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**Investor update Q4 2011 results**



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# Agenda

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- **2011 highlights**
- **2011 operational and financial review**
- **Performance improvement program**

## Highlights

- 2011 revenue up 7 percent driven by pricing actions to offset raw material cost inflation
- Weaker end markets and cost inflation impacted results
- 2011 EBITDA 9 percent lower at €1,796 million (2010: €1,964 million)
- Net income from continuing operations €469 million (2010: €664 million)
- Adjusted EPS €2.91 (2010: €3.71)
- Total dividend for 2011 €1.45 proposed (2010: €1.40), a 4% increase
- Operating return on capital 22.3% (2010: 27.7%)
- Performance improvement program on track
- The economic environment and certain raw materials remain our principal sensitivities in 2012



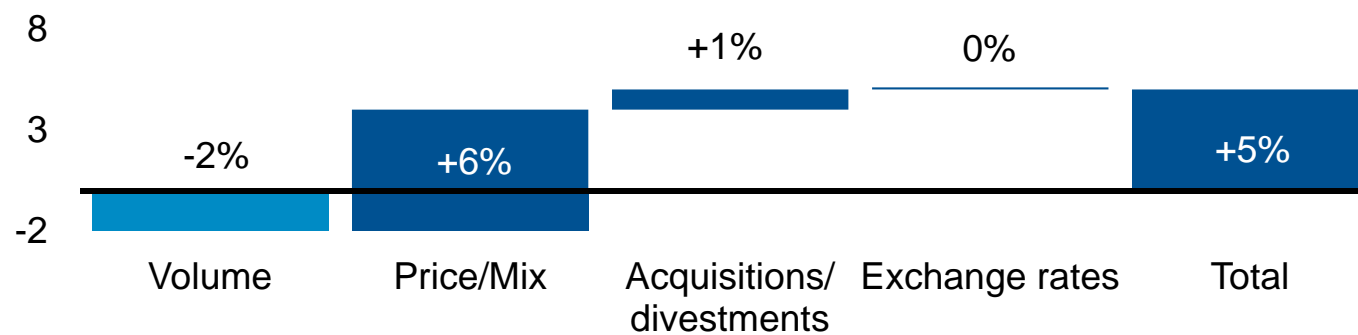
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## Q4 2011 revenue and EBITDA

€ million	Q4 2011	Δ%
Revenue	3,787	5
EBITDA*	301	(20)

Ratio, %	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
EBITDA* margin	7.9	10.4

### Revenue development Q4 2011 vs. Q4 2010



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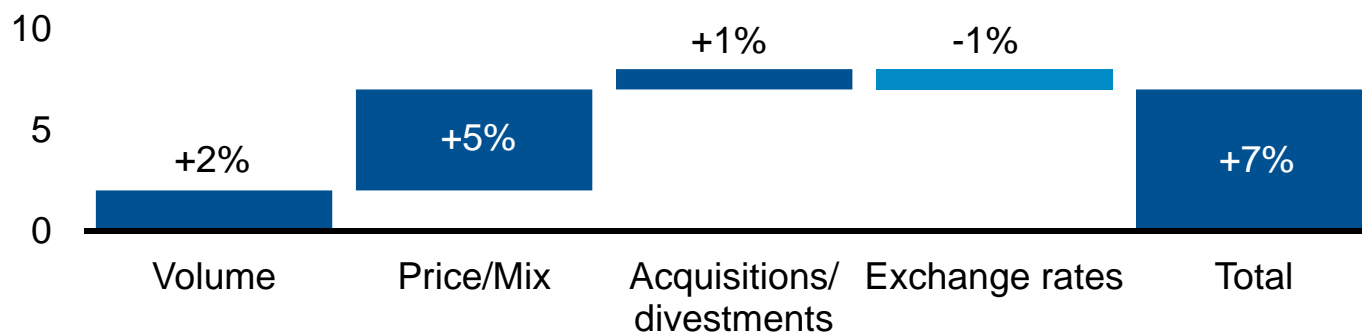


## FY 2011 revenue and EBITDA

€ million	FY 2011	Δ%
Revenue	15,697	7
EBITDA*	1,796	(9)

Ratio, %	FY 2011	FY 2010
EBITDA* margin	11.4	13.4

### Revenue development FY 2011 vs. FY 2010



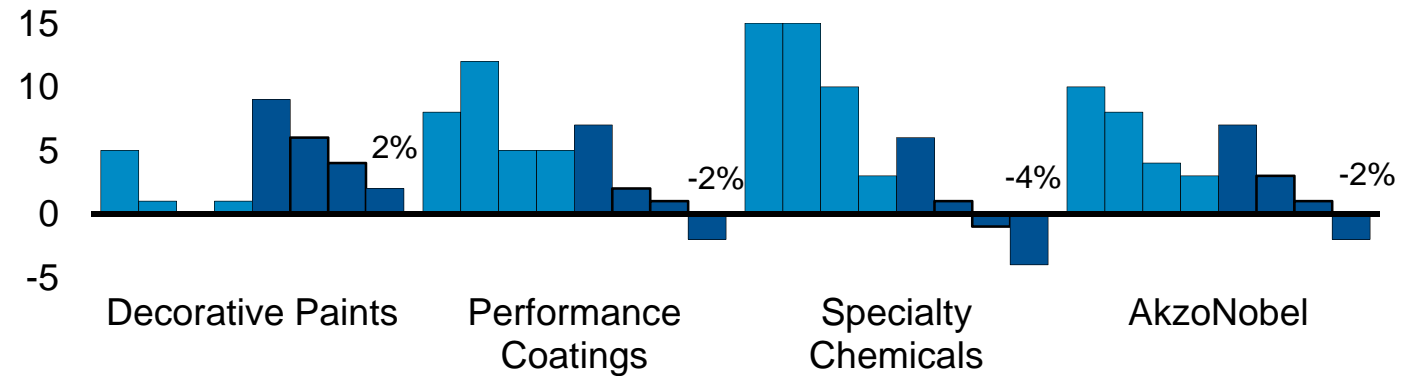
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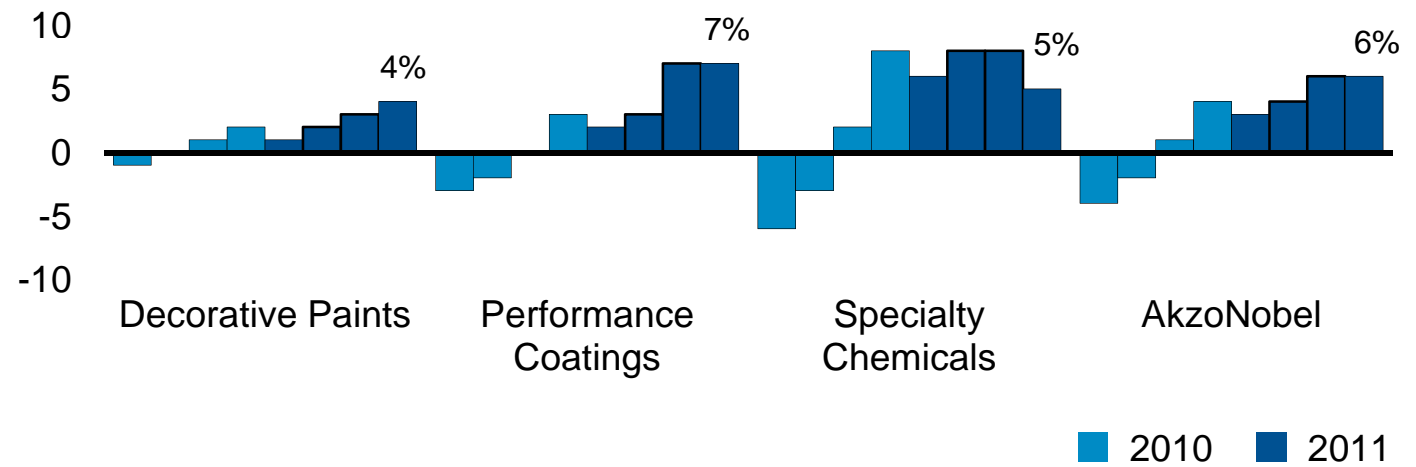


# Price increases coming through

Quarterly volume development in % year-on-year



Quarterly price/mix development in % year-on-year



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# 2011 operational and financial review

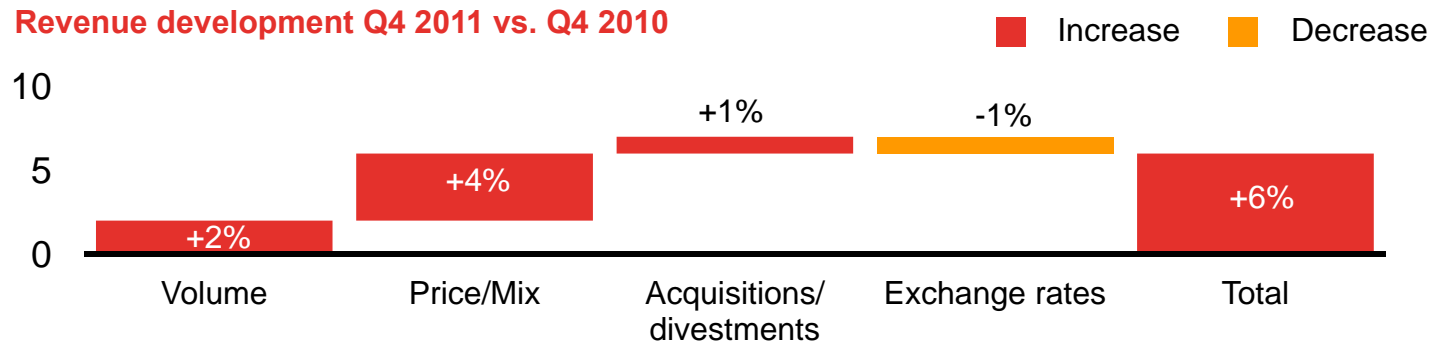
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## Decorative Paints Q4 2011 highlights

€ million	Q4 2011	Δ%
Revenue	1,204	6
EBITDA*	11	(83)

Ratio, %	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
EBITDA* margin	0.9	5.5

Revenue development Q4 2011 vs. Q4 2010



- Weaker demand, unfavorable product mix and higher raw material costs, particularly in Europe and North America negatively impacted EBITDA
- Stock write-off of €17 million impacted Q4 2011 EBITDA negatively
- Further price increases are being implemented



