



# First-Half 2012 Results and Outlook

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# 1. First-half 2012 results



# First-half 2012 key figures

Amounts in €m

	H1-2012	H1-2012/ H1-2011
Sales	21,590	+3.4%
EBITDA	2,284	-7.9%
Operating income	1,512	-12.1%
Recurring* net income	651	-27.8%
Net income	506	-34.1%
Free cash flow*	670	-36.6%
Free cash flow* after operating WCR (over 12 months)	1,367	+21.1%
Net debt	9,828	+8.5%

\* Excluding capital gains and losses on disposals, exceptional asset write-downs, and material non-recurring provisions

# H1-2012: Tougher economic climate than in H1-2011

## ➔ North America

- Continued upbeat momentum in industrial markets
- Gradual recovery in residential construction

## ➔ Asia and emerging countries

- Slowdown in growth, particularly in China

## ➔ Western Europe

- Automotive markets contracted as expected, while trading in other industrial sectors remained brisk
- Construction markets softened, with persistently stark contrasts from one country to the next

## ➔ Household consumption markets held firm

**Deterioration in the global economic climate  
since the beginning of the year**

# H1-2012: Tougher economic climate than in H1-2011

- **Tough basis for comparison** (H1-2011)
- **In Europe, negative calendar impact in Q2** (1 day less on average over the quarter, 3 days less in May for France) and poor weather conditions
- **Significant impact of rise** in raw material and energy **costs**, particularly in Flat Glass
- Combined impact of **several adverse factors in Flat Glass**, both in Europe and in emerging countries

# Swift measures taken to address the economic climate

- ➔ Priority focus on **sales prices**
- ➔ First results of a **new cost cutting program**
- ➔ Launch of a **specific program** in **Flat Glass** Division
- ➔ Sharp reduction in **operating WCR** and improved **cash generation**

# First results of a new cost cutting program

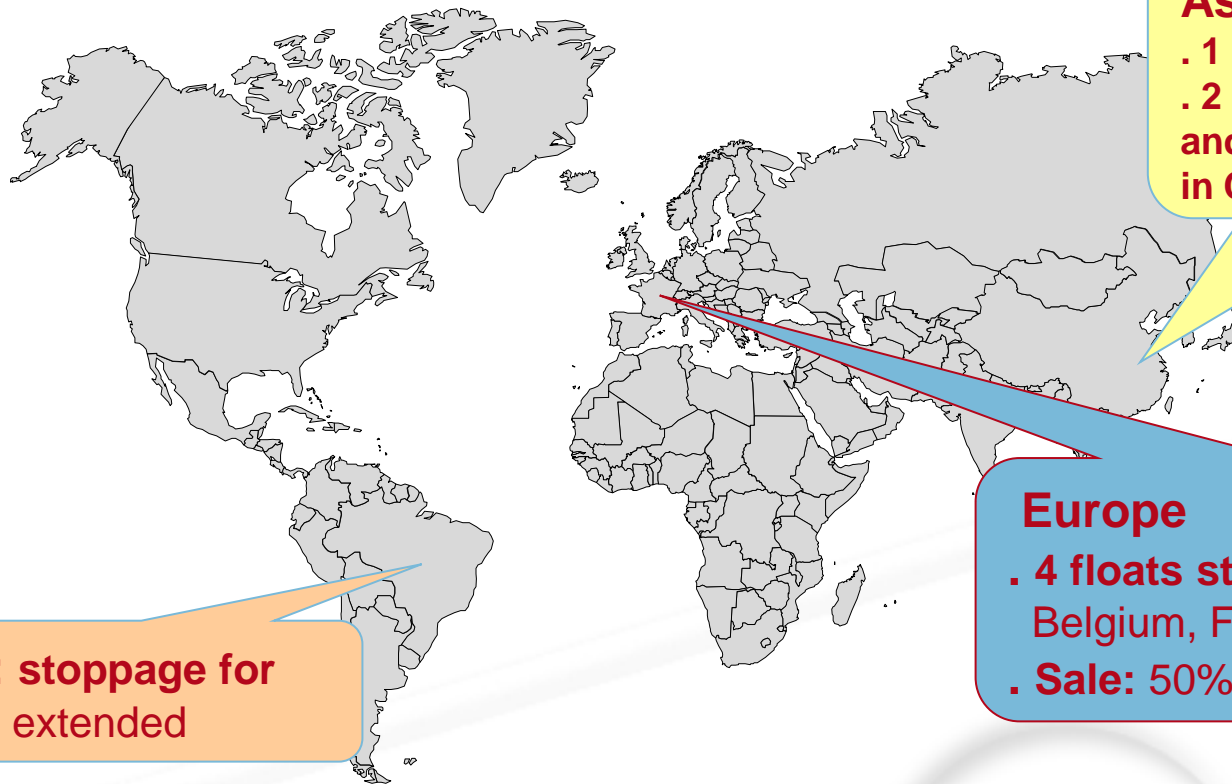
## ➔ €170m cost savings in H1

- Roll-out of large-scale adjustments in Flat Glass, in Europe and in emerging countries
- Specific measures in each country and business



# Large-scale adjustment program in Flat Glass

## Float lines stopped and output reduced



**Asia: 3 floats stopped**  
• 1 in China  
• 2 in South Korea  
and 1 patterned glass line in China

### Europe

- 4 floats stopped: Portugal, Belgium, France, Germany
- Sale: 50% Italy, 50% France

**Brazil: stoppage for repairs extended**

### Capacity reductions:

- Float lines in Europe: -19%
- Float lines outside Europe: -21%

# Large-scale adjustment program in Flat Glass

- Production **capacity reduced** for **Sekurit in Europe (-15%)**:
  - 3 lines stopped in early 2012
  - One-off adjustments at all European facilities
- **Accelerated consolidation** of **Glass Solutions** networks:
  - H1-2012: 4 industrial sites and 4 regional facilities closed
- **Solar business restructured** and downsized
- 2012-2013: **freeze on new investments**
- Sharp **reduction** in inventories and **operating WCR**

# Additional selective measures in H1-2012

## *Two examples*

### ➤ **In Spain-Portugal:**

- Flat Glass networks reorganized
  - Restructuring in CP (Mortars, Insulation, Gypsum, etc.)
  - 14 Building Distribution outlets shut (out of 96)
- ➔ **Workforce reduced in line with trading downturn**

### ➤ **In Pipe**, and especially **in emerging countries:**

- 1 blast furnace stopped in China (out of 3)
- Production optimized in Europe
- Fixed costs slashed

# Improved cash generation

- **Reduction of 5.1 days in operating WCR**, over one year
- **€340m gain in operating WCR** over 12 months
- **Free cash flow after operating WCR up 21%**

# Adapting swiftly to the changing economic climate

- **Gradual deterioration** in the economic climate in Europe and emerging countries
- Swift roll-out of **new measures to adapt** to the changing economic climate

