Elevating the Profitability of a Structurally Healthy Portfolio

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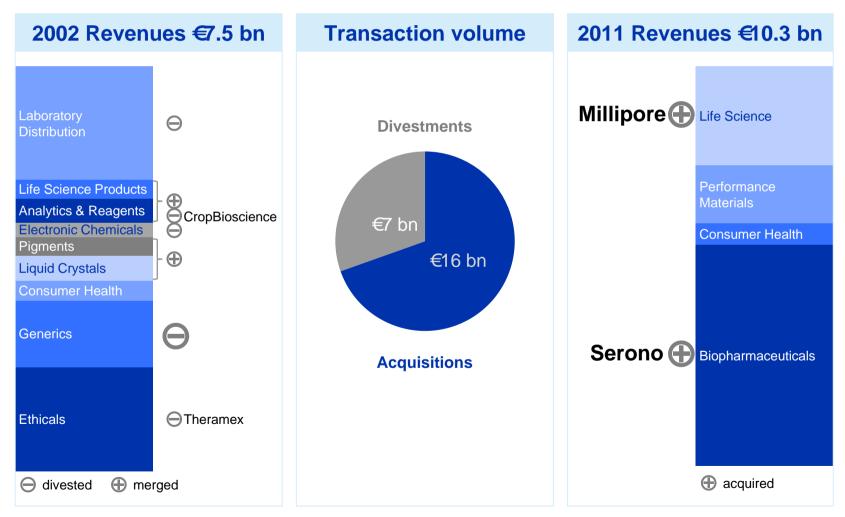
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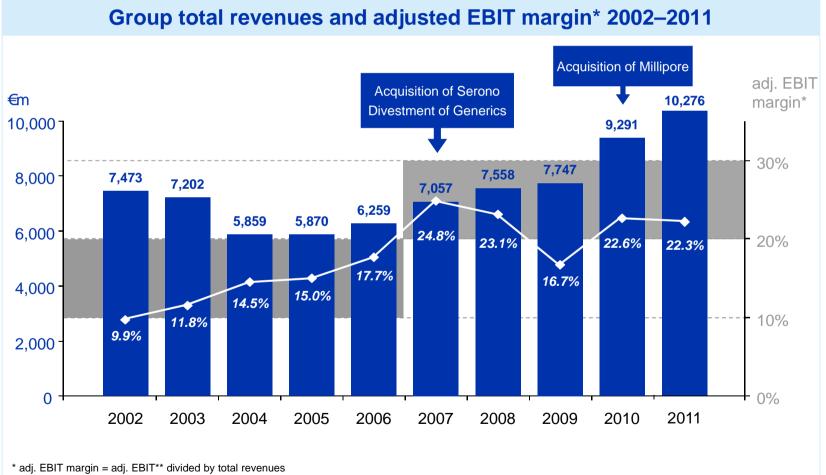
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We have added scale while strengthening the attractiveness of assets in our portfolio





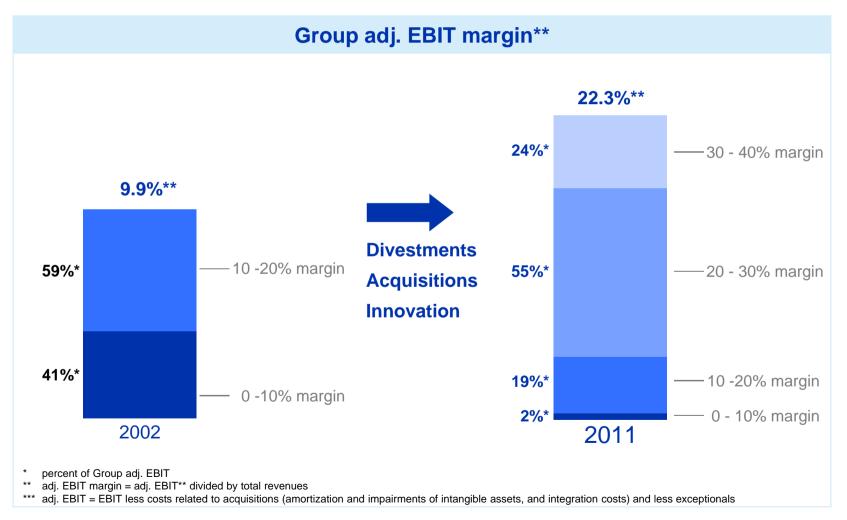
Our stronger portfolio has enabled us to fundamentally improve our profitability



