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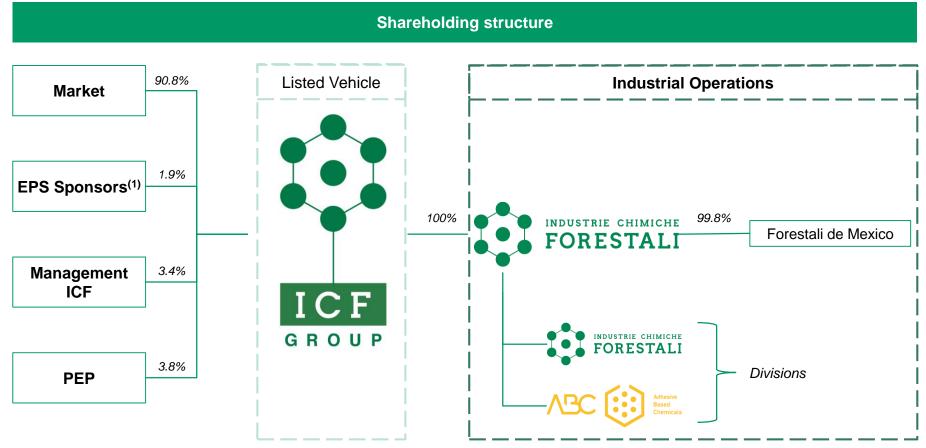
This presentation focuses on the industrial operations of Industrie Chimiche Forestali. The full year financial figures presented refer to the results of Industrie Chimiche Forestali S.p.A. ("ICF S.p.A."), whereas the half year financial results and the 2018 full year projections refer to ICF Group S.p.A. ("ICF Group").



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# ICF Group, a new public company listed on AIM Italia

Since the Business Combination, ICF Group (former EPS Equita PEP SPAC) is a <u>public company</u>, with over 90% free float, controlling 100% of ICF S.p.A., a leading player in the technical adhesives and fabrics business. The <u>mission</u> is to support further organic expansion of ICF S.p.A. operations while acting as an aggregator of companies operating in complementary business.





## The «Invisible Power»

## Footwear & Leather Goods





#### Adhesives:

- Solvent-based
- Solvent-free
- Water-based

#### Technical fabrics:

- Toe-puff, counters / stiffeners
- Linings and reinforcing





Technical fabric is used

in the toe puffs and

counters of the shoe.

Adhesive is used to put

together mainly uppers,

insoles and sole units



Technical fabric goes to reinforce the handle, bottom and sides of the bag. Adhesive is used to glue the linings



Adhesive is used to glue different components of the upholstery

## The «Invisible Power»

Adhesives have a negligible impact on cost of production of the final article...

### **Automotive**







#### Adhesives:

- Solvent-based
- Solvent-free
- Water-based



layers headliner in a vehicle. It can be applied to light vehicles (passenger and commercial)

#### Adhesives are used to glue



of films layers comprising the package for various applications (food and non food)



The plastic cover of magazines and periodicals



The pins used in the staplers and similar objects

...But a relevant impact on the performance. A low quality adhesive can lead to serious issues and costs (eg. destroyed shoes or stained car roof)

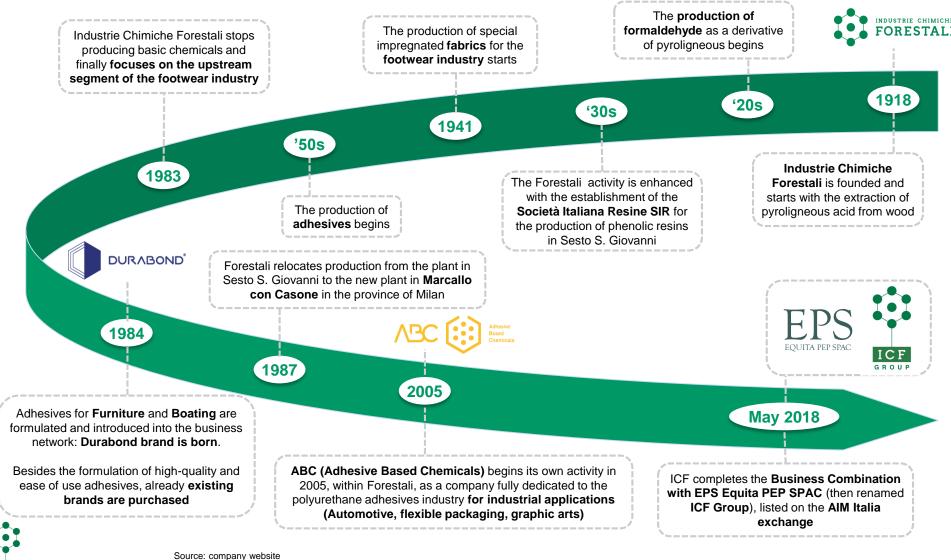
**Product quality,** customized solutions and reliability are key drivers to serve clients