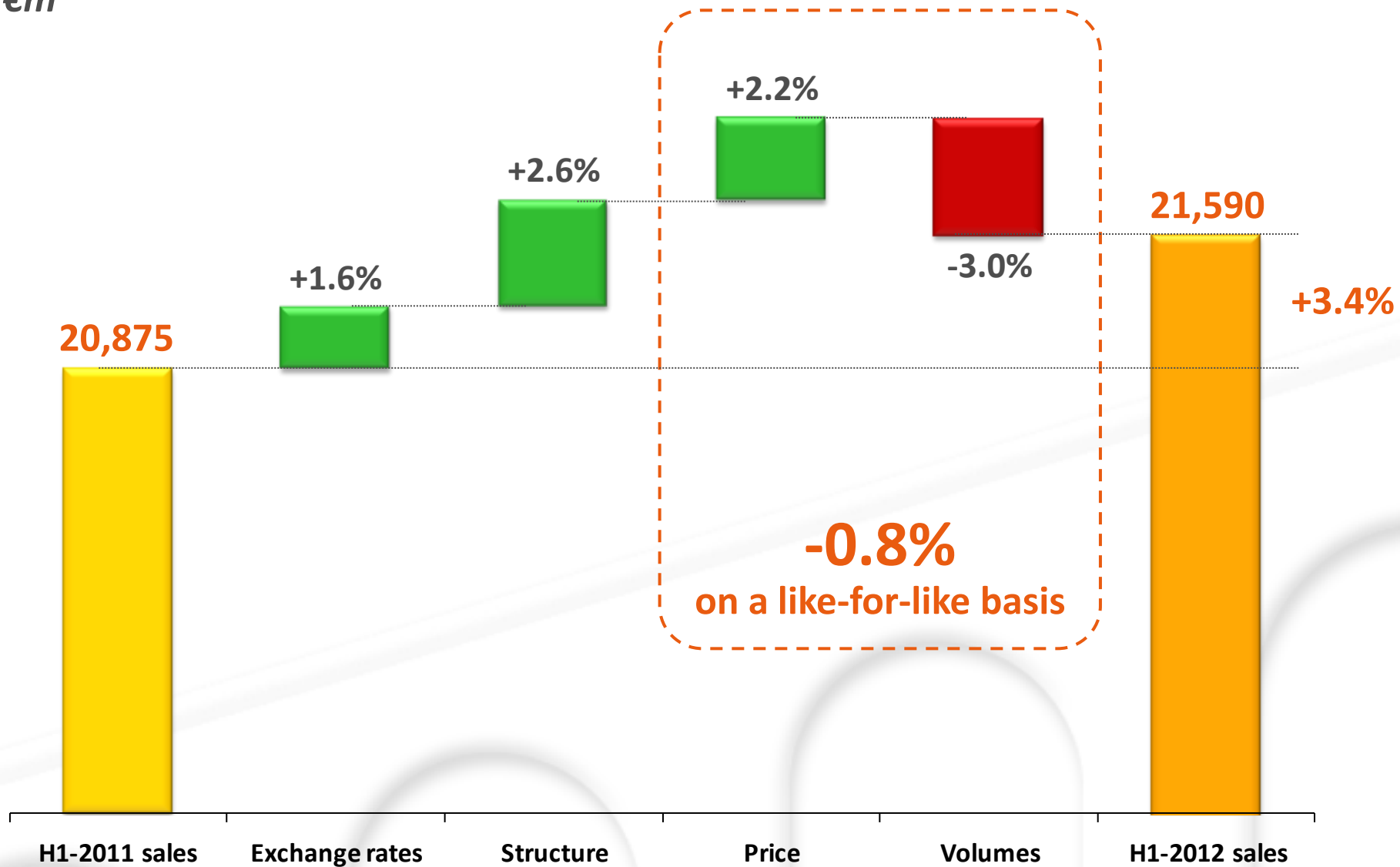


## 2. First-half 2012 results

- Group
- Business Sectors
- Geographic Areas

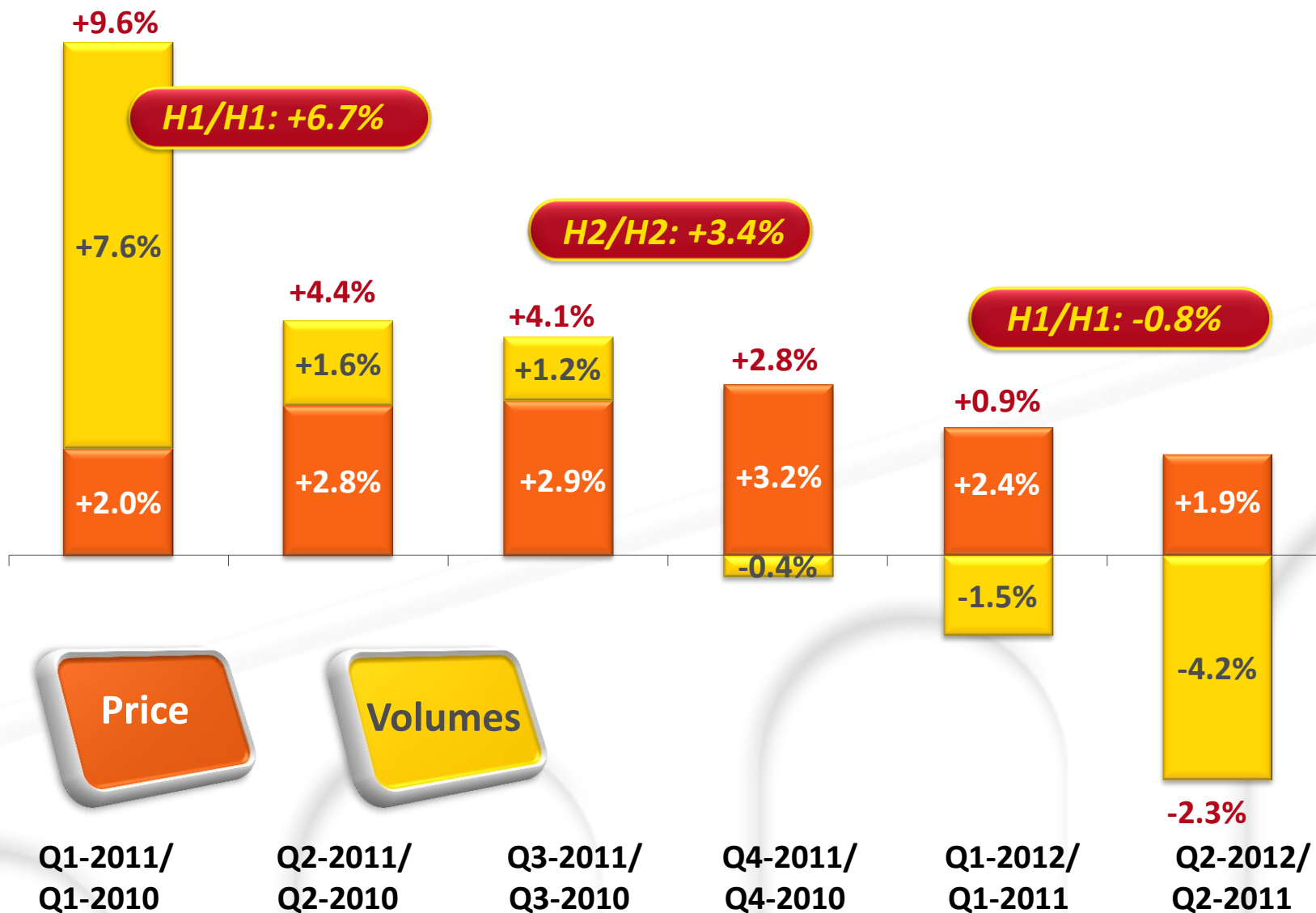
# Sales

€m



# Quarterly organic growth

% change in sales on a like-for-like basis





# Half-year operating income

(€m and % of sales)

H1-2012/H1-2011

-12.1%

3,117 7.8%

3,441 8.2%

1,445

1,672

1,720

1,721

1,512

% of sales

7.4%

8.1%

8.2%

8.1%

7.0%

Total Group

10.7%

10.8%

11.3%

10.5%

9.1%

Excl. Building Distrib.

2.4%

4.2%

3.6%

4.7%

3.9%

Building Distribution

H1-2010

H2-2010

H1-2011

H2-2011

H1-2012

# Non-operating items

€m

	H1-11	H1-12	Change
<b>Operating income</b>	1,720	1,512	-12.1%
<b>Non-operating costs</b>	(150)	(224)	
<i>o/w:</i>			
Provision for asbestos-related litigation	(48)	(45)	
Other expenses	(102)	(179)	
<b>Other operating expenses</b>	(114)	(135)	
<i>o/w:</i>			
Disposal gains	21	66	
Asset write-downs	(128)	(193)*	
<b>Business income</b>	1,456	1,153	-20.8%

\* o/w €116m for Flat Glass

# Outstanding claims

## *Asbestos-related claims in the US*

- ➔ **Around US\$ 70m** paid out over the 12 months to end-June 2012 (US\$ 82m at end-December 2011)
- ➔ **€45m** accrual to the provision in H1-2012, bringing the total balance sheet provision to US\$ 533m at end-June 2012 (US\$ 504m at end-2011)

	<b>H1-2011</b>	<b>H2-2011</b>	<b>H1-2012*</b>
<b>New claims</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>	<b>2,000</b>
<b>Settled claims</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>4,000</b>	<b>7,000</b>
<b>Outstanding claims</b>	<b>54,000</b>	<b>52,000</b>	<b>47,000</b>

\* estimated

# Net financial expense and income tax

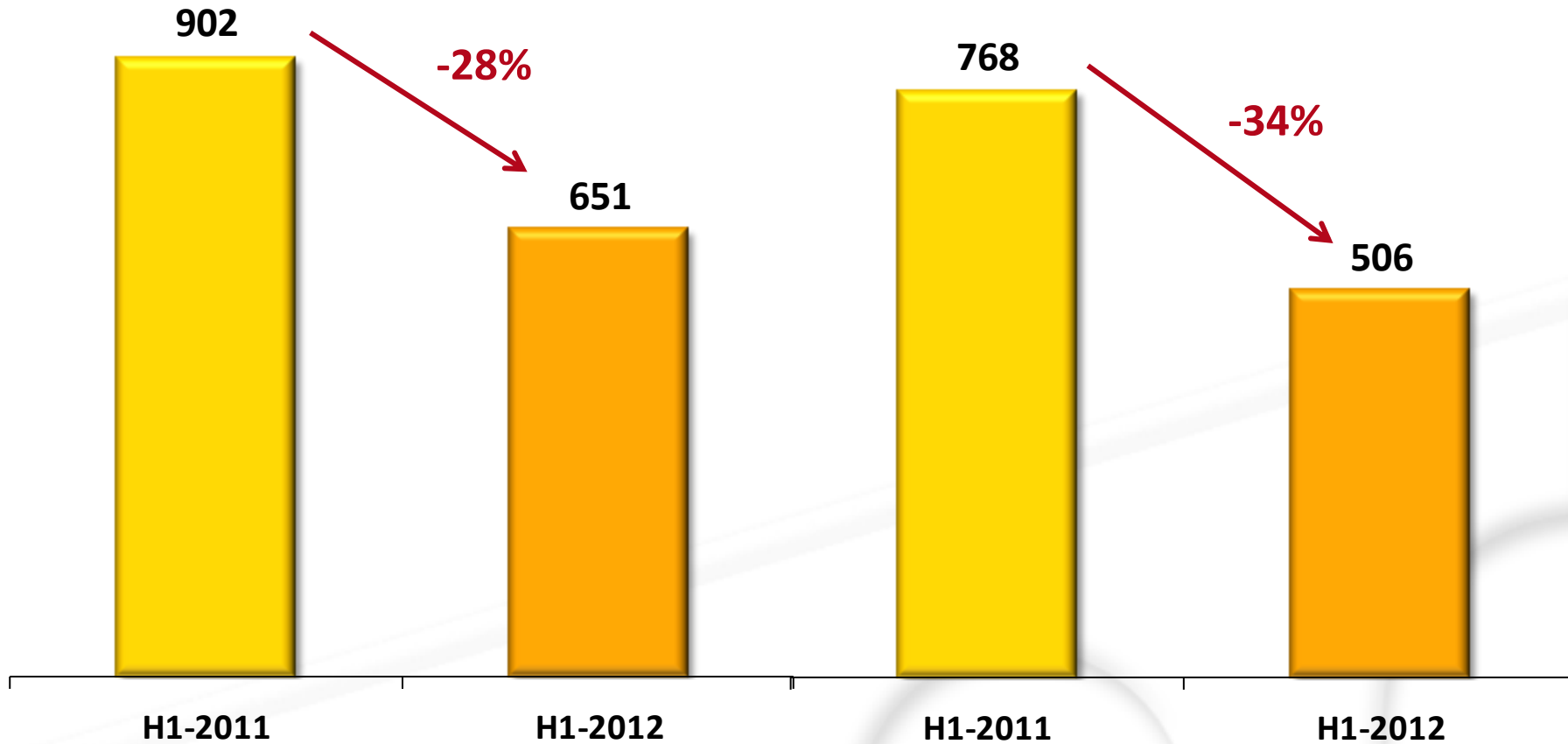
€m

	H1-11	H1-12
<b>Net financial expense</b>	298	356
Average cost of net debt	5.6%	5.5%
Average cost of gross debt	4.9%	4.9%
<b>Income tax</b>	352	285
Tax rate on recurring net income	28%	33%

