# AVIENT CORPORATION

(NYSE: AVNT)

#### **NOVEMBER 2023**



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- · Changes in 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 achieve strategic objectives and successfully integrate acquisitions, including Avient Protective Materials (APM);
- An inability to raise or sustain prices for products or services;
- 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 affecting our business beyond our control, including without limitation, changes in the general economy, changes in interest rates, changes in the rate of inflation, any recessionary conditions, and terrorism or hostilities

#### **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 EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA Margin.

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.

When showing constant dollar figures on GAAP and non-GAAP financial measures, the foreign exchange impact is calculated by using current foreign exchange rates and applying them to the prior period results.

Avient does not provide reconciliations of forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures, such as outlook for Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted Earnings Per Share and Free Cash Flow to the most comparable GAAP financial measures on a forward-looking basis because Avient is unable to provide a meaningful or accurate calculation or estimation of reconciling items and the information is not available without unreasonable effort. This is due to the inherent difficulty of forecasting the timing and amount of certain items, such as, but not limited to, mark-to-market adjustments associated with benefit plans, environmental remediation costs, acquisition-related costs, and other non-routine costs. Each of such adjustments has not yet occurred, are out of Avient's control and/or cannot be reasonably predicted. For the same reasons, Avient is unable to address the probable significance of the unavailable information.

#### **Pro Forma Financial Information**

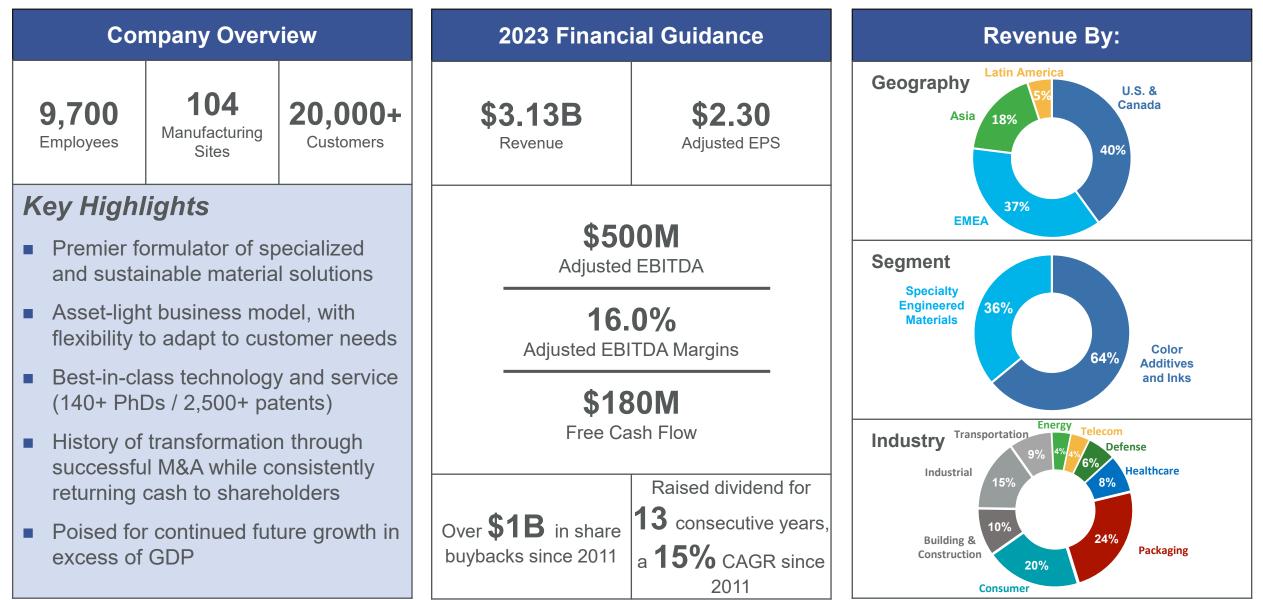
The Company acquired Avient Protective Materials ("Dyneema") on September 1, 2022 (the "Acquisition Date") and sold the Distribution segment on November 1, 2022. To provide comparable results, the company references "pro forma" financial metrics, which include the business results of Avient Protective Materials for periods prior to the Acquisition Date, as if the transaction occurred on January 1, 2021 and reflect Distribution as a discontinued operation. Management believes this provides comparability of the performance of the combined businesses.

Unless otherwise stated, Adjusted EBITDA figures included in this presentation exclude the impact of special items as defined in our quarterly earnings releases. Additionally, Adjusted EPS excludes the impact of special items and amortization expense associated with intangible assets.



