





M&A	Successful acquisition of the global quick connector business from Autoline with locations in France, China and Mexico
M&A	Successful acquisition of Lifial, Portugal, who has been manufacturing metal clamps for 28 years for use in industry and agriculture
NDS	Continuing cross selling of Distribution Service parts into sales channels of NDS within the US and shipping NDS parts to Australia and Europe
R&D	Expansion of test laboratories in all regions to validate new products and develop plastic materials for Fluid systems
CR Roadmap	Set up of binding environmental targets for all global production sites

# Highlights 2016 – Financials (I)



Sales of EUR 894.9 million (2015: EUR 889.6 million) leads to growth of 0.6%

Adjusted EBITA Adjusted EBITA of EUR 157.5 million (2015: EUR 156.3 million)

### Margin

Adjusted EBITA margin stable at 17.6% (2015: 17.6%); 7<sup>th</sup> year of sustainable margin higher than 17.0%

### **Adjusted** Tax rate

Improved adjusted tax rate at 28.9% (2015: 32.1%) mainly due to granted tax credits, an optimization of US tax setup and lower US sales

### **EPS**

Strong adjusted EPS of EUR 2.96 (2015: EUR 2.78)

Reported EPS including acquisition related costs improved to EUR 2.38 (2015: EUR 2.31)

# Highlights 2016 – Financials (II)



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Strong balance sheet with an equity ratio of 36.2% (2015: 36.8%) despite dividend payment and higher balance sheet total due to the Autoline acquisition

### **Net Debt\***

Net debt\* increased moderately to EUR 392.0 million (2015: EUR 357.5 million) despite the Autoline acquisition and dividend payment

### Leverage

Net debt\* / adj. EBITDA leverage of 2.1x (2015: 2.0x) increased only slightly despite acquisition financing and dividend payment

### **Net Operating Cash Flow**

Strong increase of net operating cash flow to EUR 148.5 million (2015: EUR 134.7 million)

### **Dividend**

Dividend proposal to the AGM of EUR 0.95 per share – increase of 5.6% compared to previous year 32.0% or EUR 30.3 million of adjusted net income of EUR 94.6 million

### Guidance 2017

Moderate organic growth of around 1% to 3%, plus around EUR 45 million from acquisitions Sustainable adjusted EBITA margin on the level of the last years of above 17.0%

<sup>\*</sup> Net debt excluding derivative financial liabilities of EUR 2.2 million (2015: EUR 3.4 million)

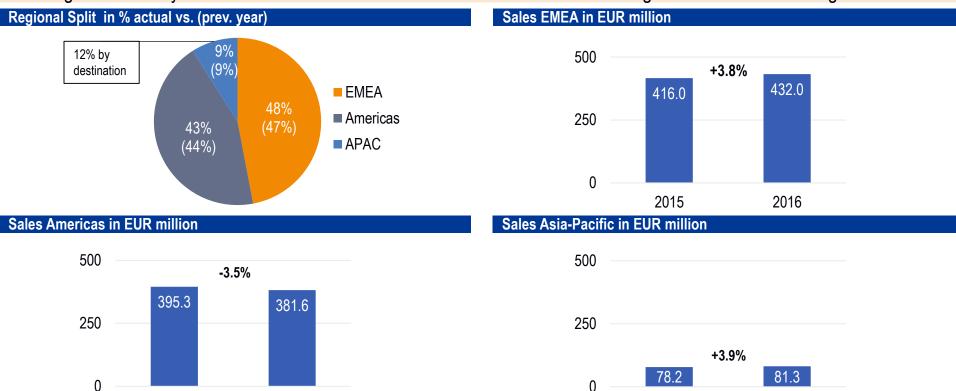
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# Sales by Region

2015

2016

- **EMEA:** Solid growth in EJT includes favorable automotive business while DS sales were slightly negative this led in total to a growth of +3.8% including negative currency effects and start of consolidation of Autoline.
- Americas: Strong decline in EJT sales due to downturn of commercial vehicle, agricultural and construction machinery while DS showed a solid growth led by excellent NDS business.
- Asia-Pacific: Solid organic growth in the region includes strong growth in EJT and a slightly negative business in DS.
   Negative currency effects and the start of consolidation of Autoline led to a total growth of 3.9% for the region.



2015

2016



# Sales of EUR 894.9 million with Slight Organic Growth of 0.9%

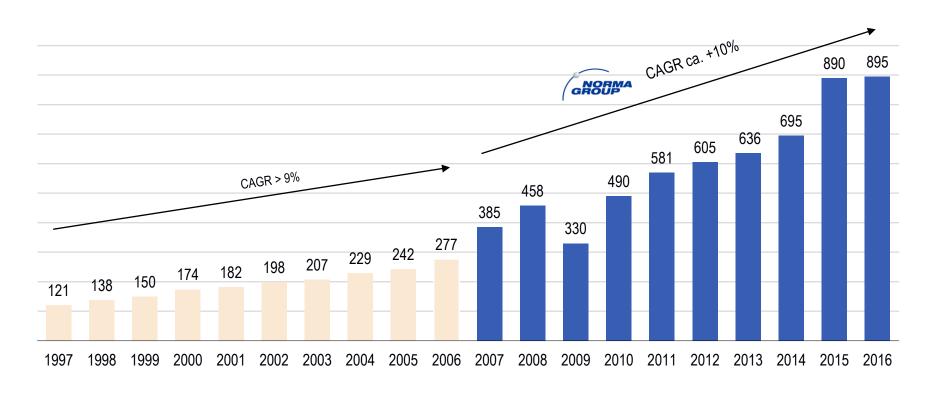
- Organic growth slowed down during the year mainly due to lower than expected US commercial vehicles, agricultural
  and construction machinery sector including aftermarket
- Autoline has been consolidated since December 2016 and contributed 0.4% of growth in 2016
- Only minor currency changes in 2016 led to sales decrease of 0.7%

