# Bekaert Investor Presentation



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### Introduction to Bekaert



#### **OVERVIEW**

- The global leader in steel wire transformation and coating technologies
- Leading market position across diverse markets and geographies
- Rich 140-year history of value creation and technological innovation
- · Global presence with deep understanding of local needs

#### STRATEGY

- Optimizing value by actively managing and renewing the core business portfolio
- Unlocking further growth through value-creating innovation, digital and sustainable opportunities, active portfolio management, and selective M&A in existing and adjacent markets

#### **CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

- Well-capitalized to invest in R&D, organic growth, and accretive M&A opportunities
- Net debt / underlying EBITDA has been reduced from 2.7x to 0.7x
- Dividend pay-out ratio policy targeted at 40% of net income

### **1800**

patents and patent rights

120

countries with customers served

**27000** 

engaged employees globally

### Global presence across diverse end markets

Combined sales, including sales of joint ventures in Brazil of ~€0.7Bn in 2020

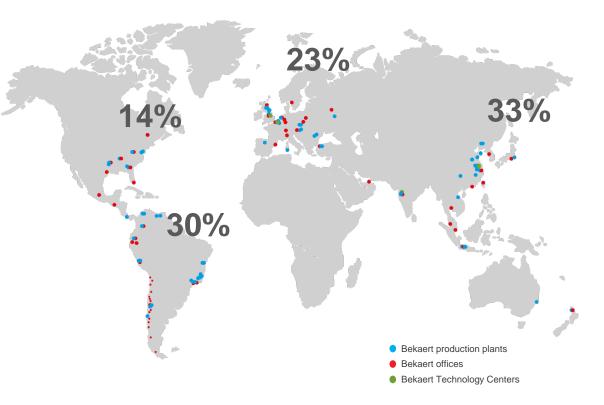


#### 2020 SALES BY END MARKET



44%	Tire & Automotive		
19%	Construction - Infrastructure		
9%	Agriculture		

- 9% Basic materials
- 8% Energy & utilities
- 6% Equipment
- 5% Consumer goods



### 140+ years of innovation, growth and value creation



### PIONEERING

Established in Belgium in 1880 as a small barbed wire manufacturer

First acquisition abroad in 1920 – first investment in Latin America in 1948



Pioneering in new technologies that address mega trends:

new mobility | urbanization | connected & smart | renewable energy | sustainability | reverse globalization

### INNOVATING

First patent application in June 1881

Tire cord development 1952

In-house Engineering and R&D centers since 1960's



Preferred innovation partner of global technology leaders

1 800+ patents in portfolio

Services and adjacent solutions:

Creativity beyond steel

### GROWING

Global expansion programs throughout history

Early presence in Latin America and China

Largest acquisition (Pirelli) and merger (Bridon): 2014-2016



Organic/inorganic growth plans in target markets:

Mobility | energy & utilities | lifting & hoisting | agri | construction & infrastructure

### PERFORMING

Performance culture Delivery on priorities

€200 million paid in dividends since 2018



Significant performance improvement since 2019

Very strong balance sheet

Strong margin performance in all Business Units

Guidance revision 2021-2026

### PURSUING

Partnerships and collaboration

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Operational and commercial excellence



Actions to unlock the company's full potential

Innovation, digital, and sustainability strategy

Value creation for all stakeholders

### **Bekaert Group Executive**

Leading with a shared ambition





Oswald Schmid



Stijn Vanneste Divisional CEO Steel Wire Solutions



Arnaud Lesschaeve Divisional CEO Rubber Reinforcement



Taoufiq Boussaid Chief Financial Officer



Curd Vandekerckhove Divisional CEO Bridon-Bekaert Ropes Group



Kerstin Artenberg Chief HR Officer



YVES Kerstens Divisional CEO Specialty Businesses Chief Operations Officer

Juan Carlos Alonso Chief Strategy Officer

### Technological leadership drives innovation





#### LEADERSHIP APPROACH

- Co-creation with customers and suppliers
- Internal and external ecosystem to power business engines
  - international team of technologists
  - cooperation with internationally renowned research centers & universities
  - venture capital and R&D partnerships
- Intellectual property protection
- Commitment to increase R&D investments significantly

#### STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS



### **Preferred partner**

For the most challenging projects and the most innovative solutions



Dramix® steel fibers are a solution to low-carbon concrete: 30-40% reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> footprint compared to traditional steel.



ST/UT tire cord products of Bekaert save 1.5 billion kg of CO<sub>2</sub> exhaust per year and our TAWI® coating excludes the need for cobalt in rubber compounds.



Steel and synthetic mooring lines anchor windmills in the largest floating offshore wind farms.

Queensferry Crossing in Scotland, the world's longest three-tower, cablestayed bridge, was built with Bekaert strands.

The largest landside crane in the world uses Bridon-Bekaert ropes that can lift the heaviest construction modules.

Bekaert's lifting solutions move 1 million elevators in the world.

50% of global wiper systems

carry the Bekaert wiper blade solution.

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80µm is the diameter of a human hair - our field of play in thin metal fibers is 1µm to 50µm!



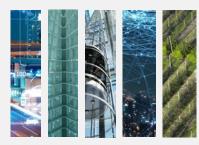
### STRATEGY DISCUSSION

### **Growth strategy**

Drive sustainable, value creating growth



#### Megatrends



#### Focus on key markets

- New mobility
- Renewable energy
- Urbanization
- Connected and Smart
- Reverse Globalization
- Sustainability

- Mobility
- Construction & infrastructure
- Lifting & hoisting
- Energy & utilities
- Agriculture



#### Leadership positions

- Partner of choice
- Technology competences
- Global scale with
  Local presence
- Responsive supply chain



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#### Moving beyond the core

- Closer to the end customer
- Differentiating services and solutions
- Increase value added
  profit pool