### **AVIENT OVERVIEW**

OUR VISION: Creating specialized and sustainable material solutions that transform customer challenges into opportunities, bringing new products to life for a better world



#### CREATING A WORLD-CLASS SUSTAINABLE ORGANIZATION

#### **Strategic Objectives**

- 1. 6% annualized long term sales growth leveraging sustainable solutions, composites, healthcare and emerging regions
- 2. Expand EBITDA margins to 20%
- 3. Deliver annual EBITDA and EPS growth of 10% and 15%
- 4. Maintain **asset-light**, 80% free cash flow conversion profile and be valued as a **specialty formulator**
- 5. Continue fostering our Great Place to Work<sup>®</sup> culture



#### TOP-TIER SUSTAINABILITY PERFORMANCE AND RECOGNITION

#### **Industry Sustainability Standards**



#### **ESG Ratings Performance**

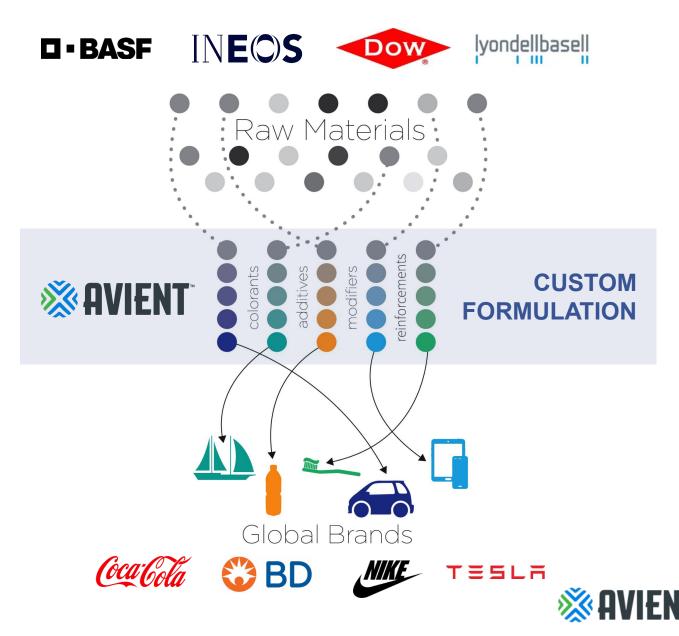


#### WHAT WE DO: WE ARE A FORMULATOR

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.



### NOVEMBER 2, 2023 WEBCAST PRESENTATION

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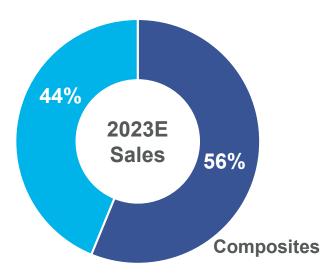
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### AVIENT PROTECTIVE MATERIALS FIRST YEAR

#### Composites as a % of SEM

**Collaboration & Innovation** 

#### **People & Culture**







Composites comprises over half of Specialty Engineered Materials, compared to 9% in 2016

Proven history of success in areas such as outdoor high performance, defense and sustainable solutions Complementary technologies and customer relationships offer opportunity to advance commercial strategy

Dyneema<sup>®</sup>, the world's strongest fiber<sup>™</sup>, to accelerate growth of sustainable, ultralight and high performance applications

Talented, passionate, and creative associates drive continued integration success and allow two cultures to come together as one Avient