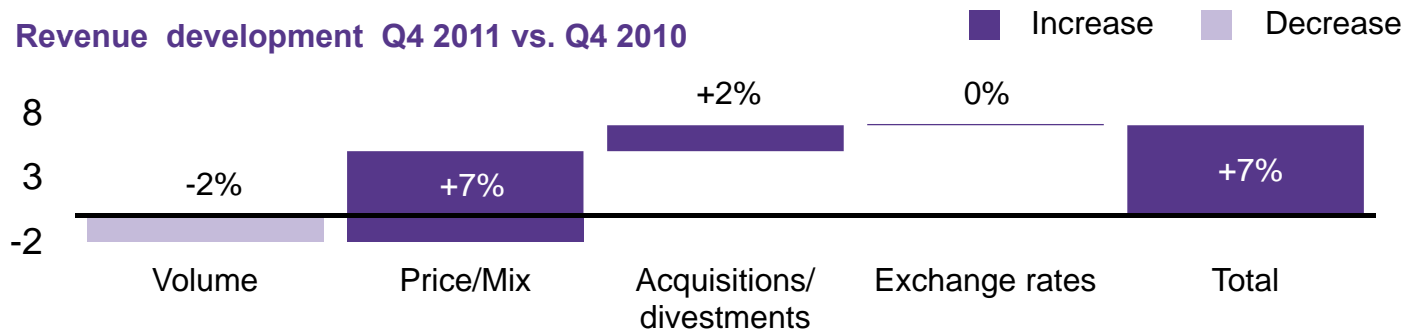
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## Performance Coatings Q4 2011 highlights

€ million	Q4 2011	Δ%
Revenue	1,326	7
EBITDA*	141	(4)

Ratio, %	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
EBITDA* margin	10.6	11.9



- Higher revenue primarily driven by pricing
- Margins impacted by higher raw material cost
- Integration of acquired activities offset volume decline in Q4



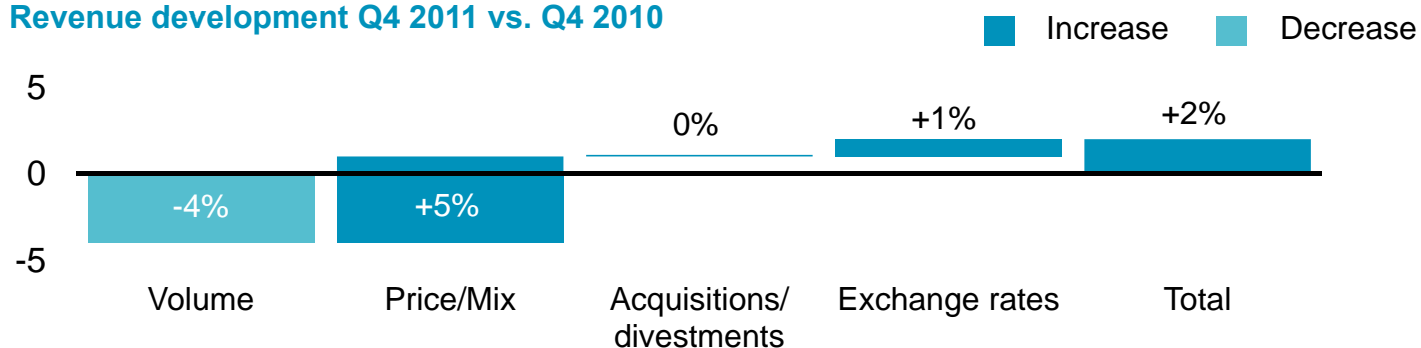
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## Specialty Chemicals Q4 2011 highlights

€ million	Q4 2011	Δ%
Revenue	1,285	2
EBITDA*	207	(6)

Ratio, %	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
EBITDA* margin	16.1	17.6

Revenue development Q4 2011 vs. Q4 2010



- Higher revenue primarily driven by pricing
- Q4 showed lower volumes in most segments, due to lower demand and customer stock control



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## Summary – Q4 2011 results

<i>€ million</i>	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
EBITDA*	301	377
Amortization and depreciation	(168)	(155)
Incidentals	(97)	(63)
Net financing expense	(141)	(56)
Minorities and associates	(9)	(13)
Income tax	52	40
Discontinued operations	(6)	32
<b>Net income total operations</b>	<b>(68)</b>	<b>162</b>
Net cash from operating activities	270	275

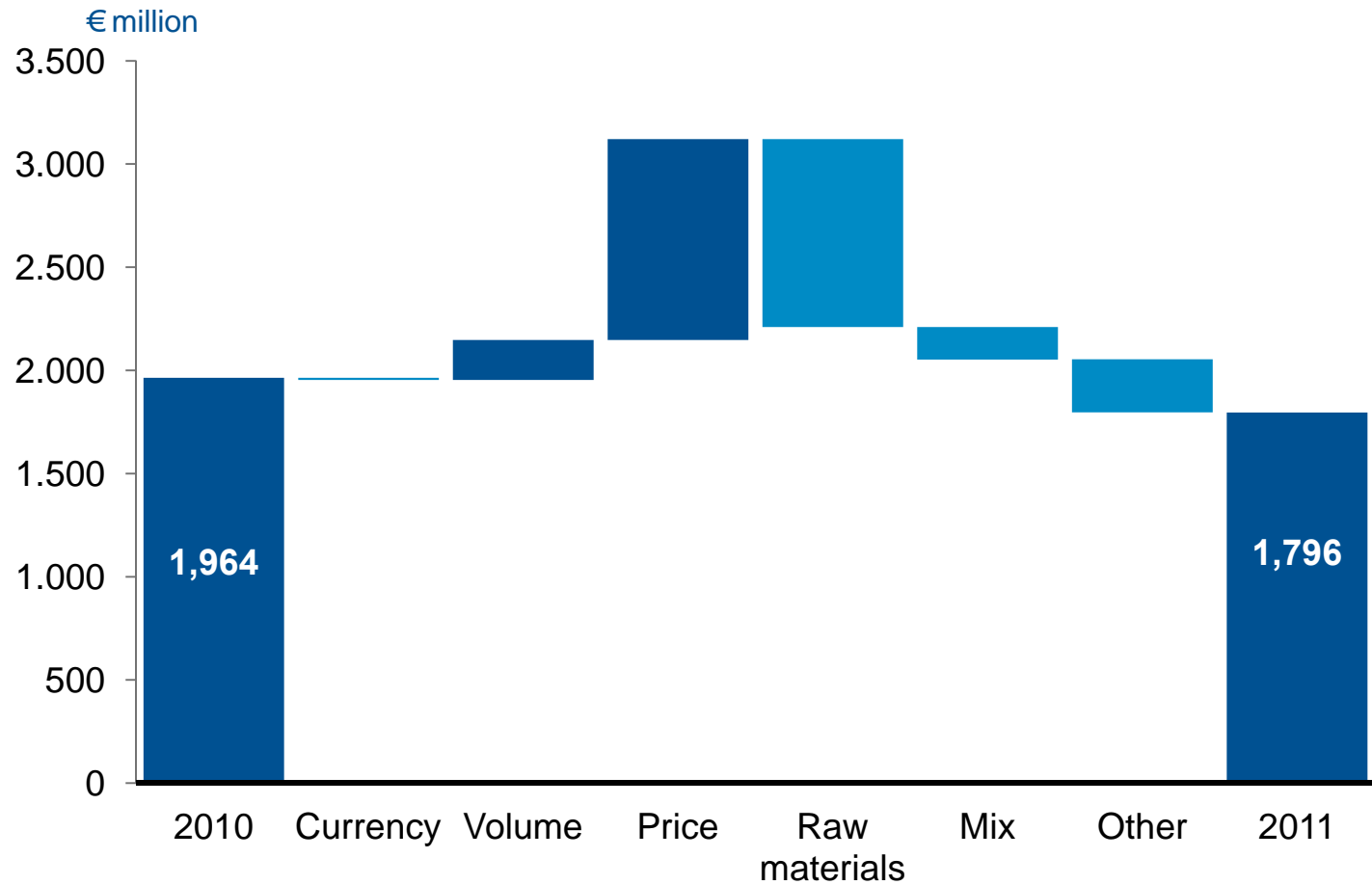
<i>Ratio</i>	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
EBITDA* margin (%)	7.9	10.4
Adjusted earnings per share (in €)	0.17	0.82

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# Achieved price increases have caught up with most raw material price inflation

