## Investor presentation



1 August 2022



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## Refractories are essential for our modern world





**1 tonne of STEEL** demands ~10-15 Kg of refractories



. tonne of CEMEN demands ~1 Kg of refractories



1 tonne of GLASS demands ~4 Kg of refractories



1 tonne of ALUMINIUM demands ~6 Kg of refractories



1 tonne of COPPER demands ~3 Kg of refractories

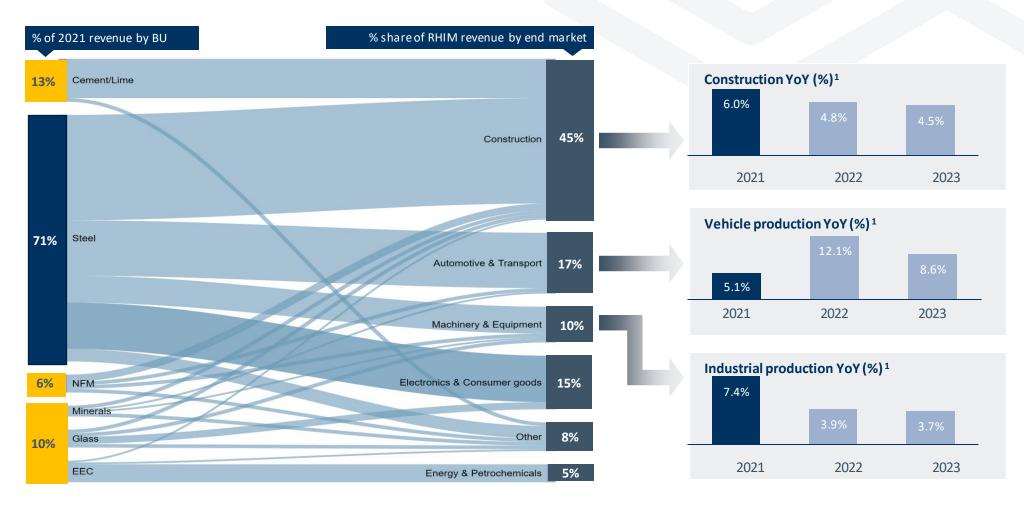


## **Refractory applications**

		Customer industries	Main application	Lifetime and costs	Refractory characteristics
		Steel 70% of revenues	Basic oxygen furnace, Electric arc furnace, ladles, flow control	<ul> <li>20 minutes to 2 months</li> <li>c.3% of customers' costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Part of customers' operational expenditure</li> <li>Systems and solutions for complete refractory management</li> </ul>
Industrial division Project businesses		Cement/Lime 10% of revenues	Rotary kiln	<ul> <li>Annually</li> <li>c. 0.5% of customers' costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demand correlated to output</li> </ul>
	Non-ferrous metals 7% of revenues	Copper flash smelter	<ul> <li>1 to 10 years</li> <li>c. 0.2% of customers' costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Part of customers' capital expenditure</li> <li>Longer replacement cycles based on project driven demand</li> </ul>	
	Glass <sup>1</sup> 7% of revenues	Glass furnace	<ul> <li>Up to 10 years</li> <li>c. 1% of customers' costs</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Complete lining concepts including refractory engineering</li> <li>Wide areas of application</li> </ul>	
	Energy, Environmental, Chemicals <sup>1</sup> 6% of revenues	Secondary reformer	<ul> <li>5 to 10 years</li> <li>c. 1.5% of customers' costs</li> </ul>		



### Customer and end user markets





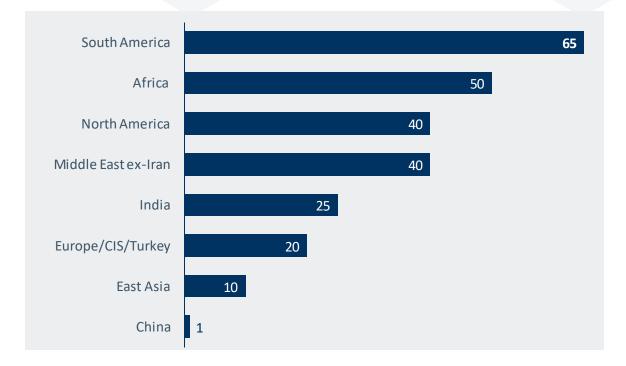
## Global leader in a highly fragmented market

Growth opportunity through consolidation

**Global market share** 

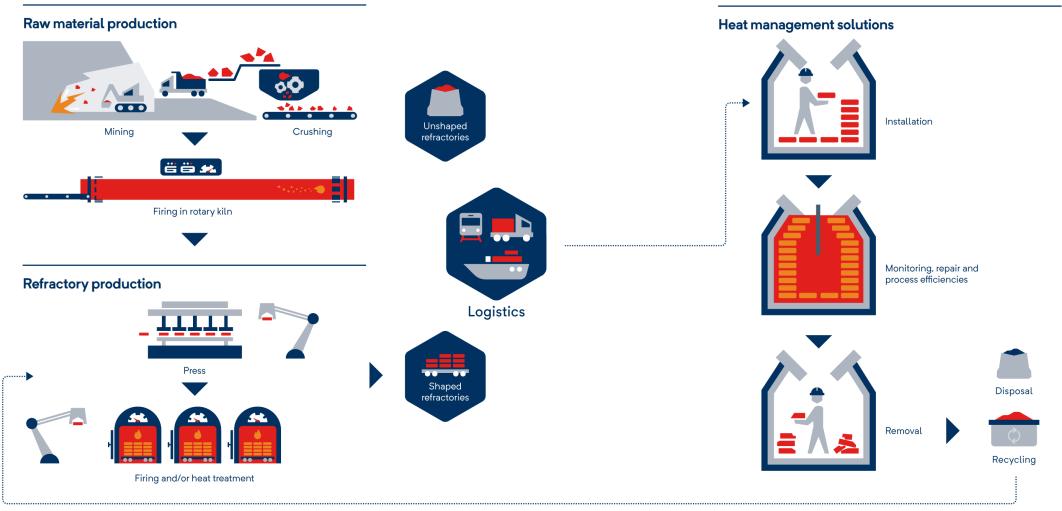
### Total market size: 10.5% **c.€20**bn Others **RHI MAGNESITA** 15% VESUVIUS 109 34% Medium & small **SHINAGAWA** Chinese \_\_\_\_\_SAINT-GOBAIN IMERYS Morgan R 朝鮮耐火株式會杜 北京利尔 hosun Befractories Co., 1 to MAGNEZIT PRCO 理耐股份 REFRATECHNIK INTOCAST