#### **AVIENT PROTECTIVE MATERIALS** CROSS SELLING OPPORTUNITIES



Lightweight Protective Laminates: **PROJECTILE PROTECTION** 

Dyneema® Fiber Solutions

#### Strength + Durability + Light-Weighting: SOLID MOUNTING BRACKETS

Nymax<sup>™</sup> Bergamid<sup>™</sup> Complēt<sup>™</sup> Engineered Materials

Color Consistency and Weatherability
CUSTOMIZED SPECIFICATIONS

Avient Color and Additive Solutions

#### Cushioning + Fit + Comfort: LONG-TERM WEAR

reSound<sup>™</sup> Versaflex<sup>™</sup> Thermoplastic Elastomers

#### Antennae Performance **FAST, RELIABLE CONNECTIONS** PREPERM™ Low-Loss Dielectric Thermoplastics

Durability + Lubricity: **HELMET LATCHES** 

Lubri-One™ Internally Lubricated Polymers

## Wired Connections CONSTANT COMMUNICATION

Syncure<sup>™</sup> Cross-linkable Wire & Cable Formulations

#### **AVIENT PROTECTIVE MATERIALS** CROSS SELLING OPPORTUNITIES









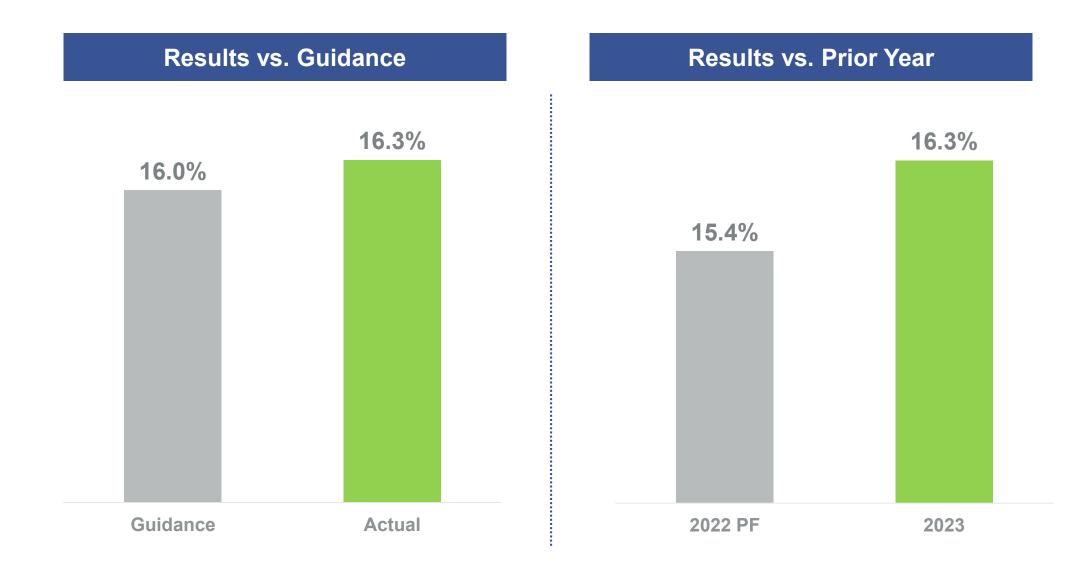






## Q3 PERFORMANCE

### Q3 2023 ADJ. EBITDA MARGIN PERFORMANCE





### Q3 2023 PERFORMANCE VS. GUIDANCE





### **Q3 EBITDA BRIDGE**

(\$ millions)	Adjusted EBITDA
Q3 2022 Pro Forma	\$ 137
Demand	(49)
<u>CAI:</u>	
Price / Mix	-
Deflation	22
<u>SEM:</u>	
Price / Mix	(6)
Deflation	13
Net Price Benefit	29
Cost Reductions	13
Wage Inflation	(8)
FX	1
Q3 2023 Actual	\$ 123

- Demand impacted by destocking and cautious customer sentiment
- Positive net price benefit:
  - CAI Pricing flat and raw material deflation
  - SEM Pricing flat with unfavorable mix related to healthcare, more than offset with raw material deflation
- Cost reductions driven by Clariant synergies and reduced administrative costs



## 2023 GUIDANCE

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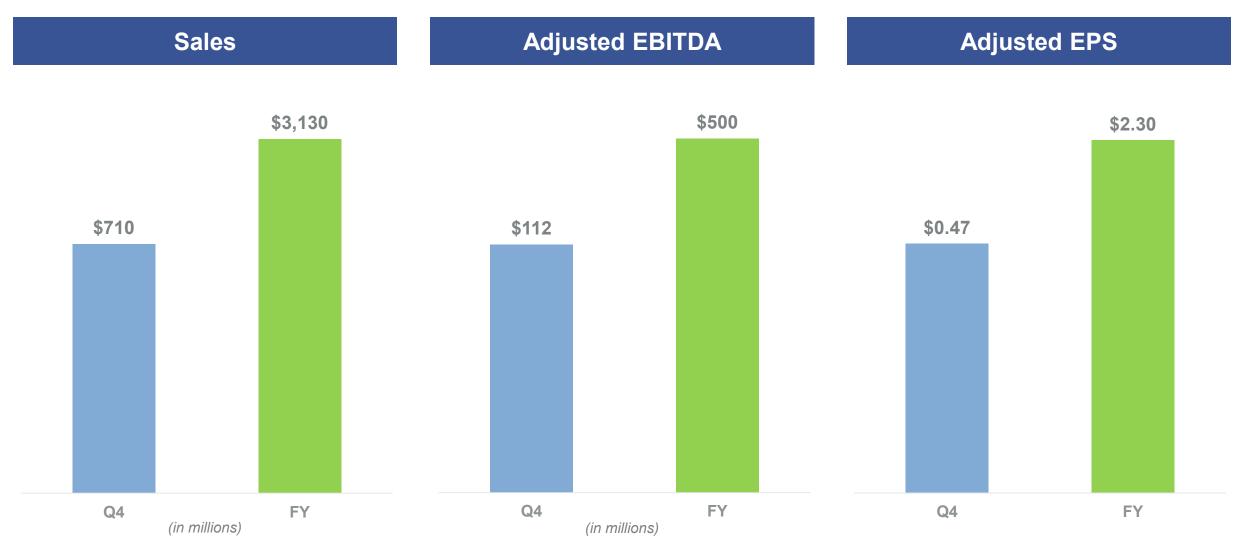
### **Q4 2023 GUIDANCE VS. PRIOR YEAR**





