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Use of Non-GAAP Measures

- 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, earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA), adjusted EBITDA, net debt, Specialty platform operating income, Specialty platform gross margin percentage, adjusted operating income, return on invested capital, net debt/ EBITDA, and the exclusion of corporate charges in certain calculations. In certain cases throughout this presentation.
- PolyOne's chief operating decision maker uses these financial measures to monitor and evaluate the ongoing performance of the Company and each business segment and to allocate resources. In addition, operating income before special items and adjusted EPS are components of various PolyOne annual and long-term employee incentive plans.
- A reconciliation of each 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.polyone.com.

PolyOne Commodity to Specialty Transformation

2000-2005

2006 - 2009

2010 – 2014

2015 and beyond

- **Volume driven, commodity producer**
- **Heavily tied to cyclical end markets**
- **Performance largely dependent on non-controlling joint ventures**

- **Steve Newlin appointed, Chairman, President and CEO**
- **New leadership team appointed**
- **Implementation of four pillar strategy**
- **Focus on value based selling, investment in commercial resources and innovation to drive transformation**

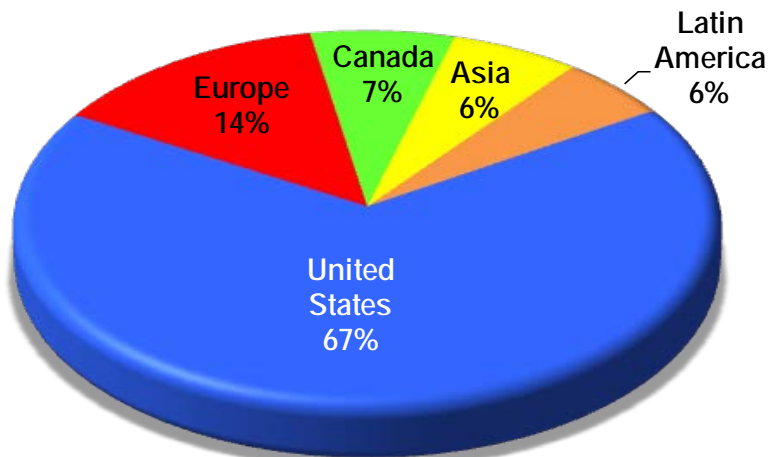
- **20 consecutive quarters of double-digit adjusted EPS growth**
- **Shift to faster growing, high margin, less cyclical end markets**
- **Key acquisitions propel current and future growth, as well as margin expansion**
- **Established aggressive 2015 targets**

- **Continue specialty transformation**
- **Goal of \$2.50 adjusted EPS by 2015, three times the EPS generated in 2011 of \$0.82**
- **Drive double digit operating income and adjusted EPS growth**

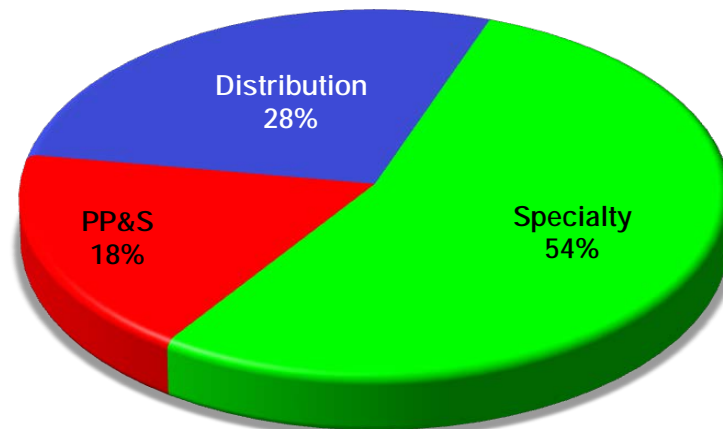
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At A Glance

