# Reno De Medici

STAR Conference – Milan

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Born to be converted



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# Some numbers...



2017 net revenues of €569 million		Milan and Madrid Stock Exchange
1,487 employees (2017YE)		Annual capacity of 1,050,000 tons
6 mills 2 sheeting centers	0	Commercial network in 70 Countries

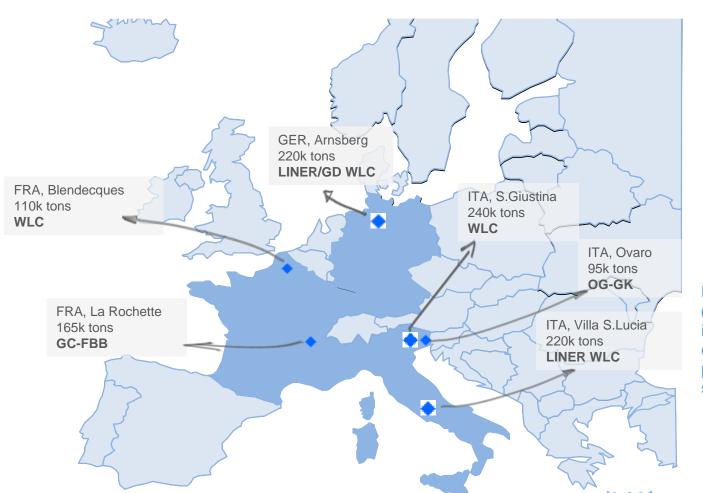


## A PanEuropean asset base



Three assets with capacity well above 200k tons/p.a.

Ovaro mill focused on high-margin specialties.



WLC White Lined Chipboard

**FBB**Folding Boxboard

RDM La Rochette (FBB business) included in the P&L consolidation perimeter of RDM starting from H2 2016.



## Our virtuous circle

**R**<sub>D</sub>M



#### Consumers



#### **Distributors**



#### **End users**







#### **Recycled paper collectors**



#### **Carton board producers**



#### Converters





## With our cartonboard...























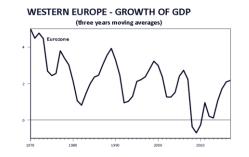




## **Business drivers**







Overall economic trend





Plastic







**Brand** 

recognition





Changes in lifestyles











### **Chinese PFR import trends**



China is the world's biggest consumer and is dependent on US (45.5%) and EU (29.4%) flows



Announced **new Chinese regulation** 

about imports of unsorted waste paper (mostly mixed paper)



**Drop** of PFR import



Increase in virgin pulp



**React** to the new standard

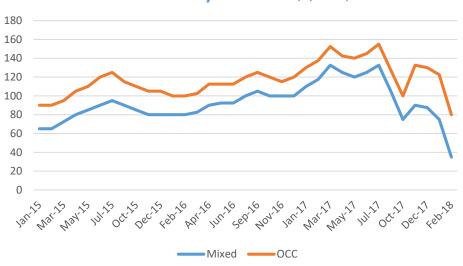
Finished products **export** opportunities



### **Fibers**



#### **Brown Recycled fibers** (€ per ton)



#### White Recycled Fibers (€ per ton)



#### Bleached Softwood Pulp (€ per ton)



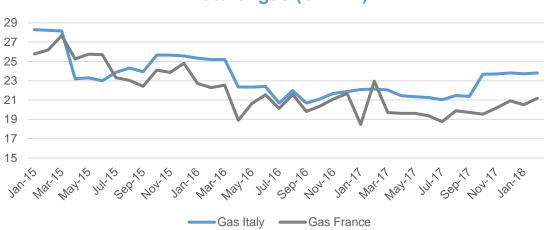
Despite this downward pressure since Sept., the average price per ton in 2017 was **higher** than in 2016

