# **Evonik Leading Beyond Chemistry**

Q1 2023 Earnings Conference Call

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## **Welcome Maike Schuh!**





## Slow start into 2023 – improving trend visible through Q1

Q1 adj. EBITDA of only €409 m due to low volumes and despite positive pricing in Specialties; PA12 ramp-up driving Smart Materials, slow start in Specialty Additives, price pressure in Animal Nutrition and C4

Through Q1 every month with sequentially better earnings – Start into Q2 continues on improved March level

#### **First divestment in Performance Materials:**

Divestment of Lülsdorf site signed; alkoxides business integrated into Smart Materials

#### **Strengthening competitiveness of Animal Nutrition business:**

Two separate operating models, with focus on efficiency and cost-leadership in amino acids

Outlook FY 2023 confirmed: Lower end of adj. EBITDA range (€2.1 – 2.4 bn) more likely



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## First divestment in Performance Materials

#### **Functional Solutions**



- Sale of Lülsdorf site, incl. the production of potash derivatives and cyanuric chlorides, to ICIG signed in early April
- Alkoxides (biodiesel catalysts) integrated into catalyst business within Smart Materials<sup>1</sup>

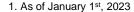
#### **Next steps**

## Superabsorber



#### **Performance Intermediates**







## **Strengthening competitiveness of Animal Nutrition business**



#### **TODAY**

One operating model for all products within Animal Nutrition





Ecobiol®

Focus portfolio on profitable system solutions

**TOMORROW** 

Running Animal Nutrition with two distinct operating models



Streamlined operating model with lean sales organization

€200 m cost savings by 2025



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## Q1 2023 results overview

Sales (in € m)	<b>EBITDA</b> (in € m)	Free cash flow (in € m)	<b>Adj. EPS</b> (in €)	
<b>4,005</b> (Q1 2022: €4,498 m)	<b>409</b> (Q1 2022: €735 m)	<b>21</b> (Q1 2022: €133 m)	<b>0.25</b> (Q1 2022: €0.76)	
Positive pricing in Specialties despite low volumes	PA12 ramp-up driving Smart Materials, slow start in Specialty Additives, price pressure in Animal Nutrition	Lower EBIT as starting point limiting cash generation in Q1	Stable interest result and tax rate, slightly higher D&A	



## First cost savings in Q1; majority to ramp-up through the year

e.g. optimized maintenance plans, discipline in nonessential projects ~25% **Operations** 



Savings rather backend-loaded in 2023

e.g. less use of consultants, reduced fair & event participation, reduced sponsoring, optimized IT costs

~25% Others



Immediate savings effect already in Q1



~50% Personnel

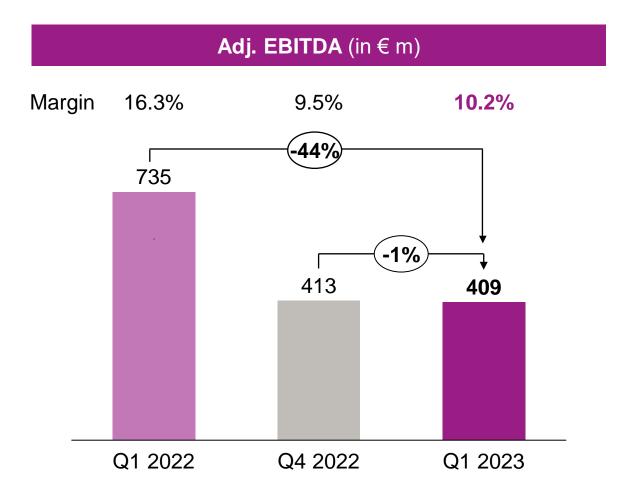
e.g. discipline in hiring & wage, overtime work, secondments, promotions, travel, car policy

**Phasing** 

**Biggest lever with accelerating** contribution as the year progresses



## Adj. EBITDA Q1 2023

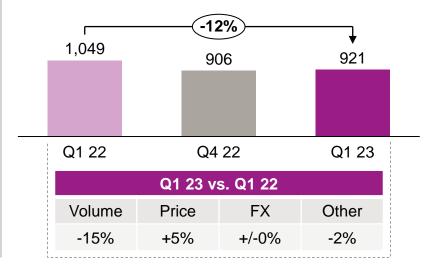


- Q1 EBITDA down due to significant volume declines (-14% yoy)
  - Low utilization and corresponding under-absorption of fixed costs especially in Specialty Additives
  - Clear sequential earnings pick-up in Smart Materials driven by PA12;
     other divisions below Q4 level
  - Pressure on prices and spreads in Animal Nutrition and C4 business
- Pricing remains positive (+3% yoy) driven by Specialty Additives and Smart Materials – compensating again for cost inflation

