

# H1 2020 Results - Investor call

Milan, 31 July 2020

# **AGENDA**



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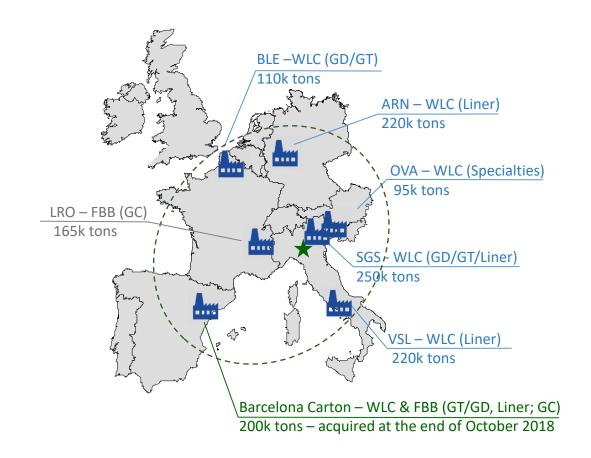
Michele Bianchi - CEO

# PROXIMITY TO CUSTOMERS IS KING IN THESE DAYS



### A MULTI-COUNTRY PLATFORM

Total production capacity 1.26 M tons/y
Four assets with capacity over 200 k tons/y





Santa Giustina plant

#### WLC

White Lined Chipboard Based on **recycled fibers** 

No. of mills: 6
Production capacity: 1.1 mn tons/p.a.
equal to 87%

#### **FBB**

Folding Boxboard
Based on virgin fibers

No. of mills: 1 Production capacity: **0.165 mn** tons/p.a. equal to **13%** 



Headquarters in Milan



Mill

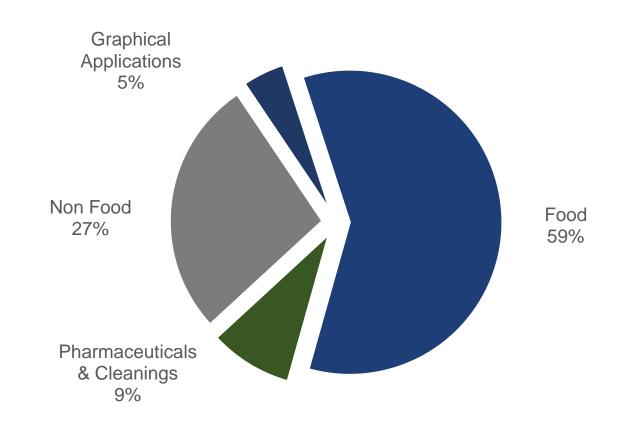
# **RDM END-USES**



Source: RDM internal analysis on 2020 data.

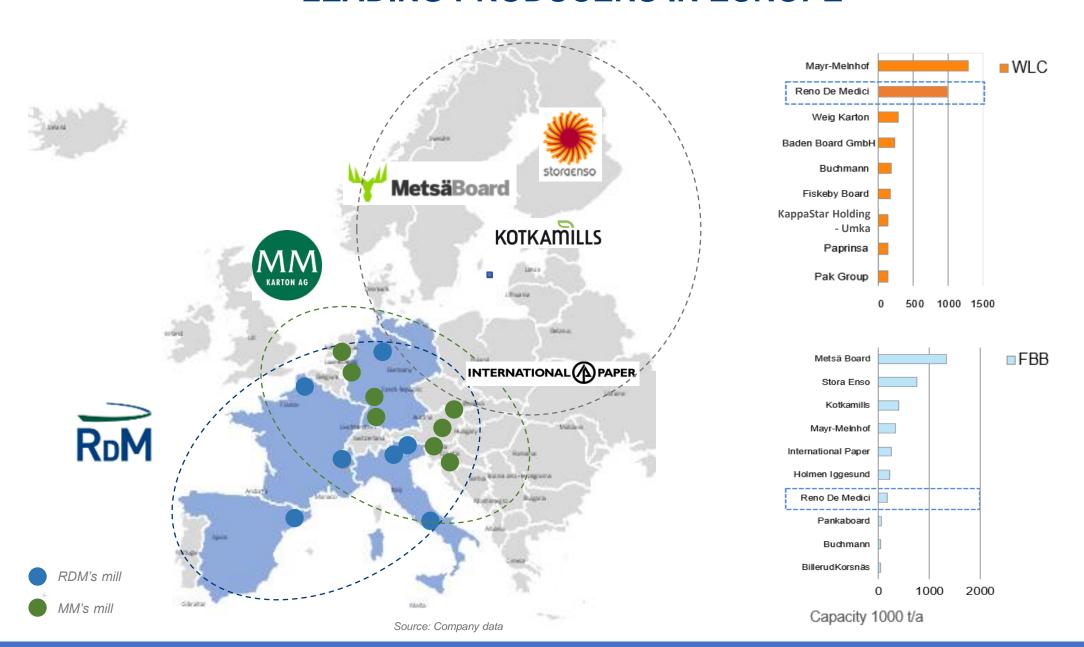
Resilient end-use exposure proven during Covid-19 outbreak, due to the essentiality features of both Food and Pharma (68% weight).