### **Regional market share %**<sup>1</sup>





### Raw material and refractory process overview

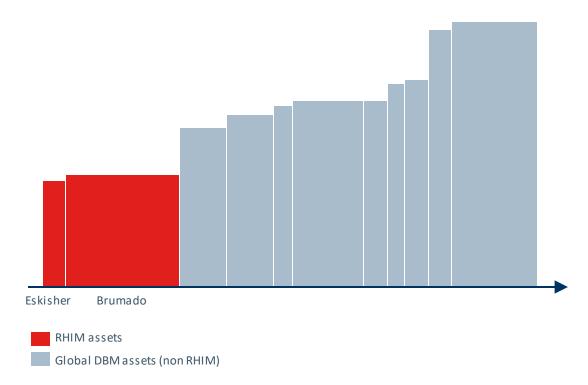


## **Vertical integration benefits**

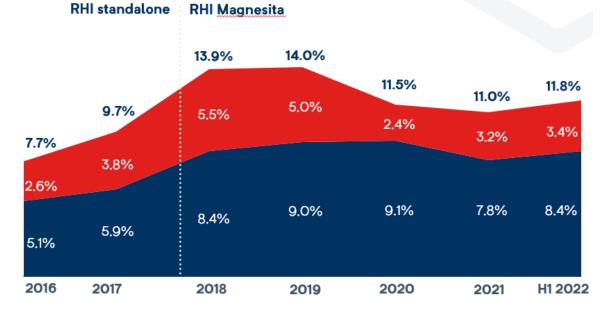
RHI MAGNESITA

Our magnesite raw material assets are amongst the lowest cost globally

### DBM 98: Indicative cost curve



### **EBITA** margin contribution



#### Vertical integration margin

Refractory margin



## **Solutions contracts**

RHI Magnesita can offer full heat management solutions to its customers

### **Client benefit**

- ✓ Reduced downtime
- ✓ Lower refractory consumption
- Lower energy and other raw materials consumption
- ✓ Higher productivity and cost savings

### **RHI Magnesita benefit**

- ✓ Market share gains
- ✓ Higher client retention
- ✓ Barriers to entry
- ✓ Longer contracts
- ✓ Higher margins as contract matures

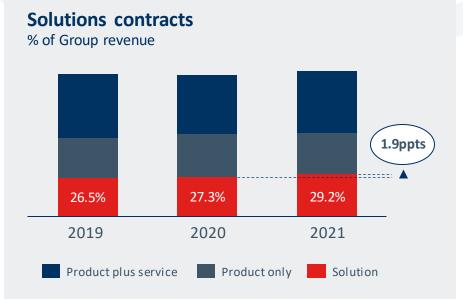




## **Heat management solutions**

### Growing our solutions offering

- RHI Magnesita's unique global footprint, service offering and comprehensive product range allows it to offer full heat management solutions to its customers
- Solutions contracts are:
  - c.5-7 years long, usually renewed on expiry
  - Offered at a fixed price per unit of production (subject to certain adjustments) which is competitive compared to the customer's previous cost of refractories
  - A way for the Group to utilize its digital and advanced materials technology to improve the customer's production efficiency
  - Higher margin over the life of the contract with an initial phase of lower margins
  - Used to foster a longer term strategic relationship with our clients
- The Group has a targets to increase the proportion of its total revenue from solutions contracts to 40% by 2025

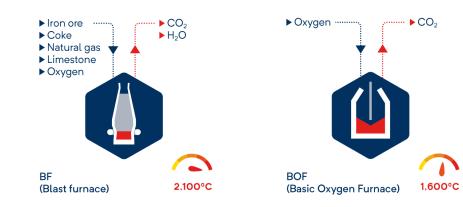


## **EAF transition in the steel industry**

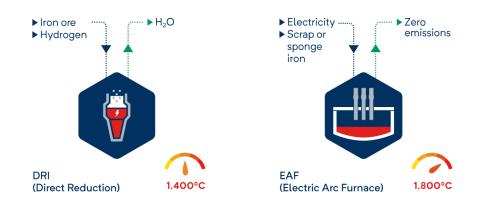


Use of EAF technology is key to reducing CO2 emissions

### **Existing process**

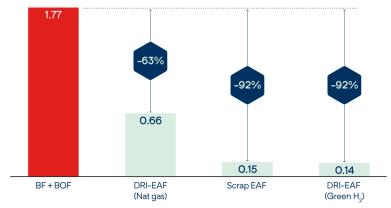


**Future process** 

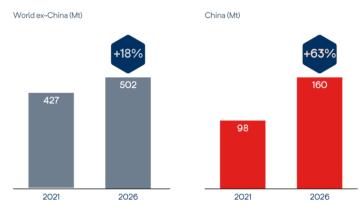


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Tonnes CO<sub>2</sub> per tonne of steel<sup>1</sup>



EAF Steelmaking by region



1. Using renewable electricity. With non-renewable electricity, DRI-EAF (Nat gas) reduction of 45%, Scrap EAF by 75% and DRI-EAF (Green H2) by 79%.

