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# J.P.Morgan Pan-European Small/Mid Cap CEO Conference

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### AGENDA



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- 2 Proposed acquisition of Paprinsa
- 3 Environmental performance
- 4 Delivering on Strategy
- 5 RDM Shares



Michele Bianchi - CEO



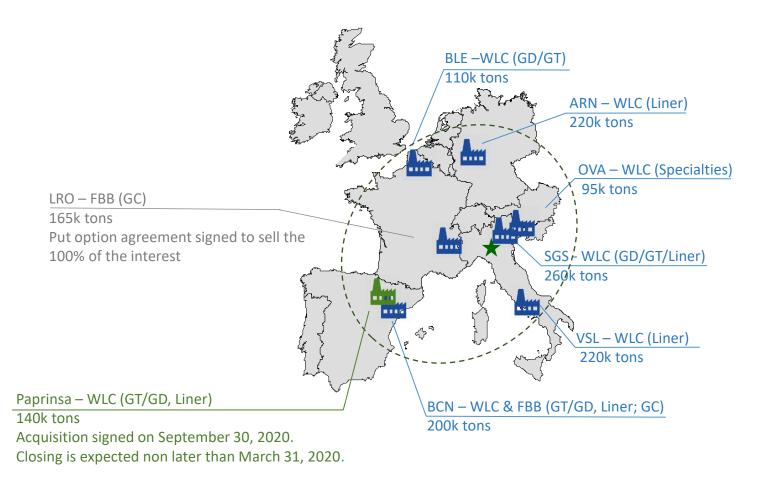
Luca Rizzo - CFO



### **PROXIMITY TO CUSTOMERS IS KING IN THESE DAYS**

#### A MULTI-COUNTRY PLATFORM

Total production **capacity 1.27 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





| RECYCLED FIBRES (WLC)<br>Price<br>Eco friendly image  |  |                                | VIRGIN FIBRES (FBB)<br>Printability<br>Bulk & Stiffness              |
|---|--|--------------------------------|--|
| RECYCLED BOARD (GD)   | ) LINER  | SPECIALTIES                    | VIRGIN BOARD (GC)  |
| Sport/toys<br>Food<br>Detergents<br>Beverage  | Hardware<br>Software<br>Display<br>Microflute laminate   | Textile / shoes<br>Paper Goods | Pharmaceuticals<br>Beauty & Health care<br>Food<br>Retail<br>Bakery  |
| Overall ed<br>Brand recognition<br>E-commerce<br>Plastic substitution<br>Care for planet<br>Changes in lifestyles | conomic trend along with specific drivers:<br>Brand recognition<br>Microcorrugated<br>Growing market (+11% from 2015<br>to 2018) | Luxury package                 | Overall economic trend<br>Brand recognition<br>Changes in lifestyles |
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Graphical Applications 5% Non Food 27% **Pharmaceuticals** & Cleanings 9%

Value of fiber-based packaging recognized by governments, retailers and consumers during Covid-19 emergency.

**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.

Source: RDM internal analysis on 2020 data.

