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# CREATING TOMORROW'S OUR SOLUTIONS MAKE A BETTER WORLD FOR GENERATIONS

WELCOME

### **KEY MESSAGES FOR TODAY**

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Our strategy continues to evolve & adapt: Clear focus on margins & profitable growth

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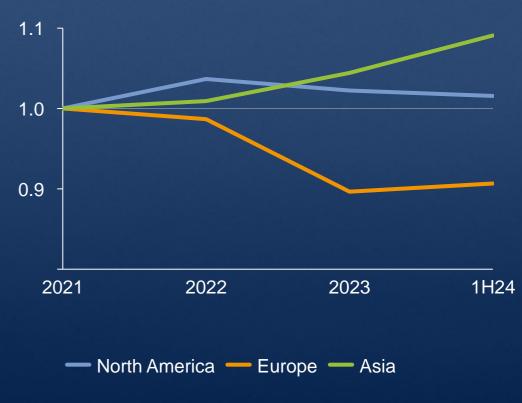
We maintain strong, resilient financials



# LOWER CHEMICAL PRODUCTION IN EUROPE & VOLUMES SHIFTED TO CHINA SINCE OUR CMD IN 2022



### DEVELOPMENT OF CHEMICAL PRODUCTION



Source: ACC CPRI (American Chemistry Council, Chemical Production Regional Index, 2021 = 1.0)

# DESPITE WEAK MARKET ENVIRONMENT, WE EXECUTED ALONG OUR STRATEGY – WE FOCUS ON 3 AREAS

We Invested In Growth & Innovation

We Improved
Our Sustainability
Profile

We Improved Our Resilience



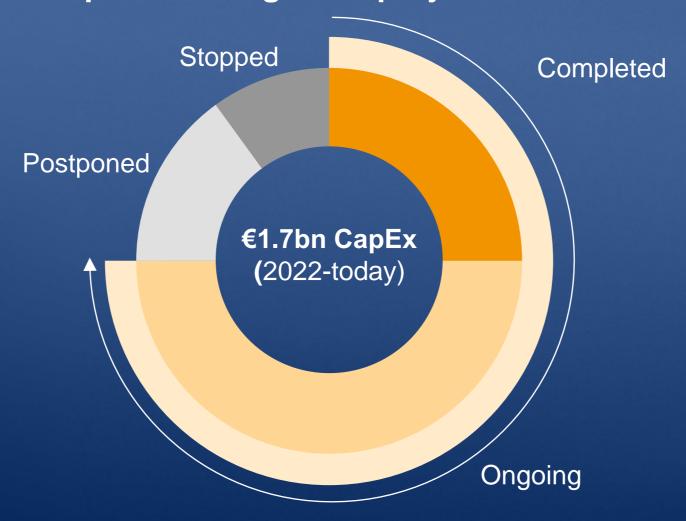






### **REVIEWING OUR 2022 MODULAR INVESTMENT STRATEGY**

We adjusted & adapted our portfolio of growth projects



# SILICONES: STRENGTHEN OUR LEADING GLOBAL SPECIALTIES BUSINESS







### Hybrid Silicones, Nünchritz



Innovation Center, Ann Arbor



**SICO Performance Material, Jining** 



New silane modified polymers site for a wide range of specialties

High-margin innovations for high-tech specialties in key industries

Expanding OFS<sup>1</sup> capacity to provide key intermediates for specialties in Asia







### **POLYMERS:**STRENGTHEN #1 GLOBAL POSITION



### VAE & DPP<sup>1</sup>, Nanjing



Drive transformation of local construction markets





Drive substitution in construction & binder markets





Increase backward integration in DPP & improve sustainability



<sup>1)</sup> VAE= Vinyl Acetate-Ethylene, DPP = Dispersible Polymer Powder





<sup>2)</sup> PVOH = Polyvinyl Alcohol

### **BIOSOLUTIONS:**SETTING THE FOUNDATION FOR FUTURE GROWTH



### Biologics, Amsterdam



Large-scale CDMO capacities (mRNA to formulation)

mRNA,

Halle



### Precision Fermentation, León



Large-scale capacities for BioIngredients CDMO business & own product innovations



Capacities with broad technology

platform to meet growing CDMO<sup>1</sup>







demand

# POLYSILICON: EXTEND #1 GLOBAL LEADERSHIP POSITION IN SEMICONDUCTOR





### Semiconductor, Charleston



Ensure security of supply by increasing capabilities & capacities for semiconductor grade polysilicon

