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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, adjusted operating income, free cash flow and adjusted EBITDA.

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WHO WE ARE – VISION, STRATEGY, CULTURE

Avient Corporation (NYSE: AVNT) provides specialized and sustainable material solutions that transform customer challenges into opportunities, bringing new products to life for a better world.

Examples include:

- Barrier technologies that preserve the shelf-life and quality of food, beverages, medicine and other perishable goods through high-performance materials that require less plastic
- Light-weighting solutions that replace heavier traditional materials like metal, glass and wood, which can improve fuel efficiency in all modes of transportation
- Breakthrough technologies that minimize wastewater, improve the recyclability of materials and advance a circular economy
- Composite solutions to support accelerated growth of 5G / fiber-optic infrastructure investment as the world demands greater and faster connectivity

Avient employs approximately 8,400 associates and is certified ACC Responsible Care® and a founding member of the Alliance to End Plastic Waste.



OUR VISION

At Avient, we create specialized and sustainable material solutions that transform customer challenges into opportunities, bringing new products to life for a better world.

OUR STRATEGY

Specialization

Differentiates us through unique value-creating offerings to our customers.

Globalization

Positions us to serve our customers consistently, everywhere in the world.

Operational Excellence

Empowers us to respond to the voice of the customer with relentless continuous improvement.

Commercial Excellence

Governs our activities in the marketplace to deliver extraordinary value to our customers.

OUR CULTURE

Core Values

Collaboration. Innovation. Excellence.

These core values, which begin with our individual decisions and actions, focus our attention on putting the customer first by creating genuine value through collaboration, innovation and an unwavering commitment to excellence. We will uphold these values with the utmost integrity in all that we do.

Personal Values

Integrity. Honesty. Respect.

These personal values begin with each of us—the judgments and decisions we make as individuals affect the way Avient is viewed in the marketplace and in the communities where we work.



BETTER TOGETHER: POLYONE AND CLARIANT MASTERBATCH

Just a few months ago, we completed the acquisition of the Clariant Masterbatch business, the largest acquisition in the 20-year history of our company.

We did so at a time when the world craves a more sustainable planet, unprecedented innovation and economic growth. It's also a time where people seek strong relationships, diverse perspectives and an opportunity to accept the most pressing challenges of today.

It's in this spirit that we joined legacy PolyOne and the Clariant Masterbatch business, two complementary businesses, and formed a new one that we've named Avient.

As one, we are better positioned than ever before to lead and to make a positive difference.



Key Data

2021E Sales \$4.1 billion

2021E EBITDA \$510 million

2021E Free Cash Flow \$250 million

87% of EBITDA from specialty applications

We are better together through:

Keeping Safety First — PolyOne and Clariant are both ACC Responsible Care® companies, and nothing is more important than the health, safety and well-being of our people.

Investing in Innovation — Specialty companies invest to grow, so we ensure our resources are concentrated on material science for high-growth end markets, poised for value creation in the long term.

Operating Globally, Serving Locally — As a truly global company, we have operations and technical expertise around the world to efficiently serve our customers...wherever they may need us.

Leveraging Service as Our Timeless Differentiator — We serve our customers with excellence to build trusting, lasting and collaborative relationships.

Leading in Sustainability — PolyOne and Clariant are both founding members of the Alliance to End Plastic Waste, and we are committed to meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same.

Being a Great Place to Work — We listen to feedback from our associates then take action in building our high-performance culture and being a global employer of choice.

Supporting Diversity and Inclusion — All associates are valued and encouraged to bring their true selves to work every day, and ensuring equal access and opportunity will contribute to our organization's success.

Thriving as a Specialty Growth Company — Performance is inextricably linked to the investments we make in People, Products and Planet. Solidifying Avient as a specialty growth company ensures ongoing longevity and value creation for our associates, customers, communities and shareholders.

These endeavors are made possible by the joining of our businesses.

We are better together.

We are Avient.

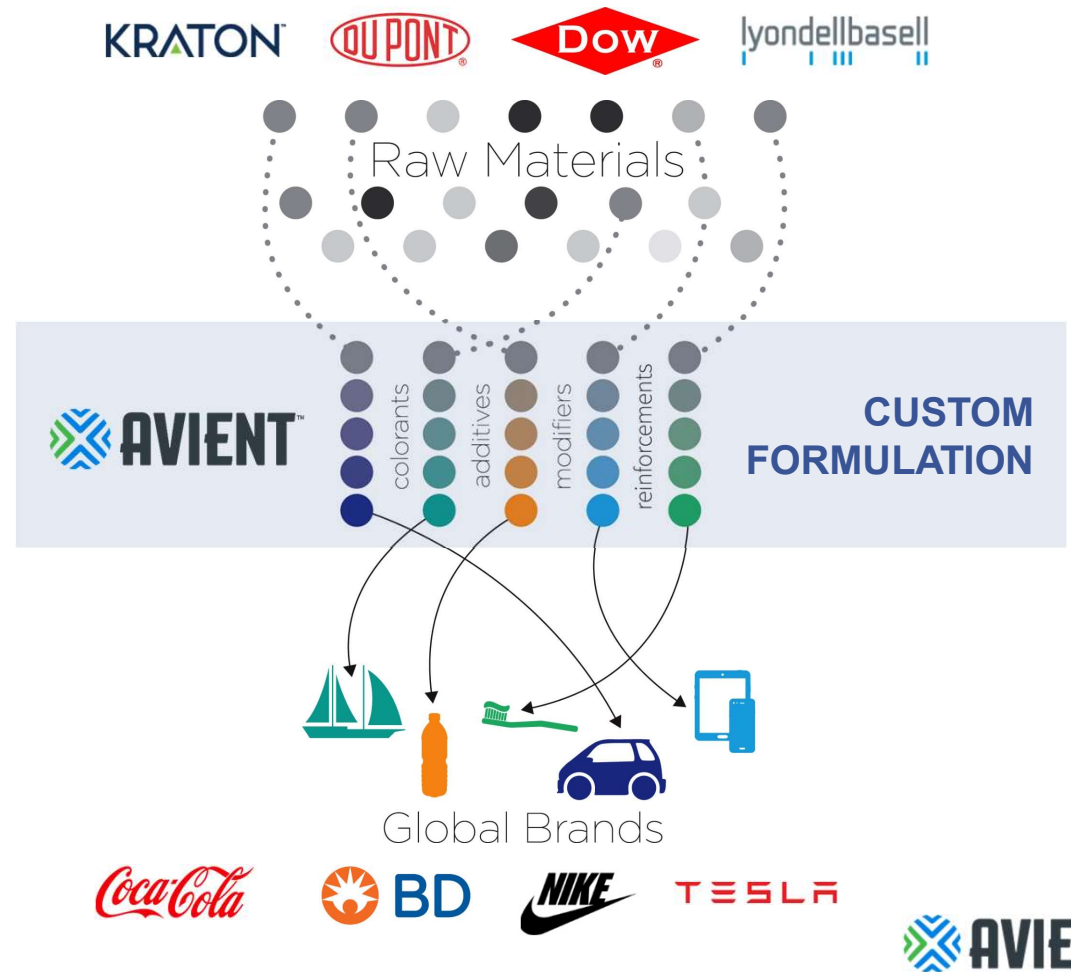


WHAT WE DO: MATERIAL SCIENCE

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.



WHY AVIENT WINS

At Avient, we've built a culture of winning and how we do so is unique, lasting and difficult to replicate. It's why customers choose us. And we have over 21,000 who do.

Whether it's an ambitious start-up bringing a new product to market, or a large, multi-national OEM looking for consistency and reliability of global supply, Avient is built for long-term partnerships. Tenure of our relationships with multi-national OEMs exceeds 15 years. Big or small, we earn customers, and we keep them.

Speed to market is essential today, and Avient plays a crucial role in our customers' success. Our exceptional polymer scientists and design engineers are integral to their product development process. We iterate fast and often. Design times can be less than three days for colorants.

Ultimately, it's about delivery – on time, efficient, and to the exact quality specifications that our customers demand. With over 100 Avient production and distribution facilities, all operating with the rigor of Lean Six Sigma principles and excellence, we are proud to serve our valued customers wherever they need us. That's winning. That's Avient.

Deep Customer Relationships & Application Know-How

We sell solutions not commodities.

21,000+
CUSTOMERS

Superior Design Capabilities & Advanced Analytics

We iterate fast and often.

>75% of sales
ARE CUSTOMIZED SOLUTIONS
TO UNIQUE SPECIFICATIONS

Global Footprint Strategically Aligned to Serve Customers

We produce locally, serve globally.





AVIENT'S VALUE CREATION LEVERS

Exposure to high growth end markets

Investment in commercial resources and innovation

Strong free cash flow generation / capital deployment

Clariant Masterbatch synergies

COVID recovery

Re-Rating: Current share price valuation

Avient is poised for near-term and long-term shareholder value creation.