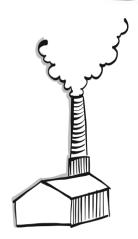


## **Energy**



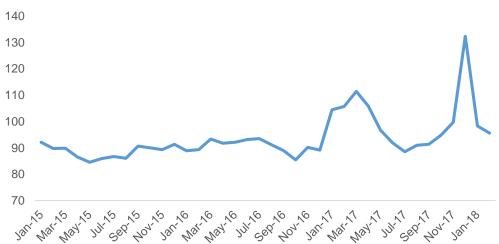






The trends are basically dependent to the improved macroeconomic scenario

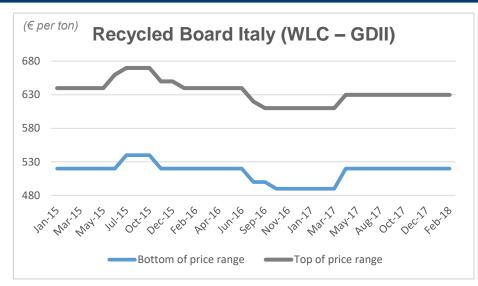
#### Coal price in Germany (€/ton)





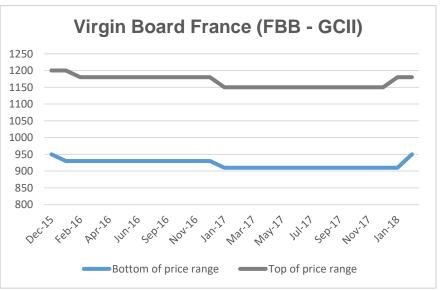
## Selling prices













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## Vision



## **Partner of Choice**









## Strategic priorities





#### **Enhance SERVICE and PRODUCT QUALITY**

High-performance output contributes to overall cost competitiveness



#### Promote the "ONE COMPANY" culture

The newly-introduced mindset targets continuous improvement inside RDM, with the aim of maximizing the satisfaction of all our stakeholders



#### Translate operational progress into HEALTHY FINANCIALS

IT investments allow for supply chain optimization and more effective execution of orders



#### Minimize the ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT of cartonboard production

RDM is committed to reducing carbon emissions, recycling resources and increasing operational efficiency



## Strategy at work



RDM leverages on **clear strengths** to deliver strategy:







#### **MULTICOUNTRY**

PanEuropean asset base and sales network



#### SIZE

Strong position on the European market making RDM the partner of choice for key brands and multinational corporations



#### **BROAD OFFER**

Cartonboard portfolio based on recycled, virgin fibres and specialties, meeting the full range of customer needs



#### **GROWING BUSINESS**

Presence in the packaging business, sector in which organic growth can be healthy as returns on investment prove to be high



## 2018 top priorities





#### ONE-COMPANY CULTURE

Spread the new culture across RDM Benchmark internal/external activities Foster best-practice sharing and synergies



#### INTEGRATED SUPPLY CHAIN

Enhance service and product quality Optimize volume allocation through customer segmentation Develop Integrated Business Planning



#### **HEALTH & SAFETY**

Target "Zero Accident" vision Promote well-being mindset Encourage improvements in working environment



#### **NEW ERP SYSTEM**

Close prototype phase Go-live in Italian mills



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### FY 2017 achievements



Increasing margins in a tough input-cost scenario



Demand trend helped, but in-house levers put into play were crucial.

We successfully adapted response to spread challenges, while increasing mkt share in core countries.

## 12-month 2017 highlights



(% changes: FY 2017 vs. FY 2016)

569.1 € mn

Net Revenues from Sales +19.1%

45.8 € mn

**EBITDA** 

( +50.5%)

23.5 € mn

**EBIT** 

( +168.2%)

14.6 € mn

Net Profit

4.6x

0.21

Gearing\*

0.22x @ 2016YE

9.9%

ROCE\*\*

3.7% @ 2016YE

<sup>\*</sup>Gearing: Debt/(Debt+Equity)

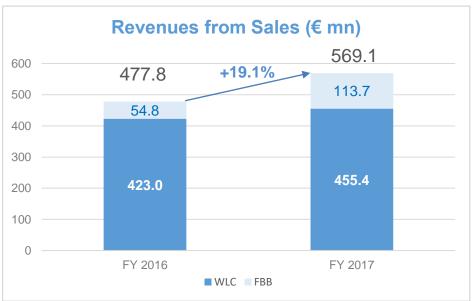
<sup>\*\*</sup>ROCE: Last 12-month EBIT/Capital Employed Adjusted (for Equity Investments & LT Liabilities)



### **Revenues from Sales**







#### The increase in volumes reflects:

- The consolidation of the RDM La Rochette (FBB business) for 12 months in 2017 (while in 2016 it contributed just in Q3 and Q4):
- The 5.7% increase in WLC volumes (+47k tons).

