Croda International Plc 2015 Half Year Results

21 July 2015



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Our performance

Consistent top and bottom line growth

Strengthening sales growth



Sales growth YOY*

Accelerating innovation

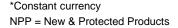


NPP sales % Group NPP sales growth YOY

Robust EPS Growth



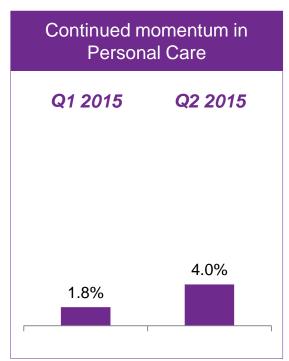
Growth rate YOY

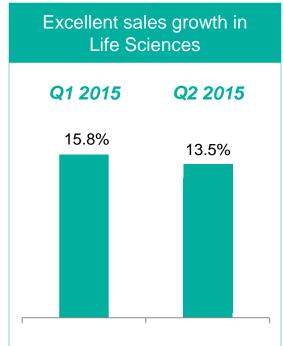


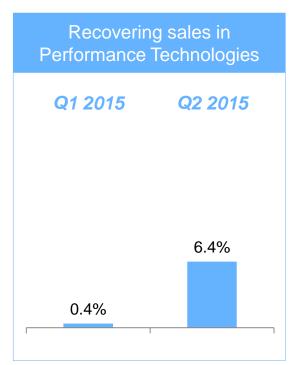


Strong sales growth across all sectors

New market led structure continuing to deliver

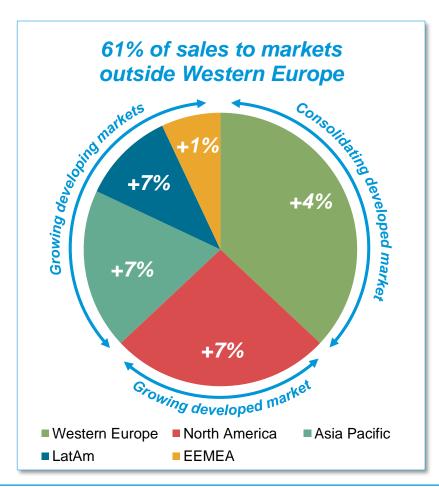








Broad based growth across all regions





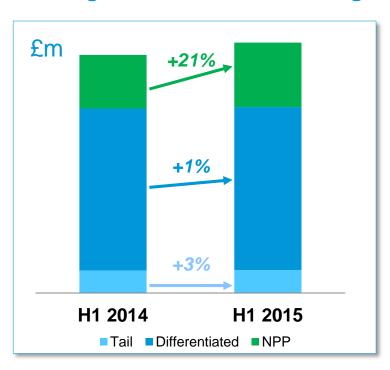
Regional performance:

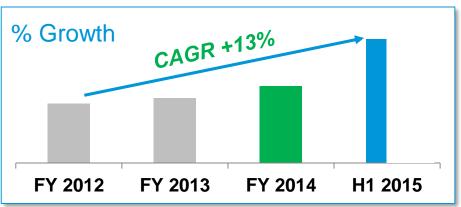
- All regions growing
- Strong growth in USA, Asia and LatAm
- Encouraging return to modest growth in Western Europe



Innovation at record levels

Strong and sustainable NPP growth





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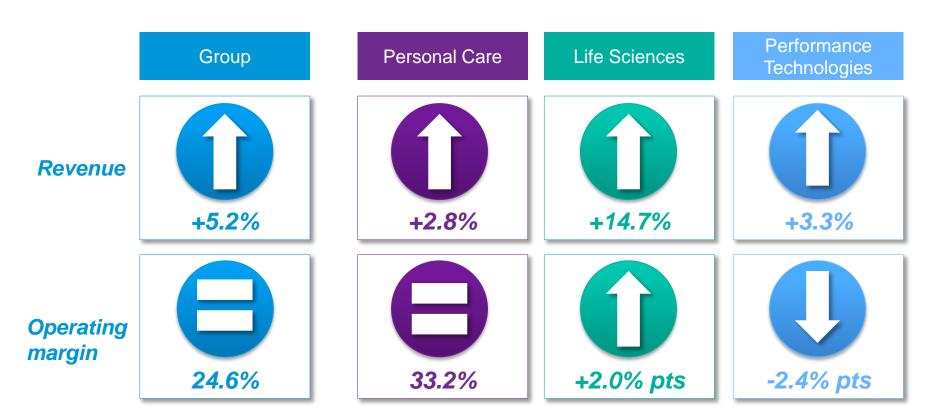
- NPP growing across all sectors
- Modest growth in differentiated
- Tail growing as activity levels increase
- Investing consistently across sectors

