

A SOLID START INTO THE YEAR

Merck Q1 2018 results

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Agenda

- **Executive summary**
- **©2** Financial overview
- **Healthcare update**
- **Guidance**





Highlights



- Healthcare 27th consecutive quarter of organic growth; Mavenclad & Bavencio on track
- Life Science Seamless Sigma integration; strong organic business performance
- Performance Materials Solid growth in Semiconductor Solutions and OLED; LC decline as expected

Financials

- 3.5% organic sales growth; EBITDA pre down 18% to €1,015 m (org. -8%)
- Dividend growth sustained AGM approved 1.25€ dividend per share
- Organic FY 2018 guidance confirmed¹ EBITDA pre: €3,750 4,000 m



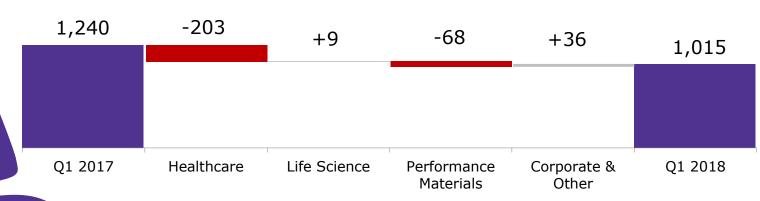
Organic growth driven by Healthcare and Life Science but more than offset by FX

Q1 2018 YoY net sales

	Organic	Currency	Portfolio	Total
Healthcare	1.8%	-7.2%	0.0%	-5.5%
Life Science	8.8%	-8.4%	0.0%	0.4%
Performance Materials	-4.0%	-8.5%	0.0%	-12.5%
Merck Group	3.5%	-7.9%	0.0%	-4.4%

- Healthcare reflects strong growth in Fertility and CH, Mavenclad and Bavencio contributing positively, outweighing Rebif decline
- Above-market performance in Life Science driven by all business units
- Strong growth of Semiconductor Solutions and positive OLED mitigate LC decline
- Strong FX headwinds (-€305 m) in Q1 2018

Q1 YoY EBITDA pre contributors [€ m]

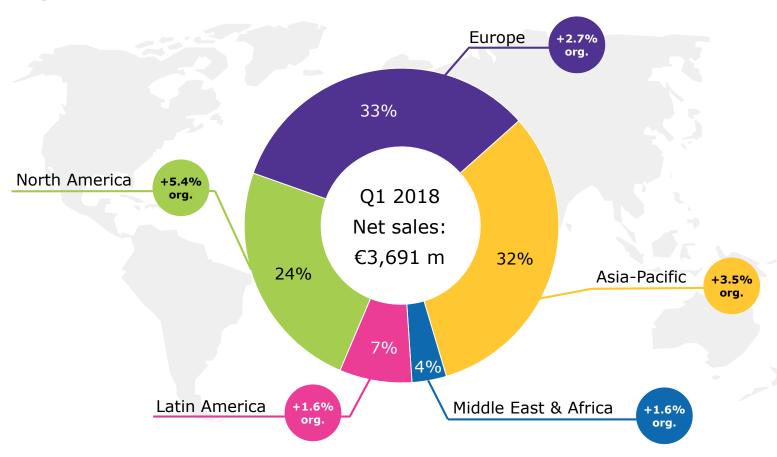


- HC reflects FX headwinds, one-time effects and negative business mix
- Life Science driven by organic growth and ongoing synergy realization, mitigated by FX
- PM with strong Semiconductor Solutions and OLED performance, more than offset by LC decline
- Corporate EBITDA pre contains hedging gains