## H1 Update

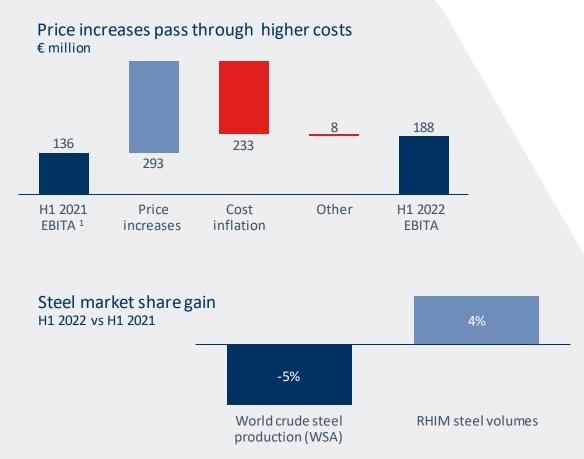
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## **Pricing and market share gains**

Price and volume growth drive higher revenues and margins

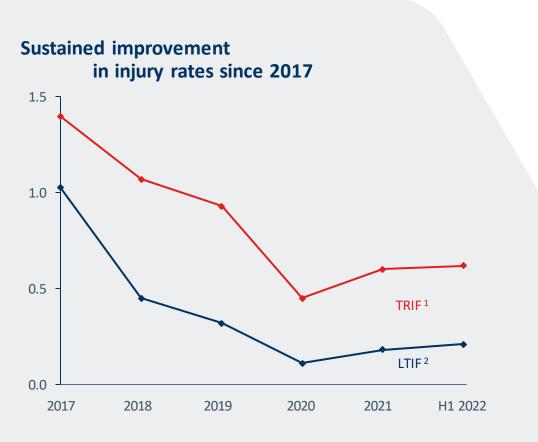


- Customer demand remained strong through H1
- Price increases of €293 million exceeded cost increases of €233 million
  - Group revenue +33%, constant currency +25%
  - EBITA €188 million, margin 11.8% (H1 2021: 10.7%)
- Market share gains in steel
  - Volumes +4%, ahead of WSA global volumes -5%
  - Customers highly value security of supply
  - Investing in inventory was the correct strategy
- Expectations for FY 2022 unchanged based on H2 order book

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## **Health and safety**

Focus on prevention and leading indicators



- LTIF and TRIF remain low
  - LTIF 0.2 (H1 2021: 0.2)
  - TRIF 0.6 (H1 2021: 0.6)
- Health and safety initiatives in 2022
  - Improved tracking of leading indicators and near misses
  - Hand safety, tool use and lockout procedures
  - COVID-19 measures in all regions applicable



2. Lost time injury frequency rate per 200,000 hours worked



## Financial highlights

Revenue <sup>1</sup>	Adjusted EBITA <sup>1</sup>	Adjusted EBITA margin	Cash returned to shareholders
<b>€1.6bn</b>	€188m	<b>11.8%</b> <ul> <li>110bps</li> </ul>	€47m
Operating Cash flow <sup>2</sup>	Сарех	Working Capital intensity <sup>3</sup>	Net debt to adjusted EBITDA <sup>4</sup>
€(76)m	€58m ♦ (36.7)%	<b>29.3%</b> 10.8ppt	2.7x ↑ 0.5x

- 1. Denoted on a reported basis
- 2. Operating cash flow comprises Adjusted EBITA, plus changes in working capital and other assets/liabilities, plus depreciation and minus capex
- 3. Working capital includes working capital financing, €321m and is denoted on a L3M revenue basis. Compared against HY21.
- 4. Including IFRS 16 Leases of €54m



## Steel business overview



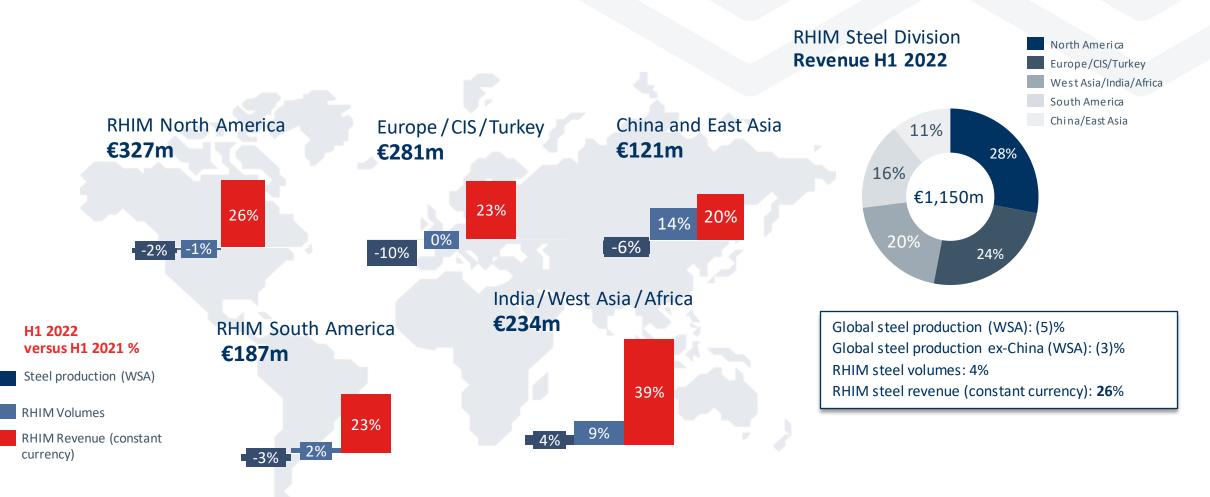
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- Steel revenue increased by 35% to €1,150 million, +26% constant currency
- RHIM steel volume growth of 4% materially ahead of market (WSA global steel production -5%, ex-China -3%)
- Group steel gross margin 90bps higher compared to H1 2021
  - Margins restored through price increases
  - Market share gains or market share retention across all regions
  - Increased volume of lower margin mixes sold in H1 2022 compared to H1 2021



