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# Outline

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# Negative sales development, adjusted EBIT margin strong at 8.7% in H1 FY 2020/21

Financial Highlights H1 FY 2020/21

Sales

■ HELLA Group currency and portfolio adjusted sales declined by 2.5% YoY to 3.2 bill. EUR

**Profitability** 

- Adj. Gross Profit margin at 25.2% (-0.8%-points YoY)
- Adj. EBIT at 269 mill. EUR (+6.2% YoY)
- Adjusted EBIT margin +0.9%-points to 8.7%
- Reported EBIT margin at 3.0% due to restructuring costs mainly for the improvement program in Germany

Liquidity

■ Adjusted Free Cash Flow from operating activities decreased by 143 mill. EUR to -17 mill. EUR

Note: HELLA sold its shares in Behr Hella Service, a joint venture, on 31 Dec 2019. To ensure comparability with the current fiscal year, the comparative operative values for FY 2019/2020 for the period in question from 1 June to 31 December 2019 have been adjusted for the income and expenses of BHS. Adjustments of profitability figures for all years include restructuring expenses. For details see financial report.

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# Automotive outperforms LVP in Europe and the Americas, Asia impacted by under-proportional growth in China

Financial Highlights H1 FY 2020/21

٧	Vorldwide	H1 FY 18/19	H1 FY 19/20	H1 FY 20/21
A	utomotive external sales growth	8.3%	-1.1%	-4.5%
<b>~</b> •	Light Vehicle Production growth	-2.5%	-5.9%	-3.5%
Outperformance HELLA Automotive vs. market in percentage points		10.8	4.8	-1.1
	Europe	11.3	-2.1	2.8
	North & South America	11.7	16.3	2.3
	Asia/Pacific & Rest of World	7.7	7.8	-2.7

Details		H1 FY 17/18	H1 FY 18/19	H1 FY 19/20	H1 FY 20/21
	Worldwide	2,623	2,841	2,809	2,682
	Europe	1,629	1,758	1,654	1,575
HELLH		Growth	8.0%	-6.0%	-4.8%
Automotive	North & South America	533	602	672	637
external sales in mill. EUR		Growth	13.0%	11.7%	-5.2%
	Asia/Pacific & Rest of World	462	481	484	471
		Growth	4.2%	0.5%	-2.7%
	Worldwide	47,902	46,717	43,959	42,431
		47,902 11,051	46,717 10,680	43,959 10,272	9,492
<u>~</u>	<b>Worldwide</b> Europe	,	,	,	,
Light vehicle		11,051	10,680	10,272	9,492
Light vehicle production in 1.000 units	Europe North &	11,051 Growth	10,680	10,272	9,492
production	Europe  North & South	11,051 Growth 10,232	10,680 -3.4% 10,358	10,272 -3.8% 9,880	9,492 -7.6% 9,142

Note: Light Vehicle Production (LVP) based on IHS data as of December 15, 2020 Growth figures always compared with the same period of the previous year



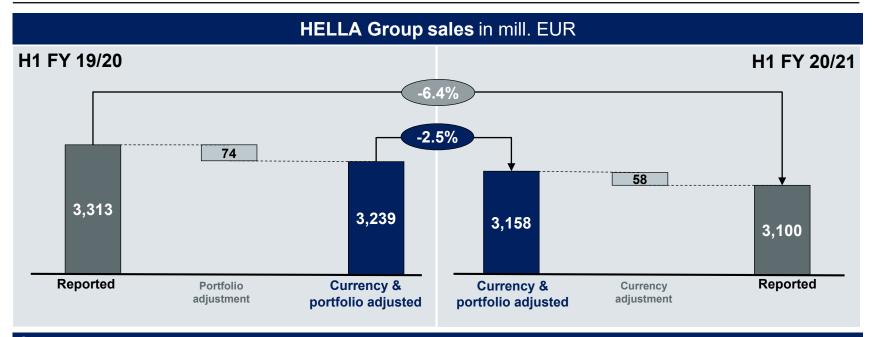
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# HELLA sales development better than assumed due to faster than expected market recovery

