

**TOGETHER WE SHAPE THE FUTURE** 

## Mid&Small in Milan

1-2 December 2020

## AGENDA



### 1 Strengths

- 2 Proposed acquisition of Paprinsa
- 3 Environmental performance
- 4 Delivering on Strategy
- 5 RDM Shares







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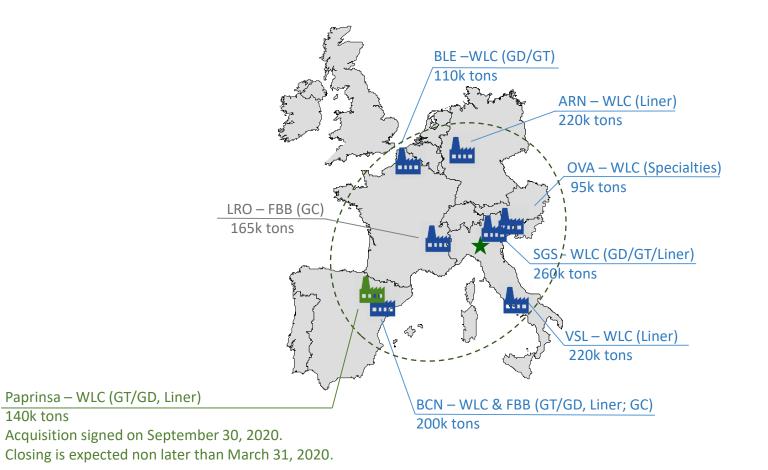
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## **PROXIMITY TO CUSTOMERS IS KING IN THESE DAYS**



### **A MULTI-COUNTRY PLATFORM**

Total production capacity 1.27 M tons/y Four assets with capacity over 200 k tons/y



140k tons



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

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Mill





#### **RECYCLED FIBRES (WLC)** VIRGIN FIBRES (FBB) Price Printability Eco friendly image **Bulk & Stiffness** VIRGIN BOARD (GC) LINER RECYCLED BOARD (GD) **SPECIALTIES** Hardware Pharmaceuticals Sport/toys Textile / shoes Software Food Beauty & Health care Paper Goods Display Food Detergents Microflute laminate Retail Beverage Bakery Overall economic trend along with specific drivers: **Overall economic trend** Brand recognition Brand recognition Luxury package Brand recognition E-commerce Microcorrugated Changes in lifestyles Growing market (+11% from 2015 Plastic substitution Care for planet to 2018) Changes in lifestyles Barilla FUSILLI ermina"

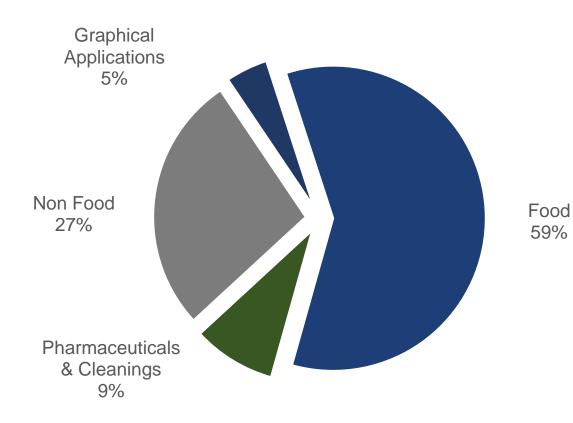


**RDM END-USES** 

Source: RDM internal analysis on 2020 data.

