



# **Analyst Roundtable 2013 Differentiation and efficiency**

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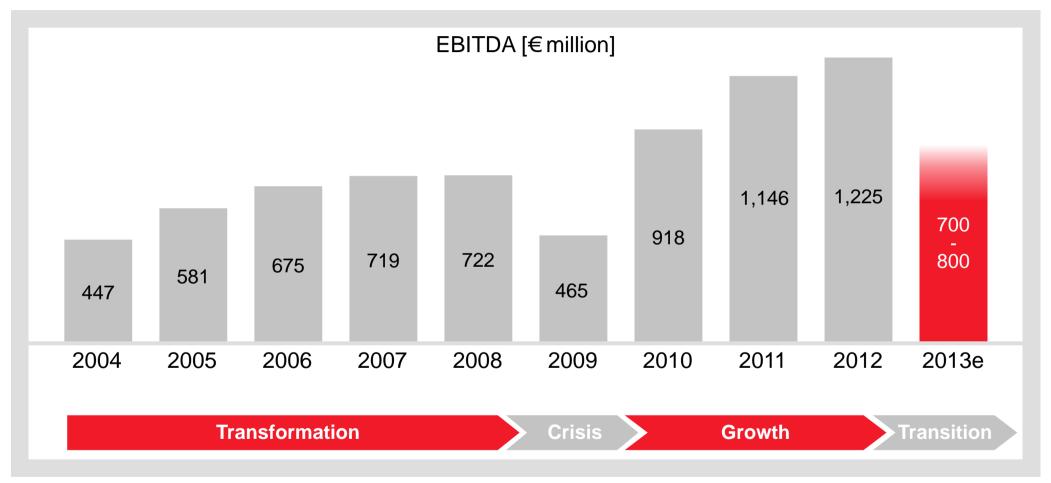
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# Strategy review

- Current challenges
- The way forward
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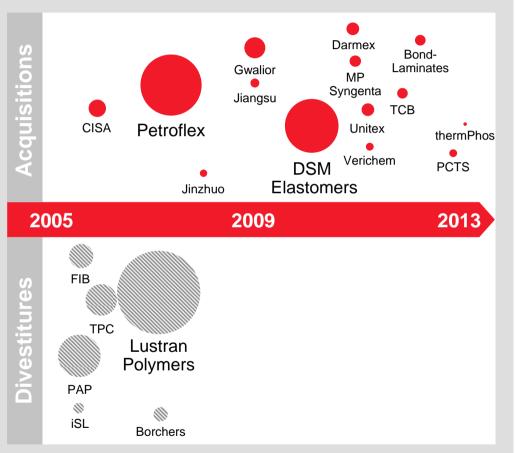
# LANXESS – successful transformation and profitable growth





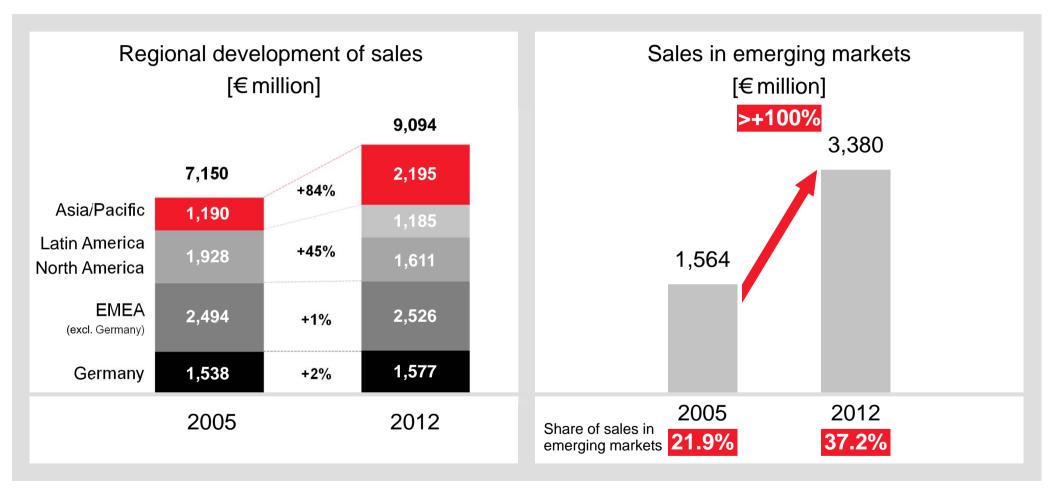
# Continuing business portfolio transformation