All regions deliver organic growth

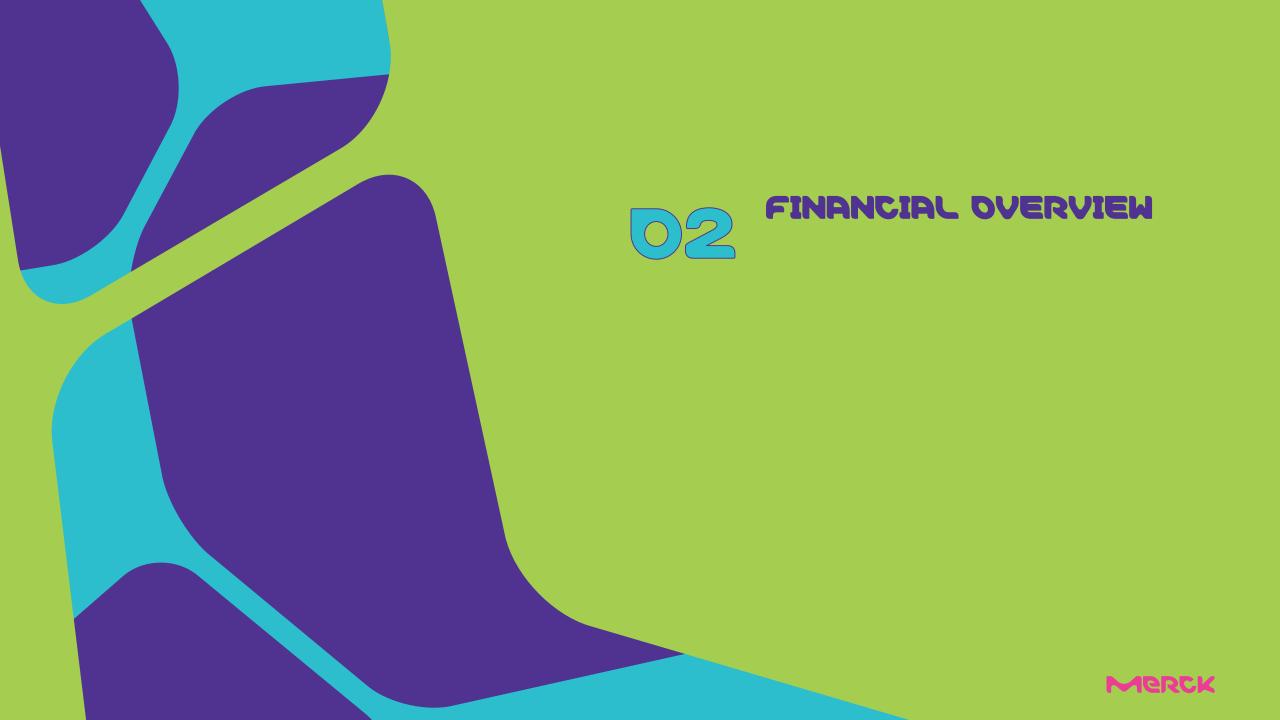
Regional breakdown of net sales [€ m]



Regional organic development

- Growth in Europe reflects solid Life Science, contributions from Mavenclad and GM, overcompensating competition-driven decline in Rebif, Erbitux and Gonal-f and softer Surface Solutions
- North America shows solid growth fueled by Life Science strength, growth of Bavencio and Gonal-f, offsetting continued Rebif decline
- Slight growth in Asia-Pacific mainly driven by Life Science, Fertility, CH and Semiconductor Solutions, fully offsetting LC decline
- Growth in LATAM due to Life Science, CH and Fertility, mitigated by Rebif decline
- MEA with slight growth mainly driven by Healthcare, mitigating slower Life Science





Q1 2018: Overview

Key figures

[€m]	Q1 2017	Q1 2018	Δ
Net sales	3,861	3,691	-4.4%
EBITDA pre Margin (in % of net sales)	1,240 <i>32.1%</i>	1,015 27.5%	-18.2%
EPS pre	1.80	1.41	-21.7%
Operating cash flow	777	380	-51.1%
[€m]	Dec. 31, 2017	March 31, 2018	Δ
Net financial debt	10,144	9,974	-1.7%
Working capital	3,387	3,578	5.6%
Employees	52,941	53,358	0.8%

Comments

- Organic sales growth of Life Science and Healthcare more than offset by FX headwinds and LC decline
- EBITDA pre & margin as well as EPS pre decrease driven by LY one-time effects, FX headwinds and LC market share decline
- Operating cash flow reflects business performance and higher income tax payments
- Working capital reflects LY Glucophage repatriation and business dynamics



Reported figures

Reported results

[€m]	Q1 2017	Q1 2018	Δ
EBIT	755	518	-31.4%
Financial result*	-69	-62	-9.8%
Profit before tax*	686	456	-33.6%
Income tax	-161	-114	-29.6%
Effective tax rate (%)	23.5%	24.9%	
Net income*	523	341	-34.8%
EPS (€)	1.20	0.78	-35.0%

Comments

- Lower EBIT reflects decreased EBITDA pre, one-time effects, FX headwinds and LC market share decline
- Improved financial result ongoing deleveraging supports interest result
- Effective tax rate within guidance range of ~24-26%

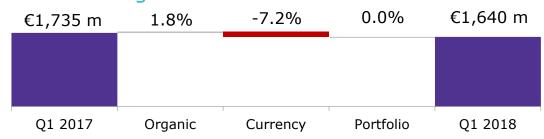


Healthcare: Continued solid top line performance while profitability declines in relation to FX headwinds and LY's substantial favorable one-time effects

Healthcare P&L

[€m]	Q1 2017	Q1 2018
Net sales	1,735	1,640
Marketing and selling	-656	-636
Administration	-77	-81
Research and development	-376	-385
EBIT	445	211
EBITDA	629	401
EBITDA pre	633	430
Margin (in % of net sales)	36.5%	26.3%