As counterevidence, weakening demand of **specialties** affected the production of Ovaro mill.



# **LEADING PRODUCERS IN EUROPE**





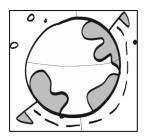
# TRANSFORMING THE COMPANY



### **Business combination** of Reno de Medici and Cascades assets in

Europe

**RDM Group** establishment (merging RDM, Cascades La Rochette and Careo) and rebranding



**RDM Group** capitalizing on achievements

2021

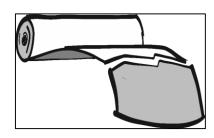
2008

2017

Becoming a stronger and

larger player

- Rationalization of capacity
- Focused capex plan in strategic assets
- Internationalization
- Deleveraging



# **Becoming more resilient through** higher integration and efficiency

### 2018-2021 TRANSFORMATION PLAN

Integrating the Pan-European asset base and recent acquisitions

La Rochette – 2016 PAC Service - 2017 Barcelona Cartonboard - 2018

through a portfolio of value-added initiatives to achieve goals as a One Company.

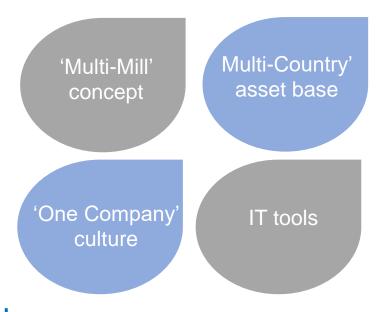
Strategically transforming the cost structure

# **OPERATING UNDER THE 'MULTI-MILL' CONCEPT**



### Higher interchangeability

Specific types of RDM cartonboard can be produced in multiple mills



### **Benefits**

Flexibility in operations

Timeliness in delivery

✓ Balancing the availability of finished products at the individual plant

- ✓ Minimizing risks
- ✓ Ensuring greater proximity to customers and Security of Supply

**Mitigating** market **volatility** that may arise from changes in:

- demand across markets
- tons produced across assets

# BENEFITS FROM TRANSFORMATION



### **OUTCOME FROM THE THREE-YEAR PLAN**

**RESILIENCE** 

in operational performance

in consolidated EBITDA margin

**SPEED** 

in capturing signals and promptly turning them into:

- Better solutions for the client
- Higher margins for the Company

### COVID-19 OUTBREAK, AFTER THREE YEARS OF WORK...





A system of rules in place

Acceleration in decision-making

Clear tasks

... PROVED THE RESILIENCE and SUCCESS **ACHIEVED** 

### FROM 2021 ONWARDS, MOVING TOWARD CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT APPROACH



### **Capitalizing on**

A maintained portfolio of focused initiatives An established network of teams and committees A plan-ahead attitude gained An evolved management of operations A more sophisticated demand/supply integration and

optimization



# To improve further

Optimization of sourcing and procurement Management of operations, unlocking growth and reducing costs per ton

