

# Elementis plc 2024 Interim Results

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Paul Waterman

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Paul Waterman and Ralph Hewins



# Introduction and highlights

Paul Waterman

# Confidence in achieving 2026 CMD targets

Strong first half

Revenue and earnings growth driven by Coatings and Personal Care

Growth driven by self-help actions

Above market growth despite flat demand environment  
Efficiency delivery accelerated

Stronger balance sheet

Net debt/EBITDA<sup>1</sup> of 1.3x

Strategic review of Talc

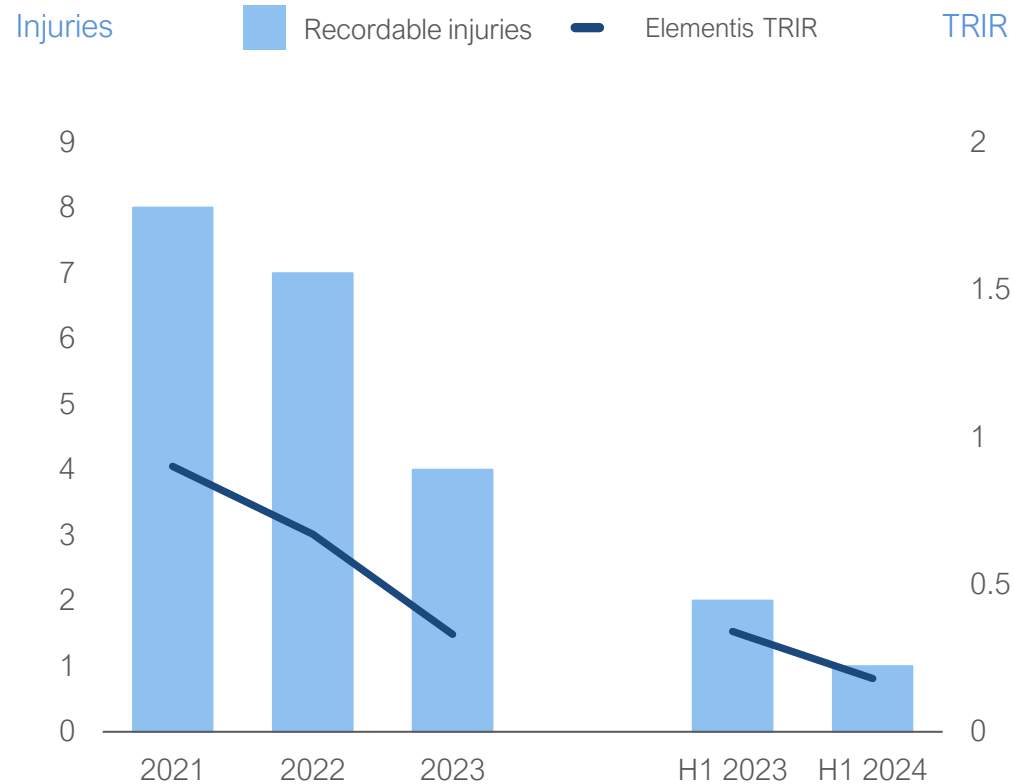
Review initiated

## Good progress on financial targets

	H1 2024	2026 targets
Operating profit margin	17%	19%+
Operating cash conversion <sup>2</sup>	81%	>90%
Return on capital (exc. goodwill)	18%	>20%

Notes: 1. Pre IFRS-16; 2. Three-year average.

# Improved safety performance



## Highlights



### Performance

- 50% reduction in total recordable injuries
- 85% of plants: zero employee injuries for >1 year
- 60% of plants: zero injuries >3 years

### Safety initiatives

- Global HSE Week campaign
- TogetherSAFE CEO Award
- Rollout of Global HSE Management framework

Notes: All historical data excludes Chromium. TRIR = Total Recordable Incident Rate (incidents per 200,000 hours worked).

# Financial Performance

Best H1 profit result since 2019

\$m (unless stated otherwise)	H1 24	H1 23	% Change
Revenue	383	364	5%
Adjusted operating profit	65	53	24%
Adjusted operating margin	17.0%	14.4%	260bps
Adjusted profit before tax	50	45	12%
Adjusted diluted EPS (cents)	6.1	5.6	9%
Net debt	196	255	(23%)
Net debt to EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	1.3x	2.0x	
Interim dividend per share (cents)	1.1	-	

Note: Net debt/EBITDA calculated on a 12-month basis, pre IFRS 16.

# Strategic progress

Continued H1 progress supports delivery of CMD objectives



## Innovation

15 new products to launch in 2024, 9 launched in H1

15% revenues from innovation sales

69% revenues from natural or naturally-derived products<sup>1</sup>



## Growth

On track for \$20m-\$25m above market revenue growth in 2024

\$29m new business won

26% growth in Asia revenues



## Efficiency

\$15m annual cost savings expected in 2024

Fit for the future restructuring ahead of plan

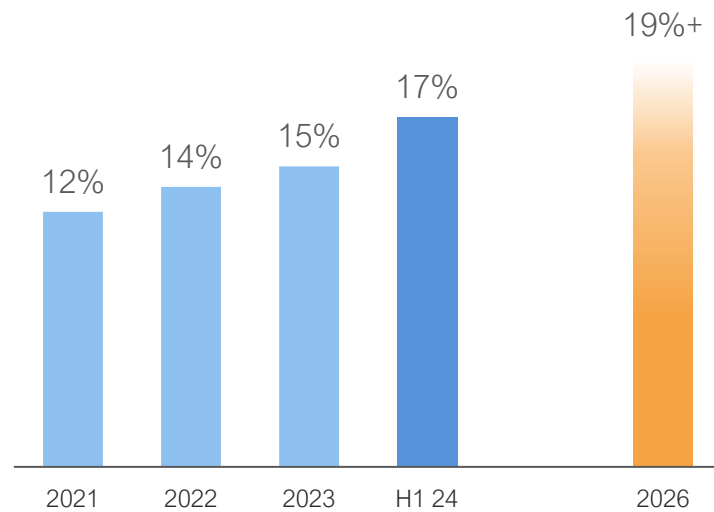
US Antiperspirant Actives Middletown plant closed

Note: 1. Natural and naturally-derived products, as defined in ISO 16128.

