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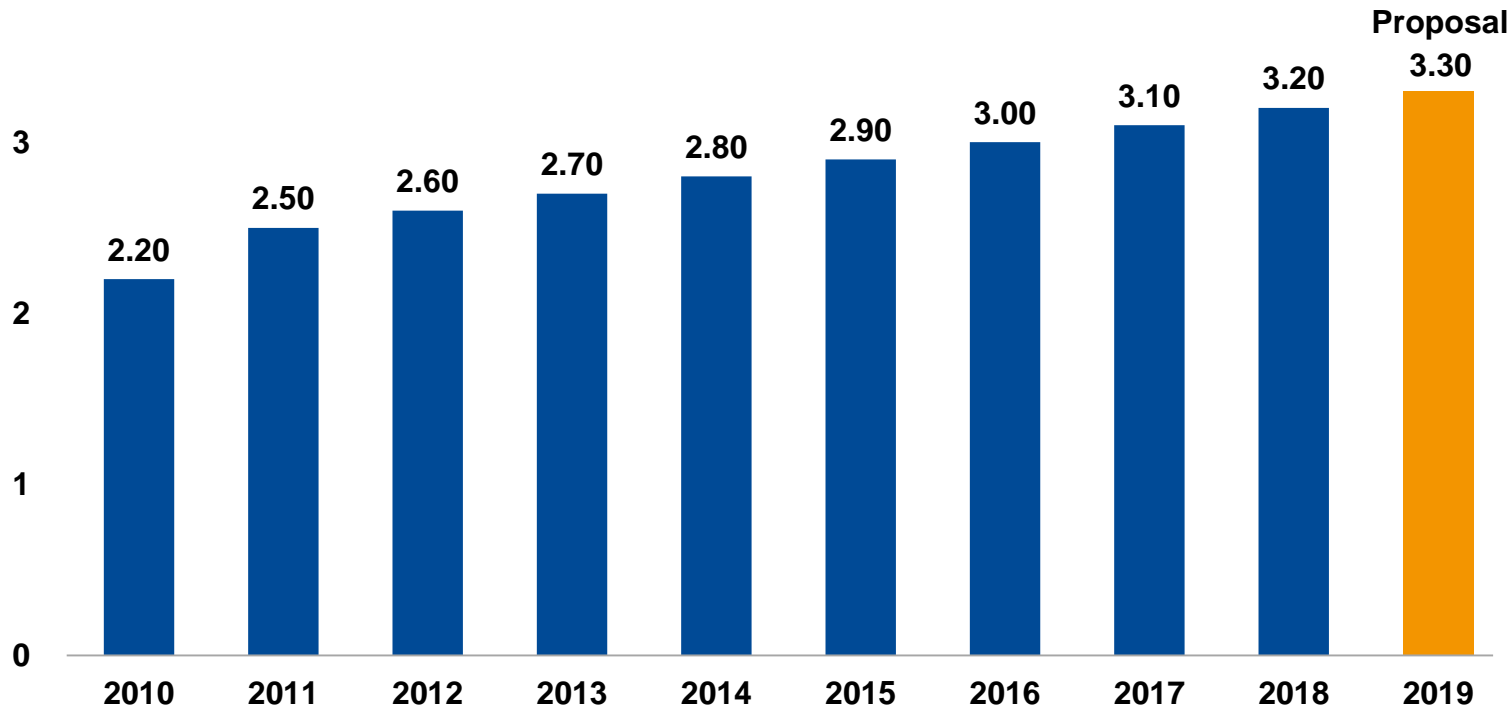
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# Conference Call Q1 2020

Ludwigshafen, April 30, 2020

# BASF stands by progressive dividend policy

## Dividend per share €



Year	Yield <sup>1</sup>
2010	3.7%
2011	4.6%
2012	3.7%
2013	3.5%
2014	4.0%
2015	4.1%
2016	3.4%
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2018	5.3%
2019	4.9%