** adj. EBIT = EBIT less costs related to acquisitions (amortization and impairments of intangible assets, and integration costs) and less exceptionals



We have established a structurally healthier portfolio



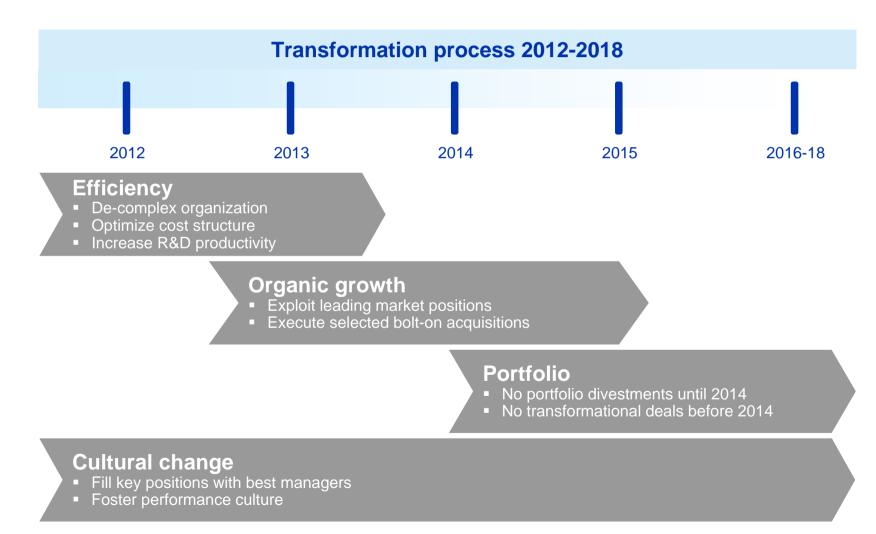


Portfolio evolution improved our profitability structure, but further potential remains

Assessment of long-term financial performance relative to peers				
	Sales growth	Gross margin	SG&A	R&D productivity
Biopharmaceuticals		•		
Consumer Health				
Performance Materials				
Life Science			•	
	above peers	in-line w	ith peers	below peers



We now focus on efficiency



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A leader in biopharma striving for operational improvement

Industry attractiveness

- Specialty biopharma growth ~ 5%
- Attractive value for products that address unmet medical needs
- Increased access to healthcare in emerging markets

Strength of our position

- Global leader in multiple sclerosis and fertility
- Interesting oncology portfolio
- Good position in emerging markets
- Resilient revenue stream
- Strong life cycle management

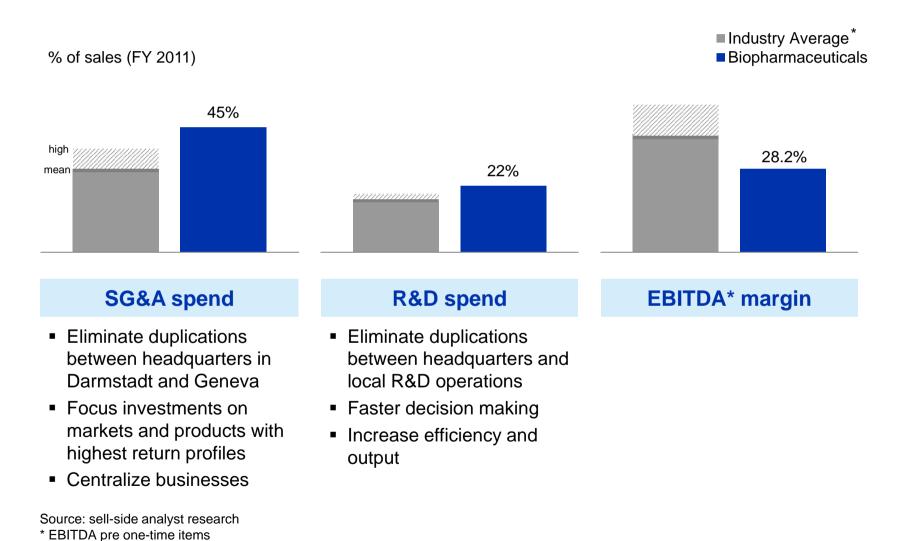
2012 CEO priorities for division:

- Deliver on restructuring program
- Generate R&D productivity
- Rebuild pipeline through:
 - internal research
 - early in-licensing deals
- Maximize the return of the current portfolio



Biopharmaceuticals

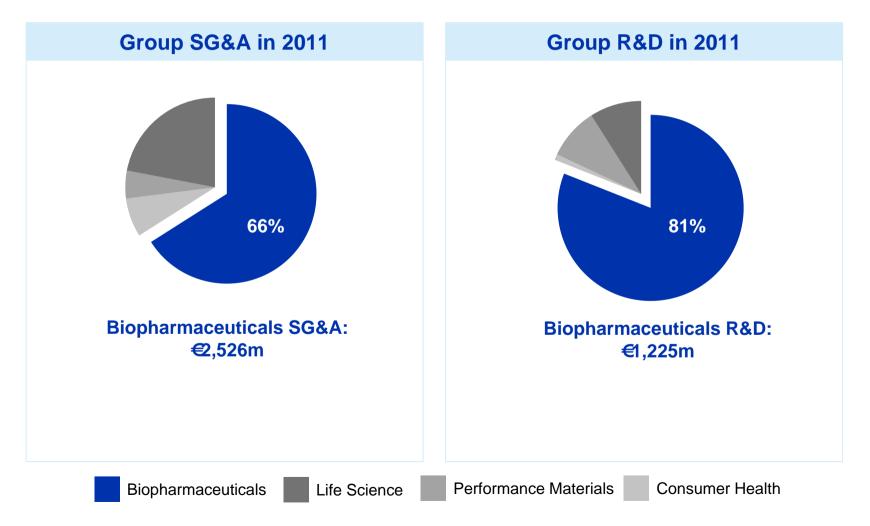
Catching up with industry standards





Biopharmaceuticals

Division represents the largest savings potential within the group





Consumer Health

A solid business with considerable potential for improvement

Industry attractiveness

- OTC market growing 4-6%
- Aging population in developed markets
- Demand from emerging markets remains robust

Strength of our position

- Trusted brands
- Strong positions in core markets: France, Germany, UK
- Untapped potential
- High gross margin (~ 70%)

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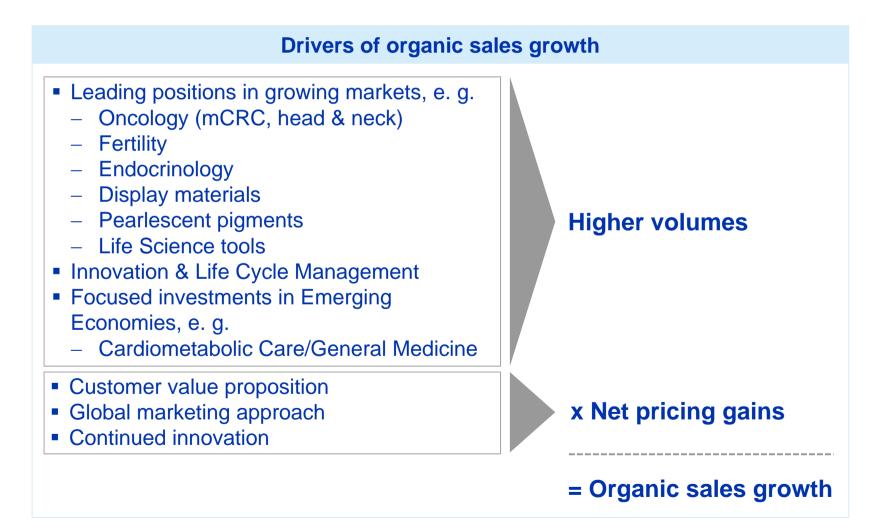
- Deliver improved profitability
- Grow in-line with market while focusing on profitability in 2012 and 2013
- Strengthen presence in core markets and Asia

