

FY 2014 Results Conference Call

Strategic progress and delivery of results

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2014: A year of strategic progress



Execution of "Fit for 2018" growth strategy

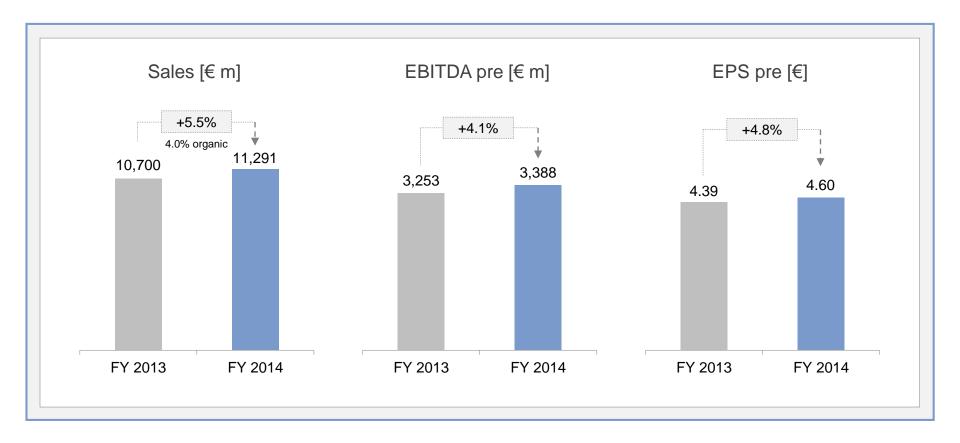
- Closing and successful integration of AZ Electronic Materials
- Announcement of Sigma-Aldrich acquisition
- Signing of alliance with Pfizer to leverage iOnc pipeline

Sound financial performance

- Delivery on targets: Sales €11.3 bn, EBITDA pre €3.388 bn, EPS pre €4.60
- Organic growth across all divisions
- Rapid deleveraging following AZ acquisition

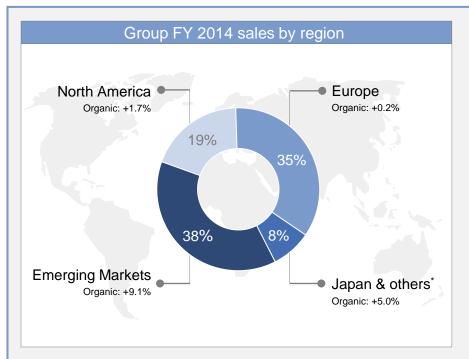
FY 2014: We are on track to deliver results

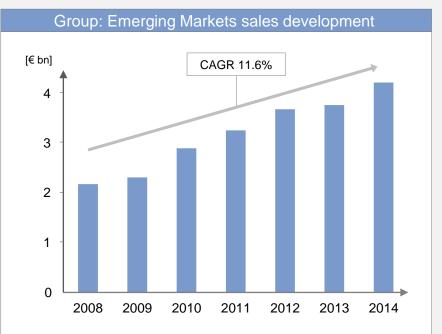




Emerging Markets – Growth continues



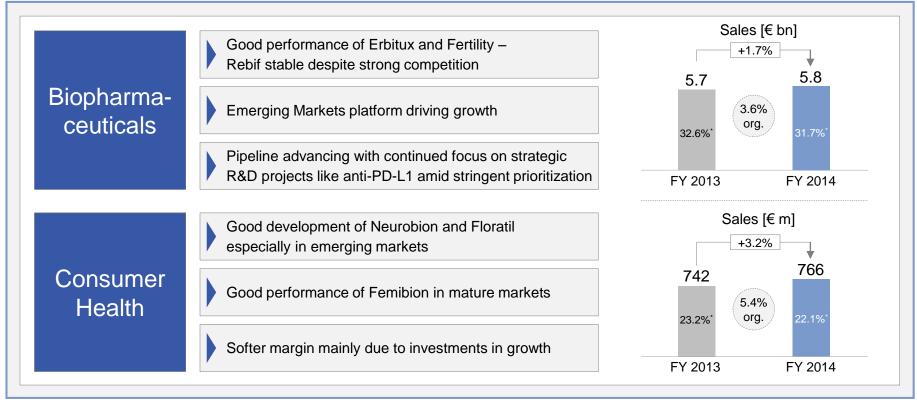




Emerging Markets sales doubled within 6 years

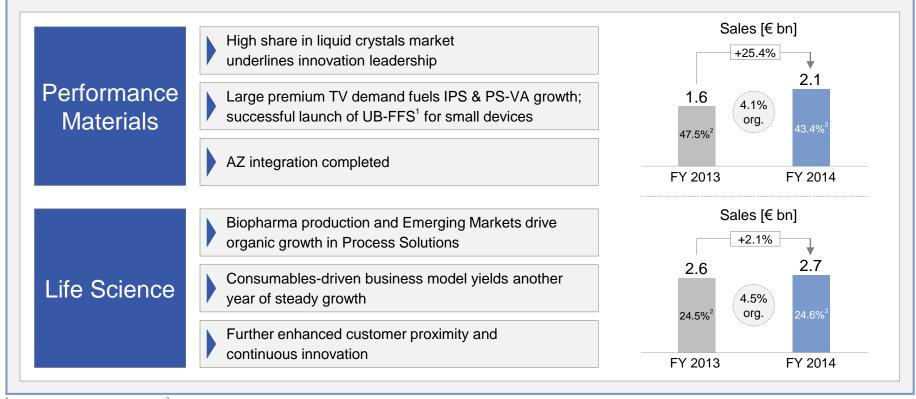
Divisional overview – Biopharmaceuticals and Consumer Health





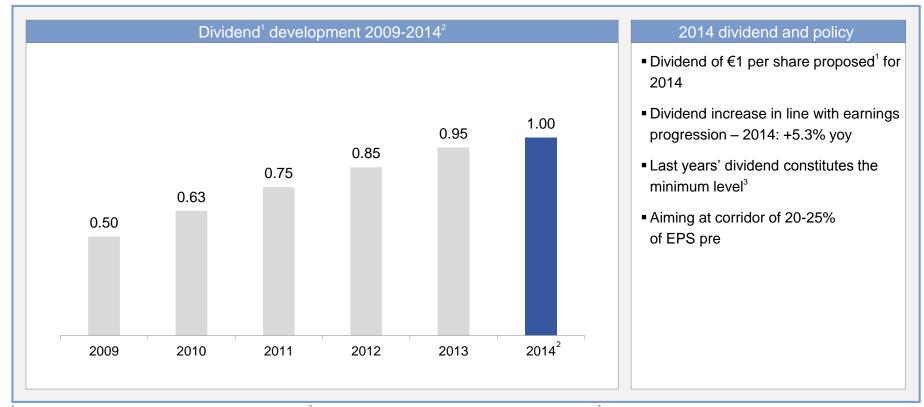
Divisional overview – Performance Materials and Life Science