Sales Development in EUR million								
Sales	2015	2016	Change	Change in %	Thereof organic	Thereof acquisitions	Thereof currency	
Q1	221.5	226.6	5.1	2.3%	2.4%	0.0%	-0.1%	
Q2	232.8	236.2	3.4	1.4%	3.3%	0.0%	-1.9%	
Q3	218.3	216.6	-1.7	-0.7%	-0.1%	0.0%	-0.6%	
Q4	217.0	215.5	-1.5	-0.7%	-2.3%	1.6%	0.0%	
FY	889.6	894.9	5.3	0.6%	0.9%	0.4%	-0.7%	

### Historic Growth Track Record

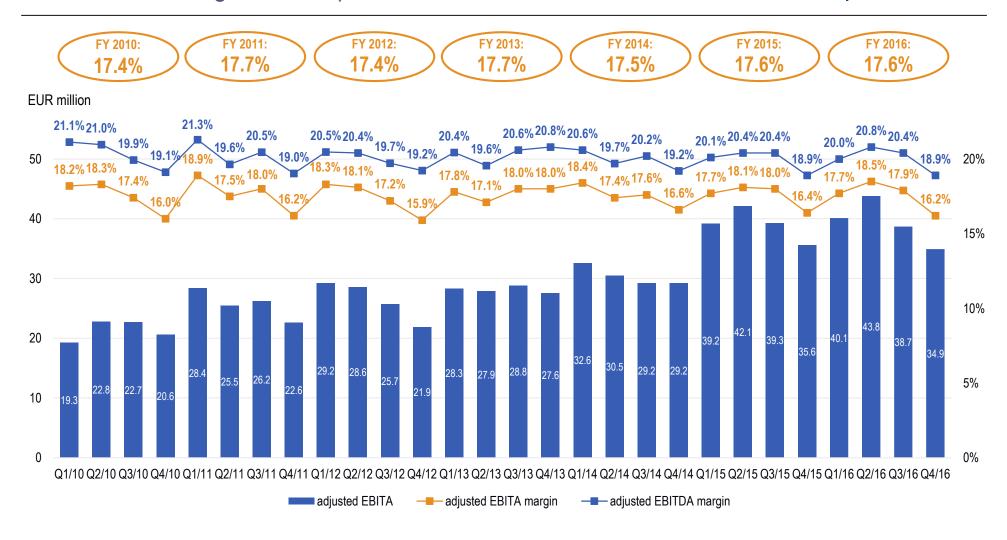


### **Historic Revenue Development in EUR million**



1997 to 2016: 20 years of a successful growth story

# Sustainable Margin Development Continued in 2016



# **Acquisition of Lifial**



M&A	Acquisition of Lifial – Indústria Metalúrgica de Águeda, Lda. ('Lifial'), Portugal, in January 2017
Business Model	Manufacturer of metal clamps for the use in industry and agriculture (distribution business) Based in Águeda, Portugal
History	For more than 28 years the company has been manufacturing heavy duty clamps, pipe supporting clamps, and U-bolt clamps for mounting antennas and solar modules and has been selling them to customers in Europe and North Africa
Sales	Sales of around EUR 8 million in financial year 2015 (thereof approx. EUR 1 million sales directly with NORMA Group)
Consolidation	First time consolidation into NORMA Group starting January 2017
Margin	In the range of NORMA Group's margin
Adjustments	No operational adjustments planned from acquisition



# Acquisition of the Autoline business from Parker Hannifin

M&A	Acquisition of all assets of the Autoline business from Parker Hannifin in November 2016
Business Model	Global supplier of quick connectors for all types of automotive fluid line applications Based in Guichen, France, with production sites in France, Mexico and China
History	For more than 20 years the company has been designing, manufacturing and marketing quick connectors for fuel lines, cooling lines, vapor lines, braking assistance lines and SCR (Selective Catalytic Reduction) circuit lines
Sales	Sales of around EUR 40 million in financial year 2016 (Jul 1, 2015 – Jun 30, 2016)
Consolidation	First time consolidation into NORMA Group starting December 2016
Margin	In the range of NORMA Group's margin
Financing	Transaction was financed with credit facilities

# 11 Acquisitions since the IPO in 2011

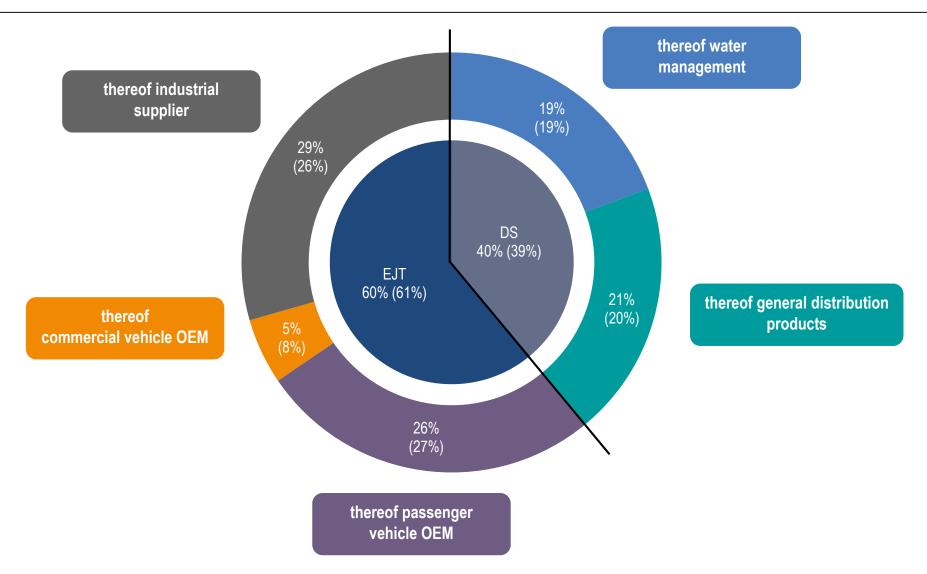


Sales Consolidation Effects in EUR million	Date of Acquisition		Total Sales
CONNECTORS Verbindungstechnik AG, Switzerland	04/12	Market entry in connecting technology in Pharma & Biotech	16.6
Nordic Metalblok S.r.l., Italy	07/12	Market consolidation heating and air conditioning clamps	5.2
Chien Jin Plastic Sdn. Bhd., Malaysia	11/12	Market entry joining elements for water distribution	7.7
Groen Bevestigingsmaterialen B.V., Netherlands*	12/12	Securing market with national dealer	3.4
Davydick & Co. Pty. Limited, Australia	01/13	Enforce market position with distribution of water & irrigation systems	3.4
Variant SA, Poland*	06/13	Securing market with national dealer	2.3
Guyco Pty. Limited, Australia	07/13	Enforce market position with distribution of water & irrigation systems	7.2
Five Star Clamps Inc., USA	05/14	Consolidation of multi industrial engineered clamps	4.0
National Diversified Sales, Inc., USA	10/14	Expanding water management product portfolio	129.3
Autoline, France	12/16	Expanding product portfolio and strengthening market position in the area of quick connectors	~ 40.0
Lifial* - Indústria Metalúrgica de Águeda, Lda., Portugal	01/17	Strengthening product portfolio of DS business and market consolidation	~ 7.0
Total			~ 226.1

