

■ HeidelbergCement

2013 First Quarter Results

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Market and financial overview Q1 2013

- **Strong operational performance despite cold/wet and long winter**
 - Cement growth in NAM, Asia and Africa compensates for weakness in Europe
 - Stable revenues at €2.8 billion
 - OIBD up 3% based on price increases and lower energy cost
- **Margin improvement programs on track**
 - EBITDA margins further improved in cement and aggregates business lines
 - Price increases successfully launched
 - Cost structure well managed and further optimized
 - Lower than market average energy cost driven by strict energy management and purchase strategy
- **Growth in attractive markets**
 - 2.9mt cement capacities in India commissioned
 - Low-risk and value adding bolt-on acquisitions in Australia (Q1), Russia and UK (both April) will increase Earnings Per Share
- **Outlook for 2013 confirmed**

Key financials

€m	Jan - Mar		Variance	Variance L-f-L
	2012 (1)	2013		
Volumes				
Cement (Mt)	18,207	18,070	-1 %	-2%
Aggregates (Mt)	46,995	41,917	-11 %	-11%
Ready-Mix Concrete (Mm3)	8,103	7,931	-2 %	-1%
Asphalt (Mt)	1,390	1,270	-9 %	-9%
Income statement				
Revenue	2,799	2,761	-1 %	-1%
Operating EBITDA	212	219	3 %	5%
<i>in % of revenue</i>	7.6%	7.9%		
Operating income	12	16	35 %	104%
Profit / Loss for the period	-159	-184	-16 %	
Earnings per share in € (IAS 33) ²⁾	-1.11	-1.25	-13 %	
Statement of cash flows				
Cash flow from operating activities	-434	-371	63	
Total investments	-164	-418	-254	
Balance sheet				
Net debt ³⁾	8,386	7,788	-598	
Gearing	63.5%	56.2%		

1) 2012 values are restated due to the change in International Accounting Standards (IAS)19.

2) Attributable to the parent entity.

3) Excluding puttable minorities.

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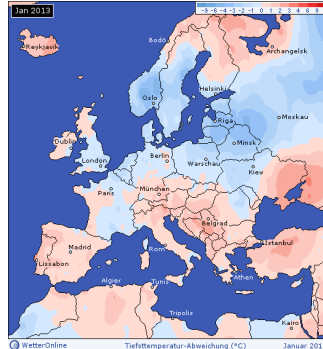
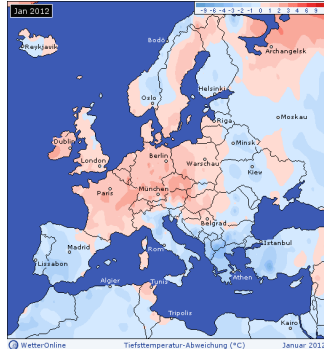
Europe 2013: Q1 volumes impacted by strong winter in March

Minimum temperature anomaly* in °C

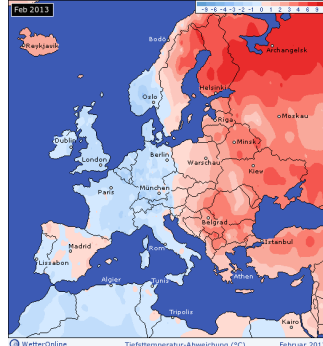
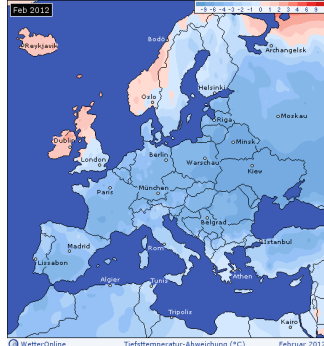
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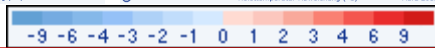
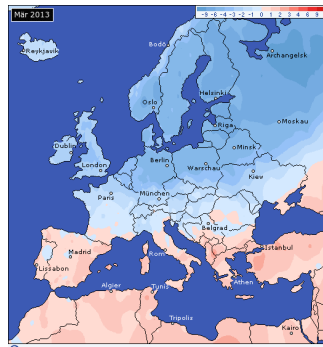
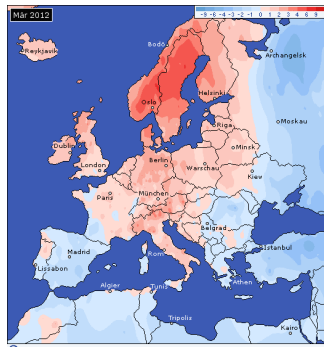
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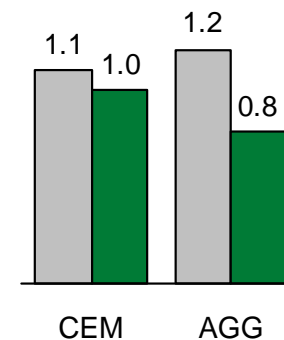
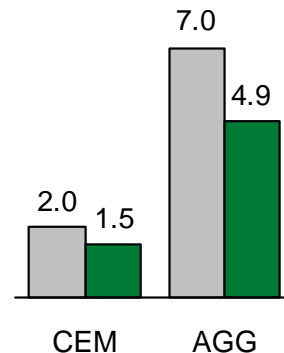
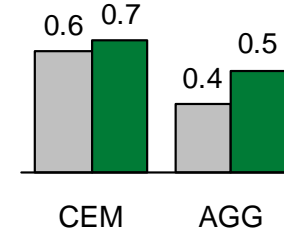
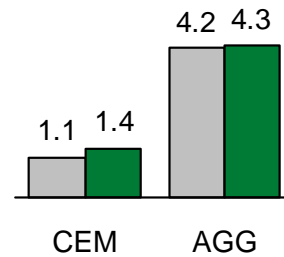
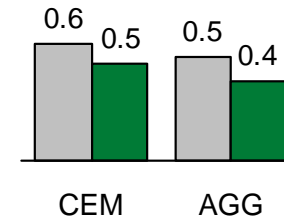
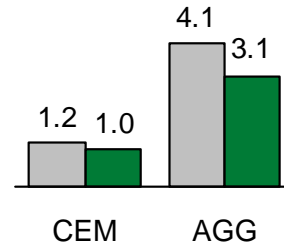
March



Sales volumes (mt) 2012 2013

Western and Northern Europe

Eastern Europe Central Asia



Stable volume development during the first 2 months

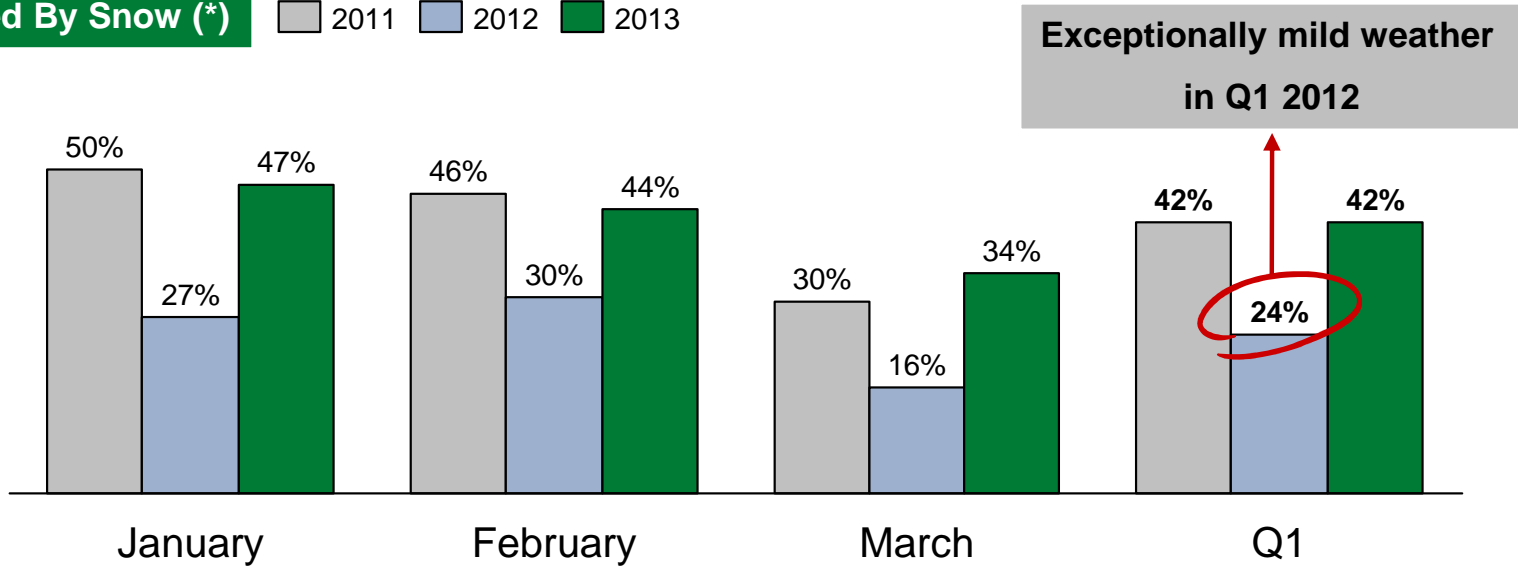
Harsh winter in March impacted the volumes for the whole quarter

*) Source: www.wetteronline.de; deviation from long-time mean

US: Tough comparison base as a result of mild weather in Q1 2012

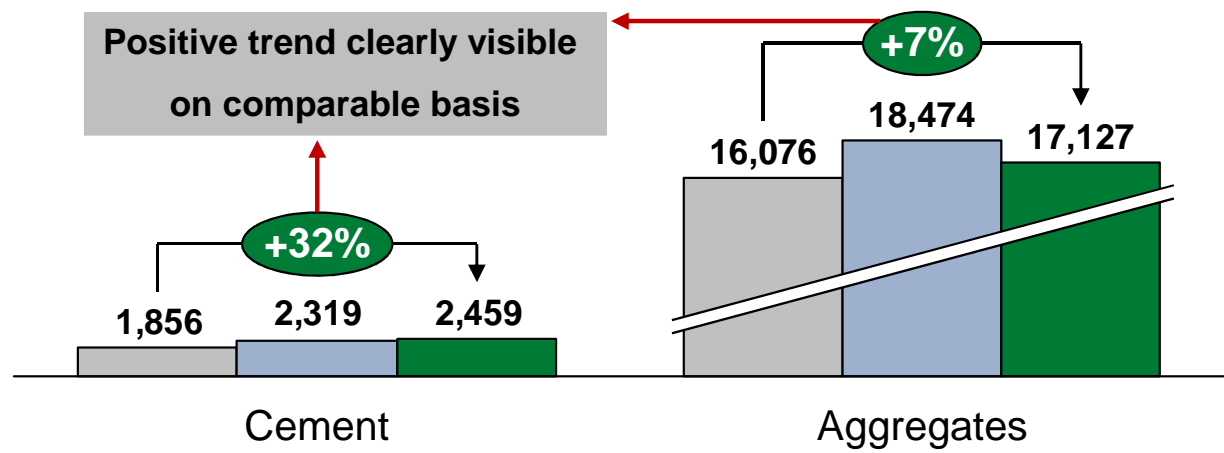
Area Covered By Snow (*)