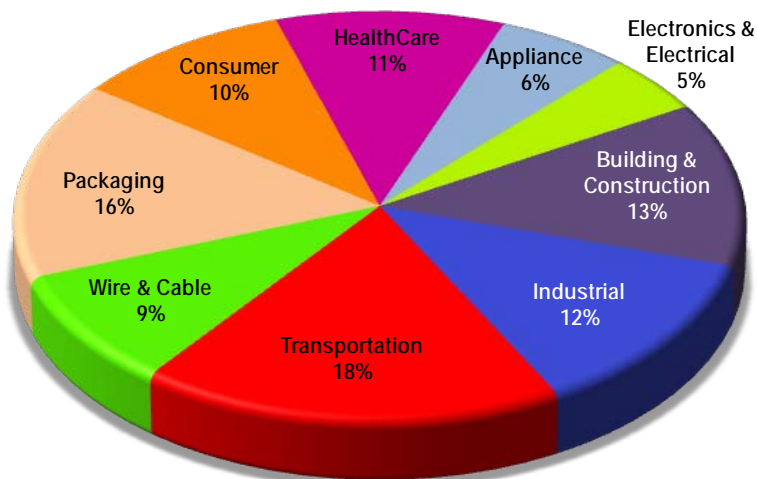
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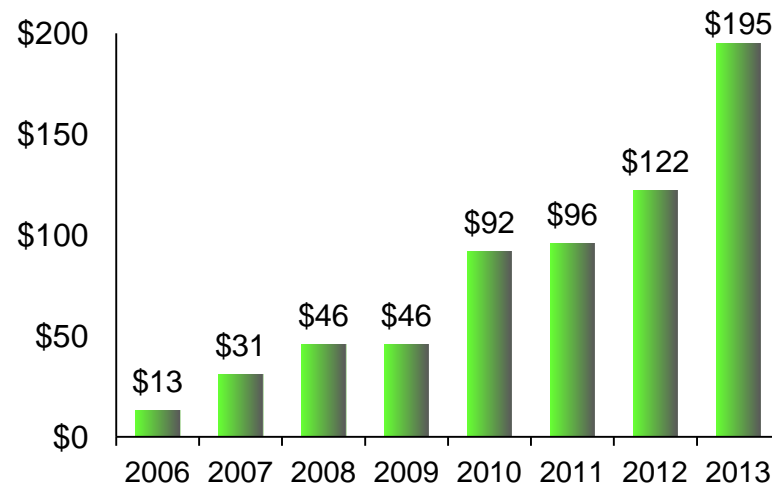
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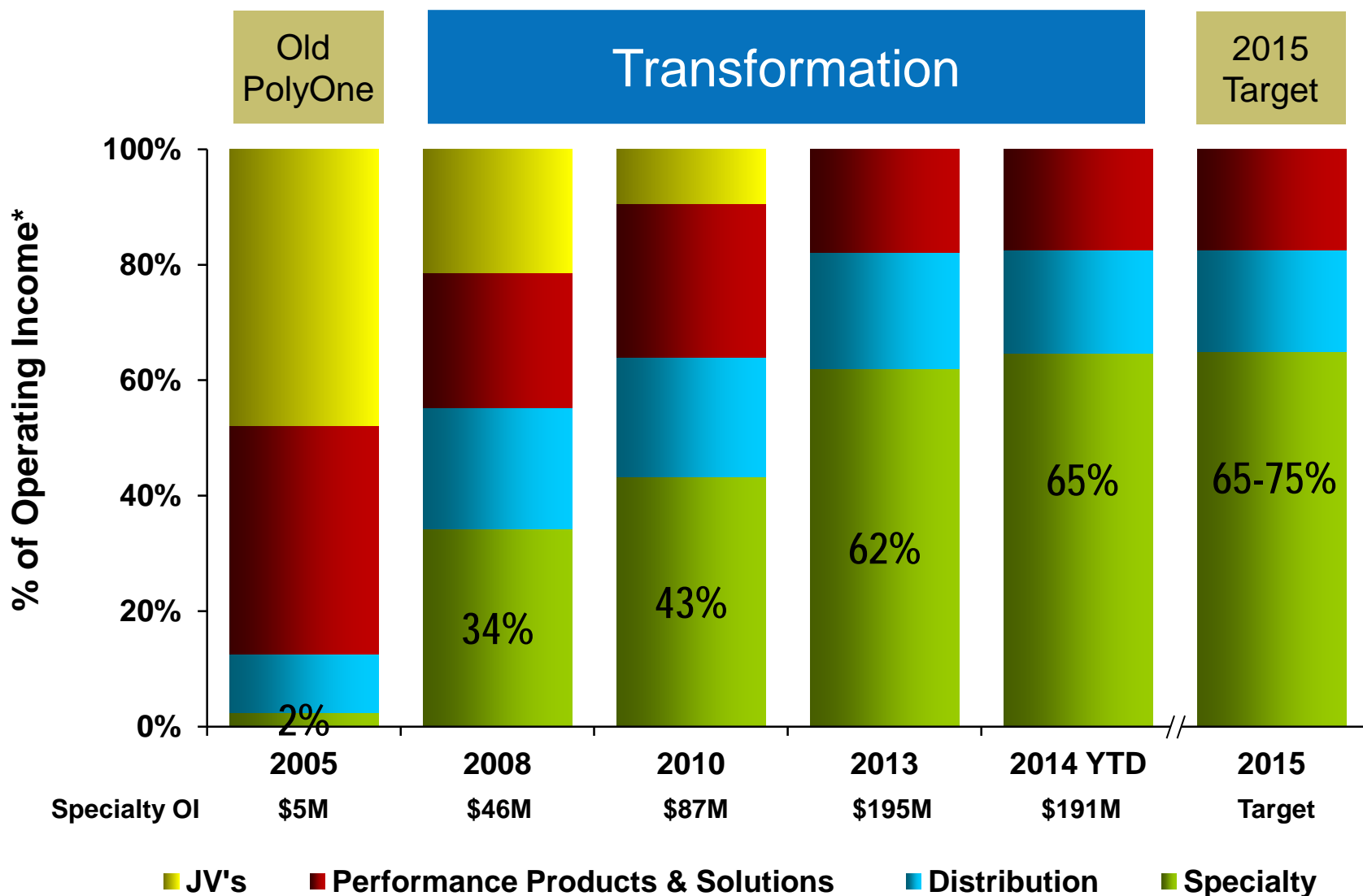
End Markets