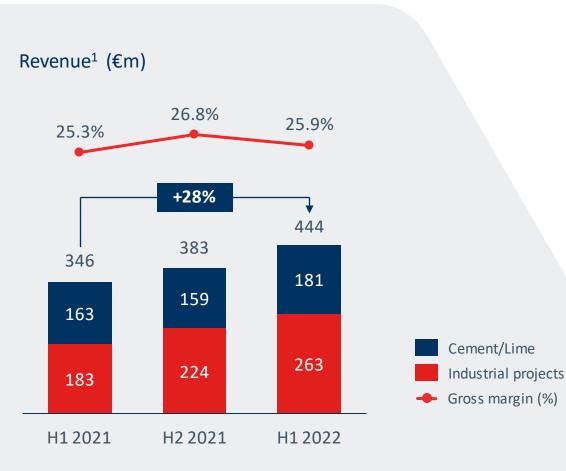
## **Steel performance by region**

Market share growth and pricing power





## Industrial business overview



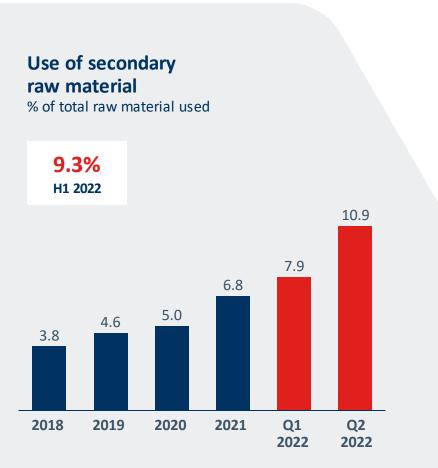
- Industrial division revenue increased by 28% to €444 million, +23% constant currency
  - Gross margin 60bps higher than H1 2022
- Stable performance in Cement/Lime
  - Price increases offset lower volumes with some winter repair season deliveries taking place in Q4 2021
  - Market share has remained stable
- Strong performance in Industrial Projects, with higher prices and volumes
  - Strong volume growth recovery following Radenthein outage in Q3

1. Denoted on a reported basis



## **Sustainability leadership**

Step change in recycling rate following creation of Joint Venture with Horn & Co



- Higher recycling volumes driven by improving customer engagement and better sourcing of secondary raw materials, with rate increasing to 9.3% (H1 2021: 6.1%)
  - Material supply chain, waste management and CO<sub>2</sub> benefits
  - Plan to grow to supply wider market with high quality recycled raw material
  - New recycling center opened at Mitterdorf, Austria
- Ongoing €50 million R&D investment in carbon capture technologies, 9 pilot projects in process
- Strong ratings from independent ESG analysts
  - MSCI AA
  - CDP B
  - EcoVadis Gold



## **Joint Venture with Horn & Co**

Europe's largest source of reclaimed refractory material

- RHI Magnesita has entered into a Joint Venture with Horn & Co (51% share)
- Horn & Co sources refractory scrap from iron, steel, glass, lime, cement and non-ferrous metal plants
- Crushing, grinding and drying takes place at plants in Germany and Austria
- Secondary raw material can be further processed to produce new refractories by RHIM
- CO<sub>2</sub> savings of 1.8 tonnes for each ton of recycled material used
- Pioneering autoclave and sorting technology



Horn Joint Venture Automated sorting of secondary raw materials ------

Mitterdorf Opening of recycling centre Jeder ist für Sauberkeit, C an seinem Arbeitsplatz v Pas Manipulieren oder U hutzeinrichtungen ist vervo

Jeder ist Vorbild für sicheres Arbeiten! Sprich unsichere Situationen sofort ar Die notwendige PSA ist ohne Ausnahme Unfälle und Beinaheunfälle ausnahmslos gemeldet we

Sei bei der Sache!

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eitsch Recycling Center

JIG-Halle



April 2022

## Financial review

lan Botha, CFO





## **Profit and loss summary**

### High revenue and margin growth versus weaker H1 2021

- Gross profit increased to €373 million (H1 2021: €272 million) as price increases restore absolute profitability and margin
- Adjusted EBITA +47% to €188 million and margin increased by 110bps to 11.8%
- Adjusted profit after tax +27.8%, as expected due to higher finance charges and effective tax rate
- Adjusted tax rate of 24.0% compared to 22.4% in H1 2021 due to reduction in DTA given lower Austria tax rate
- Finance charges of €19m (H1 2021: €4m), as H1 2021 benefited from interest on Brazil tax refund
- Interim dividend of €0.50 per share declared in line with policy

€m	H1 2022	H1 2021 <sup>1</sup>	Change
Revenue	1,594	1,200	32.8%
Gross profit	373	272	37.5%
Gross margin (%)	23.4%	22.6%	80bps
Adjusted EBITA	188	128	47.0%
Adjusted EBITA margin (%)	11.8%	10.7%	110bps
Finance charges <sup>2</sup>	(19)	(4)	498%
Adjusted Profit before tax	169	130	30.5%
Adjusted effective tax rate	24.0%	22.4%	160bps
Тах	(41)	(29)	39.9%
Adjusted Profit after tax	129	100	27.8%
Adjusted EPS (€)	2.58	2.05	25.5%
Dividend per share (€)	0.50	0.50	-

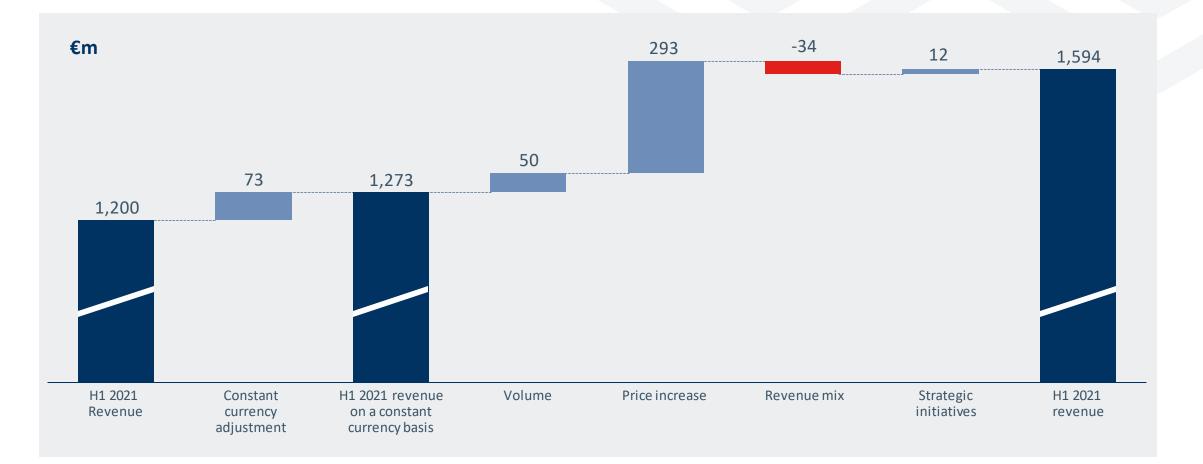
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2. Finance charges adjustment of €3 million



