

# Full Year 2020 Results

- **Outstanding performance**
- **Resilient business model**
- Well positioned for future growth

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## Outstanding Year in a Global Crisis Environment

Benoît Potier Chairman & Chief Executive Officer



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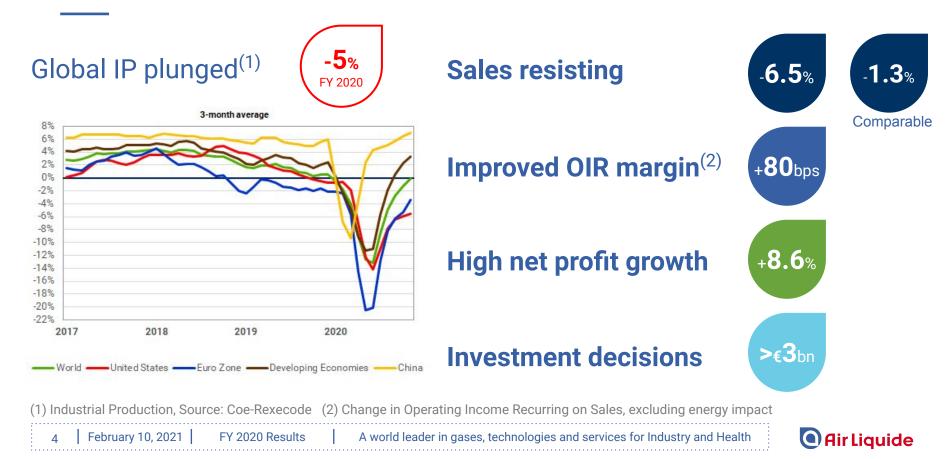
## Strong 2020 Performance, Well Positioned for the Future

- Significant performance improvement
- Strength of business model and portfolio with a mix of growth (HC, EL, GM&T) and resilience pillars
- Acceleration of pre-Covid trends benefitting our activities
- Well positioned for future growth and for the acceleration of energy transition through high investments

### Thanks to the agility and commitment of all of our teams worldwide!



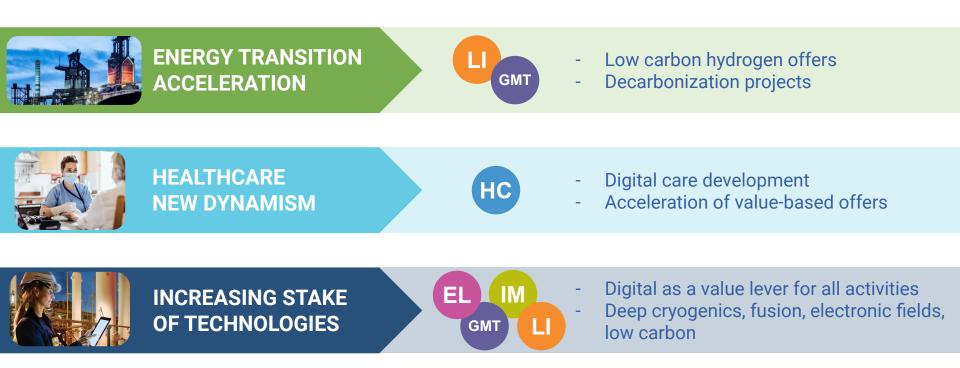
## Outstanding 2020 Performance Facing Covid-19 Situation



### Business Model Validated, Sales Growth in Q4 2020



## Acceleration of pre-Covid Trends Benefitting our Activities

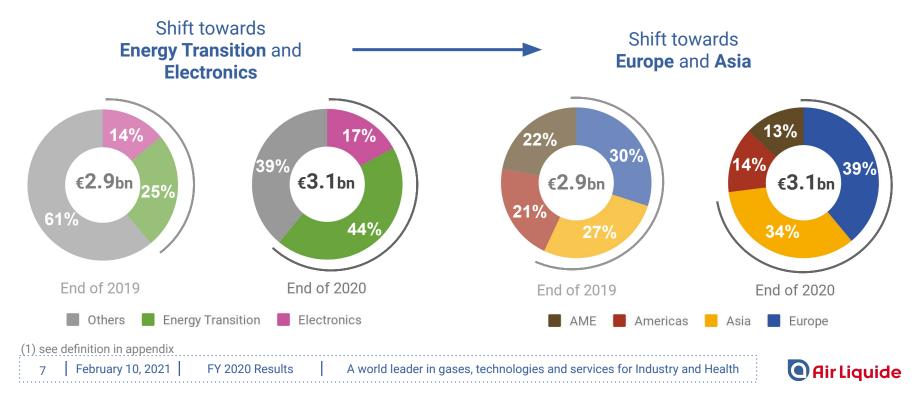




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### **Positioning for Future Growth**





