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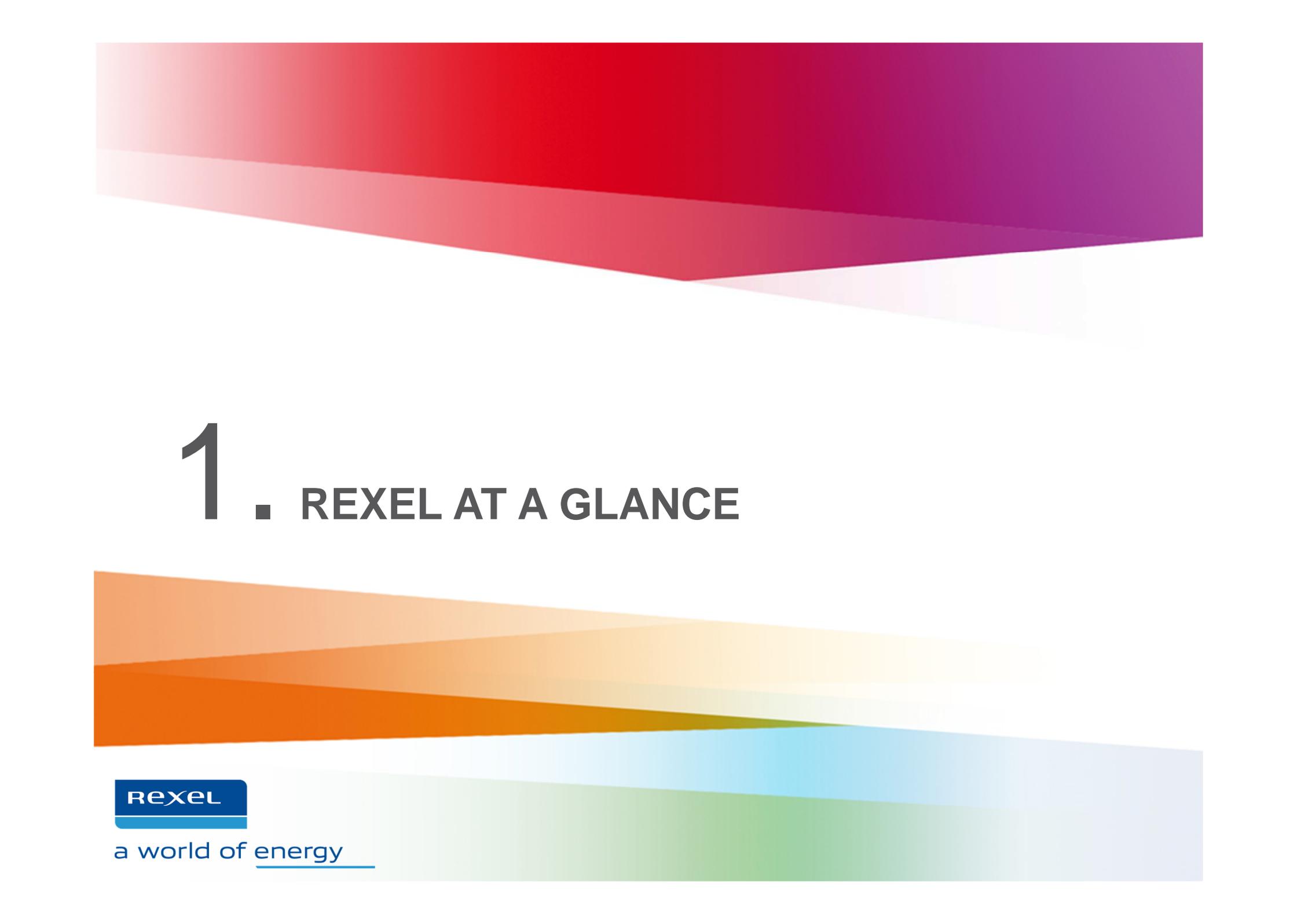
