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## **Q1 2020 Results – Investor call**

Milan, 29 April 2020

# AGENDA

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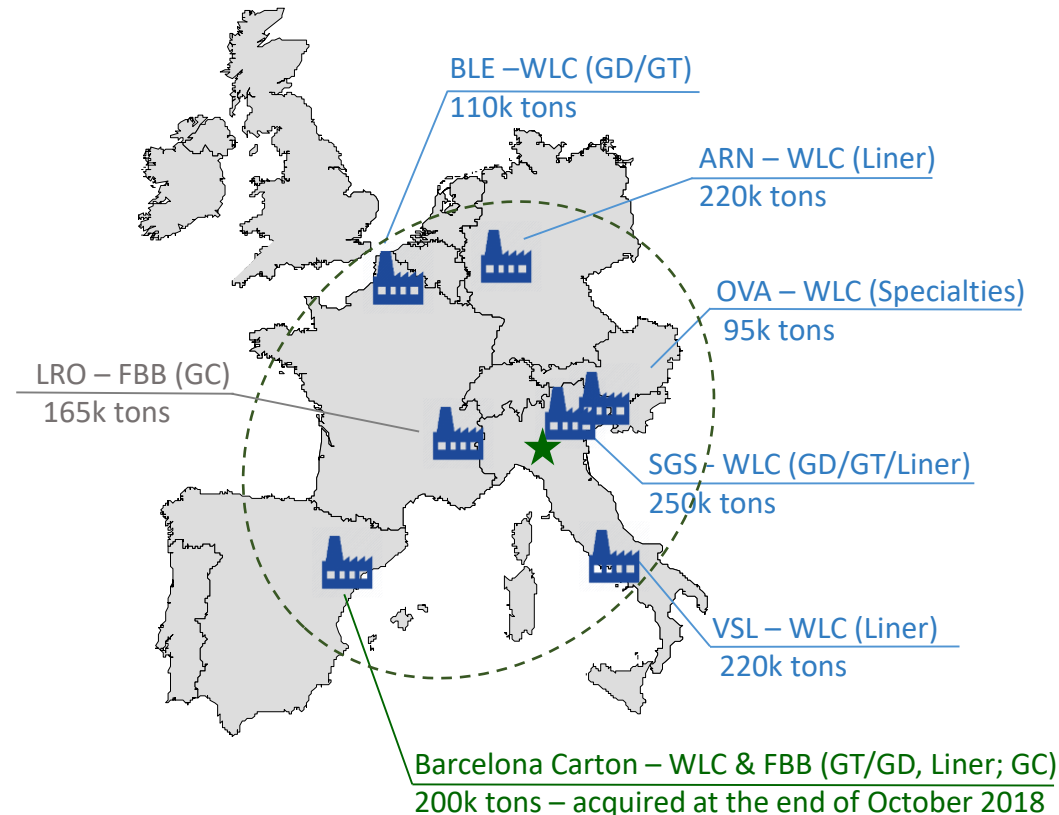
# PROXIMITY TO CUSTOMERS IS KING IN THESE DAYS

## A MULTI-COUNTRY PLATFORM

Total production capacity **1.26 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

