



# **Year of transformation**

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## **1. Year of transformation**

## **2. Operational performance**

- **Akzo Nobel Full Year & Q4 2007**
  - **Akzo Nobel Coatings**
  - **Akzo Nobel Chemicals**
- **ICI Full Year & Q4 2007**
- **The new company: pro-forma 2007**

## **3. Integration update**

## **4. Management agenda 2008**



# 1. Year of transformation



- ✓ **From conglomerate to focused company in 12 months**
- ✓ **Total Shareholder Return #2 in 2007 peer group**
- ✓ **Initial share buyback EUR 1.6 bln completed, dividend increased by 50%**
- ✓ **Significant decrease of pension deficits**
- ✓ **Relocation corporate headquarters to Amsterdam**
- ✓ **#1 Dow Jones Sustainability Indexes**



## 2A. Operational Performance

## Strong operational focus during transformation



- **5% autonomous growth**
- **EBIT up 25%**
- **EBITDA up 15%; EBITDA margin further improved to 12.4%**
- **Net income before incidentals up 29%**
- **EUR 8.5 billion profit on the divestment of Organon BioSciences**
- **Pension deficit significantly down from EUR 1.8 bln to EUR 1.1 bln**

## 2007 – strong operational focus



<b>EUR mln*</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>Δ%</b>
Revenue	10,217	2
EBITDA	1,271	15
EBIT	916	25
Net income	580	29
<b>Ratios*, in %</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
EBITDA margin	12.4	11.0
EBIT margin	9.0	7.3
Moving average ROI	16.8	13.3

\* before incidentals, continuing operations



## Q4 – growth momentum continued



<b>EUR* mln</b>	<b>Q4 2007</b>	<b>Δ%</b>
Revenue	2,431	2
EBITDA	264	22
EBIT	174	43
Net income	125	62
<b>Ratios*, in %</b>	<b>Q4 2007</b>	<b>Q4 2006</b>
EBITDA margin, in %	10.9	9.1
EBIT margin, %	7.2	5.1

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## Coatings – dirt-repellant paints





- **Autonomous revenue growth 4% – both volumes and prices 2% higher**
- **EBIT up 15% – benefiting from margin management and cost saving programs**
- **EBITDA margin of 11.3%**
- **Decorative Coatings – substantial earnings improvement**
- **Industrial activities – solid performance despite slow demand; acquisition of Chemcraft completed**
- **Marine and Protective – another record year**
- **Car Refinishes – improved performance**

## Coatings – excellent performance



<b>EUR* mln</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>Δ%</b>
Revenue	6,537	5
EBITDA	737	12
EBIT	594	15

<b>Ratios*</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
EBITDA margin, in %	11.3	10.6
EBIT margin, %	9.1	8.3
Moving average ROI	21.1	20.2

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## Coatings Q4 – excellent performance



<i>EUR* mln</i>	Q4 2007	Δ%
Revenues	1,522	2
EBITDA	143	25
EBIT	104	33

<i>Ratios*</i>	Q4 2007	Q4 2006
EBITDA margin, in %	9.4	7.6
EBIT margin, %	6.8	5.2

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## Chemicals – investing in China





- **7% autonomous growth – negative impact from currency (2%) and divestments (2%)**
- **EBIT up 20%**
- **EBITDA margin of 16.8%**
- **Active margin management offsetting impact of steep raw material and energy price rises**
- **Moving average ROI to a record 21.7%**
- **All business units turned in solid earnings increases**



<b>EUR* mln</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>Δ%</b>
Revenues	3,639	3
EBITDA	610	9
EBIT	408	20

<b>Ratios*</b>	<b>FY 2007</b>	<b>FY 2006</b>
EBITDA margin, in %	16.8	15.8
EBIT margin, %	11.2	9.6
Moving average ROI	21.7	17.8

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<i>EUR* mln</i>	Q4 2007	Δ%
Revenues	907	7
EBITDA	137	5
EBIT	87	16

<i>Ratios*</i>	Q4 2007	Q4 2006
EBITDA margin, in %	15.1	15.5
EBIT margin, in %	9.6	8.9

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## 2007 incidentals



EUR mln	2007	2006
Special (charges)/benefits	(55)	28
Results on divestments	(23)	206
Restructuring and impairment charges	(62)	(104)
Charges related to major legal, antitrust and environmental cases	(29)	(4)
<b>Total incidentals</b>	<b>(169)</b>	<b>126</b>



## 2B. Financial Performance

## Strong financial position



<i>Year end; EUR mln</i>	<b>2007</b>	<b>2006</b>
Net cash from operating activities	643	547
Equity	11,129	4,263
(Cash)/ Net debt	(8,039)	1,090
<b>Moving average ROI</b>		
	16.8	13.3



- **Dividend up 50% to EUR 1.80 per share**
- **Higher dividend triggered by**
  - Higher net income before incidentals
  - Influence of initial share buyback: shares outstanding decreased by 10%
  - New pay-out ratio of minimum of 45%



## 2C. ICI Performance



- **ICI Paints**
  - Revenue on balance up 3%
  - Strong growth in emerging markets
  - EBIT improved by 17%
  - All regions contributing to EBIT rise
  - U.S. revenues down 6%, EBIT margins significantly improved
- **Specialty Polymers**
  - Strong performance
  - Revenue up 10%, EBIT increased by 22%
- **Regional & Industrial**
  - Strong performance