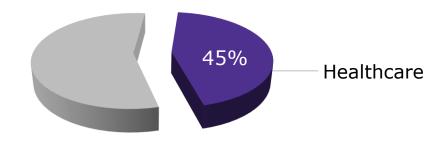
Net sales bridge



Comments

- Organic growth supported by strong Fertility and Consumer Health;
 Mavenclad and Bavencio contribution on track
- MS franchise back to growth in Europe driven by Mavenclad launch
- Rebif with ongoing volume and price declines in Europe and in line with Interferons market development in North America
- Erbitux shows moderate organic decline, facing ongoing competition and price pressure in major markets
- Marketing & selling and R&D reflect disciplined launch and pipeline investments, mitigated by supporting FX
- Profitability reflects significant FX headwinds and unfavorable product mix mitigated by Kuvan milestone payment (+€50 m) – LY included royalty income swap (€116 m) and Bavencio Milestone payment (€37 m)

Q1 2018 share of group net sales



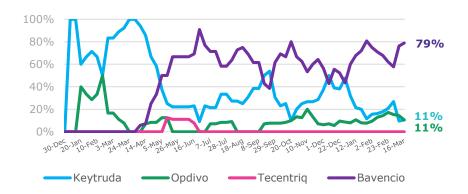


Healthcare: Innovative drugs on track to deliver > €100m into 2018

Bavencio

2nd anti-PD-L1 to the market

Leading patient share in MCC naïve/1L IO class4



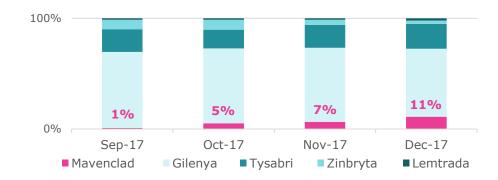
- MCC¹: successful uptake due to accelerated approval³
- mUC^{2,3}: targeted go-to-market

Mid-double digit €m in 2018

Mavenclad

Change MS treatment paradigm

Gaining market share in HE dynamic segment (Germany)⁵



- Registered in EU, Canada, Australia and other markets
- Navigating standard access processes by market



High-double digit €m in 2018

¹mMCC = metastatic Merkel cell carcinoma; ²mUC = metastatic urothelial cancer; ³Accelerated FDA approval for mMCC on March 23, 2017, and for mUC on May 9, 2017; Continued approval for these indications in the U.S. is contingent upon verification and description of clinical benefit in confirmatory trials; ⁴ Data sources: IMS claims data; ⁵Source: IQVIA LRx data ("High efficacy dynamic segment" defined as "Naïve or switch patients who are starting one of the mentioned high efficacy therapies during the month.").



Pipeline optionality materializing upon clinical evidence – prioritization ongoing

Avelumab

- Results for Ovarian plat. res./ref. Ph III expected in Q4
- NSCLC 2L data to be presented in Q3 2018

Tepotinib

- Clinical data for NSCLC Met-Exon 14 at ASCO (Ph II)
- Molecule to be developed internally (FTD in Japan)

BTK-i

- First PoC for BTK-i in auto-immune disease (Ph IIb)
- Secondary endpoint in Q4 to inform Ph III set-up

TGF-β Trap

- Clinical data for NSCLC 2L & HPV assocd. cancers at ASCO (Ph Ib)
- Focused development approach to be started in Q3

Abituzumab

- Developing mCRC 1L in combination with Erbitux (LCM)
- Increasing R&D productivity through external financing

Rationale for partnering

- Maximize asset potential and explore options beyond core indications
- Optimize investment risk
- Consider broad spectrum from partnering to external financing



Healthcare catalysts: Major read-outs and development progress expected

R&D Update Cal

Q2 2018 Q3 2018 04 2018 01 2019 tepotinib ASCO data Ph III data presentation Ph III data read-out Ph III data read-out (NSCLC) (NSCLC 2L)1 (ovarian plat. res/ref)1 (RCC 1L)¹ **Atacicept** Cladribine BTK Ph IIb primary data Ph III initiation (subject U.S. submission presentation & secondary to external financing) endpoint read-out (MS)1 Oncology Immuno-Oncology ASCO data Immunology Randomized clinical trial (NSCLC, HPV associated to be started (NSCLC) Neurology cancers)



Life Science: Continued strong organic growth offset by FX

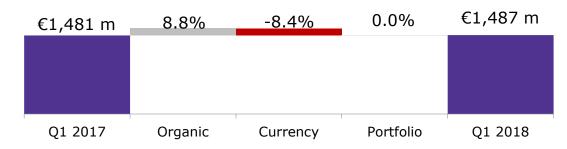
Life Science P&L

[€m]	Q1 2017	Q1 2018
Net sales	1,481	1,487
Marketing and selling	-449	-408
Administration	-70	-70
Research and development	-62	-59
EBIT	236	273
EBITDA	430	442
EBITDA pre	445	455
Margin (in % of net sales)	30.1%	30.6%