Exploitation of new recipes and energy efficiency solutions

Optimization of price-mix

Completion of Barcelona Cartonboard integration Accelerate Innovation of sustainable products and digitalization of manufacturing and service processes

# NURTURING AND LEVERAGING CLIENT LOYALTY



#### 1,400+ CLIENTS

**Converters and Distributors** 









#### **CLIENT TOP PRIORITY**

Security of supply

#### RDM GROUP PERCEIVED AS

a reliable partner, being a European large WLC producer

#### **RDM GROUP APPRECIATED FOR ITS**

### Quality

Customer service
Diversified portfolio
Responsiveness
Deliveries / Lead times



Fifth customer survey conducted over the 7 March - 2 April 2020 period, in 43 EMEA markets.

All-time highest response rate

Highest RDM Group score rating

Feedback revealing the best ratio of positive-to-negative comments ever recorded

Findings from the last
CUSTOMER SURVEY also prove
professional handling of an
unprecedented situation

### H1 2020 AT A GLANCE



# **EBITDA** margin improved in both business segments

**EXTERNAL DRIVERS both in WLC and FBB** 

### **Higher demand**

Higher organic volumes

Decrease in selling prices in H1 2020 compared to H1 2019

Low raw materials costs in Q1 for recycled Decrease in pulp costs

Lower cost of energy

# **Solid RDM Group market position**

resulting in volumes that outperformed the pace of market growth

# Efficiency and synergy plan

boost a favorable scenario both in demand and input costs

# **EBITDA** margin at 13.8%

(vs. 10.7% in H1 2019)

# **High increase in NET PROFIT +49.6%**

(€24.9m vs. €16.7 in H1 2019)

### **Decrease in NFD**

(from €52m at December 31, 2019 to €38.5m at June 30, 2020)

# **AGENDA**



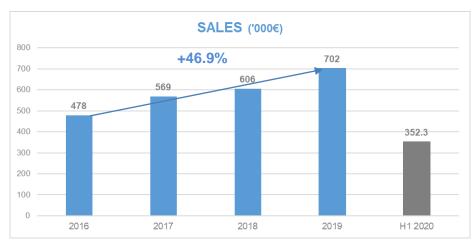
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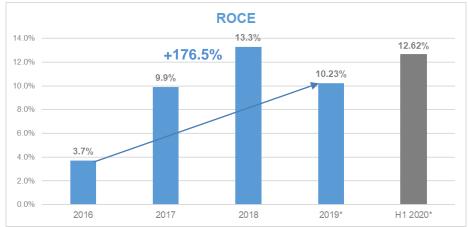


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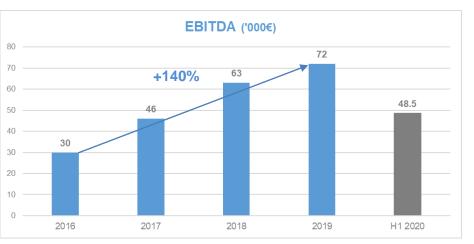
# **HIGHLIGHTS**

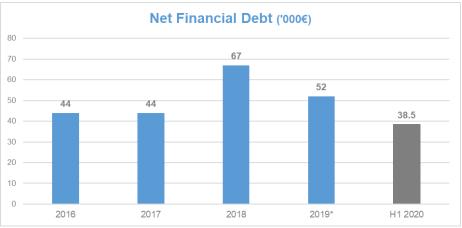






\*2019 ROCE included the write-down of the fixed assets of La Rochette mill for €9.5m. Without this write-down, ROCE would have been 13% at December 31, 2019 and 15.31% at June 30, 2020.