## **Packaging**





## **Industrie Chimiche Forestali: a 100-year History**





## Industrie Chimiche Forestali: a Leading Player in the Technical Adhesive World

Core activity

Manufacturing of adhesives and technical fabrics

## ICF Group S.p.A. in numbers\*

Revenues 2018F EBITDA 2018F **EBITDA Margin** 

~ 10.6%

**NFP** (as of 31/12/2018)

End market

Footwear Leather Goods Automotive Packaging Upholstery ~ €79.5m

~ +4.8% CAGR 2015-2018F ~ €8.4m

(2018F) ~ **13.5%** 

(Average '15-'18F))

<€10m

**Key products** 

**Adhesives** (water-based, solvent-free, solvent-based)

Technical Fabrics (impregnated, coextruded)

125<sup>(1)</sup> employees

More than **1,300** products

**22,000**Tons
Adhesive/

Year

3.5 million meters of technical fabrics

HQs

Marcallo con Casone, Milan (Italy)

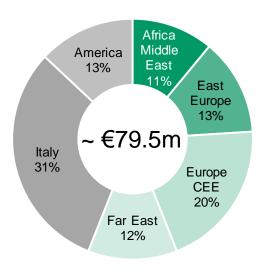
- 22 R&D employees
- 60,000 sqm. plant
- **3** labs
- 27 new products per month
- 84 quality tests per day
- More than **700** industrial clients



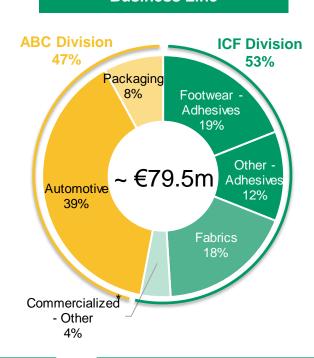
# A Balanced Portfolio with a Global Exposure

The company is export-oriented, with a balanced exposure to the Automotive, Footwear and Packaging sectors

## **Geographic Area**



#### **Business Line**



**Export** makes up for c. **69%** of revenues for 2018F

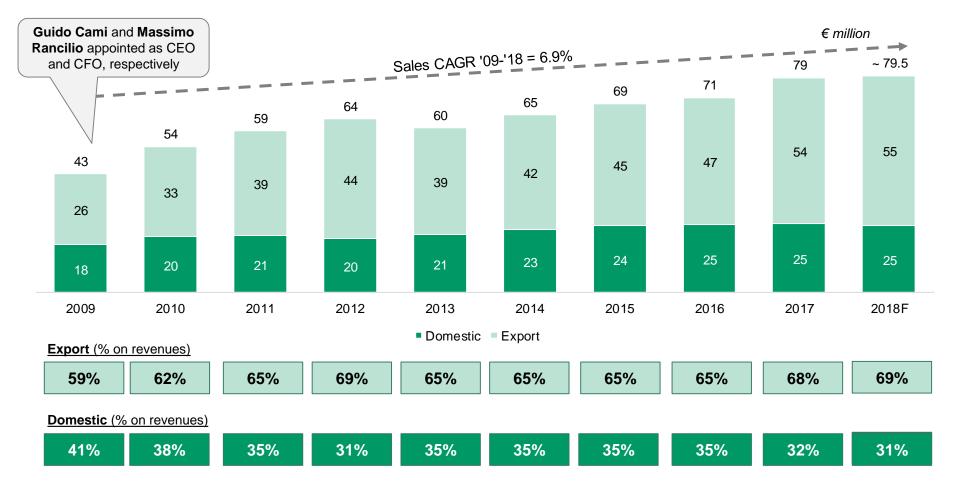
The **Automotive** and the **Footwear** market segments account for the **large majority** of revenues