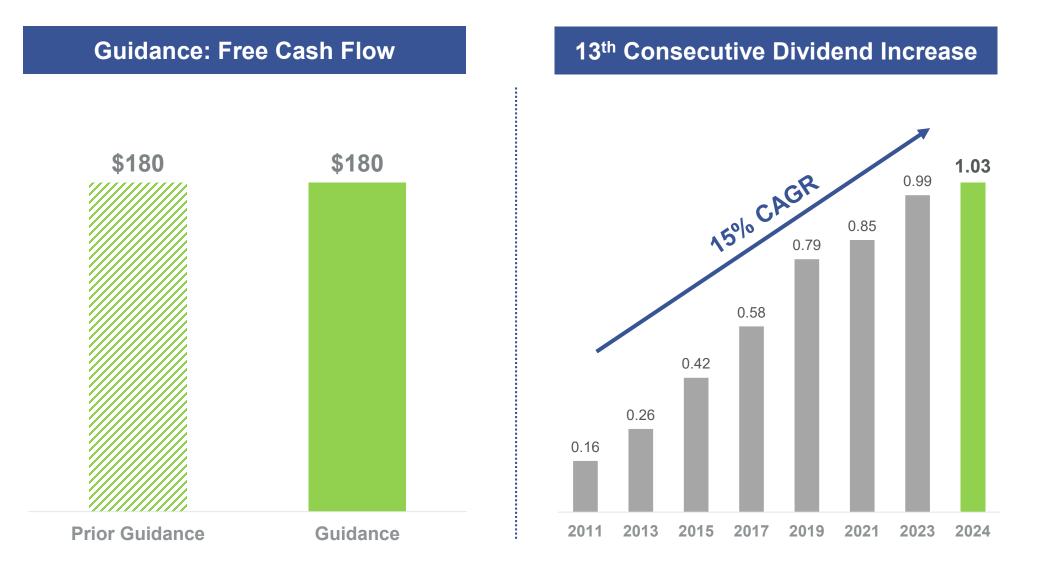


### **Q4 AND FULL YEAR 2023 GUIDANCE**





### FREE CASH FLOW & INCREASED DIVIDEND

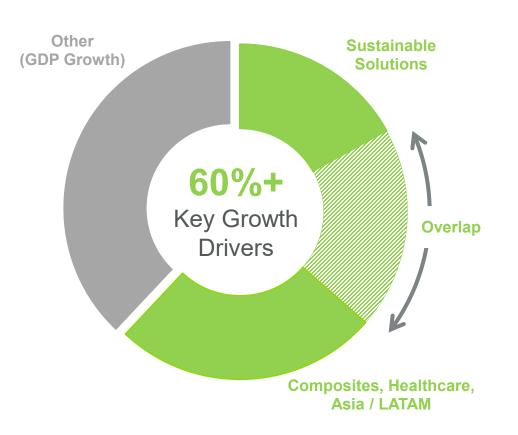




## SUSTAINABILITY DAY RECAP

### LONG-TERM REVENUE GROWTH DRIVERS

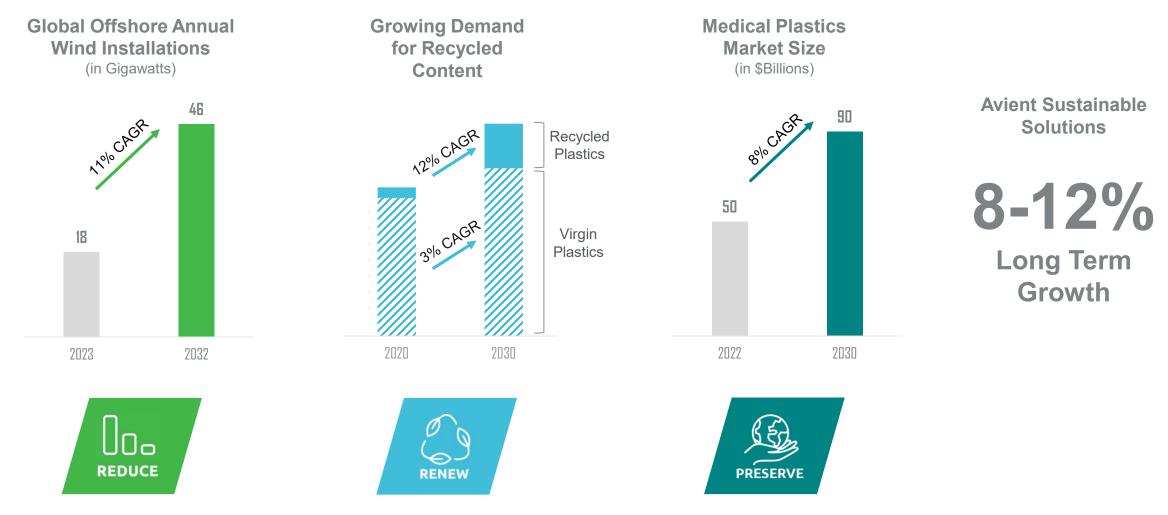
#### Total Company Revenue



Growth Drivers	Long-Term Growth Rate
Sustainable Solutions	8–12%
Composites	8–10%
Healthcare	8–10%
Asia / LATAM	5%
Other (GDP growth)	0–2%
Avient	6%

