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# Half-year 2020 Results



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## Resilience in H1 thanks to the Group's strength

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# Solid results in unprecedented circumstances

## SALES

**€430m**

*-11% vs. H1 2019*

*-13% on an  
organic basis*

## EBITDA

**€62m**

*14.4% of sales*

*-200 points vs.  
H1 2019*

## NET DEBT

**€228m**

*+€10m vs. Dec. 2019*

*including €7m from  
acquisitions*

*Leverage: 2.0x*

# Mobilized teams who ensured business continuity



**EVEN AT THE PEAK OF THE CRISIS, 85% OF GROUP PLANTS WERE OPERATIONAL**

# Rapid adaptation at the peak of the crisis to safeguard profitability

## SITUATION IN APRIL AND MAY (VS Y-1)

SALES

**-23%**

April: -30% Europe; -25% North America  
May: -25% Europe; -35% North America

PAYROLL

**-9%**

Furlough measures for 10% of employees  
No government subsidies for approximately 20% of employees (Mexico, India, Tunisia)

OTHER COSTS

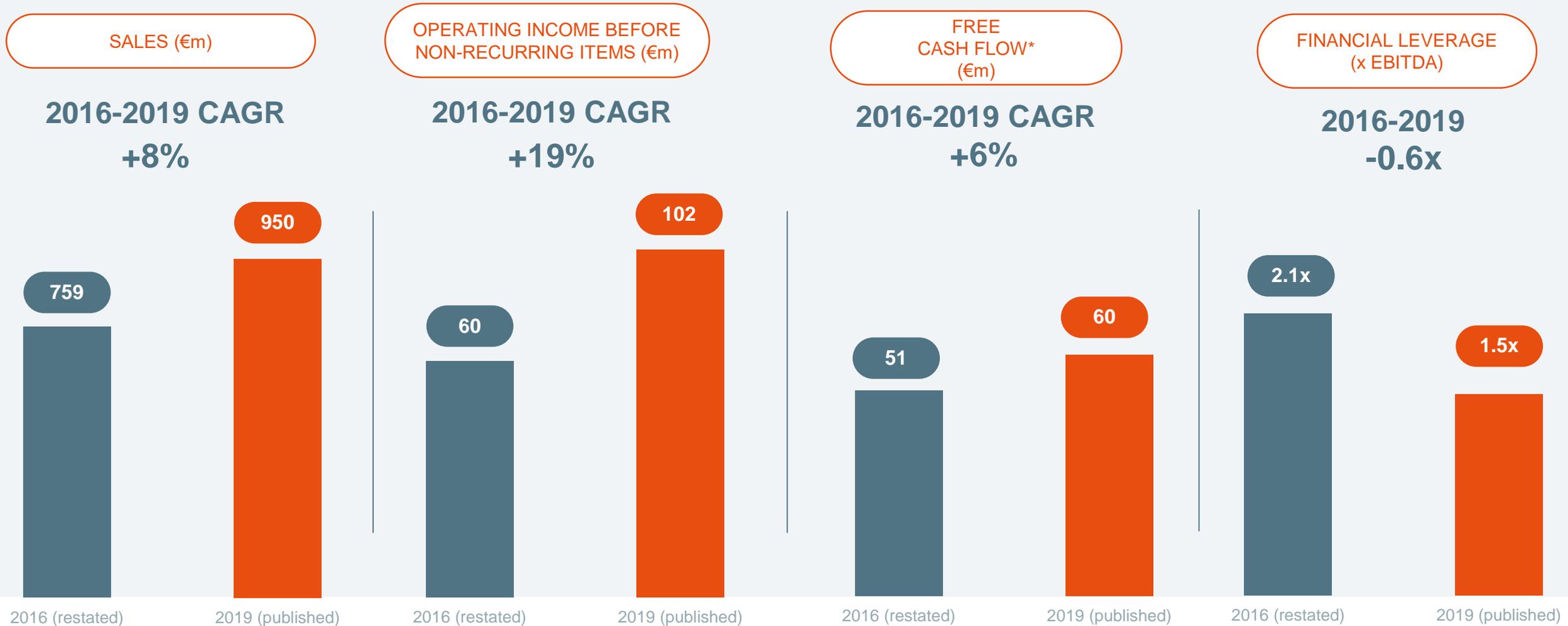
**-23%**

Components and Material  
Travel expenses  
Consulting

**EBITDA IN APRIL AND MAY**

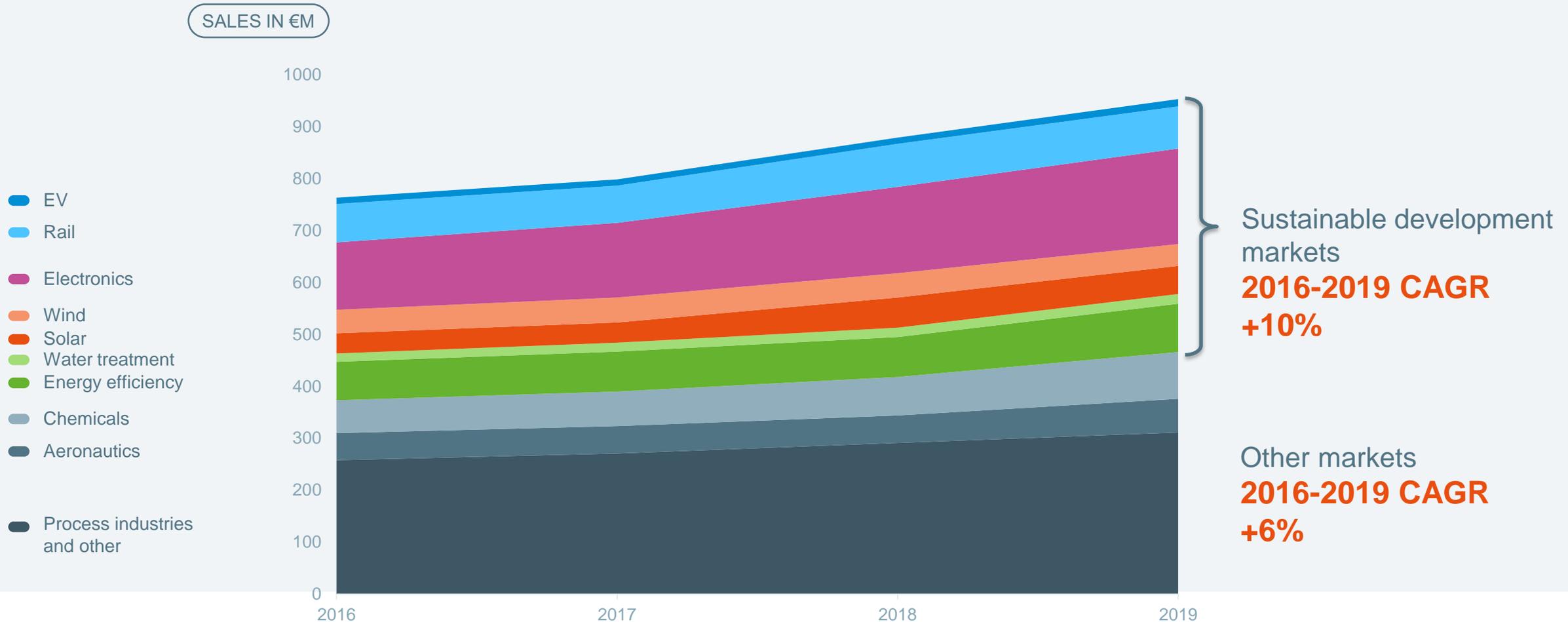
**12.5% of Sales**

# Resilience made possible by four years of development and transformation

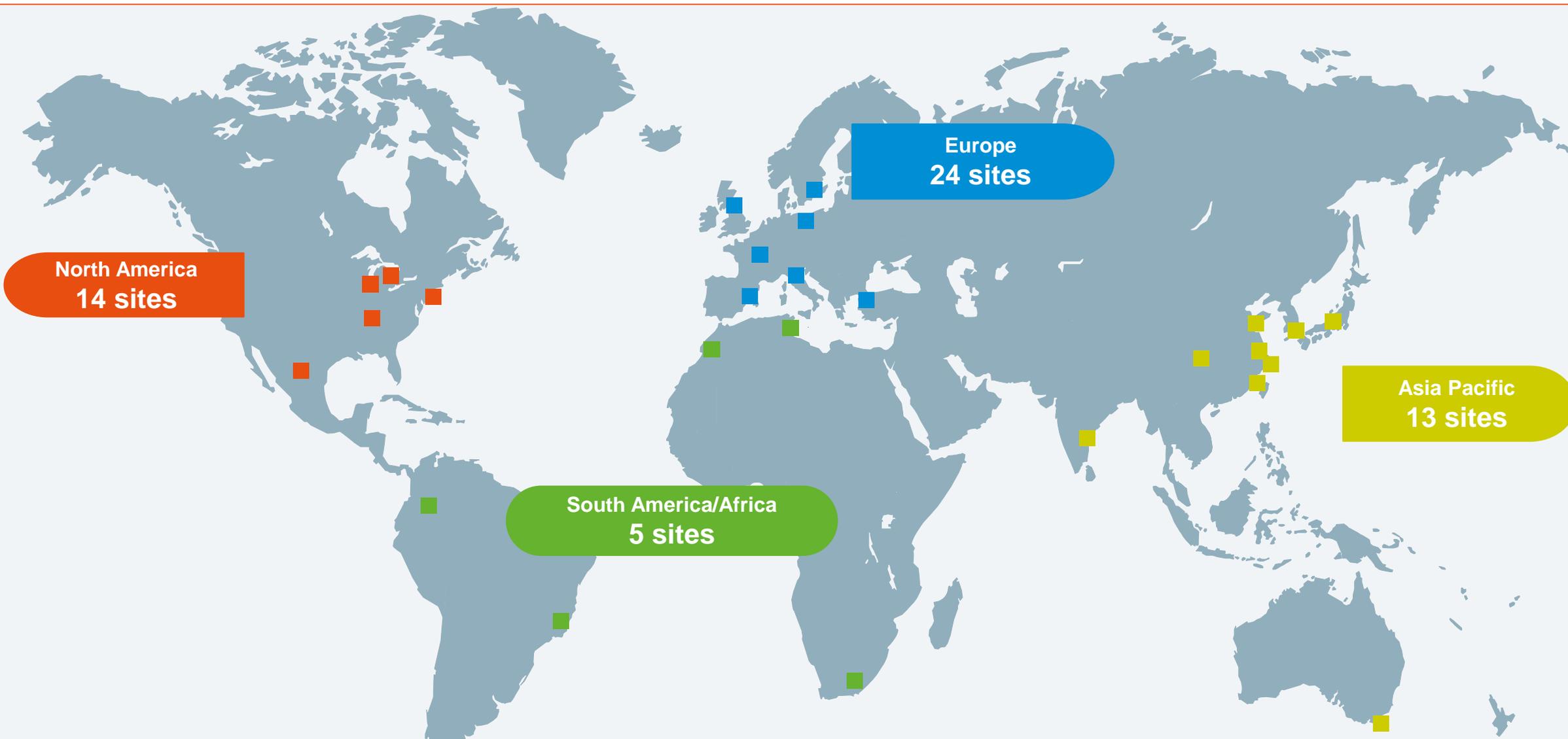


\*Operating cash flow after capital expenditure

# Strong position in sustainable development markets, key drivers for the future



# A global footprint, essential in the current context





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# H1 2020 Financial Performance

