### **First Half 2007 Results**







## First Half 2007 Key figures

Net Sales	EUR 8,402 m	+4.7%
	EUK 0,402 III	
Operating income before non-recurring items	EUR 861 m	+33.5%
Operating margin	LOK 601 III	
before non-recurring items	10.2%	Up 2.2 points
Net income	EUR 436 m	+57.6%
Gearing	86%	Up 18 points
Free Cash Flow	EUR -31m	Improvement: + EUR 382m









# H1 2007 markets trended up except in North America

#### **PASSENGER CAR/LIGHT TRUCK**

Original Equipment
Replacement

Europe	North America	Asia	South America	Africa & Middle East
+2.8%	-5.8%	+6.4%	+9.9%	+3.0%
+0.2%	+2.1%	+2.7%	+1.8%	+3.0%

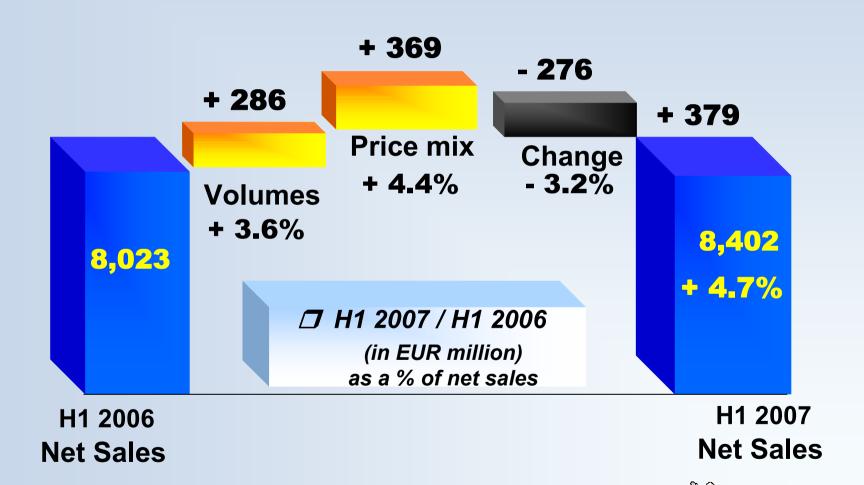
#### **TRUCK**

Original Equipment
Replacement

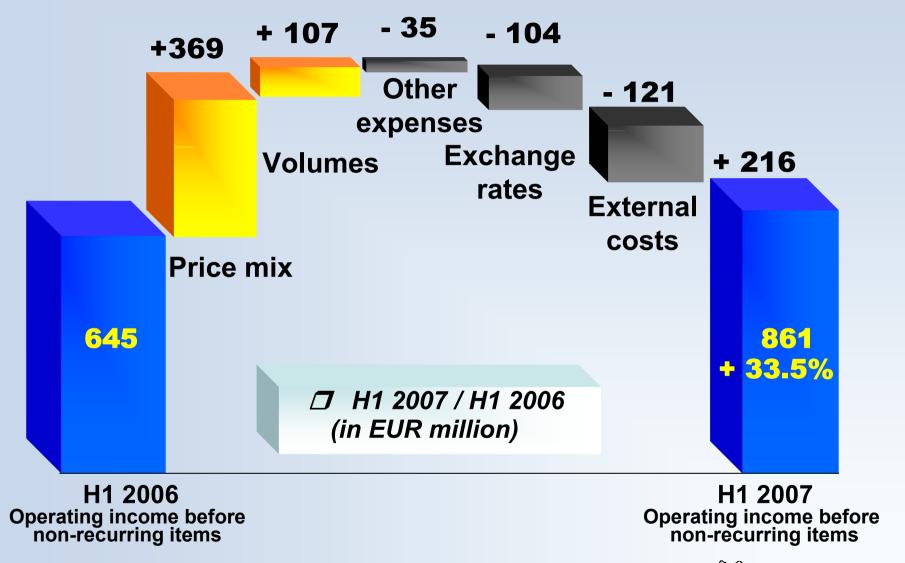
Europe	North America	Asia	South America	Africa & Middle East
+13.4%	-24.6%	+10.2%	+29.2%	+6.0%
+6.3%	-4.5%	+8.7%	+10.4%	+3.3%