EBITDA\* bridge FY 2010 – FY 2011

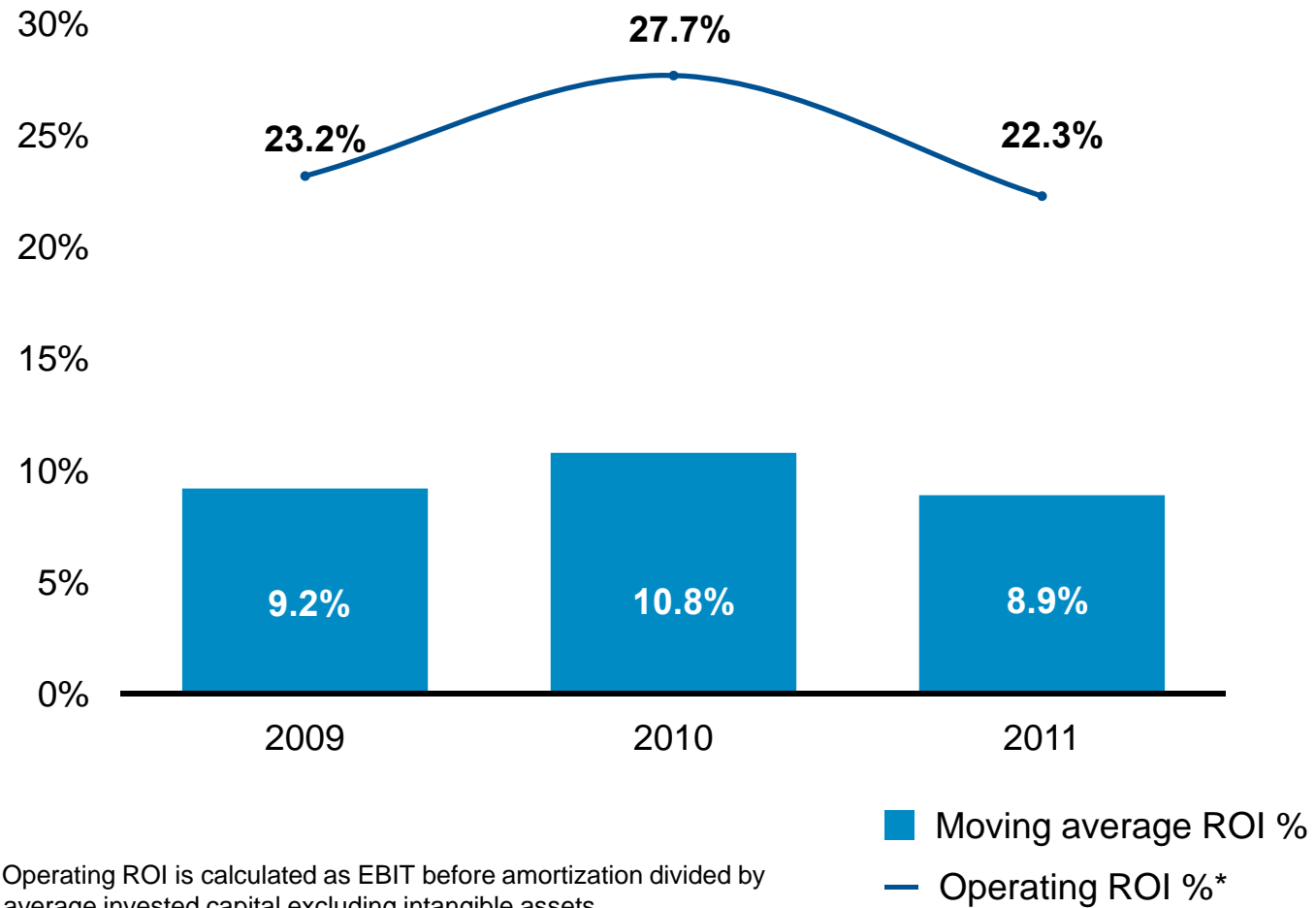


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## Strong operating returns on invested capital



## Cash flows 2011

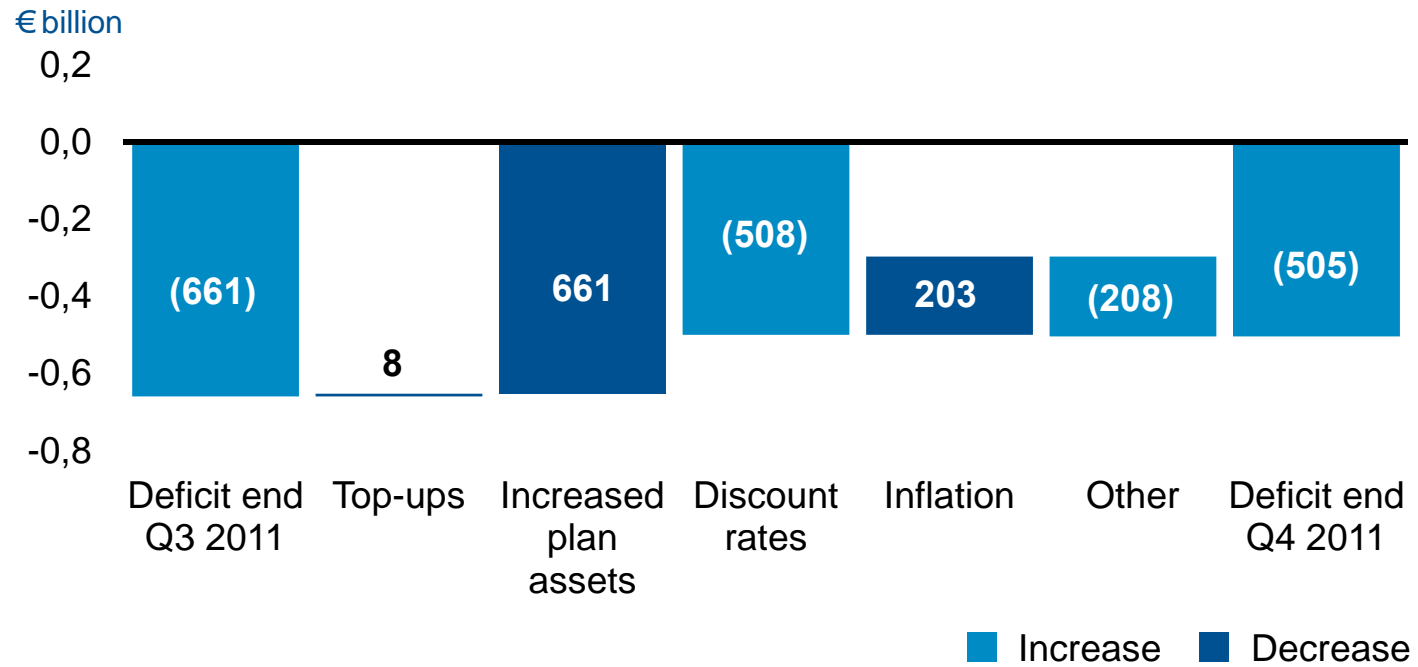
€ million	2011	2010
Profit for the period	533	747
Amortization and depreciation	633	640
Change working capital	(344)	(124)
- Pension provisions	(410)	(434)
- Restructuring	(4)	(101)
- Other provisions	(84)	(116)
Change provisions	(498)	(651)
Other operating cash flows	1	(93)
<b>Operating cash flows</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>519</b>
Capex	(708)	(534)
Changes from borrowings	(470)	(33)
Dividends	(362)	(403)
Discontinued operations	11	1,095
Other changes	(133)	10
<b>Total cash flows</b>	<b>(1,337)</b>	<b>654</b>



## Pension deficit decreases to €0.5 billion

<i>Key pension metrics</i>	Q4 2011	Q3 2011
Discount rate	4.6%	5.0%
Inflation assumptions	2.5%	2.7%

### Pension deficit development during Q4 2011



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## Triennial actuarial valuation of the ICI Pension Fund completed in January 2012

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- Funding deficit has reduced reflecting trustees' liability driven investment strategy and cash top-ups paid
- Compared to the current, 6 year deficit recovery plan:
  - Top-up contributions over the remaining 6 years of the recovery plan are expected to be £198.5 million lower in total
  - Phased recovery plan savings: £62.5 million p.a. in 2012 and 2013, £19 million p.a. in 2014 to 2016 and £16.5m in 2017
- £250 million contingent asset structure on our balance sheet terminated and £200 million (€239m) of assets transferred to the Fund in 2012 to accelerate de-risking per pension strategy





## Pension cash contributions expected to reduce in 2012

€ million	2010	2011	2012 E
Regular	149	148	126
Top-up	375	354	358
<b>Total</b>	<b>524</b>	<b>502</b>	<b>484</b>

- The one-off cash costs related to the termination of the contingent asset is expected to be €239 million in 2012
- The non-cash IAS 19 corridor method of pension accounting impact in 2011 was €92 million, of which €59 million is on the interest line and €33 million in EBITDA
- The expected non-cash IAS 19 corridor method of pension accounting impact in 2012 is €100 million, of which €63 million is on the interest line and €37 million in EBITDA



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# Performance improvement program

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## The performance improvement program is on track to deliver €500 million EBITDA in 2014

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- Development of 2012 overall plan on track
- €28 million of restructuring provisions taken in Q4 2011 with around €200 million expected in 2012
- Further restructuring underway within Decorative Paints Europe
- Additional actions announced in Decorative Paints North America
- Close to 800 employees have been made redundant
- Confidence in delivery of €200 million EBITDA in 2012



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## Medium-term strategic ambitions unchanged

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- 2011 was a challenging year due to the inflation of raw material prices and the continuing economic headwinds
- Delivering on price increases
- Implementing our performance improvement program will bring significant benefits in 2012 and beyond
- The uncertain economic environment, and certain raw materials, remain the key sensitivities in 2012



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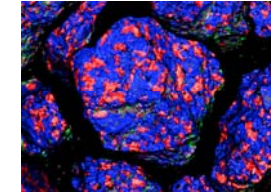
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# AkzoNobel key facts

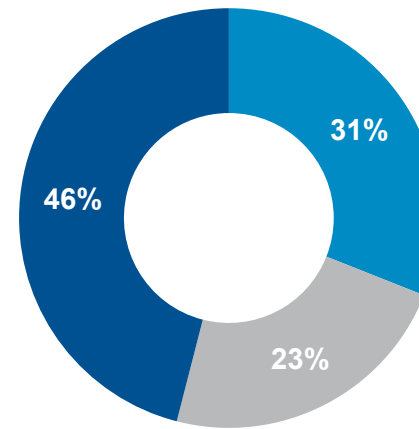
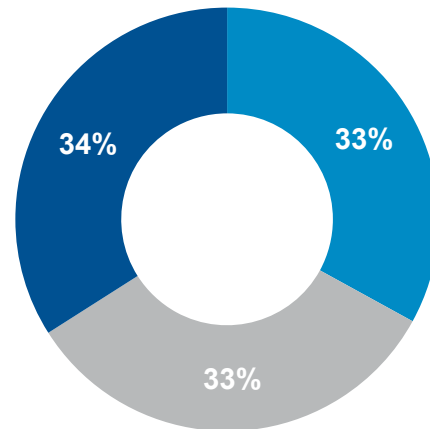
## 2011

- Revenue €15.7 billion
- 57,240 employees
- EBITDA: €1.8 billion\*
- Net income: €0.5 billion
- 40 percent of revenue from high growth markets
- A leader in sustainability



Revenue by business area

EBITDA\* by business area



- Performance Coatings
- Decorative Paints
- Specialty Chemicals

\* Before incidentals



# Decorative Paints key facts

## 2011

- Revenue €5.3 billion
- 22,340 employees
- EBITDA: €440 million\*
- 40 percent of revenue from high growth markets
- Largest global supplier of decorative paints
- Many leading positions, strong brands