## Revenue growth outpaced volume increase

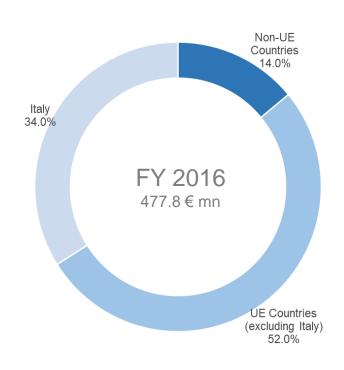
The topline growth was driven by the positive impact of the **RDM La Rochette consolidation**.

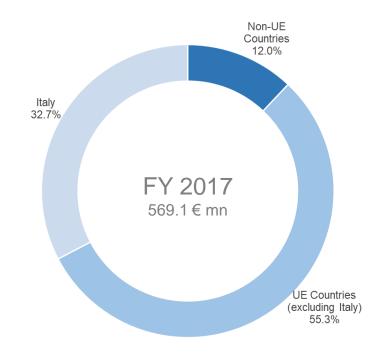
**WLC** revenues increased by **7.7%**, at a higher pace than WLC volumes.



# Revenues by geography







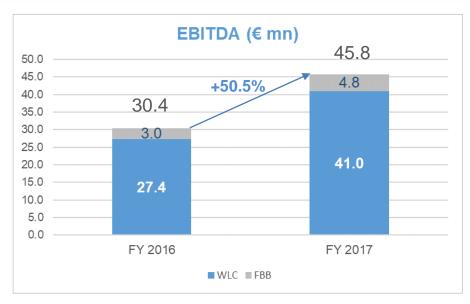
FFB (La Rochette) products were not part of the RDM portfolio in H1 2016.

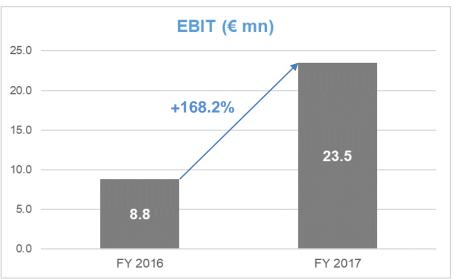
Strong position in core European countries



### **EBITDA and EBIT**







The **WLC EBITDA change** (+49.6%) reflects the following drivers:

- + WLC **Revenues** increase (+7.7%) led by **volume** growth (+5.7%) and selling price increase;
- Increase in input costs;
- + Production increase (+12.5%).

In FY 2017 the contribution from the FBB business to consolidated EBITDA was positive (+1.8 € mn) due to the different consolidation period.

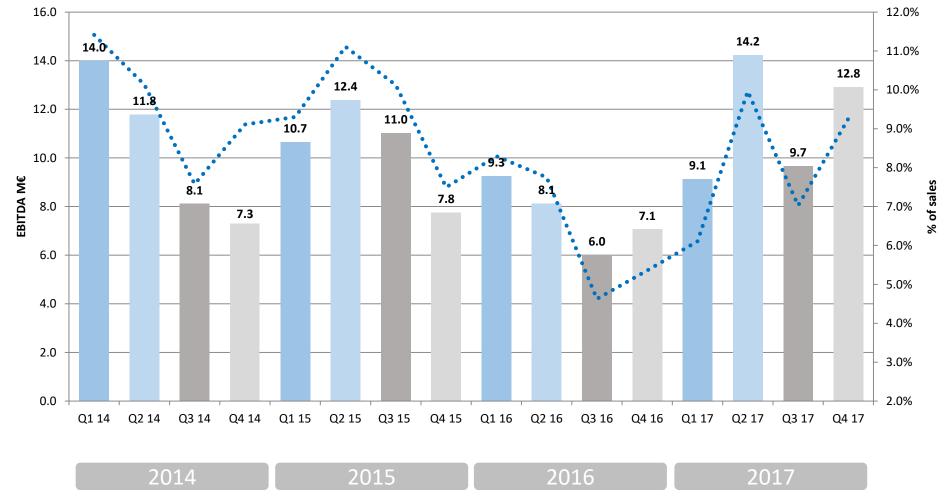
FY 2017 EBITDA also reflects an extraordinary item: 1.2 € mn restructuring costs for the reorganization of the sales team.