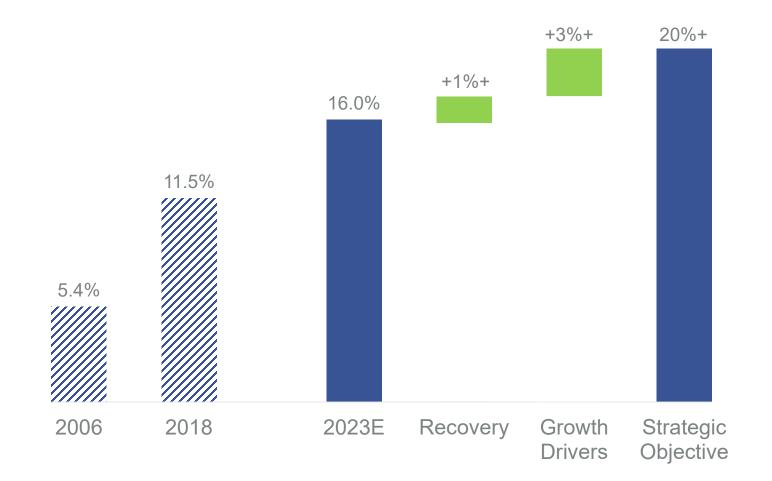


### SUSTAINABILITY TRENDS DRIVE LONG-TERM GROWTH





### **ADJUSTED EBITDA MARGIN EXPANSION**



- Transformative acquisitions combined with divestitures of more cyclical businesses have improved margins over 400 bps since 2018
- 20% long-term margin goal to be driven by key growth drivers, with sustainable solutions playing a meaningful role



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## PEER COMPARISONS



#### **AVIENT IS ASSET LIGHT**

Capex / Revenue

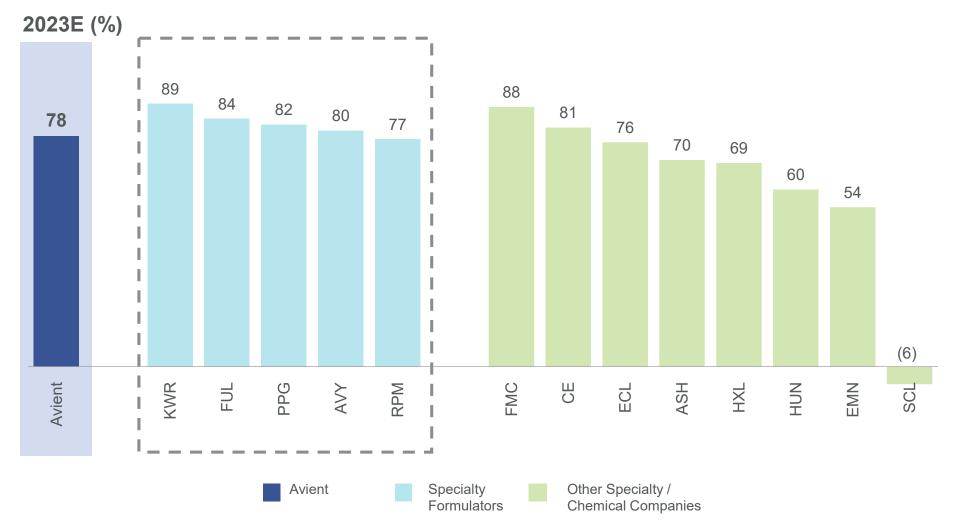


Source: Peer data per Bloomberg as of October 27, 2023

Note: Avient reflects 2023 estimated revenue of \$3,130 and estimated run-rate CAPEX of \$110M.



