

Full-year results 2023

**16 February 2024** 

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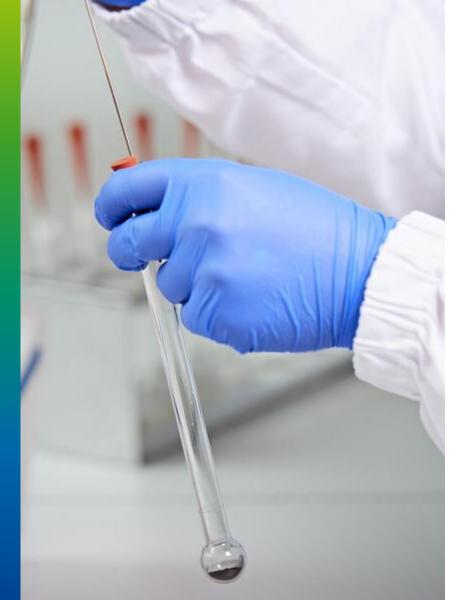
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# Agenda

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# Highlights 1

## Strong cash flows and margins in a tough year



Revenues

€ 3.9 bn

Adj. EBITDA

€ 972 mn

ROCE

13.5%

Free operating cash flow

€ 332 mn

Adj. EBITDA margin

25.0%

Leverage ratio

1.30x

- ✓ Resilient performance with
   > € 200 mn PGM price and inflation headwinds
- ✓ While significantly stepping up investments for future growth

Revenue:

# Financial discipline, accelerating efficiencies and additional strategic metal hedging



- ✓ Counteracting market headwinds and delivering on 2030 RISE
- ✓ Efficiency for Growth to support
  - ✓ Cost optimization
  - ✓ Top-line growth
  - ✓ Working capital improvement

Target EBITDA impact of

€ **70 mn** in 2024

> € 100 mn run-rate as from 2025

- ✓ Reduced capital expenditures
- ✓ Reduction of funding needs

- ✓ Additional strategic metal hedging to
  - ✓ Reduce volatility
  - ✓ Protect future earnings

# Organizational & reporting structure aligned with 2030 RISE





From 3 Business Groups to 4 based on important synergies and common characteristics while bringing increased focus



# Business review 2



# E&ST 2023 | Rechargeable Battery Materials



#### Significant milestones reached with focus on 2024 ramp-up





From strategic plan to execution with global footprint in place

- ✓ Refined CAPEX plan towards 2030
- ✓ c. € 1 bn of non-refundable grants for capacity expansions in NA and EU
- ✓ IONWAY's first CAM production plant to be built in Nysa, PL
- Complete technology portfolio and roadmap, covering all segments of EV market
- Customer and platform diversification with high-quality and derisked LT contracts
- CAM order book at 190 GWh in 2027 and at 270 GWh in 2030
- Unique business model, largely protected from key market volatility risks





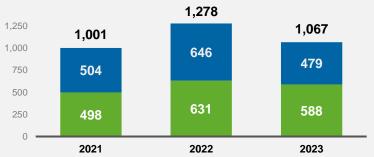


## E&ST 2023 | Performance

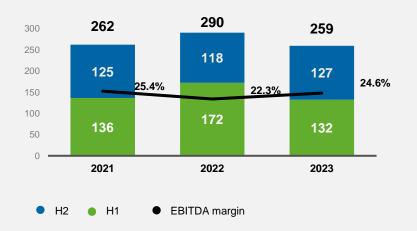


#### **Reshaping Battery Materials ahead of ramp-up**

#### E&ST Revenues (€ mn)



#### E&ST adj. EBITDA (€ mn) & EBITDA margin



#### **Rechargeable Battery Materials**

- Revenues down vs 2022
  - Lower non-recurring Li effect
  - Lower CAM revenues from legacy contracts
  - Revenues from upstream refining activities up YoY
- Earnings slightly above 2022
  - Supported by substantial one-off related to lower costs from mass production test runs and valorization of battery production scraps

Raw materials sourcing



Refining & Leaching



Upstream expertise in sustainable and low CO<sub>2</sub> metal sourcing and transformation

Refining make-or-buy
flexibility allowing
upstream supply chain
optimization
based on
market conditions

## E&ST 2023 | Performance



# Future Specialty Materials, focusing on growing need for advanced materials

#### Markets

- · Tool materials
- Industrial catalysts
- Superalloys & Hard Metals
- Pigments & paints