## Sustainability at the Forefront

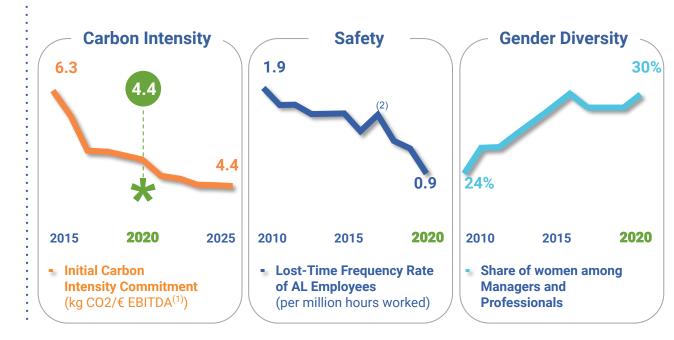
Sustainability Day on March 23<sup>rd</sup>

Addressing:

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- Decarbonization
- H<sub>2</sub> ambition
- Societal contribution
- Governance

Making progress on current KPIs

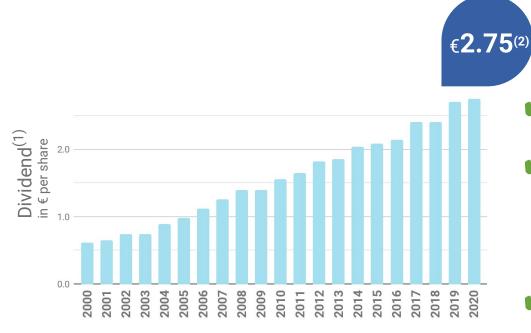


(1) Operating Income Recurring before depreciation and at 2015 exchange rate (2) Airgas acquisition



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## Staying Committed to Shareholders on the long term



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Dividend fully paid in 2020, +12.4% increase

- New dividend increase proposed in 2021<sup>(2)</sup>
  - +1.9% increase

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- 55% Payout Ratio
- +7.8% CAGR over 20 years
- Free share attribution in June 2022

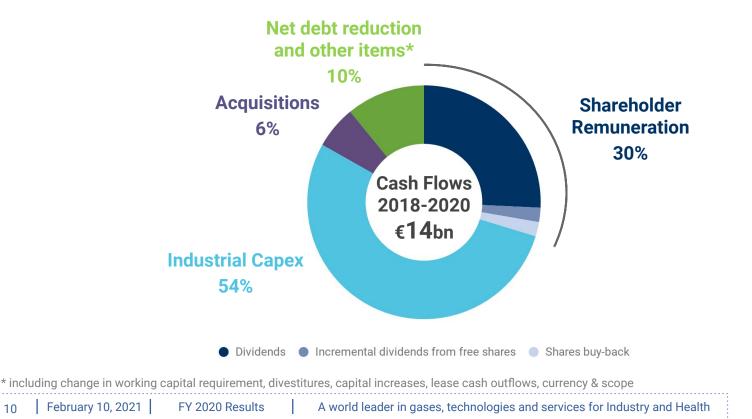
(1) Historical data adjusted for past free share attributions and for the value of the rights of the 2016 capital increase(2) Subject to the approval of shareholders during the General Meeting on May 4, 2021



### Serving Short Term and Preparing Long Term

Based on 2018-2020 cash flow from operations

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## Outstanding 2020 Performance Validation of the Business Model

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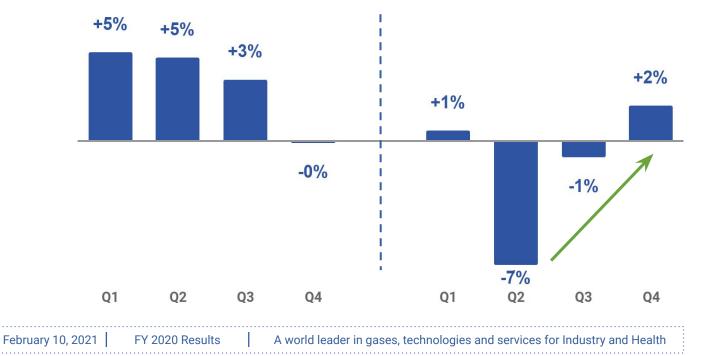


### Group Sales Progressive Recovery since Q2

Group comparable sales growth

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### Comparable Sales Close to FY 2019

Sales in €m	FY 19	FY 20	FY 20/19 As published	FY 20/19 Comparable	Q4 20/19 Comparable
Gas & Services	21,040	19,656	-6.6%	-1.2%	+1.6%
Engineering & Construction	328	250	-23.7%	-23.0%	+24.1%
Global Markets & Technologies	552	579	+5.0%	+6.0%	+5.9%
Group Total	21,920	20,485	-6.5%	-1.3%	+2.0%



