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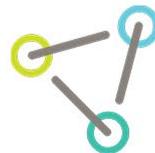
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# fourth-quarter fiscal 2023



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# agenda

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- Q4 performance summary
- Q4 and FY23 financial results
- priorities for 2024
- outlook
- closing comments
- Q&A

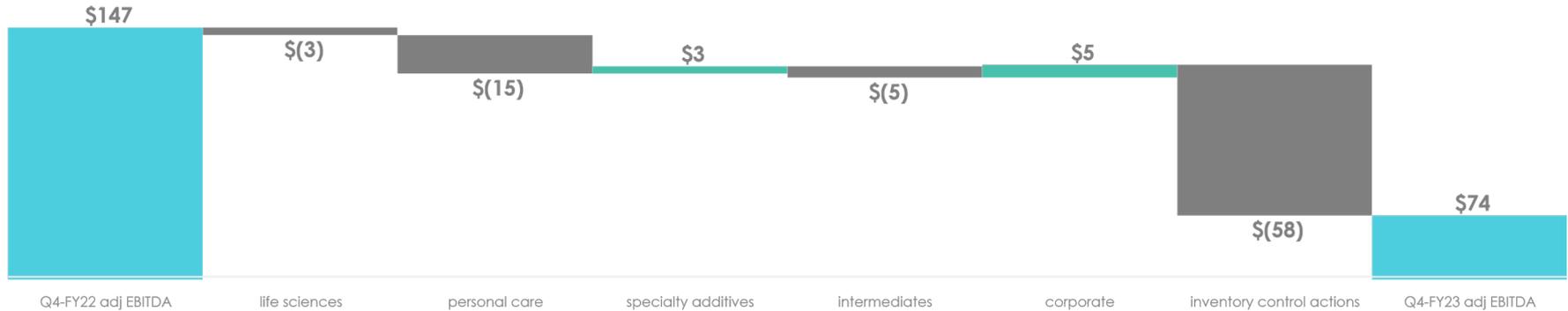


# performance summary

# proactive inventory control impacted Q4 results

## adj. EBITDA bridge<sup>1</sup>: Q4-FY22 to Q4-FY23

US \$ in millions



- o proactive inventory control actions drove most of year-over-year reduction in adjusted EBITDA
- o inventory reduced by \$86 million compared to June 30, 2023
- o volume/mix was modestly weaker than expected (primarily in personal care)
- o favorable raw-material costs compared to prior year

5 <sup>1</sup> Segment results exclude inventory control actions.

# fiscal 2023 “year in review”

## major factors impacting results

▼	volume	down 18%, significant customer inventory destocking
▲	price / mix	up \$178MM or +7%, FY22 carryover and FY23 actions
▼	sales	down \$200MM or (8%)
▲	unit costs (mfg <sup>1</sup> )	up, higher unit-production cost from lower volume (lower demand and inventory-control actions); flat manufacturing expenses
▼	costs (SARD <sup>1</sup> )	down, flat underlying SARD expense with lower variable pay
▼	adj. EBITDA	down 22%

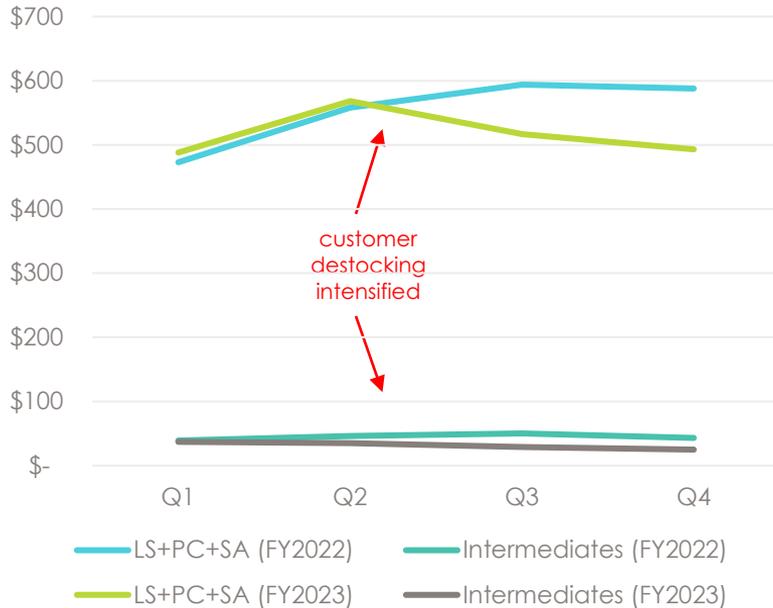
1 Mfg = Manufacturing costs

2 SARD = Selling, administrative, research and development expense

# Q4 and FY23 financial results

# customer destocking had a significant impact

sales by fiscal quarter (USD MM)



Note: LS = Life Sciences, PC = Personal Care, SA = Specialty Additives. Intermediates results exclude captive sales.

