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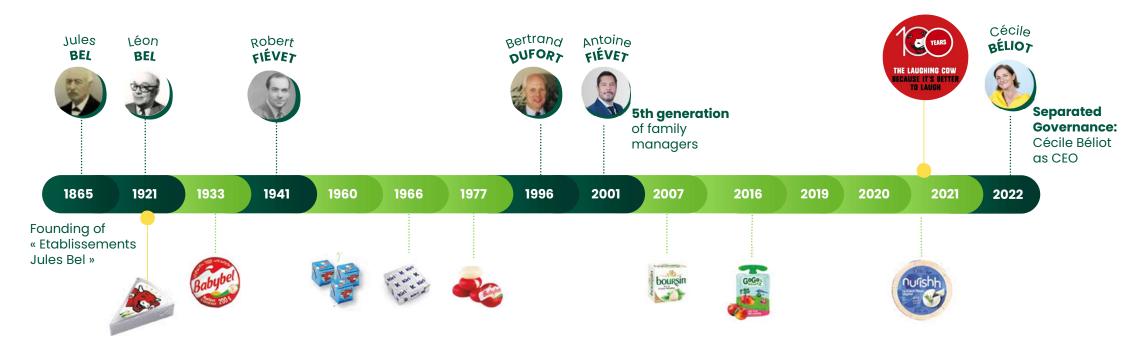




## Bel at a glance



#### A 150-year-old family business with iconic brands



>> INDUSTRIALIZATION -- INTERNATIONALIZATION -- ACQUISITIONS -- DIVERSIFICATION -- INNOVATION -- RESPONSABILITY >>



### A separate governance system to pursue the strengthening of Bel's positions in healthy snacking



Separation of the functions of Chairman of the Board of Directors and CEO



**Chairman of the Board** 

**Group CEO** 

#### **BEL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

**June 2023** 



Cécile BELIOT CEO



Stéphane DUPAYS

Chief Operations Officer



Jérôme GARBI

Chief Markets Officer



Carole JAIS

Trust & Ethics Chief Officer



Frédéric MEDARD

Chief Impact Officer



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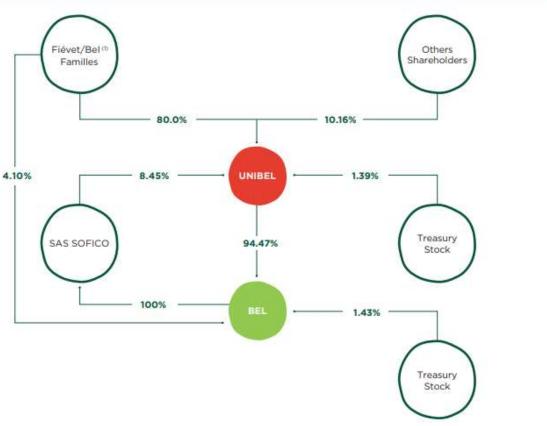


#### A family-owned business model

#### BEL GROUP SHAREHOLDING ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

(as a % of share capital)

Fievet/Bel <sup>(1)</sup> Families control 90% of Unibel's voting rights



#### A leader for healthier and responsible food for all, operating on 3 segments:

77% **Revenues** 

#### CHEESE AND DAIRY **PRODUCTS**

Our historical territory, in constant innovation to adapt recipes and formats



#### FRUIT PRODUCTS

A major diversification, made possible by the acquisition of MOM, to accelerate the development of healthy snacking



23%

Revenues

#### PLANT-BASED PRODUCTS

A strategic turning point, essential to meet consumer expectations and socio-environmental challenges

