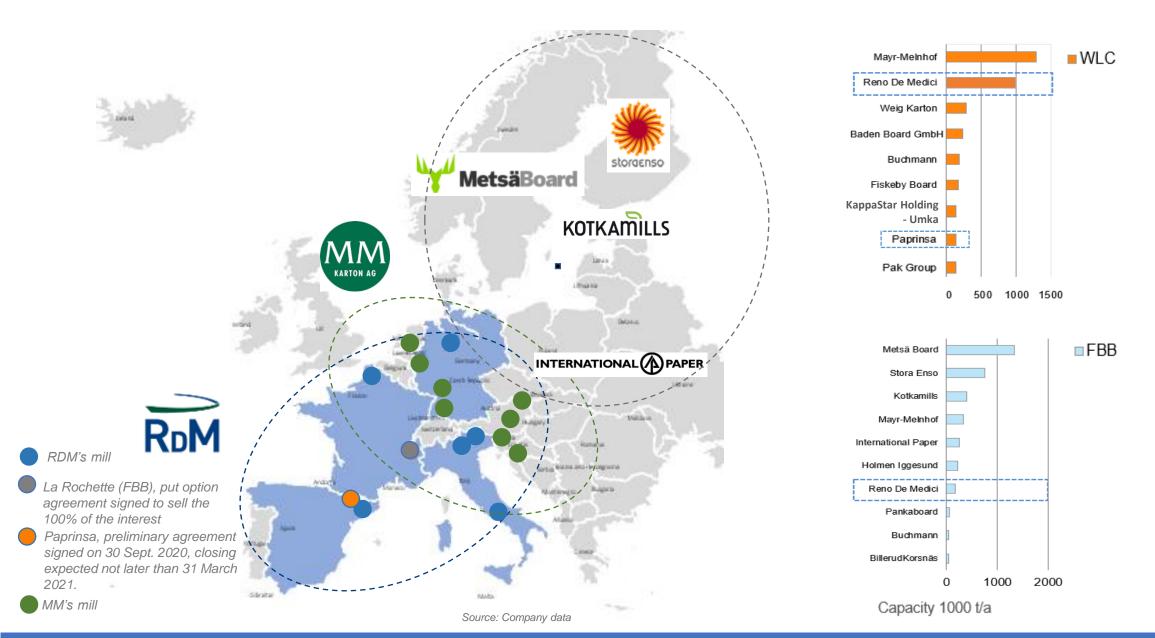
Food

59%



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### **LEADING PRODUCERS IN EUROPE**

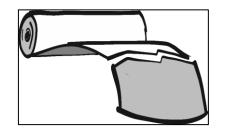




### **TRANSFORMING THE COMPANY**



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



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**



#### Benefits Higher interchangeability Specific types of RDM cartonboard Flexibility in operations can be produced in multiple mills Timeliness in delivery Multi-Country' 'Multi-Mill' asset base concept 'One Company IT tools culture Mitigating market volatility that may arise ✓ Balancing the **availability of finished** from changes in: **products** at the individual plant ✓ Minimizing **risks** demand across markets Ensuring greater **proximity to customers** tons produced across assets $\checkmark$ and Security of Supply



### **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...







Clear tasks

A system of rules in place

Acceleration in decision-making

...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

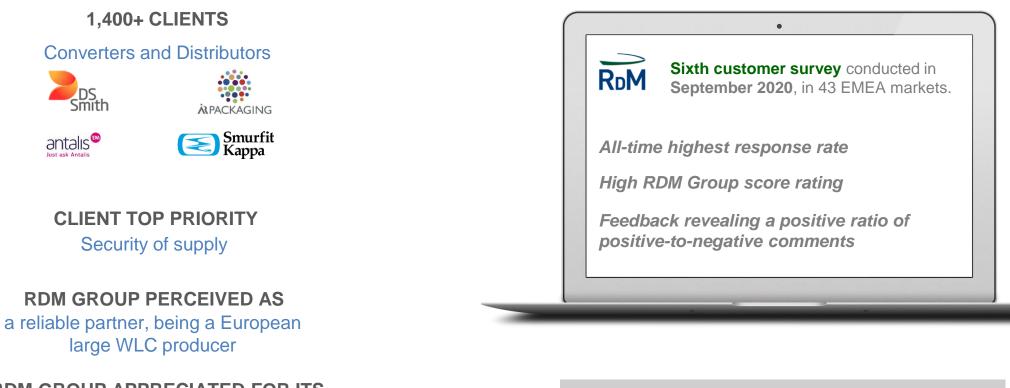
Exploitation of new recipes and energy efficiency solutions

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





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

Quality Customer service Diversified portfolio Responsiveness Deliveries / Lead times Findings from the last CUSTOMER SURVEY also prove professional handling of an unprecedented situation