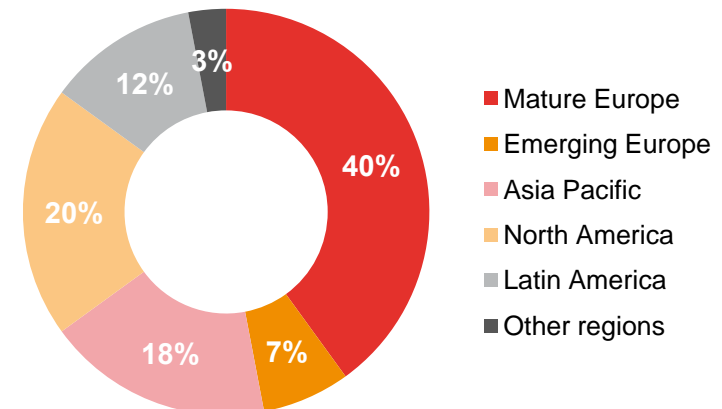


## Some of our strong brands



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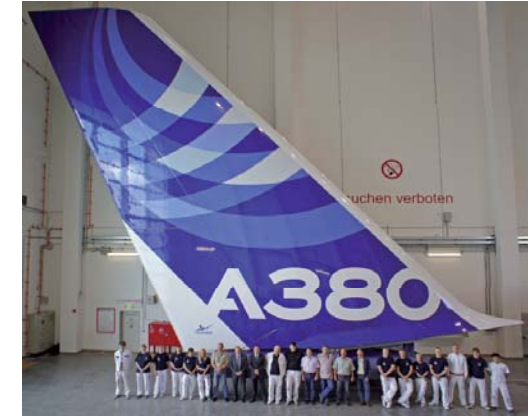
## Revenue by geography



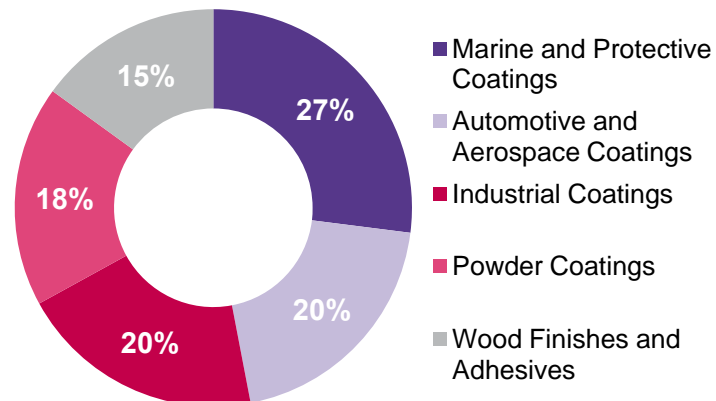
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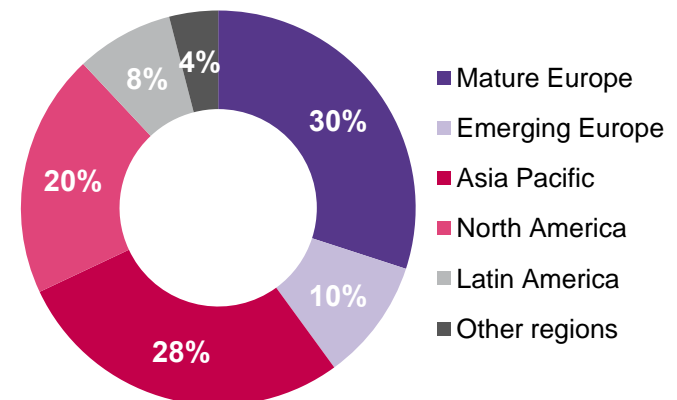
- Revenue €5.2 billion
- 21,960 employees
- EBITDA: €611 million\*
- 47 percent of revenue from high growth markets
- Leading positions in performance coatings industry
- Innovative technologies, strong brands



## Revenue by business unit



## Revenue by geography



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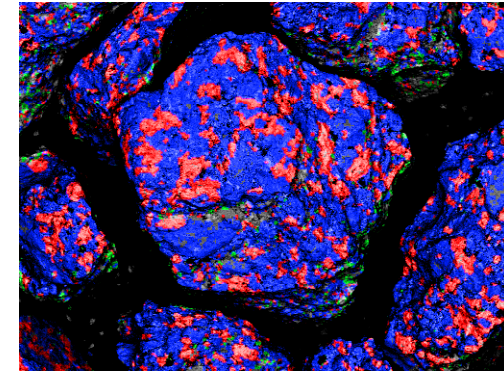




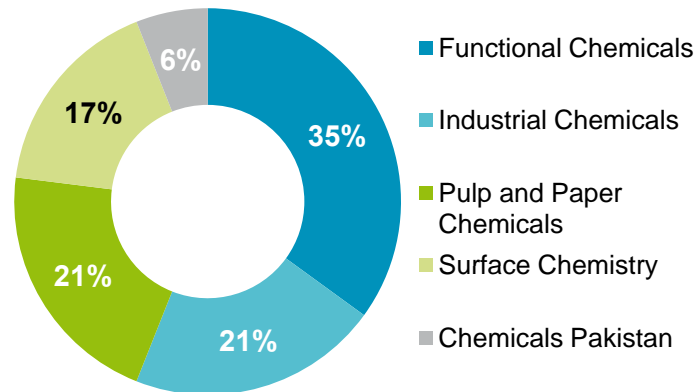
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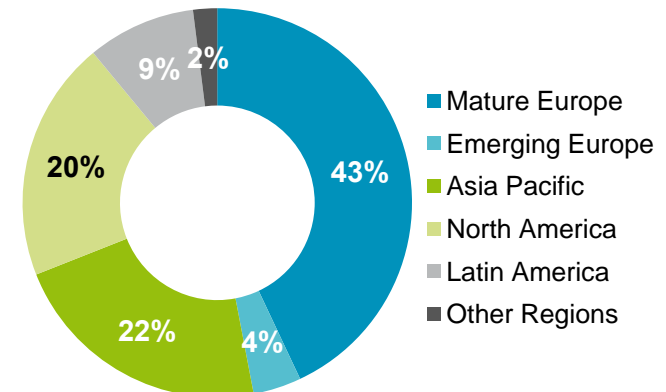
- Revenue €5.3 billion
- 11,510 employees
- EBITDA: €906 million\*
- 33 percent of revenue from high growth markets
- Major producer of specialty chemicals
- Leadership positions in many markets



## Revenue by business unit



## Revenue by geography



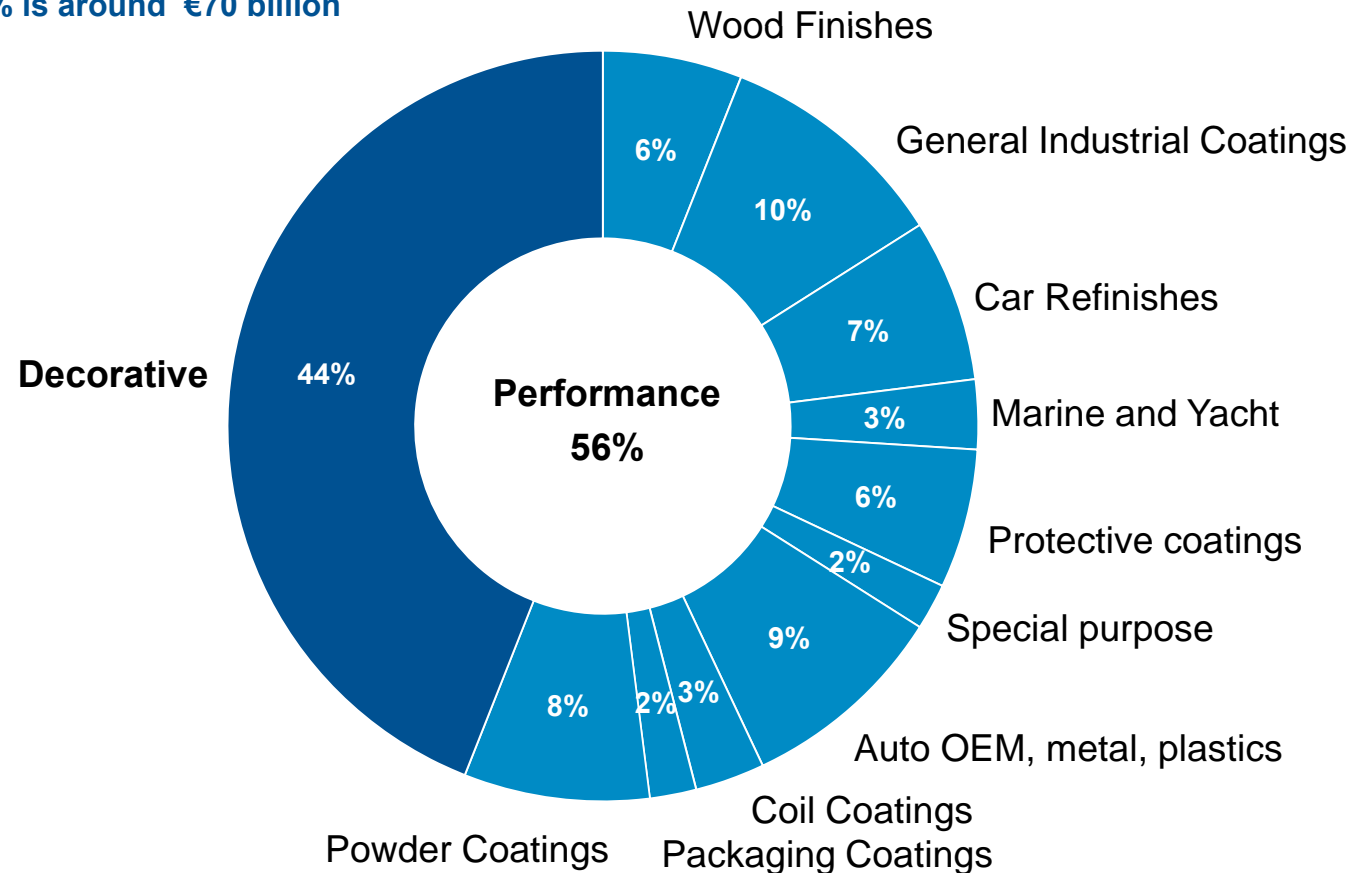
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# The global paints and coatings market is around €70 billion