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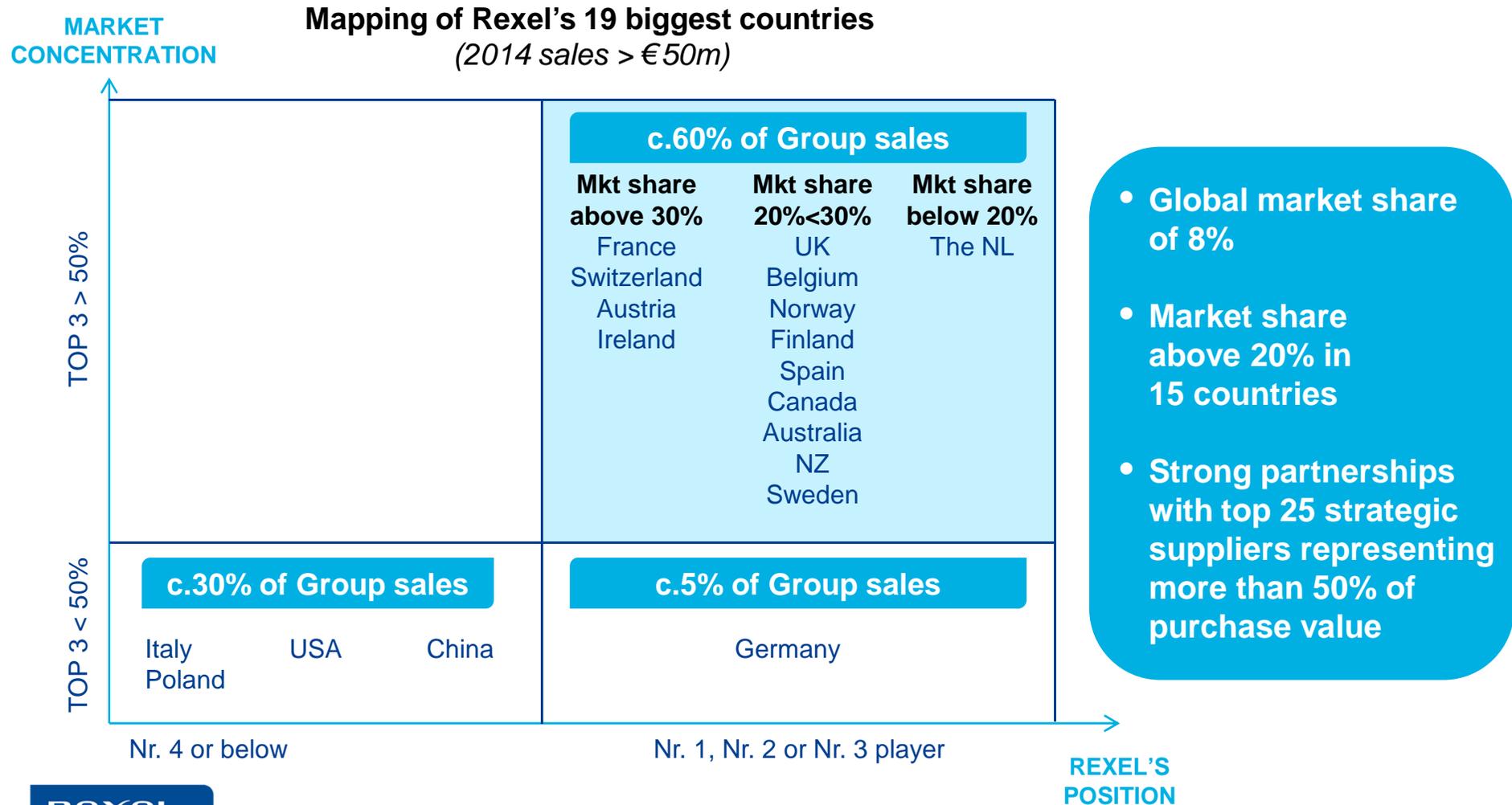