# Recurring\* net income

# Net income

€m



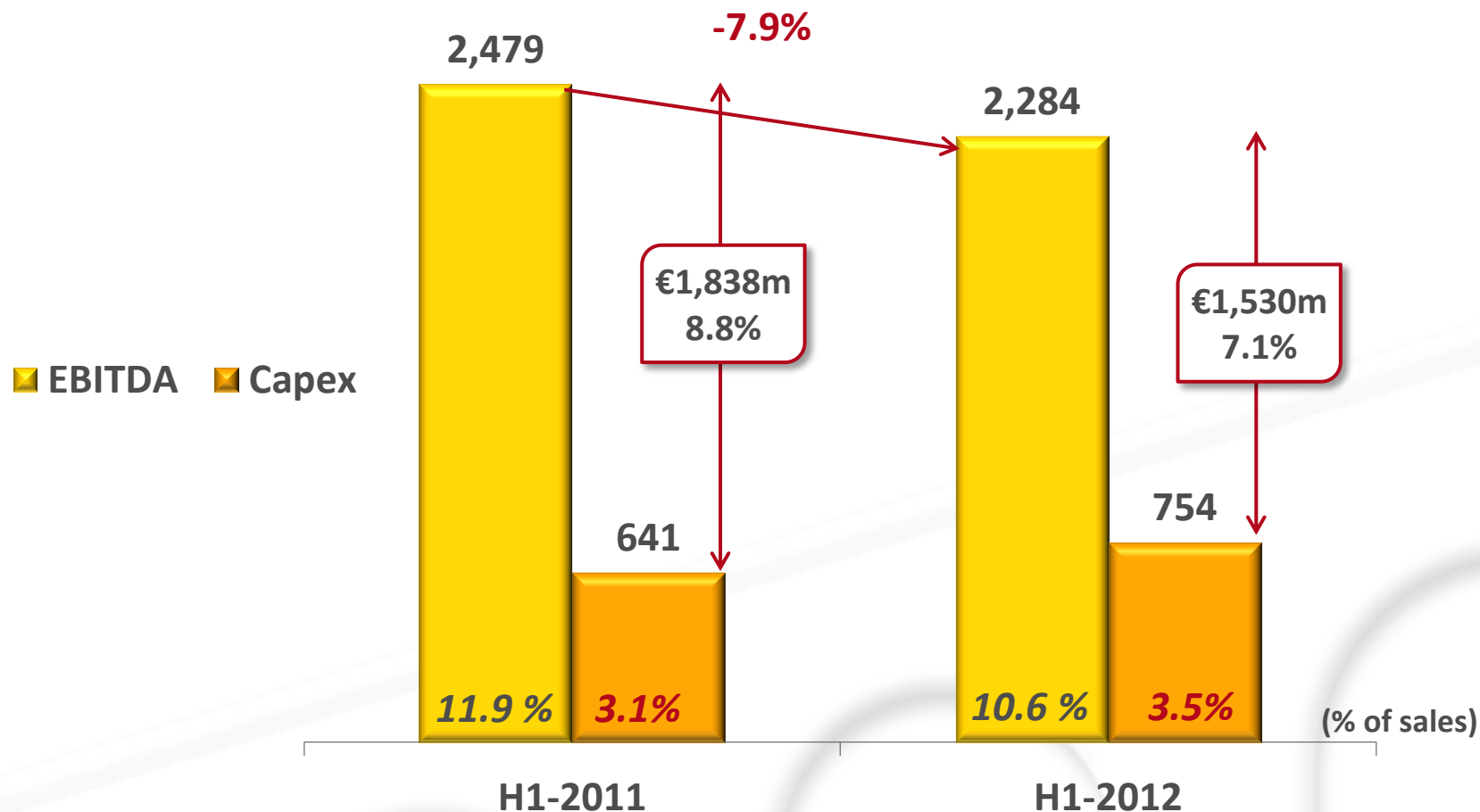
**Recurring\* EPS: €1.23 (-27%)**

**EPS: €0.95 (-34%)**

\* Excluding capital gains on disposals and asset write-downs

# EBITDA\* and Capex

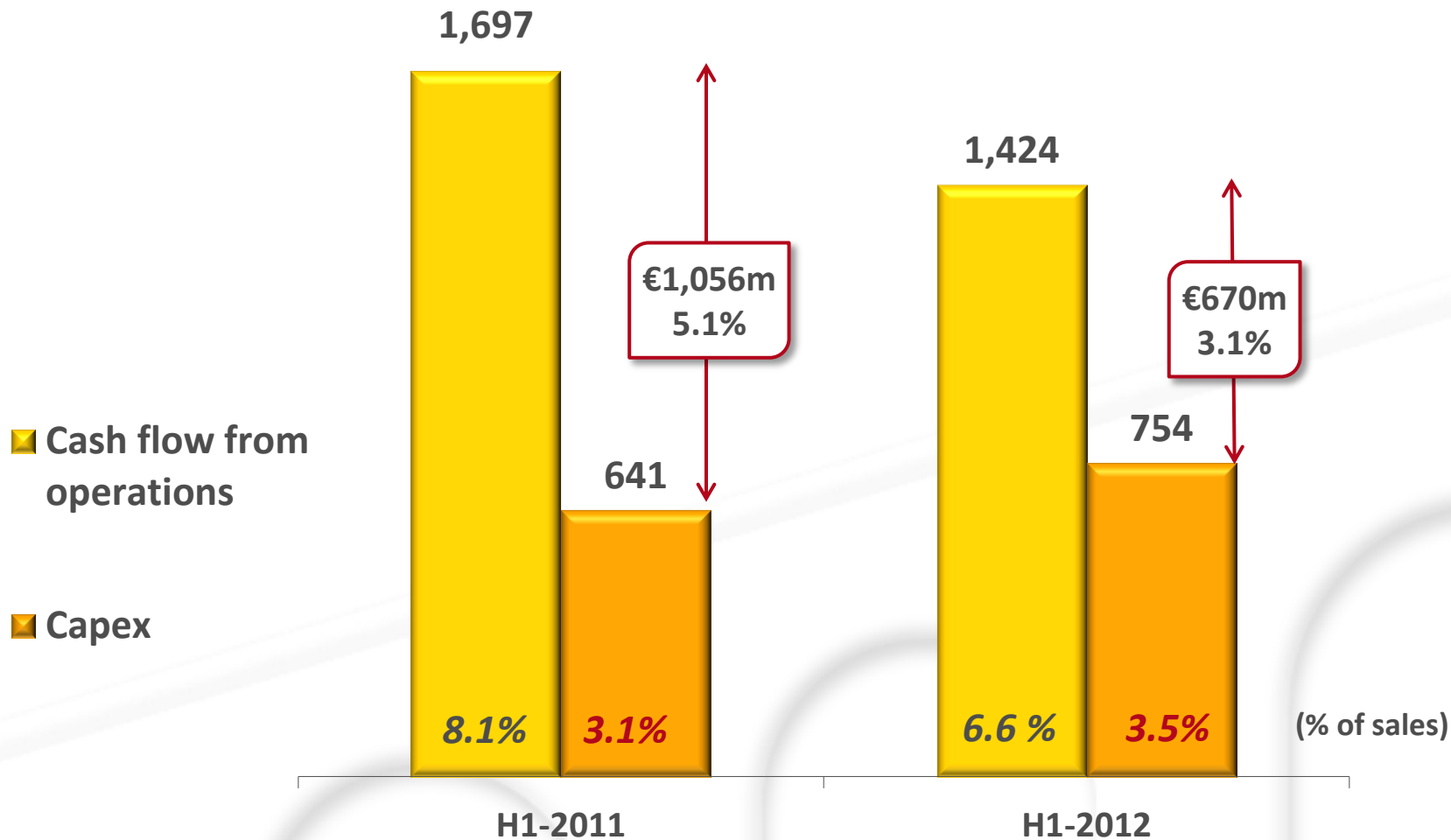
(€m and % of sales)



**Capex: close to 50% in Asia and emerging countries**  
**Growth capex: ~80% in EEE and in Asia & emerging countries**

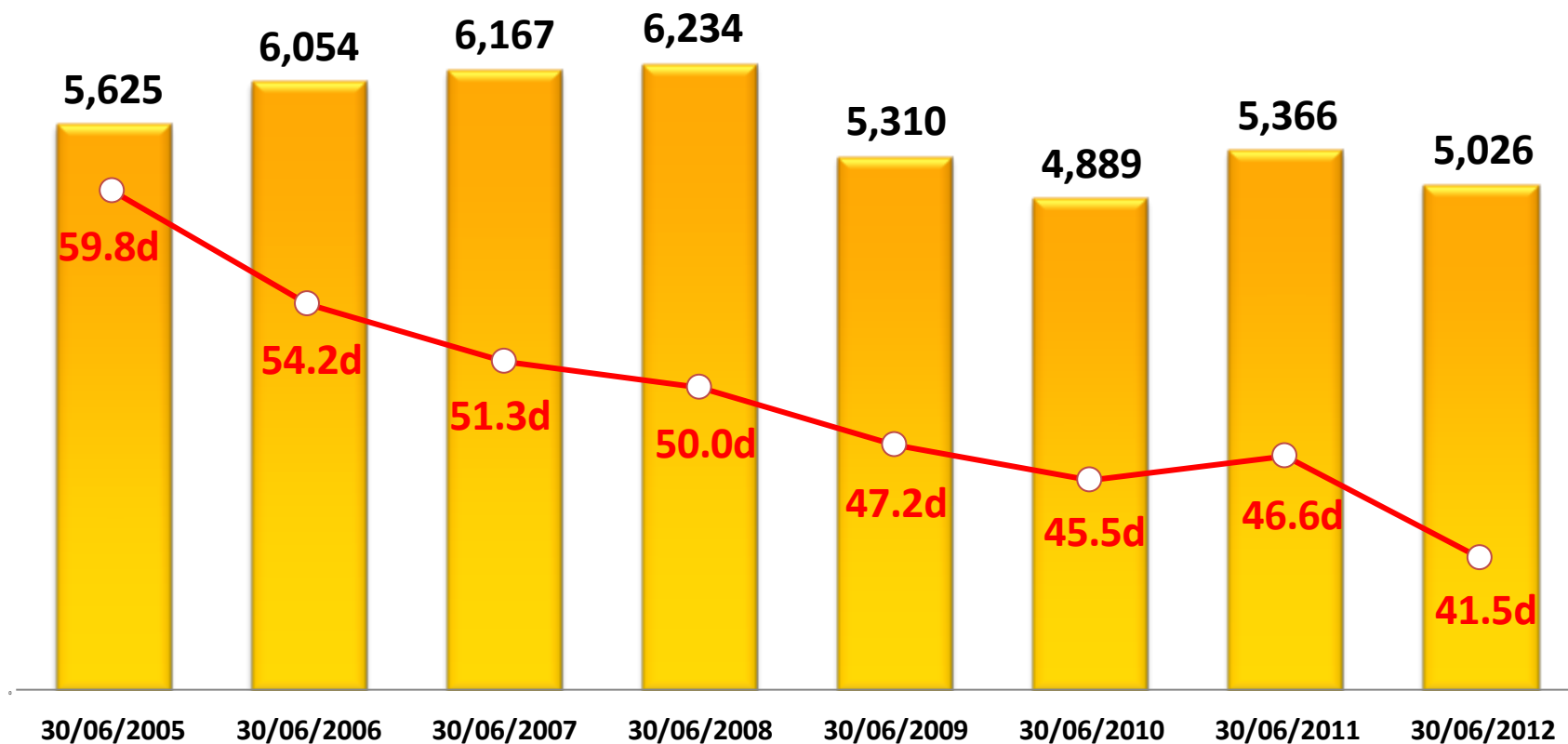
\* Operating income + operating depreciation/amortization

# Cash flow from operations (excl. tax impact of capital gains/losses) and Capex (€m and % of sales)



# Tight rein on operating WCR

(at June 30, in €m and in no. of days)



**Sharp reduction in operating WCR:  
down 5.1 days over the year to June 30, 2012**

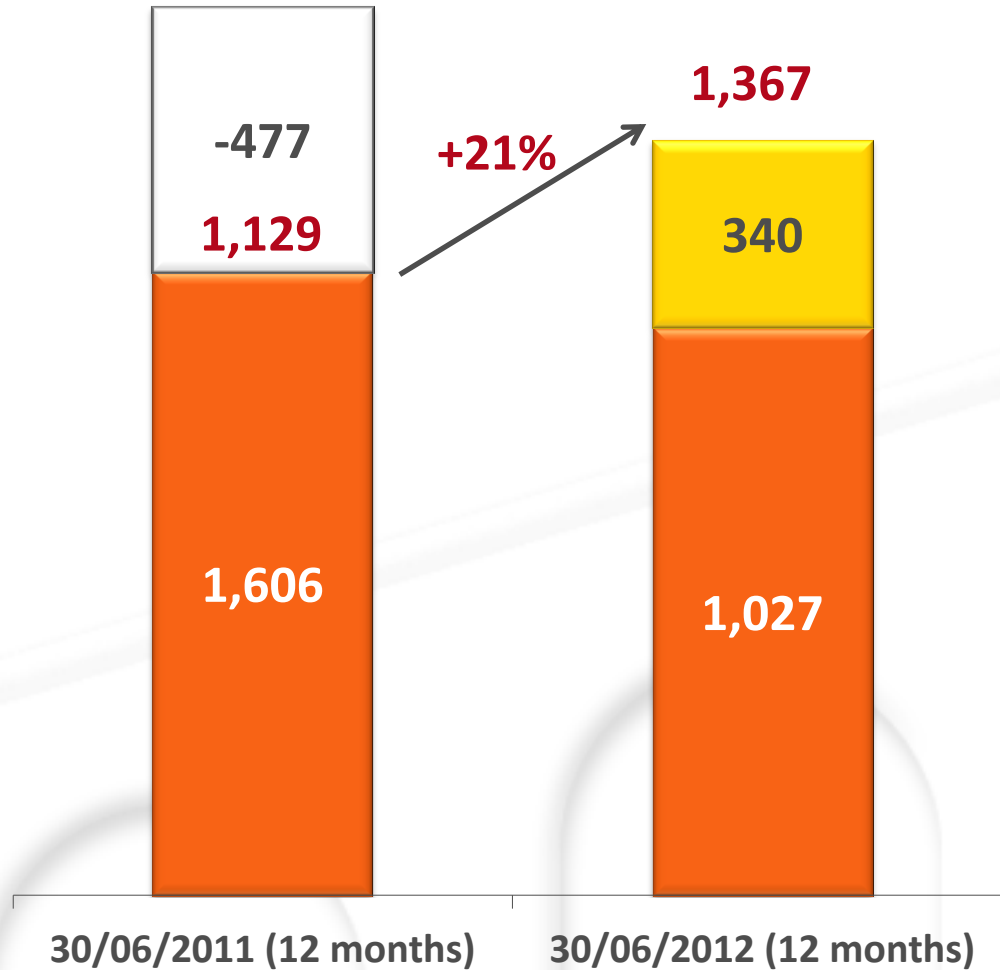


# Improved cash generation

(at June 30, over 12 months, in €m)