% of market

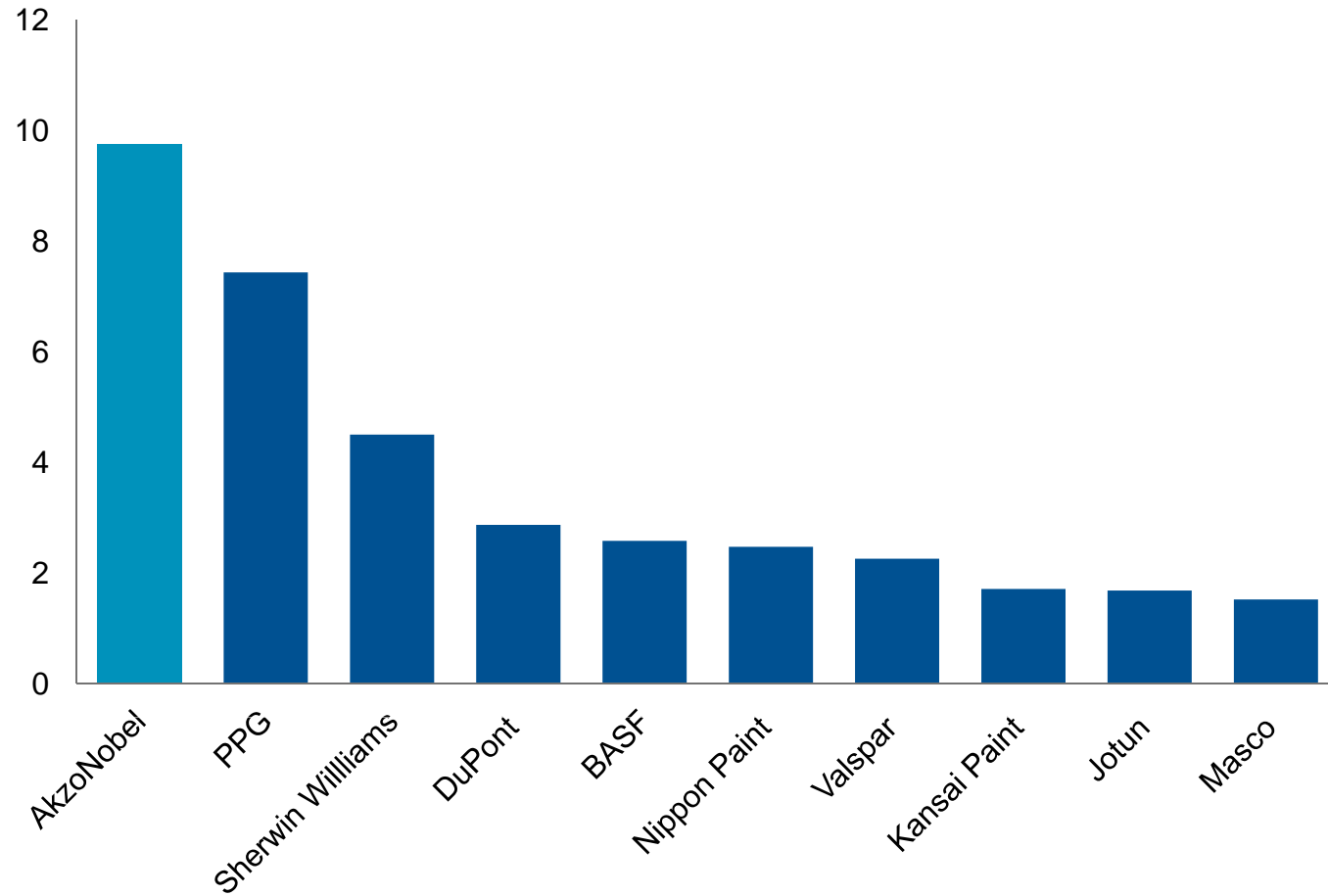
100% is around €70 billion



Source: Company Reports

# AkzoNobel is the world's largest coatings supplier

2010 revenue in € billion



## Excellent geographic spread of both revenue and profits

High growth markets are important (40% of revenue)

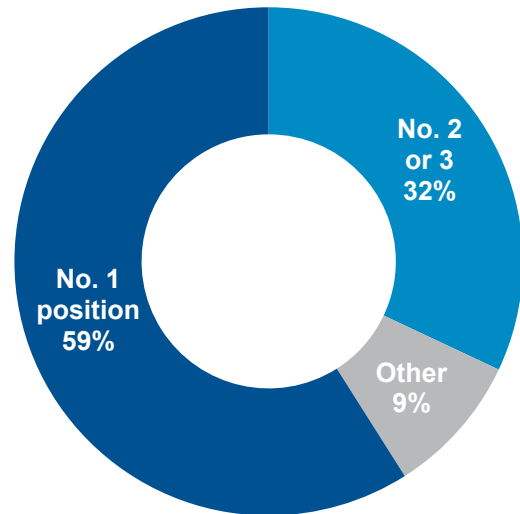


High growth markets' profitability is above average



# Leading positions and strong brands

## 2010 Revenue by market position



## Some of our strong brands



Decorative Paints



Performance Coatings



Specialty Chemicals



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## Our strategic ambition

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The world's leading  
coatings and specialty chemicals company



## Our medium term strategic goals

### Value Accelerated growth

- Grow to €20 billion revenues
- Increase EBITDA each year, maintaining 13-15 percent margin
- Reduce OWC/revenues by 0.5 p.a. towards a 12 percent level
- Pay a stable to rising dividend

- Top quartile safety performance
- Top 3 position in sustainability
- Top quartile performance in diversity, employee engagement, and talent development
- Top quartile eco-efficiency improvement rate

### Values Sustainable growth



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## How we will expand in both mature and high growth markets

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### Organic growth

- Expand focus from high to mid-market segments
- Fueling growth in high growth markets

### Innovation pipeline

- Spend of around 2.5 percent of revenue makes us the clear leader of our peers in absolute spend
- Emphasis on bolder, focused, sustainable innovation

### Acquisitions

- Wide range of opportunities
- All business areas qualify
- Value created in less than three years





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## **Aspirations for high growth markets (currently around 40 percent of our revenue)**

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### **Double revenues in China**

- Grow from \$1.5 to \$3 billion of revenues
- Already the biggest paint, coatings and specialty chemicals company in China

### **Create significant footprint in India**

- Grow from €0.25 to €1 billion in revenue
- Increasing footprint for all business areas

### **Outgrow the competition in Brazil**

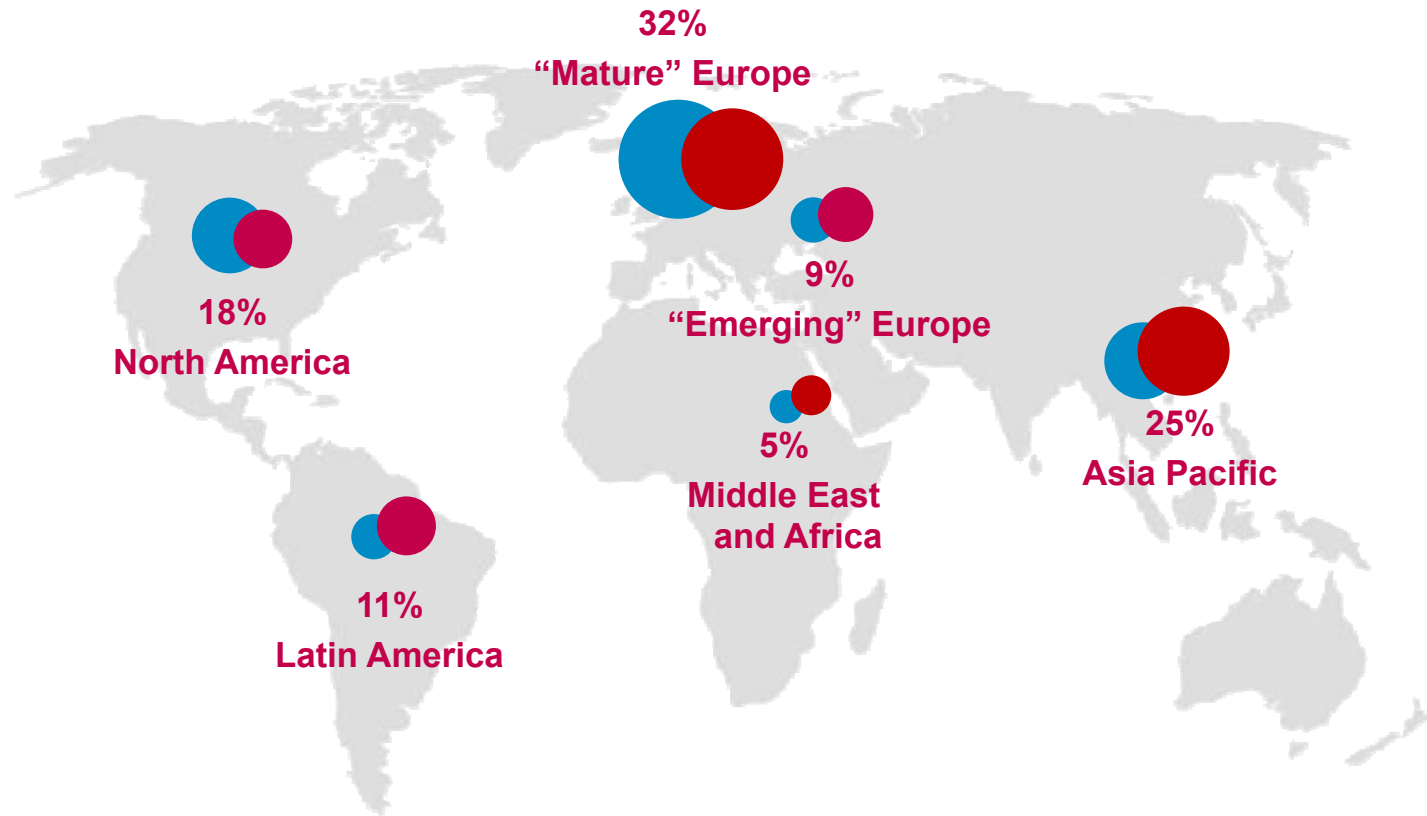
- Grow from €0.75 to €1.5 billion in revenue
- Become clear market leader in all our activities

