



# **Virtual STAR Conference**

6-7 October 2020

# **AGENDA**



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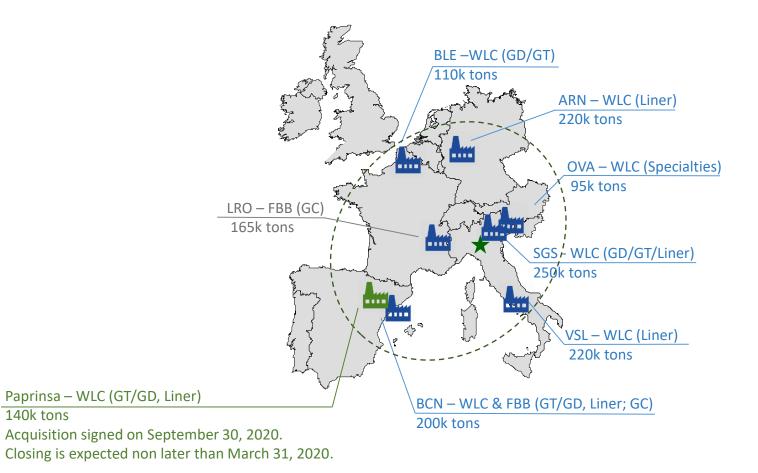
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# PROXIMITY TO CUSTOMERS IS KING IN THESE DAYS



#### 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

# **PORTFOLIO**



#### **RECYCLED FIBRES (WLC)**

Price Eco friendly image

### **VIRGIN FIBRES (FBB)**

Printability
Bulk & Stiffness

#### RECYCLED BOARD (GD)

LINER

#### **SPECIALTIES**

#### VIRGIN BOARD (GC)

Sport/toys Food Detergents Beverage Hardware Software Display Microflute laminate

Textile / shoes Paper Goods

#### Overall economic trend along with specific drivers:

Brand recognition
E-commerce
Plastic substitution
Care for planet
Changes in lifestyles

Brand recognition
Microcorrugated
Growing market (+11% from 2015
to 2018)

Luxury package

Beauty & Health care Food Retail Bakery

Pharmaceuticals

#### **Overall economic trend**

Brand recognition Changes in lifestyles











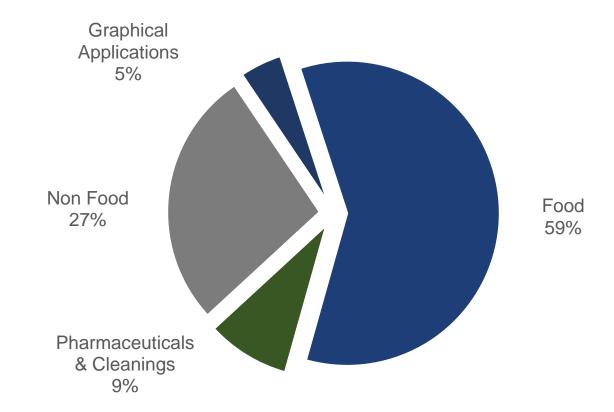
# **RDM END-USES**

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Source: RDM internal analysis on 2020 data.

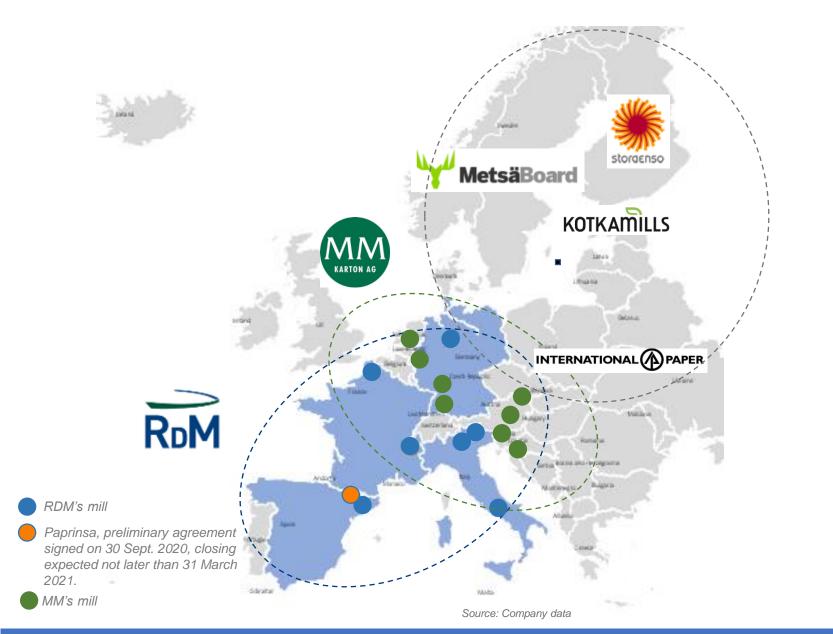
Resilient end-use exposure proven during Covid-19 outbreak, due to the essentiality features of both Food and Pharma (68% weight).