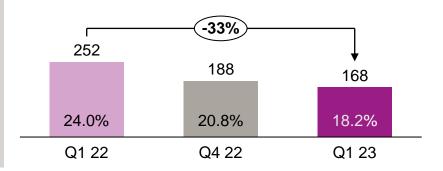


## **Specialty Additives**









- Volume decline even more pronounced than in Q4
  - Especially first weeks of the year with continued customer destocking
  - Especially in coatings
- Clear improvement in order books in March;
   pick-up in coatings and crosslinkers expected for Q2
- Pricing continues to be positive yoy against high comparables and despite low volumes; only minor support from selected raw material prices moving lower so far
- Adj. EBITDA in Q1 squeezed by high production fixed costs due to low plant utilization



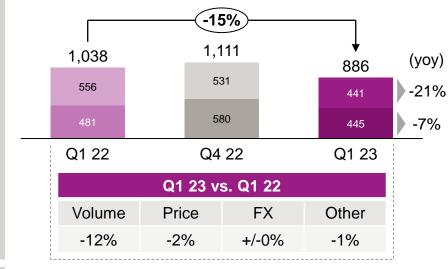




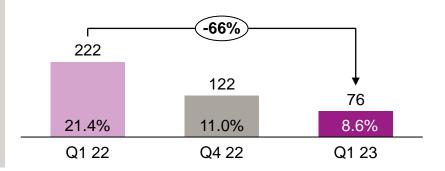
## **Nutrition & Care**



Animal Nutrition ---Health & Care







#### **Health & Care**

- Continued strong performance in active cosmetic ingredients; lower volumes for cleaning solutions due to an extended plant shutdown
- Health Care with typically lower order pattern for the start into the year; solid oral drug delivery partially compensates lower lipid sales

#### **Animal Nutrition**

- Animal protein markets continue to struggle with high feed costs and low margins
- Volumes lower than expected, especially in China and Brazil
- Price declines faster than decreasing raw material prices, putting pressure on margins

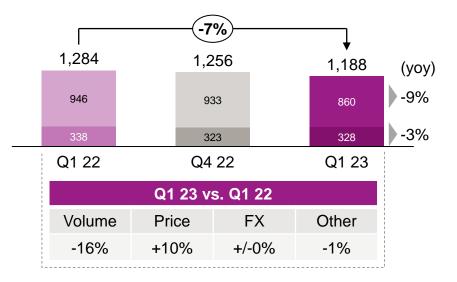




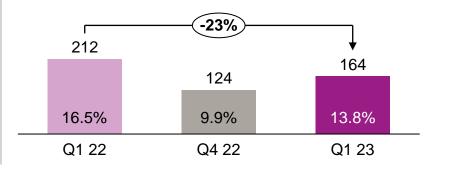


## **Smart Materials**

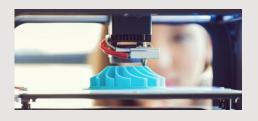








- Broad-based volume declines, except High-Performance Polymers
  - Mainly driven by silica and H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> with ongoing HPPO plant shutdowns in Asia
- Strong pricing across all businesses, compensating variable costs
- H<sub>2</sub>O<sub>2</sub> specialties holding up well, but best performance in HPP:
  - Demand unbroken and tight market for HPP
  - Strong PA12 volumes, only limited by product availability
  - Record in PA12 production in March with both plants running
- Maintenance shutdown planned in Q2 for first PA12 plant