Leverage unique dual world-scale site setup



### **Etching Line Next, Burghausen**

Extend leading position in quality, consistency & supply security

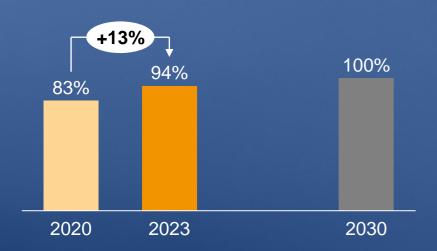
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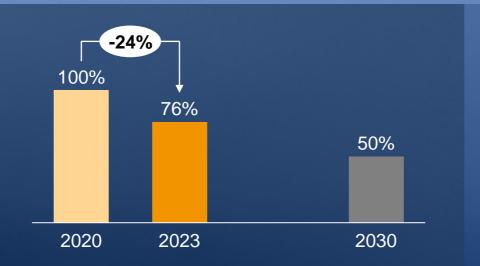
### CLEAR PROGRESS TOWARDS 2030 TARGETS AND NET ZERO BY 2045



### 100% Sustainable Products

Improved product performance to meet higher customer, social & regulatory requirements

Scope 1+2 emissions 2) TfS = Together for Sustainability Initiative
 EHS= Environmental, Health & Safety





Increased share of renewable energy in electricity mix





### 100% Sustainable Supplier

Worked within TfS<sup>2</sup> to improve EHS<sup>3</sup> practices of suppliers

### **ESG AGENCIES RANK WACKER WITH TOP RATINGS**

### Best practice management of climate related risks & opportunities











CDP:
A List 2023
Climate Change,
Supplier
Engagement

Leader

**ISS ESG:** Prime, Rating B-

MSCI: BBB rating Ecovadis:
Top 4% of all
companies rated

Sustainalytics: "Management of material ESG issues is strong"



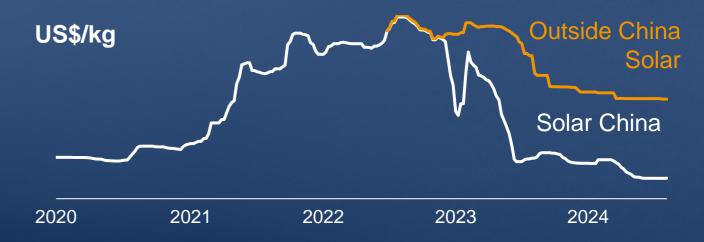
### SALES RISK: ACTIVE PRICE MANAGEMENT TO CAPTURE VALUE OF SPECIALTY PRODUCTS



#### Focus on specialty silicones

SILICONES EBITDA clearly supported by specialties, despite unprecedented volatility in demand & raws

Specialty prices more resilient than standards



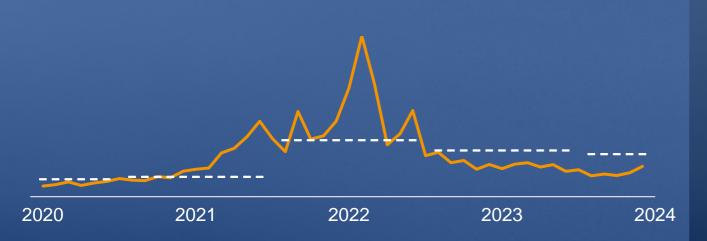
Focus on semi & outside China solar

POLYSILICON EBITDA clearly supported by semi focus & solar mix improvement

Long-term semi contracts with attractive pricing

Achieved switch to outside China solar pricing

### SUPPLY RISK: ESTABLISHED HEDGING PROTECTS FROM ENERGY PRICE VOLATILITY



#### **Spot electricity prices & hedges**

Hedges provide protection, but delay exposure to current market prices

Hedges with net benefit of approx. €400m (2021-24 YTD)



Source: EEX. internal

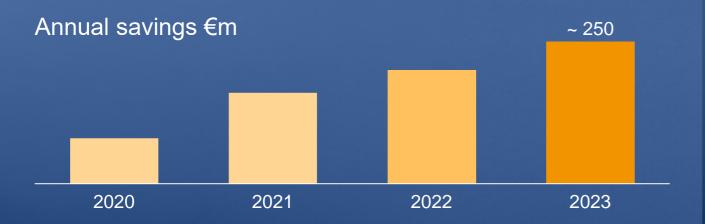


#### **Total energy bill trending lower**

2024e power bill below 2023, but remains well above historic levels

Total group energy bill €m

## COST POSITION: STRONG FOCUS ON CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENTS TO DRIVE PRODUCTIVITY



"Shape the Future" program completed

Strengthened customer focus & lean cost structure



**Wacker Operating System (WOS)** 

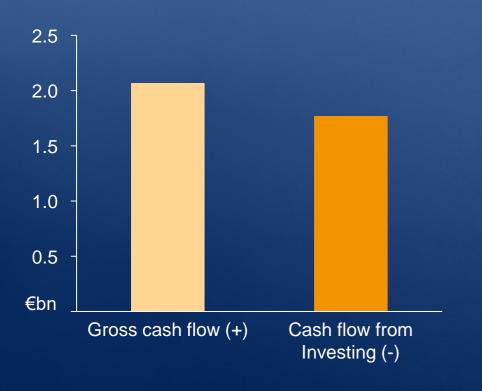
Continuous productivity management program