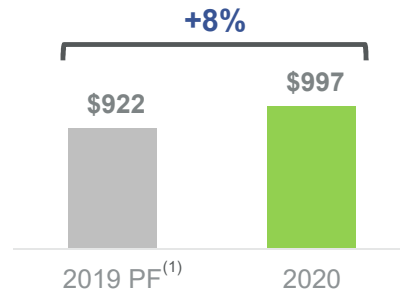


**Q4 AND FULL YEAR
2020 PERFORMANCE**

Q4 2020 ORGANIC PERFORMANCE

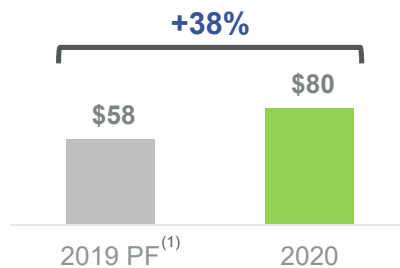
(\$ in millions except EPS)

Sales



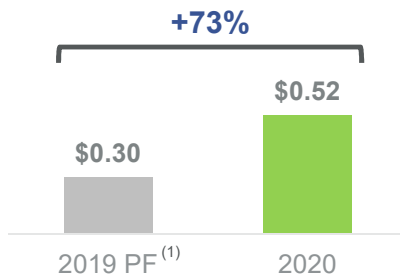
- Record 4th quarter sales, adjusted operating income and adjusted EPS performance

Adjusted Operating Income



- All segments delivered year-over-year sales and operating income growth, led by consumer and healthcare end markets

Adjusted EPS



- Clariant Masterbatch integration synergy capture ahead of schedule: \$5 million realized in 2020

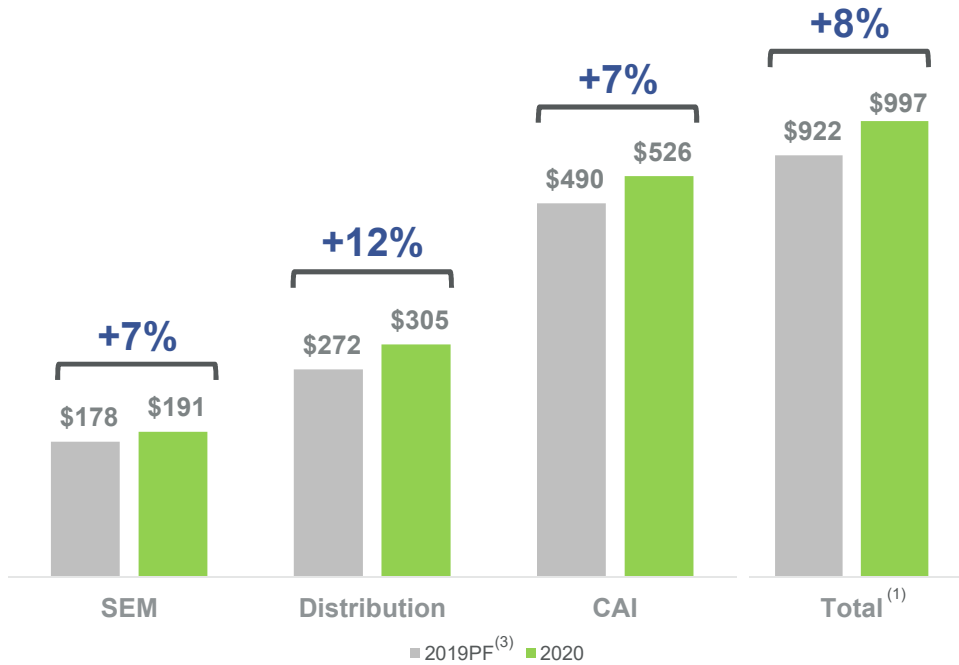
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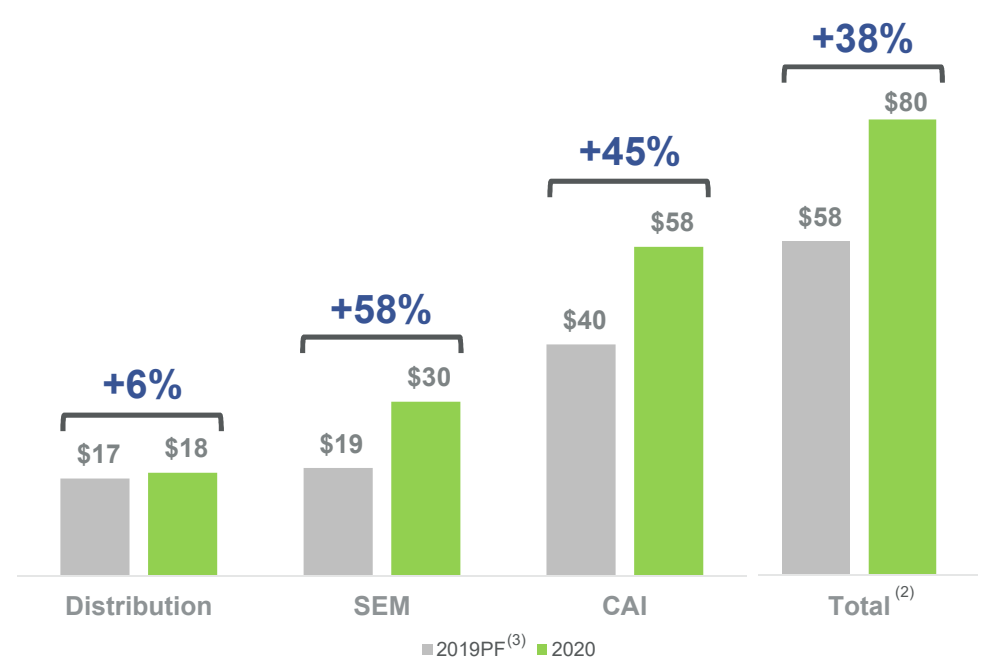
Q4 2020 SEGMENT PERFORMANCE

Sales

(\$ in millions)



Operating Income



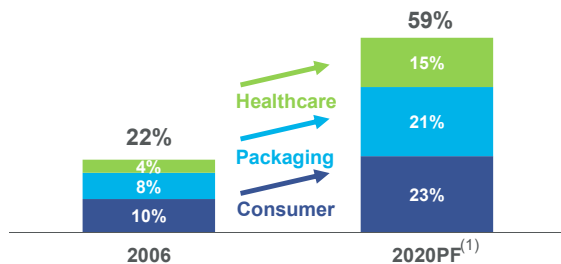
- (1) Total company sales include intercompany sales eliminations
- (2) Total company reflects adjusted operating income and includes corporate costs
- (3) Financial information is pro forma to include a full year of Clariant Masterbatch business acquisition

2020 HIGHLIGHTS

- Completed transformational Clariant Masterbatch acquisition and created new brand name Avient
- Increased pro forma adjusted EPS 11% from \$1.74 to \$1.93 as an essential supplier during the pandemic and due to growth in demand for consumer applications
- Specialty Engineered Materials delivered record operating income on gains from composites
- Achieved record free cash flow, increased dividend for 10th year in a row and delevered from 3.5x to 2.7x net debt to pro forma adjusted EBITDA
- Culture is everything: Certified as a Great Place to Work[®]

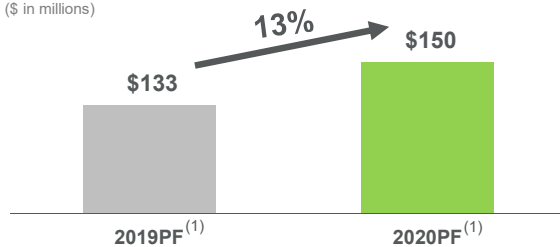
CLARIANT MASTERBATCH: TRANSFORMATIONAL ACQUISITION

Avient Portfolio Transformation

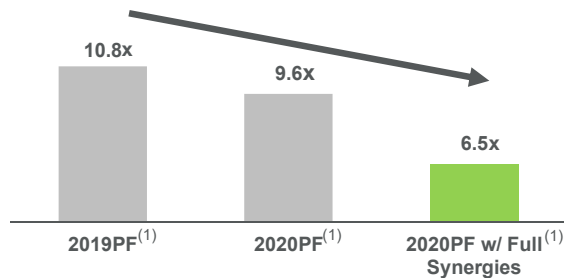


Clariant MB EBITDA Growth

(\$ in millions)



Purchase Price Multiple

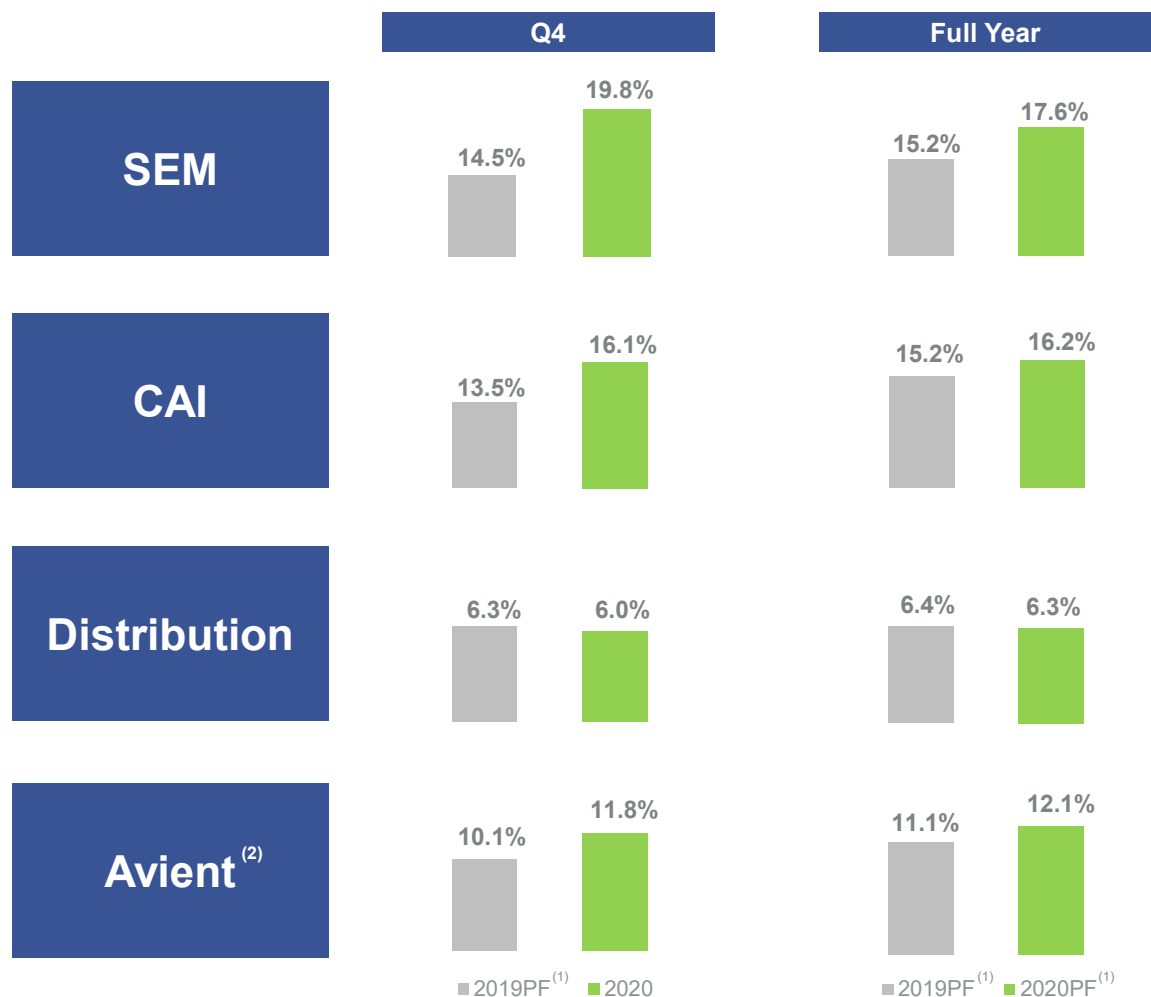


- Acquisition of Clariant Masterbatch significantly expands presence in healthcare, packaging and consumer end markets
- Strength of portfolio – 13% EBITDA growth as an essential supplier in COVID response and recovery
- Acquisition completed on July 1, 2020 for \$1.4 billion. Purchase price multiple rapidly declining on strength of business and synergy capture

