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Dr. Markus Steilemann

Chief Executive Officer

Dr. Markus Steilemann has been Chief Executive Officer of Covestro since June 2018. His area of responsibility covers all commercial functions, including the three divisions Polyurethanes, Polycarbonates and Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties. In addition, central areas such as strategy, personnel and communications fall within his remit.

Born in Geilenkirchen, Germany in 1970, Steilemann graduated with a PhD in chemistry from RWTH Aachen University. He began his career with the Bayer Group in 1999. From 2008, Steilemann held various management positions in the Polycarbonates business unit at Bayer MaterialScience, the predecessor company of Covestro. Between 2013 and 2015, Steilemann headed the entire business unit headquartered in China, where he lived for several years.

Steilemann returned to Germany and joined the Covestro Board of Management in 2015 with responsibility for innovation. In addition to this role, he became head of the Polyurethanes business unit in the following year. From 2017 until his appointment as CEO, he was Chief Commercial Officer (CCO), responsible for innovation, marketing and sales.



Innovation and sustainability driving growth



Global leader in high-tech material solutions

1

Above GDP volume growth
driven by innovation and sustainability trends

2

More than half of sales generated by resilient businesses
as global leader in highly attractive niches

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Balanced supply and demand outlook
for all our businesses

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Leading innovation in materials and operations
and pushing boundaries in digitalization

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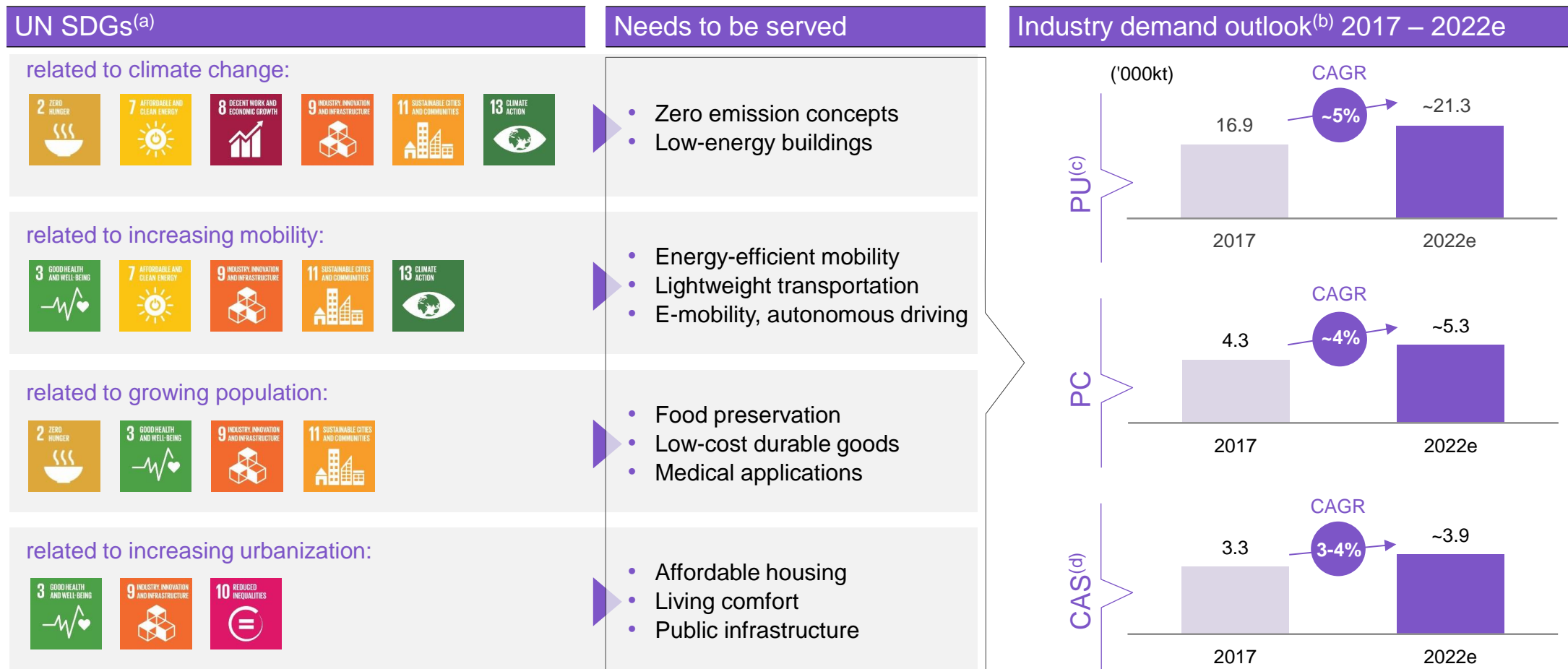
Non-financial targets support growth strategy
aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals

~4%

Average core
volume
growth per
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Higher global GDP expectation leads to higher industry growth



Structural growth above GDP driven by sustainability trends



Refrigeration: Gaining share in a strongly growing market



Lower energy consumption and higher consumer satisfaction

Trend	Need	Growth	Covestro contribution
<p data-bbox="193 487 450 560">Population & prosperity growth</p> 	<p data-bbox="700 448 1009 541">More and better cooling devices</p> 	<p data-bbox="1488 448 1731 527">Number of refrigerators^(a)</p> <p data-bbox="1488 556 1731 594">CAGR: ~3%</p> <p data-bbox="1488 637 1705 760">Refrigeration insulation foam^(b)</p> <p data-bbox="1488 789 1731 827">CAGR: ~8%</p> <p data-bbox="1488 870 1705 949">Covestro in 2015-2017</p> <p data-bbox="1488 978 1731 1016">CAGR: 12%</p>	<p data-bbox="1823 448 2158 570">Raw materials for particularly effective insulating foams</p> <ul data-bbox="1823 599 2287 978" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1823 599 2287 716">• 40% smaller pores allow up to 10% better insulation<li data-bbox="1823 745 2287 832">• Support refrigerators with higher energy efficiency<li data-bbox="1823 861 2287 978">• Less material cost and higher production speed

Auto: Benefitting from E-vehicles and autonomous driving

Significant outperformance of car industry growth





Trend	Need	Market	Covestro contribution
<p data-bbox="244 487 399 560">Increasing mobility</p> 	<p data-bbox="700 444 1378 546">Reduced weight, increased comfort and freedom of design</p> 	<p data-bbox="1488 444 1700 531">Global car production^(a)</p> <p data-bbox="1488 546 1725 596">CAGR: ~3%</p> <p data-bbox="1488 633 1764 764">Global hybrid and electrical car production^(a)</p> <p data-bbox="1488 778 1751 829">CAGR: ~25%</p> <p data-bbox="1488 866 1725 953">Relevant car applications^(a)</p> <p data-bbox="1488 968 1725 1019">CAGR: ~5%</p> <p data-bbox="1488 1055 1674 1142">Covestro 2015-2017</p> <p data-bbox="1488 1157 1725 1208">CAGR: ~7%</p>	<p data-bbox="1818 444 2176 531">Pioneering all-around material concept</p> <ul data-bbox="1818 546 2266 1142" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="1818 546 2266 691">• Efficient thermal management to reduce energy demand<li data-bbox="1818 706 2266 837">• New lighting functions revolutionize design and safety<li data-bbox="1818 851 2266 939">• Most stringent weight reductions<li data-bbox="1818 953 2266 1142">• Attractive alternatives to conventional materials: polymers to replace glass and metal

Wind power: Substitution drives growth

Novel materials replacing existing solutions



Trend	Need	Growth	Covestro contribution
 <p>Climate change</p>	<p>More durable and economical wind power plants</p> 	<p>Energy consumption^(a) CAGR: ~3%</p> <p>Offshore wind energy^(b) CAGR: ~19%</p> <p>Covestro in 2015-2017 CAGR: 29%</p>	<p>Novel components for wind power plants</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rotor blades: polyurethane resins for more stability and durability, to replace epoxy resins• Towers: polyurethane materials for anti-corrosion coatings• Sea cables: elastomers for protection systems

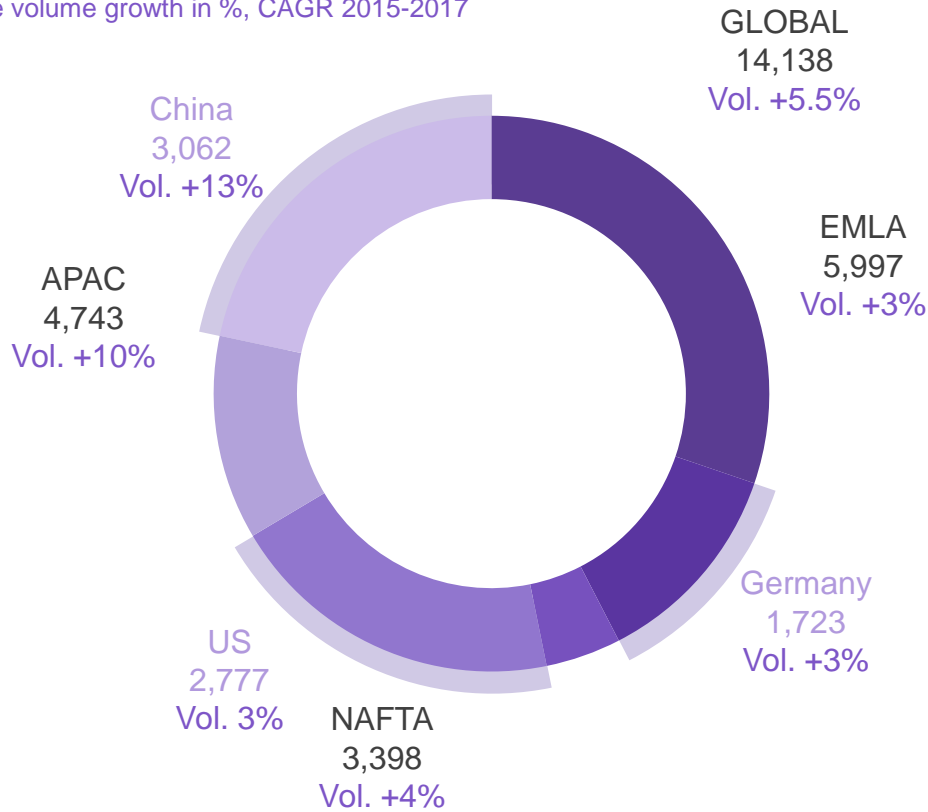
Strong growth track record

Broad-based core volume growth of +5.5% CAGR in 2015-2017



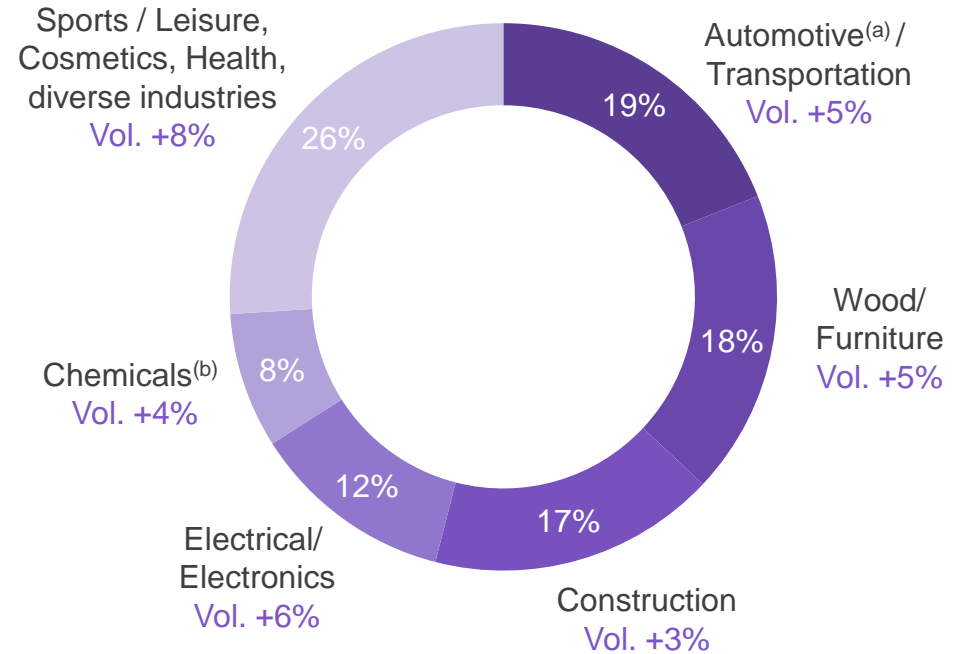
Sales split by regions

2017 Group sales in € million
Core volume growth in %, CAGR 2015-2017



Sales split by end-market

% of 2017 Group sales
Core volume growth in %, CAGR 2015-2017



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Group sales in
resilient
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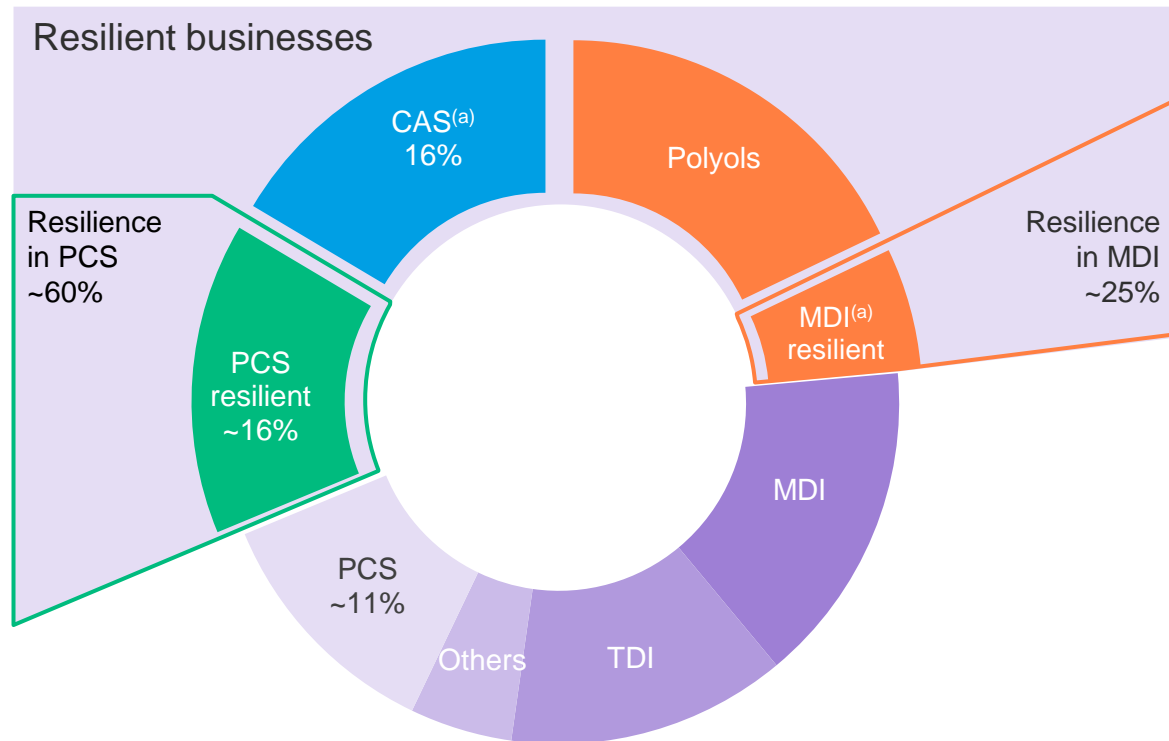
Over 50% of sales generated with resilient businesses

Resilient business contains highly differentiated products



Sales by segments

% of 2017 Group sales



Highlights

- Resilient portion of **PCS** business is driven by high-end industry applications e.g. automotive, electrical, healthcare
- **CAS** business is resilient in sales and earnings due to characteristics of niche ingredient chemicals
- **Polyols** business is resilient in sales and earnings as demonstrated over the last decade
- Resilient portion of **MDI** business consists of special grades for downstream products requiring formulation know-how and customer interaction along the value chain

CAS: Stable margins driven by differentiated product portfolio

Enabling high performance



#1

Producer of aliphatic isocyanates and PUD^(a)

€2.3bn

Sales 2017^(b)

20.9%

EBITDA margin 2017^(b)

16%

of total Covestro sales 2017^(b)



Ingredients for **surface coatings**



Ingredients for **adhesives and sealants**



Ingredients for **specialties**

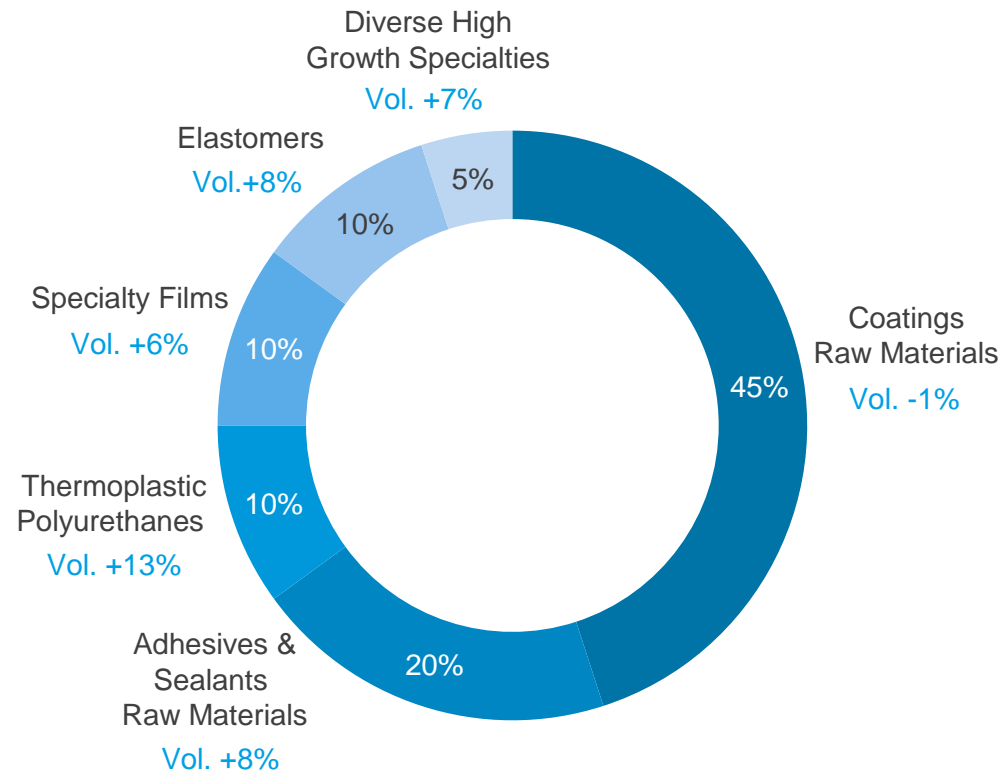
CAS demonstrated solid underlying growth of ~4% p.a.

Driven by High Growth Specialties businesses



CAS sales split by businesses

Covestro sales share FY 2017^(a), rounded
Core volume growth, CAGR 2015-2017



Highlights

- Adjusted core volume growth of 3.7% CAGR in 2015-2017^(a)
- Growth driven by all businesses but coatings
- High Growth Specialties businesses generate ~35% of sales: Thermoplastic Polyurethanes (TPU), Specialty Films and Elastomers
- Coatings Raw Materials businesses burdened by weak end markets like marine, oil and gas as well as refinishing

TPU: Leading supplier for high-performance resins

Core volume growth of 13% (CAGR 2015-2017)



Thermoplastic Polyurethanes (TPU) highlights

#3

Producer of Thermoplastic Polyurethanes

~6%

Market growth CAGR 2017-2022e^(a)

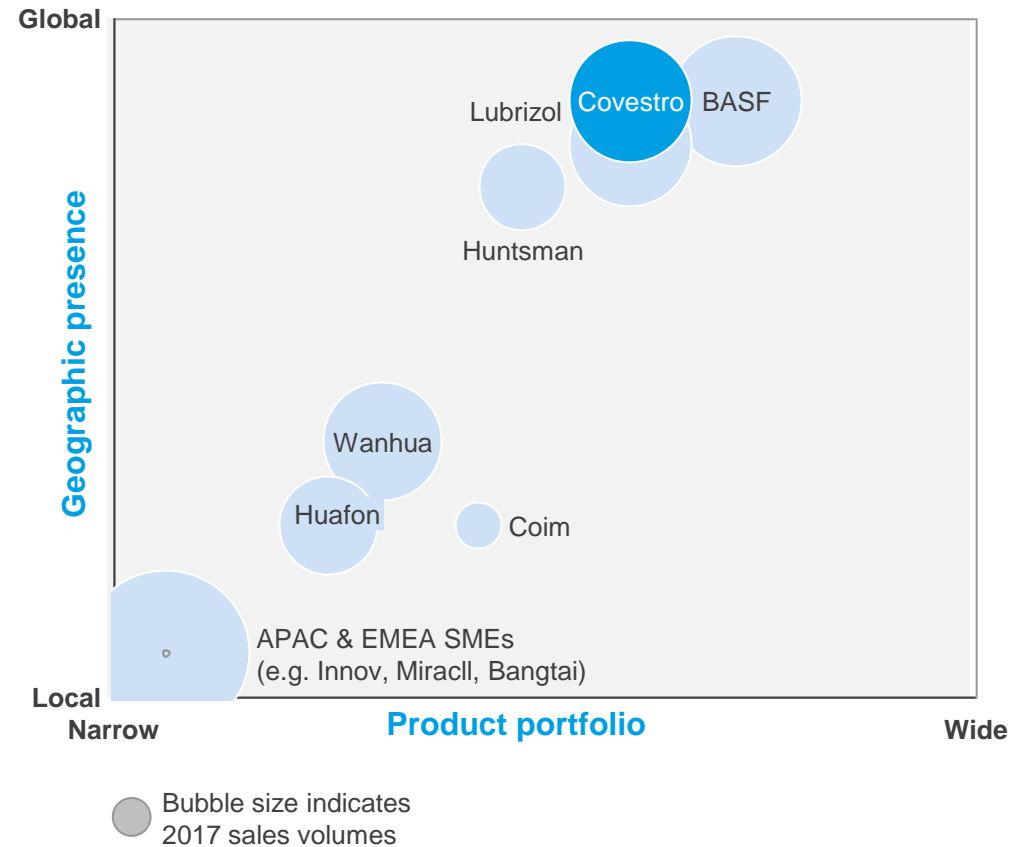
~10%

of total CAS sales 2017

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Production facilities globally^(b)

Competitive landscape of key TPU producers in 2017



Specialty Films: Leading solution provider for PC- & TPU-films



Core volume growth of 6% (CAGR 2015-2017)

Specialty Films highlights

#1 or #2

Producer of PC- and TPU-films, depending on region

6-7%

Market growth CAGR 2017-2022e^(a)

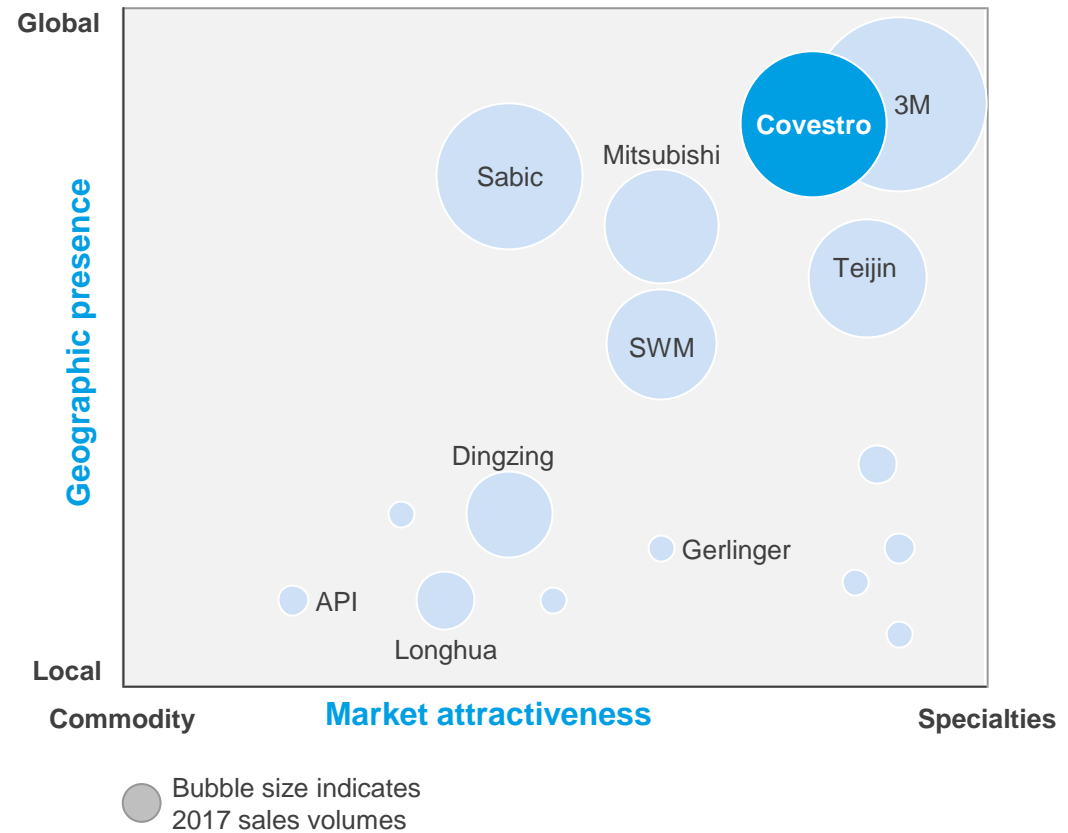
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of total CAS sales 2017

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Production facilities globally

Competitive landscape of key films producers in 2017^(a)



Elastomers: Leading supplier for PU cast elastomer systems



Core volume growth of 8% (CAGR 2015-2017)

Elastomers highlights

#2

Producer of PU elastomer systems

3-4%

Market growth CAGR 2017-2022e^(a)

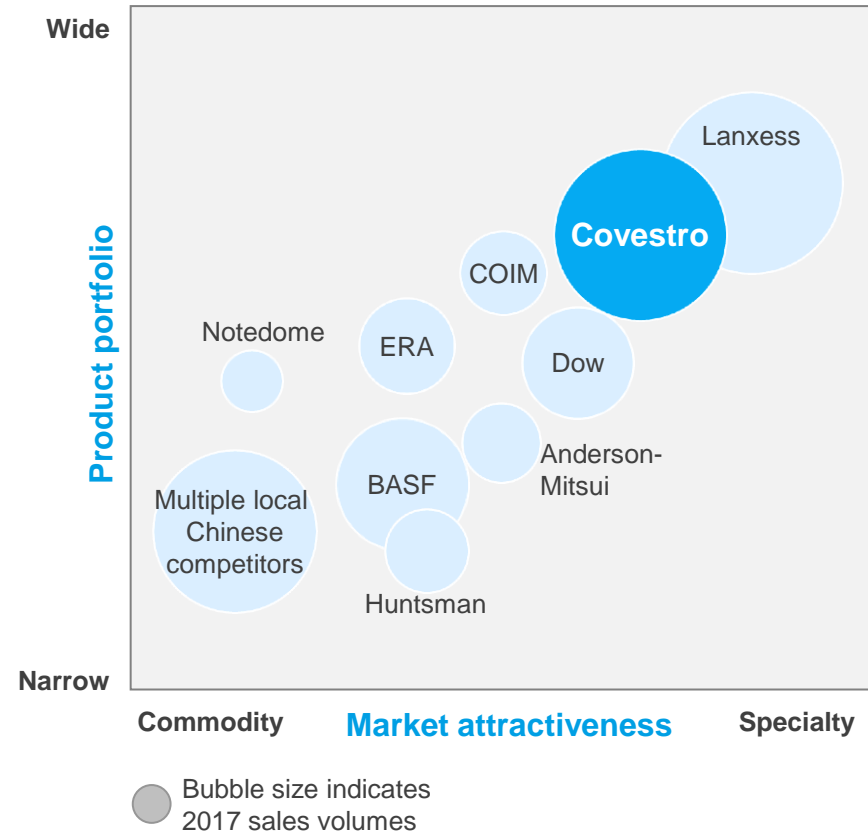
~10%

of total CAS sales 2017

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Production sites globally

Competitive landscape of PU elastomer producers in 2017^(a)



PCS: Strategic focus on increasing resilience

Global leading producer of polycarbonates



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Producer of
PC globally^(a)

€3.7bn

Sales
2017

22.8%

EBITDA margin
2017

26%

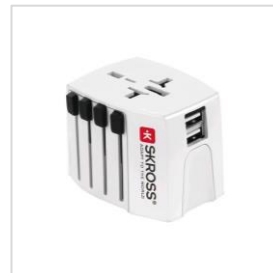
of total Covestro
sales 2017



Mobility
Exterior



Electronics
Robot housing



Consumer electronics
Adapter



Electrical
LED street lamp



Mobility
Charging station



Healthcare
Drug delivery

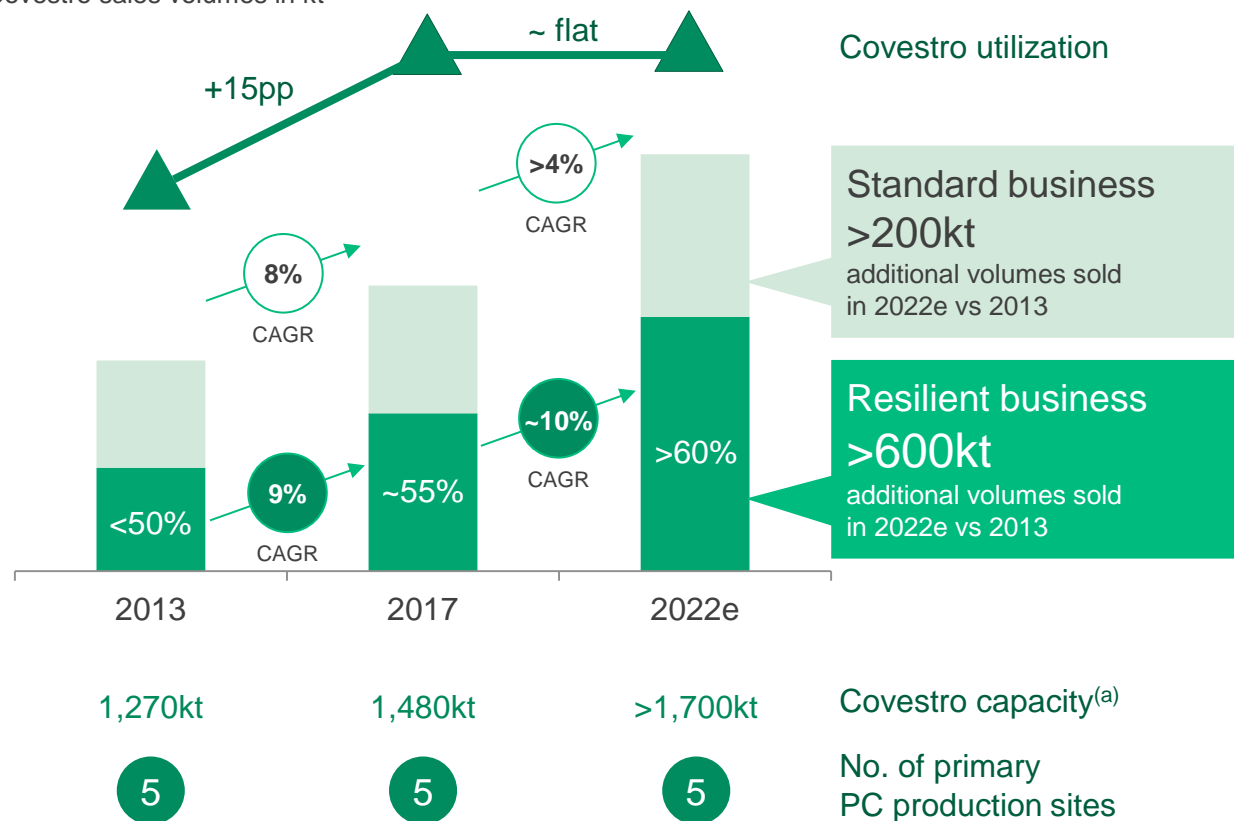
Growing share of resilient business

Covestro targets to outgrow PC industry in differentiated business



Development of resilient portion of PCS volumes

Covestro sales volumes in kt



Covestro highlights

Product portfolio improvement

- Goal to increase resilient portion of PC volumes to 65% long term
- Capacity growth and increasing share of resilient business result in significantly higher volumes in differentiated, high-requirement applications
- Structural improvement of average contribution margin

Higher asset utilization

- Volume leverage through significant improvement of capacity utilization by ~15 percentage points
- Significantly higher output from unchanged number of primary production sites

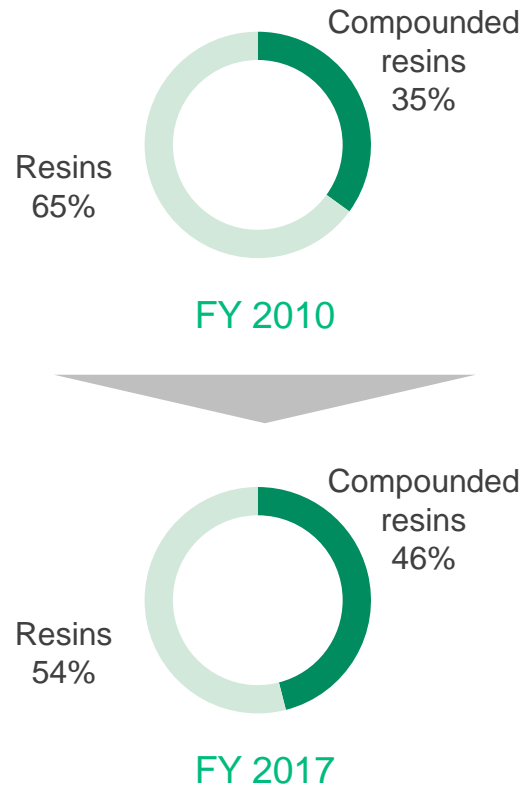
Growing share of compounded resins



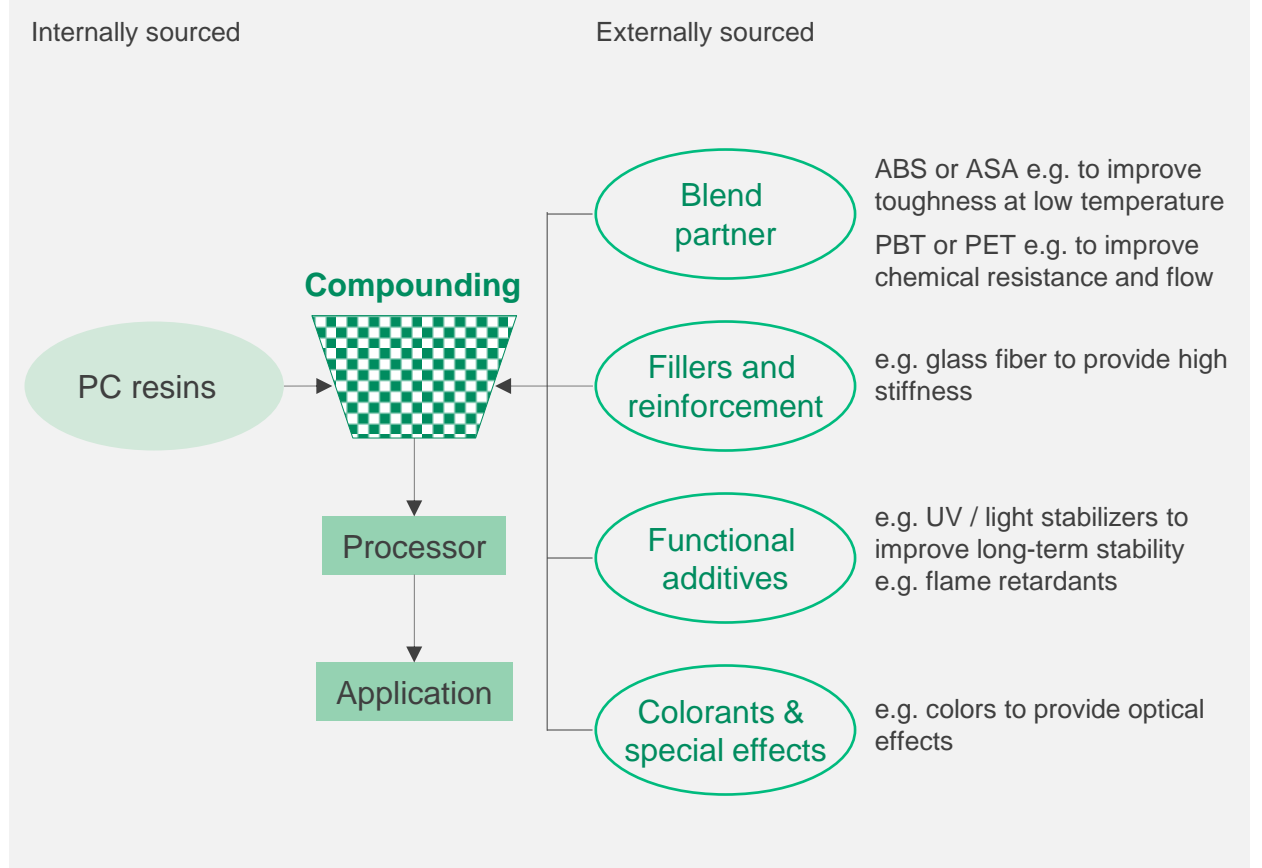
Formulations with tailored property profiles and significant added value for customers

Share of compounded resins

PCS sales split by product group



Concept of compounding



1000+ grades position Covestro with broadest offering

Covestro leads through innovations



Breadth of PC product offering by Covestro and key competitors across end markets^(a)

	Covestro (D)	SABIC (KSA)	MEP (JP)	Teijin (JP)	Lotte (KR)	Trinseo (US)	Kingfa ^(b) (PRC)	Zhetie ^(c) (PRC)
Mobility	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Healthcare	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Electrical	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Electronics	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Appliances	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Consumer products	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Construction	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Optical data storage	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Water bottles	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

● Broad offerings
 ● Medium offering
 ● Limited to No offering

Highlights

- Covestro has broadest product portfolio and continues to expand, especially in the resilient part
- PC is an innovation-driven industry and Covestro has largest innovation budget in industry^(a)
- Differentiation increases earnings resilience and independence of single customer industry cycles
- Differentiation lowers exposure to new potential industry players with often limited product offerings of few low-end grades

PUR: Almost half of sales in resilient businesses

Inventor of and leader in polyurethanes



#1

PU producer globally^(a)

