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- The time required to consummate the acquisition of the Dyneema business, the satisfaction or waiver of conditions in the purchase agreement, the ability to obtain required regulatory or other third-party approvals and consents and otherwise consummate the proposed acquisition of the Dyneema business;
- Our ability to achieve the strategic and other objectives relating to the proposed acquisition of the Dyneema business and possible sale of the Distribution business;
- Disruptions, uncertainty or volatility in the credit markets that could adversely impact the availability of credit already arranged and the availability and cost of credit in the future;
- · The effect on foreign operations of currency fluctuations, tariffs and other political, economic and regulatory risks;
- The current and potential future impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on our business, results of operations, financial position or cash flows, including without any limitation, any supply chain and logistics issues;
- · Changes in polymer consumption growth rates and laws and regulations regarding plastics in jurisdictions where we conduct business;
- Fluctuations in raw material prices, quality and supply, and in energy prices and supply;
- Production outages or material costs associated with scheduled or unscheduled maintenance programs;
- · Unanticipated developments that could occur with respect to contingencies such as litigation and environmental matters;
- Our ability to pay regular quarterly cash dividends and the amounts and timing of any future dividends;
- Information systems failures and cyberattacks:
- Amounts for cash and non-cash charges related to restructuring plans that may differ from original estimates, including because of timing changes associated with the underlying actions; and
- Other factors described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2021 under Item 1A, "Risk Factors."

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This presentation includes the use of both GAAP (generally accepted accounting principles) and non-GAAP financial measures. The non-GAAP financial measures include: adjusted EPS, adjusted operating income, free cash flow and adjusted EBITDA.

Avient's chief operating decision maker uses these financial measures to monitor and evaluate the ongoing performance of Avient and each business segment and to allocate resources.

A reconciliation of each historical non-GAAP financial measure with the most directly comparable GAAP financial measure is attached to this presentation which is posted on our website at www.avient.com.

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Avient acquired the Clariant Color business on July 1, 2020 (the "Acquisition Date"). To provide comparable financial results, the Company references "pro forma" financial metrics, which include the business results of Clariant Color for periods prior to the Acquisition Date. Avient also references "pro forma" financial metrics, which include the results of the proposed Dyneema acquisition. Management believes this provides comparability of the performance of the combined businesses.

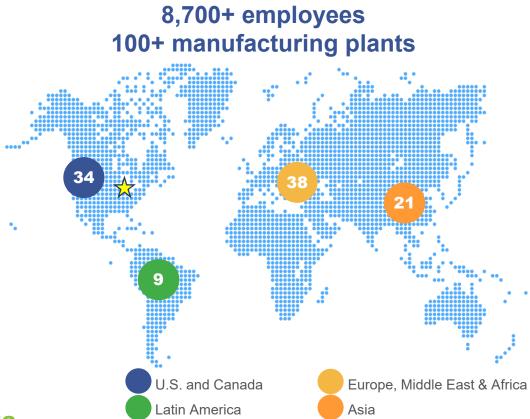
AVIENT: WHO WE ARE

Key Financial Data						
2022E Sales	\$5.1 billion					
2022E EBITDA	\$635 million					
2022E EPS	\$3.50					

25,000+
customers

>70% of sales

ARE CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS
TO UNIQUE SPECIFICATIONS



Headquartered in Avon Lake, OH (Cleveland)



WHO WE ARE - VISION, STRATEGY, CULTURE

Avient Corporation (NYSE: AVNT) provides specialized and sustainable material solutions that transform customer challenges into opportunities, bringing new products to life for a better world.

Examples include:

- Unique technologies that improve the recyclability of products and enable recycled content to be incorporated, thus advancing a more circular economy
- Light-weighting solutions that replace heavier traditional materials like metal, glass and wood, which can improve fuel efficiency in all modes of transportation and reduce carbon footprint
- Sustainable infrastructure solutions that increase energy efficiency, renewable energy, natural resource conservation and fiber optic / 5G network accessibility

Avient employs approximately 8,700 associates and is certified ACC Responsible Care[®] and a founding member of the Alliance to End Plastic Waste.















OUR VISION

At Avient, we create specialized and sustainable material solutions that transform customer challenges into opportunities, bringing new products to life for a better world.

OUR STRATEGY

Specialization

Differentiates us through unique value-creating offerings to our customers.

Globalization

Positions us to serve our customers consistently, everywhere in the world.

Operational Excellence

Empowers us to respond to the voice of the customer with relentless continuous improvement.

Commercial Excellence

Governs our activities in the marketplace to deliver extraordinary value to our customers.

OUR CULTURE

Core Values

Collaboration. Innovation. Excellence.

These core values, which begin with our individual decisions and actions, focus our attention on putting the customer first by creating genuine value through collaboration, innovation and an unwavering commitment to excellence. We will uphold these values with the utmost integrity in all that we do.

Personal Values

Integrity. Honesty. Respect.

These personal values begin with each of us—the judgments and decisions we make as individuals affect the way Avient is viewed in the marketplace and in the communities where we work.

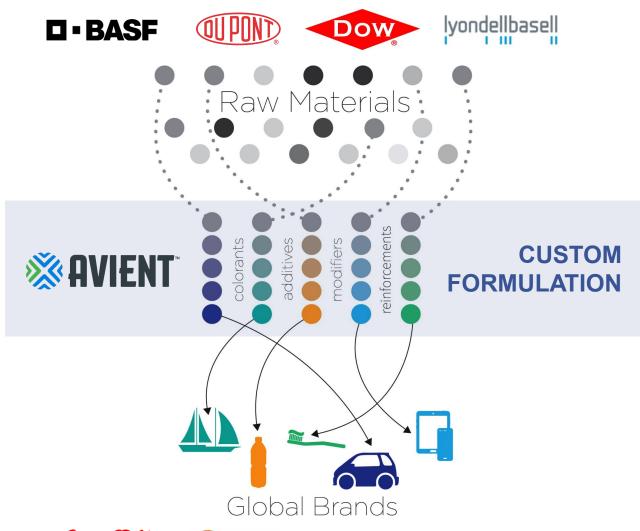


WHAT WE DO: MATERIAL SCIENCE

Innovation is the lifeblood of a specialty company. We create specialized and sustainable material solutions that transform customer challenges into opportunities, bringing new products to life for a better world.

We partner with Brand Owners / OEMs, processors and assemblers to enable their goals in applications like packaging, healthcare, consumer goods, transportation, wire & cable, building & construction and textiles. Our customers value the breadth of our solutions as we can tap into a broad array of raw materials to solve their specific needs. Our formulation expertise supports material science decisions, while our processing expertise guides customers to use the materials properly. Lastly, our design capabilities ensure that the application is designed perfectly for the specific end use.

Challenge Accepted.