### Bekaert's strategic imperatives





### Strategic transformation of our business



2018	2019	2020	2021	Mid-term Target
Transformational business improvement	New organizational structure & leadership	Global & fast response to COVID-19 pandemic	Benefits of reverse globalization & supply chain	Portfolio management incl M&A
initiatives	team	Realizing benefits of	excellence with lasting impact	🐝 Organizational capabilities
Addressing startup issues in various	Acceleration of profit restoration programs in	restructurings and turnaround & profit	Price discipline aligned with	👰 Digital
expansion programs	weaker business areas	restoration activities	raw material price trends	
Divestment of non-core businesses	Manufacturing cost & overhead savings	Price discipline & mix improvement	Acceleration of commercial & operational excellence	
Full ownership & new leadership of BBRG and acceleration of profit restoration	Stringent focus on CAPEX and Working Capital	Strong debt de-leveraging	10%+	9-11%
4.9%	5.6%	7.2%		

### 2021 Q3 Highlights



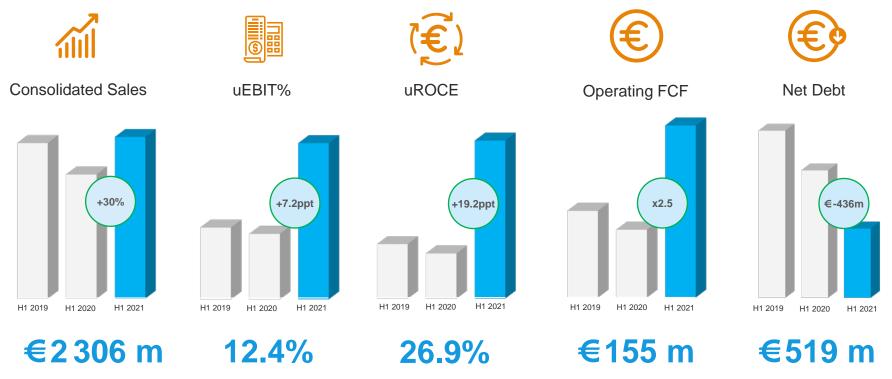
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### 2021 H1 results

Strong sales – vigorous margin growth – strong balance sheet



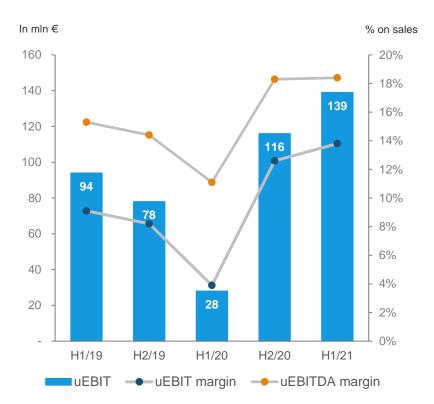


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### Rubber Reinforcement

Market leading position with 30% share of global tire cord market; providing innovative solutions

that help our customers sustainably transform the industry





#### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

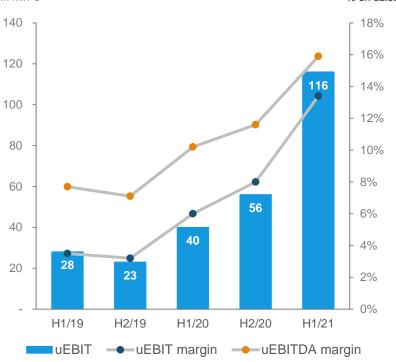
- Organic sales growth of 32.5% in the first 9 months of 2021 due to volume rebound and positive price-mix effects.
- uEBIT margin of 13.8% and uEBITDA margin of 18.4% in H1 2021 following efforts to lower the cost structure and improve the business mix. Positive impact from inventory valuation.
- Capex of € 12 million in H1 2021 mainly related to investments in EMEA and Asia



### In mIn € % on sales

**Steel Wire Solutions** 

strategic partnering in growth areas



# GROWTH DRIVERS LOCAL SERVICE THROUGH OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINT Image: Second sec

#### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

- Organic sales growth of 37.9% in the first 9 months of 2021 due to positive price-mix effects and strong volume growth
- uEBIT margin of 13.4% and uEBITDA margin of 15.9% in H1 2021 due to high volumes, improved mix, cost control, pricing discipline and positive inventory valuation
- Capex of €11 million in H1 2021, including investments in all regions

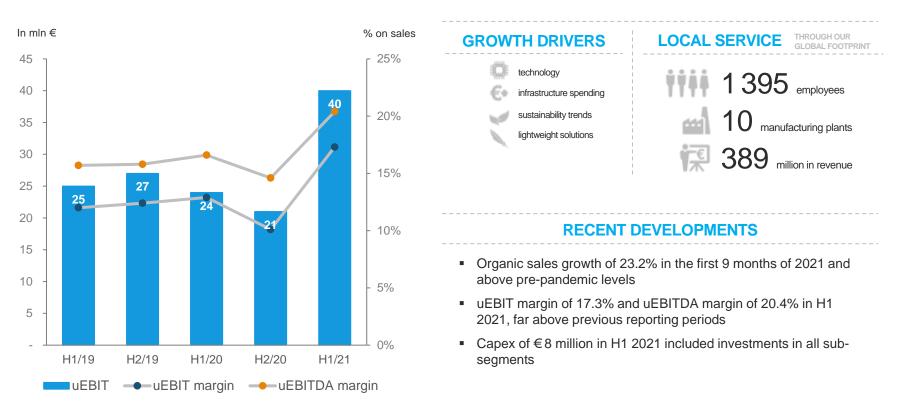
Solidifying our diversified portfolio through business optimization, technology leadership and



#### Investor presentation - Bekaert - employee numbers, manufacturing plants and revenue in the infographic are FY2020 figures

### Specialty Businesses Expanding our technology leadership position in growth markets and pushing the boundaries

of application opportunities; 40% global market share for concrete reinforcement fibers and thin metal fibers