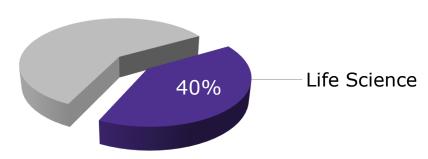
Comments

- Process Solutions with double-digit growth driven by all businesses, especially high demand for single use, cell-culture media and services
- Applied Solutions shows high single-digit organic growth, fueled by all major businesses across all major regions
- Research Solutions posts solid organic growth from high demand across all businesses, mainly laboratory and specialty chemicals
- Marketing & selling organically flat with additional benefit from FX
- Slight increase in profitability as solid organic growth including synergy realization are mostly offset by FX

Net sales bridge



Q1 2018 share of group net sales





Performance Materials: Organic growth of Semiconductor Solutions and OLED mitigate ongoing LC market share decline

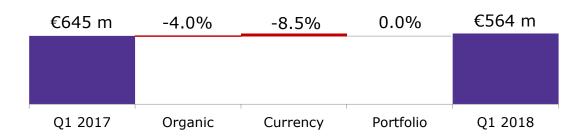
Performance Materials P&L

[€m]	Q1 2017	Q1 2018
Net sales	645	564
Marketing and selling	-62	-60
Administration	-18	-19
Research and development	-58	-59
EBIT	195	136
EBITDA	257	192
EBITDA pre	263	196
Margin (in % of net sales)	40.9%	34.7%

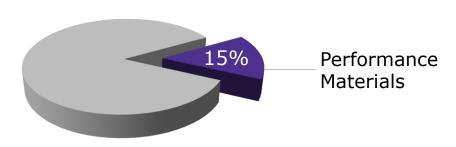
Comments

- Strong growth of Semiconductor Solutions and OLED more than offset by ongoing LC market share decline
- Strong demand for innovative UB-FFS technology
- Semiconductor Solutions with above-market growth due to strong demand from all major material classes, esp. dielectric materials
- Surface Solutions with slight organic decline reflects tough comparables from last year
- Lower profitability reflects FX headwinds, negative business mix and Liquid Crystals price decline

Net sales bridge

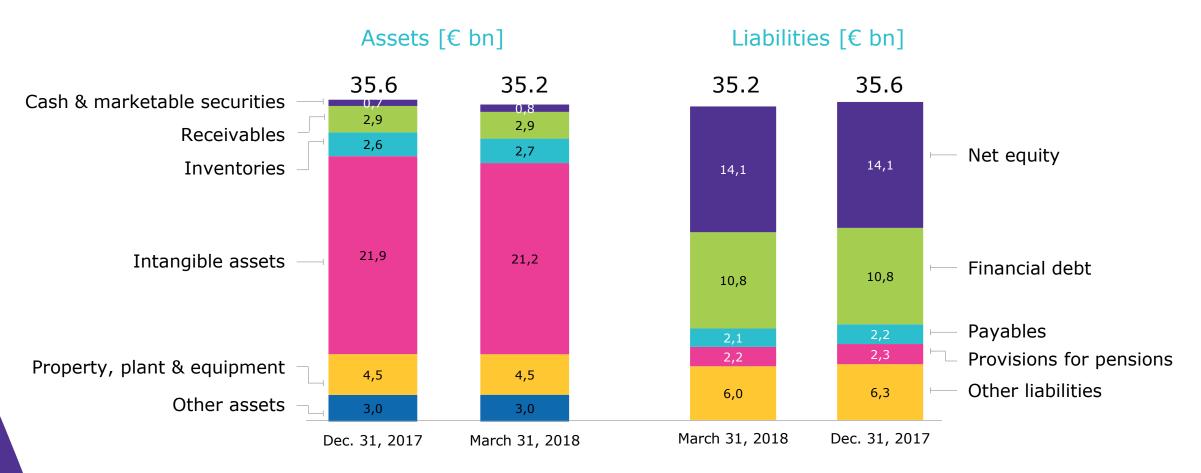


Q1 2018 share of group net sales





Balance sheet – deleveraging remains in focus



- Total assets about stable, while equity ratio increases to 40.1%
- Net financial debt reduced by €170 m
- Reduction in intangible assets mainly reflects D&A and FX (~ -€700 m) Pension provisions down due to increased interest environment