### Dividend policy

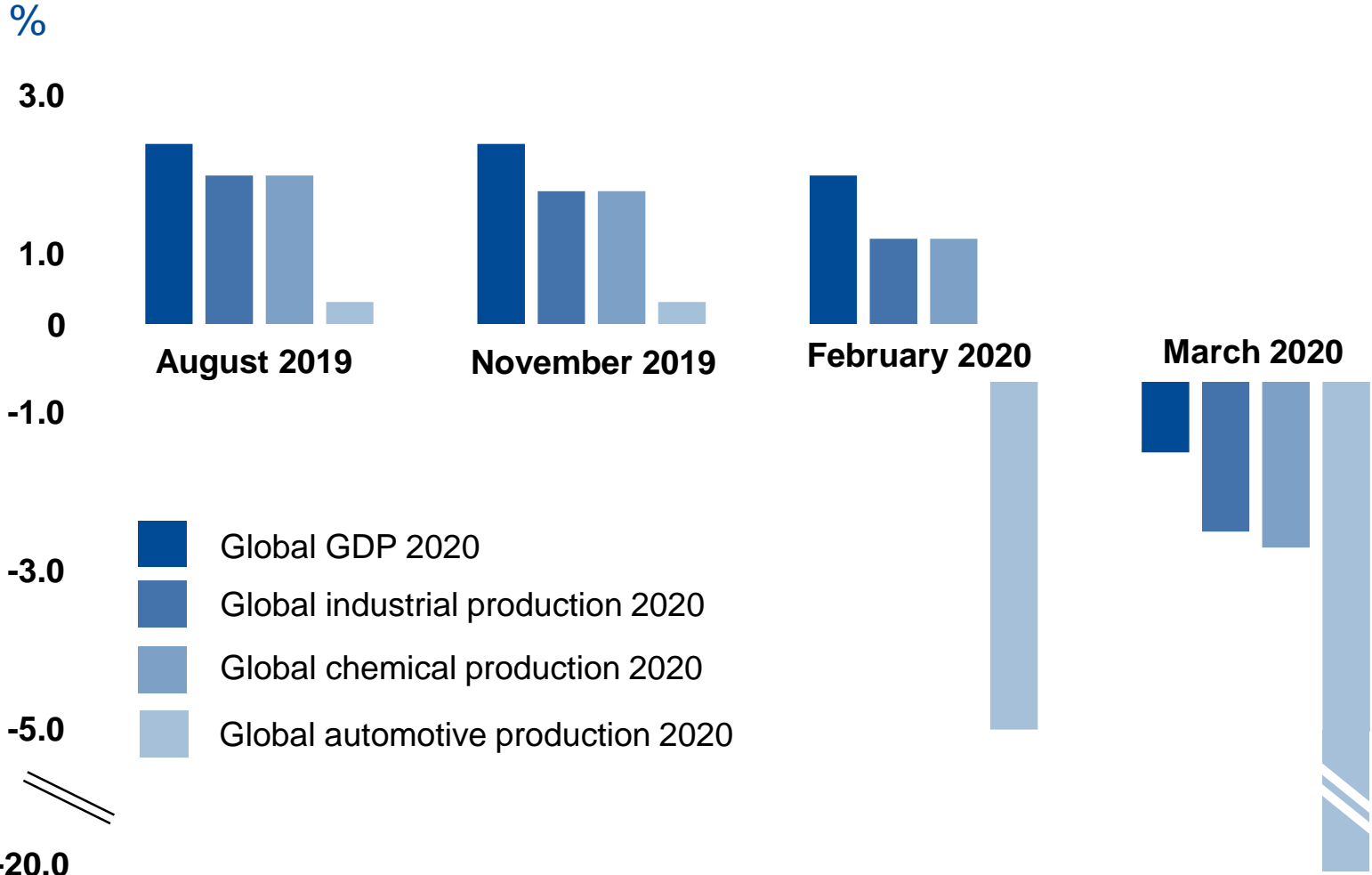
- Aim to increase the dividend per share every year