### AGENDA



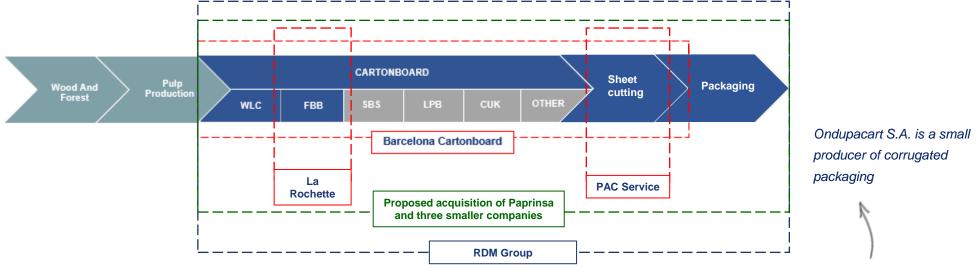


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### LATEST M&A DEALS



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





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**

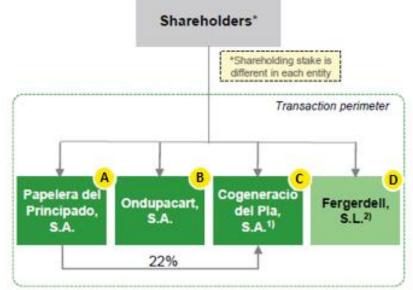
Total **Enterprise Value of €31.2m**, before NFP, WC and EBITDA adjustments.

#### **CLOSING**

Expected **not later than March** 31, 2021.

#### **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.

- A No.2 cartonboard producer in Spain, no.8 in Europe
- B Small corrugator producer
- 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.

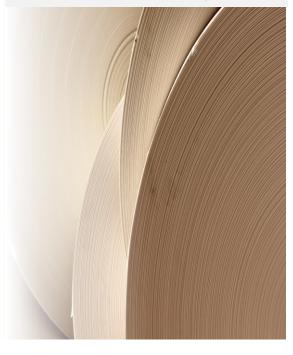
- ✓ Main products offered:
- Recycled Cartonboard
- Recycled Linerboard



### VALUE CREATION RATIONALE



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









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Increased production output passing from 2 to 3 work shifts (quick win, with immediate benefits)

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

### **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 multimill 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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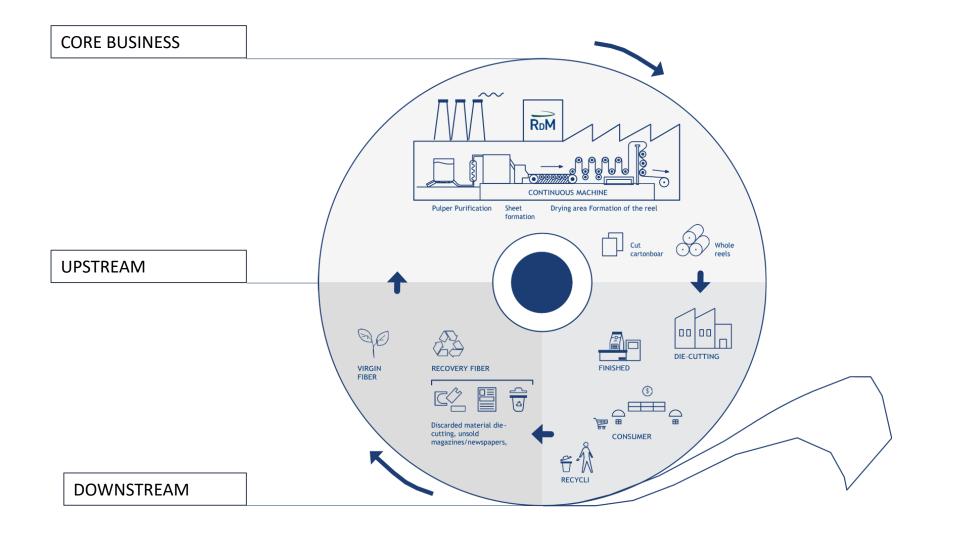


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### **OUR BUSINESS MODEL**



#### A truly sustainable player with a CIRCULAR ECONOMY vision



### **REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS**





OTHER EMISSIONS (2019 DATA AND %CHANGE VS. 2018)

