



### Strategy and targets of Mercedes-Benz Cars Sales and Marketing

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- 2. Our targets
- 3. Strategy of MBC Sales and Marketing





#### Mercedes Benz Cars: Continued strong improvement of EBIT over the last quarters

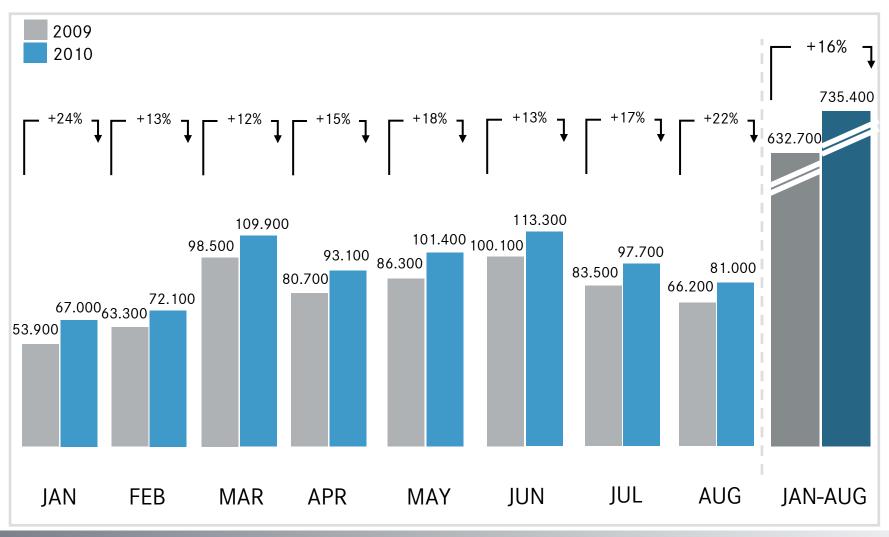
- EBIT in millions of €, return on sales in % -



- Strong increase driven by higher sales volume in all regions and especially in China
- More favorable product mix and better pricing
- Positive exchange rate development and efficiency enhancements



Mercedes-Benz Passenger Cars with strong growth rates in retail sales in 2010





Mercedes-Benz Passenger Cars with strong sales momentum in 2010 - Retail YTD August 2010 -





# Strong growth across modell ranges and excellent modell mix - Retail YTD August 2010 -



E-Class sedan 136.000 (+52%)



E-Class Coupe 32.700 (+98%)



S-Class sedan 41.000 (+32%)



C-Class sedan 161.300 (+9%)



GLK 45.900 (+15%)



GL-Class 17.600 (+24%)





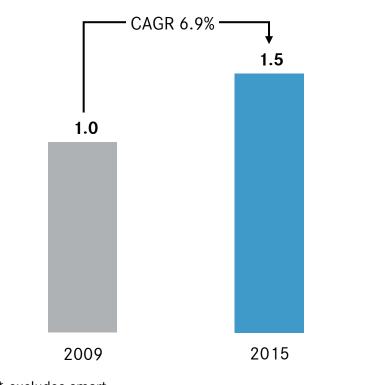
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Our ambition at Mercedes-Benz Cars: The most successful car manufacturer in the premium and luxury segment

> Mercedes-Benz Passenger Cars\* vehicle sales [million units]







## 2. Our targets

## 3. Strategy of MBC Sales and Marketing





#### Mercedes-Benz Cars Strategy



The most successful car company in the premium and luxury market



GO 10 FOR 10

Profitable Growth 10%

RoS constantly

#### Our strategic pillars

**Superior Products & Customer Experience** 

**Leading Brands** 

Innovation & Technology Leadership

Global Presence & Network

**Operational Excellence** 

High Performing, Inspired People

#### **Current topics**

- Constantly leading & profitable large cars
- New attractive compact cars (MB/smart)
- Delightful customer care
- Brand positioning and claim
- Green technology leadership
- Global footprint
- Cooperations
- Powerful sales & service organization
- Excellence



#### Mercedes-Benz Cars Sales and Marketing Strategy

## **Sales and Marketing MBC** Price | Place | Promotion | People | Processes **Product** Perfectly positioned brand and effective marketing **Fascinating products Delightful customer care** Retail network ready for the future **Efficient, integrated processes and systems** Motivated, qualified employees **Effective market penetration** Profitable growth Inspired customers: CSI No. 1

#### 1. Brand aspiration

The new brand aspiration of Mercedes-Benz: Our brand star



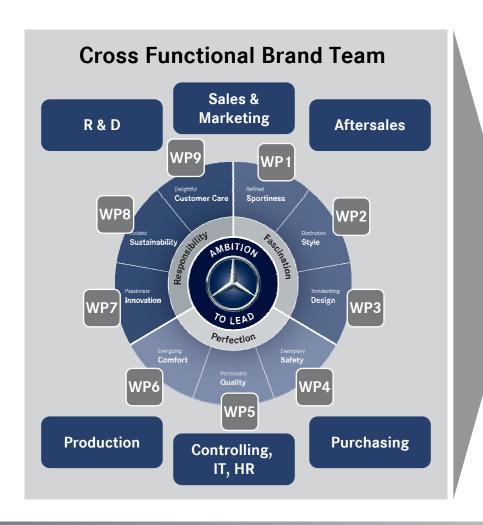


# Mercedes-Benz

The best or nothing.