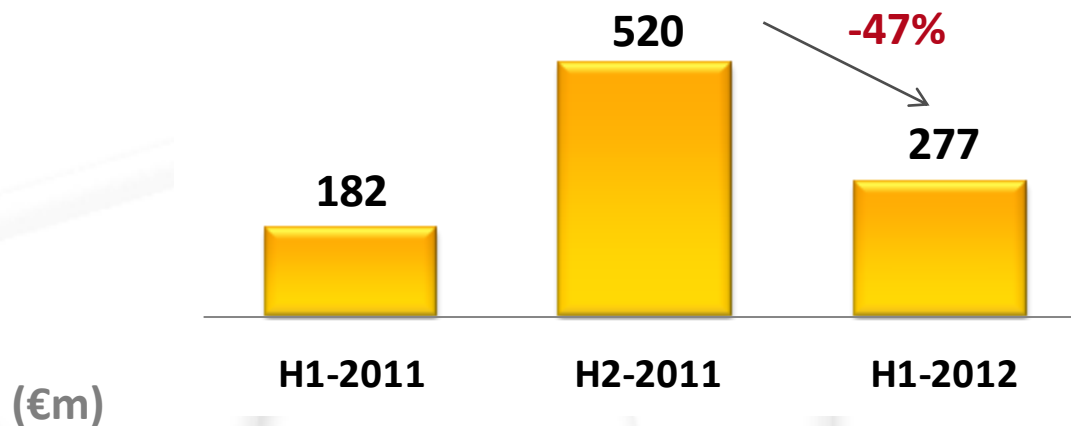
Change in  
op. WCR

Free  
cash flow



# Selective and quickly value-enhancing acquisitions

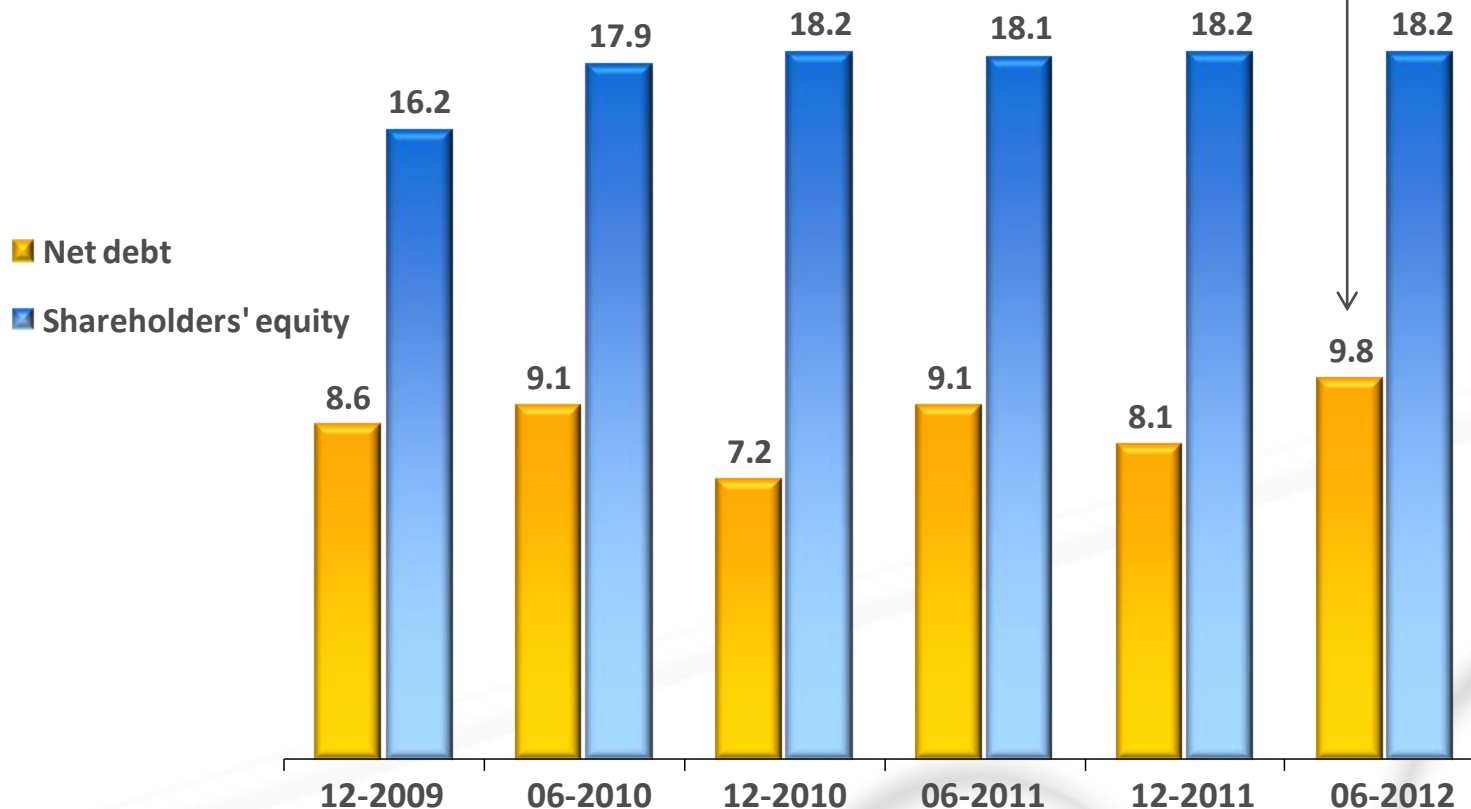
- ➔ Resulting mainly from commitments taken in 2011
- ➔ Focused on our key growth priorities:
  - Energy efficiency: **SAGE**
  - Consolidation in Building Distribution : **Brossette, bolt-on acquisitions in Nordic countries**
- ➔ New acquisition projects put on hold



# Net debt & Shareholders' equity

€bn

Over 12 months:  
 . Acquisitions  
 . Dividends  
 . Share buybacks



Net debt/  
Shareholders' equity

53%

51%

39%

50%

44%

54%

Net debt/  
EBITDA\*

2.3

2.1

1.5

1.8

1.6

2.1

\* EBITDA = Operating income + depreciation/amortization, over 12 months



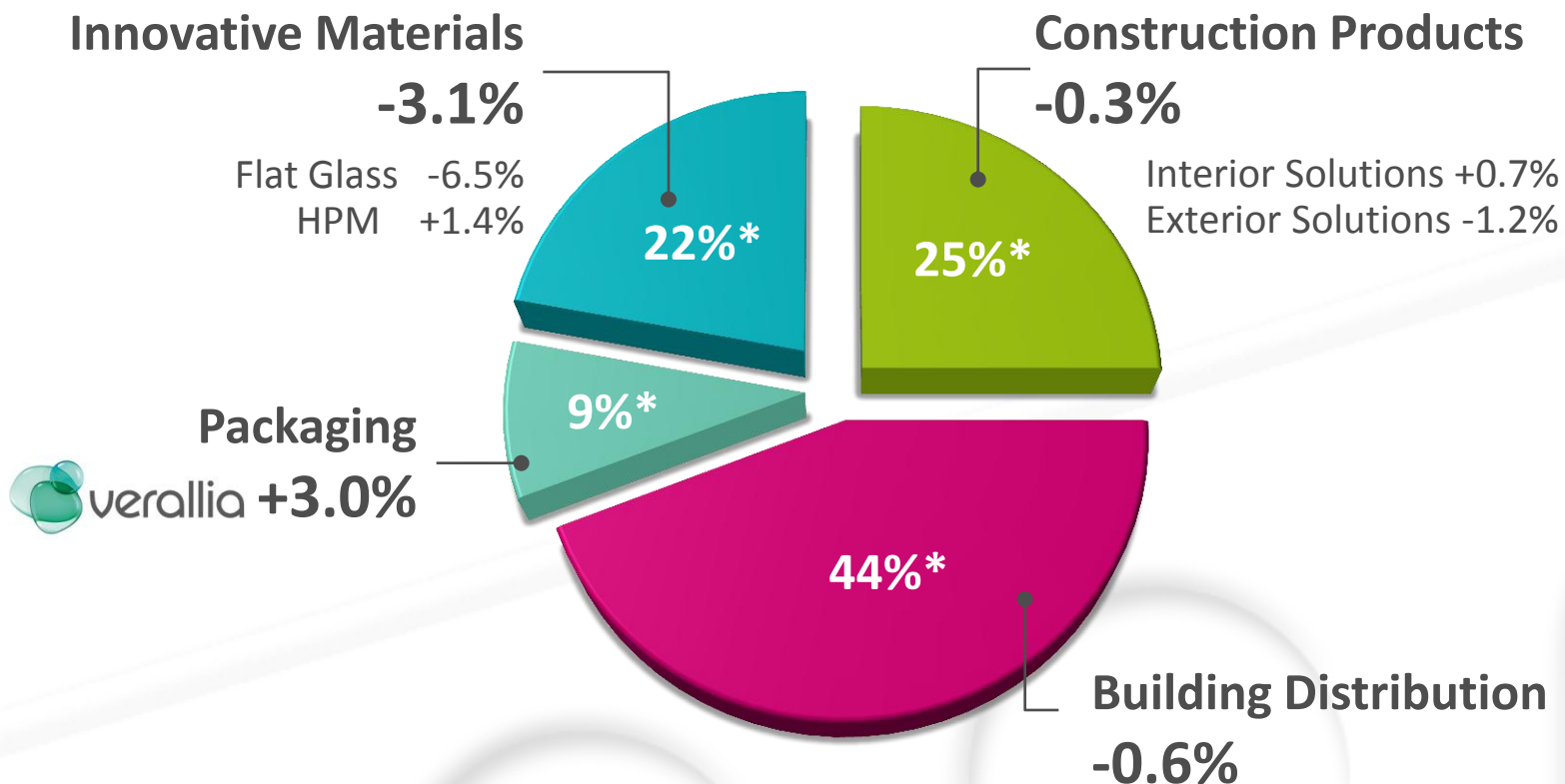
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# Sales trends by Business Sector

% change in H1-2012/H1-2011 like-for-like sales

**Group: -0.8%**



\* Breakdown of H1-2012 sales

# Innovative Materials (*Flat Glass - HPM*)

Sales (€m)

