

# **Speech by the Board of Management**



General Shareholders' Meeting, 14 June 2016



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## Quality of service is key to success



#### **Best-in-class service offerings**

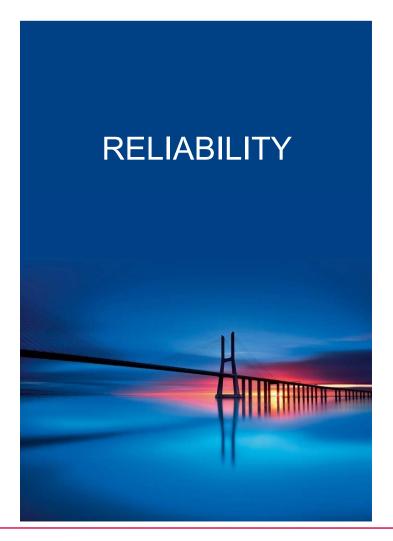
- Unparalleled business approach for ~180,000 customers
- Dense network of >530 locations globally
- Workforce of >14,000 employees with >30% in sales and marketing
- One-stop-shop solution for portfolio of >10,000 products
- Value-added services give key competitive advantage



## **Proven reliability in many respects**

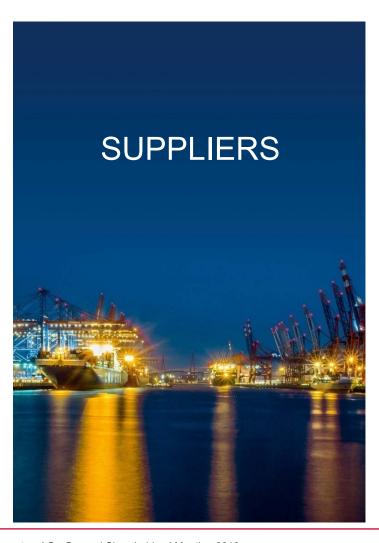
## Reliable partner for all stakeholders

- Safety as a top priority
- Proven financial track record
- Highly experienced management team focusing on the strategic development of the Group
- Committed to sustainability





## Active supplier relationship management ensures growth



## First choice for suppliers worldwide

- Supplier relationship management is paramount
- Long-standing and value-creating relationships with several thousand suppliers worldwide
- Brenntag acts as a marketing arm for suppliers
- Outsourcing trend reducing complexity for chemicals manufacturers



## **Lasting financial success**

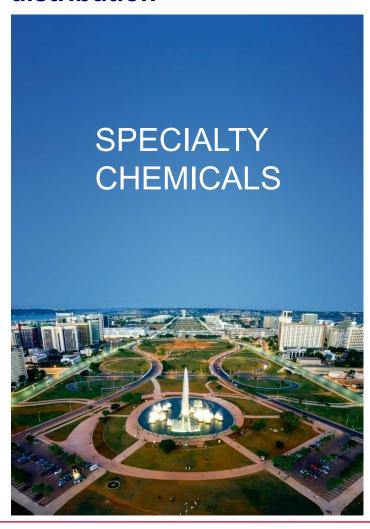
## Superior financial profile provides resilience

- Proven financial track record and consistently improved earnings performance
- Sustainable cash flow generation
- Long-term oriented and balanced maturity profile
- Investment grade rating from Moody's and Standard & Poor's provides highest refinancing flexibility
- Regular payment of steadily increased dividend





## Outstanding position in attractive market for specialty chemicals distribution



## Largest specialty chemicals distributor globally

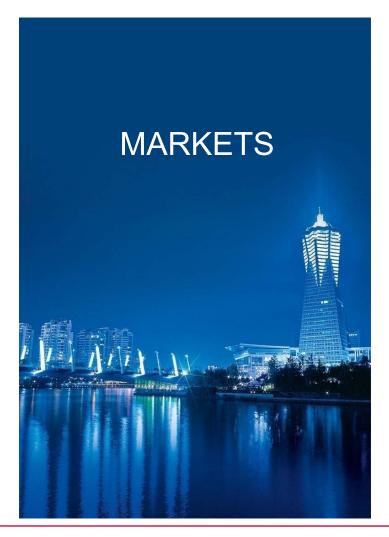
- Brenntag is a recognized brand in the market
- Providing unrivalled channel to market
- Highly equipped application centres around the globe
- Highly trained sales force with dedicated industry experts
- Collaborative and dynamic working relationship
- Regular technical training, seminars and workshops for customers and suppliers