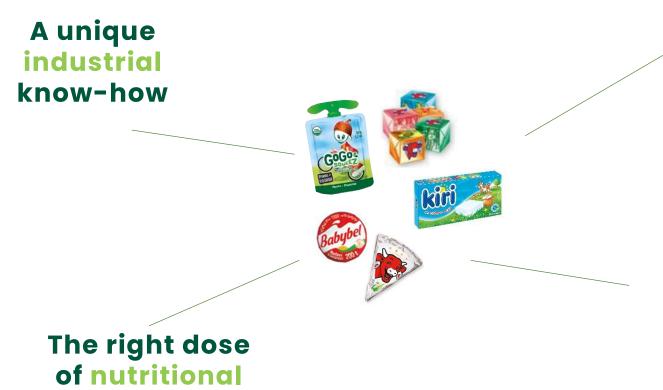






### Making the portion our unique trademark:

intake



The right amount to avoid food waste

An accessible format to transport and eat anywhere

#### A global company present in 120 countries



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**Americas** 

**Asia Pacific** 

3595 M€

Net Sales in 2022

1 542 M€

43% of group's net sales (vs 55% in 2018)



**37%** of group's net

sales (vs 23% in 2018)



20% of group's net sales (vs 22% in 2018)

#### **Europe and North America**

Mature markets with mainly modern trade with e-commerce growing fast

#### Middle East North Africa, Asia Pacific

A mixed segmentation with mainly traditional trade but also now modern trade and e-commerce

None of our client achieves more than 5% of Net Sales

**Core Brands** represent more than **75%** of our Net Sales:

- Laughing Cow / Mini Baby / Pom'potes Gogo Squeez > 20% Net Sales each
- Kiri: > 10% Net Sales
- Cube / Boursin: between 5% and 10 % Net Sales each

Core Brands = Laughing Cow and Cubes, Mini Baby, Kiri, Boursin, Pom'potes & Gogo Squeez



#### And with a global industrial footprint in 29 countries



#### With:

- 6730 suppliers
- 1200 dairy producers



# H1 2023 KEY BUSINESS STRATEGIC ACHIEVEMENTS

### Responsibility & profitability are the drivers of Bel's growth model

#### **SUSTAINABLE**



#### **PROFITABLE**

A POSITIVE IMPACT on people and the planet, supported by an ENGAGING COMPANY MISSION





A successful company with the means to invest in a SUSTAINABLE





#### OFFERING HEALTHIER & RESPONSIBLE FOOD FOR ALL

#### A RECOGNISED COMMITMENT



This recognition places Bel among the 1% of companies with the highest EcoVadis ratings in its sector (manufacture of dairy products)



Silver Award 2021 Corporate category Governance combining responsibility and profitability



Project of the Year 2022 and Winner in the Innovation category BeLowCarbon, an innovative vision of the role of the financier, facilitator of global performance management



#### Our main strategic priorities

- Keep on **accelerating MOM's** performance
- Accelerate cheese activities in North America, maintaining strong resilience in Europe & Stabilising Mena
- Expand into new territories, accelerating China & India potential
- Develop plant-based category and alternative proteins
- Accelerate in E-commerce and out of home distribution channels





#### **Keep on accelerating MOM's performance**



#### +14,3% net sales growth in H1 23



- Growing squeezers consumption with high double digit net sales growth in North America.
- GoGo Squeez & Pom'Potes remain leaders on their market (value share above 60%).
- Continued dynamic innovations strategy: SmoothieZ, Pudding, ...
- **Drive penetration** through upsizing across all ranges and innovations.
- Responsible price increases management to compensate inflation.
- More sustainable packaging: Full recyclable pouches launched in 2022

















A growth engine since acquisition 2022 vs 2016:

Net sales x 2,1



#### Accelerate cheese activities in North America

#### **North America**



#### +5,6% net sales growth in 2023 vs LY

**North America** trended up overall, thanks to a solid performance by Boursin® across the entire region and despite consumption slowdown in the USA.

**Canada** posted very good figures for the first half, reflecting a strong performance by Babybel® and the sustained success of Boursin® Plant-Based

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# Acceleration of the recovery of MENA while managing consumption slowdown in Europe

#### **Europe**

Mena



- +7,3% organic net sales growth
- Price increases offsetting sales volumes decline caused by the loss of consumer buying power.
- Good performance from Babybel® in the UK.

+10,3% organic net sales growth

- Organic improvement, both in market share and volumes in Middle East.
- Difficulties in North Africa, with challenged situation in Morocco, Algeria and Egypt suffering from price increase.