Financial Results FY H1 2020/21



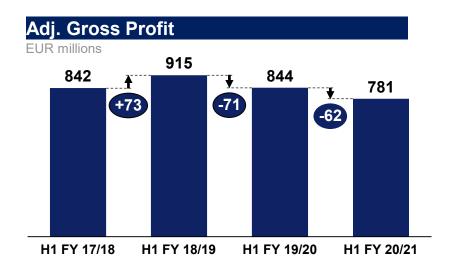
#### Comment

- Currency and portfolio adjusted sales of HELLA Group decreased 2.5% to 3,158 mill. EUR, adjusting for negative FX effects in H1 FY 20/21 (58 mill. EUR, 1.8%-points) and sales generated by Behr Hella Service in H1 FY 19/20 (74 mill. EUR, 2.3%-points)
- Reported sales of HELLA Group declined by 6.4% (decreased by 213 mill. EUR to 3,100 mill. EUR)
  - Automotive -4.3% to 2,710 mill. EUR: continuously adverse effects of negative market environment despite recovery in Q2
  - Aftermarket -3.1% to 241 mill. EUR: market weakness in Independent Aftermarket, partly compensated by positive development of Workshop business
  - Special Applications -0.8% to 167 mill. EUR: positive demand in agriculture, other customer segments negatively impacted by Covid-19 pandemic



# Adj. GPM decreased despite savings due to negative growth and worldwide ramp-up of production plants below full capacity

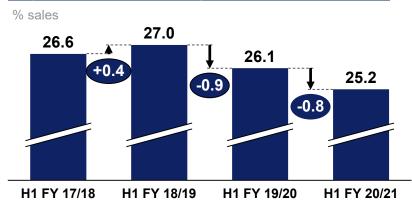
Financial results H1 FY 2020/21



# Highlights

- Adj. Gross Profit decreased by 62 mill. EUR (-7.4%) to 781 mill. EUR
  - Automotive -9.0% to 607 mill. EUR
  - Aftermarket constant at 108 mill. EUR
  - Special Applications -7.5% to 64 mill. EUR

# Adj. Gross Profit margin

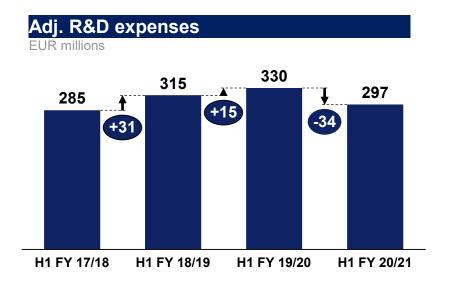


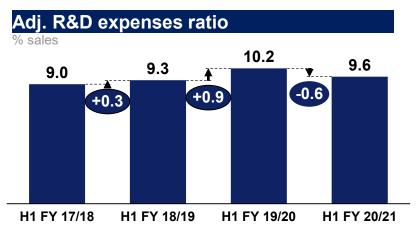
- Adj. Gross Profit margin decreased by 0.8%-points to 25.2%
  - decreased GPM Automotive (-1.2%-points):
     worldwide production plants still below full capacity
  - higher GPM in Aftermarket (+1.4%-points): increased share of workshop business with higher license sales
  - decrease GPM in SA (-2.8%-points): negative product mix effects and higher tool- and project-related development costs



# Continuous high R&D expenses with focus on preparation of new customer projects until end of Q2

Financial results H1 FY 2020/21





## **Highlights**

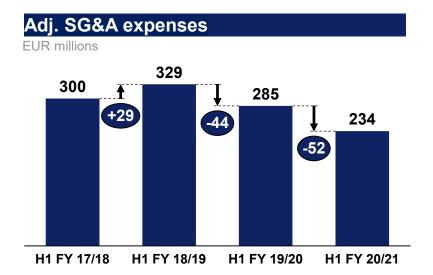
- Adj. absolute R&D expenses decreased by 34 mill. EUR (-10.2% YoY) to 297 mill. EUR
- Focus of activities on series development and production rampups
- Start of further activities at the end of Q2

