REXEL 2013 INVESTOR DAY "STAYING THE COURSE"





STRATEGIC UPDATE

Rudy PROVOOST,

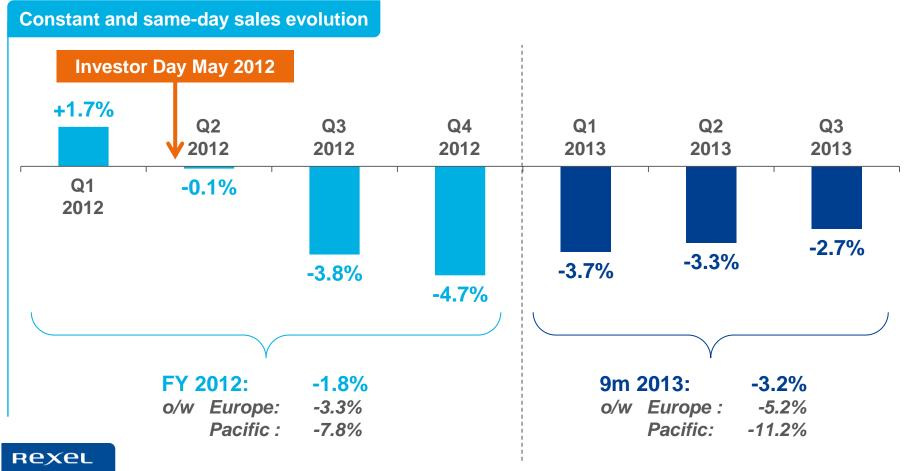
Chairman of the Management Board and CEO





In the past 18 months, market circumstances have been very challenging, particularly in Europe and the Pacific

■ Europe and the Pacific represent c. 60% of Group sales



Despite those strong headwinds, we showed continuous resilience in profitability and cash-flow performance

601 M€ <i>7</i> 6%	FCF before I&T as a percentage of EBITDA	628 M€ <i>7</i> 5%	> 600 M€ > 75%
5.7%	Adjusted EBITA margin	5.7%	5.5% to 5.6%
+6.2%	Sales on a constant and same-day basis	-1.8%	-2% to -3%
2011		2012	2013 outlook



Solid operational efficiency Strong cash-flow generation





Our high-growth initiatives generated solid organic growth and outperformed the market

Sales (in €m)	2012 vs. 2011	6m 2013	Y-o-Y change
High-potential business categories			
Energy efficiency	+16%	324	+13%
Building automation (incl. Home Automation)	+45%	47	+20%
Renewable energies	-8%	120	-23%
International customers & projects (IKA and IPG)	+3%	358	+11%
Vertical markets (Oil & Gas and Mining)	+1%	283	-4%
TOTAL Energy in Motion, including renewable energies	+5%	1,132	+3%
TOTAL Energy in Motion, excluding renewable energies	+7.2%	1,012	+7.5%



Targeting continued double-digit growth over the medium term



Compared to Group organic sales down 4.7% Y-o-Y

17.5% of Group Sales

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Since January 2012, we have stepped up our M&A

- ▶ 15 acquisitions*
- **b** c. €900m of annualized sales*
- ▶ Total investment of c. €650m*

North America

- USA
 2 strategic acquisitions
 (Platt and Munro) to strengthen our presence and accelerate the development of our high-growth initiatives
- Canada Reinforcing our presence (Liteco)

Latin America

 Creating a platform in Brazil (Delamano & Etil) and entering a new country (Dirome in Peru)

Europe

 Seizing opportunities in France (Eurodis and SCT), Spain (Erka), UK (Wilts), Belgium (La Grange) and strengthening value-added segments (Esabora)

Asia

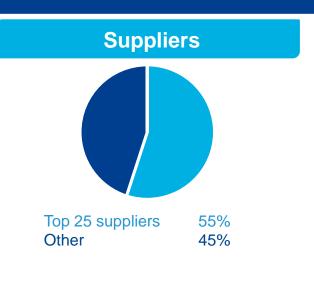
 Strengthening value-added segments and enhancing our footprint in SE Asia (LuxLight and Lenn in Singapore and Quality Trading in Thailand)





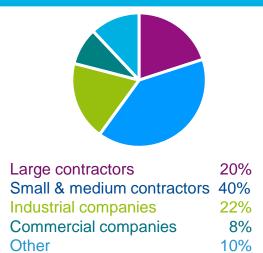
Rexel occupies a strategic position in the value chain

Rexel is strategic for...



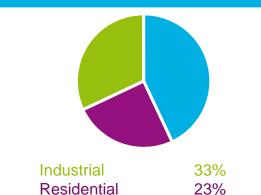
- Strategic partnerships with top suppliers
- Broad-scale cooperation with consolidating supplier base
- Platform to bring innovation to the market

Customers



- Product and service provider
- Facilitator and integrator
- Partner of preference with global reach and local relevance

End-users



Customized solutions

Commercial

- Dedicated technico-commercial teams and experts
- Tailor-made approach to specific verticals

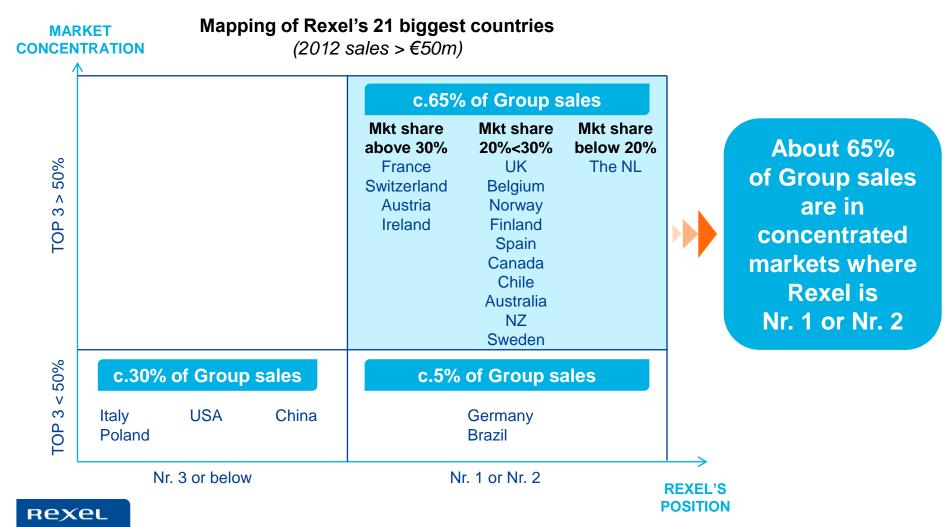
Creating a world of energy tailored and designed around the end-user

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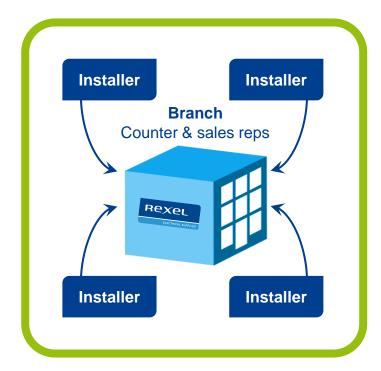
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We have leading positions in most markets and a strong platform to benefit from market recovery



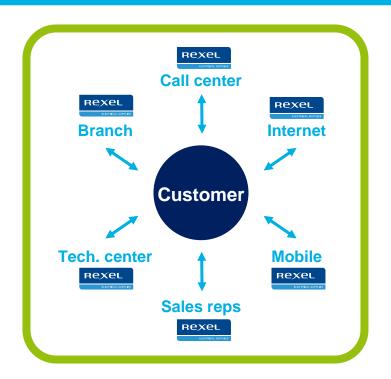
We are continuously upgrading our business model for better reach and relevance

Evolution from a branch-centric model...



Branch-centric business focused on product offering & logistics quality

...to a multi-channel business model



Complementary touch points to customers with tailor-made value propositions





Our performance at a glance

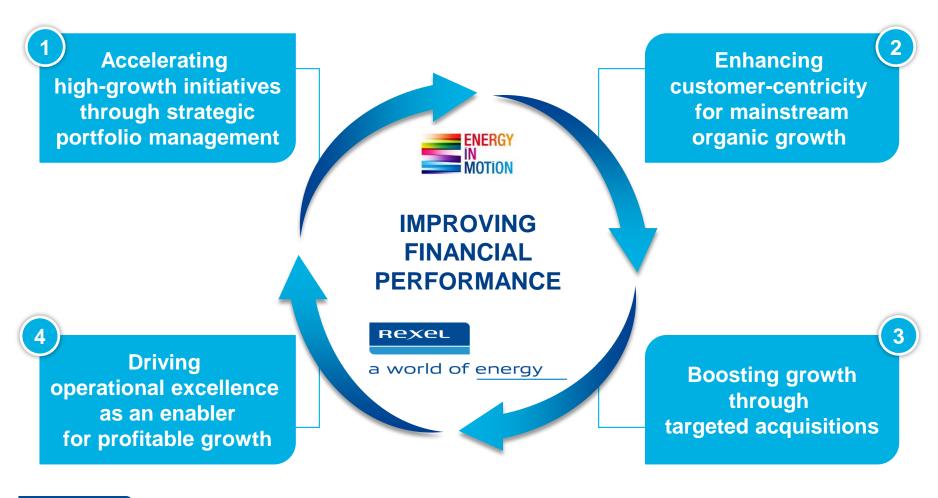
- Thanks to the inherent strength of our business model and the positive impact of our Energy in Motion plan, our performance has been resilient
- The headwinds we have faced in the past 18 months have not changed our strategic course
- Thanks to our restructuring efforts and productivity measures, we are structurally better positioned to benefit from a market recovery in the future
- In many areas, we have upgraded our capabilities and strengthened our leadership structure to effectively transform the company in a changing energy world

Our medium-term ambitions

- Outperform the market through a combination of organic growth and acquisitions
- Grow adjusted EBITA margin to around 6.5% (over a period of three to five years, depending on the speed and strength of the recovery in our key markets)
 - In lockstep with sales growth, on the basis of a c.10 basis point change in adjusted EBITA margin for each percentage point change in organic sales growth
 - Driven by continuous gross margin discipline and strict cost control
- Generate strong free cash-flow before interest and tax of at least 75% of EBITDA and after interest and tax of around 40% of EBITDA, thanks to low capital intensity and tight management of working capital
 - ▶ Funding an attractive dividend of at least 40% of net recurring net income
 - Enabling an annual M&A budget of around €500m on average
- Maintain a sound and balanced financial structure with a Net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio not exceeding 3x



Today's Investor Day focuses on four business imperatives



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ACCELERATING STRATEGIC HIGH-GROWTH INITIATIVES

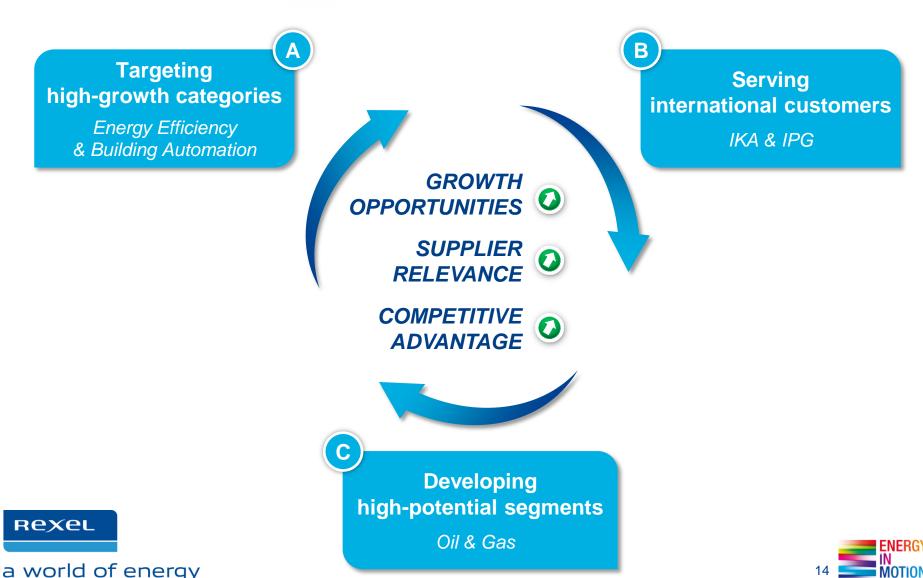
Pascal MARTIN,

Management Board member, Group Senior VP, Corporate Strategy, Business Portfolio Management and Business Development