- Electronics
- Semiconductors
- Optics
- Jewlery Industry





- Optics
- Telecom
- Space Power



#### **Cobalt & Specialty Materials**

- Revenues below record 2022 level
  - Slowdown in demand across activities
  - Substantially declining Co and Ni prices
- Earnings further reflected lower revenues and competitive market context, adversely affecting distribution margins

#### **Metal Deposition Solution**

- Revenues stable vs 2022
  - Successful introduction of new electrolytes for portable electronics and solid demand in decorative applications, offset by challenging market context affecting thin-film productions

#### **Electro-Optic Materials**

- Revenues increased substantially YoY
  - High demand for space power applications and increased revenues from infrared solutions

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## Catalysis 2023 | Market context



#### Global annual increase of +7.8% in ICE car production

## Annual global ICE passenger car production (millions)



- LDG production well up in
  - Europe +11.6%
  - China +5.6%
  - America +5.3%

Global annual increase of +23% in HDV production led by Chinese and European markets

ICE Internal Combustion Engine
LDG Light-Duty Gasoline

HDV Heavy-Duty Vehicles

## Catalysis 2023 | Performance

# Strong market position unlocking substantial free cash flows and margins

#### **Automotive Catalysts**

- Higher revenues reflecting strong performance in EU and other regions
- Solid increase in margins supported by accelerated efforts on efficiency gains
- Strict working capital management resulting in strong free cash flows, in line with plan

#### **Precious Metals Chemistry**

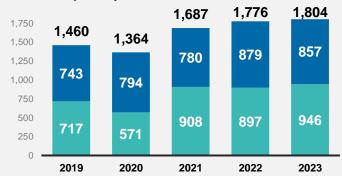
 Reduced activity in construction sector and lower demand in life science applications in H2

#### **Fuel Cell & Stationary Catalysts**

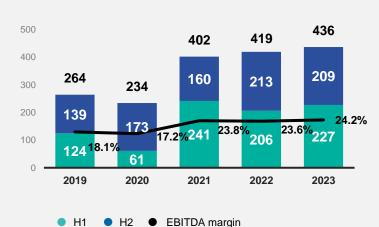
- Revenues well up, driven by continued strong demand for stationary catalysts and growing demand for green electrolysis PEM catalysts
- Greenfield mass production PEM FC and electrolysis plant started construction with strong customer pipeline



#### Revenues (€ mn)



#### Adj. EBITDA (€ mn) & EBITDA margin



## **Automotive Catalysts 2023**

# Fully on track capturing peak profitability to maximize value

#### **Strong market position**

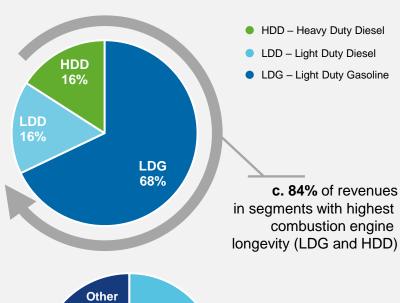
- Leading position in LDG with strong market share gains in Europe and other markets in 2023
- Outperforming global market in 2023

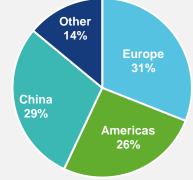
#### Further strong progress on efficiency improvements

- Highly efficient manufacturing system and production footprint
- Continued focus on efficiencies while adapting operations to market development



## 2023 Automotive Catalysts revenues per market segment





Revenue split per geography LDG only



## Recycling 2023 | Market context



#### **Substantially declining PGM prices**







## Recycling 2023 | Performance

# Resilient performance in 2023, in context of less favorable PGM prices

#### **Precious Metals Refining**

- Revenues below 2022, impacted by PGM prices
- Less favorable input-mix due to lower availability of complex PGM-rich recyclables; focus on most complex and valuable streams
- Automation & digitization to further accelerate operational excellence efforts

#### **Battery Recycling Solutions**

- Key enabler for sustainable electrification of mobility
- Preparing for exponential increase of battery scraps and EoL batteries to be recycled towards 2030
- Evaluating best location for larger-scale European battery recycling plant

#### **Jewelry & Industrial Metals**

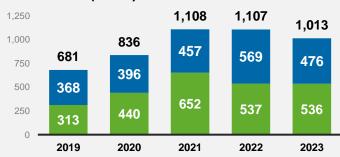
 Revenues below strong level of 2022, mainly reflecting impact of lower PGM prices in refining and recycling activities

#### **Precious Metals Management**

 Significantly higher contribution from favorable trading conditions in context of highly volatile precious metals prices - especially in H1