# 1 . REXEL AT A GLANCE

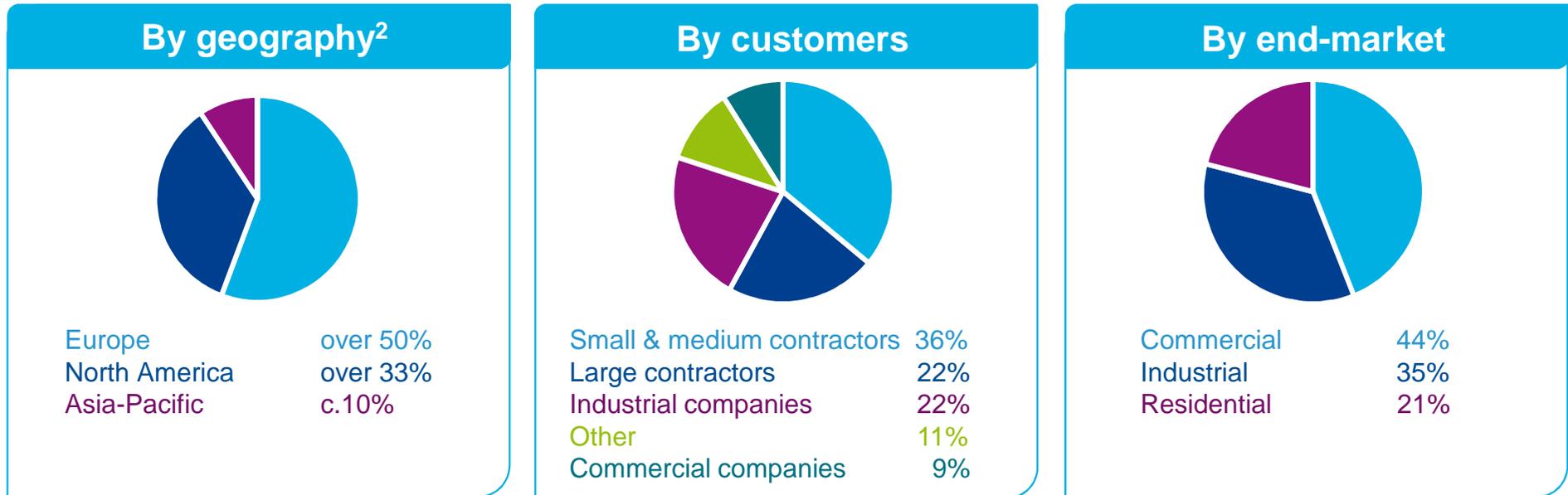


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# Rexel is a global leader in the professional distribution of products and services for the energy world



# Rexel has a well-balanced business profile<sup>1</sup>



Creating a world of energy tailored and designed around the end-user

<sup>1</sup> Figures as a % of FY 2014 sales

<sup>2</sup> Excluding Latin America divested as of April 30, 2015



# 2. 2015 BUSINESS PRIORITIES



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## 2015 business priorities

1. Drive profitable growth through continued investment in high-growth initiatives
2. Enhance core business through a customer-centric digitally-powered and multi-channel business model
3. Focus on gross margin optimization while differentiating cost-to-serve across customer segments
4. Accelerate growth through targeted acquisitions
5. Drive operational excellence through logistics network optimization
6. Establish a strong IT backbone and digital platform for better productivity and customer service

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# 1. Drive profitable organic growth through continued investment in high-growth initiatives

Sales (in € m)	FY 2013	FY 2014	Change
<b>HIGH-POTENTIAL BUSINESS CATEGORIES, of which:</b>	1,096	<b>1,277</b>	+16%
• Energy efficiency	725	<b>863</b>	+19%
• Renewable energies	270	<b>311</b>	+15%
• Building automation	101	<b>103</b>	+1%
<b>INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS &amp; PROJECTS (IKA and IPG)</b>	817	<b>824</b>	+1%
<b>VERTICAL MARKETS (Oil &amp; Gas and Mining)</b>	560	<b>589</b>	+5%
<b>TOTAL</b>	2,473	<b>2,689</b>	<b>+9%</b>