#### **Expand into new territories: Accelerate in China**

#### Very strong double-digit growth for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year

- Confirmation of Kiri success in premium food service (Kiri city flagship store, new recipes to support customer growth) and with Kiri Petit Sweets in retail.
- Acceleration of e-commerce (online malls, Tiktok store, live streaming & influencers strategy)
- Building digital eco-system to get consumer data (WeChat private domain)
- Despite strong market contraction



Online Malls (T-mall, JD.com, Miss Fresh) Private traffic (WeChat) and livestreaming



Kiri Petits Sweets



Kiri City flagship store



New food service recipes







### Expand into new territories, with the acquisition in August 22 of 70% stake in Shandong Junjun Cheese in China

Accelerate and reach critical size in China Market thanks to strong R&D and innovation capabilities





- Full range of relevant products for China: diversified and enriched products portfolio with disruptive innovations.
- Fully operational factory, compliant with Chinese standards.
- Solid R&D capabilities.
- Access to very good quality milk.



- √ 1,4 billions inhabitant
- ✓ Growing middle class
- ✓ Cheese = preferred snacking categories for 50% Chinese people in 2021







# Expand into new territories, with the creation of a Joint Venture with Britannia Indian food industry leader

### Complementary expertises combined To unleash the cheese category in India

- Accelerate cheese market development in India through nutritious & affordable value added products offering.
- Benefit from Britannia's strong brand image to bolster TLC's brand awareness in India through co-branding strategy.
- Access one of the strongest distribution networks in India with national coverage across major cities and regions.



- ✓ On November, 29<sup>th</sup> 2022, Bel signed an agreement with Britannia to create a joint venture.
- ✓ Bel acquired 49% stake of the JV.





FOODY NATION,

**DISCOVERING CHEESE** 









#### **Develop plant-based category**

Innovative plant-based ranges on our core brands



Alternative proteins
Dairy proteins not sourced from milk

Successful launch of **Babybel** plantbased in Noram









Success of **Boursin**plant-based

notably in the US and

Canada

Launch on the **US market** of the first range of products containing **dairy proteins not sourced from milk** 



#### Accelerate in E-commerce and out of home distribution channels

Double-digit growth of



+11% organic growth

CAGR +14% NS growth between 2021 & 2023

- Development of pure players partnerships everywhere
- Breakthrough promotional partnership (ie Fade Fit in UAE)
- Al generated content for powerful visibility and optimization of search strategy







### Double-digit growth of



**+18%** organic growth

Double digit net sales growth for **the 3rd year in a row** 

- Signed Long-Term Contract with Giant Sodexo in the US
- Ambassadorship with Michelin Starred-Chef Jean-François Piège
- Renewed Limited Time Offer with McDonald's France
- Launched Boursin and The Laughing
   Cow Professional Identities











### **CSR AMBITIONS**

#### **OUR CSR STRATEGY: "BEL FOR ALL FOR GOOD"**

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CSR STRATEGY		OBJECTIVES						
Fight against climate change	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	Net reduction of 25% of greenhouse gas emissions throughout Bel's entire value chain by 2035*						
		100% Milk and apples in line with reservative agriculture						
Promote regenerative agriculture	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	100% Milk and apples in line with regenerative agricultur principles by 2030 and 100% of other key raw material by 2035 Reduce by 50% GHG coming from farm by 2035*						
Contribute to healthier food	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	81% of our kids and family portfolio "Bel Nutri+" compliant by 2026 and 83% by 2028						
Design responsible portions	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	90% recyclable ready and / or Home compostable by 2025						
Improve the accessibility & affordability of our products	<b>&gt;&gt;&gt;</b>	600 million of consumers by 2035 50/50 dairy/non dairy offers at terms						

Improve the well-being of people

Work towards Zero accidents

Promote gender diversity & inclusion

100% employees trained on Climate

Adoption of a Sustainability-Linked Financing Framework, validated by Moody's ESG Solutions and updated in Q3 2023 with new ambitious targets

#### **START IN 2017**



- ✓ KPIs certified by auditors
- ✓ Upstream dairy: Deploy a "sustainable upstream dairy" program to its 10 dairy basins
- ✓ Greenhouse gas emission reduction: Intensity reduction in kg C02 / produced ton on scope 1 and 2.
- ✓ Nutritional education programs: Promoting healthy eating habits through entertaining educational approach.



