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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 an <u>actual public company</u> 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.

## Shareholding structure<sup>(1)</sup> 90.8% Listed Vehicle **Industrial Operations** Market 1.9% **EPS Sponsors**(1) 100% 99.8% INDUSTRIE CHIMICHE Forestali de Mexico **FORESTALI** Management 3.4% ICF(1) ICF GROUP **FORESTALI** 3.8% Divisions **PEP**





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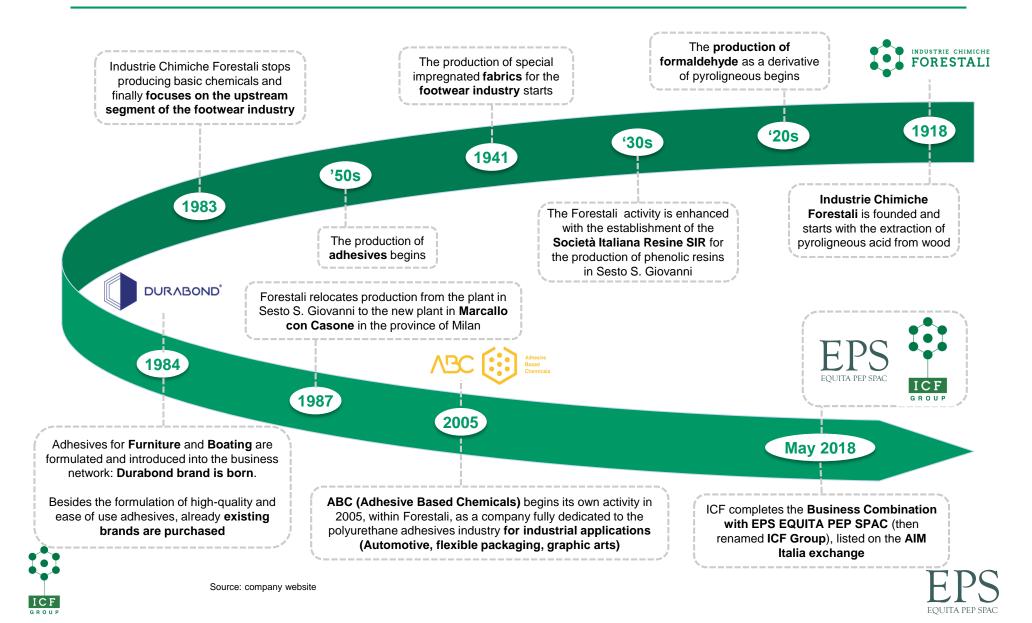
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# **Industrie Chimiche Forestali: a 100-year History**



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

**Core activity** 

Manufacturing of adhesives and technical fabrics

#### **ICF** in numbers

Revenues 2017

**EBITDA** 2017

**EBITDA Margin** 

**NFP** (as of 31/12/2017)

**End market** 

Footwear Leather Goods Automotive Packaging Upholstery €79m

+6.4% CAGR 2014-2017

€9.1m

+6.7% CAGR 2014-2017

**11.6%** *(2017)* 

**14.5%** (Average '15-'17)

€13.8m

1.5x leverage on EBITDA 2017

**Key products** 

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

**Technical Fabrics** (impregnated, coextruded)

126<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) Average age: 47 years

- 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



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# **Organizational Structure and Key Management**

Organizational structure with 126<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