Sustainable dividend development





Adjusted for share split, which has been effective since June 30, 2014; Proposal; final decision subject to Annual General Meeting approval; Assuming a stable economic environment



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The Group going forward – three distinct business sectors support profitable growth









Strategic requirements

- Diversification
- Attractive markets
- High-margin businesses

- Overlapping core competencies (customer intimacy, innovation, quality, life cycle management)
- Company-specific culture

AZ – Complementing Performance Materials, expanding innovation leadership in niche markets



Healthcare

Life Science

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Ongoing development in Liquid Crystals





- Launch of new UB-FFS* mode enhancing light transmission and reducing energy consumption
- Further advancing future technologies e.g. liquid crystal windows

Research in advanced technologies



EPSON

- Collaboration with EPSON on OLED progressing well
- Development of new proprietary OLED materials and LED phosphors - launch of a vivid green

R&D projects from AZ



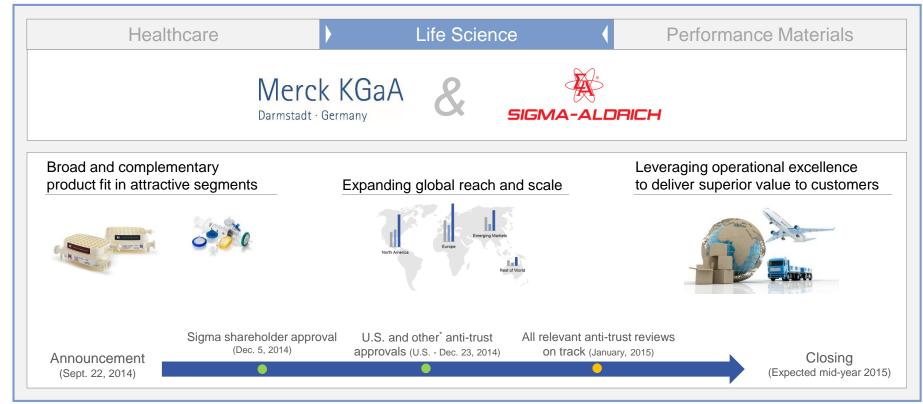


- Si-tech materials for OLED encapsulant
- Graphene-based materials in Separators, Anodes and Cathodes

Successful integration of AZ completed in 2014

Sigma-Aldrich – Next step to enhance Life Science business sector





*Russia, Serbia, Ukraine and Taiwan

Pfizer collaboration – Acceleration and broadening of immuno-oncology pipeline



Healthcare Life Science Performance Materials

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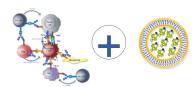
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Leverage anti-PD-L1 asset



- Avelumab* with over 700 patients already enrolled in PI/II
- Initiation of several pivotal studies in 2015 e.g.:
 - Lung, bladder, renal, ovarian, gastric

Tackle combination therapies



- Enlarge pool of potential combinations
- Combination studies in 2015 e.g.:
 - Axitinib (Inlyta) in renal cancer
 - Crizotinib (Xalkori) ALK/ROS in lung cancer

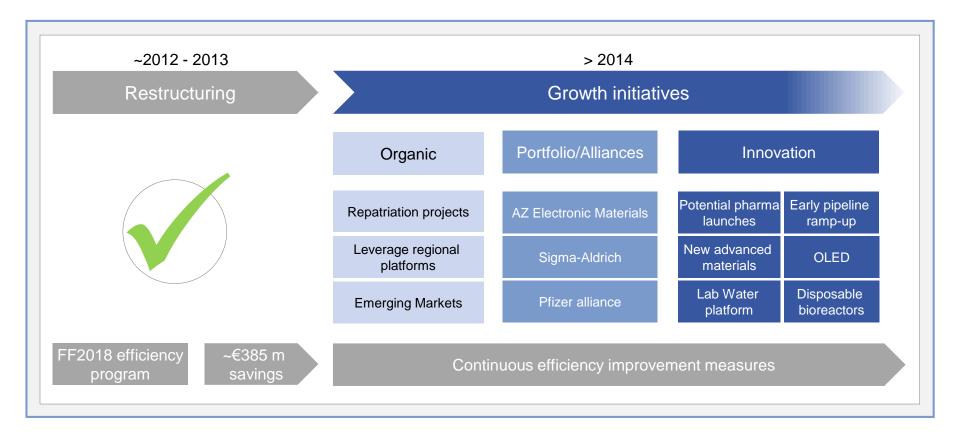
Build commercialization strength



- Co-commercialization of Xalkori in U.S. and other key markets
- Ramp-up of Oncology infrastructure and capabilities in 2015, especially in U.S.

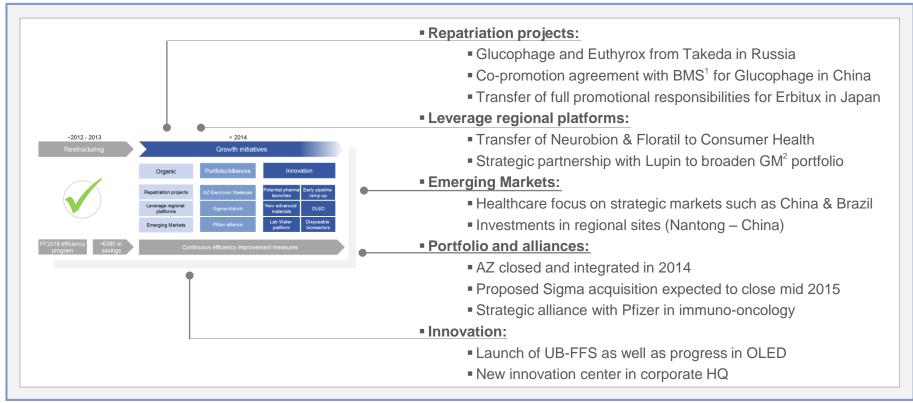
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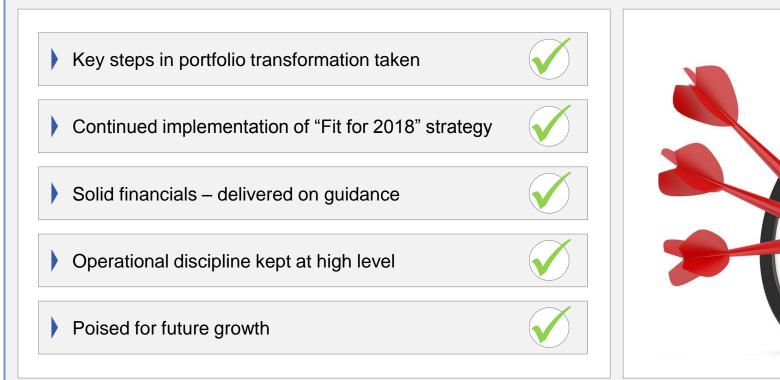