## fiscal year 2023 sales progression

- carryover pricing more than offset soft volumes in Q1 and Q2
- destocking began early in the fiscal year, primarily among distributors in Europe and China
- customer destocking intensified in late April and early May
- continued throughout the fiscal year
- all end markets negatively impacted (except for pharma)
- absence of normal seasonal strength during the second-half of the fiscal year

# fiscal-fourth quarter adjusted results<sup>1</sup>

## operating results summary

Ashland			
(\$US in millions, except percentages)	Q4 FY23	Q4 FY22	change
sales	\$518	\$631	(18) %
gross profit margin	24.9 %	33.1 %	(820) bps
SG&A / R&D costs / intangible amortization	\$116	\$123	(6) %
operating income	\$14	\$87	(84) %
EBITDA	\$74	\$147	(50) %
EBITDA margin	14.3 %	23.3 %	(900) bps
EPS (excluding acquisition amortization) <sup>2</sup>	\$0.41	\$1.46	(72) %
ongoing free cash flow <sup>3</sup>	\$104	\$93	+12 %

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# life sciences

## highlights

- o sustained pricing
- o pharma demand resilient compared to strong prior year
- o strong recovery in nutraceuticals
- o continued destocking in other end markets
- o \$6 million of inventory-control actions

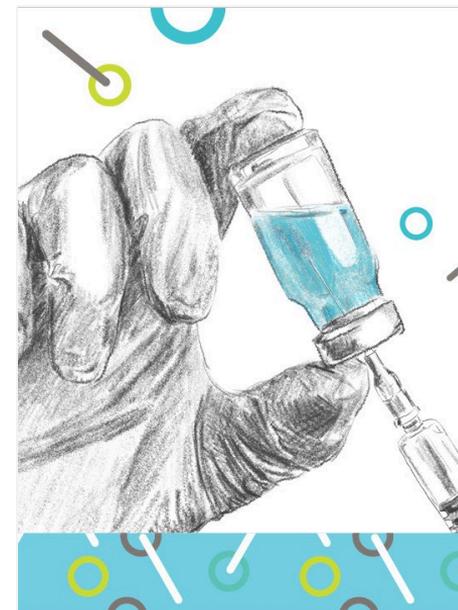
adjusted results summary <sup>1</sup>			
(\$US in millions, except percentages)	Q4 FY23	Q4 FY22	change
sales	\$203	\$213	(5) %
gross profit	\$63	\$72	(13) %
gross profit margin	31.0 %	33.8 %	(280) bps
operating income	\$31	\$40	(23) %
EBITDA	\$48	\$57	(16) %
EBITDA margin	23.6 %	26.8 %	(320) bps

-LSD	+DD	-DD
pharma	nutraceuticals	nutrition & other

Q4 FY23 year-over-year sales (HSD/MSD/LSD = high, mid or low single-digit %. DD = double-digit %)

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# personal care

## highlights

- o global consumer demand remains resilient
- o continued customer destocking across end markets
- o sustained pricing
- o \$5 million of inventory-control actions

adjusted results summary <sup>1</sup>			
(\$US in millions, except percentages)	Q4 FY23	Q4 FY22	change
sales	\$146	\$188	(22) %
gross profit	\$53	\$74	(28) %
gross profit margin	36.3 %	39.4 %	(310) bps
operating income	\$14	\$35	(60) %
EBITDA	\$36	\$56	(36) %
EBITDA margin	24.7 %	29.8 %	(510) bps
	-DD	-DD	-DD
skin care	hair care	oral care	household

Q4 FY23 year-over-year sales (HSD/MSD/LSD = high, mid or low single-digit %. DD = double-digit %)

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# specialty additives

## highlights

- o continued customer destocking across end markets
- o architectural coatings less impacted
- o weak construction demand in Europe
- o \$38 million of inventory-control actions

adjusted results summary <sup>1</sup>			
(\$US in millions, except percentages)	Q4 FY23	Q4 FY22	change
sales	\$144	\$187	(23) %
gross profit	\$11	\$47	(77) %
gross profit margin	7.6 %	25.1 %	(1,750) bps
operating income	(\$12)	\$24	(150) %
EBITDA	\$8	\$43	(81) %
EBITDA margin	5.6 %	23.0 %	(1,740) bps
-DD		-DD	
coatings		construction, energy, performance spec.	

