# Reno De Medici

Geneva European MidCap Event

29 November 2017



Born to be converted



## Agenda



- 1 RDM Features and Strategic Guidelines
- 2 Delivering on Strategy
- 3 RDM Shares and Final Remarks



## The new integrated player



30 June 2016 Acquisition of RDM La Rochette (ex Cascades sas), producing cartonboard based on virgin

fibers, dawning of a new integrated player.

Careo – **RDM Marketing wholly owned** as a result of the integration of the FBB business.

2 November 2016 Appointment of the **new CEO**.

Q1 2017 Restructuring of the organization with emphasis on integrating the way sales and

operations link each other.

Today RDM

is

A single integrated company
Operating with a single brand
Marketing products through a single sales structure
Headed by a single management team
Executing a single strategy

With the aim of maximising the satisfaction of ALL our STAKEHOLDERS.



## Vision



# **Partner of Choice**









## Strategic priorities





#### **Enhance SERVICE and PRODUCT QUALITY**

High-performance output contributes to overall cost competitiveness



#### Promote the "ONE COMPANY" culture

The newly-introduced mindset targets continuous improvement inside RDM, with the aim of maximizing the satisfaction of all our stakeholders



### Translate operational progress into HEALTHY FINANCIALS

IT investments allow for supply chain optimization and more effective execution of orders



#### Minimize the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT of cartonboard production

RDM is committed to reducing carbon emissions, recycling resources and increasing operational efficiency



## Strategy at work



RDM leverages on **clear strengths** to deliver strategy:







#### **MULTICOUNTRY**

PanEuropean asset base and sales network



#### SIZE

Strong position on the European market making RDM the partner of choice for key brands and multinational corporations



#### **BROAD OFFER**

Cartonboard portfolio based on recycled, virgin fibres and specialties, meeting the full range of customer needs



#### **GROWING BUSINESS**

Presence in the packaging business, sector in which organic growth can be healthy as returns on investment prove to be high



# A PanEuropean asset base



Three assets with capacity well above 200k tons/p.a.

Ovaro mill focused on high-margin specialties.



WLC – White Lined Chipboard

FBB – Folding Boxboard

RDM La Rochette (FBB business) included in the P&L consolidation perimeter of RDM starting from H2 2016.



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### 9M 2017 achievements



Increasing margins in a tough input-cost scenario



Demand trend helped, but in-house levers put into play were crucial.

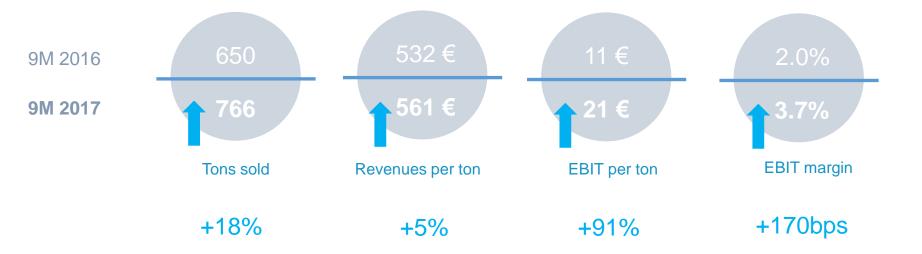
We successfully adapted response to spread challenges, while increasing mkt share in core countries.



## **Operating performance**



### A set of metrics consistently on the rise



## 9-month 2017 highlights



(% changes: 9M 2017 vs. 9M 2016)

429.7 € mn

Net Revenues from Sales +24.2%

33.0 € mn

**EBITDA** 

**(** +41.0% **)** 

16.1 € mn

**EBIT** 

( +127.3%)

12.1 € mn

**Net Profit** 

3.4x

0.20x

Gearing\*

0.22x @ 2016YE

7.3%

ROCE\*\*

3.7% @ 2016YE

<sup>\*</sup>Gearing: Debt/(Debt+Equity)