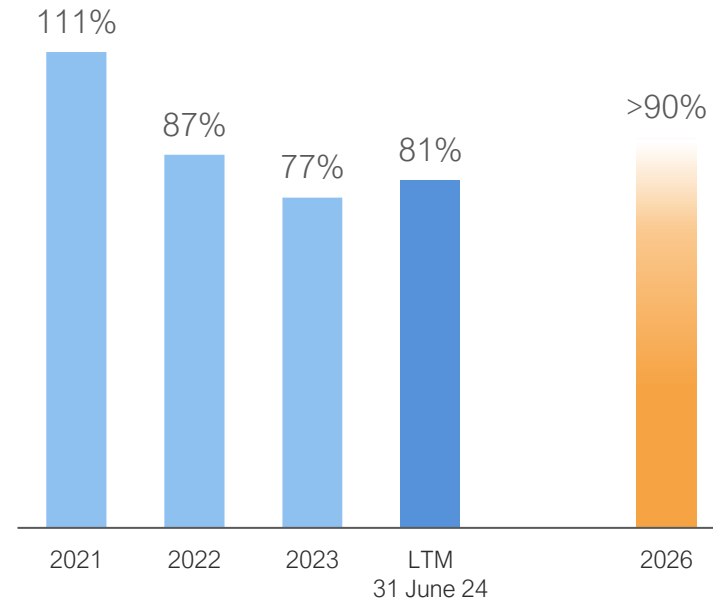


# 2026 financial targets on track

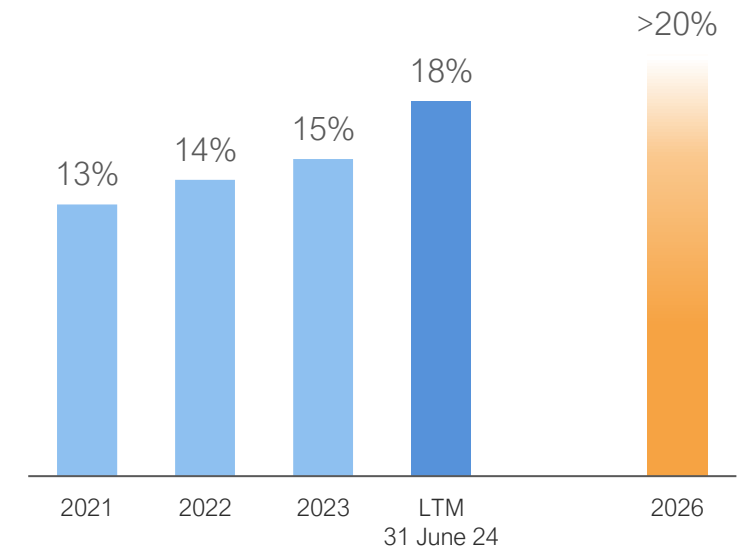
Adjusted operating profit margin<sup>1</sup>



Operating cash conversion<sup>2</sup>



Return on capital employed<sup>3</sup> (ex. goodwill)



Notes: 1. 2021-2023 operating margin presented on continuing basis, excluding Chromium business and associated stranded costs.  
 2. Target is a three-year average. Calculated as (adjusted EBITDA – capex – working capital change) / adjusted operating profit.  
 3. 2026 ROCE target including goodwill of >12%, H1 2024 of 10% including goodwill.

# Segmental performance

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Personal care

# Personal Care performance

Expanded capabilities driving momentum and creating higher quality business



\$m	H1 2024	H1 2023	Change (constant currency)
Revenue	115	112	2%
Operating profit <sup>1</sup>	34	27	22%
Operating margin <sup>1</sup>	29.3%	24.5%	

Note: 1. After adjusting items.

>\$10m of higher value new business

Route to market optimisation

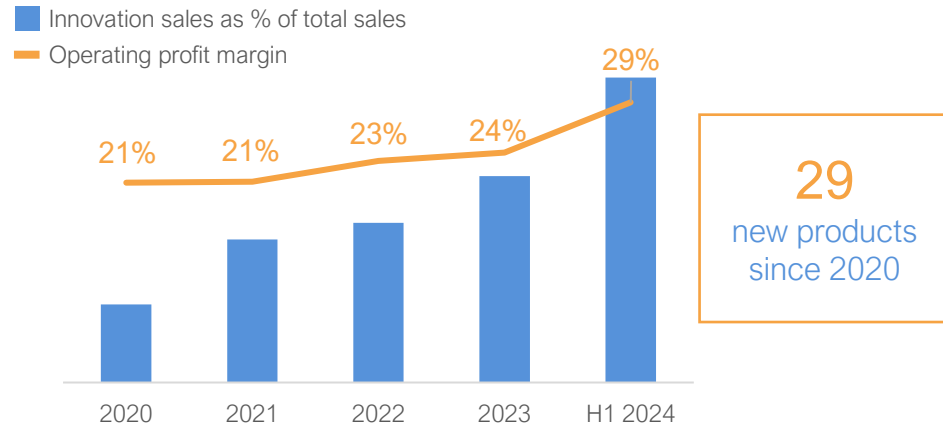
Self-help cost and price management



# Personal Care strategic progress

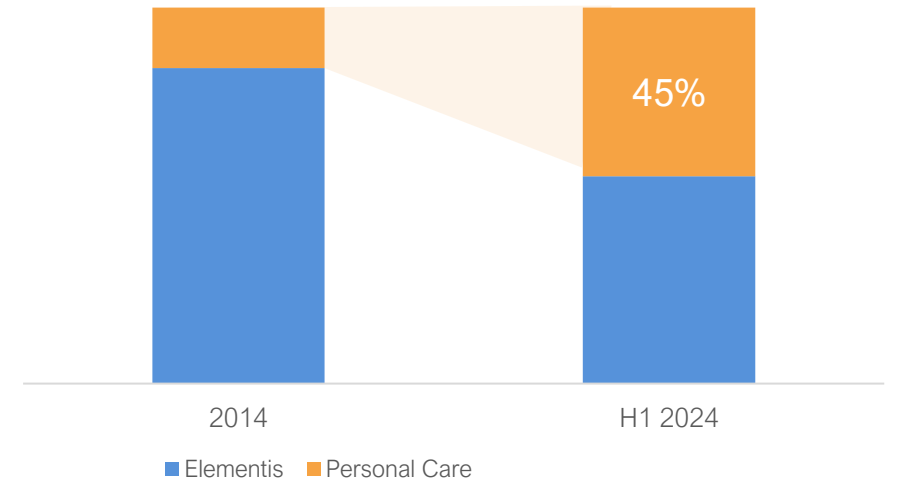
Higher quality business, now 45% of Elementis' profits

## Innovation leading to higher quality business...

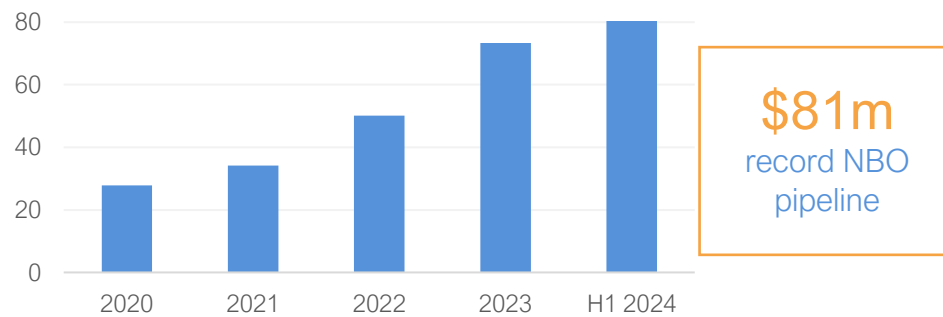


## ...creating Personal Care business of scale

Personal Care proportion of Group's operating profit<sup>1</sup>



## ...and fuelling NBO pipeline...



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Note: 1. Pre Group central costs.