¹Bristol-Myers Squibb: ²General Medicine

2014 – a solid foundation for future growth









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FY 2014: Another year of sound delivery



[€ m]	FY 2013	FY 2014	Δ
Sales	10,700	11,291	5.5%
EBITDA pre Margin (% of sales)	3,253 30.4%	3,388 30.0%	4.1%
EPS pre [€]	4.39	4.60	4.8%
Operating cash flow	2,226	2.705	21.6%
[€ m]	Dec 31, 2013	Dec. 31, 2014	Δ
Net financial debt	307	559	82.3%
Working capital	2,132	2,356	10.5%
Employees	38,154	39,639	3.9%

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Sales, EBITDA pre and EPS pre
increase on organic growth and AZ

FY 2014

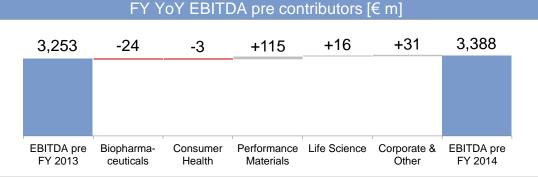
- Operating cash flow benefits from Pfizer upfront payment
- Only slight increase in financial debt,
 AZ acquisition digested within a year
- Higher headcount includes employees from AZ

All businesses drive organic growth



FY 2014 YoY sales	Organic	Currency	Portfolio	Total
Biopharmaceuticals	3.6%	-1.9%	0.0%	1.7%
Consumer Health	5.4%	-2.2%	0.0%	3.2%
Performance Materials	4.1%	-1.5%	22.8%	25.4%
Life Science	4.5%	-1.7%	-0.7%	2.1%
Group	4.0%	-1.8%	3.3%	5.5%

- All Biopharmaceuticals franchises deliver organic growth; Rebif stable
- Volume growth in Liquid Crystals drives Performance Materials
- Life Science benefits from strong demand from biopharma industry



- Biopharmaceuticals affected by royalty income loss and higher production costs
- Performance Materials includes eight months of AZ contribution
- Life Science with solid organic performance
- Corporate contains ~€45 m hedging gains

Totals may not add up due to rounding

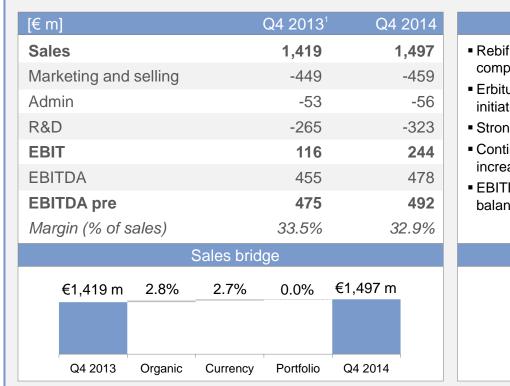
Reported EPS burdened by normalization of tax rate Merck KGaA



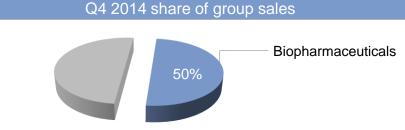
[€ m]	FY 2013	FY 2014	Δ	Reported results
EBIT	1,611	1,762	9.4%	■ EBIT increases due to operational performance and lower impairments
Financial result	-222	-205	-7.7%	 Financial result improved mainly from decreasing interest expenses after bond repayment last year Tax rate 2013 was impacted by
Profit before tax	1,389	1,557	12.1%	
Income tax	-180	-392	>100%	beneficial tax rulings
Tax rate (%)	12.9%	25.2%		
Net income	1,202	1,157	-3.7%	
EPS (€)	2.77	2.66	-4.0%	

Q4 - Biopharmaceuticals: Emerging Markets drive organic growth





- Rebif organically lower as European and U.S. volume losses to competition from oral therapies outweigh U.S. pricing initiatives
- Erbitux with good organic performance driven by commercial initiatives in Emerging Markets
- Strong demand for entire Fertility portfolio in all regions
- Continued pipeline prioritization (pimasertib, Sym004) increase R&D expenses
- EBITDA pre increases due to organic growth; litigation settlement balances one-time R&D expenses and higher LTIP² provisions



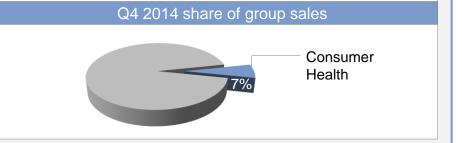
Restated for product reclassification of Neurobion and Floratil from Biopharmaceuticals to Consumer Health; Long Term Incentive Plan

Q4 - Consumer Health: Strong volumes amid investments in marketing and selling



[€ m]			Q4 2013 [*]	Q4	2014
Sale	es			180		197
Mar	keting and	selling		-72		-86
Adm	nin			-9		-7
R&E				-5		-7
EBI	Т			36		34
EBI	TDA			38		37
EBI	TDA pre			39		38
Mar	gin (% of s	sales)		21.9%	1	9.4%
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	€180 m	6.5%	2.7%	0.0%	€197 m	
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	Q4 2013	Organic	Currency	Portfolio	Q4 2014	٦

- Sound organic sales growth supported by currency tailwinds
- Investments in global marketing initiatives drive growth in Emerging Markets, especially Neurobion and Floratil in Brazil
- Good performance of cough and cold products in Europe
- Femilion reaches record market share in Germany
- EBITDA pre almost stable as organic growth is offset by higher marketing and selling costs