## H1 2022 revenue bridge

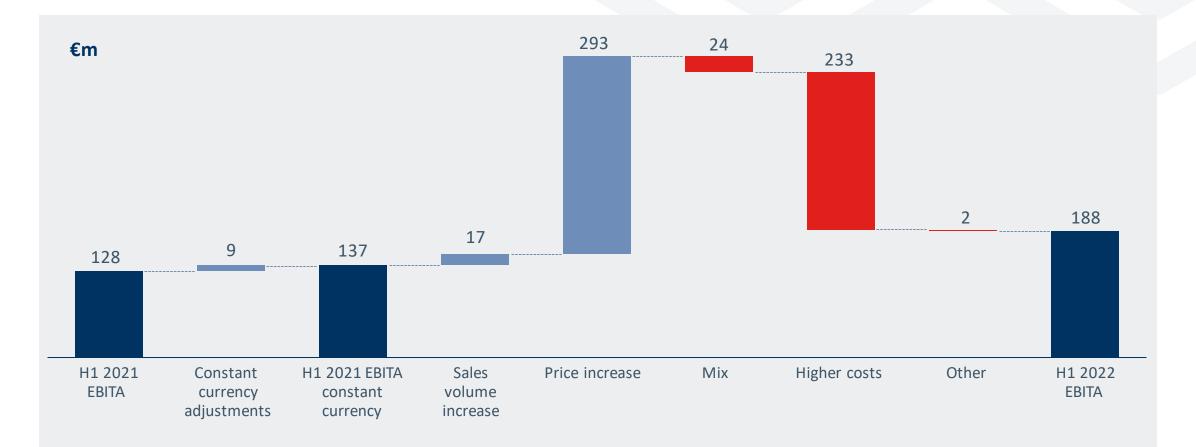
### €293 million price increase delivers revenue recovery





## H1 2022 EBITA Bridge

Increased volumes and strategic savings offset by mix and supply chain cost inflation





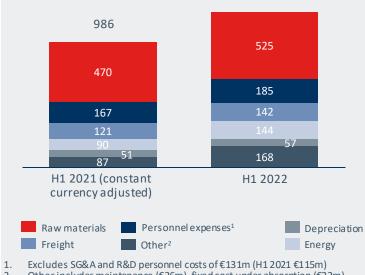
## **Cost outlook**

### Further cost inflation expected from energy and labour

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### **Cost of Goods Sold**

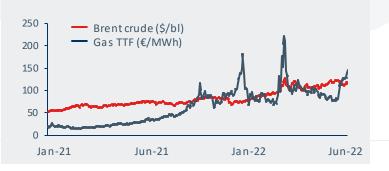
- Cost inflation in energy, labour, raw material and freight
- Shipped volumes increased by 5% and costs by 19%



 Other includes maintenance (€26m), fixed cost under absorption (€22m), consumables (€18m) and other



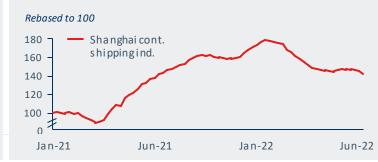
#### **Energy outlook** Energy supply risk in Europe due to Russia/Ukraine conflict.