# Personal Care growth platforms

	2026 CMD target	Opportunity	Key deliverables by 2026
 <p><b>Colour cosmetics</b></p>	Add \$10m above market revenue	Skinification, individualization, speed-to-market  Enter \$40m makeup film-former market	Launch 8 new products  Expand Asia direct customer relationships
 <p><b>Skin care</b></p>	Grow at 2-3x market	Natural solutions to replace synthetic (c.\$0.5bn addressable market by 2026)  Enter \$80m sun care film-former market	Launch 7 new products, including sun care biodegradable film former  Expand hectorite natural active applications
 <p><b>Antiperspirants</b></p>	MSD <sup>1</sup> revenue growth and margin expansion	High efficacy anti-perspirant actives  Enter \$80m deodorant active segment  Manufacturing consolidation for lowest costs	Launch 5 new products, including new high efficacy deodorant active  Complete plant consolidation

Personal Care contribution to \$90m growth target





Personal care

# Skin Care

Growth platform: H1 progress

## Bentone Hydroluxe™ 360

All-in-one hectorite based solution for suspension and stability challenges in natural formulations

100% naturally derived

Launched April 2024, >700 samples sent

First launch out of planned Hydroluxe series

Increase share in fast growing \$200m natural rheology market



100%  
NATURAL



CHINA  
CONFORM



SUSTAINABLE  
PALM



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# Colour Cosmetics

Growth platform: H1 progress

Expanded capabilities leading to  
>30% revenue growth in Asia

Strong growth in China and other Asian markets e.g. Korea, Taiwan and Japan

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Route to market changes leading to direct relationships with fast growing local companies

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Fast growing sales to Chinese exporters

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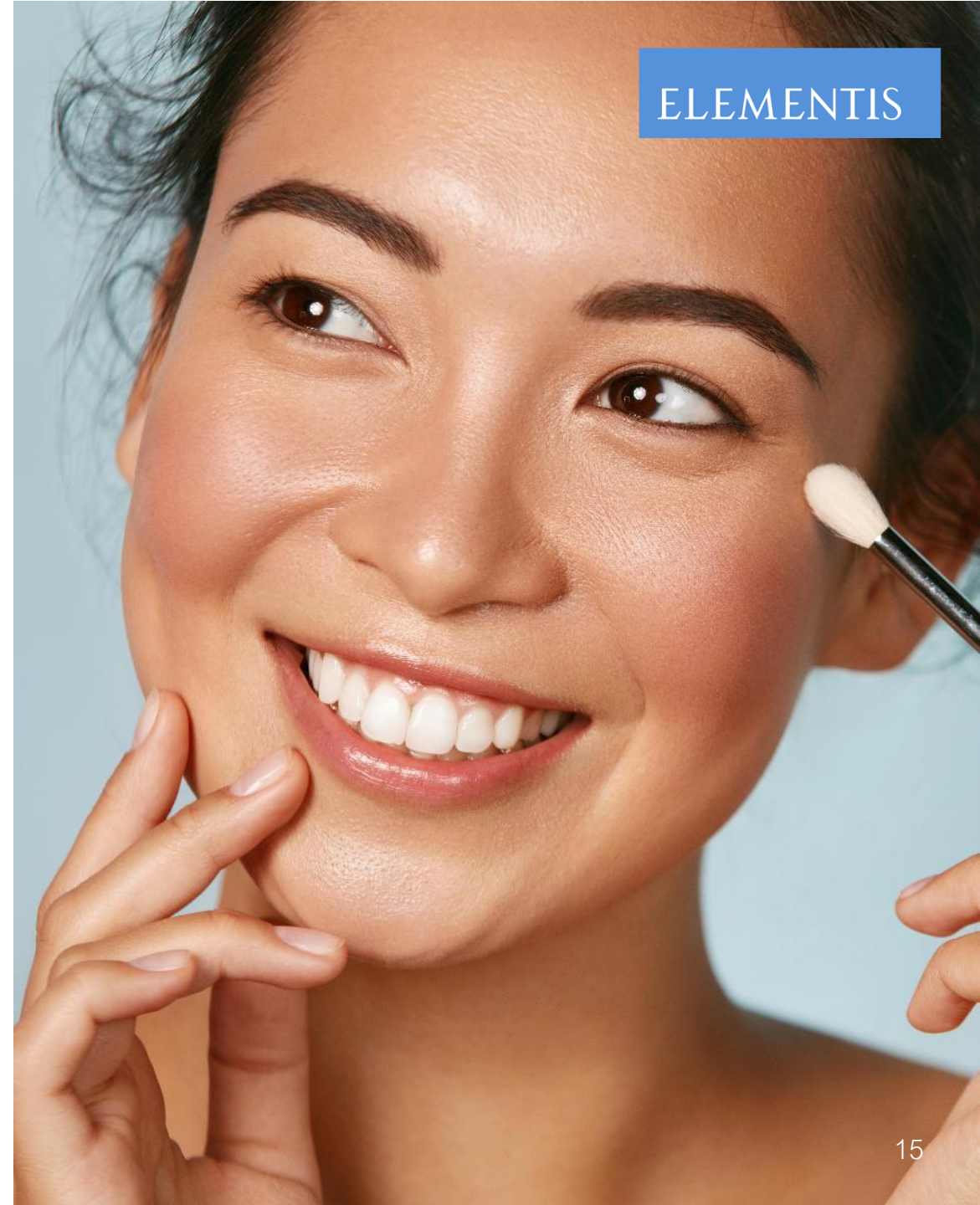
Two new customised Bentone Gel product launches

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Marketing and technology headcount doubled in last 3 years will continue adding resources to support future growth

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# Antiperspirants

Growth platform: H1 progress

16% revenue growth for high-efficacy products

Growth driven by high-efficacy antiperspirant actives allowing 72 to 96 hours claims

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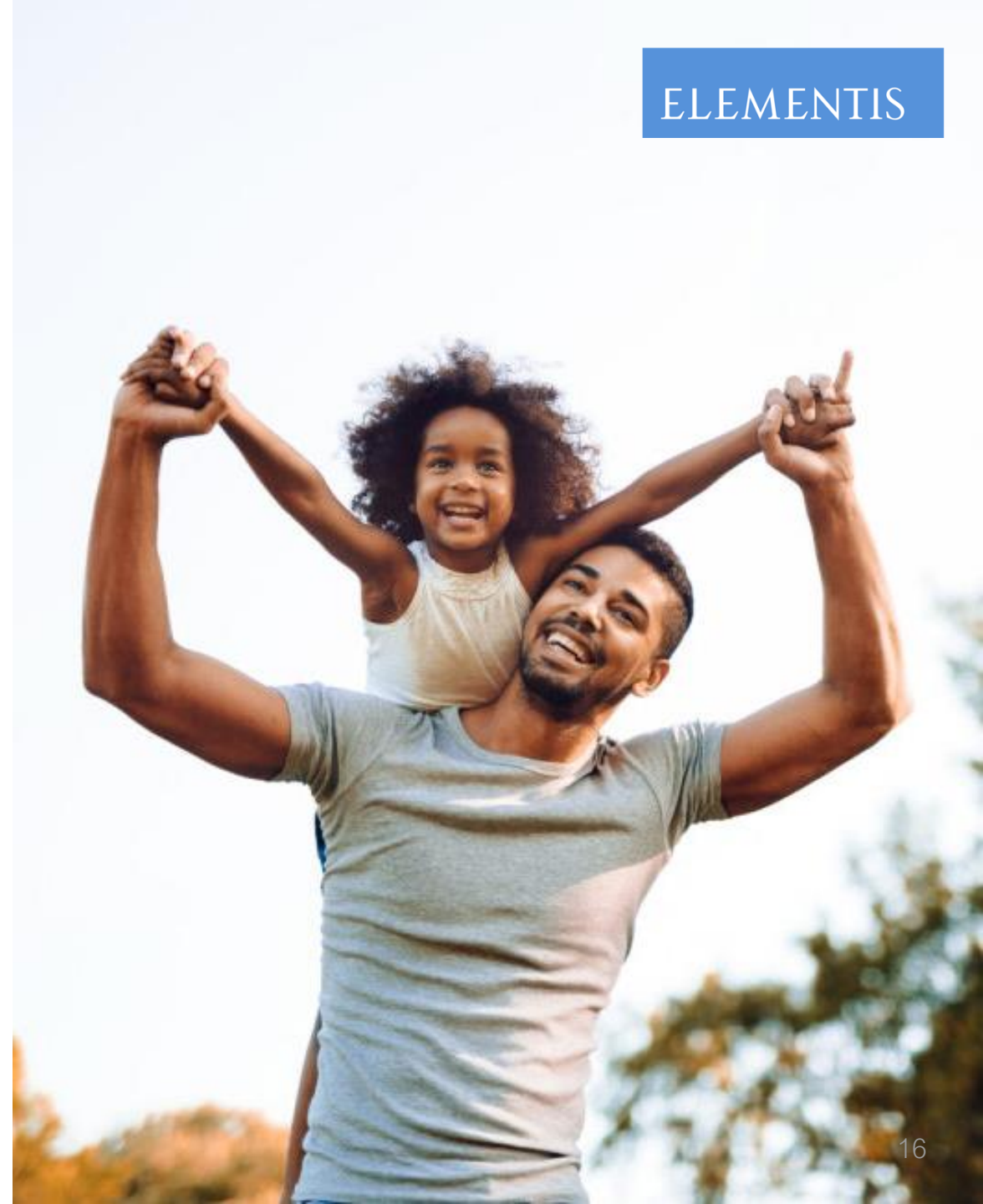
Launched a new active, with improved sustainability profile (using waste aluminium)