- ✓ Upstream dairy : Carbon diagnosis of dairy farms
- ✓ Greenhouse gas emission reduction : Reduction in absolute C02 emission and including scope 3.
- ✓ Nutrition score: Reach 83% Nutri+ score aligned products in children & family portfolio





### 2023 RESULTS

#### H1 23 key highlights

# Solid financial performance in a persistent inflationary environment

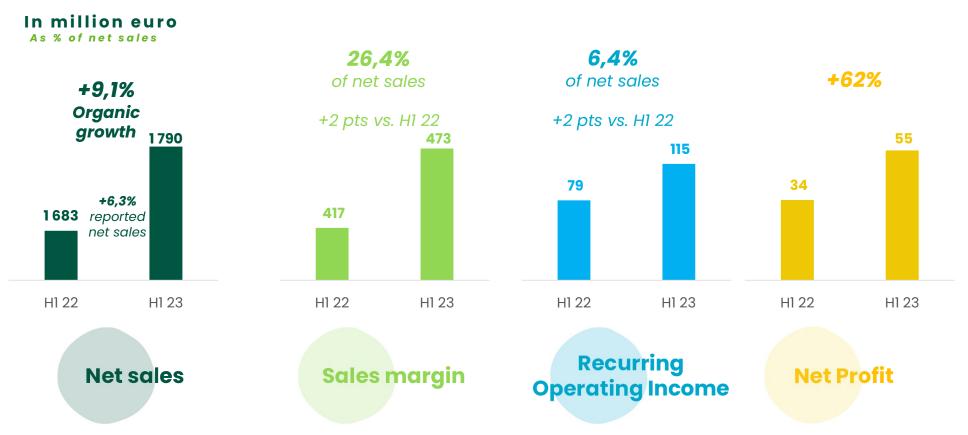
- Positive half-year financial performance, thanks to responsible management of price revaluation and productivity efforts to offset inflation:
- ✓ Operating income at €108 M, up +57.1%.
- ✓ Group share of net income at €55m, compared with €34m in the first half of 2022.

### Continued pioneering approach to innovation and CSR commitments:

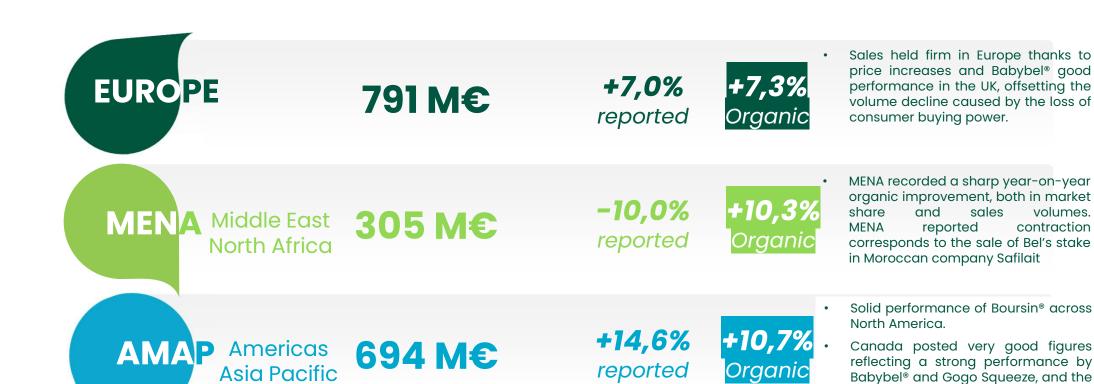
- Investment in biotech start-up Climax Foods Inc to create plant-based alternatives, thanks to artificial intelligence.
- Signature of an unprecedented commercial agreement with the Carrefour Group to serve the food and climate transition.
- Launch of a multi-stakeholder alliance in favor of the development of regenerative agriculture, at Bel's initiative.