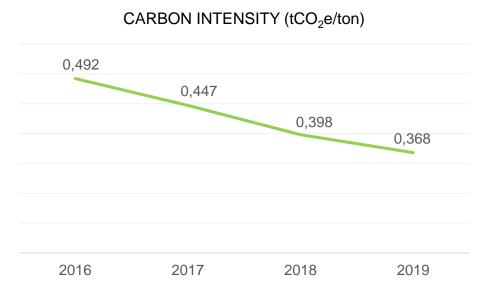


| Monitoring of emissions | Energy efficiency | Environmental adaptation |
|-------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
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Reducing greenhouse gas and pollutant atmospheric emissions per ton of production over time.

### MINIMIZING CARBON AND ENERGY INTENSITY IN PRODUCTION PROCESSES





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%

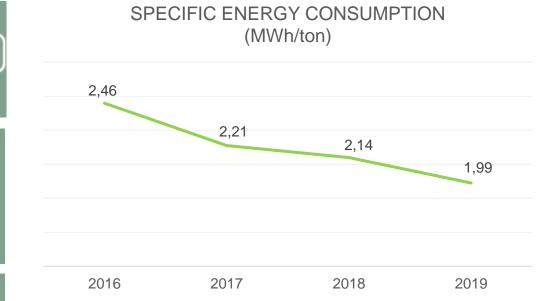
2019 VS. 2016 2019 VS. 2018





Biomass





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

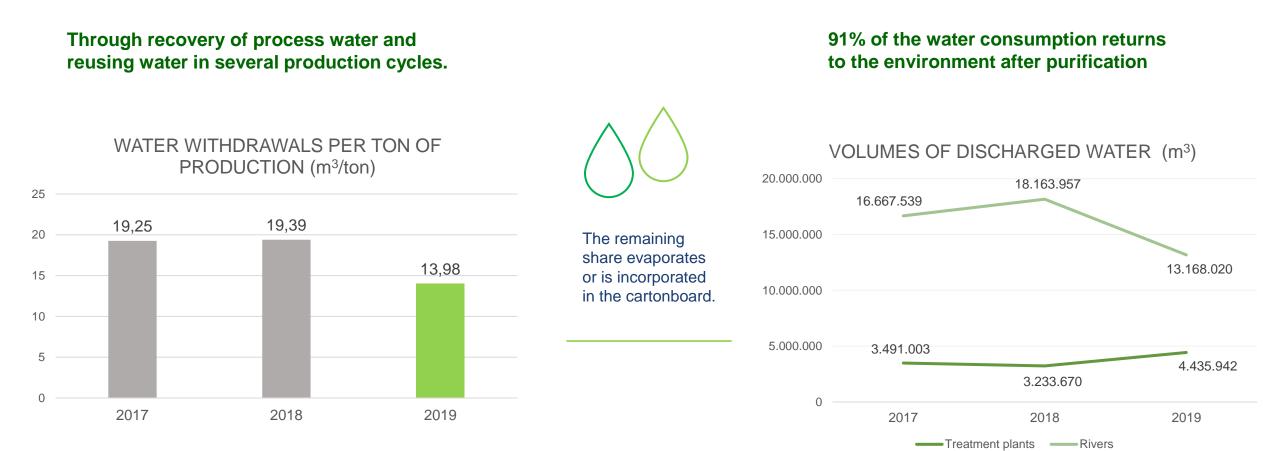


2019 VS. 2016

2019 VS. 2018

### **COMMITED TO REDUCE WATER USAGE**





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)

### **MINIMIZING WASTE SENT TO LANDFILL**

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#### **Our priority**

Minimizing waste and maximizing the use of fiber raw materials.

#### From 20% to 5%

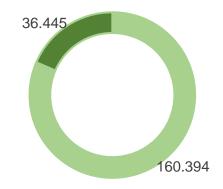
the fiber reduction in the rejects of production process, deriving from reject washing machines installed in the Italian mills

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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.