### Q4 – Improving Americas, Strong Europe

G&S comparable sales growth

### Americas – Continued sequential recovery



• LI — Underlying volumes **improving** sequentially — **Start-up** in Argentina

- IM Recovering, esp. in Packaged Gas – Growing Food, Pharma, improved Metal Fab, Construction still soft – Solid pricing +3.0%
- HC \_ High Medical O<sub>2</sub> sales
- EL Strong Carrier Gases and E&I



Sales

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€1,908m

### Q4 – Strong China and Recovering Rest of Asia

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### Asia – China and EL driving growth





### AMEI – HC Strongly Contributing to Growth





- **IM Back to growth**, driven by Middle-East and India
- HC Strong O, sales to hospitals



## Q4 – Further IM Recovery, LI Back to Growth

G&S comparable sales growth

### Industrial Merchant - Progressive Recovery



- Gases **recovering** in all regions
- Growing Food and Pharma, improving Automotive, low Construction, Energy and Metals

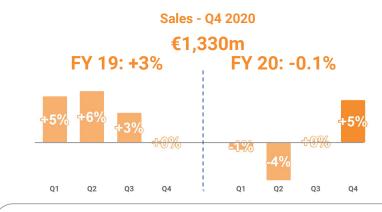
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• Very solid pricing at +2.2%

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### Large Industries - Better Underlying Volumes



- All regions back to growth, Air gases and H<sub>2</sub> volumes increasing vs Q4 2019
- Less turnarounds, one-off sale in Europe

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• Recovery starting in **Steel** from better Automotive, improvement in **Chemicals** in Europe, low **Refining** 



### Q4 – Continued High Contribution from HC & EL G&S comparable sales growth Healthcare - Sustained Mobilization



• Strong Medical Gases sales

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- Recovering Proximity care and Elective surgeries, esp. in the U.S.
- Equipment sales in France still high
- **HHC sales** growth driven by diabetes in Europe

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#### Electronics - Continuous momentum ex. E&I



- +7% growth excluding E&I
- **Double digit** growth of **Carrier Gases** in all regions
- Stable E&I sales



## Significant OIR Margin Improvement at +80bps

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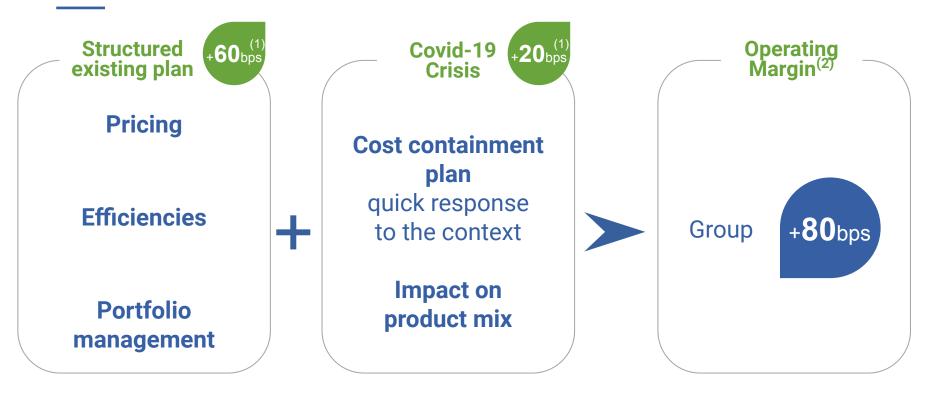
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In €m	FY 19	FY 20	FY 20/19	FY 20/19 Comparable
Revenue	21,920	20,485	-6.5%	-1.3%
Purchases	(8,154)	(7,198)	-11.7%	
Personnel Expenses	(4,411)	(4,240)	-3.9%	
Other net income and expenses	(3,423)	(3,119)	-8.9%	_
Operating profit before depreciation	5,932	5,928	-0.1%	
Depreciation and amortization	(2,138)	(2,138)	+0.0%	
Operating income recurring	3,794	3,790	-0.1%	+3.6%
Group OIR margin	17.3%	18.5%	+120bps	_
Group OIR margin excluding energy		18.1%		+80bps
G&S OIR margin	19.1%	20.4%	+130bps	
G&S OIR margin excluding energy		20.0%		+90bps



## Margin Up from Structural Efficiencies and Cost Containment



(1) Management best estimate (2) Operating Income Recurring on Sales, excluding energy impact

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## Performance Plan Delivering in 2020