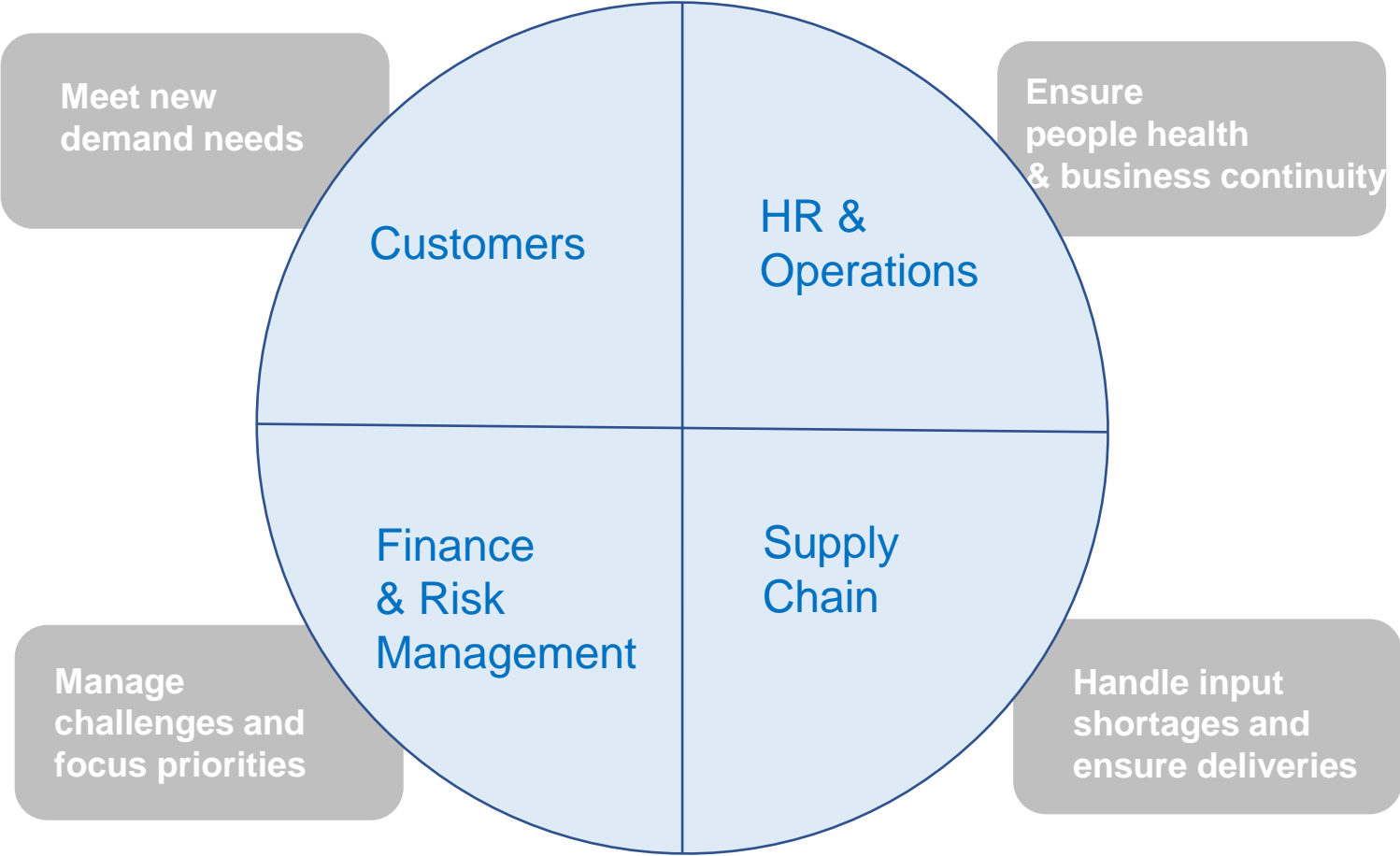
Folding Boxboard  
Based on **virgin fibers**

No. of mills: **1**  
Production capacity: **0.165 mn tons/p.a.**  
equal to **13%**

★ *Headquarters in Milan*

*Mill*

# HOW WE ARE RESPONDING TO COVID-19 OUTBREAK



# PROTECTING PEOPLE HEALTH WHILE ENSURING BUSINESS CONTINUITY



## Counting on a well-rooted corporate culture

Health & Safety not just a today's priority at RDM Group...



### Mills workers

Contingency plan and prevention measures quickly put into play and checked by public health officials.

Work shifts re-engineered and distance measures ensured.

Best-practice sharing among mills.

Early alert form the Italian experience.



### HQ and back-office employees

New devices and set up made available in a few days to make people work from home when possible.

Fluid multi-channel internal comms.

Suspension of commercial travelling from 21 Feb. 2020.

**No production discontinuity.**

**Sheeting and finishing activities partly affected by high absenteeism in the first two weeks.**

# ADDRESSING CHALLENGES ACROSS THE SUPPLY CHAIN



## LIMITED ROOM FOR MANOEUVRE ON RAW MATERIALS

c. 20% reduction in urban waste collection.

Lockdown of non-essential manufacturing and retail activities limiting the availability of Paper for Recycling.

Shutdown of school and offices leading to a shortage of white recycled fibers.

Overstocking of chemicals not possible, as they have very close expiring date.



**... apart from increasing RDM selling prices**



## AVOIDING DELIVERY DISRUPTIONS

More frequent use of intermodal transport.

Re-adaptation of transport lines.

Limited cross-border deliveries.

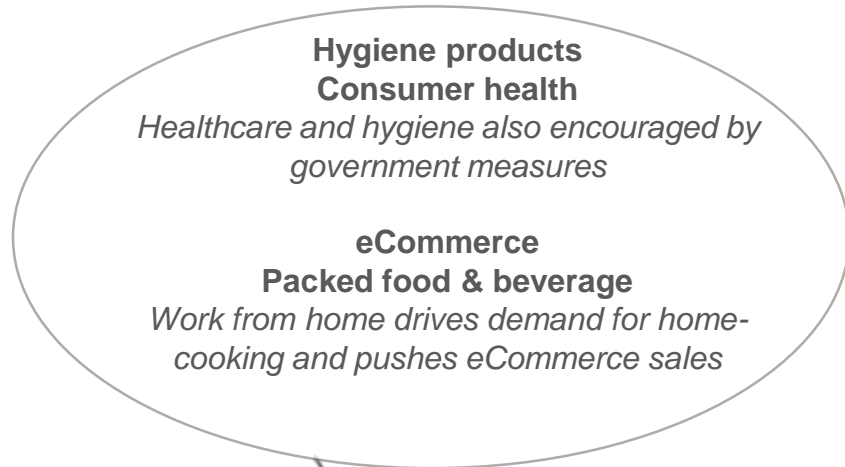
Serving customers' within enhanced complexity