# Increasing presence in emerging markets



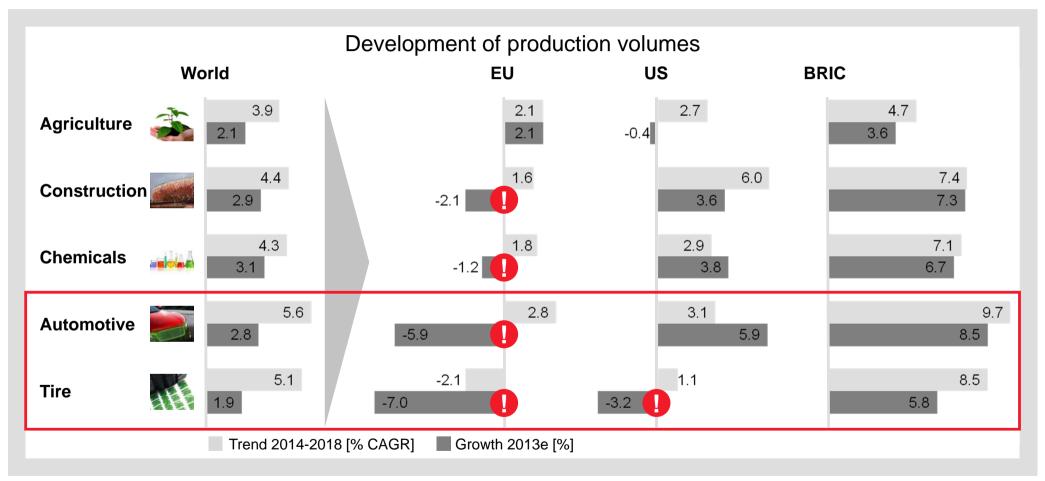


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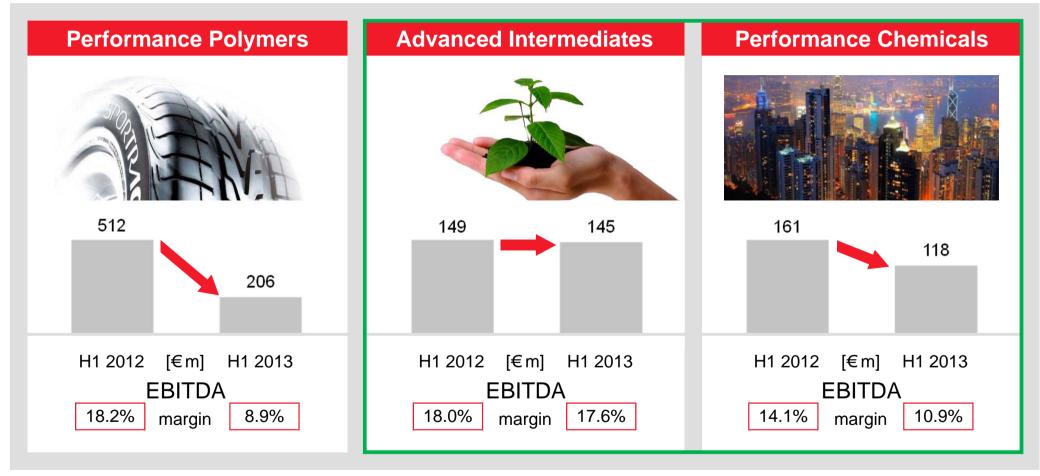
# In 2013 key industries below growth trend



Source: IHS World Industry Service



# Intermediates and Chemicals diversify group portfolio





# Intermediates with good margins in a steadily growing market

**Advanced Intermediates Performance Chemicals Performance Polymers** Clear market leadership: Either #1 or #2 Resilient quarterly earnings development Strong cost position: World scale assets and high economies of scale [€m] Technology leadership: "Best in class" track record Sales in custom manufacturing >100 products for a wide range of applications and industries with limited competitor overlap **EBITDA** 2010 2013