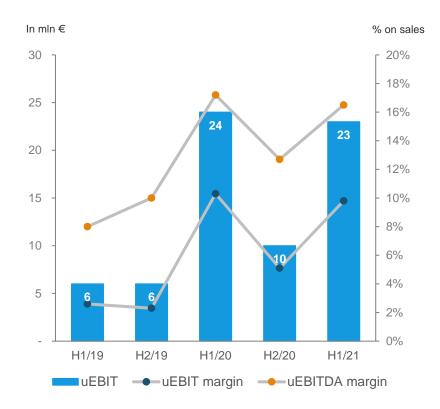




### **Bridon-Bekaert Ropes Group**

The leading innovator and provider of the best performing ropes and advanced cords globally





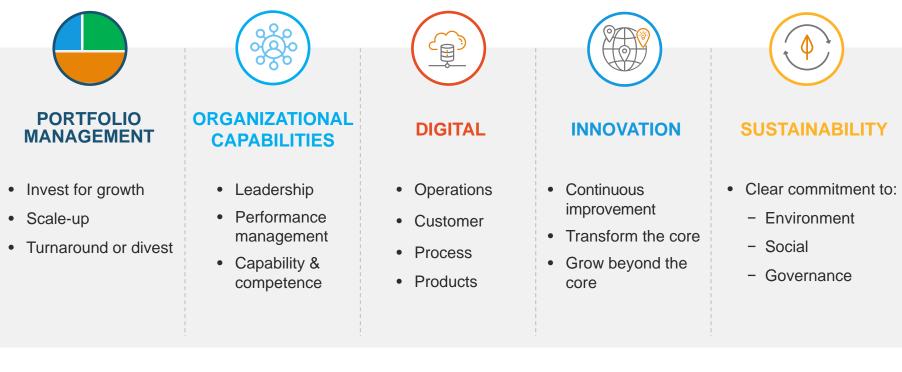
GROWTH DRIVERS	LOCAL SERVICE THROUGH OUR GLOBAL FOOTPRINT
floating wind turbine projects	2337 employees
oil & gas investments	<b>ZOOT</b> employees
Mining activity	17 manufacturing plants
Infrastructure spending	
synthetic ropes applications	<b>424</b> million in revenue

#### **RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

- Organic sales growth of 8.7% in in the first 9 months of 2021 driven by higher volumes, both in Ropes and Advanced Cords.
- uEBIT margin of 9.8% and uEBITDA margin of 16.5% in H1 2021, slightly below H1 2020
- Closed plant in Pointe-Claire Canada, as all North American ropes activities have been consolidated in the US
- Capex of € 10.5 million in PP&E in H1 2021, mainly in the UK, US and in Advanced Cords Belgium

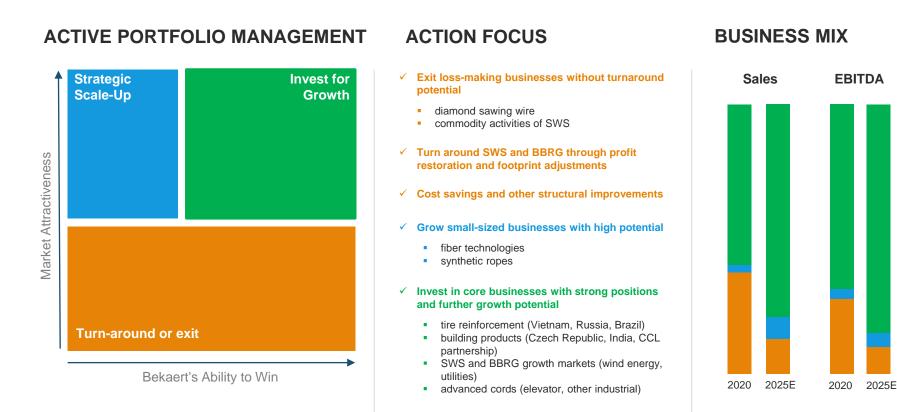
### Key elements of our business strategy





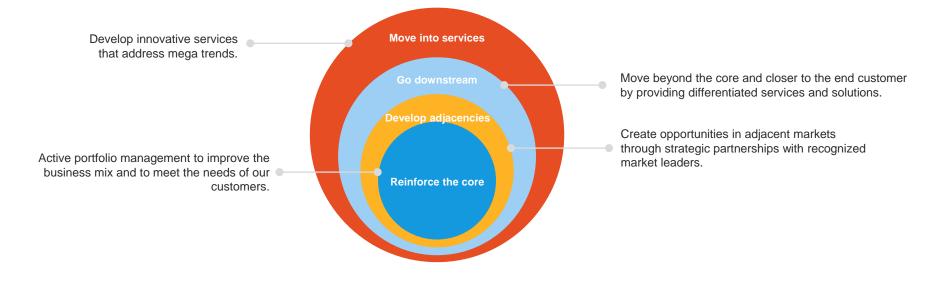
### We are actively managing our business portfolio





### Thoughtful approach to accretive growth



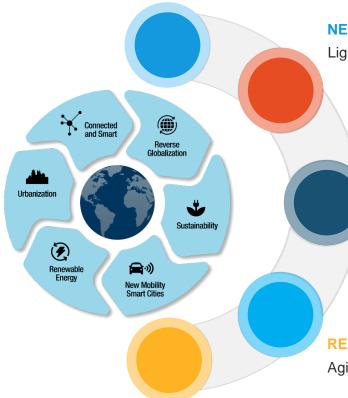




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### Our business focus is aligned with mega trends





#### **NEW MOBILITY**

Light-weight, smart and green materials for tires

#### **URBANIZATION**

Advanced cords for vertical city requirements; smart glazing solutions with thin fiber technologies; low-carbon concrete reinforcement

#### **RENEWABLE ENERGY**

Light-weight mooring for offshore floating wind turbines; new fibers for hydrogen electrolysis