ICF manufactures both adhesives (c. 31%) and fabrics (c. 18%), while ABC manufactures adhesives only



# **Substantial growth accelerating on Export**

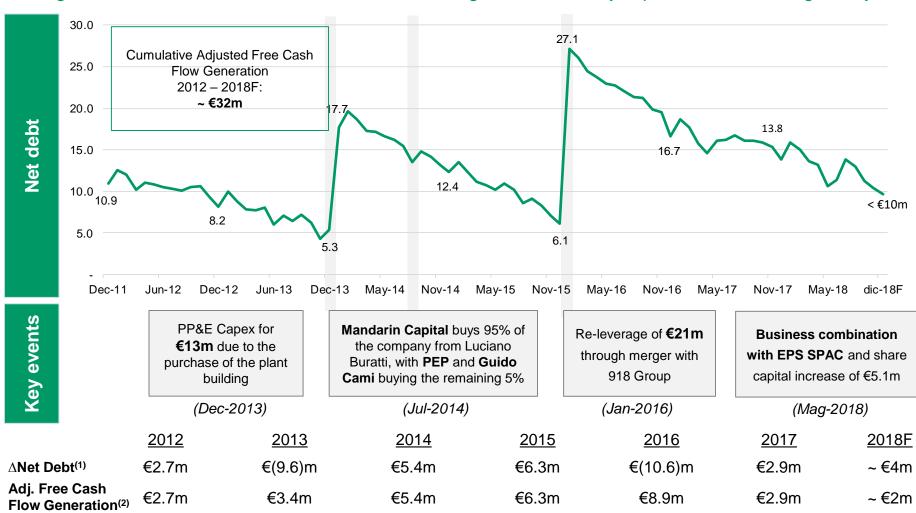
Sales have been growing at high single digit since 2009 with export accounting for 69% of group revenues in 2018F





## **Material Free Cash Flow Generation**

Cash-generative business which has been able to manage 1 extraordinary capex and 1 re-leverage in 6 years

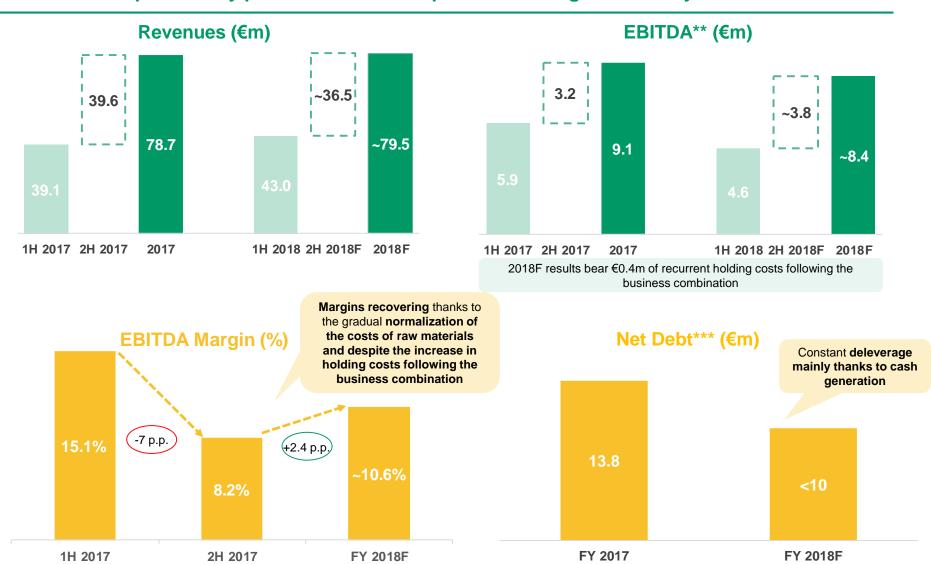




Note: (1) No dividends have been paid since 2012 (2) Adjusted for extraordinary outflow given by leverages in December 2013 and January 2016, for changes in the perimeter of consolidation and in 2018F for the cost of the stock option plan.