2011 2012 2013



Sales Volumes ('000t)

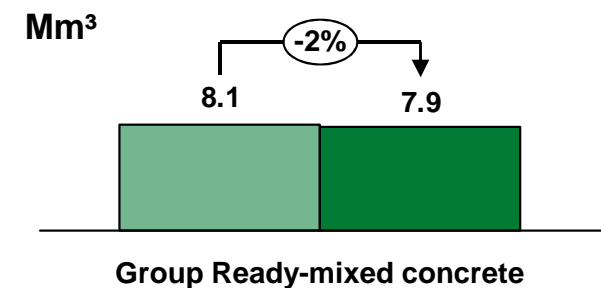
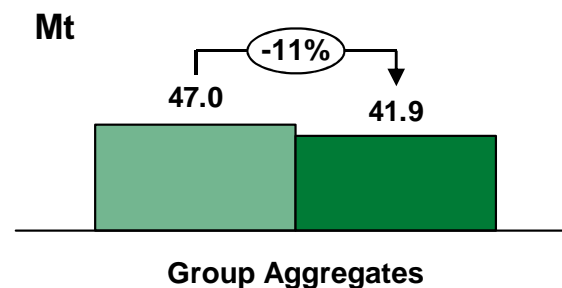
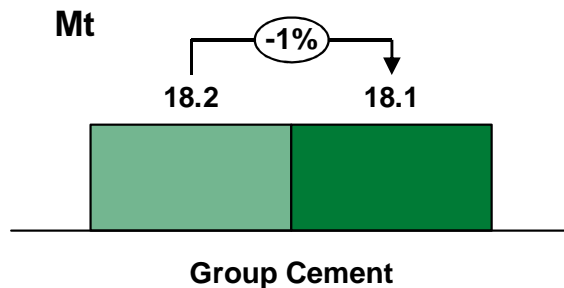
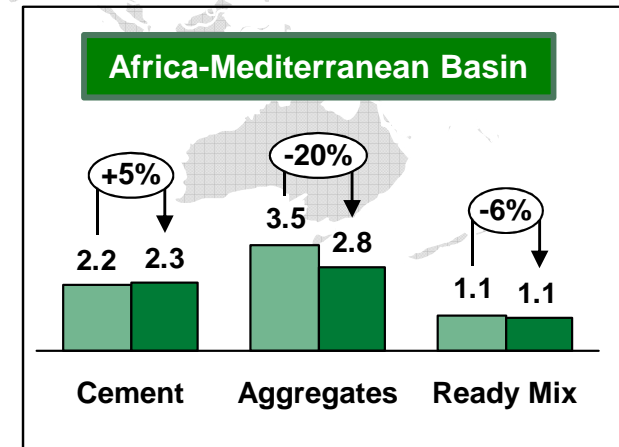
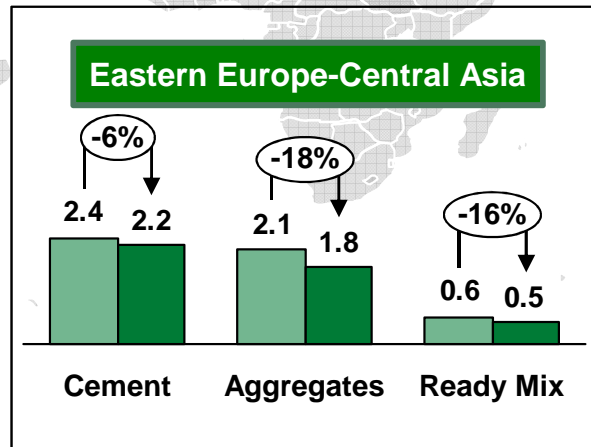
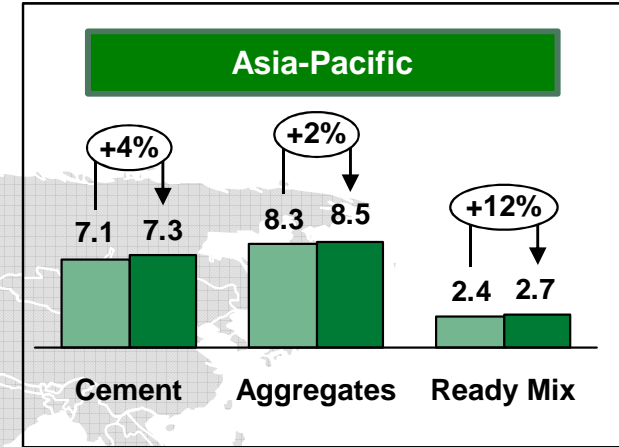
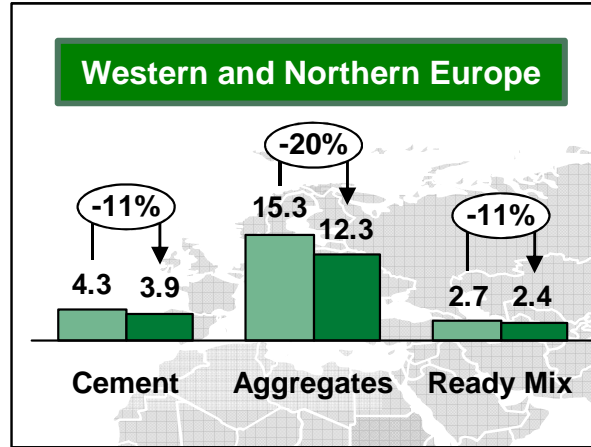
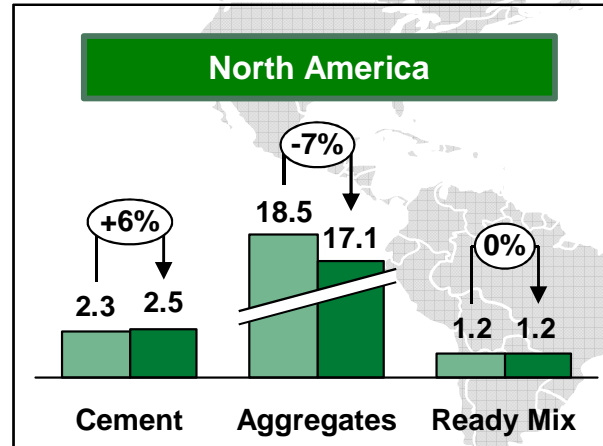
Q1 2011 Q1 2012 Q1 2013



*) Source: NOAA.

Group Sales Volumes

Q1 2012
Q1 2013



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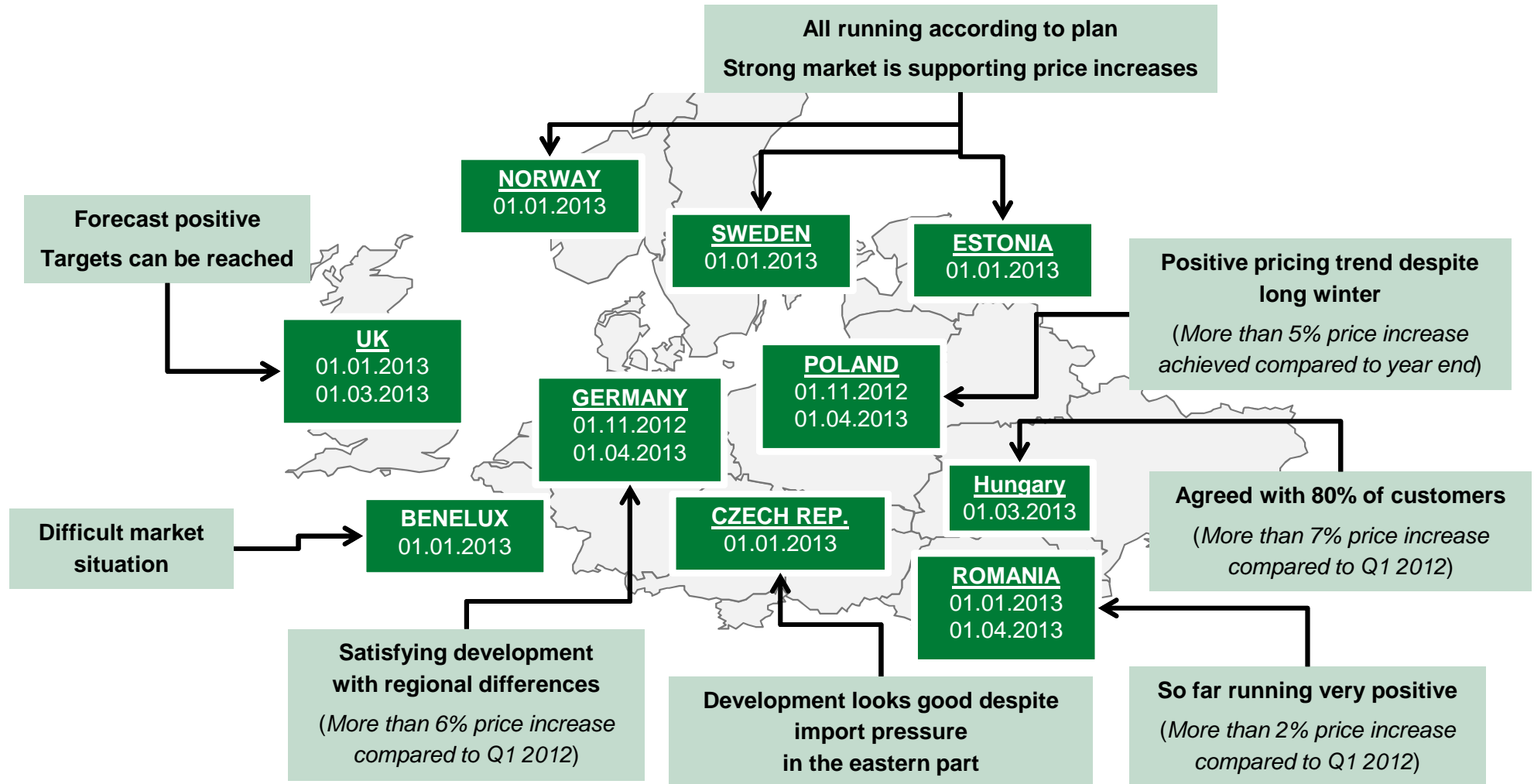
Overall positive pricing trend in cement and aggregates