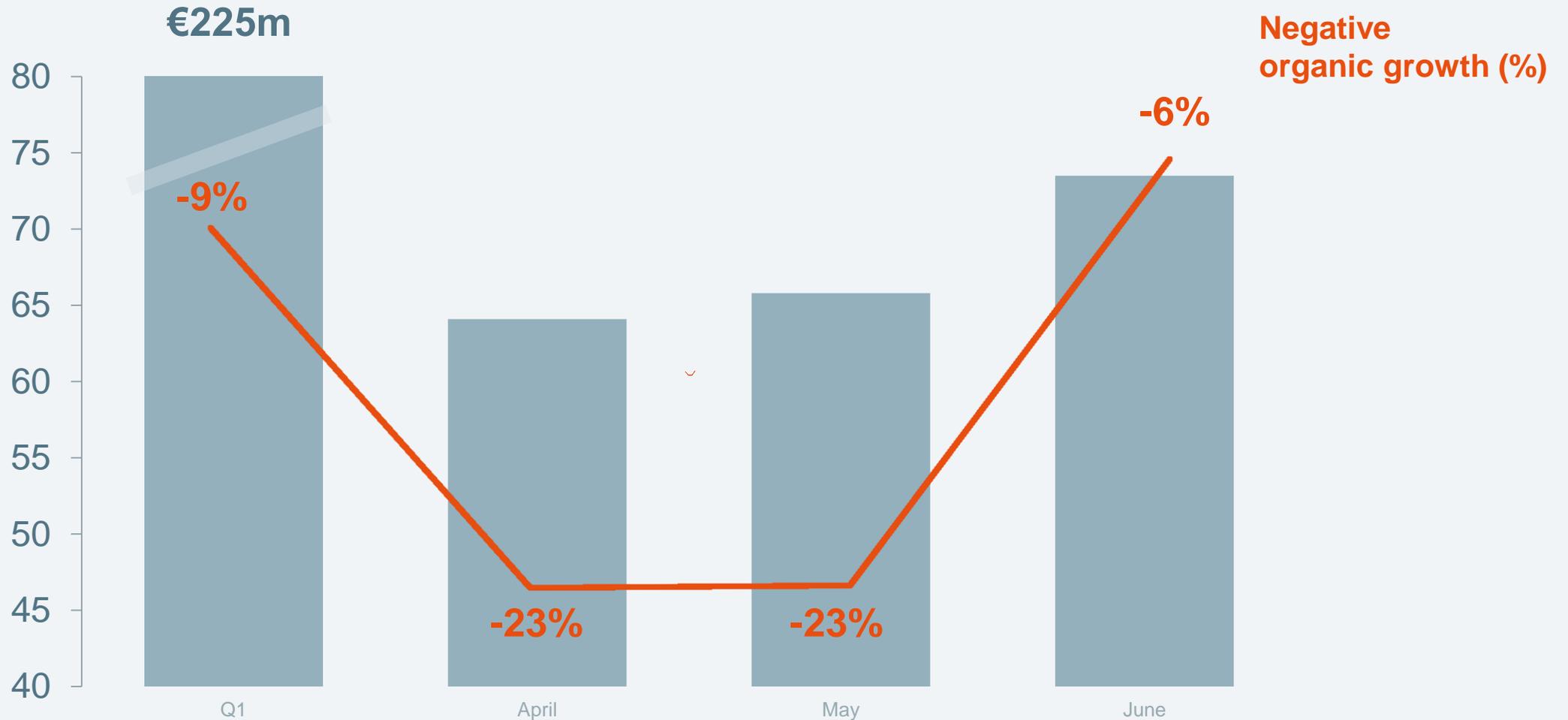
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# Particularly significant impact of Covid-19 in April and May