### FREE CASH FLOW CONVERSION



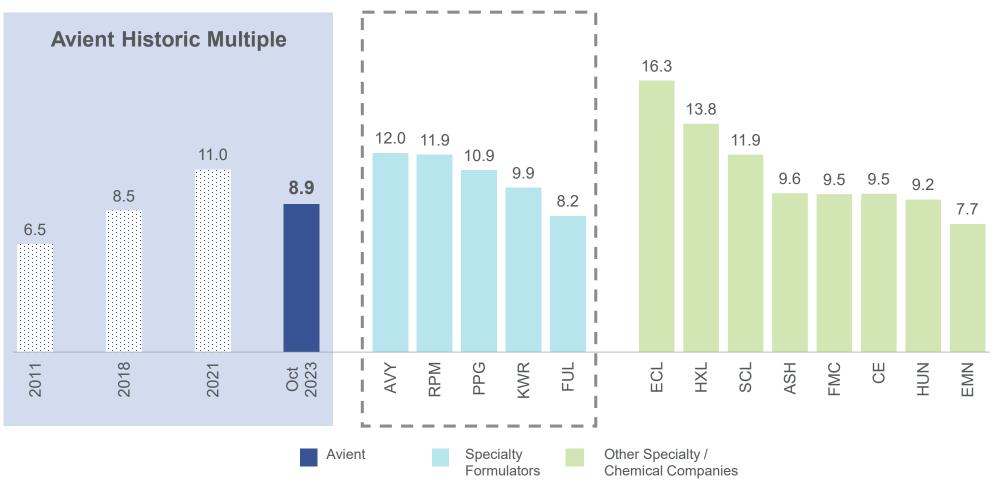
Source: Peer data per Bloomberg as of October 27, 2023

Note: Free cash flow conversion calculated as (Adjusted EBITDA – Capex) / Adjusted EBITDA. Avient reflects 2023 adjusted EBITDA guidance of \$500M and estimated run-rate CAPEX of \$110M.



### **MULTIPLE EXPANSION**

EV / 2023E EBITDA



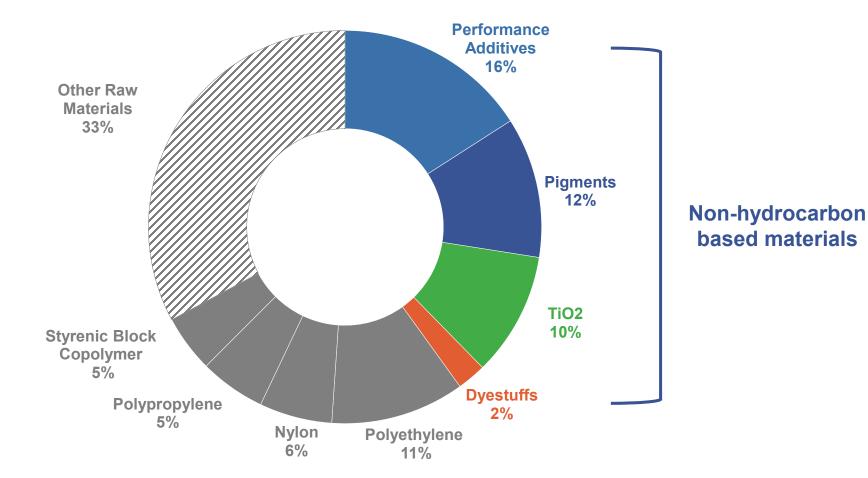
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Note: Avient reflects 2023 adjusted EBITDA guidance of \$500M and closing share price of \$31.18. Avient 2011, 2018 and 2021 multiples reflect trailing 12 months EBITDA at December 31.