### Key facts 2019

- Dividend proposal of €3.30 per share, an increase of 10 euro cents
- In total, we would pay out €3.0 billion, which is fully covered by our 2019 free cash flow of €3.7 billion

# Macroeconomic environment characterized by extreme uncertainty

## Forecast revisions for key macroeconomic indicators 2020



### Macroeconomic development Q1 2020 vs. Q1 2019

Indicator	%
Global GDP	-1.7%
Global industrial production	-2.9%
Global chemical production	-5.2%
Global automotive production	-24.2%



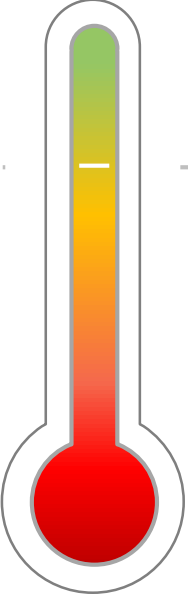
# How does the pandemic impact global chemical customer industries?

## BASF segments

- Nutrition & Care
- Agricultural Solutions
- Industrial Solutions
- Surface Technologies
- Materials
- Chemicals

## Chemical customer industries

- Health and nutrition
- Agriculture
- Construction
- Electronics
- Consumer goods
- Energy and resources
- Rubber and plastics
- Transportation incl. automotive
- Other industries and services



## Impact of lockdowns

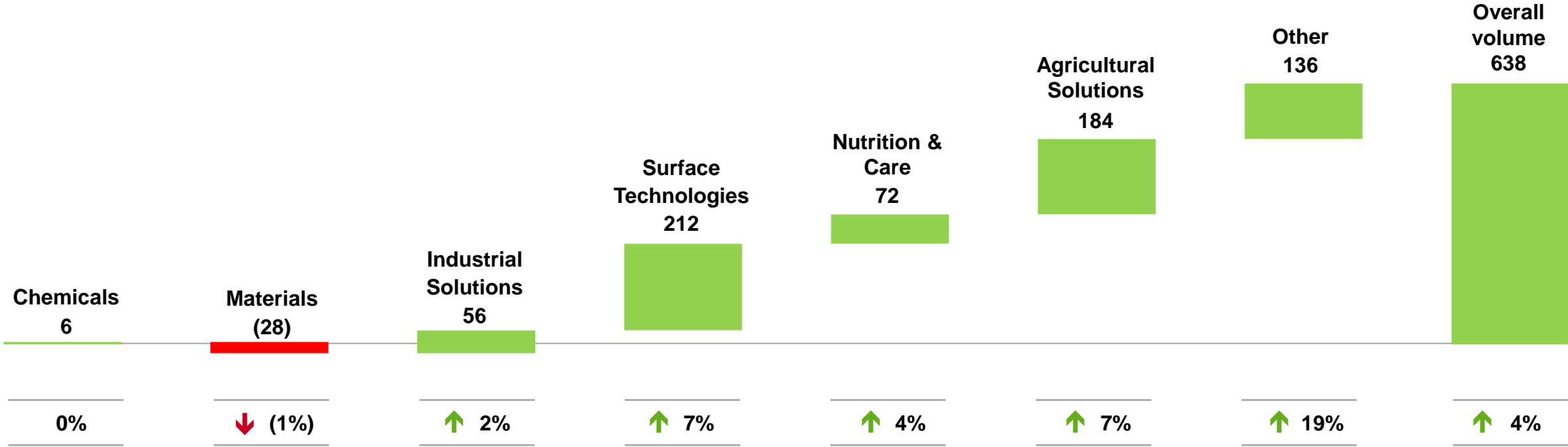
Not or only slightly affected, partly higher demand

Majority negatively impacted by lockdowns, cautious buying behavior and supply chain interruptions