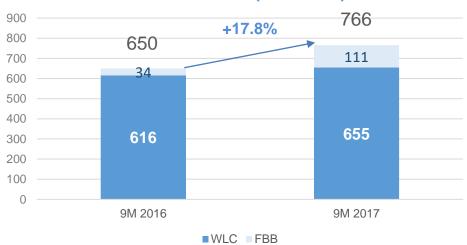
<sup>\*\*</sup>ROCE: Last 12-month EBIT/Capital Employed Adjusted (for Equity Investments & LT Liabilities)



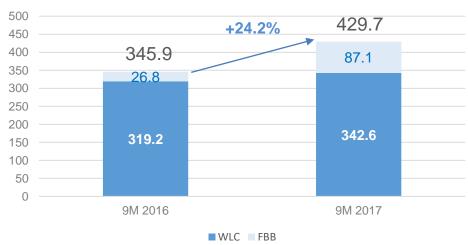
### Revenues from Sales



#### Volumes sold ('000 tons)



#### Revenues from Sales (€ mn)



The increase in volumes reflects:

- the consolidation of the RDM La Rochette (FBB business) for 9 months in 2017 (while in 2016 it contributed just in Q3).
- The 6.3% increase in WLC volumes (+39k tons).

# Revenue growth outpaced volume increase

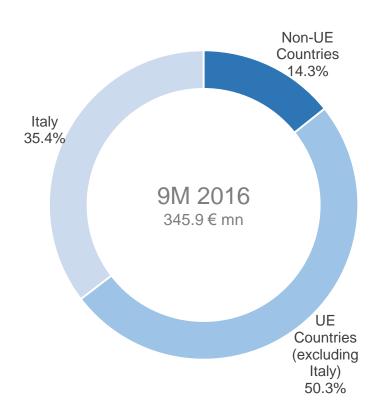
The topline growth was driven by the positive impact of the **RDM La Rochette consolidation**.

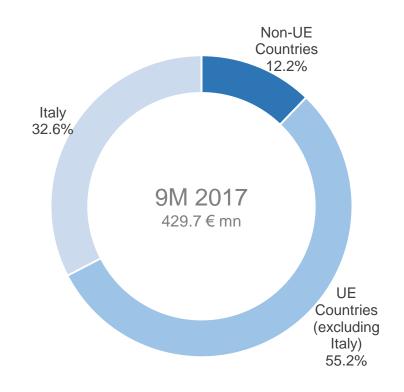
**WLC** revenues increased by **7.3%**, at a higher pace than WLC volumes.



## Revenues by geography







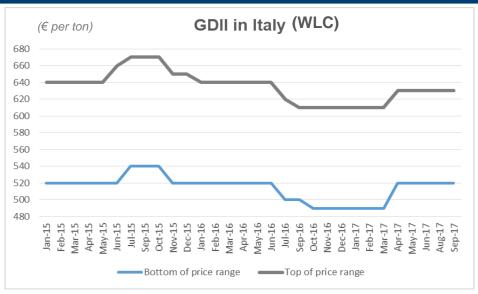
FFB (La Rochette) products were not part of the RDM portfolio in H1 2016.

Strong position in core European countries



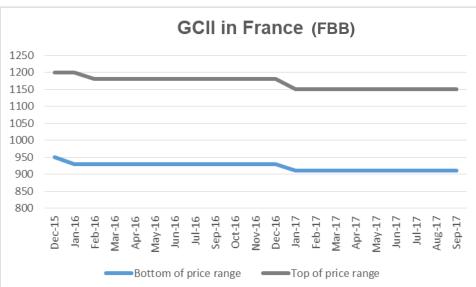
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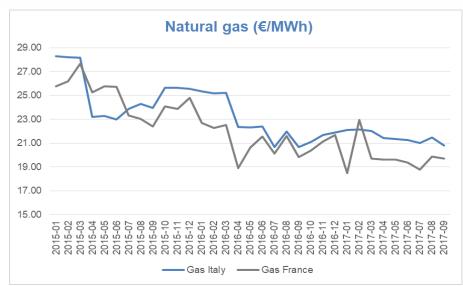