CEMENT (Gray Domestic)		
2013 vs. 2012	Volume	Price
US	→	→
Canada	→	→
Indonesia	→	→
Bangladesh	→	→
India	→	→
China North	→	→
China South	→	→
Germany	→	→
Belgium	→	→
Netherlands	→	→
United Kingdom	→	→
Norway	→	→
Sweden	→	→
Czech Republic	→	→
Hungary	→	→
Poland	→	→
Romania	→	→
Russia	→	→
Ukraine	→	→
Kazakhstan	→	→
Georgia	→	→
Ghana	→	→
Tanzania	→	→
Turkey	→	→

AGGREGATES		
2013 vs. 2012	Volume	Price
US	→	→
Canada	→	→
Australia	→	→
Hong Kong	→	→
Indonesia	→	→
Malaysia	→	→
Germany	→	→
Belgium	→	→
Netherlands	→	→
United Kingdom	→	→
Norway	→	→
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Poland	→	→
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Spain	→	→

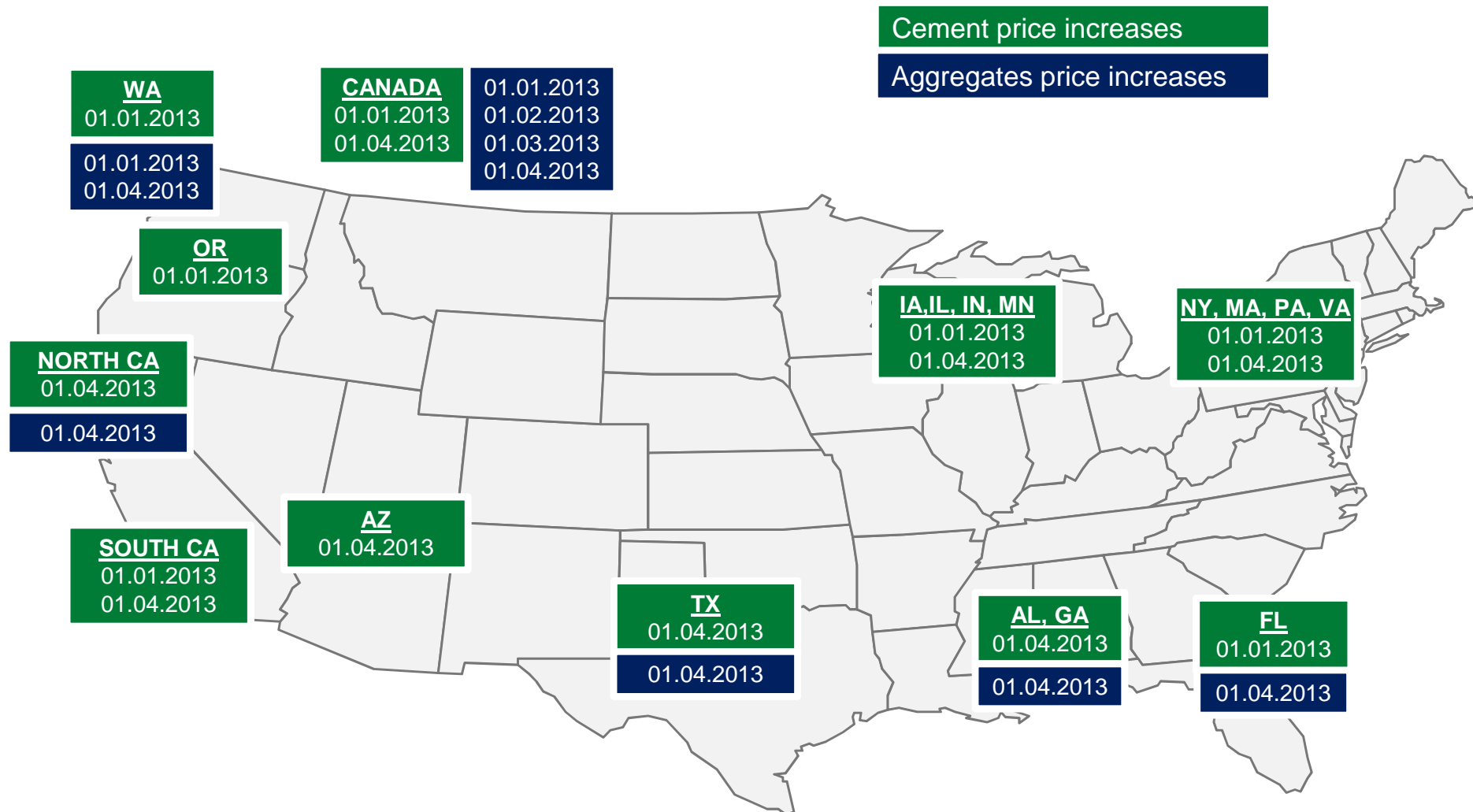
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Focus on pricing continues; P.E.R.F.O.R.M. on track



We target further improvements in pricing, supported by PERFORM program

Further price increases announced in North America

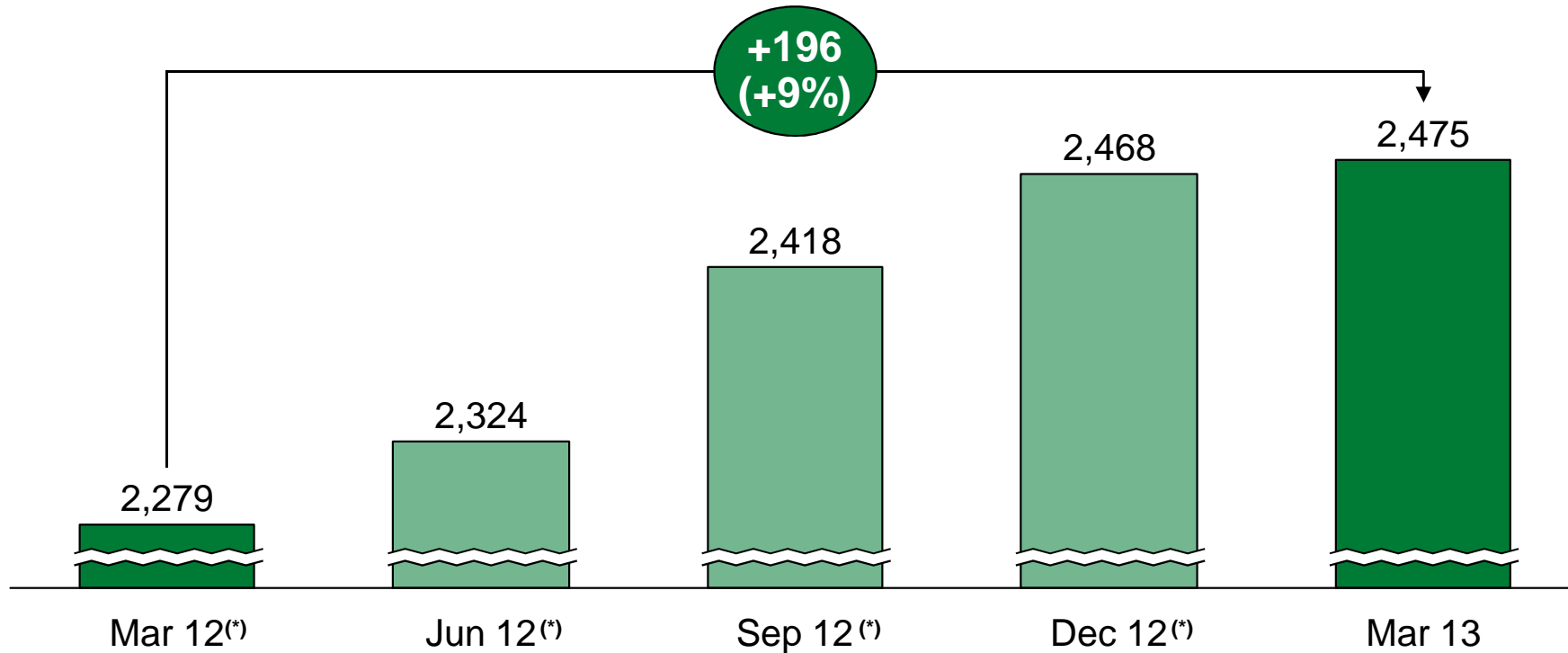


Positive price development in all business lines

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Operating EBITDA growth continues