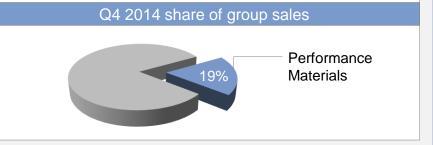


Q4 - Performance Materials: A strong quarter



[€ m]			Q4 2013	Q4	2014
Sales			383		576
Marketing an	d selling		-36		-50
Admin			-6		-15
R&D			-37		-48
EBIT			134		170
EBITDA			155		229
EBITDA pre			167		239
Margin (% of	sales)		43.5%	4	1.6%
		Sales brid	ge		
€383 m	6.9%	5.8%	37.5%	€576 m	
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Q4 2013	Organic	Currency	Portfolio	Q4 2014	

- Sales jump on portfolio effect, strong organic growth & FX tailwinds
- Volume growth in Liquid Crystals remains largest contributor to organic performance
- Strong demand for ultra-high-definition TV's (PS-VA) and mobile devices (IPS & UB-FFS) key success factor
- Significant EBITDA pre increase driven by AZ and strong organic growth
- EBITDA pre margin reflects mix effect from AZ

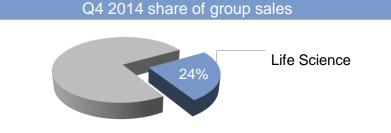


Q4 – Life Science: Process Solutions drives growth



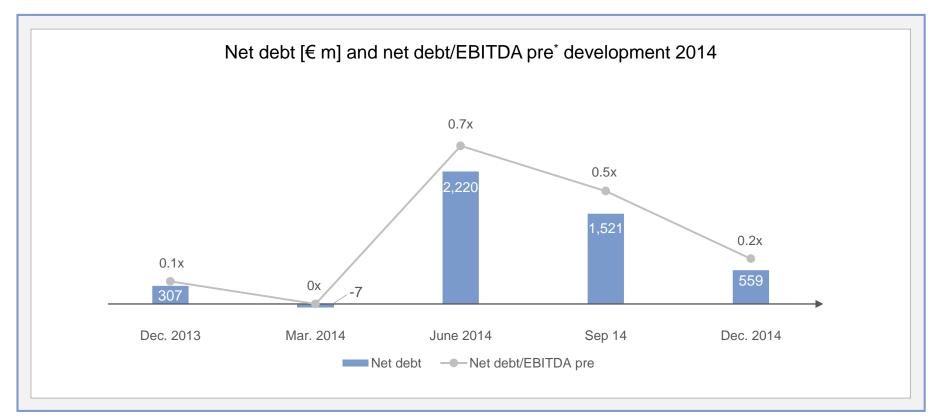
[€ m]			Q4 2013	Q4 2014
Sales			654	706
Marketing an	d selling		-206	-231
Admin			-25	-30
R&D			-38	-43
EBIT			51	55
EBITDA			145	135
EBITDA pre			168	163
Margin (% of	sales)		25.7%	23.0%
		Sales brid	ge	
€654 m	5.9%	3.4%	-1.2%	€706 m
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Q4 2013	Organic	Currency	Portfolio	Q4 2014

- Good organic growth and FX, slightly offset by portfolio changes
- Strong demand from biopharma industry for single-use equipment and purification consumables drives growth at Process Solutions
- Lab Solutions with good performance from price and volume uptakes especially in lab water consumables
- Bioscience almost flat as good development of separation and preparation products is offset by low demand for antibodies
- EBITDA pre affected by investments in marketing and selling, higher LTIP* provisions and unfavorable product mix



Swift deleveraging following AZ acquisition

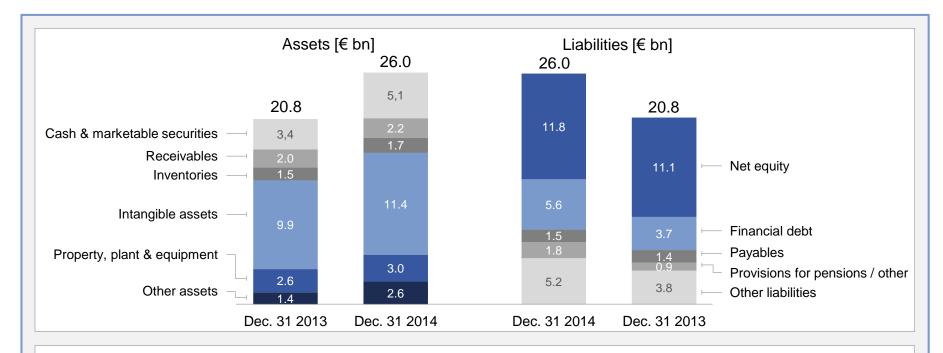




*Last twelve months

Balance sheet: Reflecting strategic M&A moves





- Balance sheet reflects AZ acquisition and Pfizer collaboration
- Issuance of hybrid bond impacts cash and debt

- Provisions for pensions up due to lower interest rates
- FX development accounts for ~€1 bn total balance sheet increase

Operating cash flow increase driven by Pfizer



[€ m]	FY 2013	FY 2014	Δ
Profit after tax	1,209	1,165	-44
D&A	1,458	1,361	-97
Changes in provisions	-203	-342	-139
Changes in other assets / liabilities	-260	471	731
Other operating activities	-3	9	12
Changes in working capital	25	41	16
Operating cash flow	2,226	2,705	479
Investing cash flow	-875	-1,641	-766
thereof Capex*	-407	-481	-74
Financing cash flow	-1,073	761	1,834

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- Decrease in D&A YoY due to 2013 impairments
- Changes in provisions reflect release from litigation settlement
- Changes in other assets/liabilities increase from Pfizer upfront payment
- Investing cash flow reflects payment for AZ and cash investments in short term assets
- Capex increases mainly due to investment in new plant in China
- Financing cash flow positive mainly driven by cash in from hybrid bond; last year reflects bond repayment