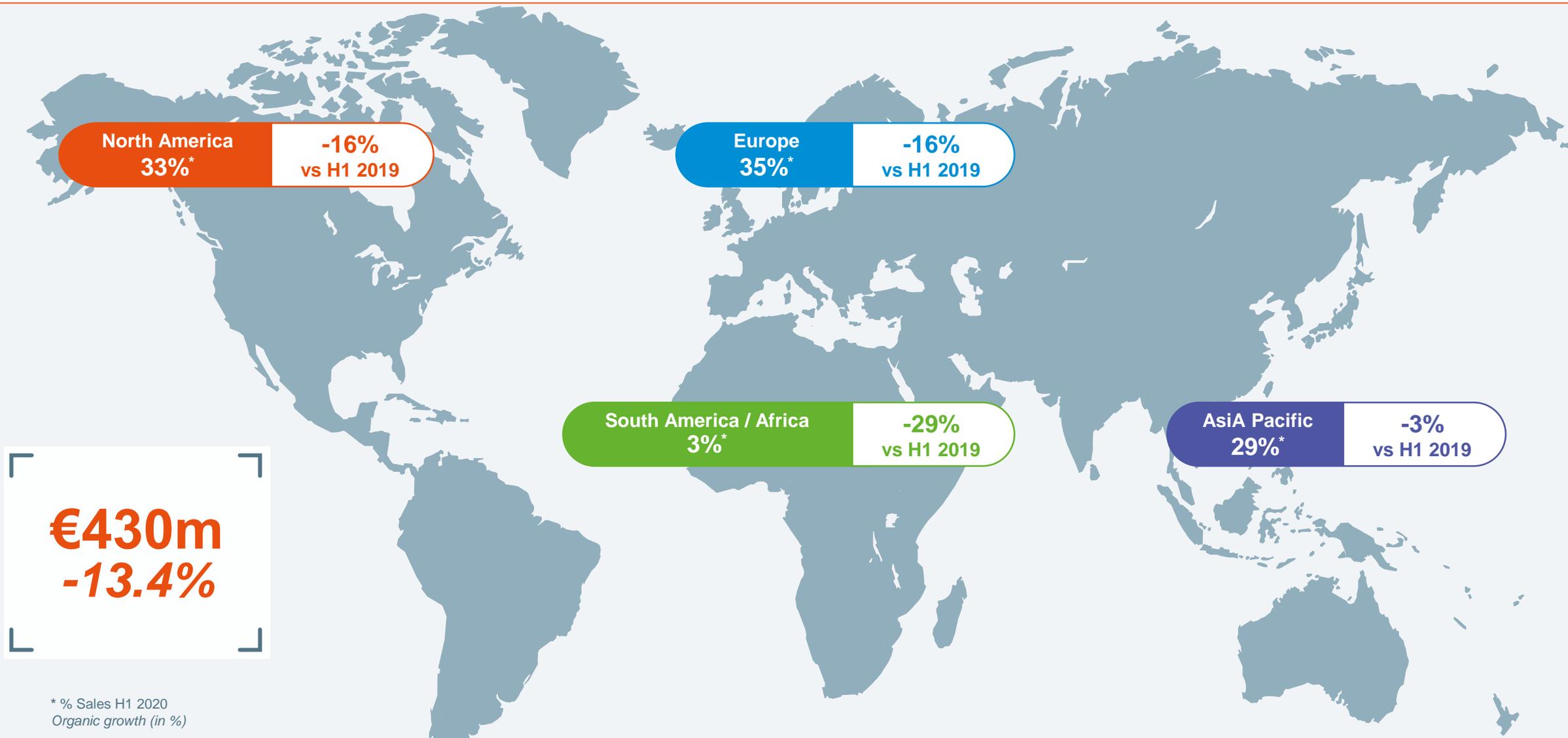
## Improvement in June

Sales  
in €m



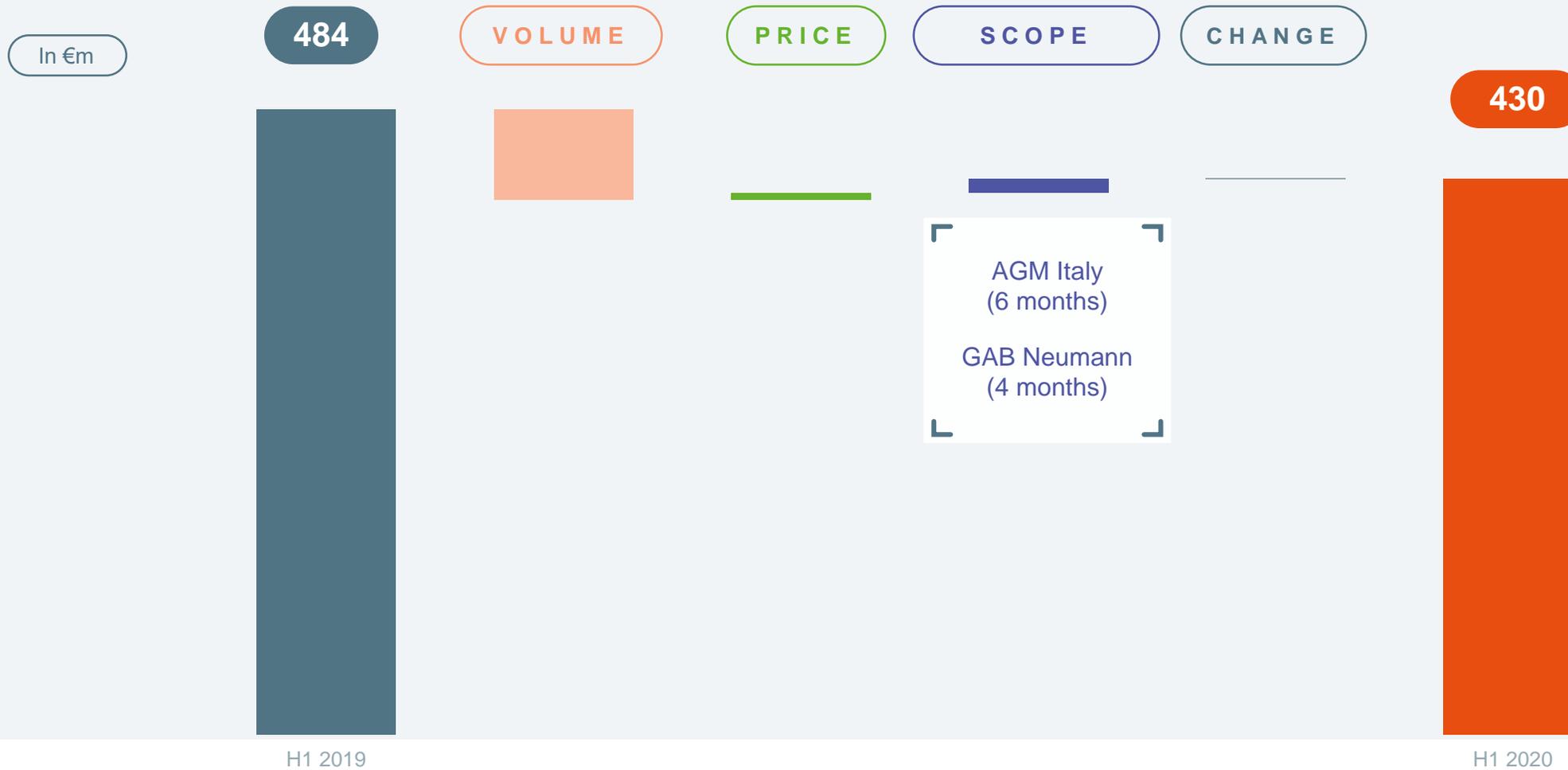
# H1 2020 Sales :

## High comparable base and Covid-19 impact



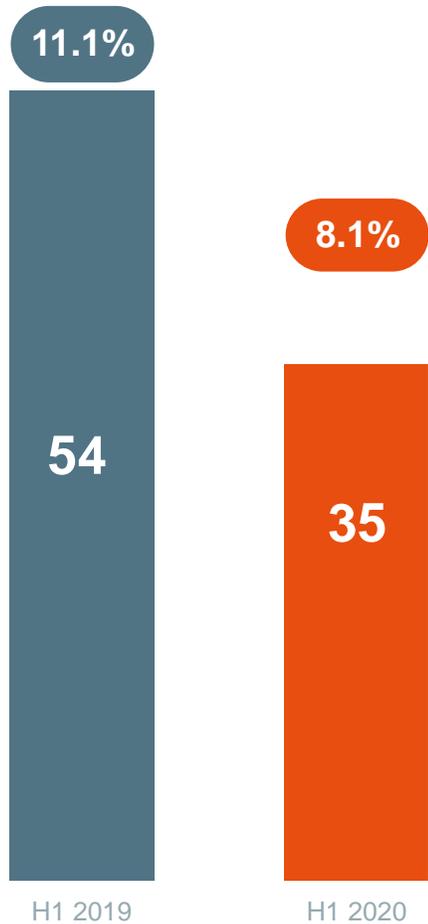
\* % Sales H1 2020  
Organic growth (in %)