Operating cash flow reflects business performance

Q1 2018 – cash flow statement

[€m]	Q1 2017	Q1 2018	Δ
Profit after tax	524	342	-182
D&A	448	428	-20
Changes in provisions	51	17	-34
Changes in other assets/liabilities	s 134	-235	-369
Other operating activities	-12	-10	2
Changes in working capital	-368	-161	207
Operating cash flow	777	380	-397
Investing cash flow	-402	-213	190
thereof Capex on PPE	-201	-228	-27
Financing cash flow	-290	-3	287

Cash flow drivers

- Profit after tax reflects lower EBIT
- LY changes in provisions contained favorable LTIP provisions
- Changes in other assets/liabilities driven by bonus payments to US employees and higher income tax payments
- Changes in working capital reflects LY Glucophage repatriation
- LY investing cash flow included Vertex oncology in-licensing agreement
- Financing cash flow reflects repayment of USD400 m bond, mitigated by increased bank loan and commercial paper





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Key EBITDA pre* drivers



EBITDA-SUPPORTING factors

- Organic net sales growth by Healthcare and Life Science
- Sigma-Aldrich incremental cost and revenue synergies ~+€95 m YoY
- Biosimilars divestment frees up R&D budget (2017: mid to high double-digit million R&D costs)
- First full-year sales contribution from newly launched pipeline products Mavenclad® and Bavencio®
- BioMarin milestone payment of €50 m



EBITDA-reducing factors

- Underlying R&D costs in Healthcare are budgeted above 2017, but actual development will be subject to clinical data outcome of priority projects and prioritization decisions
- Healthcare margins negatively impacted by product mix
- 2017 special gains of ~€200 m will not recur
- Performance Materials sales and earnings continuously affected by decline in Liquid Crystals
- First launch preparations for Mavenclad® U.S., driving M&S costs
- FX remains a strong headwind, esp. in H1 2018, and is slightly stronger than anticipated so far; expected EUR/USD 1.19-1.23 for FY 2018



Organic full-year 2018 guidance confirmed

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Net sales:

Organic+3% to +5% YoY FX \sim -4% to -6% YoY

~ €15.0 - 15.5 bn¹

EBITDA pre:

Organic -1% to -3% YoY FX -5 to -7% YoY

~ €3,950 - 4,150 m¹

EPS pre: ~ €5.30 - 5.65¹

Disposal of Consumer Health

- Net sales ~€ 0.9-1.0 bn²
- EBITDA pre ~€170-200m²

Merck "excl. CH"

Net sales:

Organic +3% to +5% YoY FX $\sim -4\%$ to -6% YoY

~ €14.0 - 14.5 bn

EBITDA pre:

Organic -1% to -3% YoY FX -5 to -7% YoY

~ €3,750 - 4,000 m

EPS pre: ~ €5.00-5.40



2018 business sector guidance including Consumer Health



Net sales

- Moderate organic growth: ongoing organic Rebif decline offset by growth in other franchises
- Full-year contributions from 2017 launches

EBITDA pre

- Organic -1% to -2% YoY
- FX -5% to -7% YoY
- ~ €1,770 1,830 m (incl. CH)
- ~ €1,580 1,650 m (excl. CH)



Net sales

- Organic growth again slightly above market; driven by Process Solutions
- Full realization of expected topline synergies

EBITDA pre

- Organic ~ +8% YoY
- FX -4% to -6% YoY
- ~€1,820 1,870 m



Net sales

- Slight to moderate organic decline
- Volume increases in all businesses
- Continuation of Liquid Crystals market share decline

EBITDA pre

- Organic -14% to -16% YoY
- FX -8% to -10% YoY
- ~€725 765 m







Additional financial guidance 2018

Further financial details

Corporate & Other EBITDA pre	~ -€320 – -360 m
Interest result	~ -€230 – -240 m
Effective tax rate	~ 24% to 26%
Capex on PPE	~ €900 – 950 m
Hedging/USD assumption	2018 hedge ratio ~50-60% at EUR/USD ~ 1.19 to 1.20
2018 Ø EUR/USD assumption	~ 1.19 - 1.23 ¹



FX sensitivity per business sector



Sales

- Global presence
- •~35% of sales in Europe

Costs

- High Swiss franc cost base due to manufacturing sites
- R&D hub and notable sales force in U.S.