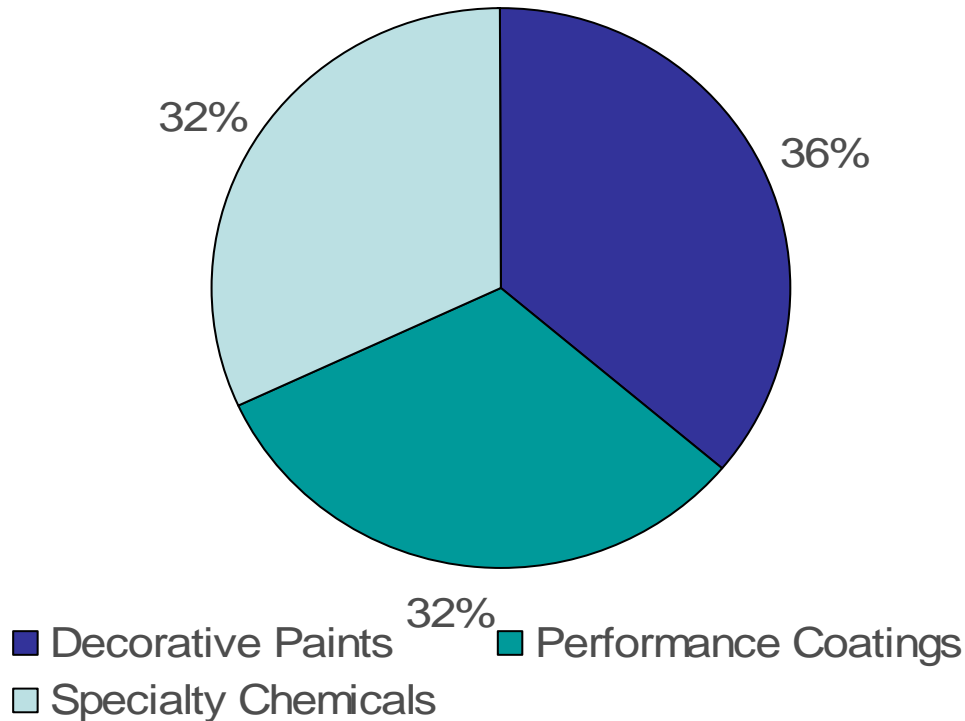


# The new company – Pro Forma 2007





## Revenues by segment



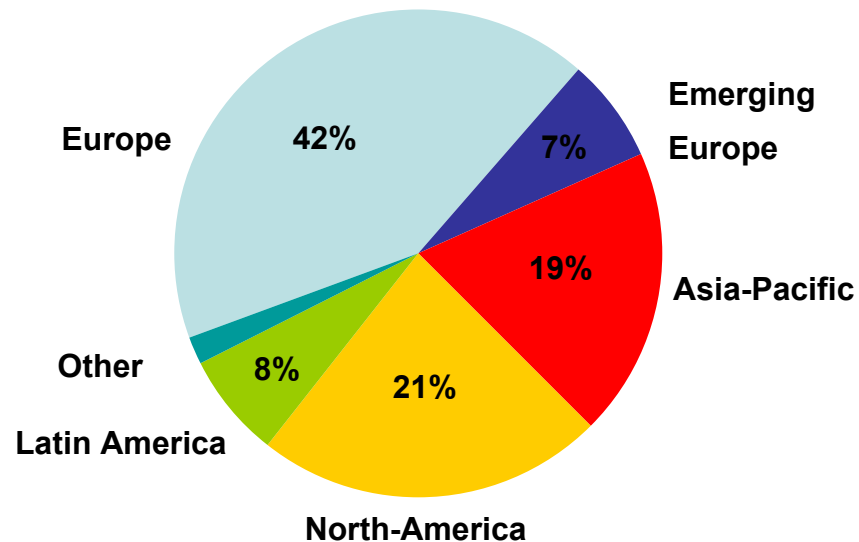
- 2007 revenue 14.4 billion
- Around 60,000 employees
- EBITDA: EUR 1.9 bln
- EBIT: EUR 1.4 bln
- Net income: EUR 942 mln
- Pension under funding EUR 1,475 million

## Well balanced portfolio



- #1 global position in Performance Coatings
- The world's largest Decorative Paints company
- One of the world's leading Specialty Chemicals producers

Geo spread







## 3. Integration Update

# Welcome to ICI employees



## Visiting ICI locations



**Stronger together – visiting Canada, US and Dublin**



**Taking care of the Dulux dog, UK**



- **Integration process well underway**
  - Making good progress in preparing full integration plan
  - Complimentary company cultures supporting the integration process
  - More than 100 people active in the integration teams, strong mix of ICI and Akzo Nobel
  
- **New management structure established**
  - Regional & functional leadership has been appointed
  - Appointment of local leadership in progress
  
- **Capturing synergies**
  - Synergy identification well on track
  - Further progress update at AGM



## 4. Management Agenda 2008





- **Significant progress with integration ICI**
- **Capture first round of synergies**
- **Divestures on sale to Henkel and Specialty Starches**
- **Remedies divestures**
- **Conclude worldwide brand review by end of April**
- **Outgrow our markets, further improve EBITDA-margin**
- **Embark on share buyback program of EUR 3 billion**



# **Year of Transformation Q&A**

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