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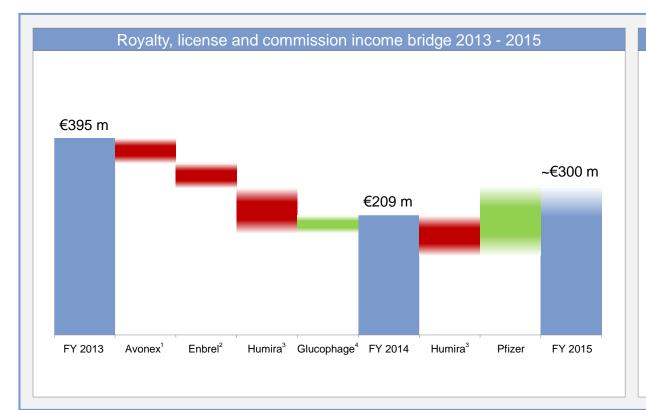
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Food for thought on royalty, license and commission income





Details and future changes

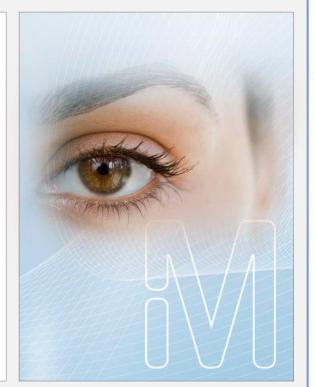
- Pfizer deal contains release of upfront and Xalkori accruals
- New reporting starting 2015:
 - Net Sales will include commission and profit share income
 - Royalty & license income will be within Other Operating Income
 - Royalty, license and commission expenses will be allocated to individual functional lines

Illustration; ¹Avonex patent expired in May 2013; ²Enbrel patent expired in November 2013; ³Humira royalty income expired June 30, 2014; ⁴Commission income due to co-promotion agreement for Glucophage with BMS in China – shown in net sales in 2015

Industry outlook 2015

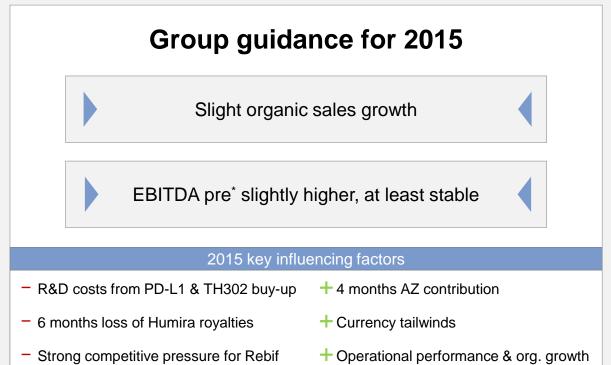


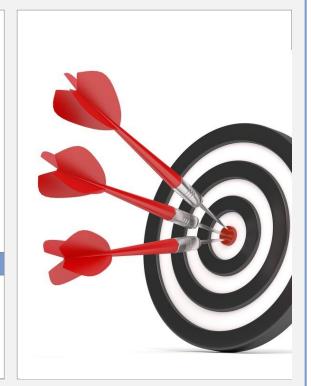
Healthcare	Continuous market growth in emerging markets Mature markets driven by launches of innovative products Consumer market is expected to grow mid-single digit
Life Science	Biotech IPO's drive R&D investments Molecules in pharma-pipelines support Process Solutions Academia research market still soft
Performance Materials	LC display market growth fueled by trend to larger displays Wafer production increase due to rising demand for big data World automotive market forecasted to show low-single digit growth



Indicative 2015 guidance







Business sector guidance

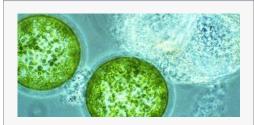


Healthcare



- Organically stable top line
- Rebif decline
- Growth in other franchises
- EBITDA pre slightly lower

Life Science



- Moderate organic sales growth
- Process solutions key growth contributor
- Moderate EBITDA pre increase

Performance Materials



- Slight organic growth
- Strong AZ portfolio effect leads to low double-digit EBITDA pre increase

Group 2015:

EBITDA pre* slightly higher - at least stable

Slight organic sales growth

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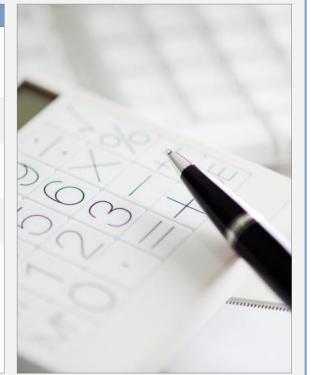


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Additional financial guidance

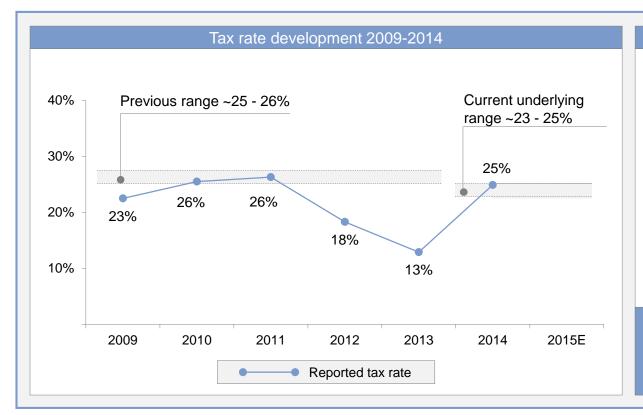


Further financial details	
Group royalty, license and commission income in 2015	~€300 m
Corporate & Other EBITDA pre	at least -€220 m
Underlying tax rate	~23% to 25%
Capex on PPE and software	~€600 m



Underlying tax rate remains unchanged





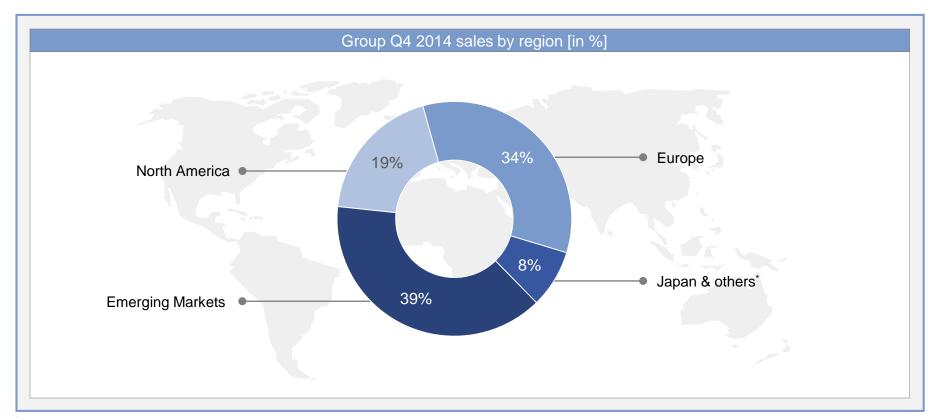
Tax rate rationale

- Underlying tax rate of 23 25% due to beneficial tax rulings in several countries
- 2012 and 2013 contained one-time effects and exceptional tax gains
- 24% rate basis for EPS pre calculation since Q1 2014