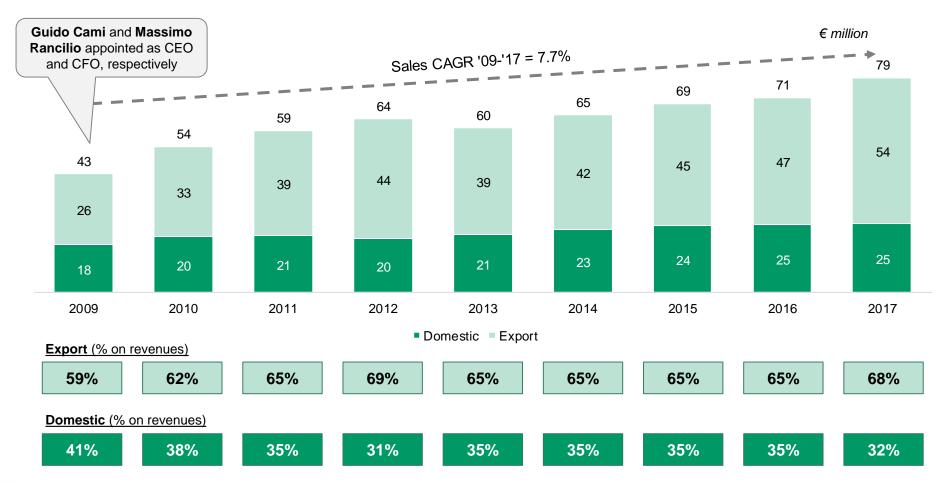
- General Manager at Forestali de Mexico
- 20+ years in Forestali de Mexico



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# **Substantial growth accelerating on Export**

Sales have been growing at high single digit since 2009 with export accounting for 68% of group revenues in 2017





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## 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



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

#### Adhesives are used to glue





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

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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**





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



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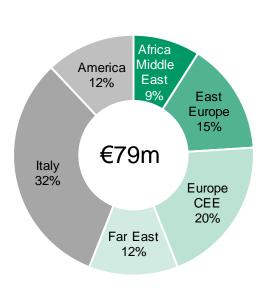
# A Balanced Portfolio with a Global Exposure

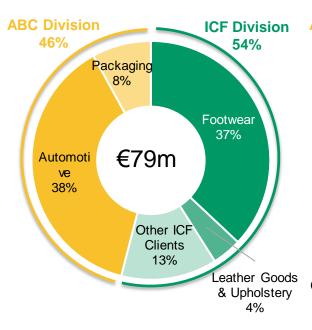
The company is export-oriented, with a balanced exposure to the Automotive, Footwear and Packaging sectors

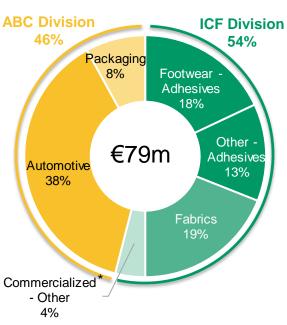


# End market

### **Business Line**







**Export** makes up for c. **68%** of revenues for 2017

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

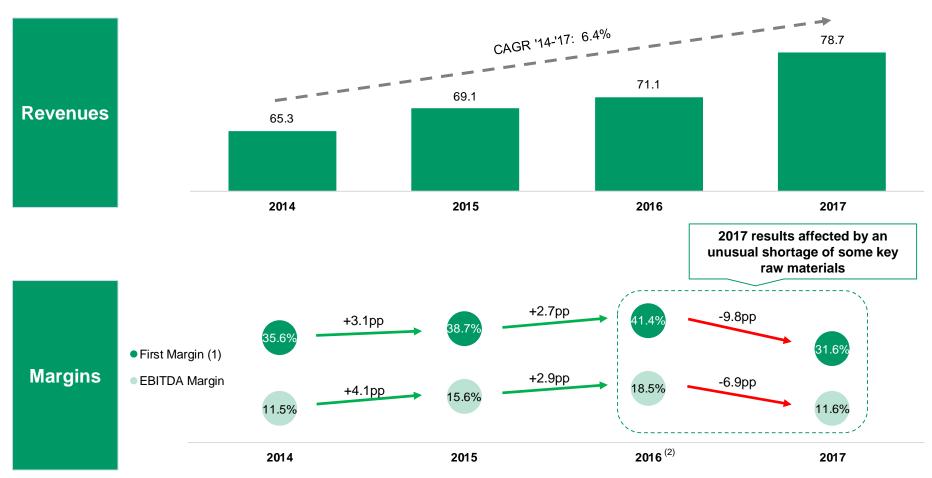
ICF manufactures both adhesives (c. 31%) and fabrics (c. 19%), while ABC manufactures adhesives only





# **Margins Trend**

The dominant cost of production is raw materials. Increase in volumes and a lean organization supported extra margin performances at ICF. Most of the remaining costs are fixed.