Specialty Operating Income



Mix Shift Highlights Specialty Transformation



*Operating Income excludes corporate charges and special items

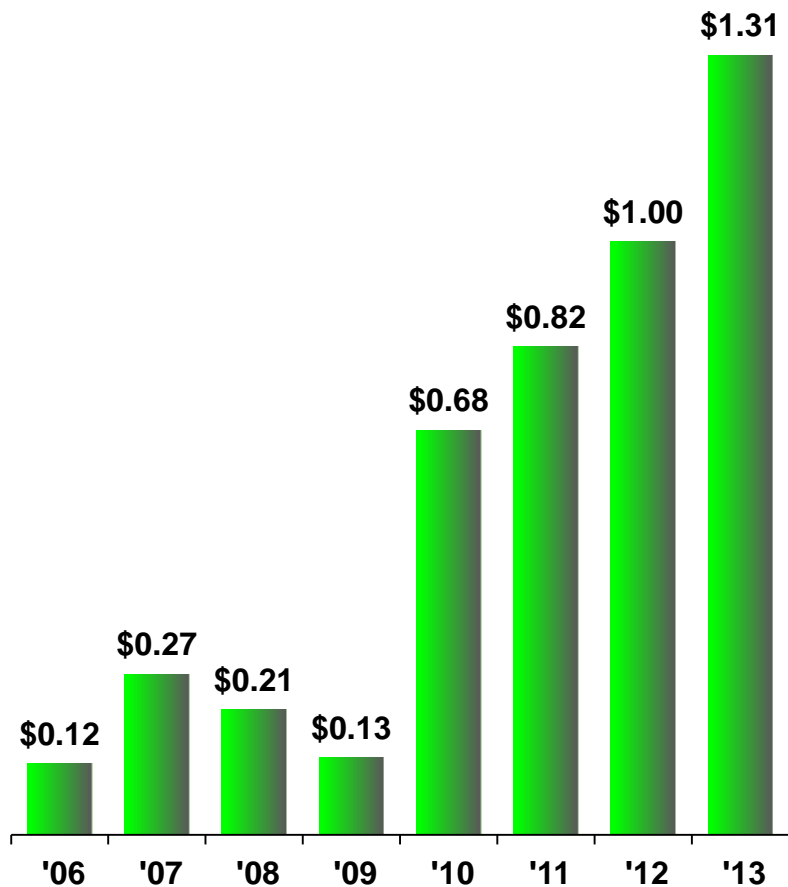
Confirmation of Our Strategy



**The World's Premier Provider of Specialized
Polymer Materials, Services and Solutions**

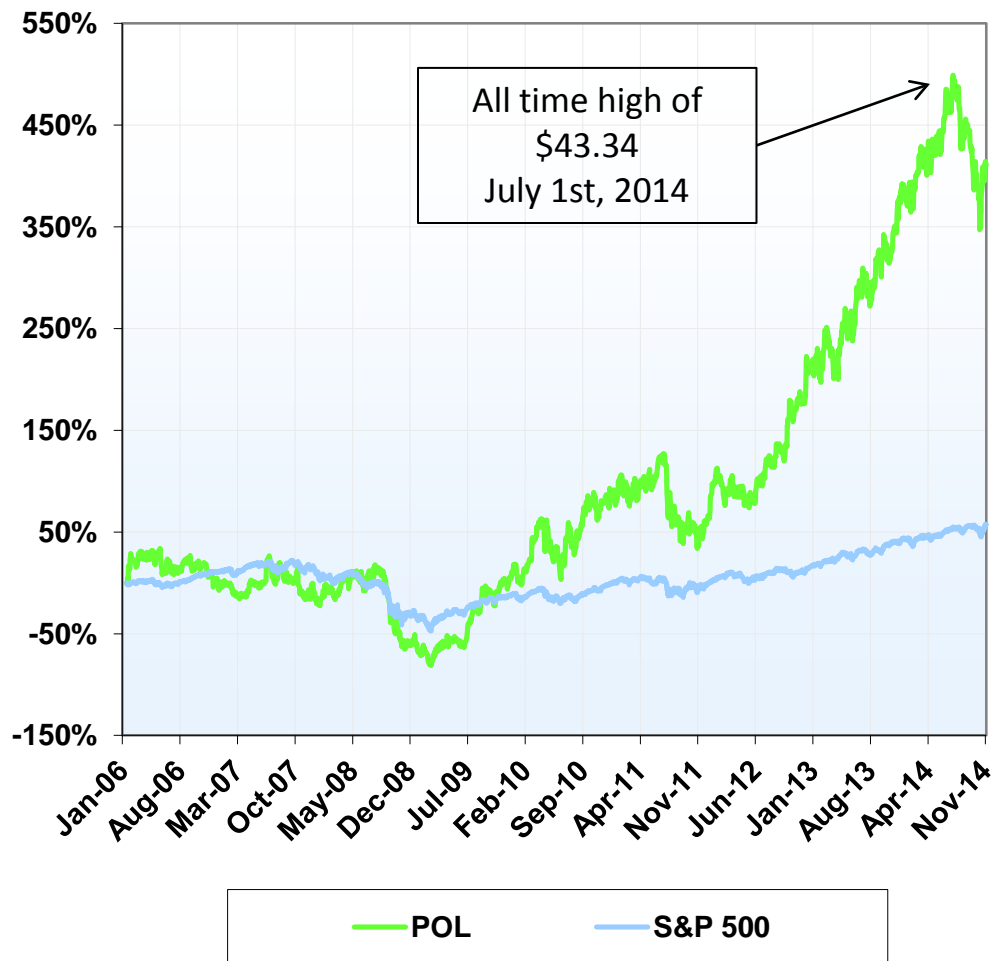
Strategy and Execution Drive Results

EPS



'06-'13 EPS CAGR = 41%

Share Price vs. S&P 500

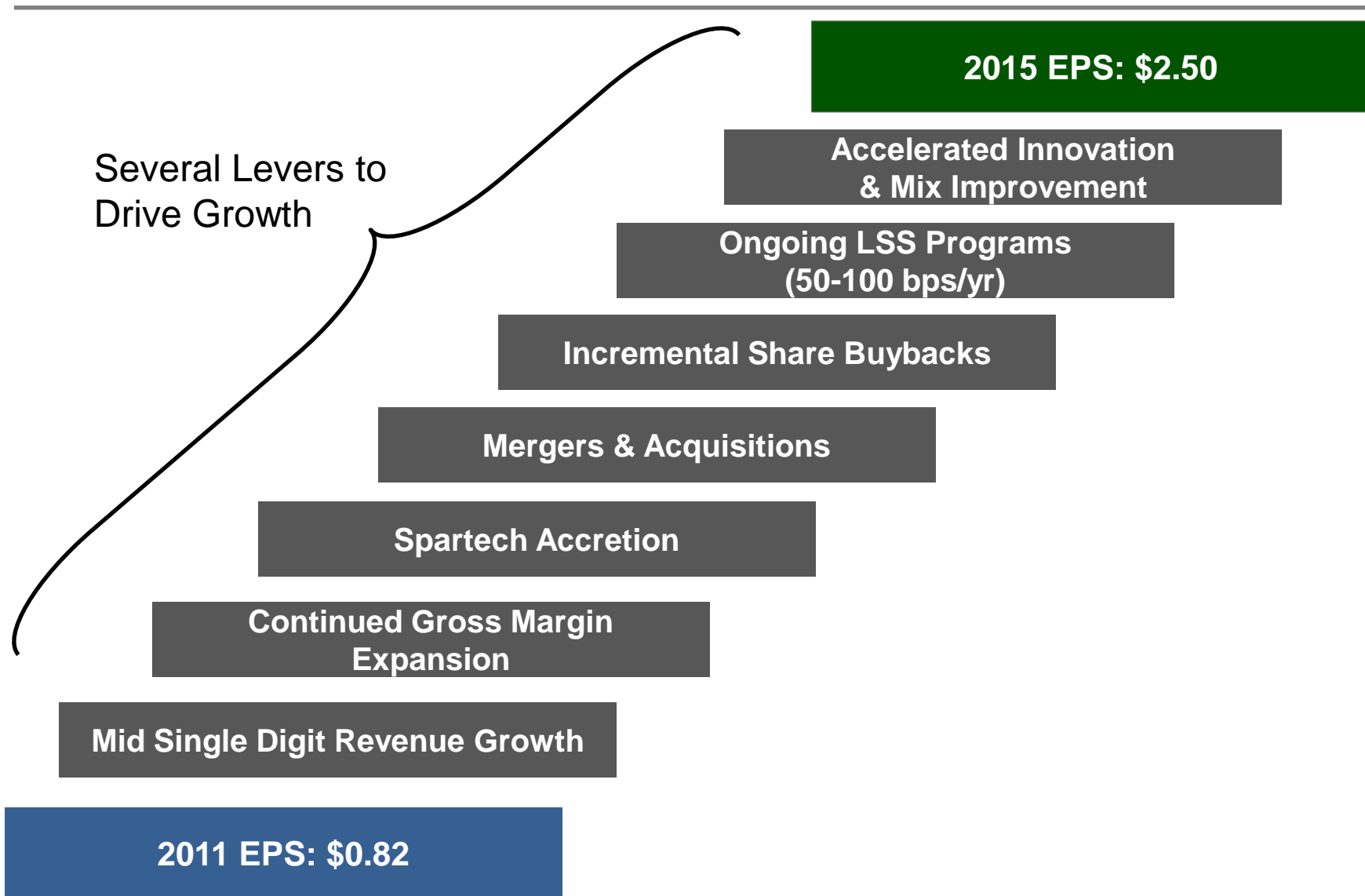


Proof of Performance & 2015 Goals

	2006 “Where we were”	2014 YTD “Where we are”	2015 Target