## **Tracking current market trends**

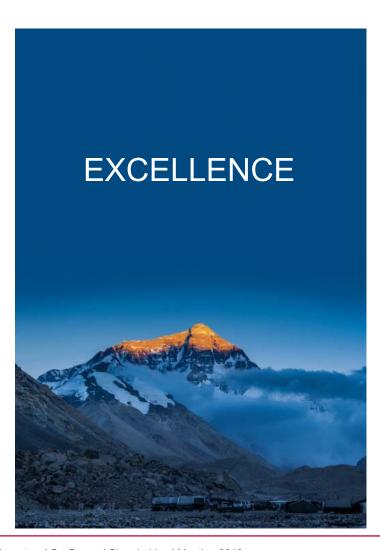
## **Unparalleled market access**

- Combination of global scale and local proximity
- Full-line product portfolio as a competitive advantage
- Industry experts are always in touch with latest trends
- Business intelligence and knowledge transfer
  - Several thousand customer visits per week
  - Several million less-than-truckload deliveries per year





## Shaping the business landscape through excellence



#### **Excellence in execution**

- Health, Safety & Environment as an integral part of the business model
- Company values as a cornerstone of employees' conduct
- Best-in-class value-added services
- Tailor-made solutions reflecting customers' needs
- Successful track record of M&A activity and financial transactions
- Truly global footprint



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## **Highlights of 2015**

#### Financial figures

All-time highs for gross profit, EBITDA and net profit

#### M&A

Successful execution of 10 acquisitions; total enterprise value of EUR
 >550 m in 2015

## Credit rating

 Investment grade ratings from the two internationally recognized credit rating agencies Moody's and Standard & Poor's

## Financial profile

Successful placement of a 500 m USD bond + warrants transaction

## Expansion of Board of Management

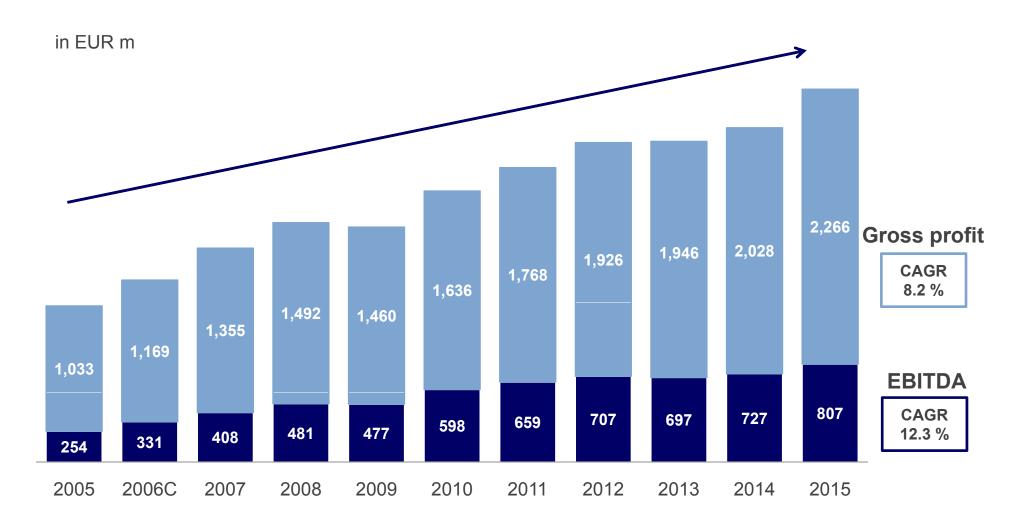
Expansion of the Board of Management to five members