**... also leveraging on a multi-country asset base**

# CATCHING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE DEMAND SIDE

## Positive impact on:



Nearly 70% of RdM Group production serves 'essential' uses

## Negative impact on:



Ovaro products partially affected in March/April

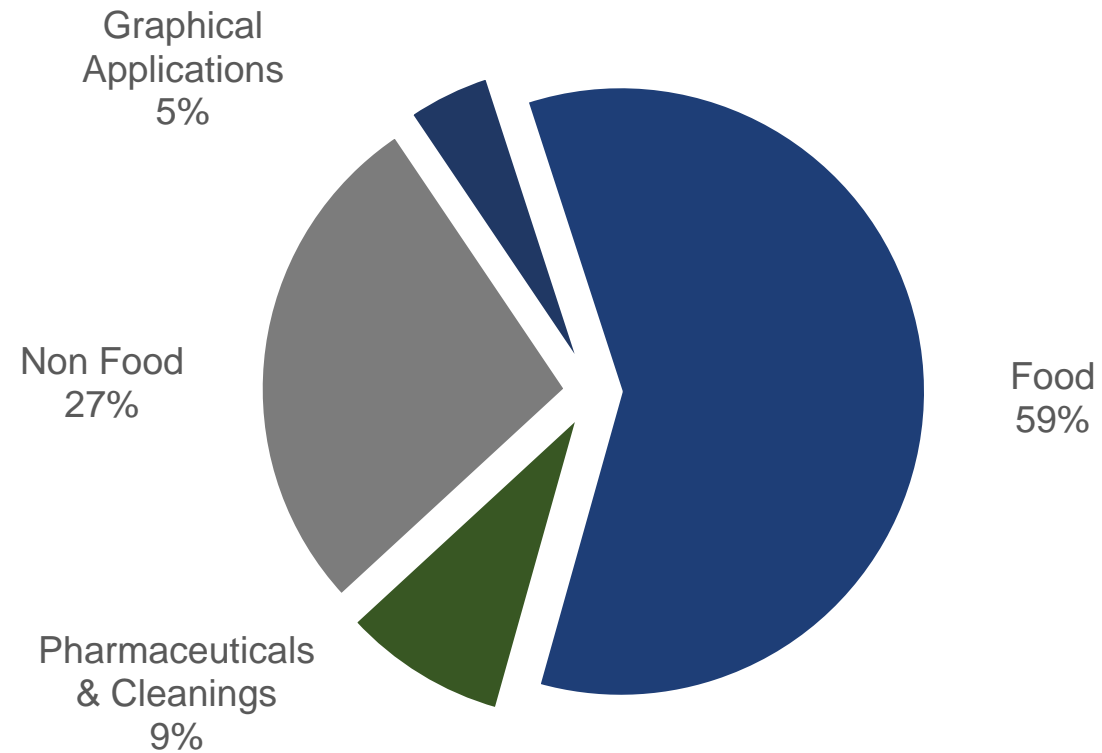
## Net effect for RdM Group



**Strong increase in both demand and order intake fueling Q1 volumes and providing visibility on capacity utilization throughout July**

# RDM END-USES

Source: RDM internal analysis on 2020 data.



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



# FINANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT



No substantial change in customers payment terms in Q1.

Capex projects limited as usual in Q1.



**Sound cash flow generation continuing**

**Safe net cash position available (€38.4 m)**

**Committed unutilized credit facilities of €80 m**

**Additional decrease in the gearing ratio (0.19x)**



Scenario analysis and sensitivity assessment conducted.

Identification of additional cost savings to protect margins.