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EBITDA MARGIN EXPANSION



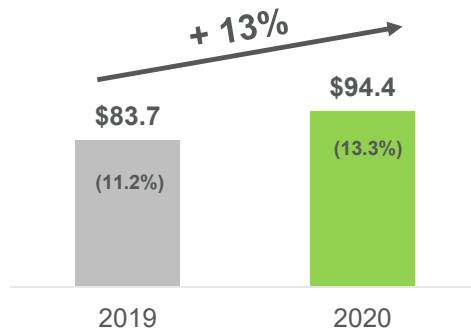
- Composites and Outdoor High Performance applications drove positive mix within SEM
- Clariant Masterbatch synergy realization under way and expected to drive further margin expansion in 2021
- Portfolio transformation to high growth end markets with focus on sustainable solutions megatrend



SPOTLIGHT: COMPOSITES

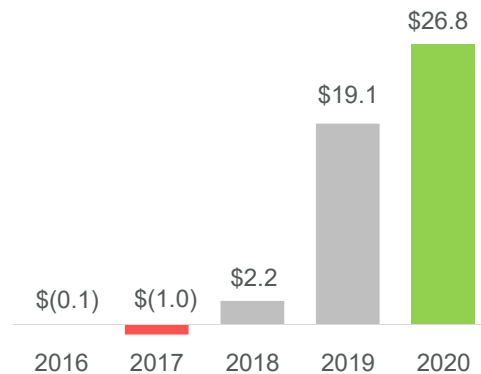
(\$ in millions)

**SEM
Operating
Income**
(OI % of Sales)



- SEM delivers a record year in 2020 – 13% operating income growth and over 200 bps in margin expansion year-over-year

**Composites
Performance**
(Operating Income)

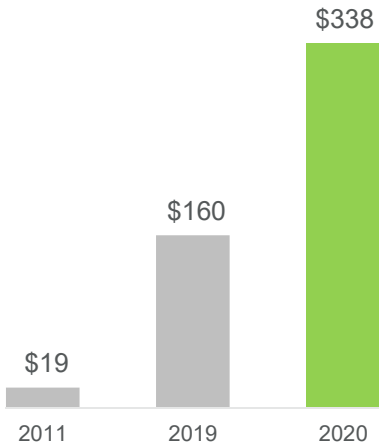


- Prior investments in composites platform and outdoor high performance applications paying off, resulting in substantial growth over the last two years

FREE CASH FLOW AND CAPITAL ALLOCATION

Free Cash Flow

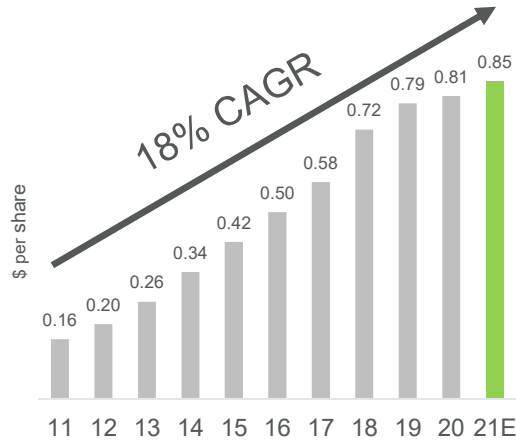
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Cash Generation

Dividends

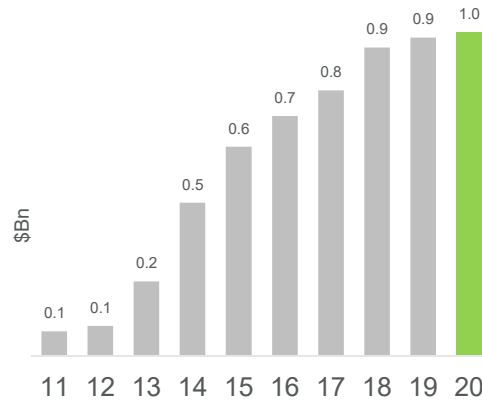
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PAID OVER LAST 10 YEARS



Growing Dividend

Share Repurchases

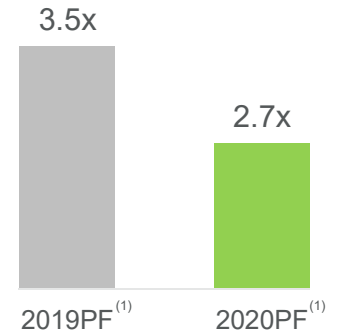
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REPURCHASED
OVER LAST 10 YEARS



Cumulative Buybacks

Deleveraging

2.7x
NET LEVERAGE



Net Leverage

(1) Financial information is pro forma to include a full year of Clariant Masterbatch business acquisition

GREAT PLACE TO WORK!



Our employees have spoken!
Our company culture is amazing and our
Great Place to Work Certification™ proves it.

Source: 2020 Great Place to Work Trust Index® Survey



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2021 OUTLOOK

CLARIANT INTEGRATION & COST SYNERGIES UPDATE

Synergies (\$ millions)	Initial Three-Year Estimate	Revised Three-Year Estimate	2021 Expected Realization
Administrative	\$ 18	\$ 20	\$ 15
Sourcing	24	30	15
Operational	18	25	5
Total Synergies	\$ 60	\$ 75	\$ 35

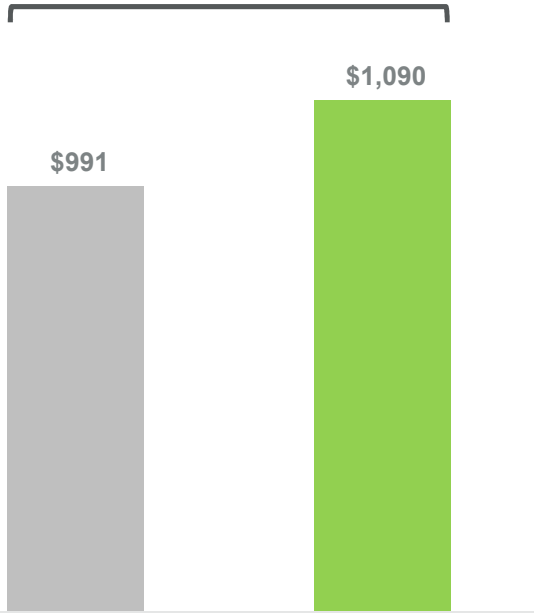
- Integration going extremely well: synergy target increased from \$60 million to \$75 million
- \$5 million of synergies in 2020 and expect to realize \$35 million in 2021
- Relentless focus on guiding principles of safety first, employee collaboration and exceeding customer expectations
- Future revenue synergies are not part of these estimates and represent additional growth over the long term

ORGANIC GROWTH PROJECTIONS – Q1

(TOTAL COMPANY)

Sales

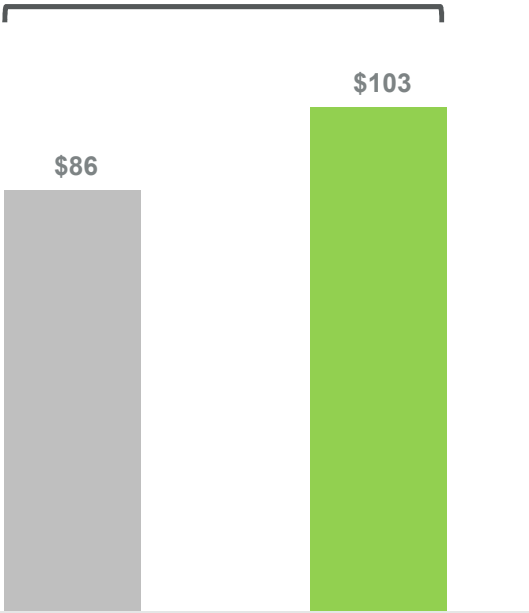
+ 10%



(in millions)

Adjusted Operating Income

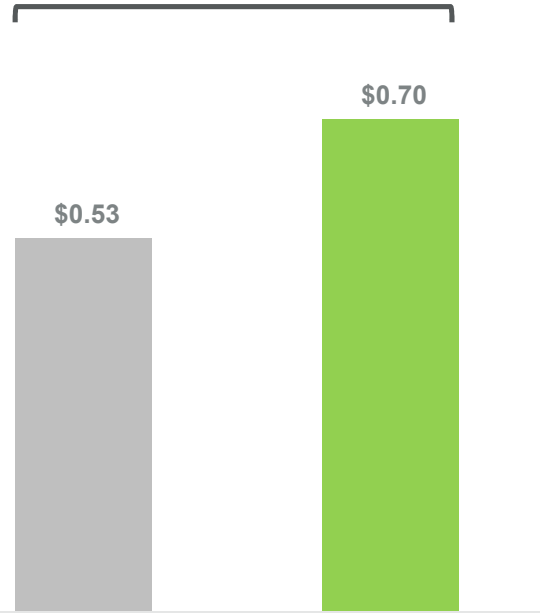
+ 20%



(in millions)