## ■ High-growth initiatives:

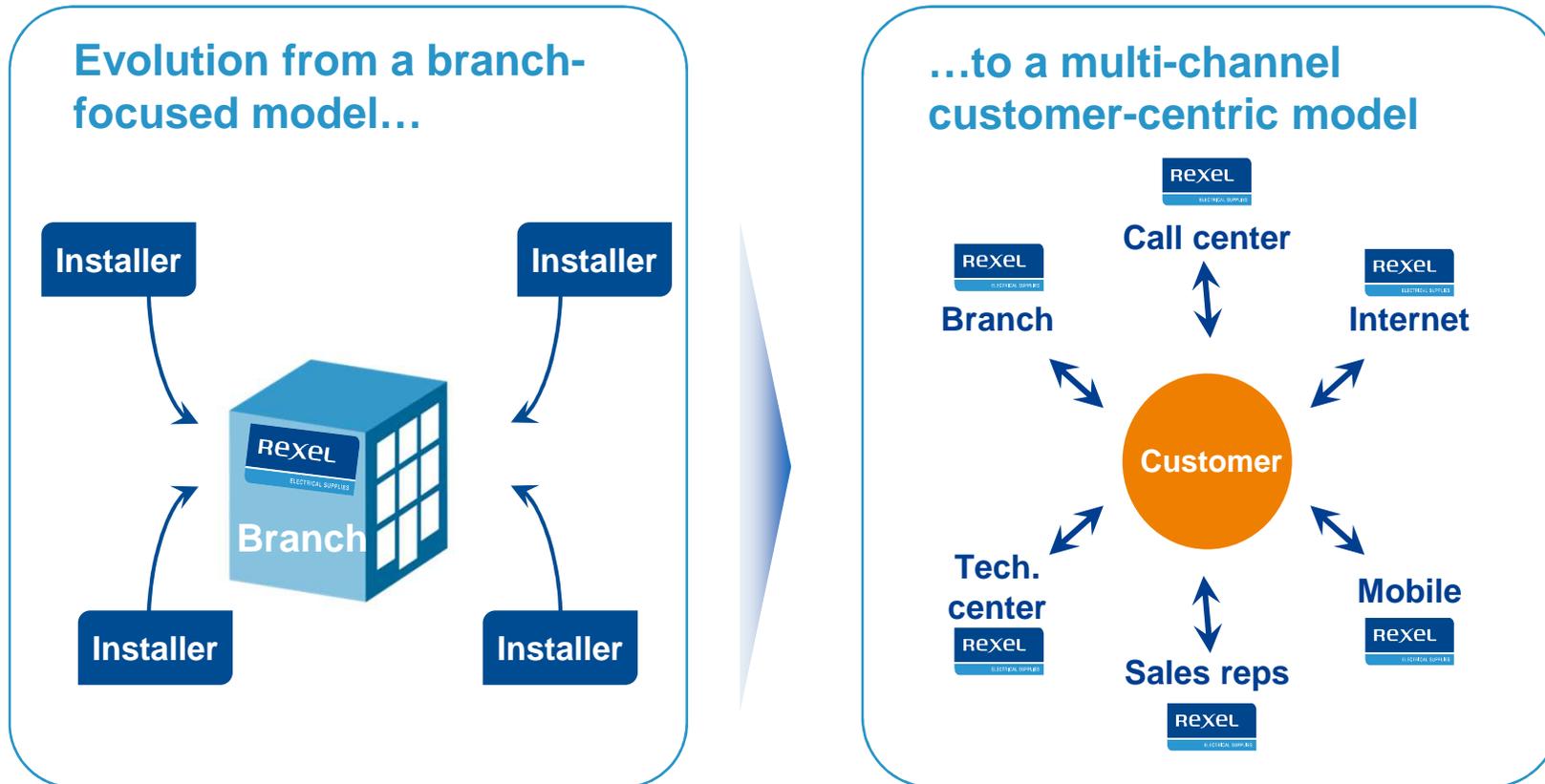
- ▶ 9% growth in 2014, while Group sales grew by 1% on a constant and actual-day basis
- ▶ 21% of Group sales in 2014 (vs. 19% in 2013)

## ■ Enhanced investment in commercial capabilities:

- ▶ 1,400 FTEs at Dec. 31, 2014



## 2. Enhance core business through a customer-centric digitally-powered and multi-channel business model



### 3. Focus on gross margin optimization while differentiating cost-to-serve across customer segments

#### ■ Drive commercial effectiveness

- ▶ Advanced customer/product segmentation to enhance commercial margins
- ▶ New CRM / IT tools enabling tighter margin monitoring and pricing discipline
- ▶ Price and margin achievement embedded in incentive schemes