## Highlights

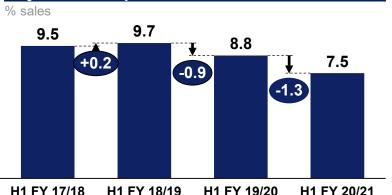
■ H1 FY20/21 ratio declined by 0.6%-points to 9.6% with over-proportional savings due to above mentioned focus of development activities



# SG&A costs declining due to continuous cost savings and extensive measures which were introduced as reaction to the crisis Financial results H1 FY 2020/21



## Adj. SG&A expenses ratio



## Highlights

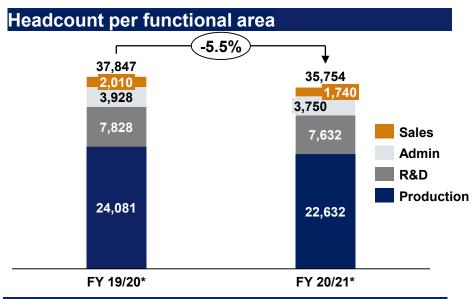
- Adj. SG&A costs decreased 52 mill. EUR, -18.0% to 234 mill. EUR:
  - decrease in marketing and logistic costs (-25 mill. EUR) with realized saving potentials
  - lower admin expenses (-4 mill. EUR)
     with stringent saving programs
  - increased other adjusted income
     (23 mill. EUR)

- Adj. SG&A ratio decreased by 1.3%-points to 7.5%
- Strong saving programs and lower logistic costs
- Higher other adjusted income due to positive one-of effect (reversal of impairment of JV of 19 mill. EUR)



# Structural changes and cost measures already lead to a continous decrease of headcount

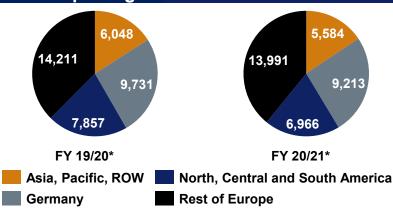
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# Highlights

- Overall headcount **decreased** by 5.5%:
  - production (-6.0%)
  - sales and marketing (-13.4%)
  - administration (-4.5%)
  - research and development (-2.5%)

### Headcount per region



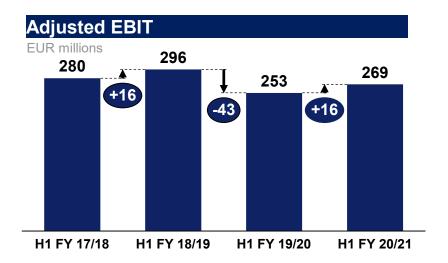
- Headcount reduction across all regions:
  - NSA (-11.3%)
  - Germany (-5.3%)
  - Rest of Europe (-1.5%)
  - Asia, Pacific, ROW (-7.7%)

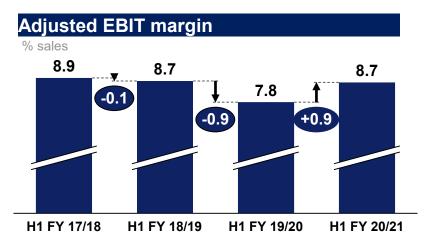




# Adjusted EBIT above prior-year's level with strict cost discipline and better top line development

Financial results H1 FY 2020/21





## Highlights

- Adjusted EBIT increased by 16mill. EUR (+6.2%) to 269 mill. EUR:
  - decrease in adj. Gross Profit by 62 mill.
     EUR (-7.4%)
  - lower R&D (- 34 mill. EUR, -10.2%)
  - decrease in adj. SG&A (lower distribution & higher OOI) by 52 mill. EUR (-18.0%)
  - lower JV income (-7 mill. EUR, -28.0%)
     due to global impact of pandemic