Source: ICF Information

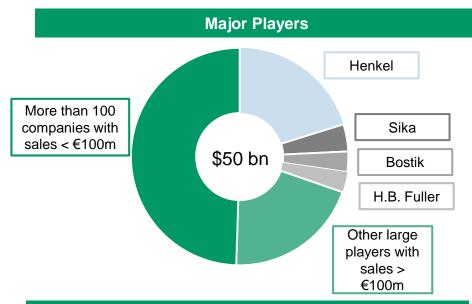
## Full Year 2018F preliminary pro-forma\* ICF Group results – Margins recovery and constant FCF



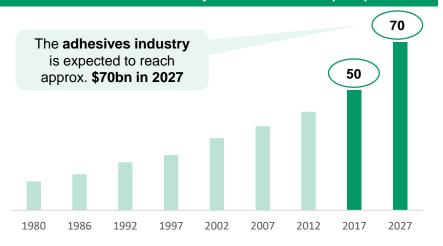


Note: \*FY18 are preliminary unaudited results and are 12 months pro-forma figures as if the Business Combination, occured in May 2018, was effective as of 1/1/2018; \*\* FY18 preliminary EBITDA is net of non recurring items such as the cost for the management stock option plan; \*\*\* 2018 Deleverage benefited by a capital increase of around € 5.1 mln but was penalized by around € 3 mln for the management stock option plan cash out Source: ICF Information

# **Adhesives & Sealants Industry: A Fragmented Market Space**







- A 50 billion dollar market with strong growth drivers (3% to 3.5% a year), which is expected to reach \$70bn by 2027
- From organic growth to expansion through value accretive bolt-on acquisitions, delivering high synergies as a combination of:

Purchasing synergies: raw materials, goods and services, logistics

Operational excellence

Commercial synergies: new geographies, new markets, new products

### ICF Group wants to act as a consolidator, exploiting:

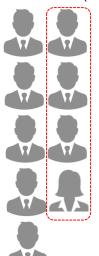
- The high level of certifications of its products and processes
- The distribution platform as it exports worldwide 68% of sales
- Substantial free cash flow generation
- Public company status allowing also potential stock for shares deals

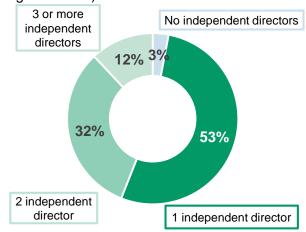


# **ICF Group ESG Priorities**

#### Governance

 ICF Group governance model is quite unique among companies of similar size listed on AIM Italia. The Board of Directors is composed of 9 members, of which 4 qualify as independent directors (including 1 woman)





Source: Number of independent directors on AIM Italia, Osservatorio AIM Italia (July 2018), IR Top Consulting

- The free float is more than 90%, so the market is the dominant shareholder
- The interests of ICF top management are aligned with those of the shareholders: 12 ICF managers, including the CEO Guido Cami, hold 3.4% of the Company's share capital
- Top management incentive system: ICF top management hold c. 30k special shares that will be converted into ordinary shares based on ICF Group's stock performance (at a price of at least €11/share)

#### **Environmental**

- ISO 14001 Cerification
- EMAS Certification
- · OHSAS 18000 Certification
- Compliance with the European REACH regulation<sup>(1)</sup>
- Publication of the Environmental Report (every 3 years)
- Increase in the production of water-based adhesives (14% of total production) and reduction of solvent-based.
- Carbon Foot Print reduction on CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to optimize energy consumption
- · Recycling of the process wash water

## **Social impact**

# ICF Group supports the community by sponsoring local organizations:

- · Bambini delle Fate
- Marcallo con Casone local sport team
- Mesero oratory
- Valcaselle tamburello team



## **Relevant Certifications**

To maintain a high commercial standing with clients, ICF obtained all the relevant certifications in the sector

Certification	Field	Obtained in:
UNI EN ISO 9001	Quality	1997
UNI EN ISO 14001	Environmental	1998
Registration EMAS	Integrated	2001
OHSAS 18001	Safety	2009
Modello 231	Auditing	2013
UNI EN ISO/TS 16949	Automotive	2016

#### In addition:

- Three managers fully dedicated to HSE activity
- Compliant with REACH EU Regulation («Registration, Evaluation, Authorization and Restriction of Chemicals»)