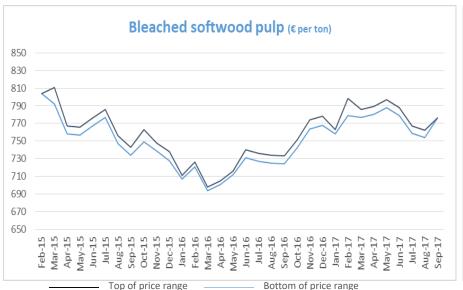


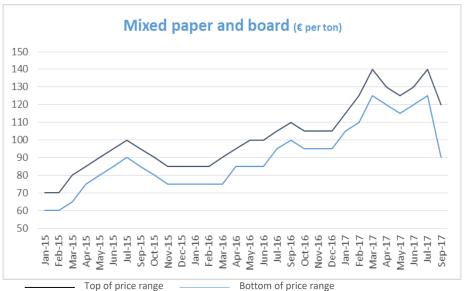
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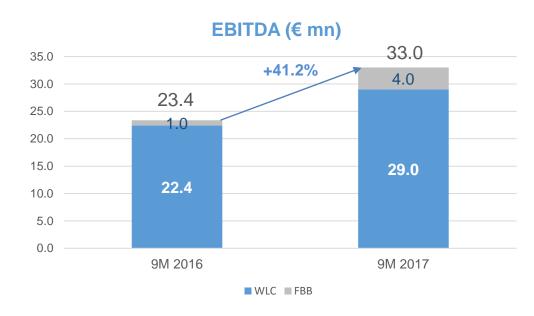




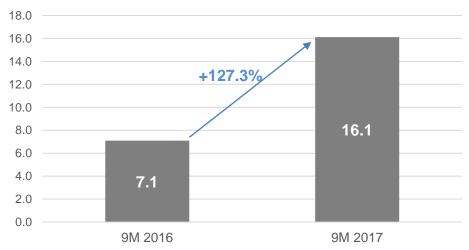


### **EBITDA and EBIT**









The **WLC EBITDA change** (+29.5%) reflects the following drivers:

- + WLC **Revenues** increase (+7.3%) led by **volume** growth (+6.3%)
- + Lower **energy costs** than in 9M 2016;
- Higher cost of non-energy raw materials.

In Q3 2017 the contribution from the FBB business to consolidated EBITDA was negative, due to the longer-than-usual stop of La Rochette mill in August, aimed to carry out the planned investment in the new power plant.

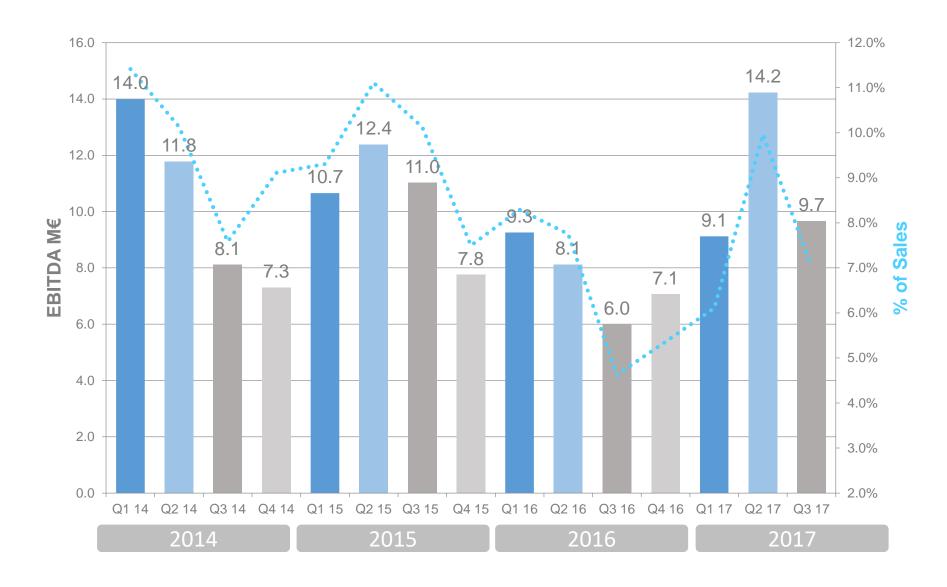
9M 2017 EBITDA also reflects an extraordinary item: 1.2 € mn restructuring costs for the reorganization of the sales team.