# Price mix remained strong and sales volume increased...

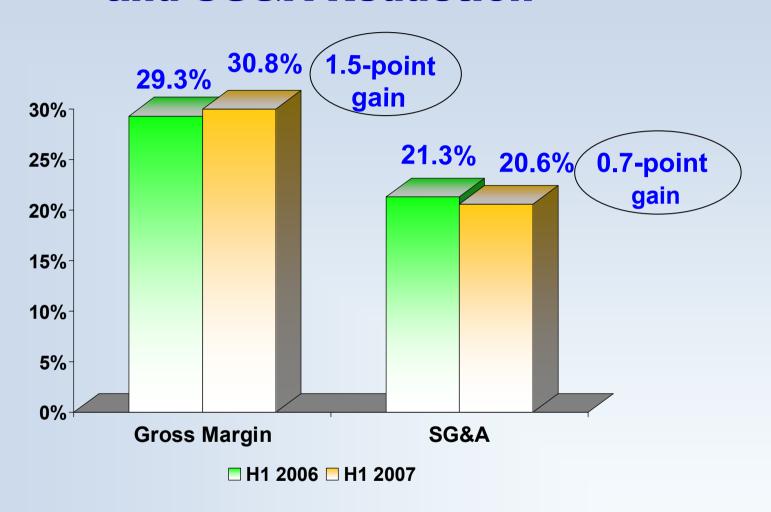


## ...which offset external cost hikes and the negative impact of currency exchange rates.





## **Gross Margin Improvement and SG&A Reduction**



as a % of sales

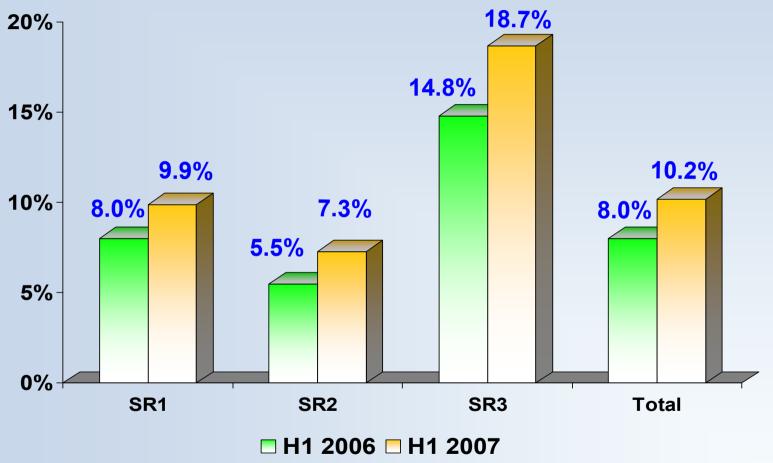








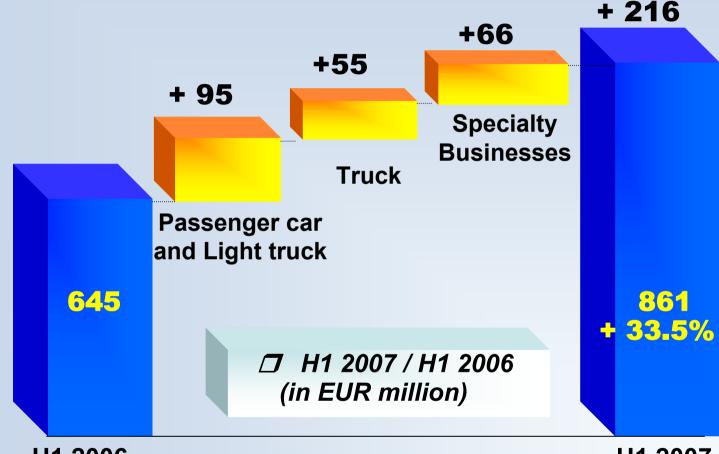
# All reporting segments reported improved profitability.



Operating margin before non-recurring items as a % of net sales



# Positive Contribution by all Businesses



H1 2006
Operating income before non-recurring items

H1 2007
Operating income before non-recurring items



## Passenger Car / Light Truck & Related Distribution

**Mix Improvement Combined with Positive Price Effect** 

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Sales	4,489	+2.8%	53%
Operating Income before non-recurring items	443	+27.4%	51%
Operating Margin before non-recurring items	9.9%	+1.9 pt	



## Passenger Car / Light Truck & Related Distribution

**First Half 2007 Highlights** 

Productivity investment at the Bridgewater (Canada) plant



 Michelin brand led JD Power customer satisfaction surveys in Japan and South Africa

New Michelin Latitude SUV tire range



 Opening of the 400<sup>th</sup> and largest TyrePlus tire distribution center in China



### **Truck & Related Distribution**

Currency exchange rates and raw material cost increases negatively impacted profitability.