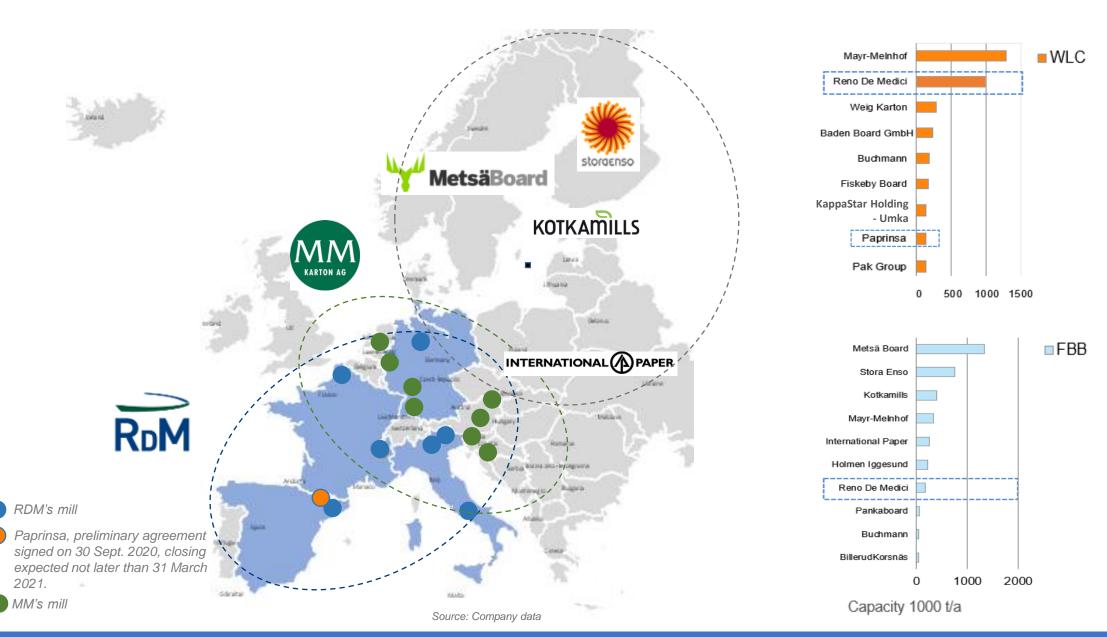
**Resilient end-use exposure** proven during Covid-19 outbreak, due to the **essentiality features** of both Food and Pharma (68% weight).

As counterevidence, weakening demand of **specialties** affected the production of Ovaro mill.



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

## LEADING PRODUCERS IN EUROPE

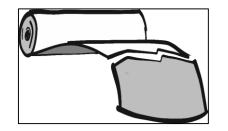


## TRANSFORMING THE COMPANY





- Rationalization of capacity
- Focused capex plan in strategic assets
- Internationalization .
- Deleveraging



higher integration and efficiency

### 2018-2021 TRANSFORMATION PLAN

Integrating the Pan-European asset base and recent acquisitions

La Rochette – 2016 PAC Service - 2017

Barcelona Cartonboard – 2018

through a portfolio of value-added initiatives to achieve goals as a One Company.

Strategically transforming the cost structure 

## **OPERATING UNDER THE 'MULTI-MILL' CONCEPT**



#### **Benefits** Higher interchangeability Specific types of RDM cartonboard Flexibility in operations can be produced in multiple mills Timeliness in delivery Multi-Country' 'Multi-Mill' asset base concept 'One Company IT tools culture Mitigating market volatility that may arise ✓ Balancing the **availability of finished** from changes in: **products** at the individual plant ✓ Minimizing **risks** demand across markets Ensuring greater proximity to customers tons produced across assets and Security of Supply

## **BENEFITS FROM TRANSFORMATION**



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### OUTCOME FROM THE THREE-YEAR PLAN

### RESILIENCE

in operational performance in consolidated EBITDA margin

### **SPEED**

in capturing signals and promptly turning them into:

- 1. Better solutions for the client
- 2. Higher margins for the Company

#### COVID-19 OUTBREAK, AFTER THREE YEARS OF WORK...







A system of rules in place

Acceleration in decision-making

Clear tasks

... PROVED THE RESILIENCE and SUCCESS ACHIEVED

# FROM 2021 ONWARDS, MOVING TOWARD CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT APPROACH



### **Capitalizing on**

A maintained portfolio of focused initiatives An established network of teams and committees A plan-ahead attitude gained An evolved management of operations A more sophisticated demand/supply integration and optimization



### **To improve further**

Optimization of sourcing and procurement

Management of operations, unlocking growth and reducing costs per ton

Exploitation of new recipes and energy efficiency solutions

Optimization of price-mix

Completion of Barcelona Cartonboard integration Accelerate Innovation of sustainable products and digitalization of manufacturing and service processes

### NURTURING AND LEVERAGING CLIENT LOYALTY



#### 1,400+ CLIENTS . **Converters and Distributors** Fifth customer survey conducted over **R**<sub>D</sub>**M** the 7 March - 2 April 2020 period, in .... DS Smith 43 EMEA markets. **R**PACKAGING Smurfit Kappa antalis All-time highest response rate Highest RDM Group score rating **CLIENT TOP PRIORITY** Feedback revealing the best ratio of positive-to-negative comments ever Security of supply recorded **RDM GROUP PERCEIVED AS** a reliable partner, being a European large WLC producer

#### **RDM GROUP APPRECIATED FOR ITS**

#### Quality Customer service Diversified portfolio Responsiveness Deliveries / Lead times

Findings from the last CUSTOMER SURVEY also prove professional handling of an unprecedented situation