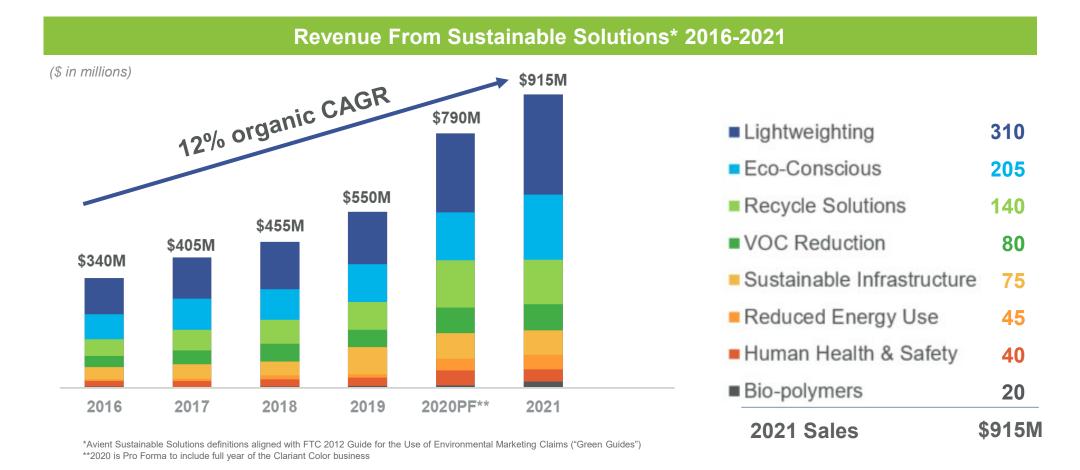








SUSTAINABILITY FOR A BETTER TOMORROW



Future Growth Revenue Assumptions From Sustainable Solutions: 8 - 12%



AVIENT ESG RATINGS

ISS March 2022 ESG Scores

	SCORE (1 = Best, 10 = Worst)
Environmental	2
Social	1
Governance	4



	RANK (1 st = lowest risk)	PERCENTILE (1st – lowest risk)
Chemicals INDUSTRY	75 /449	17 th
Specialty Chemicals SUBINDUSTRY	21 /124	17 th







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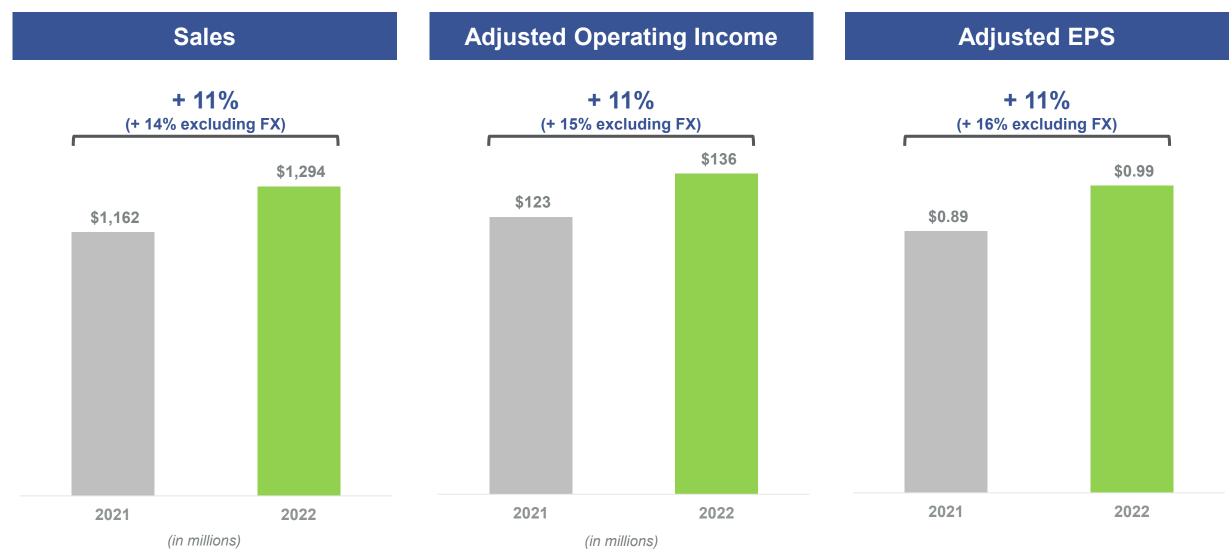
Most Sustainable Companies 2022





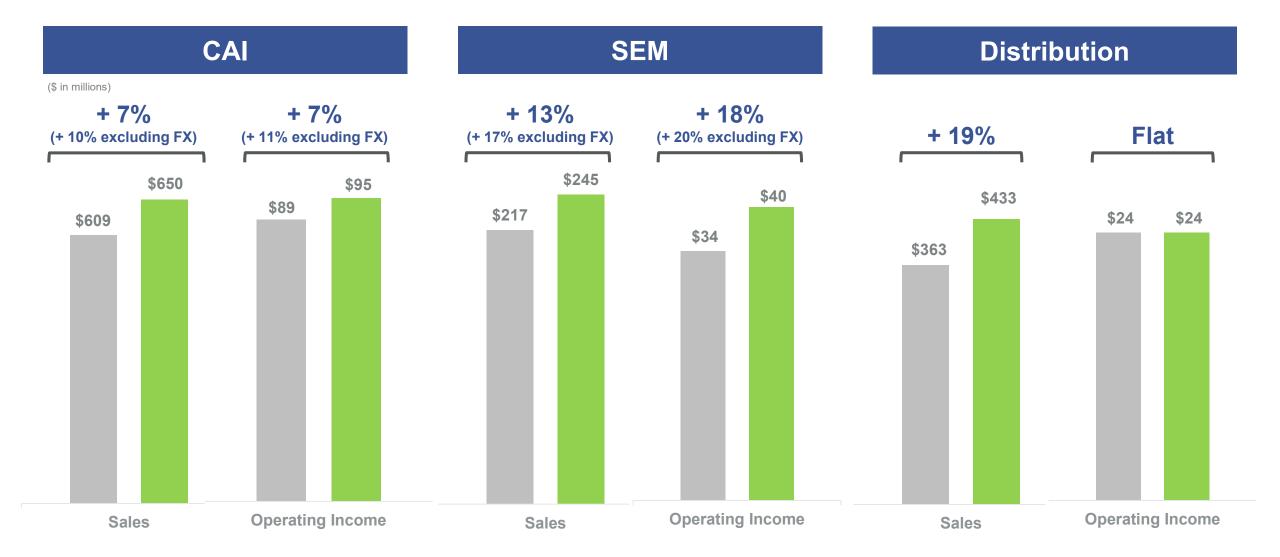
Q1 2022 PERFORMANCE

(TOTAL COMPANY)





Q1 2022 SEGMENT PERFORMANCE





Q1 2022 SALES AND OPERATING INCOME

(TOTAL COMPANY)

\$ millions	Sales	Growth Rate	Adjusted Operating Income
Q1 2021	\$1,162		\$123
Sustainable Solutions	19	8%	7
Healthcare	32	21%	6
Composites (excl. Outdoor High Performance)	8	18%	3
Growth in Asia / LATAM	6	3%	2
Other	100	19%	5
Sub-total	\$1,327	14%	\$146
Outdoor High Performance Impact	(5)		(3)
Wage Inflation and Overtime			(11)
Other Supply Chain Costs			(4)
Synergies			5
Incentives, Other Employee Costs			8
FX	(28)		(5)
Q1 2022	\$1,294	11%	\$136



Q1 EBITDA BRIDGE

\$ millions	Adjusted EBITDA	
Q1 2021	\$ 161	
Demand	(23)	
<u>CAI:</u>		
Price / Mix	77	
Inflation	(54)	
SEM:		
Price / Mix	41	•
Inflation	(26)	
Distribution:		
Price / Mix	84	v
Inflation	(82)	
Net Price Benefit	40	
Wage Inflation and Overtime	(11)	
Other Supply Chain Costs	(4)	
Synergies	5	
Incentives, Other Employee Costs	8	
FX	(5)	
Q1 2022	\$ 171	-

China Lockdowns / Russia Impact	\$ (7)
Transportation	(7)
Outdoor High Performance	(3)

Price increases more than offset raw material and supply chain impacts



Q1 EPS BRIDGE

Q1 2021 - Adjusted EPS	\$ 0.89
CAI	80.0
Specialty Engineered Materials	0.06
Distribution	0.00
Corporate Costs	0.02
F/X	(0.04)
Segment OI	0.12
Tax Rate	(0.02)
Q1 2022 - Adjusted EPS	\$ 0.99