No general statement possible

# BASF Group Q1 2020: Volume growth in all downstream segments

Volume development by segment  
 Q1 2020 vs. Q1 2019  
 absolute (million €) terms



relative (%) terms

# How we operate safely in the COVID-19 environment



## Dedicated safety measures in place

- Early activation of BASF's global crisis management
- Divisions, regions and sites have activated crisis plans, which are adjusted as the situation changes
- Measures in production are coordinated from a site perspective (local regulation, infrastructure) in close alignment with global production steering
- Shifts are divided into smaller teams with minimum contact during daily operations
- Temporary switch to different shift system with more work hours
- Strict hygiene regulations and consistent tracing of infection chains
- Wherever possible employees work remotely (more than 40,000 worldwide)

# Key measures to lead BASF through the COVID-19 crisis



## Customer focus

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- The customer is at the center of all our activities
- We are committed to ensure the supply of our customers
- Close interaction to immediately recognize changes in the demand pattern



## Global steering of BASF's production network

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- Adapting utilization rates according to market demand using proprietary Verbund simulator
- Securing supply of key raw materials and distribution of products to our customers



## Focus on safeguarding cash

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- Strong focus on liquidity management
- Strict working capital management
- Elevated cost discipline and implementation of BASF's Excellence Program
- Review of investment projects

# Change in reporting of “non-integral” shareholdings as of Q1 2020

## Until December 31, 2019

### Statement of income BASF Group 2019 (reported)

million €	2019
Sales revenue	59,316
Gross profit on sales	16,255
Income from companies accounted at equity	116
<b>Income from operations (EBIT)</b>	<b>4,052</b>
Net income from shareholdings	(45)
Financial result	(750)
Income before income taxes	3,302
Income taxes	(756)
<b>Income after taxes from continuing operations</b>	<b>2,546</b>
Income after taxes from discontinued operations	5,945
Noncontrolling interests	(70)
<b>Net income</b>	<b>8,421</b>

### At equity consolidation (share of net income shown in EBIT)

- BASF’s share in net income from all at equity consolidated companies (integral and non-integral) were reported in EBIT.

## As of January 1, 2020

### Statement of income BASF Group 2019 (restated)

million €	2019
Sales revenue	59,316
Gross profit on sales	16,255
Income from integral companies accounted at equity	265
<b>Income from operations (EBIT)</b>	<b>4,201</b>
Income from non-integral companies accounted at equity	(149)
<b>Net income from shareholdings</b>	<b>(194)</b>
Financial result	(705)
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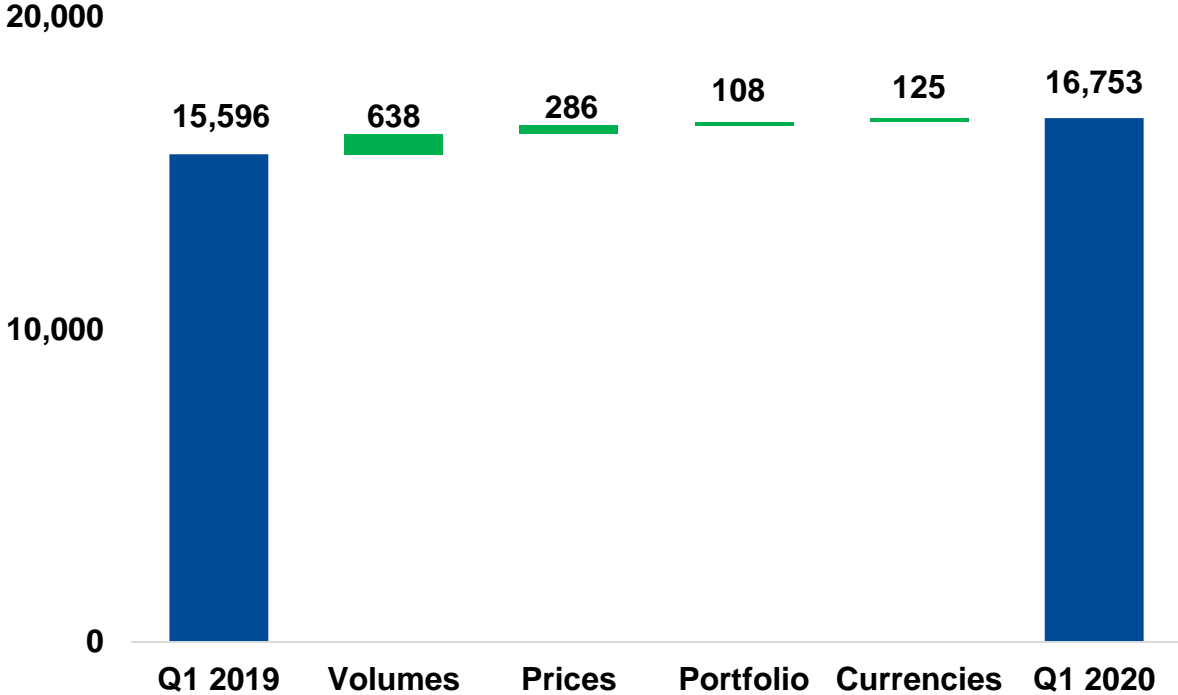
- Some of BASF’s at equity consolidated shareholdings<sup>1</sup> are not an integral part of the company.
- Integral shareholdings will remain part of the at equity consolidation in EBIT.
- As of January 1, 2020, non-integral shareholdings are reported under “net income from shareholdings,” which is a new subtotal of income before taxes.
- The prior-year figures are restated.