Adjusted EPS

+ 32%



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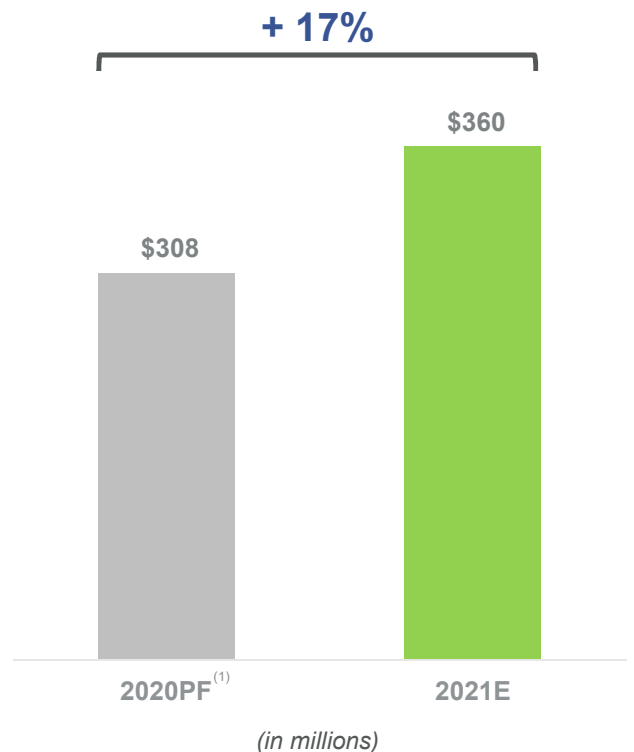
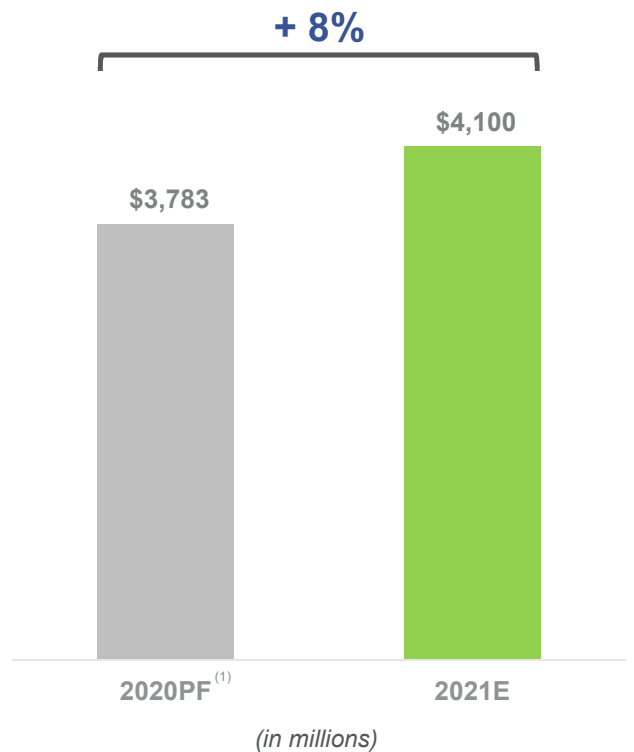
ORGANIC GROWTH PROJECTIONS – FULL YEAR

(TOTAL COMPANY)

Sales

Adjusted Operating Income

Adjusted EPS



(1) Financial information is pro forma to include a full year of Clariant Masterbatch business acquisition



2021 ORGANIC SALES AND OPERATING INCOME

(TOTAL COMPANY)

<i>\$ millions</i>	Sales	Growth Rate	Adjusted Operating Income
2020 Pro forma⁽¹⁾	\$3,783		\$308
Sustainable Solutions	60	11%	24
Healthcare	60	11%	18
Composites	20	10%	10
Growth in Emerging Regions	50	7%	11
Other (GDP growth)	82	5%	11
Sub-total	\$4,055	7%	\$382
COVID Response Applications ⁽²⁾	(25)	-	(11)
Outdoor High Performance Applications	(15)	-	(7)
Asia Payroll Tax Subsidy (COVID)	-	-	(4)
FX Impact	85	-	7
Synergies	-	-	30
Incentives, Travel, Other Employee Costs	-	-	(37)
2021 Estimated	\$4,100	8%	\$360

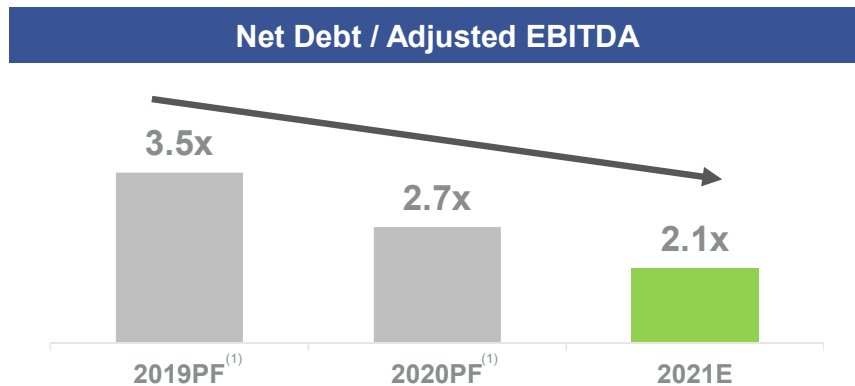
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(2) COVID Response Applications: facemasks, personal protective equipment



CASH FLOW AND LEVERAGE

(\$ millions)	2020	2021E
Adjusted EBITDA	382	510
Working Capital: Source / (Use)	116	(30)
Cash Taxes	(40)	(53)
Interest Paid	(67)	(76)
CapEx	(62)	(75)
CapEx for Synergy Capture	(2)	(20)
Restructuring for Synergy Capture	(11)	(25)
Other	22	19
Free Cash Flow	338	250



- Asset light business generates significant free cash flow
- Cash generation in 2021 partially offset by restructuring activities to capture synergies associated with the Clariant Masterbatch acquisition
- Cash flow deployed to M&A, opportunistic share repurchases and balance sheet / leverage reduction

2021 PROJECTIONS

- **8% increase in sales drives 24% increase in adjusted EPS to \$2.40** (\$2.70 excluding step-up depreciation and amortization) as a result of continued growth in sustainable solutions and synergy capture
- Clariant synergy capture ahead of schedule: **\$35M** of savings planned from Clariant Masterbatch acquisition
- **Adjusted EBITDA of \$510M** – highest level in company history
- Deleveraging ahead of schedule – **2.1x** net debt to adjusted EBITDA by the end of 2021



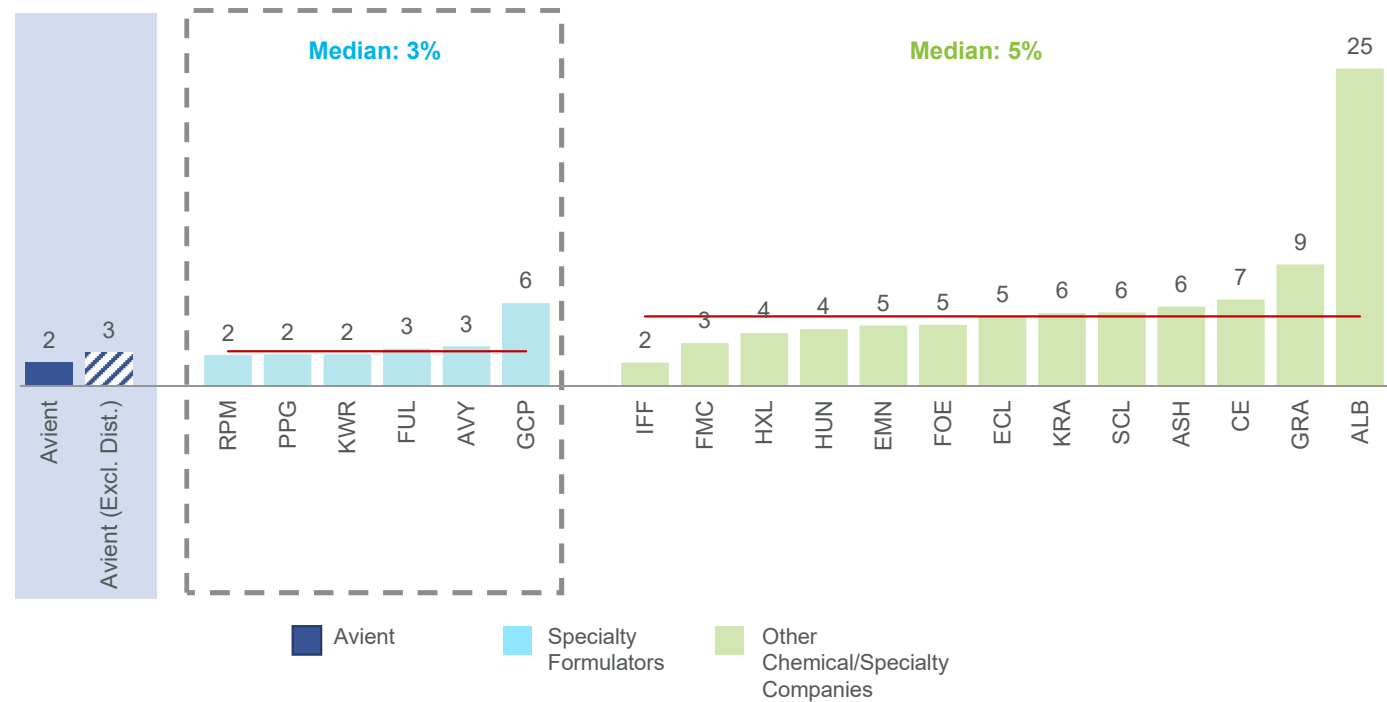
PEER COMPARISONS

AVIENT IS ASSET LIGHT

As a specialty formulator, we don't require significant capital investment, as compared to the base resin raw material suppliers we purchase from. Even more, our manufacturing capabilities are flexible and easily adaptable to changing customer needs.