- Adj. EBIT margin increased by 0.9-points to 8.7%, mainly:
  - decrease of adj. GPM by 0.8%-points
  - lower R&D ratio (decrease of 0.6%points)
  - decrease of SG&A ratio by 1.3%-points
  - lower JV contribution (decreased by 0.2%-points)



# P&L including reconciliation; main adjustment H1 FY 2020/21 for improvement program in Lippstadt/Germany of 169 mill. EUR Financial results H1 FY 2020/21

## FY comparison

HELLA GROUP in EU	R mill.	H1 FY 19/2	0 H1 FY 20/21
Revenues	reported	3,313.0	3,100.4
	Adjustments	-73.	9 0.0
	adjusted	3,239,1	3,100.4
Gross Profit	reported	832.4	773.7
	Adjustments	+11.4	4 7.7
	adjusted	843.8	781.4
R & D expenses	reported	-330.9	-438.4
	Adjustments	0.	7 141.8
	adjusted	-330.3	-296.6
Distribution	reported	-190.0	-156.3
	Adjustments	9.3	3 0.3
	adjusted	-180.7	-156.0
Admin	reported	-116.1	-137.4
	Adjustments	0.0	6 25.5
	adjusted	-115.5	-111.9
Other income & expenses	reported	9.7	33.9
	Adjustments	1.0	0.0
	adjusted	10.7	33.9
EBIT	reported	230.4	93.7
	Adjustments	23.	0 175.3
	adjusted	253.4	269.1
Net financial result		-12.8	-6.0
Taxes		-55.3	-21.2
Earnings for the period		162.3	66.5
Earnings per share (EUR)		1.45	0.59

#### Comments

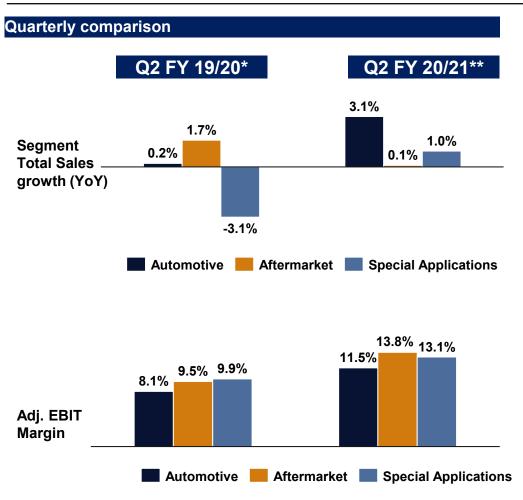
- Reported EBIT H1 FY 20/21 decreased by 137 mill. EUR mainly due to cost for improvement program
- Lower Gross Profit H1 FY 20/21 driven by lower sales, strong savings in SG&A
- Tax ratio at a level of 24.2%
- Earnings for the period decreased driven by lower operating result
- EPS decreased by 0.86 EUR (-59.4%) to 0.59 EUR

Note: adjustments include restatements for the sale of the thermal business & restructuring. For details see financial report.



# Q2 FY 20/21 overall business with positive growth dynamics and strong margins

Financial results H1 FY 2020/21



# \*Automotive and Special Applications \*\*Automotive and Special Applications including MAESA adjusted for MAESA

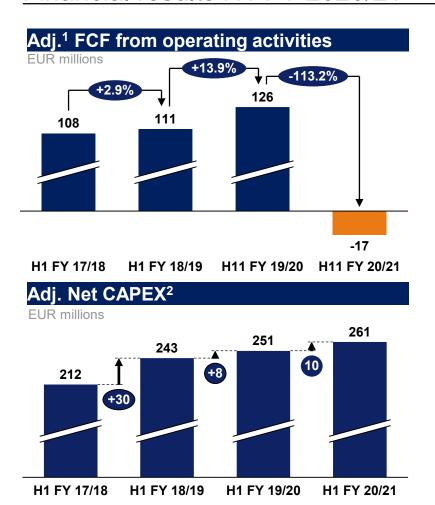
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- Automotive benefitting from fast market recovery in Q2 FY 20/21, PY impacted by beginning pandemic in China
- Improving spare parts business in Eastern Europe and increasing investment activities by independent workshops in Q2 FY 20/21 after sales decline caused by pandemic in prior months
- Special Applications with continously good business development in the agricultural sector and positive business with small series manufacturers
- Automotive with strong profitability due to good market development, strict cost management and the reversal of impairment losses for a JV
- Aftermarket benefitting from higher gross profit with increased share of software license sales, strict SG&A cost management and positive top line growth
- Special Application with higher gross profit margin due to improved business development and realized savings