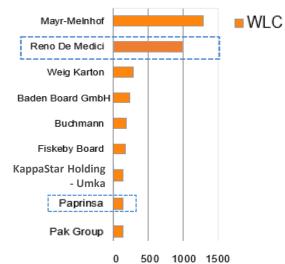
As counterevidence, weakening demand of **specialties** affected the production of Ovaro mill.

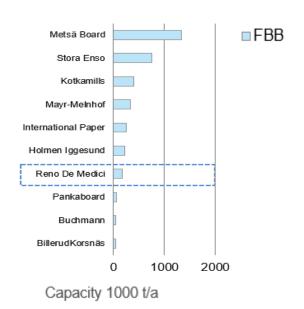


# **LEADING PRODUCERS IN EUROPE**







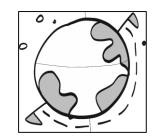


# TRANSFORMING THE COMPANY



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

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



**RDM Group** capitalizing on achievements

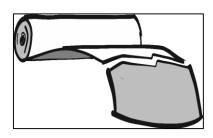
2021

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.

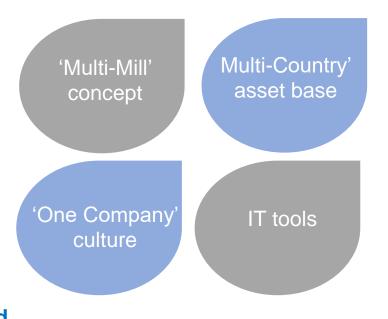
Strategically transforming the cost structure

# **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:

- 1. Better solutions for the client
- 2. 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**

optimization

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



# 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

# **AGENDA**

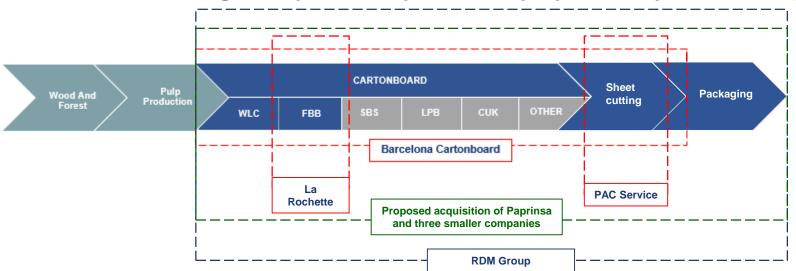


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### LATEST M&A DEALS



### Value Chain Positioning of acquired companies and proposed acquisition of Paprinsa:



Ondupacart S.A. is a small producer of corrugated packaging





The deal regards **Paprinsa**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Spanish and 8<sup>th</sup> European producer of WLC and three smaller companies operating in the same site in Spain (Mollerussa), inclusing **Ondupacart S.A.**, a small corrugator manufacturer. The closing is expected not later than march 31, 2021.



Based in Spain (Barcelona), the company is producing recycled Cartonboard (WLC) and if needed also virgin board (FBB), serving the packaging industry in Spain and abroad.

The acquisition is effective as of 31 Oct. 2018.



Based in Italy, the company operates in the sheet cutting business. RDM has long been a strategic supplier of PAC Service.

The acquisition is effective as of 1 Jan. 2018.



Based in the South of France, the company (La Rochette mill) is involved in the production of Cartonboard from virgin fibers (FBB).

The acquisition is effective as of 30 June 2016.

# PAPRINSA ACQUISITION KEY FEATURES OF THE DEAL



#### **ACQUISITION**

100% of Papelera del Principado SA, or **Paprinsa**, + three smaller companies from 15 sellers.