## APPENDIX

### **RAW MATERIAL BASKET**



#### ~40% hydrocarbon based

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

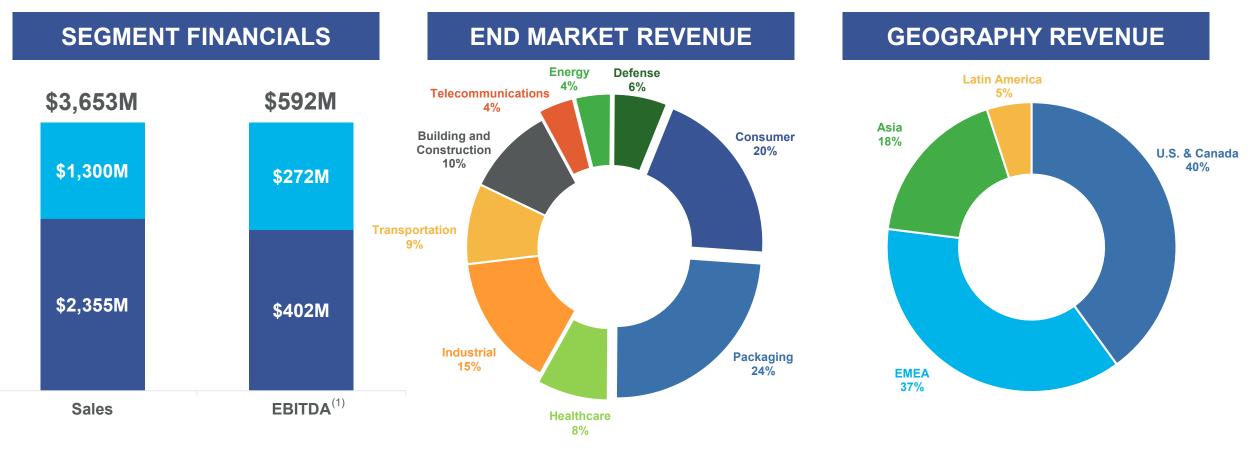


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## SEGMENT DATA



#### **2022 PRO FORMA SEGMENT, END MARKET AND GEOGRAPHY**



Specialty Engineered Materials

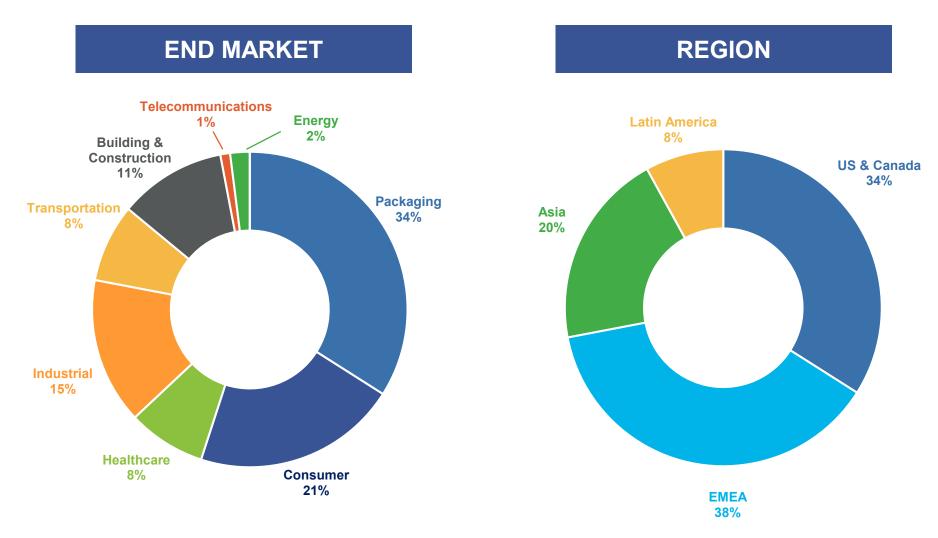
Color Additives and Inks



(1) Total company sales and adjusted EBITDA of \$3,653M and \$592M, respectively, include intercompany sales eliminations and corporate costs