Underlying tax rate guidance of 23 to 25%

Growing Emerging Markets share

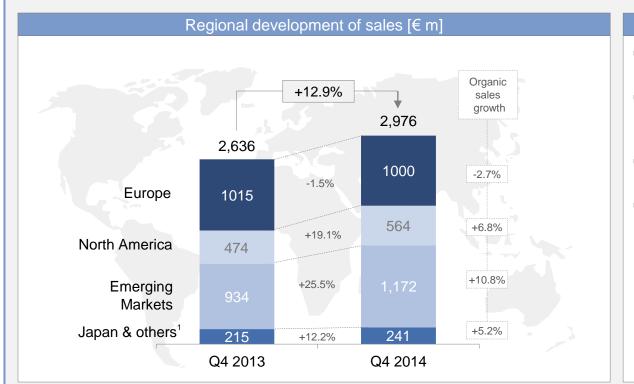




*Australia/Oceania, Africa

Emerging Markets main contributor to growth





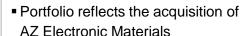
Regional details

- Reported sales growth includes AZ contribution esp. EM, NA and Japan
- Chinese market remains driver in Emerging Markets especially for branded generics and fertility products
- North America benefits from biopharma demand in Process Solutions
- Japan supported by strong demand for IPS in mobile devices

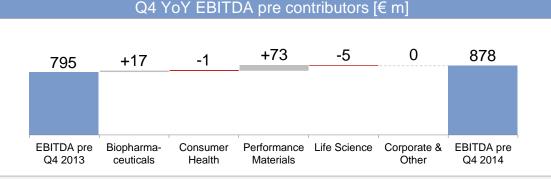
All divisions post organic growth, currency headwinds soften



Q4 YoY sales	Organic	Currency	Portfolio	Total
Biopharmaceuticals	2.8%	2.7%	0.0%	5.5%
Consumer Health	6.5%	2.7%	0.0%	9.2%
Performance Materials	6.9%	5.8%	37.5%	50.2%
Life Science	5.9%	3.4%	-1.2%	8.1%
Group	4.4%	3.3%	5.2%	12.9%



 Currency tailwinds mainly driven by EUR/USD development



- Performance Materials includes strong organic performance and AZ
- Hedging gains this quarter are leveled out by higher gains last year (Δ ~€-6m)

Q4 2014: Strong year-end performance



[€ m]	Q4 2013	Q4 2014	Δ	Q4 2014
Sales	2,636	2,976	12.9%	 Organic growth, portfolio effects as well as currency tailwinds drive sales
EBITDA pre Margin (% of sales)	795 30.2%	878 29.5%	10.5%	■ EBITDA pre and EPS pre improve on solid organic performance and AZ
EPS pre [€]	1.06	1.14	7.5%	despite loss of royalty income Operating cash flow includes Pfizer
Operating cash flow	440	1,141	>100%	upfront payment Jump in working capital reflects
[€ m]	Dec 31, 2013	Dec 31, 2014	Δ	consolidation of AZ
Net financial debt	307	559	82.3%	 Only slight increase in financial debt, AZ acquisition digested within a year
Working capital	2,132	2,356	10.5%	
Employees	38,154	39,639	3.9%	

Reported EPS impacted acquisition hedging effects



[€ m]	Q4 2013	Q4 2014	Δ
EBIT	264	424	60.4%
Financial result	-63	-63	-0.4%
Profit before tax	201	361	79.5%
Income tax	80	-79	n.m.
Tax rate (%)	-39.9%	21.9%	
Net income	281	280	-0.2%
EPS (€)	0.65	0.64	-1.5%

Reported results

- EBIT up due to lower one-time costs and organic growth
- Last years' tax rate impacted by onetime change in applicable tax rates
- Net income and EPS almost stable as higher EBIT is canceled out by higher income tax

*Contractual Trust Arrangement

Biopharmaceuticals: Solid performance supported by all franchises amid royalty income reduction



[€ m]			FY 2013*	FY 2014
Sales			5,688	5,783
Marketing and	selling		-1,814	-1,780
Admin			-202	-220
R&D			-1,178	-1,344
EBIT			793	957
EBITDA			1,787	1,786
EBITDA pre			1,855	1,831
Margin (% of s	sales)		32.6%	31.7%
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€5,688 m	3.6%	-1.9%	0.0%	€5,783 m
FY 2013	Organic	Currency	Portfolio	FY 2014

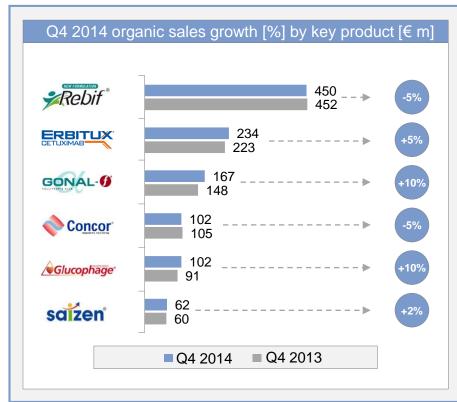
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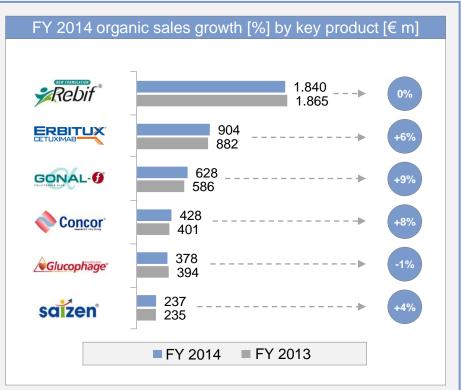
- Organic growth partially offset by adverse currency effects
- Rebif organically stable, as U.S. pricing and Q1 wholesaler restocking offset volume declines due to competition from orals
- Solid Erbitux performance driven by growth in Emerging Markets and support from Japan, while Europe is flat
- Strong organic growth of fertility business as a result of good demand for entire portfolio especially from China and U.S.
- R&D reflects pipeline prioritization and Biosimilars initiatives
- Lower profitability owing to royalty decline