### **AGENDA**



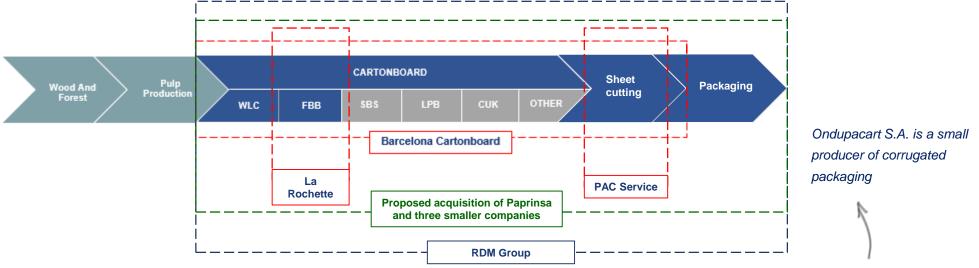


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## LATEST M&A DEALS



#### Value Chain Positioning of acquired companies and proposed acquisition of Paprinsa:





The deal regards **Paprinsa**, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Spanish and 8<sup>th</sup> European producer of WLC and three smaller companies operating in the same site in Spain (Mollerussa), inclusing **Ondupacart S.A.**, a small corrugator manufacturer. The closing is expected not later than march 31, 2021.



Based in Spain (Barcelona), the company is producing recycled Cartonboard (WLC) and if needed also virgin board (FBB), serving the packaging industry in Spain and abroad. The acquisition is effective as of 31 Oct. 2018.



Based in Italy, the company operates in the sheet cutting business. RDM has long been a strategic supplier of PAC Service. The acquisition is effective as of 1 Jan. 2018.



Based in the South of France, the company (La Rochette mill) is involved in the production of Cartonboard from virgin fibers (FBB). The acquisition is effective as of 30 June 2016.

### PAPRINSA ACQUISITION KEY FEATURES OF THE DEAL



#### **ACQUISITION**

100% of Papelera del Principado SA, or **Paprinsa**, + three smaller companies from 15 sellers.

#### **INDICATIVE VALUE**

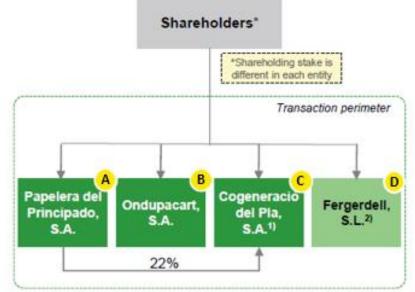
Total **Enterprise Value of €31.2m**, before NFP, WC and EBITDA adjustments.

#### **CLOSING**

Expected **not later than March** 31, 2021.

#### **CLEARANCE**

Closing subject to **Antitrust** clearance.



Note: 1) The Company provides maintenance services to Paprinsa; 2) The Company is the owner of the land and buildings in Mollerussa, where the HQ is located.

- A No.2 cartonboard producer in Spain, no.8 in Europe
- B Small corrugator producer
- Former owner of the cogeneration plant, now maintenance provider
- Real estate company

## **PAPRINSA - BUSINESS PROFILE**



One of the European mills with the **lowest technical age** (10-15 years) and the **largest trim width** (4.8 meters)

#### The Group at a glance

Based in Spain (Mollerussa), the Group is specialized in the production of cartonboard from recycled fibers (WLC), microflute and corrugated sheet, **serving the packaging industry in Spain and abroad**.

The district is characterized by its **proximity to some key European converters** and distributors with cutting facilities.



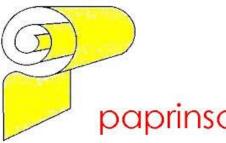
#### **Paprinsa Features**

 ✓ Significant investments in the last six years (more than €30m of capex) make Paprinsa one of the most updated technology mills in Europe (between 10 and 15 years in terms of technical age)

✓ One of the European mills with the largest trim width (4.8 meters). That size gives opportunity for future production growth, from the actual 120k tons/y to over 200 k tons/y.

✓ Wide product range, from 180 to 550 g.

- ✓ Main products offered:
- Recycled Cartonboard
- Recycled Linerboard



## VALUE CREATION RATIONALE



3 to 5 million euro EBITDA increase to be generated through the integration in RDM Group







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Increased production output passing from 2 to 3 work shifts (quick win, with immediate benefits)

Optimization of legal, management and organisational structure (currently 4 companies)

Proximity with the RDM Barcelona mill (less than 1-hour drive) paves the way for a stronger and efficient integration on a number of functions

Group centralized procurement to leverage on economy on scale

Portfolio rationalization and manufacturing know-how exchange in the enlarged Group

Possibility to expand the capacity up and above 200 kT/year, reaching the top tier assets in the Group (additional capex required)

### **TERMS OF THE DEAL**



# A well-invested asset, with an **EBITDA ramp up**

2020 expected **increase in EBITDA** based on **key drivers**:

- lower gas price, due to the newly-signed supply contract
- more efficient fibre yield, due to recent investment in stock pulping

## **FY 2019 - KEY DATA** based on Spanish GAAP

Data of the four target-companies, aggregated by EY. Intercompany transactions eliminated.