# A resilient financial performance in H1 2023 in an environment shaped by persistent inflation



#### Strong organic growth across all regions



volumes.

contraction

Babybel® and Gogo Squeeze, and the sustained success of Boursin® Plant-

China saw a hefty increase in its sales for the fourth consecutive year, underpinned by the performance of

Based.

the Kiri® brand

#### Maintaining a strong leadership position on Squeeze but slight decreasing Cheese market share (-0,3 pt) in a context of high inflation and consumer deconsumption

#### **CHEESE MARKET SHARE\*** (value) MS (%) Variation YTD 23 vs 22 5.1 % -0,3 pt 41,7 % +3,6 pt PRIVATE LABEL LACTALIS 5,2 % -0,1 pt 4.4 % -0,1 pt

#### **Overall**

Winners in S1 23 are Private Label, which are benefiting from offer consumer downtrading in a context of very high and continuous inflation.

#### **SQUEEZE MARKET** SHARE (value)





**Squeeze Market** shares > 60%

(\*) Bel scope = sell-out consolidation on Total Cheese (or total scope available on country) on 27 countries | IRi, Nielsen, Intage Non Bel scope = Grated cheese, mozzarella and feta

2,4 %





SAVENCIA

Saputo



















-0,2 pt



#### By geos

- Gaining market shares in Egypt, KSA and Canada.
- Market share losses in remaining countries.

## Resilient financial performance in H1 23 thanks to new productivity gains and strong organic growth



Recurring operating income grew by €36 million in first-half 2023 despite further sharp increases in inflation, which particularly impacted energy and labor costs. Growth in operating income reflected Bel's responsible approach to price increases, further efforts to improve productivity and a favorable basis of comparison, with first-half 2022 negatively impacted by the time between the additional costs generated by inflationary pressure on expenditure items and implementation of price increases to offset those additional costs.

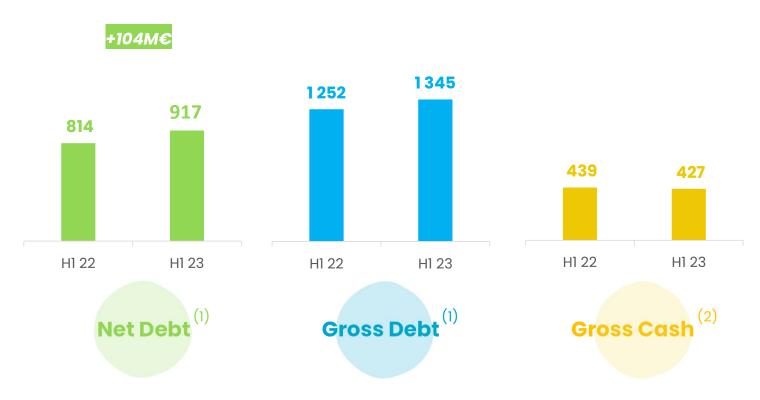
### Operating income improvement behind favorable comparison base in 2022. Net financial expenses increase due to interest rates increase.

		H1 22		H1 23	Var.
Sales		1683		1790	6,4%
Sales margin		417		473	13,4%
Recurring operating income		79		115	45,6%
Operating income		69		108	56,5%
Financial income and expense	•	(14)		(21)	46,1%
Income tax expense	•	(20)		(32)	56,7%
Net profit from consolidated entities		35		56	60,6%
Minority Interests	•	(1)		(1)	67,7%
Consolidates net profit - Group share		34	_	55	60,4%



# **Balance Sheet Cash Flow & Liquidity**

#### A solid financial structure with a high level of liquidity.



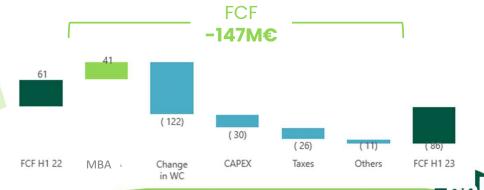
<sup>(1)</sup> Including right-of-use lease liabilities related to the adoption of IFRS 16

<sup>(2)</sup> Gross cash is presented net of overdrafts

# Despite 46% ROC increase, H1 23 Free Cash Flow is affected by the seasonality of the WCR, the capex requirement, the tax and financial charge increases.