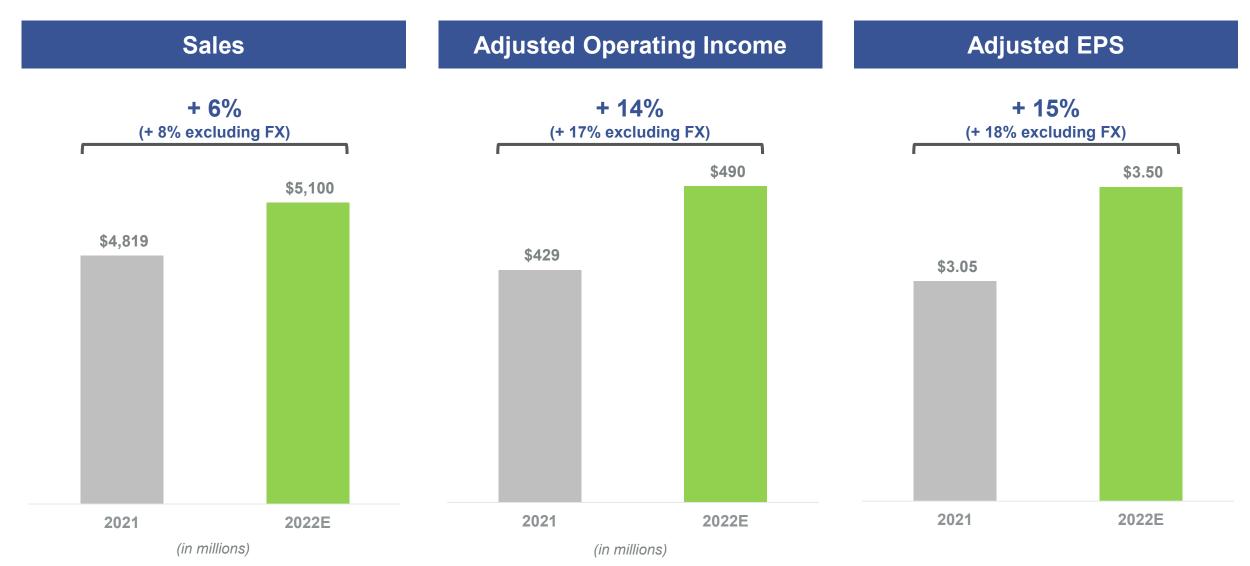
REVENUE GROWTH DRIVERS

Growth Drivers	Long-Term Growth Rate	2022E Growth Rate
Sustainable Solutions	8–12%	12%
Healthcare	8–10%	10%
Composites Excluding Outdoor High Performant	10%	5% 20%
Asia / LATAM	5%	5%
Other (GDP growth)	2–3%	2–3%
Avient	6.5%	6% (8% excl. FX)



FY 2022 PERFORMANCE

(TOTAL COMPANY)





CASH FLOW / LEVERAGE

(\$ millions)	2022E
Cash Flow from Operating Activities	\$ 400
Less:	
Run-Rate CapEx	(90)
CapEx for Clariant Integration	(10)
CapEx for IT System Upgrade	(15)
Total CapEx	(115)
Free Cash Flow	\$ 285
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 635
Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDA	1.7x







- Purchase price of \$1.48B represents 11.4x multiple of 2022 EBITDA
- Acquisition will expand Avient's composites and fiber portfolio with Dyneema[®], the World's Strongest Fiber™
- \$415M sales and **30%+ EBITDA margins**; Immediately accretive to pro forma 2022 EPS, adding **\$0.35** (1) (2)
- 1,300 patents globally, ~50% of sales patent protected
- 1,000+ employees across global production network and dedicated technology centers
- Composites platform will increase from \$261M to \$680M in revenue and from \$49M to \$180M in EBITDA⁽²⁾



Well-maintained global asset base poised to serve growing demand

★ Indicates Dyneema® location

15x stronger than steel
Reduces weight by 30% vs. other solutions



FIT WITH FOUR PILLAR STRATEGY

Specialization

- Innovation-led organization with tremendous intellectual property value in trademarks, patents and "know-how"
- Deep history of application development and premium, leading brand with the World's Strongest FiberTM

Globalization

- Global customer base with an established presence across all major geographic regions
- Global technology centers complement existing Composites applications and expertise

People

Experienced and talented associates with a passion for safety, specialization and winning

Operational Excellence

- Best-in-class safety performance
- Well-run and maintained asset base fit to serve future growth
- Highly effective and reliable supply chain with emphasis on optimizing service to customers

Commercial Excellence

- Deep customer relationships extend across the value chain and drive ability to grow
- Offer a full suite of services with an active role in design, development and commercialization



DYNEEMA® OVERVIEW

KEY INDUSTRIES



PERSONAL PROTECTION

Military • Law Enforcement • First Responders Body Armor • Helmets • Vehicle Protection

\$215M



MARINE & SUSTAINABLE INFRASTRUCTURE

Towing / Mooring • Aquaculture • Floating Wind • Offshore Cranes

\$130M



CONSUMER

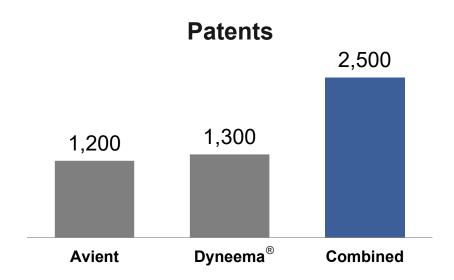
Consumer • Outdoor High Performance • Safety Equipment

\$70M



TECHNOLOGY

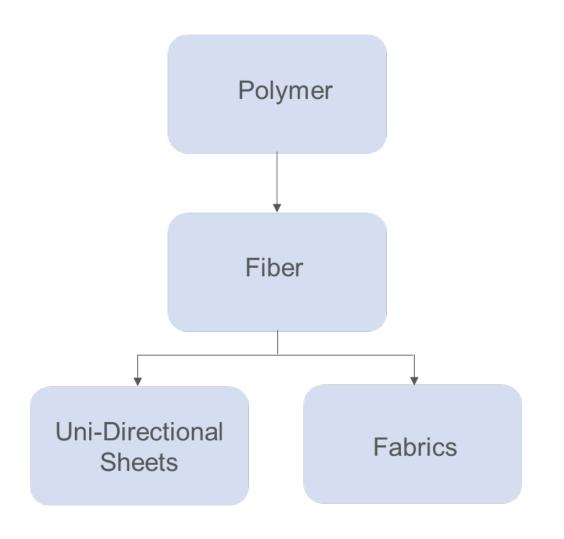
- True specialty business the World's Strongest Fiber™
- Deep history of application development with customers, strongest in the industry
- The <u>only</u> UHMwPE (ultra-high molecular weight polyethylene) fiber producer that is backward integrated
 - o Provides innovation advantage through control of all steps of the process
- Complementary with our existing reinforced film expertise (PolyStrand) and engineered fiber presences (Fiber-Line)



WINNING PROPERTIES							
Ultra high strength vs. weight Highly flexible							
Floats on water	Chemically inert; no smell/taste and non-toxic						
High resistance to UV radiation Self-lubricating, with low friction							
One-of-a-kind technology							



FORMULATION PROCESS



- Like Avient, Dyneema® offers similar core competencies around formulation and material science
- Technology that combines polymers and fibers to provide specialized, high performing solutions for customers
- Design capabilities ensure that applications are highly customized for the specified end use



DYNEEMA® IN THE VALUE CHAIN

INTERMEDIATE MANUFACTURING (CUSTOMERS)