**Sales** €65.9m

**EBITDA** €3.5m

EBITDA margin 5.3%

**Net Debt** €22.9m

#### ENTERPRISE VALUE

of the four target companies

**€31.2m** based on an estimated 2020 proforma EBITDA of **€5.2m** 

ACQUISITION MULTIPLE OF 6X FY2020 EBITDA with a minimum Enterprise Value of €27m and a maximum EV of €33m.

**Price adjustments** in terms of NFP, NWC and EBITDA.

Advance PaymentCompletion Payment€5.9m cash-out at the closing of the<br/>deal (based on €27m EV and<br/>€21.1m NFP as at Aug. 31, 2020).By 2021

## **STRONG ACQUISITION RATIONALE**





Another step to grow in our **core-business** (low execution risk and proven Group know-how), while consolidating the **WLC** market.



**Tangible advantages** to be unlocked within the extension of the multimill concept, also leveraging on the proximity to the Barcelona mill.



**Paprinsa** mill boasting **clear strengths**, per se, being one of the European mills with the lowest technical age and the largest trim width.



High level of expected **synergies** from Group integration (3 to 5 million euro of EBITDA).

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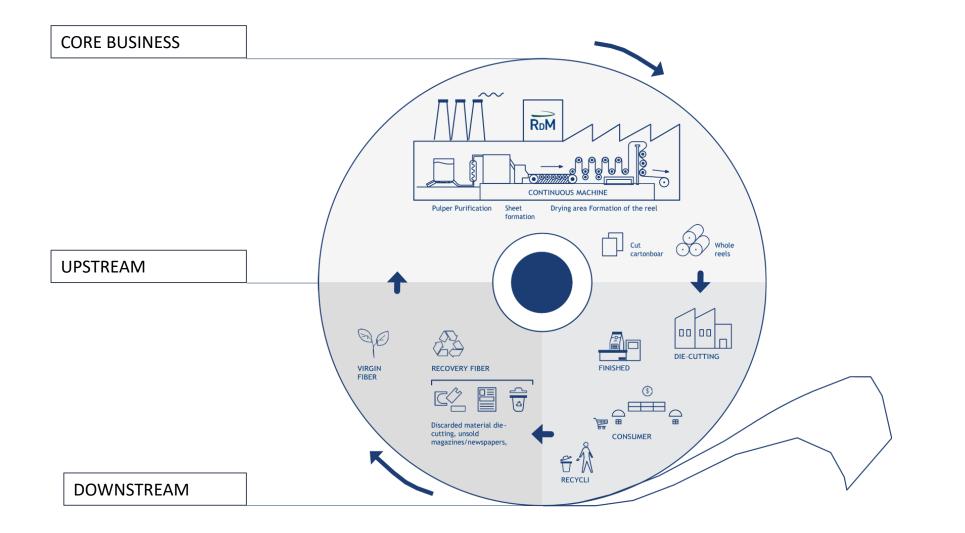


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### **OUR BUSINESS MODEL**



#### A truly sustainable player with a CIRCULAR ECONOMY vision

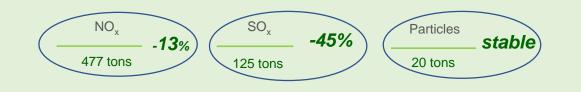


### **REDUCING GHG EMISSIONS**





#### OTHER EMISSIONS (2019 DATA AND %CHANGE VS. 2018)



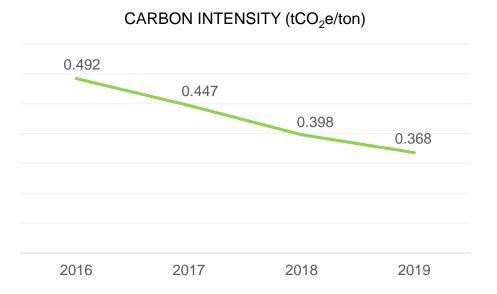
Monitoring of emissions	Energy efficiency	Environmental adaptation
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Reducing greenhouse gas and pollutant atmospheric emissions per ton of production over time.

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## MINIMIZING CARBON AND ENERGY INTENSITY IN PRODUCTION PROCESSES





Emissions in tCO2e per metric ton of gross production

Data exclude RDM Barcelona Cartonboard's natural gas consumption to produce electricity for the grid.