Q4 FY23 year-over-year sales (HSD/MSD/LSD = high, mid or low single-digit %. DD = double-digit %)

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# intermediates

## highlights

- merchant: lower pricing and volumes
- captive: lower transfer pricing and volumes
- \$9 million of inventory-control actions

adjusted results summary <sup>1</sup>			
(\$US in millions, except percentages)	Q4 FY23	Q4 FY22	change
sales	\$37	\$64	(42) %
gross profit	\$2	\$16	(88) %
gross profit margin	5.4 %	25.0 %	(1,960) bps
operating income	-	\$14	(100) %
EBITDA	\$3	\$17	(82) %
EBITDA margin	8.1 %	26.6 %	(1,850) bps
	-DD		
	-DD		
	merchant	captive	

Q3 FY23 year-over-year sales (HSD/MSD/LSD = high, mid or low single-digit %. DD = double-digit %)

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# fiscal year 2023 adjusted results summary<sup>1</sup>

(\$US in millions, except %s and per-share data)	FY23	FY22	change
sales	\$2,191	\$2,391	(8%)
EBITDA	\$459	\$590	(22) %
EBITDA margin	20.9 %	24.7 %	(380) bps
EPS (excluding intangibles amortization) <sup>2</sup>	\$4.07	\$5.70	(29) %
ongoing free cash flow <sup>3</sup>	\$217	\$127	+71 %

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# strong balance sheet

## strong financial position with increased flexibility

### strong balance sheet<sup>1</sup>

- cash and liquidity available of ~\$1.1 billion
- net debt<sup>2</sup> of \$913 million; net leverage<sup>3</sup> of 2.0x; no long-term debt maturities for the next three years

### proactive inventory management and free cash flow generation

- reduced inventory levels by \$86 million since June 30, 2023
- generated \$104 million of ongoing free cash flow during fiscal Q4
- ongoing free cash flow of \$217 million in fiscal year 2023

### other long-term capital allocation priorities

- pursuing growth capital investment over the coming years
- slowing certain growth investments to keep pace with demand recovery
- increased flexibility to pursue future M&A strategy

## enhanced balance sheet strength and flexibility

# 2024 priorities

# fiscal year 2024 challenges

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## limited visibility with multiple variables

concerns about global recession or economic slowdown

- economic headwinds in US, Europe and China
- geopolitical uncertainty

uncertainty regarding normalization of customer demand

- many customers still have high inventory levels

pricing/margins discipline is critical

- lower pricing has immediate impact
- Impact of lower raw-material costs

innovation: launching new innovation platforms with major impact starting in 2025

- investing to accelerate impact

despite reductions, Ashland inventory days remain elevated based on outlook scenarios

unit manufacturing costs remain high and volatile until production volumes increase and stabilize

# scenario planning

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## key variables

recession risk

demand-recovery timing

pricing/margin headwinds



## impact

- wide range of results
- risk of lower sales volumes
- pricing / raw material cost misalignment resulting in margin compression
- plant cost absorption volatility resulting in higher manufacturing unit costs
- higher risk in segments without market and technology leadership

**objective – build resilience across multiple scenarios**

# strategic priorities

## shape and grow the portfolio

### execute

- expand leading technology capacity
- exit select product / business lines

### globalize

- high-value product segments in key geographies
- expand big3 in Asia

### innovate

- existing technology platforms
- new technology platforms

### acquire

- drug delivery technologies
- natural & biotech technologies
- high-value additives

sustainably shape and grow

focus

#1

# execute: four primary portfolio actions

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strengthen our base and improve profitability

1. divest nutraceuticals business
2. optimize & consolidate CMC business
3. optimize & consolidate MC-Industrial business
4. rebalance global HEC production network

# execute: impact<sup>1</sup> of our actions

build resilience and strength to grow

## impact

lower sales \$200 – 225 MM

lower gross profit ~\$20 MM

stranded costs ~\$80 MM

offset actions impact \$100 MM

**net adj. EBITDA impact \$ 0MM**

- optimize plant network loading
- reduce direct cost
- restructure to offset stranded allocated cost
- reduce working Capital and CAPEX
- reallocate resources to growth segments
- increase adjusted EBITDA margins by 200 – 250bps
- increase return on net assets (RONA) by 150 – 200bps

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sustainably shape and grow

focus  
#2



# investing in our future

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## passion to win and act with urgency

### globalize

- 4 businesses (biofunctionals, preservatives, injectables, OSD film coatings)
  - all are high-growth and high-margin
  - adding commercial / technical resources to accelerate growth (>\$5MM)
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### innovate