# Slight positive impact from prices and scope



# A largely negative volume effect partly offset by cost flexibilization

Current Operating result in €m

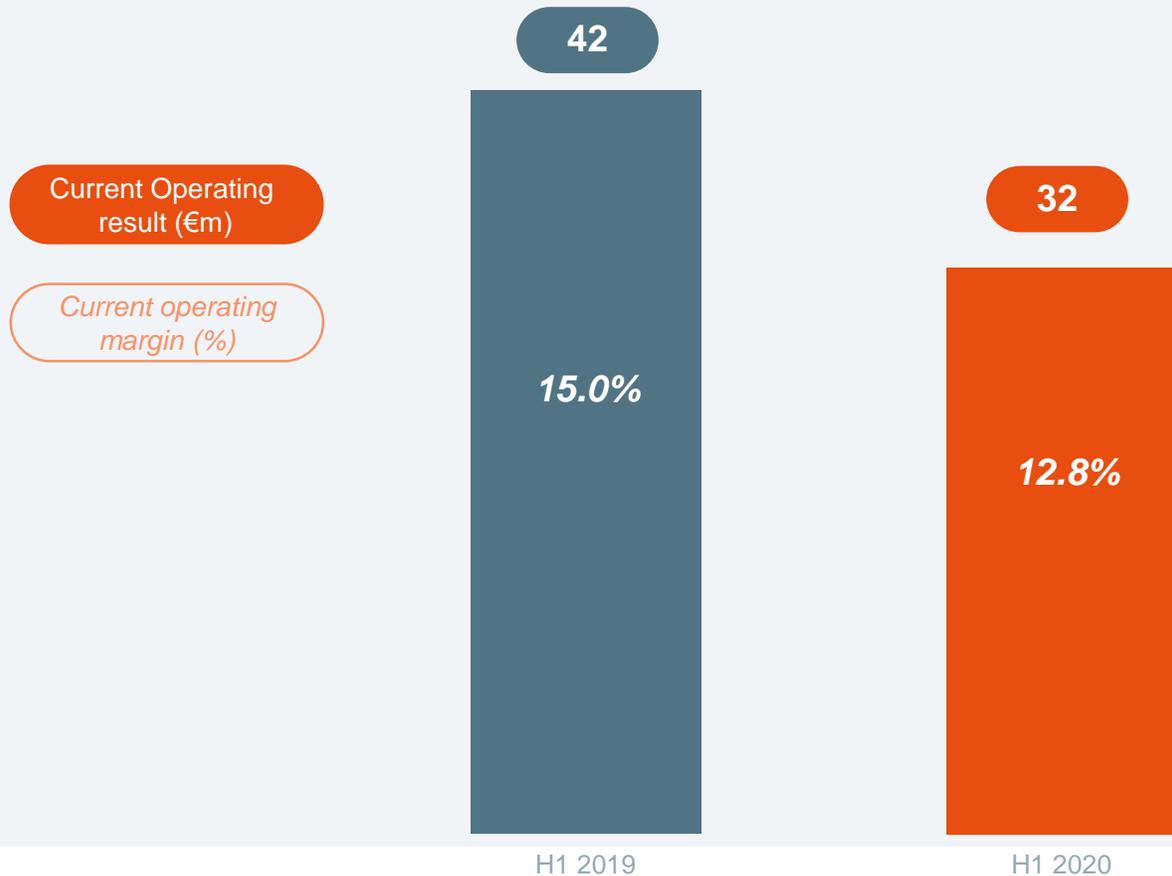


in %

<b>H1 2019 Current Operating margin</b>	<b>11.1%</b>
Volume effect	-5.3
Cost flexibilization	+1.3
Impact of productivity	+1.4
Cost inflation	-1.1
Impact of exchange rates, scope and other	+0.7
<b>H1 2020 Current Operating Margin</b>	<b>8.1%</b>

Price effect slightly positive  
 No mix effect  
 Stable raw material prices

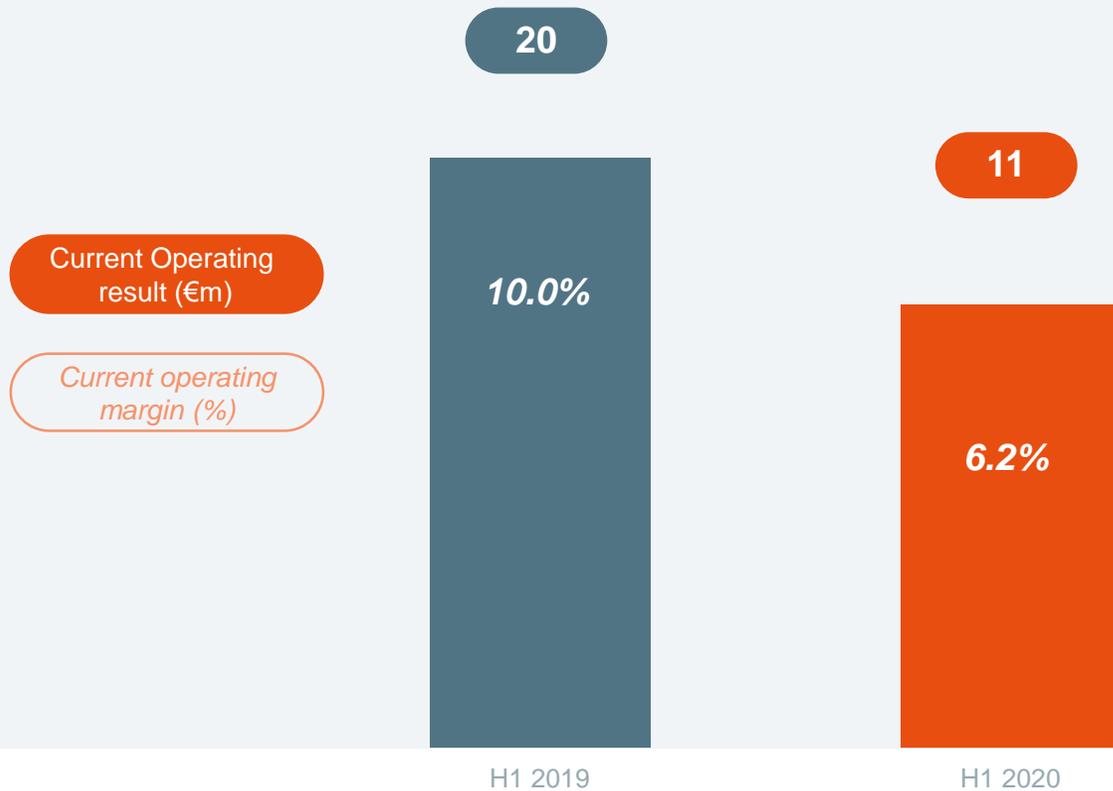
# Advanced Materials: good resilience despite a drop in volumes