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Patent pending deodorant active offering sweat reduction benefit (\$80m market)

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# Performance Specialties

Coatings improvement offset challenging  
Talc performance

\$m	H1 2024	H1 2023	Change (constant currency)
Revenue	268	252	6%
Operating profit <sup>1</sup>	42	34	22%
Operating margin <sup>1</sup>	15.5%	13.7%	

Note: 1. After adjusting items.

Much improved Coatings financial performance

Improved volumes and mix driving higher margin

\$19m of new business

# Coatings performance

Higher quality business, some restocking despite continued weak demand environment

\$m	H1 2024	H1 2023	Change (constant currency)
Revenue	200	181	10%
Operating profit <sup>1</sup>	38	25	52%
Operating margin <sup>1</sup>	19.3%	14.0%	

Note: 1. After adjusting items.

Revenue growth supported by growth platforms, modest restocking

Profit growth driven by improved mix and cost management

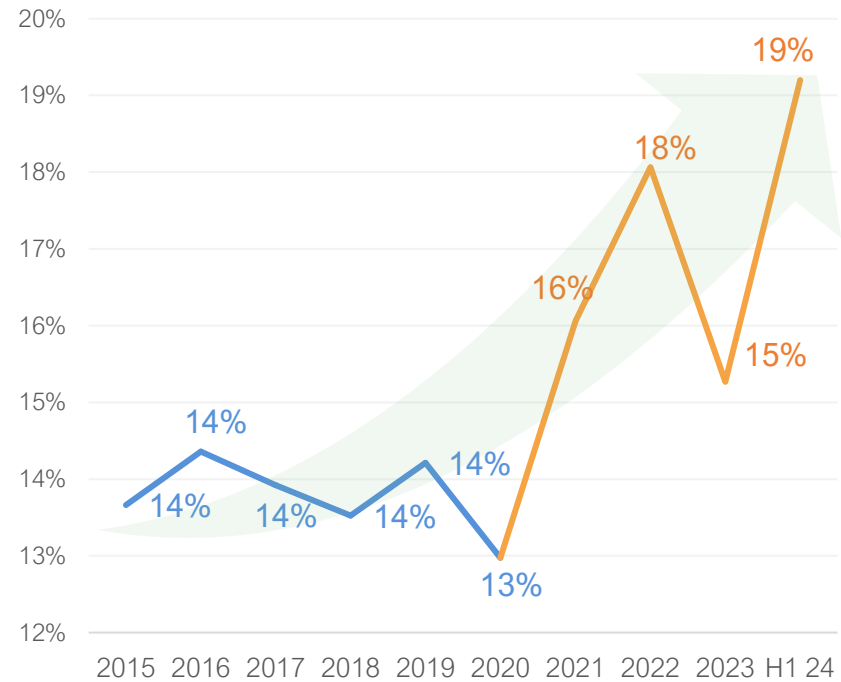
Margin improvement reflects self-help actions and better product mix

# Coatings performance

Higher quality portfolio, new business and cost efficiencies

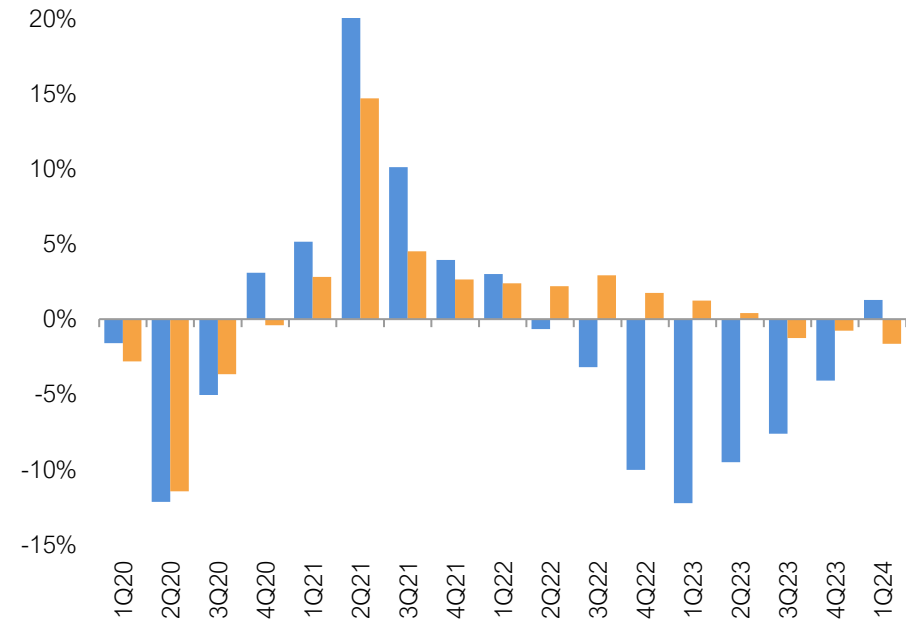
## Significant margin improvement...

Operating profit margin (Coatings and Energy)



## ...despite continued weak demand environment

■ Average volume growth of select chemical companies<sup>1</sup>  
 ■ Global weighted industrial production growth YoY



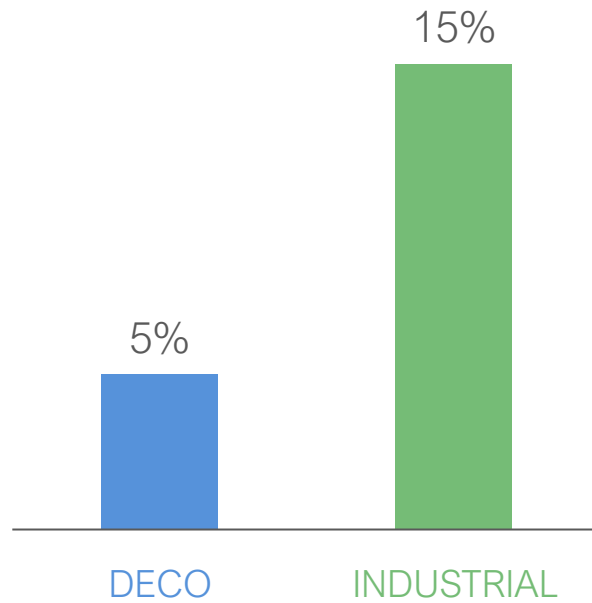
Source: JP Morgan.

