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3rd quarter 2008 results



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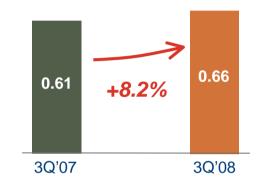
3Q'08: solid EBITDA growth



EBITDA (€m)



EPS (diluted in €)



- Price increases of +11.4% in a context of high raw material costs
- Good resilience of results in a challenging environment
- Benefits from structural improvements in line with +€100m announced for 2008

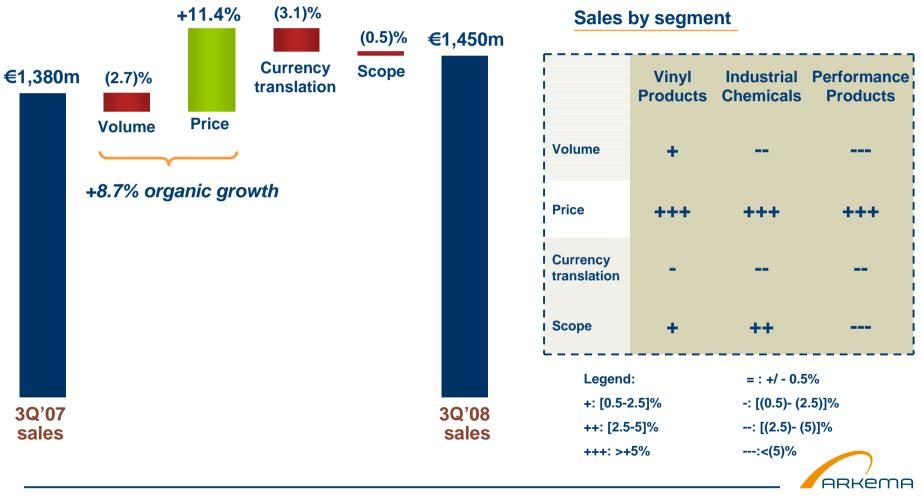


+10% EBITDA growth over 9 months

	3Q'07	3Q'08	Variation	9m'07	9m'08	Variation
Sales	1,380	1,450	+5.1%	4,357	4,451	+2.2%
EBITDA <i>EBITDA margin</i>	127 9.2%	134 9.2%	+5. 5%	411 9.4%	451 10.1%	+10%
Operating income (rec.)	75	72	(4.0)%	252	269	+7%
Non recurring items	(9)	(8)		(88)	(18)	
Adjusted net income	47	47	-	166	187	+13%
Net income (group share)	37	40	+8.1%	104	172	+65%
Net debt (09/30/2008 vs. 12/31/2007)	459	580				



Strong price increases in each business unit



Solid EBITDA growth in a challenging environment

EBITDA up 5.5% at €134m

- +11% price increases
- Remaining PVC margin squeeze

Benefits from structural improvements

- Implementation of structural projects in line with the €100m EBITDA impact for 2008
- Contribution from growth projects:
 - HFC-32 & PVDF in Calvert-City (US)
 - Developments in methylmercaptan derivatives
- Successful integration of Coatex

In a tougher environment

- Unfavorable €/\$ exchange rate
- Slowdown of automotive and construction markets
- Strong volatility of raw material and energy prices

Good resilience of Arkema results



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Vinyl Products: PVC margin squeeze remains

<i>(€m)</i>	3Q'07	3Q'08	Δ
Sales	335	378	+12.8%
EBITDA	18	7	(61.1)%
EBITDA margin	5.4%	1.9%	-
Recurring operating income	12	(2)	nm



Remaining margin squeeze in PVC despite significant price increases

- Good demand and prices in caustic soda
- Slowdown of construction market in Europe more pronounced at the end of the quarter
- Strong focus on cost reduction with implementation of restructuring plans and reduction in variable costs



Industrial Chemicals: +15% EBITDA growth

<i>(€m)</i>	3Q'07	3Q'08	Δ
Sales	603	661	+9.6%
EBITDA	75	86	+14.7%
EBITDA margin	12.4%	13.0%	-
Recurring operating income	51	54	+5.9%



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Significant price increases in each business unit

Unfavorable €/\$ exchange rate

Lower volumes

- In PMMA due to weaker automotive market
- In Thiochemicals, slight impact due to hurricane Hike in the US
- High contribution from growth projects (Fluorochemicals, Thiochemicals)
- Successful integration of Coatex
- Benefits from restructuring initiatives (Fluorochemicals, Thiochemicals, Acrylics)
- Acrylics in low cycle condition but slight increase in unit margins



Performance Products: good resistance of results

<i>(€m)</i>	3Q'07	3Q'08	Δ
Sales	441	410	(7.0)%
EBITDA	44	44	-
EBITDA margin	10.0%	10.7%	-
Recurring operating income	23	23	-

- +4.5% organic growth (at constant scope of business and exchange rate) benefiting from new businesses
 - EBITDA at +10% at constant scope of business
 - Negative impact of €/US\$ exchange rate
- Strong contribution from restructuring initiatives in polyamides and Functional Additives
- Slowdown in US construction market and high tin prices affected results of Functional Additives



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Outlook

- 9m'08 EBITDA up +10%
- Implementation of structural projects:
 - In line with €100m EBITDA gain expected in 2008
 - End 2008, cumulative fixed cost savings should exceed €330m versus 2005
- Limited visibility of macro economic environment in 4Q'08 with sudden ongoing slowdown in demand amplified by destocking
- Due to ongoing action plan, 2008 EBITDA margin should be close to our 10% target
- Priority to optimization of working capital and cash
- Acceleration of the transformation of the company with new projects being considered
- Maintain a strong balance sheet

Quality of balance sheet and structural improvements will enable Arkema to efficiently adapt to the economic environment



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