## **Material Free Cash Flow Generation**

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

30.0 27.1 Cumulative Adjusted Free Cash 25.0 Flow Generation 2012 - 2017: €29.6m 20.0 Net debt 13.8 15.0 16.712.4 10.0 8.2 5.0 6.1 5.3 dic-11 dic-15 dic-12 dic-13 dic-14 dic-16 dic-17 Key events PP&E Capex for Mandarin Capital buys 95% of Progressio enters in the capital of €13m due to the the company from Luciano ICF. Re-leverage of €21m through Buratti, with PEP and Guido purchase of the plant merger with 918 Group building Cami buying the remaining 5% (Dec-2013) (Jul-2014) (Jan-2016) 2013 2012 2014 2015 2016 2017 €6.3m ∆Net Debt(1) €2.7m €(9.6)m €5.4m €(10.6)m €2.9m Adj. Free Cash €5.4m €2.7m €3.4m €6.3m €8.9m €2.9m Flow Generation(2)





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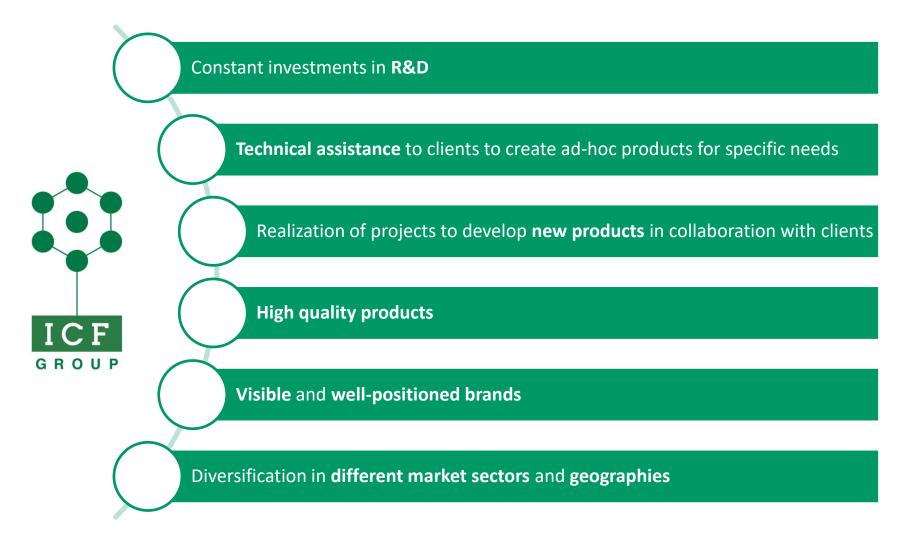
€400k / 500k per year to maintain commercial certifications

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





# **Key Distinguishing Factors**







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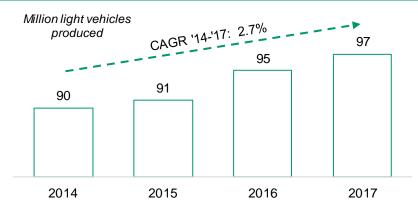




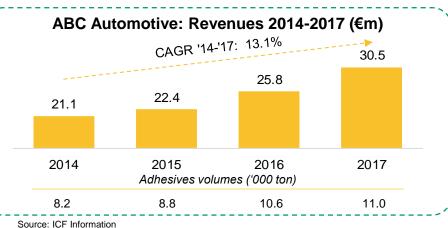
# **Material Expansion in the Automotive Sector**

The automotive sector has been growing since 2013 by 2.7% per year with the ABC Automotive division overperforming the market with a 13.1% annual growth witnessing the high quality of products and services

## Automotive end market: past evolution...



Source: International Organization of Motor Vehicle Manufacturers (OICA), Vehicle Production