### Sustainability

Publication of 2015 Sustainability Report



## Sustainable growth combined with high profitability





## **Financial figures for 2015**

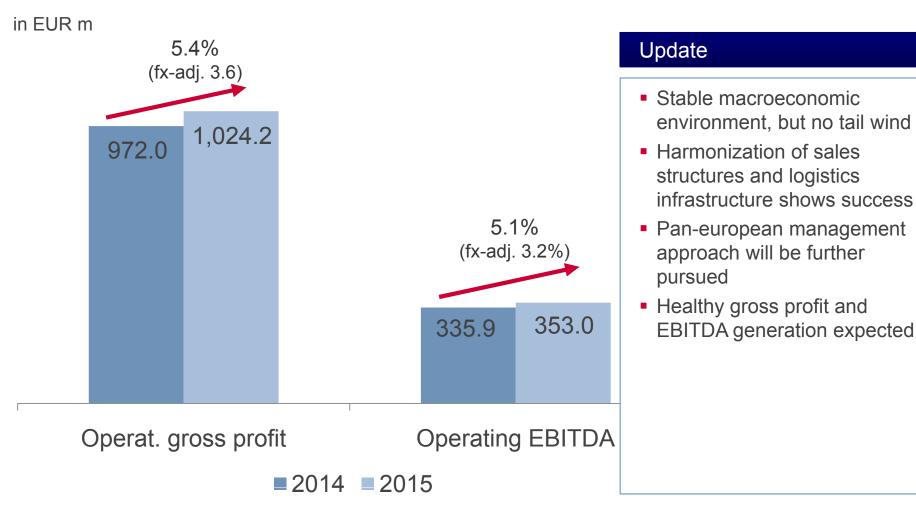
	Gross profit	EBITDA	EBITDA /gross profit
2015	EUR 2,266.0 m	EUR 807.4 m	35.6%
<b>Growth</b> Year on year	11.8%	11.1%	
Growth Fx-adjusted Year on year	2.4%	0.7%	
Free	Significant increa	ase of 46.5% in free cash fl	ow to EUR 764.3 m

(2014: EUR 521.6 m)

