

Celanese Q3 2016 Earnings

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Presentation

This document presents the Company's business segments in two subtotals, reflecting our two cores, the Acetyl Chain and Materials Solutions, based on similarities among customers, business models and technical processes. As described in the Company's annual report on Form 10-K and quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, the Acetyl Chain includes the Company's Acetyl Intermediates segment and the Industrial Specialties segment. Materials Solutions includes the Company's Advanced Engineered Materials segment and the Consumer Specialties segment. For comparative purposes, the historical financial information included herein has been presented to reflect the Acetyl Chain and Materials Solutions subtotals. There has been no change to the composition of the Company's business segments.

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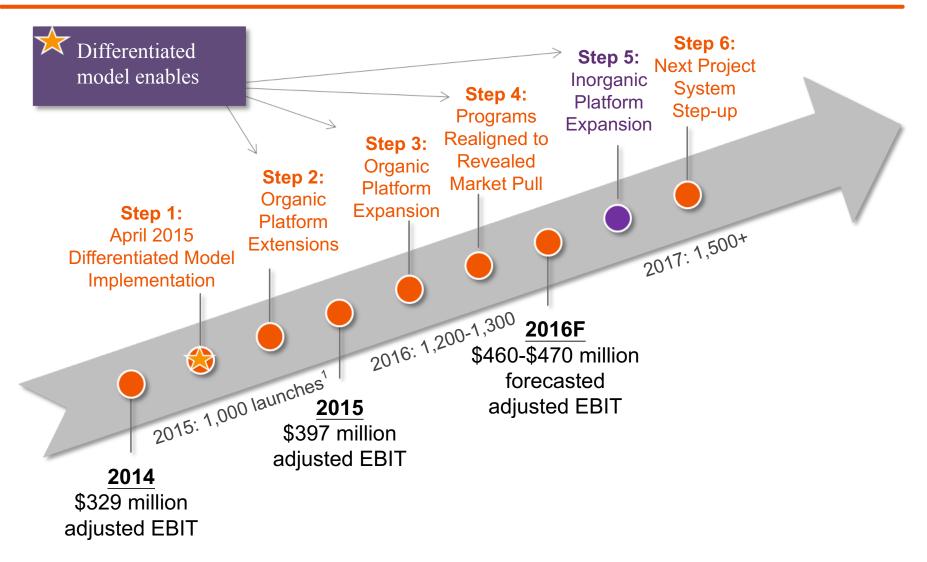
Recent Highlights



- Signed a definitive agreement to acquire 100% of the shares of Forli, Italy based SO.F.TER. Group, one of the world's largest independent thermoplastic compounders
- Issued €750 million of 1.125% Senior Notes due 2023 and used €367 million of the proceeds to repay short term revolver borrowings
- Began production at the new vinyl acetate ethylene (VAE) unit in Singapore
- Showcasing the Art of Material Selection at K 2016 and highlighting polymers that support:
 - Consumer goods and electronics manufacturers as they design and produce effective, functional and attractive products
 - Manufacturers of medical devices, from surgical tools to orthopedic implants, to improve product design, safety and effectiveness
 - Original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) to secure a competitive edge with more attractive, lightweight, better-designed vehicles

SO.F.TER. acquisition: A meaningful step in Advanced Engineered Materials evolution

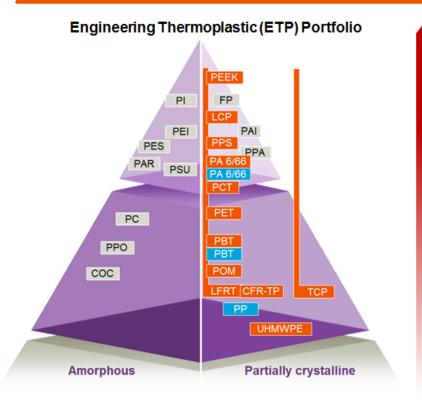


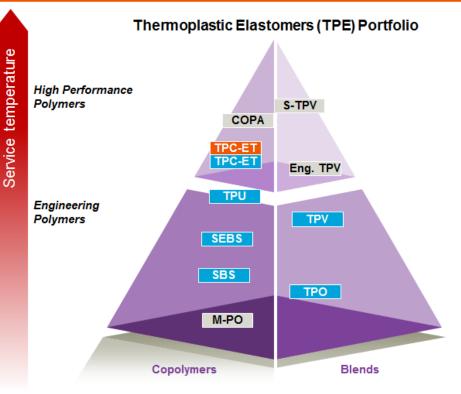


¹Launches refers to projects launched in the year through the engineered materials pipeline