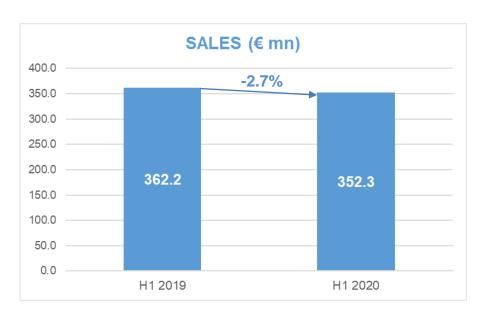


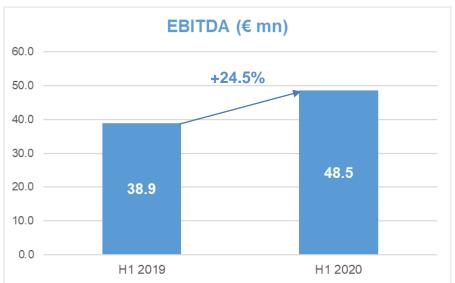


\*Net Debt as 31 December 2019 includes €12.5m liabilities due to the adoption of the new IFRS 16 "Leases".

### SALES AND EBITDA







The decrease in SALES (-2.7%) is due to:

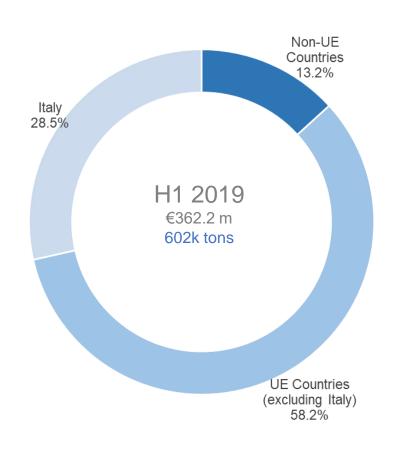
- + Increase in tons sold, both in WLC (+1.7%) and FBB (8.3%);
- Reductions in selling prices, mainly in WCL compared to H1 2019;
- Temporary stoppage of production in Villa Santa Lucia plant following the seizure of the municipal consortium's wastewater treatment plant and in Ovaro plant due to lower demand for specialties products.

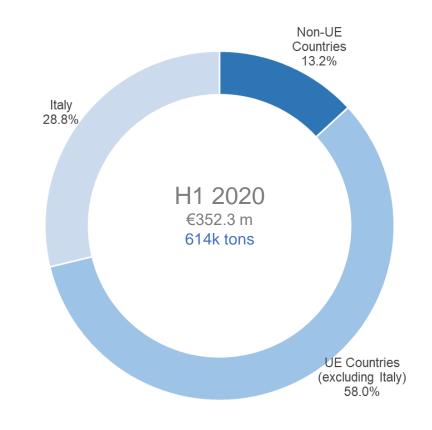
**Higher EBITDA margin** (13.8% in H1 2020 compared to 10.7% in H1 2019) reflects the following drivers:

- Slight decrease in SALES (-2.7%);
- + Lower costs of fibers reflecting lower prices and greater efficiency in their use;
- + Decline in energy costs compared with H1 2019.

# **SALES BY GEOGRAPHY**



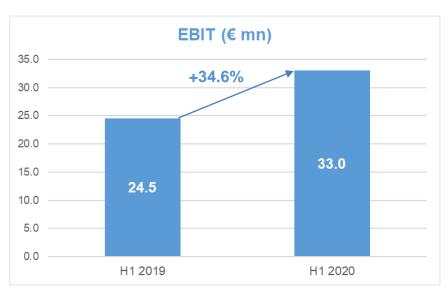




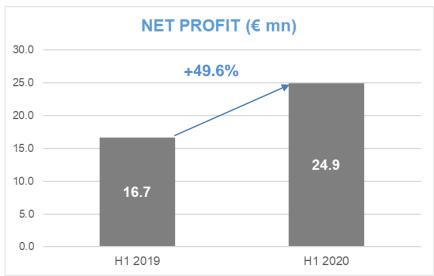
Stable mix in terms of volume and selling prices.

### **EBIT AND NET PROFIT**





The strong increase in **EBIT** (+34.6%) mainly reflects the increase in EBITDA, partially offset by **higher D&A costs** than those of 2019 (€15.4 in H1 2020 vs €14.4m in H1 2019).