\* External Sales

# Balanced Industry Mix with Two Strong Distribution Channels\*

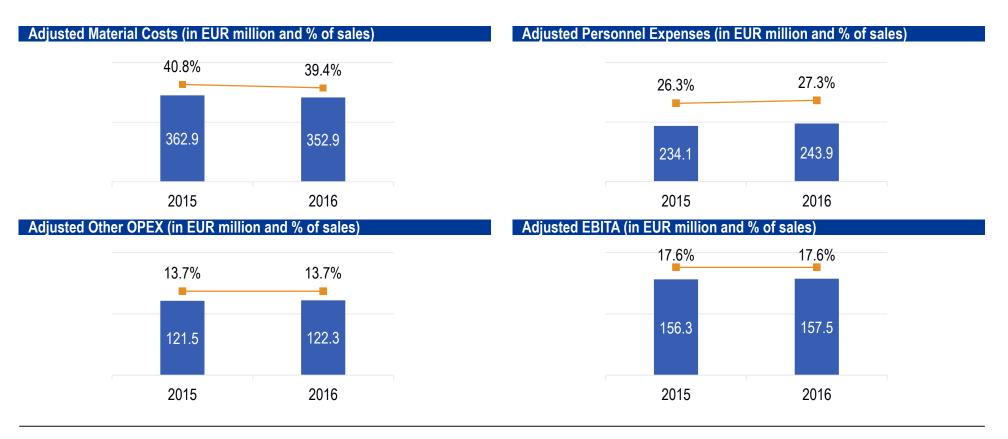




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# Adjusted EBITA of more than 17% for the 7<sup>th</sup> Consecutive Year

- Favorable material costs in combination with improvements from the Global Excellence Program led to a better material cost ratio
- Higher personnel expenses ratio mainly due to weak commercial vehicle, agricultural and construction machinery business in the US and investments into Asia-Pacific
- Stable adjusted other OPEX at 13.7%



# Operational Adjustments on EBITA level



- Operational adjustments after the Autoline acquisition in 2016
- EUR 4.8 million costs related to Autoline in 2016
- Further operational adjustments planned in 2017 for Autoline and for ongoing PPA adjustments

in EUR million	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Reported EBITA	64.9	84.7	105.2	112.1	113.3	150.5	150.4
+ Restructuring costs	1.3	1.8	0	0	0	0	0
+ Non-recurring/non-period-related items*	15.5	14.8	0	0	6.9	3.6	4.8
+ Other group and normalized items	0.7	0.2	0	0	0	0	0
+ PPA depreciation	3.0	1.2	0.2	0.5	1.3	2.2	2.3
Adjusted EBITA	85.4	102.7	105.4	112.6	121.5	156.3	157.5

# Operational Adjustments 2016



- Operational adjustments on EBITDA level due to the acquisition of Autoline
- EUR 0.58 adjustments on EPS level

in EUR million	Reported	Adjustments	Adjusted
Sales	894.9		894.9
EBITDA	174.6	4.8 (incl. EUR 1.7 million transfer taxes; EUR 2.1 million acquisition costs; EUR 0.4 million integration costs & EUR 0.6 million inventory-step-ups)	179.4
EBITDA margin	19.5%		20.0%
EBITA	150.4	7.1 (incl. EUR 2.3 million depreciation PPA)	157.5
EBITA margin	16.8%		17.6%
EBIT	120.0	27.7 (incl. EUR 20.6 million amortization PPA)	147.7
EBIT margin	13.4%		16.5%
Net Profit	75.9	18.7 (Post Tax Impact)	94.6
Net Profit margin	8.5%		10.6%
EPS (in EUR)	2.38	0.58	2.96

# Outlook on Adjustments 2017 – 2018

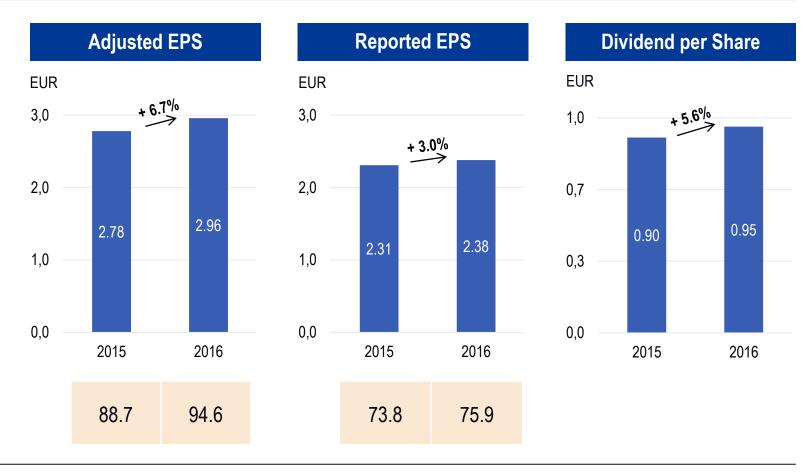


in EUR million	FY 2016	FY 2017*	FY 2018*
EBITDA level	4.8	ca. 4 (integration costs and inventory-step-ups for Autoline)	0
EBITA level	7.1 (incl. EUR 2.3 million depreciation PPA)	ca. 8 (incl. ca. EUR 4 million depreciation PPA)	ca. 2 (depreciation PPA)
EBIT level	27.7 (incl. EUR 20.6 million amortization PPA)	ca. 29 (incl. ca. EUR 21 million amortization PPA)	ca. 23 (incl. ca. EUR 21 million amortization PPA)
Net Profit	18.7	ca. 19	ca. 16
EPS (in EUR)	0.58	ca. 0.61	ca. 0.49