Strong and stable business

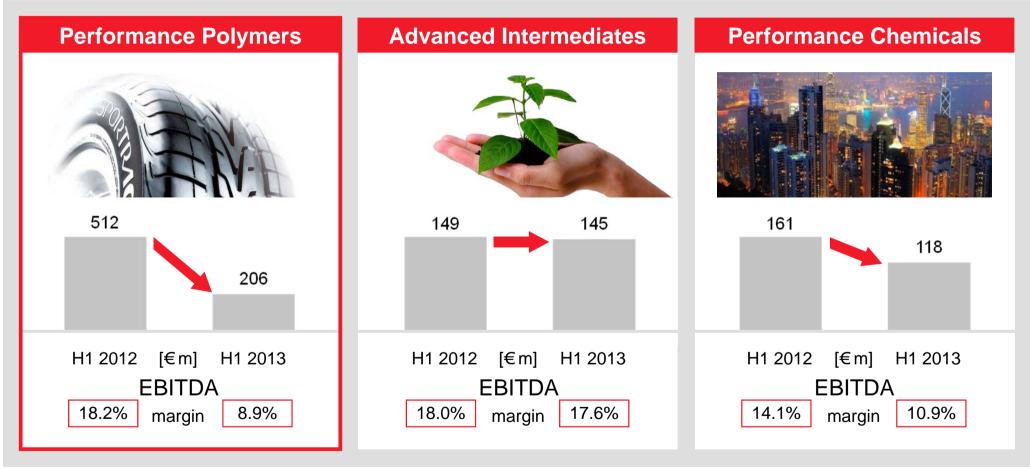


# Chemical businesses with stable margins in various niches

**Advanced Intermediates Performance Chemicals Performance Polymers** Market leadership: #1 to #4 in niche markets Stable quarterly earnings development Large diversity of end-markets leads to seasonal but stable business [€m] Providers of services and solutions; potential for Sales differentiation Reach for leading market positions through product quality and innovative technologies **EBITDA** 2010 2013 Stability driven by diversity – focus on niche markets and specialties

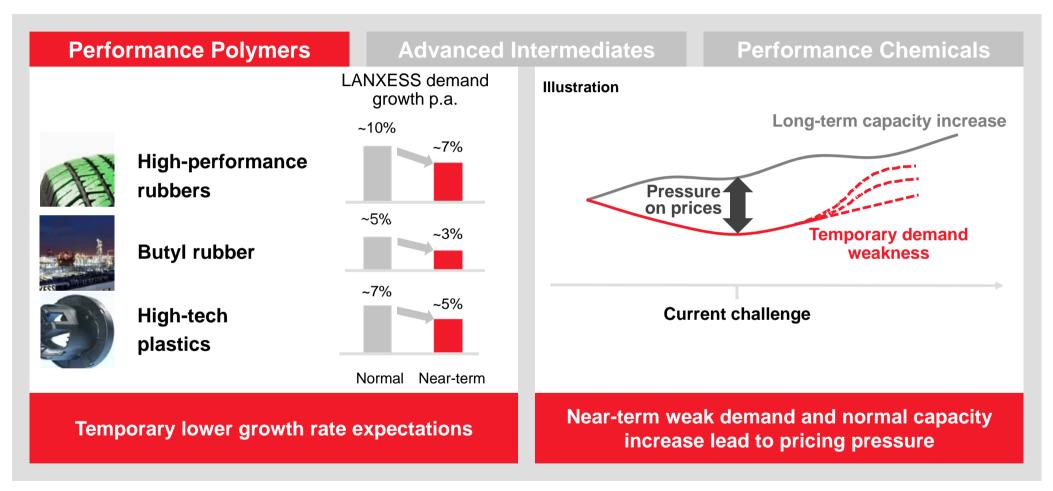


# Polymers affected by temporary decline in demand





# Temporary weak demand causes pricing pressure





# LANXESS focuses on differentiated high-performance rubbers

# **High-performance market (Nd-PBR / SSBR)**

# Supply / demand

- Market size of around 2 m t
- "The problem of perception": nameplate > available > in use
  - Supply of around 2 m t capacity in use
  - Supply / demand more or less in balance in normal macro-economic environment

# Market growth

- Robust global demand growth around 8% CAGR until 2018
- Growth of capacity of 8-9% CAGR until 2018

- Core segment in which LANXESS grows overproportionately
- Truly global footprint with new asset in Singapore
- Product differentiation (differentiated Nd grades and functionalized SSBR grades)





# LANXESS' performance rubbers target special applications

# Performance market (Ti, Li, Ni, Co; w/o ESBR)

# Supply / demand

- Market size of about 2.6 m t
- Substantial overcapacity, esp. in Ni-PBR

# Market growth

- Global demand growth at ~3.5% CAGR until 2018
- Capacity expansions of competitors up to ~5% CAGR until 2018

- Reduction of exposure by shifting to highperformance grades (Nd-PBR, SSBR)
- Differentiation of product offering
  - Focus on Co and Li
  - Targeting special market segments like HIPS applications
  - Targeting special market segments like the robust segment of retreading
- Grade-flexible assets (e.g., Li vs. SSBR vs. Nd-PBR)