# Negative adj. Free Cash Flow due to normalization of working capital as well as CAPEX shifts from PY

Financial results H1 FY 2020/21



## Highlights

- Adj. Free Cash Flow from operating activities decreased by 143 mill FUR to -17 mill. EUR
- Negative working capital development in Q1 and CAPEX with shifts from prior year

- Investments in worldwide development, administration and production network
- Considerable investments into product-specific assets as well as into booked projects for the preparation of series production

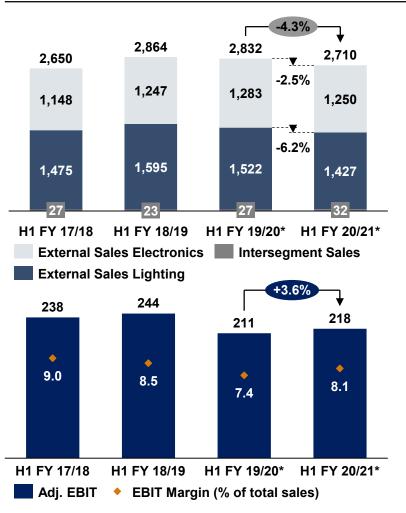


<sup>1)</sup> Adjustments of FCF include restructuring expenses, payments received/made in connection with the sale of the Wholesale and the thermal business.

<sup>2)</sup> In accordance with IFRS 15 reimbursements are not deducted from CAPEX since FY 18/19, prior years have not been adjusted.

# Automotive sales still negative impacted by market environment, margin improvement with strict cost management

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### **Automotive Sales**

- **Decline** of **4.3**% in course of a continued negative market environment in connection with the Covid-19 pandemic
  - impact from virus mainly in Europe and NSA with HELLA strong sales share
  - lower reimbursements for tools, samples and development services compared to PY

# **Automotive Profitability**

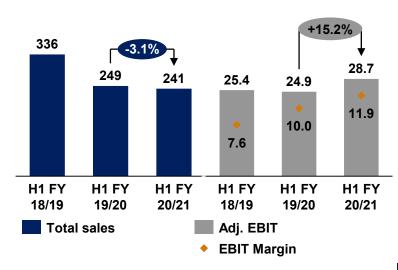
- Increase of adj. EBIT by 3.6% to 218 mill. EUR, margin +0.6%-points, mainly:
  - decrease of GPM by 1.2%-points with worldwide production still below full capacity
  - focused R&D activities, expenses decreased by 10.8%, ratio declined 0.7 %-points to 10.3%
  - SG&A cost staving especially distribution (ratio -0.5 %-points to 2.5%, OOI + 0.6 %-points to 1.1% due to impairment reversal
  - decrease in JV income (-28.0%), contribution declined 0.2%-points to 0.7%

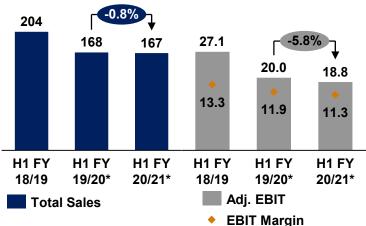
Note: At the beginning of FY 2020/21 the Spanish production company MAESA has been allocated to the Automotive segment. Previously, MAESA has been reported as part of the segment Special Applications. The P&L of the segments Automotive and Special Applications are adjusted accordingly only for FY 2019/20.