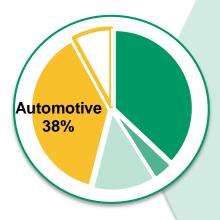


# **High Client Penetration in the Automotive Sector**

## Through the ABC division, ICF serves 4 main clients in more than 20 countries

ICF S.p.A. revenues

2017: €79m



#### **Main clients**



- Revenues 2017: **€1.4bn**
- 63 production plants in 19 countries
  - 11,400 Employees



- Revenues 2017: €5bn of which €2bn in Overheads & Soft Trim (1 out of 4 vehicles served worldwide)
- 151 production plants and Just-in-time centers in 25 countries



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- Revenues 2017: c. \$4.4bn
- More than 70 locations in 20 countries
- 22,000 employees

On average ~ 300g/500g of adhesive are necessary for each headliner in a vehicle

**ABC** penetration

Around 97m (1) vehicles have

been produced in 2017 in the

world

- Revenues 2016: **€150m**
- 8 production plants in 4 countries
- More than 900 employees

Other Clients

ABC sold around **11,000 tons** of adhesive in 2017 to its

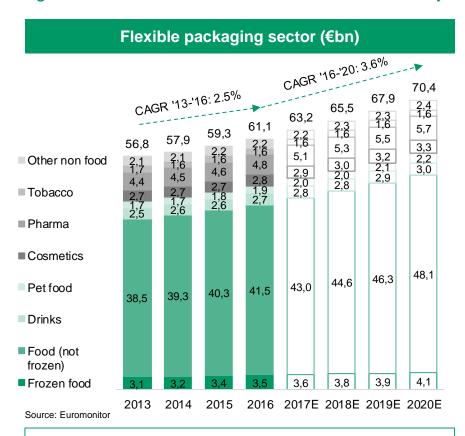
Automotive clients



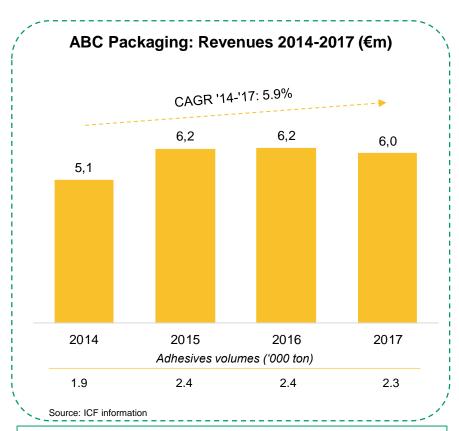


# Higher Growth Expected in the Flexible Packaging Sector in 2018

ABC Packaging by growing at a 5.9% CAGR over the last 4 years outperformed the reference market. The slight decrease in sales in 2017 was also caused by the shortage of some key raw materials



Segments served by ICF represent more than **70%** of market revenues in 2016



The historical growth of ABC Packaging in the last 4 year was c.**5.9%**.





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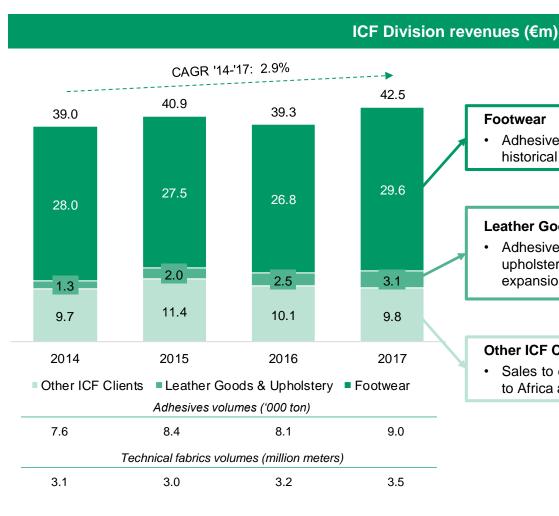
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## Overview of the ICF Division: Footwear & Leather Goods

The largest portion of revenues for the ICF Division comes from Footwear (70% of ICF revenues in 2017), with Leather Goods & Upholstery accounting for 7% and Other ICF clients for 23%