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**Price/Mix** 

- Pursued management of pricing
- FY 2020: +2.6%

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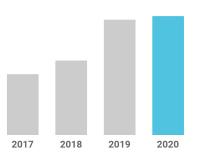
• Softening helium contribution at +0.3% in Q4

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Efficiencies \_\_\_\_\_ €441m

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- Business transformations delivering (Digital, Support centers)
- Cumulated efficiencies
   €1.5bn (2017 2020)

Portfolio management
9 divestitures:

Schülke
Reorganization in Japan
CryoPDP,
Czech Rep. and Slovakia

23 bolt-on acquisitions:
US, Europe, China
Europe
GM&T in Europe
E&C in US



## Strong Net Profit Growth at +8.6% as published

ln€m	FY 19	FY 20	FY 20/19	FY 20/19 Excl. FX
Revenue	21,920	20,485	-6.5%	
Operating income recurring	3,794	3,790	-0.1%	
Other non-recurring operating income & expenses	(188)	(140)		
Operating income	3,606	3,650		
Net financial costs and other net financial expenses	(468)	(440)		
Income taxes	(801)	(678)		
Tax rate	25.5%	21.1%		
Share of profit of associates	1	(4)		
Minority interests	96	93		
Net profit (Group share)	2,242	2,435	+8.6%	+11.2%
Earnings per share (in €)	4.76	5.16	+8.5%	
Recurring net profit <sup>(1)</sup>	2,307	2,341	+1.5%	+4.4%

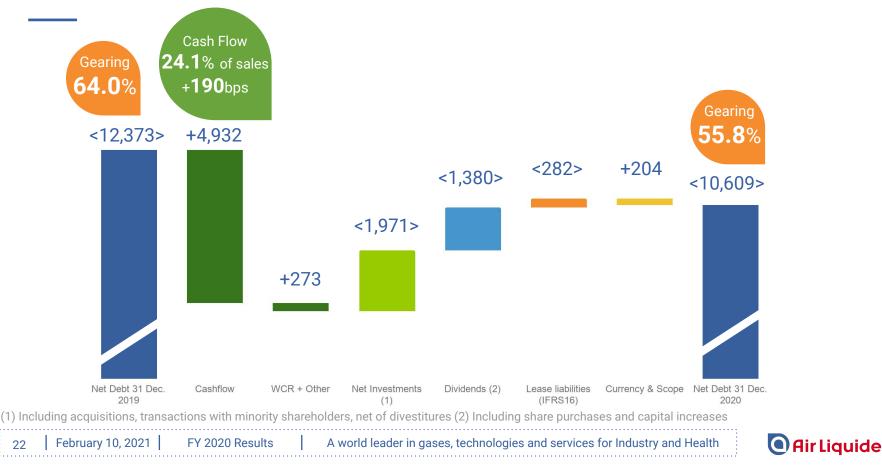
(1) Excluding Fujian in 2019. Excluding non-recurring items related to Covid-19, Schülke divestiture, strategic review of asset portfolio and Airgas senior notes in 2020



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### **Record Cash Flow, Significant Deleveraging**



## Surge in Energy Transition and Electronics Investments

Investment Opportunities<sup>(1)</sup> 12-month portfolio



- Increased level of opportunities
- Driven by Energy transition at 44% and EL
  - Several takeovers

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(1) See definitions in appendix, excluding Sasol takeover

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Investment Decisions<sup>(1)</sup>



### Investment Backlog<sup>(1)</sup>



- Increased Backlog
- €1.0bn of yearly sales backlog after full ramp-up

- Q4: high level of decisions especially for EL and Biogas
- 2020: industrial decisions >€3bn despite Covid-19
- ~22% linked to energy transition and ~13% to efficiency



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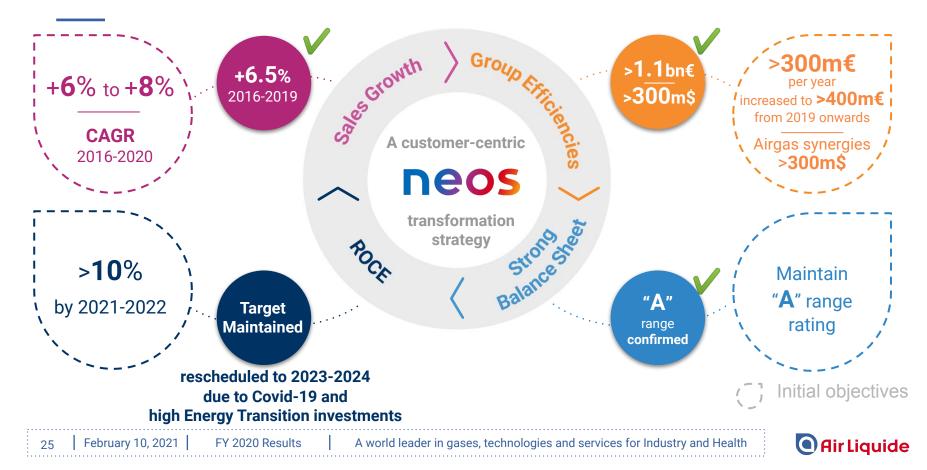
### 2020 Start-Up Contribution to Sales Above Expectations