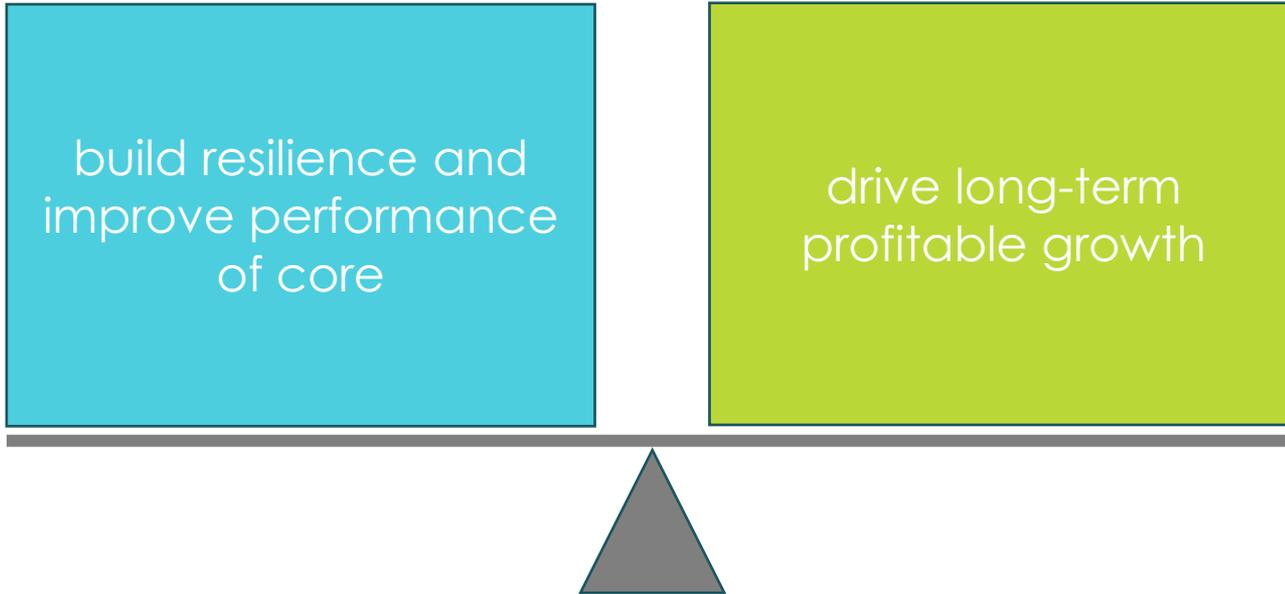
- existing tech platforms: focus on high-value launches
  - new tech platforms: accelerate commercialization / get in the hands of customers
  - adding commercial / technical resources for new tech platform growth (>\$5MM)
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### acquire

- bolt-on M&A
- focus on Big3 (pharma, personal care, coatings)
- acquisitions augment our organic-growth-focus

# proactive and balanced approach

coherent strategy and business model



# fiscal year 2024 outlook

# FY2024 roadmap

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## our base-line performance (2023)

- compensation reset
- 2024 demand recovery
- plant loading
- margin dynamics (price/RM cost)

## FY2024 base line performance

- portfolio action impact
- growth investments

## our goal (accelerate impact)

- **merit and incentive comp reset:** ~\$40 million
- **demand recovery and plant loading:** key scenario variables: no recovery, recovery in fiscal Q3, recovery in mid to end of fiscal Q2
- **margins:** maintain margins
- **portfolio actions:** accelerate impact
- **growth investments:** fund to accelerate organic growth opportunities (globalization and innovate)

# fiscal Q1 outlook

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## limited visibility to timing of demand recovery

- seasonality has returned, performance driven by second half of the fiscal year
- too much uncertainty to define probabilities of each scenario
- actively engaging stakeholders on portfolio actions

## fiscal Q1 outlook

- weaker demand, with Q1 demand progressing as expected with risk to December results from potential customer year-end inventory actions
- lower production volumes, including some inventory-control action carryover
- lower Intermediates pricing

### **sales**

\$470 – \$490 million

### **adjusted EBITDA**

\$55 – \$65 million

agile, disciplined,  
focused on what  
we can control

closing comments

# our approach

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build resilience: focus on building clarity vs. certainty

- **act on what we can control**
- **develop plans assuming the worse case**
- **be positioned to capitalize on upside**