# EPS – Dividend Proposal of EUR 0.95 per Share



- Dividend proposal to the shareholders at the AGM on May 23, 2017: EUR 0.95 per share (2016: EUR 0.90)
- Pay-out of EUR 30.3 million for 31,862,400 shares (32.0% of adjusted Group net profit of EUR 94.6 million)
- General policy: dividend of 30% to 35% of adjusted Group net profit



Net Income in EUR million



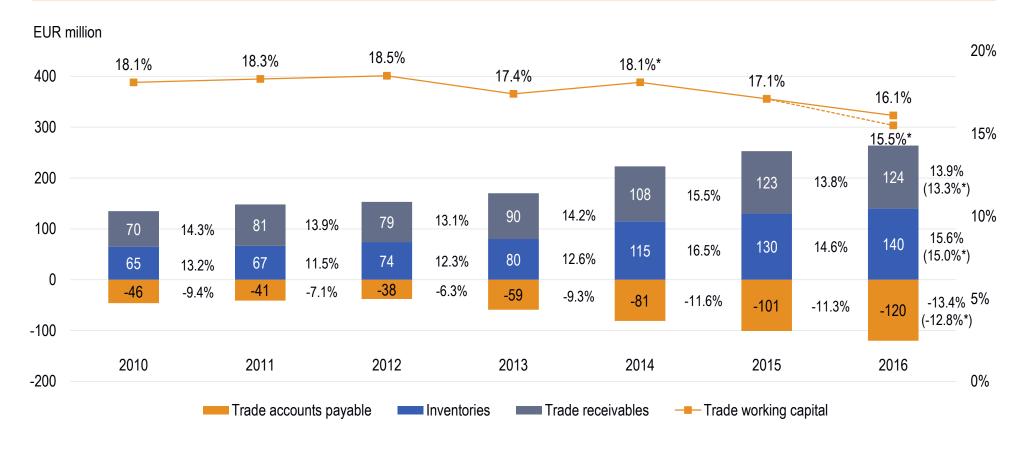
# Profit & Loss (adjusted & reported)

in EUR million	Adju	sted	Reported		
	2015	2016	2015	2016	
Sales	889.6	894.9	889.6	894.9	
Gross profit	533.1	545.6	530.6	544.9	
EBITDA	177.5	179.4	173.9	174.6	
in % of sales	20.0	20.0	19.5	19.5	
EBITA	156.3	157.5	150.5	150.4	
in % of sales	17.6	17.6	16.9	16.8	
EBIT	147.9	147.7	124.8	120.0	
in % of sales	16.6	16.5	14.0	13.4	
Financial result	-17.2	-14.6	-17.2	-14.6	
Profit before tax	130.7	133.0	107.6	105.4	
Taxes	-41.9	-38.5	-33.7	-29.5	
in % of Profit before tax	32.1	28.9	31.4	28.0	
Net profit	88.7	94.6	73.8	75.9	

# Working Capital Development



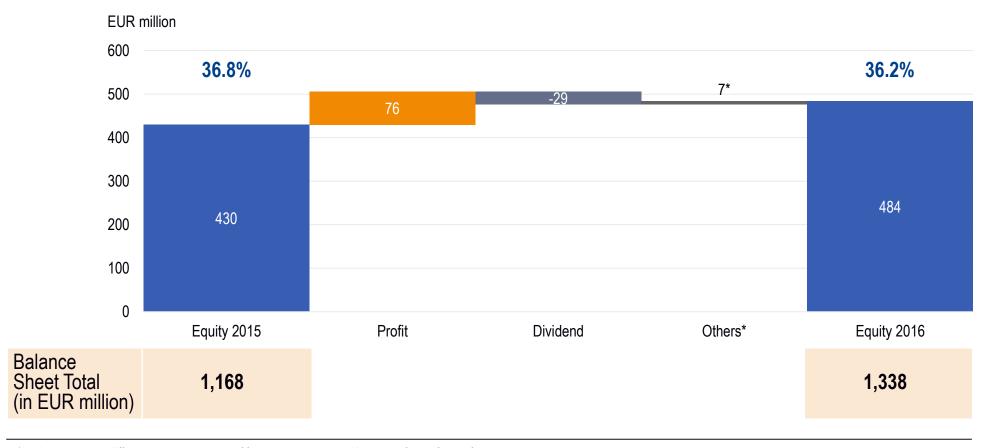
- Trade working capital ratio further improved to 16.1% of sales
- Improvement to 15.5% achieved including pro forma sales of Autoline
- On pro forma sales: trade receivables and trade payables improved, inventories showed slight increase



# Equity Ratio on Solid Level of 36.2%



- Equity increased by EUR 54 million with strong profit of EUR 76 million
- Equity ratio slightly decreased due to higher balance sheet total from the Autoline acquisition and dividend payment



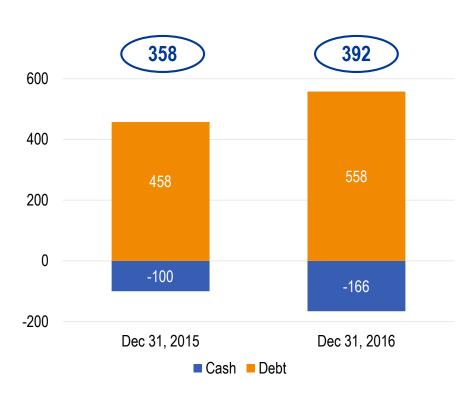
<sup>\*</sup> mainly exchange differences on translation of foreign operations and hedging of cash flows after tax

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# **Net Debt and Financing**



### **Net Debt\* (in EUR million)**



Leverage**	Dec 31, 2015	Dec 31, 2016
(Net debt* / adjusted LTM EBITDA)	2.0 x	2.1 x