Energy in Motion: Accelerating high-growth initiatives through strategic portfolio management

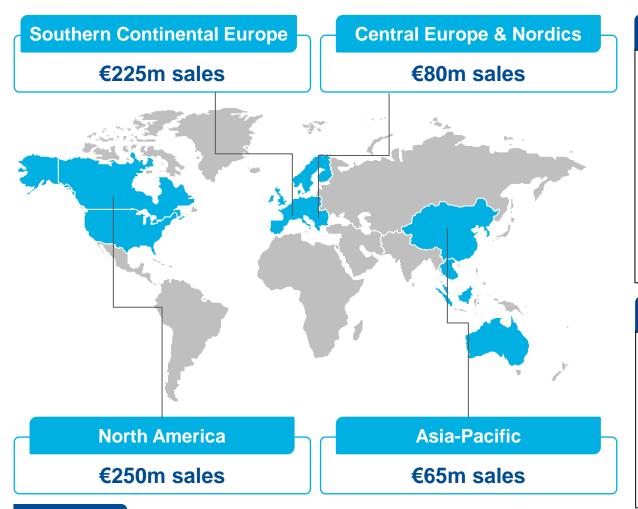


1.1. TARGETING HIGH-GROWTH CATEGORIES Energy Efficiency & Building Automation





Energy Efficiency: Rexel generated €620m of sales in 2012



Application / product scope

- Lighting and motors (only when linked to retrofit)
- Measurement & regulation devices
- Heating, ventilation and air conditioning (HVAC)
- Monitoring systems (sensors, motion detector and command centralization)
- Speed variators & high-efficiency engines

Service scope

- Energy audit
- Turnkey solutions
- Administrative support
- Financing
- **■** Training, Maintenance
- Project management, ROI and TCO*





A dedicated organization is in place to provide expertise and deliver value-added services

Value proposition

Share of value-added services

High

Energy performance contracting

Integrated energy efficiency solutions

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Applications upgrade

Internal organization

- Dedicated organization with strong expertise at both Group and country level
- Creation of an energy efficiency community covering 16 countries
- More than 200 people dedicated to driving multiple local actions plans
- Specific local structures to reach end-user

Tools and enablers

Enhanced Audit: majority of countries equipped with audit tools

France (Vesta)

Spain (Smartsave)

USA (Ecolnsight)







■ **Financing:** existing local financing solutions. Global contract under deployment

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Case study: Energy savings solution for the second-largest casino in the USA

Optimal energy saving: Mohegan Sun Casino, USA

CUSTOMER NEEDS:

- Reduce energy consumption
- ▶ Reduce maintenance cost & disruption
- Improve quality of light

VALUE PROPOSITION:

- Focus on lighting retrofit:~12,000 lighting sources to be replaced
- USD650,000 annual energy savings (1 year payback)
- Technical expertise to select lighting solution tailored to the casino's atmosphere
- Technical optimization to reduce future maintenance costs and operations
- Turnkey solution approach

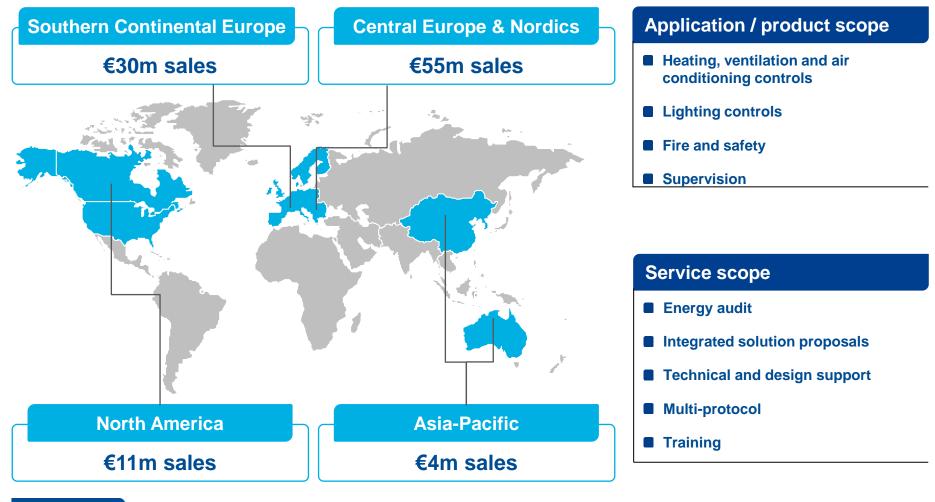


Energy Efficiency: key growth drivers

- Highly driven by government regulatory pressure and energy price increases
- Upgrade our expertise in branches with energy efficiency programs (training, merchandising, etc.)
- Leverage the know-how of more than 200 people dedicated to the energy efficiency business
- Capitalize on utility and government incentive programs, tax credits and financing schemes
- Address end-users directly through specific routes to market and tailor-made programs
 - > Double-digit average annual growth

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Building Automation: Rexel generated c. €100m of sales in 2012



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The organization is in place to ensure effective execution

Value proposition

Share of value-added services

High

Solutions: Software

tools

Commercial

Residential

Services: Technical and project expertise

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Products: Full scope of product offering

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Structure and people

- Specific customer segment, addressing: integrators, engineering firms, consultants
- Project-oriented business
- Specification of solutions
- 50 people in countries
- Rexel presence during marketing events





Tools and enablers

- Partnerships with key suppliers
- Proprietary dedicated software for residential and under development for commercial



New standards for building automation





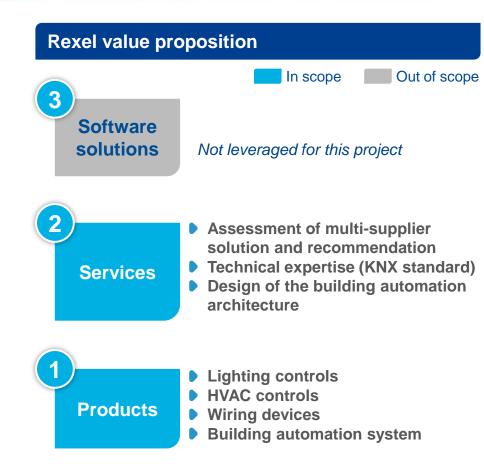


Case study: Success story in commercial building

Project: Sveavägen 44 Stockholm, Sweden

- A very complex project:
 - ▶ 50.000 m²
 - Multi-purpose building: office, shopping center, apartments, hotel
- Rexel interacting with all stakeholders: engineering firms, integrator, contractor





Rexel implemented a multi-supplier KNX-based solution for total sales of €500k
 Strong learning curve on multi-stakeholder projects

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Building automation: Key growth drivers

- Standards for building automation
- Project coordination supported by dedicated tools and specialized software
- Direct access and cooperation with integrators
- Technical expertise and dedicated category management to drive business development and marketing

> Double-digit average annual growth

1.2. SERVING INTERNATIONAL CUSTOMERS

International Key Accounts (IKA)

& International Project Group (IPG)





Rexel's International Key Accounts (IKA) generated sales of €580m in 2012



A solid and diversified platform

- Targeting customers with sales above €1m, acting in several countries with a centralized organization
- 58 international accounts served in 48 countries
- Improved share of wallet driven by a global offering

Strong growth dynamic

- Annual growth > 10%
- Each IKA client served in 5 countries on average
- **Gaining new customers** in 18 countries

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International Key Accounts (IKA): An organization with global power and local presence, in touch with customers

Footprint

- A global organization with four regional platforms
- A fully dedicated network of 121 key account managers across 37 countries
- A consistent offer wherever the customer is located



Process

- **Experienced dedicated team**
- Single point of contact
- Standardized consolidated reporting
- **Automatized transactions through Web** shop, punch out, EDI.
- **Sharing of best practices**
- Ability to deploy large projects beyond **MRO**
- Advanced services including
 - Total cost of ownership
 - Supply management solutions



Case study: IKA at work across Europe

Customized solution in Europe for a major telecom operator

- Rexel designated as the single supplier for electrical supplies across Europe: up to €10m per annum
- A unique approach to satisfy customer requirements
 - Single point of contact in Scandinavia for all aspects of the contract: marketing, ordering, invoicing, payment etc.
 - Customized delivery and value-added services (kitting, labeling, packaging...) in 7 European countries through Rexel's local supply chains
- Leverage local footprint to quickly and efficiently implement this unique solution
- Potential to expand the partnership to North America and Asia-Pacific





International Key Accounts (IKA): Key growth drivers

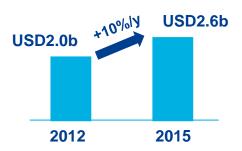
- Address international customers' need to rationalize their supplies
- Consistent global response to fulfill customer demand
- Increase current customer base penetration
 - Deploy in new countries and provide additional services
 - Acquisition and development of new IKAs
 - ▶ Focus on customers with highly-centralized ED procurement organization and need for value-added services
- Enhance value creation for customers through supplier partnerships
 - ▶ For global bids, guarantee on critical parts delivery, anti-counterfeit offering, etc.
 - Double-digit average annual growth

Rexel's International Projects Group (IPG) generated sales of €77m in 2012

Global sales benefiting all Rexel zones **North America Europe & Middle East** ~37€m sales ~13€m sales **South America Asia Pacifc** ~18€m sales ~9€m sales

Strong growth potential

Addressable market on large projects



- Rexel IPG has the ability to serve customers on their projects all around the globe
 - Leveraging Rexel footprint or offshoring capabilities
- Strong potential for future growth
 - Low market share to date...
 - ...with proven growth dynamics over the last years...
 - ...and expanding relationships with Tier 1 EPCs





International Project Group (IPG): A strategic partner for major contractors and industrial players across the globe

Key markets we serve

Oil, Gas & Chemicals



- Upstream
- Midstream
- Downstream

Power



- Conventional
- Nuclear
- Renewable

Mining



- Extraction
- Transformation

Infrastructure



- Transportation
- Large Industrial

Our value proposition to customers

- Supply chain consolidation to increase efficiency in procurement and engineering
- Technical advice, global and competitive sourcing to optimize material cost without affecting quality
- Project management services and solutions to **track progress and anticipate issues**
- Project logistics services to optimize inventory (working capital) and increase construction productivity

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Help our customers optimize time, quality & cost

Case study: An integrated approach to contract negotiation and project execution

Value creation through upstream involvement & strong coordination with key players

- Contract awarded by one of the world's largest integrated chemical facilities in Saudi Arabia
 - Early engagement by REXEL IPG with local partnerships in Saudi Arabia
 - ▶ IPG obtained a Preferred Leverage Agreement, a key asset for its negotiations with 12 selected EPCs
 - Contracts could be worth USD30m for Rexel subsidiaries in the USA, Netherlands and Dubai
- Tangible benefits brought by Rexel IPG to...