OEM / APPLICATION

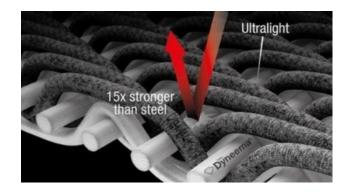


UHMwPE Fiber / Tapes

- Material Science
- Formulation
- Service







Military Personnel, Law Enforcement





Heavy Marine,
Offshore Wind Energy
and Mooring,
Aquaculture





Outdoor, Footwear, Apparel, Inflatables





DEMAND TRENDS

- Military spending and near-term demand for higher performing personal protection products (like Dyneema®) expected to increase
 - European NATO members annual defense spend expected to increase by up to 20%⁽¹⁾
 - Japan aiming to almost double defense spending over the next 5 years⁽²⁾
 - Accelerated launch of next generation technology in North America
- Policy-driven demand for sustainable energy; growth in floating offshore wind farms which require advanced, durable technology
 - Offshore wind expected to grow at a CAGR of 32% with the level of annual installations quadrupling over the next five years⁽³⁾
- Continued investment in aquaculture as a sustainable food source⁽⁴⁾
- Strong demand in outdoor high performance space across niche consumer applications aligns with 10% growth assumption for Avient's Composites portfolio

Sources:



^{(1) &}quot;Funding NATO", NATO.int (April 1, 2022)

^{(2) &}quot;Japan Ruling Party Calls for Defense Spending Boost to 2% of GDP", WSJ (April 21, 2022)

^{(3) &}quot;Global Wind Report 2021", Global Wind Energy Council

^{(4) &}quot;Aquaculture Supports a Sustainable Earth", NOAA Fisheries



PRODUCTS

ALIGNMENT WITH SUSTAINABILITY GOALS



Human Health & Safety



Lightweighting



Sustainable Infrastructure



Bio-polymers



AVIENT'S EXISTING COMPOSITES PORTFOLIO

DIVERSE CAPABILITIES AND SOLUTIONS SERVING MANUFACTURERS AND OEMS



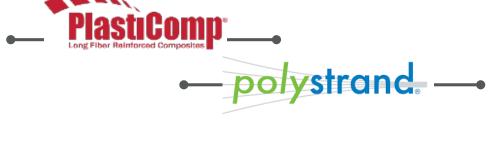












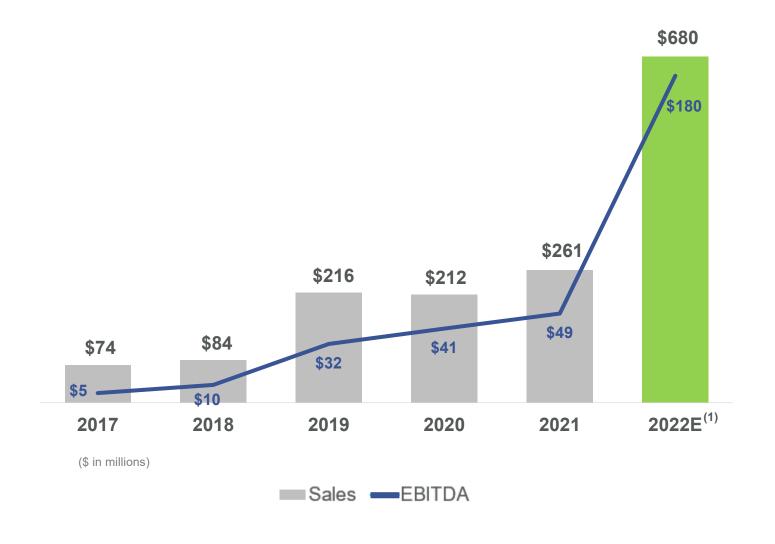








AVIENT'S COMPOSITES PORTFOLIO SALES AND EBITDA



- Dyneema® acquisition will further improve Composites EBITDA margins to 26%
- Dyneema® will complement our existing portfolio with deep formulation expertise, innovative culture and global commercial presence
- Composites will continue to be a key growth driver to deliver future revenue growth in excess of GDP

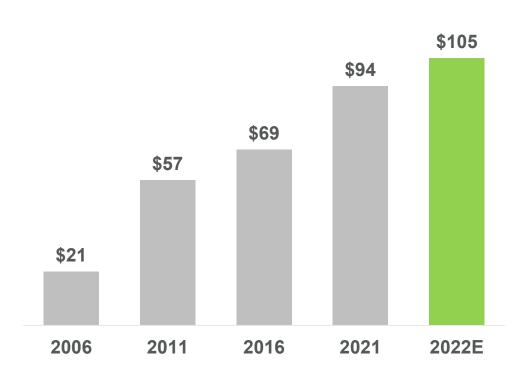




DISTRIBUTION HIGHLIGHTS

- Leading North American Distribution business with longstanding blue-chip supplier and customer relationships
- Commercial excellence and regulatory knowledge have grown healthcare portfolio to over 25% of sales and positioned business for long-term growth
- Highly specialized portfolio of engineered polymers along with sustainable solution offerings
- Leading digital capabilities through Avient Now, allowing enhanced visibility and 24/7 interface with customers
- 98% free cash flow conversion drives greater than 30% after-tax return on invested capital (ROIC)
- Potential divestiture allows us to remain modestly leveraged with net debt to adjusted EBITDA expected to be 2.9x and positions us for further specialty growth in the future

EBITDA (in \$M)





DYNEEMA® TRANSACTION OVERVIEW

Transaction Value

- \$1.48B net purchase price
- Represents 11.4x expected 2022 EBITDA

Financing

- Committed financing in place
- Permanent financing to be combination of available cash on-hand, new Senior Unsecured Notes, new Senior Secured Term Loan
- Potential proceeds from Distribution divestment could be used to pay down near-term maturing debt

Closing
Conditions /
Timing

- Closing expected in second half of 2022, subject to regulatory approvals and certain customary closing conditions



CAPITAL STRUCTURE / LEVERAGE

Pro Forma Capitalization

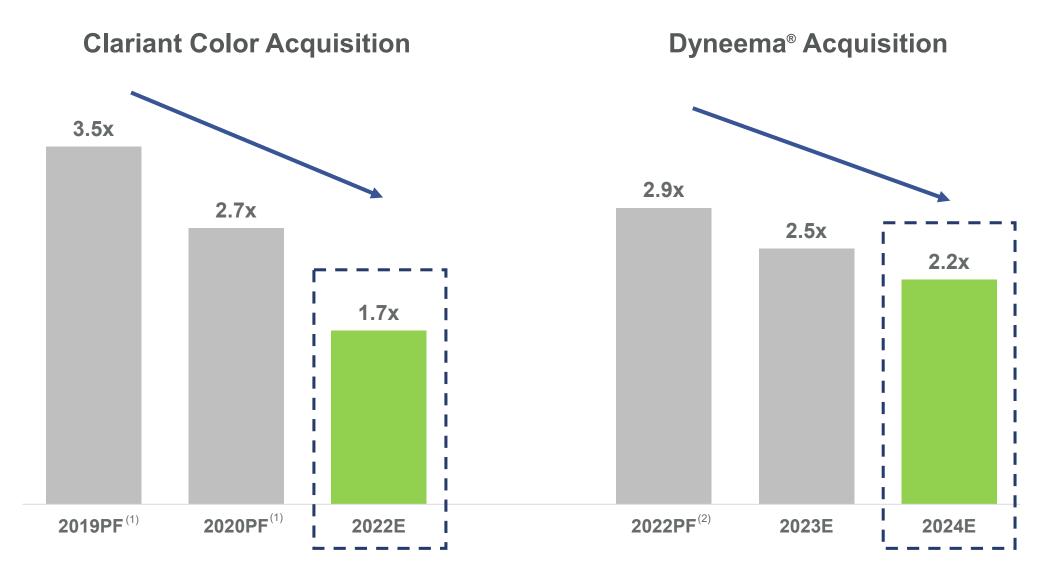
(2022 estimates, all figures in \$M)