€7.4bn

Sales
2017^(b)

29.5%

EBITDA margin
2017^(b)

52%

of total Covestro
sales 2017^(b)



Cold Chain
e.g. refrigerator



Construction
e.g. metal panel



Cost leadership
e.g. process
technology



Comfort
e.g. furniture
upholstery



Automotive
e.g. instrument
panel



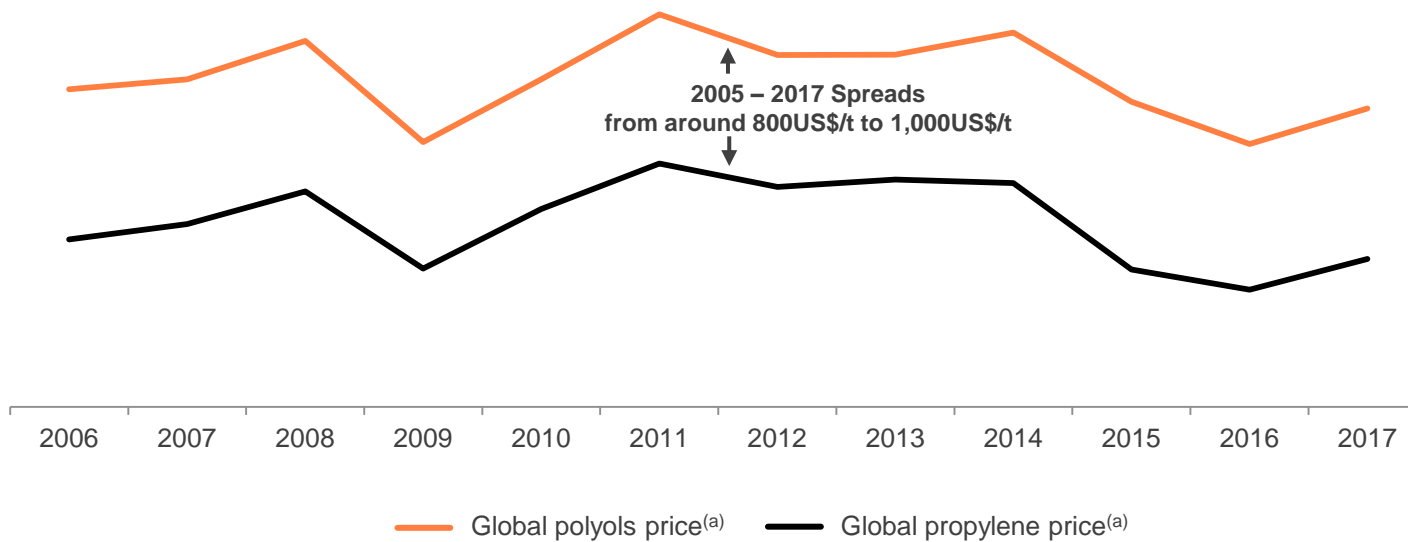
Sustainability
e.g. CO₂-based
polyether polyols

Polyether polyols demonstrate inherently stable margins

Resilience of polyether polyols business confirmed in 2017



Spread development



Highlights

- Resilient industry margins over the last decade reflective of overall Covestro polyether polyols profitability
- Single capacity addition with little influence on supply and demand dynamics
- Spreads not materially impacted by high volatility of propylene prices, particularly during the financial crisis
- Propylene oxide supply and demand dynamics create local pricing opportunities in the short term

Resilient portion of MDI business accounts for ~25% of sales



Consistently higher earnings than standard grades

Resilient MDI applications^(a)

Resilient share of MDI volumes has ~20% higher gross margin (2006-2017 average)

Joint sales of polyols and MDI

e.g. CASE^(b), automotive, construction, appliance

Specialty or downstream products

e.g. selected MDI grades (pre-polymers, blends, monomeric)

Formulations as market access requirement

e.g. automotive, appliances

Strong interaction with customers along value chain

joint projects for e.g. window frames, wind mills

Large-scale innovation

- Focus on three large-scale innovation hubs in Pittsburgh, Leverkusen and Shanghai
 - Formulation know-how and tailor-made systems
 - Full scope of application development
 - Cost-efficient business structures
- Centralized systems hubs in Europe and North America benefit from economies of scale and cost-efficient feed from world-scale MDI and polyether polyols assets
- Systems business in Middle East and APAC handled by local system houses

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Solid overall
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Group sales in
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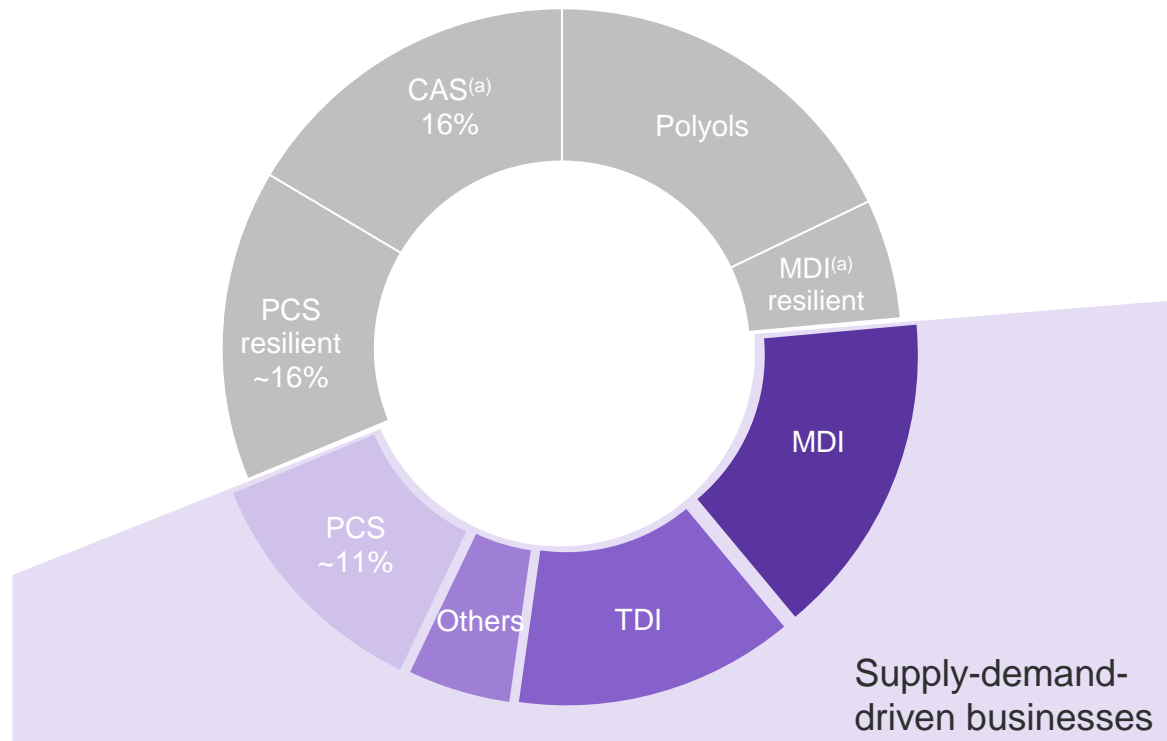
Less than 50% of sales are supply and demand driven

Normal global GDP growth to support a balanced outlook



Sales by segments

% of 2017 Group sales



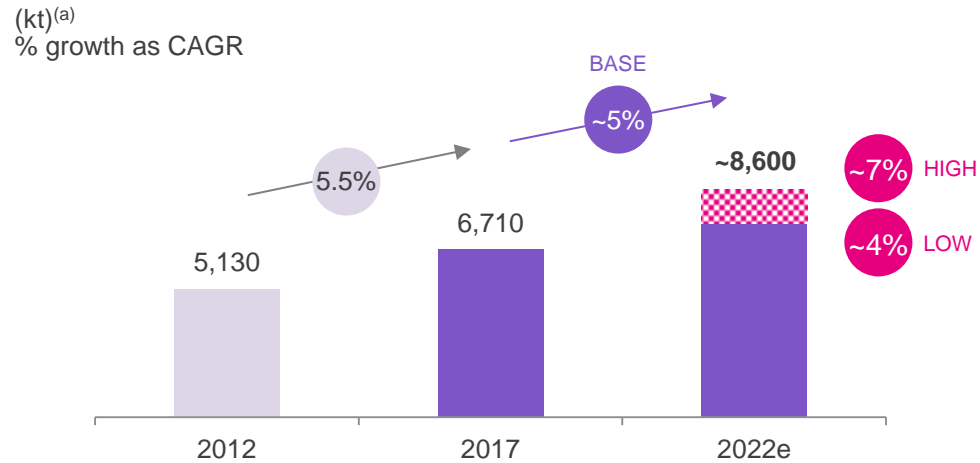
Highlights

- **TDI** industry expected to rebalance to a normal supply and demand situation, fly-up margin expected to fade away short term
- **MDI** industry supply and demand expected to remain balanced
- **PC** industry supply and demand expected to remain balanced mid term

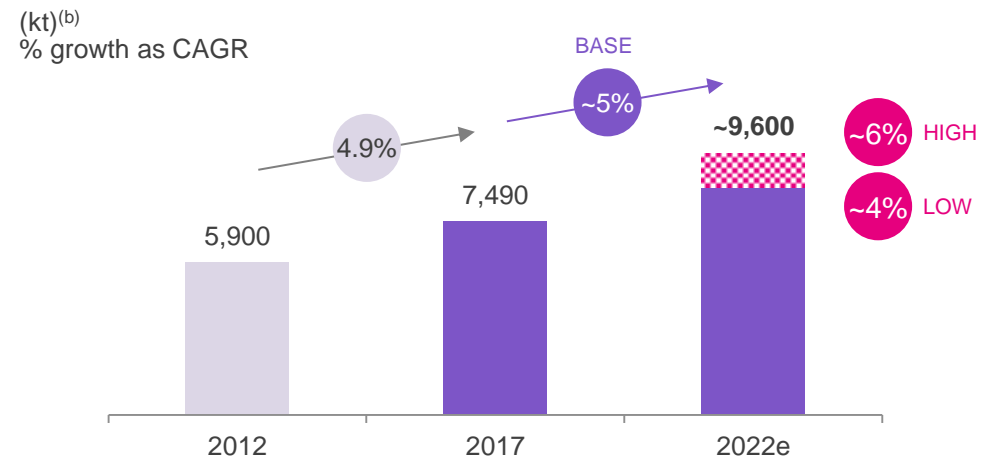
MDI industry supply and demand to remain balanced

Above GDP demand growth supports solid industry utilization

MDI demand development (2012 – 2022e)



MDI supply development (2012 – 2022e)



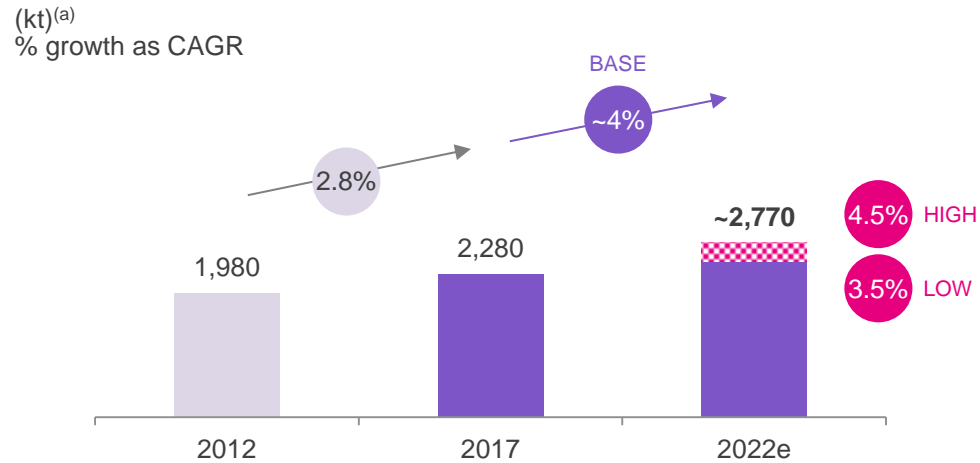
Industry highlights

- Budgeted demand growth of ~5% may be conservative given strong demand trends
- Demand growth of 7% (high case) would require two additional world-scale plants compared to base case
- Structurally sound demand for the foreseeable future, driven by solid GDP growth and substitution trend
- Major additions expected until 2022e: BASF, Covestro, Dow/Sadara, SLIC and Wanhua

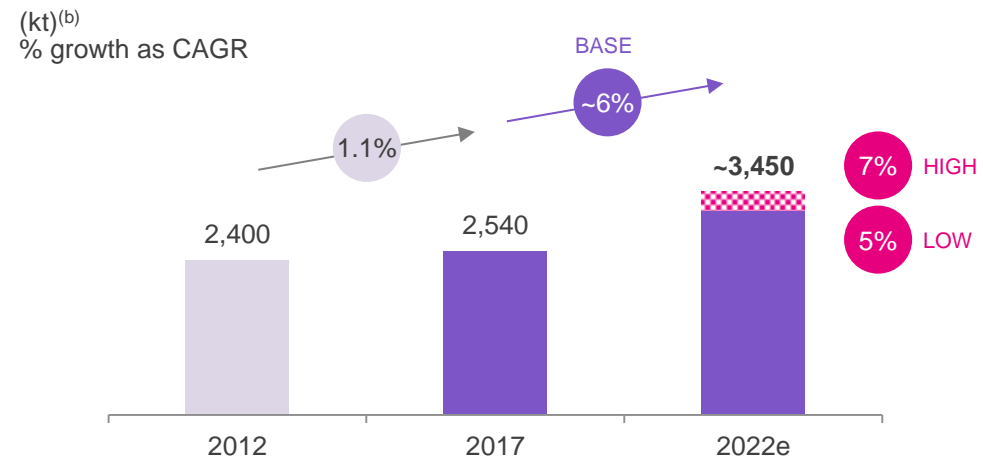
TDI supply additions to rebalance industry

Moving to a balanced industry with fly-up margin expected to fade away short term

TDI demand development (2012 – 2022e)



TDI supply development (2012 – 2022e)



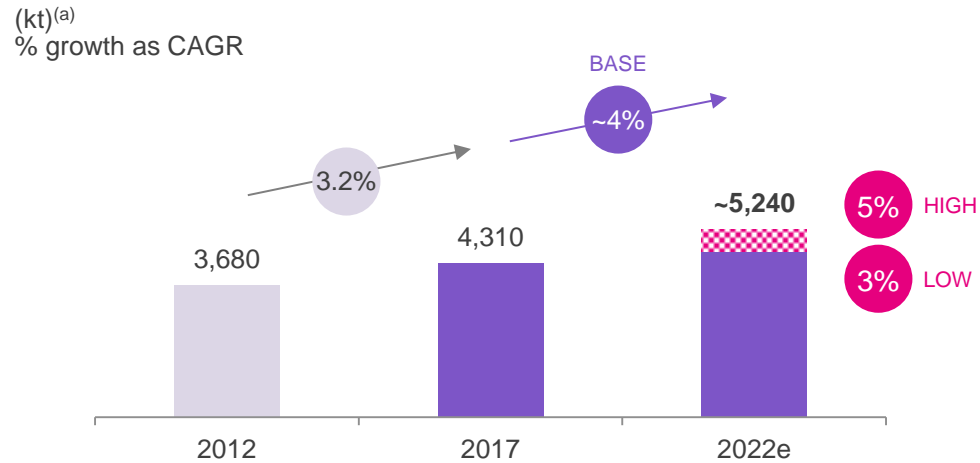
Industry highlights

- Demand growth of ~4% may be conservative in light of 4.4% actual growth in 2017
- TDI margins currently above long-term average due to delayed start-up of major investments
- Margins expected to normalize mid 2018 based on new world-scale capacities
- Major additions expected until 2022e: BASF, Dow/Sadara, Wanhua
- Possible industry consolidation in APAC

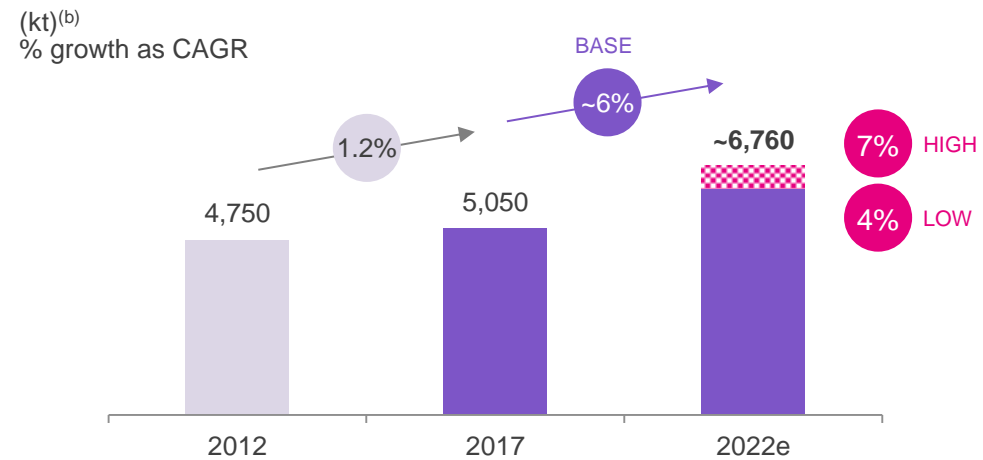
PC industry supply and demand to remain balanced mid term

Capacity additions announced for end of forecasting period with high uncertainties

PC demand development (2012 – 2022e)



PC supply development (2012 – 2022e)



Industry highlights

- Electric mobility and autonomous driving could accelerate demand growth above base case
- Major additions expected until 2022e: Covestro, Heng Yuan, Lotte, Luxi, Ningbo Zhetie Dafeng, SABIC-Sinopec, Wanhua, ZPC
- Supply CAGR at 4-5% in 2017-2022e provided that announced capacity additions for 2022 would not materialize
- New industry players likely to penetrate low-end applications

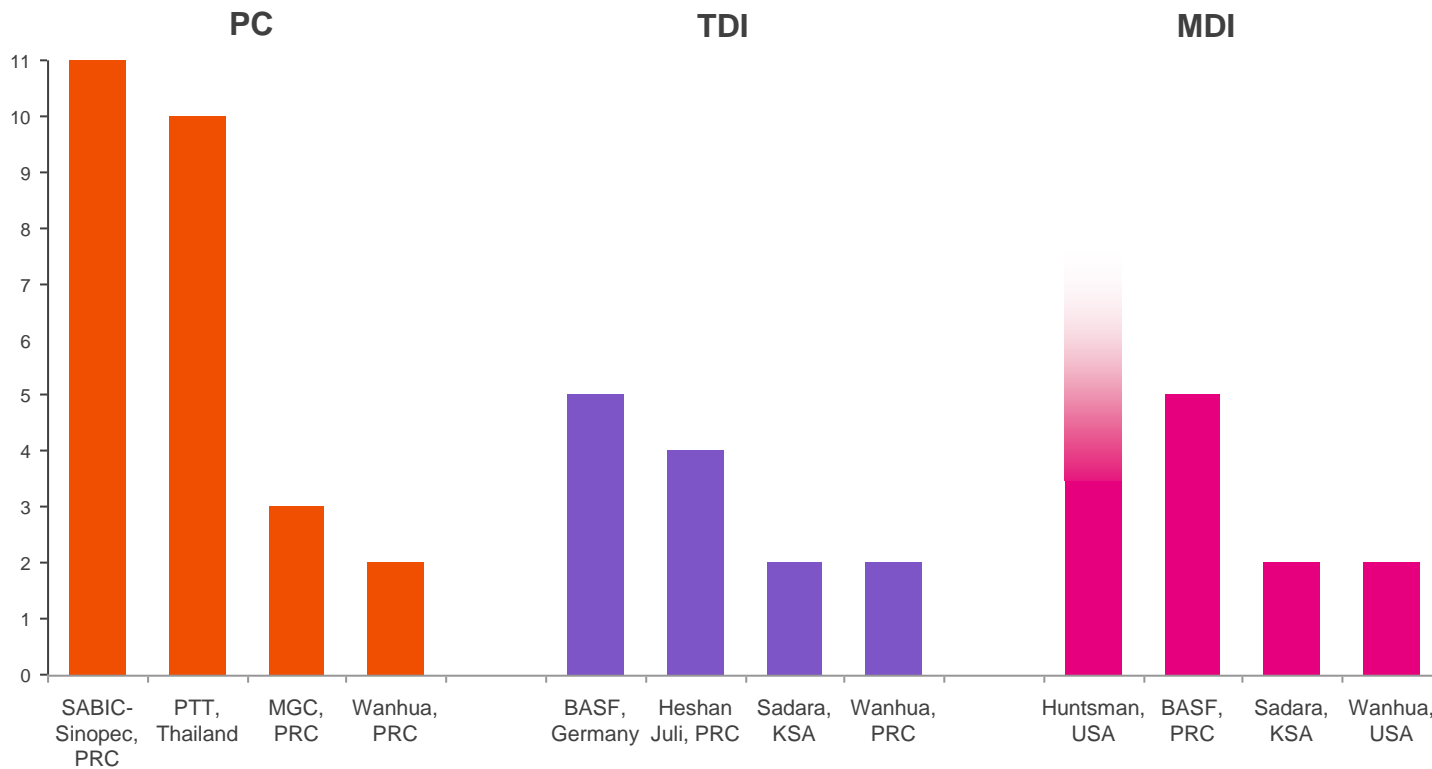
Industry constantly witnesses delays and cancellations

Significant supply delays remain industry norm



Delays between initially announced start-up date and actual production start

in number of years



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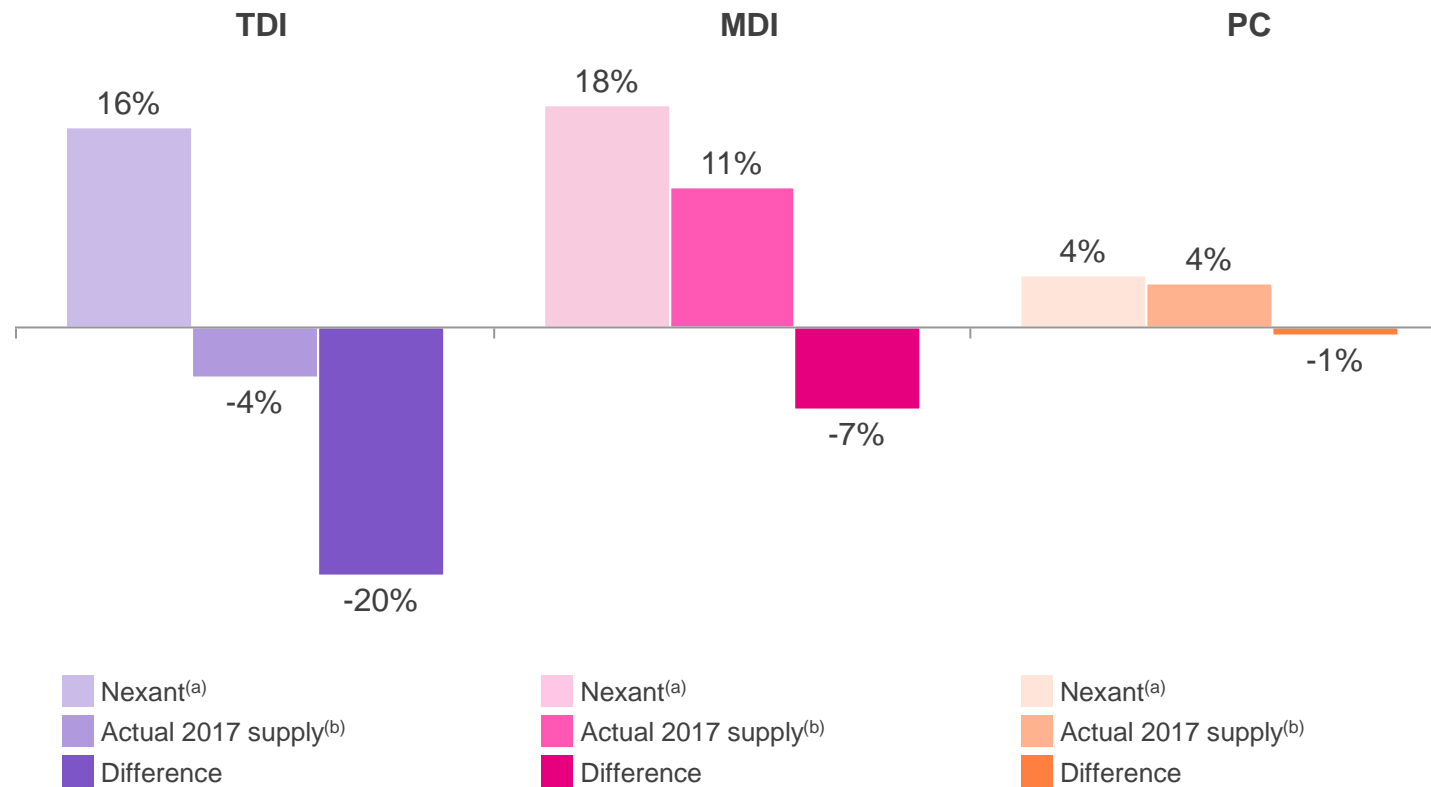
- Long lead time for investments of up to a decade in PC, TDI and MDI makes delays the norm
- No of-the-shelf but individual plant designs prolong planning and construction process
- Highly sophisticated chemical processes requires long ramp-up times
- Long investment cycles increase chance of cancellations

Historic forecasts always overstated supply additions

Significant supply delays remain industry norm

Global net supply additions between 2014 and 2017

Industry supply growth 2017 versus 2014, based on nameplate capacities (kt)



Highlights

- Delays and cancellations are commonly neither announced by companies nor publically available
- Difficult chemical production process like TDI, MDI and PC increase the likelihood of significant start-up delays
- A world-scale TDI plant represents ~10% of the overall industry supply
- Limited capacity additions in PC industry explain small difference

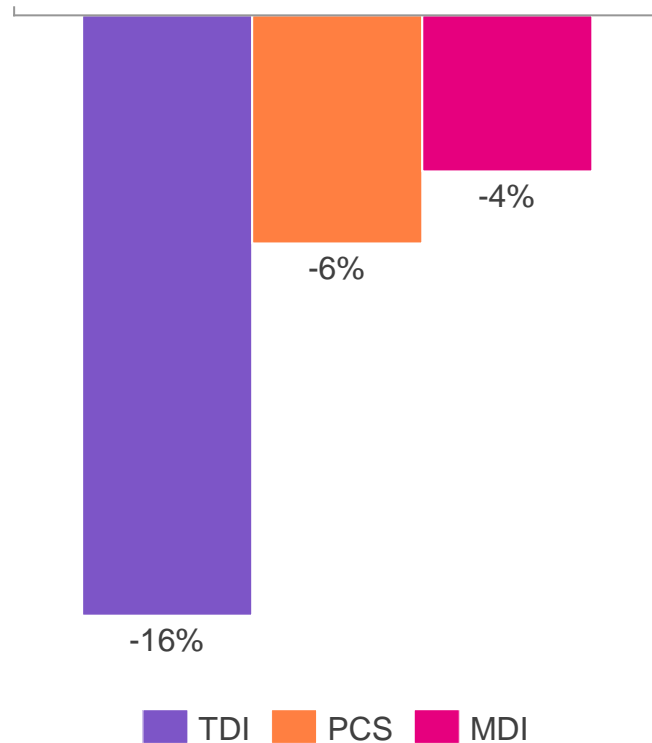
Plant closures considered as “wild cards”



Unrecognized plant closures lead to systematic supply overstatements

Plant closures between 2014 and 2017

Reduction of global nameplate capacity (in kt)



Highlights

- TDI industry with steepest cash cost differences shows highest decrease in industry capacities through closures
- PC industry with accentuated cash cost differences shows strong decrease in industry capacities through closures
- MDI industry with relatively small cash cost differences shows minor decrease in industry capacities through closures

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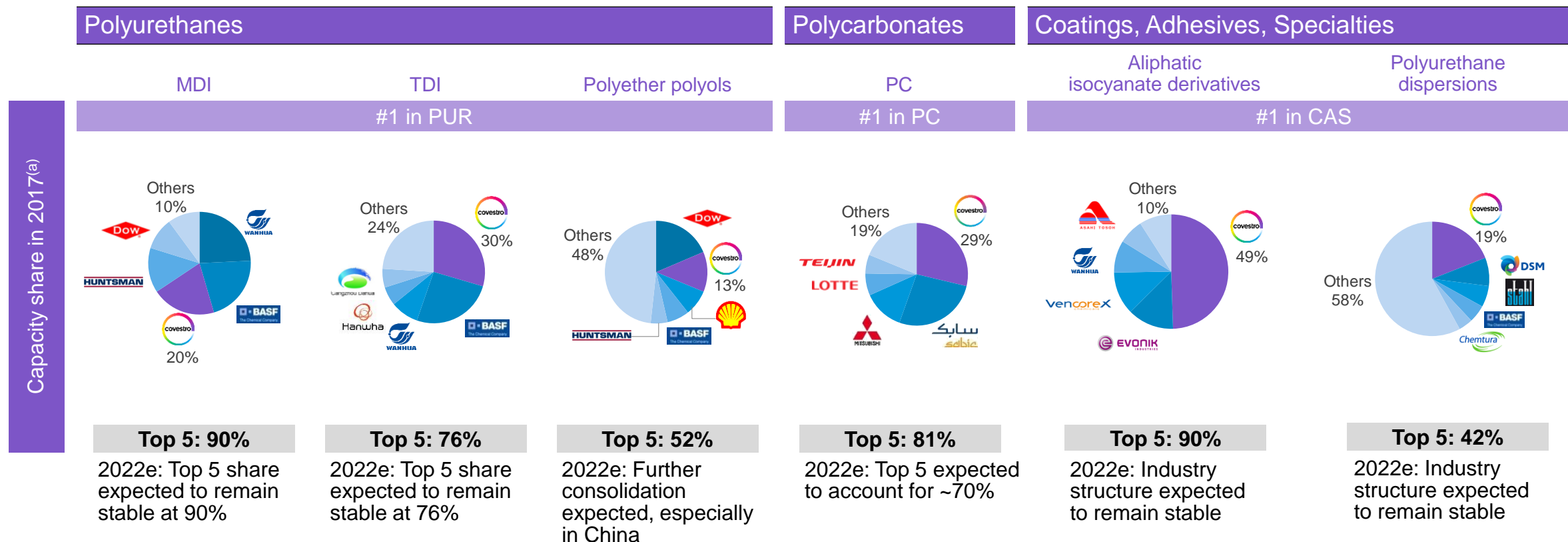
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Global
leader

Covestro is a leader across its entire portfolio

Global industry positions



Pushing boundaries in polymer innovation

Innovation leadership in materials



Highlights

Film solutions for forgery-proof ID cards



CO₂-based polyols in first commercial application (market testing) by



CFRTP commercial production inaugurated



Benefits

- Heat-resistant, tough and elastic PC film Makrofol® ID is designed for passport data page (inlay) that may carry other security features like a chip and antenna
 - The passport inlay is held securely by a thin hinge, made of multilayer composite TPU film Platilon®
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- Recticel manufactures KAPUA® foam mattresses with more than one-seventh of oil content replaced by CO₂-based chemicals (e.g. cardyon®)
 - Covestro is developing more CO₂-based products for applications in sport, appliances, construction and others
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- Mid double-digit million Euro amount invested in first commercial production in Germany
 - Commercial application in e.g. Haier's Casarte premium air conditioner housing

Pushing boundaries in making business



Innovation in business models

Highlights

Digital marketplace for chemicals



Online business in Asia on Alibaba



Digital technical services (DTS)



Benefits

- Customers can efficiently purchase standard products online at current market prices
- Materials valued at up to €1bn to be sold via the platform by end of 2019
- Platform to be launched in 2018

- Reliable, simple and efficient purchasing experience for small- and medium-sized customers (with maximum quantity orders)
- covestrochina.1688.com makes available polycarbonate as well as pre-products for polyurethane foams, coatings and adhesives

- Utilize digitalization to deliver customers real time analysis of their performance and enable operational decisions, e.g. real-time quality and performance improvements
- Project using Covestro and customer data and self-learning AI algorithms in pilot phase

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Non-financial
targets 2025

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Non-financial ambition supports growth strategy



Covestro non-financial targets 2025

- 1** Our R&D project portfolio is aligned with UN Sustainable Development Goals
- 2** 100% of suppliers compliant with our sustainability requirements
- 3** Reduce specific greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2025
- 4** Ten million people in underserved markets benefit from our business solutions
- 5** Getting the most out of carbon

Target N°1: Sustainability-related R&D

Increase share of sustainability-related R&D projects to 80% by 2025



Key industries rely on sustainable solutions



- Aligned with the People, Planet, Profit (PPP) principle
- Strong focus on the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
- Capture promising growth opportunities with innovative sustainable solutions

Target N°2: External sourcing

100% of suppliers compliant with our sustainability requirements by 2025



Together For Sustainability

- Dynamic and collaborative initiative founded in 2011, currently 19 members
- Offers the infrastructure to support high-quality, third-party sustainability assessments and audits by EcoVadis

Target N°3: Emissions



Reduce specific greenhouse gas emissions by 50% by 2025

Highlights

Melt process
in world-scale
PC production



- Conversion cost advantage of around 20% vs. competitor technologies
- Raw material cost on par or better than competitive technologies
- Pushing economies of scale to new standard of 150kt/a per line in Caojing, China

TDI / HDI
gas-phase
phosgenation



- Capex reduced by 20%^(a)
- Reduced conversion cost due to lower energy demand and reduced solvent usage
- Reduced phosgene hold-up by 40% and energy consumption by 60% vs liquid phase

NaCl
electrolysis
with ODC^(b)



- Consumes 30% less electricity vs. conventional processes
- Significant economic and ecological benefits vs conventional processes
- World-scale ODC plant planned in Tarragona, Spain

Target N°4: Inclusive business



Help ten million people in underserved markets with sustainable solutions by 2025

Highlights

Benefits

Solar dryer domes



- Food security: PCS solutions for smallholder farmers
- Avoid food wastage after harvest, benefitting farmers economically
- Locations: Thailand, Vietnam, Myanmar, India

Affordable houses



- Based on polyurethane rigid foam (PIR)
- With outstanding insulation and mechanical properties
- Locations: Iraq, Malaysia, Philippines, India

Hygienic sanitation



- PIR technology based toilets
- Community and school toilets as the next step
- Locations: India, Malaysia

Target N°5: Return on carbon



Develop a significant and universally accepted metric to set a quantitative target for 2025

Highlights

Our vision is to drive a new perspective on value creation through carbon

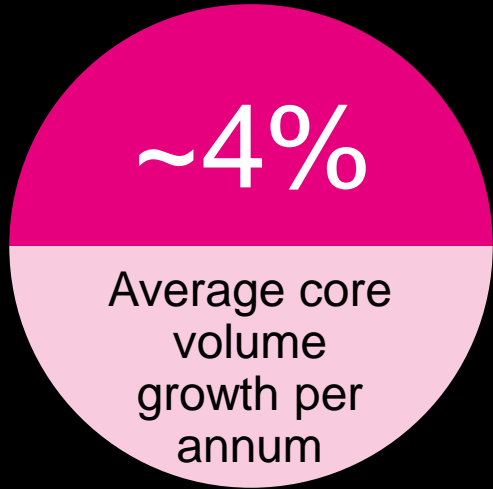
- Improving carbon productivity along the value chain means generating more value from less fossil fuel carbon
- The alternative ROCE measures the return on carbon employed in making materials and products

Our role as initiator of the Carbon Productivity Consortium:

- Promote a group of like-minded organizations who want to seed the breakthrough idea of carbon productivity across industry and beyond
- Catalyse new insights about carbon at various stakeholder levels
- Support the collaborative creation of a tool, soon available as open source

Partners





Dr. Thomas Toepfer

Chief Financial Officer

Dr. Thomas Toepfer is member of the Board of Management since April 2018. As Chief Financial Officer (CFO) at Covestro, he is responsible for Accounting, Controlling and Finance. He also oversees Investor Relations, Information Technology, Portfolio Development, Taxes and Law, Intellectual Property & Compliance.

Born in Hamburg, Germany, in 1972, Toepfer holds a PhD in Business Administration from Otto Beisheim Graduate School of Management (WHU), Koblenz. He worked as a consultant with McKinsey & Company, Inc. and in leading management positions for STILL GmbH, Karstadt Warenhaus GmbH amongst others. Before joining Covestro he was a member of the Executive Board, Chief Financial Officer and Labor Director of KION GROUP AG.