Start-up/Ramp-up Sales Contribution

# Start-up date of major projects



### Achievement of NEOS Objectives at the End of 2019



### 2021 Guidance

### Assumptions:

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- 1<sup>st</sup> half impacted by Covid-19
- Recovery in 2<sup>nd</sup> half
- Pursued pricing, efficiency and portfolio management

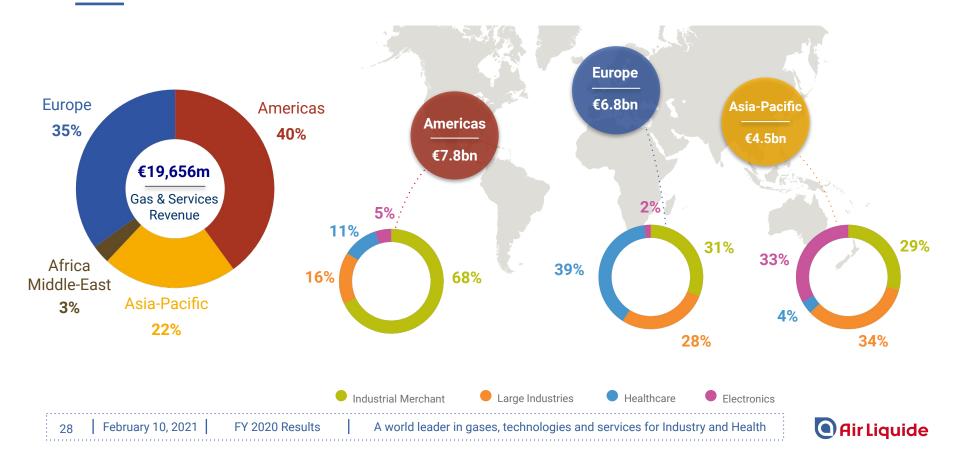
"In a context of limited local lockdowns in 1<sup>st</sup> half and recovery in 2<sup>nd</sup> half, Air Liquide is confident in its ability to further increase its operating margin and to deliver recurring net profit<sup>(1)</sup> growth, at constant exchange rates."

(1) Excluding exceptional and significant items that have no impact on the operating income recurring. Excluding the impact of any US tax reform in 2021.



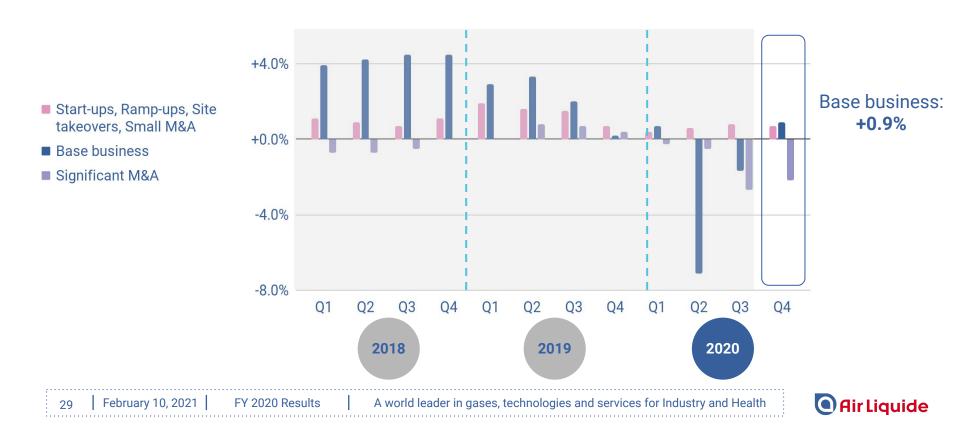


### FY 2020 G&S Revenue Breakdown by Region



### **Strong Base Business Improvement**

#### Breakdown of G&S Sales Growth



### Americas

Q4 2020 G&S comparable sales growth

#### **INDUSTRIAL MERCHANT**

- **Progressive recovery** in North America esp. cylinders
- >+10% in South America
- Strong **pricing**, **+3.0%**, helium contribution softening

#### LARGE INDUSTRIES

- Air gases underlying volumes improving sequentially
- Lower turnarounds in the US than Q4 2019
- Start-up in Argentina