We continue to improve the quality of the business

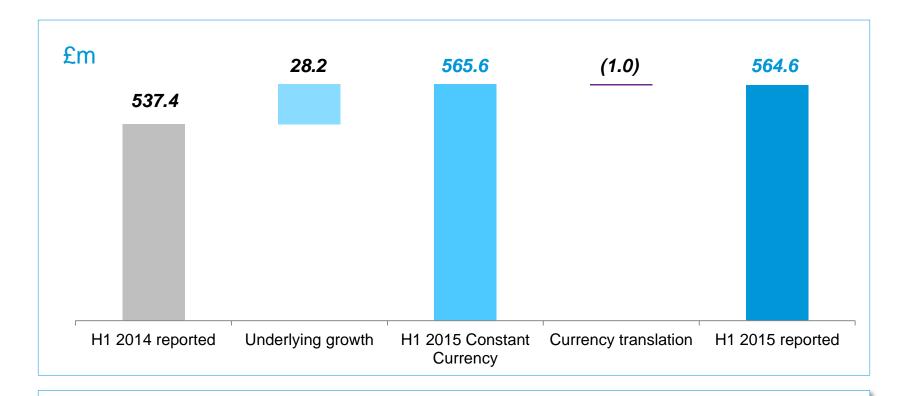


Financial performance

Good progress in Personal Care and Life Sciences



Revenue up 5.2%*



Revenue growth through NPP innovation and across all sectors and regions



^{*} At constant currency

Q2 sales growth ahead of Q1

	H1 2015	Q2 2015	Q1 2015
Personal Care	2.8%	4.0%	1.8%
Life Sciences	14.7%	13.5%	15.8%
Performance Technologies	3.3%	6.4%	0.4%
	5.6%	7.0%	4.3%
Industrial Chemicals	2.5%	3.1%	2.0%
Group	5.2%	6.5%	4.0%

Tougher comparator from H2 2014



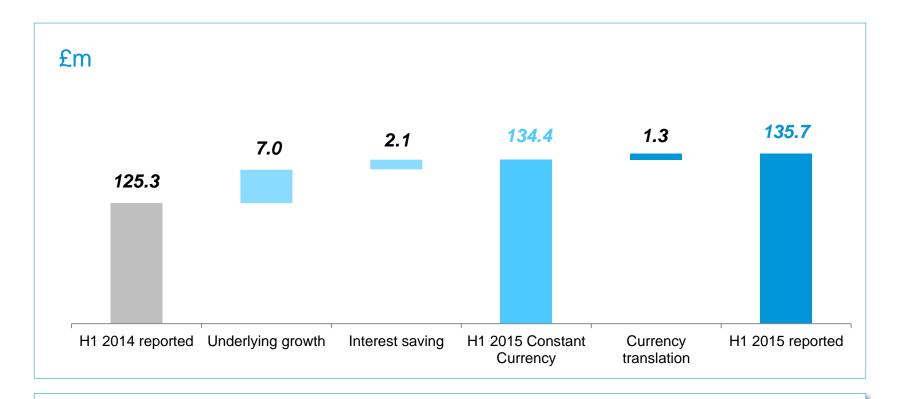
Operating profit up 5.3%*

£m	H1 2015 Reported	H1 2015 Constant currency	H1 2014 Reported	Constant currency change %
Revenue	564.6	565.6	537.4	5.2%
Operating profit	140.8	139.3	132.3	5.3%
Net interest	(5.1)	(4.9)	(7.0)	30.0%
Pre-tax profit	135.7	134.4	125.3	7.3%
IFRS pre-tax profit	135.6		125.1	
Tax rate	28.2%		30.2%	
EPS	71.8p		64.6p	
Declared dividend	31.0p		29.5p	



^{*}At constant currency

Profit before tax up 7.3%*



Underlying profit growth across consumer businesses from strong volumes and innovation



^{*} Constant currency

Consumer-facing businesses driving profit

£m	H1 2015 Reported	H1 2015 Constant currency	H1 2014 Reported	Constant currency change %
Personal Care	64.4	64.4	62.6	2.9%
Life Sciences	40.5	39.7	32.6	21.8%
Performance Technologies	31.6	31.1	34.4	(9.6%)
	136.5	135.2	129.6	4.3%
Industrial Chemicals	4.3	4.1	2.7	51.9%
Group	140.8	139.3	132.3	5.3%

- Sustained / strengthening margins in consumer-facing markets
- Performance Technologies impacted by growth investment and Geo Technologies downturn
- Improved performance in Industrial Chemicals



Encouraging H1 performance particularly in consumer markets

	£m	H1 2015 Reported	H1 2015 Constant currency	H1 2014
ਰ	Revenue	197.1	194.0	188.7
Persona Care	Operating profit	64.4	64.4	62.6
A .	Return on sales	32.7%	33.2%	33.2%
Se	Revenue	118.8	118.3	103.1
Life Sciences	Operating profit	40.5	39.7	32.6
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ince	Revenue	185.7	188.4	182.3
erformance echnologies	Operating profit	31.6	31.1	34.4
Perf	Return on sales	17.0%	16.5%	18.9%

- Continued sales recovery in all markets
- Sustained operating margin through NPP
- Increased demand from regional dynamos
- Strong growth in Health Care excipients
- Above forecast sales of pharma Omega-3, partly stock build
- Improved performance in Crop adjuvants
- Excellent margin and NPP development
- Recovering sales after weak Q1
- Good NPP driving new product sales
- Margin impacted by targeted investment, oil downturn and Sipo growth