Attractive growth fuels solid cash generation



Covestro key investment highlights

1

Attractive volume leverage

driven by above GDP industry growth

2

Capex with high ROCE

with mid-term debottlenecking and preparation of world-scale investment

3

Continuous cost discipline

delivered through profitability enhancement program “PEP”

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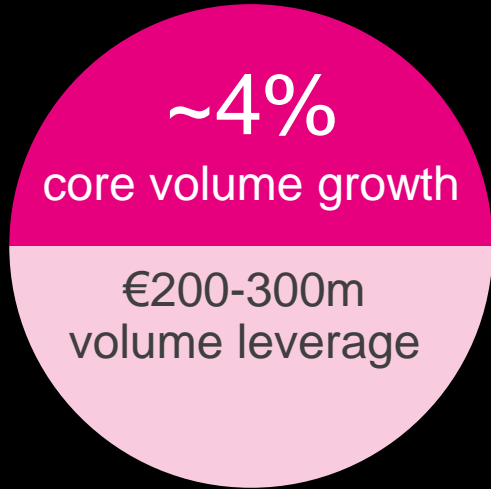
Solid cash generation

volume leverage and cost discipline to counterbalance fading fly-up margins in TDI

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Use of free cash with focus on shareholder value

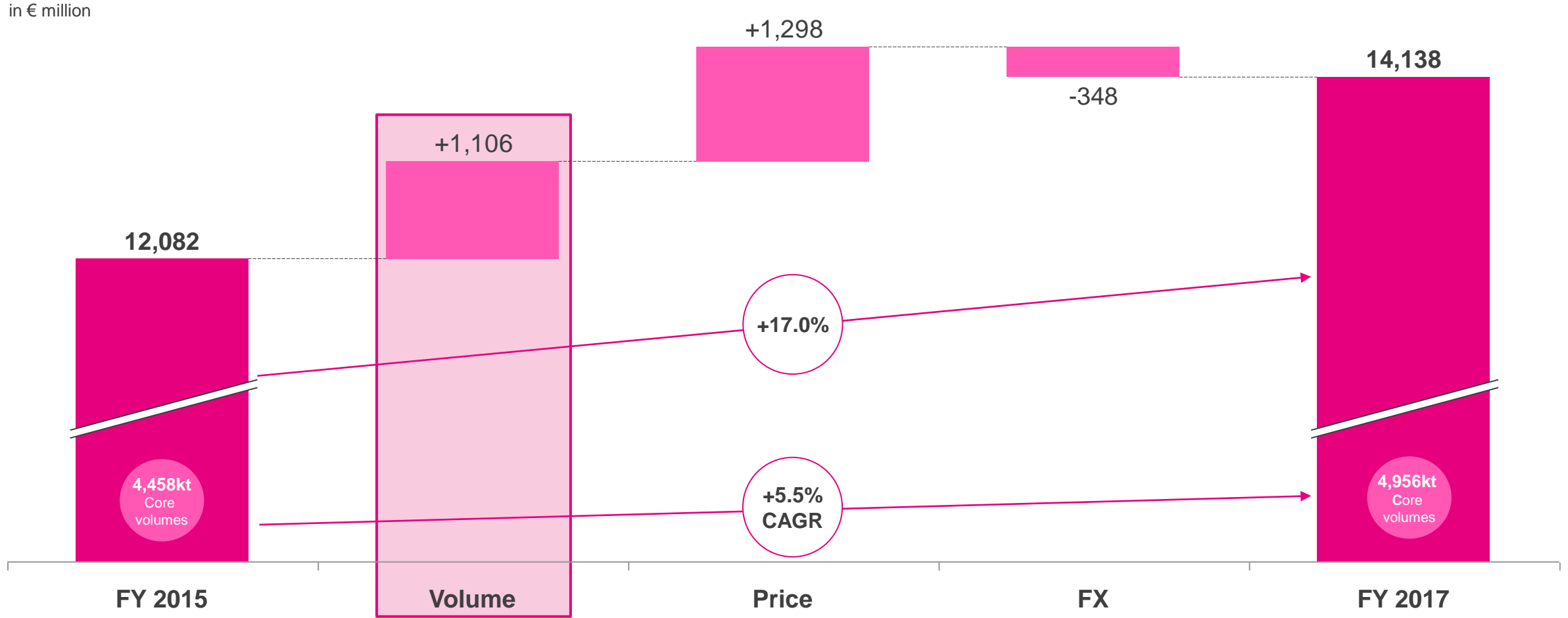
with attractive dividend policy, return of excess cash and disciplined M&A strategy



Higher volumes generated €1.1bn additional sales



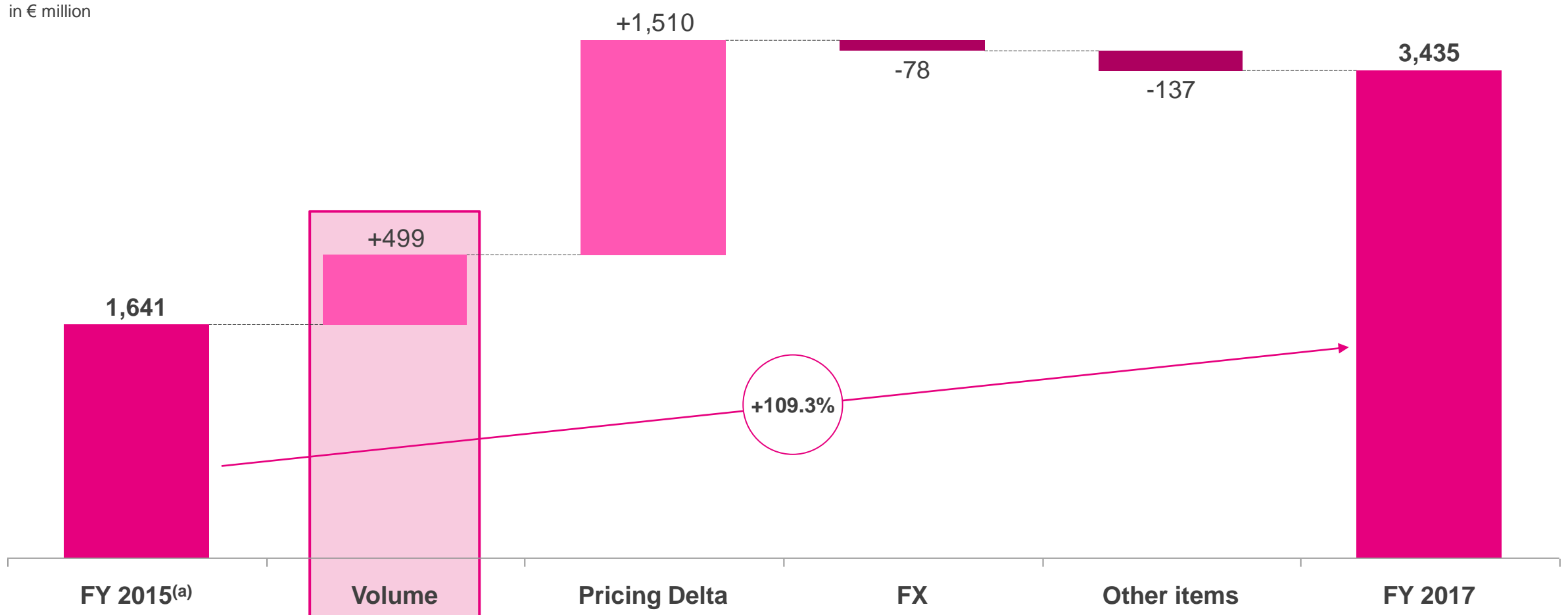
Covestro sales bridge 2015-2017



Sales volume growth translated into €0.5bn additional EBITDA



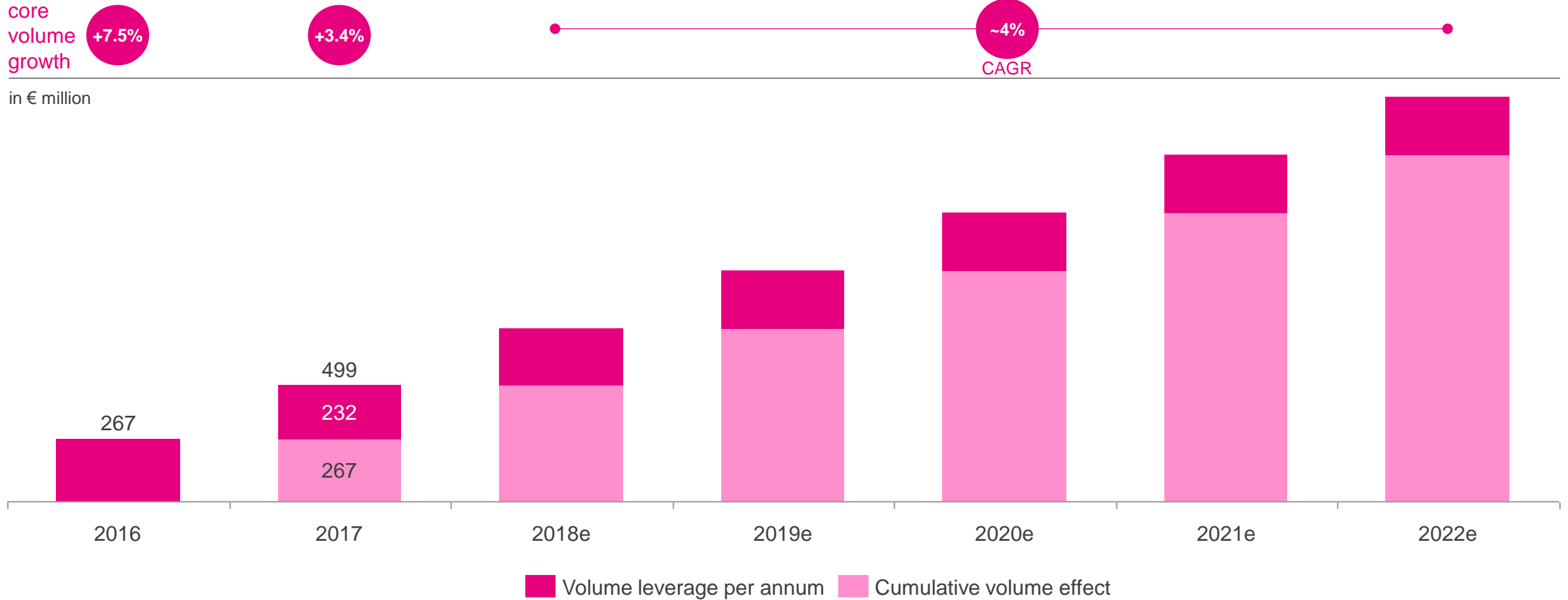
Covestro EBITDA bridge 2015-2017

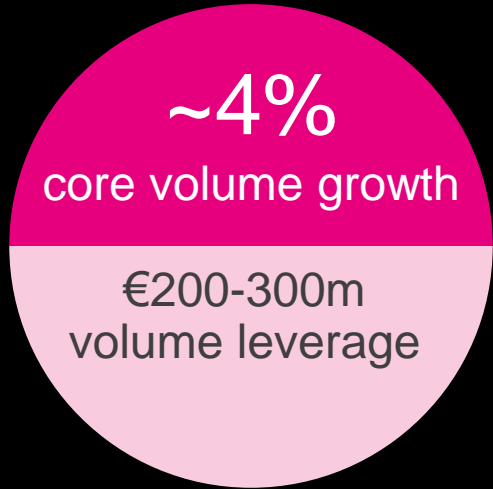


Core volume growth of 4% to contribute to EBITDA



Cumulative EBITDA volume leverage of more than €1bn in next 5 years





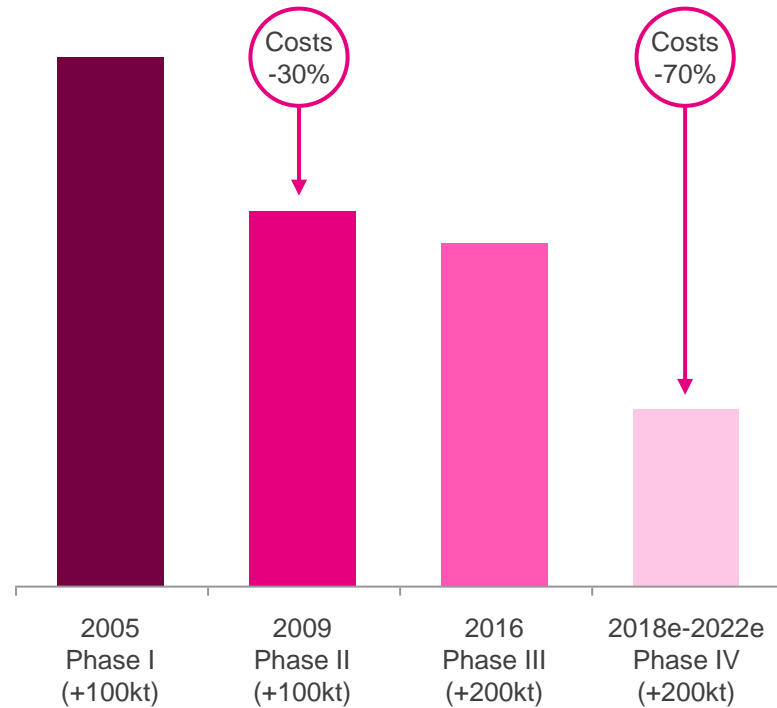
Mid-term debottlenecking projects



Highly competitive specific investment cost leads to high ROCE benefits

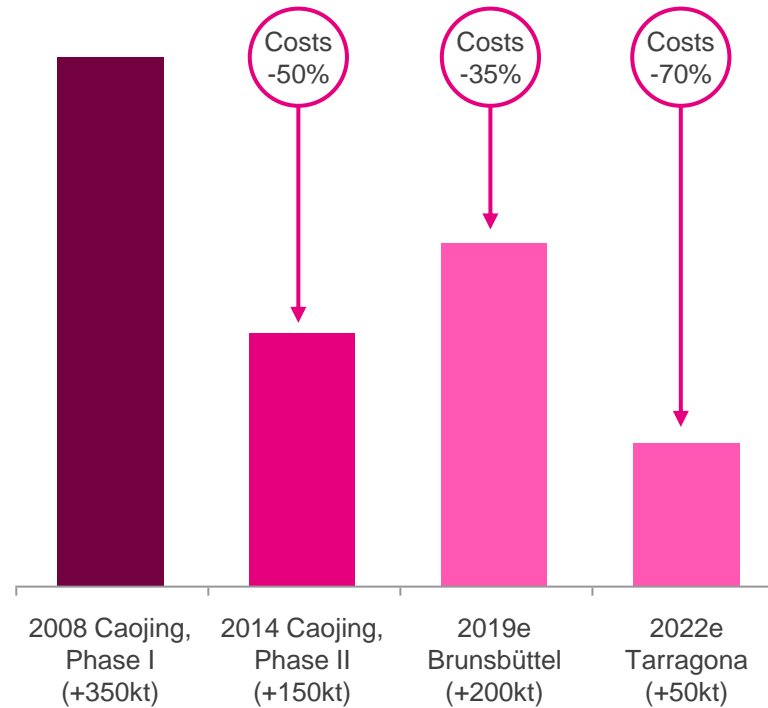
PCS capacity expansion – Caojing

Capex €/kt



MDI capacity expansions

Capex €/kt



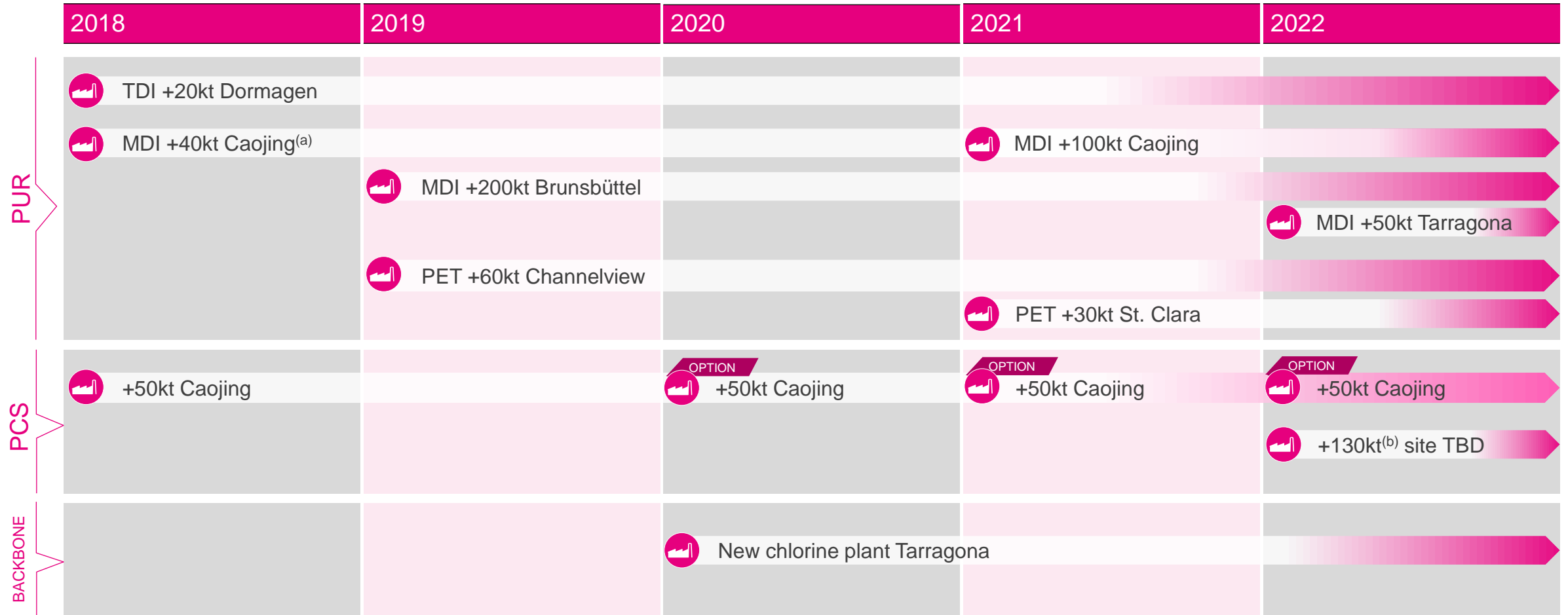
Advantages of debottlenecking projects

Lower specific capital investment required due to:

- Process improvement through progress on learning curve: technology progress enables higher throughput
- Only adjustment or replacement of selected equipment necessary, many parts of the plants suitable for higher load
- Site infrastructure existing and only to be adjusted to minor extent

Covestro planned capacity additions

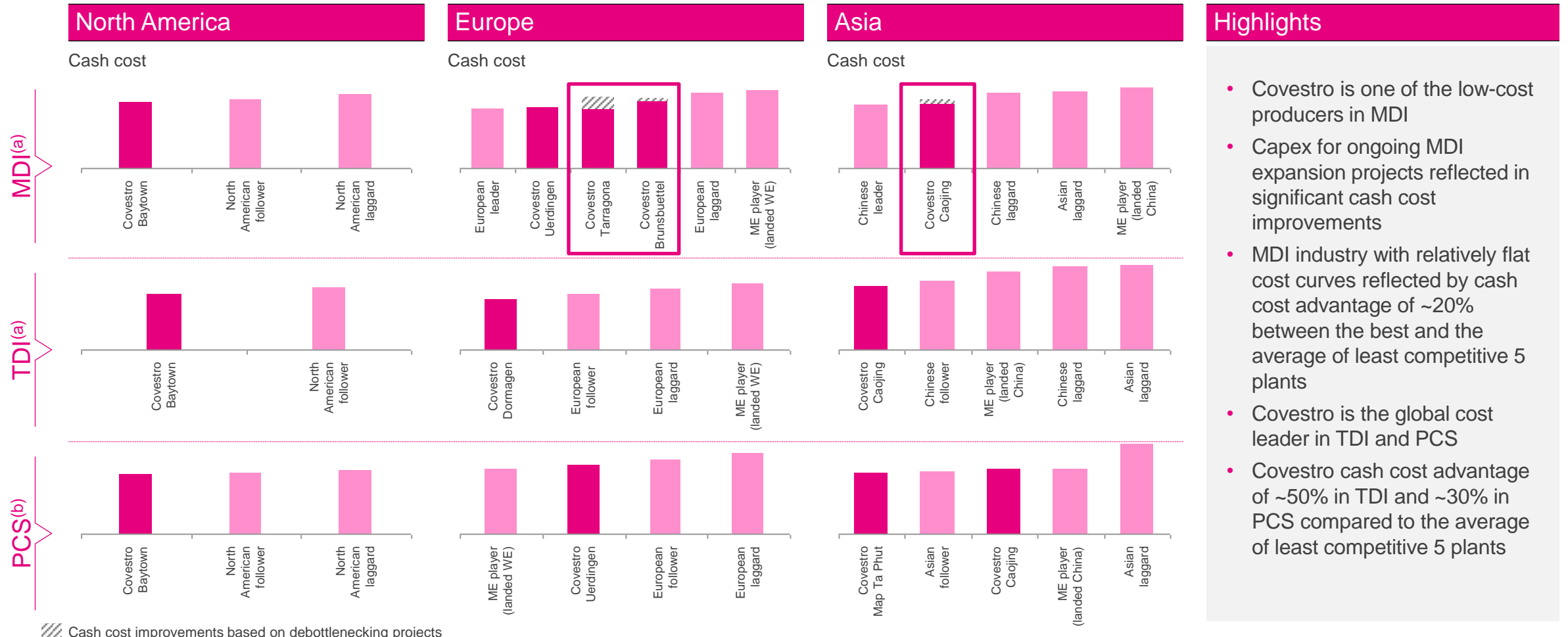
Mid-term growth through debottlenecking projects



Leading cost positions across business segments and regions



Capex projects further improves competitive cash cost position



Highlights

- Covestro is one of the low-cost producers in MDI
- Capex for ongoing MDI expansion projects reflected in significant cash cost improvements
- MDI industry with relatively flat cost curves reflected by cash cost advantage of ~20% between the best and the average of least competitive 5 plants
- Covestro is the global cost leader in TDI and PCS
- Covestro cash cost advantage of ~50% in TDI and ~30% in PCS compared to the average of least competitive 5 plants

/// Cash cost improvements based on debottlenecking projects

Notes: (a) Cost of production based on total raw material costs less co-product credits, variable and fixed conversion costs at 100% utilization based on nameplate capacity for FY 2017
 (b) FY2017 Cash cost ex gate, 82% utilization rate for all plants based on nameplate capacity. Integrated players are shown without any margins for BPA, phenol, acetone, etc.

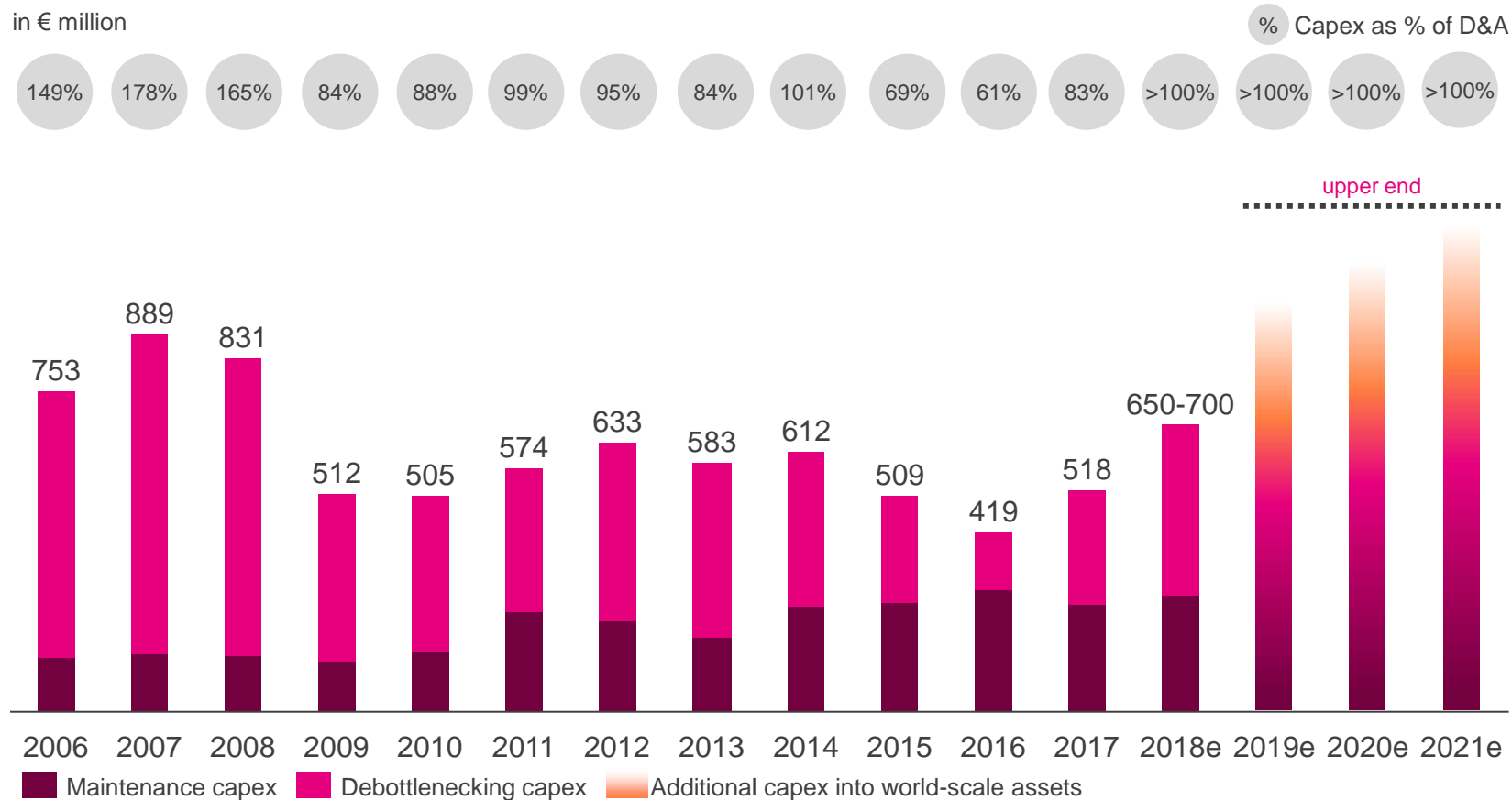
Capex with high ROCE

Mid-term debottlenecking capex and preparation of world-scale investment



Covestro capex^(a) development 2006-2021e

in € million



Highlights 2018-2021e

Disciplined decision process

- Financial fit (ROCE, NPV, POT^(b))
- Prioritization with focus on value creation

Maintenance capex at €250-300 p.a.

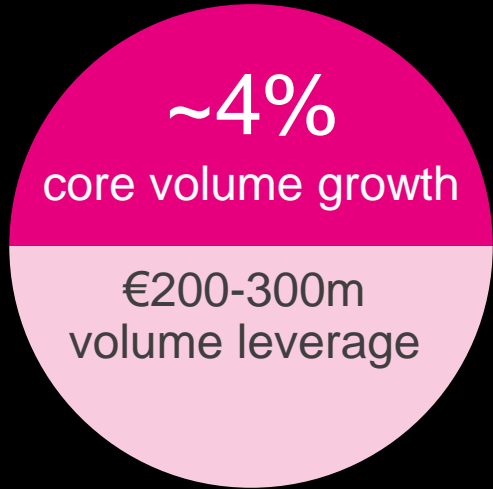
- Risk assessment
- Financial impact from project delay

Debottlenecking capex

- Accompany industry growth by adding capacity through debottlenecking projects
- Capex with superior ROCE

Additional capex creates significant value

- New growth investment into world-scale plants on existing sites
- Capex with high ROCE
- Spending depends on projects and timing



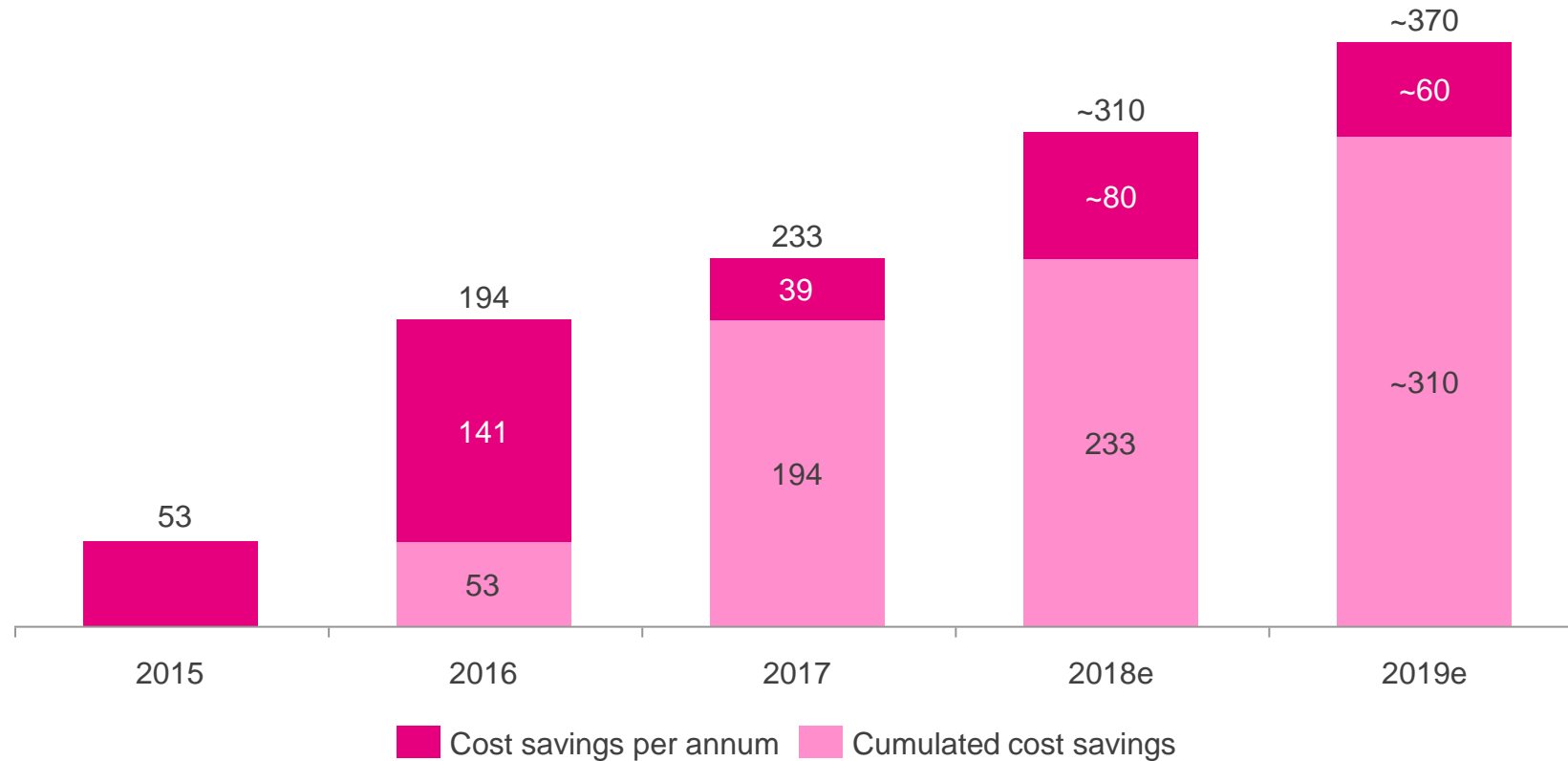
Successful execution of “PEP”

Profitability enhancement program delivered €233m until end of 2017



Cumulated savings achieved with “PEP”(a)

in € million



Highlights

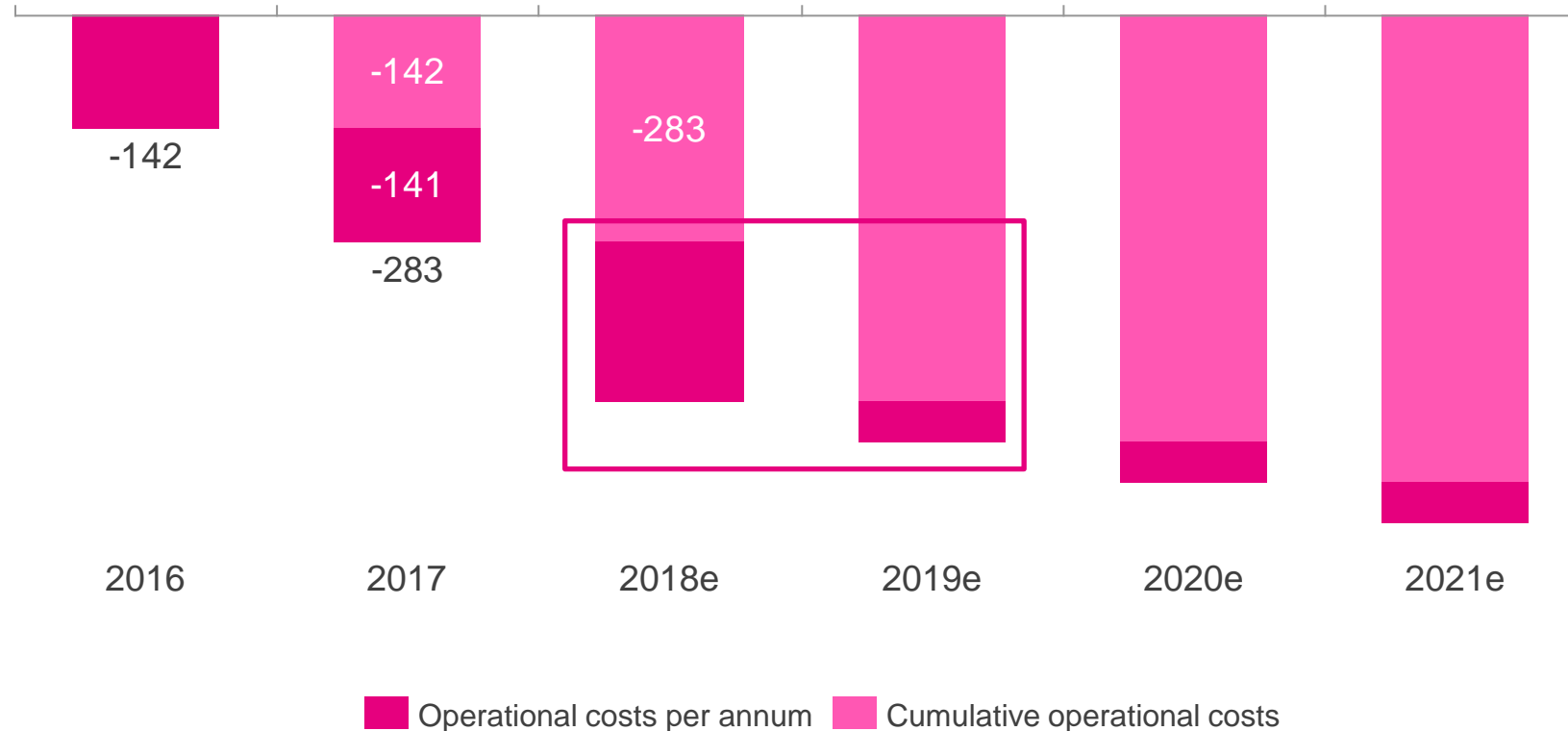
- Achieved savings of €233m until end of 2017
- Implemented projects expected to deliver additional savings of ~€140m until end of 2019
- Difference between original target of ~€420m and projected savings of ~€370m mainly due to decision to reverse the planned closure of Tarragona site

Commitment to limit additional operational cost

Counterbalancing operational cost increases with efficiency programs

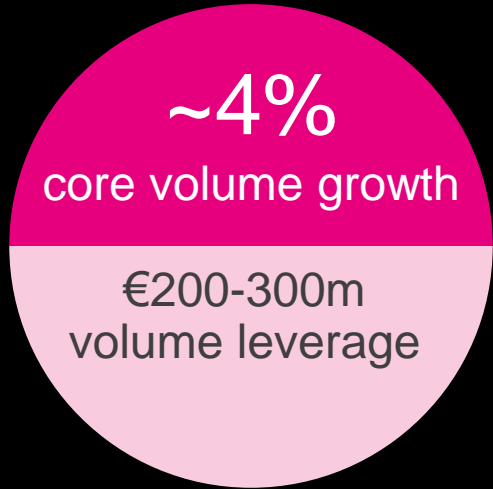
Cumulative additional operational costs^(a) impacting EBITDA

in € million



Highlights

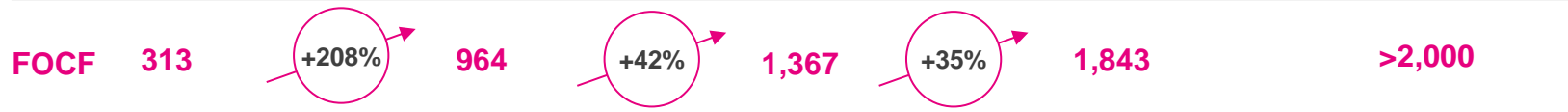
- In 2016-2018e, higher operational costs due to:
 - Short-term incentive payments
 - Capex related operational costs (e.g. engineering expertise)
 - Digitalization related costs
 - Logistics (e.g. inter-regional transportation)
 - Inflation related costs (e.g. salaries)
- In 2019e-2021e, increased efforts of cost control limit operational cost increases



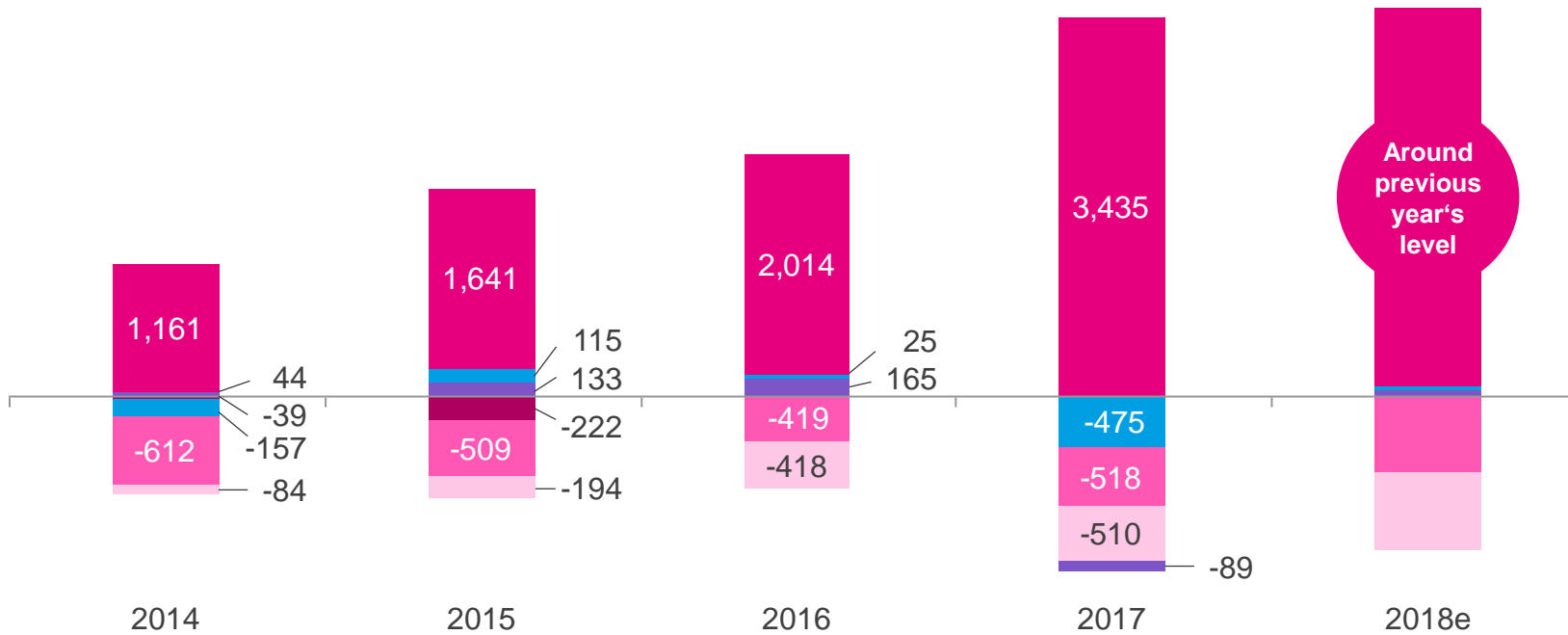
FOCF target of more than €2bn for FY 2018