# Shifting from standard grades to high-performance grades mitigates impact of overcapacities

### Standard grade market (ESBR)

# Supply / demand

 Global overcapacity for ESBR, esp. in Europe and North America, leading to low operation rates

# Market growth

 Tire makers in emerging markets like Brazil require ESBR

- Reduction of exposure through replacement of ESBR by SSBR by retrofitting existing capacity
- Continuous shift of production footprint towards higher performance materials in Brazil synchronized with market needs





# Butyl rubber market recalibrating and remains attractive

### **Butyl rubber market (BTR)**

# Supply / demand

- Market size of above 1 m t, split into halo (2/3) and regular (1/3) butyl
- Coming from extreme tightness for years to some overcapacity (caused by debottlenecking, green field projects and new entrants)

# Market growth

- Global demand growth at 3-4% mostly driven by tire segment
- Expansions in regular and halo butyl ongoing
- Potential additional new entrants, but without visible activities until now

- Differentiation by
  - strong geographical footprint
  - product offering (quality, reliability and proximity to customers)
  - production processes and
  - new applications (tire and non-tire)







# LANXESS addresses EPDM market challenges with geographical diversification

### **Technical rubber market (EPDM)**

# Supply / demand

 Market size of 1-1.5 m t driven by a wide range of applications (e.g., automotive and construction) transitioning from a tight situation to overcapacity

# Market growth

- Global demand growth slightly above GDP development, but below projected capacity expansions
- Major capacity expansions between 2013 and 2015 increasing overcapacity

- Capitalizing on urbanization and mobility trend in China
- ACE technology
  - Product differentiation
  - Process differentiation
- New asset in China with latest technology
  - Proximity to fast growing market
  - Conversion cost advantage (ACE technology)









# Differentiation is key for LANXESS

### **Products**

- Quality
- Based on technology

### **Assets**

- Grade-flexibility
- Global presence

# Offering

- Technical service
- Reliability
- Proximity to customers

### **Markets**

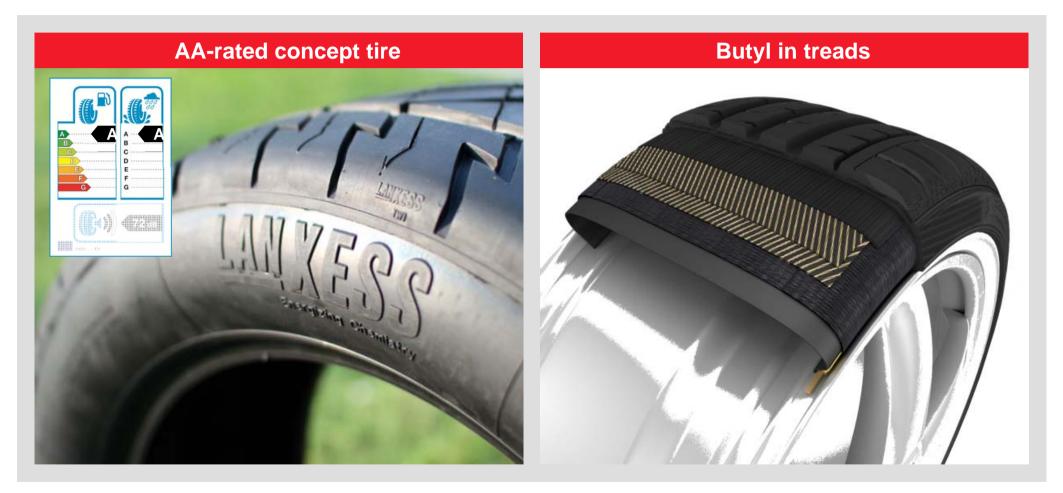
Diversify in new applications

LANXESS keeps its focus on differentiation to outperform competitors by value and thus maintain our price premium