As we grow, we can add capacity with minimal investment. Whether an additional line at an existing manufacturing plant, or a new facility in a growing region, we ramp-up quickly and cost-efficiently.

Capex / Revenue
2021E (%)

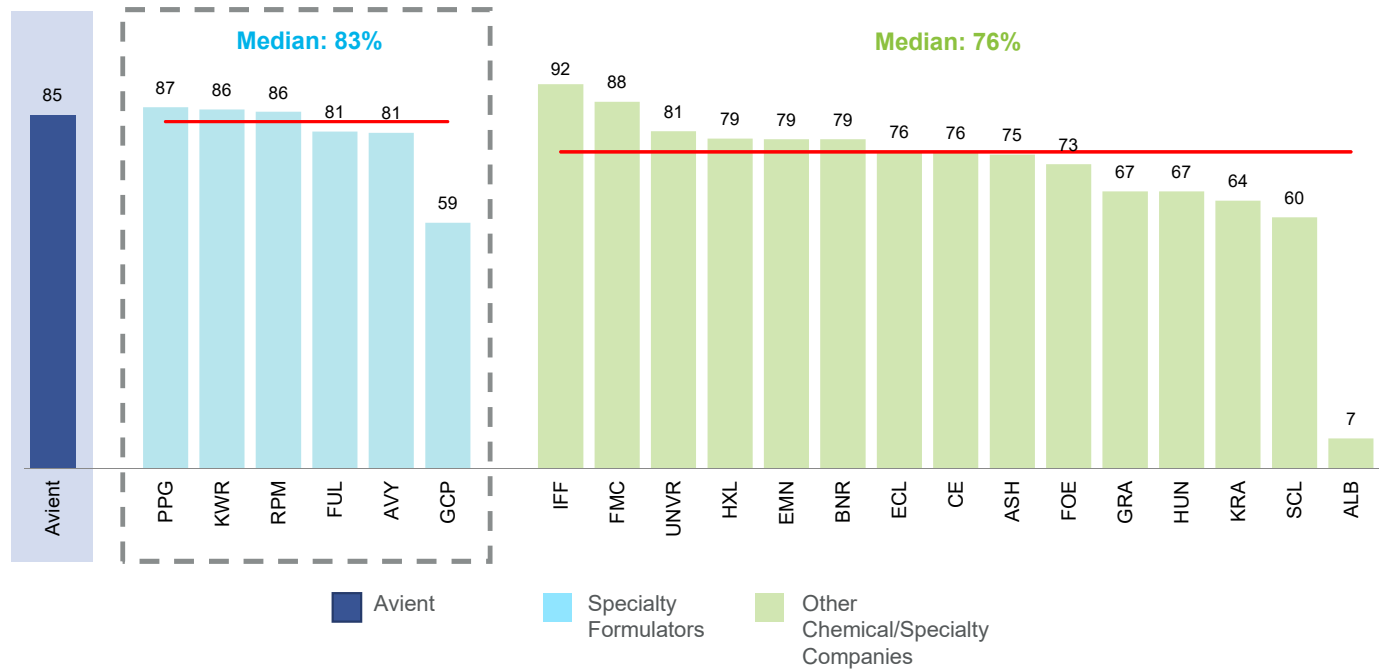


Source: Peer data per Bloomberg market data as of February 5, 2021
Avient reflects 2021 estimated revenue of \$4,100M and excludes one-time synergy capture CAPEX (\$20M)



HIGH FREE CASH FLOW CONVERSION

Free Cash Flow Conversion ⁽¹⁾
2021E (%)



Source: Peer data per Bloomberg market data as of February 5, 2021
Avient reflects 2021 estimated EBITDA of \$510M and excludes one-time synergy capture CAPEX (\$20M)

1. Free cash flow conversion calculated as (EBITDA – Capex) / EBITDA



Being asset light helps us to generate strong free cash flow that is in line with specialty formulators.

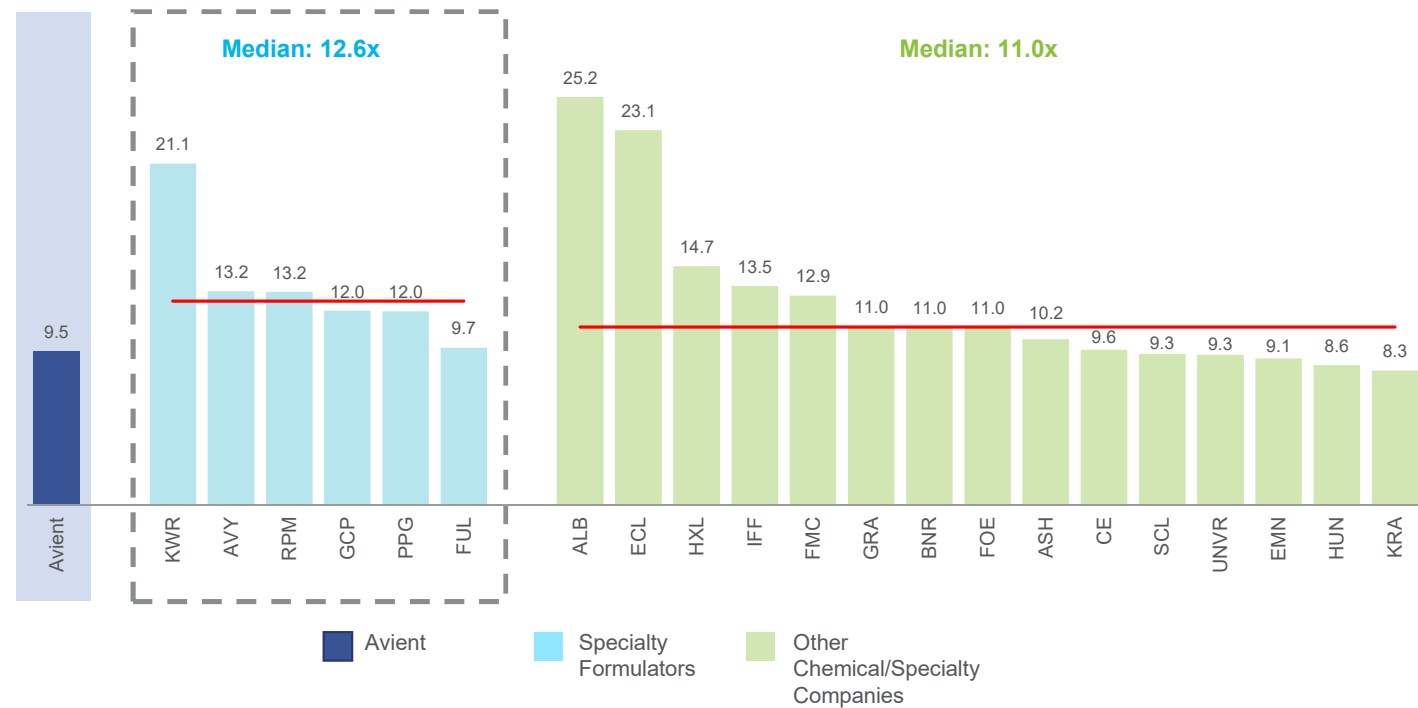
Our free cash flow supports shareholder value creation through investing in R&D for organic growth, completing bolt-on acquisitions, and returning cash to shareholders via our dividend program and opportunistic share repurchases.

OUR VALUATION VERSUS PEERS

Our current valuation implies an EBITDA multiple that is significantly below specialty formulator peers and our historic valuations, when the company had considerable exposure to more cyclical and challenging end markets.

With the Clariant Masterbatch acquisition and divestment of the PP&S business, our exposure is now concentrated in less-cyclical and high-growth markets, with increased geographic diversification and a more specialized portfolio that can significantly expand EBITDA margins.

Total Enterprise Value / 2021E EBITDA



Source: Peer data per Bloomberg market data as of February 5, 2021
Avient reflects 2021 estimated EBITDA of \$510M





SUMMARY: WHY INVEST IN AVIENT?

We are a specialty formulator that enables many of the world's products through innovation and custom solutions. We take great pride in our essential role and responsibility—to our people, our customers, our planet and our shareholders.

In 2021 we expect substantial earnings growth and strong cash flow generation as we emerge from the COVID-19 pandemic. We will deliver for our stakeholders through multiple value creation levers—many of which are unique to Avient:

- Demand for sustainable solutions, healthcare, and composites, together with Clariant Masterbatch revenue synergies, that will drive 2021 revenue growth of 8% and long-term growth in excess of GDP
- Clariant Masterbatch cost synergy capture will result in significant near-term benefit

In addition, we remain committed to increasing annual dividends in line with earnings growth and opportunistically buying back shares, all while remaining modestly levered.

Simply put...

We solve customers' most pressing material science challenges.

We create value for our stakeholders and we love to win.

We are Avient.