**Organic growth**  
(like-for-like)

H1-2012/H1-2011

**Innovative Materials**

**-3.1%**

**Flat Glass**

**-6.5%**

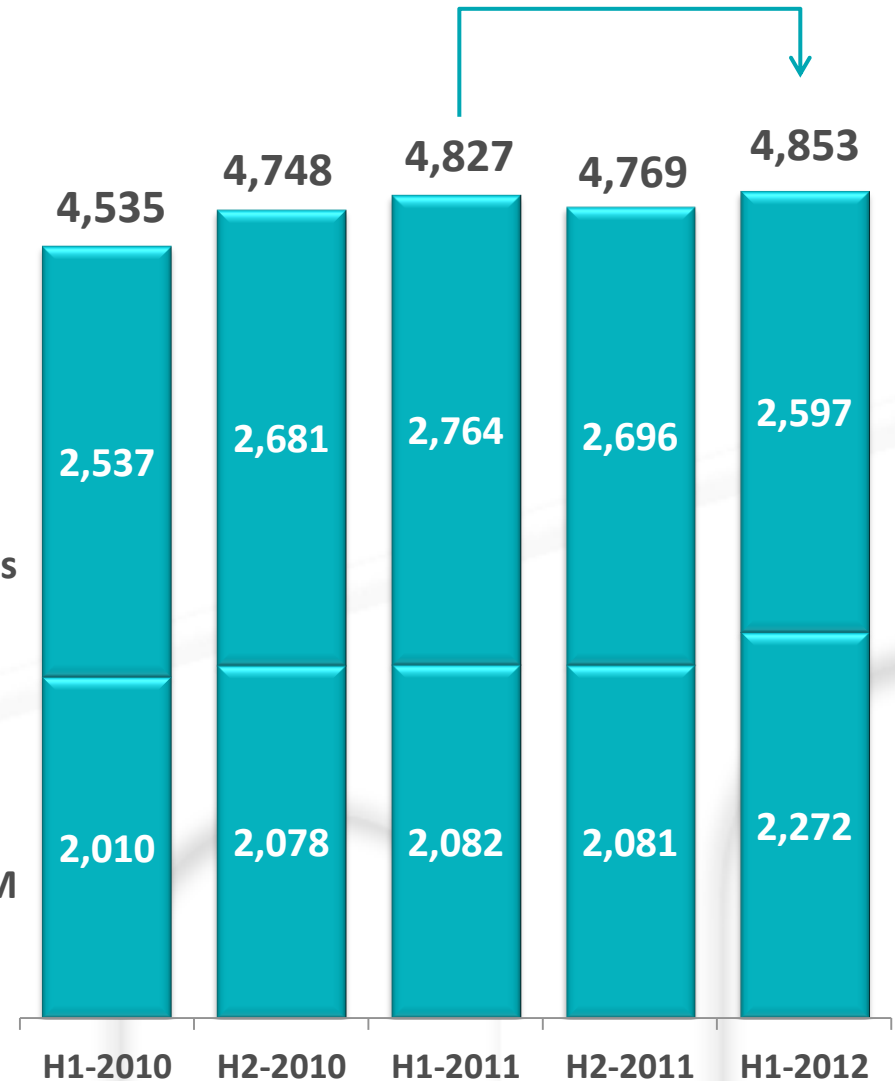
**HPM**

**+1.4%**

Flat Glass

HPM

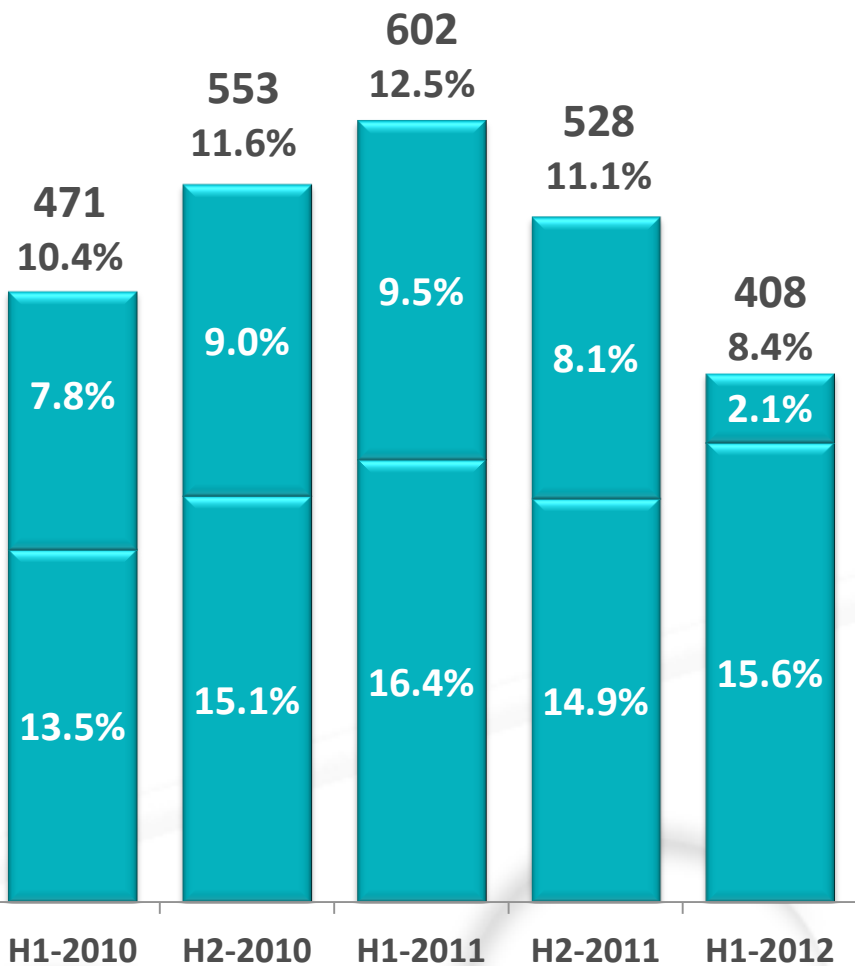
+0.5%



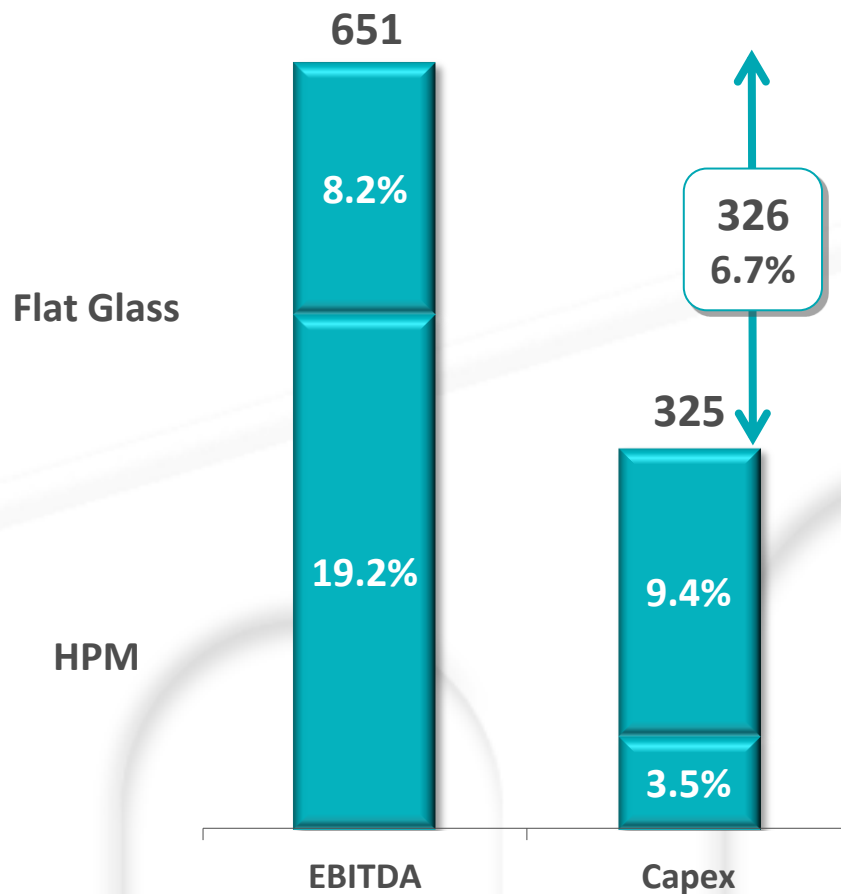
# Innovative Materials (Flat Glass - HPM)

(€m and % of sales)

## Operating income



## EBITDA & Capex H1-2012



# Construction Products

Sales (€m)