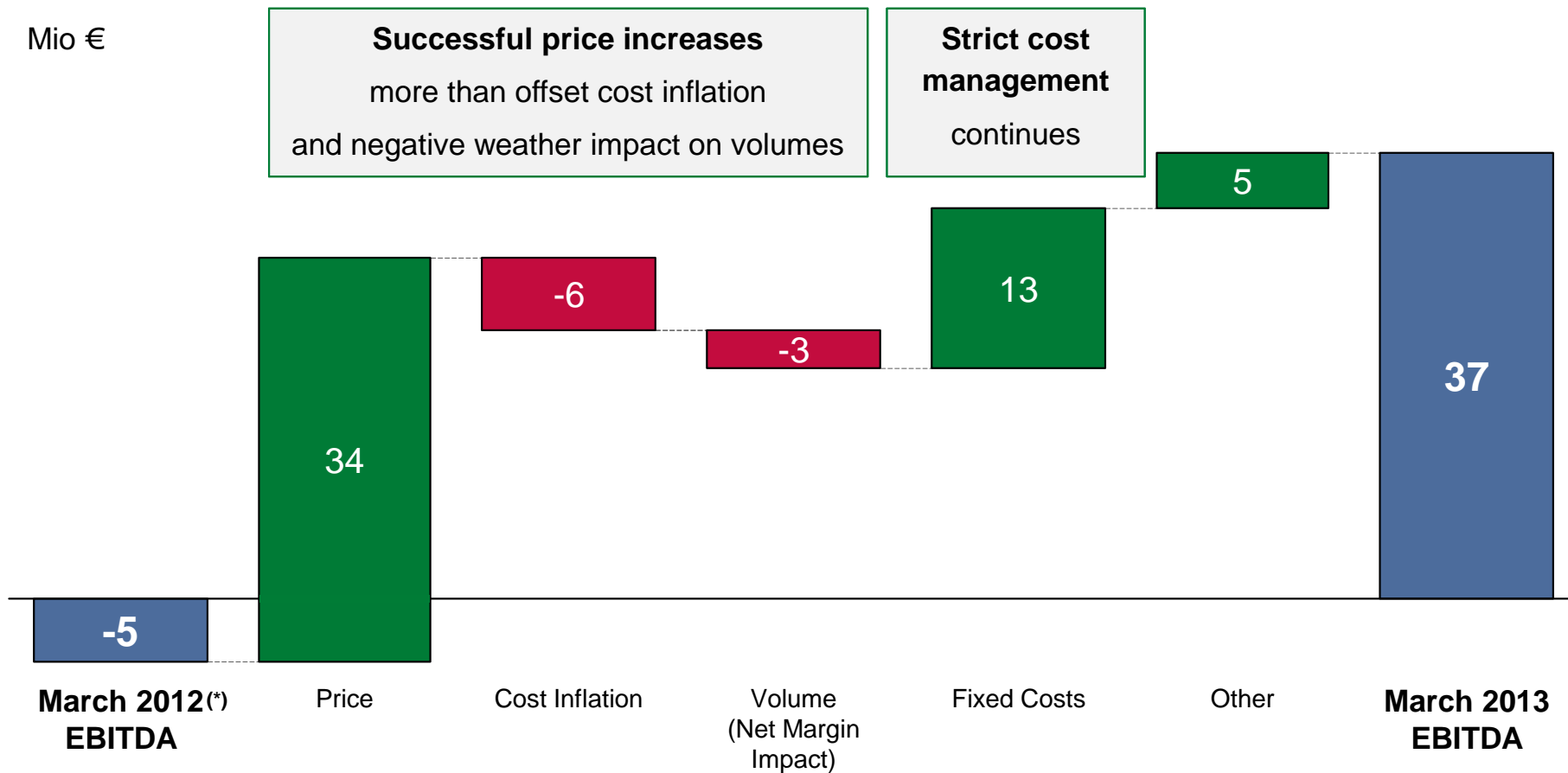
Last 12 months rolling Operating EBITDA (mio €)



Operating EBITDA continued to improve despite harsh winter conditions

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Operating Leverage North America

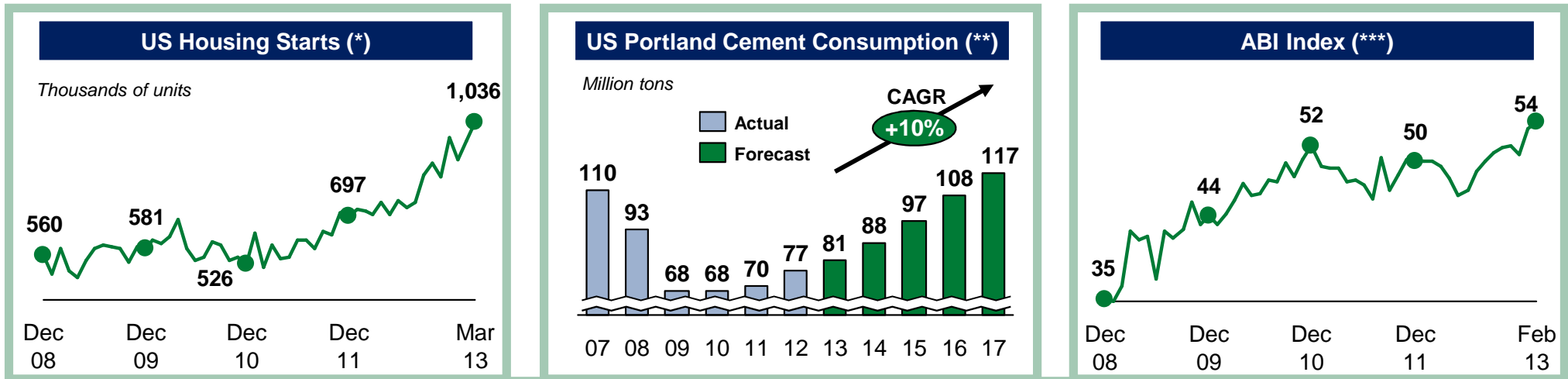


Mio €	Q1 2012 (*)	Q1 2013	Change
Revenue	616	639	23
Operating EBITDA	-5	37	42

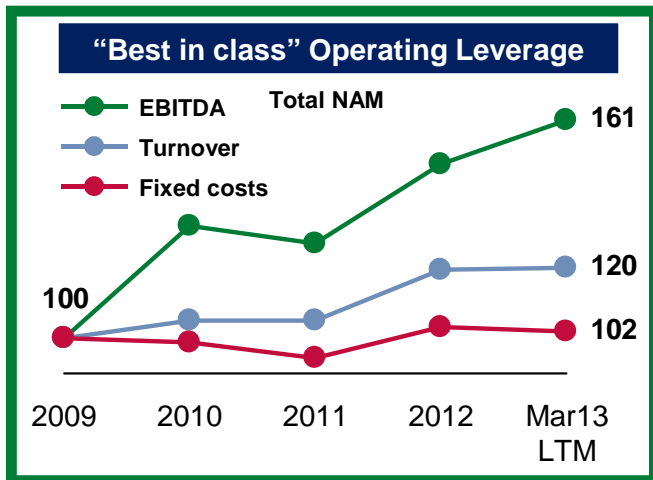
Significant operating leverage

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Significant upside potential in North America



US recovery clearly visible – significant upside potential for HeidelbergCement

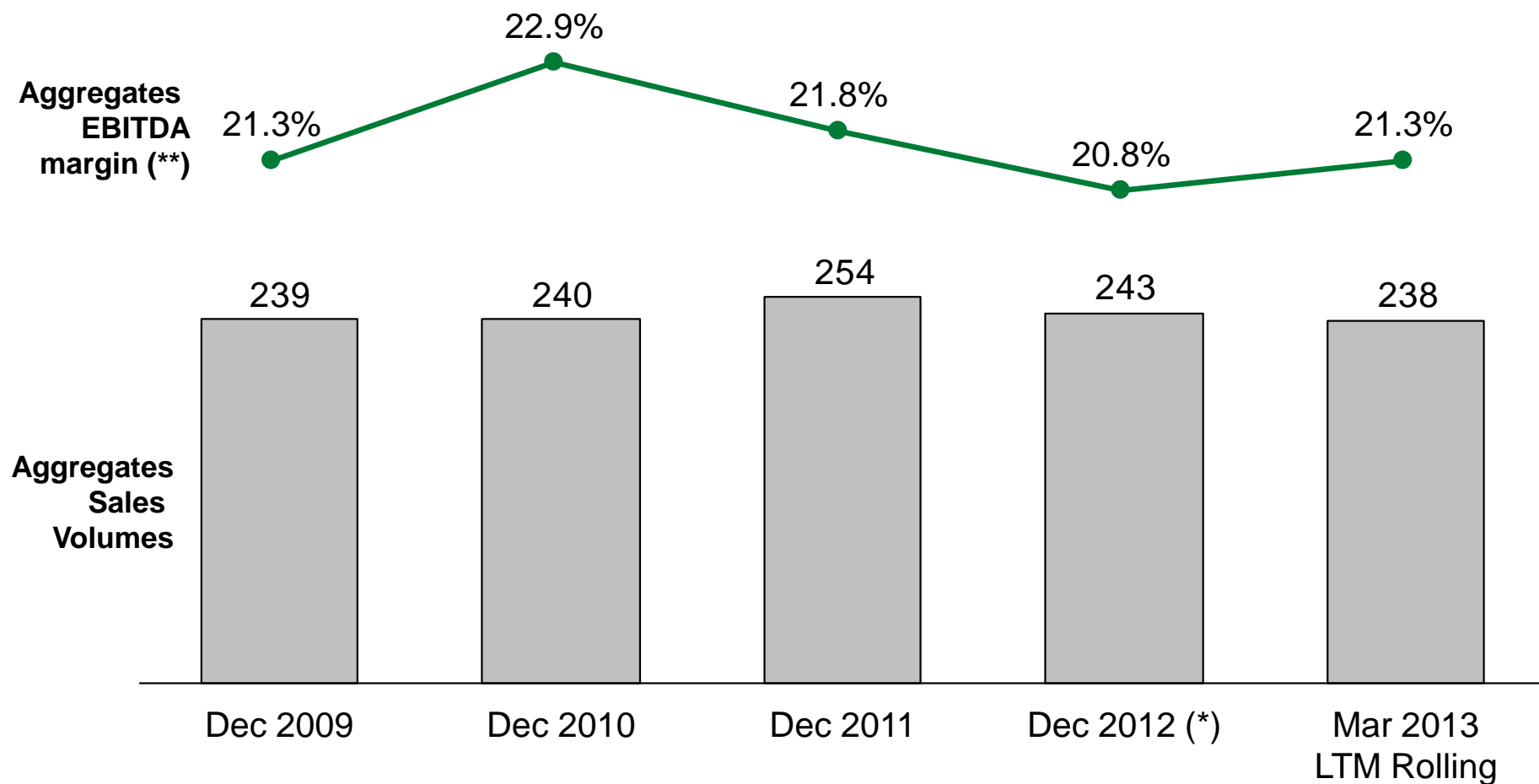


- Strong asset base in North America**
- 13.3mt cement capacity
 - 13bt aggregates reserves
 - 152 ready mix plants
 - 34 cement terminals (12 marine)
 - 21 aggregates terminals (8 marine)

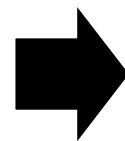
- Superior geographical footprint**
- Strong customer base with strategically located manufacturing sites & distribution points
 - Superior reserves positions with plants located in attractive urban areas
 - Strength & reliability of local brands

(*) U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development; (**) PCA Spring 2013 Forecast; (***) The American Institute of Architects
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Sector leading aggregates position and EBITDA margin level



- Focus on pricing
- Timely taken and fully initiated cost saving programs
- Project CLIMB delivers visible improvements