**EBIT increase (+168.2%)** resulted in being even stronger than EBITDA increase (+50.5%), due to limited D&A growth (+3.0%, up to 22.30 € mn from 21.7 € mn in FY 2016).



## EBITDA leap in Q2 and Q4 2017

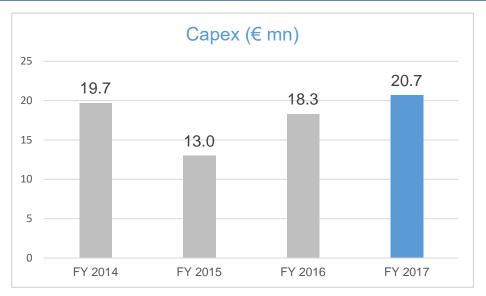




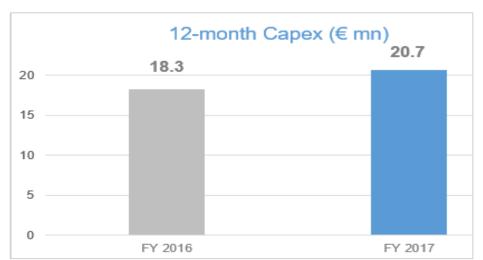


### Investing to improve efficiency





Cumulated capex of **179.3 million euro** over the 2008-2017 period, i.e. **17.9 million euro on average per year**.



Typically, over the last ten years, RDM investments have been mainly concentrated in upgrading **one plant** at a time.

In 2016, Capex was mainly focused on the **Arnsberg mill** rebuild.

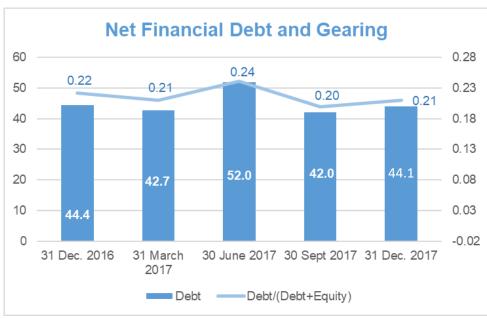
In FY 2017 the three main capex projects were:

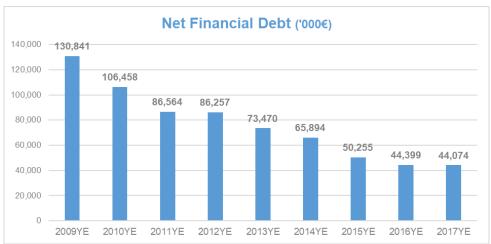
- The rebuild of the press section at Blendecques (Jan.)
- The replacement of the power plant at La Rochette (Aug.)
- Steam turbine at Santa Giustina (Dec.)



## Low gearing ratio





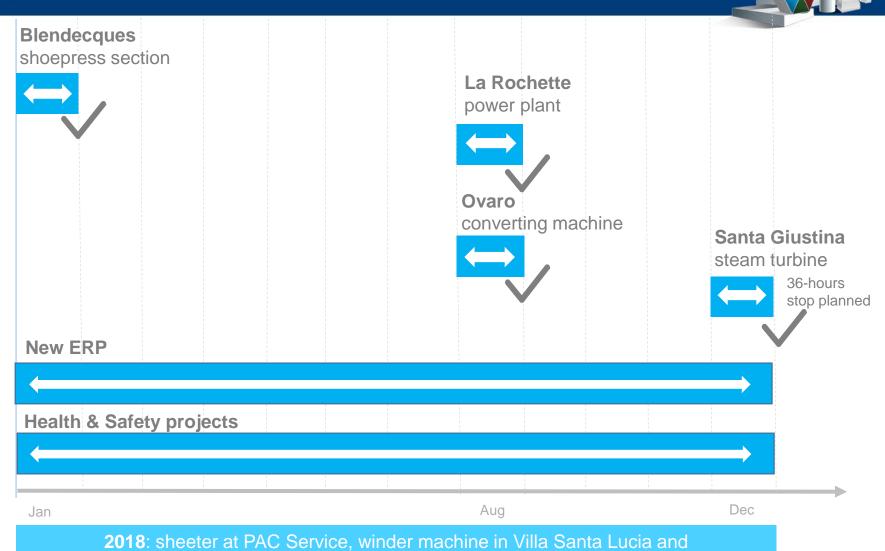


# Operational net cash-flow positive by 17.3 € mn and absorbed by a number of specific outflows (17.0 € mn):

- Acquisition of 66.67% of PAC Service S.p.A. (10.4 € mn).
- 2016 dividends paid and shares buyback (1.3 € mn).
- Equity investment in Paper Interconnector (1.7 € mn).
- Restructuring costs (1.0 € mn).
- RDM Arnsberg GmbH deposit on the 'logo fee' tax case (2.6 € mn).