 - ...our customers Management of multiple electrical norms
 - Optimized logistics, inventory management, project execution
 - Streamlined communication channels



- ...our vendors
- Introduction to the end-customer and support to facilitate qualification on the approved vendor list
- Interface to EPCs across countries / offices, joint effort to influence technical specs

International Project Group (IPG): Key growth drivers

- Proven expertise as global partner with local capabilities for effective execution
 - ▶ Technical support and compelling set of solutions and capabilities
 - Excellence in delivery and operations
- Focus on coordinated and consistent customer service
 - Leveraging global commercial and operations platforms
 - Continued alignment with banners
- Strong market growth dynamics, especially in Middle East, Africa and Asia
 - Capitalizing on past successes to increase share of wallet with Tier 1 players
 - Expanding customer base



Double-digit average annual growth

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1.3. DEVELOPING HIGH-POTENTIAL SEGMENTS Oil & Gas



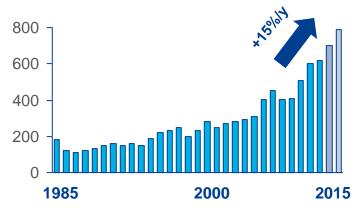


Oil & Gas: Rexel generated €390m of sales in 2012



... to benefit from strong growth and explore new territories





- Highly profitable market segment with long term contracts and high barriers to entry
- Future growth areas:
 - Existing positions : North America, Middle East, South East Asia
 - New territories : Russia, Brazil, Africa



Customized value propositions of products and services instrumental to win in the Oil & Gas business

Key market segments

UpstreamOffshore Onshore

Midstream

DownstreamRefining / Petrochemical





CAPEX driven





CAPEX & MRO driven

Illustration of value proposition by segment

- Tailor-made logistics solutions: secure trailers to deliver ready-to-go kits to remote sites
- Specific tools to optimize local inventory management

- Global / National MRO contract : highly profitable 3- to 5-year contracts
- Strong experience in cost savings solutions: products / suppliers standardization, energy savings, ...
- Specific products by market segment / application (explosion-proof products, specific cables, ...)
- Partnerships with key Oil & Gas suppliers

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Case study: Managing a major project in Canada

Canadian Oil Sands

CAD9m contract awarded to Rexel Canada

Customer needs:

- Engineering assistance
- Project management
- Sub-supplier and contractor coordination
- Sole sourcing of specialized products

Value Proposition: project management

- Contractor and manufacturer coordination
- Material management and staging
- Single sourcing for electrical supplies
- Specialty product sourcing utilizing Rexel IPG

Products : full electrical scope

- Engineered equipment (low- and medium-voltage motor control centers & switchgear)
- Specialty transformers
- Electrical bulks and cable



Oil & Gas: Key growth drivers

- Strong capex growth driven by the nature of new sources (deepwater, unconventional,...) and increasing demand
- Oil & Gas is a global market with global players, Rexel will act globally and execute locally
- **Develop an Oil & Gas community** within Rexel to share knowledge and work together
- Focus on key account management with oil majors and EPCs
- Promote "One Rexel" to oil majors, EPCs and large contractors
- Develop strategic alliances with key manufacturers
 - Double-digit average annual growth

2 ENHANCING CUSTOMER-CENTRICITY FOR MAINSTREAM ORGANIC GROWTH Rudy PROVOOST,

Chairman of the Management Board and CEO





Energy in Motion: Enhancing customer-centricity for mainstream organic growth through sales innovation



2.1. SALES INNOVATION AT WORK: CUSTOMIZED PROJECT SOLUTIONS

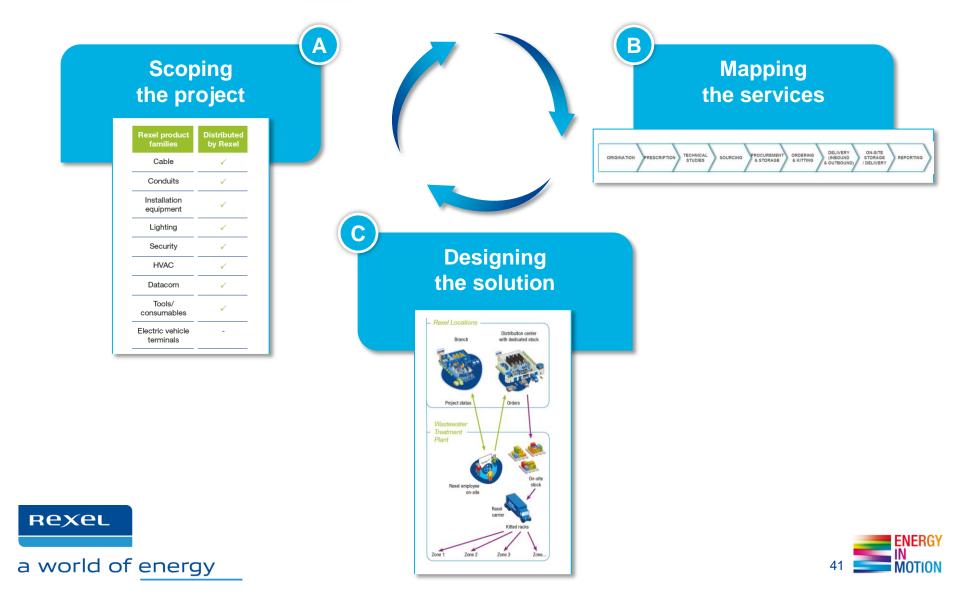
Example: Success stories in France Mathieu LARROUMET,

Key Accounts & Large Projects Director, Southern Europe





Our ability to deliver customized project solutions in France illustrates the strength of our business model



The "Large Projects" success story in France illustrates Rexel's ability to leverage pockets of excellence

- Rexel France started its "Large Projects" activity in 2011, with a dedicated team
- Development of a full range of services adapted to Large Projects requirements
 - Extension of the supply base and specific technical expertise
 - Logistics solutions to optimize on-site operational efficiency
 - Dedicated project manager and team





To deliver strong growth on "Large Projects", Rexel has developed a full range of services along the value chain (1/2)

Projects value chain

DELIVERY ON-SITE **PROCUREMENT ORDERING TECHNICAL** SOURCING **PRESCRIPTION** REPORTING **ORIGINATION** (INBOUND **STORAGE STUDIES** & STORAGE & KITTING & OUTBOUND) / DELIVERY

Examples of Rexel activity and services

Origination

 Strong relationship with key stakeholders (installers, suppliers, engineering firms...) to hunt for projects

Prescription

- Early positioning of partnered suppliers
- Prescription of Rexel offer during the project to extend our scope of activity

Technical studies

- Dedicated teams of Rexel experts (Lighting, Datacom, Cable management, Energy Efficiency)
- Technical support to clients (installers, engineering) to design best technical solution

Sourcing

- Open sourcing with an extended supplier base (> 1,500 suppliers)
- Industrialization of tailored products

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To deliver strong growth on "Large Projects", Rexel has developed a full range of services along the value chain (2/2)

Projects value chain

DELIVERY ON-SITE **PROCUREMENT ORDERING TECHNICAL** SOURCING **PRESCRIPTION** REPORTING **ORIGINATION** (INBOUND **STORAGE STUDIES** & STORAGE & KITTING & OUTBOUND) / DELIVERY

Examples of Rexel activity and services

Procurement and storage

- Procurement plan to stick to project planning
- Dedicated storage area and buffer stock to deliver in Just-In-Time
- Management of products on behalf of the client

Ordering & kitting

- Dedicated team to manage ordering
- Orders preparation in specific kits for the different zones on-site

Delivery (inbound and outbound)

- Delivery taking into account local constraints (e.g. fixed schedule, same driver, full truck...)
- Waste pick-up and recycling

On-site storage and delivery

- Buffer stocks in Rexel containers
- Delivery at multiple locations on-site

Reporting

■ Tailored reporting for the project (inventory level, consumption vs. budget, alerts, CO₂...)

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Project Nr. 1: Pasteur Hospital in Nice

KEY VALUE - ADDED SERVICES On-site Delivery **Technical Procurement** Ordering (inbound & Origination Prescription Sourcing storage/ Reporting & storage & kitting studies outbound) delivery

Project ID card

Merger of two hospitals in one

- >~ 700 beds
- , , , , , , , , ,
-) Area: 81,000 m²
- > Project cost: €240m> Duration: ~ 3 years
- > Specific contraints: saturated urban area

Installer: SPIE 💠 SATELEC



Rexel product families	Distributed by Rexel	
Cable	✓	
Conduits	√	
Installation equipment	√	
Lighting	√	M BUDGET:
Security	✓	7 c. €2.5m
HVAC	-	
Datacom		
Tools/ consumables	√	
Electric vehicle terminals	-	



Project Nr. 2: Wastewater Treatment Plant in Versailles

KEY VALUE - ADDED SERVICES Delivery On-site **Technical Procurement** Ordering Origination Prescription Sourcing (inbound & storage/ Reporting studies & storage & kitting outbound) delivery

Project ID card

Extension and modernization

of the wastewater treatment plant

Key objectives: better performance than European regulation with strong reduction of impacts on rivers

- >350,000 inhabitants covered by the plant
-) Area: 6 hectares
- > Project cost: €180m
-) Duration: 2 1/2 years

Installer: SPIE



Rexel product families	Distributed by Rexel	
Cable	✓	
Conduits	√	
Installation equipment	✓	
Lighting	√	
Security	√	BUDGET:
HVAC	-	
Datacom	-	
Tools/ consumables	√	
Electric vehicle terminals	-	



Project Nr. 3: Victor Valin tertiary complex in Paris



Project ID card

Tertiary complex, with:

- Office for 9,000 people
- 2 restaurant areas: 7,000 meals per day
- 3 nurseries: ~200 children
- 1 swimming pool
- New building: 145,000 m²
- Renovation: 135,000 m²
- > Project cost: > €1bn
- Duration: 5 years
- > Project specificity: urban area and high level of security constraint

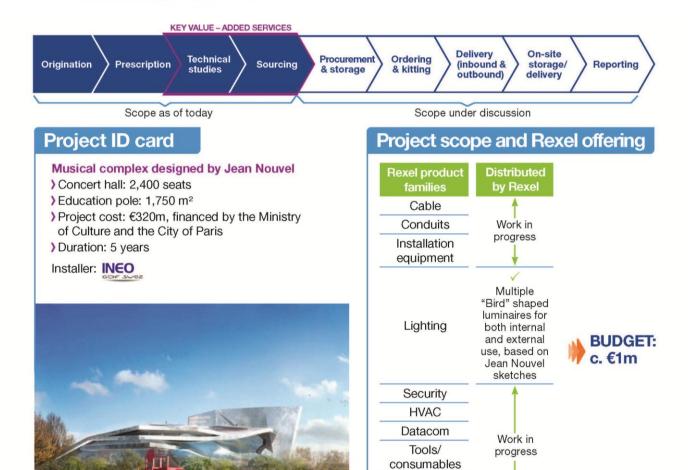
Installer: INEO



Rexel product families	Distributed by Rexel	
Cable	1	
Conduits	√	
Installation equipment	√	
Lighting	✓	
Security	√	BUDGET: c. €4.5m
HVAC	-	
Datacom		
Tools/ consumables	✓	
Electric vehicle terminals	√	



Project Nr. 4: Philharmonia, Parc de la Villette in Paris



Electric vehicle terminals



Project Nr. 5: Peninsula Palace hotel in Paris



Project ID card

New Palace in Paris

Renovation within a historic building, on Avenue Kléber, within walking distance of the Champs-Élysées and the Arc de Triomphe