#### **CONNECTED & SMART**

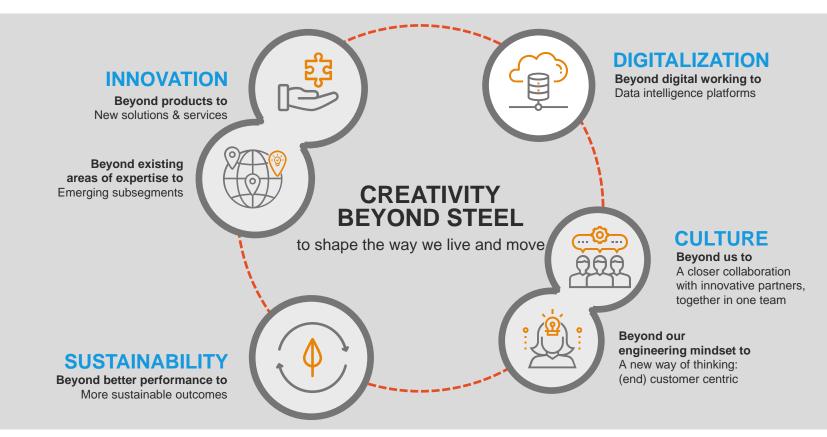
5G & data transmission technology for fiber optic networks

#### **REVERSE GLOBALIZATION**

Agile and digital supply chain; regional footprint

### Creativity is at the center of our strategy





### Investing in innovative solutions



#### STRONG INVESTMENTS TO INNOVATE



**T&I** Investments

+600

Experts



Patents

+50% Increased investment over next 5 years

#### REBALANCING OUR PIPELINE WITH THREE BUSINESS ENGINES

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E1

E2

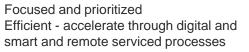
Cost and process improvements World-class operations

Product and solution development From incremental innovation towards offering elevation

Anticipation of major disruptions Develop smart products and solutions

Solutions for new growing markets





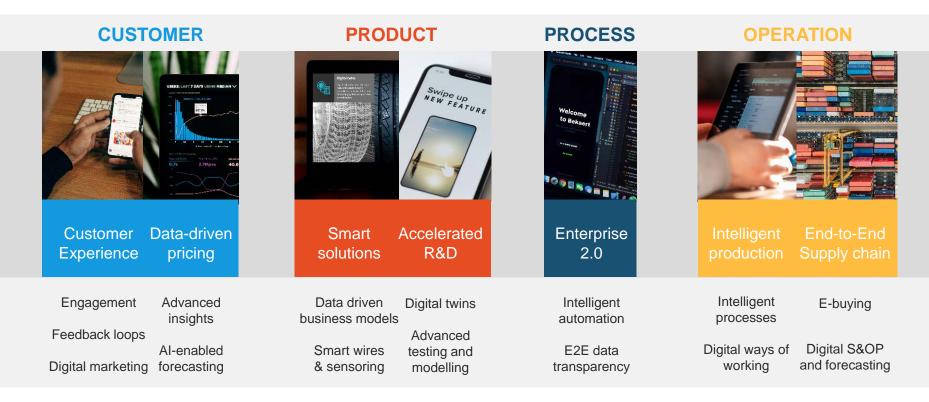
Driven by customer needs More ambitious platforms Stronger portfolio governance

Incubation in ring-fenced entrepreneurial teams External ecosystem collaboration and partnerships

+15% Sales from new solutions by 2025

### Digitalization is employed across the organization





### Focused on delivering sustainable solutions

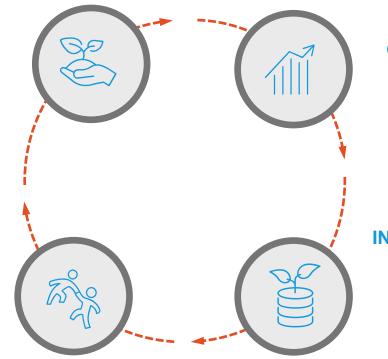


#### **CUSTOMERS**

- Increasing requirements on suppliers
- Sustainable solutions outgrow others
- End-industry disruptions

### **PEOPLE & COMMUNITIES**

- Increase top talent attraction and engagement
- Positive impact on our local communities



### **COMPETITIVE ADVANTAGE**

- First mover advantage
- Significant cost savings
- Opportunity to differentiate

### **INVESTORS & REGULATORS**

- ESG target investing
- Lower financing costs

• Expectation for Science-based targets and towards net-zero policies

### Committed to ambitious sustainability goals

2030 goals vs. 2019 baseline



ENVIRONMENTAL



#### **Towards Carbon Neutrality**



Reduce GHG emissions in line with Science Based Targets Aim for Carbon Net Zero by 2050

#### **Sustainable Solutions**



of our sales to be from sustainable solutions

#### Water



relative freshwater intake in stressed regions

#### **Working conditions**



Strive for zero accidents

#### **Diversity & Inclusion**

**40%** Female managers/ white collars

Positive working environment for all our employees

#### **Community relations**

Actively engage with communities on priority sustainability themes





#### **Highest Ethical Standards**

Ethics and Code of Conduct Strict compliance management

#### Fair sourcing + transparency

**100%** <sup>or</sup> <sub>E</sub>

of strategic suppliers EcoVadis listed

95%

of spend with suppliers who sign off Code of Conduct

#### Best in class governance & reporting

Transparent and integrated reporting

### Innovation in action



#### DIGITALIZATION





**NEW MOBILTY** 

### **CLEAN ENERGY**



Together with VisionTek, BBRG developed the first mobile 3D rope measuring and visioning equipment to monitor, control, predict and optimize the lifecycle of ropes Bekaert invested in Cargo Sous Terrain and is technology advisor on the Board

Bekaert participates in a consortium to develop the next generation electrolysers for green Hydrogen production

### Enabling new, sustainable solutions





#### **ENERGY AND UTILITIES**

Beyond current markets and solutions

# Enabling the future

Digital Twin models



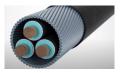
Synthetic & hybrid solutions



Strategic Partnerships



Bezinox® cable armoring



### Reducing environmental impact



Dramix<sup>®</sup> solutions reducing input intensity





Heavy, labor-intensive traditional reinforcement

More efficient and easy to use steel fiber reinforced concrete

#### Construction Reinforcement Low Carbon concrete

Reducing material intensity

### SigmaSlab<sup>™</sup>, a new Dramix® solution co-developed with post-tensioning leader CCL



#### Typical transformation (SigmaSlab<sup>™</sup> example)

- 70% less steel reinforcement
- 20% less concrete
- **30-40%** reduction in CO<sub>2</sub> footprint

### **Better together**

With our customers, employees, shareholders and communities





# We make our customers succeed

Customer centricity is at the heart of everything we do.