#### **INDICATIVE VALUE**

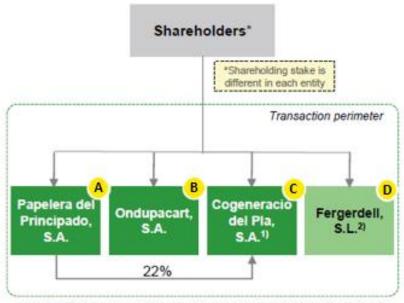
Total Enterprise Value of €31.2m, before NFP, WC and EBITDA adjustments.

#### **CLOSING**

Expected **not later than March** 31, 2020.

#### **CLEARANCE**

Closing subject to **Antitrust** clearance.



Note: 1) The Company provides maintenance services to Paprinsa; 2) The Company is the owner of the land and buildings in Mollerussa, where the HQ is located.

- No.2 cartonboard producer in Spain, no.8 in Europe
- B Small corrugator producer
- **c** Former owner of the cogeneration plant, now maintenance provider
- Real estate company

# **PAPRINSA - BUSINESS PROFILE**



One of the European mills with the **lowest technical age** (10-15 years) and the **largest trim width** (4.8 meters)

#### The Group at a glance

Based in Spain (Mollerussa), the Group is specialized in the production of cartonboard from recycled fibers (WLC), microflute and corrugated sheet, serving the packaging industry in Spain and abroad.

The district is characterized by its **proximity to some key European converters** and distributors with cutting facilities.



#### **Paprinsa Features**

- ✓ Significant investments in the last six years (more than €30m of capex) make Paprinsa one of the most updated technology mills in Europe (between 10 and 15 years in terms of technical age)
- ✓ One of the European mills with the largest trim width (4.8 meters). That size gives opportunity for future production growth, from the actual 120k tons/y to over 200 k tons/y.
- √ Wide product range, from 180 to 550 g.
- ✓ Main products offered:
- Recycled Cartonboard
- Recycled Linerboard



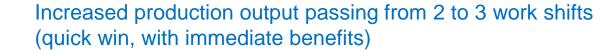
# **VALUE CREATION RATIONALE**



3 to 5 million euro
EBITDA increase to
be generated through
the integration in
RDM Group









Optimization of legal, management and organisational structure (currently 4 companies)



Proximity with the RDM Barcelona mill (less than 1-hour drive) paves the way for a stronger and efficient integration on a number of functions



Group centralized procurement to leverage on economy on scale



Portfolio rationalization and manufacturing know-how exchange in the enlarged Group



Possibility to expand the capacity up and above 200 kT/year, reaching the top tier assets in the Group (additional capex required)

## TERMS OF THE DEAL



# A well-invested asset, with an **EBITDA ramp up**

# 2020 expected increase in **EBITDA** based on **key** drivers:

- lower gas price, due to the newly-signed supply contract
- more efficient fibre yield, due to recent investment in stock pulping

# FY 2019 - KEY DATA based on Spanish GAAP

Data of the four target-companies, aggregated by EY. Intercompany transactions eliminated.

Sales

€65.9m

**EBITDA** 

€3.5m

EBITDA margin 5.3%

Net Debt €22.9m

#### **ENTERPRISE VALUE**

of the four target companies

€31.2m based on an estimated 2020 proforma EBITDA of €5.2m

ACQUISITION MULTIPLE
OF 6X FY2020 EBITDA
with a minimum Enterprise
Value of €27m and a
maximum EV of €33m.

**Price adjustments** in terms of NFP, NWC and EBITDA.

**Advance Payment** 

**Completion Payment** 

€5.9m cash-out at the closing of the By 2021 deal (based on €27m EV and €21.1m NFP as at Aug. 31, 2020).

# STRONG ACQUISITION RATIONALE





Another step to grow in our **core-business** (low execution risk and proven Group know-how), while consolidating the **WLC** market.



**Tangible advantages** to be unlocked within the extension of the multi-mill concept, also leveraging on the proximity to the Barcelona mill.



**Paprinsa** mill boasting **clear strengths**, per se, being one of the European mills with the lowest technical age and the largest trim width.



High level of expected **synergies** from Group integration (3 to 5 million euro of EBITDA).