Biopharmaceuticals organic growth by product

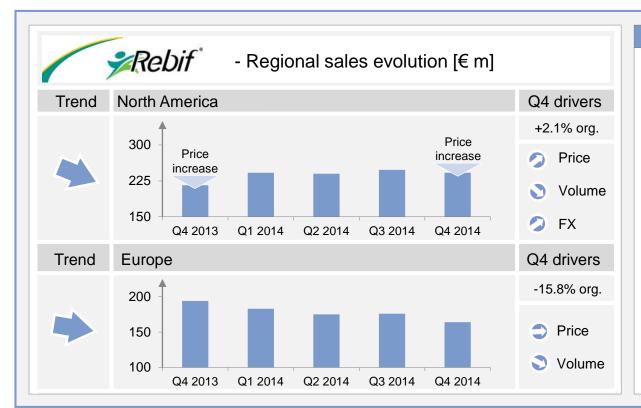






Rebif – defending the franchise; competitive pressure in the U.S. and Europe



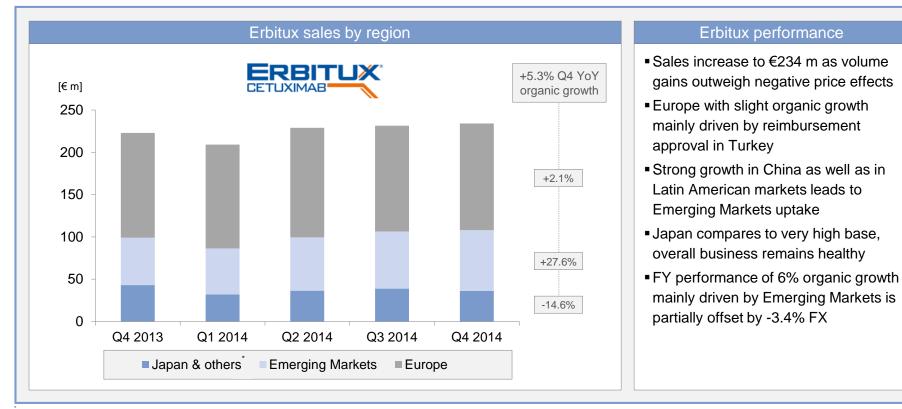


Rebif performance

- Rebif sales of €450 m in Q4
- Organic decline of -4.7% is driven by lower volumes mitigated by pricing
- Competition from orals main factor of U.S. and European volume decline
- October price increase supported U.S. performance in Q4
- European performance driven by volume losses to orals; last year's high base included tender in Russia

Erbitux – Emerging Markets strength

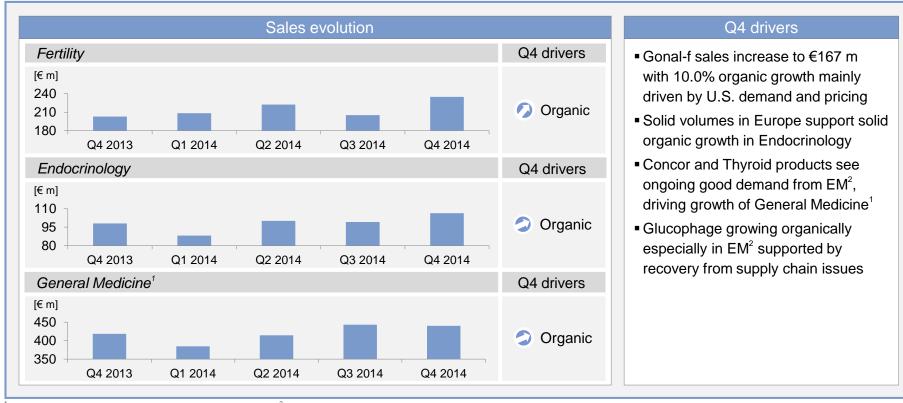




Australia/Oceania, Africa

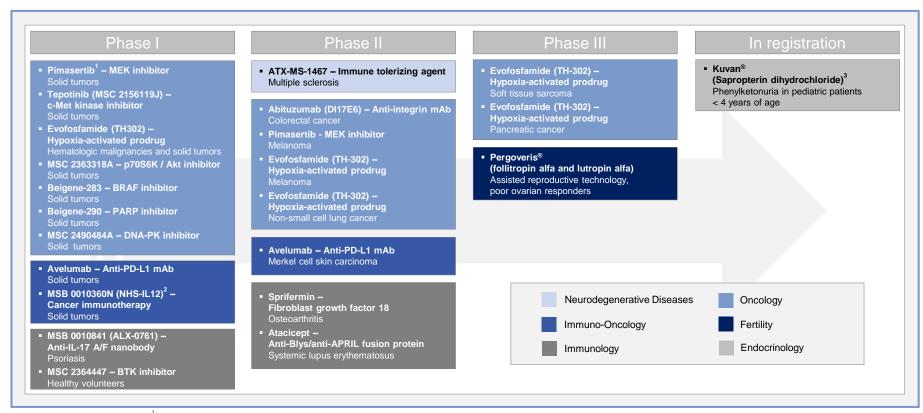
Strong growth in Fertility and General Medicine





Clinical pipeline





Pipeline as of February 28, 2015; ¹Combined with hDM2 inhibitor (SAR405838) from Sanofi, conducted under the responsibility of Sanofi; ²Sponsored by the National Cancer Institute (USA); ³Post-approval request by the European Medicines Agency

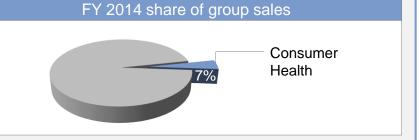
Consumer Health: Focus on strategic brands in Emerging Markets drives organic performance



[€ m]			FY 2013*	FY 2	2014
Sale	Sales					766
Mar	keting and	selling		-287		-303
Adm	nin			-27		-27
R&E				-22		-22
EBI	EBIT					150
EBI	EBITDA			171		160
EBI	EBITDA pre			172		169
Mar	gin (% of s	sales)		23.2%	22	2.1%
		;	Sales brid	ge		
	€742 m	5.4%	-2.2%	0.0%	€766 m	
	FY 2013	Organic	Currency	Portfolio	FY 2014	