Our aim is to be our customer's partner of choice by offering differentiated solutions and services, and by driving sustainable innovations.

## We are truly better together

The true strength of Bekaert lies at the heart of every employee's passion to go the extra mile for our customers.

Our values are ingrained in our culture and connect us all as One Bekaert team.

# We commit to high performance

Our commitment to high performance benefits all our stakeholders, including our shareholders.

We want to create value for our stakeholders by delivering on our high ambitions.

# We care for the world around us

We develop solutions that contribute to a clean environment and raise our efforts to become a truly sustainable business.

We support initiatives that help improve the social conditions in the communities where we are active.



### **Financial Outlook**

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### Outlook for 2021



While we anticipate softening conditions in some of the demand tailwinds, remain cautious about supply chain disruption risks, and take into account the usual seasonality effects of the fourth quarter,

We project solid sales in most of our business areas for the remainder of the year and reconfirm our outlook:

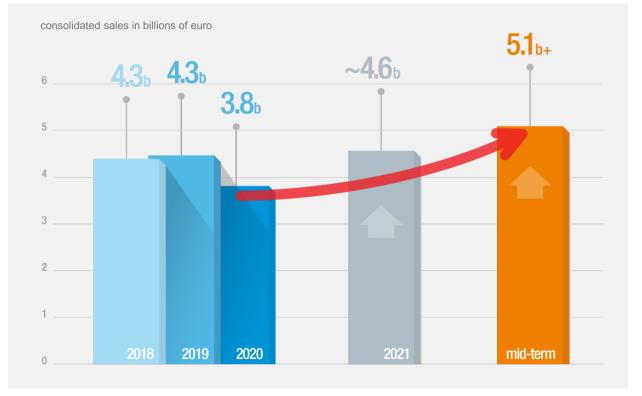
Barring unexpected events, Bekaert projects for FY 2021 an underlying EBIT margin on sales of 10% or better and sales of approximately €4.6 billion.

### Sales growth driven by strategic focus



### **STRATEGIC FOCUS**

- market positioning
- mix improvements
- pricing discipline
- customer success
- operational excellence



### Increased profit from sales growth and stronger business model

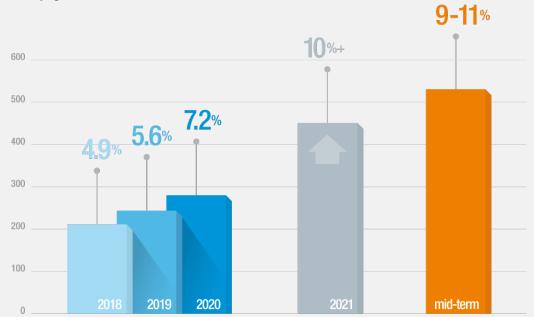


#### SALES GROWTH

- in the right markets
- with higher-end solutions
- with successful customers
- at the right price

### **BUSINESS MODEL**

- Improved footprint
- structural savings
- high degree of resilience
- capital allocation strategy



underlying EBIT in millions of euro and as a % on sales

### Cash flow generation is at the center of our strategy

### **WORKING CAPITAL**

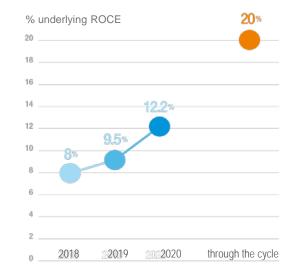
- Decreased by 40% in 2 years (YE 2020 vs YE 2018)
- Average working capital on sales decreased from 20% (FY 2018) to 13% (H1 2021)
- Objective is to maintain a level of 15-16%



Working capital in millions of euro and as a % on sales

### **CAPITAL ALLOCATION**

- ROCE improved by +50% in 2 years (FY 2020 vs FY 2018)
- H1 2021: very high ROCE of 27%
- Objective is to reach a ROCE greater than 20% through the cycle