Focus on productivity, yields and specific costs

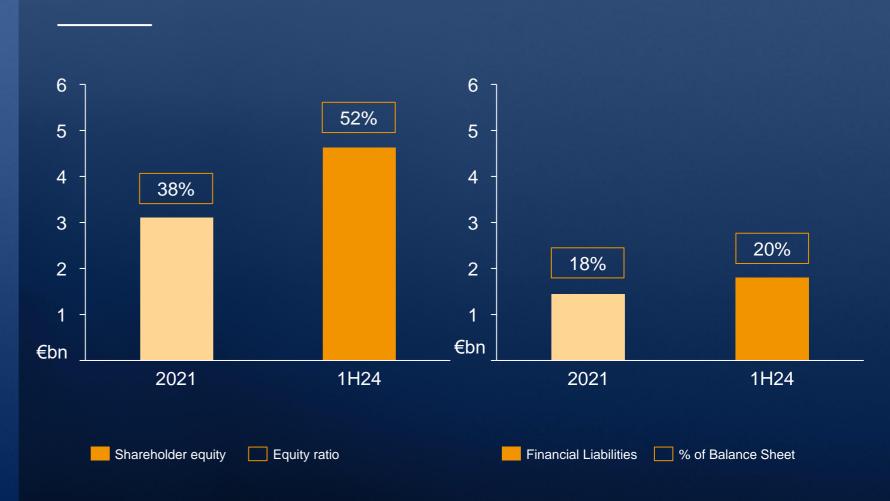
In 2023: 900 measures implemented with net savings of €40m

## MAINTAINED SOLID FINANCIALS IN ADVERSE MARKET CONDITIONS

### CapEx & acquisitions funded by gross cash flow 2022-1H24



### High level of shareholder equity at €4.6bn & low debt





### REFINING OUR STRATEGY TO ADAPT TO CHANGING MARKET CONDITIONS



### **Group 2030 Targets**

Sales: > €10bn

**✓** 

Focus on margin/mix over volume

ROCE: 2x cost of capital

EBITDA margin: > 20%

CO<sub>2</sub>e: -50% emissions

### CHEMICALS

**Grow high-margin specialties** 

EBITDA margin: > 20%

ROCE: > 2x cost of capital

#### **POLYSILICON**

**Expand semi position** 

EBITDA Margin: > 30%

ROCE: > 2x cost of capital

#### **BIOSOLUTIONS**

Leverage expanded foundation

EBITDA margin: > 25%

ROCE: >> 1x cost of capital

### PATH TO €10BN IN SALES IN 2030: KEY DRIVERS ALONG 4 FOCUS AREAS

### Megatrends

Pull from: Sustainability, Smart Construction, Health & Wellbeing, Digitalization



### **Portfolio management**

Focus on high-value-add specialty solutions



### **Innovation**

Bespoke solutions for existing, new and future customer applications



### Regionalization

Global production and technical center setup



### SUSTAINABILITY DRIVES DEMAND ACROSS ALL SEGMENTS

### **Product portfolio**

2/3 of sales with resource saving technologies



### We enable customers to develop sustainable products

Innovative solutions that improve the performance of key CO<sub>2</sub> saving technologies in:

**Smart construction** 

E-mobility

Wind & solar renewable energy

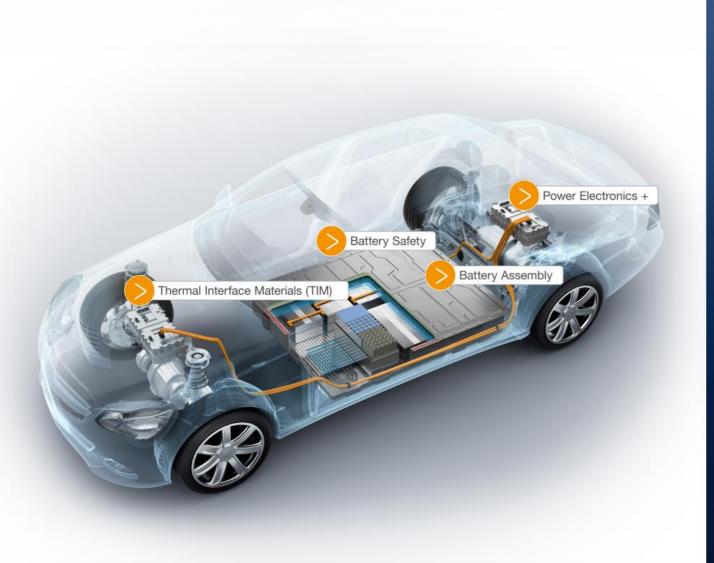
Bioingredients

Digitalization

We enable customers to achieve their own sustainability goals



# SILICONES: TAILOR-MADE, SPECIALTY SOLUTIONS FOR NEW ENERGY VEHICLES (NEV)



Silicones are essential to a range of key NEV components

Great performance under demanding conditions

EV's with up to 4x higher silicone content per vehicle

**Market outlook** 

Rapid EV growth needed to meet global climate targets

# POLYMERS: DPP ENABLES DRY MIX MORTAR PERFORMANCE & CO<sub>2</sub> SAVINGS



### Sustainable solutions needed for cement industry

New, lower CO<sub>2</sub> emission composite cements affect dry mix mortar performance

Additional customer support with formulation know-how required

#### **Market outlook**

Cement industry CO<sub>2</sub> reduction targets drive switch to composite cements

### SILICONES: BROAD RANGE OF SPECIALTIES FOR BEST-IN-CLASS BUILDING MATERIALS



#### **Hybrid silicones**

Continuous development to address new applications

Elastic sealants & adhesives with clear performance benefits

#### Market outlook

Transformation, substitution & easy formulation drives 10% market growth<sup>1</sup> p.a.



#### Silicone resin emulsion paints

Solutions for long-lasting, energy-saving façades

Water repellent, breathable & UV stable define high-performance advantages

#### **Market outlook**

EU Green Deal<sup>2</sup> as catalyst for renovation rates: up 2x in 2030 vs. 2020

<sup>1)</sup> Markets and Markets

<sup>2)</sup> European Commission's Renovation Wave Strategy

## POLYMERS: ENABLING NEW CONSTRUCTION TRENDS WITH HIGH PERFORMANCE SOLUTIONS



#### Tile adhesives

Transformation from thick-bed to thin-bed CTA<sup>1</sup>

#### **Skim coat**

High quality, long lasting & easy-to-apply finishes

### 3D printing concrete

Printing buildings or construction components

#### **Market outlook**

Transformation, substitution & sustainability drive demand above global construction growth rates

### **BIOSOLUTIONS:** CUTTING-EDGE TECHNOLOGIES FOR NEXT-GENERATION MEDICINES



#### CDMO with a proven record:

Technologies for recombinant proteins, live microbials, pDNA, mRNA and LNP formulation

Part of German Pandemic Preparedness Program

#### **Market outlook**

1,000's of advanced therapies currently in clinical development

# BIOSOLUTIONS: PRECISION FERMENTATION FOR SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTS



#### From pilot to commercial scale production

Serving customers as CDMO and commercializing our own products

Addressing multiple end markets (food, personal care, flavors and fragrances)

#### **Market outlook**

7x increase of precision fermentation market until 2040<sup>1</sup>

1) BCG, "Breaking Cost Barrier in Biomanufacturing"

### SILICONES: ADHESIVES FOR HEALTHCARE APPLICATIONS



#### The preferred solution for advanced wound care

Skin friendly, breathable & atraumatic removal promotes faster wound healing

Solutions for existing, new & emerging healthcare applications

#### **Market outlook**

Ageing population (> 2bn above 60 by 2050)