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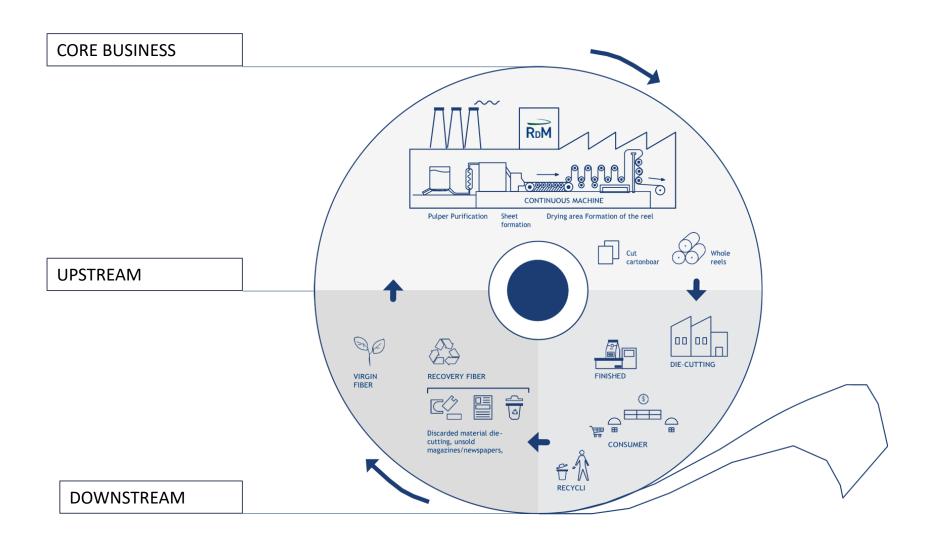


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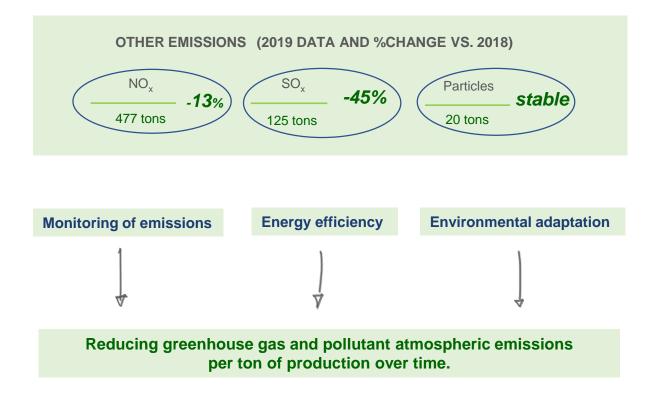
A truly sustainable player with a CIRCULAR ECONOMY vision



# **REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS**





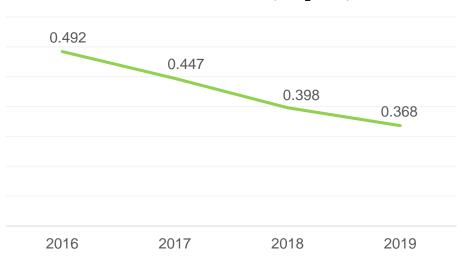


http://rdmgroup.com/sustainability/reporting/

# MINIMIZING CARBON AND ENERGY INTENSITY IN PRODUCTION PROCESSES



#### CARBON INTENSITY (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ton)



Emissions in tCO2e per metric ton of gross production

Data exclude RDM Barcelona Cartonboard's natural gas consumption to produce electricity for the grid.

Electricity produced by cogeneration plants is not included to avoid double counting. **Coal reduction (-26.4%)** reflects the first-stage benefits of the energy transition project underway at the **Arnsberg mill**.

# CARBON INTENSITY (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ton)

-25%

-7.5%

2019 VS. 2016

2019 VS. 2018









# SPECIFIC ENERGY CONSUMPTION (MWh/ton)



All the Group's production units 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 Unit of measure: energy consumption in MWh per ton of gross production

## **ENERGY INTENSITY (MWh/ton)**

-19%

**-7%** 

2019 VS. 2016

2019 VS. 2018

# **COMMITED TO REDUCE WATER USAGE**

The remaining share evaporates

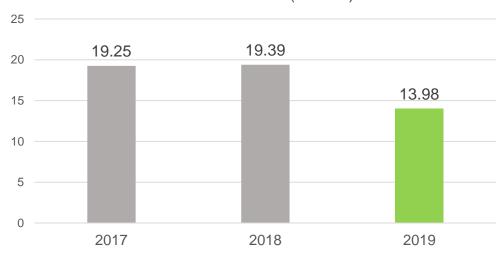
or is incorporated

in the cartonboard.