**Organic growth**  
(like-for-like)

H1-2012/H1-2011

**Construction Products**

**-0.3%**

**Interior Solutions**

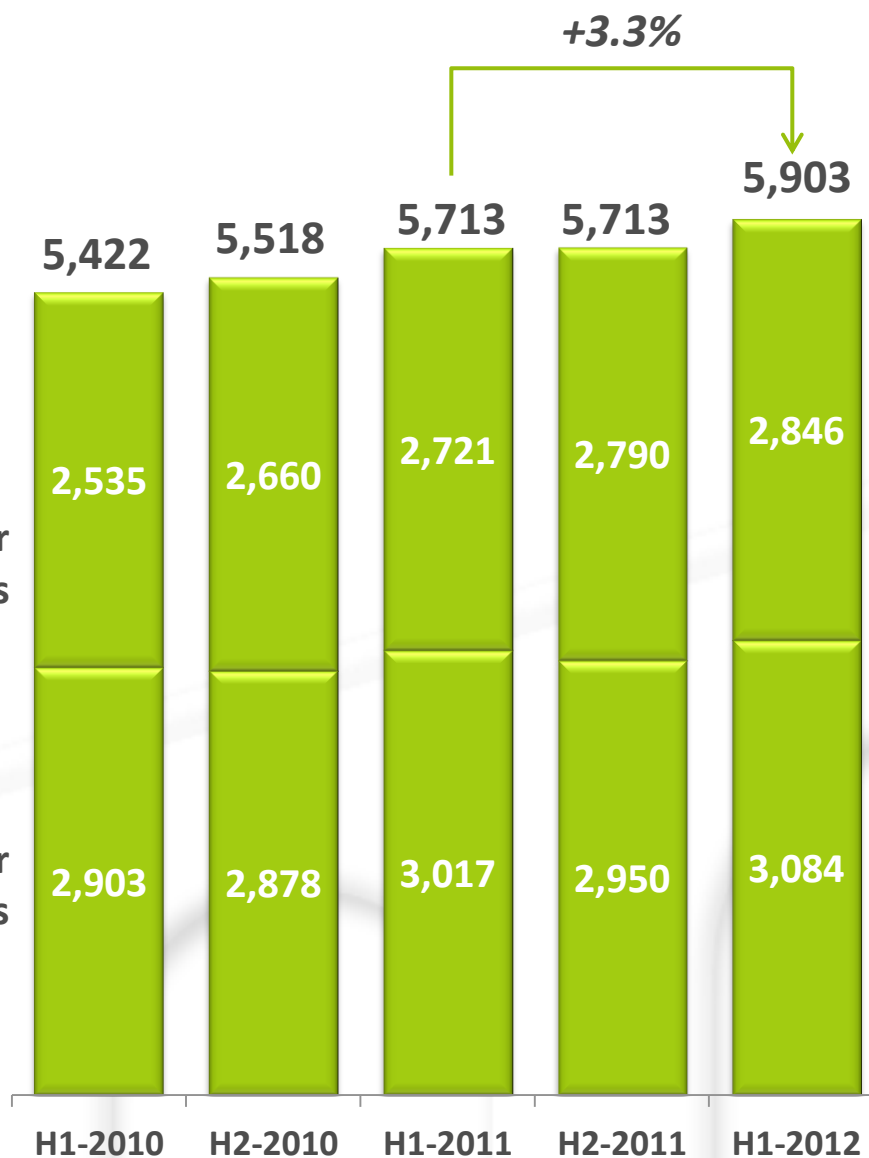
**+0.7%**

**Exterior Solutions**

**-1.2%**

Interior Solutions

Exterior Solutions

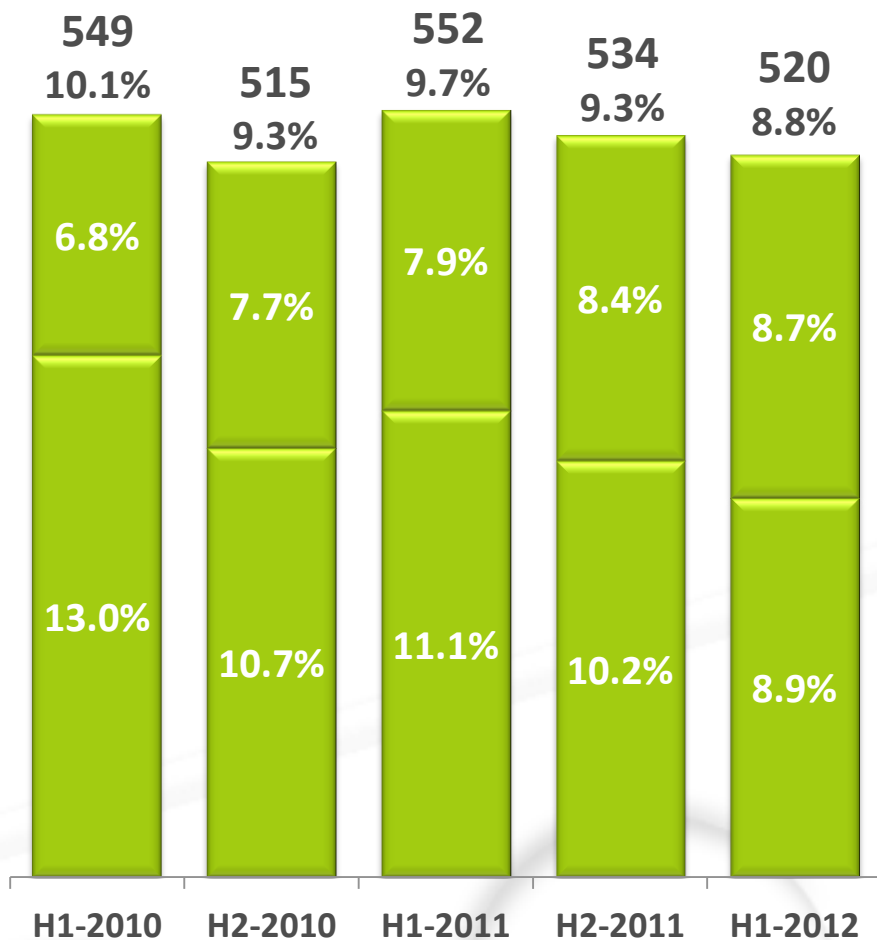




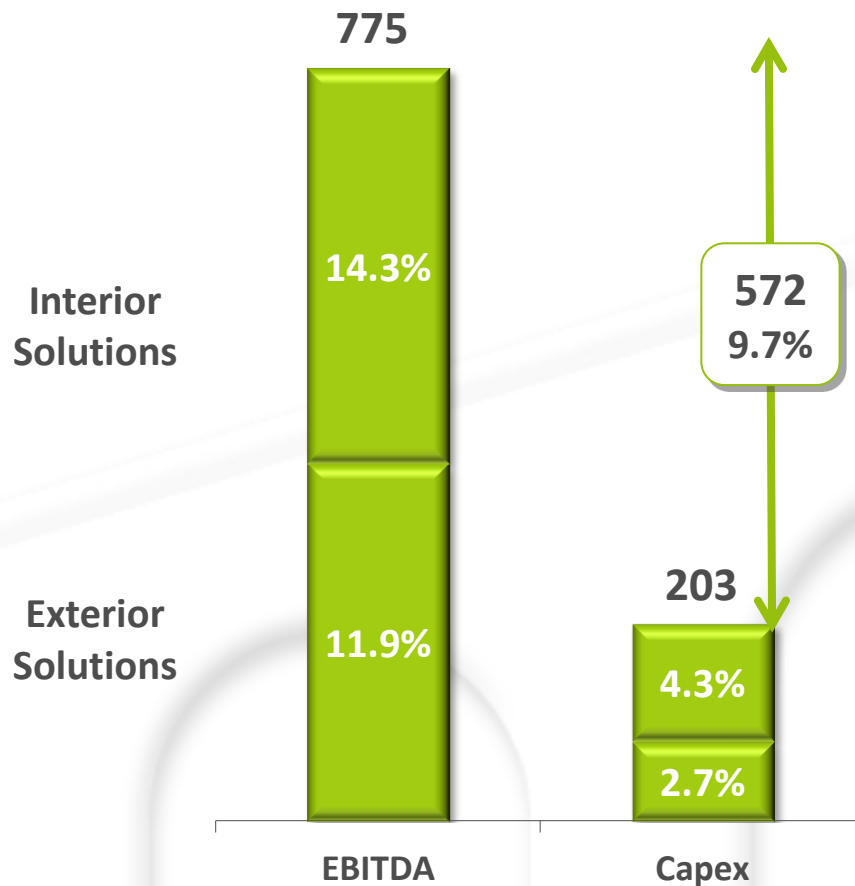
# Construction Products

(€m and % of sales)

## Operating income



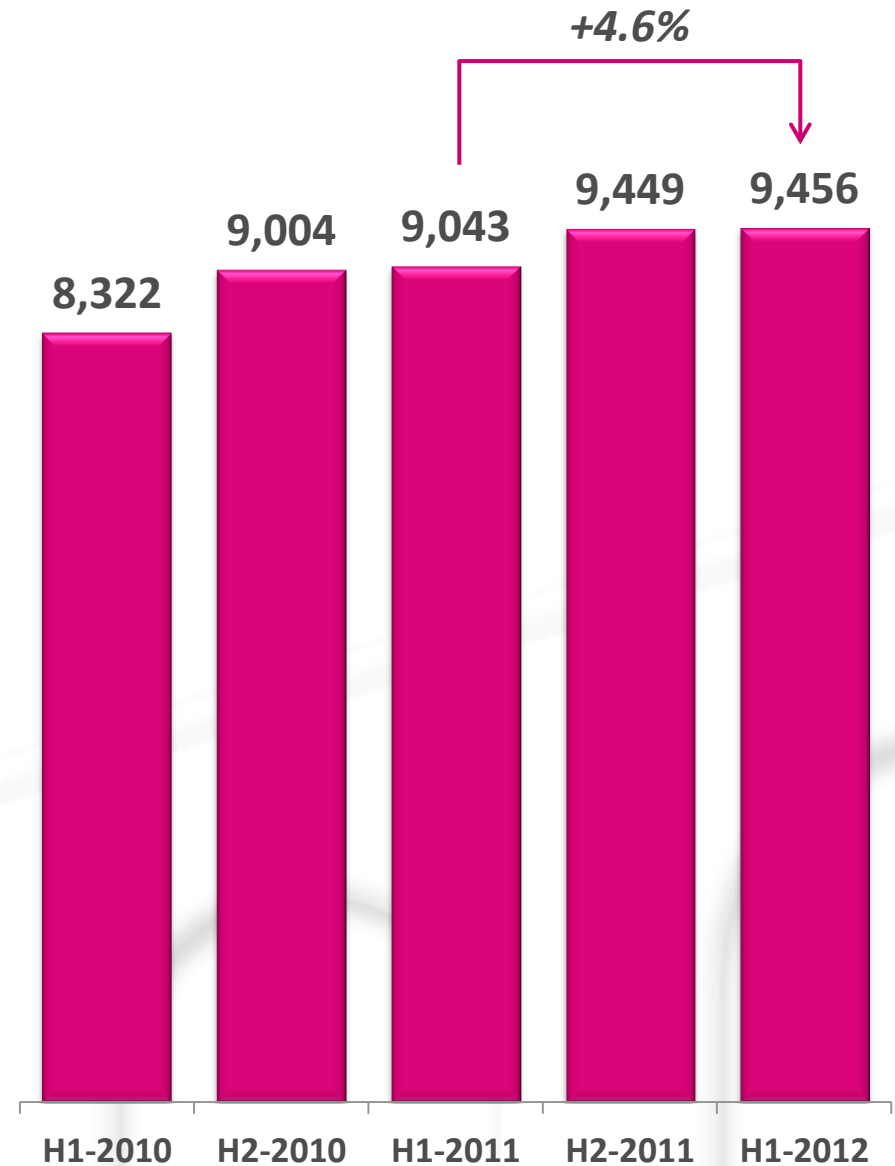
## EBITDA & Capex H1-2012



# Building Distribution

Sales (€m)

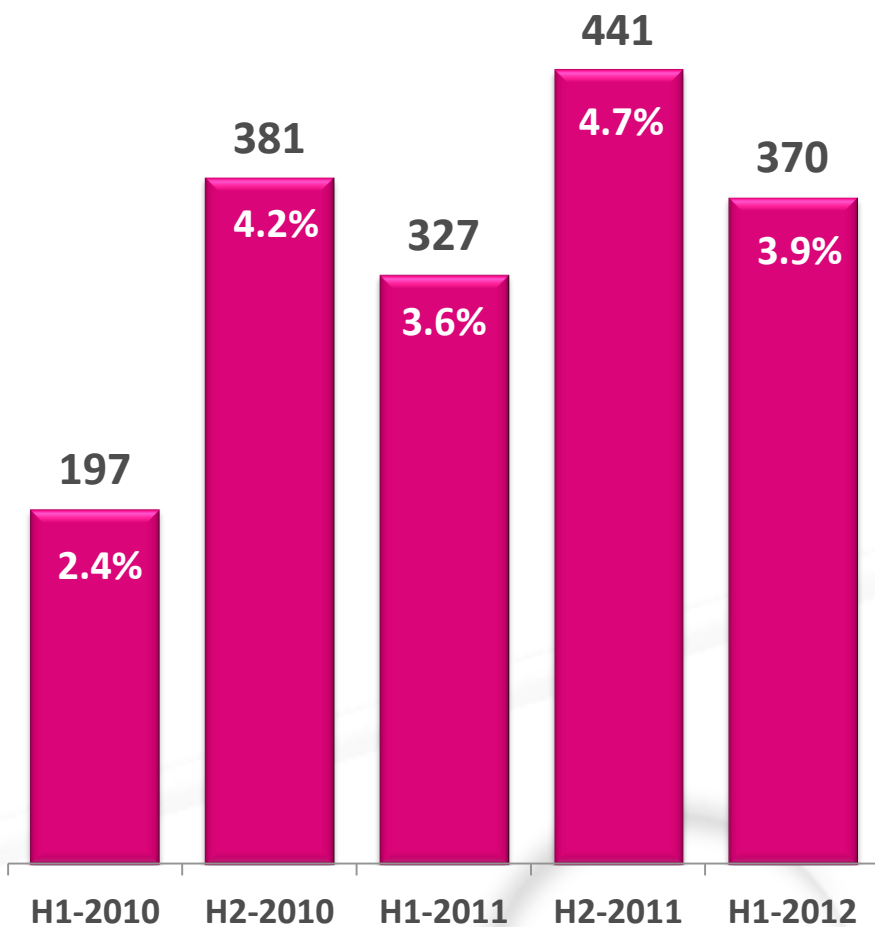
<i>Organic growth (like-for-like)</i>	
	H1-2012/H1-2011
<b>Building Distribution</b>	<b>-0.6%</b>



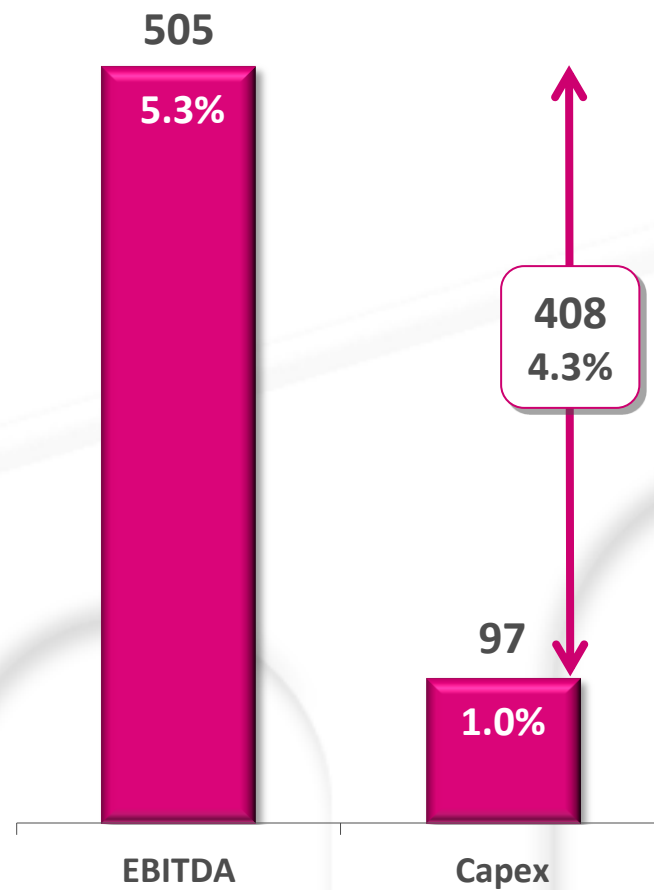
# Building Distribution

(€m and % of sales)

## Operating income



## EBITDA & Capex H1-2012

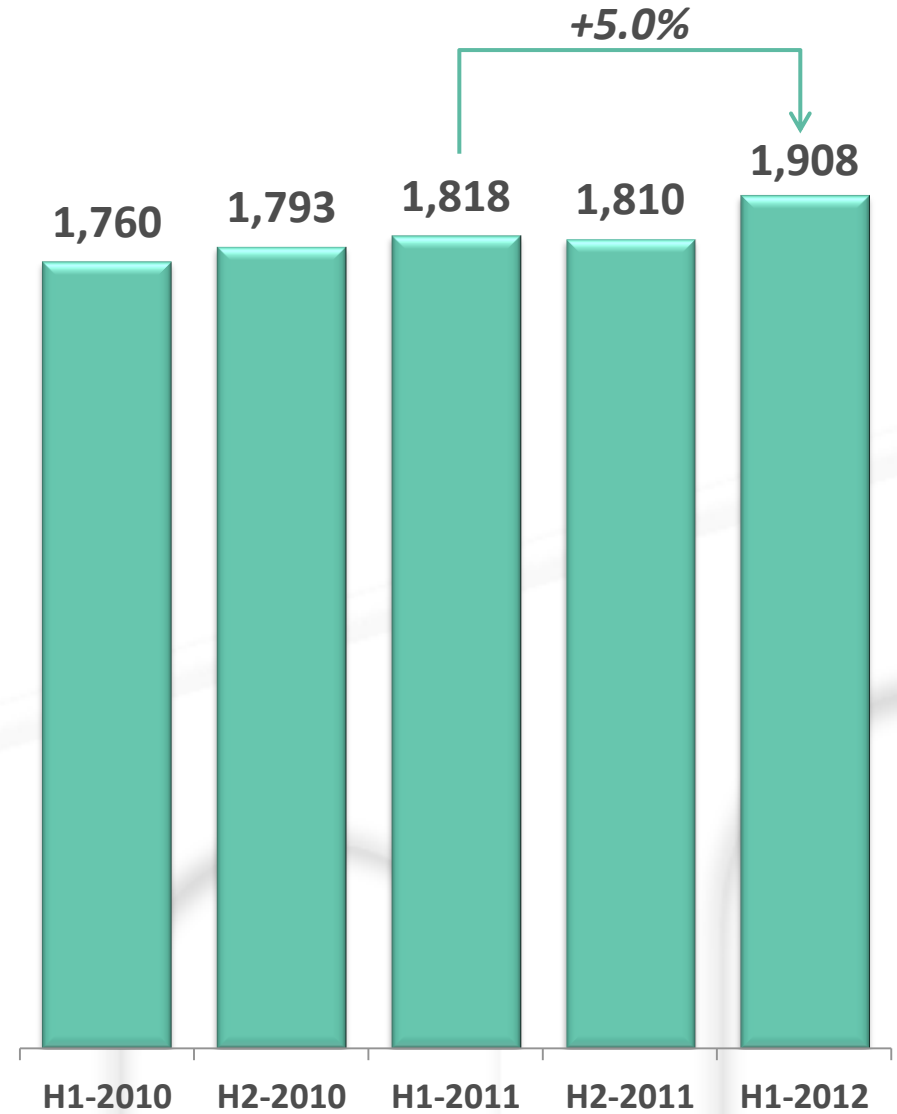


# Packaging

Sales (€m)