1) Operating Income %			
Specialty:			
Global Color, Additives & Inks	1.7%	14.9%	12 – 16%
Global Specialty Engineered Materials	1.1%	12.1%	12 – 16%
Designed Structures & Solutions	--	7.6%	8 – 10%
Performance Products & Solutions	5.5%	8.1%	9 – 12%
Distribution	2.6%	6.2%	6 – 7.5%
2) Specialty Platform % of Operating Income	6.0%	65%	65 – 75%
3) ROIC*	5.0%	10.6%	15%
4) Adjusted EPS Growth	N/A	37%	Double Digit Expansion

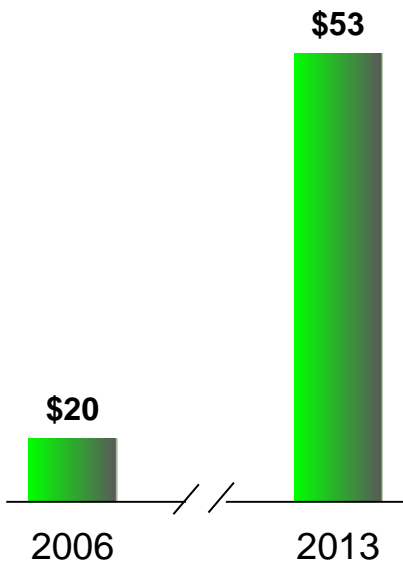
*ROIC is defined as TTM adjusted OI divided by the sum of average debt and equity over a 5 quarter period