#### Adj. EBITDA (€ mn) & EBITDA margin





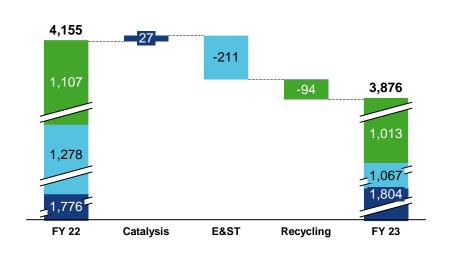


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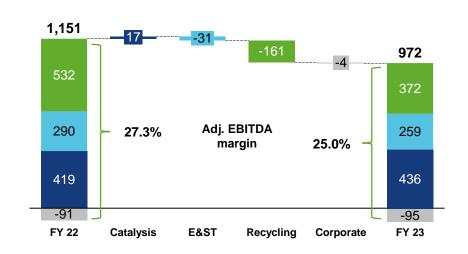
# Strong adj. EBITDA margins in all segments In context of declining PGM prices and further cost inflation



#### Revenue bridge (€ mn)



Adj. EBITDA bridge (€ mn)



Declining PGM prices and reduced non-recurring Li-effect

PGM price and cost inflation headwinds exceeding € 200 million

# Consolidated P&L Solid net result



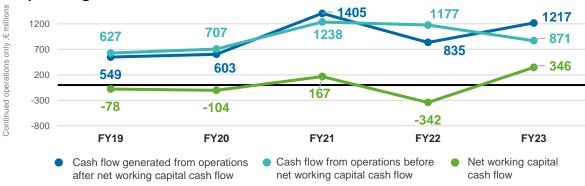
€ million	2022	2023
Adjusted EBITDA	1,151	972
- Depr. & Amortization	(286)	(298)
Adjusted EBIT	865	674
- Adj net finance cost	(125)	(110)
- Adjusted Tax	(145)	(121)
Adjusted net result	595	442
- Minorities	(2)	4
Adjusted net result Group share	593	447
Adjusted EPS	2.47	1.86
Adjustments to EBIT(DA)	(32)	(82)
Adjustments to net result Group share	(23)	(62)
Net result Group share	570	385

- Slight increase in D&A related to ongoing expansions in Rechargeable Battery Materials
- Decrease in adj. net finance cost, reflecting lower
   Fx related costs and stable net interest expenses
- Lower adj. tax charges from lower taxable profit against somewhat higher adj. effective Group tax rate (21.6% vs 20.0%)
- Adj. net result attributable to shareholders down to € 447 million, resulting in a € 1.86 adjusted EPS

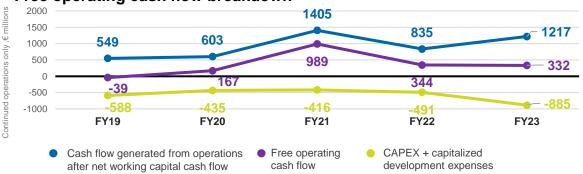
# Strong Free Operating Cash flow Supporting future growth



#### Operating cash flow breakdown



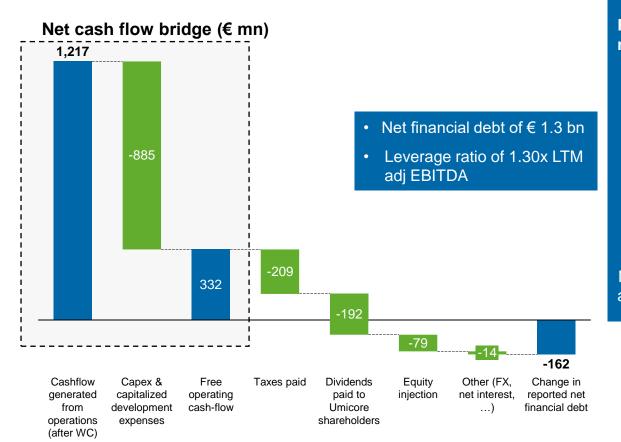
#### Free operating cash flow breakdown



- Group-wide focus on working capital improvement, resulting in a € 346 million reduction, in particular in Catalysis
- Cash flow from operations after changes in working capital increased to € 1,217 million
- Free operating cash flow remains strong at € 332 million, in particular considering the substantial increase in CAPEX in Battery Materials