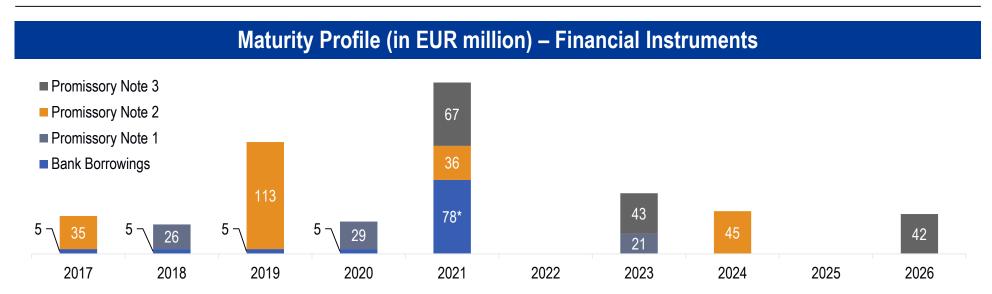
Gearing	Dec 31, 2015	Dec 31, 2016
(Net debt* / equity)	0.8 x	0.8 x

excl. derivative financial liabilities of EUR 2.2 million (Dec 31, 2015: EUR 3.4 million); Leverage incl. derivatives: 2.1x (Dec 31, 2015: 2.0x); Gearing incl. derivatives: 0.8x (Dec 31, 2015: 0.8x)

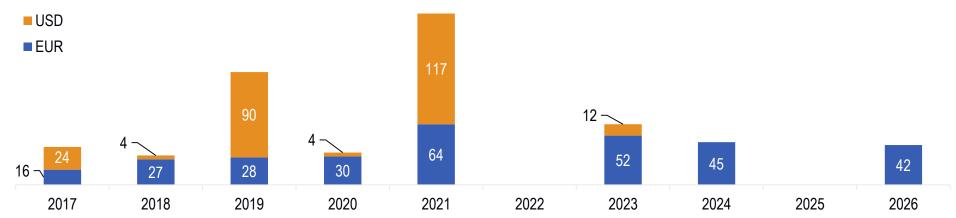
<sup>\*\* 2016</sup> EBITDA includes full year EBITDA from Autoline

# Solid Maturity Profile











# Solid Development of Balance Sheet

in EUR million	Dec 31, 2015	Dec 31, 2016
Assets		
Non-current assets		
Goodwill / Other intangible assets / Property, plant & equipment	784.8	865.5
Other non-financial assets / Derivative financial assets / Deferred- and income tax assets	8.8	9.5
Total non-current assets	793.6	875.0
Current assets		
Inventories	129.9	139.9
Other non-financial / other financial / derivative financial / income tax assets	21.6	33.0
Trade and other receivables	122.9	124.2
Cash and cash equivalents	100.0	165.6
Total current assets	374.3	462.7
Total assets	1,167.9	1,337.7

in EUR million	Dec 31, 2015	Dec 31, 2016
Equity and liabilities		
Equity		
Total equity	429.8	483.6
Non-current and current liabilities		
Retirement benefit obligations / Provisions	32.8	30.9
Borrowings and other financial liabilities	457.5	557.6
Other non-financial liabilities	30.0	31.8
Tax liabilities and derivative financial liabilities	116.9	114.2
Trade payables	100.9	119.6
Total liabilities	738.1	854.1
Total equity and liabilities	1,167.9	1,337.7



# Record Net Operating Cash Flow in 2016

Net Operating Cash Flow							
in EUR million	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Variance
Adjusted EBITDA	117.0	120.8	129.3	138.4	177.5	179.4	+1.1%
Δ ± Working capital	-19.5	-9.8	+5.1	+10.4	-0.6	+17.0	n/a
Net operating cash flow before investments from operating business	97.5	111.0	134.4	148.8	176.9	196.4	+11.1%
Δ ± Investments from operating business	-30.7	-30.0	-30.5	-39.6	-42.2	-47.9	+13.6%
Net operating cash flow	66.8	81.0	103.9	109.2	134.7	148.5	+10.3%

- Net operating cash flow before investments increased by EUR 19.6 million to a total of EUR 196.4 million in 2016 mainly due to a better working capital management
- 2016 CAPEX spending at EUR 47.9 million mainly for manufacturing facilities in Germany, Serbia, Poland, China and the US
- Record cash flow of EUR 148.5 million or +10.3% compared to 2015 ensures dividend payment and gives flexibility for further acquisitions

# Outlook 2017 – Strategy



- Continue international expansion
- 2 Continue to explore business opportunities in APAC to expand regional business and further improve profitability
- 3 Further ramp up of second China plant to enable further expansion into domestic and APAC markets
- 4 Expanding water business in the US as well as continuous cross-selling within the US and globally
- 5 Integration of recently acquired companies Autoline and Lifial
- 6 Continue dialogue with potential M&A targets in various industries and regions





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in %	2016	2017e	2018e
World	+3.1	+3.4	+3.6
USA	+1.6	+2.3	+2.5
China	+6.7	+6.5	+6.0
Euro zone	+1.7	+1.6	+1.6
Germany	+1.9	+1.7	+2.0

- VDMA (German Engineering Federation) expects worldwide machine sales to grow by 2% in 2017
- Euroconstruct expects solid growth path of +2.1% for the European construction output
- VDA expects 2% sales growth in global passenger cars in 2017 and LMC calculates with a 2.3% growth in the production of light vehicles (up to 6 metric tons)





Sales	Moderate organic growth of around 1% to 3%, additionally around EUR 45 million from acquisitions
Adjusted EBITA margin	Sustainable at the same level as in previous years of more than 17.0%
Adjusted Material Cost ratio	Roughly at the same level as in previous years
Adjusted Personnel Cost ratio	Roughly at the same level as in previous years
Financial result	Up to EUR -13 million
Adjusted Tax rate	Around 31% to 33%
Adjusted EPS	Moderate increase





Investments in R&D	Approx. 5% of EJT sales
Innovations	20 new invention applications p.a.
Quality	Proportion of defective parts in production to be below the value of 20 parts per million
CAPEX rate	Operative investments of around 5% of Group sales
Net Operating Cash Flow	Around EUR 130 million
Dividend	Approx. 30% to 35% of Group adjusted net profit