Cross Functional Brand Team: Responsible for the roll-out of the brand positioning across all functions



- Functional strategies have been developed per brand experience
- Image study controls efficiency of measures for respective targets (brand monitor, market research)



#### International Brand Campaign: Print, TV, online and media communications











## Comprehensive communication activities in 2010 support the three brand values



Perfection

Driver Assistance Systems Campaign



**Fascination** 

**CLS Campaign** 



Responsibility

**BlueEFFICIENCY Campaign** 

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Customers can experience the fascination of the Mercedes-Benz brand on their iPad







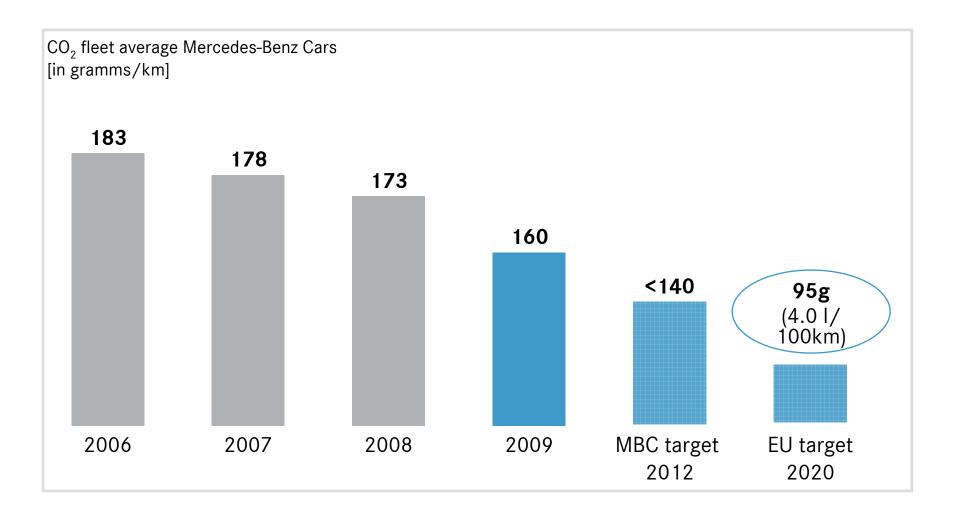
### Examples of fascinating new product highlights







### Ambitious CO<sub>2</sub> targets for Mercedes-Benz Cars







Mercedes-Benz Cars aims at leading position with green technologies

Roadmap for sustainable mobility:

Optimization of combustion engines

Further efficiency gains through hybridization

Locally emission-free electric engines

C 220 CDI

S 500 Plug-in Hybrid

smart electric drive, E-Cell, F-Cell



grams CO<sub>2</sub>/km



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#### Highlights Paris Auto Show: New concepts for emission free urban mobility











New Sales Organization – "More Customer, less bureaucracy"



#### 5. Successful dealer network

#### Mercedes-Benz - "The Best Premium Franchise"





## Mercedes-Benz with strong improvements in customer satisfaction in most markets

Customer Satisfaction Ranks		
in the Premium Segment <sup>1</sup>		
Sales	Service	
2005 → 2009	2005 → 2009/10	
5 → 1 <b>1</b>	Germany	<b>1</b> 3 → 1
5 → 2 <b>1</b>	UK	<b>1</b> 6 → 3
5 → 2 <b>1</b>	France	<b>1</b> 3 → 1
6 → 1 <b>1</b>	Italy <sup>2)</sup>	<b>1</b> 4 → 3
4 → 1 <b>1</b>	Spain <sup>2)</sup>	<b>J</b> 2 → 3
3 → 2 1	Switzerland <sup>2)</sup>	<b>1</b> 4 → 3
5 → 1 <b>1</b>	The Netherlands <sup>2)</sup>	<b>⇒</b> 3 → 3
2 → 1 1	South Africa <sup>2)</sup>	<b>1</b> 4 → 2
3 → 2 1	USA	<b>1</b> 7 → 6

Further awards for customer satisfaction		
	J.D. Power 2010 Initial Quality Study J.D. Power VOSS <sup>SM</sup> Germany No.1 Premium Brand in Service Satisfaction J.D. Power CSI France No.1 Premium Brand	
Le Journal de l'Automobile	Grand Prix des Marques Automobiles 2010 No.1 in Sales and After Sales Service	
ADAC auto	ADAC and auto motor sport  No. 1 in workshop tests with best reults overall in both tests	

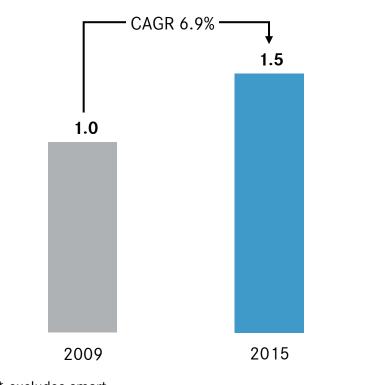
<sup>1)</sup>Source: NCBS, JDP SSI/CSI, CBS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2)</sup> Results 2006  $\rightarrow$  2008



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For the full year 2010 we expect Mercedes-Benz Cars EBIT of about 4 billion Euros