32% Adjusted EPS CAGR from 2011

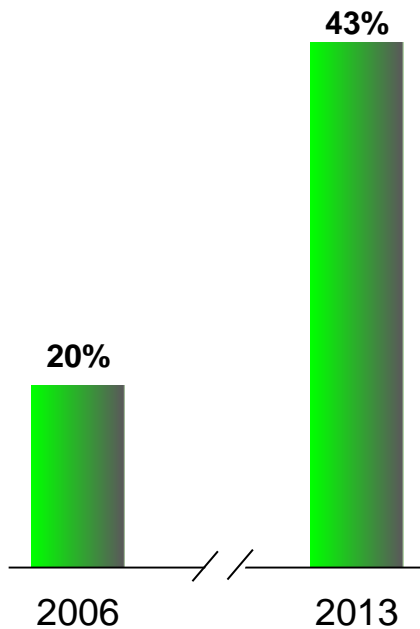


Innovation Drives Earnings Growth

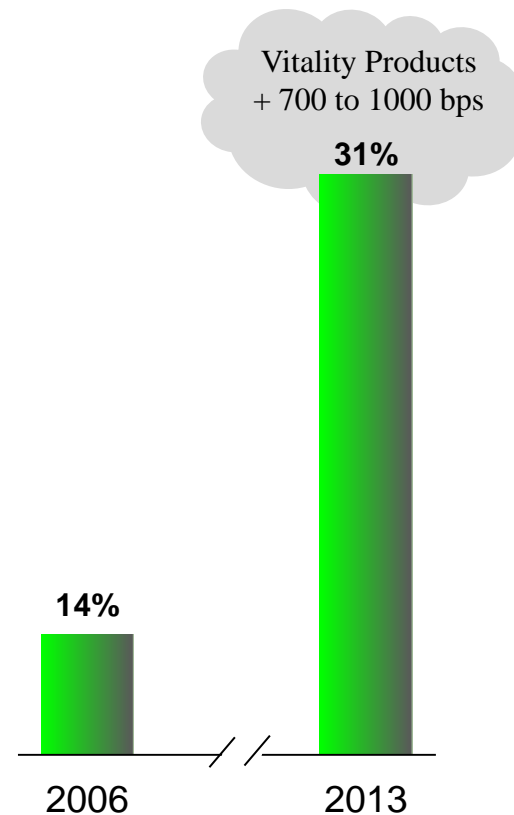
Research & Development Spending
(\$ millions)