# Limited increase in Net financial debt Leverage ratio of 1.30x LTM adj EBITDA





## Focus on CAPEX discipline, resulting in reduced net capital expenditures and funding needs

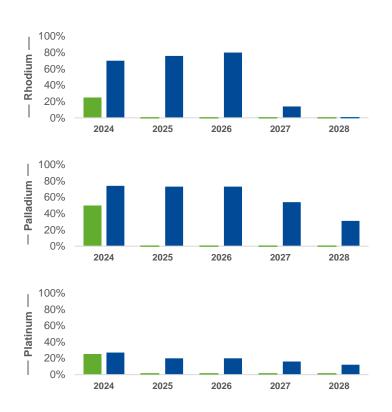
- Disciplined capacity phasing in line with customer contracts and orders
- Improved utilization of existing capacities in APAC allowing different ramp-up profile
- Optimized, more asset light upstream model
- Higher-than-anticipated government grants and subsidies
- JV CAPEX partly funded by non-recourse debt

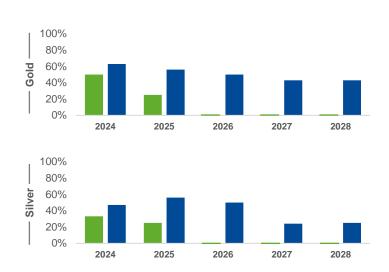
Net capital expenditures\* of € 922 million, taking into account JV equity contribution and capital grants

Net capital expenditures = capex – government grants and subsidies + equity contribution (e.g. IONWAY).

# Hedging of strategic metals exposure Increase visibility and reduce volatility of future earnings







- Strengthening our strategic metal hedging approach to reduce volatility, increase visibility of future cash flows and protect future earnings from exposure to specific precious metal prices
- Entered into forward contracts in 2023 to cover a substantial portion of our expected structural price exposure up to 2028



# Progress on sustainability roadmap

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# Industry leader in climate performance Further key steps in the Group's decarbonization journey



#### Climate Transition Plan unveiled

- Captures ongoing efforts to reduce GHG emissions across the Group's operations and value chain
- Underlines commitment to climate action, resilience and transparency

Dedicated sustainable sourcing frameworks for **nickel** and **lithium** 

Secured additional long-term green PPAs, **key lever for sustainable growth** 

**41%** renewable electricity globally, up from 35% 2021 baseline

**57%** renewable electricity in 2023

**5 long-term PPAs** for Belgium and Poland



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# Outlook 2024 key components







Umicore expects revenue growth in Battery Materials with revenues<sup>1</sup> in the range of € 575 million to € 675 million and an adjusted EBITDA margin of around 22%

Revenues and earnings are expected to be weighted in H2 2024, mainly reflecting the ramp-up profile of the new customer contracts

Adjusted EBITDA in Catalysis is anticipated to be slightly below the level of the previous record year, close to current market expectations<sup>2</sup>

Umicore expects that the 2024 adjusted EBITDA for Recycling will be below the level of the previous year, still well above the pre-2020 levels and in line with current market expectations<sup>3</sup>

Solid underlying performance particularly in H2 2024, with a maintenance shutdown of the smelter anticipated to impact volumes in H1

2024 adjusted EBITDA for **Specialty Materials is expected** to be somewhat below the level of the previous year

It is anticipated that Corporate costs will be € 15 to € 20 million lower in 2024 versus 2023

Based on the above, Umicore expects Group's adjusted EBITDA for the full year 2024 to be in the range of € 900 million to € 950 million.

For a complete overview of Umicore's 2024 outlook by Business Group, please refer to the appendices and the full-year results 2023 press release

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> All revenue elements less the value of the following purchased metals: Co, Ni, Li and Mn <sup>2</sup> Vara consensus as at Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 of € 423.8 million.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Vara consensus as at Feb. 15th, 2024 of € 324.1 million.



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# Wrap-up



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RESHAPING TO
BATTERY
MATERIALS 2.0
IN 2023 AND
SETTING THE
BASE FOR 2024
RAMP-UP

FINANCIAL
DISCIPLINE,
ACCELERATING
EFFICIENCIES
& ADDITIONAL
METAL HEDGING TO
COUNTERACT
HEADWINDS



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# Appendices

# 2024 full Outlook – Battery Materials



Based on the current market visibility and all else equal, Umicore expects revenue growth in Battery Materials with revenues in the range of € 575 million to € 675 million and an adjusted EBITDA margin around 22%. The ramp-up of new customer contracts in Europe and an improved capacity utilization in Asia will result in a significant year-on-year increase in volumes and revenues from cathode active materials (CAM), while the contribution from the upstream refining activities are expected to remain roughly in line with 2023.

Given the absence of the one-off that supported 2023 earnings as well as the impact of costs related to the ongoing ramp-up and capacity expansions in Europe and North America, earnings for the full year are expected to remain roughly in line with the previous year. Excluding this one-off effect, the underlying performance in Battery Materials is expected to increase significantly year on year. Revenues and earnings are expected to be weighted in the second half of 2024, reflecting mainly the ramp-up profile of the new customer contracts.