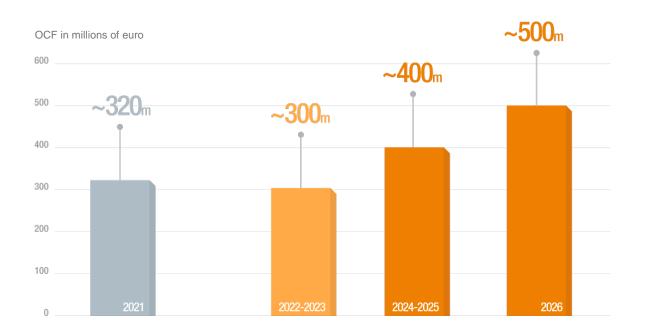


### Solid cash generation from higher profitability

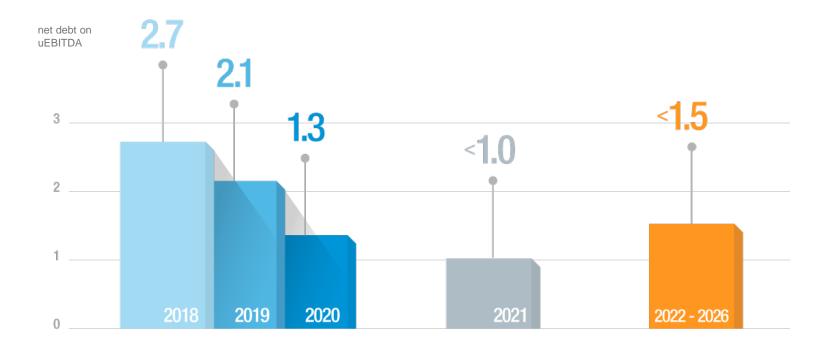


#### SOLID CASH GENERATION

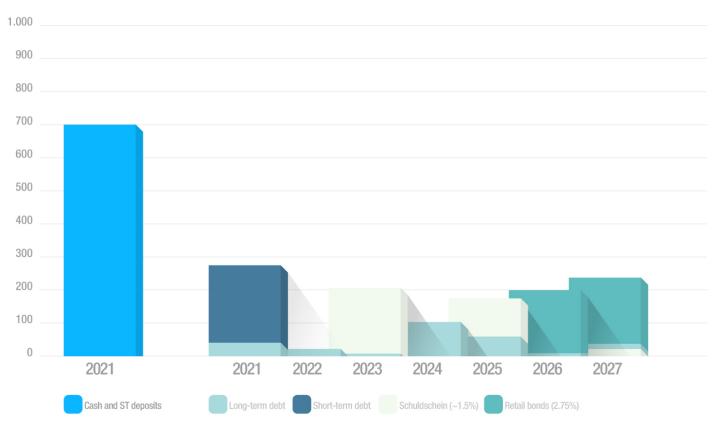
- Objectives:
  - step up OCF (1)
  - FCF yield  $^{(2)}$  of ~100%
- Funding opportunities to grow:
  - organic and inorganic
  - investments in innovation, sustainability, digital
  - dividend



Continuous focus on maintaining conservative balance sheet



## Liquidity position is strong and debt maturities are balanced



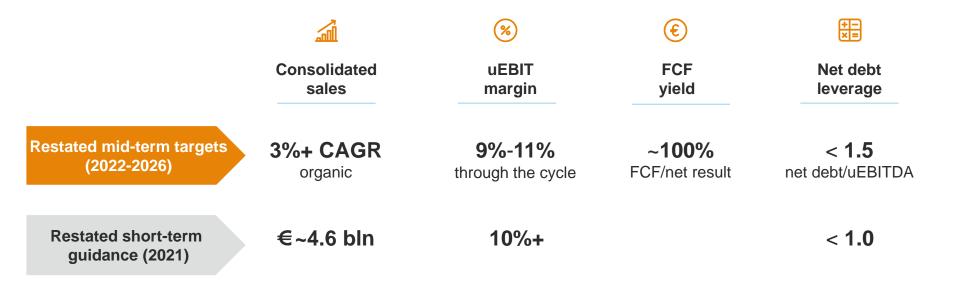
#### Focused on shareholder returns through dividend policy



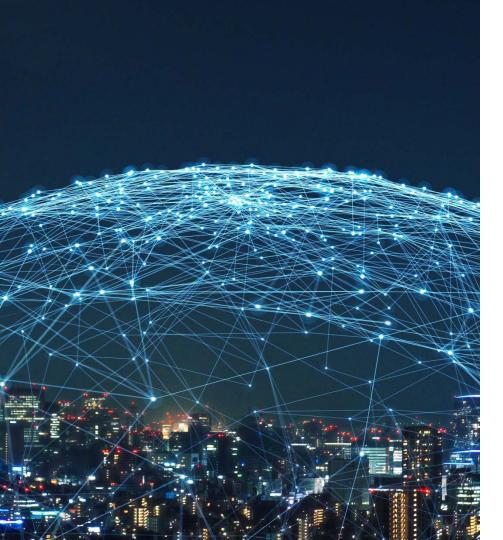
At the Annual General Meeting of Shareholders in May 2021, a gross dividend of € 1.00 was approved, in line with the company's pay-out policy.

Value creation in our financial projections 2021-2026





Changes versus previous guidance: Mid-term underlying EBIT margin target: from 8-10% to 9-11% FY 2021 outlook: consolidated sales from  $\ge \in 4.4$  billion to  $\in \sim 4.6$  billion – underlying EBIT margin from  $\ge 8\%$  ( $\ge 80$ bps above FY 2020 level of 7.2%) to 10% or better.



# Conclusion

#### Why invest in Bekaert



#### PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN MARKET LEADER

- Delivering on priorities and focused on higher value opportunities
- Global scale, partnerships and intellectual property to protect and enhance position in key end markets



#### FOCUSED EXECUTION OF STRATEGIC PLAN

- Strong track record of consistently improving business portfolio
- · Capabilities and ability to execute on investments in innovation, digitalization and sustainability



#### **DELIVERING GROWTH THROUGH INNOVATION**

- Clear capital allocation strategy to maximize return on investment
- Unlocking growth potential through R&D and focus on creative new applications
- Focused on creating value for all stakeholders, including our shareholders

#### Save the date



Third quarter trading update 2021	19 November 2021
Full year results 2021	25 February 2022
Integrated report 2021	22 March 2022

Capital Markets Day - See the content or watch the replay of the of 28 May 2021 on Our performance

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Recent publications: H1 2021 Results - Annual Report - Sustainability Report

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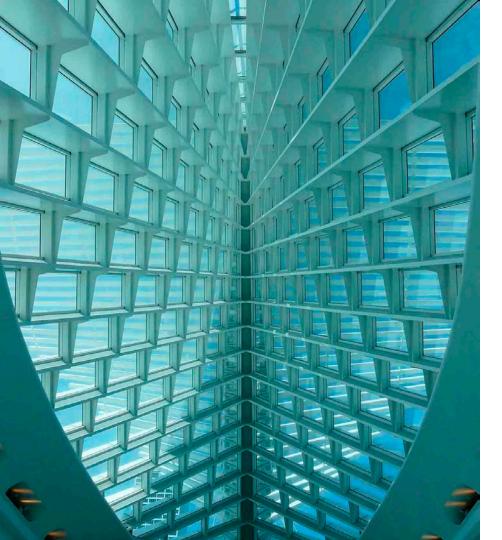


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# Q3 2021 and H1 2021 Financial Supplement

## Market developments in the three-month period July-Sept 2021





• Demand continued to benefit from the post-covid rebound and remained strong across many geographies, with the exception of China

The global supply chain remains constrained on the back of several headwinds associated with raw material shortages and freight bottlenecks