Ready to activate further measures resulting from the scenario analysis, structured as follows:

**Key risks identified and prioritized**

**Tailored scenarios developed**

**Stress testing conducted**

**Portfolio of intervention established**

**Cash repartition reviewed**

**Early decisions taken and effects under monitoring**

# Q1 2020 AT A GLANCE

**Prompt reaction** to Covid-19 outbreak  
**Multi-mill organization** up and running

## Business continuity

**Strong demand momentum**  
driving volumes

**Pressure on selling prices**  
continuing as experienced in H2 2019

**Solid RDM Group market position**  
resulting in volumes that outperformed  
the pace of market growth



**Broadly stable sales revenues  
in spite of VSL mill 25 days stop**  
(-0.6% vs. Q1 2019)

**Efficiency and synergy plan**  
providing effective cost control.

**Barcelona Cartonboard integration**  
continuing to be executed

**Low input costs**  
supporting high spreads



**EBITDA margin at 11.0%**  
(vs. 10.4% in Q1 2019)

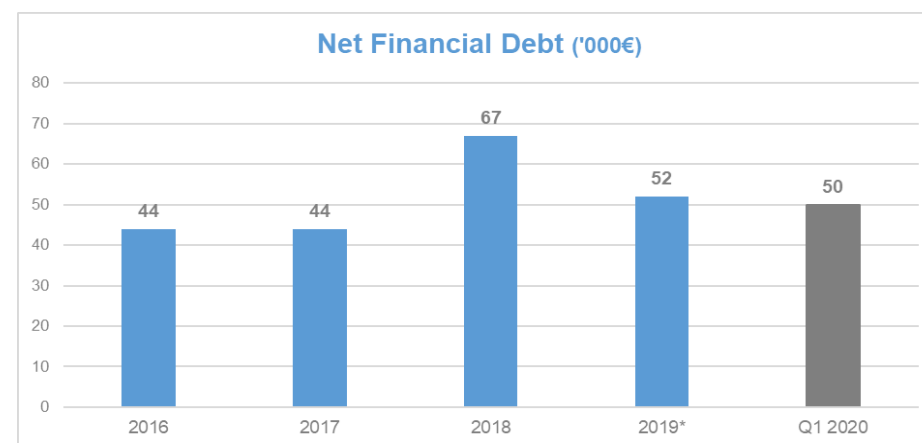
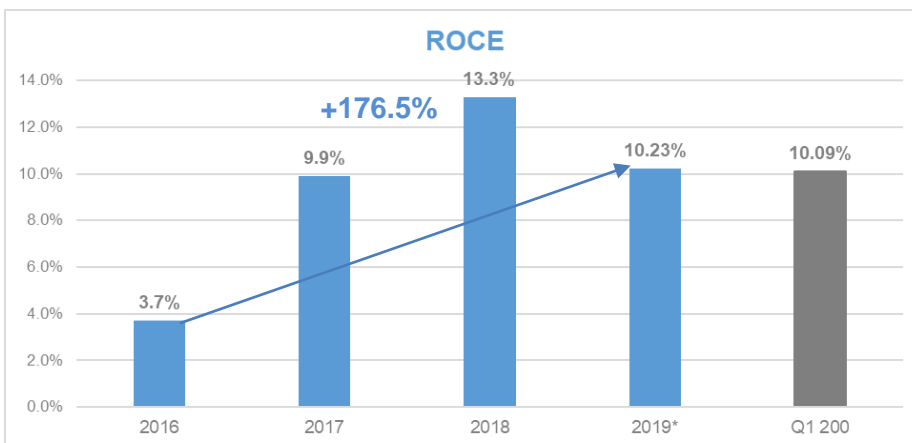
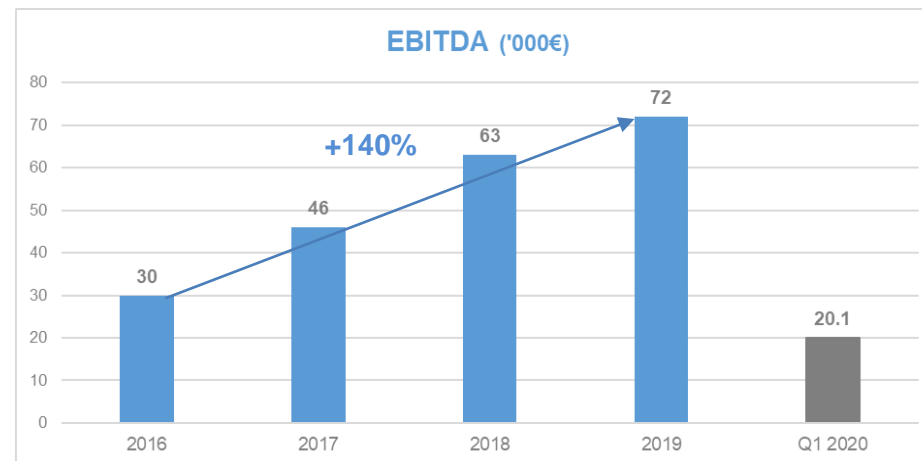
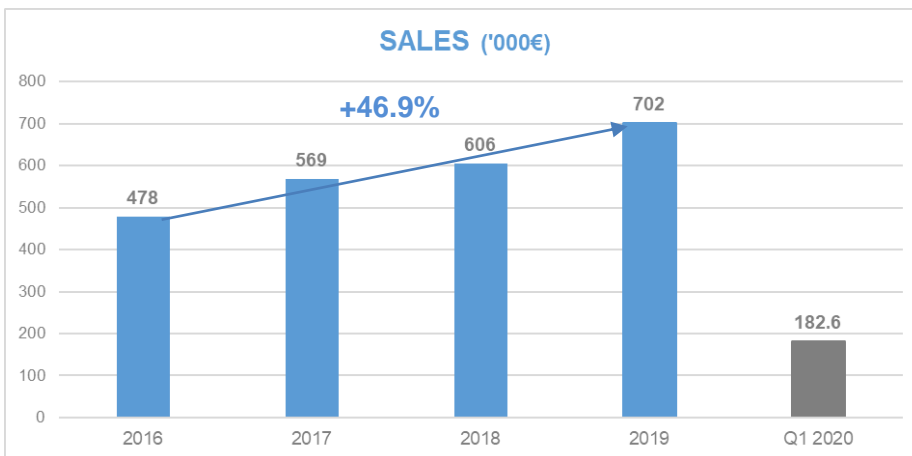
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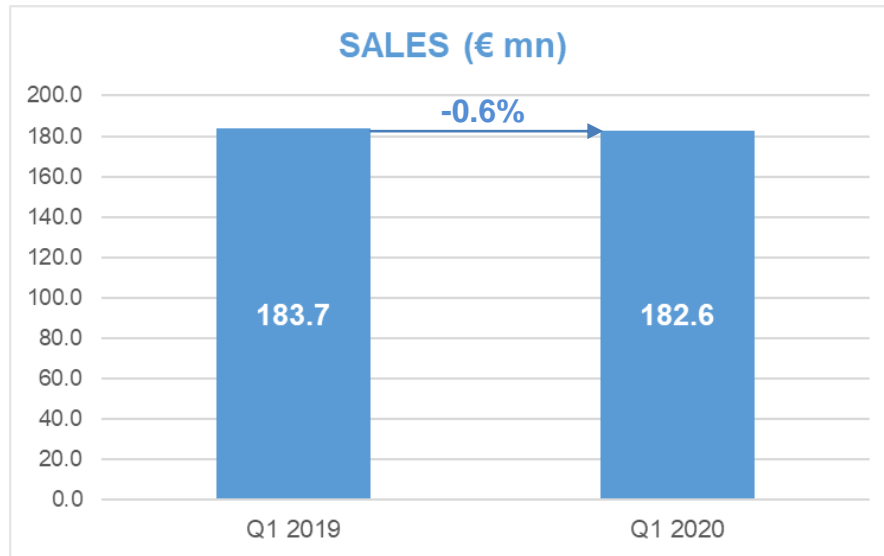
# HIGHLIGHTS