**BASF’s share in net income from non-integral shareholdings are shown in net income from shareholdings. At equity consolidated integral shareholdings remain part of EBIT.**



# BASF Group Q1 2020: EBIT before special items down due to considerably lower earnings in Chemicals, Materials and Other

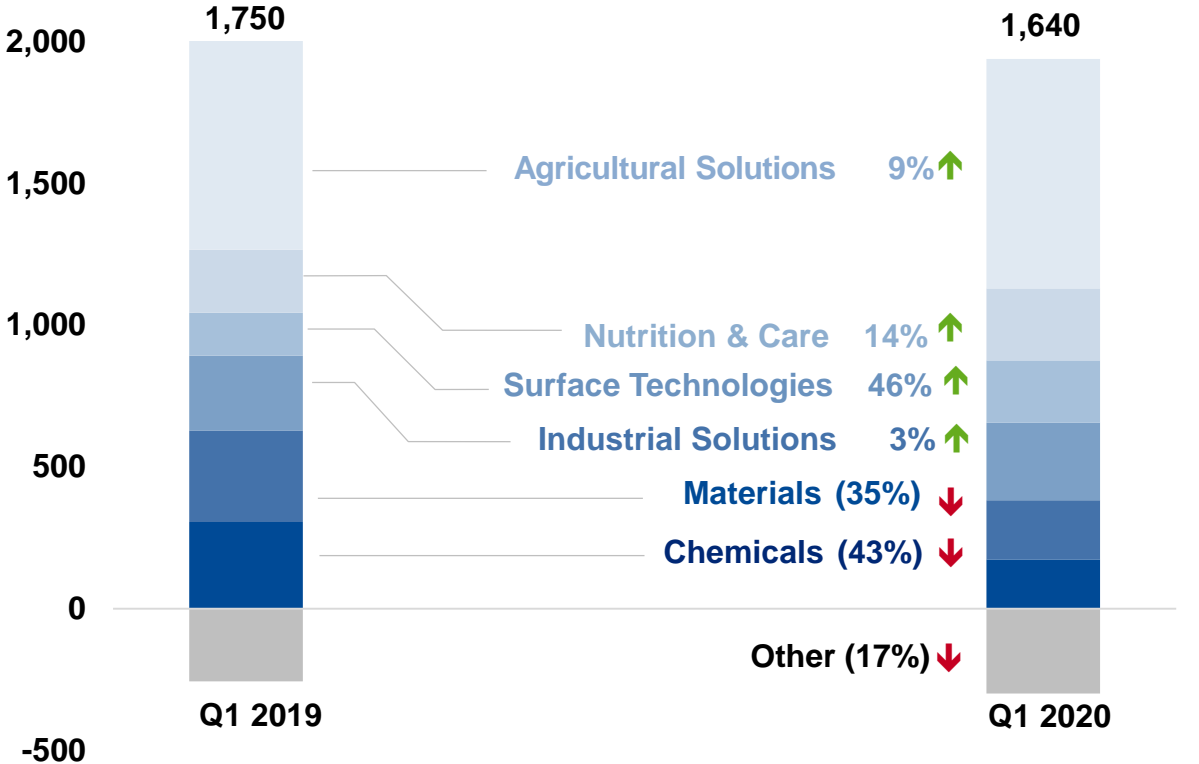
Sales bridge Q1 2020 vs. Q1 2019  
million €