\* Including MAESA (previously reported as part of the segment Special Applications)

# Aftermarket and Special Applications with slightly negative sales growth, profitability improvement in Aftermarket

# Financial results H1 FY 2020/21





\*Excluding MAESA. FY 17/18 and 18/19 have <u>not</u> been adjusted for MEASA Note: Aftermarket FY 18/19 includes BHS (7months), only FY 19/20 fully adjusted

#### **Aftermarket**

- Total sales decline of 3.1%: IAM market weakness with Covid pandemic especially in South/West Europe and NSA. Eastern Europe supported by a strong Turkish business. Positive workshop business driven by greater investment activities of workshops after reopening
- Increase in adj. EBIT with margin at 11.9%:
- Higher GPM +1.4%-due to product mix effects with increasing Workshop software license business
- Strict cost management especially distribution (ratio-1.0%-points to 25.9%)

# **Special Applications**

- Relative stable top-line development (-0.8%):
- Unchanged market weakness due to Covid 19 pandemic (especially construction and bus &coach) except for the agricultural business. Positive business development also in the small cars segment
- Adj. EBIT down by 5.8%, margin -0.6%-points to 11.3%:
- GPM declined 2.8 %-points with missing capacity utilization especially in Q1 and higher tool & project-related development costs
- Partly compensated by savings in SG&A, ratio -2.1%-points



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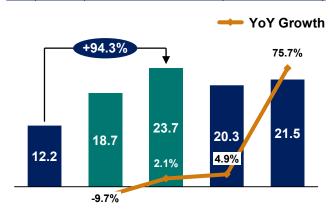


# Improved market outlook but recovery still volatile depending on COVID-19 pandemic

# Market outlook

#### Still volatile market environment

IHS (DEC 20) LVP PER QUARTER (MILLION UNITS)



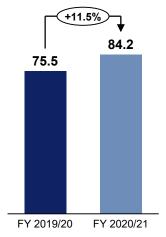
#### IHS (DECEMBER) FOR:

Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
19/20	20/21	20/21	20/21	20/21

- Q1 and Q2 FY 20/21 have shown significant growth after restart of OE production
- H1 FY 20/21 LVP better than expected compared to the beginning of the FY 20/21, driven by China growing at 10.8%YoY
- LVP growth expected in Q3 and especially in Q4
- Still uncertainties with respect to the LVP in upcoming quarters, especially for European (and NSA) market
- High supply chain risks with bottlenecks in the coming weeks and quarters especially for electronic components

## IHS as of December 15, 2020:

GLOBAL IHS LVP FOR FY 20/21 (MILLION UNITS)



- Stabilization of IHS estimates since July 2020
- Improved IHS outlook again with expected growth of 11.5% to 84.2 million units
- Recovery tied to H2 FY 20/21 with expected growth of 32.3%, H1 FY 20/21 down -3.5%
- Germany and NSA with highest growth in H2 of 44.1% and 58.5%
- HELLA still assumes that the global LVP will only return to 2017/2018 levels in the medium term



# New outlook for the fiscal year 2020/21 reflects positive current trading and better-than-expected market development

Company outlook

#### Outlook



## **GUIDANCE**

Fiscal Year 2020/21
June 1, 2020 to May 31, 2021

Currency and portfolio adjusted **Group sales** 

In the range from 6.1 billion to 6.6 billion EUR

Adjusted **EBIT margin** excluding restructuring, the expected income from the sale of the camera software business and portfolio effects

In the range of around 6.0% to 8.0%

#### Comments

- Company outlook assumes that there will be no material impact on HELLA's business as a result of potential plant closures due to prolonged Covid-19 lockdowns
- Adj. EBIT does not include the expected approx. 100 million EUR extraordinary (pre-tax) gain from sale of software business to Car.Software Org of Volkswagen AG. This effect will increase the adj. EBIT
- Market environment will remain very volatile and associated uncertainties will remain high in the upcoming quarters
- Increased supply chain risks exist, particularly due to supply bottlenecks for electronic components



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