Comments

- Increase in sales as good organic growth driven by Emerging Markets and Europe is partially offset by FX headwinds
- New strategic brands Neurobion and Floratil drive organic growth mainly from EM supported by consumer focused marketing
- Europe solid with strong demand for Femibion and some local brands especially in Germany
- Marketing and selling increases on global marketing initiatives;
 shift in promotional spending towards strategic brands continues
- Slight decrease in profitability due to investments in marketing and selling



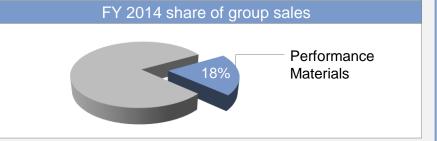
Performance Materials: Growth fueled by display industry trends



[€ m]			FY 2013	FY 201
Sales			1,642	2,06
Marketing and	d selling		-152	-17
Admin			-28	-5
R&D			-145	-17
EBIT		653	61	
EBITDA			766	80
EBITDA pre			780	89
Margin (% of	sales)		47.5%	43.49
		Sales brid	ge	
€1,642 m	4.1%	-1.5%	22.8%	€2,060 m
FY 2013	Organic	Currency	Portfolio	FY 2014

Comments

- Sales increase as good organic growth and portfolio effects from AZ are slightly offset by negative FX effects
- Liquid Crystals flagship technologies (IPS & PS-VA) see ongoing good demand
- Pigments with slight organic growth owing to good demand for Xirallic products from coating industry
- Cost base reflects portfolio effects from AZ
- Increase in EBITDA pre contains organic growth and AZ
- EBITDA pre margin reflects mix effect from AZ



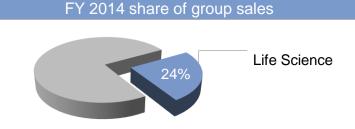
Life Science: Growth in Process Solutions



	2014	FY	FY 2013]	[€ m
■ Sales increa	2,682	2	2,628			es	Sale
and portfolio	-844		-835		dselling	keting and	Marl
Process Soli filtration and	-110		-99			nin	Adm
■ Bioscience o	-163		-160)	R&D
preparation	289		262			Т	EBI
Demand for Emerging M	599		590			TDA	EBI
■ Profitability s	659		643			TDA pre	EBI
	4.6%	2	24.5%		sales)	gin (% of s	Mar
			ge	Sales brid			
		€2,682 m	-0.7%	-1.7%	4.5%	€2,628 m	
		FY 2014	Portfolio	Currency	Organic	FY 2013	



- Sales increase as organic growth overcompensate FX headwinds and portfolio effects*
- Process Solutions growth driven by biopharma demand for filtration and single-use products stemming from all regions
- Bioscience organically flat, as solid demand for separation and preparation products is offset by soft demand for antibodies
- Demand for consumables and water purification solutions in Emerging Markets drives organic growth in Lab Solutions
- Profitability stable due to solid volumes and pricing



Discovery and Development Solutions divestiture

Underlying cash flow strength



[€ m]	Q4 2013	Q4 2014	Δ
Profit after tax	281	282	1
D&A	462	380	-81
Changes in provisions	-238	-342	-104
Changes in other assets / liabilities	-205	604	809
Other operating activities	44	17	-27
Changes in working capital	97	200	103
Operating cash flow	440	1,141	701
Investing cash flow	-263	-1,144	-881
thereof Capex	-172	-211	-39
Financing cash flow	-106	1,519	1,625

■ Higher impairments last year lead to	
lower D&A in 2014	

Cash flow drivers

- Changes in provisions mainly impacted by release for litigation settlement
- Increase in changes in other assets and liabilities reflects Pfizer upfront
- Changes in working capital increase due to higher business activity
- Investments in short-term assets impact investing cash flow
- Financing cash flow mainly reflects cash in from hybrid issuance in December

One-time items in Q4 2014



One-time items in EBIT							
[€ m]	Q4 20	013	Q4 2014				
	One-time items thereof D&A		One-time items	thereof D&A			
Biopharmaceuticals	164	144	15	1			
Consumer Health	1	0	1	0			
Performance Materials	7	-4	10	0			
Life Science	40	17	28	0			
Corporate & Other	14	0	23	1			
Total	226	157	76	2			

Totals may not add up due to rounding

One-time items in FY 2014

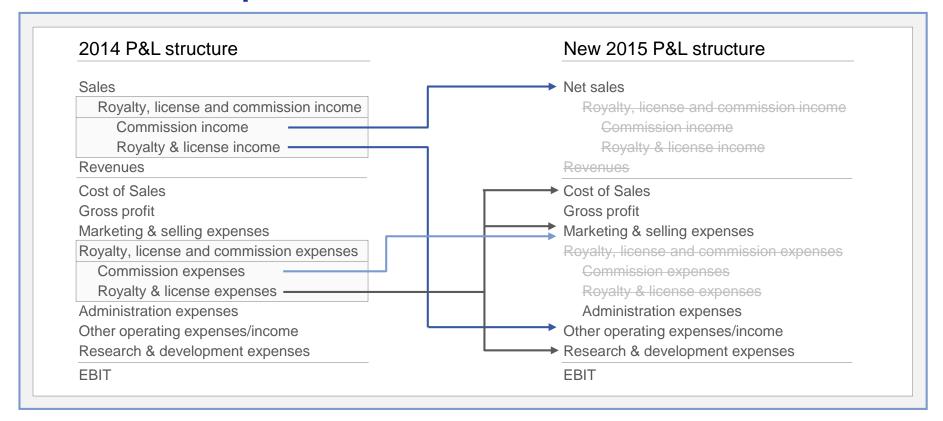


One-time items in EBIT							
[€ m]	FY 20)13	FY 2014				
	One-time items thereof D&A		One-time items	thereof D&A			
Biopharmaceuticals	258	189	50	5			
Consumer Health	1	0	9	0			
Performance Materials	10	-4	91	0			
Life Science	70	17	60	0			
Corporate & Other	47	0	65	5			
Total	387	203	275	10			

Totals may not add up due to rounding

New allocation of royalty, license and commission income and expenses





Financial calendar



Date	Event
April 17, 2015	Annual General Meeting 2015
May 19, 2015	Q1 2015 Earnings release
August 06, 2015	Q2 2015 Earnings release
November 12, 2015	Q3 2015 Earnings release
March 08, 2016	Q4 2015 Earnings release



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