	Eur m	H1 07/ H1 06	Group %
Sales	2,746	+4.5%	33%
Operating Income before non-recurring items	200	+38.0%	23%
Operating Margin before non-recurring items	7.3%	+1.8 pt	



#### **Truck & Related Distribution**

#### **First Half 2007 Highlights**

- The U.S. Department of Defense awarded Michelin a USD 1.7 bn 10-year logistics contract to equip all of its ground vehicles throughout the world.
- The Waterville (Canada) plant manufactured its first MICHELIN X One tire.



Launch of MICHELIN X Energy 315/60 R 22.5 XF



 Strong growth of Michelin Fleet Solutions in Eastern Europe



## **Specialty Businesses**

Sales volume growth and price increases had a positive impact.

	Eur m	H1 07/ H1 06	Group %
Sales	1,167	+13.4%	14%
Operating income before non-recurring items	218	+43.5%	26%
Operating margin before non-recurring items	18.7%	+3.9 pts	



### **Specialty Businesses**

**First Half 2007 Highlights** 

**Earthmover**: The Lexington (USA) plant expansion produced its first tire





**Agricultural**: Two new tires for Compact line tractors: Michelin XMCL and Power CL

Two-Wheel: Launch of Michelin Pilot Road 2 for touring segment





Aircraft: Michelin's radial tire technology certified for Embraer EMB 190 Jet





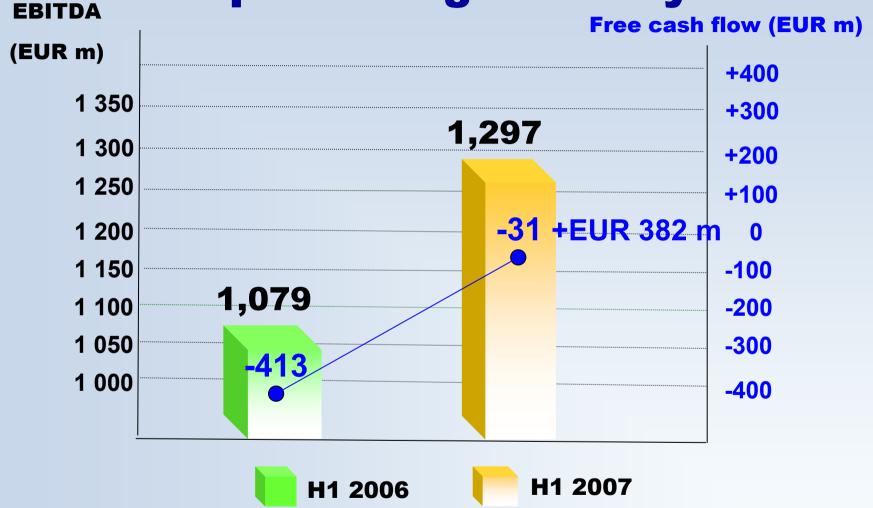


## **Net Result Up 58%**

In EUR million	H1 2007	H1 2006	% change
Sales	8,402	8,023	+4.7%
Operating Income Before non-recurring items % of Net Sales	861 10.2%	645 8.0%	+33.4%
Non-Recurring Items	-63	-160	
Operating Income	798	485	+64.5%
Net Interest Charges	-125	-35	
Tax	-240	-177	
Result of Companies accounted for by the equity method	4	4	
Net Income	436	277	+57.6%