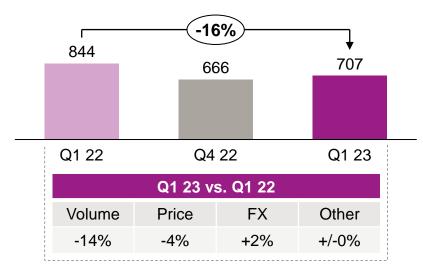




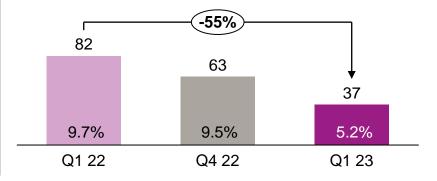


## **Performance Materials**





Adj.
EBITDA
(in € m)
/ margin
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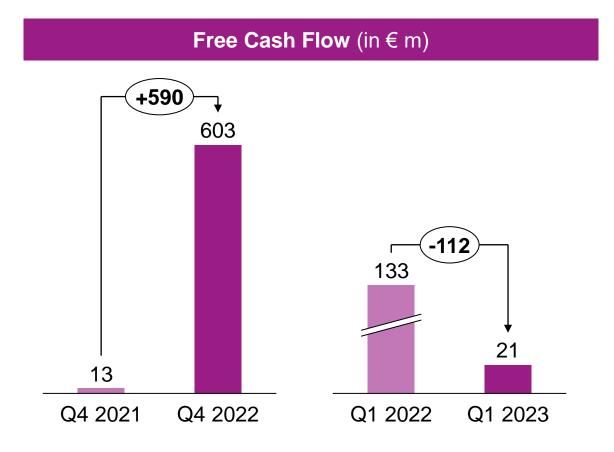
- Lower volumes in Q1 (vs Q4) across the C4 chain due to weak customer end markets (plastics, rubber, construction)
- Pressure on spreads and margins especially for Butadiene,
   Oxo-Alcohols and plasticizers
- Superabsorber with expected improving operating result due to higher contracted prices







## Free Cash Flow Q1 2023



- Very strong cash generation in Q4 limiting cash potential in Q1
- Q1 FCF of €21 m below prior year
  - Lower EBIT as main driver
  - Support from yoy lower NWC outflow (+€235 m yoy)
  - Construction of new plants gathers speed, e.g.
    - Rhamnolipids for biosurfactants
       in Slovakia for start-up in early 2024
    - Ground-breaking for lipid production in US



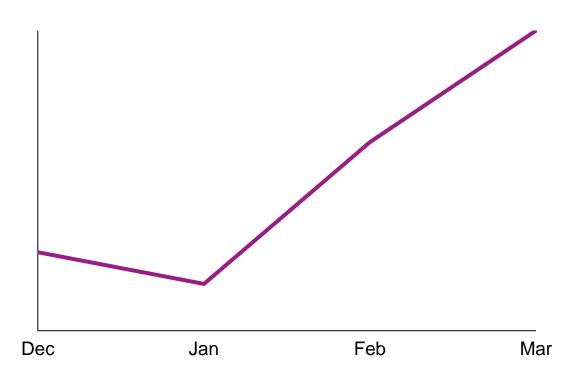
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## Improving trend visible through Q1

#### **EBITDA by working day** (in € m)



#### Month-by-month earnings pick-up through Q1

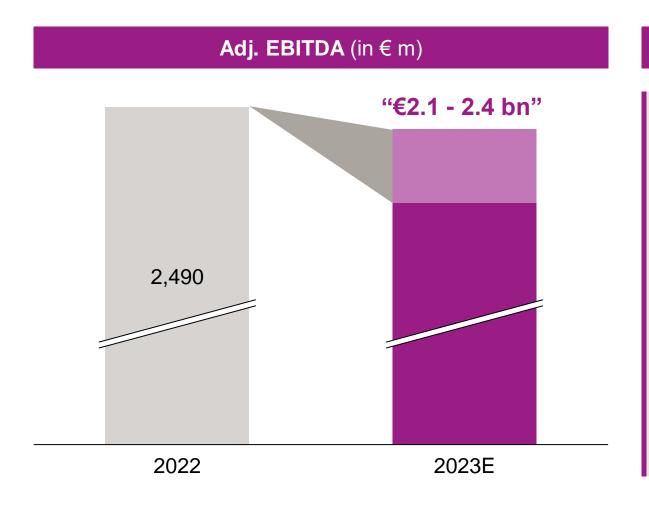
- Volumes ramping up
- Start into Q2 continues on improved March level
- Order books supporting positive trend

#### Costs going down into Q2 and H2

- Improving fixed cost absorption with increasing utilization
- Falling raw material costs
- Contingencies ramping up