## NORMA Group – Key Investment Highlights

- 1 Market leader in attractive engineering niche markets with long term growth prospects
- 2 Enhanced stability through broad diversification across products, end markets and regions
- Engineered products with premium pricing through technology and innovation leadership in mission-critical components
- Strong global distribution network with one-stop-shopping service to specialized dealers, wholesalers and distributors
- 5 Significant growth and value creation opportunity through synergistic acquisitions
- 6 Proven track record of operational excellence



# Proven Business Model Addressing Key Megatrends



### **NORMA Group products**





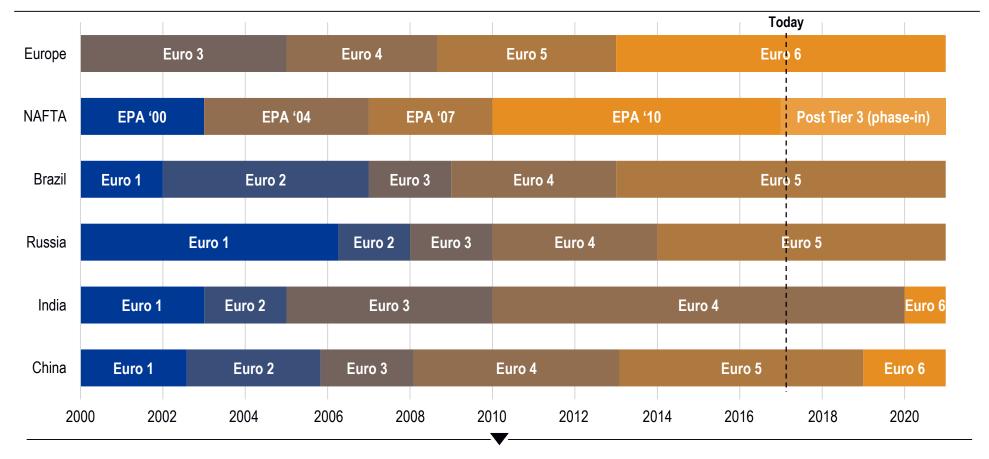


### Specific customer requirements driven by megatrends

Emission reduction	Continuous new developments on a global level in order to fulfil fleet consumption regulations and cope with increased awareness in public perception
Weight reduction	Ongoing trend in many industries especially addressed by NORMA Fluid products
Assembly time reduction	Easy to assemble NORMA Group products help lowering production costs for customers
Leakage reduction	Safely sealed products minimise warranty costs for customers through leak free joints
Product portfolio	Comprehensive national product portfolio: One-Stop- Shopping in general distribution and water management
Product availability	Superior service level through worldwide presence and regional sales hubs

# Tighter Emission Regulations Drive Increased Joining Technology Content



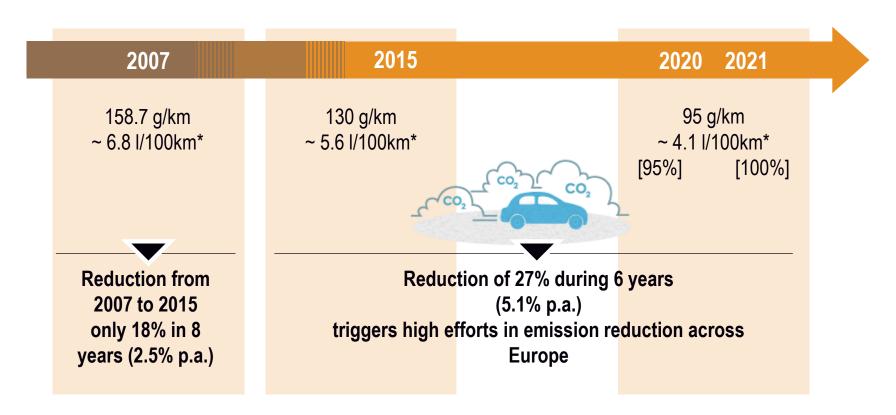


- Environmental awareness continues to drive tightening emission regulations globally, including in emerging markets
- Low-emission alternatives require significantly higher joining technology content at a substantially increased complexity compared to existing/past technologies

# Fleet Efficiency Europe: Innovation Rate must Double



### EU legislation required CO<sub>2</sub> fleet average limits



- Low emitting cars (below 50 g/km CO<sub>2</sub>) counted as 1.5 vehicles in 2015
- During second stage from 2020 onwards low-emitting cars will be counted as 2 (1.67) in 2020 (2021)

### **Innovation Rates**\*



## **Global Comparison of Fuel Economy**

Region	Target year	Target year	Duration in years		eet year 1	Fle Goal y		Change	CAGR
	1	2		under national laws	converted**	under national laws	converted**		
EU	2015	2021	6	130 g/km	130 g/km	95 g/km	95 g/km	-27%	-5.1%
USA	2016	2025	9	37.8 mpg	139 g/km	56.2 mpg	88 g/km	-37%	-5.0%
China	2015	2020	5	6.9 I/100km	161 g/km	5.0 l/100km	117 g/km	-27%	-6.2%
Japan	2015	2020	5	16.8 km/l	139 g/km	20.3 km/l	115 g/km	-17%	-3.7%
India	2016	2021	5	130 g/km	130 g/km	113 g/km	113 g/km	-13%	-2.8%

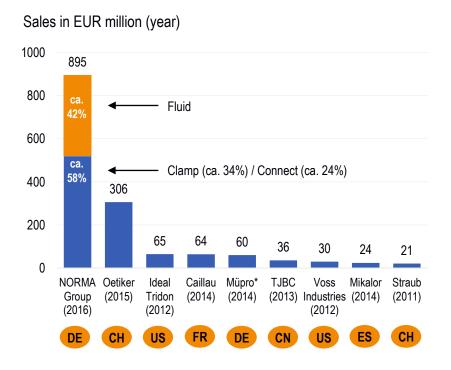
\*\* Fuel economic data is normalized as g CO<sub>2</sub>/km in accordance with the NEDC

<sup>\*</sup> Chart shows emission regulation roadmap for passenger vehicles adapted to the consumption of gasoline engines (Source: European Commission, ICCT, NORMA Group)