- 35,000 m² building
-) 200 rooms
- > Project cost: €200m
- Duration: 2 years
- Constraint: urban project with no available area for storage

area for storage

Installer: VINCI



Rexel product families	Distributed by Rexel	
Cable	✓	
Conduits	√	
Installation equipment	✓	
Lighting	✓	
Security	√	BUDGET: c. €3m
HVAC	✓	
Datacom	✓	
Tools/ consumables	✓	
Electric vehicle terminals	-	



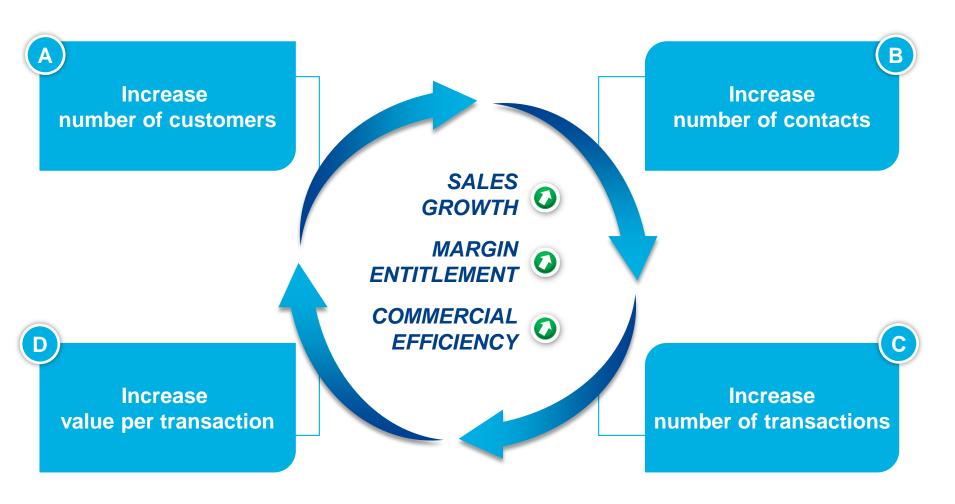
2.2. SALES INNOVATION AT WORK: MULTI-CHANNEL CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT

Example: CRM in France
Patrick BERARD,
Group Senior VP, Southern Europe



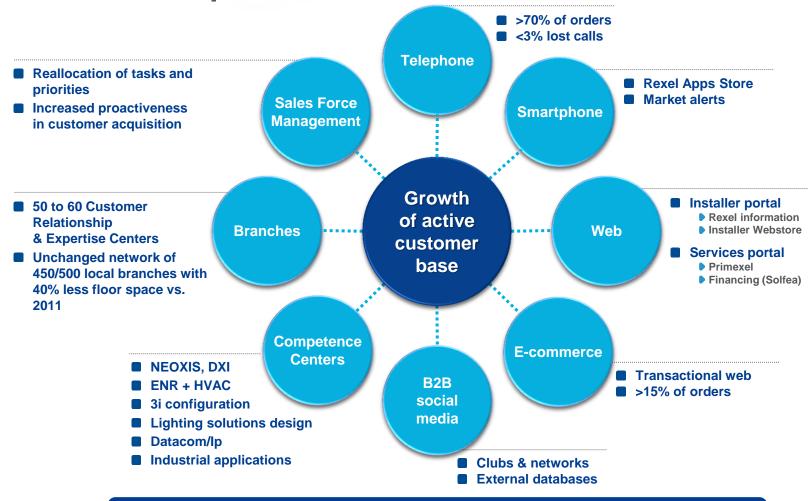


Customer-centricity model embeds a structured approach to multiplying number of customers, contacts and transactions





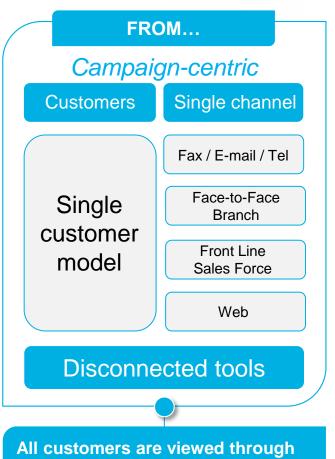
A multi-channel approach multiplies the number of customer touch points and intensifies customer interaction



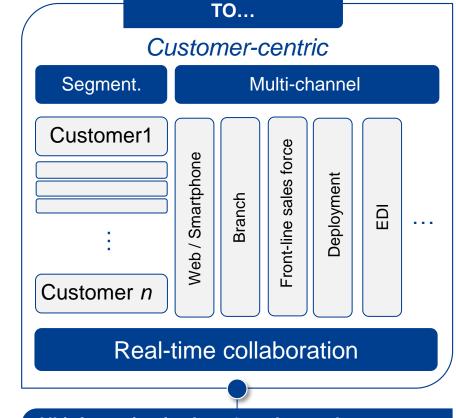


More touch points / More customers / More sales

Behavioral customer segmentation allows increase in number of transactions per touch point



All customers are viewed through the same model, with limited exchanges among formats.



All information is shared so that each customer is managed in accordance to his or her specific needs. All Rexel team members interact to meet these needs.



Dynamic product portfolio management by type of customer increases marketing and sales effectiveness

1. Collect data

- Transactional data
- Qualitative data (expectations/sensitivities)
- Real-time data (interaction outcomes)

2. Segment customers by behavior

- Characterize our customers on the basis of their consumption habits
- Identify their key needs

3. Optimize sales

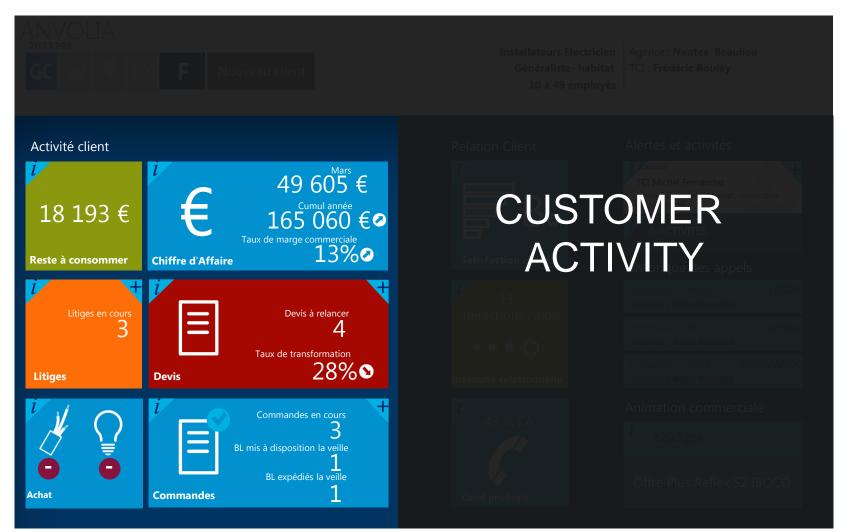
- Detect growth potential (related and additional products)
- Tactical pricing

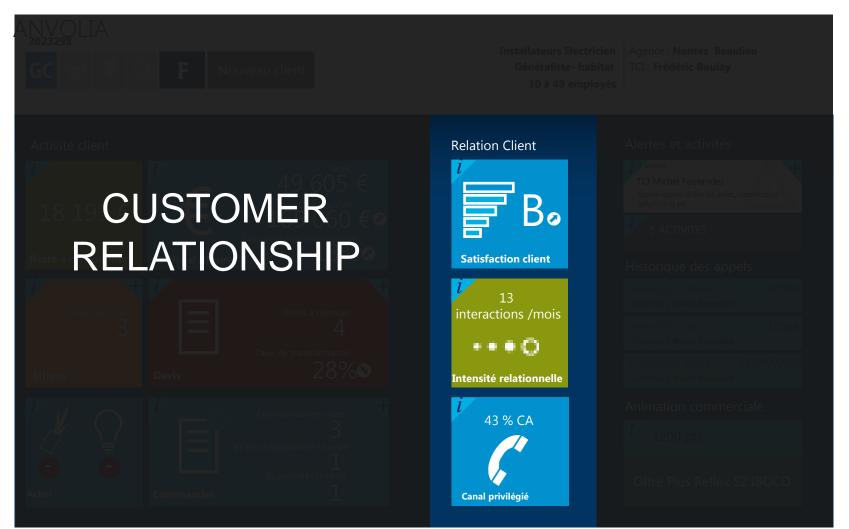
4. Push sales in real-time

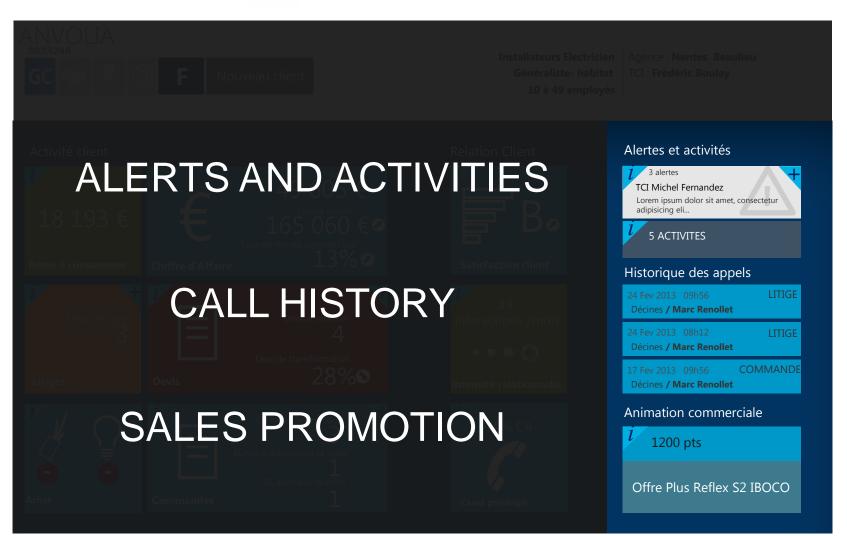
- What is the next commercial action?
- What is the next commercial offer?











A powerful CRM tool turns customer intelligence into competitive advantage



2.3. SALES INNOVATION AT WORK: COMPETITIVE DIFFERENTIATION THROUGH E-BUSINESS

Example: Switzerland and Austria Michel KLEIN,

Group Senior VP, Central & Eastern Europe





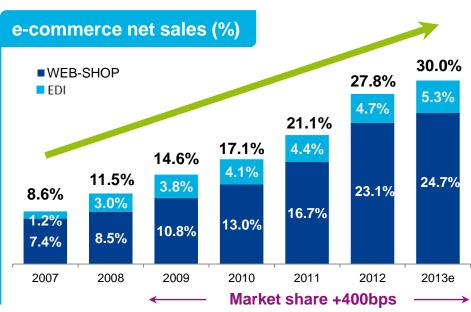
Our e-business strategy is fully in line with our customer-centricity model





E-business in Austria is a key driver of profitable growth and innovation





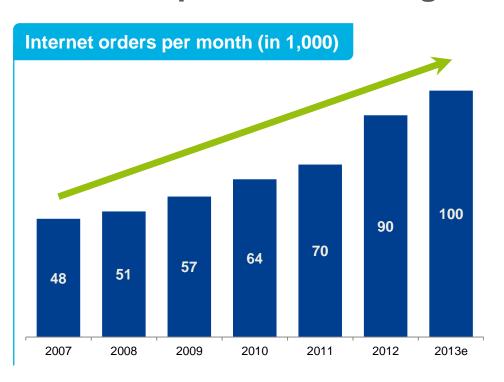
- High level of service creates customer loyalty / intimacy
- B2B interface solution for both contractors and installers and industrial customers
- Product data base with details on more than 140,000 items
- Linked with high performing logistics (national DC) 40,000 SKUs available next day @ an On-Time-In-Full > 95%



In Switzerland, e-business has reached a very high level of penetration and is a source of competitive advantage

Differentiated multi-channel strategy with different channel mix in different topographies / market structures