#### Sea freight outlook

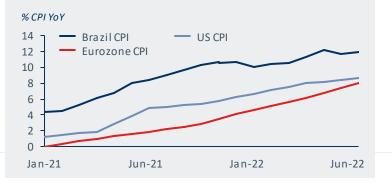
**Raw material outlook** 

New capacity and demand moderation could lead to easing in H2 2023



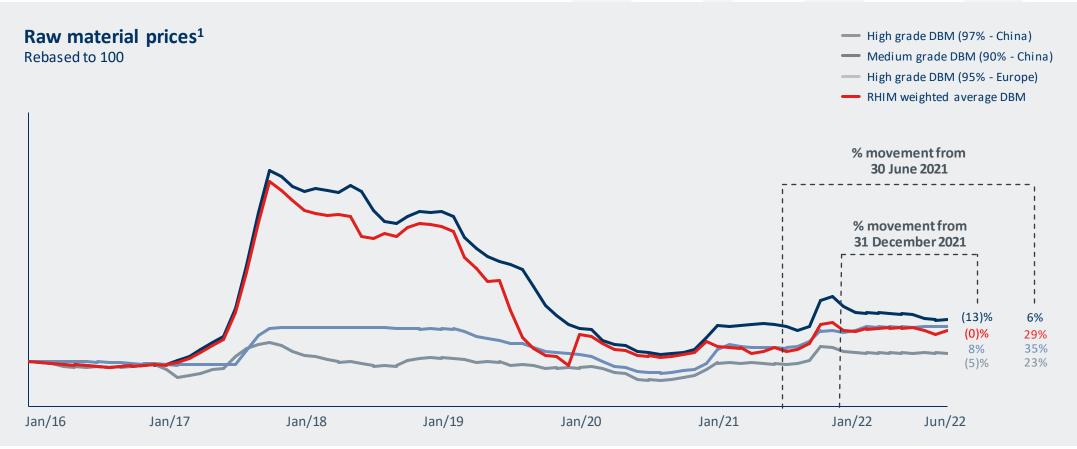
### Wage inflation outlook

Wage inflation a cross all key regions in line with CPI



## **Raw material prices**

### Prices increased and held higher levels year-on-year

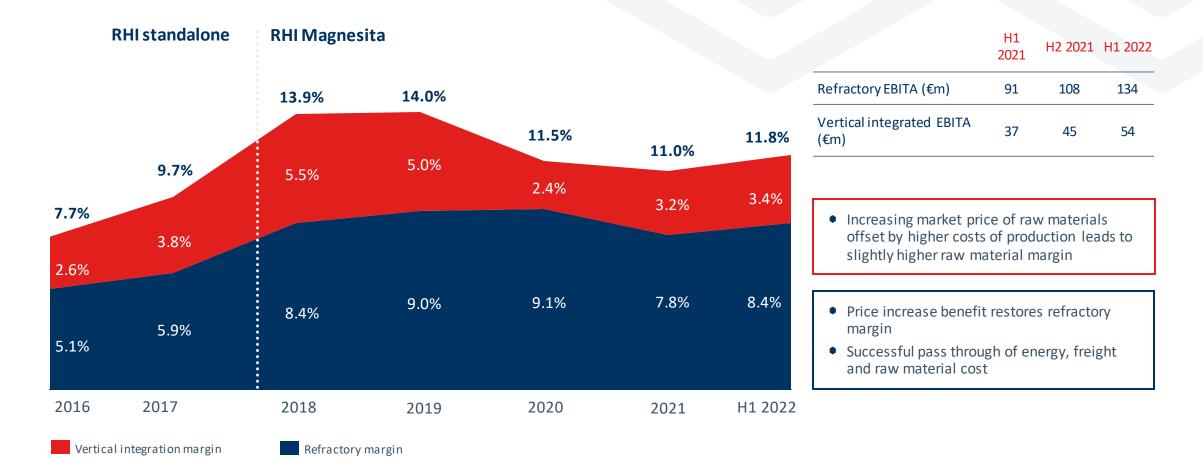






## **EBITA margin restored to 11.8%**

Pass through of raw material, freight and energy costs

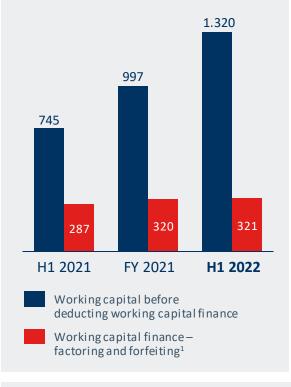


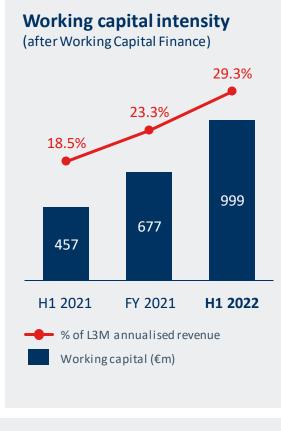


## **Working capital**

Increased working capital in H1 due to higher inventory value and accounts receivable, expected to reduce in H2

### Working capital balances







- $\label{eq:last_constraint} \textbf{2. Accounts receivable defined as trade receivables plus contract assets less contract liabilities}$
- 3. Accounts payable defined as trade payables



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FY 2021

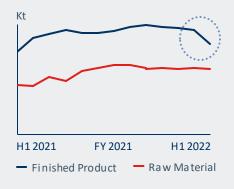
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H1 2021

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H1 2022

Inventory increase caused by higher value stock, volumes reduced in June



- Accounts receivable higher following price increases
- Accounts payable decreased due to lower capex in H1 2022



### Net debt, gearing and liquidity

Modest reduction in net debt over H2 2022 expected, with gearing towards 2.0x



### **Debt amortization profile** (€m)



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- Leverage of 2.7x<sup>4</sup> above target range of 0.5-1.5x
  - Working capital remains at elevated levels to ensure security of supply for customers
  - Target to reduce gearing towards 2.0x by year end 2022 depending on EBITDA performance
- In July 2022, the Group refinanced its \$200m USD Syndicated Term Loan
  - Converted to EUR and increased to €250m
  - Maturity in July 2027
  - Margin linked to the Group's EcoVadis ESG rating
- The Group now benefits from significant available liquidity of €1,102 million (H1 2021: €932 million) and a long-dated amortization profile

- 2. Includes IFRS 16 leases of €54m net debt excluding leases is €1.184m for H12022
- 3. Adjusted L12M EBITDA
- 4. Includes IFRS 16 leases of €54m
- 5. €42m are rollable facilities in 2022, €34m are rollable facilities in 2023

<sup>1.</sup> Includes €600 m undrawn RCF, matures in 2027

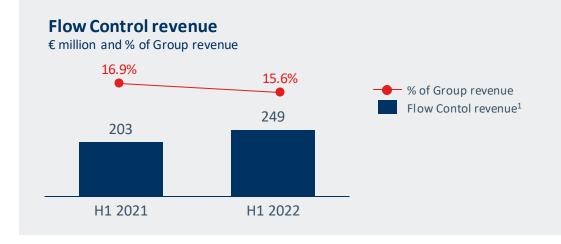
# Strategic initiatives

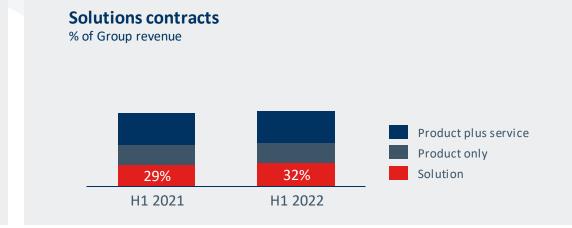
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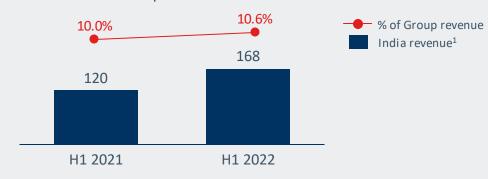
## **Sales strategies update**





### India

€ million and % of Group revenue



### China



€ million and % of Group revenue

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### Leoben Flow control Academy

July 2022

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## **Production Optimisation Plan update**

Rationalise, modernise and reduce production costs, moving capacity closer to our customers

Project	Status		
Hochfilzen	$\checkmark$		
Urmitz	$\checkmark$		
Kruft	$\checkmark$		
Trieben	$\checkmark$		
Hagen	$\checkmark$		
York	$\checkmark$		
Cuttack	$\checkmark$		
Valenciennes/ Flaumont	$\checkmark$		
Radenthein	H2 2022		
Brumado	H1 2023		
Contagem	H2 2023		