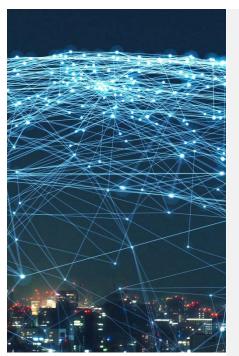
• Cost inflation has impacted various input costs including raw materials, transportation, and energy

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#### Q3 2021 achievements



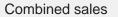
- Driving further agility of the supply chain management has allowed to:
  - Secure supply continuity to customers
  - Proactively capture the opportunities arising from reverse globalization
  - Keep the working capital under control
- Further improving the product and business mix, in line with our strategy to more efficiently segment and upgrade the business portfolio
  - Strong pricing discipline and execution, resulting in the mitigation of the raw material price increases and other cost inflation
- Further developing and deploying sustainability, innovation and digital initiatives



#### 2021 sales over the first nine months

Consolidated sales	2020	2021	Variance	Organic	FX
Rubber Reinforcement	1 146	1 504	+31%	+33%	-1%
Steel Wire Solutions	982	1 338	+36%	+38%	-2%
Specialty Businesses	288	354	+23%	+23%	-0%
BBRG	330	358	+9%	+9%	-0%
Group	9	5	-	-	-
Total consolidated sales	2 755	3 559	+29%	+30%	-1%
Total combined sales	3 239	4 326	+34%	+36%	-3%

#### Consolidated sales



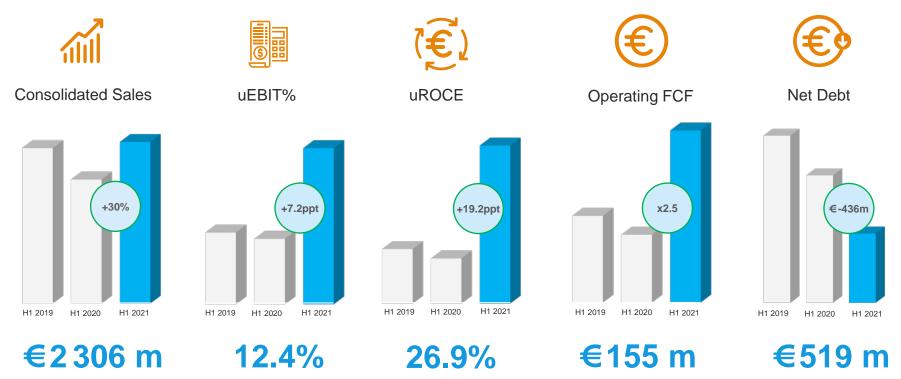


Combined sales are sales of consolidated companies plus 100% of sales of joint ventures and associates after intercompany elimination Investor presentation - Bekaert

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#### Consolidated income statement: key figures

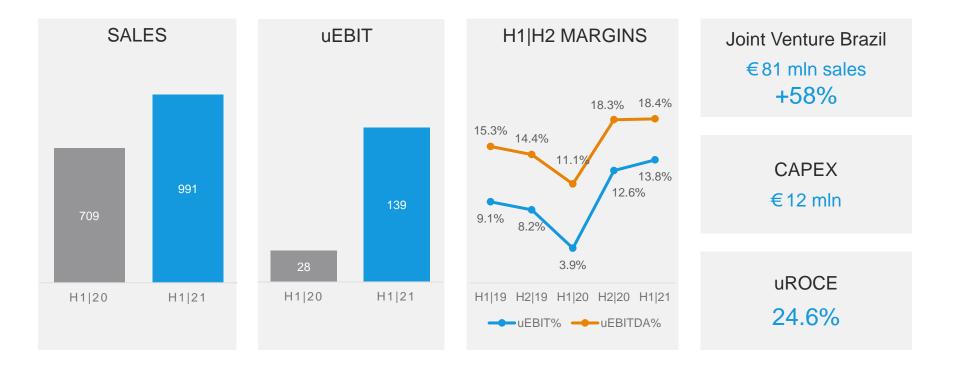


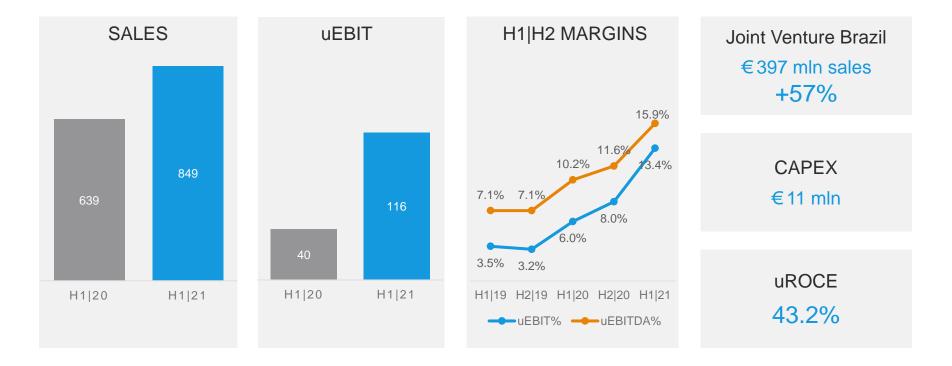
In millions of €	Underlying		Reported	
	H1 2020	H1 2021	H1 2020	H1 2021
Sales	1 770	2 306	1 770	2 306
Cost of sales	(1 518)	(1 833)	(1 521)	(1 847)
Gross profit	252	473		
Selling expenses	(81)	(88)	(81)	(87)
Administrative expenses	(59)	(78)	(60)	(76)
R&D expenses	(25)	(29)	(26)	(29)
Other operating revenue and expenses	4	9	4	21
EBIT	92	285	87	288