Target for cumulative FOCF in 2017-2019e increased to more than €5bn



in € million



Highlights

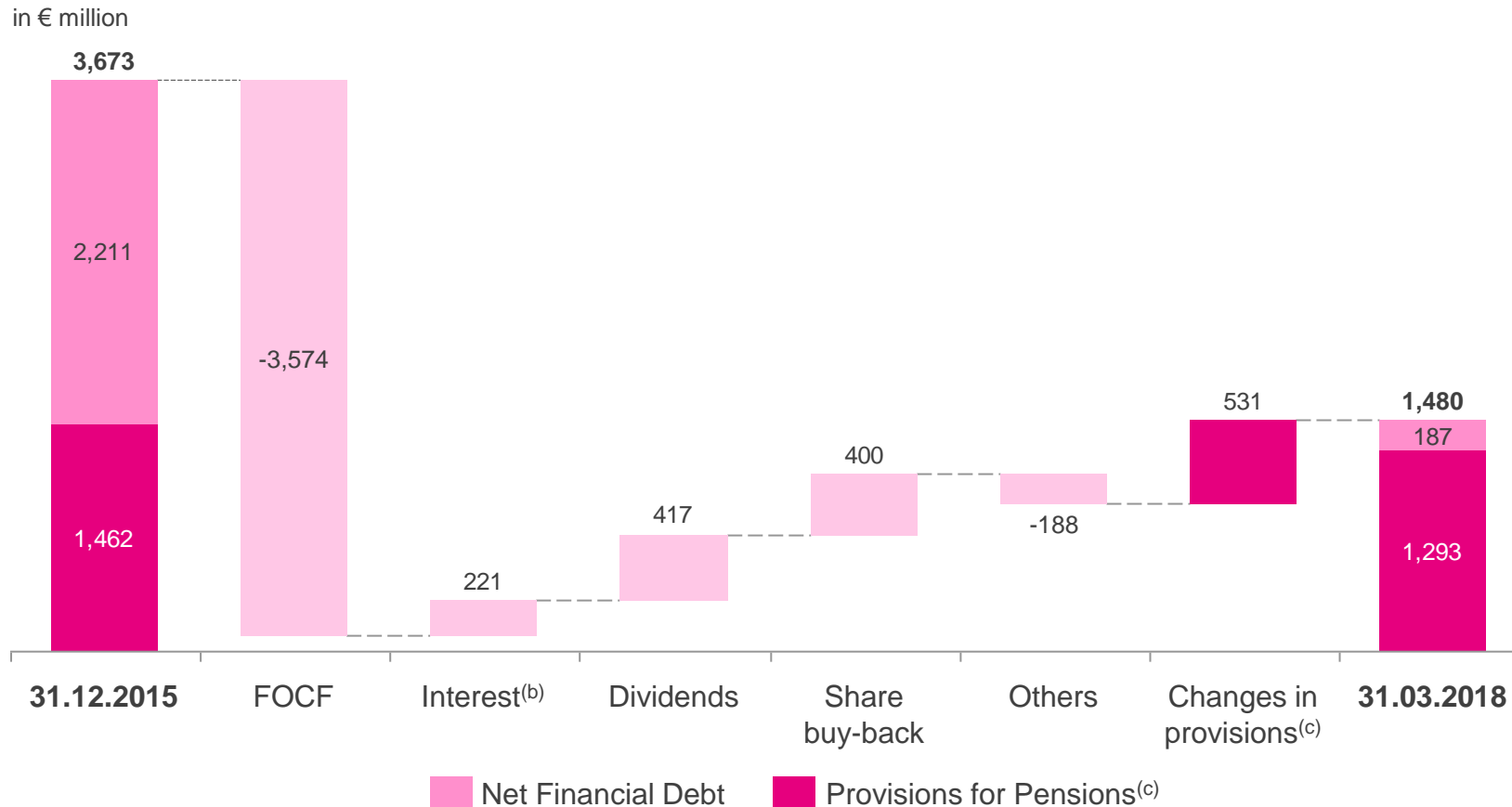
- Increase of previous target of €5bn for cumulative FOCF in 2017-2019e to more than €5bn
- Sustainable high EBITDA to FOCF conversion rate
- Working capital to sales ratio in the target range of 15-17%, with limited expected impact on FY 2018
- Capex of €650m to €700m up Y/Y slightly up versus previous guidance in order to secure production reliability
- Tax rate expected at 25-27% for FY 2018

Total net debt reduction of more than €2bn

Focus on solid investment grade rating

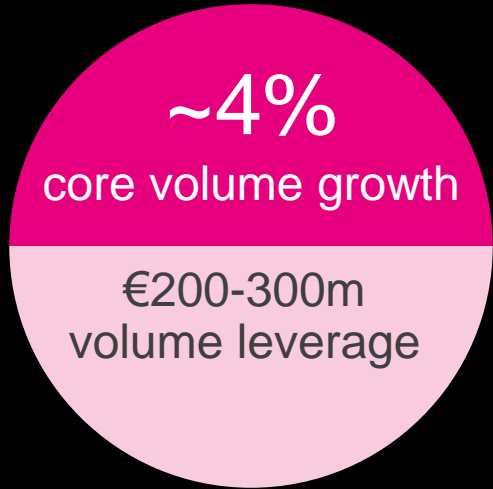


Total net debt – from end of 2015 to Q1 2018



Highlights

- Total net debt to EBITDA ratio^(a) reduced to 0.4x end of Q1 2018
- Mid-term target of 1.5x achieved earlier than previously assumed, driven by strong cash flow generation
- Strong decrease of net financial debt of more than €2bn to €187m
- Provisions for pensions decreased to €1,293m due to CTA funding of €700m
- Equity ratio further improved to 50%
- Long-term commitment to a solid investment grade rating
- End of 2017, credit rating outlook lifted from stable to positive^(d)

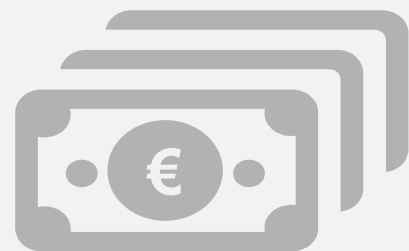


Use of free cash with focus on shareholder value



Decision for cash return to shareholders or portfolio based on best value creation

Dividend policy



- Progressive dividend policy: increase or keep at least stable
- FY 2017 dividend of €2.20 per share, 63% above prior year
- Total payout amount of €436m

Return to shareholders



- Policy to return excess cash either as share buy-back or special dividend
- Share buy-back for up to €1.5bn^(a) in execution, with completion targeted by mid 2019

Portfolio




- Disciplined and focused approach
- Acquisitions with focus on high margin and differentiated business areas
- Ongoing portfolio optimization including evaluation of potential disposals

Disciplined M&A approach



Clear strategic direction, defined process and strict financial criteria

Portfolio



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- Acquisitions with focus on high margin and differentiated business areas
- Ongoing portfolio optimization including evaluation of potential disposals



Multiple criteria scorecard

Disciplined financial impact evaluation

- Positive NPV based on ramp-up of risk-adjusted synergies
- ROCE after synergies above WACC
- Positive contribution to FOCF through the cycle
- Maintain credit rating

“Walk, run, fly”

- Focus on further upgrading internal M&A capabilities
- Limit risks on post-merger integration

Strategic fit

- High revenue share in industries of the future
- Contributing to sustainable development goals
- Growth rate above GDP
- Increasing resilience

Operational fit

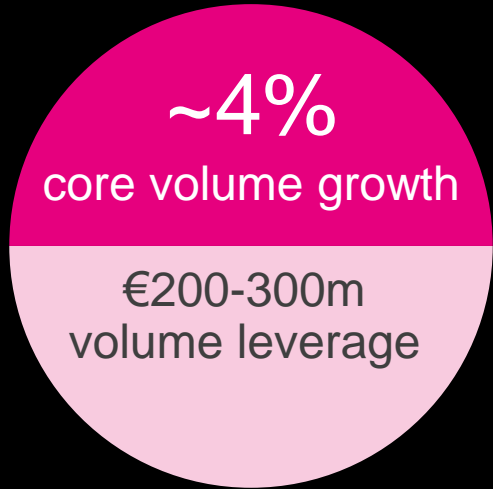
- Cultural fit
- Limited need for restructuring

Well on track

Updated 2018 guidance on FOCF and capex



	FY 2017	Guidance FY 2018
Core Volume Growth	+3.4%	Low- to mid-single-digit percentage increase Y/Y
FOCF	€1,843m	>€2bn
ROCE	33.4%	Approaching previous year's level
Additional financial expectations	FY 2017	Guidance FY 2018
EBITDA FY	€3,435m	Around previous year's level
EBITDA Q2	Q2 2017: €848m	Above previous year's level
D&A	€627m	€600-620m
Financial results	€-150m	€-100 to -120m
Effective tax rate	24.1%	25-27%
Capex	€518m	€650-700m



Daniel Meyer

Head of Business Unit Polyurethanes

Daniel Meyer is Head of the Polyurethanes (PUR) Business Unit from Covestro since September 2017. Between July 2011 and August 2017, he was Head of the Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties (CAS) Business Unit.

Meyer was born in 1967 in Strasbourg, France. He graduated in International Trade & Commerce at the German-French school for Commerce and Industry (EFACI - Paris) and at the Industrie- und Handelskammer Aachen (IHK).

He entered the International Trade Department of Bayer France S.A. in 1992. In 1995, he took over the responsibility of Bayer's titanium dioxide and lightfast pigment business in France. In 1997, he transferred to Bayer AG in Germany where he occupied several sales manager functions. Later, Meyer joined the Coatings and Adhesive business group as Global Key Account Manager and worked as Regional and Global Product Manager.

During his career he spent a total of eight years in Asia Pacific starting 2004. In 2007, he became Country Group Representative CAS Greater China. Two years later, Meyer took over as Head of Marketing and Business Development APAC. Afterwards, he headed the Coatings Adhesives and Specialties Business Unit in the Asia Pacific region.

Meyer is married and has two children.



PUR key investment highlights



Global leader in a growth industry

1

Attractive industry growth and outlook
based on robust structural demand drivers

2

Volume growth supported by mid-term debottlenecking
and ongoing evaluation of investment options to capture long-term market growth

3

Global #1 producer of PU
with leading and defensible industry positions

4

Cost leadership in TDI and competitive cost positions in MDI and polyols
due to competitive process technologies, integrated production model and leading scale assets

5

Strong cash generation
and target to achieve positive FOCF in any year across the cycle

PUR at a glance

Inventor of and leader in polyurethanes



#1

PU producer globally^(a)

€7.4bn

Sales
2017^(b)

29.5%

EBITDA margin
2017^(b)

52%

of total Covestro
sales 2017^(b)

- Inventor and producer of polyurethane raw materials and formulations mainly for rigid and flexible foams^(c)
- Broad portfolio spanning MDI and TDI (isocyanates) and polyether polyols
- Competitive integration from key feedstock chlorine, aniline and propylene oxide to formulations
- Global production platform comprising 18 facilities located in Europe, USA and Asia^(d)
- Total production capacity of ~3.5 million tons globally
- Solid cash conversion: €1.1bn FOCF from €2.2bn EBITDA



Cold Chain
e.g. refrigerator



Construction
e.g. metal panel



Cost leadership
e.g. process
technology



Comfort
e.g. furniture upholstery



Automotive
e.g. instrument panel



Sustainability
e.g. CO₂-based
polyether polyols

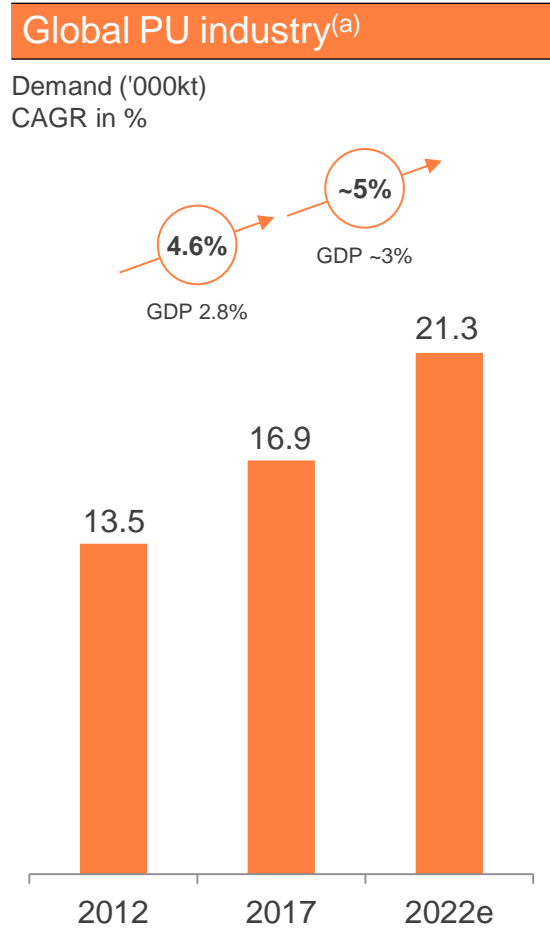
Notes:

- (a) Based on total combined nameplate capacity for MDI, TDI and polyether polyols at year end 2017 as per Covestro estimates
- (b) Adjusted prior-year figures to reflect the transfer of the specialty elastomers business from the Polyurethanes segment to the Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties segment as of January 1, 2018
- (c) As well as integral foam, semi rigid foam, RIM, TPU and CASE (Coatings, Adhesives, Sealants and Elastomers) applications
- (d) Includes all MDI, TDI and polyether polyols facilities that partially reside at one site; feedstock and systems houses are excluded

PU industry demand and growth drivers



PU industry expected to grow ~5% annually until 2022



Macro trend	Impact on industries	Covestro solution example
Resource depletion	Increasing focus for sustainable solutions	→ Closing carbon cycle cardyon® CO ₂ -based polyols Bio-aniline (Bio-based MDI) Infusion technology for wind
Urbanization	New industry regulations on efficiency Material for comfort adapted to higher standard of living	→ Affordable appliance & comfort Baytherm® Microcell (high-efficient microcellular foam) Bed in box
Population growth	Increasing need for more intelligently insulated buildings	→ Enhanced insulation Energy-efficient insulation based on Desmodur®
Mobility	Material for lightweight vehicles and enhanced consumer driving experience	→ Smart mobility Baypreg® composite material for load floor Baynat® headliners with improved acoustic
Digital revolution	Unleash the power of artificial intelligence to improve efficiency	→ Intelligent solutions BayCap® digital production optimization and formulation support

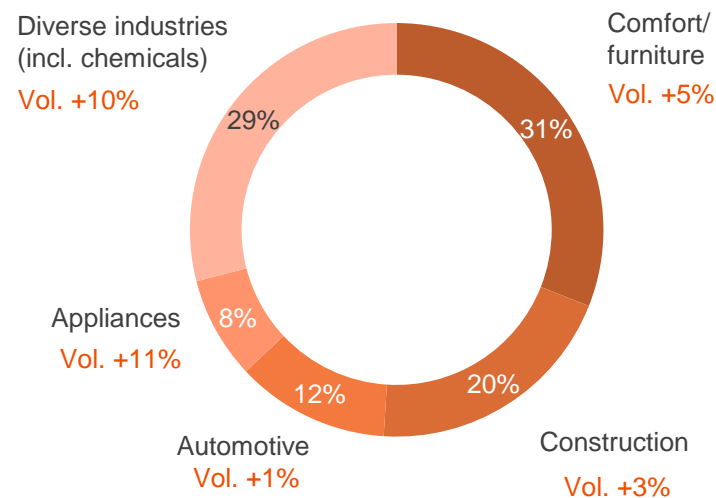
PUR volume growth



Core volume growth of 5.3% CAGR in 2015-2017

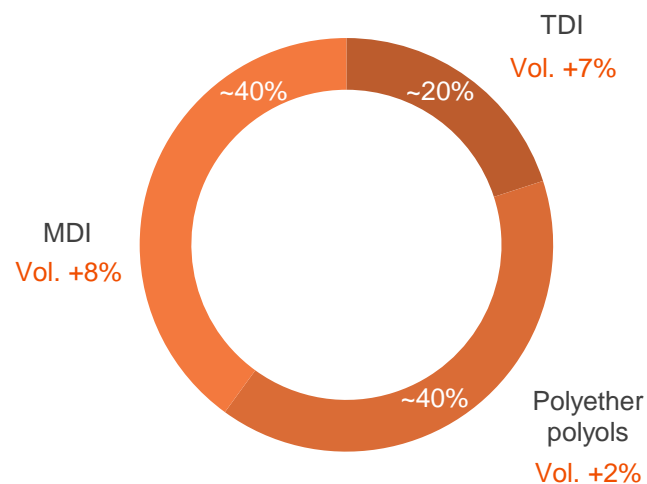
PUR sales split by end-markets

% of 2017 sales
Core volume growth, CAGR 2015-2017



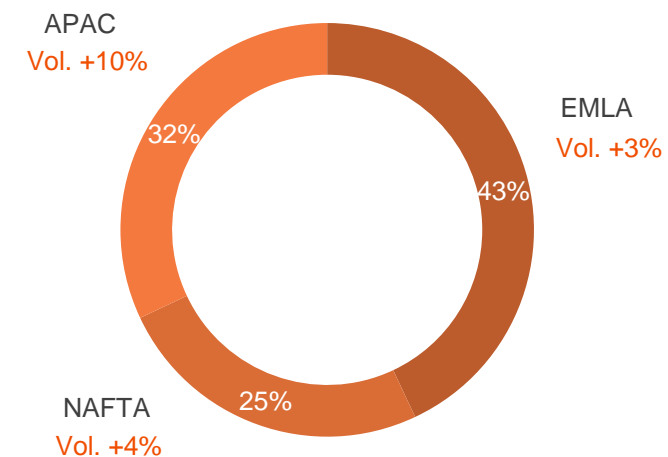
PUR volumes split by business

% of 2017 core volumes
Core volume growth, CAGR 2015-2017



PUR sales split by regions

% of 2017 sales
Core volume growth, CAGR 2015-2017



Growth driven by several industries

Growth driven by MDI and TDI

Growth driven by APAC

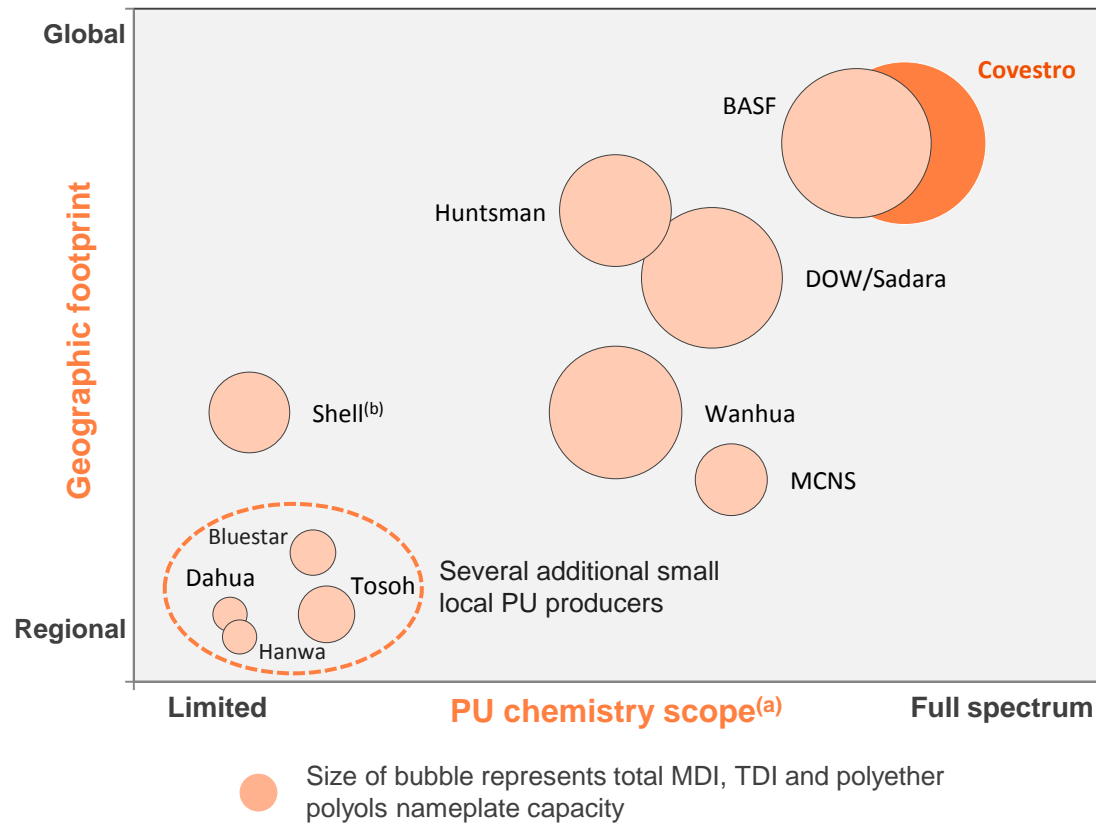
PUR competitive landscape

Global #1 with full scope advantage and ability to shape the industry



Competitive position of key PU players in 2017

Top 5 PU competitors by name plate capacity



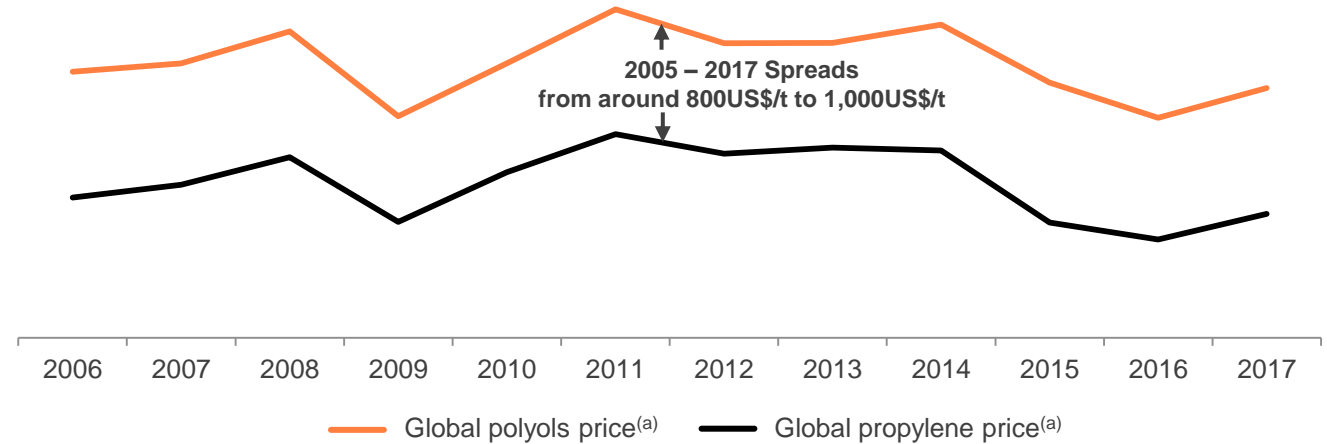
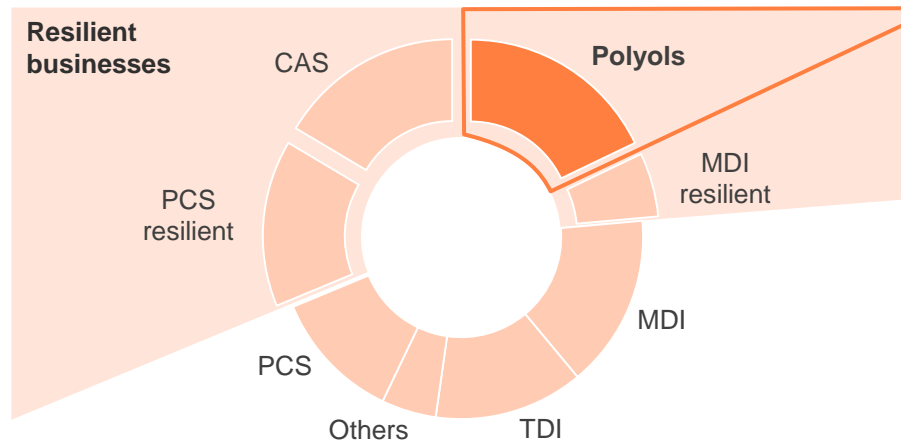
PUR margin resilience



Polyether polyols demonstrate inherently stable margins

Resilience of polyether polyols business confirmed in 2017

% of 2017 Group sales



- Non-integrated polyether polyols producers with limited competitiveness
- Single capacity addition with little influence on supply and demand dynamics
- Distinct entry requirements for new players, e.g. capex and technology

- Resilient industry margins over the last decade reflective of overall Covestro polyether polyols profitability
- Spreads not materially impacted by high volatility of propylene prices, particularly during the financial crisis
- Propylene oxide supply and demand dynamics create local pricing opportunities in the short term

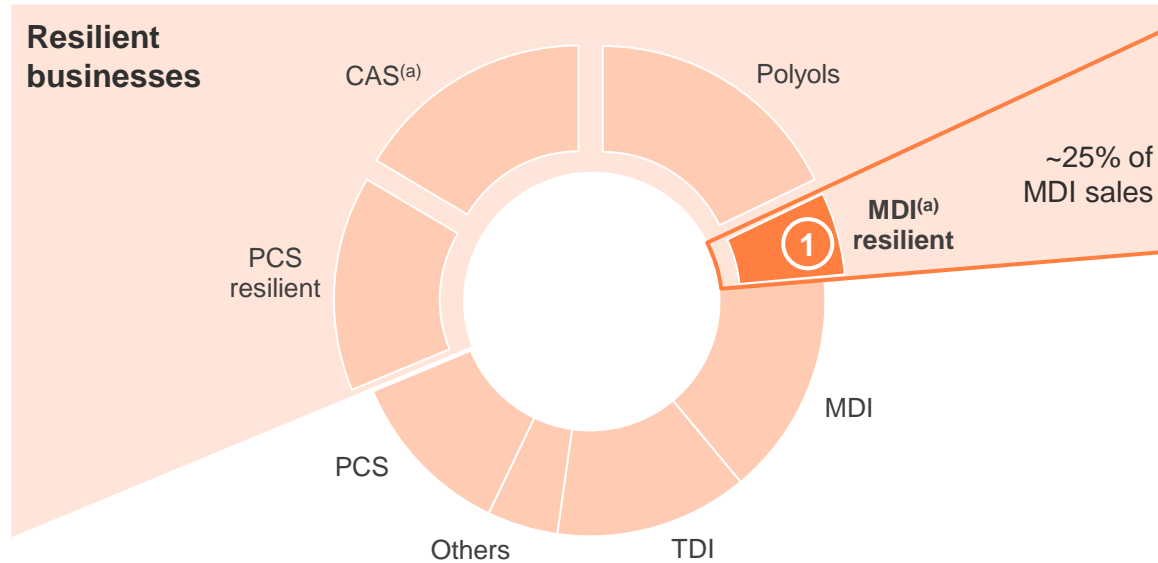
PUR margin resilience



Resilient portion of MDI business accounts for ~25% of sales

Sales by segments

% of 2017 Group sales



1

Joint sales of polyols and MDI
e.g. CASE^(c), automotive, construction, appliance

Specialty or downstream products
e.g. selected MDI grades (pre-polymers, blends, monomeric)

Formulations as market access requirement
e.g. automotive, appliances

Strong interaction with customers along value chain
joint projects for e.g. window frames, wind mills

Resilient MDI applications^(b)

- Resilient share of MDI sales has ~20% higher gross margin (2006-2017 average)
- Shift of elastomers business from MDI / PUR to CAS lowered resilient part of MDI by ~5%-points to ~25% of total MDI sales

Large-scale innovation

- Focus on three large-scale innovation hubs in Pittsburgh, Leverkusen and Shanghai
 - Formulation know-how and tailor-made systems
 - Full scope of application development
 - Cost-efficient business structures
- Centralized systems hubs in Europe and North America benefit from economies of scale and cost-efficient feed from world-scale MDI and polyether polyols assets
- Systems business in Middle East and APAC handled by local system houses

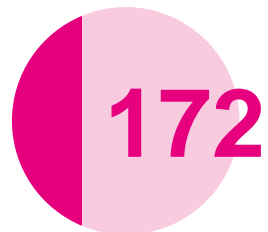
PUR R&D highlights 2017



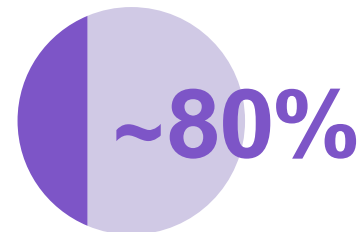
Market-driven innovation as key value driver



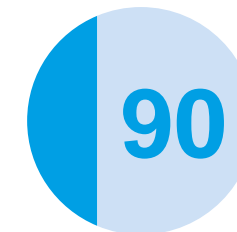
R&D spend



official approvals for product launches



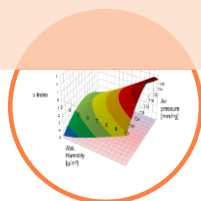
of R&D spend going into product innovation



patent applications

R&D project examples

Digital technologies enable new ways of production optimization by Covestro customers



40% smaller cells allow up to 10% better insulation: BAYTHERM® Microcell



Replacing epoxy resins by PU resins in wind turbine rotor blades



Bio-based aniline: biomass used as alternative raw material to benzene



Innovative technology enables use of up to 20% CO₂ as feedstock in polyether polyols production



Polyurethanes (PUR)

MDI

TDI

Polyether polyols

MDI at a glance

Leading global player with growth ~2pp above GDP



#3

MDI producer globally^(a)

1,450kt

Capacity
2017^(a)

~40%

of PUR core volumes
2017

6

Production facilities
globally^(b)



- Leading supplier in all key regions for MDI consuming industries
- Attractive industry growth of ~2pp above GDP supports stable industry utilization and margin outlook
- Covestro to grow volumes in line with industry growth supported by debottlenecking
- World-scale integrated production facilities support competitive cost position
- Proven track record of cost discipline with asset restructuring potential in Europe to deliver further efficiency upsides

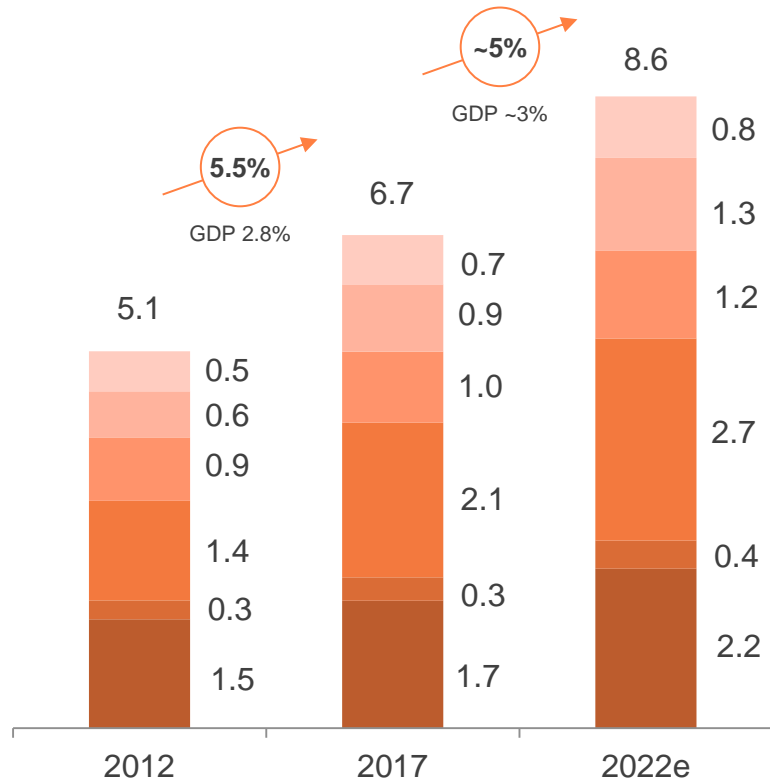
MDI industry demand



Diverse end-markets in all regions support robust growth

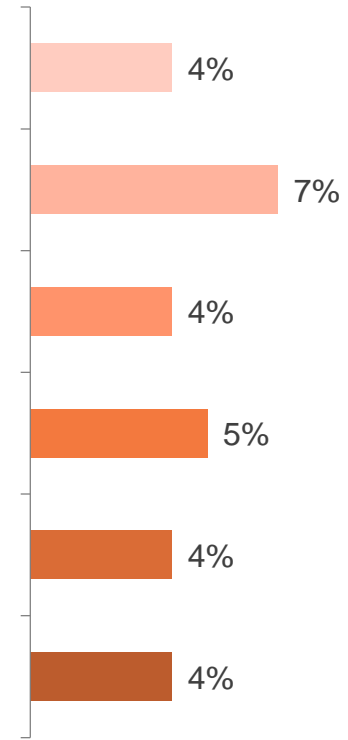
MDI demand by application

Demand ('000kt)
CAGR in %



- CASE^(b)
- Apparel
- Appliance
- Construction
- Automotive
- Diverse industries

CAGR 2017 – 2022e



Underlying regional growth^(a)

Global	~5%
APAC	~6%
EMEA	~4-5%
NAFTA	~5%
LATAM	~3%

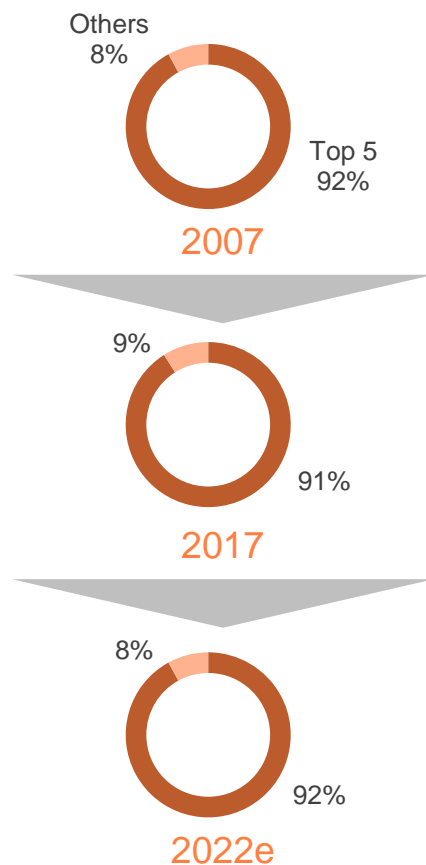
- Growing demand for insulation foam to comply with regional energy efficiency directives, particularly in developed economies
- Increase in global construction activity
 - broader macro upturn
 - high growth in emerging economies
- Higher consumption of appliances (refrigerators)
- Steady GDP-driven growth in other applications, e.g. CASE^(b), textiles and footwear

MDI competitive landscape



Strong industry position supported by distinct entry requirements

Global capacity by producer

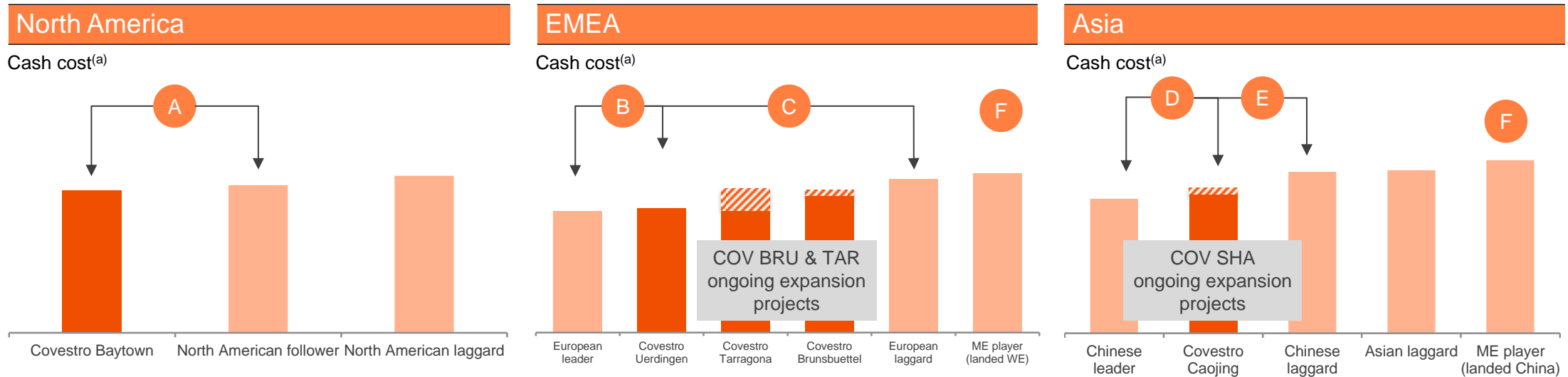


	Industry	Covestro position
Capital intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Considerable investment required to develop world-scale plants^(a) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Around €1.5bn investment for full train – Approx. 5 years to full operation after completed environmental impact assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Well-invested, large- to world-scale asset base • Economies of scale • Total capacity 1,450kt^(b)
Process technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State-of-the-art technology along the process chain of high importance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Competitive process technology • Cost leader in NAFTA and advantageous position in Asia • Efficiency improvements in EMLA underway
Feedstock integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Security of precursor supply essential • Backward integration as major value lever 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Favorable backward integration • Long-term supply contracts for important precursors
Technical capabilities and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Systems demanding greater knowledge and expertise • Permits required to handle hazardous feedstock, e.g. phosgene 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Superior expertise and know-how in application development and customer insight • Reputation cemented through 60+ years' experience
Proximity to customer markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Importance of proximity to customer markets • Global asset base critical to support ambitions of global customer base 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diverse, global footprint • Plants in all core regions • Ability to service all key areas of demand

MDI industry cost curves



Leading cost position in US, efficiency improvements in other regions underway



- A** Covestro cost leadership through backward integration
- B** European leader with large and energy-efficient MDI capacity plus cost-efficient raw material supply
- C** Uerdingen more cost efficient relative to other Covestro facilities in Europe due to level of backward integration; expansion projects for BRU and TAR
- D** Chinese leader with very strong backward integration including energy supply
- E** Covestro ahead due to larger MDI train capacity and energy efficiency, further specific cost reduction through expansion projects
- F** Benefits from low energy and natural gas prices, suffers from high investment level and required costly HCl recycling via ODC^(b) electrolysis (no benefit from caustic soda by-product sales); plus estimated 90-140 \$/t bulk freight plus 6.5% import duty to WE and China

MDI global operations



Covestro MDI operations increase long-term ROCE through debottlenecking



MDI capex projects



Low specific investments due to established infrastructure and existing supply networks



Brunsbuettel
Germany

Brunsbuettel expansion of 200kt p.a.