#### **HEALTHCARE**

- Exceptional sales of Medical O<sub>2</sub> throughout the region
  - **Recovery** of **elective procedures** in the US
- Strong HHC in Latin America

### **ELECTRONICS**

 Strong Carrier Gases and E&I



### Europe

Q4 2020 G&S comparable sales growth

#### **INDUSTRIAL MERCHANT**

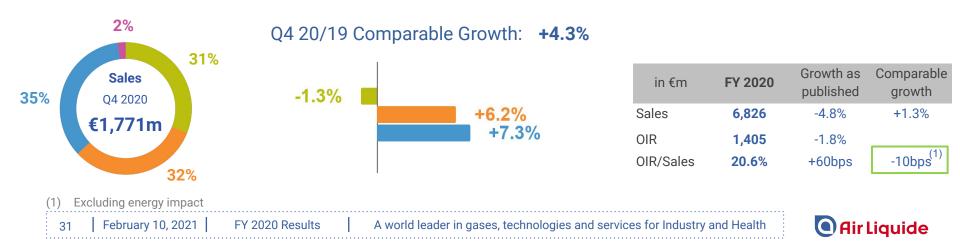
- **Solid recovery**, balanced between cylinders and bulk
- Back to growth (+0.7%) excl. small divestitures
- Dynamic East of Europe
- Solid **pricing** at **+1.8%**

#### **LARGE INDUSTRIES**

- One-off sale in Russia
- Signs of recovery in Chemicals and Steel driven by Automotive, esp. in Germany
- Low Refining

#### HEALTHCARE

- Very strong demand for Medical O<sub>2</sub>
- High Equipment sales
- Solid HHC activity driven by new patients in diabetes



### Asia-Pacific

Q4 2020 G&S comparable sales growth

### INDUSTRIAL MERCHANT

- Growth in Q4, driven by volumes
- China +10%
- Recovering rest of Asia, growing Australia, still low Japan
- Driven by Fabrication, Glass, Electronics assembly and Craftsmen

#### LARGE INDUSTRIES

- Volume growth in Korea and Singapore
- Flat China with Air gases growth offset by H<sub>2</sub> turnarounds

#### **ELECTRONICS**

- **+10%** growth in
  - Carrier Gases (China, Taiwan, Singapore)
  - Advanced Materials (China, Singapore, Japan)