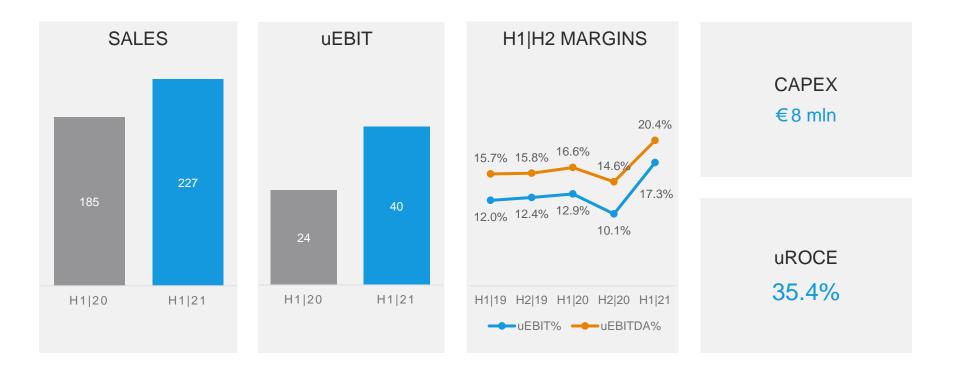
Overheads increase in absolute numbers but decrease as a % on sales: -80bps to 8.5%

## EBIT-Underlying bridge: Consolidated view



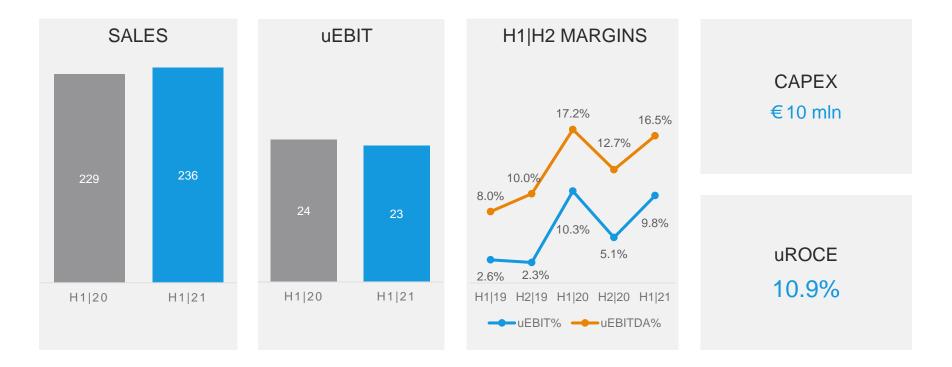






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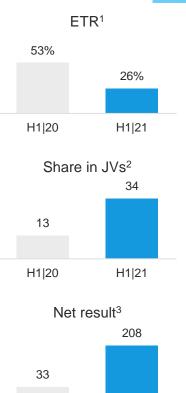




## Consolidated income statement: key figures

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In millions of €	H1 2020	H1 2021
EBIT	87	288
Interest income / expense	(28)	(23)
Other financial income and expenses	(15)	4
Result before taxes	44	268
Income taxes	(23)	(71)
Result after taxes (consolidated companies)	21	197
Share in the results of joint ventures and associates	13	34
Result for the period	34	231
Attributable to non-controlling interests		23
Attributable to equity holders of Bekaert	33	208



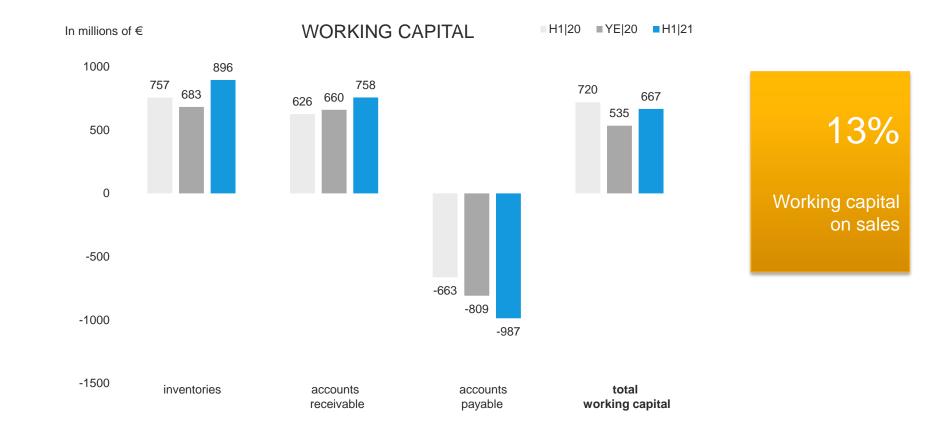
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H1|20

(1) Effective tax rate / (2) Share in the results of JVs / (3) Result of the period attributable to equity holders of Bekaert Investor presentation - Bekaert

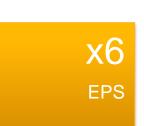
#### Working capital: key figures





# Key figures per share

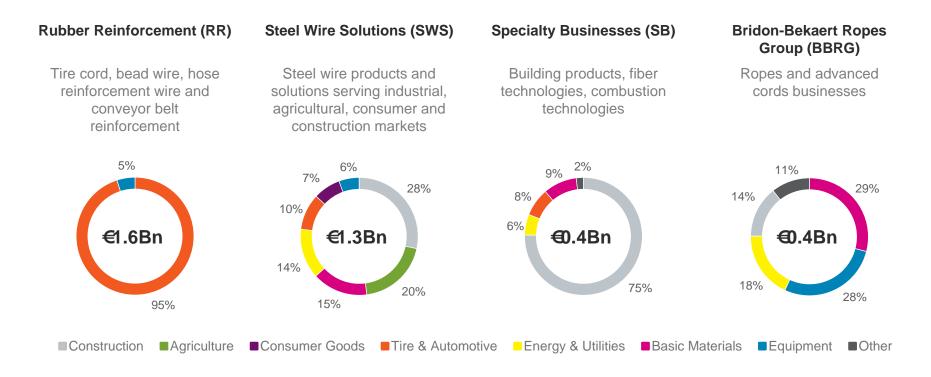
	H1 2020	H1 2021
Share price	17.45	37.58
Number of existing shares	60 408 441	60 414 841
Book value	22.61	28.23
Earnings per share (EPS)	0.59	3.66
Weighted average number of shares	56 543 997	56 813 437



#### Business units with multiple growth drivers

Consolidated sales by business unit (FY 2020)







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