- Strategic initiatives aim to generate cumulative annual EBITA contribution of €110 million from cost savings
- Majority of projects now complete:
  - Capacity transferred from Kruft to Urmitz, Trieben to Radenthein and Hagen to Valenciennes/Flaumont
  - Modernisation and expansion of Urmitz for non-basic production
  - Modernisation and automation of Radenthein (control system commissioning in H1 2023)
  - Closed dolomite supply JV Sinterco
  - Hochfilzen expansion complete, new low-cost European dolomite hub
  - York capacity increase and automation complete
  - First stage of Contagem project complete
- Second phase of the Contagem project is expected to be adapted to reflect changes in key parameters (inflation, FX, freight)
- Brumado delayed to H1 2023





# Summary and outlook

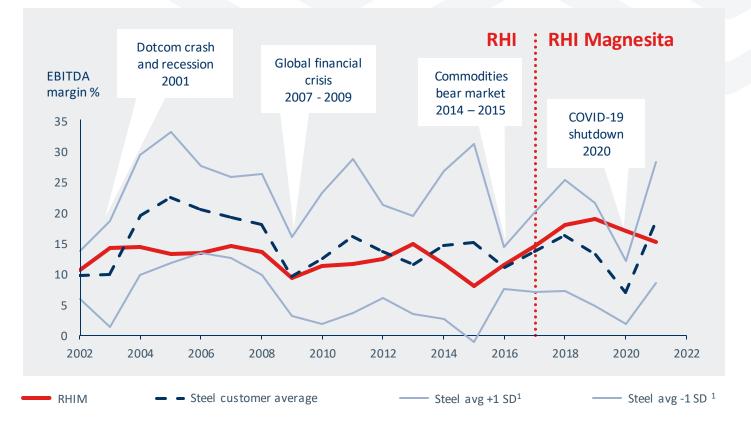




### **Resilient track record through the cycle**

The Group has a strong track record of maintaining margins throughout economic cycles

- Refractories are essential for modern life, a non-discretionary product that is vital for industrial production
  - Customer margins are volatile, refractory industry margins are not
- The RHI Magnesita of 2022 benefits from:
  - Cumulative strategic cost and sales savings since 2019
  - Industrial BU late cycle business
  - Broad geographic diversification from global footprint and recent growth in new markets
  - Consistent positive EBITA margin through historic business cycles
  - Earnings linked to customer production volumes, not prices



1. +/- 1 standard deviation for 6 major steel customers



## **Summary and outlook**

#### The leader of the global refractory industry

- We are continuing our strategic transformation
  - Production Optimisation Plan completion in 2023
  - Strong growth in new markets of India and China
  - Successful trial to sales conversions in Flow Control
  - M&A progress in Turkey, China and Recycling
  - Solutions contracts increased to 32% of revenue only RHI Magnesita can offer full heat management solutions to its customers globally
- We are a sustainability leader in the refractory industry
  - Recycling rate now at 9.3%
  - CO<sub>2</sub> capture R&D ongoing
  - Market leader in EAF refractories, essential for steel emissions reduction
- We are an innovation and technology leader
  - Bringing new refractory technologies to market
  - Technical solution to recycling challenges

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# Appendix



#### Guidance

- Total capital expenditure: €200m
  - Maintenance capex: €85m
  - Project capex: €115m
- Depreciation: €125m
- Amortisation: €25m
- Net interest expense: €25m (excluding pensions of €6m)
- Adjusted effective tax rate: 23 25 %<sup>1</sup>
- Strategic initiatives in 2023: €150 170 million
  - Cumulative EBITA benefit cost initiatives: €110 million
  - Cumulative EBITA benefit sales initiatives: €40 - 60 million