Note: 1. Includes BASF, Clariant, Lanxess, Arkema, DSM, Covestro, Evonik, Solvay, Wacker (chemicals only).

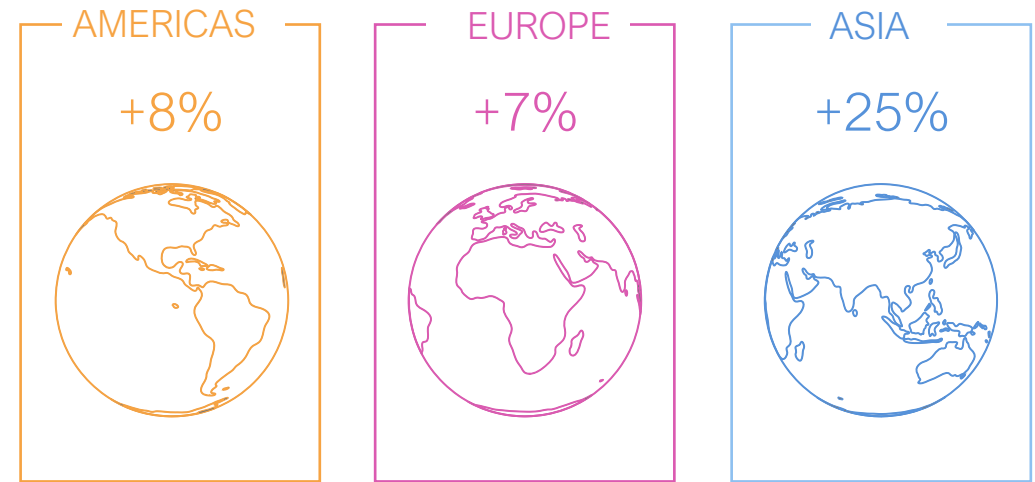
# Coatings performance

More normalised volumes post destocking, but demand remains subdued

## Sector Growth



## Regional Growth



Global key accounts: +1%

Note: Data presented on constant currency sales growth basis, excluding energy business.



# Performance Specialties growth platforms

	2026 CMD target	Opportunity	Key deliverables by 2026
 Architectural Coatings	Grow at 2x market	Penetrate Asian premium architectural market (>\$300m market) Capture demand for sustainable ingredients	Asia supply from China NiSAT footprint Global launch of biobased and powdered NiSAT range
 Industrial Coatings	Add \$30m incremental revenue	Enter fast-growing powder coatings market (\$200m market) Leverage rheology leadership to grow share of wallet for industrial dispersants and defoamers (c.\$1bn market)	Launch hectorite and organic thixotropes line for powder-coatings Portugal and China in-house application capabilities
 Adhesives, sealants & construction additives	Double market share	Hectorite for tile mortars (\$100m opportunity) - 4X more efficient than bentonite Access clear-sealant market (\$150m)	Launch 6 new products including clear sealant additive and hectorite blends for open time extenders Build out global distribution network
 Talc	Add \$15m above market revenue	Penetrate high-end long-life plastics market (\$20m opportunity) Increase technical ceramics share of wallet from current base	Launch tailored plastics grade to extend high end performance range Technical approval and sales ramp up with leading global and regional players

Performance Specialties contribution to \$90m growth target



# Architectural Coatings

Growth platform: H1 progress

## New state-of-the-art China NiSAT<sup>1</sup> facility

Accessing growing Asian architectural market with new production site

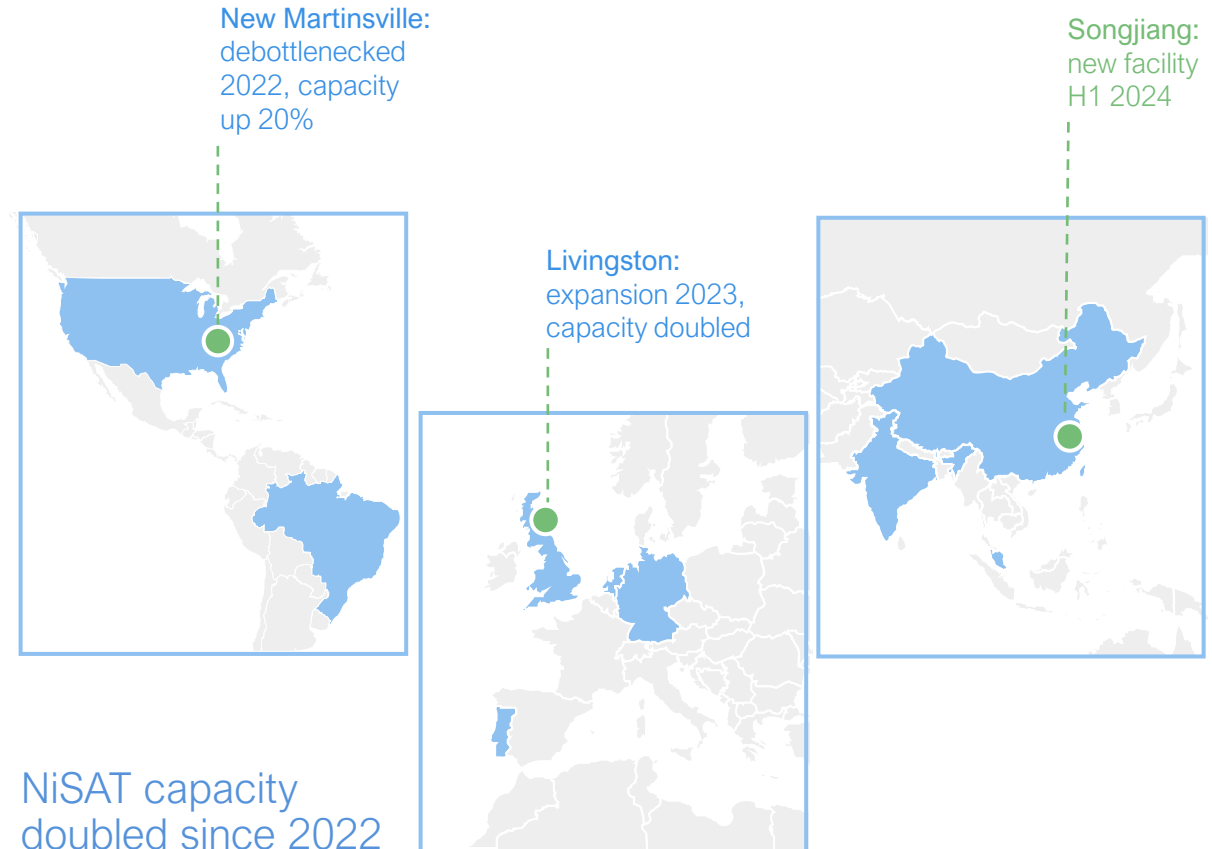
Premiumisation of paint driving demand for NiSAT high-end rheology modifiers

H1 delivered 35% growth in Asia architectural coatings and \$29m new business opportunity pipeline

17 Asian countries delivered locally, supported by in-region labs and distribution

Note: 1. Non-ionic synthetic associated thickeners represent an advanced technology and are designed to give superior rheological characteristics.

