production in PS, e.g. acquisition of Mirus Bio

# Healthcare: Strong growth in CM&E and Oncology drive sector growth significantly above mid-term ambition

# **Business performance**

- Strong sales growth, stringent cost focus and transitorily lower R&D drive significant EBITDA pre margin improvement
- Oncology sales growth of +13% org. driven by Erbitux<sup>®</sup> (+16% org.), Bavencio (+5% org.) and Tepmetko<sup>®</sup> (+43% org.)
- CM&E (+8% org.) largest growth contributor, strongly up in all therapeutic areas & regions
- N&I with slight growth (+2% org); Rebif<sup>®</sup> decline offset by strong growth from Mavenclad<sup>®</sup> (+12% org.)
- Fertility slightly up (+1% org.) despite tough comps as competitor stock-outs ease
- Unfavorable FX with negative impact on sales (-2%) and EBITDA pre (-5%)



2023

#### **Sector focus**

- Strong confidence in long-term growth led by internal and external innovation
  - Oncology and N&I franchises remain core
  - Promising late-/mid-stage pipeline assets (incl.
     Pimicotinib, cladribine capsules, enpatoran)
  - Exciting early-/mid-stage Oncology pipeline (novel ADCs and next-gen DDRs)
  - ~50% of launches to be sourced from external innovation with stringent criteria
- Resilient portfolio driving slight growth in the medium-term
  - Sustained growth from established franchises not exposed to patent expiries
  - Broad footprint in Fertility and CM&E capturing developing market potential

2024

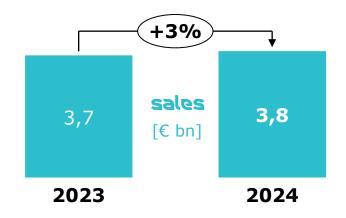
# Electronics: Profitable growth in Semiconductor Solutions driven by AI and advanced node technologies

# **Business performance**

- Semiconductor Solutions sales up +8% org;
   now ~80%¹ of segment sales excl. Surface
- Semiconductor Materials with low-teens sales growth driven by demand for highvalue materials, particularly in AI
- Delays to customer fabs impacts DS&S project scheduling into 2025 and beyond
- Display Solutions sales down -3% org. with continuous price declines in general LC partially compensated by growth areas
- EBITDA pre margin expanded >200bps excl. UDC<sup>2</sup> effect; support from '24 efficiency program



+4.6% org.



#### **Sector focus**

- Short-term industry outlook
  - Continued growth in materials needed for AI and advanced nodes technologies
  - Wider semi market yet to meaningfully rebound, with gradual recovery expected
- Ecosystem relevance with acceleration in mid-term growth ambition
  - Mid-term sales growth target upgraded to +5% to +9% org. at CMD24
  - Clear tech leadership in key high-value materials<sup>3</sup>; Well-placed for AI growth<sup>4</sup>
  - Several layers of integration across materials, DS&S, R&D services and metrology and inspection
- Electronics pureplay transformation
  - Deal signed to divest Surface Solutions with expected completion timing in H2'25



# Group **Full-year 2025 guidance**

# **Net sales:**

Organic: +3% to +6% YoY FX: -1% to +2% YoY ~€21.5 - €22.9 bn

# **EBITDA** pre:

Organic: +3% to +8% YoY FX: -2% to +1% YoY ~€6.1 - €6.6 bn

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

# **Life Science**

#### **Net sales**

- Organic: +2% to +7% YoY
- FX: 0% to +3% YoY
- ~€9.1 bn to €9.8 bn

# **EBITDA** pre

- Organic: +2% to +9% YoY
- FX: -1% to +2% YoY
- ~€2.6 bn to €2.9 bn

## Healthcare

#### **Net sales**

- Organic: +1% to +5% YoY
- FX: -2% to +1% YoY
- ~€8.3 bn to €8.9 bn

# **EBITDA** pre

- Organic:+3% to +9% YoY
- FX: -3% to 0% YoY
- ~€3.0 bn to €3.3 bn

**Electronics** 

#### **Net sales**

- Organic: +2% to +6% YoY
- FX: 0% to +3% YoY
- ~€3.8 bn to €4.2 bn

### **EBITDA** pre

- Organic: +3% to +9% YoY
- FX: +2% to +5% YoY
- ~€1.0 bn to €1.1 bn