- e-commerce ratio > 50% and 200,000 clicks per month
- Integrated e-landscape
- Linked to high-performing logistics On-Time-In-Full > 95%



Effective customer segmentation through e-marketing increases the number of active customers and transactions

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- Detailed e-tracking
 - Evolution of visitor number / behavior
 - Sales evolution per hour, day, week
 - Transformation rate / details by order
- To push sales and increase transactions
 - Daily home page sales activities
 - Sales actions with selected suppliers
 - "Sell out area" for obsolete stocks

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- Continuous fine-tuning of segmentation
 - Keep track of preferences / behaviors
 - Enrich customer data base
 - Complement information from other channels
- To focus marketing activities / campaigns
 - Focused technical communication
 - Focused product offer
 - Focused training offer



Enhanced content and applications enable dynamic category management and increase sales productivity

AUSTRIA

- Dynamic product combination
 - ▶ For automatic cross-selling offer
 - For alternative offer and priority ranking
 - For planning / design support
- Structured product information

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- Product info around various logics
 - By installation domains
 - By ETIM-characteristics
 - By customized filter / full text / codes
- Continuously enriched
 - Technical data from manufacturers
 - Customer experience / e-forums

Value by transaction increased Further growth potential





Service differentiation designed around the customer creates competitive advantage

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OUR SEGMENTED E-SERVICE PROPOSITION ENABLES OUR CUSTOMERS TO:

- Design quality offer to own customers
 - Easy access to complete and rich data
 - Automatic proposal of alternative offers
 - ▶ E-support for tender
- Put the order, get delivered, do the job
 - Cut-off time 6:00 pm
 - Next day delivery in whole country
 - Early / Day service at a choice
 - Very high delivery reliability (On-Time-In-Full)
- Stay informed, be trained

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OUR E-SERVICE PROPOSITION IS CONTINUOUSLY ENRICHED FOR CUSTOMERS TO:

- Optimize own offer design process
 - Segment / customized e-catalogues
 - Customized web administration
 - E-support for admin / accounting
- Optimize delivery
 - Cut-off time 5:00 pm
 - Standard delivery in the night/on yard
 - Mobile access to web session
 - Delivery three times a day in big cities
- Enter e-communities and networks

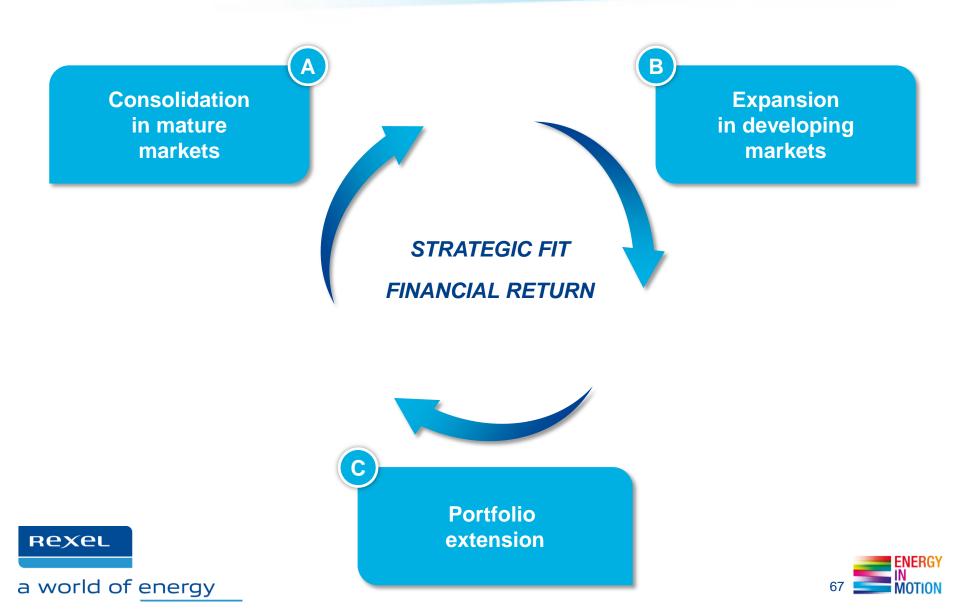


BOOSTING GROWTH THROUGH TARGETED ACQUISITIONS Rudy PROVOOST, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO





Energy in Motion: Boosting growth through targeted M&A



Rexel's M&A strategy focuses on three priorities

Value creation drivers

Rationale & targeted markets

Mature Countries

Leverage market share to increase profitability

- Gain market share and extract synergies to drive profitability
- Top priorities: USA, Germany
- Mid-size build-up and bolt-on

Developing markets

Increasing presence in fast-growing markets

- Develop leadership through bolt-on deals in attractive markets/segments
- Leverage Rexel business model and best practices
- Top priorities: China, South-East Asia, Middle East, Latin America

Portfolio extension

Boosting value-added services & vertical business

- Competence acquisition to enrich Rexel's value proposition
- Business model replicability across the Group
- Enter new energy efficiency segments

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Driving external growth is a key to continuous value creation

M&A guiding principles

- Dedicated annual budget of c. €500m per annum on average
- Additional annual sales growth: between 3% and 5% on average
- Significant synergies and sharing of best practices

Strict acquisition criteria

Qualitative criteria

- 1. Country risk profile (tax and legal compliance)
- 2. Alignment with Rexel's portfolio
- 3. Cultural fit

Quantitative criteria

- 1. IRR close or above 10%
- 2. Synergies above 1.5% of acquired sales
- 3. EPS accretion below 24 months
- A sustained and ambitious external growth strategy

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A strong 2012 & 2013 track record confirms our commitment

	Country	Company	Year	Financial impact
	US	Platt + Munro	2012	
1	Canada	Liteco	2012	8 acquisitions
Mature	Spain	Erka	2012	c. €720m additional
Countries	Belgium	La Grange	2012	sales on an annual
	UK	Wilts	2012	basis
	France	SCT + Eurodis	2012	
2	Thailand	Quality Trading	2013	6 acquisitions
Developing	Singapore	Luxlight	2012	c. €170m additional
markets	Singapore	Lenn International	2013	sales on an annual
	Brazil	Delamano + Etil	2012	basis
	Peru	Dirome	2012	
Portfolio extension	France	Esabora	2013	1 acquisition c. €2m additional sales on an annual basis

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3.1. NEW ACQUISITIONS Rudy PROVOOST, Chairman of the Management Board and CEO





Portfolio extension

Developing value-added digital solutions in France with the acquisition of Esabora

Acquisition of Esabora will contribute to accelerating business transformation toward services

- Additional €1.5m annualized sales
- IT specialist in software & services providing innovative solutions for small & medium electrical contractors
- ERP software to help installers increase efficiency, from plan phase to implementation, and manage their business

Build-up of digital capabilities

- Developing packaged service offer to address installers' increasing need for customized IT solutions
- Integration of technical solutions to enrich innovation capabilities and accelerate convergence of solutions for building automation, energy efficiency and other specialties

High potential synergies in short- and medium-term

Leveraging Rexel France's sales organization to deploy Esabora solutions at national level



- Existing geographical coverage
- New regions to be covered by deployment

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Developing markets

Entry into the attractive Thai market with the acquisition of Quality Trading

Becoming the Nr. 3 player in the promising Thai market

- Additional €39m annualized sales
- Nr. 3 national electrical distributor in Thailand
- Operates in Bangkok, Northern and Southern regions
- Diversified customer base with strong high-end commercial market exposure
- Involved in design, installation, commissioning, training

Strategic rationale

- Entry into an attractive market combining both highgrowth profile and good level of consolidation
- First move towards building a domestic platform
- Focus on added-value high-end construction and industrial segments







Developing markets

Enriching our Oil & Gas offer in South-East Asia with the acquisition of Lenn International in Singapore

Operations focused on distribution of cables for Oil & Gas industry

- Additional €19m annualized sales
- One-stop provider of electrical cables & accessories for the offshore, onshore & marine energy industry
- Operating in Singapore and South East Asia
- Strong partnership with General Cable
- Products: Oil & Gas specification cables, marine cables, cable & wire accessories, armored cable

Strategic rationale

- Opportunity to penetrate the specialized segment of Oil & Gas offshore cables
- Complement Rexel's existing Oil & Gas offer to build a full value proposition and become the Nr. 1 Oil & Gas Electrical Distributor in South-East Asia with an upstream focus

Key contribution to Oil & Gas development in South East Asia



- Location in Singapore
- Geographic coverage: Indonesia, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, China

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3.2. EXPANSION IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES: ASIA

Mitch WILLIAMS,

Group Senior VP, Asia-Pacific





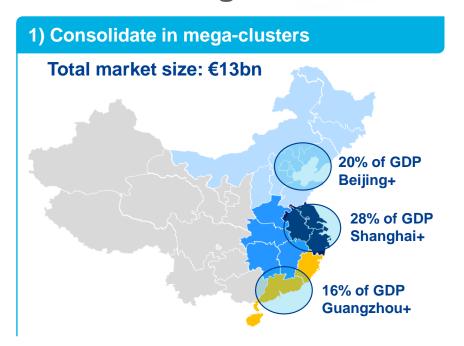
Rexel in Asia: a growing footprint

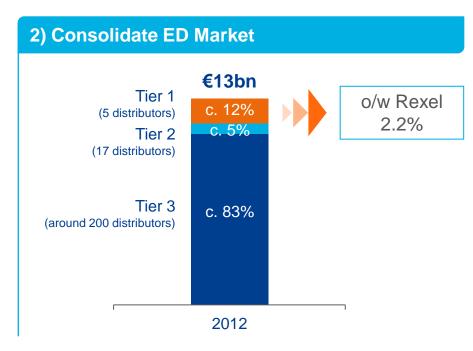


Total sales of c. €350m in the first 9 months of 2013



China acquisition strategy: Focus on mega-clusters and selected end-markets





3) Build presence in most attractive Verticals/Sectors

- Automation
- OEM
- High-End Construction

Fast Growth Value Added High EBITA%

Increase average China EBITA margin



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South-East Asia acquisition strategy: Focus on expanding presence in key markets and verticals



2) Rexel main markets

	Market share
Singapore	4.3%
Thailand	1.3%
Indonesia	0.5%
Malaysia	0.6%

3) Build presence in most attractive Verticals/Sectors

- Oil & Gas
- Other resource
- High-End Construction

Fast Growth/Premium product demand Value Add High EBITA%



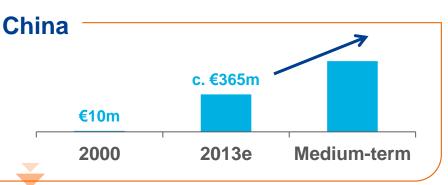




Creating a strong regional platform in Asia to boost sales and operational efficiency



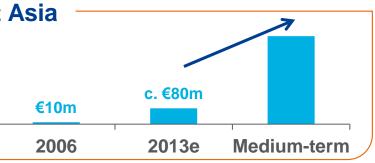
■ Key vertical/segment growth



COMMON IT PLATFORM BACK OFFICE LEADERSHIP

South-East Asia

- Focus on highest growth countries/ GDP countries
- Critical scale in key countries
- Key vertical/segment growth



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3.3. CONSOLIDATION IN MATURE COUNTRIES: USA