Cash flow funding organic growth investment

£m	H1 2015	H1 2014
EBITDA	159.7	149.7
Working capital	(23.2)	(26.6)
Net capital investment	(38.2)	(23.9)
	98.3	99.2
Additional pension contributions	(19.4)	(22.0)
Interest and tax	(32.2)	(29.9)
Free cash flow	46.7	47.3
Dividends	(48.9)	(48.1)
M&A	-	(0.6)
Currency translation	8.3	6.0
Other	(5.1)	(4.4)
Movement in net debt	1.0	0.2
Net debt	(179.2)	(202.0)



Closing financial thoughts

- H2 will see strong comparators, particularly in pharma Omega-3
- Currency translation adverse at end June rates
- Pensions deficit plan completed in UK
- Capital allocation policy in place
 - Reinvesting for growth
 - Increasing dividend in line with policy
 - Considering acquisition opportunities
 - Periodic excess capital return
- Completing review of acquisition and capital return opportunities in H2



Our Strategy – Being different

Our strategic priorities

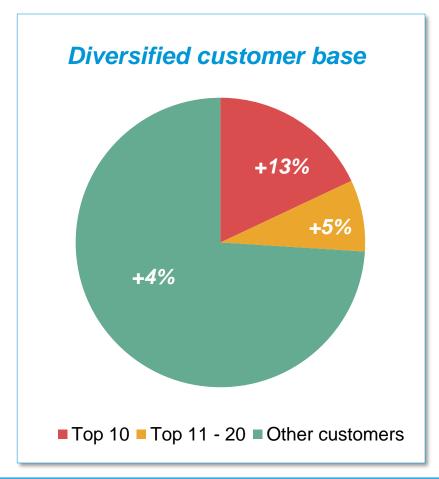
Delivering consistent top and bottom line growth

Increasing sales of New and Protected Products

Investing in a sustainable future



Getting closer to our customers





H1 performance:

- All customer types delivering growth
- Rapid growth with Regional Dynamos
- Limited exposure to MNCs
- More than 1,000 new customers added in H1 2015

Constant currency
MNC – Multi-National Customers



Building growth through innovation



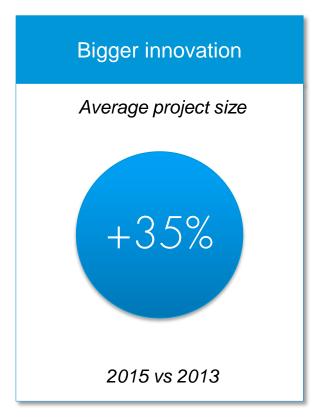




Existing and new technology platforms driving growth



Bigger and better innovation









New products launched this year

Personal Care

Apiscalp™ Scalp purity



- Scalp care cross over trend from Asia
- Natural active obtained by sustainable extraction
- Provides comfort and beauty by controlling scalp microflora

Life Sciences

Atlox™ Optimised nutrients



- Increased shelf-life stability for end-user formulations
- Compatible with primary crop actives
- Identified and developed as a customer need in Latin America
- Allows high solid incorporation

Performance Technologies

Crodastat™ Surface modifier



- Ideal additive for hard surface dust prevention
- Expertly repels and prevents dust deposition to ensure dust free surfaces
- Wide range of compatibility on both surfaces and formulations



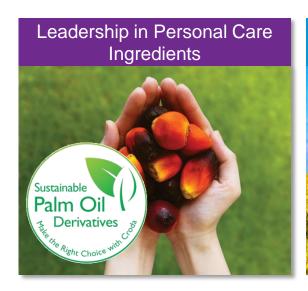
Investment in R&D delivering in fast <u>arowth markets</u>



- Customer engagement increased 20%
- Many new niches identified
- Rapid trust formed with customers
- R&D success is supporting 7% sales growth in USA, Asia and LatAm



Industry leadership in Sustainability



Commitment to naturally derived raw materials from sustainable sources



Investment on plan - first for our industry



Saving 500 million litres of ground water per year

Our leading position in natural and sustainable ingredients continues to differentiate



Summary and outlook

H1 Performance

- Strategy driving sales growth in all sectors
- All regions positive; return to modest growth in Europe
- Record innovation driving improved profit
- Continued investment in innovation and fast growth markets

H2 Outlook

- Continue to deliver profitable sales growth stronger comparators
- Conditions uncertain in Europe but encouraged by recent growth
- On track to deliver our expectations





We have a clear capital allocation policy

Continued strong return on capital

Reinvest to grow

2x recent spend

Regular dividend

c40-50% EPS

Disciplined approach to acquisitions

Excess capital return within gearing target

1-1.5x gearing*

Quarterly sales growth

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IAS 19 pension deficit

£m	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Market value of assets	951.5	946.5
Value of liabilities	(1,065.9)	(1,073.2)
Deficit pre-tax	(114.4)	(126.7)
Deferred tax	28.1	31.3
Deficit post-tax	(86.3)	(95.4)

- Pre-tax deficit reduced by £12.3m
- £19.4m funding in excess of service cost
- Post-tax deficit £86.3m
- UK scheme now fully funded for actuarial purposes next valuation due 30 Sept 2017