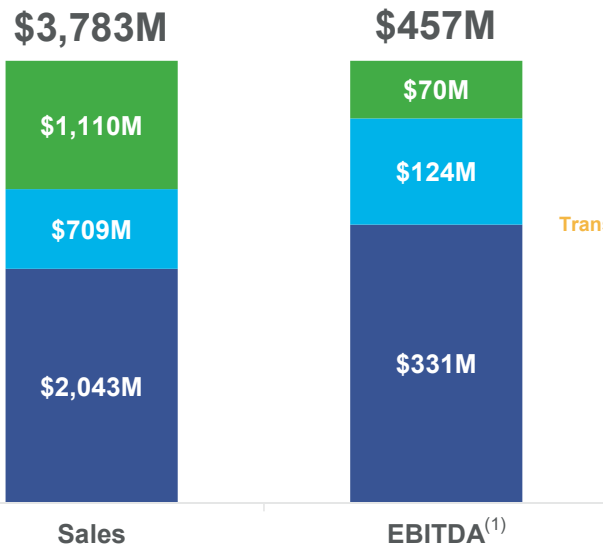




SEGMENT HIGHLIGHTS

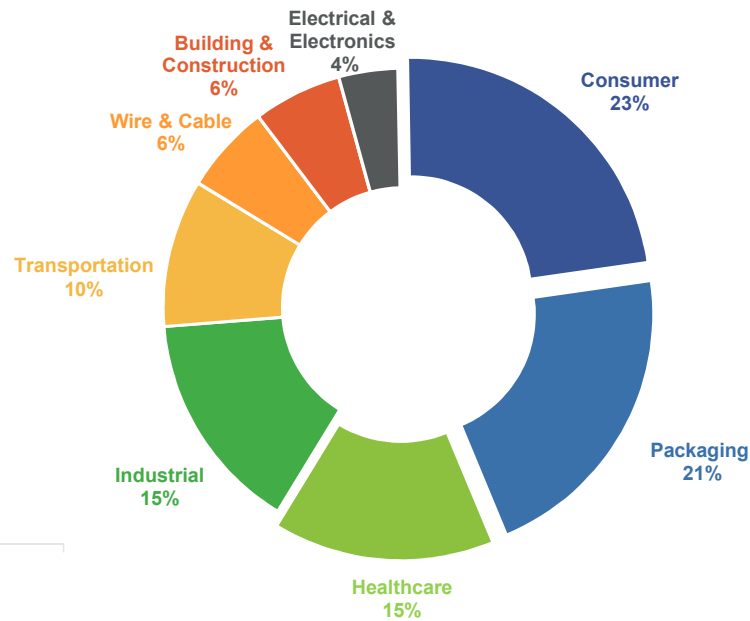
2020 SEGMENT, END MARKET AND GEOGRAPHY

SEGMENT FINANCIALS

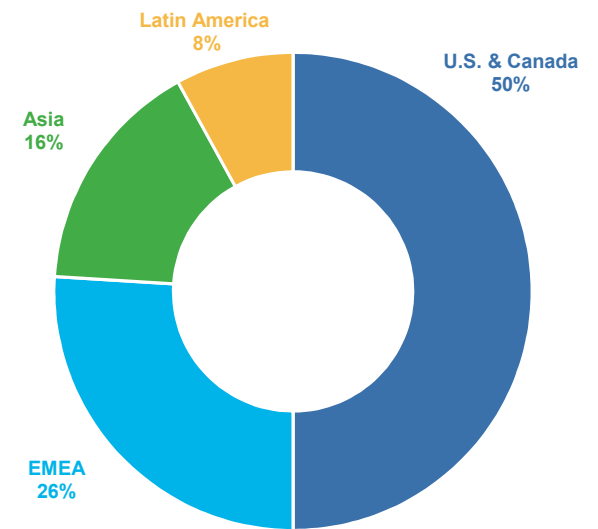


- Distribution
- Specialty Engineered Materials
- Color Additives and Inks

END MARKET REVENUE



GEOGRAPHY REVENUE

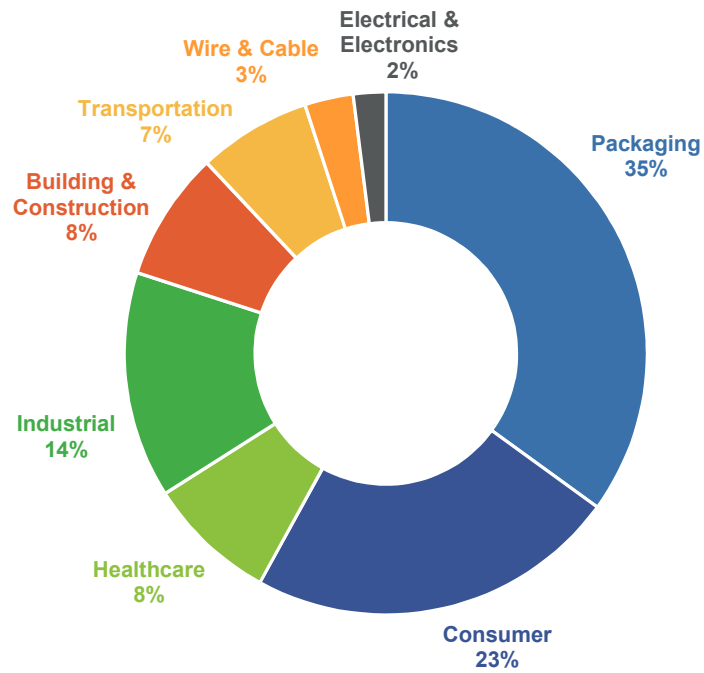


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 (1) The total company sales and EBITDA of \$3,783M and \$457M, respectively, include intercompany sales eliminations and corporate costs

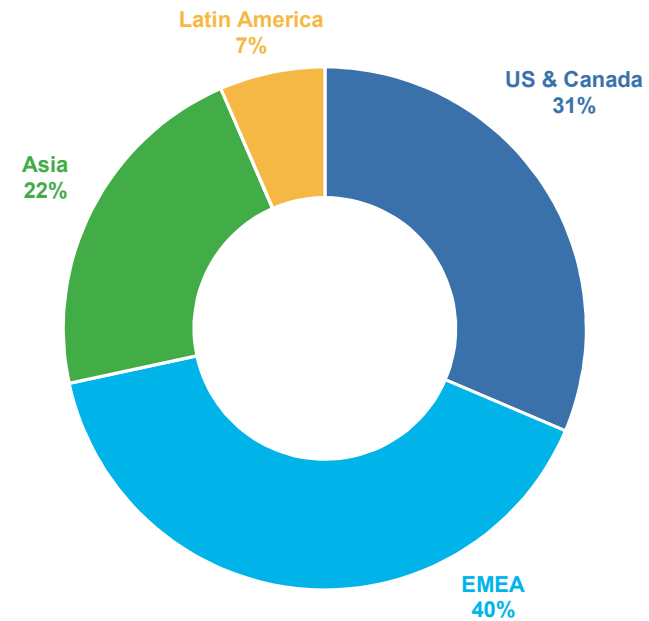
COLOR, ADDITIVES & INKS

2020 PF REVENUE | \$2.0 BILLION

END MARKET



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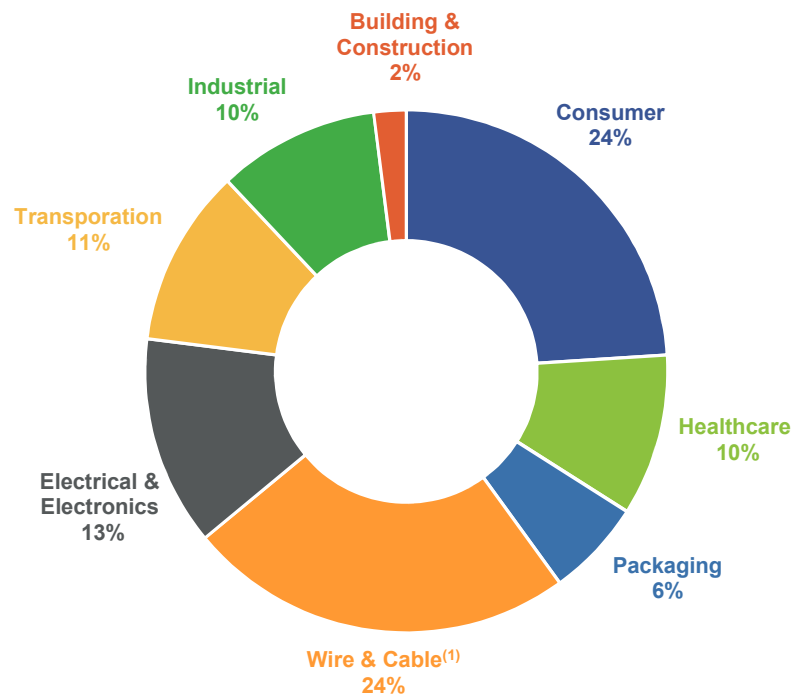


2020 figures Pro forma for acquisition of the Clariant Masterbatch business

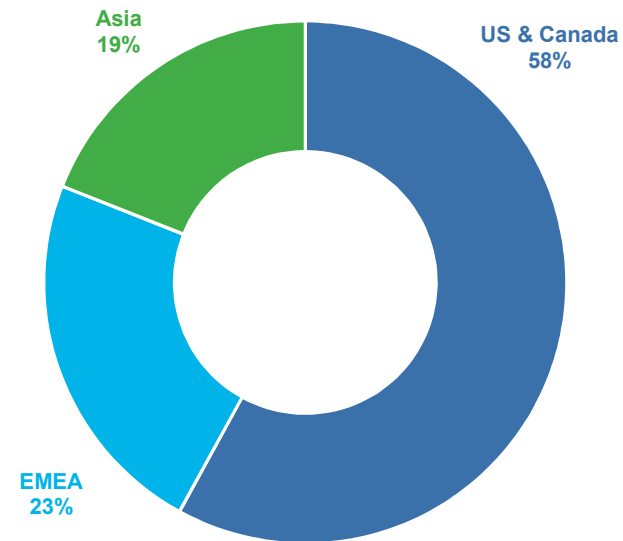
SPECIALTY ENGINEERED MATERIALS

2020 REVENUE | \$709 MILLION

END MARKET



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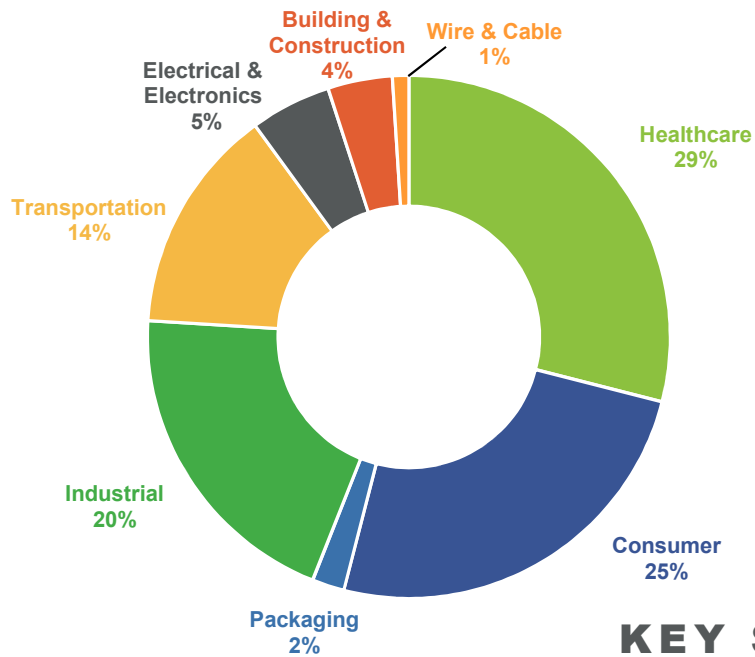