- Re-usage of idle TDI infrastructure and precursors enables economic doubling of MDI capacity to 400kt p.a.
- Leverage existing site infrastructure and share of precursors
- Low triple-digit Euro million investment, start-up expected in first half of 2019e



Caojing
China

Caojing gradual debottlenecking

- World-scale plant with currently 490kt capacity to gradually reveal its full potential of 600kt p.a. by 2021e
- Mid-single digit Euro million investments backed by additional market demand
- Further dilute specific fixed costs



Tarragona
Spain

Tarragona debottlenecking of 50kt p.a.

- Competitive debottlenecking from 170kt to 220kt p.a. by 2022e
- Investment of around €200m in own chlorine production by 2020e based on leading ODC^(a) technology ensures a highly efficient, sustainable and independent supply

Various options for additional MDI growth under investigation

- New world-scale plant investments operational approx. 5 years after initiated environmental impact assessment
- Debottlenecking can be realized with approx. 3 years lead time

Polyurethanes (PUR)

MDI

TDI

Polyether polyols

TDI at a glance

Global leader in long-term growth industry



#1

TDI producer globally^(a)

750kt

Capacity
2017^(a)

~20%

of PUR core volumes
2017

3

Production facilities
globally



- Globally leading producer of TDI with number one positions in all major regions
- Industry demand growth above GDP driven by all key end markets and regions, particularly APAC
- TDI margins volatile and currently above sustainable level due to temporary capacity constraints
- Superior cost position through backward integration, proprietary gas-phase phosgenation technology and integrated, world-scale production assets

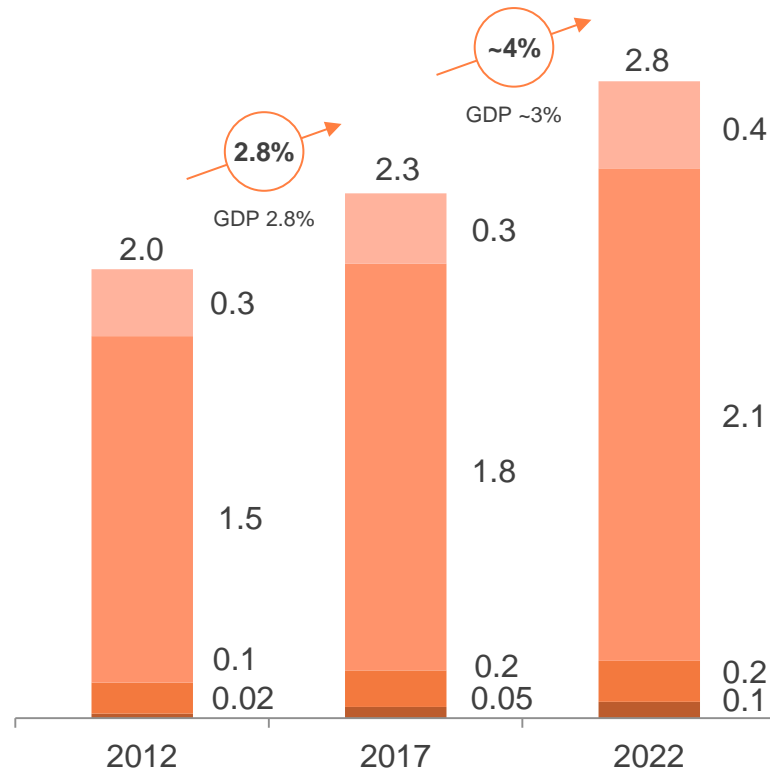
TDI industry demand



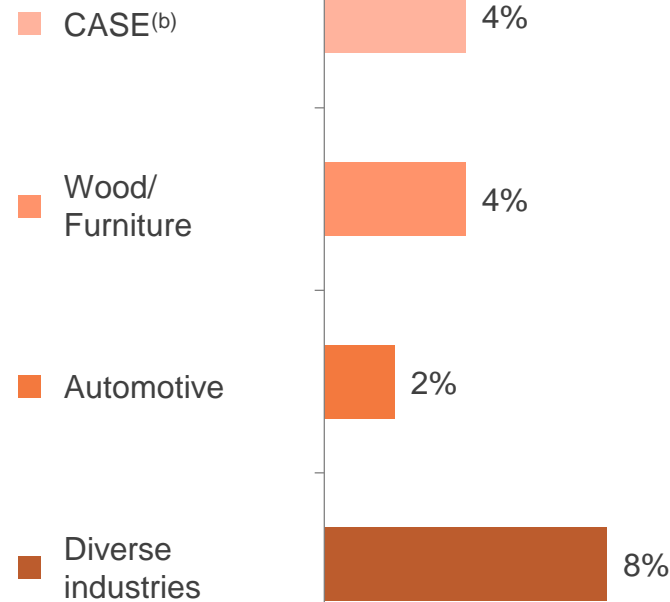
Diverse end-markets across all regions support robust growth

TDI demand by application

Demand ('000kt)
CAGR in %



CAGR 2017 – 2022e



Underlying regional growth^(a)

Global	~4%
APAC	~5%
EMEA	~3%
NAFTA	~3%
LATAM	~1%

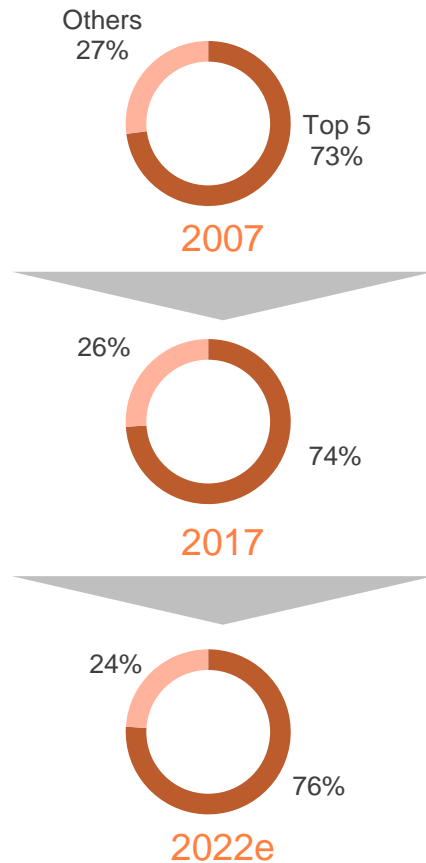
- Solid growth across all major applications
- Higher consumption of mattresses and furniture by emerging middle class in developing economies
- Favorable substitution trends in CASE^(b) owing to relative advantages vs. competing materials

TDI competitive landscape

Strong industry position supported by distinct entry requirements



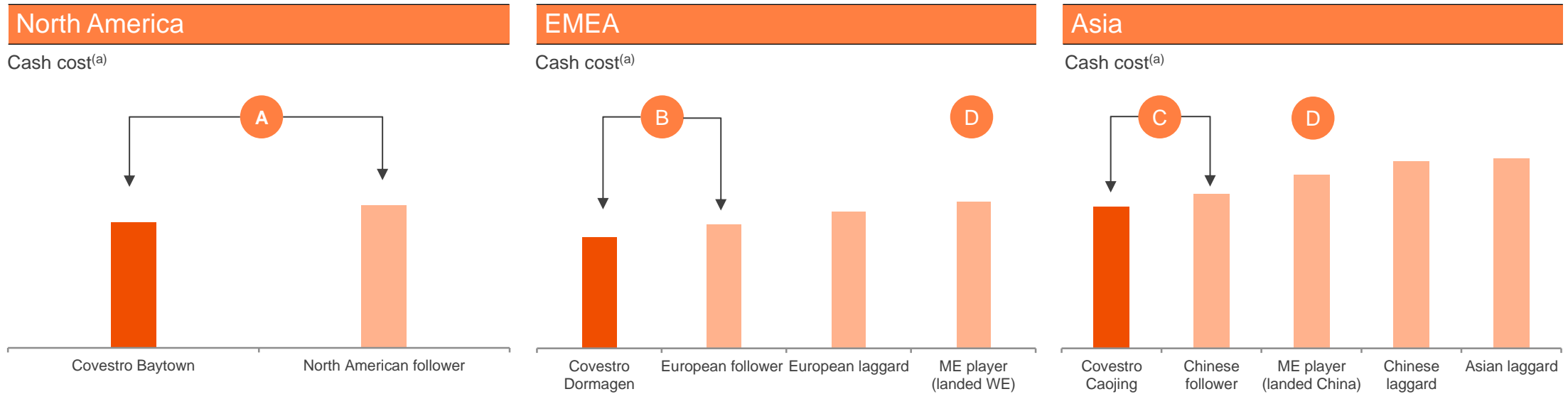
Global capacity by producer



	Industry	Covestro position
Capital intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World-scale plant^(a) requires: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> €0.8-1.1bn investment for full train Approx. 5 years to full operation after completed environmental impact assessment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3 world-scale production facilities and total capacity of 750kt Benefits from economies of scale
Process technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Advanced technology along the process chain important particularly in high cost locations Limited options for licensing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-of-the-art gas-phase phosgenation (GPP) technology leading to global cost leadership <ul style="list-style-type: none"> highly cost efficient and high environmental standard
Feedstock integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Supply contracts as standard option Backward integration advantageous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term supply contracts for important precursors Favorable backward integration
Technical capabilities and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permits required to handle hazardous feedstock, e.g. phosgene Track record and suitable infrastructure important 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World-class expertise and know-how in customer-oriented application development Proven reputation with 60+ years' experience Impeccable safety record
Proximity to markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Benefits for established global players Required to service large global companies with diverse operations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global footprint and customer insight Facilities in all core regions

TDI industry cost curves

Global cost leadership by scale, integration and technology

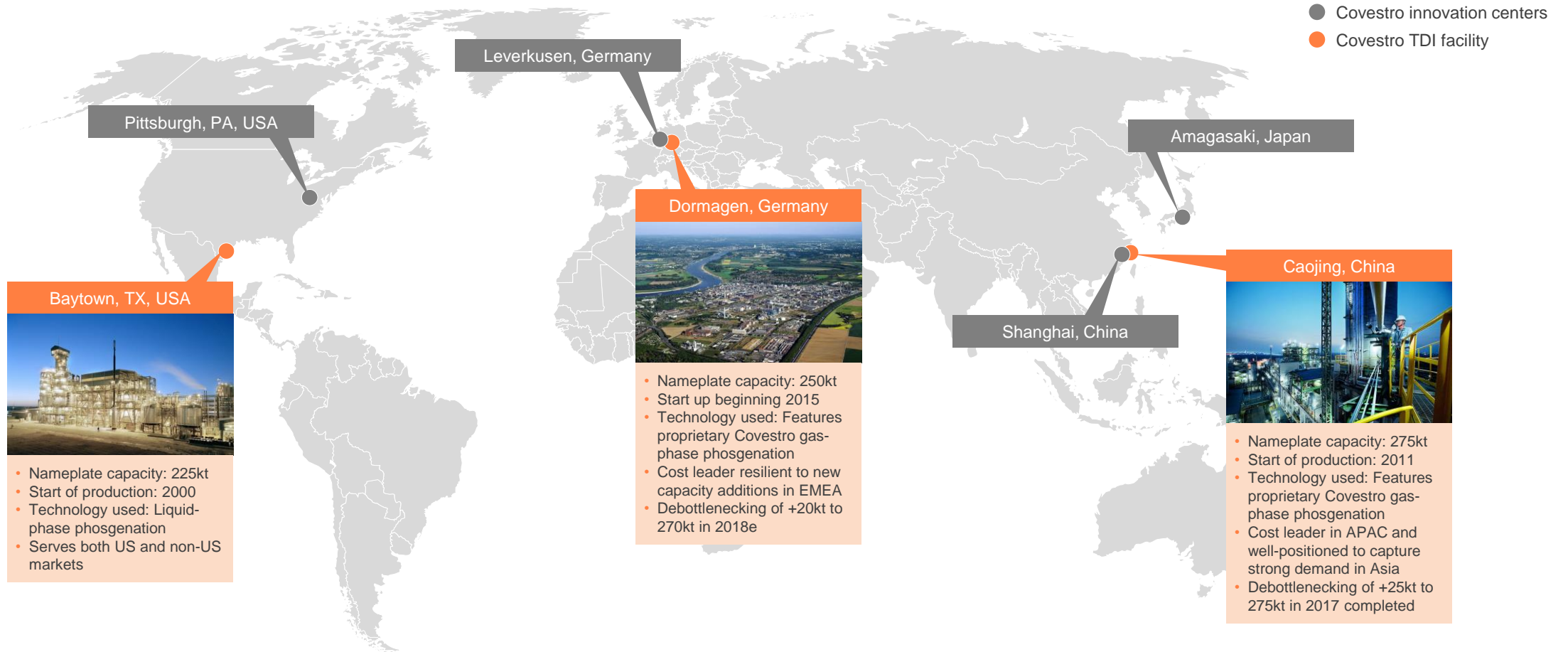


- A** Covestro cost leadership through backward integration
- B** Covestro advantages from superior process technology
- C** Process technology advantages and larger TDI train capacity driving superior cost position for Covestro
- D** Benefits from low energy and natural gas prices, suffers from high investment level and required costly HCl recycling via ODC^(b) electrolysis (no benefit from caustic soda by-product sales); plus estimated 90-140 \$/t bulk freight plus 6.5% import duty to WE and China

TDI global operations



Leading production network by technology and global footprint



Polyurethanes (PUR)

MDI

TDI

Polyether polyols

Polyether polyols at a glance



Leading position in polyether polyols as distinctive component

#2

Polyether polyols
producer globally^(a)

1,330kt

Capacity
2017^(a)

~40%

of PUR core volumes
2017

9

Production facilities
globally



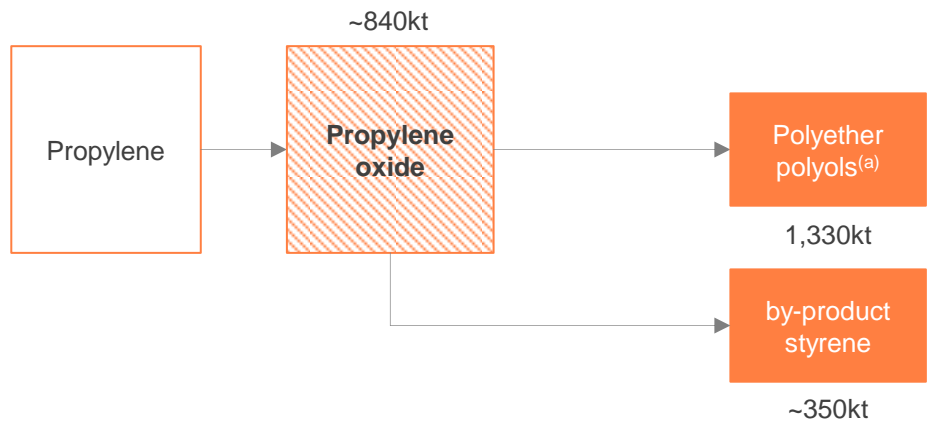
- Leading global supplier of polyether polyols with broad range of products and focus on NAFTA and EMEA
- Resilient profitability and cash generation backed by stable historic and forecast industry margins
- Key source of distinction and critical enabler in terms of providing market access and driving product innovation in polyurethanes
- Sustainable cost position through backward integration into propylene oxide and best-in-class process technology in polyether polyols
- Covestro polyether polyol growth limited in the short term, yet strategy remains to grow in line with portfolio

Role of polyether polyols in Covestro portfolio



Key enabler for innovation in core applications

Covestro production chain



Purchased raw material
 Contracts & JV activities
 Covestro activities

Polyether polyols reaction with isocyanates leads a broad range of applications

Rigid foam Average mix = Molecular ratio: 1 **MDI** to ~0.7 polyether polyols



Building insulation

- space and energy efficient
- flexible processing



Cold chain

- affordable temperature preservation



Automotive parts

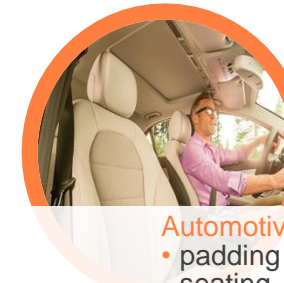
- strong, durable and light
- noise and heat insulation

Flexible foam Average mix = Molecular ratio: 1 **TDI** to ~2 polyether polyols



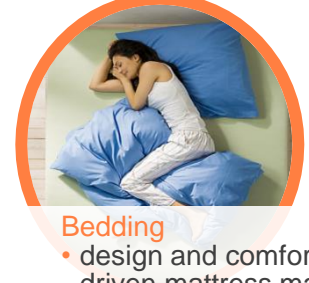
Furniture

- durable and supportive cushions



Automotive parts

- padding for auto seating



Bedding

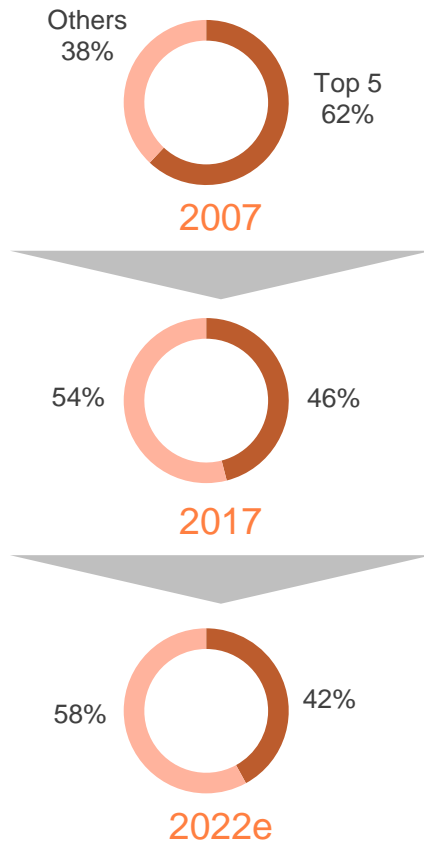
- design and comfort driven mattress material

Polyether polyols competitive landscape



Competitive industry position based on PO backward integration

Global capacity by producer



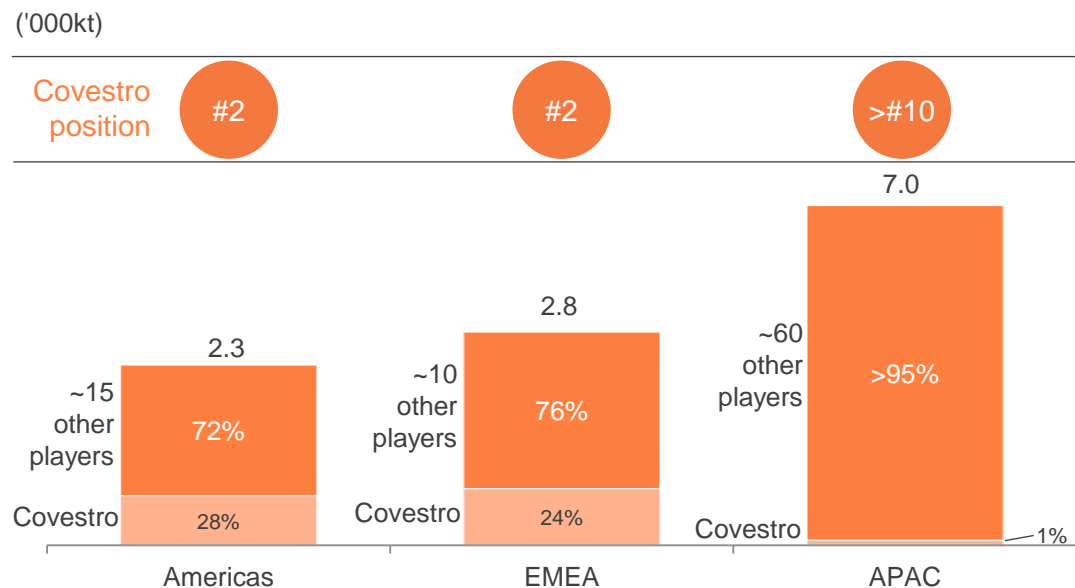
	Industry	Covestro position
Capital intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> World-scale 300kt p.a. propylene oxide / polyether polyols plant requires approx. €1bn investment 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PO production in USA and Europe and 9 polyether polyol production sites in NAFTA, Europe and Asia Cost benefits and secured access from JV with leading PO producer LyondellBasell
Process technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> PO technology relatively complex with limited options for licensing Polyether polyol technology available through own innovation or licensing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> JV based on cost competitive PO/TBA and PO/SM technologies of LyondellBasell Leading proprietary polyols technology position, licensor of IMPACT technology to major competitors
Feedstock integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Propylene backward integration for propylene oxide production advantageous PO backward integration for polyether polyols production advantageous 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term supply contract for important precursors, e.g. ethylene oxide Backward integration on propylene oxide through LyondellBasell JV
Technical capabilities and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Few players with broad product portfolio based on deep polyols chemistry know-how Handling of propylene oxide and ethylene oxide require high safety standards 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Leading position in long- and short-chain polyether polyols as well as polymer polyols covering broad range of applications World-class expertise in application development providing innovative industry solutions
Proximity to markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application know-how and competitive product offering to support customer Global customers, e.g. in appliance, prefer global suppliers Low cost supply chain set-up requires regional production 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global footprint of production assets and resources Deep customer and market insights

Polyether polyols competitive landscape

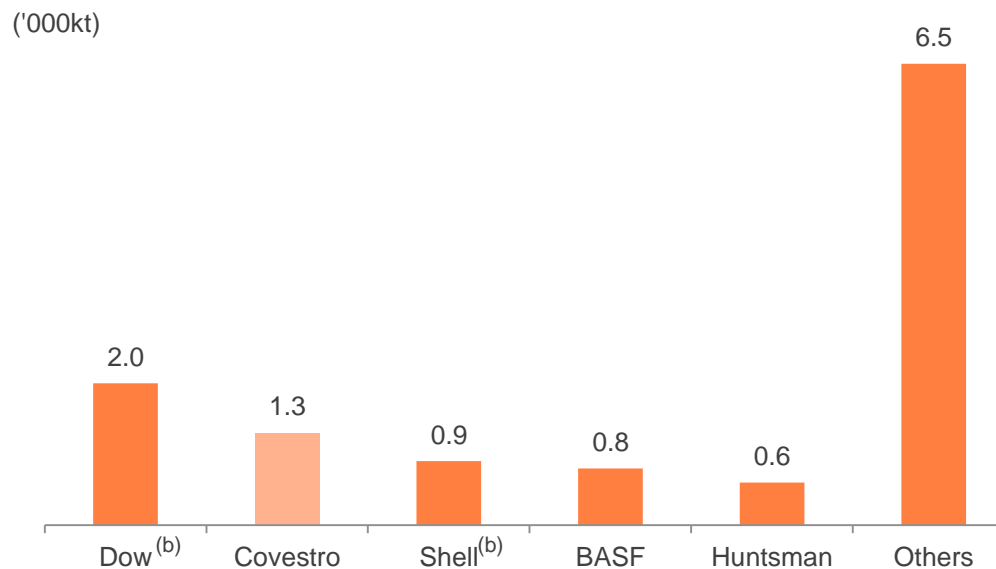
Global #2 producer with strong positions in NAFTA and EMEA



Polyether polyols industry capacity share by region in 2017^(a)



Top polyether polyols producers globally in 2017^(a)



- Polyether polyols landscape comprising 4 major players; Covestro is #2 producer globally with strong positions in NAFTA and EMEA
- APAC is highly fragmented based on a large merchant propylene oxide market with > 25 producers
- Higher margins and distinct entry requirements for the business model of propylene oxide backward-integrated polyols vs. stand-alone
- Distinct entry requirements: capital intensity, propylene oxide access, advanced polyols process technology, R&D and technical infrastructure

Polyether polyols operations



Global production network with proximity to propylene oxide supply



Joint venture with LyondellBasell



Competitive cost position through propylene oxide backward integration

LyondellBasell agreements

US propylene oxide joint venture

- Started in 2000
- Long-term off-take of propylene oxide from JV plants

EMEA propylene oxide joint venture

- 50 / 50 manufacturing JV for world-scale facility in Rotterdam
- Propylene oxide output used captively by Covestro as feedstock; sells styrene monomer in merchant market

Key benefits to Covestro

- Secure access of propylene oxide in Europe and US
- Producer cost economics vs. market price in a limited merchant market for propylene oxide
- Opportunity to explore debottlenecking options with LyondellBasell
- US propylene oxide JV not exposed to propylene oxide co-product volatility (TBA / MTBE or styrene monomer)
- Covestro responsible for certain styrene monomer sales from EMEA joint venture

Michelle Jou

Head of Business Unit Polycarbonates

Michelle Jou is Head of the Polycarbonates (PCS) Business Unit from Covestro since January 2016. Jou has more than 20 years of experience in Sales, Marketing and Supply Chain functions in the chemical industry in Asia.

She started her career within Bayer Material Science (BMS) in 2003 in Shanghai and assumed various management positions within the Regional Supply Chain Center, China Corporate Management and the Business Unit Polycarbonates. She was notably the Managing Director of Bayer MaterialScience Trading (Shanghai) Co., Ltd. where she was responsible for the local distribution of Bayer MaterialScience products. She also served as PCS Country Representative for China where she was in charge of overseeing the whole polycarbonates business in China. Afterwards, she was promoted to head of Strategic Marketing for Consumer & Industrial Solutions APAC. In 2012, she joined the PCS leadership team as senior vice president.

Prior to joining Bayer, Jou worked for a leading French petrochemical company for about 10 years in Hong Kong and Shanghai. She holds a Bachelor degree from Fu-Jen University in Taiwan and a Master's degree in Management from EMLYON Business School in France and the INSEAD.

She is married with two children.



PCS key investment highlights



Growth business with increasing product differentiation

1

Opportunity to outgrow the industry

taking shares for four consecutive years, outgrowing in high value-added applications

2

Increasing share of high-value, differentiated business

with more than 1,000 different PC grades with prices ranging from ~€2.0 to ~€15 per kg

3

Leading global player

with broadest range of applications

4

Well-invested, young and highly efficient global production network

allows cost-efficient and safe production as well as expansion through debottlenecking

5

Pushing boundaries through innovation

creates access to new applications and new product offerings

PCS at a glance

Global leading producer of polycarbonates



#1

PC producer globally^(a)

€3.7bn

Sales
2017

22.8%

EBITDA margin
2017

26%

of total Covestro
sales 2017

- Global leader and inventor of polycarbonates
- Offers products and solutions for a wide range of applications
- Integrated production processes along the value chain, including wet sites (resins) and dry sites (compounded resins)
- Global platform with 5 production sites, 5 innovation centers, 7 compounding centers and business unit headquarters in Shanghai, China
- Total production capacity of 1,480kt^(a)



Mobility
Exterior



Electronics
Robot housing



Consumer electronics
Adapter



Mobility
Charging station



Healthcare
Drug delivery



Electrical
LED street lamp

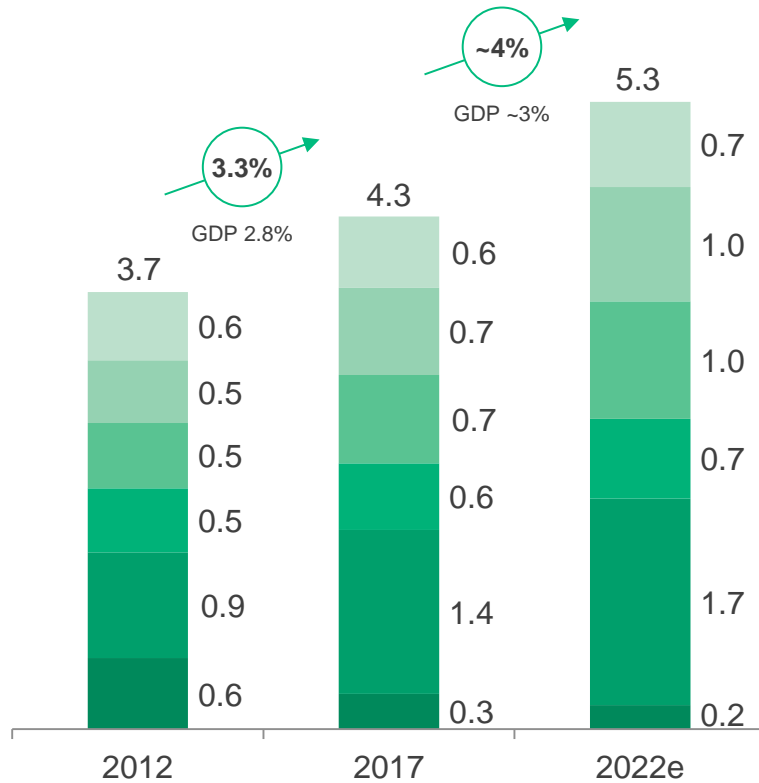


1. Polycarbonates industry demand and growth drivers

Macro trends support above GDP demand growth

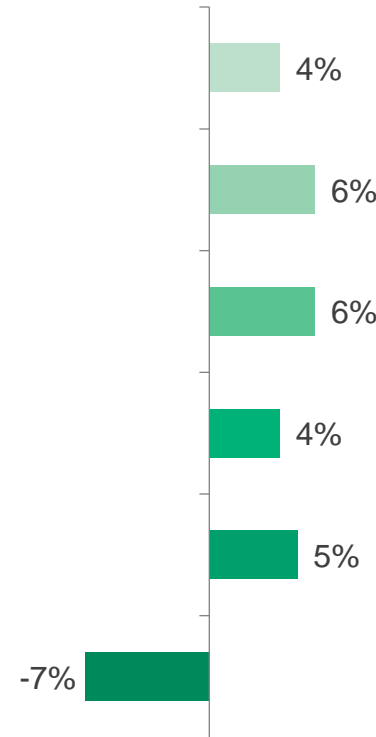
Polycarbonates demand by application

Demand ('000kt)
CAGR in %



- Electronics
- Electrical
- Automotive
- Construction
- Consumer^(a)
- Optical Media

CAGR 2017 – 2022e



Accelerated growth 2017-2022e

CAGR in %

APAC	~5%
EMEA	~3%
NAFTA	~3%

Continuous upgrades, substitution and new application development; selected examples:

- Trend towards design and aesthetics in devices
- New revolutionary technologies, e.g. wearables, audio devices, AR and VR, sensors, robotics, drones
- Electric vehicles and autonomous driving
- Increasing healthcare access in emerging markets
- Ageing population with longer life expectancy requiring healthcare solutions

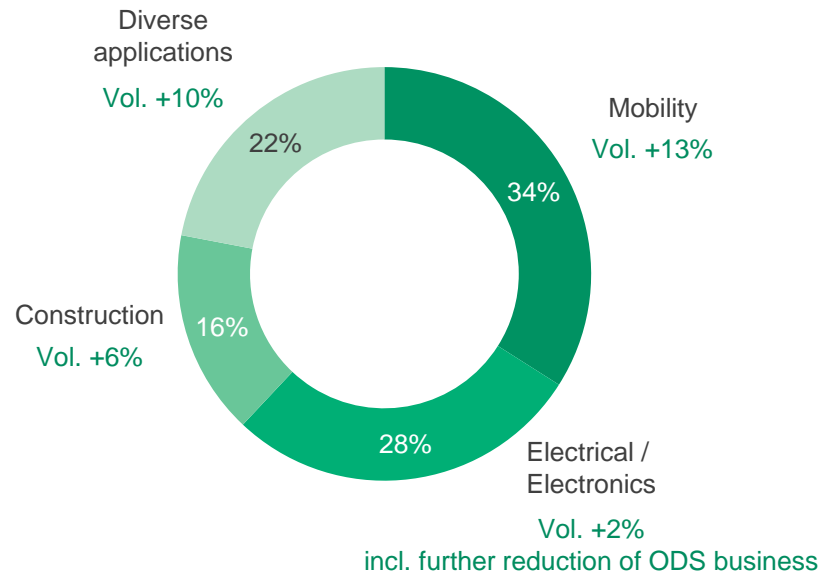


1. PCS volume growth

Strong core volume growth of 7.6% CAGR in 2015-2017

PCS sales split by end markets

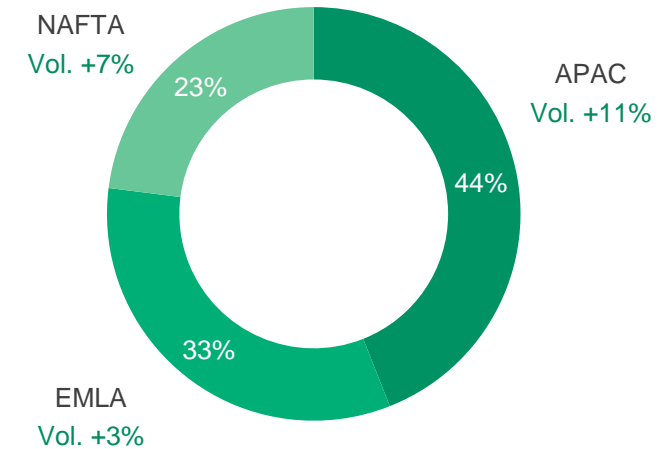
Covestro sales 2017
Core Volume Growth, CAGR 2015-2017



Growth driven by mobility and diverse applications

PCS sales split by regions

Covestro sales 2017
Core Volume Growth CAGR 2015-2017



Growth driven by APAC

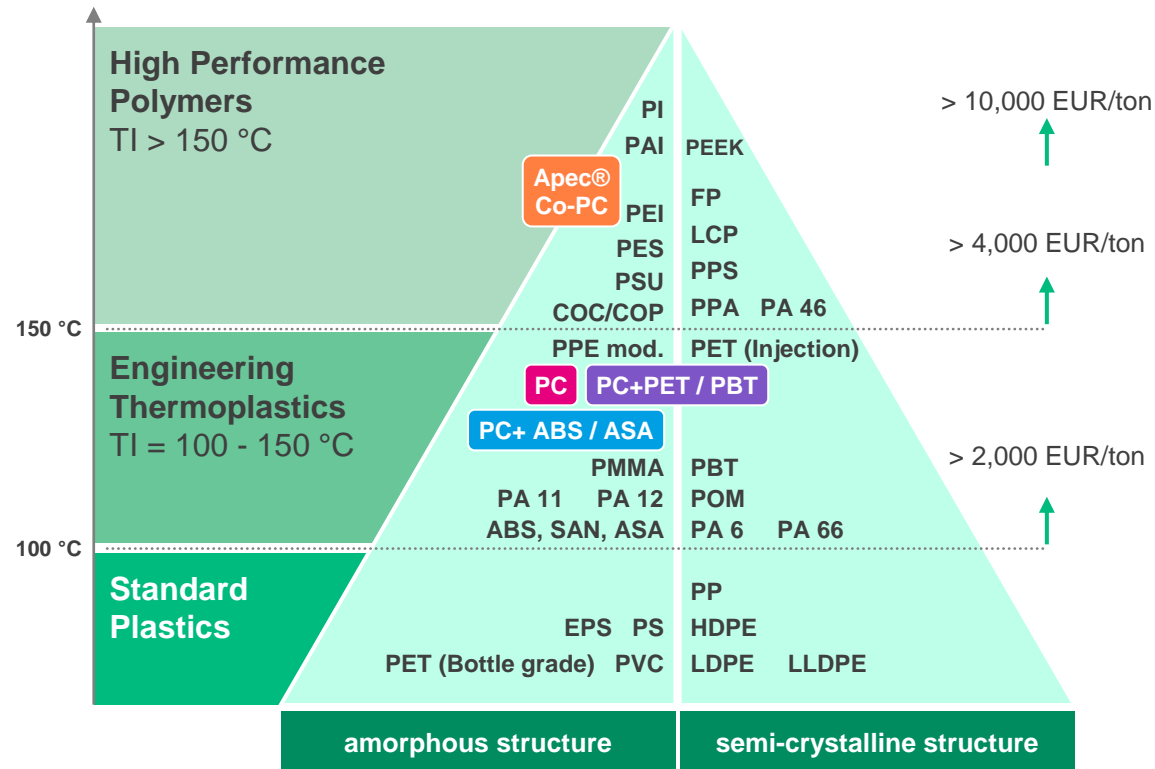
2. Polycarbonates in the world of plastics



Attractively positioned as engineering thermoplastics

Triangle of thermoplastics by structure, capabilities and price

Capability by temperature index (TI)







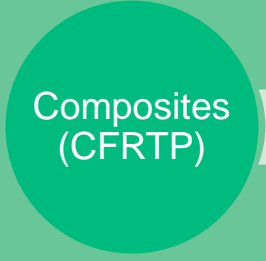


Highlights

- Plastics are clustered by some basic properties that define application areas, price and market volumes
- PC is clearly positioned as engineering plastic that serves applications with specific mechanical and temperature requirements
- If applicable, PC typically competes with other amorphous resins like PMMA, ABS (low end) or PEI (high end)
- Covestro brands its PC as **Makrolon®**
- Covestro blends PC with other resins to deliver tailored performances and to broaden the range of applications:
 - PC plus PET or PBT **Makroblend®**
 - PC plus ABS or ASA **Bayblend®**
- In the 'High Performance Polymers' range, Covestro offers a special high-heat co-polycarbonate **Apec®**
- Further specialty PC polymers including co-polymers in development

2. Polycarbonates as engineering thermoplastics

Serving numerous industries with a unique combination of properties



Polycarbonates (PC)	Key properties	Key applications
 <p>Resins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Impact resistant • Heat resistant • Transparent 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Automotive interior and exterior panels • Bodywork parts • Lighting systems • Glazing • Outer door panels • Radiator grills
 <p>Compounded Resins</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High dimensional stability • High flame retardancy • Good aesthetics 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IT equipment • Housing for mobile devices and consumer electronics • Chargers • Switchbox and other electrical systems • Diffusion panel of LCD monitors • LED parts
 <p>Composites (CFRTP)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High stiffness • Light weight • High-tech look and feel 	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Medical devices • Robotics • Personal safety, e.g. helmets, headgear, eyewear • Packaging, e.g. water bottles, pitchers  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Windows • Conservatories • Roof structures • Partition walls