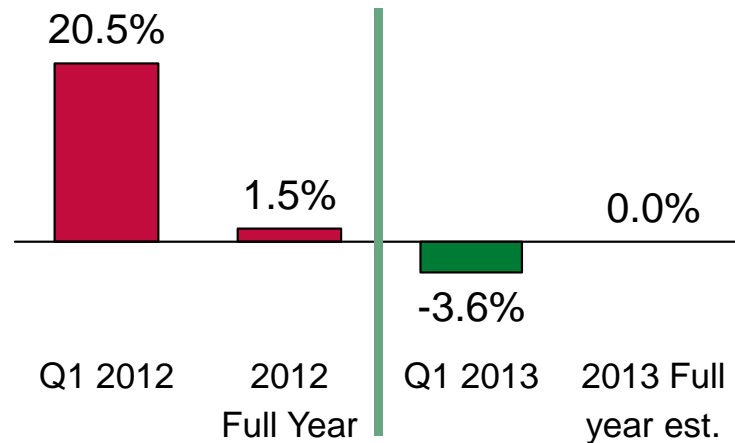
Clear margin improvement despite soft volumes in Q1

(*) 2012 values are restated due to the change in International Accounting Standards (IAS)19
 (**) Aggregates EBITDA margin excluding pension gains and gains from exhausted quarry sales

Strict energy management – cost inflation outlook lowered for 2013

Energy price inflation 2013 for cement

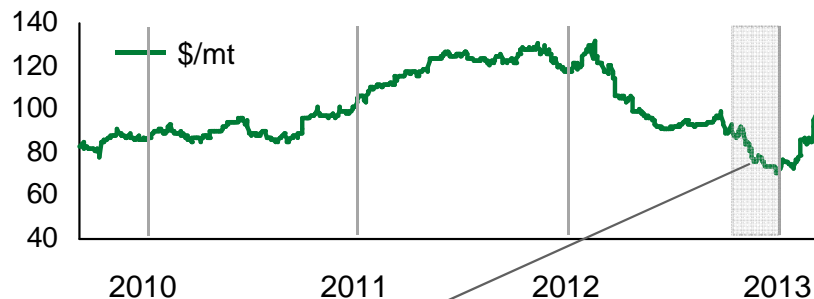
(only price effect, no volume and FX effect)



Overall positive trend continues in 2013:

- Coal prices for Europe and Asia are expected to be below 2012 average.
- Pet coke prices are expected to remain at current low levels.
- Lower than expected electricity prices in Europe

Coal Price Europe (API 2) in USD/mt



Decision to buy large volumes of coal and physically fill up stocks for Q1 and Q2 2013

Well defined strategy:

- HC has been short - we benefited from falling energy prices
- Natural gas prices for NAM below coal prices are often hedged
- HC has proven to increase fuel mix flexibility in all areas

Flat energy cost inflation in 2013

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North America

USA:

- Cement sales volumes continue to increase despite cold winter
- Price increases announced in all markets. Positive development already visible
- Very strong demand in Texas driven by major road projects
- Successful price increases in aggregates more than compensated the volume losses in March

Canada:

- Strong cement demand continues
- Favourable pricing in all business lines

North America	January - March								L-f-L
	2012 (*)	2013	variance		Opr.	Cons.	Decons.	Curr.	
Volumes									
Cement volume ('000 t)	2,319	2,459	141	6.1 %	141	0	0		6.1 %
Aggregates volume ('000 t)	18,474	17,127	-1,346	-7.3 %	-1,346	0	0		-7.3 %
Ready mix volume ('000 m ³)	1,223	1,225	2	0.2 %	53	26	-77		4.6 %
Asphalt volume ('000 t)	156	205	49	31.4 %	49	0	0		31.4 %
Operational result (€m)									
Revenue	616	639	23	3.8 %	33	2	-9	-4	5.5 %
Operating EBITDA	-5	37	42	N/A	40	0	2	0	N/A
<i>in % of revenue</i>	-0.8 %	5.8 %							
Operating income	-65	-19	46	71.3 %	43	0	3	0	69.5 %

Revenue (€m)	2012 (*)	2013	variance	
Cement	205	222	17	8.5 %
Aggregates	177	177	1	0.4 %
Building Products	142	140	-1	-1.0 %

Opr. EBITDA margin (%)	2012 (*)	2013
Cement	7.3 %	12.8 %
Aggregates	0.6 %	8.2 %
Building Products	-0.5 %	3.4 %

(*) 2012 values are restated due to the change in International Accounting Standards (IAS)19

Western and Northern Europe

- **Germany:** Price increases successfully implemented. Unfavorable weather in March had negative impact on the volumes
- **UK:** Overall stable result. Aggregates volume down, cement volumes slightly up. Price increases announced in all business lines
- **Benelux:** Continued low construction activity in Belgium. Positive price and volume development in the Netherlands
- **Northern Europe:** Volumes negatively impacted by strong winter. Price increases implemented

Western & Northern Europe			January - March					L-f-L	
	2012(*)	2013	variance		Opr.	Cons.	Decons.		Curr.
Volumes									
Cement volume ('000 t)	4,344	3,855	-489	-11.3 %	-489	0	0		-11.3 %
Aggregates volume ('000 t)	15,253	12,269	-2,985	-19.6 %	-3,035	50	0		-19.9 %
Ready mix volume ('000 m ³)	2,703	2,403	-300	-11.1 %	-293	0	-8		-10.9 %
Asphalt volume ('000 t)	754	530	-224	-29.7 %	-224	0	0		-29.7 %
Operational result (€m)									
Revenue	887	774	-113	-12.8 %	-114	0	-1	1	-12.8 %
Operating EBITDA	24	-23	-47	N/A	-48	0	0	1	N/A
<i>in % of revenue</i>	2.7 %	-3.0 %							
Operating income	-41	-86	-45	-110.2 %	-46	0	0	1	-114.1 %

Revenue (€m)	2012(*)	2013	variance	
Cement	356	321	-36	-10.1 %
Aggregates	184	152	-31	-17.1 %
Building Products	104	92	-12	-11.2 %

Opr. EBITDA margin (%)	2012(*)	2013		
Cement	4.1 %	-3.7 %		
Aggregates	7.3 %	2.8 %		
Building Products	7.9 %	3.0 %		

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Eastern Europe-Central Asia

- **Russia:** Strong market demand continues. Stable pricing before construction season starts
- **Georgia & Kazakhstan:** Slight declines due to harsh winter conditions; resilient pricing
- **Ukraine:** Improved profitability as a result of increase in volumes and favourable pricing
- **Poland & Czech Republic:** Difficult market situation continues. Unfavourable weather conditions had further negative impact on sluggish demand from infrastructure
- **Romania:** Decline in demand as a result of strong winter in March. Positive pricing

Eastern Europe - Cent. Asia	January - March							L-f-L	
	2012	2013	variance		Opr.	Cons.	Decons.		Curr.
Volumes									
Cement volume ('000 t)	2,378	2,236	-142	-6.0 %	-142	0	0	-6.0 %	
Aggregates volume ('000 t)	2,142	1,751	-391	-18.3 %	-391	0	0	-18.3 %	
Ready mix volume ('000 m ³)	599	500	-99	-16.5 %	-99	0	0	-16.5 %	
Operational result (€m)									
Revenue	195	176	-19	-10.0 %	-18	0	0	-1	-9.5 %
Operating EBITDA	-9	-9	-1	-9.0 %	-1	0	0	0	-12.1 %
<i>in % of revenue</i>	-4.4 %	-5.3 %							
Operating income	-35	-40	-5	-14.6 %	-5	0	0	0	-16.0 %

Revenue (€m)	2012	2013	variance	
Cement	158	147	-11	-7.1 %
Aggregates	13	11	-3	-19.2 %

Opr. EBITDA margin (%)	2012	2013	variance	
Cement	1.0 %	0.0 %		
Aggregates	-55.6 %	-61.1 %		

Asia-Pacific

- **Indonesia:** Cement margins further improved as a result of pricing and continuous market demand. Strong growth in ready mix volumes and pricing
- **China:** Lower industry capacity utilization in Q1 due to severe winter and an unusually long Chinese New Year. EBITDA margin improved as a result of low coal prices and significant decrease in variable costs –which more than offset certain pricing pressure-
- **India:** Increased profitability as a result of positive volume and price development
- **Bangladesh:** Fewer working days due to general strikes negatively affected volumes; good pricing
- **Australia:** Stable market demand. Cost control initiatives and good pricing continue

Asia - Pacific	January - March							L-f-L	
	2012	2013	variance		Opr.	Cons.	Decons.		Curr.
Volumes									
Cement volume ('000 t)	7,052	7,317	265	3.8 %	42	223	0	0.6 %	
Aggregates volume ('000 t)	8,300	8,457	157	1.9 %	99	58	0	1.2 %	
Ready mix volume ('000 m ³)	2,432	2,730	298	12.3 %	298	0	0	12.3 %	
Asphalt volume ('000 t)	336	408	72	21.4 %	72	0	0	21.4 %	
Operational result (€m)									
Revenue	782	821	39	5.0 %	39	30	0	-30	5.2 %
Operating EBITDA	177	190	13	7.4 %	17	5	0	-9	9.8 %
<i>in % of revenue</i>	22.6 %	23.2 %							
Operating income	139	148	9	6.5 %	13	3	0	-7	9.9 %

Revenue (€m)	2012	2013	variance	
Cement	468	507	39	8.4 %
Aggregates	133	133	1	0.7 %
Building Products	7	7	-1	-7.5 %

Opr. EBITDA margin (%)	2012	2013	variance	
Cement	30.0 %	30.9 %		
Aggregates	24.9 %	24.7 %		
Building Products	-7.0 %	6.5 %		

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Africa-Mediterranean Basin

- **Africa:** Volume growth driven by Ghana. Positive price development lead to clearly improved margins
- **Turkey:** Improved demand driven by new bridge and highway projects. Solid pricing
- **Israel:** Strong price increases compensated the decline in volume
- **Spain:** Difficult market situation continues. No recovery visible

Africa - Med. Basin	2012				2013				January - March				L-f-L
	2012	2013	variance		Opr.	Cons.	Decons.	Curr.					
Volumes													
Cement volume ('000 t)	2,192	2,297	105	4.8 %	105	0	0						4.8 %
Aggregates volume ('000 t)	3,513	2,812	-701	-20.0 %	-701	0	0						-20.0 %
Ready mix volume ('000 m ³)	1,146	1,073	-73	-6.4 %	-73	0	0						-6.4 %
Asphalt volume ('000 t)	143	126	-17	-11.9 %	-17	0	0						-11.9 %
Operational result (€m)													
Revenue	265	272	7	2.6 %	14	0	0	-7					5.4 %
Operating EBITDA	44	52	8	19.2 %	11	0	0	-2					26.4 %
<i>in % of revenue</i>	16.5 %	19.1 %											
Operating income	35	43	8	22.6 %	10	0	0	-2					31.7 %