#### **Footwear**

· Adhesives and technical fabrics for the footwear industry, the historical business of ICF

#### **Leather Goods & Upholstery**

· Adhesives and technical fabrics for leather goods and upholstered furniture, an area of more recent focus for expansion

#### **Other ICF Clients**

Sales to directional clients outsourcing productions to ICF and to Africa and Middle East



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# Income Statement ICF S.p.A. 2014 – 2017: 2017 double-digit top line growth, margins affected by extraordinary increase in raw materials

€m	2014*	2015	2016	2017	CAGR 14-1
Revenues	65,3	69,1	71,1	78,7	6,4%
Other revenues	0,1	0,3	(0,9)	1,6	
Total revenues	65,5	69,4	70,3	80,3	7,1%
Y-o-Y growth (%)	8,1%	6,0%	1,2%	14,4%	
Cost of materials	(42,2)	(42,7)	(42,4)	(55,4)	
First margin	23,3	26,7	27,9	24,9	2,3%
Margin (%)	35,6%	38,7%	39,2%	31,6%	
Services	(7,8)	(7,6)	(8,1)	(8,4)	
Production	(2,7)	(2,1)	(2,4)	(2,6)	
Commercial	(3,8)	(3,8)	(3,9)	(4,1)	
G&A	(1,2)	(1,7)	(1,8)	(1,7)	
Cost of labor	(8,0)	(7,7)	(8,1)	(8,6)	
Other costs	-	(0,7)	(0,1)	1,2	
EBITDA	7,5	10,8	11,5	9,1	6,7%
Margin (%)	11,5%	15,6%	16,2%	11,6%	
D&A	(1,9)	(1,6)	(4,8)	(4,9)	
Amortization	n.a.	(0,1)	(3,2)	(3,2)	
Depreciation	n.a.	(1,4)	(1,6)	(1,7)	
Write-downs and provisions	(0,7)	(0,4)	(0,1)	(0,1)	
EBIT	5,0	8,7	6,7	4,1	
Margin (%)	7,6%	12,6%	9,4%	5,2%	
Financial income / (expenses)	(0,5)	(0,5)	(1,0)	(1,2)	
Foreign exchange income/(expense:	n.a.	(0,0)	(0,1)	(0,3)	
Extraordinary income/(expenses)	0,0	(0,0)	(0,1)	0,1	
EBT	4,4	8,2	5,6	2,9	
Tax	(1,8)	(2,7)	(2,5)	(1,7)	
Net income	2,7	5,5	3,1	1,3	
Margin (%)	4,1%	8,0%	4,4%	1,6%	
Net Income Adjustments	-	-	4,6	3,0	

#### 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**
- 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
- 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.
- 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

The consolidation of ICF Group (post business combination of May 2018) will add some recurrent operating costs (estimated at around €0.3m), non recurrent costs for the business combination and a further goodwill amortization for €2.9m





## **Balance Sheet ICF S.p.A. 2014 – 2017**

€ m	2014*	2015	2016	2017
Inventory	7,6	7,7	8,2	11,2
Accounts receivables	17,8	18,5	17,9	20,1
Accounts payable	(12,2)	(11,8)	(13,9)	(18,0)
Trade working capital	13,2	14,4	12,3	13,2
Total other assets / (liabilities)	(1,3)	(2,4)	(1,4)	(0,6)
Working capital	11,9	11,9	10,9	12,7
Intangible assets	1,5	1,1	28,3	25,3
Tangible assets	14,4	13,6	17,4	16,8
Financial assets	0,1	0,0	0,0	0,0
Fixed assets	16,0	14,7	45,7	42,2
Employees' leaving indemnities	(8,0)	(8,0)	(8,0)	(8,0)
Other funds	n.a.	(0,4)	(0,6)	(0,5)
Net invested capital	27,2	25,5	55,1	53,5
Share capital	5,9	5,9	5,9	5,9
Reserves	6,2	8,0	29,5	32,6
Net income to the parent company	2,7	5,5	3,1	1,3
Minority interests	n.a.	(0,0)	(0,0)	(0,0)
Shareholders' equity	14,8	19,4	38,5	39,7
LT debt	10,7	7,8	24,6	20,4
ST debt	n.a.	2,5	2,6	2,3
Other financial debt	1,7	-	-	-
Financial debt	12,4	10,3	27,2	22,7
Cash & equivalents	(0,0)	(4,2)	(10,6)	(8,9)
Net financial position	12,4	6,1	16,7	13,8
Sources	27,2	25,5	55,1	53,5