#### Renewal costs of certifications

+

3 dedicated resources

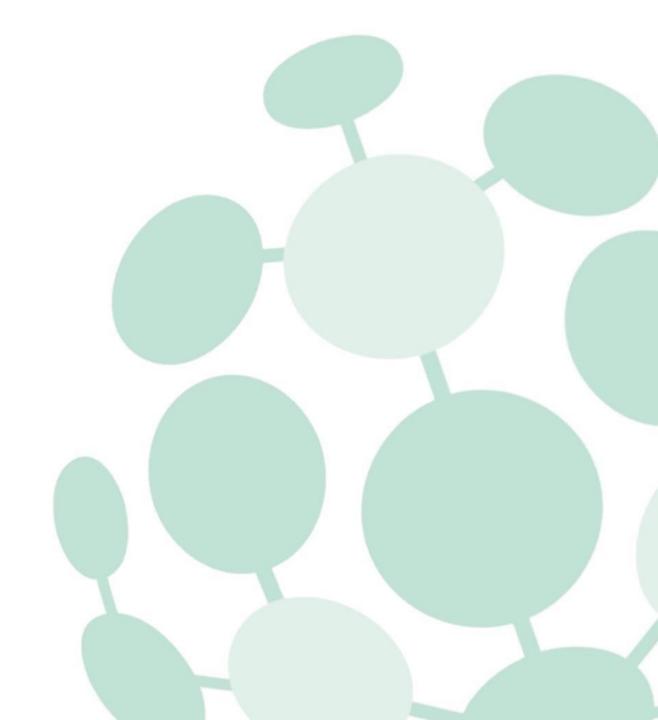
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€400k / 500k per year to maintain commercial certifications

ICF complies with the **high standards** to maintain business relationship with **multinational clients** and **differentiate** from smaller competitors



Source: ICF Information





# **Organizational Structure and Key Management**

Organizational structure with 125<sup>(1)</sup> people coordinated by...



## ...an experienced management



#### Guido Cami Chief Executive Officer

- Graduated in Management Engineering at Politecnico di Milano
- 28 years of experience in industrial companies (Pirelli, Manifattura di Legnano, Vibram, Pechiney, Crespi, Forestali)
- Expertise: Production, Logistics, Operations, R&D, Commercial, Managing Direction
- 8+ years in Forestali as CEO



#### Marcello Taglietti Chief Operating Officer

- 25+ years of experience in the Operations function (Ashland Chemicals, Air Products and Chemicals, KMG Chemicals)
- 1 year in Forestali



#### Massimo Rancilio Chief Financial Officer

- 18 years of experience in the Finance function (Oracle, Accenture, Hexon Specialty Chemicals, MPG Plast)
- 8+ years in Forestali



#### Monica Moiraghi Human Resources

- 27 years of experience in the HR function
- 19+ years in Forestali



#### Teresa Navarro General Manager

- · General Manager at Forestali de Mexico
- 20+ years in Forestali de Mexico



Note: (1) As of 31/12/2017 Source: ICF information

# Income Statement ICF S.p.A. 2015 – 2017 and ICF Group S.p.A. June 2018 YTD: double digit top line growth, margins affected by extraordinary increase in raw materials

€ m	2015	2016	2017	CAGR 15-17	1H 2017 <sup>(*)</sup>	1H 2018
Revenues	69,1	71,1	78,7	6,7%	39,1	43,0
Other revenues	0,4	0,3	0,3		0,1	0,2
Total revenues	69,5	71,4	79,0	6,7%	39,1	43,1
Y-o-Y growth (%)	6,1%	2,8%	10,6%			10,2%
Cost of materials	(42,8)	(43,6)	(52,4)		(24,5)	(28,6)
First margin	26,7	27,9	26,6	-0,2%	14,7	14,5
Margin (%)	38,6%	39,2%	33,8%		37,5%	33,9%
Services	(7,6)	(8,1)	(8,4)		(4,1)	(4,8)
Production	(2,1)	(2,4)	(2,6)		(1,5)	(1,8)
Commercial	(3,8)	(3,9)	(4,1)		(2,1)	(2,4)
G&A	(1,7)	(1,8)	(1,7)		(0,4)	(0,7)
Cost of labor	(7,7)	(8,1)	(8,6)		(4,5)	(4,8)
Other costs	(0,6)	(0,1)	(0,5)		(0,2)	(0,3)
EBITDA	10,8	11,5	9,1	-8,0%	5,9	4,6
Margin (%)	15,6%	16,2%	11,6%		15,1%	10,6%
D&A	(1,6)	(4,8)	(4,9)		(2,4)	(4,0)
Amortization	(0,1)	(3,2)	(3,2)		(1,6)	(3,1)
Depreciation	(1,4)	(1,6)	(1,7)		(0,8)	(0,9)
Write-downs and provisions	(0,4)	(0,1)	(0,1)		(0,1)	(0,0)
EBIT	8,7	6,7	4,1		3,4	0,5
Margin (%)	12,6%	9,4%	5,2%		8,7%	1,2%
Financial income / (expenses)	(0,5)	(1,0)	(1,2)		(0,5)	(0,4)
Extraordinary income/(expenses)	(0,0)	(0,1)	0,1		=	(3,0)
EBT	8,2	5,6	2,9		2,9	(2,9)
Tax	(2,7)	(2,5)	(1,7)		(1,2)	(0,2)
Net income	5,5	3,1	1,3		1,7	(3,1)
Margin (%)	8,0%	4,4%	1,6%		4,4%	-7,1%
Net Income Adjustments	-	4,6	3,0		1,5	5,3
Adjusted Net Income	5,5	7,7	4,3		3,2	2,2