## Adj. EBITDA outlook confirmed: Lower end of range more likely

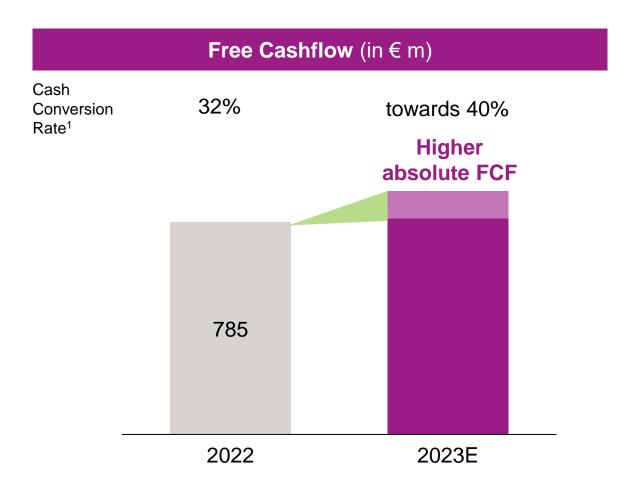


#### Drivers for remainder of the year

- Further acceleration of demand trends during Q2 and into H2 expected
- Specialty Additives and Smart Materials to drive the recovery
- Animal Nutrition below initial expectations from March
- Contribution from contingencies ramping up
- Falling raw material prices to provide support esp. in H2



## Free Cashflow outlook maintained, additional efforts needed



#### Free Cashflow to benefit from ...

- Improving earnings situation in the course of the year
- Lower bonus payments for fiscal 2022

#### Additional efforts needed

- Increased capex discipline:
   capex guidance lowered to €900 m (from €975 m)
- Positive contribution from NWC management



<sup>1.</sup> Free cash flow conversion (FCF / adj. EBITDA)



## Indications for adj. EBITDA FY 2023 on division level (unchanged)

#### **Specialty Additives**



- Specialty Additives to benefit from mission-critical solutions geared towards sustainability
- e.g. solutions for the energy transition or to improve efficiency
- Supply chain disruptions experienced in 2022 should not repeat

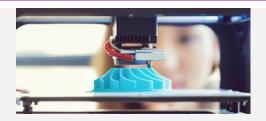
"stable at around prior-year level"

#### **Nutrition & Care**



- Health & Care with increasing share of "System Solutions" at aboveaverage margins
- Animal Nutrition: Return to volume growth while prices expected well below prior year's levels; easing raw material and logistic costs in H2
- Continued active cost management

#### **Smart Materials**



- Ongoing positive development in "Eco Solutions", especially for specialties in Active Oxygens and Catalysts
- "Future Mobility": New PA12 capacities into tight market
- Alkoxides (bio-diesel catalysts) now part of Catalysts business line

#### **Performance Materials**



- Significant pressure on margins in the C<sub>4</sub> business
- Baby Care with higher earnings, benefiting from improving market environment and long-term customer relationships

"considerably lower than prior-year level"

"slightly above prior-year level"

"significantly lower than prior-year level"



<sup>1.</sup> Outlook for Smart Materials and Performance Materials based on restated prior-year figures: alkoxides business moved from PM to SM as of January 1st, 2023

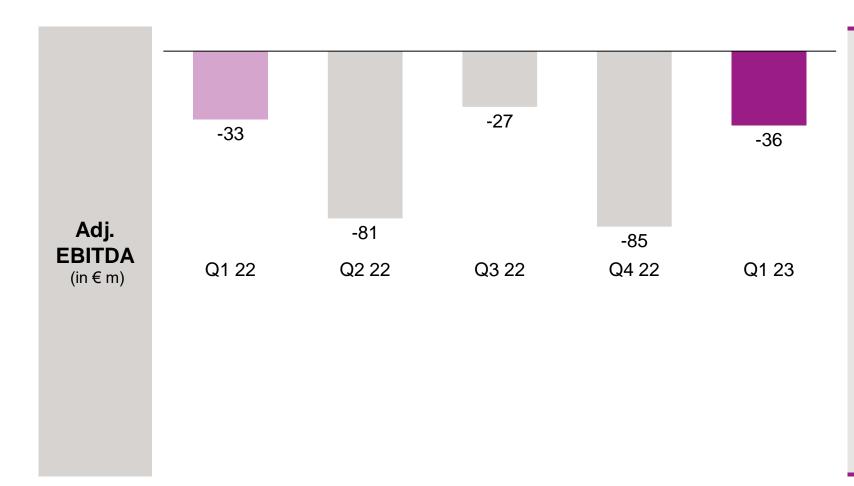
## **Additional indications for FY 2023**