#### 2019 WASTE (tons)



■ 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

### INNOVATION



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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### FY2020 AT A GLANCE



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

Favorable external drivers both in WLC and FBB

Demand: flat in WLC and stronger in FBB Slight increase in volumes (+0.8%) Decrease in selling prices in FY 2020 compared to FY 2019

Lower raw materials costs both for recycled and pulp

Lower cost of energy

### Solid market position

### Efficiency and synergy plan

boosting a favorable scenario both in demand and input costs

### **Higher spread**

Decrease in selling prices lower than the decrease in input costs

**EBITDA margin at 12.3%** (vs. 10.3% in FY 2019)

High increase in NET PROFIT +115.1%

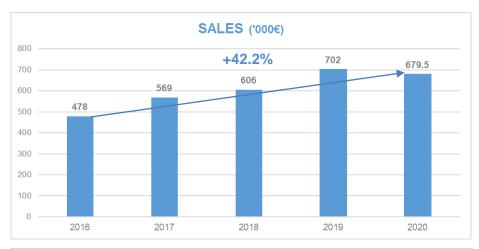
(€33.6m vs. €15.6 in FY 2019)

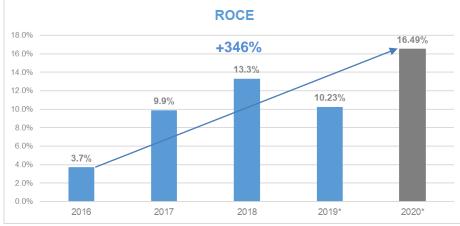
### **Decrease in NFD**

(from €52m at December 31, 2019 to €8.9m at December 31, 2020)

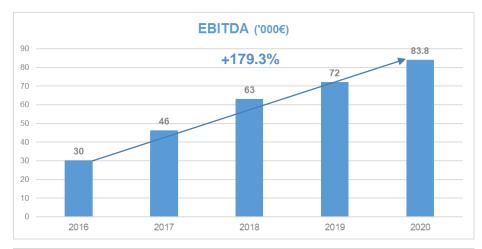


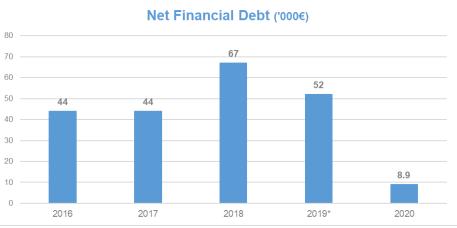
### **HIGHLIGHTS**





\*2019-2020 ROCE included the write-down of the fixed assets of La Rochette mill for €13.2m. Without these write-downs, ROCE would have been 17.56% at December 31, 2020 and 13% at December 31, 2019.

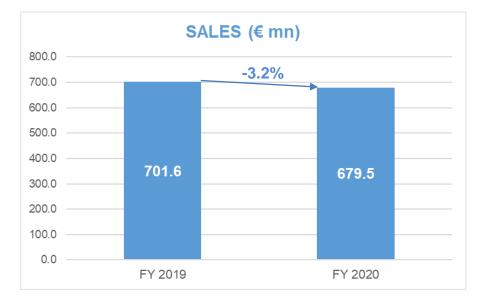


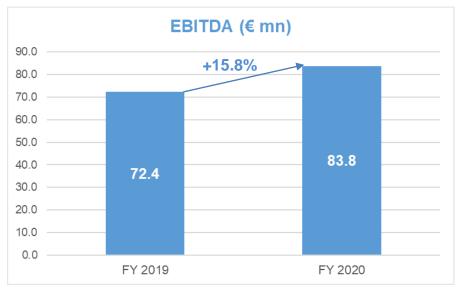


\*Net Debt as 31 December 2020 includes €15.6m liabilities due to the adoption of the new IFRS 16 "Leases".