**EBIT increase (+127.3%)** resulted in being even stronger than EBITDA increase (+41.2%), due to limited D&A growth (+3.7%, up to 16.9 € mn from 16.3 € mn in 9M 2016).



## EBITDA leap in Q2 and Q3 2017



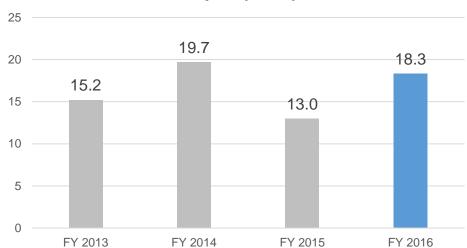




## Investing to improve efficiency



#### Capex (€ mn)

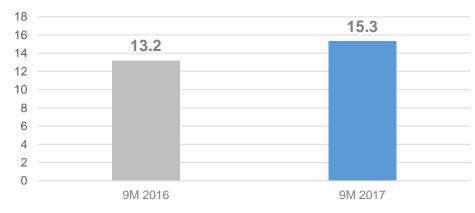


Cumulated capex of **144.2 million euro** over the 2008-2015 period, i.e. **18.0 million euro on average per year**.

Typically, over the last eight years, RDM investments have been mainly concentrated in upgrading **one plant** at a time.

In 2016, Capex was mainly focused on the **Arnsberg mill** rebuild.

#### 9-month Capex (€ mn)



In 9M 2017 the two main capex projects were:

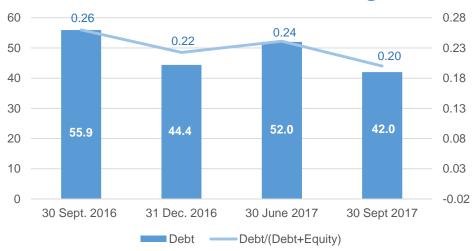
- the rebuild of the press section at Blendecques (Jan.)
- the replacement of the power plant at La Rochette (Aug.)