#### ■ Optimize category management

- ▶ Focused marketing initiatives to upgrade product range and price positioning
- ▶ Strategic alignment with key suppliers for more efficient rebate schemes
- ▶ Sourcing in low cost countries for specific product families

#### ■ Enhance the integral profitability of project business

- ▶ Leverage best practices in specification and quotation procedures
- ▶ Balance gross margin and cost-to-serve profile
- ▶ Offer customized services to enhance value creation

## 4. Accelerate growth through targeted acquisitions

### ■ M&A strategy is focused on bolt-on acquisitions, with 3 priorities:

- ▶ Leverage market share to drive profitability (top of the list: USA)
- ▶ Increase presence in fast-growing markets (top of the list: Asian countries)
- ▶ Boost value-added services and vertical segments (Energy efficiency, Automation,...)

### ■ Around €1bn of sales (on an annualized basis) acquired over the last three years:

- ▶ 2012 acquired sales: c. €830m on annualized basis, of which 50% in the USA, through the acquisitions of Platt and Munro
- ▶ 2013 + 2014 acquired sales: c. €140m on an annualized basis, of which 70% in Asia, strengthening presence in China and building a strong platform in South-East Asia

### ■ Rexel remains committed to boosting growth through targeted acquisitions

- ▶ Annual budget of up to c. €500m on average, consistent with the Group's cash allocation policy
- ▶ Strict financial criteria including solid IRR (close or above 10%), strong synergies (>1.5% of acquired sales) and EPS accretion (within 24 months)



## 5. Drive operational excellence through logistics network optimization

- **Europe**: completed projects in Germany, Sweden, The Netherlands
- **US**: Reconfiguring the logistics DC footprint, to be completed by end 2015
  - ▶ 11 operating DCs at the end of 2014
  - ▶ Improved sales efficiency and gradual productivity gains
- **Australia**: reorganizing around 3 main DCs, to be completed by mid-2017
  - ▶ Sydney already operational and covering New South Wales & Victoria (c. 50% of sales)
  - ▶ Enhanced sales and improved efficiency
- **China**: rationalizing 9 warehouses to 2 large DCs with centralized procurement, to be completed by end 2015
  - ▶ One DC covering Eastern China and one DC covering Northern China
  - ▶ Support further expansion, create value for customers and suppliers and increase sales and margins

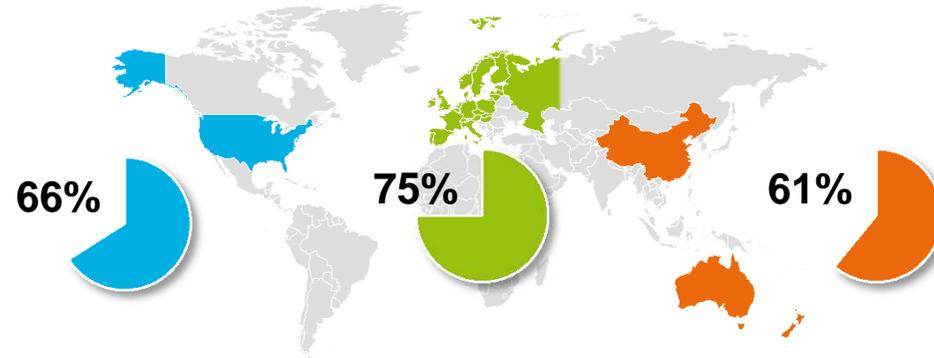


# 6. Establish a strong IT backbone and digital platform for better productivity and customer service

## ■ ERP rationalization on track

- ◆ Global application roadmap to reduce systems diversity
- ◆ Key enablers for Transport and Logistics Transformation
- ◆ M3 ERP implemented in the UK
- ◆ Implementation of Eclipse ERP in the US
  - Rexel Inc.: fully completed
  - Gexpro: to be completed by the end of 2015

## Percentage of progress to plan



## ■ Better allocate investment

- ◆ Capex allocation fostering Digital Transformation
- ◆ New digital services accelerating customer value creation
- ◆ Focusing on agile and scalable architectures