\*2019 ROCE included the **write-down** of the fixed assets of La Rochette mill for **€9.5m**. Without this write-down, ROCE would have been 13%.

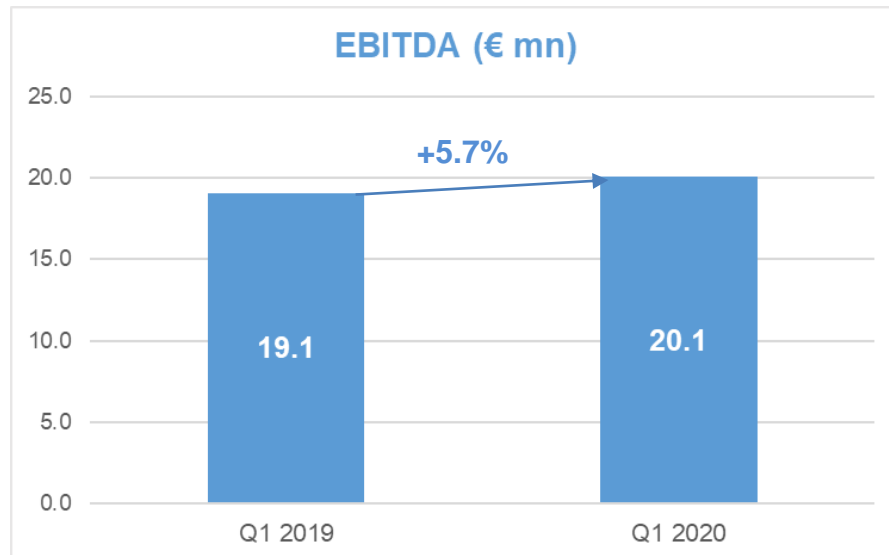
\*Net Debt as 31 December 2019 includes €12.5m liabilities due to the adoption of the new IFRS 16 "Leases".