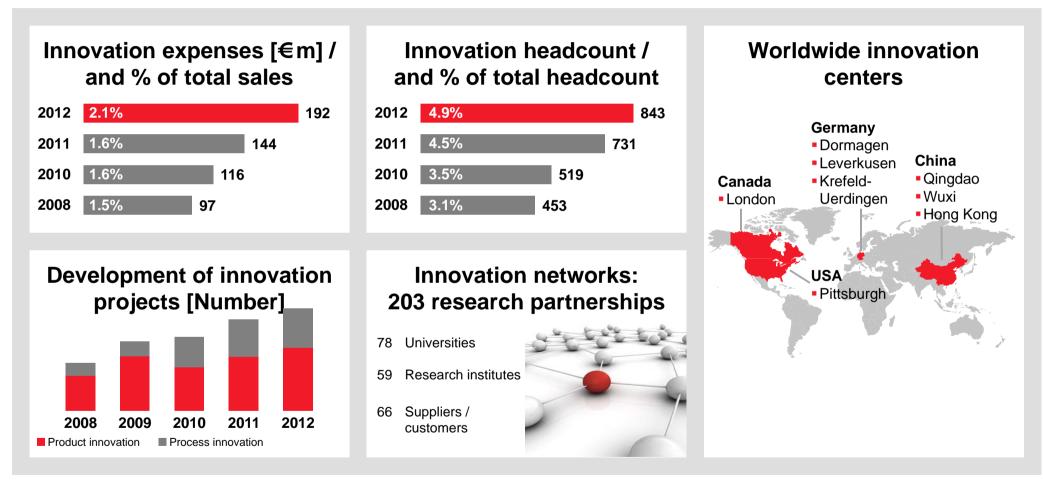


# Innovations made by LANXESS enable differentiation



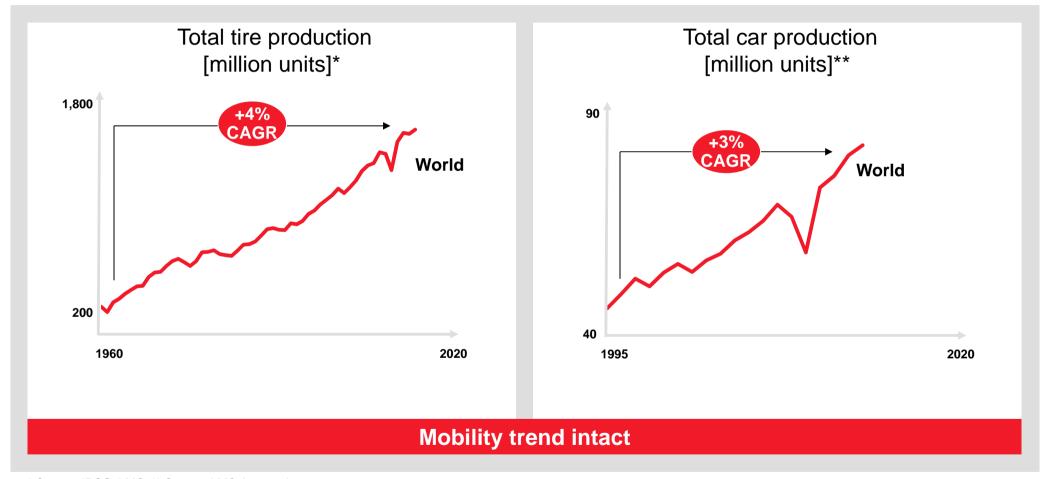


# LANXESS constantly fuels innovation pipeline





# LANXESS remains positive on the mobility trend



<sup>\*</sup> Source: IRSG, LMC; \*\* Source: LMC Automotive



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# The core elements of LANXESS' strategy remain unchanged

Premium products focused on megatrends

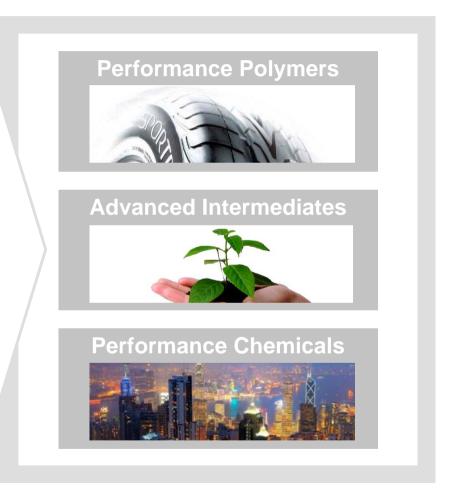
"Price-before-volume"

Flexible asset and cost management

Global reach with focus on emerging markets

Driven by innovation and technology

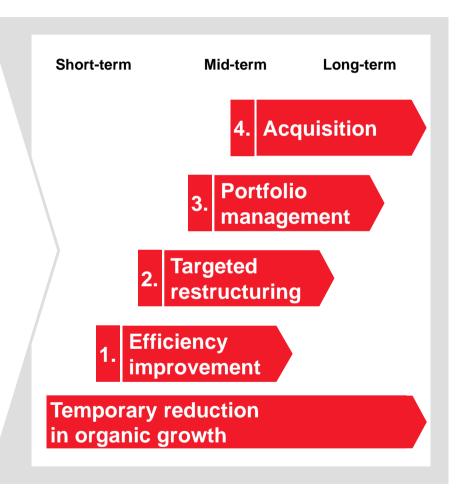
Entrepreneurial and performance-oriented culture