Sales

 Balanced regional sales split between EU, NA and RoW

Costs

- Extensive manufacturing and research footprint in the U.S.
- Global customer proximity requires broad-based sales force





Sales

- ~80% of sales in Asia-Pacific
- Industry is USD-driven

Costs

- Main production sites in Germany
- Several R&D and mixing facilities in Asia

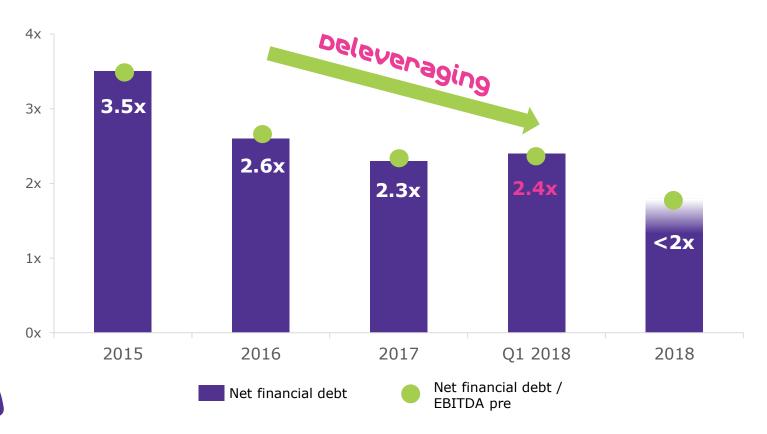




Strong focus on cash generation to ensure swift deleveraging

Net financial debt* and leverage development

[Net financial debt/ EBITDA pre]



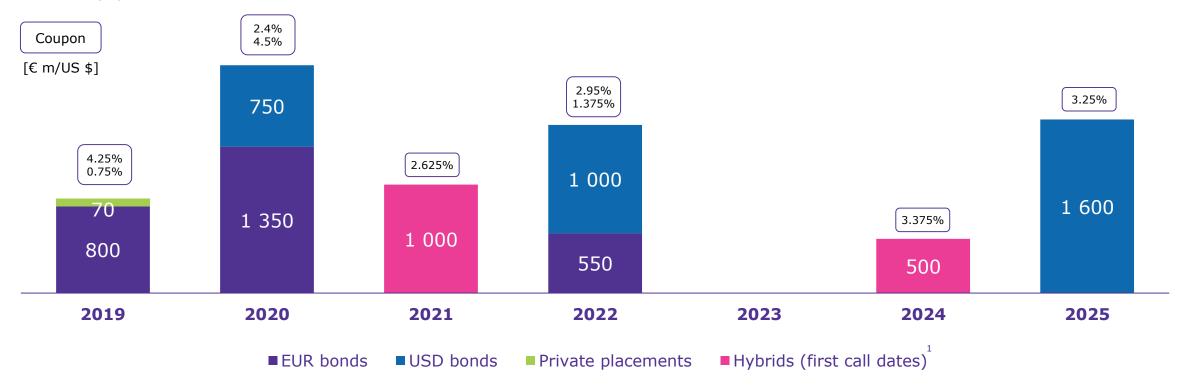
Focus on deleveraging

- Commitment to swift deleveraging to ensure a strong investment grade credit rating and financial flexibility
- Strong cash flow will be used to drive down leverage to expected
 2x net debt/EBITDA pre in 2018
- Larger acquisitions (>€500 m) remain ruled out for 2018



Well-balanced maturity profile reflects Sigma-Aldrich financing transactions

Maturity profile as of March 31, 2018

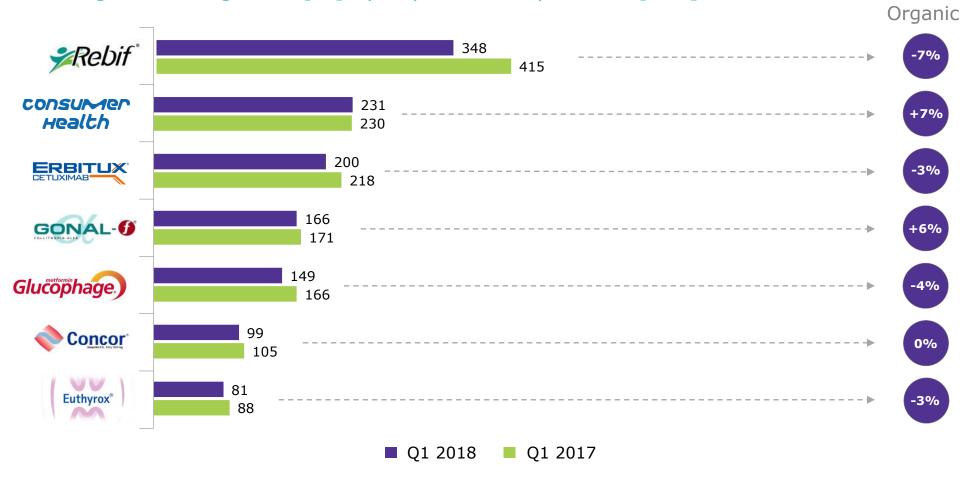


Financing structure enables flexible and swift deleveraging



Healthcare organic growth by franchise/product

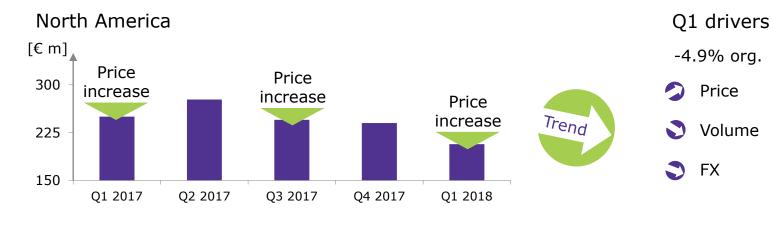
Q1 2018 organic sales growth [%] by key franchise/products [€ m]