Cash and Cash Equivalents	\$	595
Senior Secured Term Loan due 2026 New Senior Secured Term Loan B	\$	605 500
Total Senior Secured Debt	\$ '	1,105
Senior Unsecured Notes due 2025 New Senior Unsecured Notes	\$	650 740
Total Senior Unsecured Debt	\$ '	1,390
Total Debt Net Debt		2,495 1,900
2022 Pro forma Adjusted EBITDA	\$	660
Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDA		2.9x

- Financing commitments secured from Morgan Stanley and J.P. Morgan
- New Senior Secured Term Loan B and new Senior Unsecured Notes
- Potential proceeds from sale of Distribution business modeled to pay off 5.25% senior notes due 2023 and Term Loan
- Acquisition aligned with Avient's track record of disciplined capital allocation policy
- Existing dividend policy maintained, focus on deleveraging in the near term



TWO-YEAR LEVERAGE GOAL





⁽²⁾ Pro forma for the acquisition of Dyneema® and potential divestiture of Distribution, including repayment of senior notes due 2023 and Term Loan



PRO FORMA MODELING

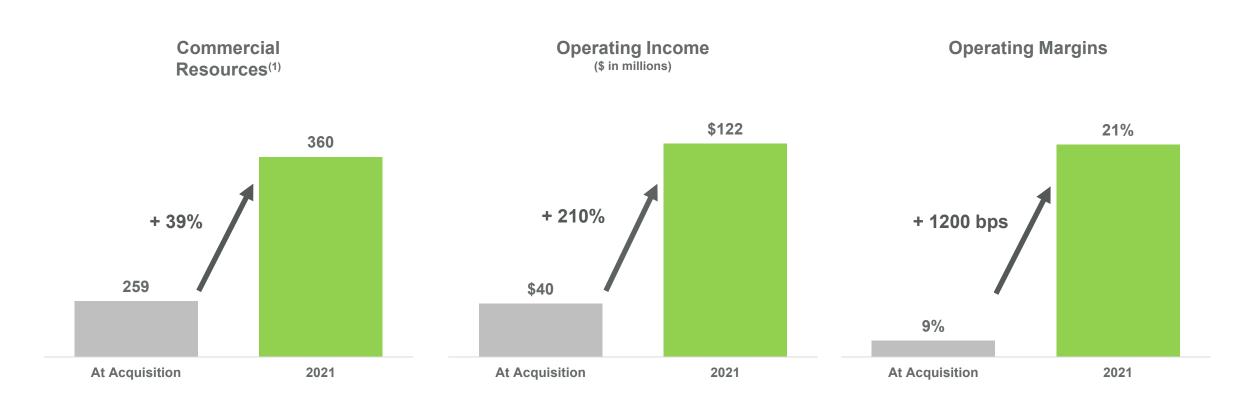
2022E (\$M)	A	vient	Dyr	Dyneema® Pro Forma w/ Dyneema® Distribution		ution Pro Form w/Sale			
Revenue	\$	5,100	\$	415	\$	5,515	\$ (1,775)	\$	3,740
Adjusted EBITDA		635		130		765	(105)		660
EBITDA %		12%		31%		14%	6%		18%
Pro Forma EPS (Adjusted)	\$	3.50							
Pro Forma EPS (excl. amortization)	\$	3.96	\$	0.35	\$	4.31	\$ (0.56)	\$	3.75
Leverage (12/31/2022E)									
Net Debt / Adjusted EBITDA		1.7x				3.5x			2.9x





ACQUISITION HISTORY

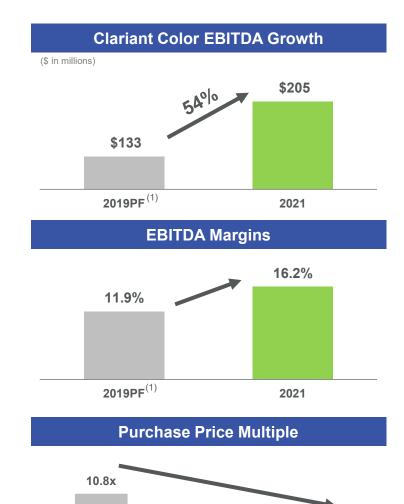
Established Acquisitions (> 7 years)



⁽¹⁾ Commercial Resources include associate headcount in R&D / Technical, Marketing and Sales



CLARIANT COLOR ACQUISITION



7.0x

2021

2019PF⁽¹⁾

6.1x

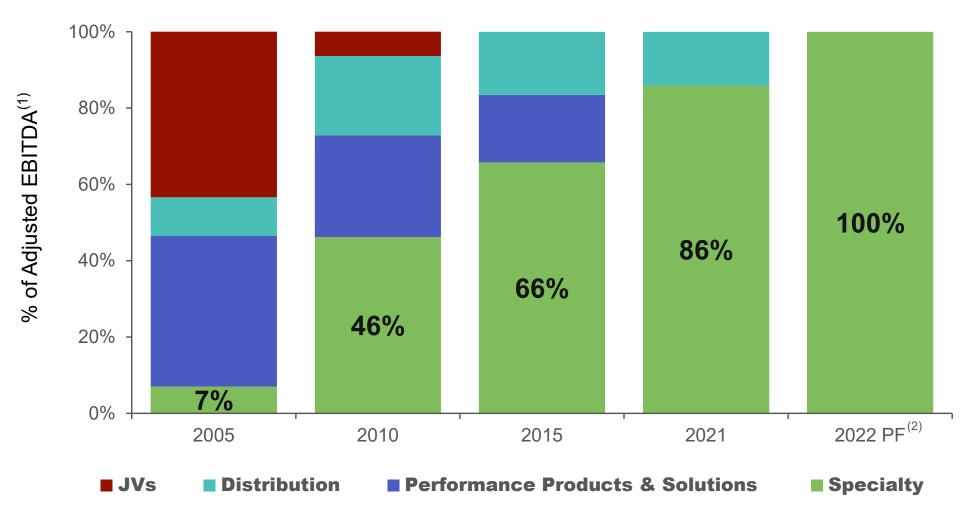
2021 w/ Full

Synergies

- Acquisition of Clariant Color business significantly expanded presence in healthcare, packaging and consumer end markets
- Strength of portfolio double-digit annual EBITDA growth since acquisition
- \$54 million of synergies realized in 2021
- Acquisition completed on July 1, 2020 for \$1.45 billion.
 Purchase price multiple rapidly declining on strength of business and synergy capture



SPECIALTY TRANSFORMATION



⁽¹⁾ Adjusted EBITDA is EBITDA excluding corporate costs and special items



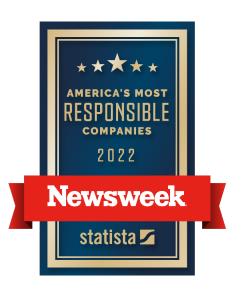
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CULTURE AND PEOPLE