Sales	between €17 and 19 bn (unchanged; 2022: €18.5 bn)
ROCE	slightly below the level of 2022 (unchanged; 2022: 8.3%)
Capex <sup>1</sup>	around €900 m (previously: around €975 m; 2022: €865 m), incl. maintenance and growth investments as well as investments in Next Generation Technologies (€700 m until 2030)
EUR/USD sensitivity <sup>2</sup>	+/-1 USD cent = -/+ ~€10 m adj. EBITDA (FY basis)
Adj. EBITDA T&I/Other	significantly less negative than prior year level (unchanged; 2022: -€226 m)
Adj. D&A	slightly above the level of 2022 (unchanged; 2022: €1,140 m)
Adj. net financial result	back to around 2021 level (unchanged; 2022: -€19 m; 2021: -€97 m)
Adj. tax rate	around long-term sustainable level of ~30% (unchanged; 2022: 29%)

<sup>1.</sup> Cash outflow for investment in intangible assets, pp&e | 2. Including transaction effects (after hedging) and translation effects; before secondary / market effects



## **Technology & Infrastructure / Other**



- Q1 2023 with normalized earnings level for T&I / Other
  - First positive benefits from contingency measures
  - Negative FX-effects (hedging costs Argentina)
- FY 2023 adj. EBITDA will be significantly less negative
  - Contingency measures with positive effect
  - Negative one-time effects in FY 2022 not reoccurring (power plants and energy purchasing)



## Adjusted income statement Q1 2023

in € m	Q1 2022	Q1 2023	$\Delta$ in %
Sales	4,498	4,005	-11
Adj. EBITDA	735	409	-44
Depreciation & amortization	-263	-279	
Adj. EBIT	472	130	-72
Adj. net financial result	-12	-12	
D&A on intangible assets	41	41	
Adj. income before income taxes	501	159	-68
Adj. income tax	-141	-42	
Adj. income after taxes	360	117	-68
Adj. non-controlling interests	-4	-2	
Adj. net income	356	115	-68
Adj. earnings per share (in €)	0.76	0.25	
Adjustments	-16	-47	

#### **Adj. net financial result** (-€12 m)

 On prior-year level despite higher interest rate environment; higher interest income offset by higher interest expenses

#### Adj. tax rate (26%)

- Broadly stable tax rate (Q1 2022: 28%)
- Slightly below FY guidance of 30%

#### **Adjustments** (-€47 m)

Restructuring (-€34 m): Mainly related to divestments in Performance Materials



## Cash flow statement Q1 2023

in € m	Q1 2022	Q1 2023
Income before financial result and income taxes (EBIT)	456	83
Depreciation and amortization	264	311
$\Delta$ Net working capital	-490	-255
Change in provisions for pensions & other post-employment benefits	21	-5
Change in other provisions	66	92
Change in miscellaneous assets/liabilities	34	53
Cash outflows from income taxes	-52	-60
Others	10	8
Cash flow from operating activities (continuing ops.)	309	227
Cash outflows for investment in intangible assets, pp&e	-176	-206
FCF	133	21
Cash flow from investing activities (continuing ops.)	-190	-167
Cash flow from financing activities (continuing ops.)	65	-68

#### **CF from operating activities** (€227 m)

- Much lower EBIT as starting point as main driver for lower OCF
- Support from yoy clearly lower NWC increase

#### **CF from investing activities** (-€167 m)

 Slightly higher capex due to different phasing through the year

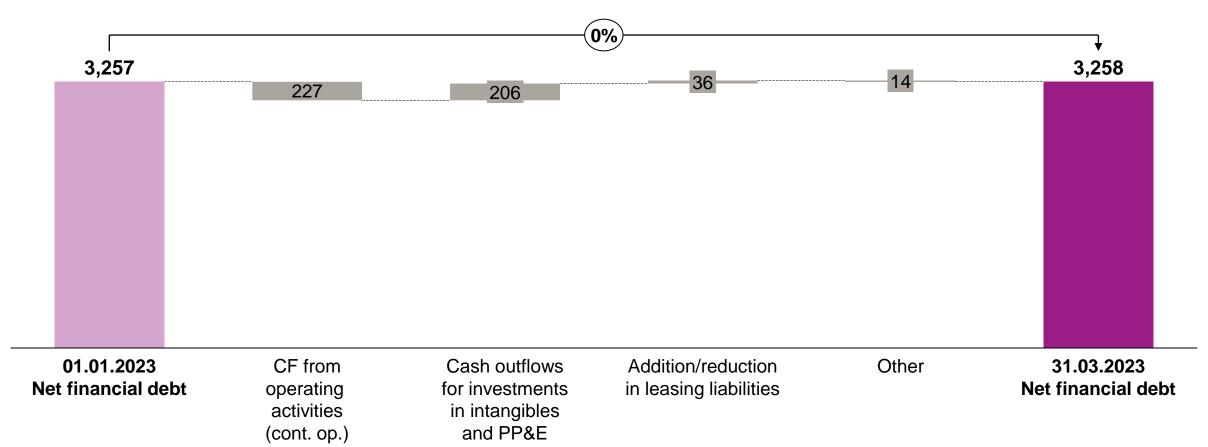
#### **CF from financing activities** (-€68 m)