Strong growth in new wearables & biomedical device applications

### SILICONES: ENABLING VIBRANT DISPLAYS & ADVANCED CHIP MANUFACTURING







#### **Dome encapsulants**

New solutions for premium highresolution mini-LED TVs

#### **Market outlook**

6x increase in mini-LED TV sales until 2030 forecasted<sup>1</sup>

#### **Optical bonding**

Superior optical stability for automotive & wearable displays

#### **Market outlook**

Growth in auto & substitution in wearables drive demand

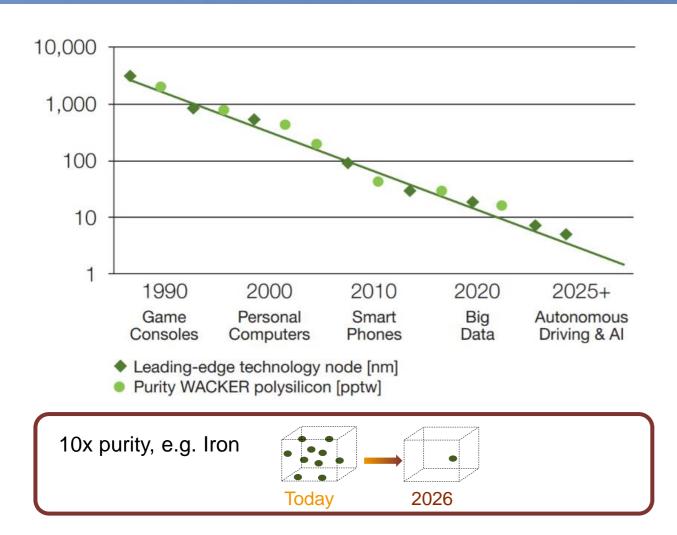
#### **Electronic chemicals**

High-purity chemicals essential for high-performance chips

#### Market outlook

Growth driven by AI & Internet of Things

### POLYSILICON: BENCHMARK QUALITY & PROCESS ENABLE LEADING EDGE DESIGN RULES



### Polysilicon requirements constantly higher

Very high requirements = very high barriers to entry

Entirely new, smart advanced reactor control approach drives process excellence

#### **Market outlook**

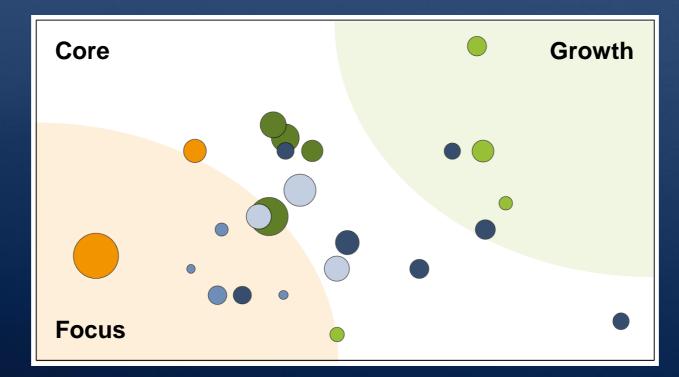
Demand from rapidly growing semi markets: 300mm wafer market 8% CAGR<sup>1</sup> (2022-27)

## SILICONES: DIFFERENTIATED FOCUS ON SPECIFIC, HIGH-PRICED SPECIALTY END MARKETS

Looking within Specialties at a granular level with a focus on market attractiveness & ability to win

Core: Differentiated growth approach based on market outlook

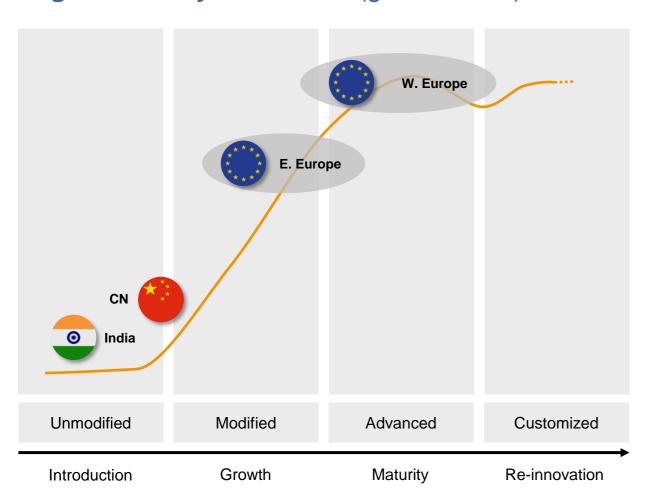
Focus: Profitability improvement & portfolio measures – limited volume growth



Growth: Invest in capacities & capabilities to significantly outgrow market

### POLYMERS: FOCUS ON PROFITABILITY & PORTFOLIO EXPANSION

#### **Regional life cycle for CTA** (growth rates)



### Differentiated strategy to capture specific regional opportunities

Introduction – Transform via market education & technical support

**Growth** – Increase market penetration via portfolio offering & innovation

Maturity & beyond: Develop markets to higher performance & customized products (e.g. hydrophobicity, rheology)

Leverage diverse, sustainable portfolio to meet specific customer needs (e.g. composite cement)