- Major impact of decreasing volume (-14% organic decline in sales)
- Slight increase in prices
- High level of cost flexibility

**H1 2020 EBITDA: €50m  
20.2% of Sales**

# Electrical Power : profitability impacted by drop in volumes and unsubsidized temporary plant closures



- Major impact of decreasing volume (-12% organic decline in sales)
- Impact of the temporary closure of sites with no option for flexibilization (Mexico, Tunisia, India)
- R&D costs for Electric Vehicles

**H1 2020 EBITDA: €19m**  
**10.6% of Sales**

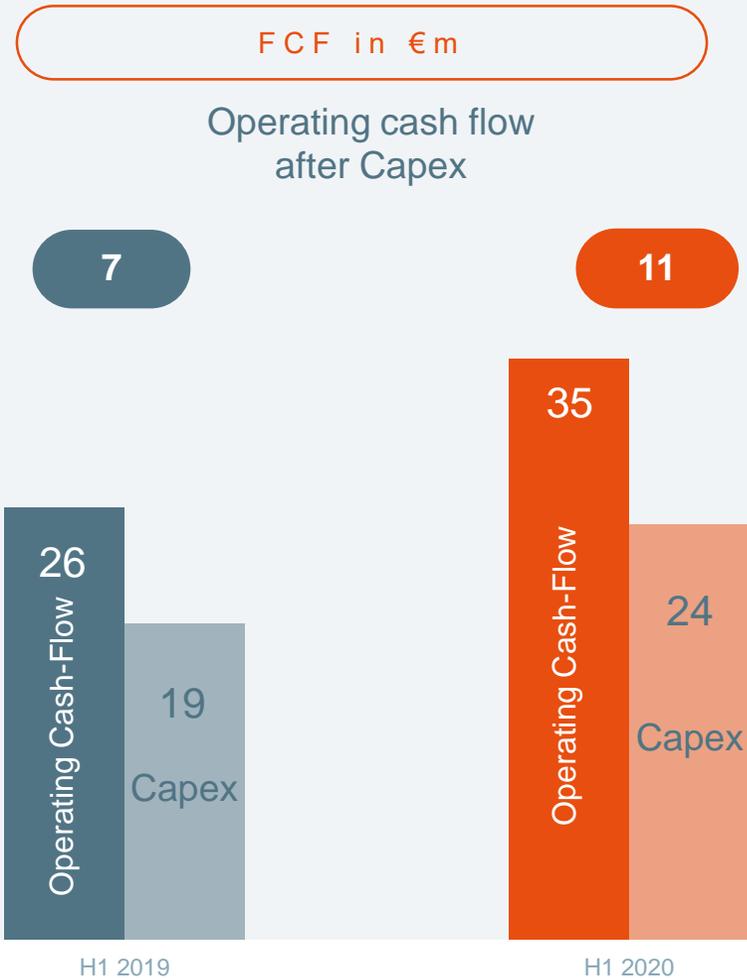
# Net income

in €m	H1 2019	H1 2020
<b>Current Operating Income</b>	<b>53.6</b>	<b>34.7</b>
Non-recurring income and expenses	(3.2)	(4.9)
Net financial income	(6.1)	(6.1)
Income tax	(10.6)	(5.9)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>33.7</b>	<b>17.8</b>
Attributable to owners of the parent	32.7	16.3

**Non-recurring expenses**  
Litigation and acquisition costs

**Effective tax rate**  
25% (24% in H1 2019)

# Higher cash flow generation than in H1 2019, in spite of the context



Seasonality always unfavourable in the first half of the year



### WCR: 28% of sales\*

Safety stock build-up  
Stable customer delays  
Increase in trade receivables (seasonality)