# 2024 full Outlook – Catalysis



In 2024, the business unit Automotive Catalysts is expected to continue to benefit from its strong market position. Growth in heavy-duty diesel volumes in China is expected to offset lower volumes in ICE light-duty vehicle applications resulting in continued strong underlying performance. Adjusted EBITDA in Catalysis is anticipated to be slightly below the level of the previous record year, close to current market expectations\*, in a context of a lower PGM price environment and taking into account the current strategic metal hedges.

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# 2024 full Outlook – Recycling

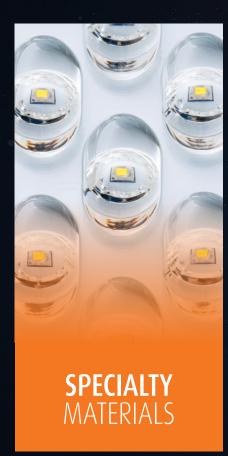


Precious Metals Refining is expected to post solid underlying performance particularly in the second half of the year, with a maintenance shutdown of the smelter anticipated to impact volumes in the first half. Earnings of the **Recycling** Business Group will feel the effect of a less favorable precious metal price environment.

Assuming current metal prices were to prevail throughout the year and considering the current strategic metal hedges, it is expected that the 2024 adjusted EBITDA for the Business Group will be below the level of the previous year, still well above the pre-2020 levels and in line with current market expectations\*.

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# 2024 full Outlook - Specialty Materials



In **Specialty Materials**, Umicore anticipates continued strong performance in Electro-Optic Materials, partially offsetting less favorable market conditions impacting the performance of the business units Cobalt and Specialty Materials and Metal Deposition Solutions. It is expected that the 2024 adjusted EBITDA for the Business Group will be somewhat below the level of the previous year.

# 2024 full Outlook - Corporate and Group

It is anticipated that **Corporate costs** will be € 15 to € 20 million lower in 2024 versus 2023.

Based on the information provided on slides 36 to 40
Umicore expects Group's adjusted EBITDA for the full year 2024
to be in the range of € 900 million to € 950 million

# Glossary



Adjusted EBIT	EBIT - EBIT adjustments including total other income, income taxes, depreciation and amortization, and excluding non-recurring, irregular and one-time items	
Adjusted EBIT margin	Adjusted EBIT of fully consolidated companies / revenues excluding metals	
Adjusted EBITDA	Adjusted EBIT + adjusted depreciation and amortization of fully consolidated companies	
Adjusted items	Adjusted items are the items that are considered by management not to relate to items in the ordinary course of activities of the Group. They are presented separately as they are important for the understanding of users of the consolidated financial statements of the performance of the Umicore Group.	
	Adjusted items relate to:     Restructuring measures,     Impairment of assets, and other income or expenses arising from events or transactions that are clearly distinct from the ordinary activities of the company,     Sale of business activities or environmental provisions related to historic pollution and environmental remediation of closed sites	
Average capital employed	For half years: average of capital employed at start and end of the period; For full year: average of the half year averages	
Average number of shares outstanding	<ul> <li>Basic: average number of outstanding shares</li> <li>Diluted: average number of outstanding shares + number of potential new shares to be issued under the existing stock option plans x dilution impact of the stock option plans</li> </ul>	
Closed loop	For Umicore a "closed loop" involves taking back secondary materials from customers (e.g. production residues) or End-of-Life materials (e.g. used mobile phones, automotive catalysts). The recovered metals are then fed back into the economic cycle	
Effective adjusted tax rate	Adjusted tax charge / adjusted profit (loss) before income tax of fully consolidated companies	
Return on capital employed (ROCE)	Adjusted EBIT / average capital employed	
Revenues (excl. Metals)	All revenue elements less the value of the following purchased metals: Au, Ag, Pt, Pd, Rh, Co, Ni, Pb, Cu, Ge and also incl. Li, Mn as of 2021. In order to neutralize distortions from fluctuating metal prices and precious metal prices in particular, Umicore uses revenues excluding the value of purchased metals rather than turnover (which include the value of the purchased metals) to track its performance. This is an industry practice followed by direct peers with similar activities.	

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## Financial calendar



22 March 2024	Annual report 2023
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25 April 2024 **AGM 2023** 

26 July 2024

29 April 2024 **Ex-dividend trading date** 

30 April 2024 Record date for the dividend

02 May 2024 Payment date for the dividend

Half-year results 2024