Revenue (€m)				
Cement	191	201	10	5.2 %
Aggregates	22	20	-2	-7.9 %

Opr. EBITDA margin (%)				
Cement	20.5 %	23.5 %		
Aggregates	17.4 %	18.9 %		

Group Services

- After 28% increase in 2012, international sales volume increased by a further 13% in Q1
- Economic crisis in Europe will not cause additional export volumes due to significant capacity reductions in Southern Europe
- Strong import demand from North Africa balances the overall demand/supply situation in Europe
- Freight rates at historically low levels, despite increasing 30% after bottoming out end of January 2013
- Operating income lower due to the lower trading margin caused by increased volumes and competition in international markets

Group Services	January - March								L-f-L
	2012	2013	variance		Opr.	Cons.	Decons.	Curr.	
Operational result (€m)									
Revenue	168	176	7	4.4 %	8	0	0	-1	5.0 %
Operating EBITDA	5	4	-1	-18.1 %	-1	0	0	0	-17.6 %
<i>in % of revenue</i>	3.0 %	2.4 %							
Operating income	5	4	-1	-18.2 %	-1	0	0	0	-17.7 %

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■ Key financial messages

Continuation of our financial discipline

- Cartel fine: P&L effective charge of about €m 30 already booked in Q1 2013 (Additional ordinary result)
- Financial result with €m -145 improved by 2% (PY: €m -148)
- Working capital remains well under control and shows further improvements
- €m 598 net debt reduction year-over-year, ahead of expectations
- Significant liquidity headroom (€bn 2) maintained after repayment of bond (\$m 750) in March 2013

Income statement

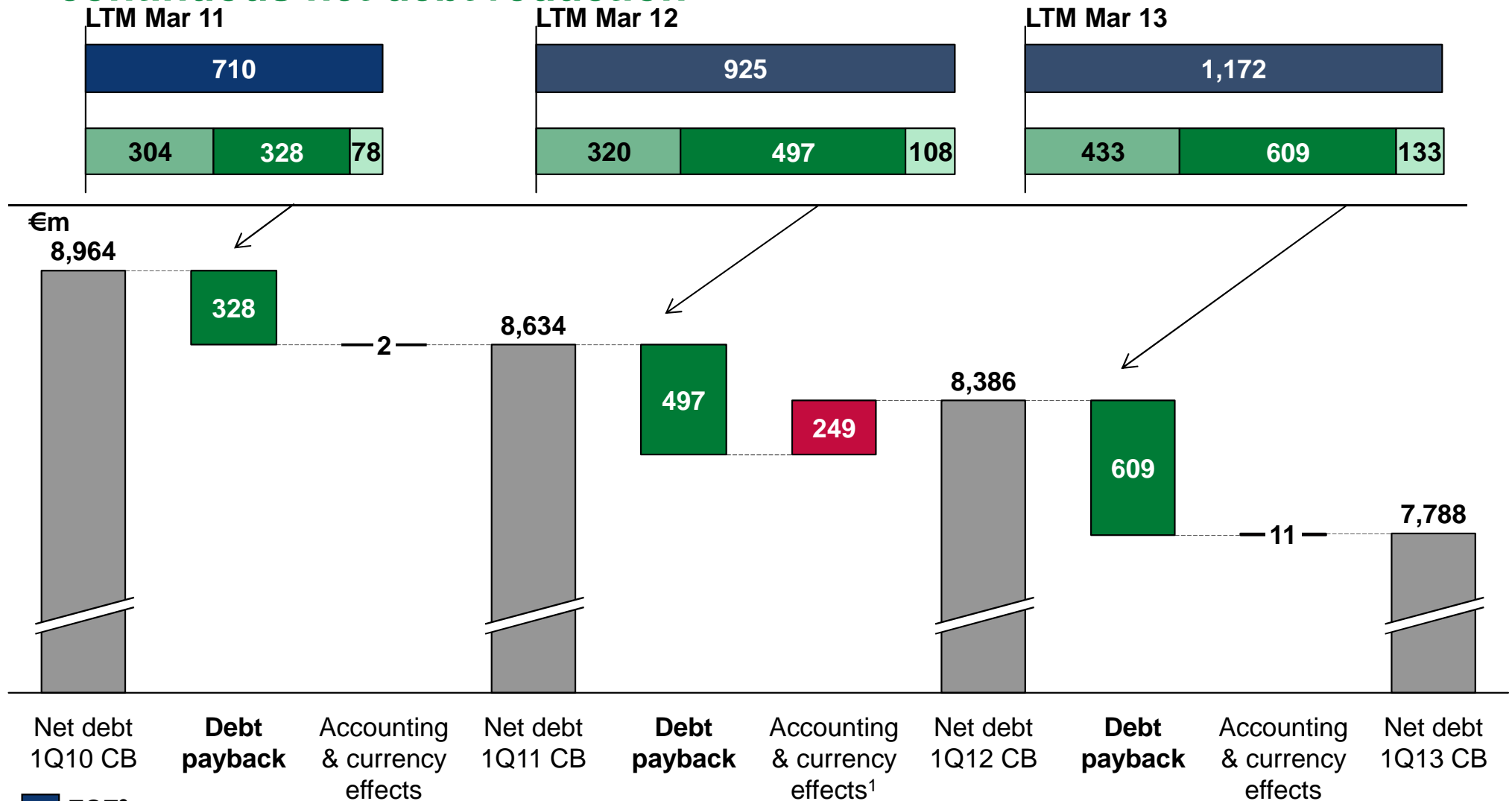
€m	January-March		Variance
	2012 *	2013	
Revenue	2,799	2,761	-1 %
Operating EBITDA	212	219	3 %
in % of revenue	7.6%	7.9%	
Amortisation and depreciation	-200	-203	-2 %
Operating income	12	16	35 %
Additional ordinary result	-10	-32	-233 %
Result from participations	-1	-1	45 %
Earnings before interest and income taxes (EBIT)	1	-17	N/A
Financial result	-148	-145	2 %
Profit / loss before tax	-147	-162	-10 %
Income taxes	-4	-23	-475 %
Net income / loss from continuing operations	-151	-184	-22 %
Net income / loss from discontinued operations	-8	0	N/A
Profit / loss for the period	-159	-184	-16 %
Group share of profit / loss	-208	-235	-13 %

(*) 2012 values are restated due to the change in International Accounting Standards (IAS)19

Statement of cash flows

€m	January-March	
	2012	2013
Cash flow	-8	-56
Changes in working capital	-374	-268
Decrease in provisions through cash payments	-52	-47
Cash flow from operating activities	-434	-371
Total investments	-164	-418
Proceeds from fixed asset disposals/consolidation	20	26
Cash flow from investing activities	-144	-392
Free cash flow	-578	-763
Dividend payments	-3	-2
Net change in bonds and loans	-229	757
Cash flow from financing activities	-233	755
Net change in cash and cash equivalents	-810	-8
Effect of exchange rate changes	-33	28
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-843	20

Free cash flow (before growth CapEx and disposals) used for continuous net debt reduction



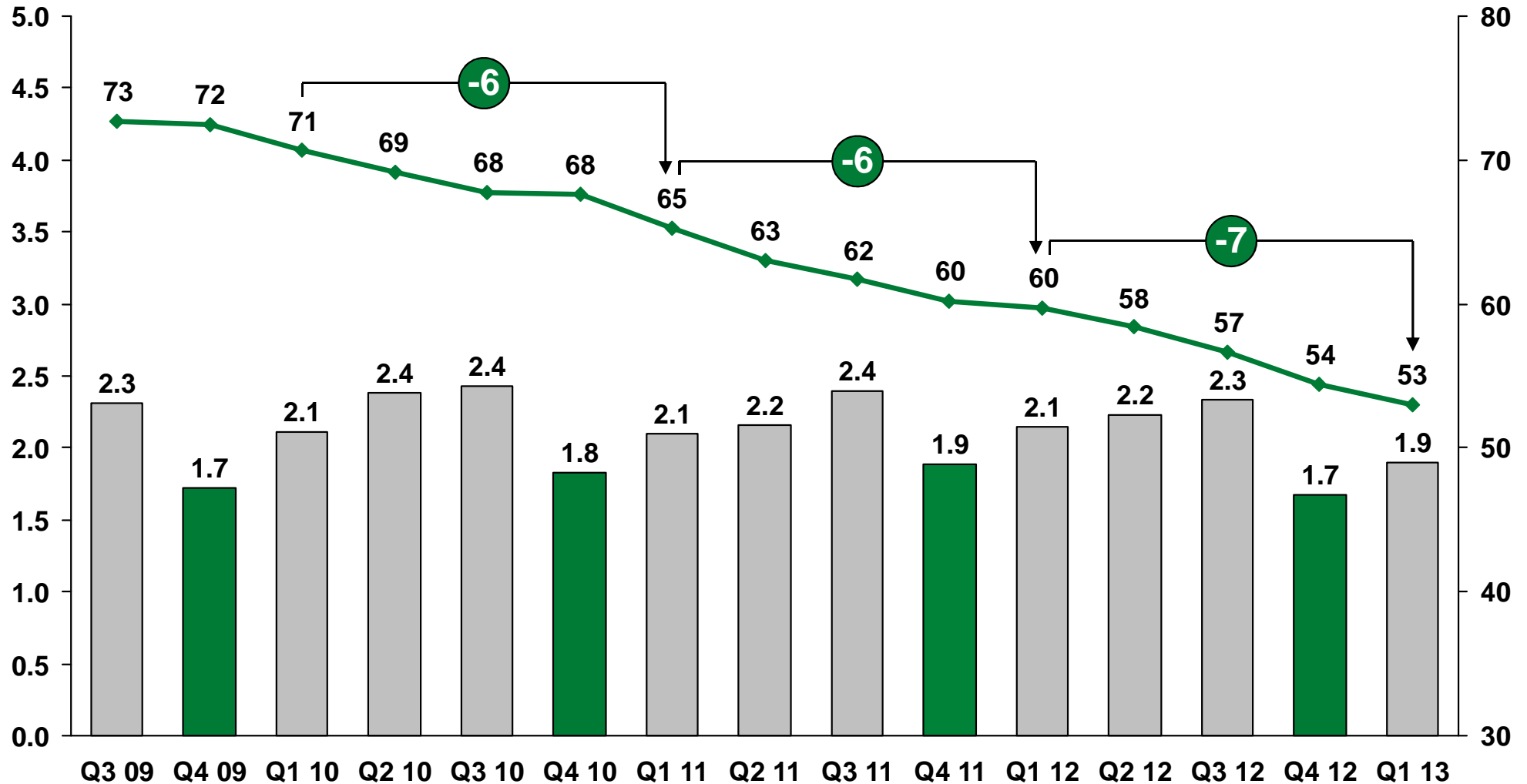
Disciplined use of FCF²
Repayment target of €m 300-500 fully reached

1) €m 70 exchange rate; €m 100 currency swaps, €m 0 interest rate swaps
 2) Free cash flow before growth CapEx and disposals.