#### Comments on the P&L

- 1 For FY2016 it includes €1.6m extra costs from the allocation of the merger loss<sup>(1)</sup> to **inventory**
- 2 The 2017 **first margin** decreased by 7p.p. year-onyear, due to a steep increase in the prices of raw materials especially occurred in the second half of 2017.
- The adjusted EBITDA for FY2016, grossing up the extra costs allocated to inventory, is €13.1m. In H1 2018, EBITDA includes €0.2m recurring service costs related to the consolidation of ICF Group. EBITDA margin gradually improved to 10.6% (vs. 8.2% in H2 2017) thanks to the gradual normalization of the costs of raw materials and the increase in selling prices.
- The D&A from 2016 onwards include €3m annually of amortization of goodwill, deriving from the merger of 918 Group Srl (former holding) and Advanced Based Chemicals Srl ("ABC") into ICF S.p.A.. In 2018, on a full-year basis, goodwill amortization will increase by €3.0m due to the business combination with EPS Equita PEP SPAC. In H1 2018, on a half-year basis, goodwill amortization increased by c. €1.5m.
- The adjusted net income for FY2016 is €7.7m, and it is calculated grossing up the cited extra costs allocated to inventory for €1.6m and the amortization of goodwill for €3.0m, both non-deductible costs. The adjusted net income for FY2017 is calculated net of the impact of the goodwill amortization. In H1 2018, net income has been adjusted for after-tax non-recurring costs related to the stock option plan (€2.2m) and goodwill amortization (€3.0m)



## Balance Sheet ICF S.p.A. 2015 – 2017 and ICF Group S.p.A. June 2018 YTD

€m	2015	2016	2017	1H 2017 <sup>(*)</sup>	1H 2018 <sup>(*)</sup>
Inventory	7.7	8.2	11.2	10.8	13.5
Accounts receivables	18.5	17.9	20.1	20.7	21.8
Accounts payable	(11.8)	(13.9)	(18.0)	(14.6)	(18.5)
Trade working capital	14.4	12.3	13.2	16.9	16.8
Total other assets / (liabilities)	(2.4)	(1.4)	(0.6)	(2.9)	(1.0)
Working capital	11.9	10.9	12.7	14.0	15.8
Intangible assets	1.1	28.3	25.3	26.7	52.6
Tangible assets	13.6	17.4	16.8	16.9	16.6
Financial assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Fixed assets	14.7	45.7	42.2	43.7	69.3
Employees' leaving indemnities	(0.8)	(0.8)	(8.0)	(0.8)	(8.0)
Other funds	(0.4)	(0.6)	(0.5)	(0.5)	(0.6)
Net invested capital	25.5	55.1	53.5	56.3	83.6
Share capital	5.9	5.9	5.9	5.9	38.0
Reserves	8.0	29.5	32.6	32.6	37.3
Net income to the parent company	5.5	3.1	1.3	1.7	(3.1)
Minority interests	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	(0.0)	-
Shareholders' equity	19.4	38.5	39.7	40.2	72.2
LT debt	7.8	24.6	20.4	2.3	2.4
ST debt	2.5	2.6	2.3	21.5	19.3
Other financial debt	-	-	-	-	-
Financial debt	10.3	27.2	22.7	23.8	21.7
Cash & equivalents	(4.2)	(10.6)	(8.9)	(7.7)	(10.2)
Net financial position	6.1	16.7	13.8	16.2	11.4
Sources	25.5	55.1	53.5	56.3	83.6