### **COLOR, ADDITIVES & INKS**

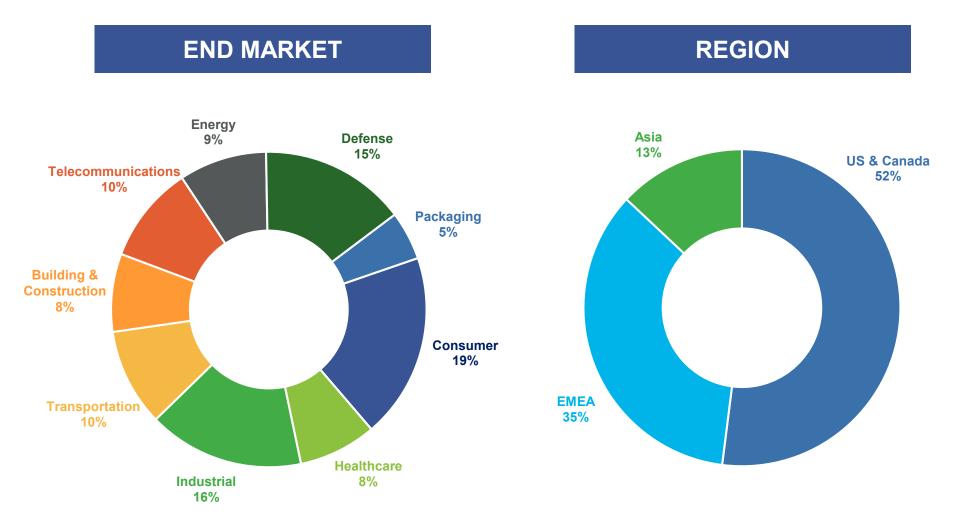
#### 2022 REVENUE | \$2.4 BILLION





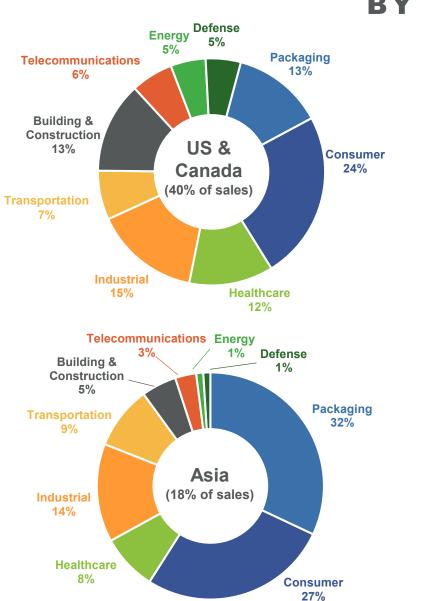
### **SPECIALTY ENGINEERED MATERIALS**

#### 2022 PRO FORMA REVENUE | \$1.3 BILLION

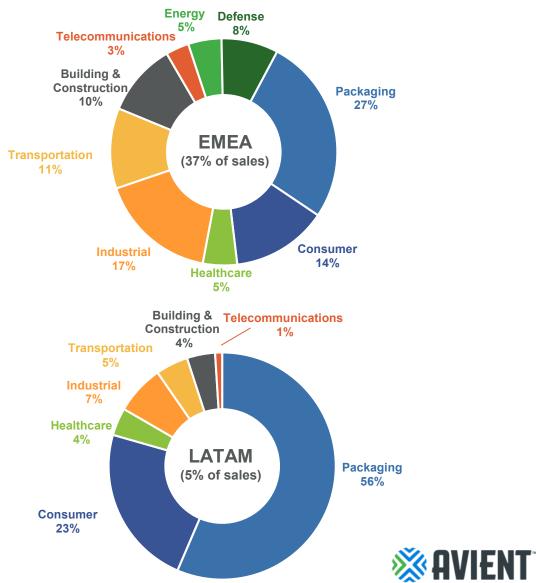




### **2022 PROFORMA AVIENT REGIONAL SALES**



#### **BY END MARKET**



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#### 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 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. Further, as a result of Avient's portfolio shift to a pure play specialty formulator, it has completed several acquisitions and divestitures which have resulted in a significant amount of intangible asset amortization. Management excludes intangible asset amortization from adjusted EPS as it believes excluding acquired intangible asset amortization is a useful measure of current period earnings per share.

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 September 30, 2023			Three Months Ended September 30, 2022				
Reconciliation to Condensed Consolidated Statements of Income:		\$		EPS		\$		EPS
Net income (loss) from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders	\$	5.1	\$	0.06	\$	(27.4)	\$	(0.30)
Special items, after tax		32.0		0.35		68.3		0.75
Amortization expense, after-tax		15.2		0.16	\$	13.4	\$	0.14
Adjusted net income / EPS	\$	52.3	\$	0.57	\$	54.3	\$	0.59

	Three Months Ended September 30,			
Reconciliation to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA:	2023	2022		
Sales - GAAP	\$ 753.7	\$	823.3	
Pro Forma APM adjustments	 _		60.7	
Pro forma adjusted sales	\$ 753.7	\$	884.0	
Net income from continuing operations – GAAP	\$ 5.1	\$	(27.8)	
Income tax (benefit) expense	(0.1)		(1.2)	
Interest expense, net	30.3		37.3	
Depreciation and amortization	 46.4		39.8	
EBITDA from continuing operations	\$ 81.7	\$	48.1	
Special items, before tax	43.2		82.0	
Interest expense included in special items	(2.2)		(10.0)	
Depreciation and amortization included in special items	 _		(0.8)	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 122.7	\$	119.3	
Pro forma APM adjustments	 _		17.2	
Pro forma adjusted EBITDA	\$ 122.7	\$	136.5	
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Pro forma adjusted EBITDA as a % of sales	16.3 %	, D	15.4 %	

	Year Ended December 31,			
Reconciliation to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA:	 2006		2018	
Sales	\$ 2,622.4	\$	3,533.4	
Net income from continuing operations – GAAP	\$ 133.5	\$	160.8	
Income tax expense	29.7		36.4	
Interest expense, net	63.1		62.8	
Depreciation and amortization	 57.1		91.5	
EBITDA from continuing operations	\$ 283.4	\$	351.5	
Special items, before tax	(34.0)		59.5	
Depreciation and amortization included in special items	_		(3.0)	
JV - equity income	 (107.0)		—	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 142.4	\$	408.0	
Adjusted EBITDA as a % of sales	5.4 %	, 0	11.5 %	

Reconciliation to EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA:	Three Months Ended December 31, 2022		
Net loss from continuing operations – GAAP	\$	(16.6)	
Income tax benefit		(60.8)	
Interest expense, net		49.4	
Depreciation and amortization		48.6	
EBITDA from continuing operations	\$	20.6	
Special items, before tax		104.3	
Interest expense included in special items		(16.0)	
Depreciation and amortization included in special items		(1.5)	
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	107.4	

Reconciliation of Pro Forma Adjusted Earnings per Share:	Three Months Ended December 31, 2022			
Net loss from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders	\$	(17.0)		
Special items, after tax		38.3		
Amortization expense, after-tax		14.6		
Adjusted net income from continuing operations excluding special items		35.9		
Pro forma adjustments*		2.5		
Pro forma adjusted net income from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders	\$	38.4		
Weighted average diluted shares		91.7		
Pro forma adjusted EPS - excluding special items pro forma for APM acquisition	\$	0.42		

\* Pro forma adjustment to reflect APM results for the period before Avient ownership including the impacts of debt financing and paydown of debt with net proceeds from the Distribution sale.