### **Expand in the Middle East**



# High growth markets will become significantly more important

% of revenue, indicative



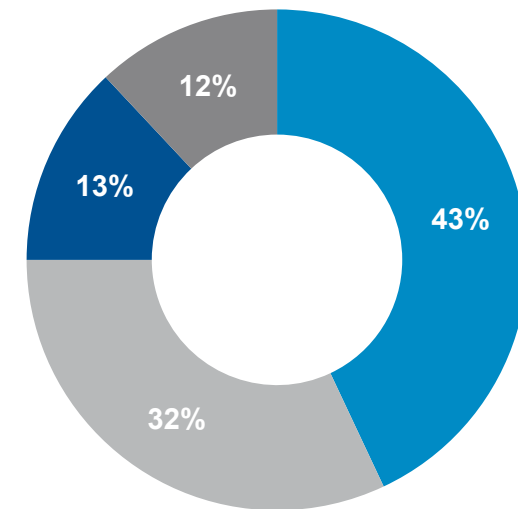
High growth markets will be around 50% of revenue in this decade

## Exciting RD&I pipeline with innovative solutions for key market segments

### How innovation will support our growth agenda:

- Functional solutions in key market segments
- Increase spend in big R&D
- >15 percent of revenue from “breakthrough” innovations\*
- >30 percent of revenue from eco-premium solutions\*\*

### Revenue by key market segment



- Residential construction
- Consumer goods
- Non-residential construction
- Transport

\* Major innovations that result in a significant competitive advantage

\*\* Higher eco-efficiency than competing comparable product



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## Clear sustainability focus

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### Accelerated sustainability strategy will deliver:

- Safety at 2.0 injuries per million hours
- 30 percent of revenue from eco-premium solutions
- Sustainable fresh water management
- 30 percent eco-efficiency improvement
- 10 percent carbon footprint reduction (20-25 percent by 2020)
- 20 percent of executives will come from high growth economies
- Key supplier partnerships will deliver footprint reduction

Embed **safety and sustainability** in everything we do



## Pipeline 2012

### Decorative Paints – End-user Smartphone Apps

#### Key Features

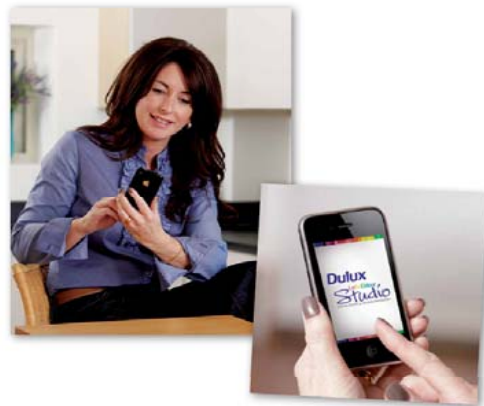
- Browse colors
- Pick colors from photos
- Access product information
- Create shopping list
- Find their nearest store

#### Customer Benefits

- Helps customers picking colors and products
- Up-to-date product information for professional painters
- Available 24/7, anywhere

#### Growth potential

- Successfully launched in UK, US, Brazil, China and India
- Further roll-outs planned through 2012



# Pipeline 2012

## Aerospace Coatings - Aerobase CoatingSystem

### Key features

- A high quality 'wet look' exterior coating for commercial aircraft
- More durable, with greater protection
- Lower emissions & less waste

### Customers benefits

- Significantly reduced down-time of aircraft
- Reduced cost of painting
- Extended in-service life



### Growth potential

- In use by Airbus in Q1 2012
- 6500 aircrafts expected in next 5 years
- 5% increase in narrow body production at Airbus will bring higher paint volume sales
- To be rolled out to the Maintenance, Repair and Overhaul market in Q3 2012

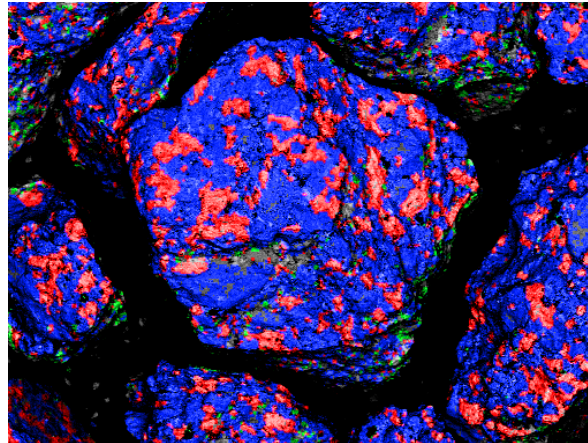


# Pipeline 2012

## Functional Chemicals – Suprasel Loso™ OneGrain™

### Key Features

- An innovative salt for food
- Up to 50% reduced sodium content and no loss of taste
- Every salt grain can contain a full customized recipe



### Customer Benefits

- Addresses concerns about sodium consumption levels

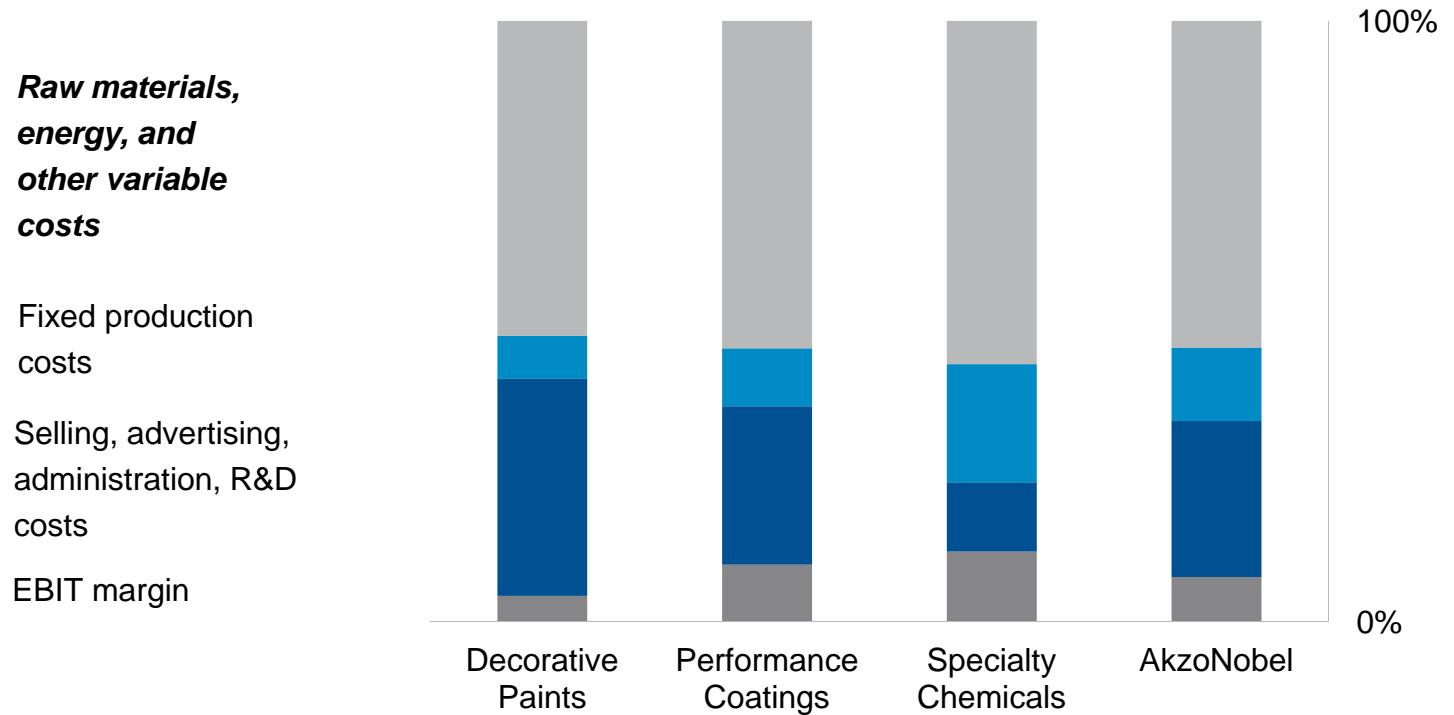
### Growth potential

- A solution for low-salt snacks, meats, cheese and bread
- EU is targeting 4% sodium reduction annually over 4 years
- Worldwide market anticipated as global food companies adopt the product