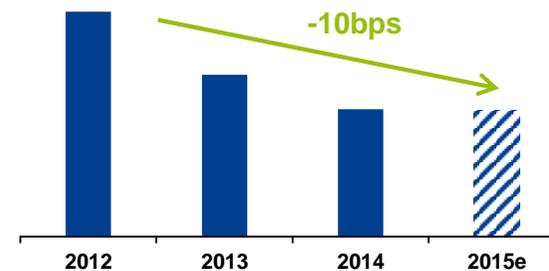
## ■ Optimize costs

- ◆ Infrastructure consolidation
- ◆ Application landscape simplification and regional synergies
- ◆ Structured sourcing and vendor management

Breakdown of capex by category



IT expenses as % of sales, before depreciation





# 3. SHAREHOLDING STRUCTURE AND ORGANIZATION



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# A streamlined Executive Committee

- **As from July 1, Executive Committee will comprise 9 members, reflecting diversity of nationality and gender**

- ▶ 5 of 9 non-French
- ▶ 3 of 9 are women

- **Streamlined zone responsibilities entrusted to 3 Executive VPs:**

- ▶ Patrick Berard will be in charge of Europe, increasing his current scope of responsibilities to the entire zone
- ▶ Brian McNally, in charge of North America
- ▶ Mitch Williams, in charge of Asia-Pacific



P. Berard



B. McNally



M. Williams

- **In addition to the 6 Group representatives:**

- ▶ Rudy Provoost, Chairman and Group CEO
- ▶ Catherine Guillouard, Deputy CEO and Group CFO
- ▶ Pascal Martin, SVP Corp. Strategy and overseeing Latin America
- ▶ Peter Hakanson, SVP Operations
- ▶ Pascale Giet, SVP Communication and Sustainable Development
- ▶ Sharon MacBeath, SVP Human Resources



R. Provoost



C. Guillouard



P. Martin



P. Hakanson



P. Giet



S. MacBeath



# Shareholding structure characterized by a broad free float

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## CHANGE IN FREE FLOAT



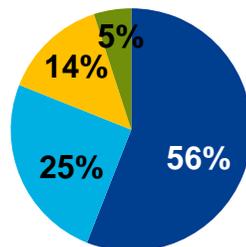
## GOVERNANCE

**Management Board + Supervisory Board**  
(8 of 12 members = Ray representatives)

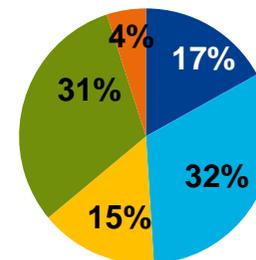


**Board of Directors**  
(9 members o/w 8 independent members)

## FREE FLOAT BY GEOGRAPHY



- France
- United Kingdom
- Europe (excl. France)
- North America
- Rest of the world



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# 4 . PORTFOLIO REVIEW



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# Framework

## Portfolio review objectives

- Determine the key actions to be implemented with regards to underperforming operations and countries
- Focus on the Group's core end-markets and most promising countries
- Reallocate investment to countries offering the best opportunities and outlook

## Criteria applied to a bottom-up approach

### Competitive positioning

- Rexel's market share
- Scale / Critical size
- Competition / Market structure

### Financial performance

- Growth profile versus other countries and relative to Group's average
- Profitability

### Turnaround potential

- Underlying end-market trend
- Clear path to profitability and returns
- Investment requirements

## Update and expected impacts

- Disposal process underway will primarily target underperforming countries, in which Rexel is sub-scale, and is expected to be completed by end of 2016
- On April 30, Rexel announced the disposal of its operations in Latin America (representing about 40% of the total plan)<sup>1</sup>. In 2014, Latin America contributed (based on FY 2014 consolidated financial statements):
  - ▶ €256.8m of consolidated sales (down 3.8% on a constant and actual-day basis vs. 2013)
  - ▶ €(3.3)m to Rexel's adjusted EBITA (vs. a profit of €0.8m in 2013)
  - ▶ Brazil: value-creation prospects no longer in line with Rexel objectives
  - ▶ Chile and Peru: small markets and limited scope