# Through recovery of process water and reusing water in several production cycles.

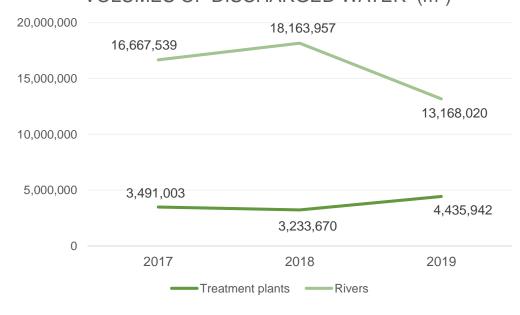
# WATER WITHDRAWALS PER TON OF PRODUCTION (m³/ton)



All the Group's production units / 2017, 2018, 2019
Unit of measure: Cubic meters per ton of gross production (including water withdrawal for plant cooling)

# 91% of the water consumption returns to the environment after purification

# VOLUMES OF DISCHARGED WATER (m³)



## MINIMIZING WASTE SENT TO LANDFILL



#### **Our priority**

Minimizing waste and maximizing the use of fiber raw materials.

#### From 20% to 5%

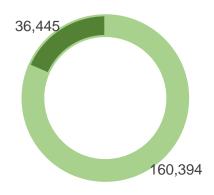
the fiber reduction in the rejects of production process, deriving from reject washing machines installed in the Italian mills



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A full 99.8% of the total waste produced by the Group is non-hazardous and mainly consists of plastics, glass, sand and metals.





■ Waste sent for recovery - 81% ■ Waste sent for disposal - 19%

Circular economy system is for RDM Group "naturally" core. Recycling and reusing resources is par of every-day manufacturing life



Majority of RDM Group mills have waste management systems also certified according to ISO 14001 standard

Two mills are also certified according to the "Eco-Management and Audit Scheme" (EMAS)

# PRODUCT INNOVATION MEETS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY DEMAND



# **Market TRENDS**

### **Major Brands and Retailers**

Requiring packaging with lower environmental impact

Switching to recycled-based packaging

Needing high-quality packaging to convey brand image and protect goods sold through more complex supply chains like e-Comm shopping

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The world of packaging is going through a period of intense change that RDM Group sees as an opportunity to innovate, with a clear focus on sustainability.

# Quality Safety Sustainability





Focusing on raw materials that are re-usable, renewable or recyclable.

Developing **new fiber-based multi-material products** coupled with renewable barrier solutions (**biodegradability** being the core feature).

**Barrier solutions** that create a layer of protection between the structure made of fibre-based material and the contained product, while maintaining its recyclability



#### **4Ever Green Alliance** (40+ European companies)

Initiative that promotes the use of **fiber-based packaging material** to foster **sustainability through circular economy**. Supporting the development of:

- new packaging solutions though innovation and product design
- appropriate infrastructure and collection systems

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## **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%**

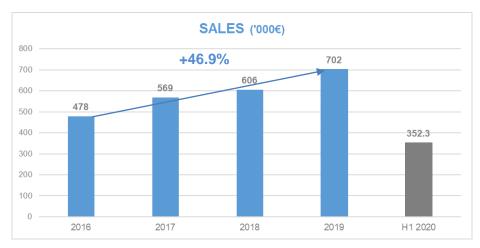
(€24.9m vs. €16.7 in H1 2019)