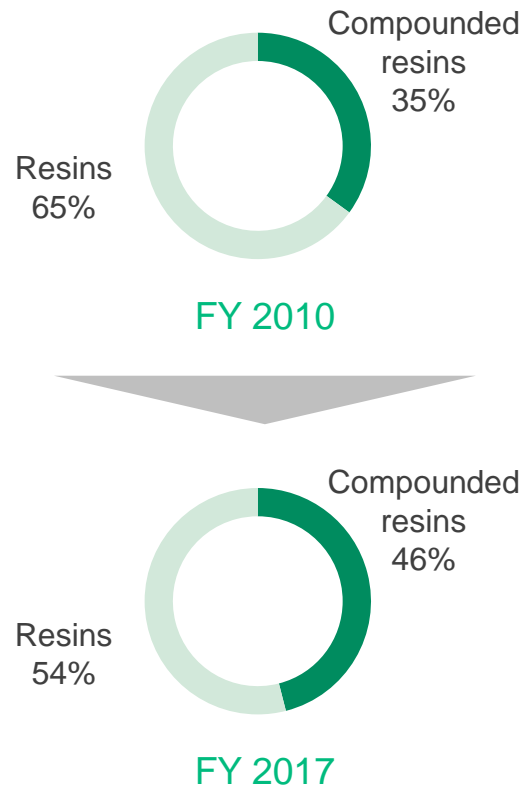
2. PCS compounding

Increasing demand for value-enhanced PC grades

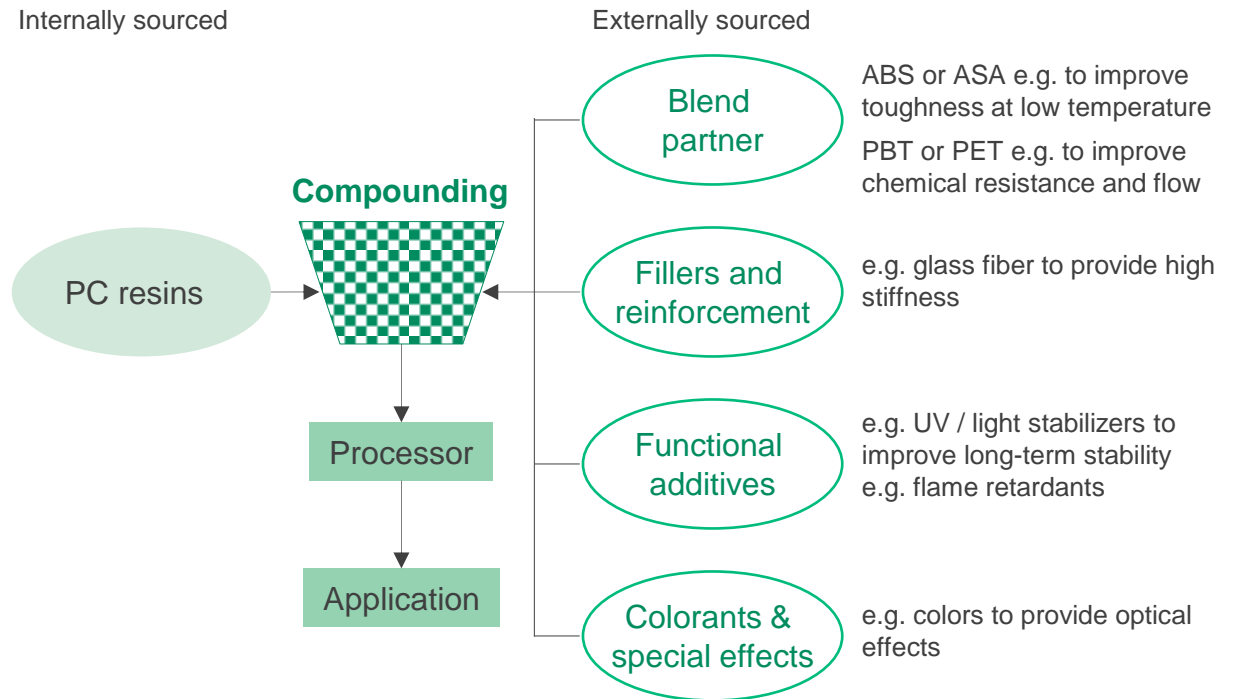


Share of compounded resins

Covestro PCS sales split by product group



Concept of compounding



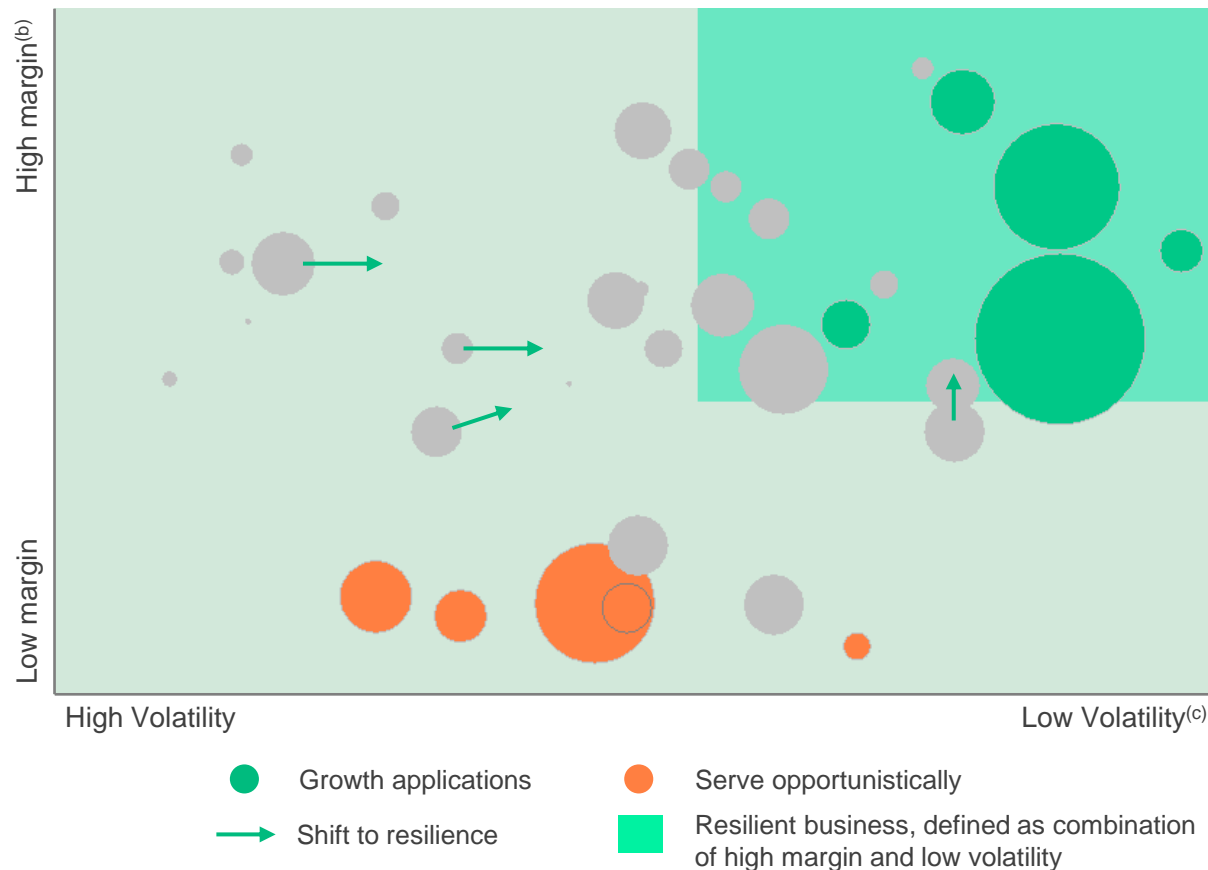
Compounding of PC resins creates formulations with tailored property profiles and significant added value for customers

2. PCS margin resilience

Benefits from global market access, innovation capabilities and high-quality product portfolio



Resilient portion of PCS volumes at ~55% in 2017^(a)



Goal: grow resilient portion of PCS volumes to ~65% long-term

Resilient volumes increased from ~40% in FY 2011 to ~55% in FY 2017

- Focus on high-value and high-growth industry applications
- Greater technical requirements and longer lifecycles
- Comprehensive innovation capabilities and technical services are key
- Mobility, electrical and electronics as main drivers

Focus to further grow in resilient end markets

- Healthcare as additional future key driver
- High differentiation potential
- Opportunistically serve low-requirement applications, exit sheet operations
- Broaden portfolio toward higher margins and earnings resilience
- Distinct entry requirements in resilient portion of PCS portfolio for potential new industry players

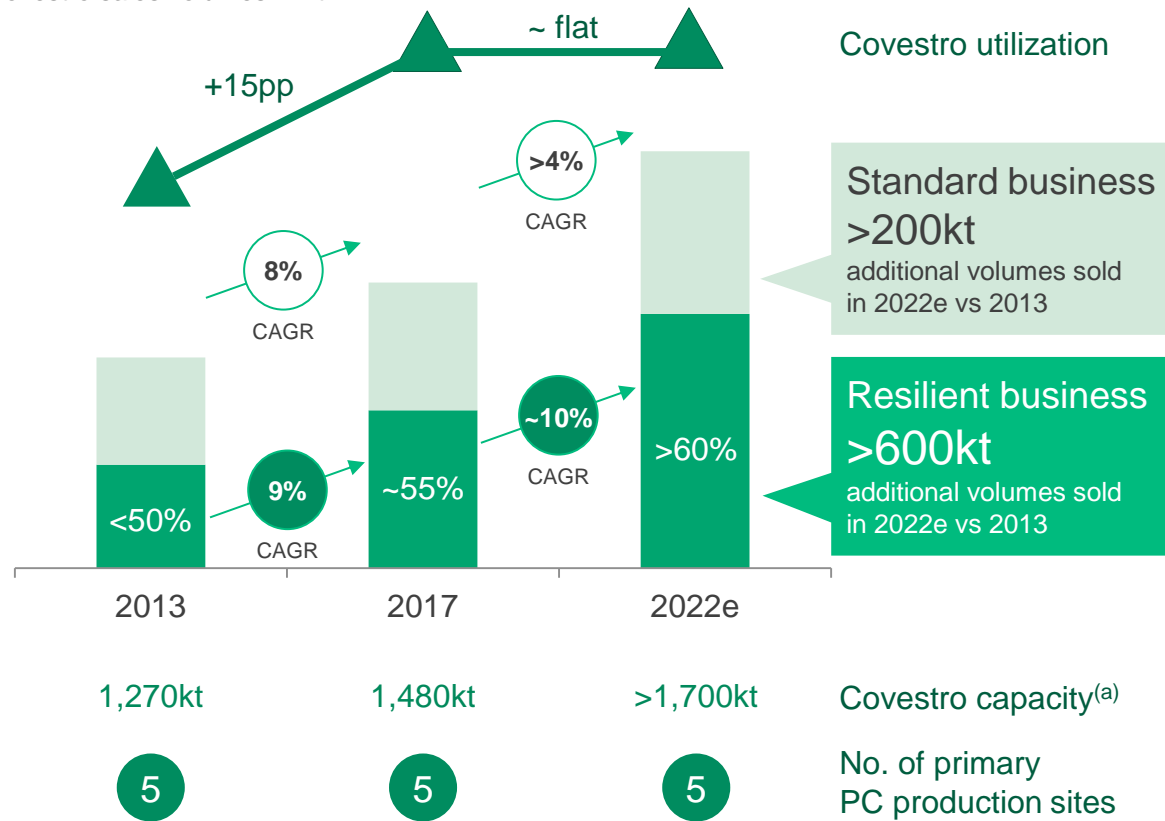
2. PCS product portfolio

Covestro targets to outgrow PC industry in differentiated business



Development of resilient portion of PCS volumes

Covestro sales volumes in kt



Covestro highlights

Product portfolio improvement

- Capacity growth and increasing share of resilient business result in significantly higher volumes in differentiated, high-requirement applications
- Structural improvement of average contribution margin

Higher asset utilization

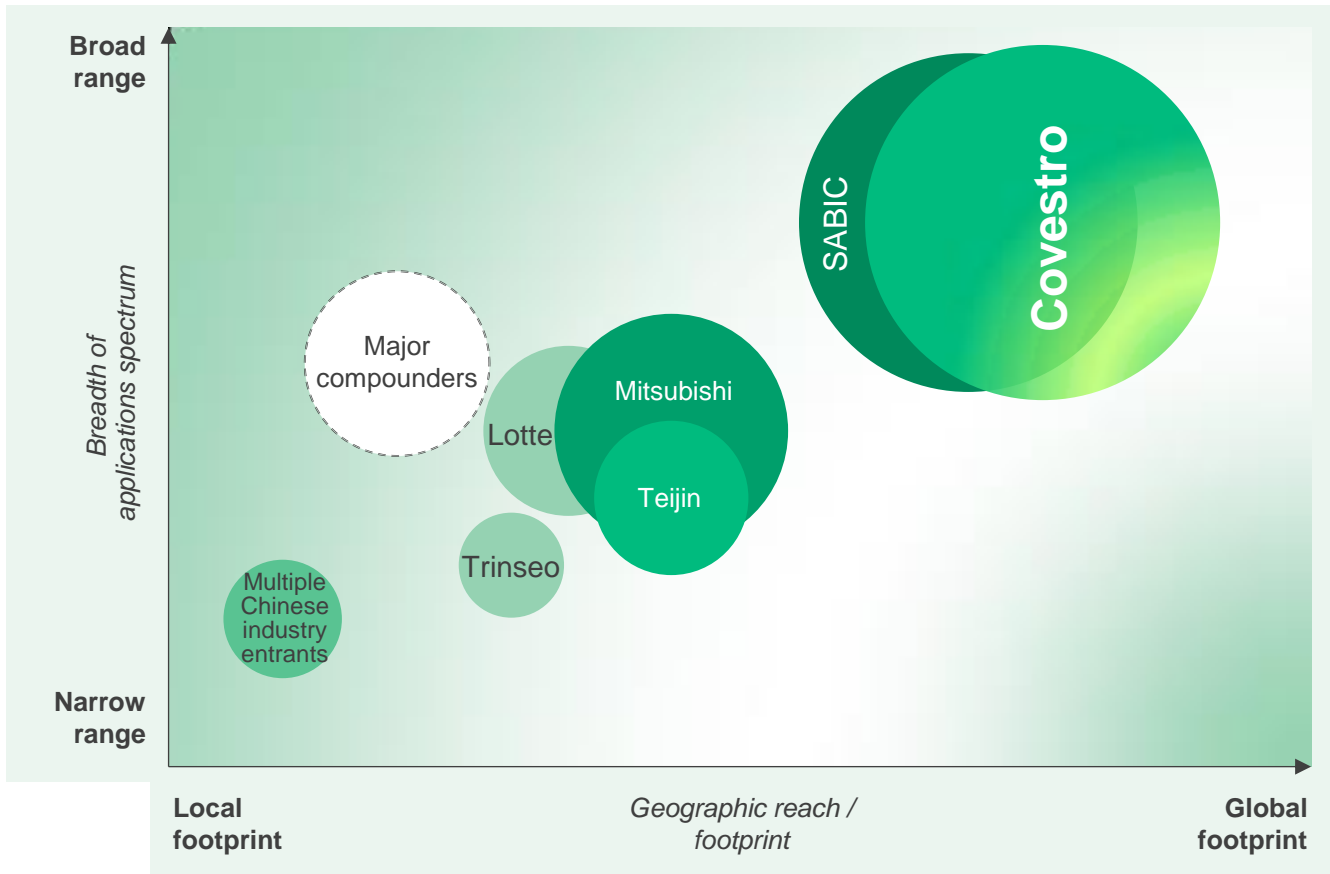
- Volume leverage through significant improvement of capacity utilization by ~15 percentage points
- Significantly higher output from unchanged number of primary production sites

3. PCS competitive environment

Global leader with growing share of business generated with global customers



Positions in the industry 2017^(a)



Covestro advantage of broad play

- Covestro and SABIC are the only true global players – important to serve global customers in e.g. electrical/electronics and automotive
- Reduced exposure to cyclical nature of single customer industries
- Higher flexibility in portfolio management
- Optimized risk distribution
- Optimized asset utilization

Key changes by 2022e

- No significant change among top 5 industry leaders expected
- New potential industry players expected mainly in China, likely to increase competition in local markets with narrow application spectrum
- Number of Chinese industry entrants may increase from two in 2017 to announced ~10 by 2022e
- Potentially one Chinese industry entrant with long-term ambition to enter high-requirement applications

3. PCS competitive positioning

1000+ grades position Covestro with broadest product offering



Breadth of PC product offering by Covestro and key competitors across end markets^(a)

	Covestro (D)	SABIC (KSA)	MEP (JP)	Teijin (JP)	Lotte (KR)	Trinseo (US)	Kingfa ^(b) (PRC)	Zhetie ^(c) (PRC)
Mobility	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Healthcare	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Electrical	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Electronics	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Appliances	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Consumer products	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Construction	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Optical data storage	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●
Water bottles	●	●	●	●	●	●	●	●

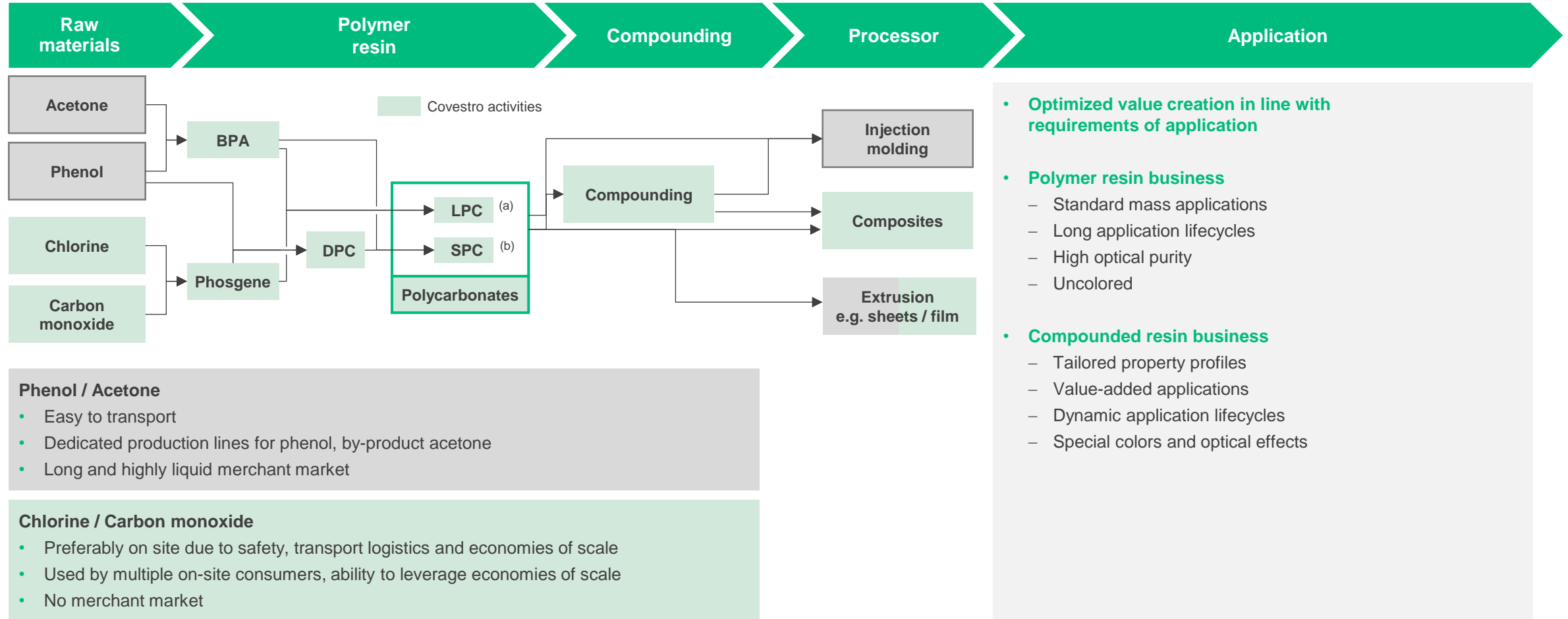
● Broad offerings
 ● Medium offering
 ● Limited to No offering

Highlights

- Covestro has broadest product portfolio and continues to expand, especially in the resilient part
- PC is an innovation-driven industry and Covestro has largest innovation budget in industry^(a)
- Differentiation increases earnings resilience and independence of single customer industry cycles
- Differentiation lowers exposure to new potential industry players with often limited product offerings of few low-end grades

4. PCS value chain

Selective backward and forward integration captures best value



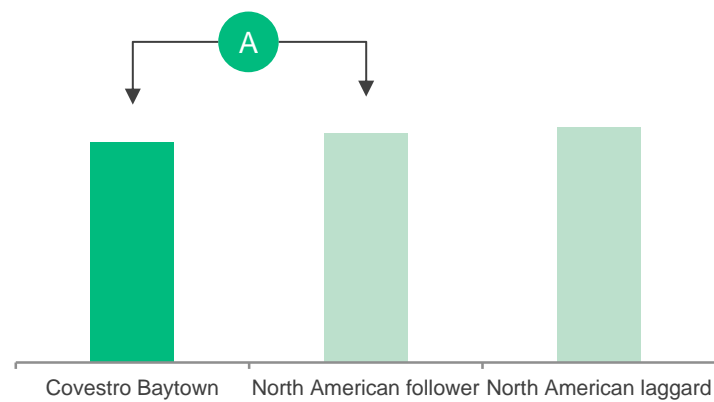
4. PCS regional industry cost curves

Leading cost positions in key regions



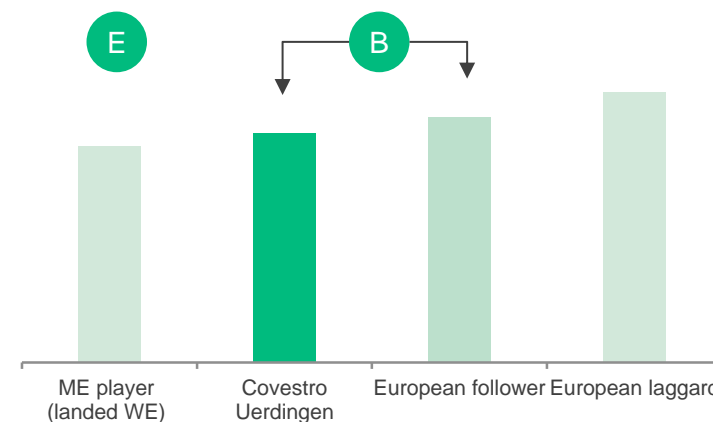
North America

Cash cost^(a)



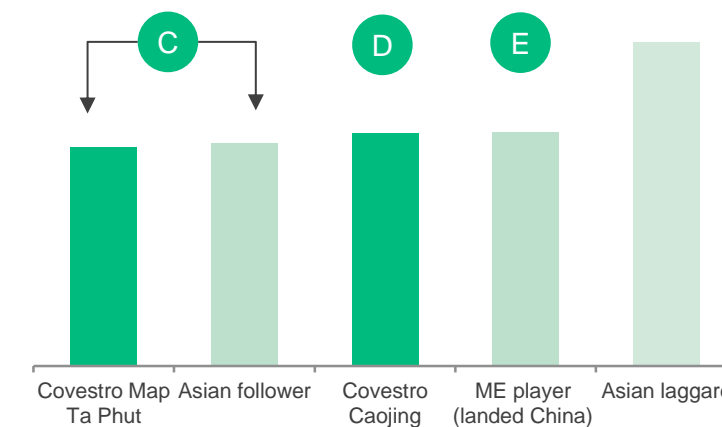
Europe

Cash cost^(a)



Asia

Cash cost^(a)



- A** Covestro is cost leader in North America mainly based on backward integration and technology
- B** Covestro is cost leader in Europe-based production, mainly due to backward integration and technology
- C** Covestro is cost leader in Asia mainly based on scale, backward integration and technology
- D** Covestro is cost leader in China mainly based on scale, backward integration and technology
- E** Benefits from feedstock integration as well as highly advantageous utility costs, suffers from bulk freight plus 6.5% import duty to WE and China

4. PCS in China



Caojing production complex to become scale and cost leader in industry



Nameplate capacity

Currently 400kt with planned expansions to 600kt, coming on stream in several stages from 2018 to 2022 through debottlenecking existing production lines

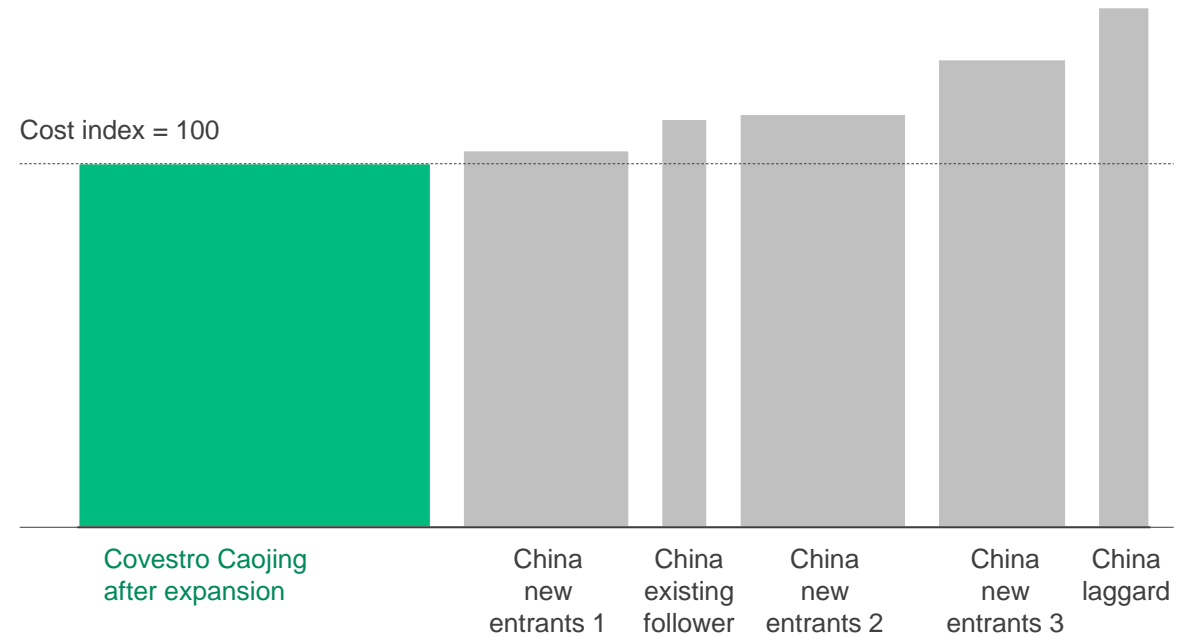
Differentiating factors

- ✓ **Economies of scale:**
 - Currently the only PC plant in China operating single lines with 100kt or more,
 - Becoming world’s largest PC site after debottlenecking
- ✓ **Benefit from raw material integration:**
 - Fully integrated into BPA and partially into chlorine
- ✓ **Process technology advantage**
 - Benefit from lower cost melt technology, compared to interfacial technology
 - Solvent-free product for key industries

Covestro future cost advantage versus Chinese competitors

Cash cost^(a)

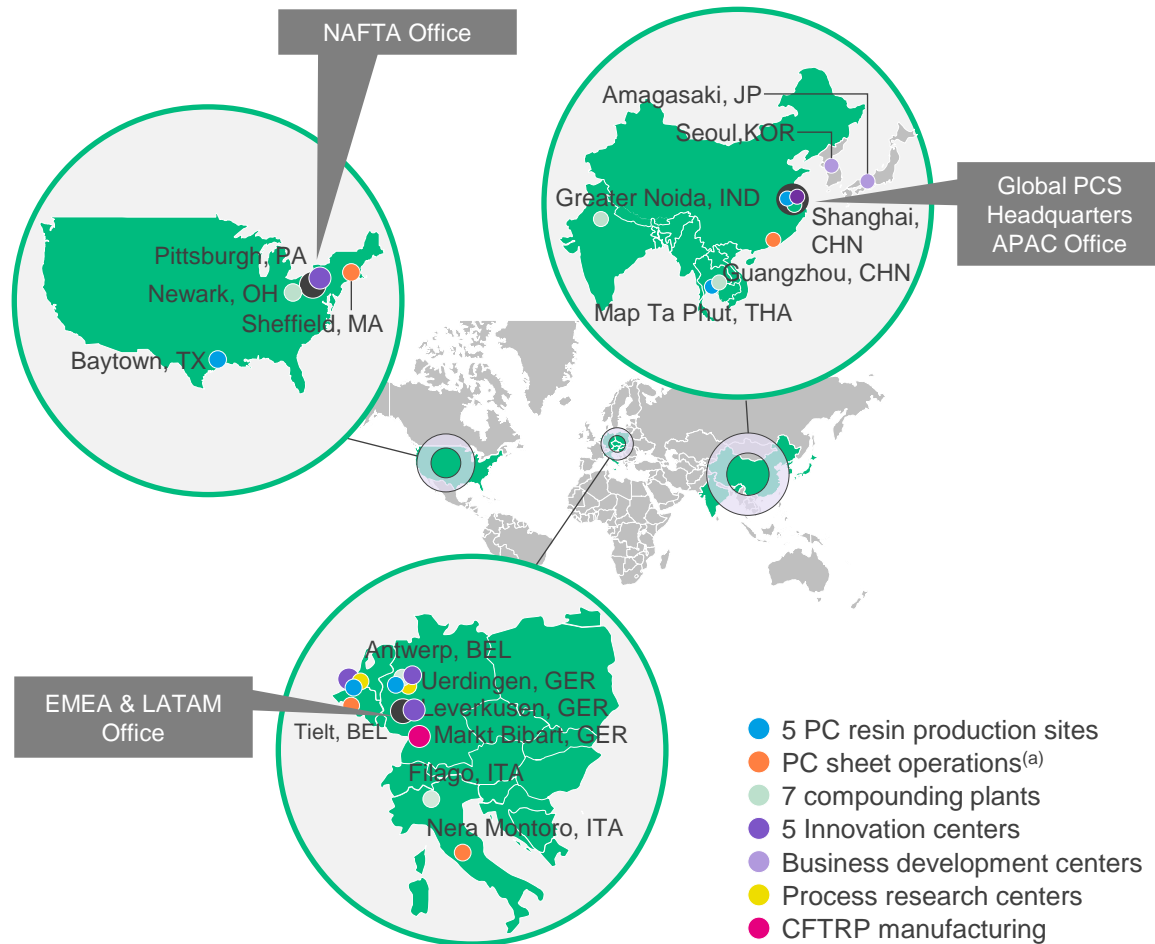
Cost index = 100



Nameplate capacities after 2022e^(a)

4. PCS global operations

Reach and customer access is key competitive advantage



Primary production plants

- Production of polycarbonate resin for either external sales or internal feedstock for compounding and sheet plants^(a)
- Nameplate capacity as of year end 2017: Covestro 1,480kt, including Baytown (USA) 230kt, Antwerp (BE) 240kt, Uerdingen (D) 300kt, Map Ta Phut (THA) 310kt and Caojing (PRC) 400kt

Compounding plants

- Refinement of polycarbonate resin through blending with other polymers or addition of colorants, fillers or other functional additives
- Color matching, technical service and small-scale production capabilities

Composites

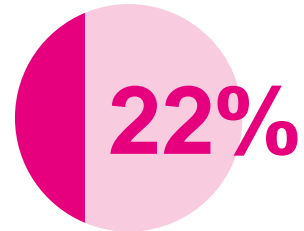
- Production and sales of Continuous Fiber Reinforced Thermoplastics (CFTRP) as tapes and sheets for further processing by customers

5. PCS R&D highlights 2017

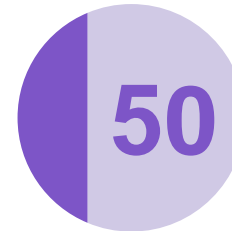
Market-driven innovation as key value driver



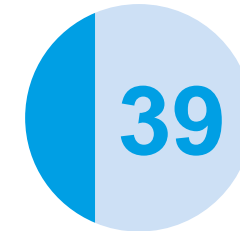
R&D spend



of PCS sales with new products not older than 5 years



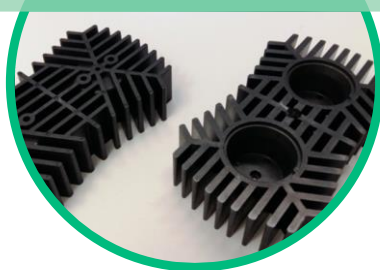
new grades, thereof around 90% compounding grades



patent applications

R&D project examples

Thermoconductive heat sink



Seamless glass-like appearance exterior parts – sensor transparent



Flame retardant materials for electric vehicle battery packing



High-end materials for connected devices for medical drug delivery

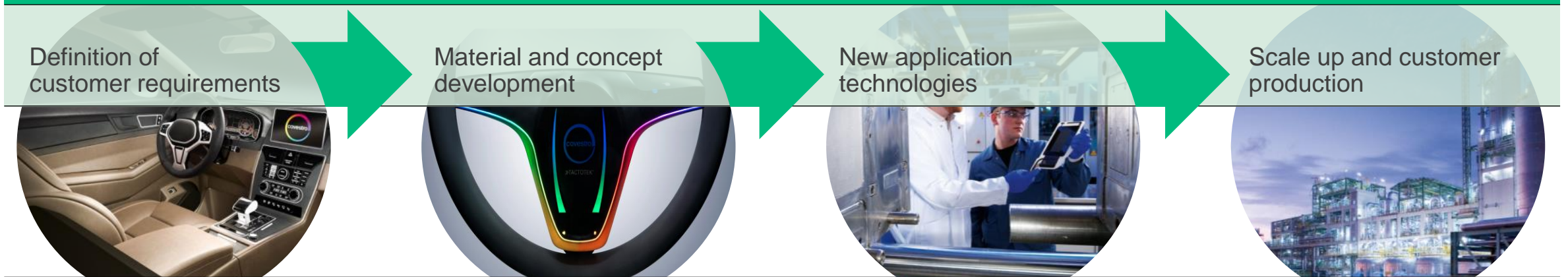


5. PCS innovation example



Material, application and production know-how drive market access and development

Example of customer product development lifecycle



Customer needs

- Distinctive and innovative automotive interior design
- Specialized material solutions providing function integration and safety
- Optimized and highly integrated manufacturing process
- Global competitive offerings
- Comprehensive and competent product support

Covestro solution

- ✓ High-end interior solutions with best-in-class product and technology portfolio
- ✓ Creative concepts based on profound understanding of materials and applications
- ✓ Support along the whole value chain
- ✓ Innovative polycarbonate grades, e.g. for infotainment display solutions
- ✓ New designs for lifestyle colors, surface finish and soft touch and feel
- ✓ Ductile materials for crash safety
- ✓ Best-in-class expertise in thermoplastics and processing technologies
- ✓ Reduction of cost and complexity
- ✓ First choice development partner for leading OEM, component suppliers and design houses
- ✓ Cutting-edge material and process innovation
- ✓ Global manufacturing, supply and support network

5. Continuous Fiber Reinforced Thermoplastics Composites



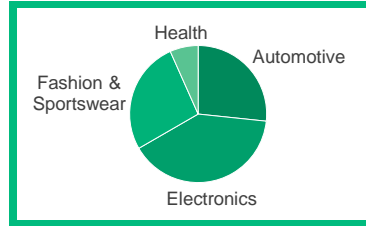
Innovative composite material provides potential for future growth

Example of customer product development lifecycle

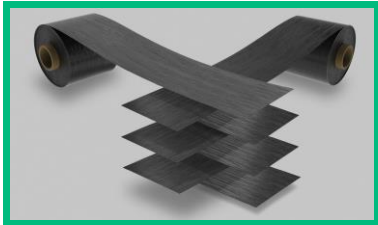


The world needs light-weight materials for next-generation applications offering powerful sustainability opportunities

Example of customer product development lifecycle



A diverse pipeline portfolio of commercial projects with some of the largest consumer brands in the world



Covestro combines continuous fibers (e.g. carbon) with thermoplastic resins (e.g. polycarbonate, TPU) to offer tapes and sheets



Commercial scale production inaugurated in March 2018. Further scale-up planned based on market success



Strong, light and aesthetically attractive product with fast cycle times compared to thermoset composites



Strong resonance with industry's needs: Haier, the world's largest appliance manufacturer, uses our CF RTP materials for its Casarte premium air conditioner housing

Michael Friede

Head of Business Unit Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties

Michael Friede is Head of the Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties (CAS) Business Unit of Covestro since September 2017.

Friede was born in 1980 in Gronau (Leine), Germany. He holds an MBA from Instituto de Empresa, Madrid, Spain, completed his undergraduate studies in business as Diplom-Kaufmann (FH) at the Fachhochschule für Oekonomie & Management in Essen, Germany and studied at the Rotman School of Management at the University of Toronto, Canada. He holds the degree of Industriekaufmann from the Industrie- und Handelskammer Cologne (IHK).

He entered the Bayer Group as a trainee in 2001. Upon completion of the trainee program he worked in the Bayer AG Holding in Corporate Auditing. In 2008, he moved to Covestro (then Bayer MaterialScience) as a Board Assistant. He then moved into the Procurement team of Covestro from 2009 until 2012, initially working as Head of Global Procurement Intelligence out of Leverkusen, moving to the USA to lead Procurement & Trading for the Americas region and global Procurement for energy, technical gases and basic chemicals including the global sales of chlorine, caustic soda and hydrochloric acid. In 2012, he moved back to Germany to lead the Global Key Accounts team in sales for the Business Unit CAS. In 2014, he took over the responsibility of Covestro's global Elastomers business moving to France to become CEO & President of Covestro Elastomers SAS.

Since 2017, Friede moved back to Germany and is leading the Business Unit CAS of Covestro.

Friede is married and has two children.