- stay on strategy
- maintain operating and capital allocation discipline
- take action to maximize fiscal year 2024 performance
- leverage opportunity to refine portfolio and improve quality/focus
- invest in our long-term growth strategy

thank you and Q&A



appendix A: adjusted results  
summary and balance sheet

# Q4 adjusted results summary<sup>1</sup>

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sales	\$518	\$631	(18) %
gross profit	\$129	\$209	(38) %
gross profit margin	24.9 %	33.1 %	(820) bps
SG&A / R&D costs / intangible amort.	\$116	\$123	(6) %
operating income	\$14	\$87	(84) %
depreciation & amortization	\$62	\$60	+3 %
EBITDA	\$74	\$147	(50) %
EBITDA margin	14.3 %	23.3 %	(930) bps
net interest and other expense	\$10	\$11	(9) %
effective tax rate	NM	18 %	NM
income from continuing operations	\$3	\$62	(95) %
income from continuing operations (excluding intangible amortization)	\$21	\$80	(74) %
diluted share count (million shares)	51	55	(7) %
EPS (excluding intangible amortization)	\$0.41	\$1.46	(72) %

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# FY 2023 adjusted results summary<sup>1</sup>

(\$US in millions, except %s and per-share data)	FY23	FY22	change
sales:			
life sciences	\$869	\$815	+7 %
personal care	\$598	\$678	(12) %
specialty additives	\$600	\$719	(17) %
intermediates	\$185	\$256	(28) %
intersegment sales	(\$61)	(\$77)	(21) %
<b>sales</b>	<b>\$2,191</b>	<b>\$2,391</b>	<b>(8%)</b>
EBITDA:			
life sciences	\$247	\$218	+13 %
personal care	\$137	\$186	(26) %
specialty additives	\$94	\$185	(49) %
intermediates	\$63	\$100	(37) %
unallocated & other	(\$82)	(\$99)	(17) %
<b>EBITDA</b>	<b>\$459</b>	<b>\$590</b>	<b>(22) %</b>
<b>EBITDA margin</b>	<b>20.9 %</b>	<b>24.7 %</b>	<b>(380) bps</b>
<b>EPS (excluding intangibles amortization)<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>\$4.07</b>	<b>\$5.70</b>	<b>(29) %</b>
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# Q4 business unit consolidation<sup>1</sup>

(\$US in millions, except percentages)	life sciences	personal care	specialty additives	Intermediates	intercompany eliminations <sup>2</sup>	unallocated and other <sup>3</sup>	Ashland
sales	\$203	\$146	\$144	\$37	(\$12)	-	\$518
gross profit	\$63	\$53	\$11	\$2	-	-	\$129
gross profit margin	31.0 %	36.3 %	7.6 %	5.4 %	-	-	24.9 %
EBITDA	\$48	\$36	\$8	\$3	-	(\$21)	\$74
EBITDA margin	23.6 %	24.7 %	5.6 %	8.1 %	-	-	14.3 %

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<sup>2</sup> Intercompany sales from intermediates to all other segments recorded at market pricing and are eliminated in consolidation.

<sup>3</sup> Unallocated and other includes legacy costs plus corporate governance (finance, legal, executive, etc.).

# liquidity and net debt

(\$US in millions)	expiration	interest rate	Moody's rating	S&P rating	9/30/23 balance
cash					\$417
revolver and A/R facilities availability					698
<b>cash, A/R and revolver availability<sup>1</sup></b>					<b>\$1,115</b>
<b>US A/R sales program<sup>1</sup></b>					<b>-</b>
debt					
2.00% notes (EUR)	Jan. 2028	2.000%	Ba1	BB+	\$528
3.375% notes	Sept. 2031	3.375%	Ba1	BB+	450
6.875% notes	May 2043	6.875%	Ba1	BB+	282
European A/R securitization	July 2023	CP+70	-	-	-
revolving credit facility <sup>2</sup>	July 2027	Term SOFR+125	-	-	-
6.50% junior subordinated notes	Jun. 2029	6.500%	B1	BB+	64
other <sup>3</sup>		-	-	-	6
<b>total debt</b>			<b>Ba1/stable</b>	<b>BB+/stable</b>	<b>\$1,330</b>
cash					(417)
<b>net debt</b>					<b>\$913</b>

1 Total liquidity of \$1,115 million from all sources.

2 Term SOFR benchmark rate to include 10 bps credit adjustment spread on USD 1-, 3-, and 6-month borrowings.

3 Includes \$13 million of debt issuance cost discounts as of September 30, 2023.

## appendix B: non-GAAP reconciliation<sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Although Ashland provides forward looking guidance for adjusted EBITDA in this presentation, Ashland is not reaffirming or providing forward-looking guidance for U.S. GAAP reported financial measures or a reconciliation of forward-looking non-GAAP financial measures to the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP measure because it is unable to predict with reasonable certainty the ultimate outcome of certain significant items without unreasonable effort.

Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries  
**Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Data**  
for the 12 Months Ended September 30, 2023

(\$ millions, except percentages)

<b>Sales<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Q4 23</b>	<b>Q3 23</b>	<b>Q2 23</b>	<b>Q1 23</b>	<b>Total</b>		<b>Q4 22</b>
Life Sciences	\$ 203	\$ 219	\$ 240	\$ 207	\$ 869		\$ 213
Personal Care	146	146	167	139	598		188
Specialty Additives	144	152	161	143	600		187
Intermediates	37	43	51	54	185		64
Less: Intercompany Eliminations	(12)	(14)	(16)	(19)	(61)		(21)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 518</b>	<b>\$ 546</b>	<b>\$ 603</b>	<b>\$ 525</b>	<b>\$ 2,191</b>		<b>\$ 631</b>

<b>Adjusted EBITDA<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Q4 23</b>	<b>Q3 23</b>	<b>Q2 23</b>	<b>Q1 23</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>Adjusted EBITDA Margin</b>	<b>Q4 22</b>
Life Sciences	\$ 48	\$ 72	\$ 75	\$ 52	\$ 247	28.4%	\$ 57
Personal Care	36	35	35	31	137	22.9%	56
Specialty Additives	8	29	34	23	94	15.7%	43
Intermediates	3	16	20	24	63	34.1%	17
<i>Unallocated</i>	(21)	(19)	(19)	(23)	(82)		(26)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 74</b>	<b>\$ 133</b>	<b>\$ 145</b>	<b>\$ 108</b>	<b>\$ 459</b>	<b>20.9%</b>	<b>\$ 147</b>

Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries  
**Segment Components of Key Items for Applicable  
Income Statement Captions**  
for the 3 Months Ended September 30, 2023  
In millions - preliminary and unaudited)

(\$ millions)

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2023					
	Life Sciences	Personal Care	Specialty Additives	Intermediates	Unallocated & Other	Total
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>						
Operating key items:						
Environmental reserve adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (25)	\$ (25)
Restructuring, separation and other costs	-	-	-	-	(5)	(5)
Income on acquisitions and divestitures, net	-	-	-	-	6	6
All other operating income (loss)	31	14	(12)	-	(19)	14
Operating income (loss)	31	14	(12)	-	(43)	(10)
<b>NET INTEREST AND OTHER EXPENSE</b>						
Key items					18	18
All other net interest and other expense					10	10
					28	28
<b>OTHER NET PERIODIC BENEFIT LOSS (INCOME)</b>						
Key items					(2)	(2)
All other net periodic benefit losses					2	2
					-	-
<b>INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)</b>						
Tax effect of key items (a)					(9)	(9)
Tax specific key items (b)					(20)	(20)
All other income tax expense					(1)	(1)
					(30)	(30)
<b>INCOME (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 31	\$ 14	\$ (12)	\$ -	\$ (41)	\$ (8)

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(a) Represents the tax effect of the key items that are previously identified above.

(b) Represents key items resulting from tax specific financial transactions, tax law changes or other matters that fall within the definition of tax specific key items. See Slide 44 for additional information.



## Segment Components of Key Items for Applicable Income Statement Captions

for the 3 Months Ended September 30, 2022

In - preliminary and unaudited)

(\$ millions) millions

	Three Months Ended September 30, 2022					Total
	Life Sciences	Personal Care	Specialty Additives	Intermediates	Unallocated & Other	
<b>OPERATING INCOME (LOSS)</b>						
Operating key items:						
Environmental reserve adjustments	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ (6)	\$ (6)
Restructuring, separation and other costs	-	-	-	-	(2)	(2)
All other operating income (loss)	40	35	24	14	(26)	87
Operating income (loss)	40	35	24	14	(34)	79
<b>NET INTEREST AND OTHER EXPENSE</b>						
Key items					29	29
All other net interest and other expense					11	11
					40	40
<b>OTHER NET PERIODIC BENEFIT LOSS (INCOME)</b>					(22)	(22)
<b>INCOME TAX EXPENSE (BENEFIT)</b>						
Tax effect of key items (a)					2	2
Tax specific key items (b)					(15)	(15)
All other income tax expense					14	14
					1	1
<b>INCOME (LOSS) FROM CONTINUING OPERATIONS</b>	\$ 40	\$ 35	\$ 24	\$ 14	\$ (53)	\$ 60

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# Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

## Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Data – Free Cash Flow and Adjusted Operating Income