-7.5%

2019 VS. 2018

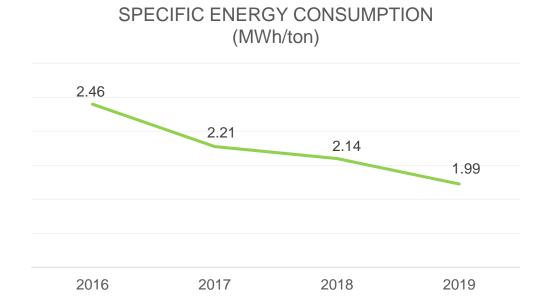
Electricity produced by cogeneration plants is not included to avoid double counting. **Coal reduction (-26.4%)** reflects the first-stage benefits of the energy transition project underway at the **Arnsberg mill**.

### CARBON INTENSITY (tCO<sub>2</sub>e/ton)

-25%

2019 VS. 2016







Biomass

All the Group's production units 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019 Unit of measure: energy consumption in MWh per ton of gross production

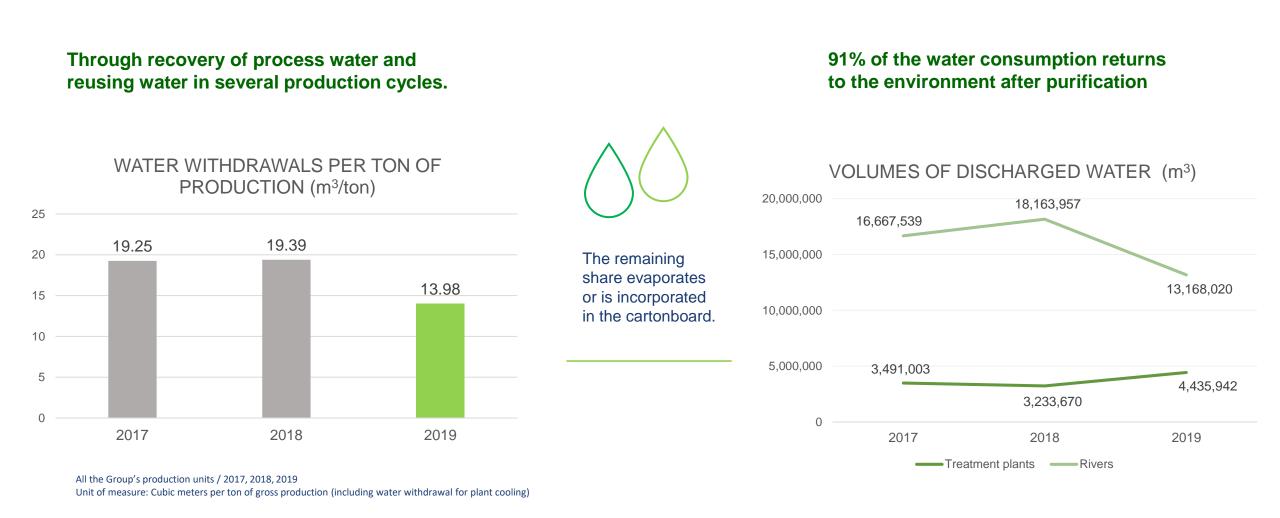


ENERGY INTENSITY (MWh/ton) -19% -7%

2019 VS. 2016

2019 VS. 2018

## **COMMITED TO REDUCE WATER USAGE**





### **MINIMIZING WASTE SENT TO LANDFILL**



#### Our priority

Minimizing waste and maximizing the use of fiber raw materials.

#### From 20% to 5%

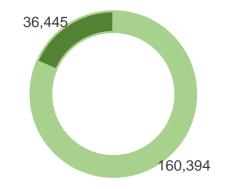
the fiber reduction in the rejects of production process, deriving from reject washing machines installed in the Italian mills

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A full 99.8% of the total waste produced by the Group is non-hazardous and mainly consists of plastics, glass, sand and metals.



#### 2019 WASTE (tons)



■ Waste sent for recovery - 81% ■ Waste sent for disposal - 19%

Circular economy system is for RDM Group "naturally" core. Recycling and reusing resources is par of every-day manufacturing life



Majority of RDM Group mills have waste management systems also certified according to ISO 14001 standard

Two mills are also certified according to the "Eco-Management and Audit Scheme" (EMAS)

### PRODUCT INNOVATION MEETS ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY DEMAND



### **Market TRENDS**

#### **Major Brands and Retailers**

Requiring packaging with lower environmental impact

Switching to recycled-based packaging

Needing high-quality packaging to convey brand image and protect goods sold through more complex supply chains like e-Comm shopping

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The world of packaging is going through a period of intense change that RDM Group sees as an opportunity to innovate, with a clear focus on sustainability. Quality Safety

Sustainability

### INNOVATION



Focusing on raw materials that are **re-usable, renewable or recyclable.** 

Developing **new fiber-based multi-material products** coupled with renewable barrier solutions (**biodegradability** being the core feature).