BARRON'S

Most Sustainable Companies 2022



WSJ
MANAGEMENT

TOP

250

THE BEST-RUN COMPANIES, AS RANKED BY THE DRUCKER INSTITUTE

2021





OUR SPECIALTY JOURNEY CONTINUES

- Dyneema® brings leading technology and brand with the World's
 Strongest Fiber™, deep history of application development and strong management team focused on specialty applications
- Dyneema® transaction is aligned with our previously stated acquisition goal of expanding our composites and fiber capabilities
- Similar to our other technology expansion acquisitions, Dyneema® allows us to leverage our **invest-to-grow** strategy
- We plan to explore a possible sale of our Distribution business. As presented in previous slides, this presents potential benefits with respect to leverage and EBITDA margins





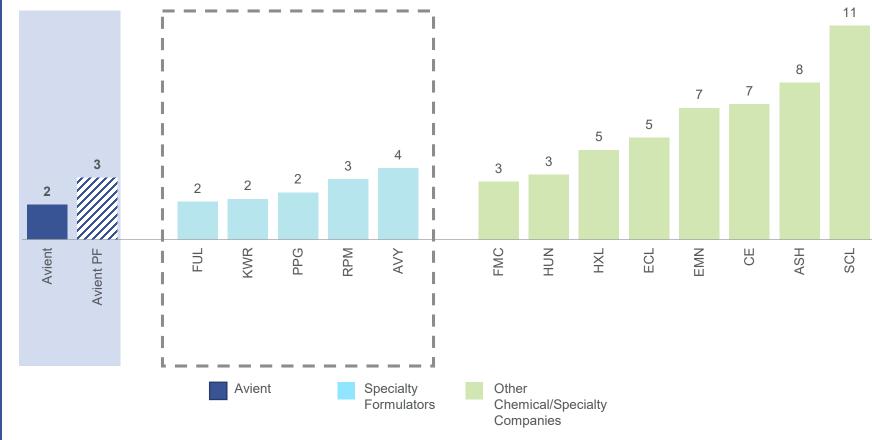


AVIENT IS ASSET LIGHT

As a specialty formulator, we don't require significant capital investment, as compared to the base resin raw material suppliers we purchase from. Even more, our manufacturing capabilities are flexible and easily adaptable to changing customer needs.

As we grow, we can add capacity with minimal investment. Whether an additional line at an existing manufacturing plant, or a new facility in a growing region, we ramp-up quickly and cost-efficiently.





Source: Peer data per Bloomberg market data as of April 21, 2022

Avient reflects 2022 estimated revenue of \$5,100M and estimated CAPEX of \$90M (excludes IT system upgrade of \$15M and synergy capture CAPEX of \$10M) Avient PF reflects 2022 modelled revenue of \$3,740 and estimated CAPEX of \$120M to reflect Dyneema run-rate CAPEX, as well as potential sale of Distribution.

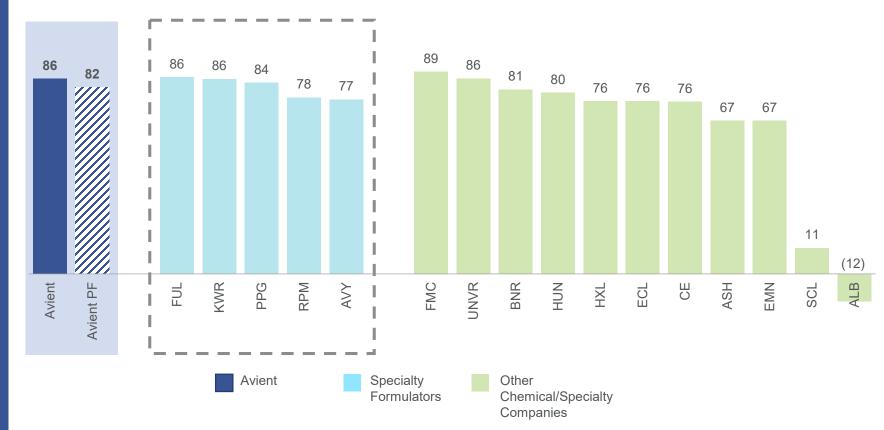


HIGH FREE CASH FLOW CONVERSION

Free Cash Flow Conversion (1) 2022E (%)

Being asset light helps us to generate strong free cash flow that is in line with other specialty formulators.

Our free cash flow supports shareholder value creation through investing in R&D for organic growth, completing bolt-on acquisitions, and returning cash to shareholders via our dividend program and opportunistic share repurchases.



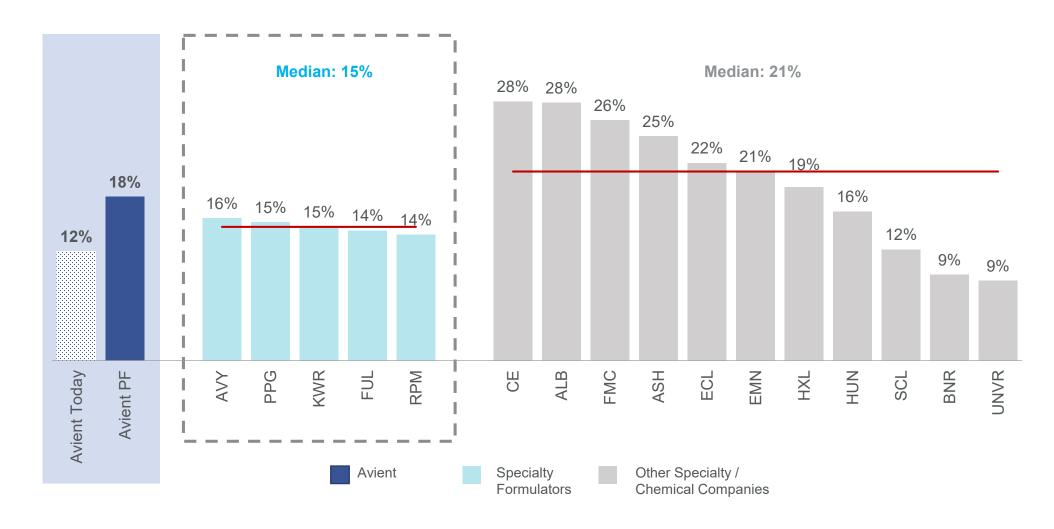
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2022 EBITDA MARGINS VS. PEERS





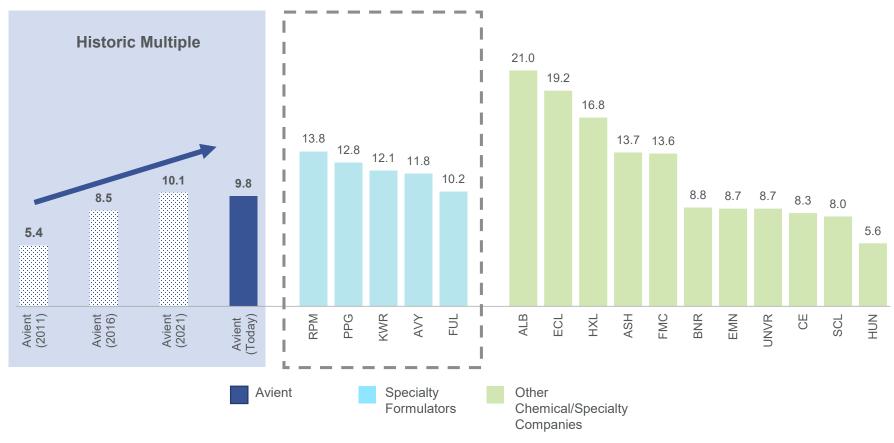
With the Dyneema and Clariant Color business acquisition and divestment of the PP&S business, along with the proposed sale of our Distribution business, our exposure is now concentrated in less-cyclical and high-growth markets.

Over the last 10 years, our multiple has expanded as we have progressed in our portfolio transformation.

As a <u>pure-play specialty</u> <u>formulator</u>, we have room to grow. We expect this expansion to continue as we execute our strategy, increase margins and consistently grow earnings in excess of the market.