Organic growth (like-for-like)	
	H1-2012/H1-2011
Packaging	+3.0%

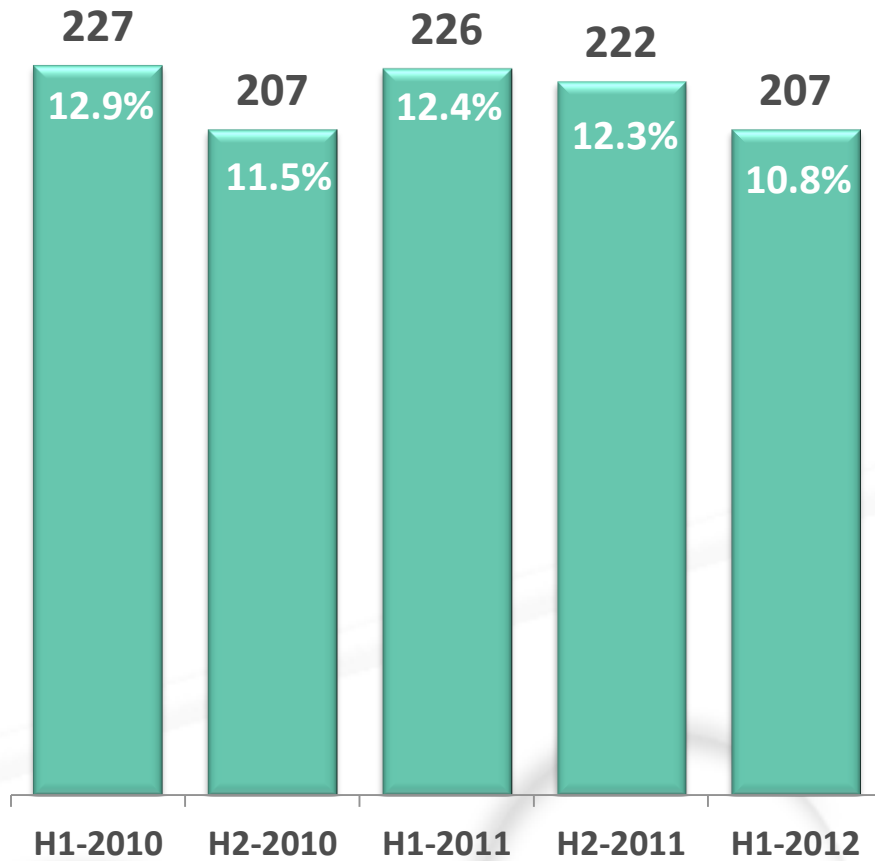


# Packaging

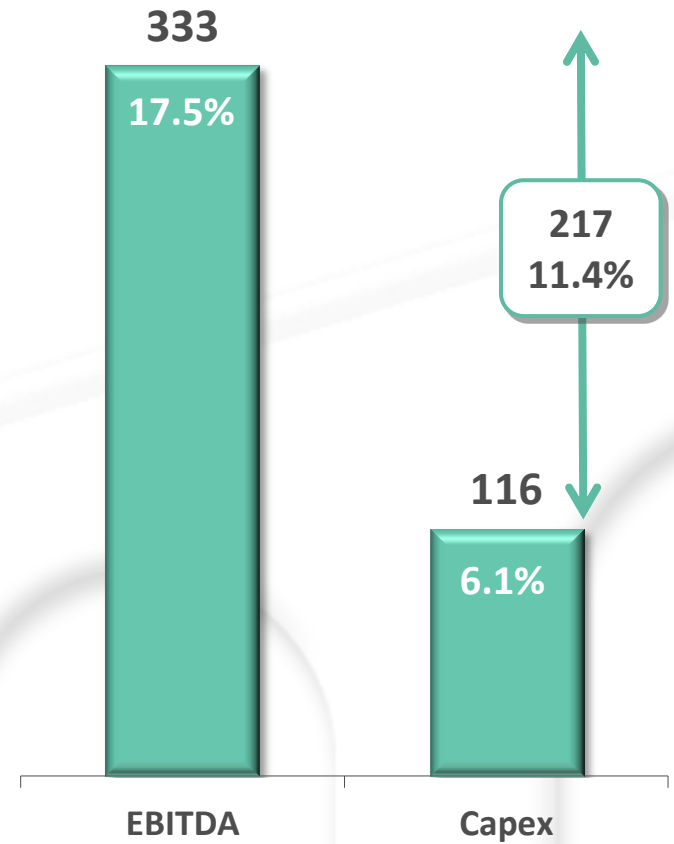
(€m and % of sales)



## Operating income



## EBITDA & Capex H1-2012





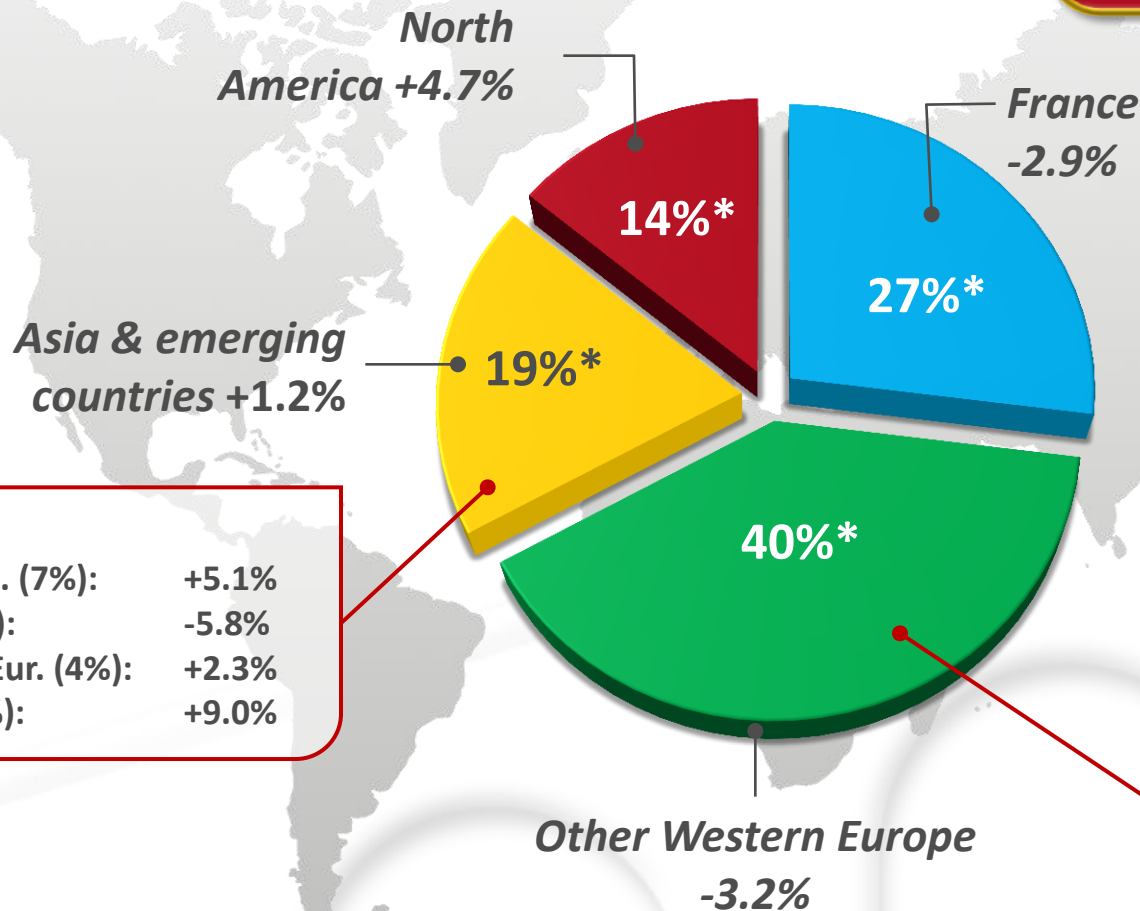
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# Sales trends by geographic area

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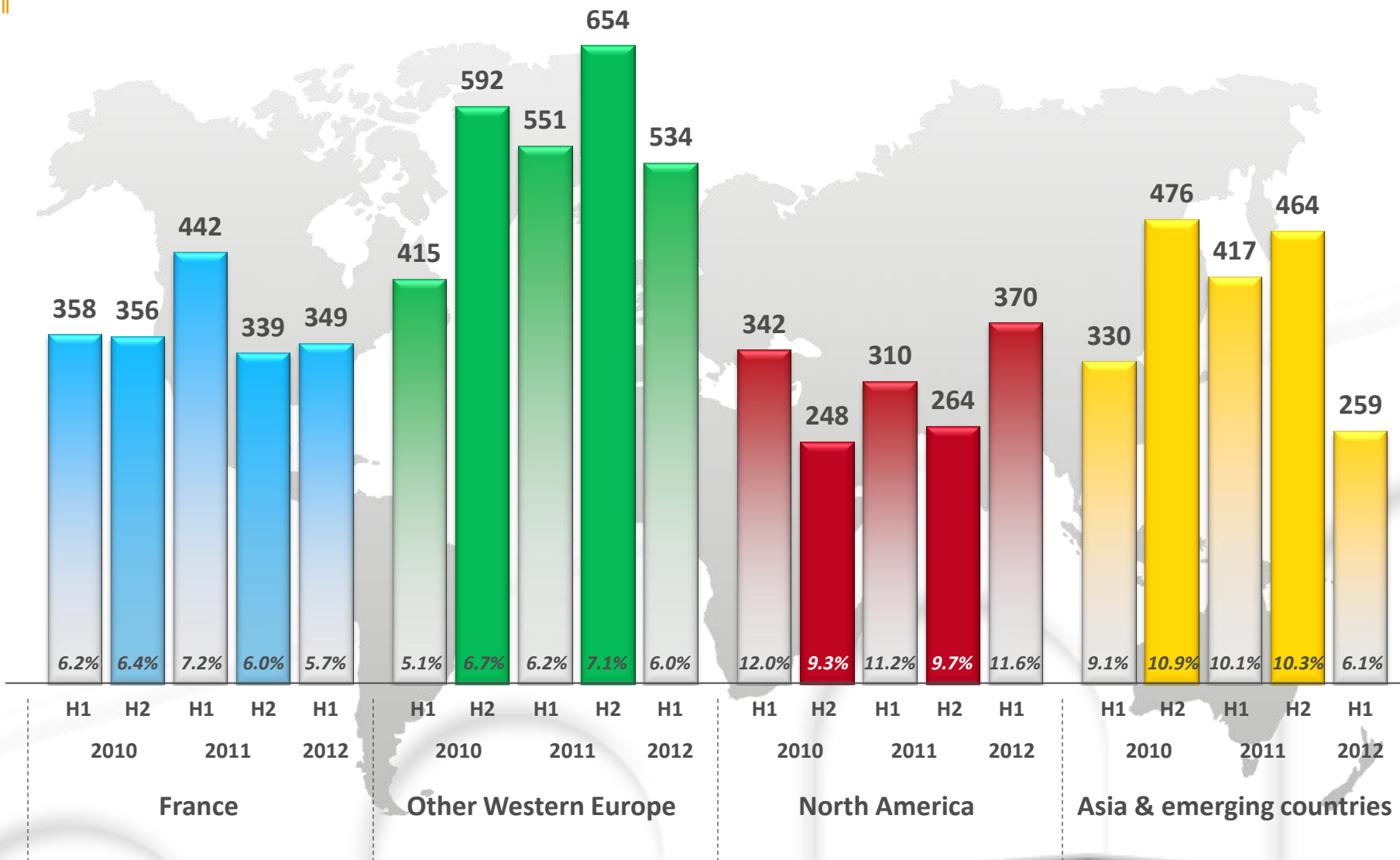
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# Operating income by geographic area