**Barrier solutions** that create a layer of protection between the structure made of fibre-based material and the contained product, while maintaining its recyclability



#### **4Ever Green Alliance** (40+ European companies)

Initiative that promotes the use of **fiber-based packaging material** to foster **sustainability through circular economy**. Supporting the development of:

- new packaging solutions though innovation and product design
- appropriate infrastructure and collection systems

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### 9M 2020 AT A GLANCE



### **EBITDA** margin improved in both business segments

**EXTERNAL DRIVERS** both in WLC and FBB

**Higher demand** Higher organic volumes Decrease in selling prices in 9M 2020 compared to 9M 2019

Lower raw materials costs both for recycled and pulp

Lower cost of energy

### **Solid RDM Group market position**

### Efficiency and synergy plan

boost a favorable scenario both in demand and input costs

**EBITDA** margin at 13%

(vs. 10.5% in 9M 2019)

## High increase in NET PROFIT +43.8%

(€33.9m vs. €23.6 in 9M 2019)

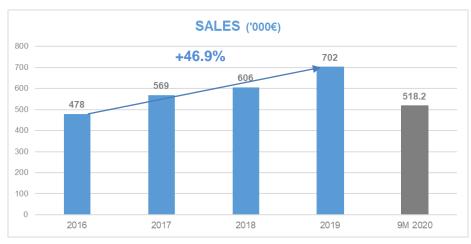
### **Decrease in NFD**

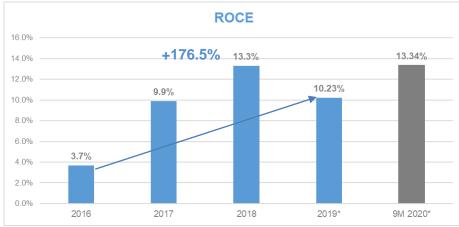
(from €52m at December 31, 2019 to €27.8m at September 30, 2020)

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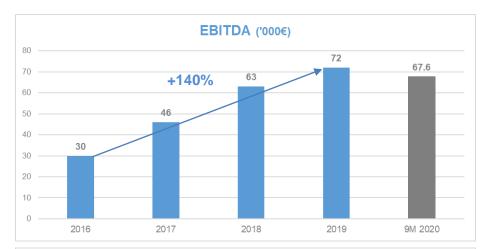


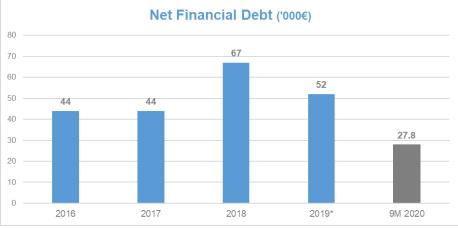
### **HIGHLIGHTS**





\*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% at December 31, 2019 and 16.4% at September 30, 2020.

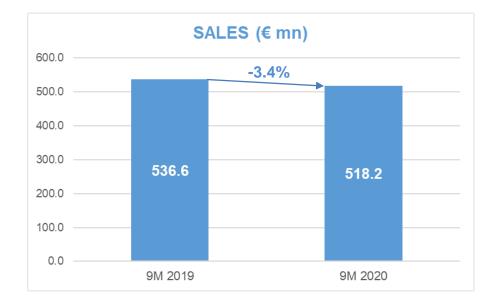




\*Net Debt as 31 December 2019 includes €12.5m liabilities due to the adoption of the new IFRS 16 "Leases".

### **SALES AND EBITDA**







The decrease in SALES (-3.4%) is due to :