Chris HARTMANN,

Executive VP and CEO, USA

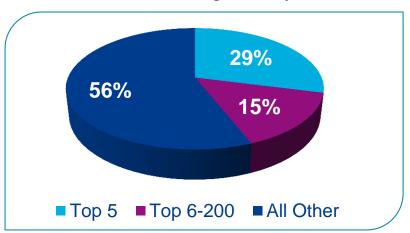




The USA remains a major area of focus for M&A

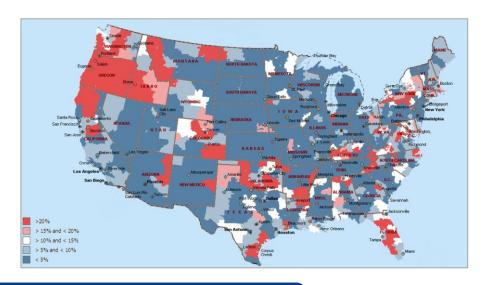
Electrical Wholesaler Market Breakdown

Electrical Wholesaling June/July 2013



Full Line Electrical Distributors: 3,000+
Top 5 account for 29% of market
Top 200 account for 44% of market
Average company size USD25m-30m
Product/Service Niche Distributors: ~900-1,300

	2012
Market size	USD87bn
Top 3 market share	18.4%
Rexel ranking	# 4
Market share	5%





More than 50 companies identified as potential acquisitions





The two strategic acquisitions in the USA significantly extended our footprint and Energy Efficiency portfolio

PLATT

- Full Line Electrical Distribution
 - BSC in Beaverton, Oregon
- Strengthens coverage in Northwest U.S.
- World-Class e-commerce tools



Branch Support Center (BSC)



- Innovative electrical products& services distributor
- 12 branches 5 states
- Specializing in energy efficiency solutions



Smart choices for a sustainable future



■ Reinforces Rexel's position in the U.S. as a premier provider in energy efficiency

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On top of the achieved synergies, Platt's best practices are leveraged across the USA

Technological sales platform

Platt Electric Mobile App Features



- Search Locations
- Take a photo and get info about it
- Access account info
- Share your shopping card
- Search for products
- Web Content
- **Mobile Application Design**
- **E-Commerce Metrics**
- **Online Product Catalogs**
- **Search Engine Optimization Guidelines**
- "Big Buy" Purchasing Approach
- **Supplier Scorecard**
- **Supplier Incentives Approach**
- **Online Training**
- **Platt University Training Content**
- **Business Focused Boot Camps**
- **Customer Acquisition Programs and Methods**

Branch support center



- 16 hours per day / 7 days per week
- Answering Platt.com, Platt chat and photo inquiries
- 20% of calls handled during typical off hours (out of 160,000 calls in 2012)
- More than 3% of calls transformed into orders entered directly by BSC



The Munro acquisition provides the backbone for a new Rexel Energy Solutions entity

Launch of Rexel Energy Solutions in 2013 to become a leader in the US for energy conservation solutions in Lighting, Controls, Mechanical and Photovoltaic

UTILITY

- **Prioritize and Target utility** incentive programs
- Small Business/Direct Install
- **Consultants/Integrators**
- Residential

UTILITY group will also focus on expanding utility relationships with the goal of adding products to current programs, adding and designing new programs, and expanding the energy market overall.

ESCO

- **Target Energy Service companies** nationally
- **ESPCs and Government**
- Large C&I projects
- Small/Medium conservation focused contractors

PHOTOVOLTAIC

- **Dedicated sales force focused** on Turnkey solution
- Parts and Smarts (Engineered solutions to contractors)
- Parts (Flow sales)

ESCO group will also focus on expanding the conservation offering by focusing on performance contracting, government and multi measure contractors and installers projects. PV group will look to expand the existing service offering to include engineering and Turnkey in areas **Rexel & Gexpro teams have** penetrated as well as developing new geographies.

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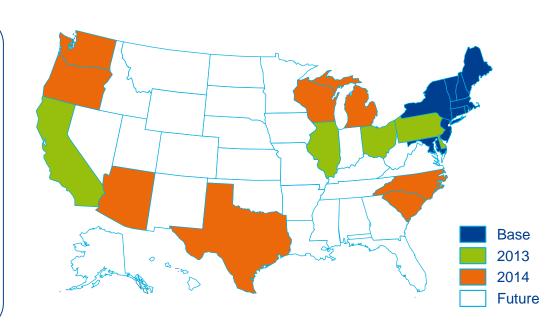
Rexel Energy Solutions focuses on a scalable model to serve ESCOs and utilities

- Continued penetration: Connecticut, Massachusetts, New Jersey, New York, Rhode Island
- 2013: California, Illinois, Ohio, Maryland, Pennsylvania
- 2014: Arizona, Michigan, Oregon, Texas, Washington, Wisconsin

2014 Top Utility & ESCO **Opportunities by State**

California	405 m\$
Massachusetts	225 m\$
New York	225 m\$
Ohio	90 m\$
Pennsylvania	80 m\$
Texas	36 m\$
Oregon	35 m\$
Michigan	32 m\$
Minnesota	32 m\$
Arizona	26 m\$
Maryland	20 m\$
Wisconsin	13 m\$

^{*} Ranking based on state's available funding





Targeting double-digit annual sales growth

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DRIVING OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AS AN ENABLER FOR PROFITABLE GROWTH

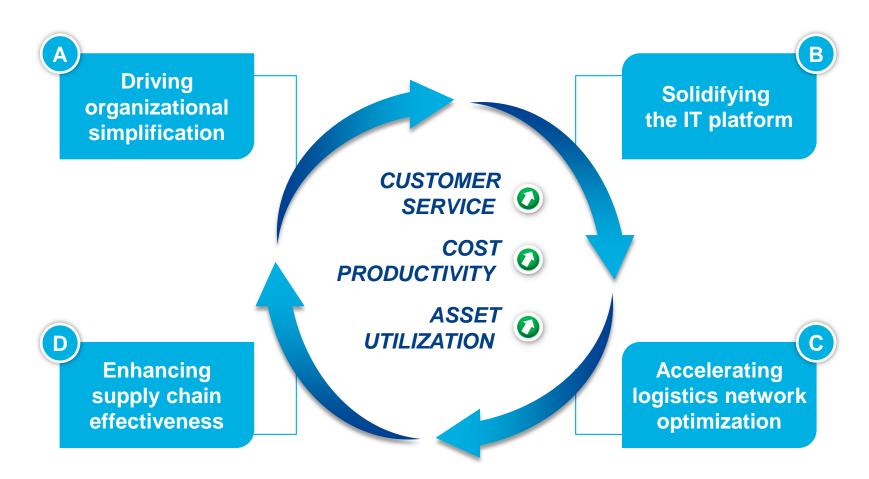
Peter HAKANSON,

Group Senior VP, Operations





Energy in Motion: Driving operational excellence as an enabler for profitable growth





We have taken decisive action in reducing organizational complexity and taking out costs

2012-2013 restructurings between €110m and €120m (e)

Europe: 75% to 85% of total Group restructurings

North America: 10% to 15% of total Group restructurings

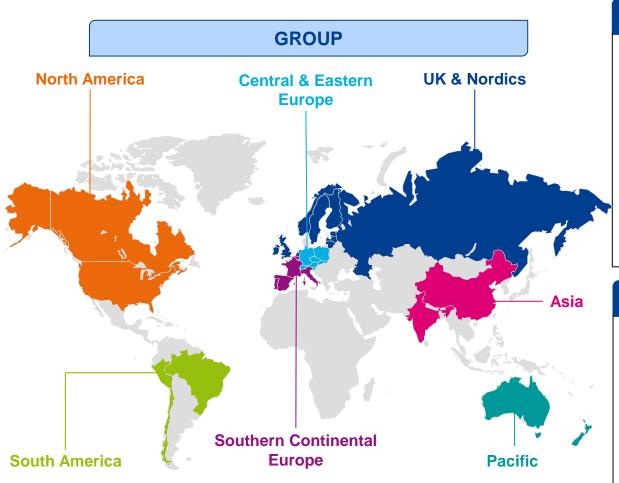
Asia-Pacific & Latin America: 5% to 10% of total Group restructurings

- ✓ Logistics transformation (USA, UK, Sweden, Germany, Brazil, NL)
- Reorganization combined with IT migration (USA, UK, Sweden)
- ✓ Branch network optimization (UK, Australia, France)
- ✓ Banner rationalization (UK, Australia)

Payback less than two years



We are solidifying and rationalizing our IT infrastructure and ERP platforms



Approach

- One ERP implementation in key markets to create an operational backbone
- Zone structure enabling speed and capability leverage
- Competency centers delivering scale and replicable solutions across zones
- IT efficiency gains reinvested in innovation in e-services and multi-channel CRM

Scope

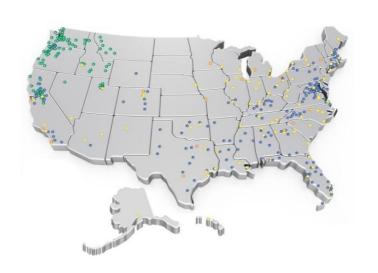
- **■** ERP and application layers
- Replicable IT architectures
- Consolidated IT vendor management
- Change management

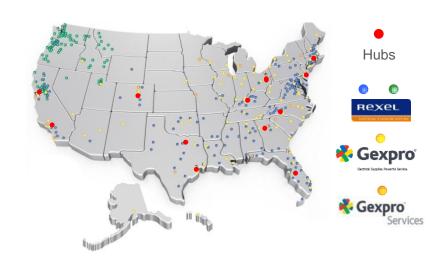
Logistics network optimization drives simplification, increases productivity and improves customer service

Example: Rexel USA

From fragmented branch warehouses...

...to fewer, larger distribution centers & hubs





Benefits

Supplier

Fewer & larger shipments

Rexel Distribution center

Increased volume & productivity

Rexel Branch

Increased offer & reduced handling

Customer

Better service &support

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Our supply chain effectiveness initiatives are broad-based, covering end-to-end processes and core capabilities

TO BE **DEPLOYED DEPLOYED** TO DATE **BY END 2015** ■ Improved service Logistics Higher productivity 2 countries 3 countries Configuration Asset optimization Lean Warehouse 2 countries ■ Tailored WMS 13 countries **Management** Automation Differentiating Rexe **Transportation** customer touch 5 countries 5 countries Cost efficiency S&OP **Procurement** Dedicated teams 2 countries 6 countries ■ E2E value streams with top vendors



Extending and differentiating our spectrum of logistics services creates competitive advantage

Expanded services in ED





- Mobile warehouse at construction sites
- Supply to remote locations
- 24/7 kiosks

Customized services





- Kitting for installation sites
- Non-electric C-item sourcing and on-site procurement

Mainstream Electrical Distribution





- 1.5m SKUs globally on hand, additional 2m upon request
- Same day & next morning delivery
- Huge diversity in quantity, dimension and weight
- Flexible cable cutting

Customized Distribution





- Scheduled delivery and installation
- VMI and DC in a DC

Increased customization

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Expanded services



Better customer service Asset utilization up Cost to serve down

4.1. OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AT WORK: UK

Henri-Paul LASCHKAR,

Group Senior VP, Northern Europe





UK has been driving an aggressive business simplification program in recent years

REDUCING STRUCTURAL COMPLEXITY

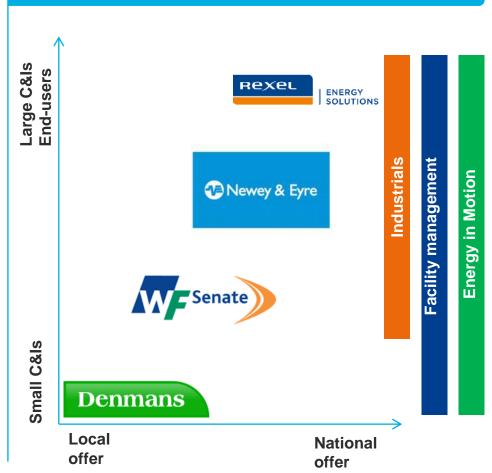
FROM (2008)

c.440 branches 17 warehouses c. 4,850 employees 4 ERP

TO (2013)

c.390 branches 2 warehouses c. 3,620 employees 2 ERP

REPOSITIONNING THE BANNER PORTFOLIO



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Implementing a "One ERP" platform and harmonizing application layers is a key enabler for operational excellence