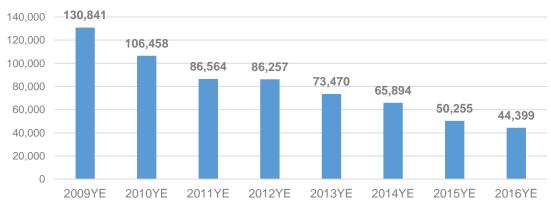
## Low gearing ratio



#### **Net Financial Debt and Gearing**



#### **Net Financial Debt ('000€)**

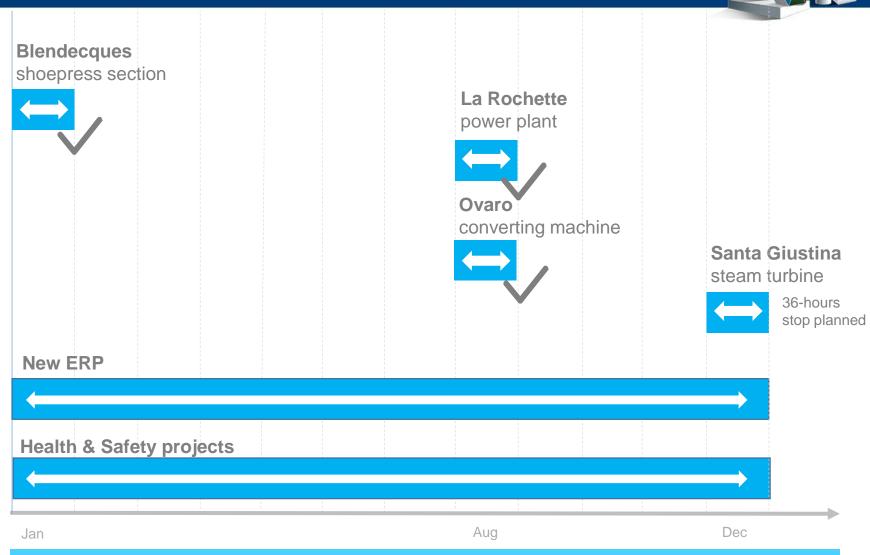


# Concentration of outflows in H1 2017 led to a substantial absorption of operating cash flow.

- Payment of annual bonuses to customers
- 2016 dividends paid and shares buyback (1.3 mn €)
- Equity investment in Paper Interconnector 1.7 € mn
- Restructuring costs 1.2 € mn
- RDM Arnsberg GmbH deposit on the 'logo fee' tax case (2.6 € mn).



## Investment pipeline



Aug 2018: new rewinder machine in Villa Santa Lucia



### **M&A: PAC Service**





On 20 Nov. 2017 the BoD of RDM approved the acquisition of a 66.67% stake in PAC Service share capital. The target Company operates in the sheet cutting business. RDM has long been a strategic provider of PAC Service.



#### Terms of the deal

Seller: Bellon family

RDM stake previously held: 33.33%

Closing: expected by year-end

Total consideration (for 66.67%): 10.05 € mn

2017 pro-forma EV/EBITDA pre-synergies: 6.7x

### 2016 PAC Service key figures

Revenues: 20.5 € mn EBITDA: 1.9 € mn EBIT: 1.7 € mn Net Profit: 1.1 € mn

Net Financial Debt (2016 YE): 1.2 € mn



## Rationale of the deal





### The PAC Service acquisition fits perfectly into RDM vision and strategy

By achieving the whole control of PAC service, RDM has the opportunity to...

VISION: 'Partner of Choice'

...Enrich and broaden customer offer and service

**M&A STRATEGY** 

...Strengthen the supply chain integration

...Fully consolidate a business that improves
Group profitability

...Smooth earnings fluctuations linked to demand and inputs dynamics throughout the cycle



### **PAC Service - further insights**







#### **KEY FEATURES**

1 site23 employees22k tons p.a. processed

#### **MAIN PRODUCTS**

Folding Boxboard (FBB)
Recycled Paperboard (WLC)
Solid Bleached Board (SBB)
Solid Unbleached Board (SUB)

#### **KEY STRENGTHS**

Constantly updated machines
Quality, quickness and flexibility of deliveries
Unexploited capacity

#### **CERTIFICATIONS**

UNI EN ISO 9001/2000 PEFC FSC



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### RDM and the Stock Exchange