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NiSAT capacity doubled since 2022

# Industrial Coatings

Growth platform: H1 progress

## Entering \$200m fast-growth powder coatings market

Top paint producers announced >\$100m investments into powder coatings

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Hectorite sustainability and durability benefits validated by leading players:

- Desired texture effects allowing to substitute PFAS<sup>1</sup>
  - Enhancing edge coverage for more durable coatings
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Collaborating with >30 customers to expand client base

Note: 1. Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances are synthetic chemicals, increasingly detected as environmental pollutants and some are linked to negative effects on human health.

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# Adhesives, sealants and construction additives

Growth platform: H1 progress

## Penetrating \$700m market through premium castor-based rheology

Elementis' Thixatrol range delivering sustainability and performance benefits over fumed silica:

- 50% increase in direct buying customers in H1
- Up to 80% in-process energy savings for customers switching to our technology

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Set up dedicated sales and technical teams globally to accelerate penetration







Talc

# Talc performance

Challenging first half

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\$m	H1 2024	H1 2023	Change (constant currency)
Revenue	68	71	(4%)
Operating profit <sup>1</sup>	3	9	(65%)
Operating margin <sup>1</sup>	4.5%	12.7%	

Note: 1. After adjusting items.

March/April Finnish union strike shut down country

- Paper segment revenues lost
- Operational costs increased

Near-term demand remains weak

Strategic review initiated



Talc

# Talc

Strong business fundamentals, compelling medium-term growth opportunities

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## Strong business fundamentals

- High-quality mine-to-market operating model
- Unique floatation process delivering consistent high grade for customer specification
- Quality material used in higher-margin applications

### Vehicle lightweighting

New launch in the Finntalc K-line, boosting plastic strength by up to 20%<sup>1</sup>.



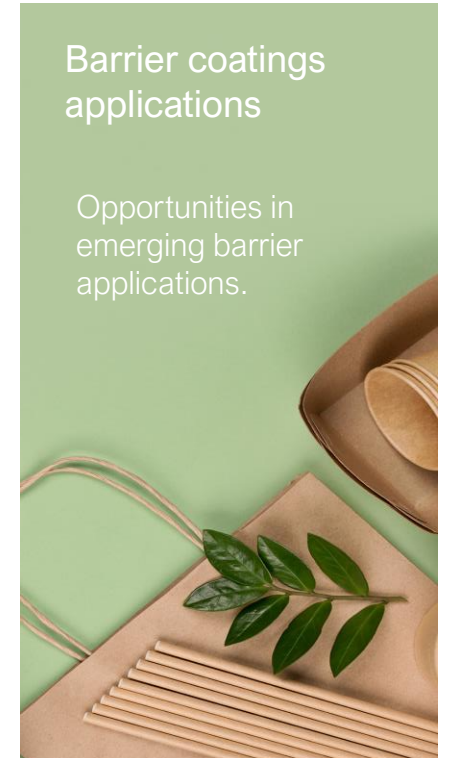
### Technical ceramics share gains

Highly engineered talc enhancing ceramic's thermal stability.



### Barrier coatings applications

Opportunities in emerging barrier applications.



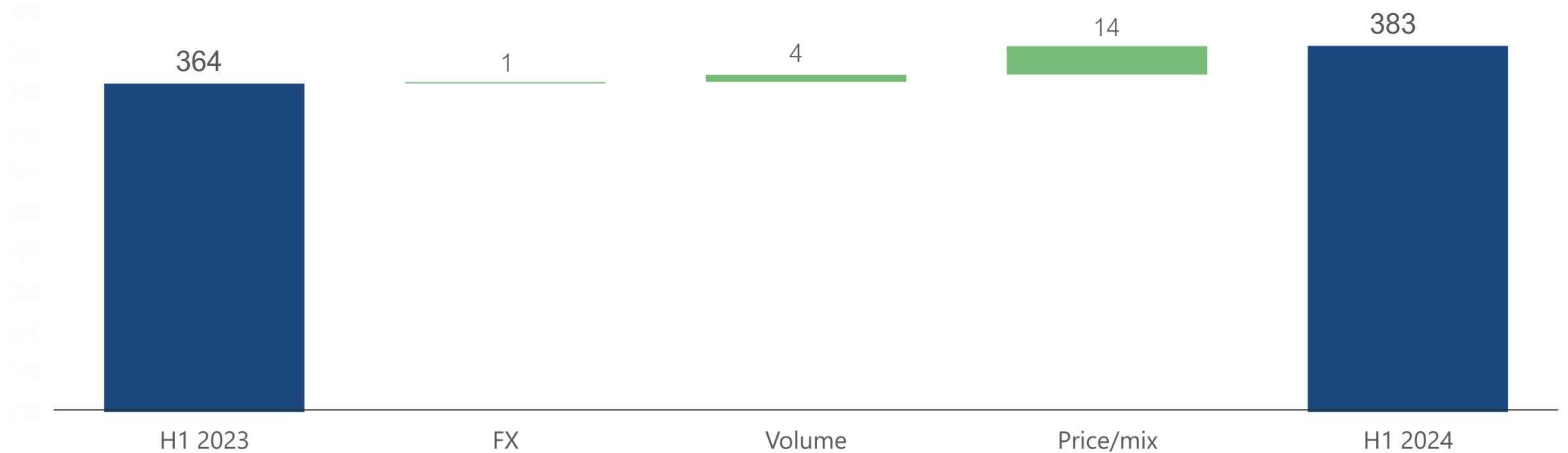
Note: 1. Elementis insight.

# Group financials

Ralph Hewins, CFO

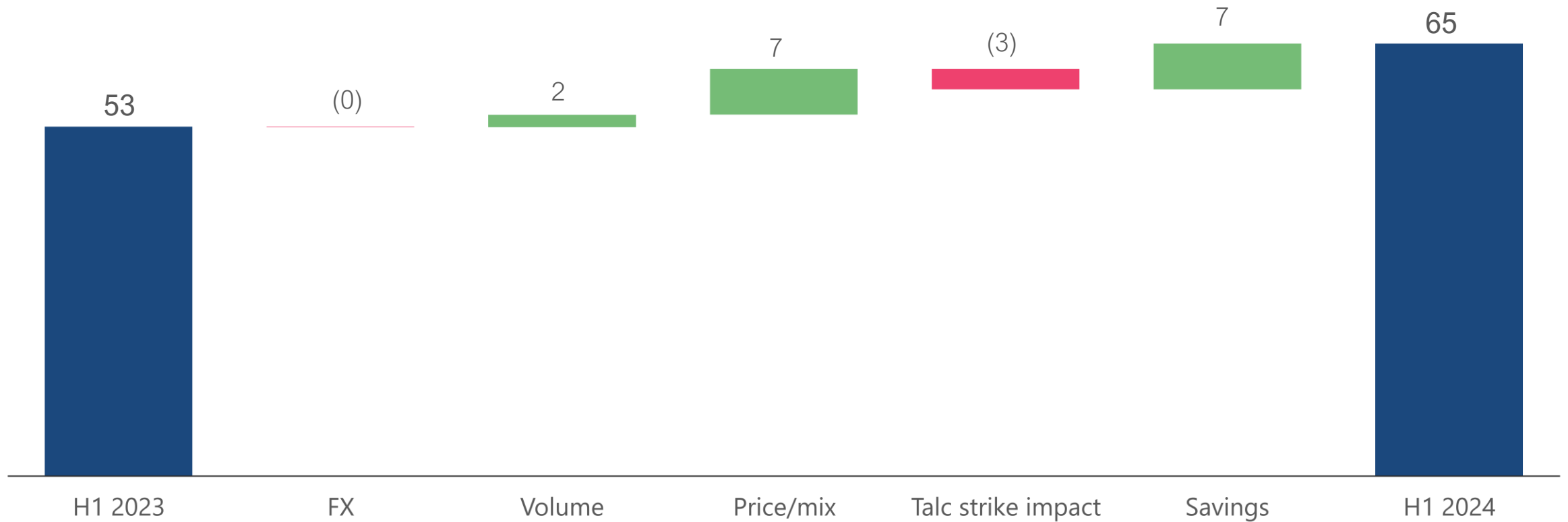
# Group revenue (\$m)

Improved mix and volume benefit



# Group operating profit (\$m)

Strong growth, supported by self-help actions



Note: Totals may not cast due to rounding.