### A GLOBAL NETWORK: PROJECTING R&D INTO THE REGIONS

22 technical competence centers close to customers

**USA:** Regional innovation centers for silicones & polymers

**Germany:** Consortium corporate R&D



China: Competence center for cement & concrete

**Korea:** Center of excellence electronics

**India:** Competence center for personal care & textiles

Production: (Europe 10 | America 8 | Asia 9)

Technical Competence Centers (Europe 3 | America 6 | Asia 13)

### A GLOBAL NETWORK: WACKER ACADEMIES CLOSE TO CUSTOMERS



14 academies



500+ experts/trainers

Since 2021:



2,300+ events



33,000+ participants



Combining product, application & service to keep and win customers

Equipped for in-person & virtual trainings



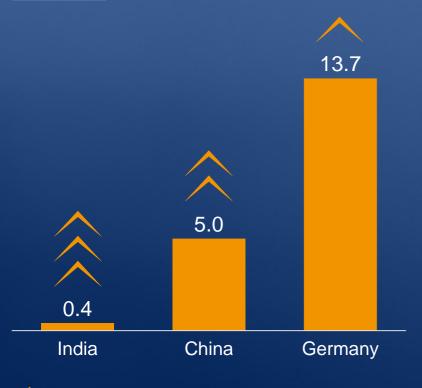
**Drive value-based substitution, transformation** 

**SILICONES:** Accelerate innovation with bespoke, industry specific solutions

**POLYMERS:** Individual service to support & educate customers: global key accounts to local champions

# SILICONES: CATCH UP DRIVES GROWTH IN CHINA & INDIA

# Silicones Consumption €/capita<sup>1</sup>



Growth rate (CAGR)

1) The Freedonia Group

#### China

Market driven by economic growth & higher purchasing power

Strong focus on high-end specialties to counter competitive environment

Site extension at Zhangjiagang & leverage SICO JV to benefit from regional growth

Employees: ~ 1,200

#### India

Up and coming market driven by rise of the middle-class

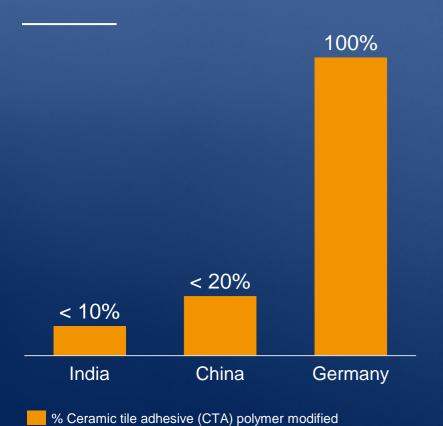
Build on #1 position, with strong local partner Wacker Metroark Chemicals

Increase asset base at new site in Panagarh

Employees: ~ 300

# **POLYMERS:** CAPTURE CATCH-UP OPPORTUNITY IN CHINA & INDIA

### Polymer-modified CTA penetration<sup>1</sup>



1) FRCST2022mecs, Markets and Markets. and WACKER estimates. Tiles considered only

#### China

Growth driven by growing middleclass, higher building standards & efficiency

Doubled Nanjing capacities to support domestic market in 2023

Employees: 200

#### India

Growth driven by urbanization, high building rates & establishment of standards

Doubled capacity in Korea to support Asian markets (e.g. India) in 2019

Employees: 50

Transform markets & expand customer portfolio

via technical support & market education

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## **EBITDA:** DRIVE GROUP MARGINS TO >20% BY 2030



### **CHEMICALS**

Grow high-margin specialties & capitalize on regional opportunities

EBITDA margin: > 20%

ROCE: > 2x cost of capital

### **BIOSOLUTIONS**

Leverage technology and fill new capacities

EBITDA margin: > 25%

ROCE: >> 1x cost of capital

### **POLYSILICON**

Continue semi expansion & capitalize on regional solar prices

EBITDA margin: > 30%

ROCE: > 2x cost of capital

# WELL POSITIONED FOR DYNAMIC MARKETS: CLEAR FOCUS ON 4 AREAS



# SALES RISK: ADDRESSED BY PRICING INITIATIVES AND PORTFOLIO MANAGEMENT

#### **Successful pricing initiatives**

#### **POLYMERS**

Established playbook to address volatility in raw material prices

Clauses protecting against inflation

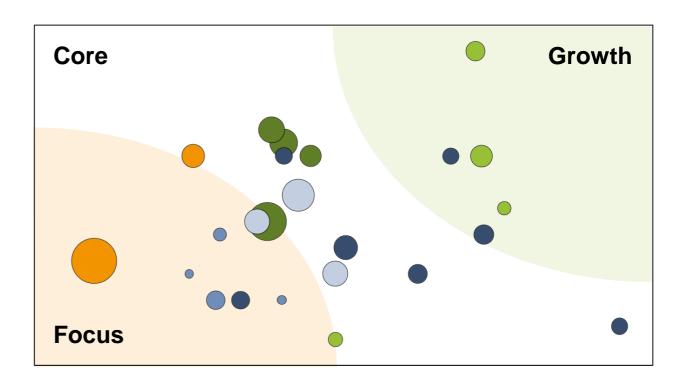
### SILICONES specialties

Higher stability and predictability of sales

Customer benefit enables value-add pricing

Price adjustments over contract duration

#### **Stringent Portfolio Management**



Looking within specialties at a granular level with a focus on market attractiveness & ability to win