Specialty Platform Vitality Index Progression*



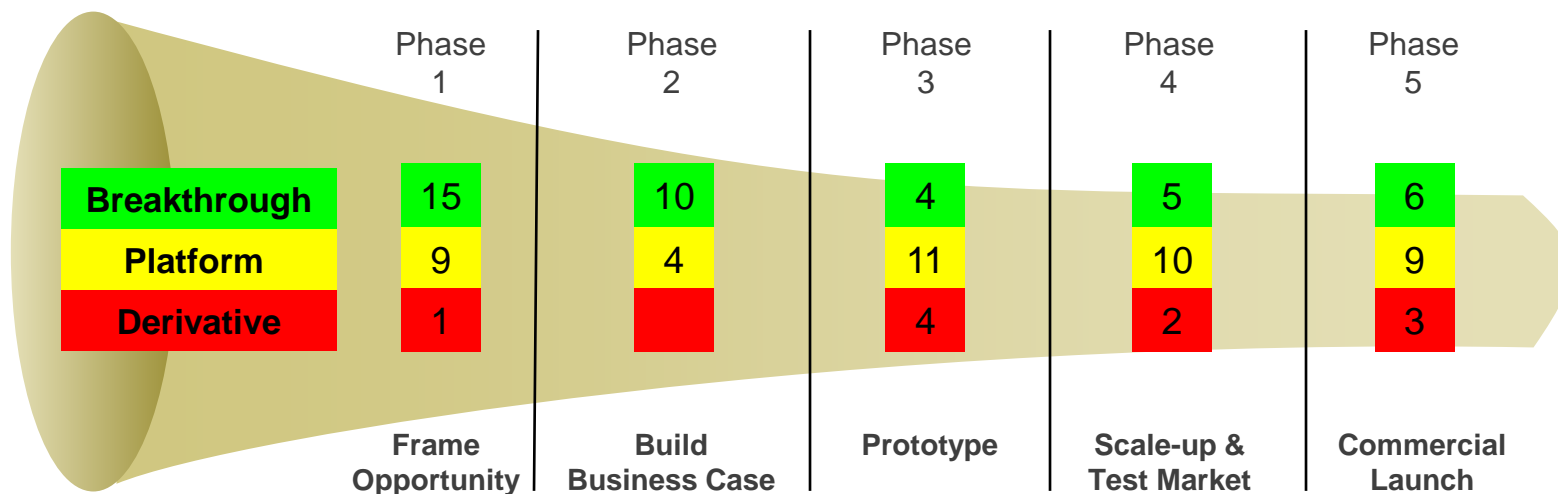
Specialty Platform Gross Margin %



Specialty Vitality Index Target \geq 35%

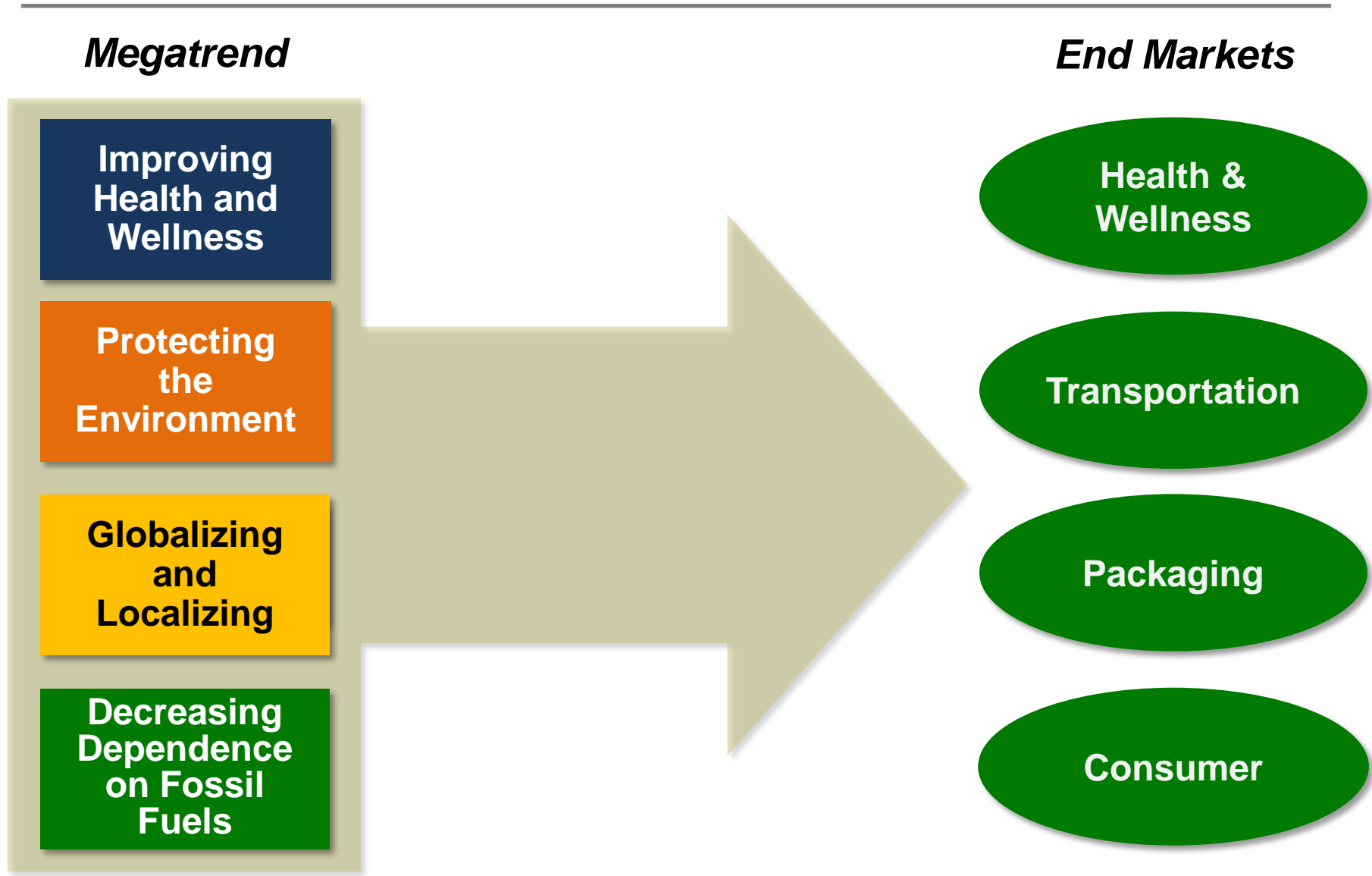
*Percentage of Specialty Platform revenue from products introduced in last five years