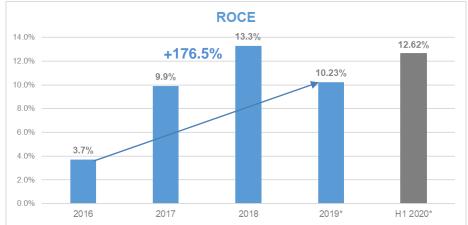
### **Decrease in NFD**

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

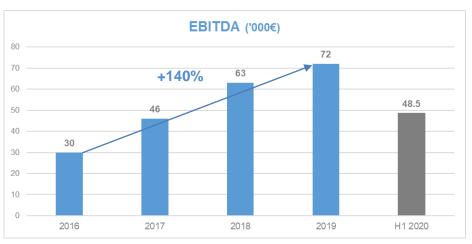
# **HIGHLIGHTS**

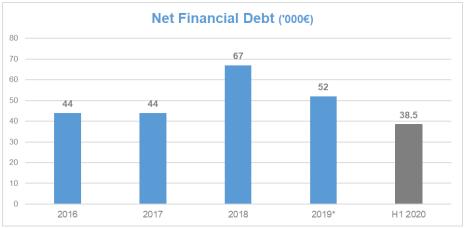






\*2019 ROCE included the write-down of the fixed assets of La Rochette mill for €9.5m. Without this write-down, ROCE would have been 13% at December 31, 2019 and 15.31% at June 30, 2020.

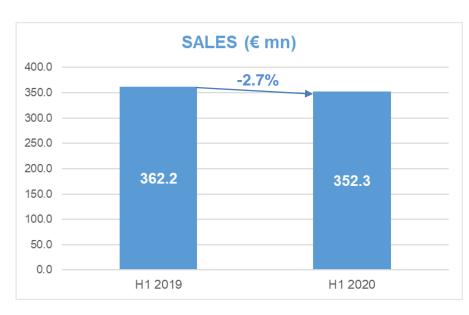


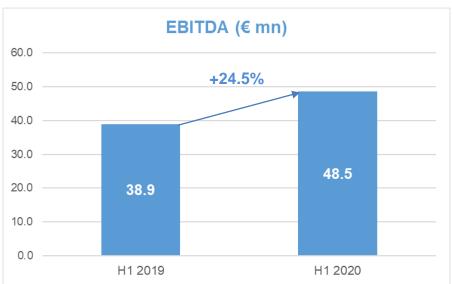


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The **decrease in SALES** (-2.7%) is due to:

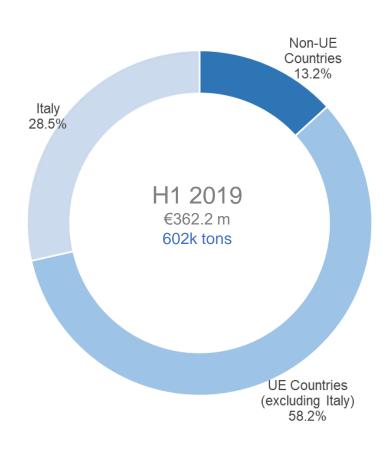
- + Increase in tons sold, both in WLC (+1.7%) and FBB (8.3%);
- Reductions in selling prices, mainly in WCL compared to H1 2019;
- Temporary stoppage of production in Villa Santa Lucia plant following the seizure of the municipal consortium's wastewater treatment plant and in Ovaro plant due to lower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

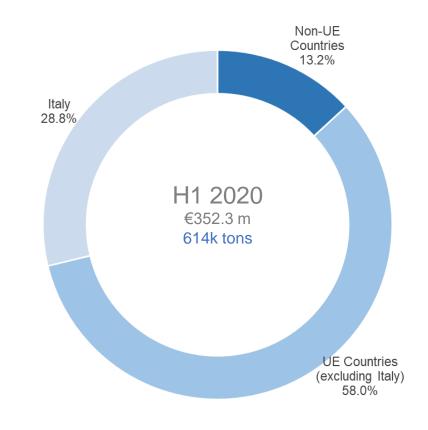
**Higher EBITDA margin** (13.8% in H1 2020 compared to 10.7% in H1 2019) reflects the following drivers:

- 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**



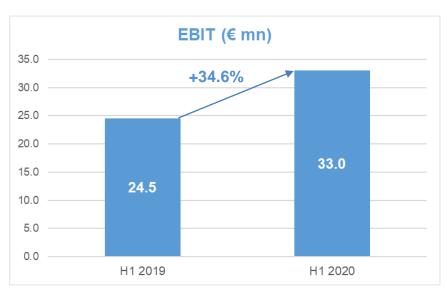




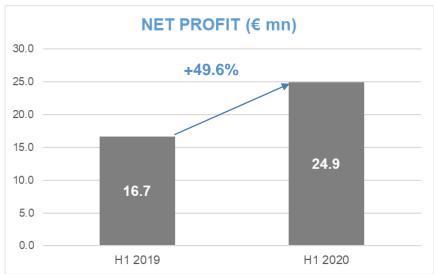
Stable mix in terms of volume and selling prices.