- Total divestments, once fully completed, should have the following financial impacts, based on FY 2014 consolidated financial statements:

-5% in the sales

+20bps in EBITA margin

Moderate increase in the FCF before interest and tax



Refocus on three main geographies (Europe, North America and Asia Pacific) and continued targeted acquisition policy in these regions

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<sup>1</sup> Subject to approval by relevant anti-trust authorities



# 5. 2015 PROGRESS UPDATE



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## Q1 2015 highlights

### ■ Sales of €3,286.2m

- ▶ Up 7.1% on a reported basis, boosted by a strong positive currency effect of 8.0%
- ▶ Broadly stable on a constant and same-day basis: down 0.4%, including the negative impact due to the change in copper-based cable prices, and stable, restated for this impact

### ■ Resilient gross margin of 24.7%, down only 10bps year-on-year

- ▶ Europe and North America proved resilient with limited drops of less than 10bps
- ▶ Asia-Pacific and Latin America posted drops of 49bps and 122bps respectively

### ■ Adjusted EBITA margin of 4.0%, down 45bps year-on-year

- ▶ Solid profitability in Europe with adjusted EBITA margin at 5.9%, stable year-on-year
- ▶ Profitability in North America still impacted by the ongoing business transformation program in the US

### ■ Active financing management

### ■ Divestment of operations in Latin America



# Active financing management

## ■ In March, Rexel redeemed its 7.000% EUR Senior notes due Dec. 2018

- ◆ Nominal redeemed: €488.8m
- ◆ Net charge of €19.6m recognized in Q1 2015 financial expenses, of which:
  - “Make whole” premium representing a charge of €25.4m
  - Accelerated amortization of the remaining financing fees representing a charge of €3.9m
  - Fair value adjustments representing a profit of €9.7m
- ◆ Savings on financial expenses of c. €34m per annum from 2016 to 2018
- ◆ Net Present Value (NPV) of €100m

## ■ In May, Rexel issued a 3.250% 7-year EUR Senior notes to redeem its 6.125% USD Senior notes due Dec. 2019

- ◆ Amount issued: €500m
- ◆ Extension of the maturity from Dec. 2019 to Jun. 2022
- ◆ Significant reduction of coupon



**Continuous improvement in financing structure  
and reduction in financial expenses**

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## Recent business trends (April + May)

### ■ Sequential improvement in Europe

- ▶ Even if the market environment remains tough in France, our operations continue to be very resilient and are favored by easier comps from Q2 2014
- ▶ Improving performance in Germany while UK and the rest of Europe are more or less in line with Q1 run rates

### ■ Sequential deterioration in North America, mainly driven by higher negative impact from O&G activity (representing c. 10% of sales in the region) and slowdown in industrial activity

### ■ Slight sequential improvement in Asia-Pacific

### ■ Average copper prices of:

- ▶ 6,163 USD/t vs. 5,801 USD/t in Q1 2015, but still down 9% vs. last year
- ▶ 5,617 €/t vs. 5,154 €/t in Q1 2015, up 15% vs. last year

### ■ USD vs. €

- ▶ Q1 2015 = 1.09 vs. Q1 2014 = 1.38
- ▶ FY 2014 average = 1.33



## Full-year 2015 financial targets confirmed

- **In an environment that remains uncertain and challenging, Rexel confirms its full-year 2015 financial targets, as announced in February (at 2014 constant structure):**
  - ▶ Organic sales growth of between -2% and +2% (*on a constant and same-day basis*)
  - ▶ Adjusted EBITA margin of between 4.8% and 5.2% (*vs. 5.0% recorded in 2014*)
  - ▶ Solid free cash-flow of:
    - At least 75% of EBITDA before interest and tax
    - Around 40% of EBITDA after interest and tax
  
- **As indicated during the Q1 results announcement conference call (April 30) and considering the base effects of last year's quarterly performance pattern, our full-year 2015 targets assume the following profile throughout the year:**
  - ▶ A lower adjusted EBITA margin in H1, year-on-year
  - ▶ An improved adjusted EBITA margin in H2, year-on-year

# Value creation at the heart of Rexel's business model