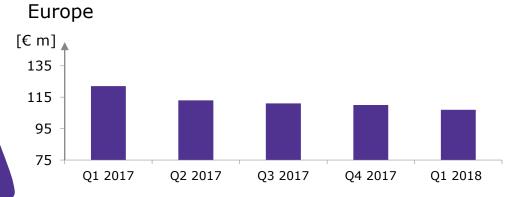




Rebif: Ongoing decline in line with interferon market

Rebif sales evolution





Q1 drivers
-9.8% org.



Volume

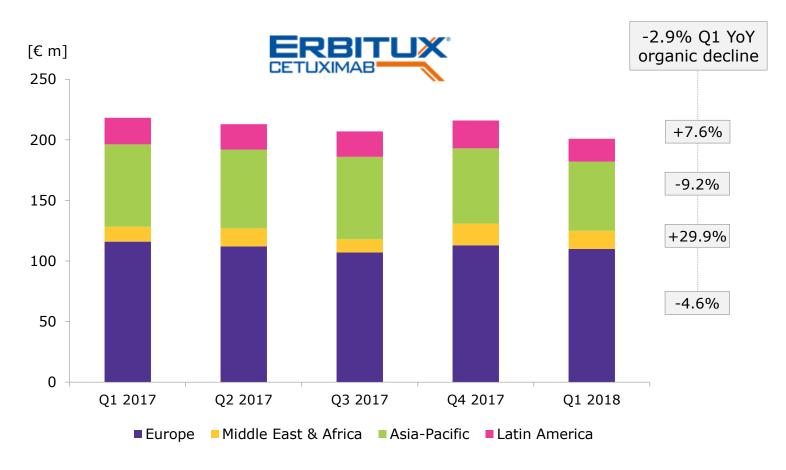
Q1 2018 Rebif performance

- •Rebif sales of €348 m in Q1 2018 reflect organic decline of -6.7% and negative FX effects mainly from the U.S.
- •U.S. price increase in February more than offset by U.S. volume erosion
- Market shares within interferons stable due to high retention rates and known long-term track record
- Competitive environment incl.
 competition from orals cause ongoing organic decline in Europe



Erbitux: A challenging market environment

Erbitux sales by region

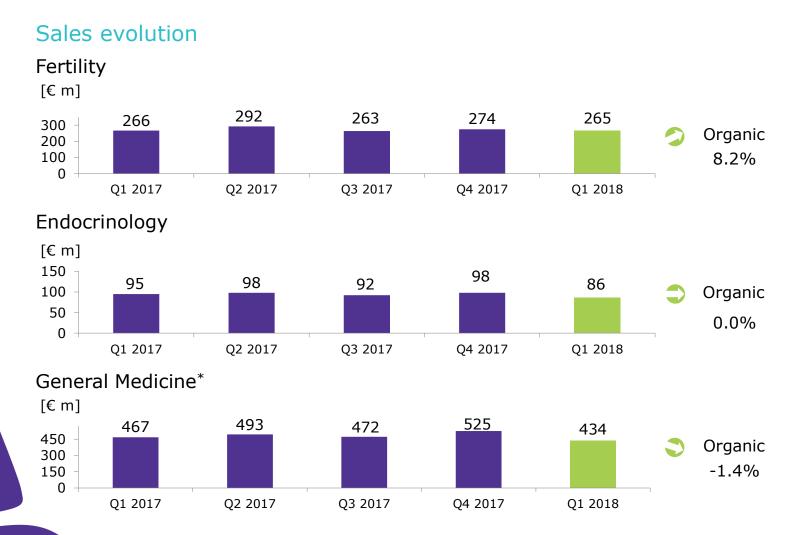


Q1 2018 Erbitux performance

- Sales decrease to €200 m burdened by FX headwinds mainly from LATAM and APAC
- •Europe impacted by competition, price reductions and shrinking market size due to increasing immuno-oncology trials
- •APAC with ongoing volume and price erosion in China and Japan
- LATAM and MEA shows organic growth from higher demand, MEA also benefited from tender phasing