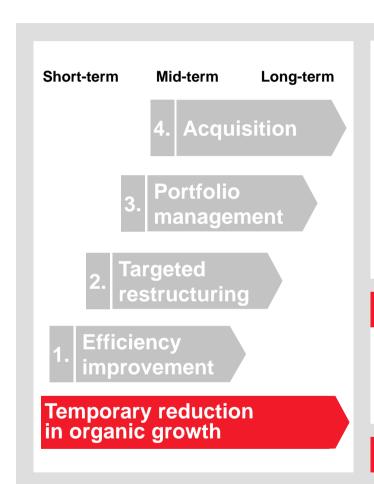
# **Taking action**

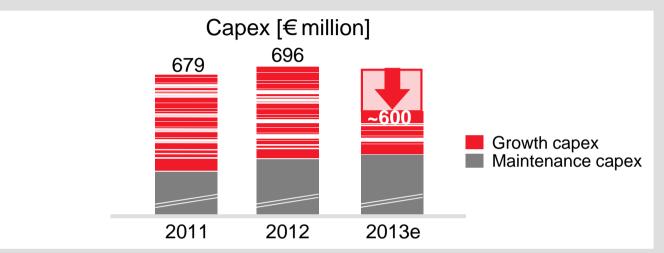
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# Significant capex reduction





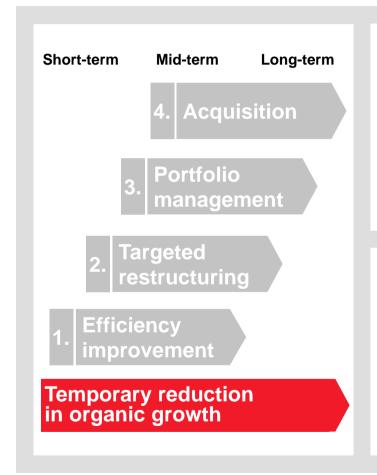
### Reduced capex spendings

- Strictly managed maintenance capex
- Adapt spending profiles in major capex projects to optimize cash-flow
- Future focus on smaller projects, debottleneckings and efficiencies

**Commitment to investment grade rating** 



# All strategic growth projects well on track





100% capex spent\*

Butyl serving increasing mobility





Balancing polyamide chain





Nd-PBR enabling "Green Tires"





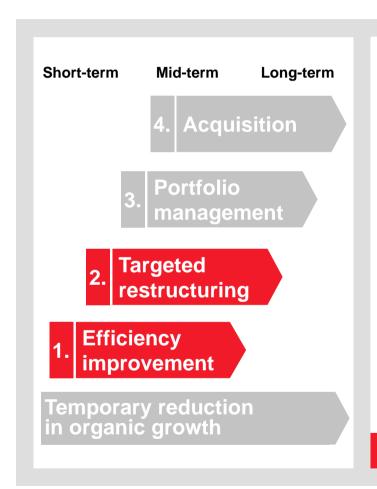
spent\*

Serving China's EPDM demand



<sup>\*</sup> Expected share of realized capex by year-end 2013 in relation to total capex Spent spent committed