# SALES AND EBITDA



The **slight decrease in SALES** (-0.6%) is due to :

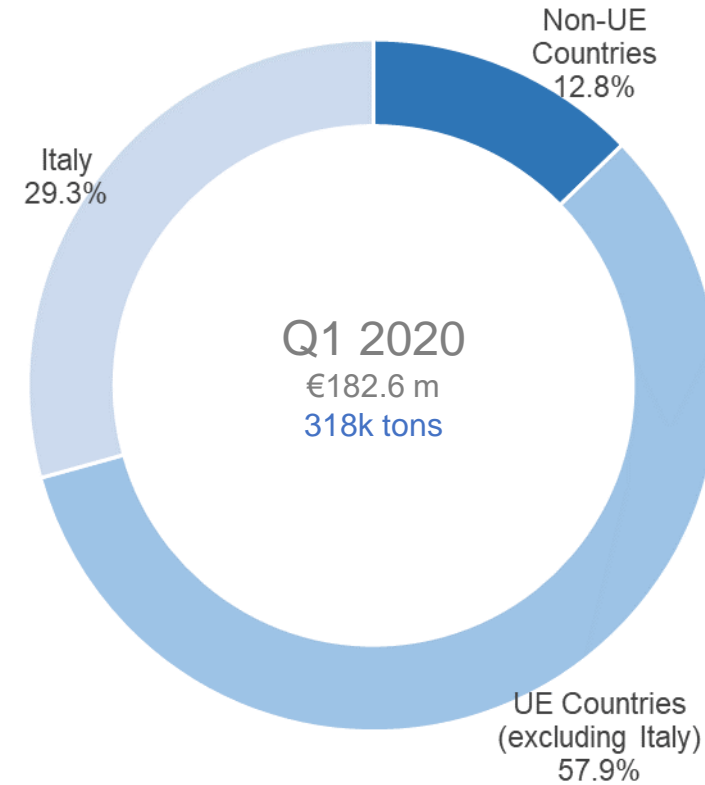
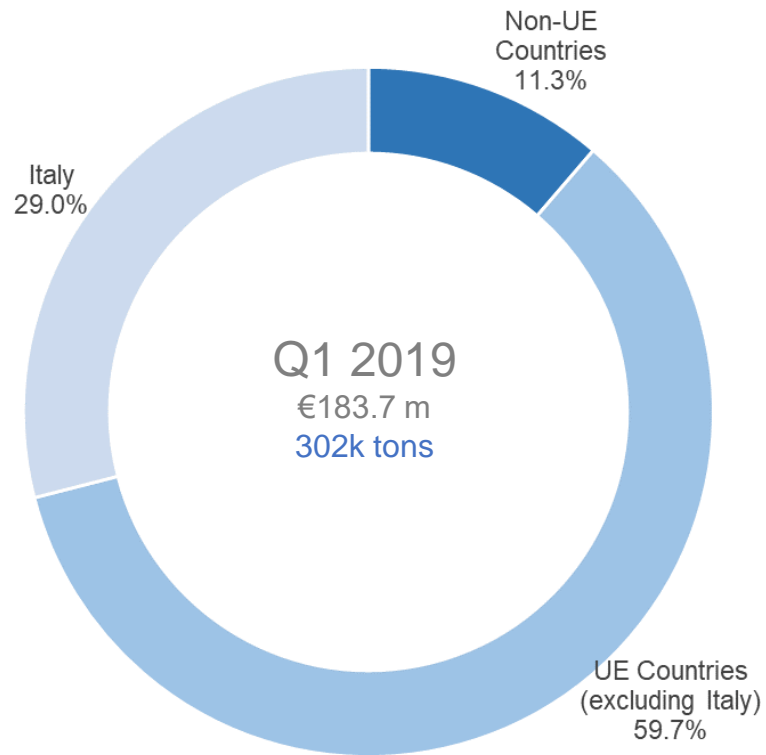
- + **Increase in tons sold**, both in WLC (+4.9%) and FBB (9.2%);
- **Reductions in selling prices**, mainly in WCL compared to Q1 2019;
- **Temporary stoppage of production in Villa Santa Lucia plant** - from 7 February to 1 March - following the seizure of the municipal consortium's wastewater treatment plant.