Last year with inflow from commercial paper issuance



## Net financial debt development Q1 2023

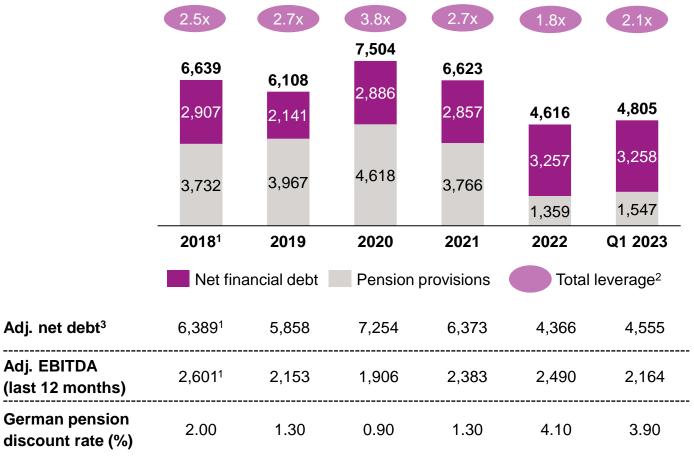
(in € m)





## Development of debt and leverage over time

(in € m)



<sup>1.</sup> Incl. methacrylate activities (divested in 2019) | 2. Adj. net debt / adj. EBITDA

#### **Net financial debt** (€3,258 m)

- Stable net financial debt vs. year-end
- Increase in leverage mainly driven by lower adj. EBITDA; additionally slightly higher pension provisions
- Low net financial debt leverage at 1.4x<sup>4</sup>

#### **Pension provisions** (€1,547 m)

- Majority of net debt consists of long-dated pension obligations with >13 years duration
- Slightly higher pension provisions vs. year-end from decrease of pension discount rates (esp. in Germany from 4.1% to 3.9%)
- Pension provisions partly balanced by corresponding deferred tax assets of ~€0.5 bn



<sup>3.</sup> Net financial debt – 50% hybrid bond + pension provisions | 4. (Net financial debt – 50% hybrid bond) / adj. EBITDA

# **Divisional overview by quarter**

Sales (in € m)	FY 2021	Q1/22	Q2/22	Q3/22	Q4/22	FY 2022	Q1/23
Specialty Additives	3,710	1,049	1,116	1,113	906	4,184	921
Nutrition & Care	3,557	1,038	1,027	1,062	1,111	4,237	886
Smart Materials	3,918	1,284	1,335	1,365	1,256	5,240	1,188
Performance Materials	2,911	844	945	797	666	3,253	707
Services, Corporate & Others	859	283	349	541	401	1,574	303
Evonik Group	14,955	4,498	4,772	4,878	4,340	18,488	4,005
<b>Adj. EBITDA</b> (in € m)	FY 2021	Q1/22	Q2/22	Q3/22	Q4/22	FY 2022	Q1/23
Specialty Additives	920	252	263	243	188	946	168
Nutrition & Care	717	222	185	148	122	677	76
Smart Materials	650	212	219	188	124	743	164
Performance Materials	317	82	142	63	63	350	37
Services, Corporate & Others	-221	-33	-81	-27	-85	-226	-36
Evonik Group	2,383	735	728	615	413	2,490	409

Alkoxides business moved from Performance Materials to Smart Materials as of January 1st, 2023; 2022 financials restated



## **Upcoming IR events**

Conferences & roadshows			
May 11, 2023	Virtual London Roadshow, Barclays		
May 12, 2023	Stifel German Corporate Conference, Frankfurt		
May 16, 2023	Virtual Frankfurt Roadshow, Stifel		
May 16, 2023	Paris Roadshow, Oddo		
May 17, 2023	Citi Chemicals Conference, Virtual		
May 17, 2023	UBS Best of Europe Conference, Virtual		
June 6, 2023	Exane CEO Conference, Paris		

Upcoming events & reporting dates		
May 31, 2023	Annual General Meeting	
August 10, 2023	Q2 2023 Reporting	
November 7, 2023	Q3 2023 Reporting	



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