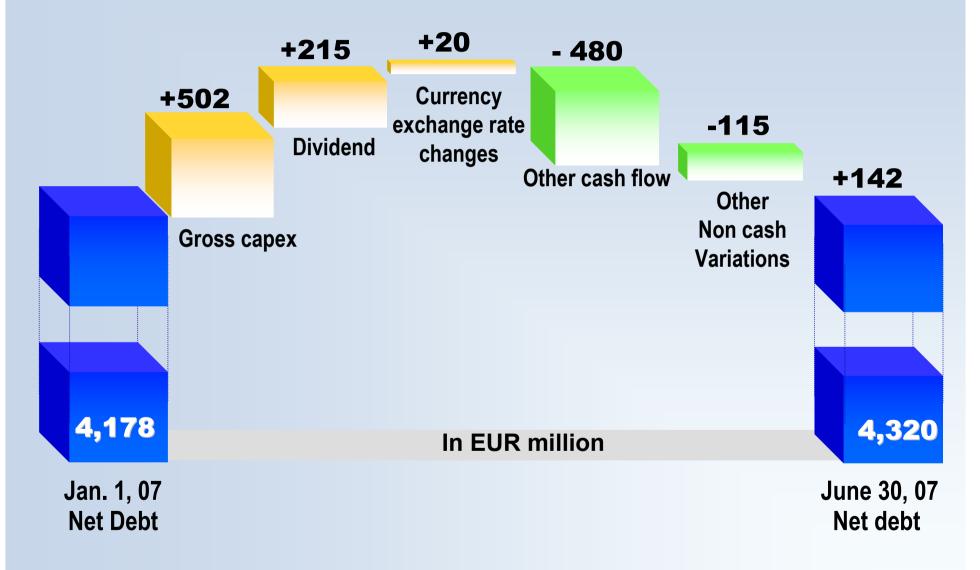


# EBITDA\* and free cash flow \*\* improved significantly



<sup>\*</sup>EBITDA before non-recurring items: Operating income excluding depreciation and PP&E value impairment \*\*Free Cash Flow: Cash from operations – investment expenses

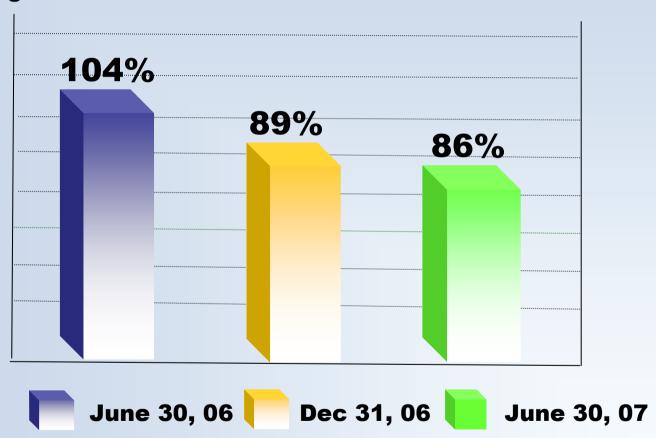
### **Controlled debt increase...**





# ...translated into further gearing improvement.

#### **Gearing**









# 2007 estimated markets: recovery in Europe and healthy emerging markets, but declining North American truck markets.

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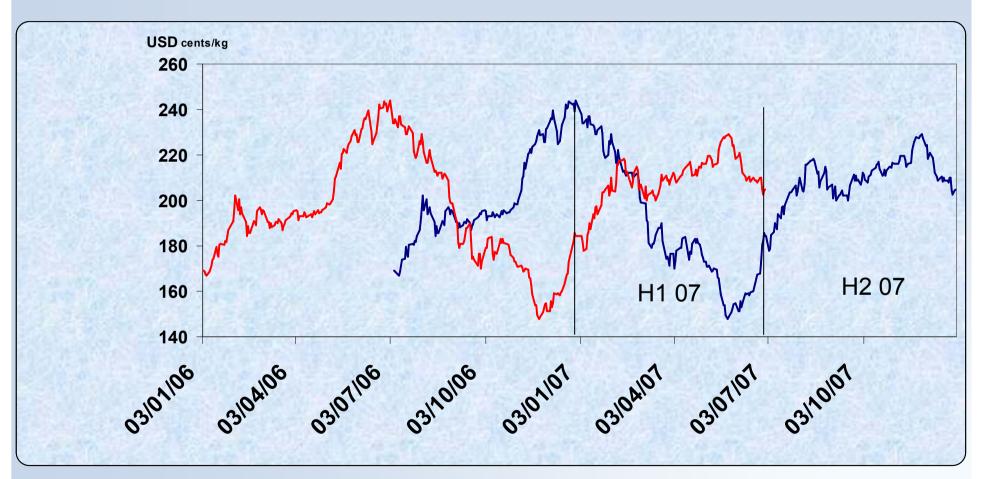
#### TRUCK



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+3.4%	-2.3%	+8.2%	+8.0%	+3.3%



## Average Raw Material Costs Higher in H2 Because of Natural Rubber Price Increases Early in 07



—— Natural rubber procurement

Natural rubber consumption



### **Outlook for 2007**

Markets generally trending up except in North America

Further internal progress

Average raw material costs higher in H2 / H1







Full-year Operating Margin Expected to approach H1 07 level



In line with 2010 objectives



## **Agenda**



- -September 12, 2007: Frankfurt Motor Show
- -*October 29, 2007:* Q3 Financial Information
- November 14 17,2007:
   Challenge Bibendum &
   Investors Days in Shanghai







### **First Half 2007 Results**