OUR VALUATION VERSUS PEERS

Total Enterprise Value / NTM EBITDA



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Past Avient valuations reflect forward 12 months EBITDA at December 31 of the respective years.

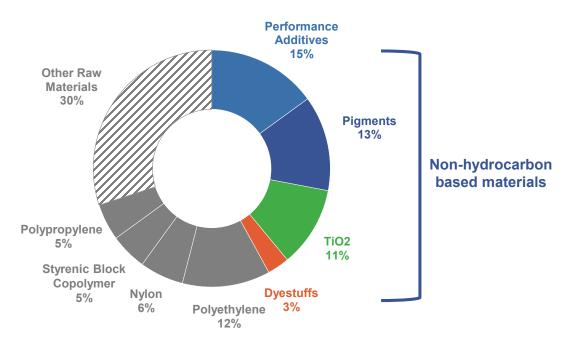




RAW MATERIAL AND SUPPLY CHAIN UPDATE

- Significant raw material price inflation and tight inventory continued in Q1 2022
 - The average cost of hydrocarbon based materials was up 30%
 - The average cost of non-hydrocarbon based materials was up 20%
- Additionally, we continued to experience other supply chain challenges during Q1 related to raw material spot purchases, freight constraints and productivity loss as a result of these shortages

Annual Purchases



~40% hydrocarbon based

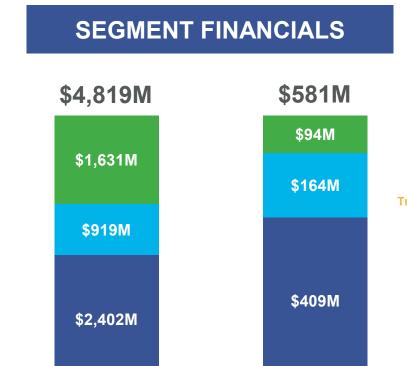
(Grey shaded materials are hydrocarbon based, includes portion of "Other Raw Materials")