A Rich Pipeline of Opportunity

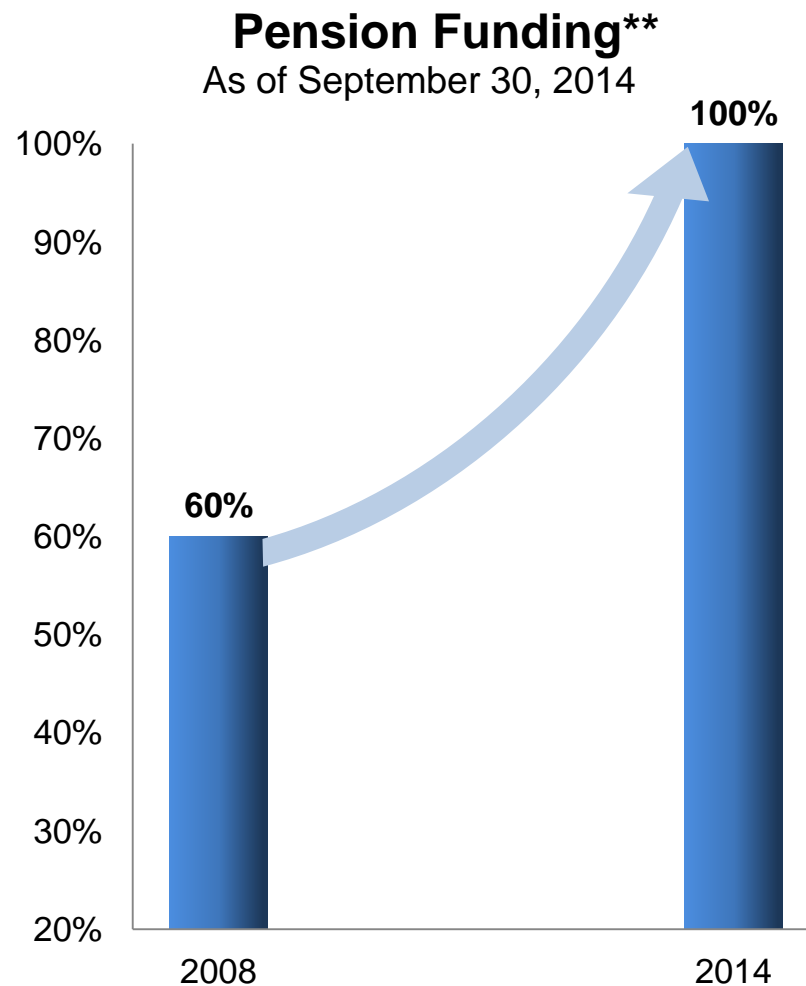
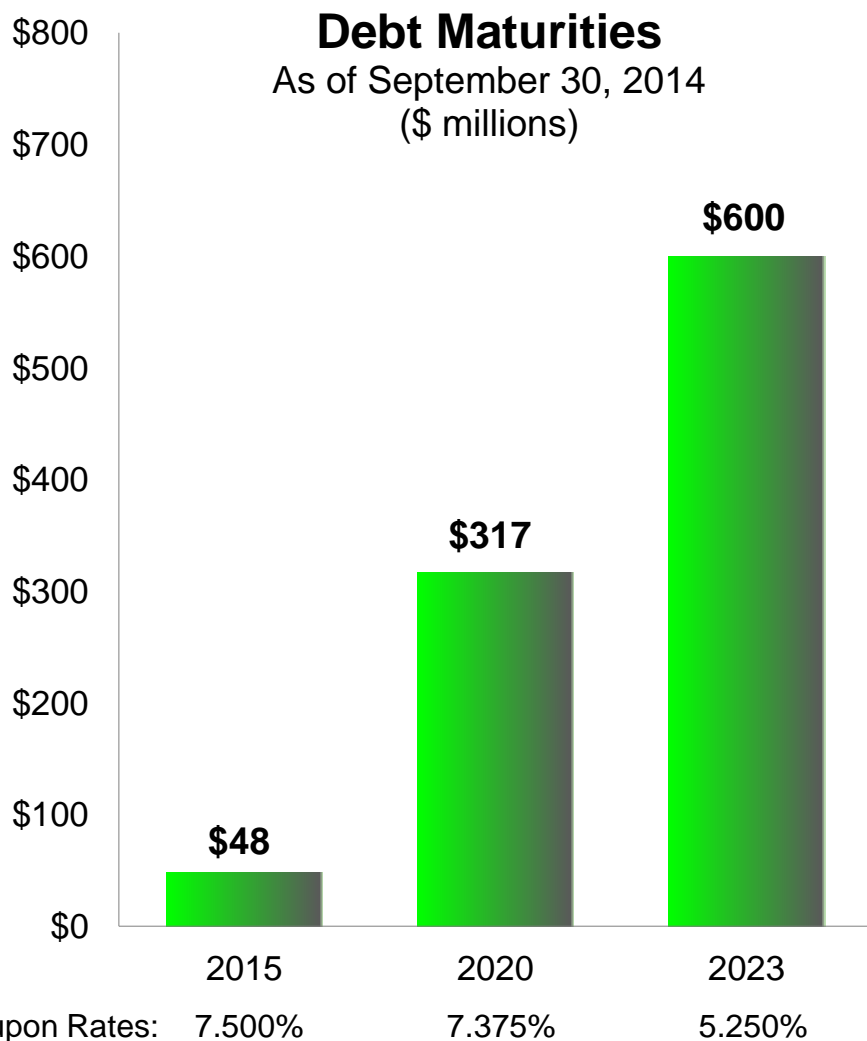


Number of Projects	25	14	19	17	18	93
Addressable Market <i>(\$ millions)</i>	TBD	TBD	\$800	\$450	\$450	\$1,700