**Higher EBITDA margin** (11% in Q1 2020 compared to 10.4% in Q1 2019) reflects the following drivers:

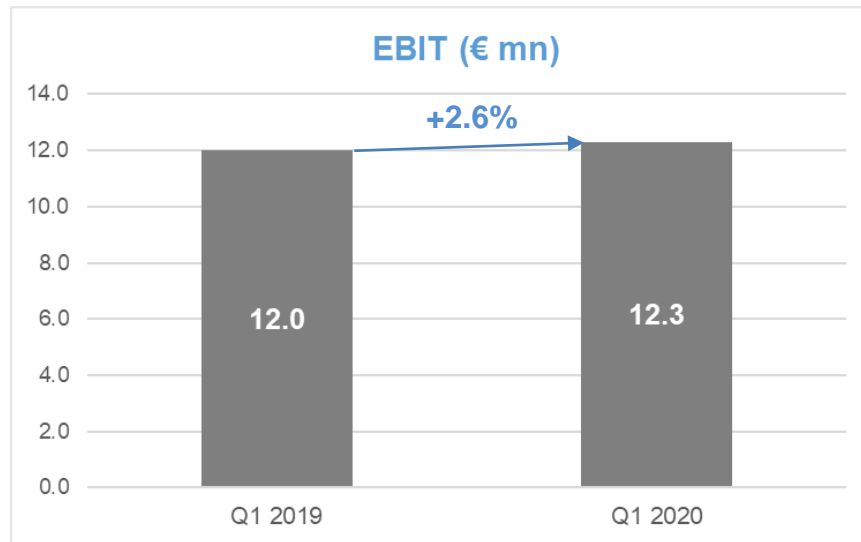
- **Slight decrease in SALES (-0.6%)**;
- + **Lower costs of fibers** reflecting **lower prices** and **greater efficiency** in their use;
- + **Decline in energy costs** compared with Q1 2019.

# SALES BY GEOGRAPHY

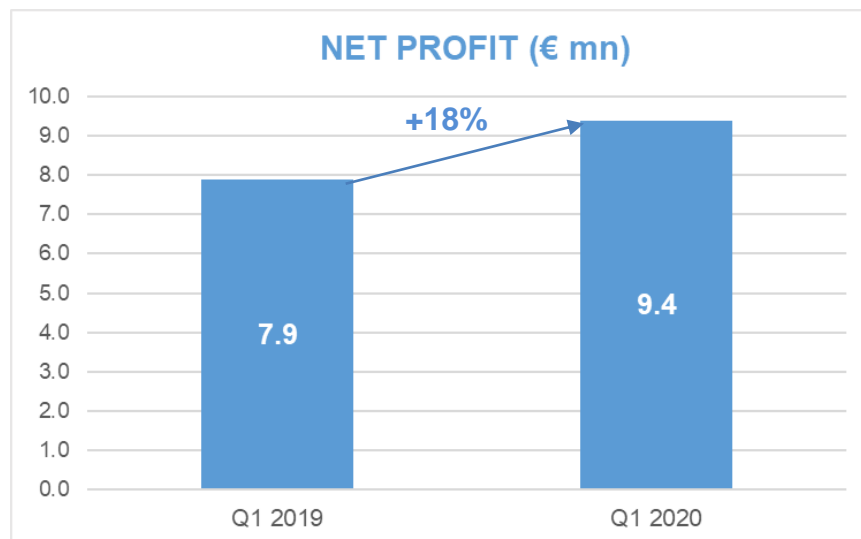


Sales reflects different mix in terms of volume and selling prices.

# EBIT AND NET PROFIT



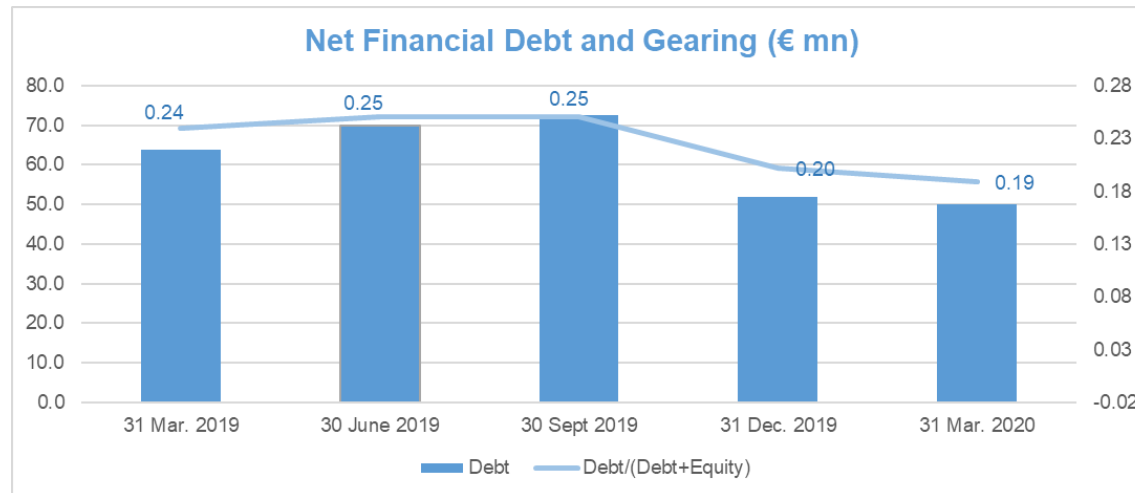
The low increase in **EBIT (+2.6%)** mainly reflects the increase in EBITDA, partially offset by **higher D&A costs** than those of 2019 (€7.9m in Q1 2020 vs €7.1m in Q1 2019).