### SALES AND EBITDA







The decrease in SALES (-3.2%) is due to :

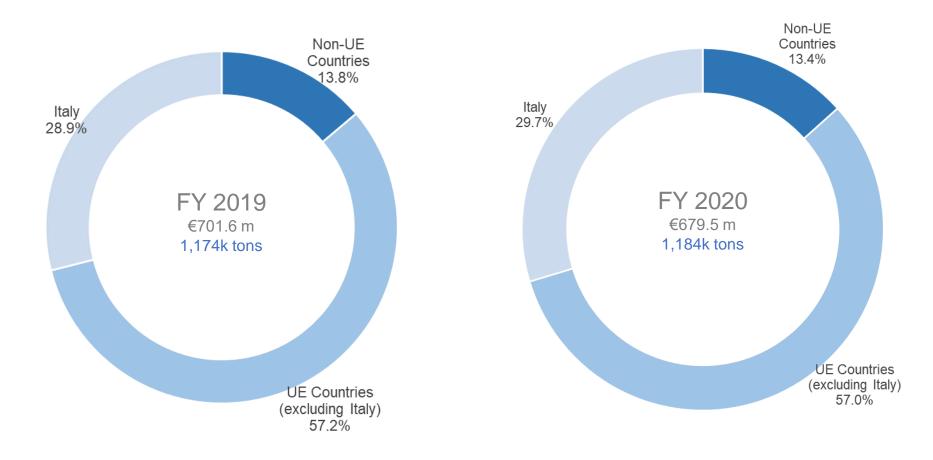
- Overall increase in tons sold, in WLC
   (-0,1%) and in FBB (5%);
- Temporary stoppage of production in Villa Santa Lucia plant following the seizure of the municipal consortium's wastewater treatment plant and in Ovaro plant due to lower demand for specialties products;
- Reductions in selling prices, mainly in WLC, compared to FY 2019.

**Higher EBITDA margin** (12.3% in FY 2020 compared to 10.3% in FY 2019) reflects the following drivers:

- Slight decrease in SALES (-3.2%);
- + Lower costs of fibers;
- + Decline in energy costs compared with FY 2019.

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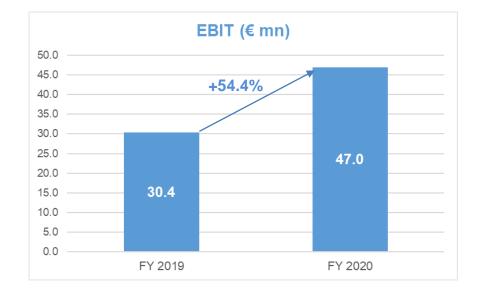
### SALES BY GEOGRAPHY



Stable mix in terms of volume and selling prices.

### **EBIT AND NET PROFIT**





 NET PROFIT (€ mn)

 40.0

 35.0

 30.0

 25.0

 20.0

 15.0

 15.0

 10.0

 15.0

 0.0

 FY 2019

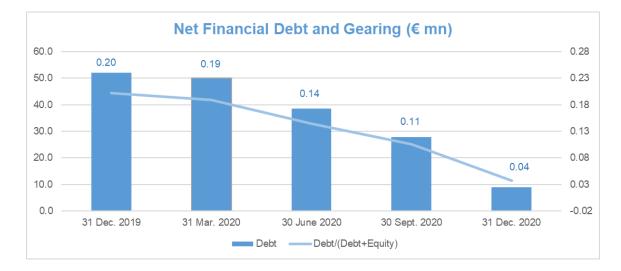
 FY 2020

The strong increase in **EBIT (+54.4%)** mainly reflects the increase in EBITDA and the lower write-downs (€5.1m vs. FY 2019).

- High FY 2020 Net Profit increase (€18m vs. FY 2019) combines the impact of higher EBIT (€16.6m vs. FY 2019) with:
- + a €4.1m decrease in financial expenses vs. FY 2019;
- a €2.8m increase in taxes.