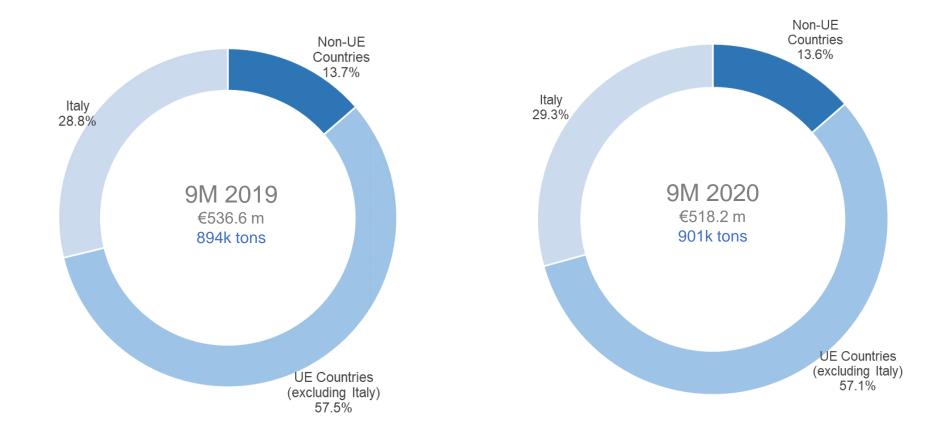
- + Increase in tons sold, both in WLC (+0.1%) and FBB (7.6%);
- Reductions in selling prices, mainly in WCL compared to 9M 2019;
- Temporary stoppage of production in Villa Santa Lucia plant following the seizure of the municipal consortium's wastewater treatment plant and in Ovaro plant due to lower demand for specialties products.

**Higher EBITDA margin** (13% in 9M 2020 compared to 10.5% in 9M 2019) reflects the following drivers:

- Slight decrease in SALES (-3.4%);
- + Lower costs of fibers reflecting lower prices and greater efficiency in their use;
- + Decline in energy costs compared with 9M 2019.

### SALES BY GEOGRAPHY

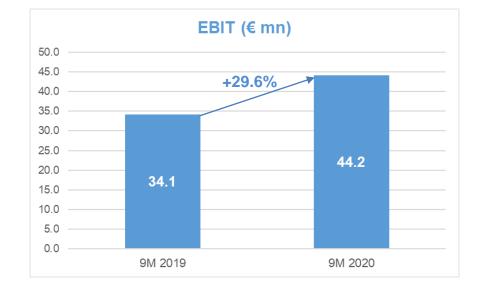


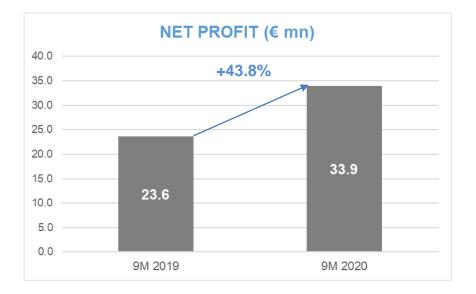


Stable mix in terms of volume and selling prices.

### **EBIT AND NET PROFIT**







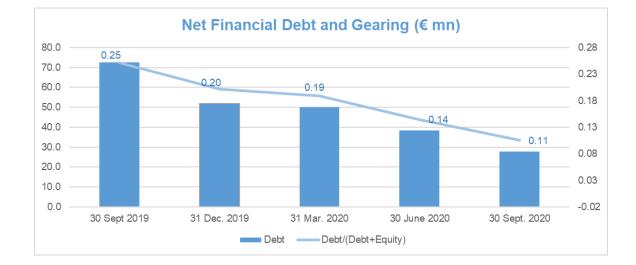
The strong increase in **EBIT (+29.6%)** mainly reflects the increase in EBITDA, partially offset by **higher D&A costs** than those of 2019 (€23.4 in 9M 2020 vs €22m in 9M 2019).

High 9M 2020 Net Profit increase (€10.3m vs. 9M 2019) combines the impact of higher EBIT (€10.1m vs. 9M 2019) with:

- + a €1.6m decrease in financial expenses vs. 9M 2019;
- a €1.4m increase in taxes.

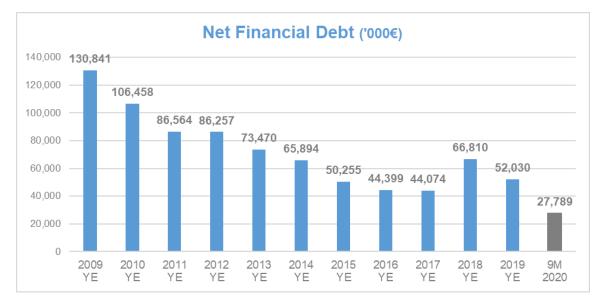
### LOW GEARING RATIO





**Decrease in NFD in 9M 2020** (from €52m at December 31, 2019 to €27.8m at September 30, 2020).

In 9M 2020 **capital expenditure** amounted to **€13.4m** compared with €18.6m in 9M 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".