**Q1 2020 Net Profit** increase (**€1.5m** vs. Q1 2019) combines the impact of higher EBIT (€0.3m vs. Q1 2019) with:

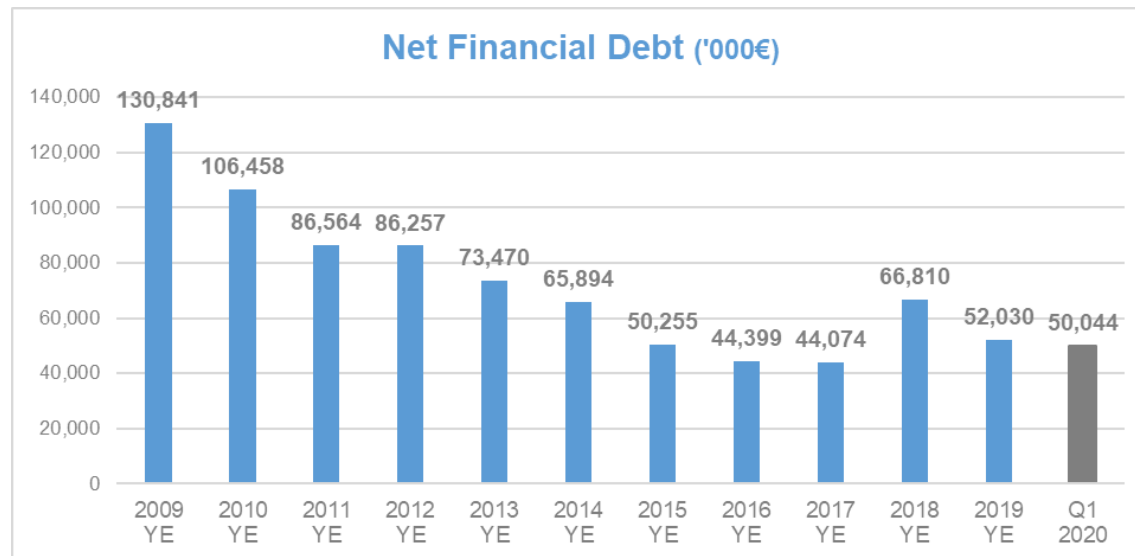
- + a **€0.9m decrease in financial expenses** vs. Q1 2019;
- + **lower tax rate** (24.4% vs. 28.8% in Q1 2019).

# LOW GEARING RATIO



**Decrease in NFD in Q1 2020** (from €52m at December 31, 2019 to €50m at March 31, 2020).

In Q1 2020 **capital expenditure** amounted to **€2.6m** compared with €4.8m in Q1 2019.



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

**Net Debt as at 31 December 2019** included **€12.5m liabilities** due to the adoption of the **new IFRS 16 “Leases”**.



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# OUTLOOK



Covid-19 outbreak addressed so far. Future impacts depending on the features of pandemic evolution.

## Positives

‘**Essentiality**’ of end-uses of our cartonboard.

**LT drivers of demand** still in place  
(sustainable packaging).

Multi-country and multi-mill **model** as valid as ever.

Significant **cash liquidity** available and committed  
facilities unutilized.

**Risks/opportunities** under stress scenarios already  
assessed and well understood.

## Challenges

Scarce availability of **fibers** pushing up prices.  
Opportunity to increase price ongoing.

Converters **destocking** may materialize in 2H 2020.

New lockdowns and restrictions may **weaken  
consumer and luxury goods demand**.

More **flexible operational models** needed.

More complicated and costly **logistics**.

Relying on operational and financial strength to address future challenges,  
**RDM Group will stay focused on Long Term strategy execution.**

# STAYING FOCUSED ON LONG TERM STRATEGY



Stronger leadership via organic growth and M&A



Higher operating efficiency



Better customer service

TRANSFORMATION PLAN IN PLACE



Determined to remain Visionary ... while mitigating Covid-19 risk impact



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**Thank you!**

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