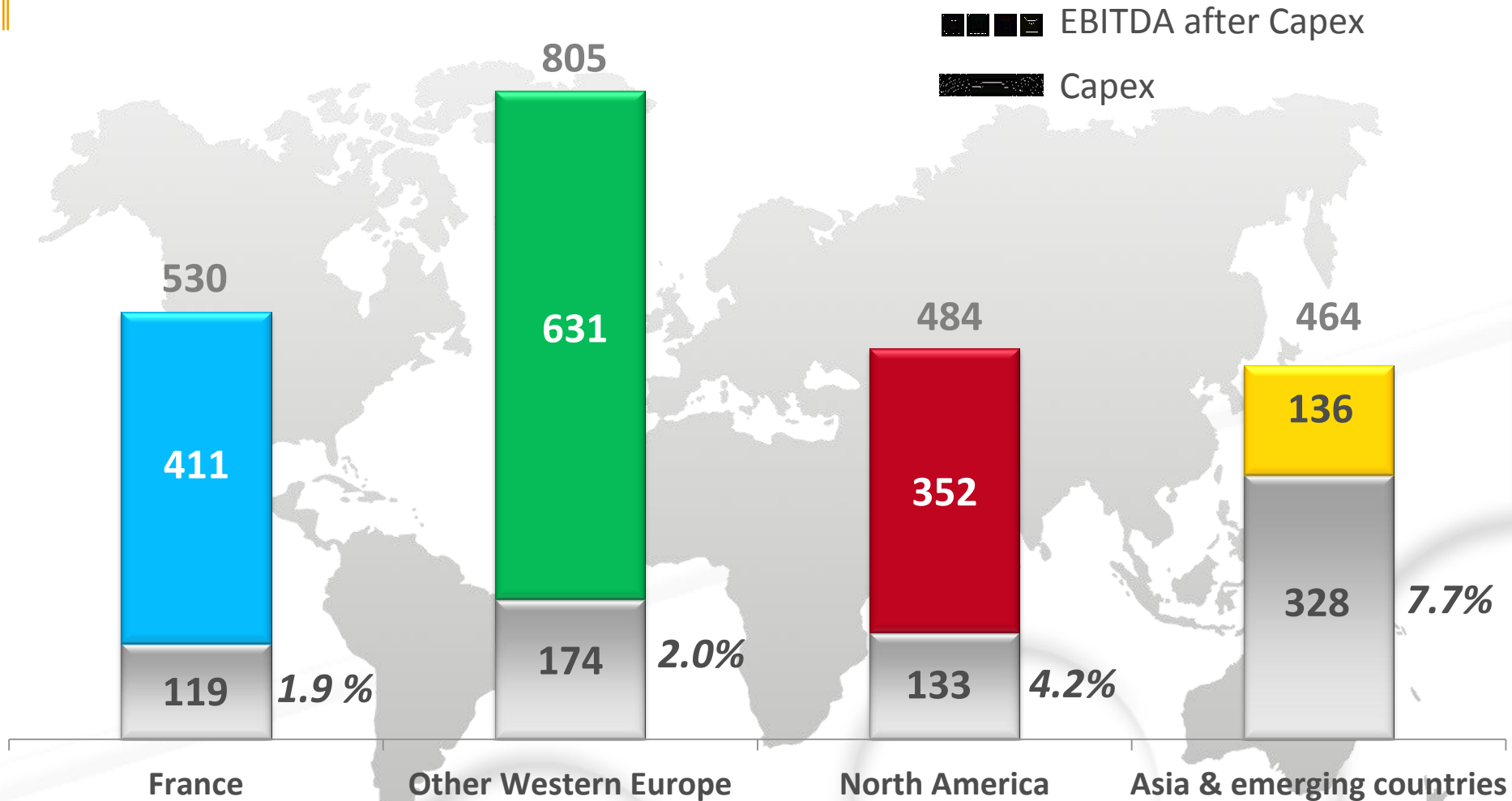
(€m and % of sales)





# EBITDA and Capex by geographic area

(H1-2012, €m and % of sales)





### 3. Outlook and action plan for H2-2012



# Economic outlook for H2-2012

## Economic climate

### ➔ Western Europe:

- **Conditions to remain challenging in automotive**, while **other industrial markets should hold firm**
- **Slowdown in construction**, with **stark contrasts from one country to the next**

### ➔ North America:

- Continued **upbeat momentum in industrial markets**
- Ongoing **moderate recovery in construction market**

### ➔ Asia and emerging countries:

- **Timid recovery**

### ➔ **Household consumption markets** to remain **upbeat**

## H2-2012: action plan reinforced

- ▶ Continued priority focus on **sales prices** amid **more favorable trends in raw material and energy costs** in H2, particularly compared to H2-2011
- ▶ **New cost cutting measures** stepped up
- ▶ Close watch on **cash**

# Cost cutting measures

- ➔ **Cost cutting measures** focused primarily on Europe:
  - **€750m** full-year impact (calculated on the 2011 cost base), of which:
    - **€500m** in 2012 (€170m in H1)
    - **€250m** in 2013 (versus 2012)
  - Estimated **restructuring costs** of **around €350m** in 2012

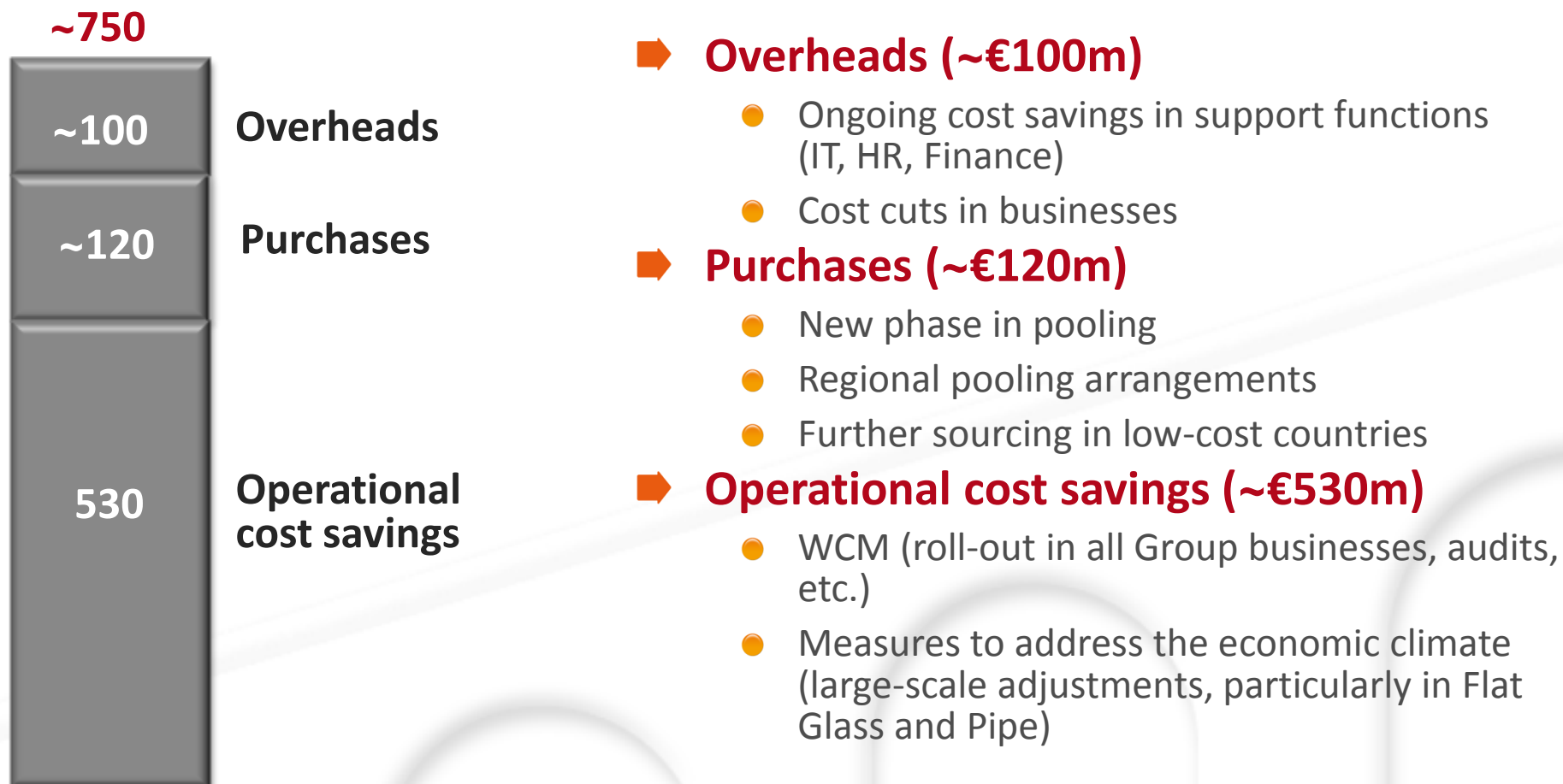
**€750m cost savings in 2013** (calculated on the 2011 cost base)  
(plans launched in 2012)

## Breakdown by Business Sector



# €750m in cost savings in 2013 *(calculated on the 2011 cost base)* *(plans launched in 2012)*

## Breakdown by type



# Continued close watch on cash

- ➔ Reduction in capital expenditure:
  - **Down €200m in H2-2012** versus H2-2011
  - **Down €150m over the year** versus initial target
  - Maintaining focus on **growth capex** in emerging countries and EEE (**80%** of total annual growth capex)
- ➔ New acquisitions put on hold
  - Financial investments **down more than €350m in H2-2012** versus H2-2011
- ➔ Continued tight rein on operating WCR



# Economic outlook for H2-2012

## Group businesses

### ➔ Innovative Materials (IM):

- Flat Glass: conditions to remain challenging
- HPM: remaining upbeat with healthy margins

### ➔ Construction Products (CP):

- Ongoing robust growth in Asia and emerging countries
- Upturn in North America to take hold (volumes and prices)
- More uncertain and uneven situation in Western Europe
- Favorable impact of cost cutting measures and lower energy and raw material costs

### ➔ Building Distribution:

- Continuing stark contrasts from one European country to the next: further upbeat trends in Scandinavia, Germany and the US, softening in France and the UK, difficulties in Southern and Eastern Europe
- Margins to remain healthy over the year

### ➔ Packaging (Verallia):

- Trading and profitability to hold firm

# Objectives for full-year 2012

*In view of the deterioration in the economic climate since the beginning of the year*

- ➔ Measured rise in **sales prices**
- ➔ Limited decline in **sales volumes**
- ➔ **H2 operating income** moderately down on H1-2012
- ➔ Continuing **high levels of free cash flow** and a **strong financial structure**

# Conclusion: a strong Group

- ➔ A **well-balanced** business portfolio and geographic base
- ➔ **Top-ranking positions** in all businesses
- ➔ **Strong resilience** in the face of a deteriorating economic climate
- ➔ **Proven capacity to react**, with selective measures to address the economic climate swiftly implemented
- ➔ **Strong financial structure**