# **Convincing Growth Prospects**



### **Clear global market leader in Clamp / Connect**



### **Excellent growth outlook across EJT market**

### Additional growth for **Joining Technology market** above market growth

Passenger vehicles	add. 2- 4%
Commercial vehicles	add. 2- 4%
Agricultural equipment	add. 2- 4%
Construction equipment	add. 2- 4%
Engines	add. 2- 4%
White goods	same level
Water management	add. 2- 4%

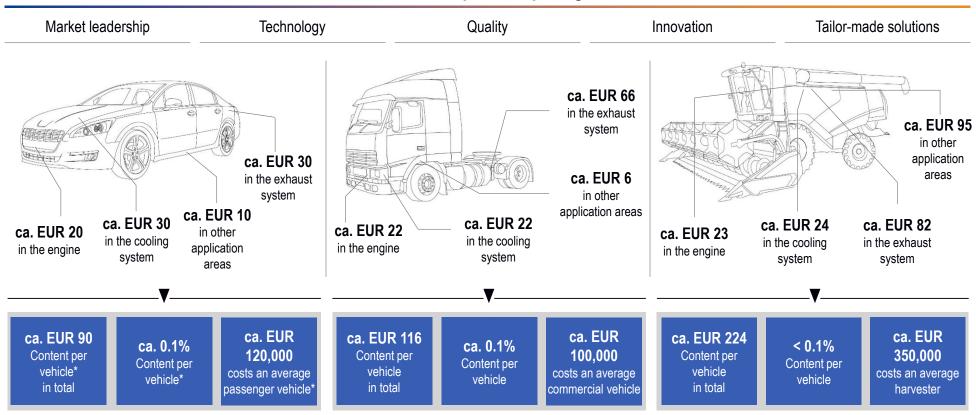
NORMA Group expects to grow even faster than its end-markets

# Premium Pricing through Technology and Innovation Leadership in Mission-Critical Components



### Mission-criticality: Small relative costs – high impact

### Basis for premium pricing



### High switching costs for customers

# Enhanced Stability through Broad Diversification Across Products, End-Markets and Regions



### Examples of NORMA Group's key end markets

**Engines** 



**Commercial vehicles** 



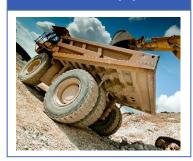
Construction / infrastructure / water management



Passenger vehicles



**Construction equipment** 



**Agricultural equipment** 



Shipbuilding



White goods



Pharma & Biotech



Wholesalers & technical distributors



- More than 35,000 products, manufactured in 28 locations and sold to more than 10,000 customers in 100 countries.
- Top 5 customers account only for around 14% of 2016 sales

# Good Balance in the Two Distinct Ways-to-Market



### Unique business model with two distinct ways-to-market

- Significant economies of scale in production
- Resident engineers with close contact to international EJT customers
- No. 1 national and international DS service level and DS product portfolio

# Engineered Joining Technology (EJT) ca. 60% of 2016 sales

Innovation and product solution partner for customers, focused on engineering expertise with high value-add

# Distribution Services (DS) ca. 40% of 2016 sales

High quality, branded and standardized joining products provided at competitive prices to broad range of customers





































- Customized, engineered solutions
- Patents in 196 patent families
- B2B

- High quality, standardized joining technology products
- No. 1 product portfolio & service level
- B2C

# NORMA Group Provides Mission-Critical Products and Solutions with Clear Added-Value



### A world without NORMA Group









### **Customer impact**

Reputation loss

Image loss

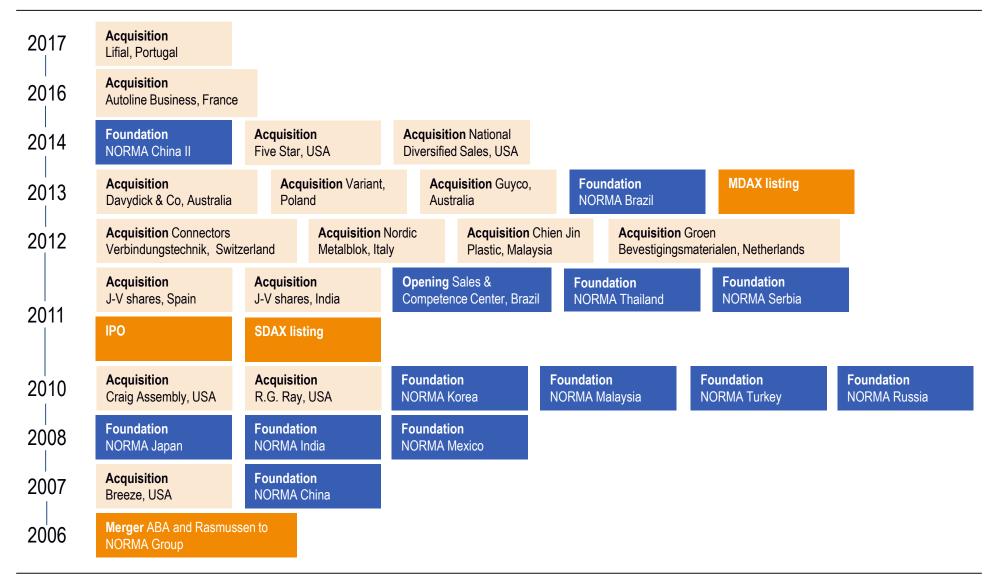
Warranty costs

Non-compliance with legal requirements/regulations

Loss of end-customers







# NORMA Group Worldwide



### **EMEA**

Czech Republic (P) - Hustopece France (P, D) - Briey, Guichen

Germany (P, D) - Maintal, Gerbershausen, Marsberg

Italy (D)

Netherlands (D)

Poland (P, D) - Pilica

Portugal (P) - Agueda

Russia (P, D) - Togliatti

Serbia (P) - Subotica

Spain (D)

Sweden (P, D) - Anderstorp

Switzerland (P, D) - Tagelswangen

Turkey (D)