(1) Approximately 50% of Wire and Cable sales are associated with Fiber Optic Cabling

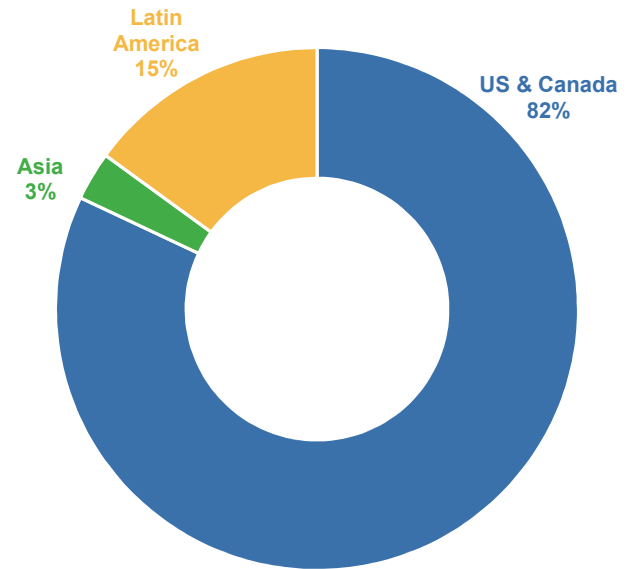
DISTRIBUTION

2020 REVENUE | \$1.1 BILLION

END MARKET



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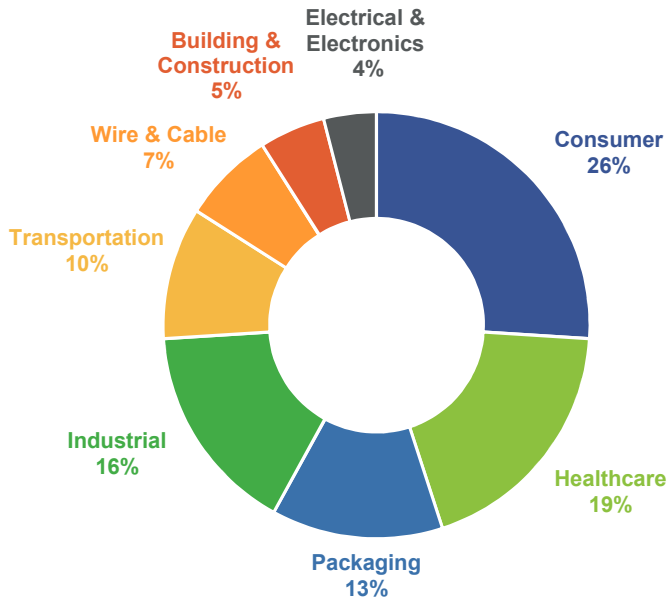
KEY SUPPLIERS



TOTAL COMPANY REGIONAL SALES BY END MARKET

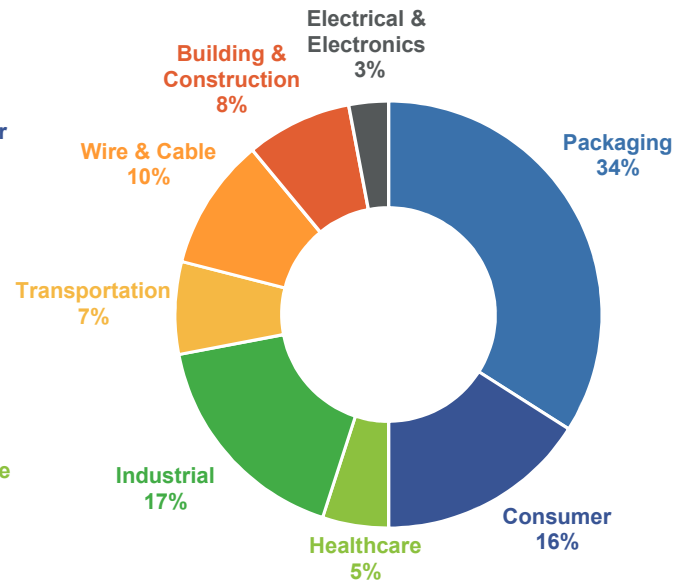
AMERICAS

(58% of sales)



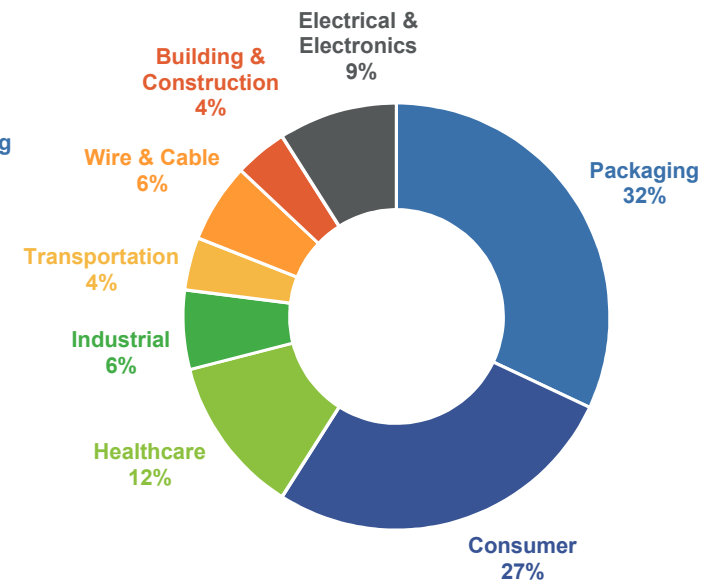
EMEA

(26% of sales)



ASIA

(16% of sales)



2020 figures Pro forma for acquisition of the Clariant Masterbatch business

**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 and long-term employee 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.

Avient acquired the Clariant Masterbatch business (CMB) on July 1, 2020 (the "Acquisition Date"). To provide comparable financial results, the Company references "pro forma" financial metrics, which include the business results of CMB for periods prior to the Acquisition Date. Management believes this provides comparability of the performance of the combined businesses.

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.

Reconciliation of EBITDA by Segment	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Sales:				
Color, Additives and Inks	\$ 525.8	\$ 226.7	\$ 1,502.9	\$ 1,003.8
Specialty Engineered Materials	190.6	177.5	708.8	745.7
Distribution	305.1	272.4	1,110.3	1,192.2
Corporate and eliminations	(24.5)	(18.0)	(79.9)	(79.0)
Sales	<u>\$ 997.0</u>	<u>\$ 658.6</u>	<u>\$ 3,242.1</u>	<u>\$ 2,862.7</u>
Operating income:				
Color, Additives and Inks	\$ 57.5	\$ 27.2	\$ 180.8	\$ 147.4
Specialty Engineered Materials	30.4	18.8	94.4	83.7
Distribution	18.0	17.0	69.5	75.4
Corporate and eliminations	(40.9)	(42.5)	(155.4)	(149.7)
Operating Income	<u>\$ 65.0</u>	<u>\$ 20.5</u>	<u>\$ 189.3</u>	<u>\$ 156.8</u>
Items Below Operating Income in Corporate:				
Other income, net	\$ 11.7	\$ 10.7	\$ 24.3	\$ 12.1
Depreciation & amortization:				
Color, Additives and Inks	\$ 27.3	\$ 10.7	\$ 75.1	\$ 42.7
Specialty Engineered Materials	7.4	7.0	30.0	29.5
Distribution	0.3	0.1	0.7	0.5
Corporate and eliminations	2.8	1.0	9.3	5.4
Depreciation & Amortization	<u>\$ 37.8</u>	<u>\$ 18.8</u>	<u>\$ 115.1</u>	<u>\$ 78.1</u>
EBITDA:				
Color, Additives and Inks	\$ 84.8	\$ 37.9	\$ 255.9	\$ 190.1
Specialty Engineered Materials	37.8	25.8	124.4	113.2
Distribution	18.3	17.1	70.2	75.9
Corporate and eliminations	(26.4)	(30.8)	(121.8)	(132.2)
EBITDA	<u>\$ 114.5</u>	<u>\$ 50.0</u>	<u>\$ 328.7</u>	<u>\$ 247.0</u>
EBITDA as a % of sales:				
Color, Additives and Inks	16.1 %	16.7 %	17.0 %	18.9 %
Specialty Engineered Materials	19.8 %	14.5 %	17.6 %	15.2 %
Distribution	6.0 %	6.3 %	6.3 %	6.4 %
Corporate and eliminations	nm	nm	nm	nm
Total Company	<u>11.5 %</u>	<u>7.6 %</u>	<u>10.1 %</u>	<u>8.6 %</u>

nm - not meaningful

	Three Months Ended December 31,		Year Ended December 31,	
	2020	2019	2020	2019
Reconciliation to Adjusted EBITDA:				
Net income from continuing operations – GAAP	\$ 74.7	\$ 6.4	\$ 133.8	\$ 75.7
Income tax expense	(17.3)	12.9	5.2	33.7
Interest expense	19.3	11.9	74.6	59.5
Depreciation and amortization from continuing operations	37.8	18.8	115.1	78.1
EBITDA	\$ 114.5	\$ 50.0	\$ 328.7	\$ 247.0
Special items, before tax	4.2	15.0	66.2	61.7
Interest expense included in special items	—	—	(10.1)	—
Accelerated depreciation included in special items	(0.7)	—	(3.2)	—
Adjusted EBITDA	<u>\$ 118.0</u>	<u>\$ 65.0</u>	<u>\$ 381.6</u>	<u>\$ 308.7</u>