### **2020 CAPEX OVERVIEW**



### **2020 expected capital expenditure: 23-25 € mn** Of which maintenance + H&S investments are 11-13 € mn

#### ENERGY EFFICIENCY

#### €6m

Villa S. Lucia Cogeneration Plant Revamping S. Giustina New Steam Boiler Others Mills Power Plants extraordinary maintenance

#### **COST SAVINGS & QUALITY**

#### €3m

Villa S. Lucia Stock Preparation Revamping Barcelona Top and Back Layer Headbox Barcelona Winder Rebuilt PAC Service New Wrapping Line

#### DIGITALIZATION

#### €2m

All New ERP System

#### ENVIRONMENT

#### €1m

La Rochette Wastewater Treatment

## LOOKING FORWARD IN A PANDEMIC SCENARIO

#### **Positives**

'Essentiality' of our cartonboard end-uses

Sustainable packaging **LT drivers demand** still in place

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

**Cash liquidity** and further financing capacity available

**Risks/opportunities** under stress scenarios assessed and well under control

#### Challenges

Scarce availability of **fibers** pushing up prices Opportunity to revert on final product prices

Second wave of Covid impact

New lockdowns and restrictions may **weaken consumer and luxury goods demand**, Asia doing fine so far

Logistics complexity and cost

## **RDM Group remains focused on Long Term strategy execution**

by relying on operational and financial strengths to address potential challenges



### **FINAL REMARKS**



#### TOP ON OUR CURRENT AGENDA

- ✓ Interpreting the 'new normal' scenario
  ✓ Continue assessing the impacts of business scenarios to be prepared to react as needed
   ✓ Responsibly managing the costs
- $\checkmark\,$  Remaining a forward-looking Company

#### EMERGING EXTERNAL PATTERNS

- Greener UE agenda, supported by dedicated budget
- Digitalization challenge
- Growth of home delivery shopping and pickup in store

#### IMPACTS ON OUR BUSINESS

- Increased demand for packed products
- Enhanced hygiene product protection
- Light and recyclable packaging while preserving physical strenghts

### Leverage on

Supporting **mega-trends** and **end-users** demand

Continuous **track record** of metric improvements and **sound financial performances** 

Proven resilience to external events

Continue to generate strong CASH FLOW to **invest** and **grow** the company

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### **RDM AND THE STOCK EXCHANGE**

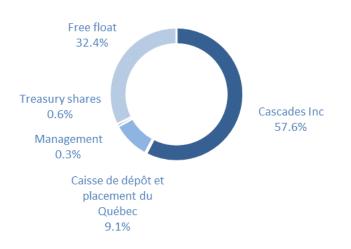


#### Share Capital: 140,000,000.00 €

**Outstanding shares: 377,800,994,** o/w 377,551,889 ordinary shares 249,105 convertible savings shares

**Conversion period:** in February and September, each year

#### **Main shareholders**



#### Listing markets

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

Codes Bloomberg: RM IM; Reuters: RDM.MI ISIN: IT0001178299

Mkt cap: €365m Free float mkt cap: €118.2m (@0.966 € p.s. as of 26 November 2020)

#### FY2019 dividend

ORDINARY SHARE: Dividend of 0.8 € cents (FY2018 dividend was 0.7 € cents)

Payment date: 13 May 2020

Dividend yield: 1.0% (@YE2019 price of 0.823 €)

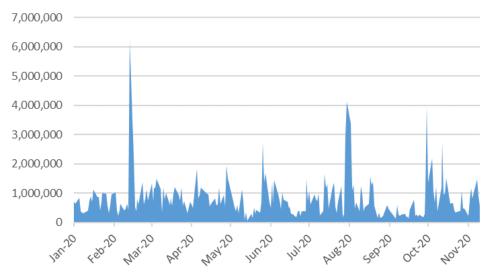
Source: RDM shareholder register



### SHARE PERFORMANCE

RDM share price (€)





Average daily traded volumes

Q1 2020: 849,784

Q2 2020: 745,584

Q3 2020: 745,010

1 Oct. - 26 Nov. 2020: 874,858

#### **RDM Daily Traded volumes**

### **ANALYST COVERAGE**



BROKER	СІТҮ	ANALYST	TARGET PRICE (€)	RECOMMENDATION	DATE
Intermonte	Milan - IT	Carlo Maritano	1.40	OUTPERFORM	1 December 2020
MidCap Partners	Paris - FR	Florent Thy-Tine	1.30	BUY	2 October 2020

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**



Board reconfirmed on 29 April 2020. 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.



#### Laura Guazzoni. **Independent Director**

Chartered accountant and business consultant. Bocconi University professor.



#### Sara Rizzon, Director

Lawyer at the Jones Day Milan office. Expert in M&A and corporate compliance



#### Gloria F. Marino, Independent Director

Chartered accountant and statutory auditor.

#### Allan Hogg, Director

CFO of Cascades Group since 2010 – Bachelor's **Business Administration in** Accounting.



#### **Giulio Antonello**, **Independent Director**

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



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# Thank you!

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