### for the 3 and 12 Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(\$ millions)	Three months ended September 30		Year ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Free cash flows</b>				
Total cash flows provided (used) by operating activities from continuing operations	\$ 130	\$ 179	\$ 294	\$ 193
Adjustments:				
Additions to property, plant and equipment	(69)	(46)	(170)	(113)
Free cash flows	\$ 61	\$ 133	\$ 124	\$ 80
Cash (inflows) outflows from U.S. Accounts Receivable Sales Program <sup>(a)</sup>	26	(59)	40	(17)
Restructuring-related payments <sup>(b)</sup>	5	1	8	10
Environmental and related litigation payments <sup>(c)</sup>	12	18	45	54
Ongoing free cash flow	\$ 104	\$ 93	\$ 217	\$ 127
Net Income (loss)	(4)	57	178	927
Adjusted EBITDA <sup>(d)</sup>	\$ 74	\$ 147	\$ 459	\$ 590
Operating cash flow conversion <sup>(e)</sup>	Not meaningful	314%	165%	21%
Ongoing free cash flow conversion <sup>(f)</sup>	141%	63%	47%	22%

(a) Represents activity associated with the U.S. Accounts Receivable Sales Program impacting each period presented.

(b) Restructuring payments incurred during each period presented.

(c) Represents cash outflows associated with environmental and related litigation payments which will be reimbursed by the Environmental trust.

(d) See Adjusted EBITDA reconciliation.

(e) Operating cash flow conversion is defined as Cash flows provided by operating activities from continuing operations divided by Net Income.

(f) Ongoing free cash flow conversion is defined as Ongoing free cash flow divided by Adjusted EBITDA.

	Three months ended September 30		Year ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Adjusted operating income</b>				
<b>Operating income (loss) (as reported)</b>	\$ (10)	\$ 79	\$ 172	\$ 333
Key items, before tax:				
Restructuring, separation and other costs	5	2	10	5
Environmental reserve adjustments	25	6	56	53
ICMS Brazil tax credit	-	-	(12)	-
Income on acquisitions and divestitures, net	(6)	-	(6)	(42)
Asset impairments	-	-	4	-
<b>Adjusted operating income (non-GAAP)</b>	\$ 14	\$ 87	\$ 224	\$ 349

# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Data – Adjusted EBITDA

for the 3 Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(\$ millions)

	Three months ended September 30	
	2023	2022
Adjusted EBITDA - Ashland Inc.		
Net income (loss)	\$ (4)	\$ 57
Income tax expense (benefit)	(30)	1
Net interest and other expense	28	40
Depreciation and amortization	62	60
EBITDA	56	158
Loss (income) from discontinued operations, net of income taxes	(4)	3
Gain on pension and other postretirement plan remeasurements	(2)	(22)
Operating key items (see Tables 39 and 40)	24	8
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 74	\$ 147

# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Data – Adjusted EBITDA

for the 3 Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(\$ millions)

	Three months ended September 30	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<b>EBITDA - Life Sciences</b>		
Operating income	\$ 31	\$ 40
Add:		
Depreciation and amortization	17	17
EBITDA	<u>\$ 48</u>	<u>\$ 57</u>
<b>EBITDA - Personal Care</b>		
Operating income	\$ 14	\$ 35
Add:		
Depreciation and amortization	22	21
EBITDA	<u>\$ 36</u>	<u>\$ 56</u>

Specialties Additives and Intermediates

# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Data – Adjusted EBITDA

for the 3 Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(\$ millions)

	Three months ended September 30	
	<u>2023</u>	<u>2022</u>
<u>EBITDA - Specialty Additives</u>		
Operating income (loss)	\$ (12)	\$ 24
Add:		
Depreciation and amortization	20	19
EBITDA	<u>\$ 8</u>	<u>\$ 43</u>
<u>EBITDA - Intermediates</u>		
Operating income	\$ -	\$ 14
Add:		
Depreciation and amortization	3	3
EBITDA	<u>\$ 3</u>	<u>\$ 17</u>

# Ashland Inc. and Consolidated Subsidiaries

## Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Data – Adjusted Income from Continuing Operations

### for the 3 and 12 Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

(\$ millions)

#### Income (loss) from continuing operations (as reported)

Key items, before tax:

Restructuring, separation and other costs

Unrealized (gains) losses on securities

Environmental reserve adjustments

Gain on pension and other postretirement plan remeasurements

ICMS Brazil tax credit

Income on acquisitions and divestitures, net

Asset impairments

Key items, before tax

Tax effect of key items (a)

Key items, after tax

Tax specific key items:

Restructuring and separation activity

Valuation allowance

Uncertain tax positions

Other and tax reform related activity

Tax specific key items (b)