# Cash flow

\$m	H1 24	H1 23
EBITDA	85	74
Change in working capital	(21)	(46)
Capital expenditure	(17)	(14)
<b>Operating Cash Flow</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>14</b>
Pensions	(0)	(1)
Interest	(14)	(11)
Tax related payments	(8)	(11)
Adjusting items	(12)	-
Other	2	(1)
<b>Free Cash Flow</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>(12)</b>
Acquisitions and disposals	-	139
Dividends	(12)	-
Currency fluctuations	2	(4)
Discontinued operations	-	(12)
<b>Net Cash Flow</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>111</b>
Net debt	196	255
<b>Net debt/EBITDA<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>1.3x</b>	<b>2.0x</b>

Working capital outflow driven by normal seasonality

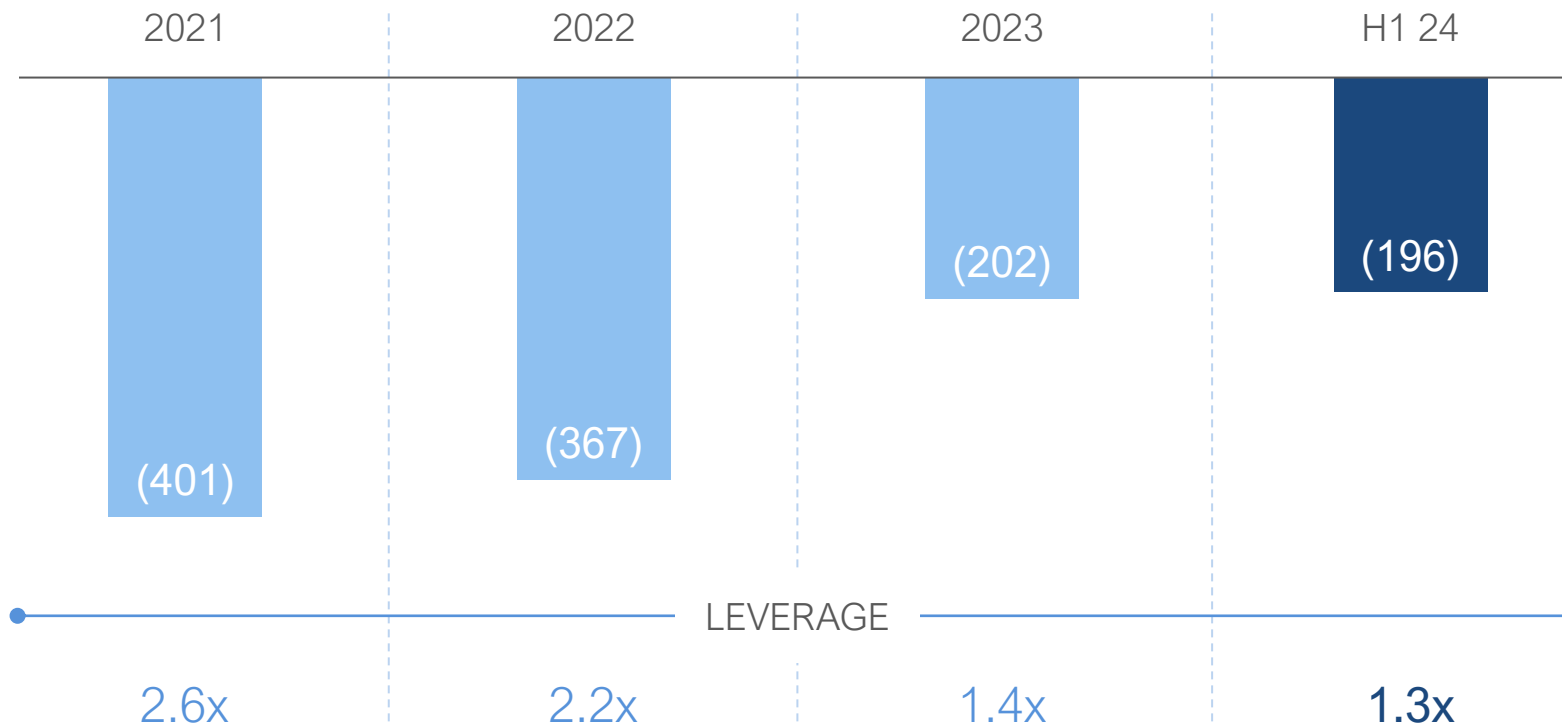
Capex on track for \$40m

Net debt \$59m below H1 2023

Notes: 1. Based on last twelve months adjusted pro forma EBITDA excl. IFRS 16. Table may not cast due to rounding.

# Strong balance sheet

Net debt to EBITDA evolution (\$m)<sup>1</sup>



Completed RCF refinance in H1

On track for further deleveraging at year end

Note: 1. Excluding finance leases on a pre IFRS 16 basis.

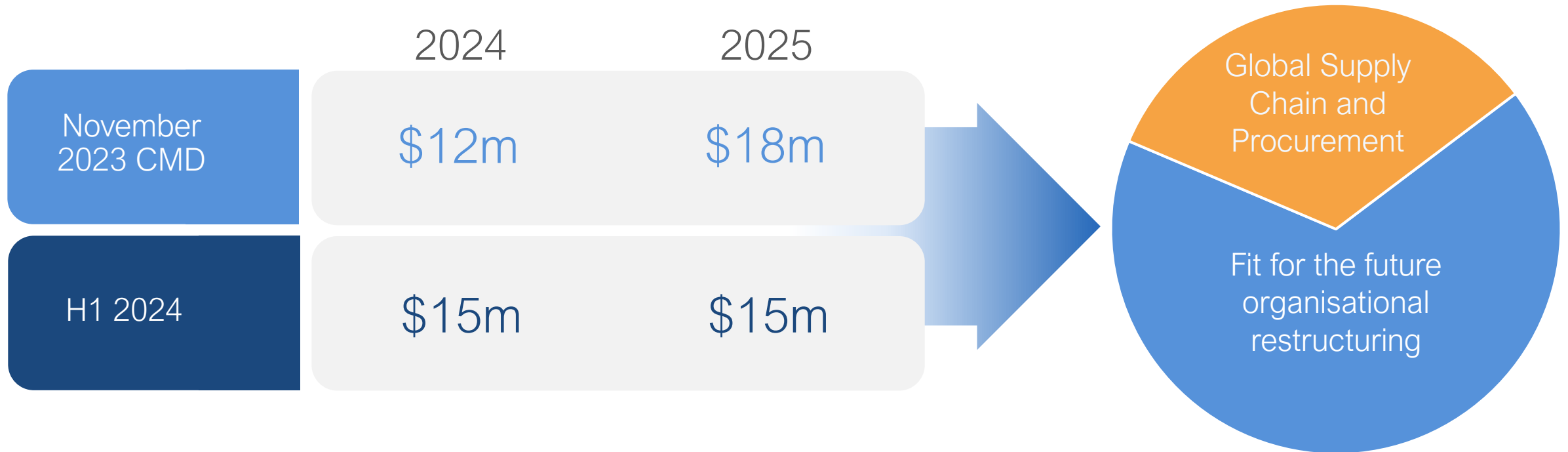
# Disciplined capital allocation

Priorities for sustainable growth and shareholder returns

 <p>Organic growth</p>	Capex c.\$40m p.a.	Focus on growth and productivity
 <p>Progressive dividend</p>	Dividend payments reinstated in 2023	2024 interim dividend of 1.1 cents
 <p>Additional returns</p>	Continued deleveraging	Potential for additional shareholder returns