Sales development

Q1 2020 vs. Q1 2019	Volumes	Prices	Portfolio	Currencies
↑ 4%	↑ 1%	↑ 1%	↑ 1%	

EBIT before special items<sup>1</sup> by segment Q1 2020 vs. Q1 2019  
million €



<sup>1</sup> The 2019 figures have been restated to reflect the reclassification of income from non-integral companies accounted for using the equity method to net income from shareholdings.

# Q1 2020: BASF Group shows resilience amid corona crisis with diversified portfolio and financial solidity

Financial figures	Q1 2020	Q1 2019	Change
	€	€	%
Sales	16,753 million	15,596 million	7
EBITDA before special items <sup>1</sup>	2,579 million	2,642 million	(2)
EBITDA <sup>1</sup>	2,428 million	2,770 million	(12)
EBIT before special items <sup>1</sup>	1,640 million	1,750 million	(6)
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	1,456 million	1,779 million	(18)
Net income	885 million	1,406 million	(37)
Reported EPS	0.96	1.53	(37)
Adjusted EPS	1.36	1.70	(20)
Cash flows from operating activities	(1,030) million	373 million	.

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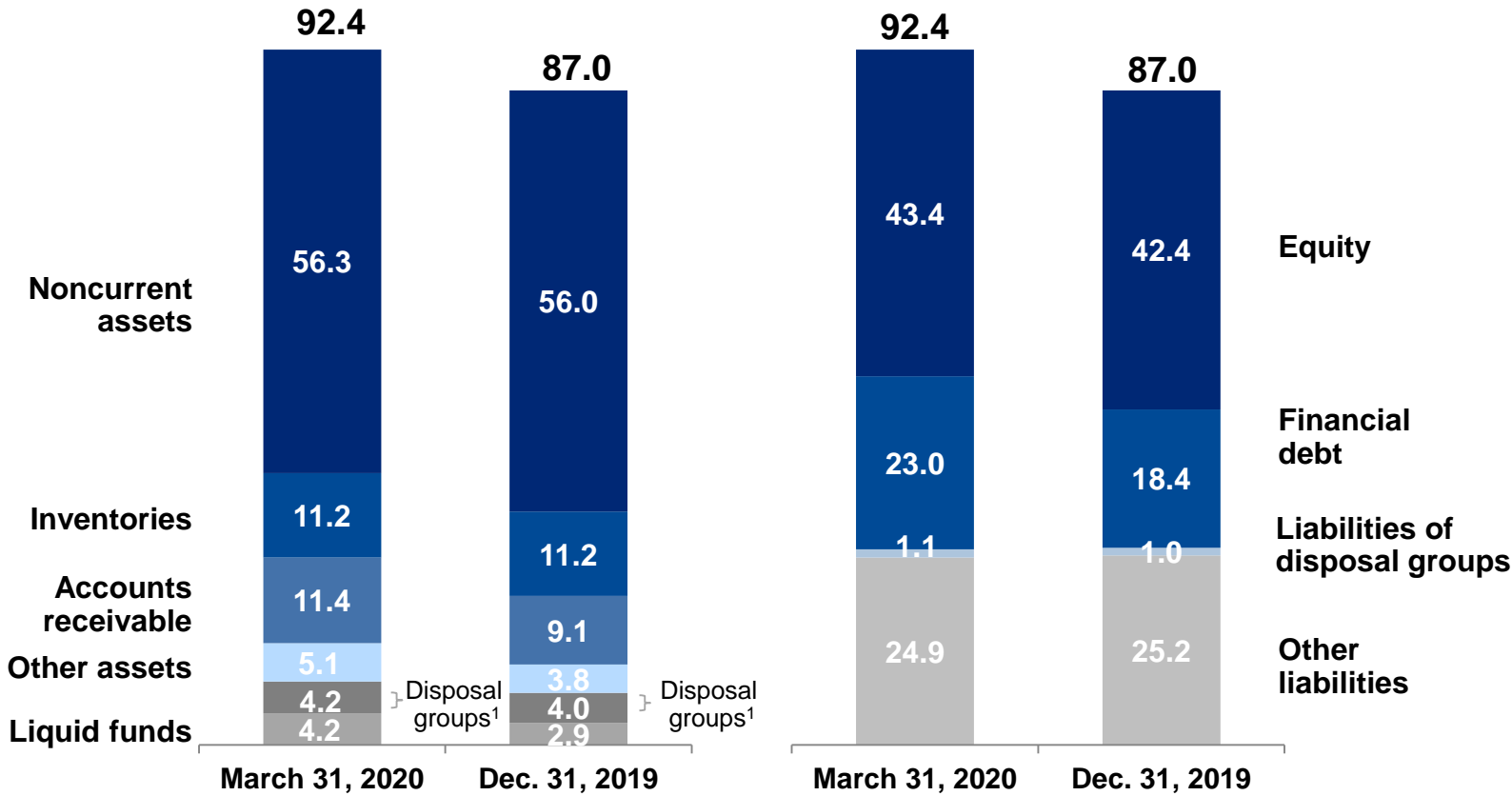
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# Cash flow development Q1 2020