# Structural realignments to increase efficiency



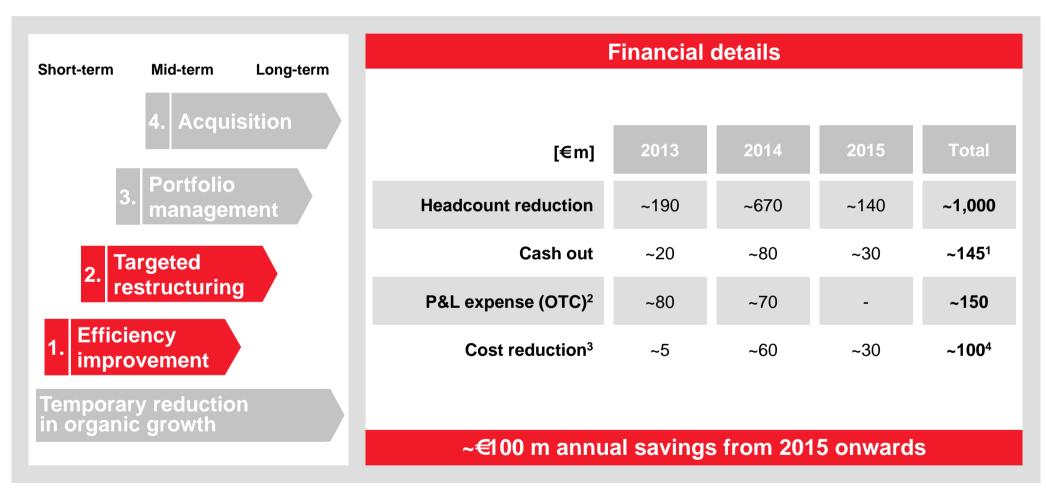
# "Advance" program

- Closure of non-competitive sites
- Restructuring of sites
- Downsizing of business operations
- Downsizing of administrative organizations worldwide
- Headcount reduction (~1,000 people worldwide by end of 2015)

~€100 m annual savings from 2015 onwards



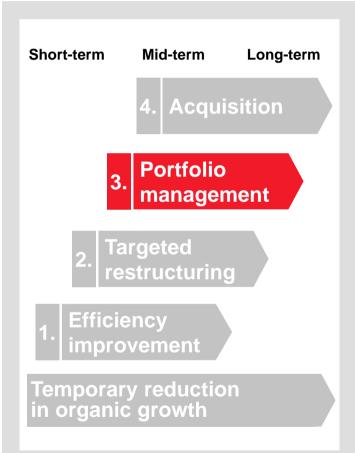
# Providing additional details on efficiency measures

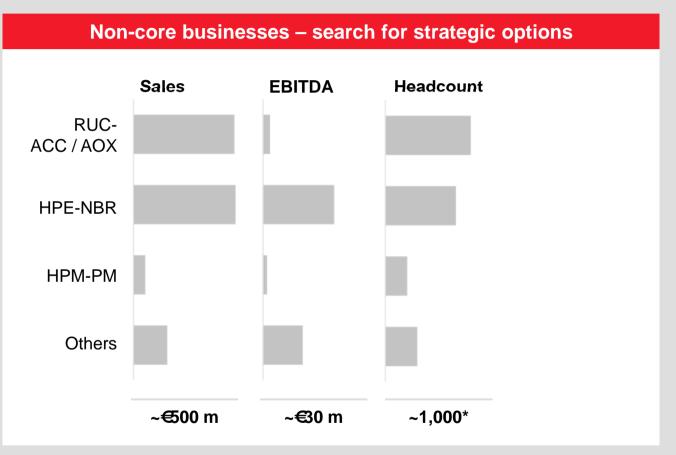


¹ Incl. ~€15 million for the years 2016-2019; ² P&L expense (OTC) booked as extraordinary; ³ Versus previous year; ⁴ Incl. €5 million for the years 2016-2019



# Strategic options for non-core businesses

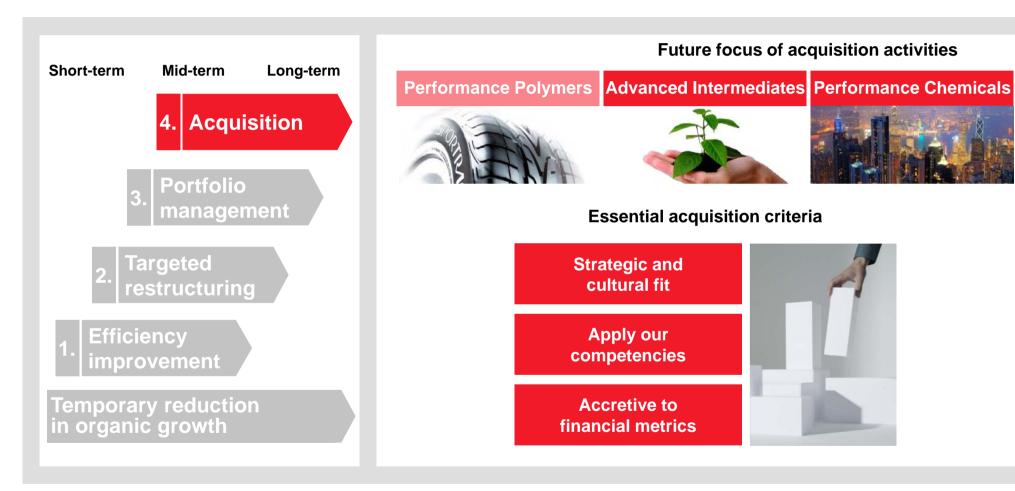




All references to EBITDA are pre exceptionals; ACC = Accelerators, AOX = Anti-Oxidants, NBR = Nitril-Butadien-Rubber, PM = Perlon Monofil; \* Headcount before restructuring