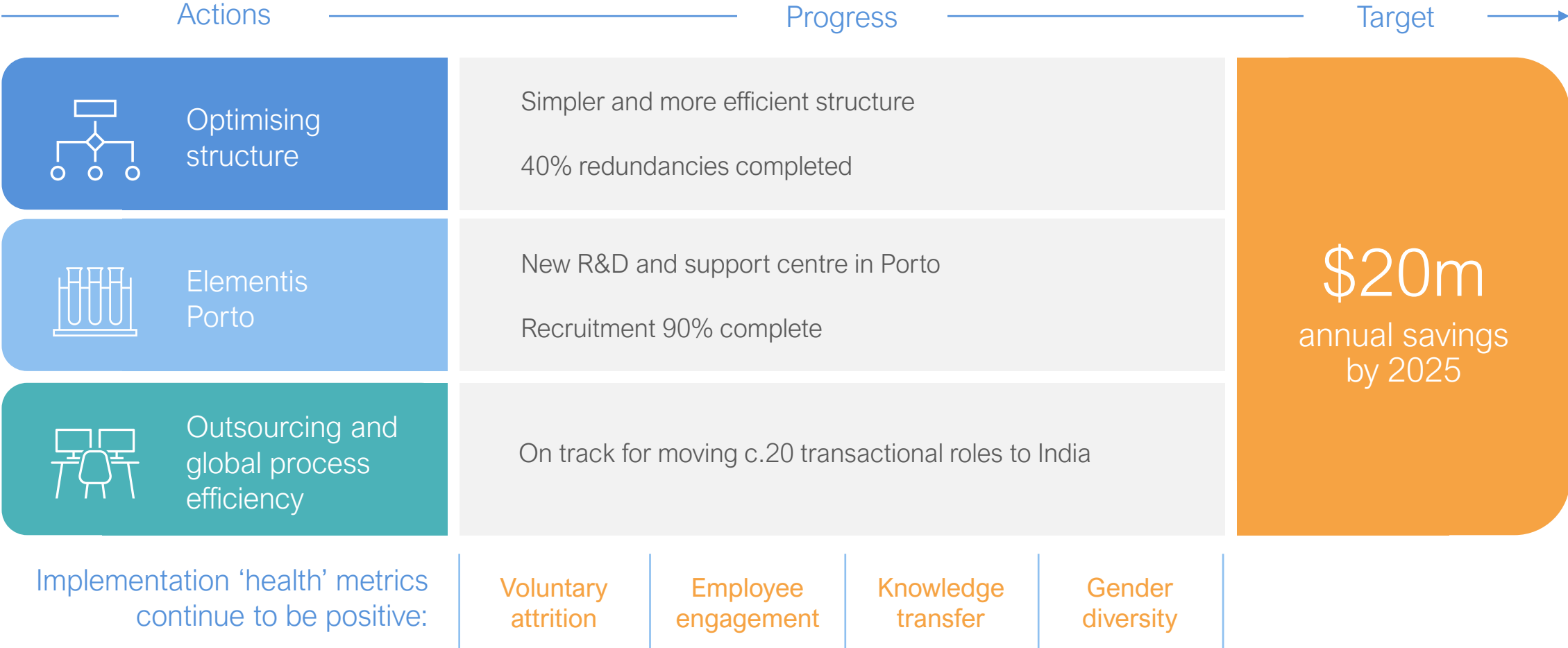


# Efficiency: faster delivery of \$30m cost savings




# Fit for the future restructuring

Ahead of plan, expected to deliver \$8m in 2024



# Global Supply Chain and Procurement

Ahead of plan, expected to deliver \$7m in 2024

Actions	Progress / Opportunity	Target
 <p>Supply chain improvements</p>	<p>Plant consolidation: USA AP Actives plant closed in June</p> <p>Continuous improvement: &gt;90 projects, &gt;\$1m savings in H1</p> <p>Process debottlenecking Kaizens at key manufacturing locations</p>	<p><b>\$10m</b></p> <p>annual savings by 2025</p>
 <p>Procurement</p>	<p>75% of direct spend renegotiated over last 12 months</p> <p>Consolidated ~\$200m indirect spend to better leverage scale and discipline</p> <p>New digital Vendor Management system by Q3</p>	

# Outlook

Paul Waterman

# Outlook

H1 results driven by self-help actions

One-off restocking benefit will not recur

Stable macro environment

No demand acceleration assumed

Growth platforms

\$348m NBO pipeline  
15 new products

Efficiency programmes

Progressing faster than expected

Confidence in achieving 2026 CMD targets



# Q&A

# Appendices

Business model and differentiators

FY 2024 technical guidance

Adjusting items

Net debt: IFRS 16 reconciliation

# Business model and differentiators

## Business model

- Two focused businesses
- Integrated model
- Customer centric and innovation focus
- Sustainable solutions
- Strong cash generation

## Differentiators



### Formulation expertise

Holistic optimisation of formulation to achieve desired functionality and end product performance



### Rheology

Critical to end product performance - makes ingredients work together



### Hectorite

Natural white clay mineral, with superior rheology in water and oil-based systems



# Tax charge and 2024 technical guidance

## Tax charge

\$m	H1 24	H1 23
Adjusted tax charge	14	12
Tax charge: adjusting items	(2)	(3)
<b>Reported tax charge</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>Adjusted tax rate<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>27%</b>	<b>26%</b>

Notes: Totals may not cast due to rounding.

1. Impact on continuing operating profit.

2. Excludes Other Expenses of c.\$2m (2023 and 2024) related to pension administration costs.

## 2024 technical guidance

### P&L items

Depreciation of c.\$40m (of which c.\$5m is IFRS 16 related)

Amortisation of c.\$10m (of which majority relates to acquired intangibles)

Net finance costs<sup>2</sup> of c.\$27m (2023: \$17m)

Adjusted effective tax rate of c.27%

### Cash

Interest of c.\$22m (2023: \$18m)

Capex of c.\$40m (2023: \$38m)

# Adjusting items

\$m Expense/(income)	H1 24	H1 23
Amortisation of intangibles arising on acquisition	7	7
Environmental provisions	(1)	-
Business transformation/other	2	1
Settlement of Brazil customs case	3	-
Impairment of assets	66	-
<b>Net P&amp;L adjusting items<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>76</b>	<b>9</b>

Note: 1. Impact on continuing operating profit. Totals may not cast due to rounding.

H1 2024 cash component of adjusting items of c.\$12m (H1 2023: \$1m)

Talc impairment \$66m

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