# Variable costs represent 54.3% of revenue

% of 2011 annual revenue\*

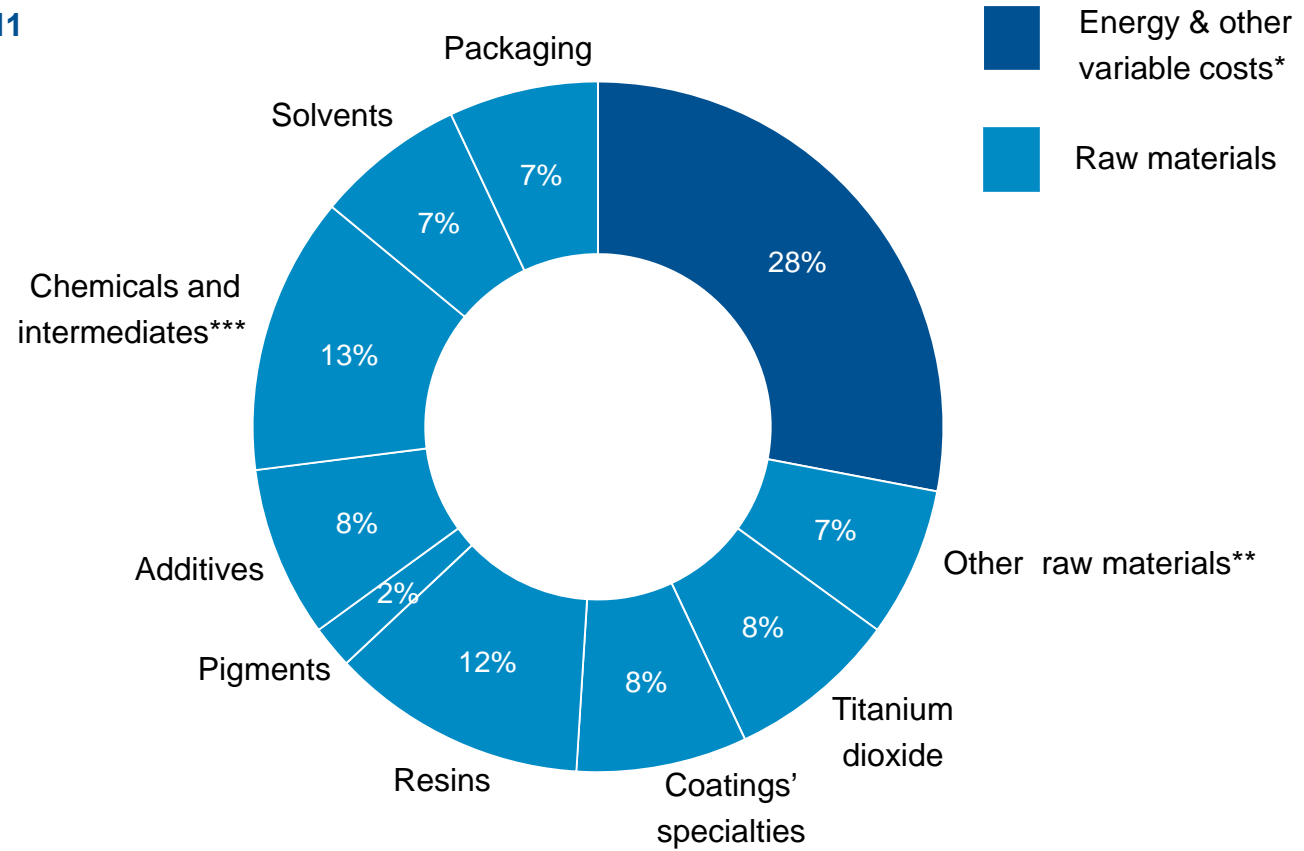


\* Rounded percentages, all data excluding incidentals



# Variable costs analysis

2011



\* Other variable costs include variable selling costs (e.g. freight) and products for resale

\*\* Other raw materials include cardolite, hylar etc.

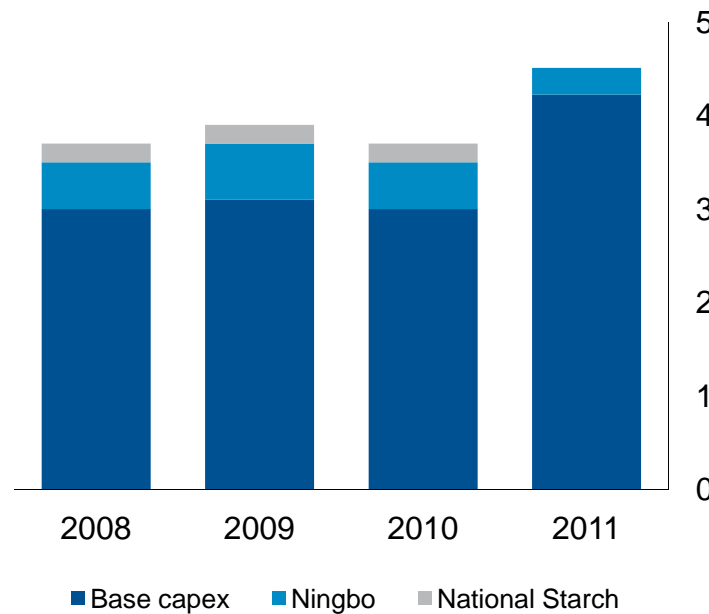
\*\*\* Chemicals and intermediates include caustic soda, acetic acid, tallow, ethylene, ethylene oxide, sulfur, amines etc.



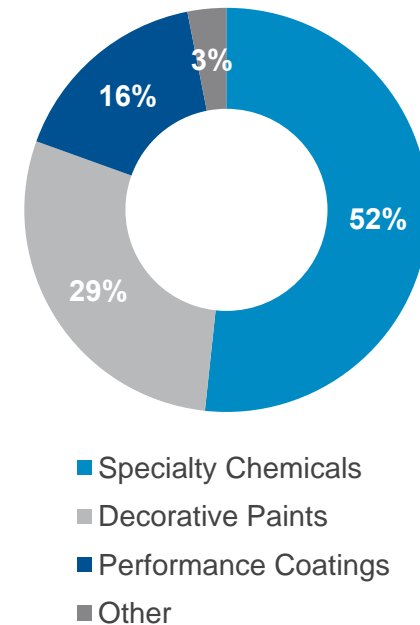
## Capital expenditure prioritization for growth

- Capex 2011 was €708 million (including Ningbo €45)
- Medium term: Capex level to be at least 4 percent of revenues

### Capex as a % of revenue

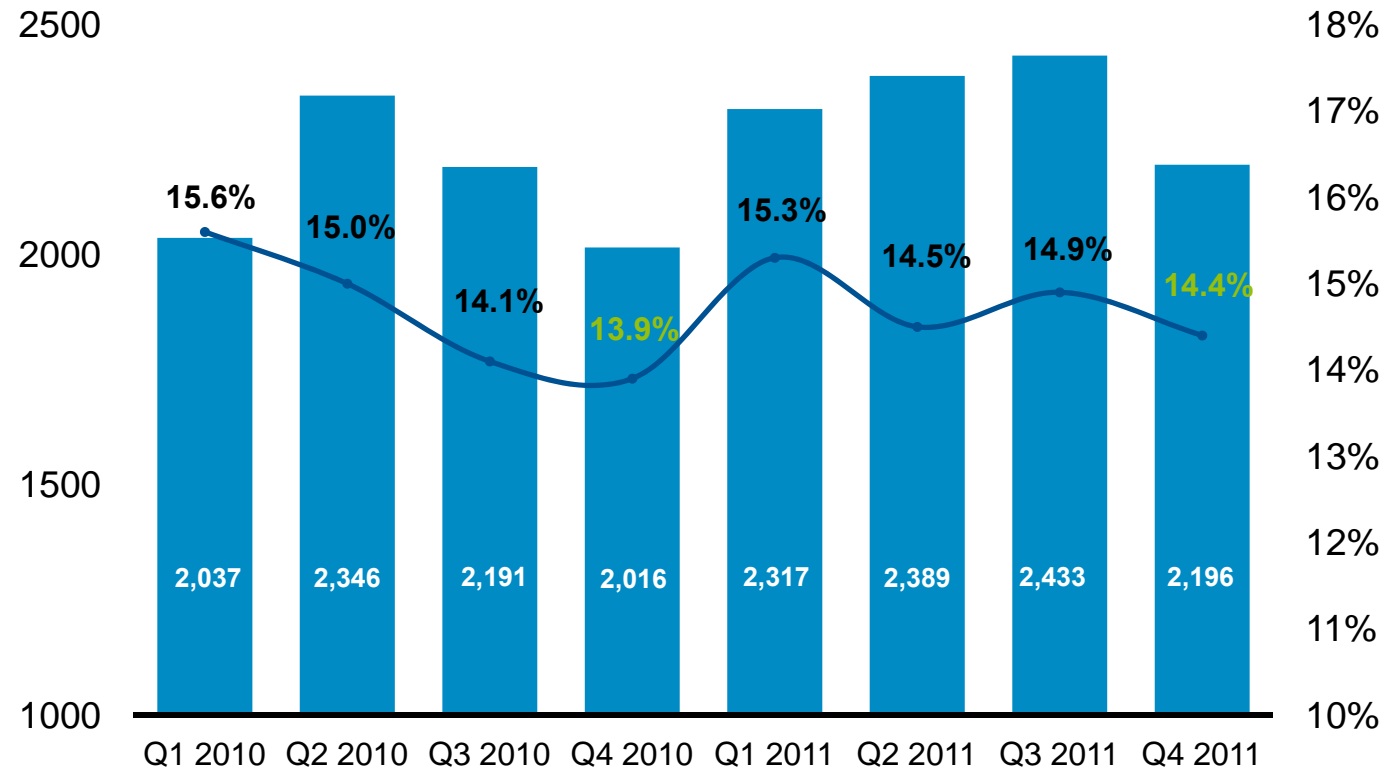


### 2011 Capex split



# Year-on-year Operating Working Capital % of revenue to be reduced towards 12%

OWC  
€ million



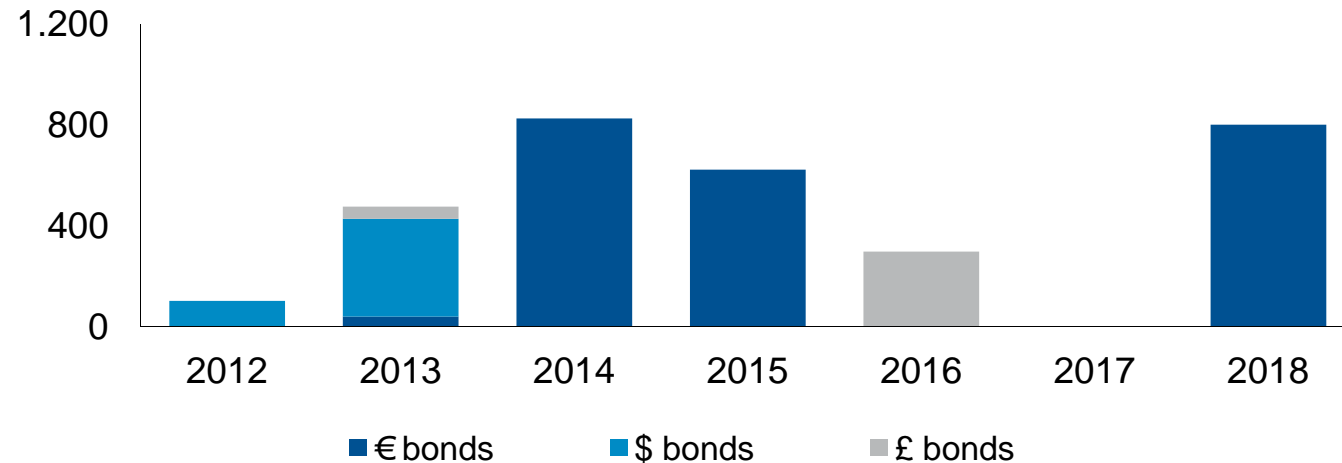
■ OWC — OWC as % of LQ revenue\*4



## Debt duration lengthened to 3.6 years and no refinancing needed in 2012

### Debt maturities\*

€ million (nominal amounts)