Total key items

#### Adjusted income from continuing operations (non-GAAP)

Amortization expense adjustment (net of tax) (c)

#### Adjusted income from continuing operations (non-GAAP) excluding intangibles amortization expense

	Three months ended September 30		Year ended September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
Income (loss) from continuing operations (as reported)	\$ (8)	\$ 60	\$ 168	\$ 181
Key items, before tax:				
Restructuring, separation and other costs	5	2	10	5
Unrealized (gains) losses on securities	18	29	(29)	102
Environmental reserve adjustments	25	6	56	53
Gain on pension and other postretirement plan remeasurements	(2)	(22)	(2)	(22)
ICMS Brazil tax credit	-	-	(12)	-
Income on acquisitions and divestitures, net	(6)	-	(6)	(42)
Asset impairments	-	-	4	-
Key items, before tax	40	15	21	96
Tax effect of key items (a)	(9)	2	(1)	(21)
Key items, after tax	31	17	20	75
Tax specific key items:				
Restructuring and separation activity	-	(7)	-	3
Valuation allowance	(5)	-	(6)	(4)
Uncertain tax positions	(9)	(8)	(32)	(8)
Other and tax reform related activity	(6)	-	(6)	-
Tax specific key items (b)	(20)	(15)	(44)	(9)
Total key items	11	2	(24)	66
Adjusted income from continuing operations (non-GAAP)	\$ 3	\$ 62	\$ 144	\$ 247
Amortization expense adjustment (net of tax) (c)	18	18	74	75
Adjusted income from continuing operations (non-GAAP) excluding intangibles amortization expense	\$ 21	\$ 80	\$ 218	\$ 322

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-Restructuring and separation activity: includes the impact from company-wide restructuring activities. These adjustments related to various tax impacts including state tax costs, foreign tax costs and other tax account adjustments

-Uncertain tax positions: includes the impact from settlement of certain tax positions within various tax authorities.

(c) Amortization expense adjustment (net of tax) tax rates were 20% for the three and twelve months ended September 30, 2023 and 2022.

# Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Data – Adjusted Diluted EPS from Continuing Operations

for the 3 and 12 Months Ended September 30, 2023 and 2022

	Three months ended		Year ended	
	September 30		September 30	
	2023	2022	2023	2022
<b>Diluted EPS from continuing operations (as reported)</b>	\$ (0.15)	\$ 1.09	\$ 3.13	\$ 3.20
Key items, before tax:				
Restructuring, separation and other costs	0.09	0.04	0.19	0.09
Unrealized (gains) losses on securities	0.35	0.53	(0.54)	1.82
Environmental reserve adjustments	0.49	0.11	1.04	0.95
Gain on pension and other postretirement plan remeasurements	(0.04)	(0.40)	(0.04)	(0.40)
ICMS Brazil tax credit	-	-	(0.22)	-
Income on acquisitions and divestitures, net	(0.12)	-	(0.11)	(0.75)
Asset impairments	-	-	0.08	-
Key items, before tax	0.77	0.28	0.40	1.71
Tax effect of key items (a)	(0.18)	0.04	(0.02)	(0.38)
Key items, after tax	0.59	0.32	0.38	1.33
Tax specific key items:				
Restructuring and separation activity	-	(0.13)	-	0.06
Valuation allowance	(0.11)	-	(0.12)	(0.07)
Uncertain tax positions	(0.17)	(0.15)	(0.60)	(0.15)
Other and tax reform related activity	(0.11)	-	(0.11)	-
Tax specific key items (b)	(0.39)	(0.28)	(0.83)	(0.16)
Total key items	0.20	0.04	(0.45)	1.17
<b>Adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations (non-GAAP)</b>	<b>\$ 0.05</b>	<b>\$ 1.13</b>	<b>\$ 2.68</b>	<b>\$ 4.37</b>
Amortization expense adjustment (net of tax) (c)	0.36	0.33	1.39	1.33
<b>Adjusted diluted EPS from continuing operations (non-GAAP) excluding intangibles amortization expense</b>	<b>\$ 0.41</b>	<b>\$ 1.46</b>	<b>\$ 4.07</b>	<b>\$ 5.70</b>

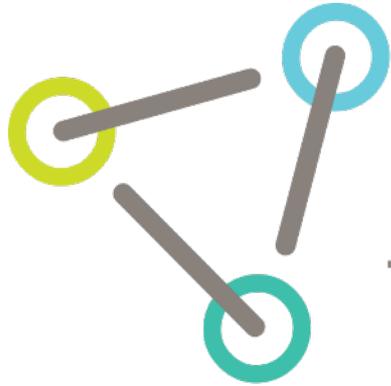
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