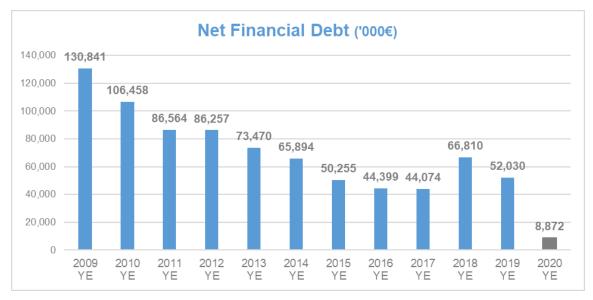


### LOW GEARING RATIO



Significant decrease in NFD in FY 2020 (from €52m at December 31, 2019 to €8.9m at December 31, 2020).

In FY 2020 **capital expenditure** amounted to **€21.9m** compared with €29.8m in FY 2019.



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

Net Debt as at 31 December 2020 included €15.6m liabilities due to the adoption of the new IFRS 16 "Leases".

### **2020 CAPEX OVERVIEW**



### **2020 capital expenditure: 21.9 € mn** of which c. 50% are maintenance + H&S investments

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### €6m

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

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

#### €3m

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

#### DIGITALIZATION

#### €2m

All New ERP System 1<sup>st</sup> Go-live in **Ovaro** 

#### ENVIRONMENT

#### €1m

La Rochette Wastewater Treatment



### LOOKING FORWARD IN A PANDEMIC SCENARIO

#### **Positives**

'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

Second wave of Covid impact

New lockdowns and restrictions may **weaken consumer and luxury goods demand**, Asia doing fine so far

Logistics complexity and cost

### **RDM Group remains focused on Long Term strategy execution**

by relying on operational and financial strengths to address potential challenges







#### Stronger business focus

Strategic decision to exit the FBB segment

Both management effort and financial resources dedicated to **develop the Recycled Board core business** within the multi-mill concept

#### Three strategic directions to improve long-term performance:



Reviewing RDM Barcelona Cartonboard's **integration plan** also considering the announced acquisition of Paprinsa in Spain, to fully benefit from the multi-mill approach



Strengthening our operating efficiencies through Lean Manufacturing plans, including at the customer service level



Implementing a digitalization plan that will transform the Group endto-end way of working

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### **RDM AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE**

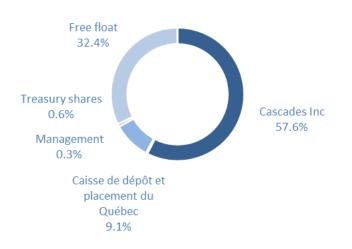


#### Share Capital: 140,000,000.00 €

**Outstanding shares: 377,800,994,** o/w 377,551,889 ordinary shares 249,105 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: €410.3m Free float mkt cap: €132.9m (@1.086 € p.s. as of 12 March 2021)

#### FY2019 dividend

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

Payment date: 13 May 2020

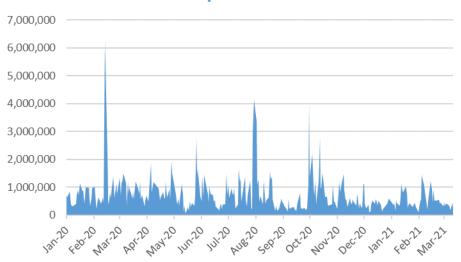
Dividend yield: 1.0% (@YE2019 price of 0.823 €)

Source: RDM shareholder register



### SHARE PERFORMANCE





**RDM Daily Traded volumes** 

Average daily traded volumes



### **ANALYST COVERAGE**



| BROKER          | СІТҮ       | ANALYST          | TARGET PRICE (€) | RECOMMENDATION | DATE            |
|-----------------|------------|------------------|------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Intermonte      | Milan - IT | Carlo Maritano   | 1.40             | OUTPERFORM     | 1 December 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.



#### Laura Guazzoni, Independent Director

Chartered accountant and business consultant. Bocconi University professor.



#### Sara Rizzon, Director

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



#### Gloria F. Marino, Independent Director

Chartered accountant and statutory auditor.

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#### Allan Hogg, Director

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



#### Giulio Antonello, Independent Director

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





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# Thank you!

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