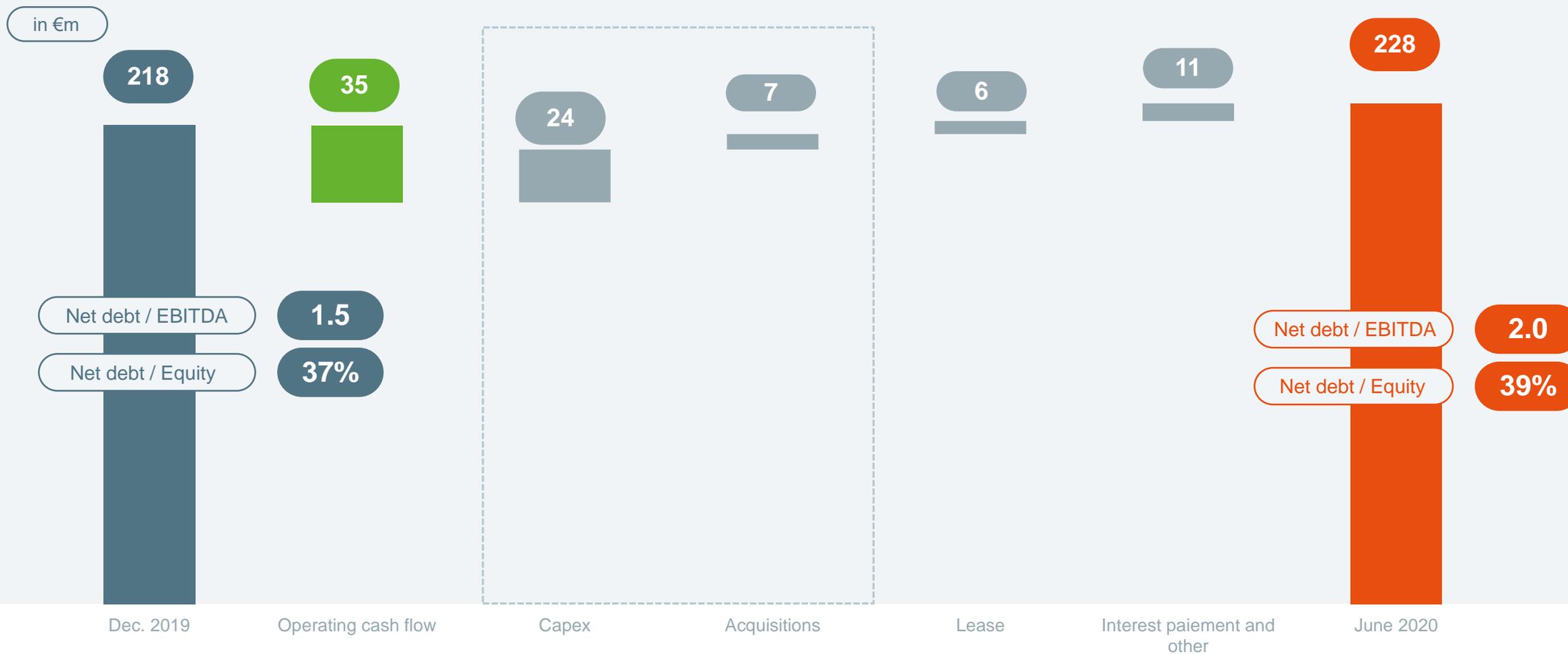


### Capex contained

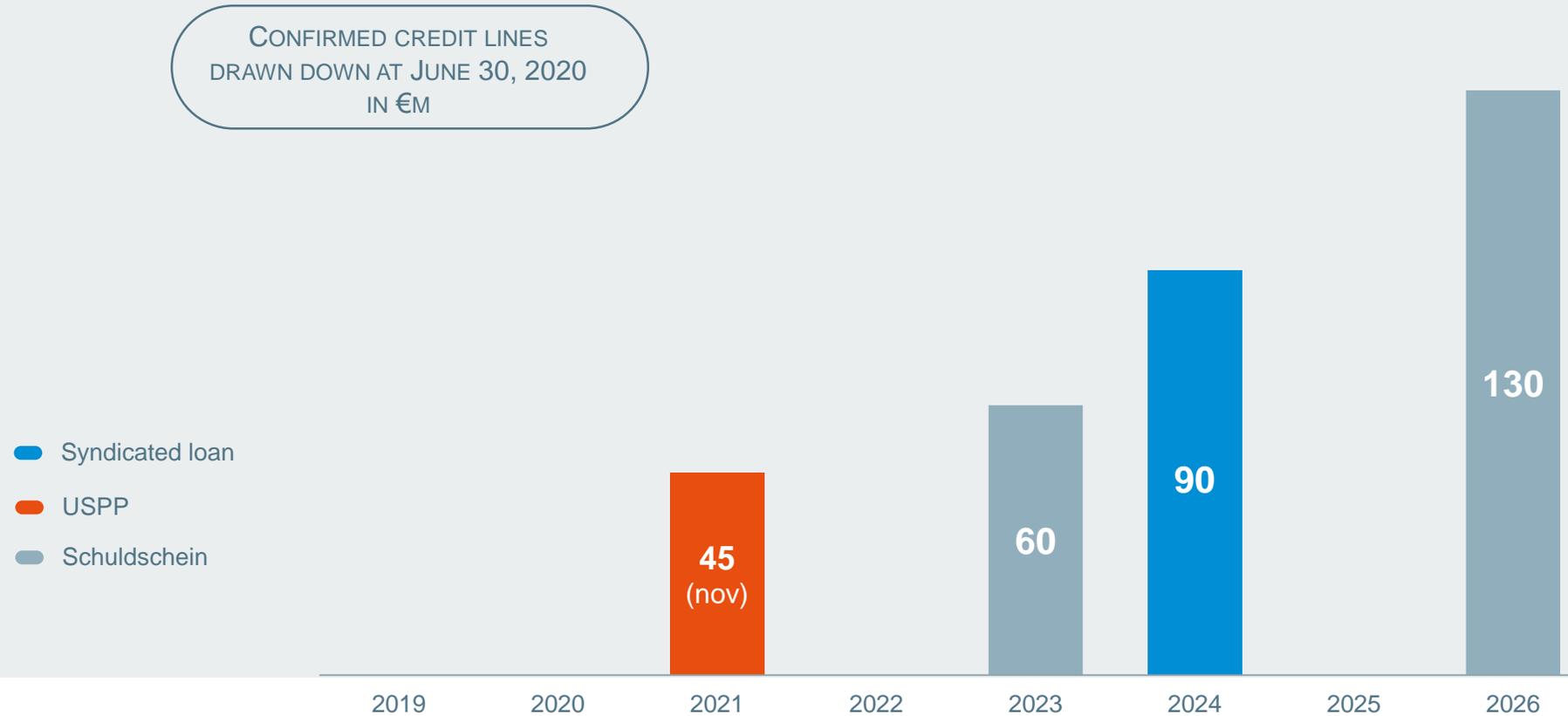
Slowdown of some projects due to the context.  
Continuation of the Columbia project (€9m)

\* Unfavourable calculation as it is based on 2nd quarter sales

# Strong financial leverage



# A solid balance sheet with a maturity of financing close to 4.5 years



**UNDRAWN CONFIRMED CREDIT LINES: €130M**  
**CASH AVAILABLE: €90M**



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## Challenges for 2020 and beyond

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# Operations adapted to deal with the crisis

- **Crisis management unit** set up from the first signs of the pandemic in China (January)
  - Including members of the Executive Committee and regional managers
  - Regular reporting to and consultation with the Board of Directors
- **Local management measures** to take into account local legislation and cultural aspects
  - Coordination with site managers in certain countries (United States, France, China)

**>55 industrial sites**

**35 countries**

# Concrete measures



## ■ Preserving human capital

- Furlough schemes (10% of headcount on average in April and May)
- “Use it or Lose it” for paid vacation time and time-off
- Voluntary waiver of free shares by senior management and voluntary pay cuts by CEO and Board
- Bonus for employees who ensured business continuity in France