United Kingdom (P, D) - Newbury

### **Americas**

Brazil (P, D) - Atibaia

Mexico (P, D) - Juarez, Monterrey, Tijuana

USA (P, D) – Auburn Hills, Saltsburg, St. Clair, Fresno, Lindsay

### **Asia-Pacific**

Australia (D)

China (P, D) - Qingdao, Changzhou, Wuxi

India (P, D) - Pune

Indonesia (D)

Japan (D)

Malaysia (P, D) - Ipoh

Singapore (D)

South Korea (D)

Thailand (P) - Chonburi

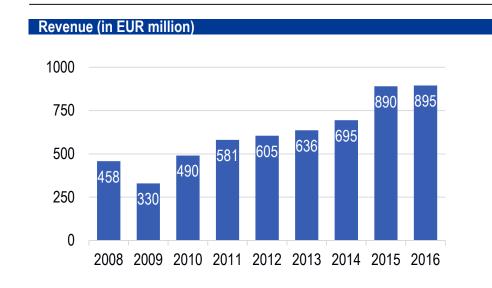


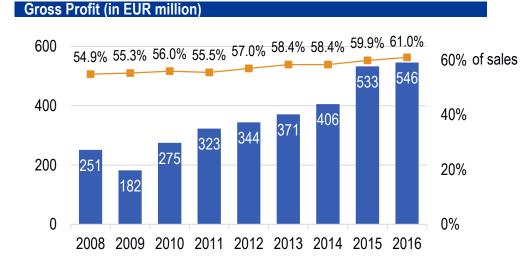


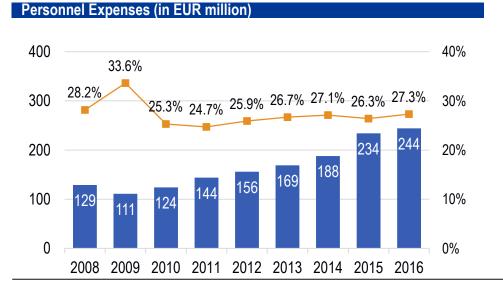
- 28 Production sites
- 23 Countries with Distribution, Sales & Competence Centers
- Sales into more than 100 countries

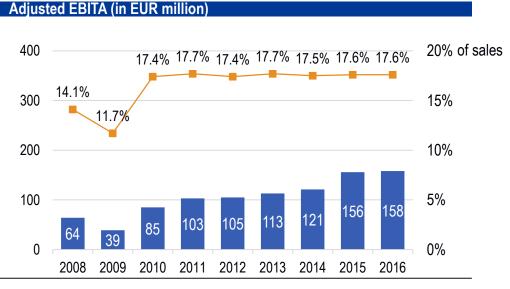
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### Continuation of Growth Track and Sustainable Margin in 2016





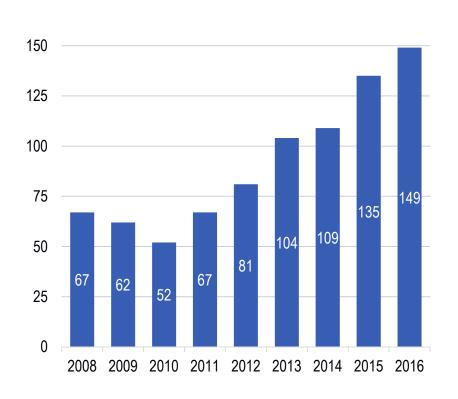


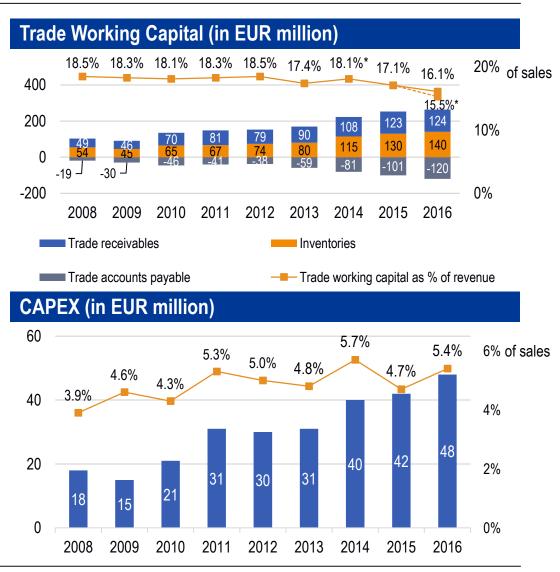


# Pro-active FCF Management Continued in 2016



### **Net Operating Cash Flow (in EUR million)**



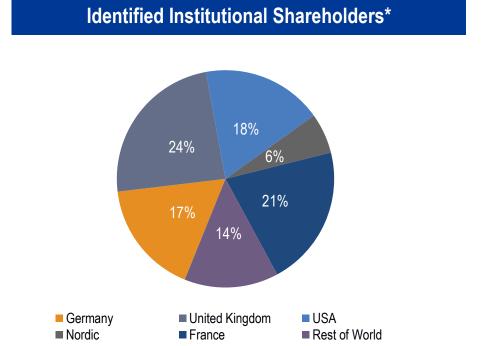


<sup>\* 2014:</sup> in % of sales run rate of EUR 784 million including NDS sales on full year basis; 2016: in % of sales run rate of EUR 931 million including Autoline sales on full year basis

### Milestones and Current Shareholder Structure



# Milestones and Free float Changes Apr 2011 IPO with ca. 36% free float Jun 2011 SDAX listing Since Jan 2013 100% free float Mar 2013 MDAX listing



Free Float per March 9, 2017 includes					
Ameriprise, USA	5.57%	T. Rowe Price, USA	3.11%		
Allianz Global Investors, Germany	5.02%	Impax Asset Management, UK	3.08%		
AXA, France	5.02%	The Capital Group Companies, USA	3.05%		
BNP Paribas Investment Partners, France	4.91%	NORMA Group Management*	2.29%		
Mondrian, UK	4.85%				

\* as of December 31, 2016 Page



### **Contact & Event Calendar**

Event	Date
Publication Interim Results Q1 2017	May 10, 2017
Annual General Meeting in Frankfurt / Main	May 23, 2017
Publication Interim Results Q2 2016	August 9, 2017
Publication Interim Results Q3 2016	November 8, 2017

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