Successful working capital management

Working capital per quarter (€bn)

Rolling average working capital (days)



Reduction of working capital continues

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Group balance sheet

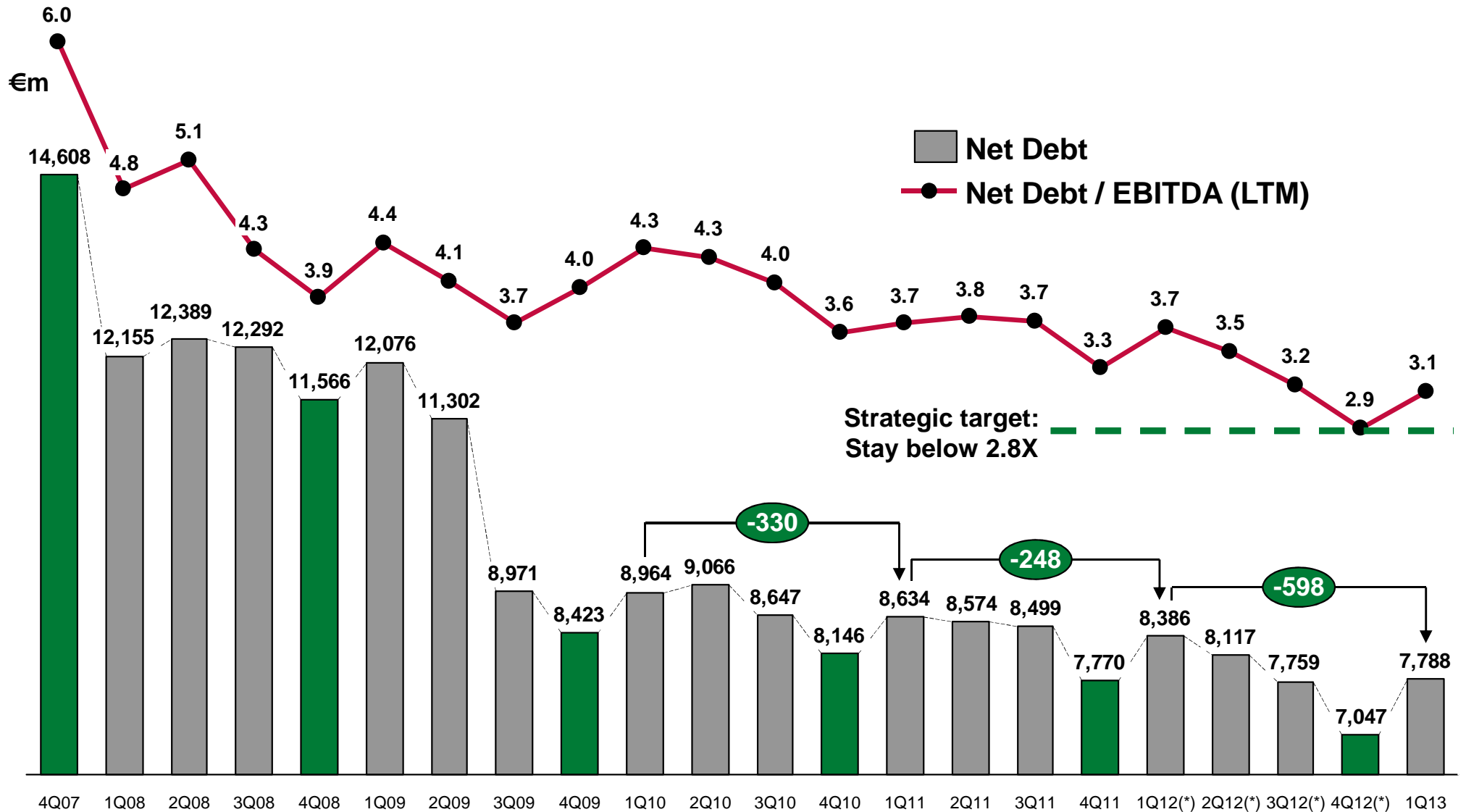
€m	31 Mar. 2012 *	31 Dec. 2012 *	31 Mar. 2013	Variance Mar 13/Mar 12	Variance %
Assets					
Intangible assets	10,959	10,911	11,201	242	2 %
Property, plant and equipment	10,913	10,799	10,956	43	0 %
Financial assets	548	538	565	17	3 %
Fixed assets	22,420	22,248	22,722	301	1 %
Deferred taxes	372	445	444	72	19 %
Receivables	2,549	2,194	2,299	-251	-10 %
Inventories	1,654	1,625	1,724	70	4 %
Cash and short-term derivatives	1,032	1,481	1,552	521	50 %
Disposal groups held for sale		16	15	15	N/A
Balance sheet total	28,027	28,008	28,755	728	3 %
Equity and liabilities					
Equity attributable to shareholders	12,193	12,609	12,673	480	4 %
Non-controlling interests	992	1,098	1,174	182	18 %
Equity	13,185	13,708	13,847	662	5 %
Debt ¹⁾	9,462	8,573	9,385	-78	-1 %
Provisions	2,218	2,417	2,471	253	11 %
Deferred taxes	678	659	639	-39	-6 %
Operating liabilities	2,484	2,651	2,415	-70	-3 %
Balance sheet total	28,027	28,008	28,755	728	3 %
Net Debt (excl. puttable minorities)	8,386	7,047	7,788	-598	-7 %
Gearing	63.5%	51.3%	56.2%		

1) Includes non-controlling interests with put options in the amount of € 44m (Mar 2012), € 45m (Dec 2012), € 44m (Mar 2013)

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Significant net debt reduction

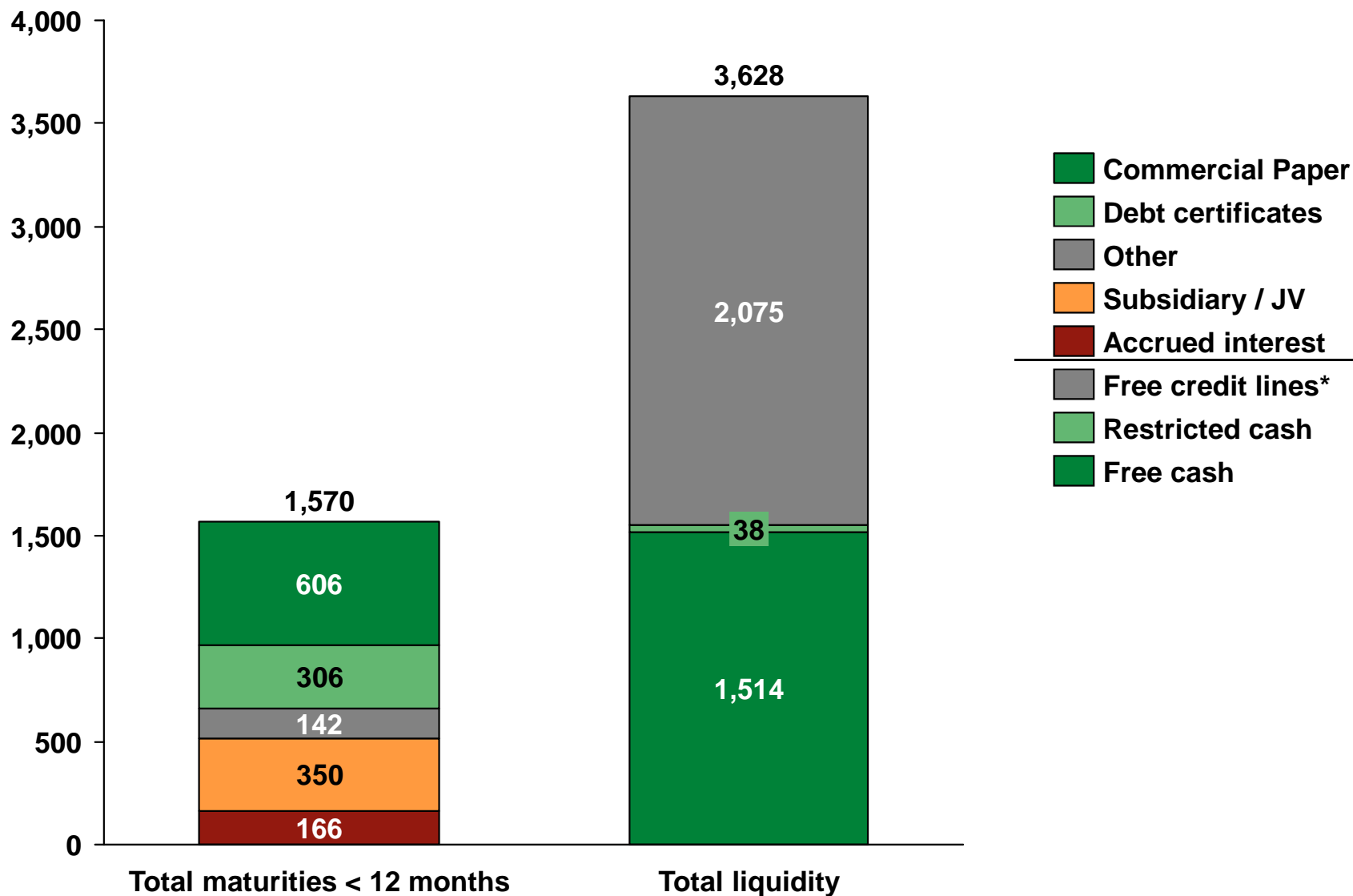
21 consecutive quarters of net debt reduction (year over year)