## ■ Adapting costs

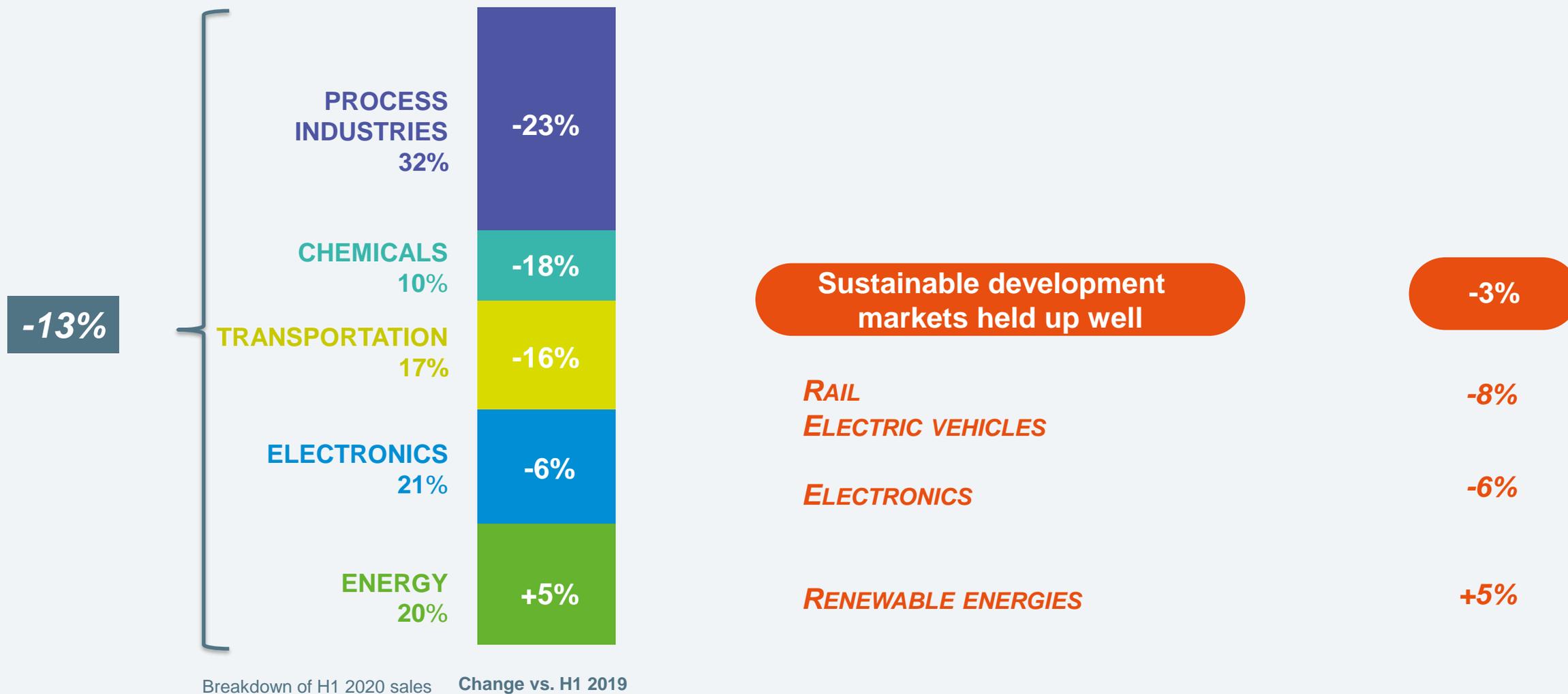
- Reduction in operating costs (travel, consulting, recruitment)
- Adaptation of production capacities ; little adaptation to the context necessary
- Additional costs linked to Covid-19: ~€2m (PPE, logistics)



## ■ Protecting cash flow

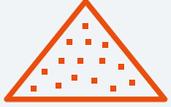
- Reduction in capex (-20% vs. initial planned budget)
- Cancellation of 2019 dividend
- Strict management of working capital (inventories and trade receivables)

# Consolidating of our position in sustainable development markets



# Pressing ahead with our roadmap in each segment

## *Advanced Materials*



### Developing our center of excellence in Columbia strengthened by the Americarb acquisition

#### ■ Americarb:

- Local production of felts for the semiconductor manufacturers in the US
- Reduction of the capex initially planned in Europe

#### ■ Graphite:

- Extruded: The first blocks being manufactured, ahead of schedule in the roadmap
- Isostatic: Current backdrop means planned investments have been pushed back

### Preparing for the future

#### ■ Semiconductor market

- Investments underway in Europe for flexible and rigid insulating felt solutions to meet demand in Europe and Asia.

#### ■ Asia: modernization of three plants to meet the needs (volume and range) of the solar and semiconductor markets

- Relocation to bigger, more modern facilities (high-tech processes for the electronics market)
- Increase in capacities for solar and semiconductors



# Pressing ahead with our roadmap in each segment

## *Electrical Power*



### Accelerating the integration of acquisitions

- FTCap: Win new markets for capacitors (underway)
- Idealec: Ramp-up in profitability (achieved)



### Ongoing review of our industrial efficiency

- Plan for a modern, integrated plant in Asia for the industrial, semiconductor and electric vehicle markets
- Analysis of industrial efficiency in Europe



### Preparing for the future

- EV: technical qualification process underway with car manufacturers
- Market launch of new products (high-performance cooling solutions, flexible busbars for batteries)

# Pressing ahead with our roadmap despite the major uncertainties that lie ahead

- **June: Negative organic growth in sales more contained (-6%)**
  - All sites now operational, with utilization rates adjusted to market demand
  - End of lockdown in most industrialized countries
  
- **But major uncertainties persist**
  - Lockdown/no lockdown (India, United States)
  - Changes in demand (process industries, chemicals)
  - Stimulus plans

# Beyond the crisis, prepare for 2021

- **Group roadmap: focus on the development of “green” markets with an efficient local production footprint**
  - Investments for the semiconductor and renewable energies markets
  - Modernization of production facilities to increase efficiency
  - Strengthening of local presence
- **Preparation of scenarios to take on 2021 under the best conditions**
  - Capex review
  - Analysis of how to adapt costs according to recovery scenario