	Q1 2020	Q1 2019
	million €	million €
<b>Cash flows from operating activities</b>	<b>(1,030)</b>	<b>373</b>
Thereof      Changes in net working capital	(3,000)	(1,758)
Miscellaneous items	86	(306)
<b>Cash flows from investing activities</b>	<b>(1,820)</b>	<b>(837)</b>
Thereof      Payments made for intangible and tangible assets	(569)	(741)
Acquisitions / divestitures	(1,245)	118
<b>Cash flows from financing activities</b>	<b>4,294</b>	<b>620</b>
Thereof      Changes in financial and similar liabilities	4,329	620
Dividends	(36)	0
<b>Free cash flow</b>	<b>(1,599)</b>	<b>(368)</b>

# Balance sheet remains strong

Balance sheet March 31, 2020 vs. December 31, 2019  
billion €



- Total assets increased by €5.4 billion to €92.4 billion
- Current assets up by €5 billion, due to higher accounts receivable, increased cash and cash equivalents and other receivables
- Net debt increased by €3.3 billion to €18.8 billion
- Equity ratio on March 31, 2020: 47.0%

<sup>1</sup> BASF's global pigments business and construction chemicals business



# Outlook 2020 for BASF Group

Forecast provided on February 28, 2020 withdrawn

Outlook 2020	
Sales	€60 billion – €63 billion
EBIT before special items	€4.2 billion – €4.8 billion
ROCE	6.7% – 7.7%

## Qualitative statements provided end of April 2020

- The sales and earnings forecast for the 2020 business year provided by BASF on February 28, 2020, cannot be met due to the coronavirus pandemic. We are therefore withdrawing our outlook for 2020.
- It is currently impossible to reliably estimate both the length and the further spread of the coronavirus pandemic, as well as future measures to contain it. Consequently, concrete statements on the future development of sales and earnings cannot be made at present.
- BASF will quantify its expectations for the future development of sales and earnings as soon as it is again possible to provide a reliable forecast.





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