# Acquisitions remain an important driver for growth





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# LANXESS takes action to remain on growth path

### **Differentiation**

- Products
- Assets
- Geographical

### **Diversification**

- Performance Polymers
- Advanced Intermediates
- Performance Chemicals

# "Advance" program

- Cost savings
- Capex reduction
- Restructuring



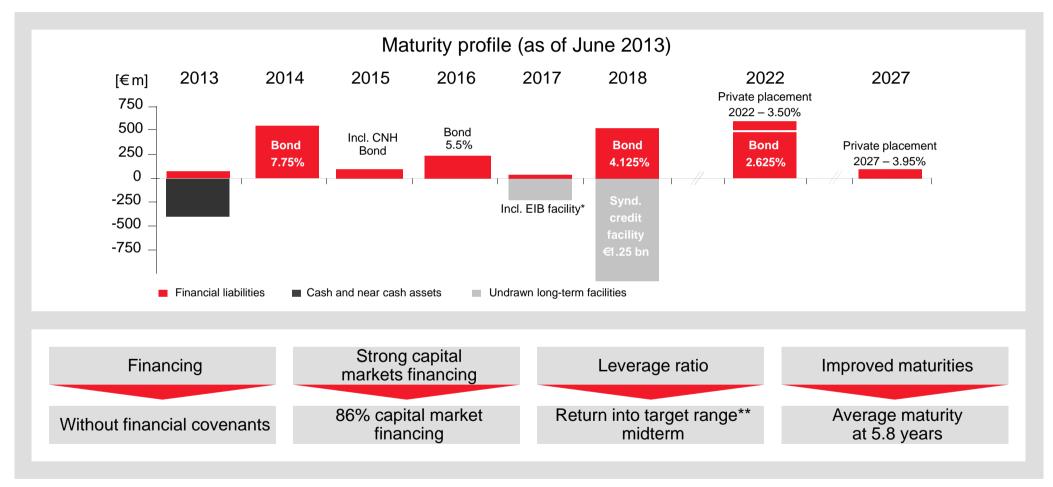
Striving for €1.8 bn EBITDA in 2018





# LANXESS Energizing Chemistry

# Long-term liquidity secured at attractive interest rates

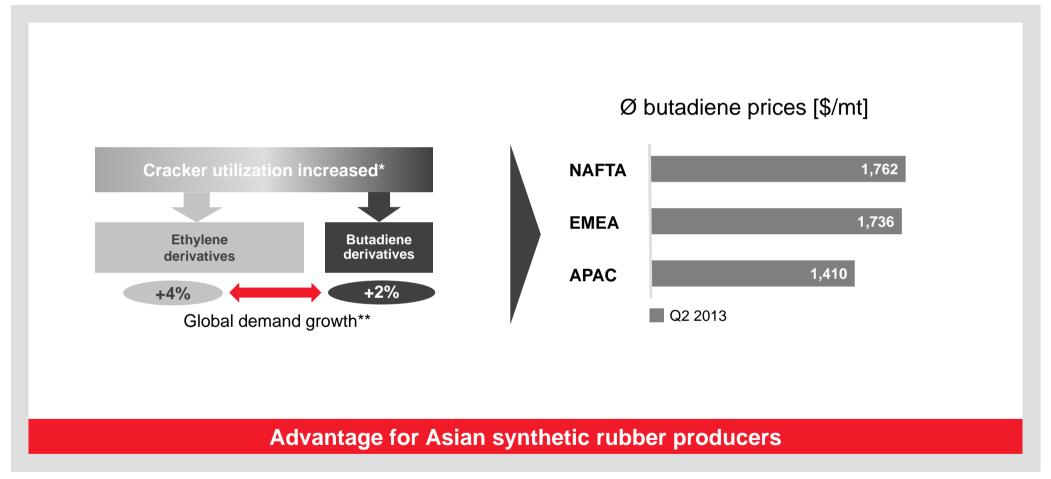


<sup>\*</sup> European Investment Bank; final maturity of EIB financing in case of utilization in 2017 or later;



<sup>\*\*</sup> Targeted range of leverage ratio: net financial debt / EBITDA pre 1.0x-1.5x

# Butadiene oversupply in Asia caused price decline in Asia



<sup>\*</sup> Jan-Jul 2013 from 82% to 85%; \*\* Jan-Jul 2013; Source: IHS Chemicals



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