"Best in Class" IT architecture



Status

- Active in all UK banners
- 250 branches trading on the same platform
- More than 3,000 active users
- Elimination of 3 back-end systems

■ Mid-term Objectives

- ▶ Full deployment of one ERP architecture by end 2014 for all banners
- Establish regional hub/competence center for Northern Europe
- Implementation of plans for continuous improvement of performance and productivity



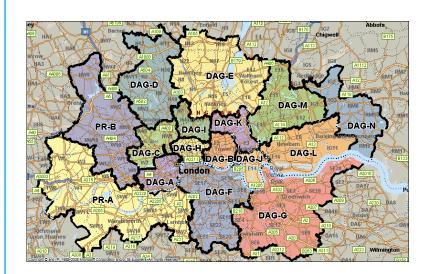
Driving efficiency gains through network optimization is a key priority

Comprehensive network transformation Distribution Centers

Regional DC

Branch

Dedicated London Distribution Center



- Unique Offer
- Proximity
- Specialist product available
- Extended delivery times



The UK supply chain effectiveness program is designed around the customer

Logistics configuration

- Structural complexity reduction through new logistics network
- Customers delivered from most efficient Rexel facility

Warehousing Management

- ▶ 5S & Lean culture and flow optimization
- Tailored warehouse management
 - Systems embedded in M3

Rexel UK Customer

Procurement

- National team handling all replenishment orders for all banners
- Implemented advanced inventory segmentation techniques

Transportation

- ► Full Track & Trace with new transport management system
 - ▶ Fleet rationalization on-going

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4.2. OPERATIONAL EXCELLENCE AT WORK: USA

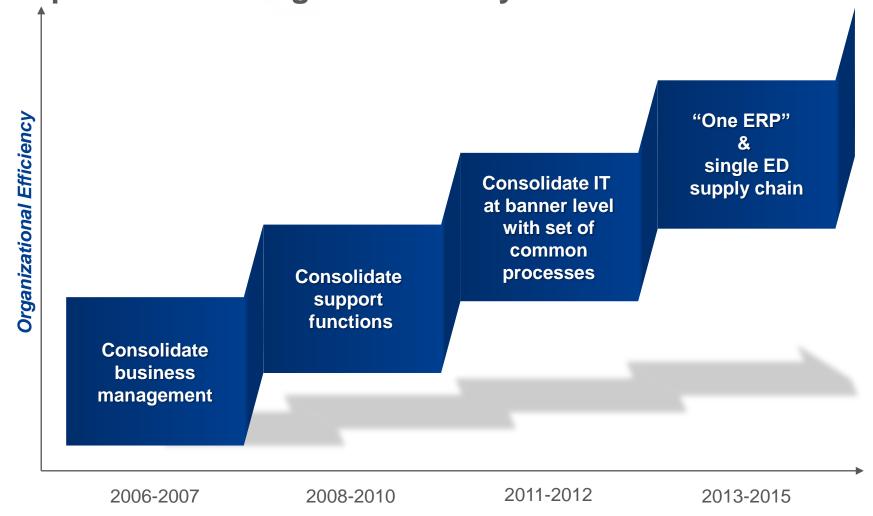
Chris HARTMANN,

Executive VP and CEO, USA





Transforming the company and driving organizational simplification for higher efficiency





Implementing "One ERP" across Rexel USA banners

Rexel Inc. successfully completed

Rexel Inc. successfully implemented Complete 2015 Eterm Rigel Regis EClipse ERP Hybris eCommerce PathGuide Supply-Chain to be retired

Status

- ▶ > 50% of revenue on platform
- **▶** Cross-functional engagement
- Enriched product content
- Flexible and scalable IT infrastructure

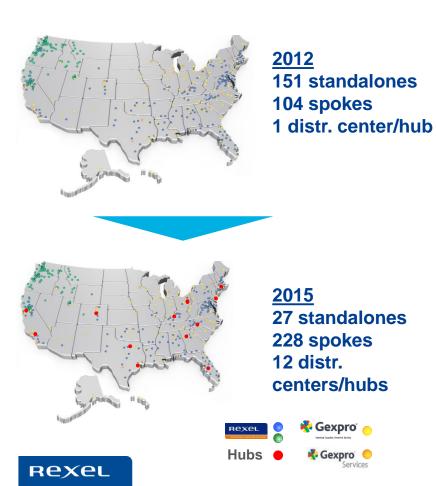
Benefits

- Richer customer experience
- Standard operating procedures driving efficiency and enabling more customer-facing activities
- Enabling supply chain redesign

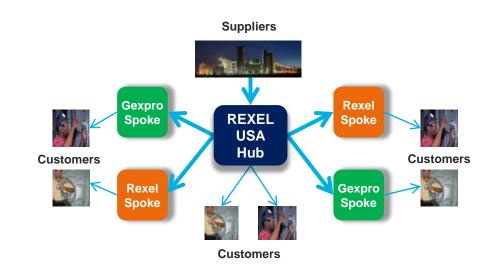


Combining logistics network optimization with business process redesign

Network transformation

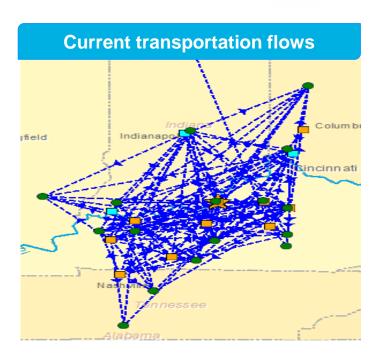


Business transformation

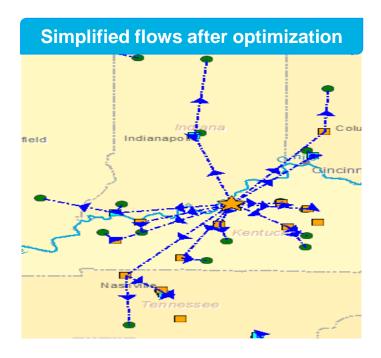


- Standard operating procedures
- Fully leverage Rexel USA capabilities
- Increased asset and cost productivity
- Increased service and customer offering

Improving supply chain effectiveness for higher productivity while becoming a better business partner



Complex and sub-optimized



- Later cut-off and higher service levels
- Broader customer offering
- Hub delivers direct to customers <50 miles</p>
- Faster new product introduction
- Expanded vendor managed inventory





5 ENHANCING FINANCIAL PERFORMANCE

Catherine GUILLOUARD,

Management Board member, Group Senior VP, Group CFO





We target to outperform the markets in which we operate

GLOBAL GDP MACRO-ENVIRONMENT

(GDP forecasts no longer considered as a relevant benchmark throughout the cycles)

END-MARKET TRENDSResidential / Commercial / Industrial

Organic growth above market average

Accelerate high-growth initiatives

Enhance customercentricity for mainstream growth DRIVE SALES GROWTH
TO OUTPERFORM MARKETS
IN WHICH REXEL OPERATES

Sustained external growth

Gain market share in key mature countries

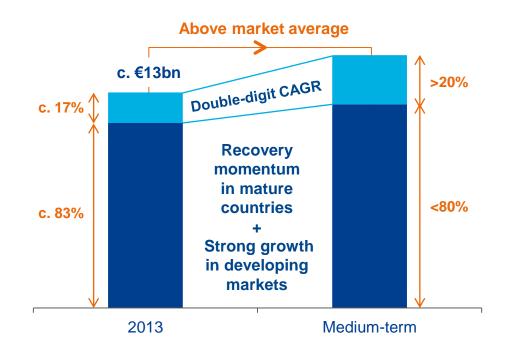
Increase footprint in developing markets

Extend portfolio of value-added services

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Organic growth above market average

- Over the medium-term, organic growth will be driven by:
 - ▶ The acceleration of the strategic high-growth initiatives
 - ▶ The recovery in the mainstream electrical distribution business



High-growth initiatives

Mainstream electrical distribution



Sustained external growth

Acquisitions drive consolidation, expansion and value creation

■ Clear strategic directions

- Gain market share and develop synergies in key mature countries (Europe & North America)
- Increase footprint in developing markets (Asia and Latin America)
- Extend portfolio of value-added services in key vertical markets

Strict acquisition criteria

- Qualitative
 - > Fit with Rexel's country risk assessment procedure
 - Fit with Rexel's strategy
- Quantitative
 - > IRR close or above 10%
 - > EPS accretion within 24 months

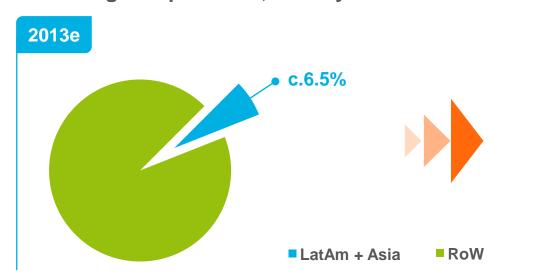
■ Proven capacity to extract synergies

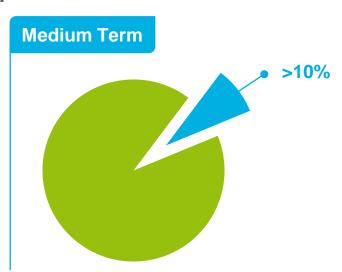
- Solid track record of synergy generation
- Synergies above 1.5% of acquired sales
- Dedicated annual budget of around €500m on average over the medium-term period
- Additional annual sales generation of between 3% and 5% on average
- Consistent, assuming no transformational acquisition opportunities, with objective of maintaining a sound and balanced financial structure, with a Net-debt-to-EBITDA ratio not exceeding 3 times



Over the medium-term, developing countries will represent more than 10% of total Group sales

- Share of fast-growing markets is increasing:
 - **▶** Organically, as they grow at a faster pace than mature markets
 - ▶ Through acquisitions, as they are one of our M&A priorities





Strong contributor to Group performance through above-average sales growth despite below-average margin



Growing adjusted EBITA margin to around 6.5% by leveraging operational efficiency

IN LOCKSTEP WITH SALES GROWTH



GROW ADJUSTED EBITA MARGIN TO AROUND 6.5% by c.10bps per each % point of growth in sales

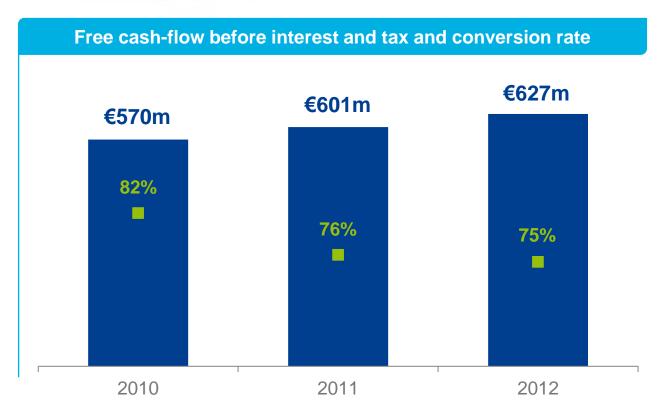


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Functional plans to reduce SG&A

Cost inflation

High EBITDA-to-free-cash-flow conversion rate thanks to Rexel's efficient business model