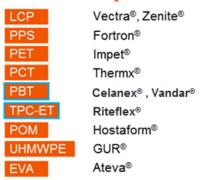
SO.F.TER. acquisition: New compounds strengthen Celanese's portfolio







Celanese Polymers



PEEK PA 6/66

LFRT

CFR-TP

TCP

Celapex™ Appearance grades

Celstran® & Celstran® Tapes with Matrix Polymers: PP, PA, PPS, PBT, POM and others on request

CoolPoly® with Matrix Polymers: PP, TPC-ET, PC, PA, PPS, LCP

SO.F.TER Product Portfolio

PA 6/66			
PBT			
TPC-ET			

Nylfor B®, Nylfor A® Pibifor® Pibiflex®



PP

Polifor®
Sofpur®
Laprene®

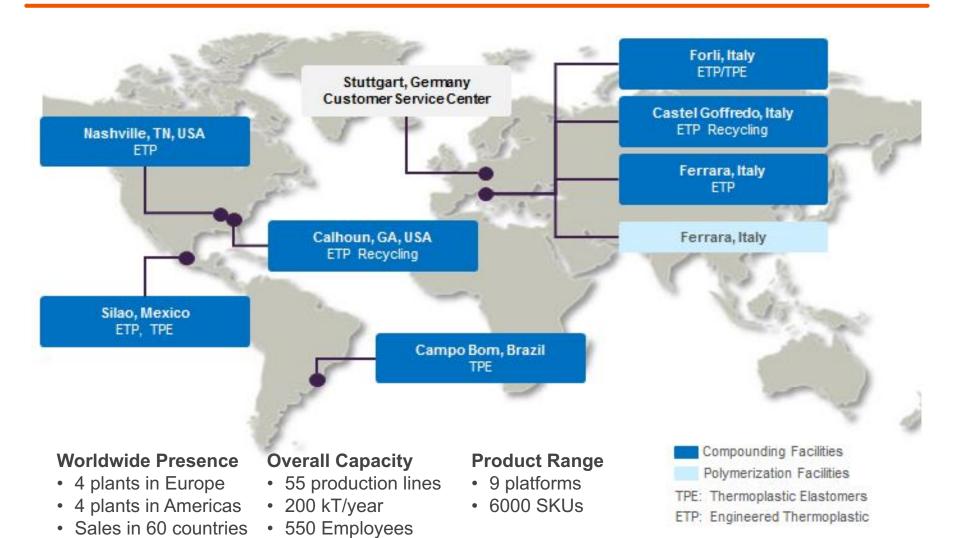
Forprene® Forflex®, Sofpre

Forflex®, Sofprene P® Sofprene T®, Pavprene®

SO.F.TER. acquisition: Global footprint



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Opportunity Pipeline Examples



Under-Water Pool Lighting





- Industry is switching to LEDs, which require heat dissipation but metal heat sinks get corroded
- CoolPoly[®] polymer solutions provide both heat transfer and corrosion resistance to extend the life span of under-water lights
- Additional opportunities in submersible and marine applications

Multi-Purpose Cookware

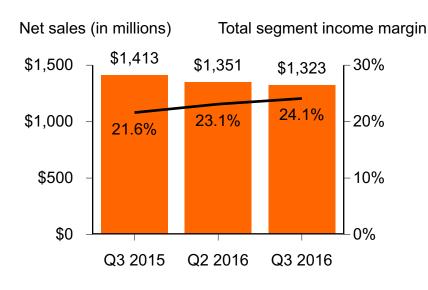


- Cookware in commercial foodservice endure a wide range of extreme temperatures, acidic foods, harsh detergents and multiple wash cycles
- Our polymers replace multiple different cookware parts with a single container from freezer to table
- Low-wear technology and easy to mold polymers broaden design options

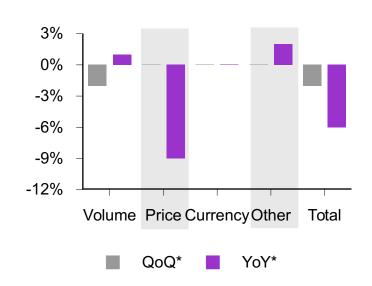
Celanese Corporation Q3 2016 Highlights



Q3 Performance



Factors Affecting Net Sales



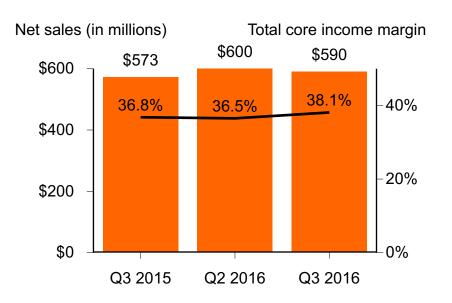
	GAAP Diluted EPS	Adjusted EPS
Q3 2016	\$1.83	\$1.67
Q2 2016	\$1.50	\$1.59
Q3 2015	\$1.07	\$1.50