	Three Months Ended December 31, 2020		
	Avient	Special Items	Adjusted Avient
Reconciliation of Adjusted Earnings per Share:			
Sales	\$ 997.0	\$ —	\$ 997.0
Operating income	\$ 65.0	\$ 14.6	\$ 79.6
Interest expense, net	(19.3)	—	(19.3)
Other income, net	11.7	(10.4)	1.3
Income taxes	17.3	(30.9)	(13.6)
Net income from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders	<u>\$ 74.2</u>	<u>\$ (26.7)</u>	<u>\$ 47.5</u>
Weighted average diluted shares			92.1
Adjusted EPS - excluding special items			<u>\$ 0.52</u>

Reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations:			
Operating income and other income, net	\$ 76.7	\$ 4.2	\$ 80.9
Depreciation and amortization	37.8	(0.7)	37.1
EBITDA from continuing operations	<u>\$ 114.5</u>	<u>\$ 3.5</u>	<u>\$ 118.0</u>
EBITDA as a % of sales			11.8 %

**Three Months Ended
December 31, 2019**

Reconciliation of Pro Forma Adjusted Earnings per Share:	Avient	Special Items	Adjusted Avient	Clariant MB Pro Forma Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma Adjusted Avient
Sales	\$ 658.6	\$ —	\$ 658.6	\$ 263.5	\$ 922.1
Operating income	\$ 20.5	\$ 24.6	\$ 45.1	\$ 13.2	\$ 58.3
Interest expense, net	(11.9)	—	(11.9)	(11.1)	(23.0)
Other income, net	10.7	(9.6)	1.1	—	1.1
Income taxes	(12.9)	4.9	(8.0)	(0.5)	(8.5)
Net income from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders	<u>\$ 6.4</u>	<u>\$ 19.9</u>	<u>\$ 26.3</u>	<u>\$ 1.6</u>	<u>\$ 27.9</u>
Weighted average diluted shares					77.5
Impact to diluted shares from January 2020 equity offering					15.3
Pro forma weighted average diluted shares					<u>92.8</u>
Pro forma adjusted EPS					<u>\$ 0.30</u>

Reconciliation of Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations:

Operating income and other income, net	\$ 31.2	\$ 15.0	\$ 46.2	\$ 13.2	\$ 59.4
Depreciation and amortization	18.8	—	18.8	15.1	33.9
EBITDA from continuing operations	<u>\$ 50.0</u>	<u>\$ 15.0</u>	<u>\$ 65.0</u>	<u>\$ 28.3</u>	<u>\$ 93.3</u>
EBITDA as a % of sales					10.1 %

(1) - Pro forma adjustments for the periods prior to the acquisition date (July 1, 2020) and to give effects of the financing for the acquisition

**Year Ended
December 31, 2020**

Reconciliation of Pro Forma Adjusted Earnings per Share:	Avient	Special Items	Adjusted Avient	Clariant MB Pro Forma Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma Adjusted Avient
Sales	\$ 3,242.1	\$ —	\$ 3,242.1	\$ 540.4	\$ 3,782.5
Operating income	\$ 189.3	\$ 73.7	\$ 263.0	\$ 45.0	\$ 308.0
Interest expense, net	(74.6)	10.1	(64.5)	(18.1)	(82.6)
Other income, net	24.3	(17.6)	6.7	—	6.7
Income taxes	(5.2)	(41.4)	(46.6)	(6.2)	(52.8)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(1.8)	—	(1.8)	—	(1.8)
Net income from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders	<u>\$ 132.0</u>	<u>\$ 24.8</u>	<u>\$ 156.8</u>	<u>\$ 20.7</u>	<u>\$ 177.5</u>
Weighted average diluted shares					90.6
Impact to diluted shares from January 2020 equity offering					1.5
Pro forma weighted average diluted shares					<u>92.1</u>
Pro forma adjusted EPS					<u>\$ 1.93</u>

Reconciliation of Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations:

Operating income and other income, net	\$ 213.6	\$ 56.1	\$ 269.7	\$ 45.0	\$ 314.7
Depreciation and amortization	115.1	(3.2)	111.9	30.1	142.0
EBITDA from continuing operations	<u>\$ 328.7</u>	<u>\$ 52.9</u>	<u>\$ 381.6</u>	<u>\$ 75.1</u>	<u>\$ 456.7</u>
EBITDA as a % of sales					12.1 %

(1) - Pro forma adjustments for the periods prior to the acquisition date (July 1, 2020) and to give effects of the financing for the acquisition

**Year Ended
December 31, 2019**

Reconciliation of Pro Forma Adjusted Earnings per Share:	Avient	Special Items	Adjusted Avient	Clariant MB Pro Forma Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma Adjusted Avient
Sales	\$ 2,862.7	\$ —	\$ 2,862.7	\$ 1,118.6	\$ 3,981.3
Operating income	\$ 156.8	\$ 71.7	\$ 228.5	\$ 72.9	\$ 301.4
Interest expense, net	(59.5)	—	(59.5)	(33.4)	(92.9)
Other income, net	12.1	(10.0)	2.1	—	2.1
Income taxes	(33.7)	(5.9)	(39.6)	(9.1)	(48.7)
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests	(0.2)	—	(0.2)	—	(0.2)
Net income from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders	<u>\$ 75.5</u>	<u>\$ 55.8</u>	<u>\$ 131.3</u>	<u>\$ 30.4</u>	<u>\$ 161.7</u>
Weighted average diluted shares					77.7
Impact to diluted shares from January 2020 equity offering					15.3
Pro forma weighted average diluted shares					<u>93.0</u>
Pro forma adjusted EPS					<u>\$ 1.74</u>

Reconciliation of Pro Forma Adjusted EBITDA from continuing operations:

Operating income and other income, net	\$ 168.9	\$ 61.7	\$ 230.6	\$ 72.9	\$ 303.5
Depreciation and amortization	78.1	—	78.1	60.3	138.4
EBITDA from continuing operations	<u>\$ 247.0</u>	<u>\$ 61.7</u>	<u>\$ 308.7</u>	<u>\$ 133.2</u>	<u>\$ 441.9</u>
EBITDA as a % of sales					11.1 %

(1) - Pro forma adjustments for the periods prior to the acquisition date (July 1, 2020) and to give effects of the financing for the acquisition

**Three Months Ended
March 31, 2020**

Reconciliation of Pro Forma Adjusted Earnings per Share:	Avient	Special Items	Adjusted Avient	Clariant MB Pro Forma Adjustments⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma Adjusted Avient
Sales	\$ 711.5	\$ —	\$ 711.5	\$ 279.4	\$ 990.9
Operating income	52.8	9.7	62.5	23.0	85.5
Interest expense, net	(9.4)	—	(9.4)	(12.8)	(22.2)
Other income, net	1.6	(0.1)	1.5	—	1.5
Income taxes	(11.9)	(1.0)	(12.9)	(2.4)	(15.3)
Net income from continuing operations attributable to Avient shareholders	<u>\$ 33.1</u>	<u>\$ 8.6</u>	<u>\$ 41.7</u>	<u>\$ 7.8</u>	<u>\$ 49.5</u>
Weighted average diluted shares					86.7
Impact to diluted shares from January 2020 equity offering					6.1
Pro forma weighted average diluted shares					<u>92.8</u>
Pro forma adjusted EPS					<u>\$ 0.53</u>

(1) - Pro forma adjustments for the periods prior to the acquisition date (July 1, 2020) and to give effects of the financing for the acquisition

Reconciliation of pro forma sales, operating income, and EBITDA:	Three Months Ended December 31, 2019			Year Ended December 31, 2019		
	CAI	Clariant MB Pro Forma Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma CAI	CAI	Clariant MB Pro Forma Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma CAI
Sales	\$ 226.7	\$ 263.5	\$ 490.2	\$ 1,003.8	\$ 1,118.6	\$ 2,122.4
Operating income	\$ 27.2	\$ 13.2	\$ 40.4	\$ 147.4	\$ 72.9	\$ 220.3
EBITDA	\$ 37.9	\$ 28.3	\$ 66.2	\$ 190.1	\$ 133.2	\$ 323.3
EBITDA as a % of sales			13.5 %			15.2 %

(1) - Pro forma adjustments for the periods prior to the acquisition date (July 1, 2020) and to give effects of the financing for the acquisition

Reconciliation of pro forma sales, operating income, and EBITDA:	Year Ended December 31, 2020		
	CAI	Clariant MB Pro Forma Adjustments ⁽¹⁾	Pro Forma CAI
Sales	\$ 1,502.9	\$ 540.4	\$ 2,043.3
Operating income	\$ 180.8	\$ 45.0	\$ 225.8
EBITDA	\$ 255.9	\$ 75.1	\$ 331.0
EBITDA as a % of sales			16.2 %

(1) - Pro forma adjustments for the periods prior to the acquisition date (July 1, 2020) and to give effects of the financing for the acquisition

Free cash flow, defined as cash provided by operating activities excluding items associated with acquisitions and divestitures, less capital expenditures, is considered a non-GAAP financial measure. Management believes, however, that free cash flow, which measures our ability to generate additional cash from our business operations, is an important financial measure for use in evaluating the company's financial performance. Free cash flow should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, consolidated net income as a measure of our performance and net cash provided by operating activities as a measure of our liquidity.

Free Cash Flow Calculation	Year Ended December 31, 2020
Cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 221.6
Capital expenditures	(63.7)
Free Cash Flow	157.9
Payment of post-acquisition date earnout liability	38.1
Taxes paid on gain on divestiture	142.0
Adjusted Free Cash Flow	\$ 338.0

Free Cash Flow Calculation	Year Ended December 31, 2019		
	Total	Discontinued Operations	Continuing Operations
Cash provided by operating activities	\$ 300.8	\$ 74.4	\$ 226.4
Capital expenditures	81.7	14.1	67.6
Free Cash Flow	\$ 219.1	\$ 60.3	\$ 158.8