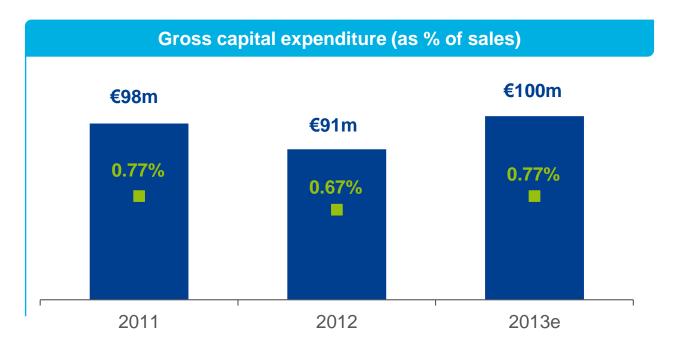


> Free cash-flow before interest and tax of at least 75% of EBITDA



Favorable cash-flow impact of low capital intensity

■ Gross capital expenditure represents only 0.7% to 0.8% of sales



Structurally low capital intensity

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Effective working capital management is essential for cash-flow optimization

Key challenge: optimize cash return while ensuring competitive service level to our customers

Service level is a must and requires the right level of inventory

- → Actively manage inventories to offset the impact of increased SKUs
- → Large projects require longer carry-over of inventories

Receivables

Inventories

Right balance between profitability & payment terms

- → New customers' conquest requires longer payment terms
- → Large projects with more formal & longer process for payment approval

Payables

Optimization of cash discount

- → Regulatory measures (e.g. French LME) driving shorter payment terms
- → Sourcing in Asia leading to better purchasing price but shorter payment terms

Comprehensive "Cash in Motion" program to drive working capital improvement

■ In 2013, we launched a dedicated "Cash in Motion" action plan to continuously improve working capital management

Inventories

- Continuous optimization of procurement tools and process
- Positive impact from logistics reorganization
 - E.g. the new warehouses in Germany, Sweden and Brazil

Receivables

- Upgrade cash collection process & tools + exchange of best practices
- Continuous improvement of credit insurance process & tools

Payables

- Continuous review of terms and conditions
- Increase payment flexibility
 - E.g. reverse factoring implementation in progress, with the launch a pilot program in the UK
- Improve back-office process & tools with suppliers
 - > E.g. digitization process

Continuous improvement in Trade Working Capital





Strong cash-flow generation is a strategic cornerstone of Rexel's business model





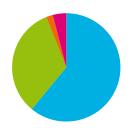
We have significantly strengthened our debt structure

 Diversified source of financing in order to secure stable liquidity

Close to 100% through Bonds and Securitization

Breakdown of financial debt at 30/09/2013

Senior notes
Securitization
Commercial paper
Banks
61%
33%
2%
4%



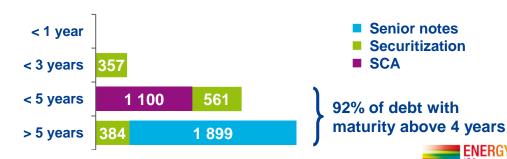
Diversified bondholder base

60% of bonds = EUR 40% of bonds = USD Breakdown of Senior notes at 30/09/2013

Extended debt maturity through refinancing

Average debt maturity 4.5 years

Debt maturity at 30/09/2013



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We have reduced the cost of our financing

- We have already improved our financial structure
 - ▶ Since 2009, Rexel has significantly lowered its effective interest rate



- In March 2013, we called the 2009 bond maturing in 2016 @ 8.25% and replaced it by a bond issuance in € and USD maturing in 2020 @ close to 5%
- We will continue to seize market opportunities to refinance our Senior notes programs @ lower coupon
- We will maintain close relationships with rating agencies and efficiently manage our credit rating
 - > Targeting continuous reduction of cost of debt

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We have strong financial flexibility

- Undrawn Senior Credit Agreement refinanced in March 2013: €1.1bn
 - > €1.1bn multicurrency revolving credit facility undrawn
 - > Maturity: March 2018
 - Interest applicable margin of 2.00 p.a.; varies in accordance with leverage ratio from 1.45% to 3.00%
 - Covenant of 3.5x EBITDA over the 5 years, providing headroom vs. target to maintain leverage below 3x and offering additional flexibility
- Undrawn securitization programs

USA

- USD470m maturing Dec. 2015
 - USD446 drawn at Sept. 30,2013

France & Australia

- ▶ €425m maturing Dec. 2016
 - > o/w €348m drawn at Sept. 30,2013

Canada

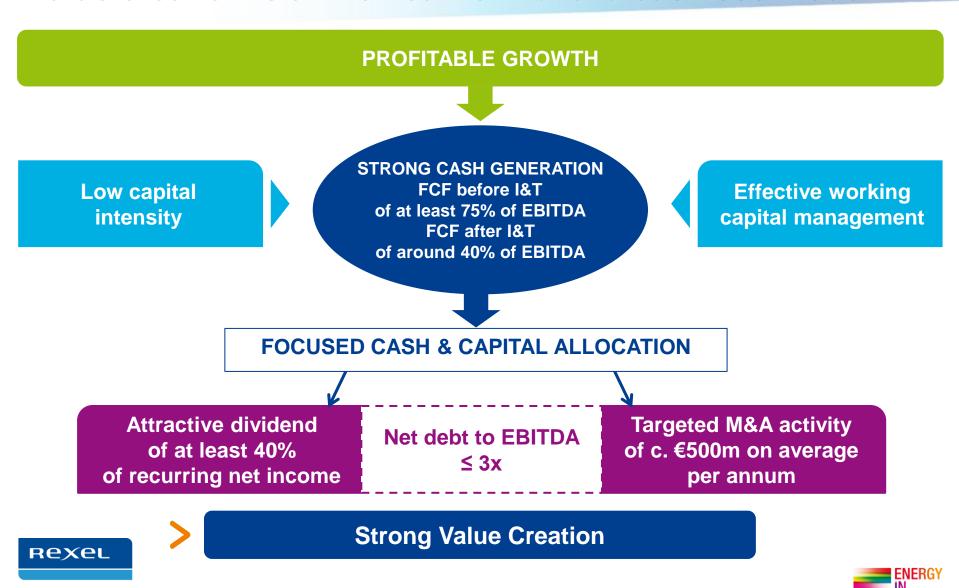
- CAD190m maturing Nov. 2017
 - > o/w CAD190m drawn at Sept. 30,2013

Pan-European

- ▶€384m maturing Dec. 2018
 - > o/w €304m drawn at Sept. 30,2013
- Optimized cash utilization within the various Group entities



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



a world of energy

6 - CONCLUSION
Rudy PROVOOST,
Chairman of the Management Board and CEO





Our medium-term ambitions reflect our commitment to sustained value creation

DRIVE SALES GROWTH Sustained Organic growth TO OUTPERFORM MARKETS above market average external growth IN WHICH REXEL OPERATES **GROW ADJUSTED EBITA Continuous gross Continuous reduction MARGIN TO AROUND 6.5%** margin discipline by c.10bps per percentage point in opex as a % of sales of growth in sales STRONG CASH GENERATION Low capital **Effective working** FCF before I&T of at least 75% of EBITDA intensity capital management FCF after I&T of around 40% of EBITDA **FOCUSED CASH ALLOCATION FOR** ATTRACTIVE DIVIDEND AND TARGETED M&A Rexel

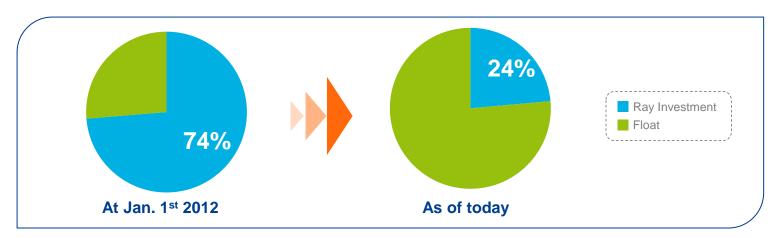
The implementation of our strategic roadmap is well underway

- We are pursuing our "Energy in Motion" plan to continuously enhance value creation for all stakeholders
- We are committed to staying the course in transforming our company by:
 - Accelerating strategic high-growth initiatives
 - ▶ Enhancing the customer-centricity model in the mainstream business
 - Boosting organic growth through targeted acquisitions
 - Driving operational excellence as an enabler for profitable growth
 - Strengthening management and leadership teams



Change in shareholder structure drives evolution in corporate governance

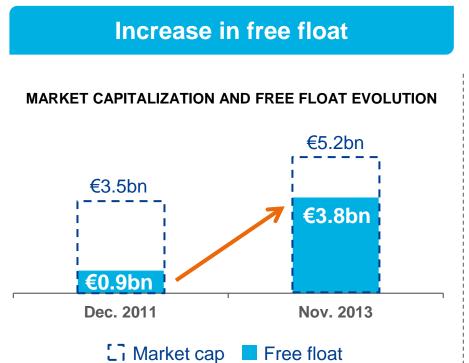
■ 4 placements between March 2012 and August 2013



- Rexel's Board composition is evolving to reflect growing free float
- Targeted Board structure
 - Percentage of independent members in line with percentage of free float
 - ▶ 40% female representation by 2017, in line with French corporate governance recommendations on board composition

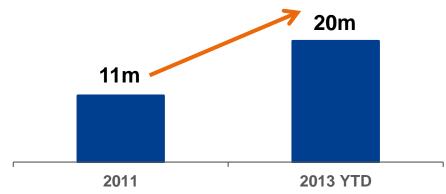


Change in shareholder structure improves Rexel's market attractiveness



Increase in liquidity

SHARES TRADED PER MONTH ON AVERAGE





Rexel is in the top 60 French market capitalizations



Looking ahead

- Despite strong headwinds in 2012 and 2013 in Europe and the Pacific, we delivered a resilient performance in terms of profitability and cash-flow
- There are signs of market recovery on the horizon
 - ▶ Leading macro-economic indicators point to better market conditions in some key European markets, including the UK and Germany
 - Our sales do not yet reflect this improvement, given the structural lag, but it will occur gradually in the course of next year
 - As usual, we will provide our 2014 outlook next February, when we release FY 2013 results
- We are better positioned than ever to benefit from market recovery in the future

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The Group is exposed to fluctuations in copper prices in connection with its distribution of cable products. Cables accounted for approximately 15% of the Group's sales, and copper accounts for approximately 60% of the composition of cables. This exposure is indirect since cable prices also reflect copper suppliers' commercial policies and the competitive environment in the Group's markets. Changes in copper prices have an estimated so-called "recurring" effect and an estimated so called "non-recurring" effect on the Group's performance, assessed as part of the monthly internal reporting process of the Rexel Group:

- the recurring effect related to the change in copper-based cable prices corresponds to the change in value of the copper part included in the sales price of cables from one period to another. This effect mainly relates to the Group's sales;
- the non-recurring effect related to the change in copper-based cables prices corresponds to the effect of copper price variations on the sales price of cables between the time they are purchased and the time they are sold, until all such inventory has been sold (direct effect on gross profit). Practically, the non-recurring effect on gross profit is determined by comparing the historical purchase price for copper-based cable and the supplier price effective at the date of the sale of the cables by the Rexel Group. Additionally, the non-recurring effect on EBITA corresponds to the non-recurring effect on gross profit, which may be offset, when appropriate, by the non-recurring portion of changes in the distribution and administrative expenses (principally, the variable portion of compensation of sales personnel, which accounts for approximately 10% of the variation in gross profit).

The impact of these two effects is assessed for as much of the Group's total cable sales as possible, over each period. Group procedures require that entities that do not have the information systems capable of such exhaustive calculations to estimate these effects based on a sample representing at least 70% of the sales in the period. The results are then extrapolated to all cables sold during the period for that entity. Considering the sales covered, the Rexel Group considers such estimates of the impact of the two effects to be reasonable.

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