# **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).

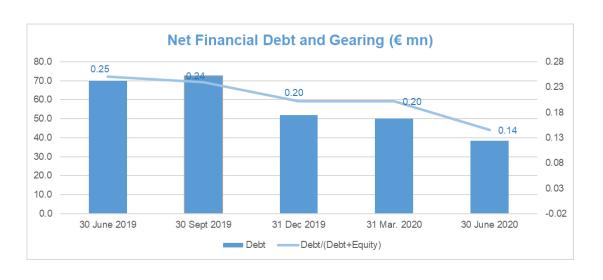


**High H1 2020 Net Profit** increase (**€8.2m** vs. H1 2019) combines the impact of higher EBIT (**€8.5m** vs. H1 2019) with:

- + 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).

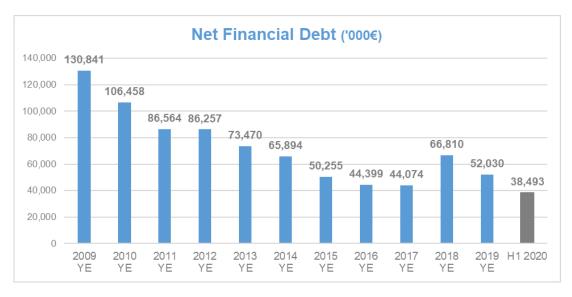
# **LOW GEARING RATIO**





**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.

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

## **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



#### €3m

Villa S. Lucia
Stock Preparation Revamping
Barcelona
Top and Back Layer Headbox

Barcelona Winder Rebuilt

PAC Service
New Wrapping Line

#### **DIGITALIZATION**

€2m

All New ERP System

#### **ENVIRONMENT**

€1m

La Rochette
Wastewater Treatment

# LOOKING FORWARD IN A PANDEMIC SCENARIO



<b>Posi</b>	tives
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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

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## RDM AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE



Share Capital: 140,000,000.00 €

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

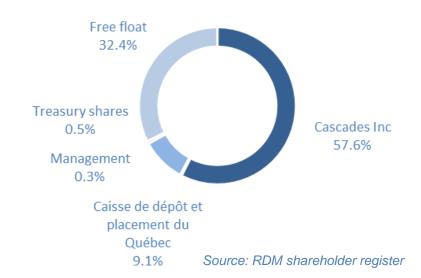
377,546,253 ordinary shares

254,741 convertible savings shares

Conversion period: in February and

September, each year

#### Main shareholders



#### **Listing markets**

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

Codes

Bloomberg: RM IM; Reuters: RDM.MI

ISIN: IT0001178299

**Mkt cap:** €351.7m

Free float mkt cap: €114m

(@0.931 € p.s. as of 2 October 2020)

#### FY2019 dividend

ORDINARY SHARE:
Dividend of 0.8 € cents
(FY2018 dividend was 0.7 € cents)

Payment date: 13 May 2020

Dividend yield: **1.0%** (@YE2019 price of 0.823 €)

# **SHARE PERFORMANCE**

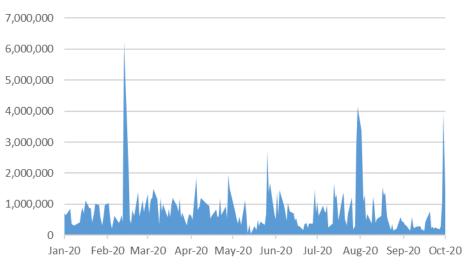


### RDM share price (€)





#### **RDM Daily Traded volumes**



#### Average daily traded volumes

Q1 2020: 849,784

Q2 2020: 745,584

Q3 2020: 745,010

# **ANALYST COVERAGE**



BROKER	CITY	ANALYST	TARGET PRICE (€)	RECOM M ENDATION	DATE
Intermonte	Milan - П	Carlo Maritano	1.15	OUTPERFORM	7 August 2020
MidCap Partners	Paris - FR	Florent Thy-Tine	1.30	BUY	2 October 2020

# **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Board reconfirmed on 29 April 2020.

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.

Allan Hogg,

**Director** 



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





Thank you!

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