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Short-term liquidity headroom

as per 31 March 2013 in €m

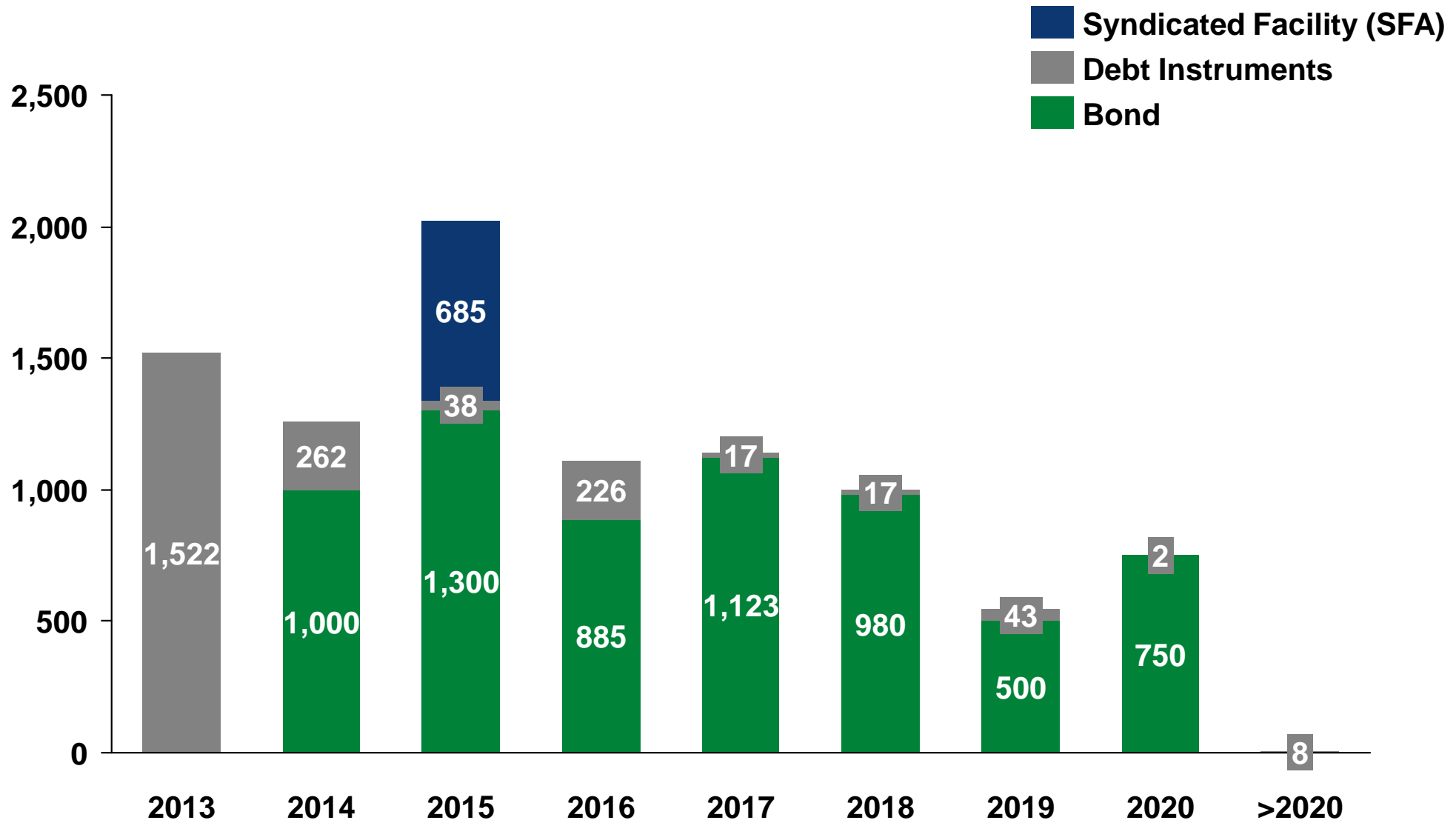


*) Total committed confirmed credit line 3,000 €m (Guarantee utilization 240.2 €m)

- Excluding reconciliation adjustments with a total amount of 20.2 €m (transaction costs to be amortized over the term of the SFA, issue prices and fair value adjustments)
- Excluding puttable minorities with a total amount of 44 €m

Debt maturity profile

as per 31 March 2013 in €m



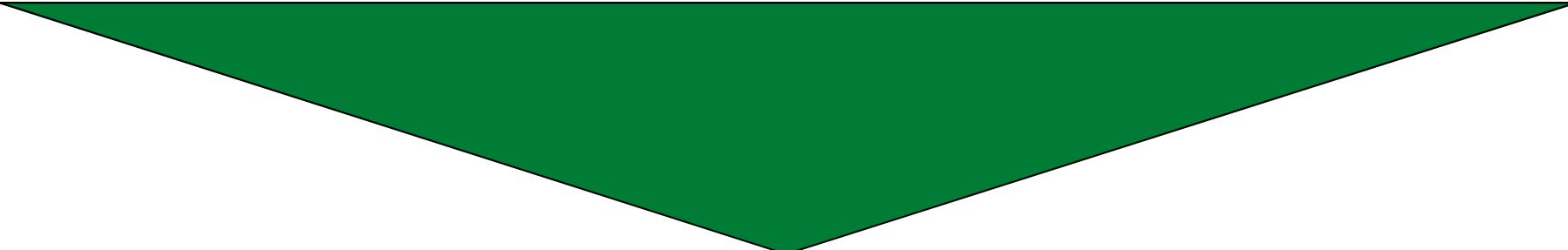
-Excluding reconciliation adjustments with a total amount of -17.1 €m
 (transaction costs to be amortized over the term of the SFA, issue prices and fair value adjustments)
 -Excluding puttable minorities with a total amount of 44 €m

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■ Outlook 2013 unchanged

- Continued strong recovery in the USA
- Demand growth in Asia and Africa
- Challenging European markets mitigated by Germany, Scandinavia and Russia.
- Price increases all around the globe supported by “PERFORM” and “CLIMB commercial” programs
- Target is to keep energy cost flat; slight to moderate increase in raw materials and staff

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- Volume growth in cement
 - Increase in revenue, operating income and pre-tax profit
 - Further reduction of net debt
 - Transfer deleveraging into reduced finance costs to boost EPS

■ Targets 2013 – no change

	2013 Target
Cash savings	€m 240
CapEx*	~ €m 1,100
Maintenance **	~ €m 525
Expansion	~ €m 575
Cost of gross debt	~ 6.4%
Operational tax rate ***	18% - 20%
Mid cycle targets unchanged	
Operating EBITDA	3 billion €
Net debt / operating EBITDA	Stay below 2.8x; proforma 2.2x

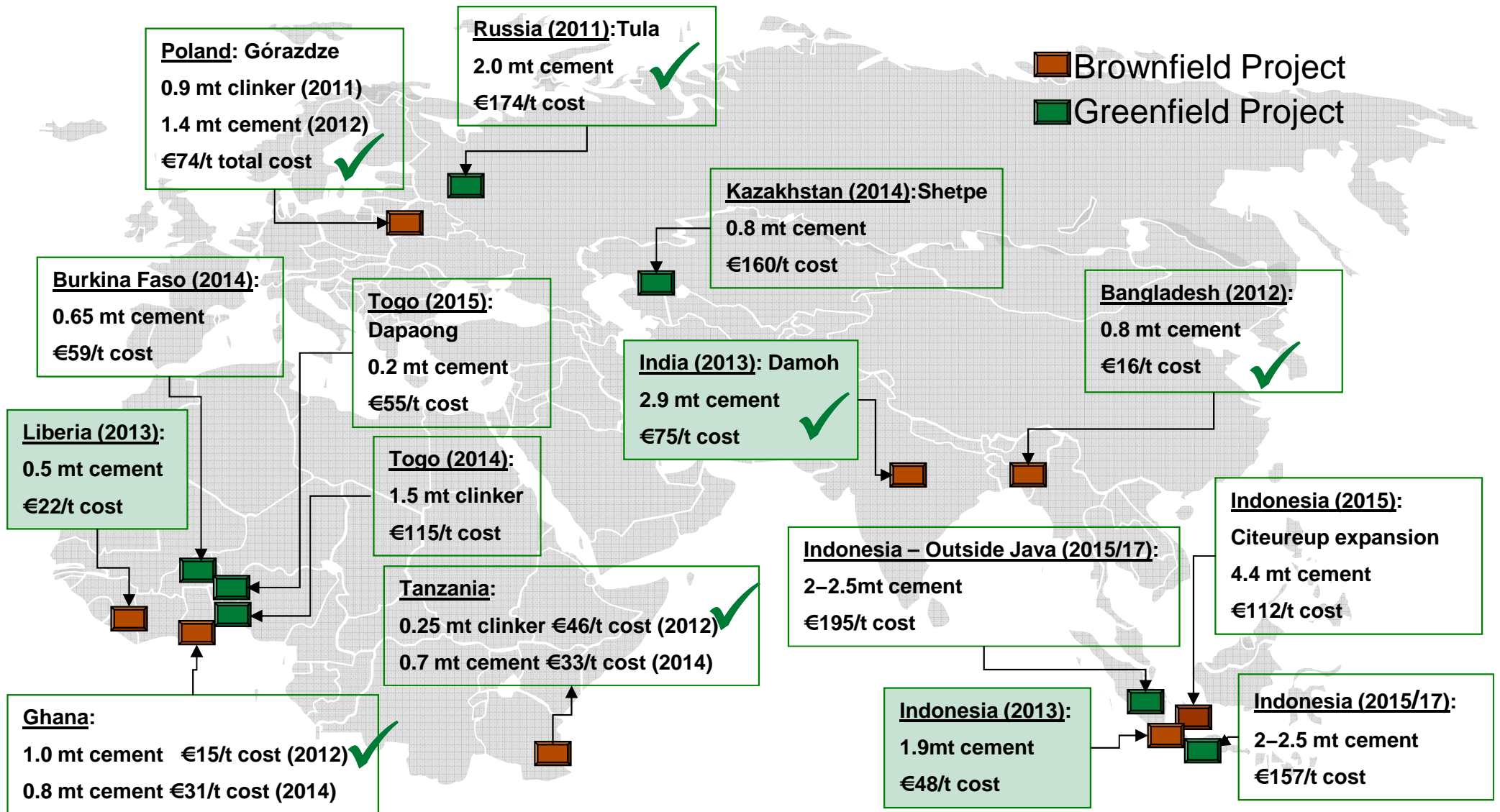
* Before any currency impacts

** Including improvement CapEx

*** Assuming full US tax asset recognition

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Expansion program – More than 5mt capacity coming online in 2013



Growth in attractive emerging markets continue at efficient CapEx values

■ Management priorities 2013

1. Top line growth: Pricing

- **PERFORM** : Pricing excellence and margin improvement in cement
- **CLIMB Commercial**: Pricing excellence and margin improvement in aggregates

2. Operational Excellence

- **FOX 2013** : 240m€ cash savings in 2013
- **LEO**: Save costs and optimise transport management across all business lines

3. Deleveraging with clear goal to reach investment grade metrics

4. Targeted growth in emerging markets

5. Significant improvement of Earnings Per Share

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Event calendar

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07 November 2013 2013 third quarter results

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