Megatrends Aligned with Key End Markets



Debt Maturities & Pension Funding - 9/30/14

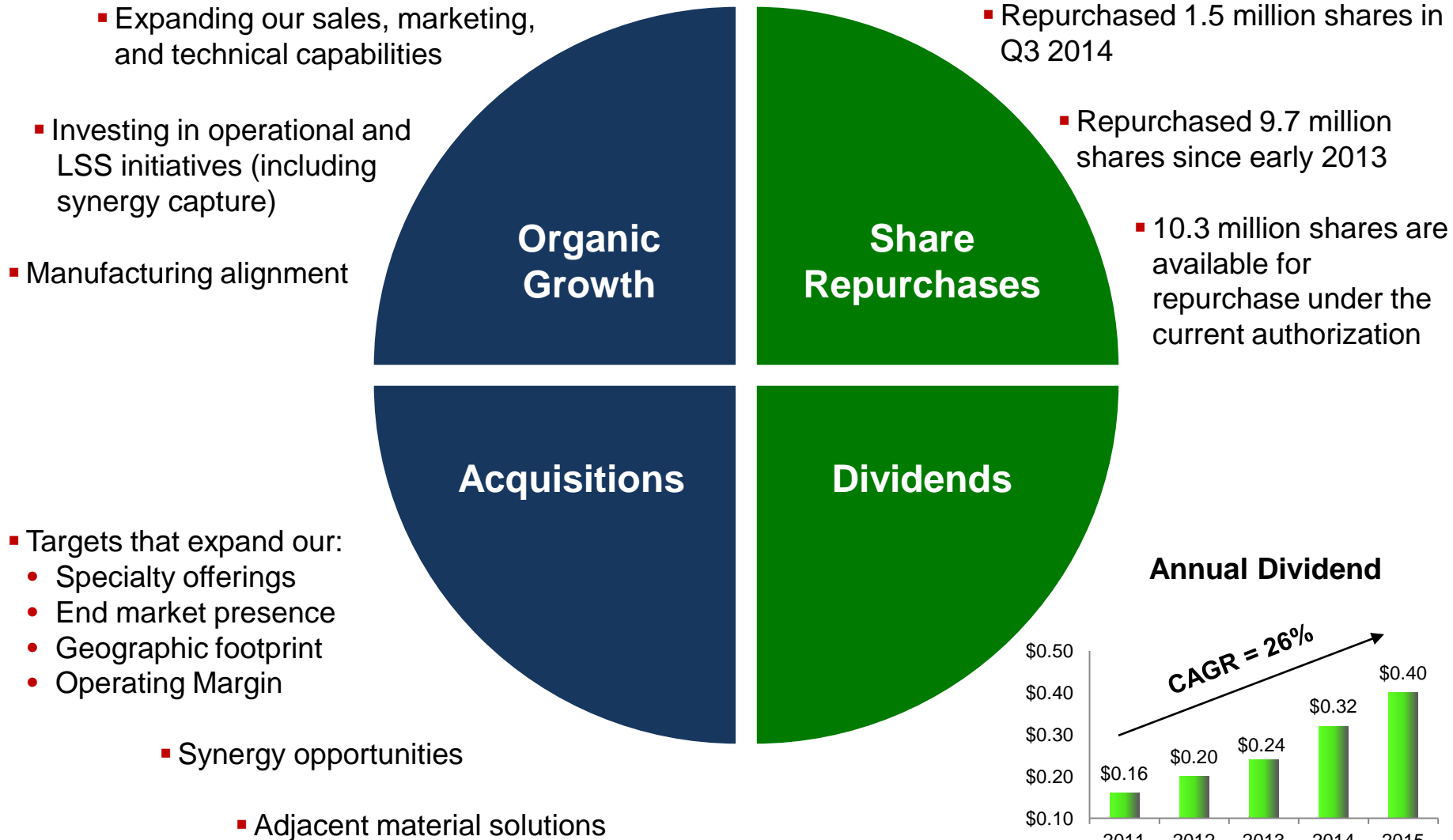


Net Debt / EBITDA* = 1.7x

*TTM 9/30/2014

** includes US-qualified pension plans only

Free Cash Flow and Strong Balance Sheet Fund Investment / Shareholder Return



PolyOne Core Values



Collaboration

Innovation

Excellence

Why Invest In PolyOne?

- Strong past performance demonstrates that our strategy and execution are working
- Megatrends and emerging opportunities align with our strengths
- Innovation and services provide differentiation, incremental pricing power, and competitive advantage
- Strong and proven management team driving growth and performance
- Addressable market exceeds \$40 billion

The New PolyOne: A Specialty Growth Company

Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Measures (Unaudited)

(Dollars in millions, except per share data)

Below is a reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable measures calculated and presented in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Senior management uses adjusted operating income, adjusted EPS, and working capital to assess performance and allocate resources because senior management believes that these measures are useful in understanding current profitability levels and that current levels may serve as a base for future performance.

Platform operating income mix percentage	2005Y*	2008Y*	2010Y*	2013Y	Q3 2014 YTD
Global Color, Additives and Inks	\$ 4.3	\$ 28.1	\$ 37.7	\$ 104.0	\$ 98.2
Global Specialty Engineered Materials	0.4	17.6	49.7	57.2	55.6
Designed Structures and Solutions	-	-	-	33.4	37.2
Specialty Platform	\$ 4.7	\$ 45.7	\$ 87.4	\$ 194.6	\$ 191.0
Performance Products and Solutions	75.7	31.3	54.0	56.0	51.4
Distribution	19.5	28.1	42.0	63.3	53.2
Joint ventures	91.9	28.6	18.9	-	-
Corporate and eliminations	(51.5)	(425.1)	(27.7)	(82.4)	(126.2)
Operating income (loss) GAAP	\$ 140.3	\$ (291.4)	\$ 174.6	\$ 231.5	\$ 169.4
Less: Corporate operating expense	51.5	425.1	27.7	82.4	126.2
Operating income excluding Corporate	\$ 191.8	\$ 133.7	\$ 202.3	\$ 313.9	\$ 295.6
Specialty platform operating mix percentage	2%	34%	43%	62%	65%

* Historical results include the Resin and Specialty Coatings businesses within the Performance Products and Solutions segment.

Adjusted EPS	2006Y*	2007Y*	2008Y*	2009Y*	2010Y	2011Y	2012Y	2013Y	Q3 2014 YTD
Net income attributable to PolyOne common shareholders	\$ 130.9	\$ 40.9	\$ (417.0)	\$ 106.7	\$ 152.5	\$ 153.4	\$ 53.3	\$ 94.0	\$ 92.6
Joint venture equity earnings, after tax	(68.5)	(26.1)	(20.8)	(19.0)	(14.7)	(3.7)	-	-	-
Special items, after tax	(21.2)	41.4	310.0	(31.0)	15.8	(30.5)	35.7	30.4	49.9
Tax adjustments	(30.0)	(30.7)	147.2	(44.9)	(88.3)	(42.3)	0.5	2.2	(6.9)
Adjusted net income	\$ 11.2	\$ 25.5	\$ 19.4	\$ 11.8	\$ 65.3	\$ 76.9	\$ 89.5	\$ 126.6	\$ 135.6
Diluted shares	92.8	93.1	92.7	93.4	96.0	94.3	89.8	96.5	94.3
Adjusted EPS	\$ 0.12	\$ 0.27	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.13	\$ 0.68	\$ 0.82	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.31	\$ 1.44

* Historical results are shown as presented in prior filings and have not been updated to reflect subsequent changes in accounting principal or discontinued operations.