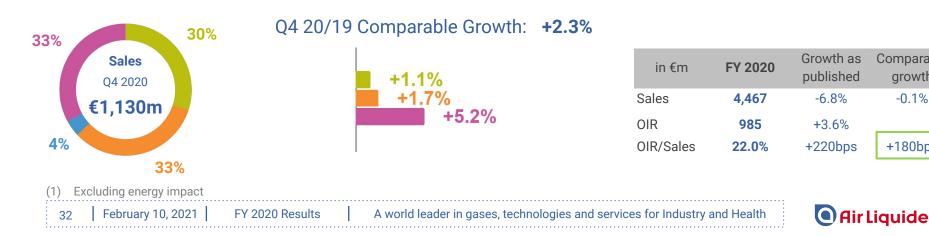
Comparable

growth

-0.1%

+180bps<sup>(1</sup>

 Low E&I across the region except China

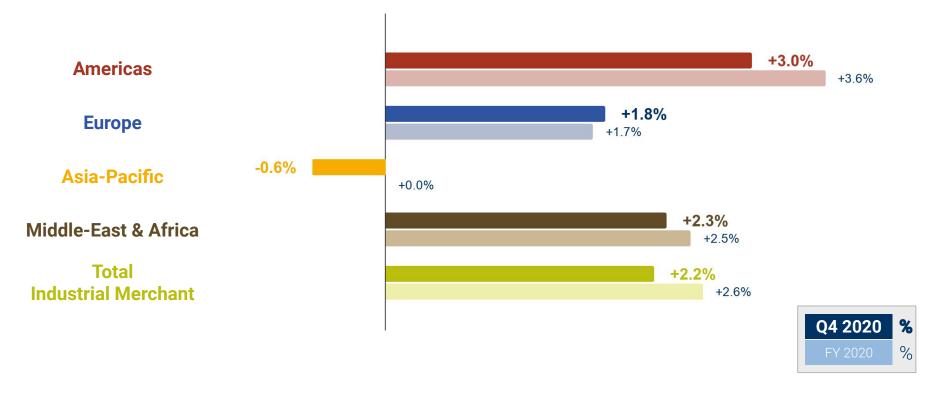


### **Industrial Merchant Pricing**

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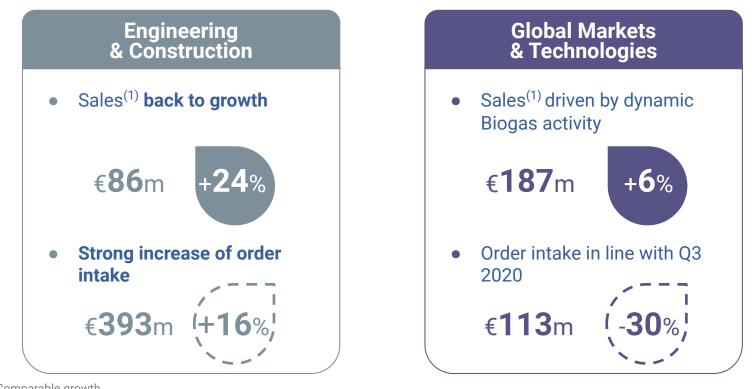
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### Q4 2020 E&C and GM&T Activities



(1) Comparable growth

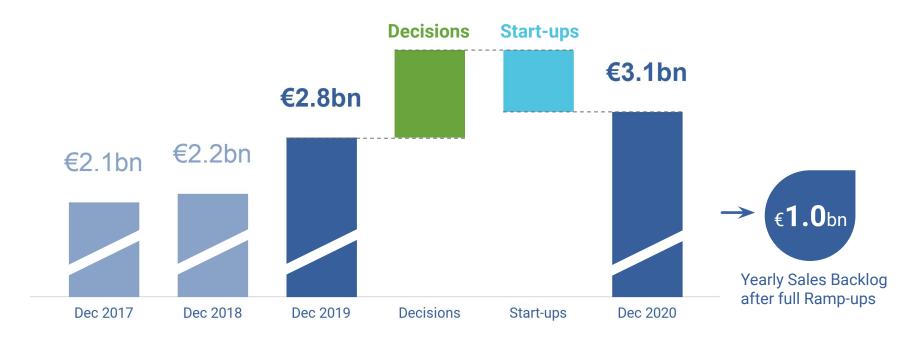
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## Backlog Increasing at €3.1bn



See definitions in appendix

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### Consolidated P&L

In €m	FY 19	FY 20
Revenue	21,920	20,485
Operating costs	(15,988)	(14,557)
Operating profit before depreciation	5,932	5,928
Depreciation and amortization	(2,138)	(2,138)
Operating income recurring	3,794	3,790
Other non-recurring operating income & expenses	(188)	(140)
Operating income	3,606	3,650
Net financial costs and other net financial expenses	(468)	(440)
Income taxes	(801)	(678)
Share of profit of associates	1	(4)
Profit for the period	2,338	2,528
- Minority interests	96	93
- Net profit (Group share)	2,242	2,435
Basic earnings per share (in €)	4.76	5.16



## **Consolidated Balance Sheet Simplified**

ASSETS	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
Goodwill	13,943	13,087
Fixed assets	22,673	21,401
Other non-current assets *	1,083	1,123
Total non-current assets	37,699	35,611
Inventories & work in-progress	1,532	1,406
Trade receivables & other current assets	3,379	3,033
Cash and cash equivalents *	1,057	1,836
Total current assets	5,968	6,275
Assets held for sale	-	91
Total assets	43,667	41,977

	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
Net debt	12,373	10,609
Net debt to equity ratio	64.0%	55.8%
* Including fair value of derivatives		
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EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	12/31/2019	12/31/2020
Shareholders' equity	18,870	18,543
Minority interests	454	462
Total equity	19,324	19,005
Provisions & Deferred tax liabilities	4,573	4,290
Non-current borrowings	11,567	10,220
Non-current lease liabilities	1,088	969
Other non-current liabilities *	308	218
Total equity and non current liabilities	36,860	34,702
Provisions	268	316
Trade payables & other current liabilities	4,396	4,462
Current lease liabilities	244	218
Current borrowings *	1,899	2,240
Total current liabilities	6,807	7,236
Liabilities held for sale	-	39
Total equity and liabilities	43,667	41,977



### **Cash Flow Statement**

In €m	FY 19	FY 20
Funds provided by operations	4,859	4,932
Changes in Working Capital	(37)	364
Other cash items	(110)	(90)
Net cash from operating activities	4,712	5,206
Purchases of PPE* and intangible assets	(2,637)	(2,630)
Purchases of financial assets and the impact of changes in scope	(537)	(129)
Proceeds from sale of subsidiaries, PPE*, intangible and financial assets	589	804
Net cash in investing activities	(2,585)	(1,955)
Distribution	(1,237)	(1,387)
Increase in capital stock	39	44
Purchase of treasury shares	(148)	(50)
Transactions with minority shareholders	(31)	(16)
Change in borrowings and lease liabilities (incl. net interests)	(1,403)	(1,019)
Impact of Exchange rate changes and net debt of newly consolidated companies & others	1	(1)
Change in net cash and cash equivalents	(652)	822
Net cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	897	1,719

\* PPE: Property, plant and equipment.