Share Capital: 140,000,000.00 €

Outstanding shares: 377,800,994, o/w

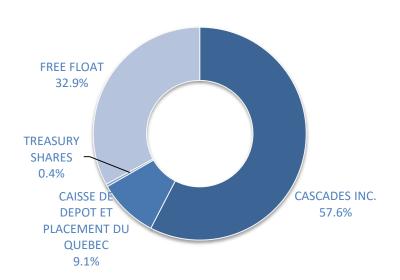
377,531,909 ordinary shares

269,085 convertible savings shares

Conversion period: in February and

September, each year

### **Main shareholders**



Source: RDM shareholder register

#### **Listing markets**

Milan Stock Exchange – MTA (STAR segment) Madrid Stock Exchange

#### **Codes**

Bloomberg: RM IM; Reuters: RDM.MI

ISIN: IT0001178299

**Mkt cap:** 211.6 € mn (@0.56 € p.s. as of 24 November 2017)

#### Last dividend paid

ORDINARY SHARE: Dividend of 2.65 € cents

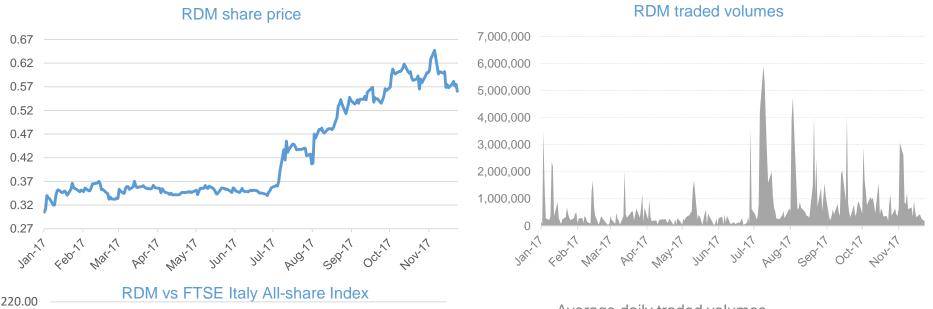
Payment date: 10 May 2017

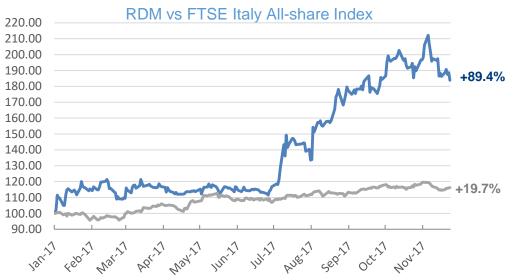
Dividend yield: 0.9% (YE2016 price of 0.3055 €)



## **Share performance**







FTSE Italy All-share

Average daily traded volumes

Q1 2017: 512,773

Q2 2017: 362,208

Q3 2017: 1,270,890

(Last update: 24 Nov. 2017)



### **Board of Directors**



Board appointed on 28 April 2017. Term of office: 3 financial years. The CEO is the only executive member of the Board.



Eric Laflamme, Chairman Entrepreneur (packaging business) since 2013. COO of Cascades Group in Montreal (2002-2008). Previously at Cascades SA Europe.



Michele Bianchi, CEO Chemical engineer, with more than 19 years of experience in the European packaging industry.



**Independent Director** Chartered accountant and business consultant. Bocconi University professor.

Laura Guazzoni,



Lawyer at the Jones Day Milan office. Expert in M&A and corporate compliance

Sara Rizzon,

Director



Giulio Antonello,

**Independent Director** 

Gloria F. Marino, Independent **Director** Chartered accountant and statutory auditor.



**CFO** of Cascades Group since 2010 - Bachelor's Business Administration in Accounting.

Director



In the past, investment banker and CEO of a listed Company. Presently, strategic advisor in the asset management field.



## Stakeholder map





#### **SHAREHOLDERS**

+246%: EpS increase in 9M 2017 vs.9M 2016 2016 dividend: 0.00265€, i.e. 0.9% yield +89%: price increase in 2017 YTD 90 investors met in 2017 YTD



#### **SUPPLIERS**

Procurement integrated on a single platform Smarter planning





#### **EMPLOYEES**

Cultivation of the "One-Company" culture Promotion of a digitalized mindset New MBO system also based on Co.'s EBIT New incentivizing remuneration policy Satisfaction survey (entire staff) in 2018



#### CUSTOMERS

Tailored solutions in response to specific needs Improved quality and service of products Differentiation through converting and finishing services Satisfaction survey in Nov. 2017

Listening, engaging and creating value for stakeholders



### Final remarks



## We will continue to deploy our plan to pursue **organic growth** and **improve profitability**

- Thorough evaluation and management of **capex**.
  Priorities: higher EBIT margin, ROCE expansion and sustainability improvements.
- Optimization of **the way we produce and sell**, through further integration and by leveraging on digitalization.

We will selectively explore **M&A opportunities** that can open-up new business segments, even through **vertical integration**, as long as they can...



Increase Company's returns in a reasonable time span

Contribute to **smooth volatility** over the cycle