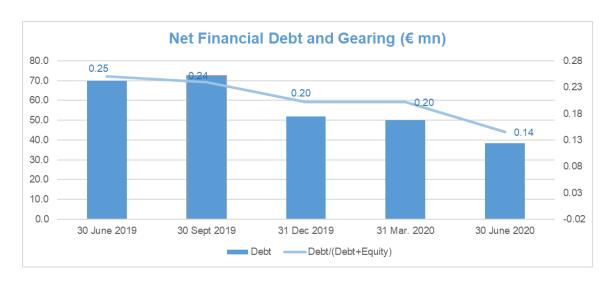


**High H1 2020 Net Profit** increase (**€8.2m** vs. H1 2019) combines the impact of higher EBIT (**€8.5m** vs. H1 2019) with:

- + a €0.8m decrease in financial expenses vs. H1 2019;
- a €1m increase in taxes even if the tax rate is lower (25.2% vs. 21% in H1 2019).

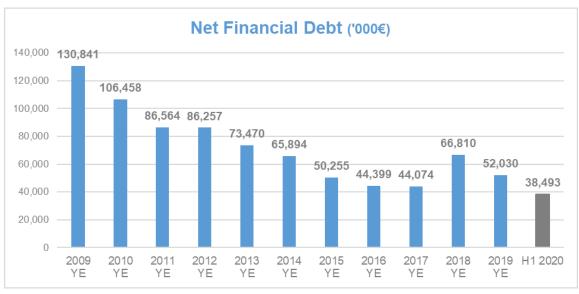
### **LOW GEARING RATIO**





**Decrease in NFD in H1 2020** (from €52m at December 31, 2019 to €38.5m at June 30, 2020).

In H1 2020 capital expenditure amounted to €5.2m compared with €9.8m in H1 2019.



Over the 2016-2018 period, RDM made three acquisitions for a total amount of €77 m.

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Andrea Bettinelli – Head of Strategy

### **2020 CAPEX OVERVIEW**



2020 expected capital expenditure: 23-25 € mn
Of which maintenance + H&S investments are 11-13 € mn

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY**

#### €6m

Villa S. Lucia
Cogeneration Plant Revamping
S. Giustina
New Steam Boiler
Others Mills
Power Plants extraordinary
maintenance

### **DIGITALIZATION**

€2m

All New ERP System

#### **COST SAVINGS & QUALITY**

#### €3m

Villa S. Lucia
Stock Preparation Revamping
Barcelona
Top and Back Layer Headbox
Barcelona
Winder Rebuilt
PAC Service
New Wrapping Line

### **ENVIRONMENT**

#### €1m

La Rochette
Wastewater Treatment

# LOOKING FORWARD IN A PANDEMIC SCENARIO



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'Essentiality' of our cartonboard end-uses

Sustainable packaging **LT drivers demand** still in place

Multi-country and multi-mill **model** as valid as ever

**Cash liquidity** and further financing capacity available

**Risks/opportunities** under stress scenarios assessed and well under control

### Challenges

Scarce availability of **fibers** pushing up prices Opportunity to revert on final product prices

Converters **destocking** once panicking is over

New lockdowns and restrictions may **weaken consumer and luxury goods demand** 

More flexible operational models needed

Logistics complexity and cost

# RDM Group remains focused on Long Term strategy execution

by relying on operational and financial strengths to address potential challenges

### FINAL REMARKS





#### TOP ON OUR CURRENT AGENDA

- ✓ Interpreting the 'new normal' scenario
- ✓ Continue assessing the impacts of business scenarios to be prepared to react as needed
- ✓ Responsibly managing the costs
- ✓ Remaining a forward-looking Company



#### EMERGING EXTERNAL PATTERNS

- Greener UE agenda, supported by dedicated budget
- Digitalization challenge
- Growth of home delivery shopping and pickup in store





- Increased demand for packed products
- Enhanced hygiene product protection
- Light and recyclable packaging while preserving physical strenghts

### Leverage on

Supporting **mega-trends** and **end-users** demand

Continuous **track record** of metric improvements and **sound financial performances** 

Proven resilience to external events

Continue to generate strong
CASH FLOW to **invest** and **grow**the company



# Thank you!

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