Based on 2021 purchases, excludes Distribution business

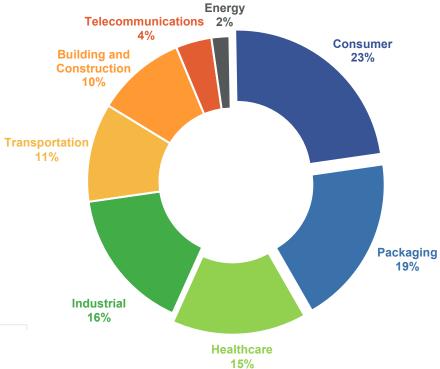




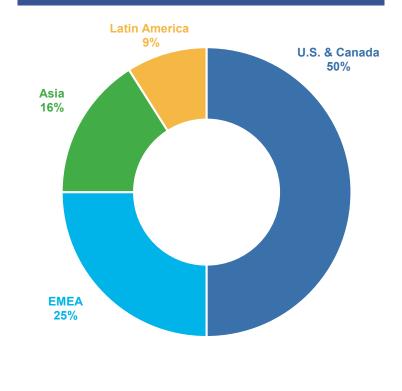
2021 SEGMENT, END MARKET AND GEOGRAPHY



END MARKET REVENUE



GEOGRAPHY REVENUE



Sales

EBITDA⁽¹⁾

■ Color Additives and Inks



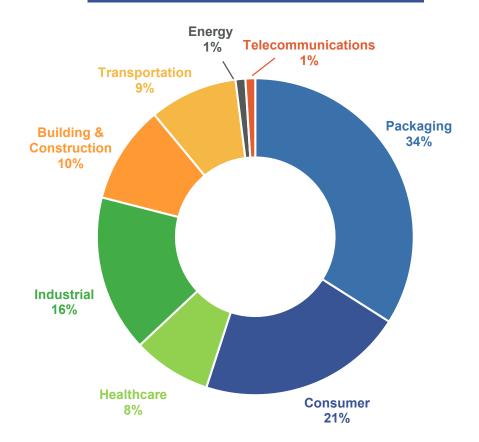
Distribution

[■] Specialty Engineered Materials

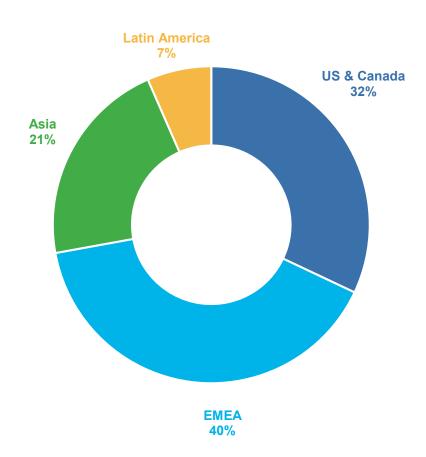
COLOR, ADDITIVES & INKS

2021 REVENUE | \$2.4 BILLION

END MARKET



REGION



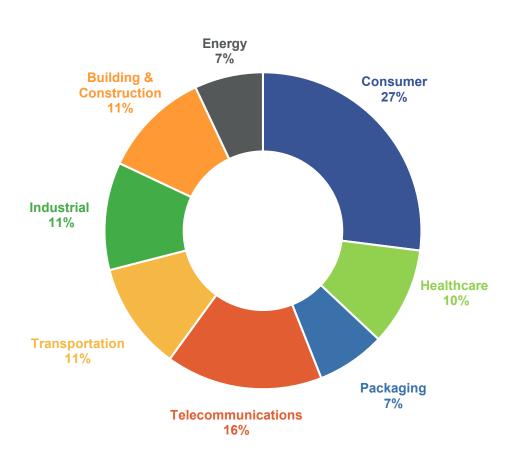


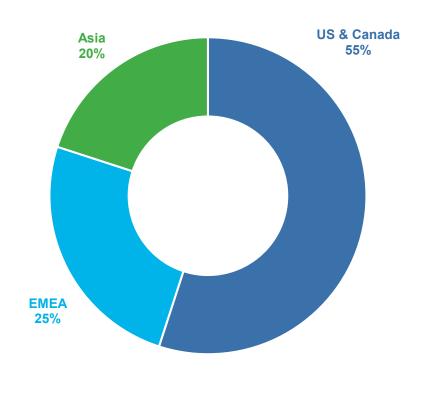
SPECIALTY ENGINEERED MATERIALS

2021 REVENUE | \$919 MILLION



REGION

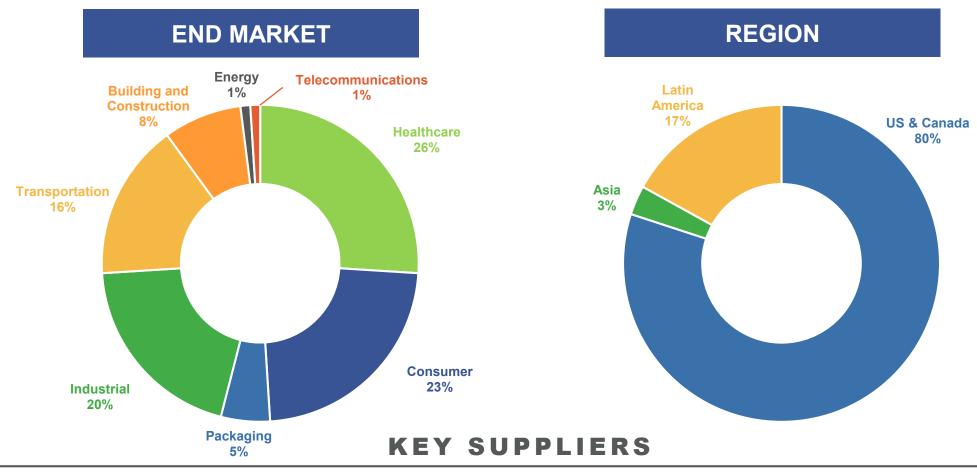






DISTRIBUTION

2021 REVENUE | \$1.6 BILLION















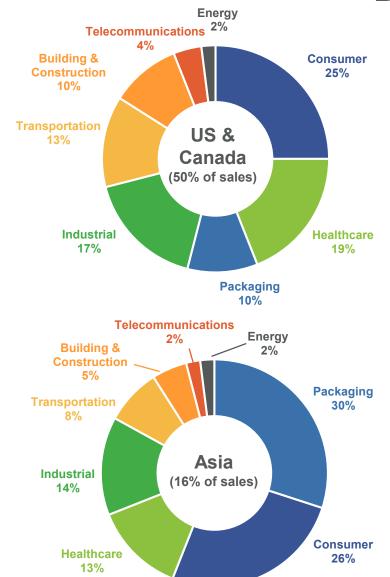


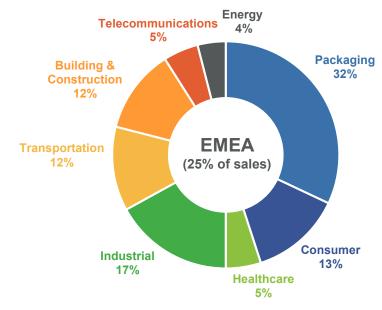


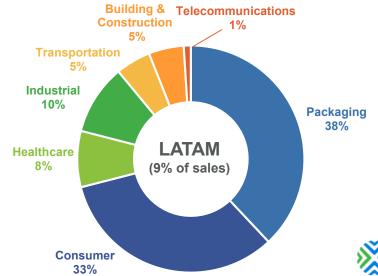


TOTAL COMPANY REGIONAL SALES

BY END MARKET







Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Unaudited)

(Dollars in millions, except for per share data)

Senior management uses comparisons of adjusted net income from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders and diluted adjusted earnings per share (EPS) from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders, excluding special items, to assess performance and facilitate comparability of results. Senior management also uses operating income before special items to assess performance and allocate resources because senior management believes that these measures are useful in understanding current profitability levels and how it may serve as a basis for future performance. In addition, operating income before the effect of special items is a component of Avient's annual and long-term employee incentive plans and is used in debt covenant computations. We also monitor earnings (defined as net income from continuing operations) before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and adjusted EBITDA (EBITDA before the impact of special items) as a supplement to our GAAP measures. EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA are non-GAAP financial measures that management uses in evaluating operating performance.

Senior management believes the measures described above are useful to investors because they allow for comparison to Avient's performance in prior periods without the effect of items that, by their nature, tend to obscure Avient's operating results due to the potential variability across periods based on timing, frequency and magnitude. The presentation of these non-GAAP measures is not intended to be considered in isolation from, as a substitute for, or as superior to, the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Non-GAAP financial measures have limitations as analytical tools and should not be considered in isolation from, or solely as alternatives to, financial measures prepared in accordance with GAAP. The presentation of these measures may be different from non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies.

A reconciliation of these measures to their most directly comparable GAAP measures is provided in the tables below.

		Three Months Ended March 31, 2022							
Reconciliation to Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income	GAAP Results	Special Items	Adjusted Results						
Operating Income	\$ 128.6	\$ 7.8	\$ 136.4						
Income before income taxes	\$ 111.1	\$ 7.7	\$ 118.8						
Income tax expense - GAAP	(26.6)	_	(26.6)						
Income tax impact of special items	_	(2.0)	(2.0)						
Tax adjustments	_	1.5	1.5						
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(0.3)	_	(0.3)						
Net income attributable to Avient shareholders	\$ 84.2	\$ 7.2	\$ 91.4						
EPS	\$ 0.91	0.08	\$ 0.99						
Weighted-average diluted shares	92.3	92.3	92.3						

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Reconciliation to Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income	GAAP Results	Special Items	Adjusted Results
Operating Income	\$ 120.4	\$ 2.4	\$ 122.8
Income before income taxes	\$ 102.6	\$ 2.4	\$ 105.0
Income tax expense - GAAP	(22.9)	_	(22.9)
Income tax impact of special items	_	(0.9)	(0.9)
Tax adjustments	_	1.1	1.1
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(0.4)	_	(0.4)
Net income attributable to Avient shareholders	\$ 79.3	\$ 2.6	\$ 81.9
EPS	\$ 0.86	0.03	\$ 0.89
Weighted-average diluted shares	92.2	92.2	92.2

			Year Ended December 31, 2021							
Reconciliation to Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income		BAAP esults	Special Items		Adjusted Results					
Operating income	\$	381.2	\$	47.8	\$ 429	9.0				
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	\$	304.6	\$	57.1	\$ 361	1.7				
Income tax expense - GAAP		(74.0)		_	(74	4.0)				
Income tax impact of special items		_		(13.0)	(13	3.0)				
Tax adjustments		_		5.9	5	5.9				
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests		0.2		_	(0.2				
Net income from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders	\$	230.8	\$	50.0	\$ 280	0.8				
EPS	\$	2.51		0.54	\$ 3.	.05				
Weighted-average diluted shares		92.1		92.1	92	2.1				

Reconciliation of EBITDA by Segment	Three Months Ended March 31,			Year Ended December 31,		
		2022				2021
Operating income:						
Color, Additives and Inks	\$	94.5	\$	88.8	\$	303.1
Specialty Engineered Materials		39.7		34.2		132.0
Distribution		24.2		24.0		93.2
Corporate and eliminations		(29.8)		(26.6)		(147.1)
Operating income	\$	128.6	\$	120.4	\$	381.2
Items below OI in Corporate:						
Other income, net	\$	(0.6)	\$	1.5	\$	(1.3)
Depreciation & amortization:						
Color, Additives and Inks	\$	26.0	\$	27.4	\$	105.7
Specialty Engineered Materials		7.8		7.8		31.7
Distribution		0.2		0.2		8.0
Corporate and eliminations		3.8		1.7		7.7
Depreciation & Amortization	\$	37.8	\$	37.1	\$	145.9
EBITDA:						
Color, Additives and Inks	\$	120.5	\$	116.2	\$	408.8
Specialty Engineered Materials		47.5		42.0		163.7
Distribution		24.4		24.2		94.0
Corporate and eliminations		(26.0)		(24.9)		(140.7)
EBITDA	\$	165.8	\$	159.0	\$	525.8

Reconciliation of Sales, Operating Income and EBITDA - Distribution		Year Ended December 31,							
	2006 2011			2016					
Sales	\$	732.8	\$	996.5	\$	1,071.0			
Operating income		19.2		56.0		68.2			
Depreciation & amortization		1.5		0.7		0.7			
EBITDA	\$	20.7	\$	56.7	\$	68.9			

	Three Months Ended March 31,				Year Ended December 3									
Reconciliation to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA:		2022 2021		2022 2021		2022 2021		2022 203		2021		2021		2021
Net income from continuing operations – GAAP	\$	84.5	\$	79.7	\$	230.6								
Income tax expense		26.6		22.9		74.0								
Interest expense		16.9		19.3		75.3								
Depreciation and amortization from continuing operations		37.8		37.1		145.9								
EBITDA	\$	165.8	\$	159.0	\$	525.8								
Special items, before tax		7.7		2.4		57.1								
Depreciation and amortization included in special items		(2.1)		(0.5)		(1.7)								
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	171.4	\$	160.9	\$	581.2								