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

- 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
- **Financial debt** decreased in FY2017 because of the positive Free Cash Flow generation

The consolidation of ICF Group will increase
Intangible assets for c. €29m and the net
liquidity by around €3m





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

€m	2015*	2016	2017
Net income	5,5	3,1	1,3
D&A	1,6	4,8	4,9
Provisions	0,3	0,5	0,4
Write-downs	0,0	0,0	(0,1)
ΔWC	0,4	1,4	(2,2)
Other cash items	(0,6)	-	-
Cash flows from operations	7,3	9,8	4,4
Tangible capex	(1,0)	(0,7)	(1,2)
Intangible capex	-	(0,2)	(0,3)
Investment in Financial assets			
Cash flows from investing	(1,0)	(0,9)	(1,5)
Operating Free Cash Flow	6,3	8,9	2,9
Debt is suance / (reimbursement)	(2,1)	(2,6)	(4,6)
Cash flows from financing	(2,1)	(2,6)	(4,6)
Available cash flows	4,2	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 exceptionally high in 2016 because of higher than average margins
- 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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## **Future Actions**

## **Strategic actions for 2018-2020**



- Development of **geographic** areas for **Footwear**
- China, India, Brazil, Vietnam, Indonesia



Production of water-based adhesives in Asia



Egypt, Middle East



Increase in sales of linings and reinforcing (started in 2017), in Italy and abroad

Development of geographic areas for flexible packaging



#### In the mid term

Development of a new project for adhesives with **extruded materials** 

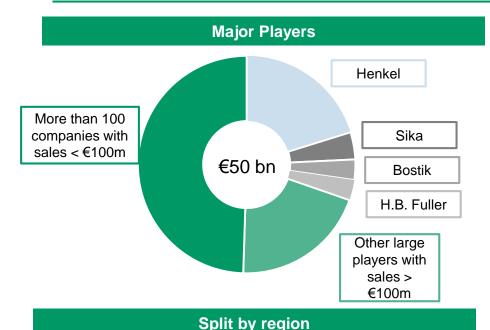


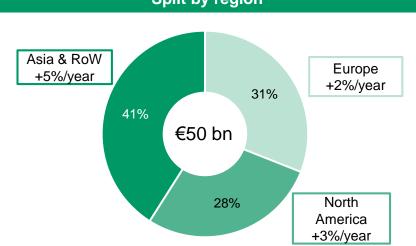
 Project for a new delivery system of adhesives





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





- A 50 billion euro market with strong growth drivers (3% to 3.5% a year)
- 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-forstock deals



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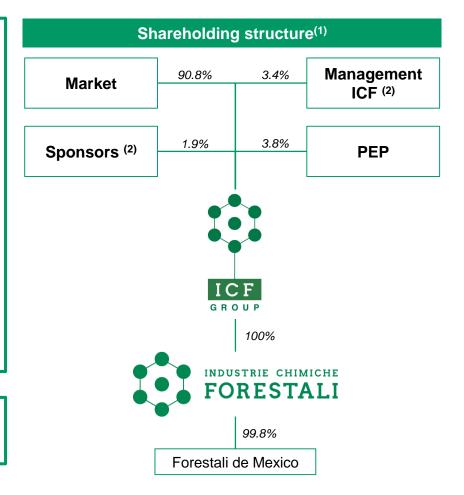


# An actual public company with full alignment of interests

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, thus fully aligning their 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 (listed) and 152,174** special shares (unlisted)







## **Board of Directors**

## **ICF Group Board of Directors**









Giovanni Campolo
Director (Specific mandate on
Corporate Development)



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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