### Strong liquidity position to support growth

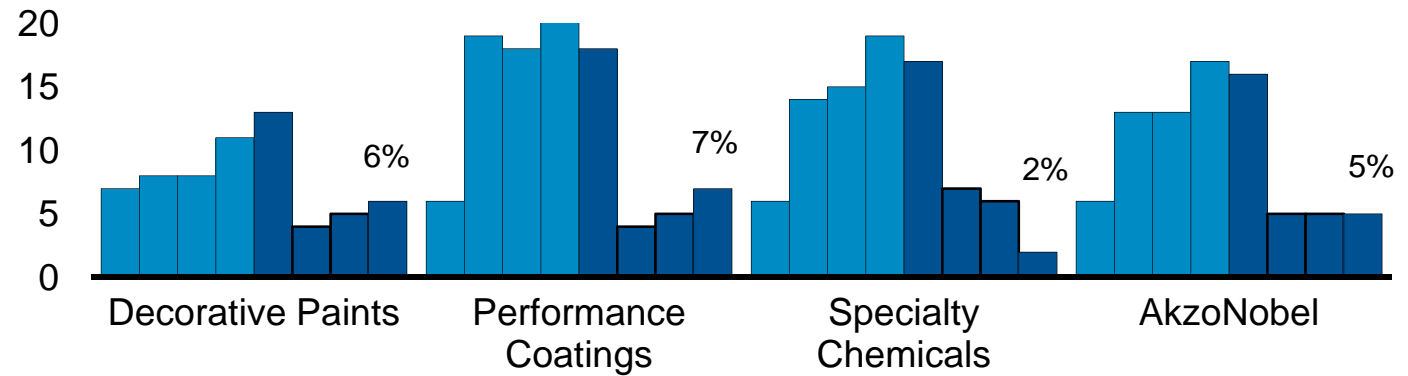
- Undrawn revolving credit facility of €1.8 billion (2016) or €1.5 and \$3 billion commercial paper programs available
- Net cash and cash equivalents €1.3 billion\*

\* At the end of 2011

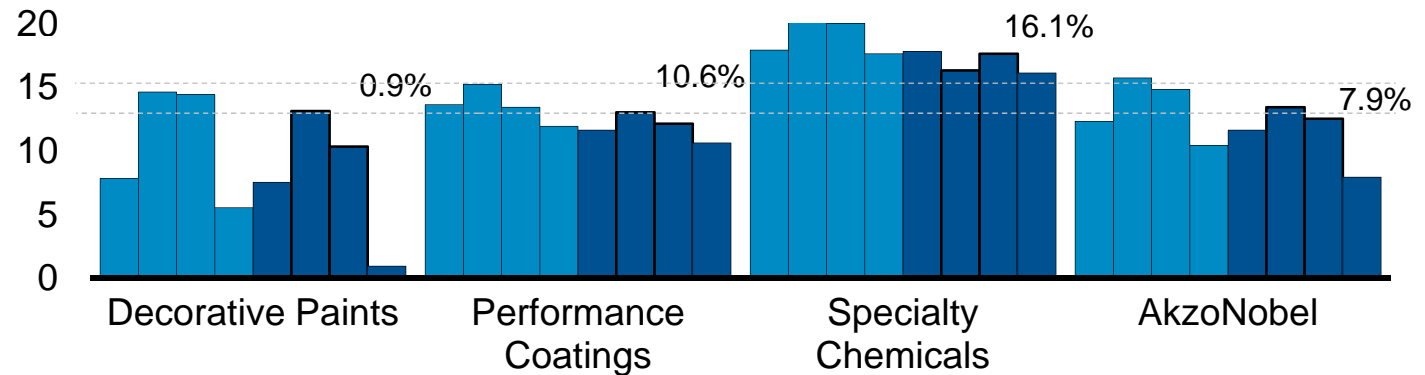


# Revenue growth and EBITDA margin performance 2010-11

## Reported quarterly revenue growth in % year-on-year



## Quarterly EBITDA\* margin in %



\* Before incidentals

■ 2010 ■ 2011 ..... Target range



## Unchanged ambition to maintain strong balance sheet

<i>€ million</i>	<b>Dec 31, 2011</b>	<b>Dec 31, 2010</b>
Total equity	9,743	9,509
Net debt*	1,895	936

- Credit ratings unchanged at BBB+/Baa1, outlook stable
- Net debt increased mainly due to capital expenditures of €708 million, dividend payments of €362 million, operating cash inflow of €321 million and net cash outflow for acquisitions of €138 million
- In September 2011, we renewed our five year multi-currency syndicated revolving credit facility for €1.8 billion (previously €1.5 billion)



\* Before net pension deficit of €0.5 billion December 31, 2011 (December 31, 2010 €1.0 billion)

## Q4 2011 incidentals

<i>€ million</i>	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
Restructuring costs	(55)	(29)
Results related to major legal, anti-trust and environmental cases	(33)	(48)
Results of acquisitions and divestments	(11)	16
Other incidental results	2	(2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>(97)</b>	<b>(63)</b>

- The increase in restructuring costs is related to €28 million provisions that have been taken in relation to the performance improvement program
- 2012 full year performance improvement program provisions expected to be around €200 million



## Q4 EBITDA – Cash bridge

<i>€ million</i>	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
<b>EBITDA before incidentals</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>377</b>
Incidentals (cash)	(38)	(43)
Change working capital	209	58
Change provisions	(43)	(20)
Interest paid	(48)	(36)
Income tax paid	(111)	(61)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>270</b>	<b>275</b>

- Higher payments for income tax
- Higher cash flows from operating working capital





## 2011 EBITDA – Cash bridge

<i>€ million</i>	2011	2010
<b>EBITDA before incidentals</b>	<b>1,796</b>	<b>1,964</b>
Incidentals (cash)	(120)	(128)
Change working capital	(344)	(124)
Change provisions	(498)	(651)
Interest paid	(282)	(265)
Income tax paid	(227)	(277)
<b>Net cash from operating activities</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>519</b>

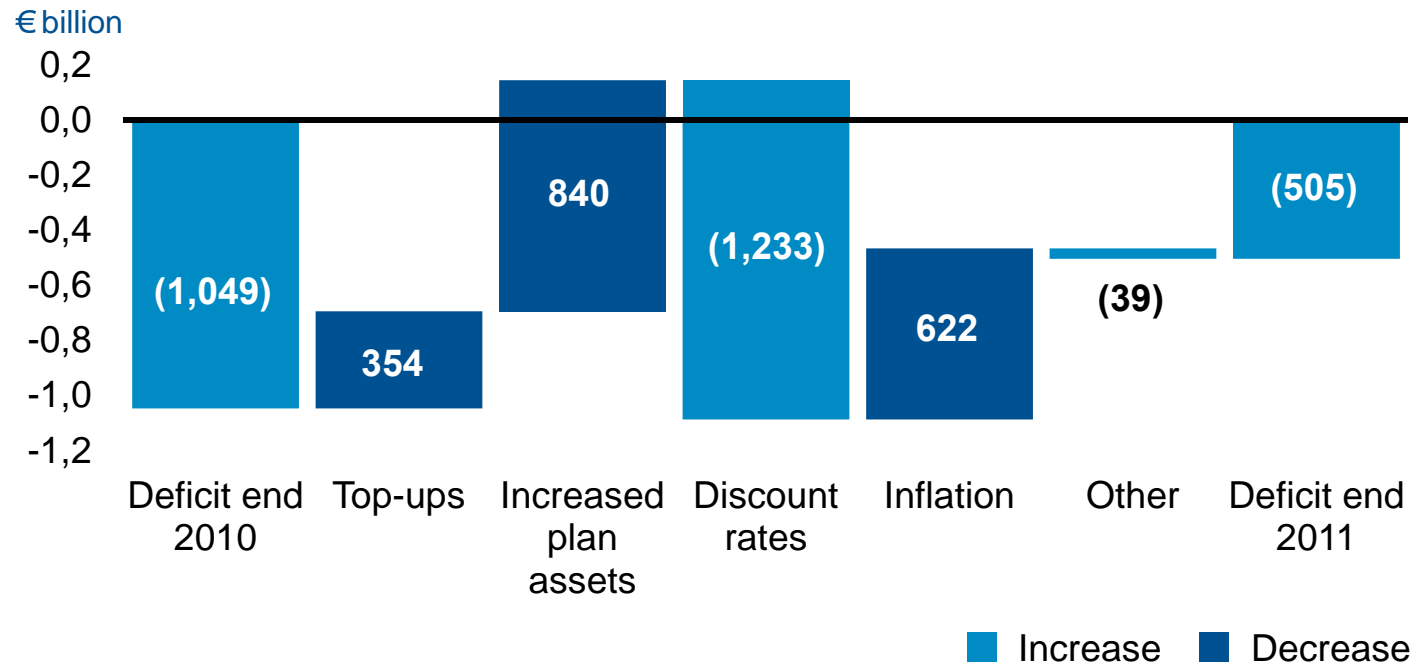
- Lower profit from continuing operations
- Fair value changes and cash settlements for foreign currency hedging activities
- Lower payments related to provisions
- Lower payments for tax and interest



## Pension deficit decreases to €0.5 billion

<i>Key pension metrics</i>	Q4 2011	Q4 2010
Discount rate	4.6%	5.4%
Inflation assumptions	2.5%	3.0%

### Pension deficit development during 2011



## Performance improvement program: stepping up operational and functional excellence

### Underpin our growth and margin objectives

- Enhance our ability to grow
- Expected to bring us at or above the mid-point of our 13-15 percent EBITDA margin guidance.

### Deliver structural competitive advantage

- Leveraging scale, simplify support structures, reduce cost base
- Transfer best practices, standardize key processes
- Restructuring of underperforming parts of the portfolio

### Full EBITDA impact of €500 million in 2014

- Expected total incidental costs €425 million
- 2012: €200 million EBITDA, incidental costs of €200 million
- Reporting on program deliverables every six months



# A comprehensive program

- **Comprehensive – all functions, all businesses**
  - Margin management, R&D and restructuring (~50%)
  - Supply Chain and Sourcing projects (~40%)
  
- **Improvements implemented over three years (2012 to 2014)**
  
- **All business areas contribute to delivering the €500 million**
  - >40 percent Decorative Paints
  - >30 percent Performance Coatings
  - Close to 25 percent Specialty Chemicals

	Decorative Paints	Perf. Coatings	Specialty Chemicals
Finance			
Information Management			
Research, Dev't & Innov.			
Human Resources			
Integrated Supply Chain			
Margin Management			
Academy			



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## Safe Harbor Statement

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