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## Impact of Currency and Energy on G&S Revenue

in €m	Q1 19	Q2 19	Q3 19	Q4 19	Q1 20	Q2 20	Q3 20	Q4 20
€/USD	+138	+107	+81	+52	+55	+30	(86)	(126)
€/JP¥	+16	+14	+22	+18	+11	+11	(11)	(9)
€/ARS	(28)	(20)	(29)	(16)	(16)	(23)	(10)	(26)
€/BRL	(6)	(2)	+3	(4)	(11)	(22)	(25)	(23)
Others	+21	+4	+30	+31	+1	(26)	(66)	(62)
Currency Impact	+141	+103	+107	+81	+40	(30)	(198)	(246)
in €m	Q1 19	Q2 19	Q3 19	Q4 19	Q1 20	Q2 20	Q3 20	Q4 20
Natural Gas Impact	+5	(36)	(134)	(129)	(103)	(135)	(61)	(18)
in €m	Q1 19	Q2 19	Q3 19	Q4 19	Q1 20	Q2 20	Q3 20	Q4 20
Electricity Impact	+27	+7	(12)	(30)	(31)	(31)	(19)	(7)



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## Investment Cycle – Definitions

### Investment opportunities at end of the period

- Investment opportunities under consideration by the Group for decision within 12 months.
- Industrial projects with investment value > €5m for Large Industries and > €3m for other business lines.
- Includes asset replacements or efficiency projects. Excludes maintenance and safety.

### Investment backlog at end of the period

- Cumulated industrial investment value of projects decided but not yet started.
- Industrial projects with value > €10m, including asset replacements or efficiency projects, excluding maintenance and safety.

### Sales backlog

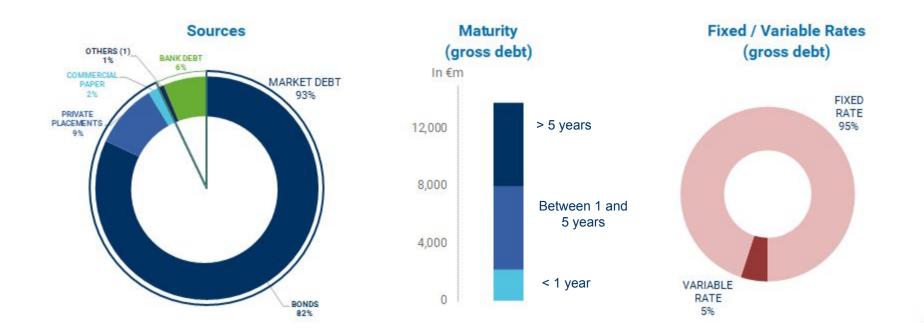
- Cumulated expected sales per year generated by the current investment backlog after full ramp-up.

### Decisions of the period

- Cumulated value of industrial and financial investment decisions.
- Industrial, growth and non-growth projects including asset replacements, efficiency, maintenance and safety.
- Financial decisions (acquisitions).



### Financing Structure as of December 31, 2020



(1) Others: put options granted to minority shareholders.

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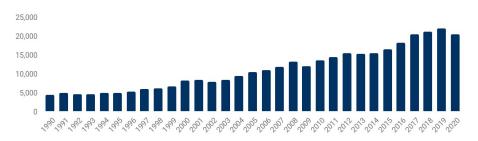
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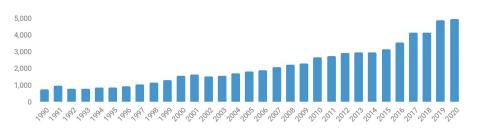
### **Regular and Sustained Performance**

CAGR over 30 years<sup>(1)</sup>

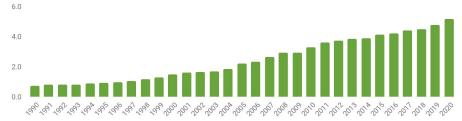
Revenue (in €m) +5.3%



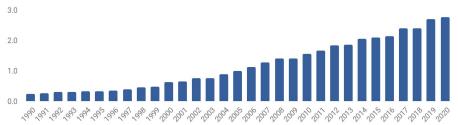
Cashflow (in €m) +6.5%



#### EPS<sup>(2)</sup> (in €) +6.7%



Dividend<sup>(2)</sup> (in  $\in$  per share) +8.4%



(1) Calculated according to prevailing accounting rules over 30 years. (2) Adjusted for the 2-for-1 share split in 2007, for free share attributions and for the capital increase completed in October 2016.

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