CAS key investment highlights



Global industry leader with high and resilient profitability

1

Above GDP growth

based on solid demand from diverse customer industries

2

High-end solutions for added-value materials

support high margin resilience

3

Global leading and defensible position

in industries with distinct entry requirements

4

High level of backward integration

and leading, proprietary technologies provide sustainable competitive cost advantage

5

External growth opportunities

focused on value-creating, differentiated business areas

CAS at a glance

Enabling high performance



#1

Producer of aliphatic isocyanates and PUD^(a)

€2.3bn

Sales 2017^(b)

20.9%

EBITDA margin 2017^(b)

16%

of total Covestro sales 2017^(b)

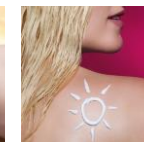
- Global leading supplier of high-performance materials to the coatings and adhesives industry and other high-growth specialties
- Inventor of and technology leader in isocyanate derivatives for coatings, adhesives, sealants and specialties
- 2,700+ products based primarily on six monomers, serving 10+ high-end industries and 5,000+ customers
- Product pricing driven by added value to end-customers as CAS materials are critical to the final product performance but form a small part of the overall cost
- Market-driven innovation in close collaboration with all partners in the value chain, developing customized solutions for specific problems
- Efficient production processes benefitting from low-cost technology and high level of backward integration
- High margin resilience and strong cash flows



Ingredients for **surface coatings**



Ingredients for **adhesives and sealants**



Ingredients for **specialties**

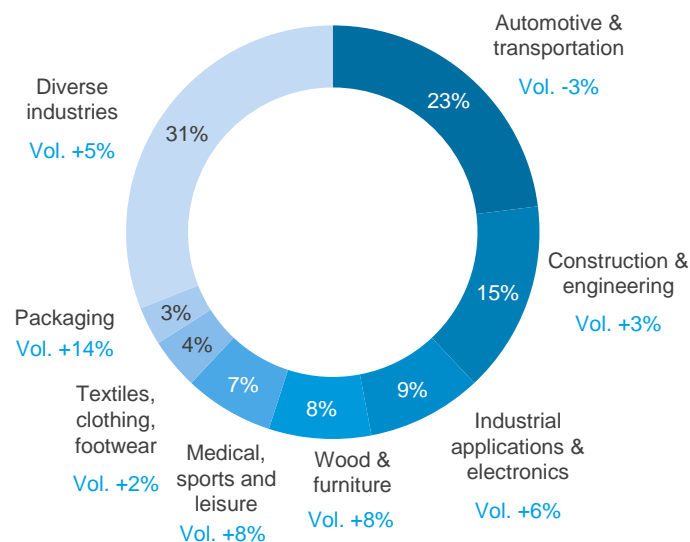
CAS above GDP volume growth

Adjusted core volume growth of 3.7% CAGR in 2015-2017^(a)



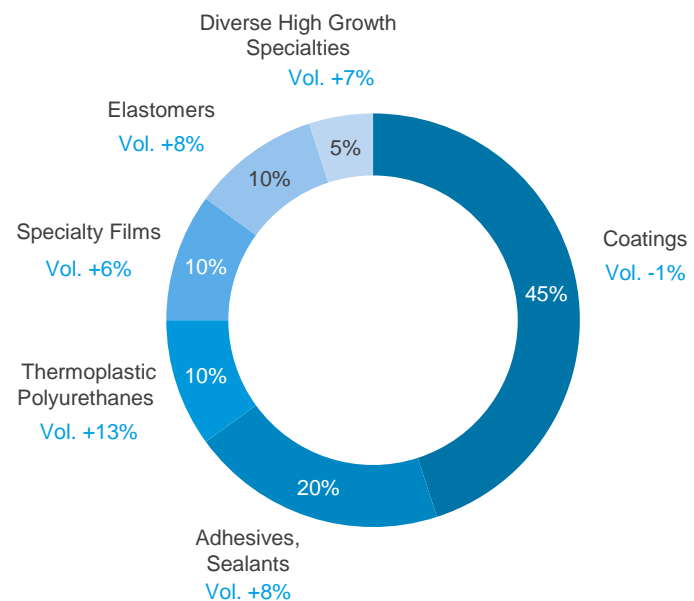
CAS sales split by industry groups

Covestro sales share FY 2017^(a)
Core volume growth, CAGR 2015-2017



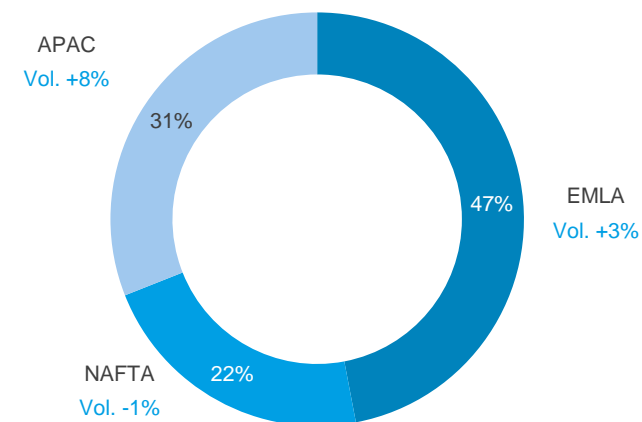
CAS sales split by businesses

Covestro sales share FY 2017^(a), rounded
Core volume growth, CAGR 2015-2017



CAS sales split by regions

Covestro sales share FY 2017^(a)
Core volume growth, CAGR 2015-2017



Growth driven by almost all industry groups

Growth driven by almost all businesses

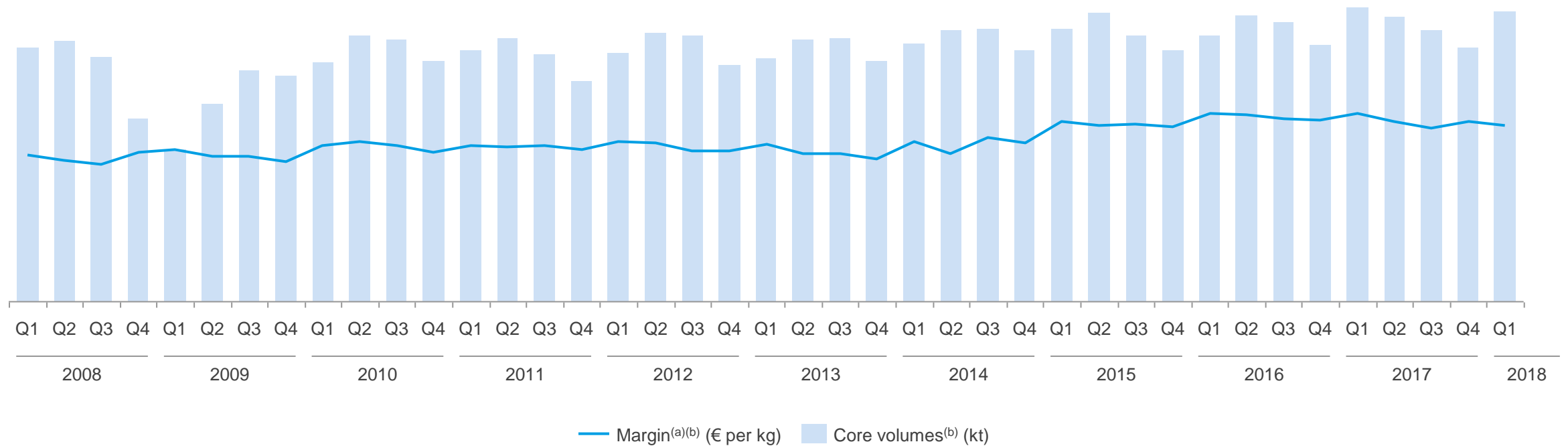
Growth driven by APAC and EMLA

CAS financial performance

High margin resilience reflects specialty character



Resilient margin level



- Added value to customers and diversified applications secure stable margins
- Gross margin driven by high-value product portfolio as well as low-cost technology

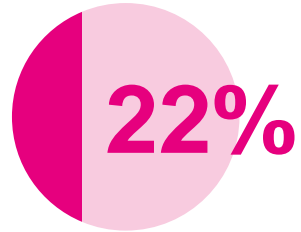
CAS product innovation 2017



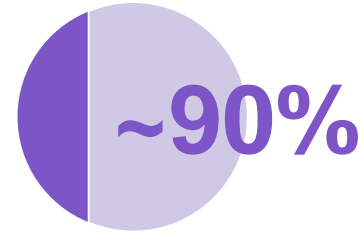
Continuously creating new application spaces and competitive differentiation



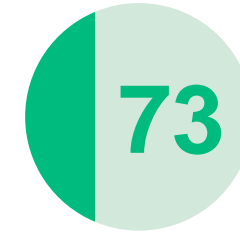
R&D spend



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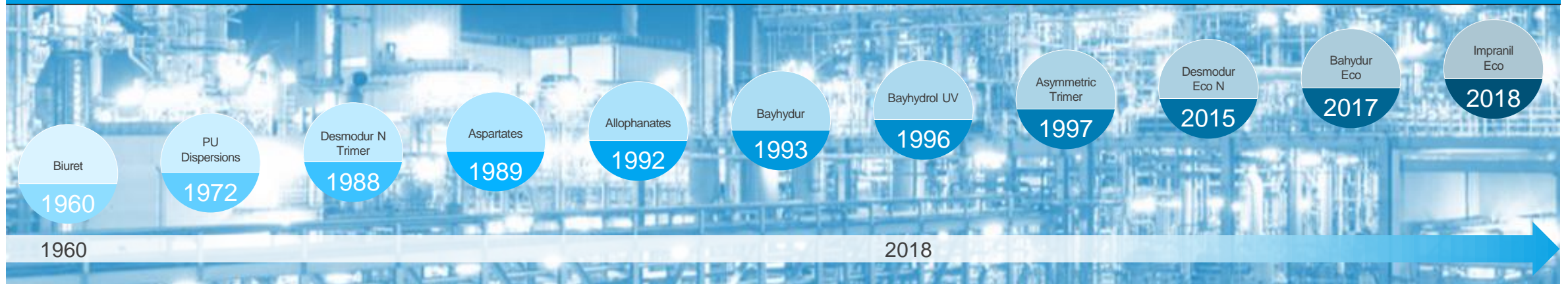


of R&D spend going into product innovation



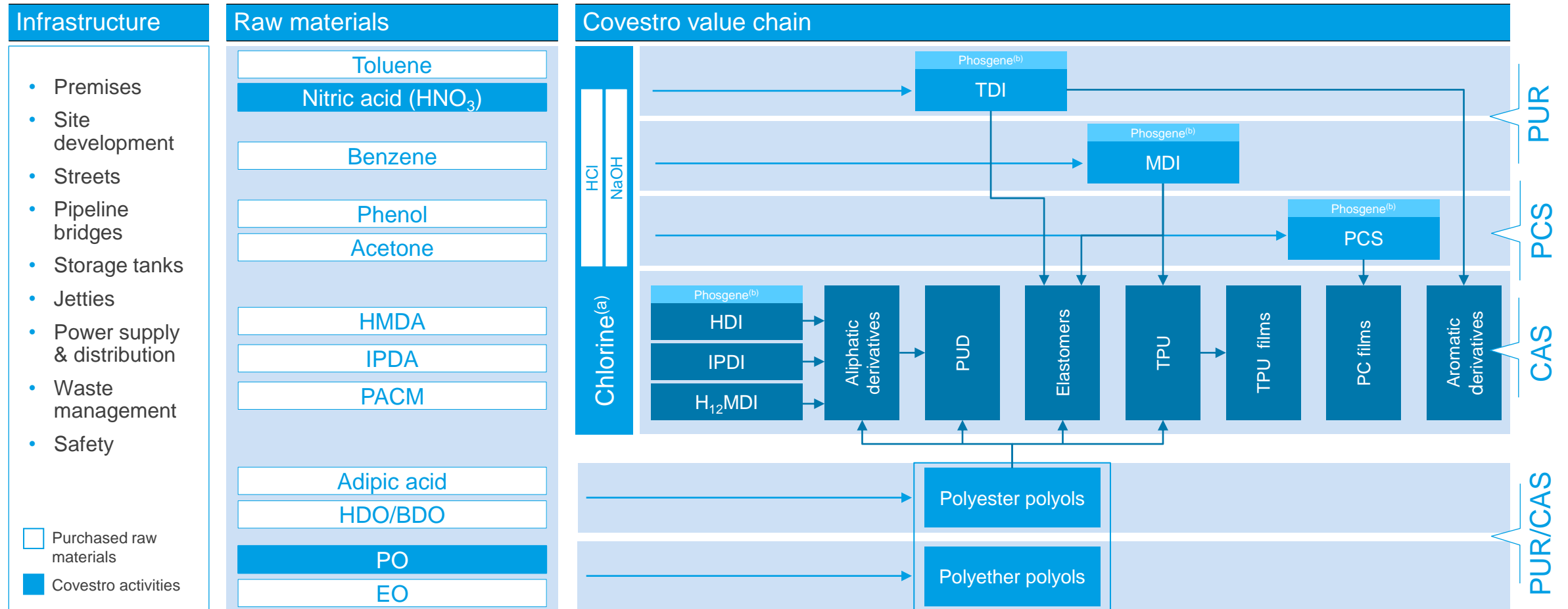
patent applications

R&D project examples



CAS backward integration

Significant synergies from Covestro chemical backbone



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Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties (CAS)

Coatings
Raw Materials

CAS Coatings raw materials at a glance

High-performance polyurethane chemistry for coatings



#1

Producer of PU coatings raw materials^(a)

3-4%

Market growth^(b)

~45%

of total CAS sales 2017

>800

Customers globally

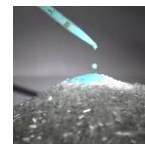
- Coatings raw materials are used in a wide range of end market applications
- Applications require high-performance products that enable distinct characteristics like abrasion resistance, durability or gloss retention
- Focus on higher-value components in the coatings market by providing added-value solutions
- Global network to reliably supply customers, combined with leading formulation know-how and technical expertise in coatings applications
- Innovation in coatings raw materials as core competency, enabling competitive differentiation and growth
- Product portfolio offers sustainable materials like water-borne and bio-based polyurethanes as well as materials that improve the industrial hygiene for applicators



Automotive



Transport & vehicles



Industrial coatings



Corrosion protection



Construction



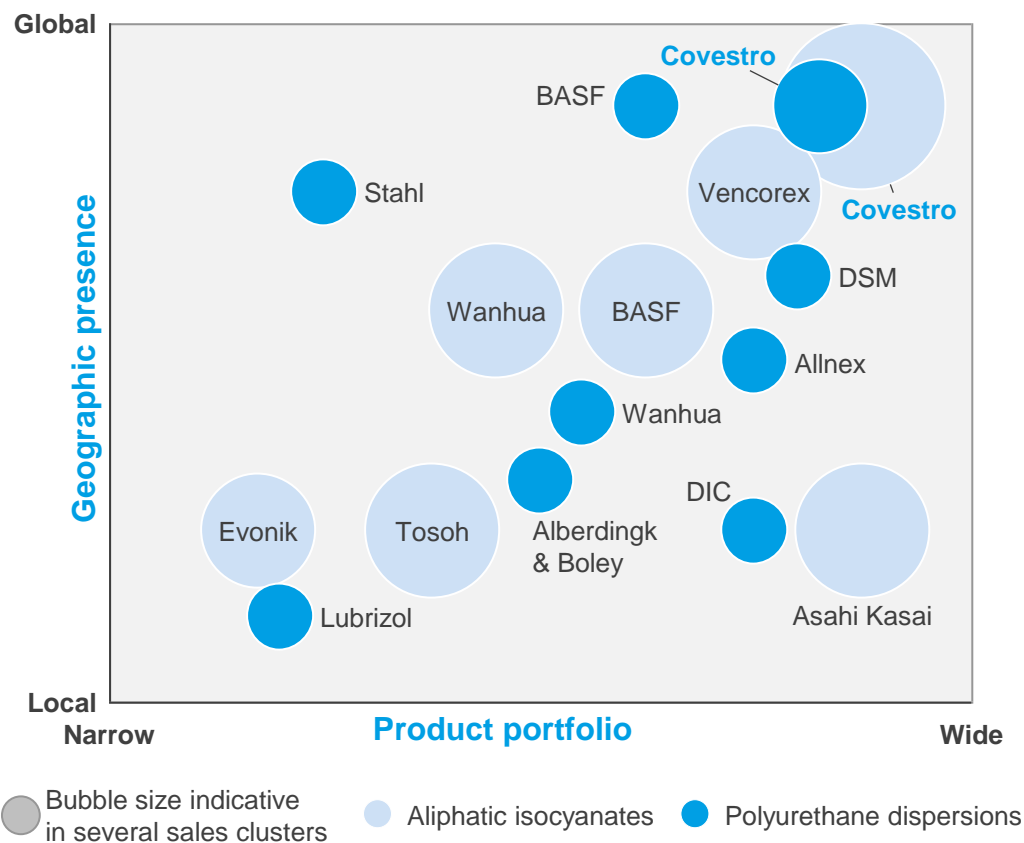
Wood & furniture

Coatings raw materials competitive landscape

Covestro well positioned for success in differentiated markets



Competitive position of key raw material producers^(a) in 2017



	Industry	Covestro position
Production economies of scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost efficiencies achieved by benefitting from global assets 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large scale production in all regions Efficient production processes benefitting from low-cost technology and integration
Production know-how and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experience in isocyanate and PUD production required to develop necessary know-how 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long history of process technology and reliability Global network of process technology expertise
Portfolio diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse array of end markets and applications requiring a wide product offering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventor of and technology leader in isocyanate derivatives for coatings Focus on high added-value products
Technical know-how and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expertise required to address specific customer needs with formulation and processing know-how built over years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Unique global experience in formulation and application development Market-driven innovation in close collaboration with all partners in the value chain
Long-term customer relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term relationships with customers and responsiveness to customer needs are critical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proximity and long established customer relationships Developing customized solutions for specific problems (forward marketing)

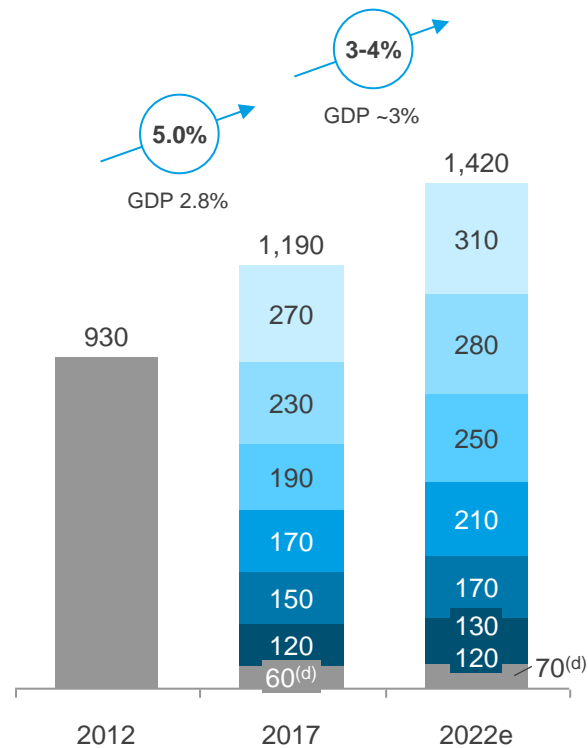
Coatings raw materials industry growth



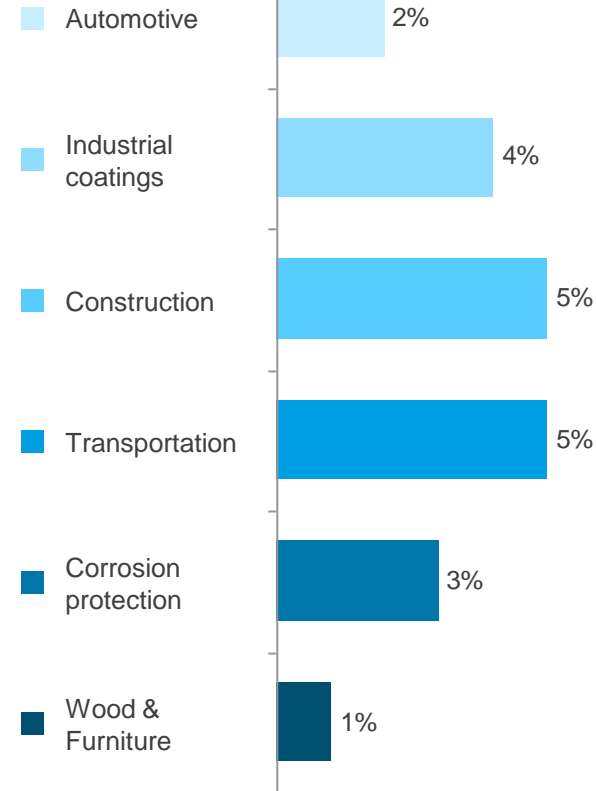
CAS coatings raw materials serve growing end-use markets

Global PU coatings raw materials industry^(a)

Demand (in kt)
CAGR in %



CAGR 2017-2022e



Growth drivers

- + Conversion of auto OEM painting lines from other chemistries to high quality 2K PU^(b) technology; refinish with lower growth expectation due to assistant systems
- + Participation in accelerated composites market growth through glass fiber sizing (water-borne fiber pretreatment)
- + Emerging markets growth favors water-borne PU solutions; durability against graffiti removal agents and low-temperature curing
- + New infrastructure requirements for mobility; Implementation of workplace VOC^(c) regulations favor new PU systems
- + Fast-curing PU systems meet market need for fast return to service
- + China governmental push: Faster shift from solvent- to water-borne and UV-cured coatings products

Innovation example

Desmodur® Ultra N

- Isocyanate with reduced content of residual monomers through continuous process improvements in our production plants
- Improving intrinsic safety of flagship product line started in 2018
- Significant improvement of industrial hygiene for coating applicators
- Identical high performance as replaced product lines

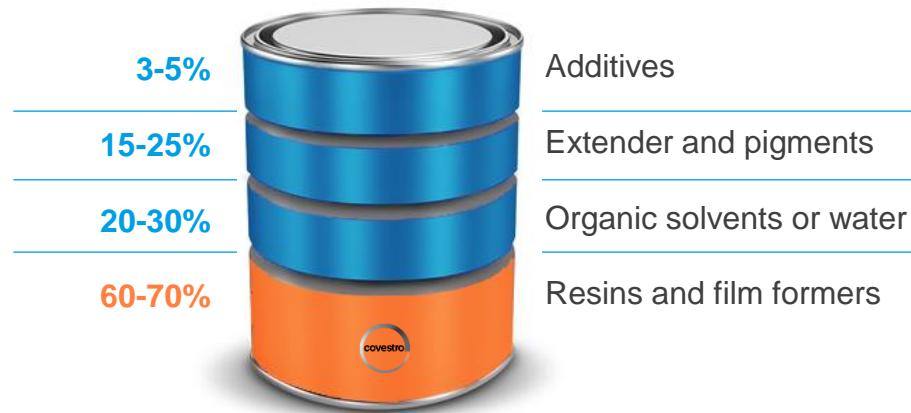


Covestro in the coatings value chain



Resins and film formers enable distinct performance of final product

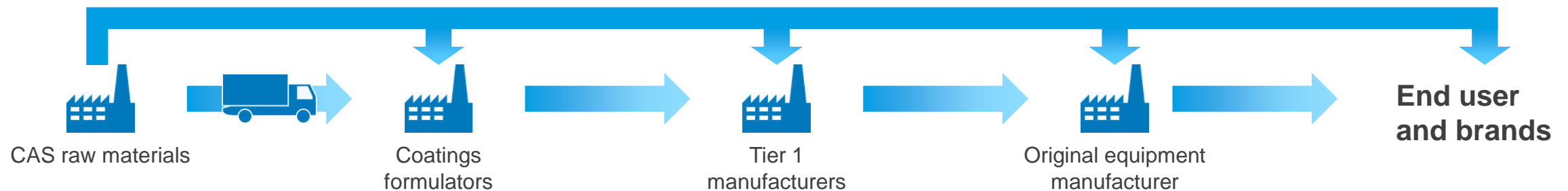
Share of Covestro products in average coatings formulation



Characteristics of PU-based coatings raw materials

- Unique properties in high-performance coatings:
 - Abrasion resistance
 - Outdoor weathering
 - Corrosion and chemical resistance
 - Durability
 - Gloss retention
- Superior combination of performance and price compared to other coatings technologies, e.g. epoxy-based coatings

CAS delivers tailored solutions and has contact with all partners in the value chain



Covestro operations for coatings, adhesives and sealants



Best-in-class world-scale technologies combined with unique global production setup



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Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties (CAS)

Adhesives & Sealants
Raw Materials

CAS Adhesives & Sealants at a glance



Polyurethanes as attractive niche in adhesives and sealants industries

#1

Producer of aqueous
PU ADH/SEA^(a)

~3%

Market growth^(b)

~20%

of total CAS sales 2017

>500

Customers globally

- Adhesives and sealants raw materials are used in wide range of end market applications
- Applications require high-performance products with unique characteristics like high flexibility or compliance to environmental standards like VOC^(c) regulations
- Focus on higher-value components in the adhesives and sealants industries by providing added-value solutions
- Tailored solutions are adapted to substrate, environment, industry specifics, application method and curing
- Filled innovation pipeline ensures future competitiveness and business growth



Automotive



Packaging



Footwear



Wood & furniture



Construction



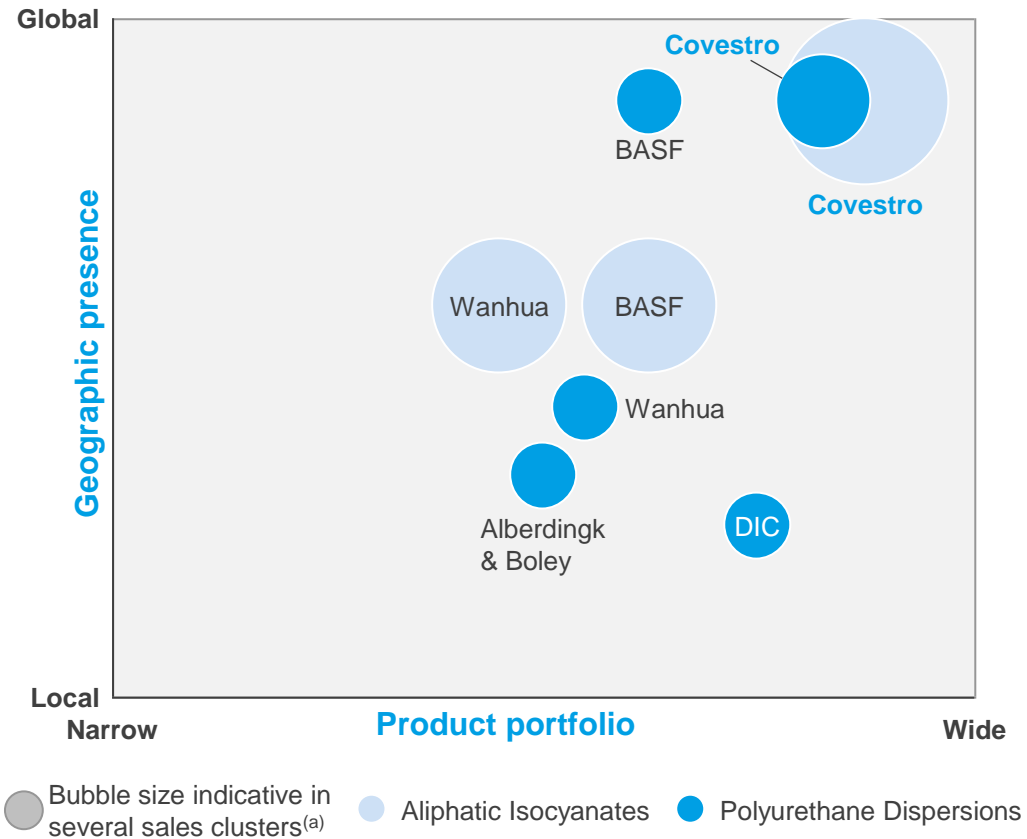
Industrial adhesives

Adhesives and sealants supplier competitive landscape



Covestro well positioned for success in differentiated markets

Competitive position of key raw material producers^(a) in 2017



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Portfolio diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse array of end markets and applications requiring a wide product offering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inventor of and technology leader in isocyanate derivatives for adhesives and sealants Focus on high added-value products
Technical know-how and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expertise required to address specific customer needs with formulation and processing know-how built over years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Potential for wide variety of solutions in a diverse field of applications Market-driven innovation in close collaboration with all partners in the value chain
Long-term customer relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term relationships with customers and responsiveness to customer needs are critical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proximity and long established customer relationships Developing customized solutions for specific problems (forward marketing)

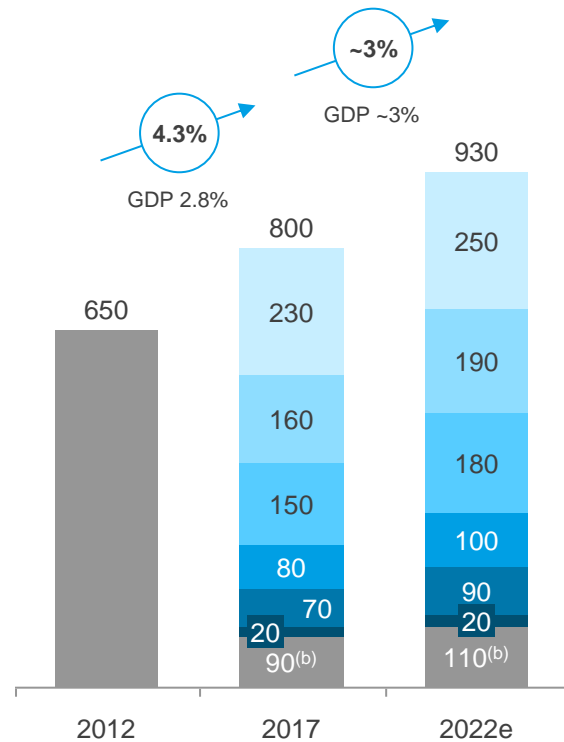
Adhesives and sealants industry growth



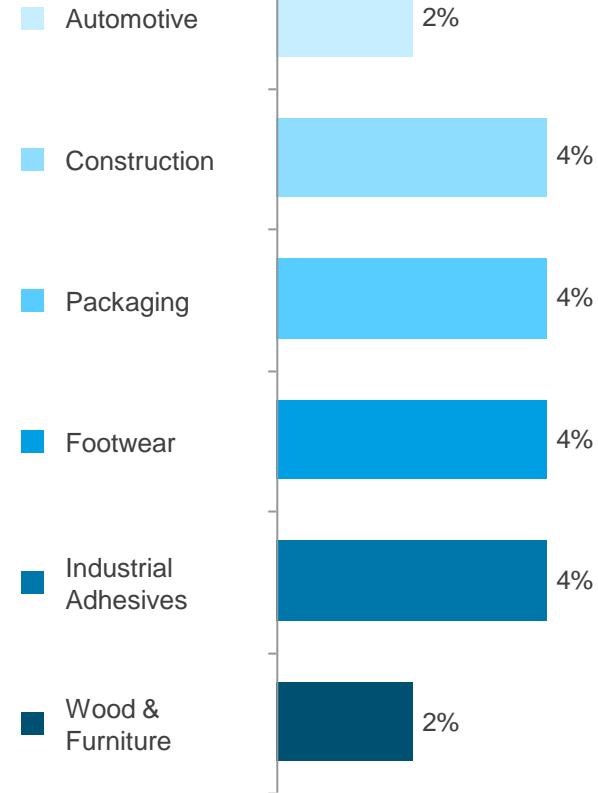
CAS adhesives and sealants raw materials serve growing end-use markets

Global PU ADH/SEA raw materials industry^(a)

Demand (in kt)
CAGR in %



CAGR 2017-2022e



Growth drivers

- + Low-temperature curing favors PU adhesives, fast growth of exterior segment due to light-weight construction
- + Trend towards wood-based laminated construction materials
- + PU-based solution for flexible food packaging enabling faster throughput production process and food safety
- + Increased need for high-performance materials, functionality and design; automated production in "speed factories"
- + Trend towards wind energy requires new bonding solutions
- + Increased lamination adhesive demand; China consumption tax favors the use of water-based products

Innovation example

Latently reactive adhesive films

- Superior performance of water-borne polyurethane adhesives for high-performance durable adhesive films, which are resistant against heat, water and chemicals
- Allows separation of adhesive application and assembling and bonding step
- Simple, clean and easy handling of adhesive films: no liquid adhesive, no metering, no overspray, no drying
- Uniform and defined layer thickness
- Established in recent years and growing in various industrial applications, e.g. electronics, textile and construction



Covestro in the adhesives and sealants value chain



Highly versatile chemistry enables tailor-made adhesives and sealants formulations

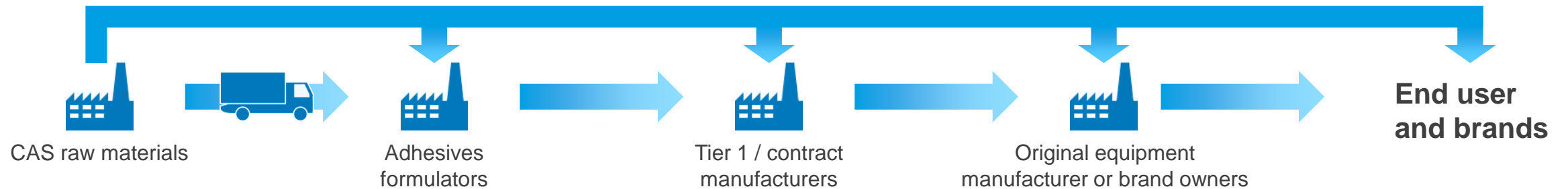
Covestro products in average adhesives and sealants formulation



Characteristics of PU-based adhesives and sealants raw materials

- Unique properties in high-performance adhesives and sealants:
 - High flexibility
 - Low-temperature curing
 - Hydrolytic stability
- Offers solutions for environmental challenges, e.g. low VOC^(a)

CAS delivers tailored solutions and has contact with all partners in the value chain



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Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties (CAS)

High Growth Specialties

Thermoplastic Polyurethanes
(TPU)

Thermoplastic Polyurethanes (TPU) at a glance

Leading supplier for high-performance resins



#3

Producer of TPU^(a)

~6%

Market growth^(c)

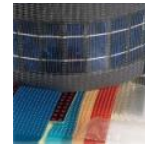
~10%

of total CAS sales 2017

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Production facilities globally^(b)

- High-performance resins covering diverse markets from hard plastics to soft elastomers and rubber
- Core volume growth of 13% (CAGR 2015-2017)
- Opportunity to outgrow industry by constant re-specifications and innovative market extension
- Covestro as global top 3 producer with leading positions in all major regions and commitment to growth
- Leverage of formulation and processing know-how across global production network as basis for planned capacity expansions
- Attractive internal synergies via backward integration in MDI and polyester polyols as well as broad access to diverse customer industries
- Well-filled innovation pipeline including path to lower production costs with CO₂-based polyols



Textiles



IT & electronics



Sport & leisure



Agriculture



Automotive



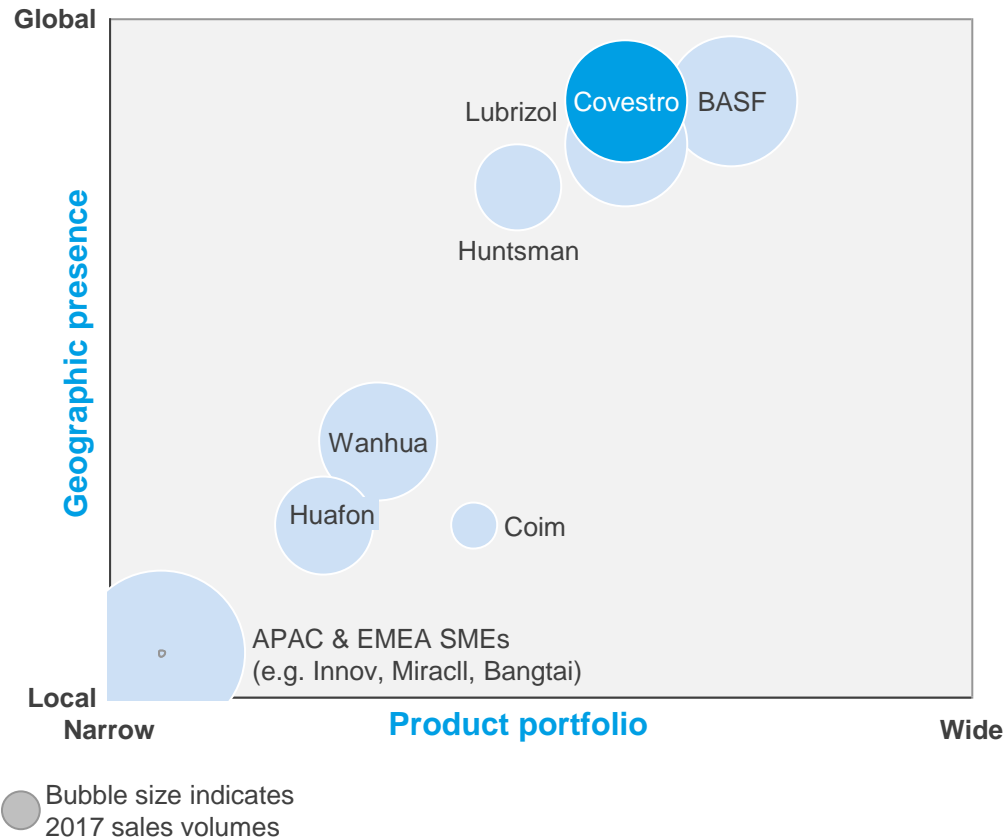
Industrial

TPU competitive landscape

Covestro well positioned for success in differentiated markets



Competitive landscape of key TPU producers in 2017



	Industry	Covestro position
Production economies of scale	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Cost efficiencies achieved by benefitting from global assets and backward integration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Large scale production in all regions Backward integration and global supply agreements on raw materials
Production know-how and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long term experience in TPU production required to develop necessary know-how 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> History of process technology experience and know-how in reactive extrusion Global network of process technology expertise
Portfolio diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse array of end markets and applications requiring a wide product offering 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Greater than 100 end markets with over 400 products More than 700 primarily solution-based customers
Technical know-how and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expertise required to address specific customer needs with formulation and processing know-how built over years 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Technology and know-how leader for injection molding Unique global experience in formulation and application development
Long-term customer relationships	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Long-term relationships with customers and responsiveness to customer needs are critical 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse, global footprint with resources in each region to support local market Proximity and long established customer relationships