- Adjusted earnings per share of \$1.67, a third quarter record
- Adjusted EBIT of \$319 million and adjusted EBIT margin of 24.1%
- Operating cash flow of \$304 million
- Free cash flow of \$237 million, a third quarter record

Materials Solutions



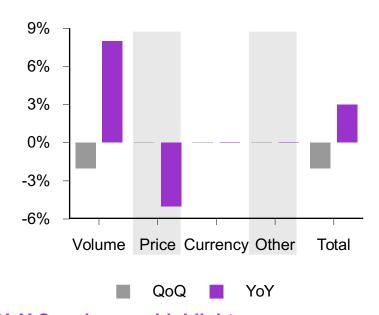
Q3 Performance



QoQ Core income highlights

- Volumes declined primarily due to unusual tow buying patterns in Europe earlier in 2016, which shifted second half volumes into the first half of the year
- Lower volumes more than offset impact of fewer turnarounds

Factors Affecting Net Sales



YoY Core income highlights

- Strong volume growth more than offset the impact of lower affiliate earnings and tow pricing
- Lower price driven primarily by tow industry utilization
- Lower affiliate earnings in Ibn Sina driven by lower MTBE pricing

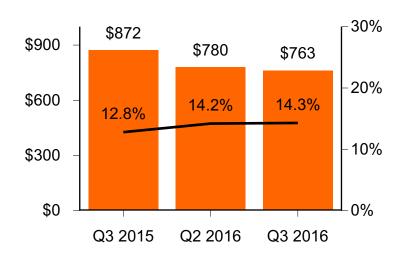
Acetyl Chain



Q3 Performance

Net sales (in millions)

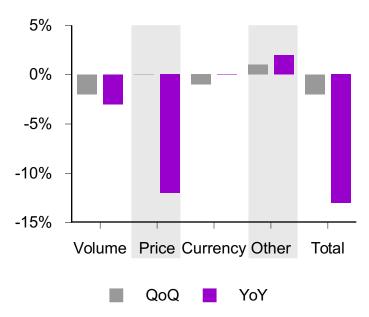
Total core income margin



QoQ Core income highlights

- Lower volume, primarily in Industrial Specialties, driven by overcapacity in Asia
- Core income impacted by higher energy costs

Factors Affecting Net Sales



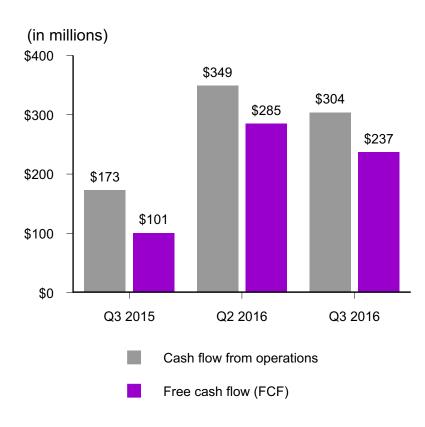
YoY Core income highlights

 Lower acetic acid and derivatives price principally driven by China and lower methanol prices, which more than offset the benefits of productivity initiatives

Cash Flow



Free Cash Flow



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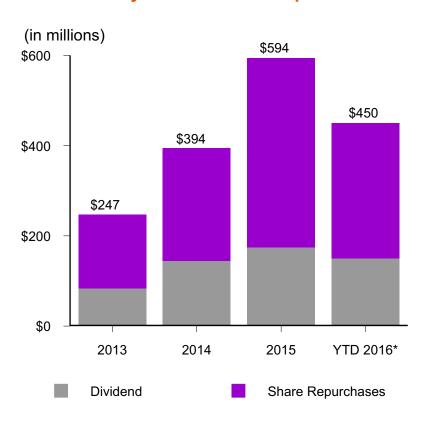
- Operating cash flow of \$304 million
- Free cash flow \$237 million; expect our free cash flow in 2016 to exceed \$850 million; on track to achieving our goal of generating \$2.5 billion in FCF for the period 2016 through 2018
- Net capital expenditures were \$58 million;
 expect 2016 to be at the lower end of
 \$250 million to \$300 million range

Strong cash generation; tracking to record year of free cash flow

Returning Cash to Shareholders



Dividend Payout and Share Repurchases



Share Repurchases

- Repurchased ~1.5 million shares deploying \$100 million in Q3 2016
- Remaining share repurchase authorization of ~\$700 million

Dividend

 Returned \$52 million to shareholders in dividends in Q3 2016

\$2.8 billion returned to shareholders since 2007 via dividends and share repurchases