cash flow

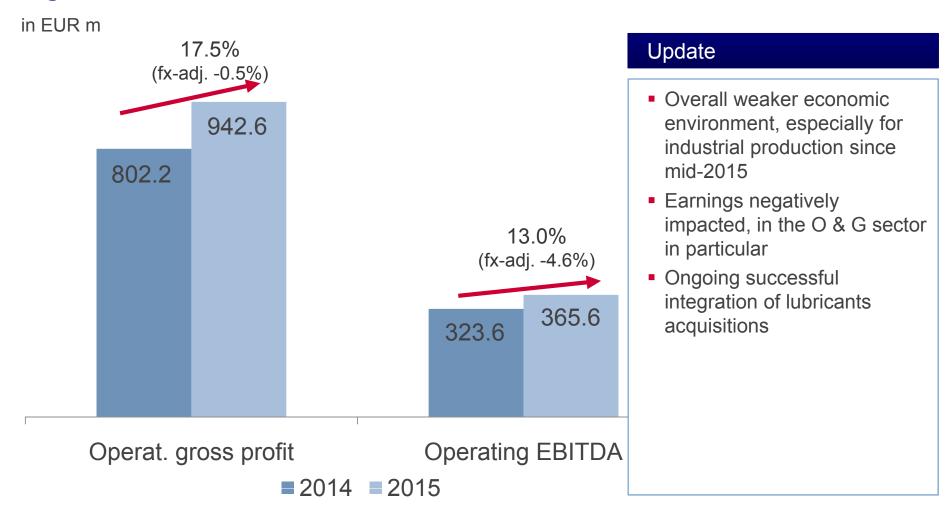


## Segments in 2015 – EMEA





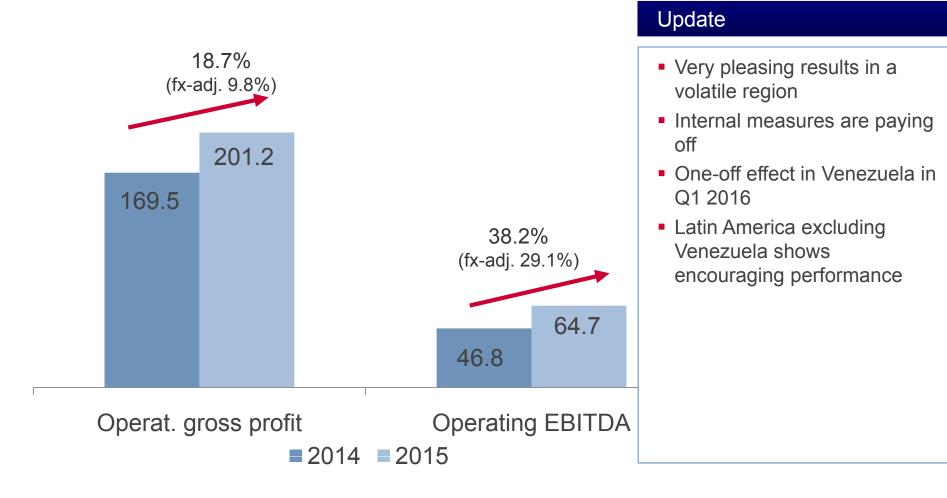
## **Segments in 2015 – North America**





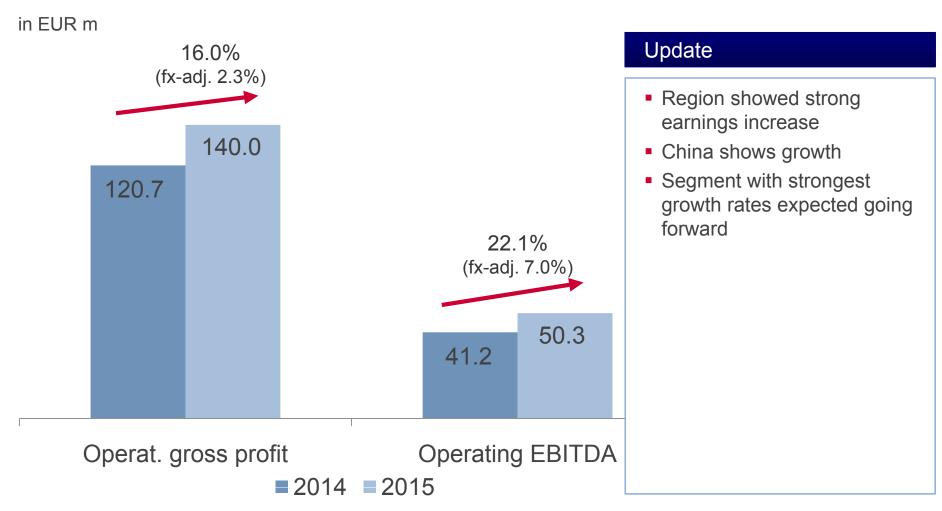
## **Segments in 2015 – Latin America**

in EUR m





## **Segments in 2015 – Asia Pacific**





## **Business performance in Q1 2016**

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	Gross profit	EBITDA	EBITDA /gross profit		
Q1 2016	EUR 586.6 m	EUR 192.1 m	32.7%		
<b>Growth</b> Year on year	5.3%	-1.5%			
Growth Fx-adjusted Year on year	6.2%	-0.7%			
Free cash flow	Strong free cash flow of EUR 131.2 m				



## Successful execution of M&A strategy in 2015



Acquisitions made in a total enterprise value of EUR >550 m in 2015



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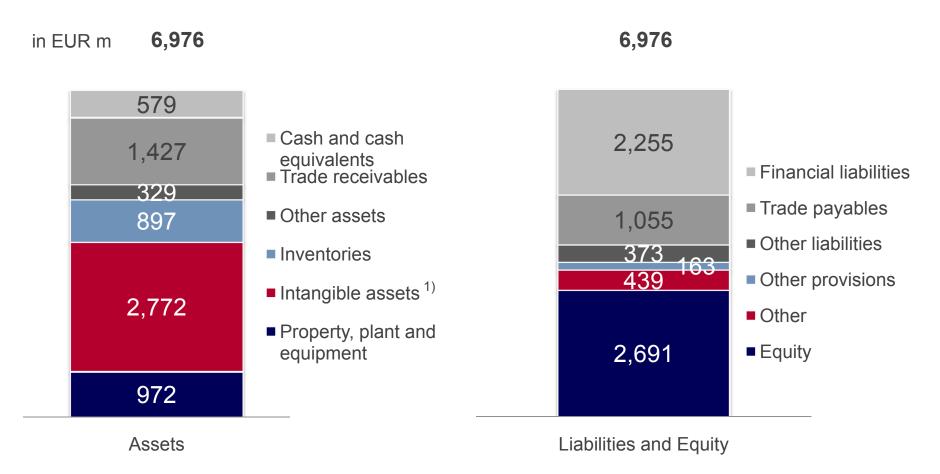