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We can build on drivers of organic sales growth





Life Science

A leader in life science tools

Industry attractiveness

- Life science tools market projected to grow 4-7% annually
- Volumes of biologic drugs will continue to grow rapidly
- Growing complexity of science is creating a strong market for laboratory tools providers: systems biology
- High margin / moderate risk

Strength of our position

- Top 3 supplier in the industry
- #1 market share for consumables used to manufacture biologic drugs
- 50 year track record of quality and innovation
- Global reach

2012 CEO priorities for division:

- Continue to deliver solid organic revenue growth
- Continue bolt-on acquisitions to augment organic growth
- Deliver returns on increased R&D and SG&A investments



Performance Materials

Market leader in niche specialty materials business

Industry attractiveness

- Healthy LCD area growth: ~ 14% in 2012
- Strong emerging market volumes: +21%
- Ongoing replacement cycle: iPad3, smart TVs
- Continuous need for innovation
- Very high margins

Strength of our position

- Global #1 in Liquid Crystals
- Global #1 in Pearlescent Effect Pigments
- Strong track record of innovation
- Global scale enables lower throughput cost vs. competition

2012 CEO priorities for division:

- Launch new Liquid Crystal products and improve on existing technologies
- Foster growth in new businesses
 - solid state lighting
 - reactive mesogens
- Deliver operational improvement in Pigments & Cosmetics business unit



Near-term priority is on unleashing the profit potential of the current portfolio

Group portfolio assessment and implications

- We have a strong business portfolio today
- We will focus on unlocking the full value of our portfolio; we will then turn to portfolio management again, if needed

- No material divestments until 2014
- No transformational deals should be assumed before 2014

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We drive cultural change at all levels

Organization changes

- Global business focus
- Global functions
- De-complex organization

People

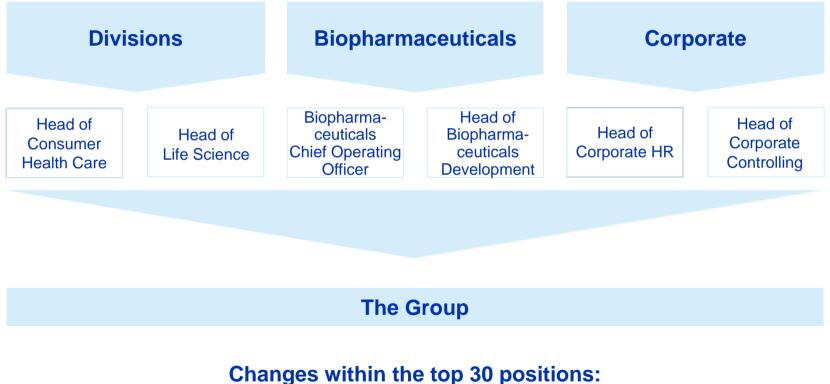
- Put the right people in the right positions
- Good blend of internal and external talents
- Drive cultural change and performance

Culture

- Focus on global business performance
- Create greater accountability & responsibility for results



New management in key positions and across the entire organization



34% since Jan 1, 2011, including three new board members



New roles and new people to drive businesses forward

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The Group

We have aligned our compensation system to drive cultural change

Old plan

Annual Cash Bonus

- Individuals measured against many KPIs
- Limited upside for individual outperformance: 0-150%
- Bonus largely driven by collective group targets

Stock Plan

No incentives linked to stock

New Plan

Annual Cash Bonus

- Greater differentiation between over and underperformers
- Greater upside and downside: 0-200%
- Bonus based on individual and divisional performance

Stock Plan

- Stock based plan
- Mandatory one-time co-invest of 10% annual gross salary



Capturing savings will enable us to deliver attractive operating profitability



* EBITDA pre one-time items

** does not reflect financial impact of new product launches in Biopharmaceuticals



The Group Conclusion

We have built an attractive and balanced portfolio



We will focus until 2014 on efficiency and organic growth



We will not consider transformational acquisitions before 2014



We will foster a performance culture to drive the transformation process