#### **Comments on the BS**

- 1 Intangible assets as of FY2017 include €24m of the residual goodwill from the merger of 918 Group Srl, ICF and ABC, amortized over a 10-year period. The intangible assets increase recorded at the end of H1 2018 is related to goodwill arising from the business combination with EPS Equita PEP SPAC
- Financial debt decreased to €11.4m at the end of H1 2018 thanks to the positive free cash flow generation and the share capital increase of €5.1m underwritten by ICF management and Private Equity Partners and despite the extraordinary payment related to the stock option plan (€3.0m) and the increase in net working capital (€3.5m) due to business seasonality.



# Cash Flow Statement ICF S.p.A. 2015 – 2017: Material FCF generation despite margin contraction

€ m	2016	2017
Net income	3.1	1.3
D&A	4.8	4.9
Provisions	0.5	0.4
Write-downs	0.0	(0.1)
1 AWC	1.4	(2.2)
Other cash items	-	-
2 Cash flows from operations	9.8	4.4
Tangible capex	(0.7)	(1.2)
Intangible capex	(0.2)	(0.3)
Investment in Financial assets		
Cash flows from investing	(0.9)	(1.5)
3 Operating Free Cash Flow	8.9	2.9
Debt issuance / (reimbursement)	(2.6)	(4.6)
Cash flows from financing	(2.6)	(4.6)
5 Available cash flows	6.3	(1.7)

#### **Comments on the CF Statement**

- In FY2017, the change in working capital was mainly attributable to (i) a small increase in inventory and (ii) higher tax cash out due to the strongly positive results of FY2016
- The operating free cash flow was very positive in 2016 because of higher than average margins
- 3 The group consistently generated free cash flows from operations also in 2017 regardless of the decrease in profitability
- The company did not distribute dividends during the period 2015-2017 and the cash generated from operations has been used to deleverage the company
- The business model of ICF does not require high level of investment in terms of working capital and capex, therefore supporting the generation of positive cash flows



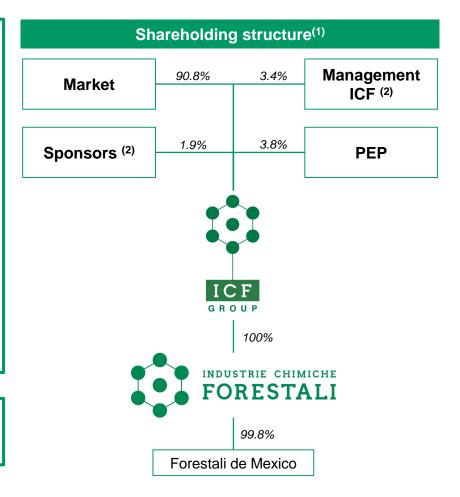
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# A public company with full alignment of interests and over 90% free float

The Management and Private Equity Partners injected new financial resources in the Group for future development

- ICF Group free float is more than 90%, the market is the dominant shareholder
- Being a public company with a fragmented ownership, opens up to stock-for-stock targeted acquisitions to broaden the product portfolio and served markets
- At the business combination (May 2018) the Management and PEP subscribed a €5.1m ICF Group capital increase (€2.2m contributed by the management and €2.9m by PEP) @ €10 per share with a full alignment of interests with the market. They all agreed to a 36 months lock-up clause
- EPS Spac Sponsors sold 20% of their special shares to the management as a further incentive for performance

As of May 21, 2018, the total number of shares is 7,695,087, of which **7,542,913 ordinary shares and 152,174 special** shares





## **Board of Directors**

## **ICF Group Board of Directors**





## **Guido Cami**

Chairman of the Board & CEO



#### **Fabio Sattin**

Director



**Stefano Lustig** 



Director



#### **Giovanni Campolo**

Director (Specific mandate on Corporate Development)



#### Rossano Rufini

Director



#### **Fabio Buttignon**

Independent Director



#### Stefano Caselli

Independent Director



#### **Marco Carlizzi**

Independent Director



### Paola Giannotti de Ponti

Independent Director

#### **ICF Board of Directors**





#### **Guido Cami**

Chairman of the Board & CEO



#### **Giovanni Campolo**

Director



Rossano Rufini

Director

The Board has **3 directors**, two of which nominated by the holding company ICF Group



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