Strong organic growth of Fertility driven by all regions



Q1 2018 organic drivers

- Fertility with strong growth across all regions, particularly North America with positive price and volume effects and increasing demand in APAC
- Gonal-f shows solid growth, supported by increasing demand and positive pricing, mitigated by competition from biosimilars in the EU
- Other Fertility drugs show further increases, especially in Europe
- General Medicine with slight decline, driven by tender phasing in MEA
- Endocrinology posts flat growth driven by organic growth in major markets, mitigated by decline in North America



Merck pipeline

May 2, 2018

Phase I

M2698 p70S6K & Akt inhibitor Solid tumors

M3814 DNA-PK inhibitor Solid tumors

M6620 (VX-970) ATR inhibitor Solid tumors

M4344 (VX-803) ATR inhibitor Solid tumors

M3541 ATM inhibitor Solid tumors

M7583

M8891 MetAP2 inhibitor Solid tumors

BTK inhibitor
Hematological malignancies

avelumab anti-PD-L1 mAb Solid tumors

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M9241 (NHS-IL12)
Cancer immunotherapy
Solid tumors

M7824 anti-PD-L1/TGFbeta trap Solid tumors

M4112
Cancer immunotherapy
Solid tumors

M6495 anti-ADAMTS-5 nanobody Osteoarthritis

M1095 (ALX-0761)² anti-IL-17 A/F nanobody Psoriasis

M5717 PeEF2 inhibitor Malaria

Phase II

tepotinib c-Met kinase inhibitor Non-small cell lung cancer

tepotinib c-Met kinase inhibitor Hepatocellular cancer

avelumab anti-PD-L1 mAb Merkel cell cancer 1L1

abituzumab³
pan-av integrin inhibiting mAb
Colorectal cancer 1L¹

sprifermin fibroblast growth factor 18 Osteoarthritis

atacicept
anti-BlyS/anti-APRIL fusion protein
Systemic lupus erythematosus

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anti-BlyS/anti-APRIL fusion protein
IqA nephropathy

evobrutinib BTK inhibitorRheumatoid arthritis

evobrutinib BTK inhibitor

Systemic lupus erythematosus

evobrutinib BTK inhibitor Multiple sclerosis

Phase III

avelumab - anti-PD-L1 mAb Non-small cell lung cancer 1L¹

avelumab - anti-PD-L1 mAb
Gastric cancer 11 - M^{1M}

avelumab - anti-PD-L1 mAb

Ovarian cancer platinum resistant/refractory avelumab - anti-PD-L1 mAb

Ovarian cancer 1L1

avelumab - anti-PD-L1 mAb
Urothelial cancer 1L-M^{1M}

avelumab - anti-PD-L1 mAb Renal cell cancer 1L¹

avelumab - anti-PD-L1 mAb
Locally advanced head and neck cancer

Registration

cladribine tablets lymphocyte-targeting agent Relapsing multiple sclerosis⁴

- Oncology
- Immuno-Oncology
- Immunology
- Neurology
- General Medicine

⁴ As announced on August 25 2017, the European Commission has granted marketing authorization for cladribine tablets for the treatment of highly active relapsing multiple sclerosis in the 28 countries of the European Union in addition to Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland.



¹ First Line treatment; ^{1M} First Line maintenance treatment.

² As announced on March 30 2017, in an agreement with Avillion, anti-IL-17 A/F nanobody will be developed by Avillion for plaque psoriasis and commercialized by Merck

 $^{^{3}}$ As announced on May 2 2018, in an agreement with SFJ Pharmaceuticals Group, abituzumab will be developed by SFJ for colorectal cancer through Phase II/III clinical trials.

Performance Materials: New structure combines LC with OLED, serving same customer group

Business allocation within Performance Materials % sales **Products** Dielectrics, colloidal silica, lithography materials, yield enhancers, edge-bead semiconductor **Integrated Circuit** removers solutions **Materials** Polyimide raw materials and printing materials Liquid crystals (LC) and photoresists for TVs, smartphones and tablet computers -50-55% Other display and non-display applications (e.g. LC Windows) Organic and inorganic light emitting diodes OLED Advanced **Technologies Optoelectronics** Effect pigments and functional materials for coatings, plastics, printing and cosmetics surface **Pigments and** Functional materials for cosmetics & special solutions **Functional Materials** applications



Functional materials for electronics and

energy solutions

Adjustments in Q1 2018

Adjustments in EBIT

[€m]	Q1 2017		Q1 20	018
	Adjustments	thereof D&A	Adjustments	thereof D&A
Healthcare	4	1	31	2
Life Science	16	0	13	0
Performance Materials	7	0	3	0
Corporate & Other	15	3	24	0
Total	41	4	71	2



Financial calendar

Date	Event
August 9, 2018	Q2 2018 Earnings release
November 14, 2018	Q3 2018 Earnings release
March 7, 2019	FY 2018 Earnings release



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