# Investment pipeline



pope reel in Santa Giustina



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### RDM and the Stock Exchange



Share Capital: 140,000,000.00 €

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

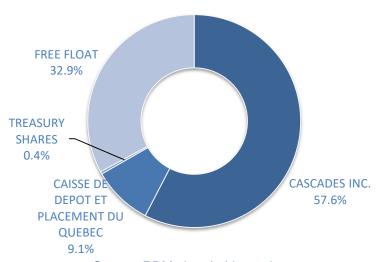
377,537,497 ordinary shares

263,497 convertible savings shares

Conversion period: in February and

September, each year

#### Main shareholders



Source: RDM shareholder register

#### **Listing markets**

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

#### **Codes**

Bloomberg: RM IM; Reuters: RDM.MI

ISIN: IT0001178299

**Mkt cap:** 299.2 € mn

Free float mkt cap: 98.4 € mn (@0.792 € p.s. as of 23 March 2018)

#### FY2017 proposed dividend

ORDINARY SHARE: Dividend of 3.1 € cents

(FY2016 dividend was 2.65 € cents)

Payment date: 16 May 2017

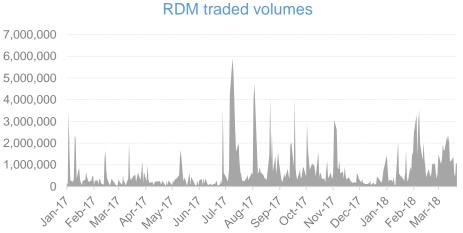
Dividend yield: **0.6%** (YE2017 price of 0.5055 €)

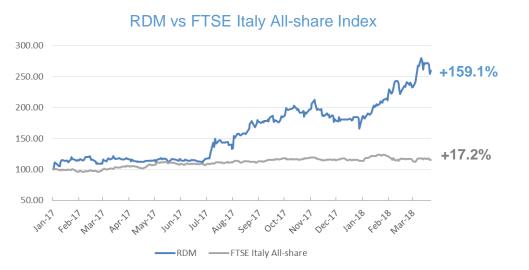


## **Share performance**









#### Average daily traded volumes

Q1 2017: 512,773

Q2 2017: 362,208

Q3 2017: 1,270,890

Q4 2017: 621,645

2 Jan.18-23 Mar.18: 1,123,045

(Last update: 23 March 2018)



### **Board of Directors**



Board appointed on 28 April 2017. 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.

Director



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



## Stakeholder map





#### **SHAREHOLDERS**

+357%: EpS increase in FY2017 vs. FY2016 2017 proposed dividend: 3.1 €c (2.65 €c FY16)

+65.4%: price increase in 2017

+56.7%: price increase in 2018 YTD

96 investors met in 2017

25 investors met in 2018 YTD



#### **SUPPLIERS**

Procurement integrated on a single platform Smarter planning



#### **EMPLOYEES**

Cultivation of the "One-Company" culture Promotion of a digitalized mindset New MBO system also based on Co.'s EBIT New incentivizing remuneration policy Satisfaction survey (entire staff) in 2018



#### **CUSTOMERS**

Tailored solutions in response to specific needs Improved quality and service of products Differentiation through converting and finishing services Satisfaction survey in Nov. 2017

Listening, engaging and creating value for stakeholders



### Final remarks



## We will continue to deploy our plan to pursue **organic growth** and **improve profitability**

- Thorough evaluation and management of **capex**.
  Priorities: higher EBIT margin, ROCE expansion and sustainability improvements.
- Optimization of **the way we produce and sell**, through further integration and by leveraging on digitalization.

We are selectively exploring **M&A opportunities** 

to strengthen profitability and to improve resilience to cyclicality



**Increase** Company's **returns** in a reasonable time span

Contribute to **smooth volatility**over the cycle
Even through vertical integration