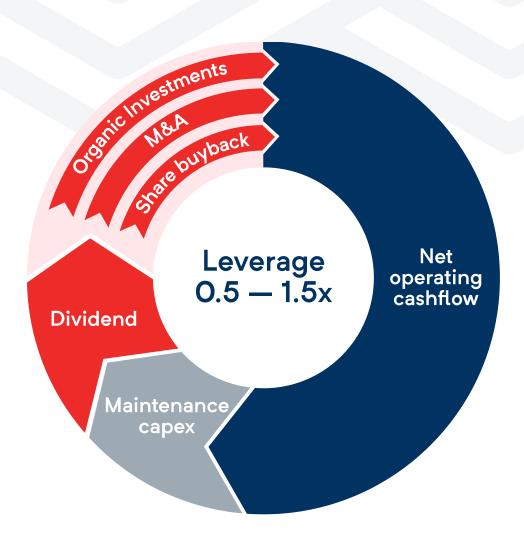






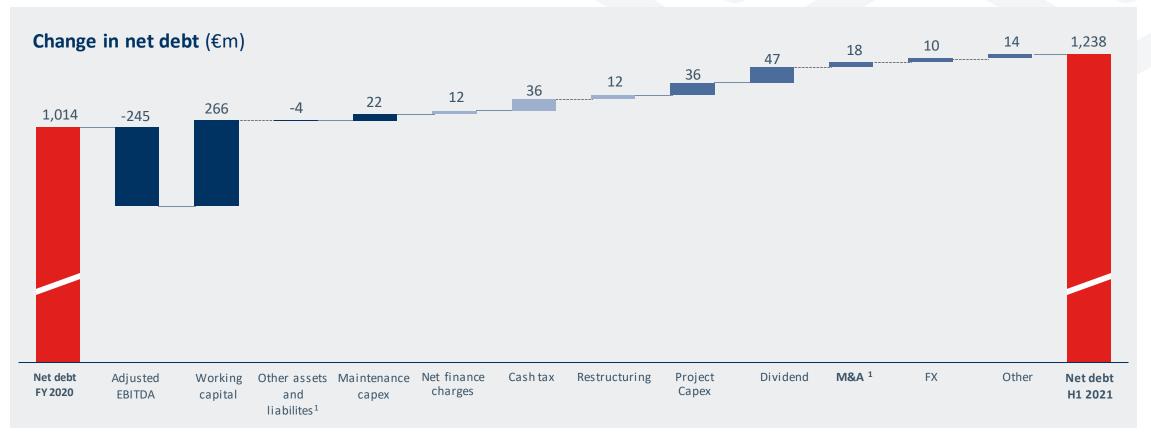
### **Capital allocation**

- RHI Magnesita allocates capital to support its long-term strategy, seeking to deliver attractive shareholder returns over the medium term
- 2.7x leverage currently above targeted range but to reduce in H2
- Organic investments:
  - €36 million project CAPEX in H1, further c.€80 million in H2
- Inorganic investments:
  - Chongqing JV, China, Horn & Co. JV, Germany and SÖRMAŞ, Turkey (closing in H2 2022)
- Shareholder returns of €47 million in H1 2022:
  - €47 million final 2021 dividend of €1.00ps
  - €0.50ps interim dividend declared, payable in September 2022





#### Net debt increase driven by working capital



1. Consideration paid for Joint Venture Chongqing, China, and Joint Venture Horn & Co, Germany



### Impact of foreign currency movement

EBITA sensitivity in H1 2022				H1 2022 exchange rates				
Apprec	iation vs EUR Increase / (decrease)	Deprecia	tion vs EUR Increase / (decrease)		HY 22	HY 22	HY 22	HY 21
Unit	in EBITA (€m)	Unit	in EBITA (€m)	EUR:	Opening Rate	Closing Rate	Average Rate	Average Rate
-1 cent	2.53	+1 cent	(2.53)	USD	1.13	1.08	1.10	1.19
-0.01 yuan	(0.07)	+0.01 yuan	0.07	CNY	7.20	7.18	7.11	7.68
-0.10 reais	(1.42)	+0.10 reais	1.42	BRL	6.30	5.12	5.63	6.38
-1 rupee	0.29	+1 rupee	(0.29)	INR	83.89	83.48	83.37	87.76
-0.1 lira	(0.03)	+0.1 lira	0.03	TRY	15.01	17.69	15.86	10.29
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#### Reconciliation of adjusted earnings

€m	HY 2022 Reported	Adjustment items	HY 2022 Adjusted
EBITA	177	11	188
Amortisation	(13)	13	
Net finance costs	(22)	3	(19)
Profit before tax	142	27	169
Income tax <sup>1</sup>	(38)	(3)	(41)
Profit after tax	104	25	129
Effective tax rate	26.8%	(280)bps	24.0%
Non controlling interest	7	-	7
Profit attributable to shareholders	97	24	121
EPS <sup>2</sup>	2.06	0.52	2.58

EBITA adjustments:

- €4 million relating to write downs in Russia of bad debt and inventory
- €2 million adjustment for the valuation of the unfavourable contract required to satisfy EU remedies
- €2 million legal fees and settlements

Net finance costs:

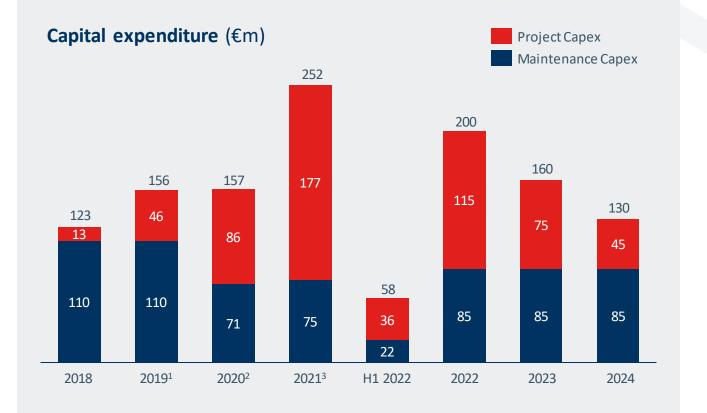
 €3 million adjustment for the valuation of the unfavourable contract required to satisfy EU remedies

<sup>1.</sup> Effective tax rate for a djusted EPS is calculated by applying the effective tax rate normalised for restructuring expenses and impairments

<sup>2.</sup> Total issued and outstanding share capital as at 30 June 2022 was46,999,019. The Company held 2,478,686 ordinary shares in Treasury.



#### Capital expenditure returning to lower levels



- €200 million capital expenditure expected in 2022
  - Increase of €15 million due to FX; depreciation of the euro against BRL
  - Increase of €6 million due to investment in alternative fuels due to ongoing uncertainty of European gas supply
- 2023 Capex increased to €160 million
  - €10 capital expenditure will be delayed from 2022 to 2023 from Brazil project delays

#### ESG 2025 targets



		H1 2022	2018 Base year
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions (t/t)	Reduce by 15% $CO_2$ per tonne of product by 2025 and aim for carbon neutrality in the long term	1.8	1.9
Energy efficiency (MWh/t)	Reduce by 5% per tonne of product by 2025	2.1	2.0
$NO_x$ and $SO_x$	Reduce by 30% by 2027 (vs 2018), starting with China by 2021	China target achieved	
Recycling	Increase use of secondary raw materials to 10% by 2025	9.3%	3.8%
Diversity	Increase women on our Board and in senior leadership to 33% by 2025	38%	12%

## RHI MAGNESITA

## **Group history**

#### History of RHI Magnesita

- The history of RHI Magnesita dates back to 1834 and the founding of the Chamottefabrik fireclay factory in Poland (then Prussia)
- In 1881, the first magnesite deposit was discovered in Veitsch, Austria
- RHI was formed in 1908 (Austro-American Magnesite Company) following the discovery of a new magnesite deposit in Austria
- Magnesita was founded in 1939, after the discovery of magnesite deposits in Brumado, Brazil
- RHI and Magnesita merged in 2017, to form RHI Magnesita, the global leader in the refractory industry with a 15% market share and 30% excluding China

#### Listing status and domicile

- RHI Magnesita maintains a Premium Listing on Main Market of the London Stock Exchange and is a constituent of the FTSE 250
- Strong commitment and full adherence to the UK corporate governance code
- The Company is incorporated in the Netherlands



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