## **Consolidated income statement**

in EUR m	2015	2014	Δ	∆ FX adjusted
Sales	10,346.1	10,015.6	3.3%	-4.6%
Gross profit	2,266.0	2,027.5	11.8%	2.4%
EBITDA	807.4	726.7	11.1%	0.7%
EBITDA/gross profit	35.6%	35.8%		
EBT	549.3	507.8	8.2%	
Profit after tax	368.1	339.7	8.4%	



#### Consolidated Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2015



<sup>1)</sup> Of the intangible assets as at 31 December 2015, some EUR 1,275 million relate to goodwill and trademarks that were capitalized as part of the purchase price allocation performed on the acquisition of the Brenntag Group by funds advised by BC Partners Limited, Bain Capital, Ltd. and subsidiaries of Goldman Sachs International at the end of the third quarter of 2006 in addition to the relevant intangible assets already existing in the previous Group structure.



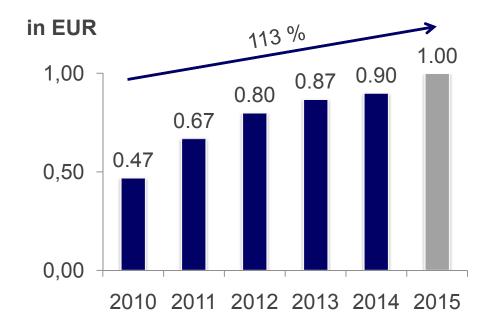
## Free cash flow

in EUR m	2015	2014	Δ	Δ
EBITDA	807.4	726.9	80.5	11.1%
CAPEX	-130.1	-104.8	-25.3	24.1%
∆ Working capital	87.0	-100.5	-187.5	-186.6%
Free cash flow	764.3	521.6	242.7	46.5%



## Attractive dividend growth since the IPO

in EUR	2015
Earnings per share	2.36
Proposed dividend payment per share	1.00
Payout ratio (based on earnings per share)	42.3%



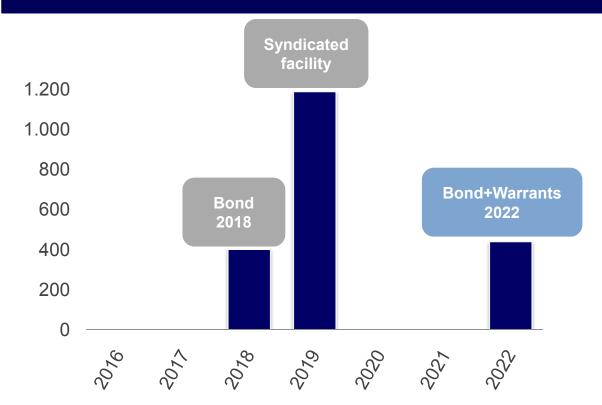


## Long-term maturity profile and investment grade rating

## Details on the Bond+Warrants 2022

- Transaction volume of USD 500 m
- Cash coupon of 1.875% p.a.
- Option strike price of EUR 72.93 (at issuance)
- Maturity: December 2022
- USD funding mirrors cash flow profile

## Maturity profile as at 31 March 2016<sup>1)</sup>



1) Syndicated loan, Bond 2018 and Bond (with Warrants) 2022 excluding accrued interest and transaction costs



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#### **OUTLOOK 2016**

## Brenntag Group is strategically positioned for future growth

#### **Outlook for the segments**

### Europe

 Well-positioned business in an environment with low but recently improved momentum.

## North America

 Mid-term challenges in O&G and weak overall demand situation but positive long-term outlook.

### Latin America

Apart from Venezuela, healthy growth expected in a volatile region.

#### Asia Pacific

Expectation of significant organic growth plus contribution from acquisitions.

#### M&A

- Acquisitions made in Germany, South Africa and South Korea with spend of EUR 45 m
- Acquisition of 2<sup>nd</sup> tranche of Chinese JV as a platform for future growth
- Continuation of proven M&A strategy with healthy pipeline in all regions.









## **THANK YOU FOR YOUR ATTENTION!**



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