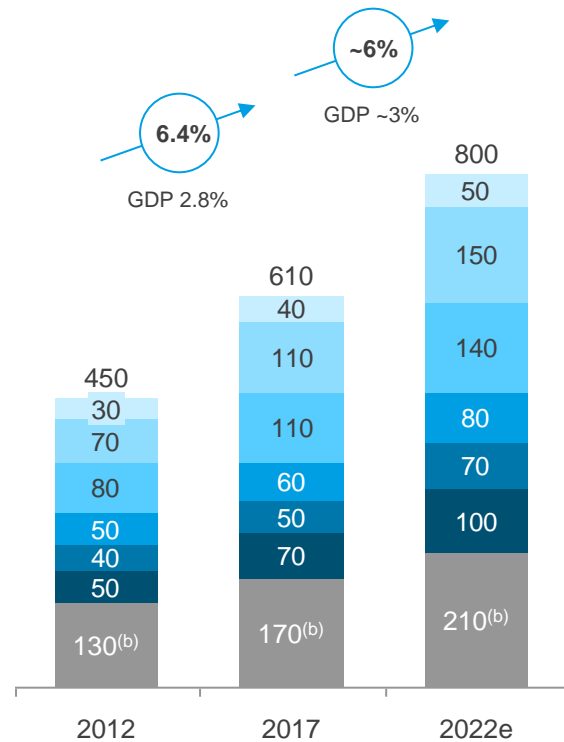
TPU industry growth



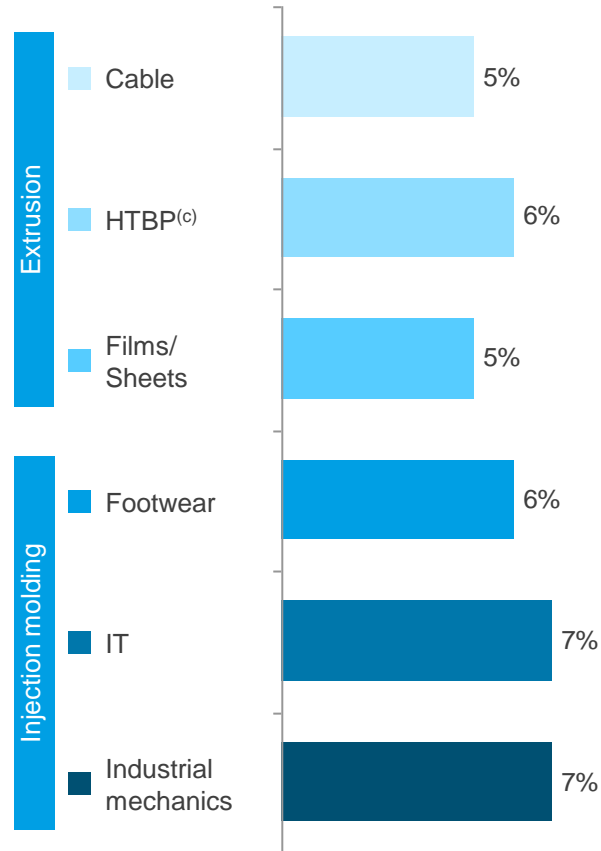
Attractive growth based on multiple drivers and segments

Global TPU industry^(a)

Demand (in kt)
CAGR in %



CAGR 2017-2022e



Growth drivers

- + Growth in electric cars and electronic products worldwide
- + Urbanization in emerging regions
- + Resistance against hydrolysis and grease make TPU a material of choice for hoses in oil industry
- + Driven by desire for water resistance and breathability in fabric for fashion industry
- + Increasing demand in specialty and protective films in electrical/electronics and auto applications
- + Rising income and desire for better living standards in emerging regions
- + Increasing demand for comfort in mature regions
- + Driven by growth of mobile and wearable devices
- + Wide range of hardness and good bonding with other polymers make TPU a popular choice for various IT components
- + Urbanization in emerging regions
- + Superior durability of TPU over other materials in heavy-duty environment (e.g. castor, animal tag)

Innovation example

cardyon™

- Polyol for the production of high-performance TPU
- Innovative Covestro technology enabling carbon capture and utilization by partly substituting oil-based raw materials with CO₂
- Helps to close the carbon loop by bringing CO₂ back into the value chain and reducing carbon footprint
- Enables manufacturers to look at alternative and more sustainable raw materials while reducing their reliance on fossil fuels
- First small lots produced in 2018 and global sampling to selected accounts initiated



Covestro TPU operations

Global asset footprint provides excellent market access and customer proximity

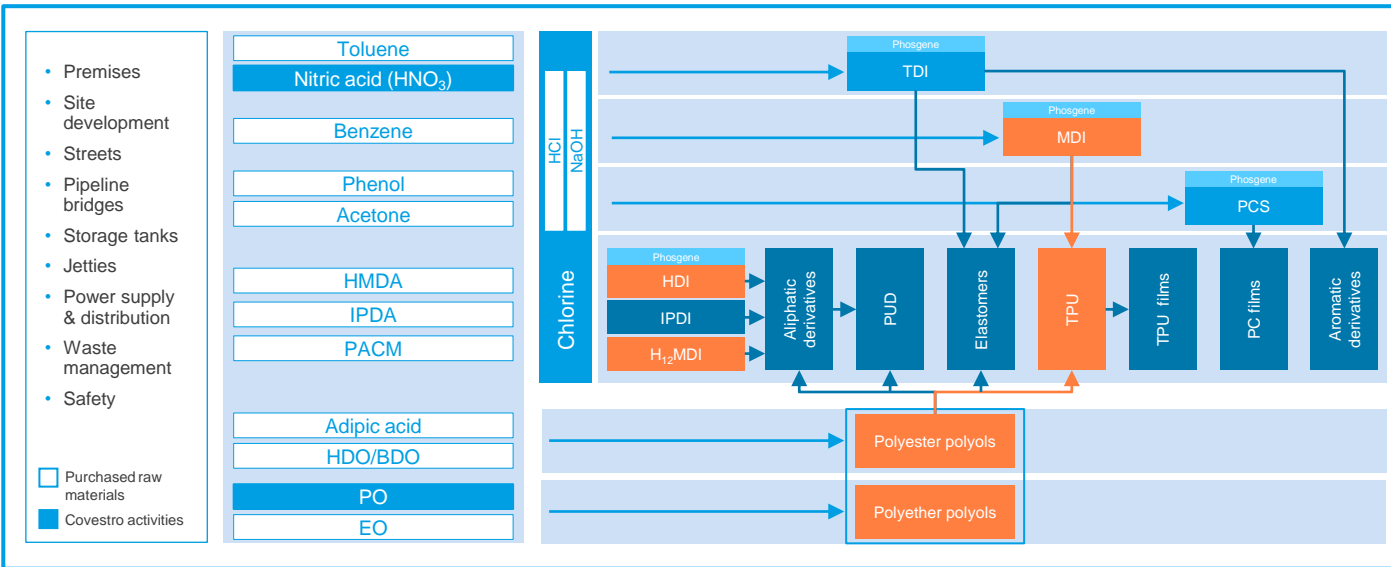


TPU backward integration

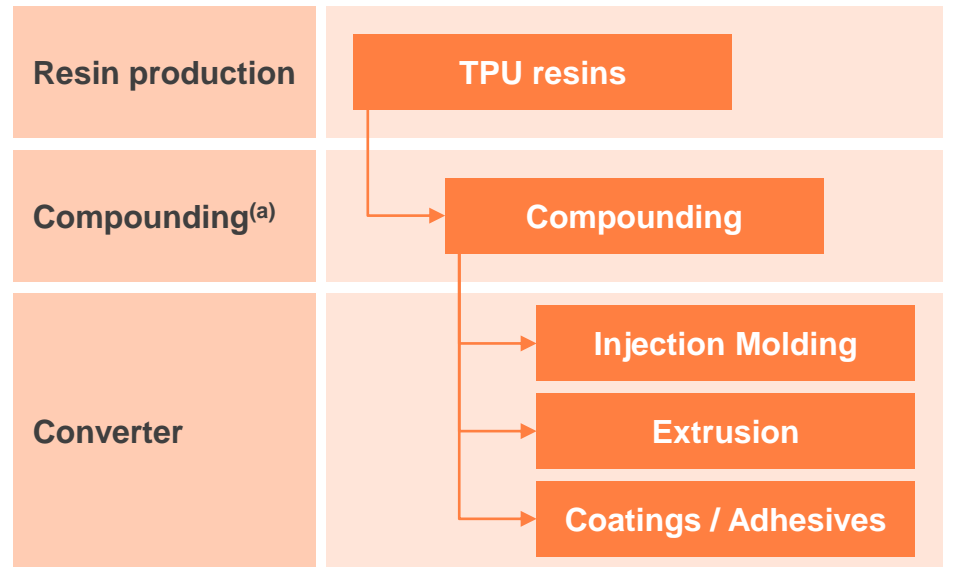
Significant synergies from Covestro chemical backbone



Upstream of resin production (recap)



Extended TPU value chain



Applications



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Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties (CAS)

High Growth Specialties

Specialty Films

Specialty Films at a glance



Leading film solution provider focused on PC-, TPU- and holographic films

#1 or #2

Producer of PC- and TPU-films, depending on region

6-7%

Market growth^(a)

~10%

of total CAS sales 2017

5

Production facilities globally

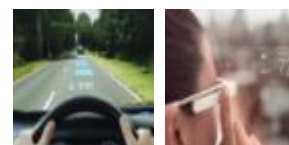
- Leading supplier in all key regions for PC- and TPU-films
- Supplying diverse, regional markets with customized films solutions
- Core volume growth of 6% (CAGR 2015-2017)
- Robust future growth expectation significantly above GDP supported by innovative product portfolio
- Strong technology background in extruded films production, surface modification and coatings technology
- Strong innovation pipeline offering solutions to future industry trends



TPU films



PC films



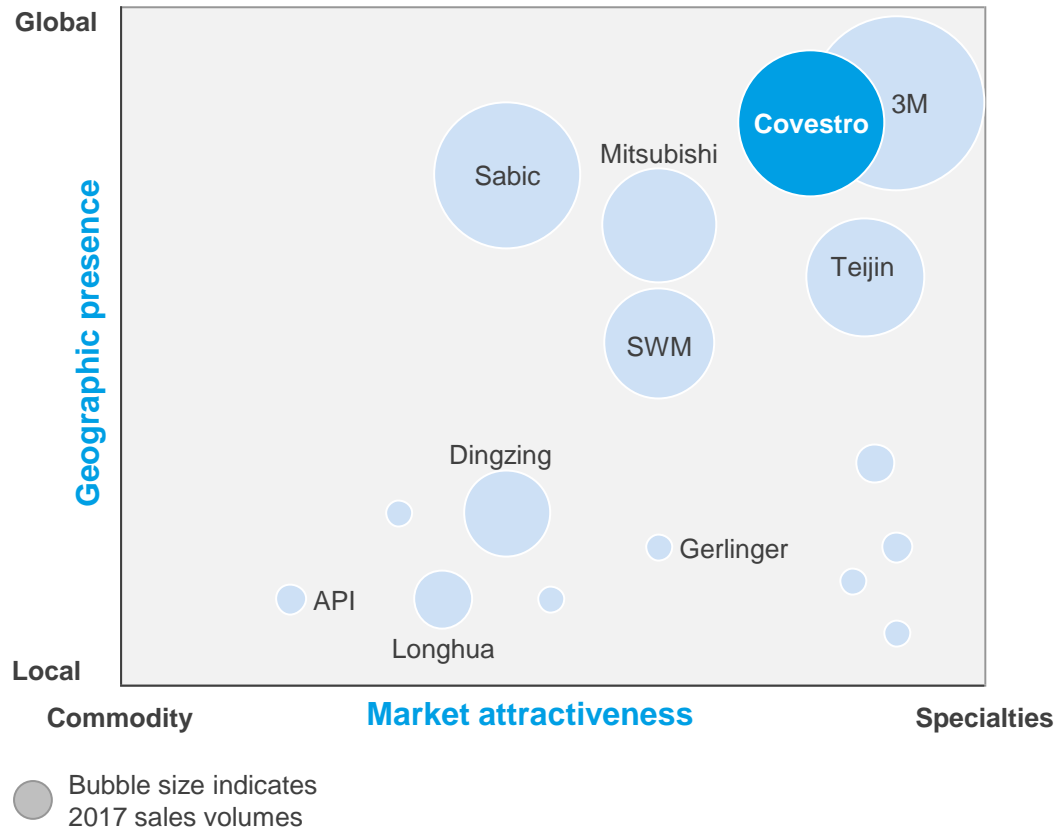
Holographic films

Specialty Films competitive landscape

Leading films producer with focus on high-end films applications



Competitive landscape of key films producers in 2017^(a)

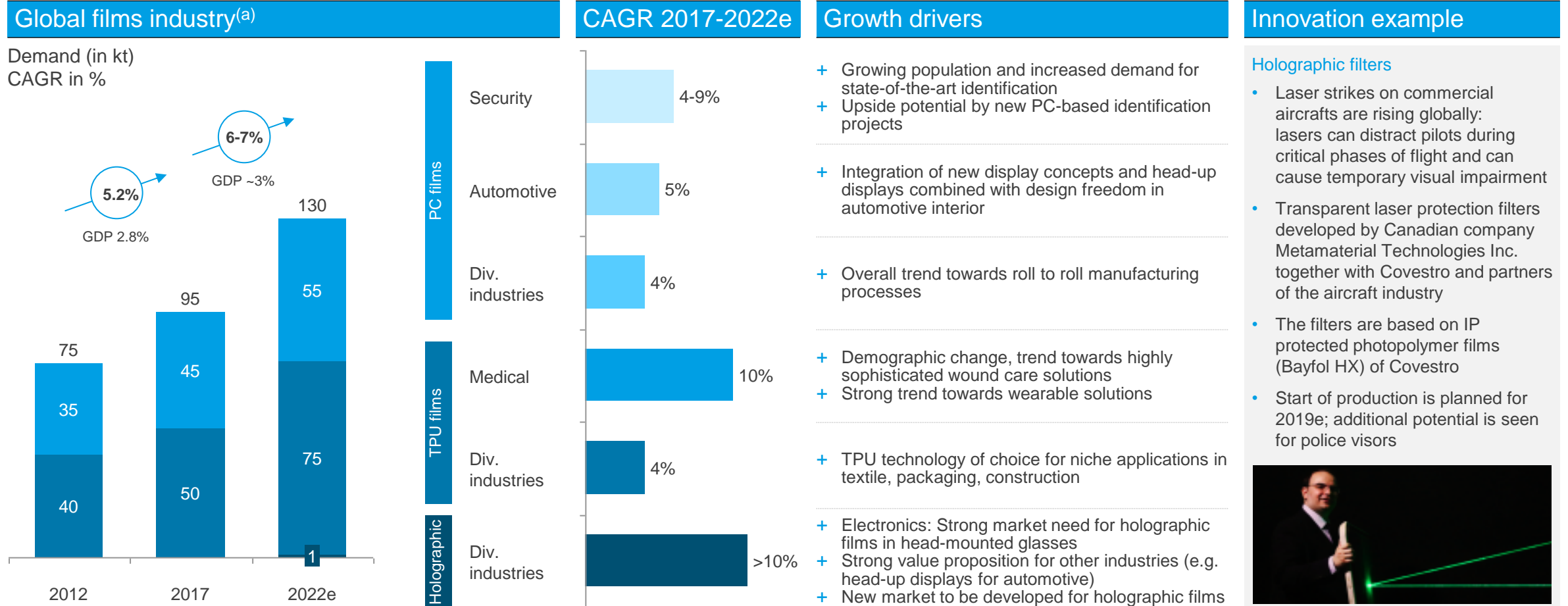


	Industry	Covestro position
Process technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State-of-the-art technology along the process chain of high importance Ability to combine different technologies and offer multilayer solutions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IP-protected, competitive process technology Ability to offer multilayer solutions and combine PC- and TPU-Films
Integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Backward integration as major value lever Conversion capabilities important to offer broad product portfolio 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Favorable backward integration Long-term supply contracts for important precursors Conversion capabilities in all regions (slitting and sheeting)
Technical capabilities and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems demanding greater knowledge and expertise Technical centers in all regions to develop custom solutions Innovation capabilities to offer solutions to industry 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superior expertise and know-how in application development Technical centers in main regions Strong R&D backbone based on films and coatings know-how
Proximity to customer markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Importance of proximity to customer markets Global asset base critical to support ambitions of global customer base 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Diverse, global footprint Production plants in all core regions (except for TPU films in APAC)

Specialty Films industry growth



Strong growth in core segments supported by future industry trends



Covestro Specialty Films operations

Global footprint with strong technical capabilities

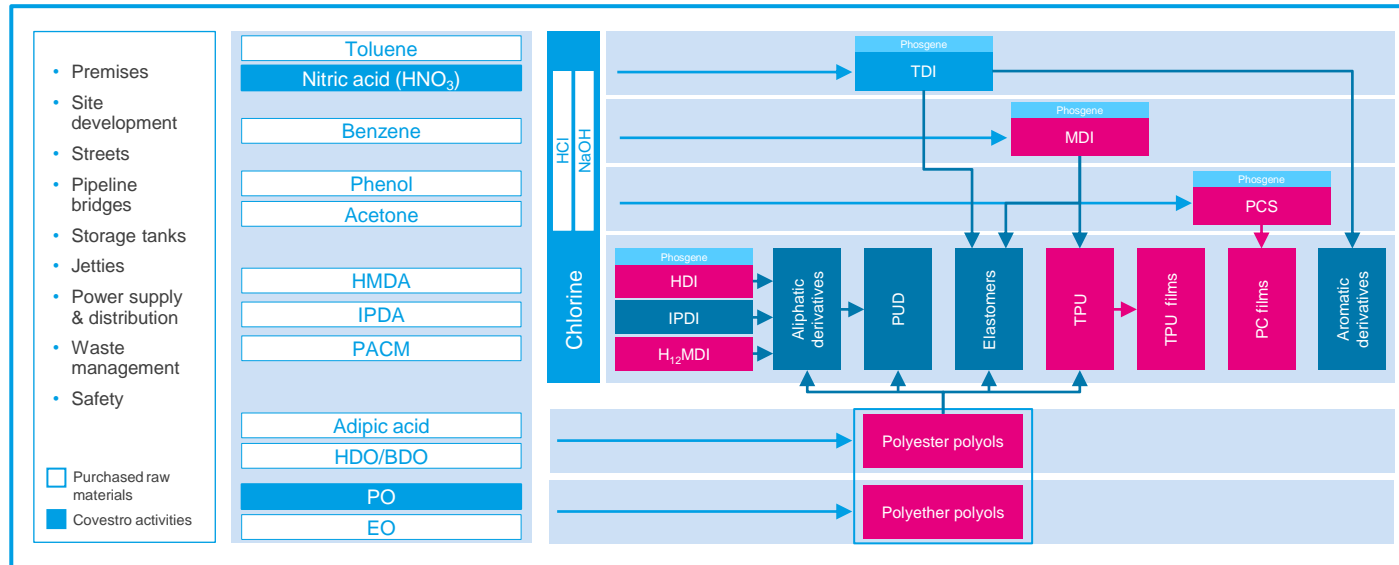


Specialty Films backward integration

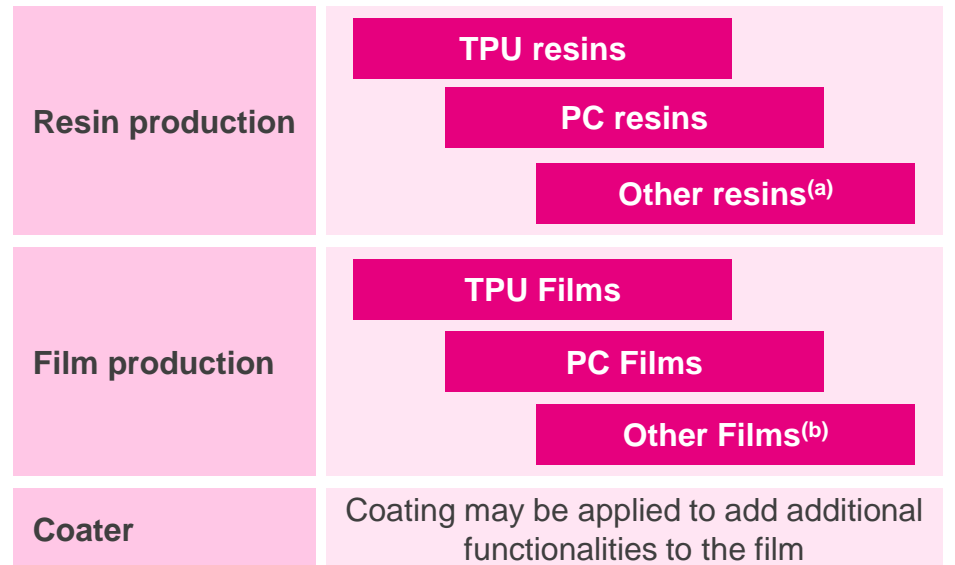
Significant synergies from Covestro chemical backbone



Upstream of resin production (recap)



Extended Specialty Films value chain



Applications

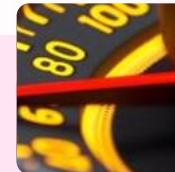
TPU films

- Medical
- Construction



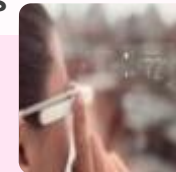
PC films

- Automotive
- Security



Holographic films

- Electronics
- Automotive



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Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties (CAS)

High Growth Specialties

Elastomers

Elastomers at a glance



Leading supplier for PU cast elastomer systems and equipment

#2

Producer of
PU elastomer systems

3-4%

Market growth^(a)

~10%

of total CAS sales 2017

11

Production sites
globally

- Globally leading supplier for elastomers systems with a comprehensive portfolio based on NDI, MDI, TDI and aliphatic isocyanates
- Global number one position for casting equipment
- Core volume growth of 8% (CAGR 2015-2017)
- “One-stop shop” aiming for efficient customer support, particularly in growth markets
- Target to capture market growth and to ensure growth above GDP, based on already available production capacities
- Production plants in main regions for optimized supply chain and to ensure cost efficiency



PU casting machines



Pipeline cleaning device
for oil and gas industry



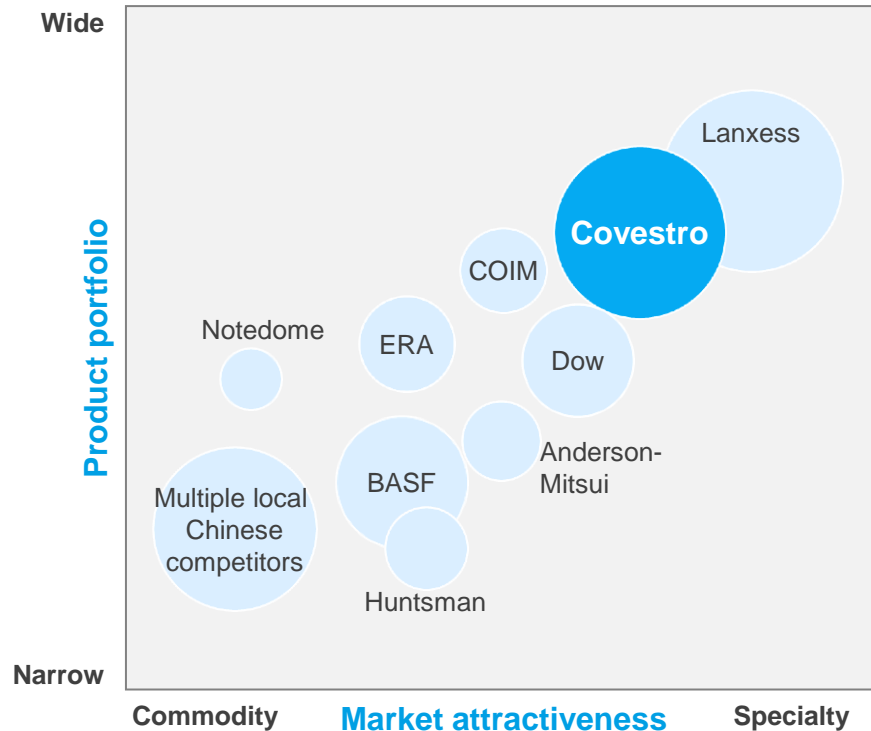
Cyclone equipment for
mines and quarries
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Elastomers competitive landscape

Globally #2 position with a strong focus on growth



Competitive landscape of PU elastomer producers in 2017



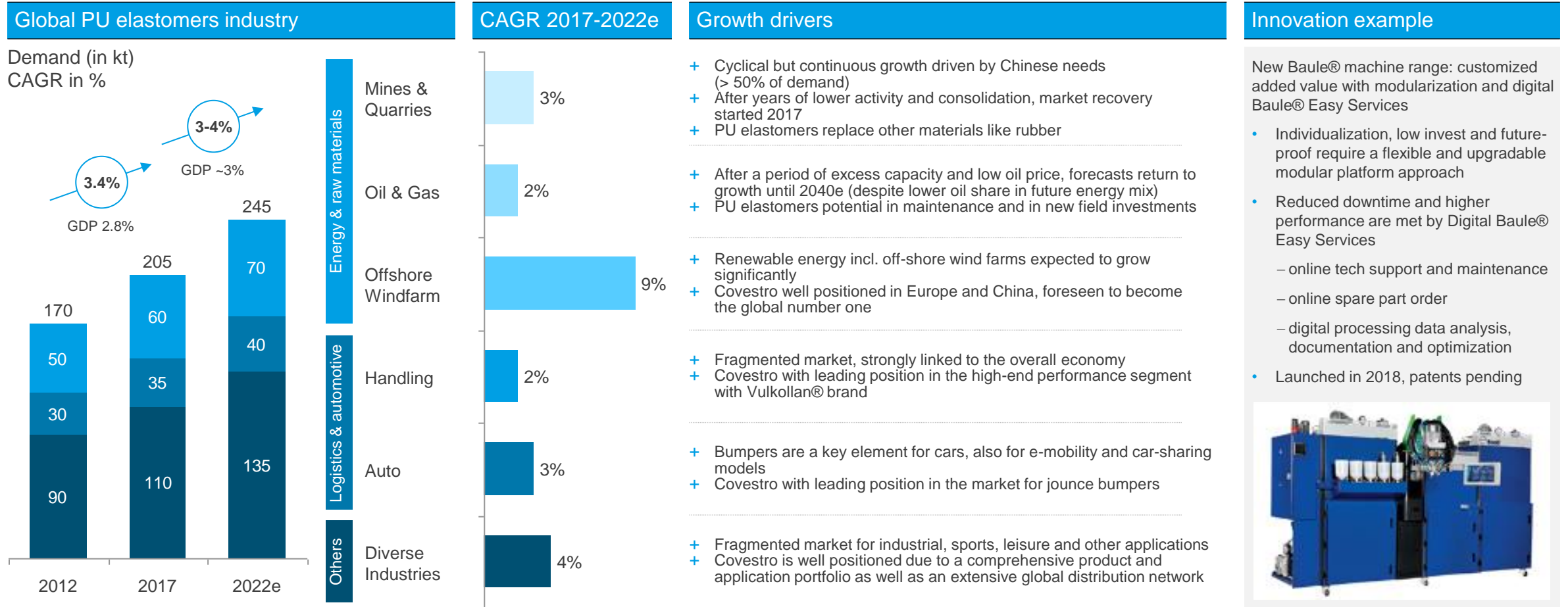
● Bubble size indicates 2017 sales volumes

	Industry	Covestro position
Capital intensity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Intense investments required relative to market size, especially for highly technical product manufacturing (e.g. low-free isocyanates technology) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Combination of large Covestro manufacturing sites and dedicated production units in main markets
Process technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Beside low-free isocyanates technology, relatively limited process complexity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Covestro owns key technologies: low-free isocyanates, lower reactivity amine-cured MDI-based prepolymers, NDI-based stable prepolymers, etc.
Feedstock integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Security of precursor supply essential Backward integration as major value lever 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Favorable backward integration Long-term supply contracts for important precursors
Technical capabilities and expertise	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Systems processing demand special knowledge and expertise Suppliers have to provide molders not only with products but with full technical support 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Superior expertise and know-how in application development and processing Combined chemistry and equipment solution Valued and recognized hands-on expertise thanks to the heritage of past molding activity
Proximity to customer markets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proximity to customer markets important Global asset base critical to support ambitions of global customers 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Global presence in more than 80 countries Production plants in all core regions

Elastomers industry growth



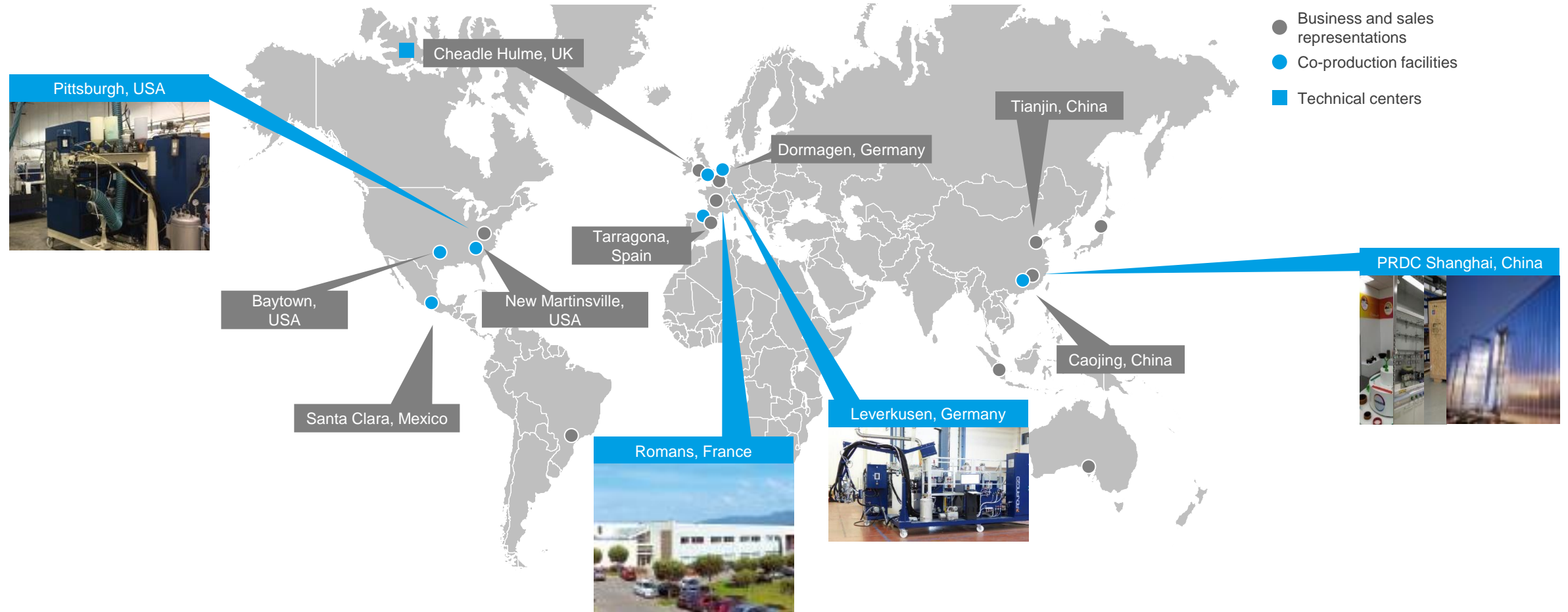
PU elastomers outperform GDP by addressing key needs like durability and performance



Covestro Elastomers operations



11 production sites and five dedicated technical centers support customers globally

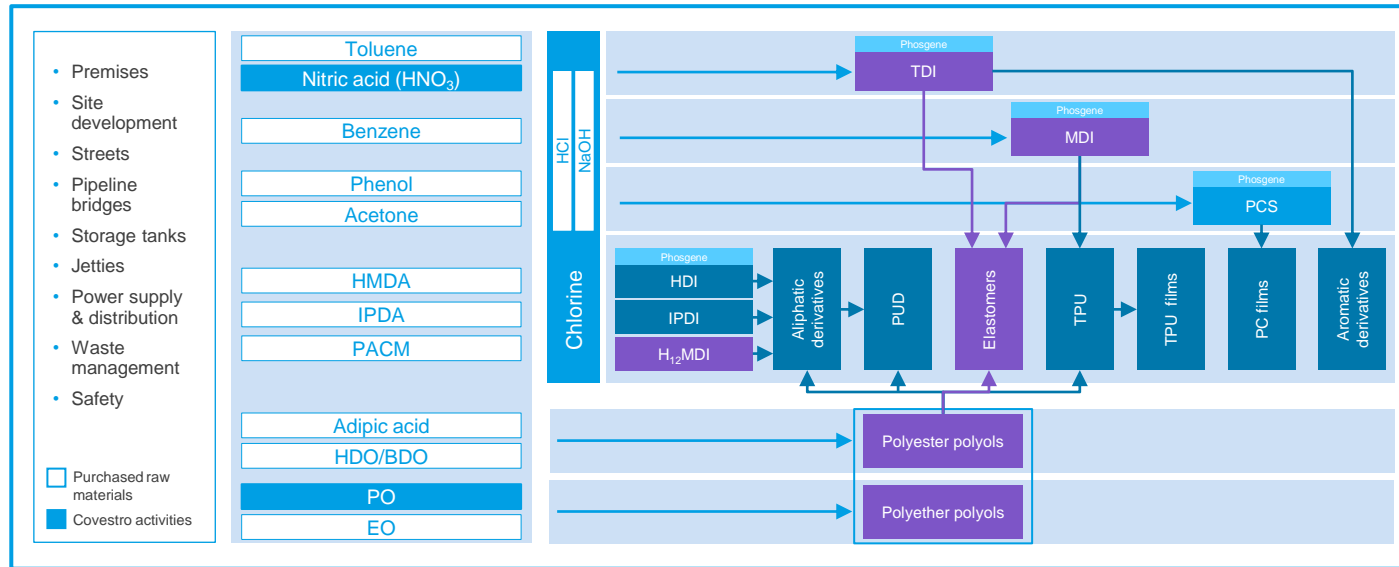


Elastomers backward integration

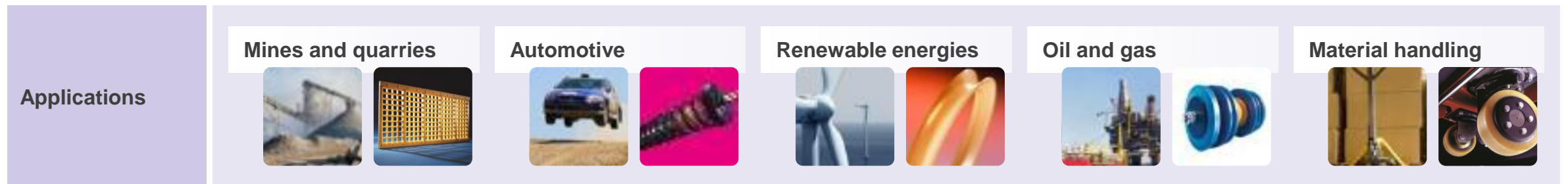
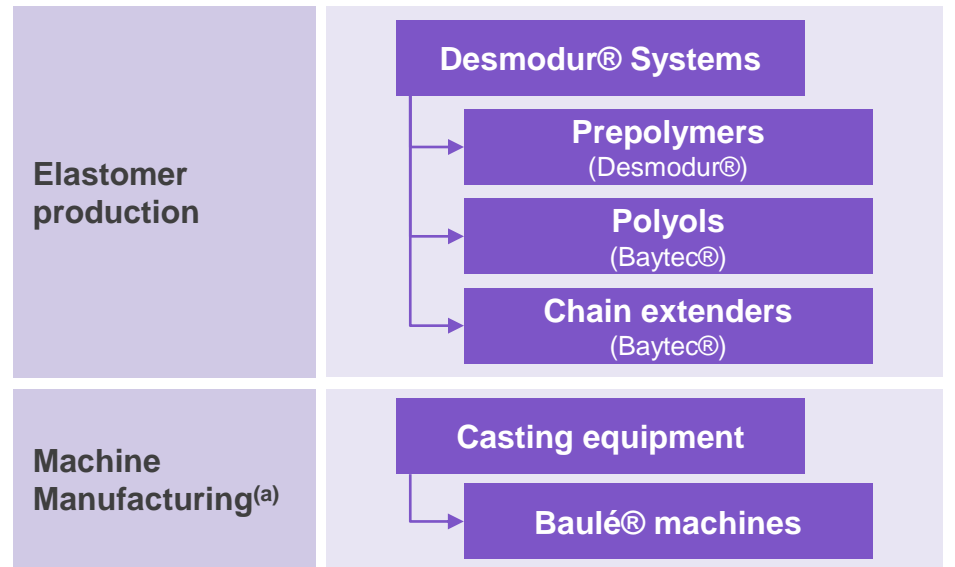
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Upstream of resin production (recap)



Extended Elastomers value chain



Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties (CAS)

High Growth Specialties

Textile Coatings

Medical

Cosmetics

Additive Manufacturing

CAS High Growth Specialties

Developing above-average growth niches in adjacent industries



Textile Coatings



High-quality polyurethane dispersions and isocyanate crosslinker materials for various textile coating applications

Market size 2017^(a): ~60,000 tons (~200m€)

Market growth CAGR 2017-2022e^(a): ~7%

Covestro growth target CAGR 2017-2022e: ~10%

Applications

- For automotive interior: polyurethane synthetics for car seats, dashboards, door panels, etc.
- For sports and outdoor: coated textile with functions such as water-proof and breathable; sports shoes; printings on shoe upper and sports wear; digital printing on textiles
- For technical textiles: polyurethane dispersions dipping for protected gloves; conveyor belts

Medical



New polyurethane-based materials for wound care and wearable devices

Market size 2017^(b): ~24,000 tons (~250m€)

Market growth CAGR 2017-2022e^(b): ~5%

Covestro growth target CAGR 2017-2022e: >20%

Applications

- New two-component PU adhesives and PU prepolymers for foams allow improved moisture management and higher efficiency in wound care
- Combination products and functionalization with active ingredients are feasible
- Patches in wearable devices as strong growth area

CAS High Growth Specialties

Developing above-average growth niches in adjacent industries



Cosmetics



Sustainable film formers as waterproofing as well as conditioning and fixative agents for cosmetic formulations

Market size 2017^(a): ~49,000 tons (~500 m€)

Market growth CAGR 2017-2022e^(a): ~5%

Covestro growth target CAGR 2017-2022e: >40%

Applications

- High-performance polyurethanes for make-up, nail polish, hair, sun and skin applications
- Baycusan[®] polymers achieve significantly higher bio-degradability rates than benchmark film formers, reducing the impact on the environment
- Baycusan[®] Eco line based on renewable raw materials allows customers to formulate cosmetic products with high natural origin content

Additive Manufacturing (3D Printing)



Innovative material solutions for additive manufacturing

Market size 2017^(b): ~13,000 tons (~800 m€)

Market growth CAGR 2017-2022e^(b): ~20%

Covestro growth target CAGR 2017-2022e: >50%

Applications

- Tailor-made materials for core 3D printing technologies
- In-house expertise and partnerships to enable industrial production
- Strong potential in automotive, medical, sport and electronics sector

»Nobody can turn 80 years of experience into new perspectives.«

»Why not?«

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