# SUPPLY RISK: SOURCING INITIATIVES TO MITIGATE PRICE VOLATILITY & RISKS

### Long-term strategies



LTAs, selective backward integration



Diversified supplier portfolio



Staggered contract portfolio



Hedging strategies



Climate related risks

### **Short-term actions**



Tactical buying to exploit pricing volatility



Further expanding supplier portfolio



E-auctions



Adjusting hedging strategies

# SUPPLY RISK: MITIGATING CO<sub>2</sub> EMISSION RISKS FROM SILICON METAL IN NORWAY



### The Challenge

Silicon metal smelter generates unavoidable CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of ~ 400,000t p.a.

Growing financial risk<sup>1</sup> due to higher CO<sub>2</sub> prices





#### **The Solution**

Secured green electricity with long-term PPAs

Substitute coal with biobased reductants

1) Financial risk based on EUA ETS prices (e) & hypothetical zero free carbon credit allocation, Statista.com

# **CLEAR FOCUS ON COST & EFFICIENCY MEASURES**





### **Digitalization & automatization**

Automation of production processes

Advanced process control and machine learning

### **Specific initiatives 2024-26**

Focus on maintenance spend & processes

Reduce technical & indirect expenditures

### Regionalization as cost & efficiency driver

Excellence Hub, Czech Republic centralize support services

Silicones site, Czech Republic efficient production setup

# FINANCIAL POSITION: MAINTAIN SOLID CAPITAL STRUCTURE

### **Group balance sheet – target structure**

Non-current assets

CapEx > depreciation

Working capital

DIO: ~ 70 - 80 days

DSO: ~ 50 days

**Liquidity** min. 1x annual CapEx

**Equity** 

Equity ratio ~ 50%

Dividend policy: ~ 50% of net income

Financial debt: NFD/EBITDA:

allowing for flexibility around ~ 1.0x

**Provisions for pensions** 

Liabilities/other accruals

DPO: ~ 60 days



# SOLID FINANCIAL FOUNDATION SUPPORTS GROWTH & SHAREHOLDER RETURNS

1. Growth



2. Shareholder returns



**CapEx:** CapEx > Depreciation

**M&A:** Earnings-accretive / early-stage bolt-ons

**Dividend policy unchanged** 

~ 50% of net income from continuing operations

Foundation: Strong balance sheet with solid capital structure

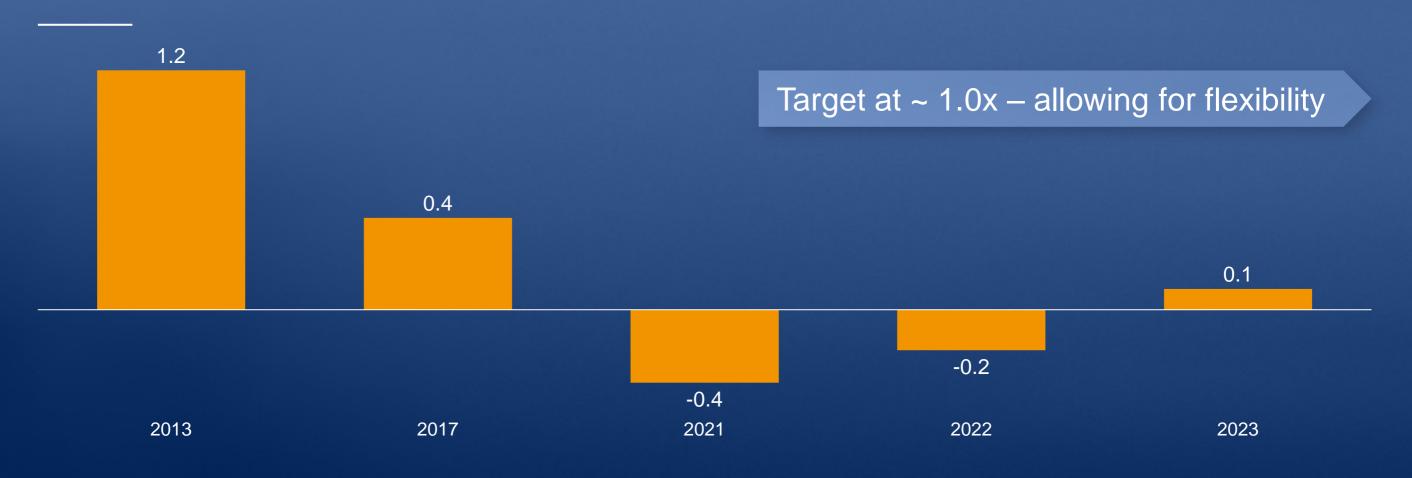
Financial flexibility

Net financial debt / EBITDA target at ~ 1.0x



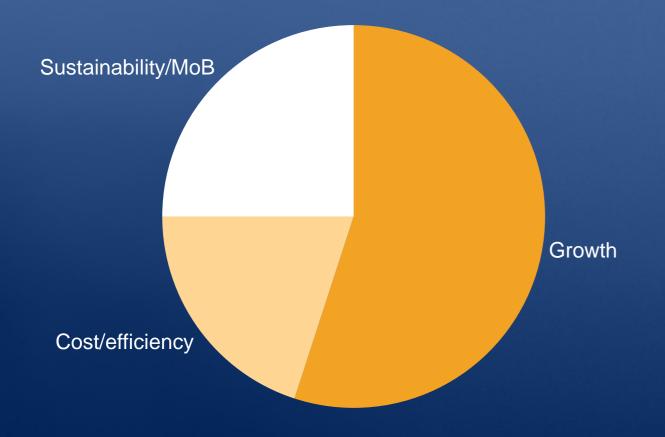
# LOW FINANCIAL LEVERAGE ALLOWS FOR FLEXIBILITY IN EXECUTING OUR GROWTH STRATEGY

### Financial leverage (net financial debt/EBITDA)



### CAPEX WITH FOCUS ON HIGHLY PROFITABLE GROWTH





### Flexible CapEx program



Investments according to market environment

Diversified portfolio of downstream projects

## **CLEAR INVESTMENT FOCUS 2024-2026**









#### **CHEMICALS**

Focus on high-value add specialties & regionalization

Earnings-accretive bolt-ons

CapEx: €250 – 425m p.a.

#### **BIOSOLUTIONS**

Upgrade facilities & capabilities

CapEx: €40 – 75m p.a.

#### **POLYSILICON**

Expand semi technology leadership & capabilities

Investments across all 3 sites

CapEx: €80 – 150m p.a.

#### **INFRASTRUCTURE**

Optimize site infrastructure & logistics

CapEx: €80 – 150m p.a.

# SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS ON DIVERSIFIED CAPEX PORTFOLIO SINCE 2022

### Update on 40 projects highlighted at last CMD

Completed: 25%

On-going: 50%

Postponed: 15% Stopped: 10%

New projects

# BIOSOLUTIONS (Halle) mRNA



POLYSILICON (BGH)
Etching capacity



SILICONES (ZJG)
Site expansion



POLYMERS



SILICONES (BGH)

Midstream



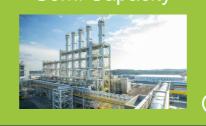
SILICONES (Nünchritz)
Hybrid plant



POLYMERS (CTY)
VAE expansion



POLYSILICON (CHA)
Semi Capacity



RHYME (BGH)
Carbon Capture Use



BIOSOLUTIONS (LEN)
BioIngredients





# CONSISTENT DIVIDEND POLICY: PAYOUT MATCHES PERFORMANCE



### **Dividend policy:**

Unchanged: ~ 50% of net income from continuing operations

Tied to market conditions

### **Boundary conditions:**

Overall business conditions
Financial status
Approval of AGM

Total payout 2021-2023: ~ €1.1bn

# Q3 TRADING UPDATE GROUP EBITDA AT Q2 LEVEL – NO FY GUIDANCE CHANGE

#### SILICONES

Sales similar to Q2, EBITDA slightly higher

Order intake softer during summer

No turnaround in Q3

### **BIOSOLUTIONS**

Sales at Q2 level

Q3 EBITDA at low-double-digit million

### **POLYMERS**

Sales slightly weaker than Q2, EBITDA flat

Consumer with good demand

Construction markets stay weak

### **POLYSILICON**

Sales and EBITDA below Q2 on lower volumes

Solar: Uncertainty from US anti-dumping proceeding





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10/29/24

Q3 2024 Results

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