In millions of euros	H1 22	H1 23	Var.
Recurring Operating Income (ROC)	79	115	36
Marge Brute d'Autofinancement - MBA -	144	185	41
Change in working capital	2	(120)	(122)
Capex (incl. subsidies and disposals)	(56)	(86)	(30)
Leasing charges IFRS16	(13)	(13)	-
Net interests	(9)	(20)	(11)
Income taxes	(7)	(33)	(26)
Free cash Flow (1)	61	(86)	(147)

- MBA recovery at +41M€ vs H1 22 mainly linked to a favorable basis of comparison, with first-half 2022 negatively impacted by the time lag between inflation costs and the implementation of price increases.
- Change in working capital is affected by seasonality. In H1 22, seasonality effect was absorbed by the securitization program implementation.
- CAPEX are increasing related to Fruits capacity extension in the US. Taxes increasing with one offs in 2022 and higher result in 2023.



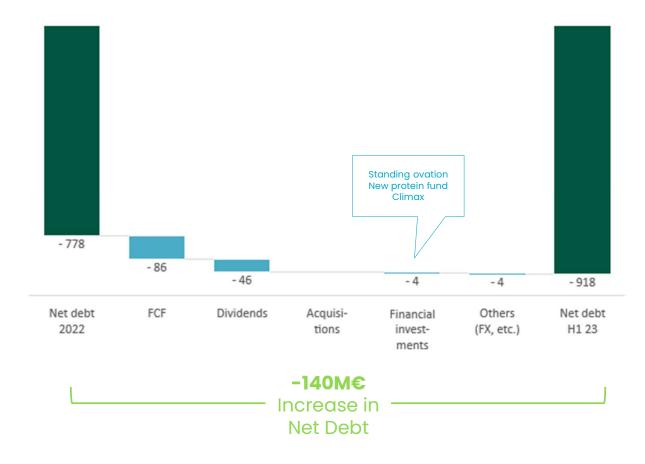
# 2023 Capex above historic average behind fruits capacity projects in US

#### Capex

In million euro



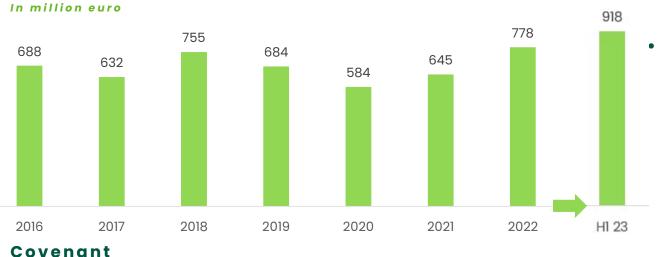
## The working capital seasonality and the dividend payment contribute to the debt increase



- Net debt stands at 918M€ in June 2023 (+140M€ vs. 2022)
- Financial investments relate to minority interest in food tech startups.
- Other variations mostly include impact of foreign exchange on net debt.

# Financial covenant stability at 2,42 thanks to recurring operating income recovery

#### **Net Debt**



 Since 2021, the net debt has been mainly impacted by the purchase of MOM's minority shareholders and the acquisitions of JunJun (China) and the Indian JV with Britannia (India): 470 M€ in total.



Financial covenant stands at 2,42x
 in June 2023 for a limit set at 3,75x

<sup>(1)</sup> Old covenant = Net debt <u>excl.</u> IFRS 16 / EBITDA excl. IFRS 16 based on ROC

<sup>(2)</sup> New covenant = Net debt incl. IFRS 16 / EBITDA incl. IFRS 16 based on ROC

# A robust liquidity profile with all new financing including CSR KPIs defined in Sustainability Linked Financing - SLF - framework validated by Moody's in 2022

# In 2022, the group has conducted most of its refinancing (1)

- 550M€ revolving credit facility maturing in 2027/28/29
- 315M€ Schuldschein (5 years average maturity)
- 100M€ Prêt Participatif Relance (8 years maturity)

Average maturity of gross debt = 4 years (refer to next slide)

- (1) Most financing is carried out by Bel SA
- (2) Net of overdrafts

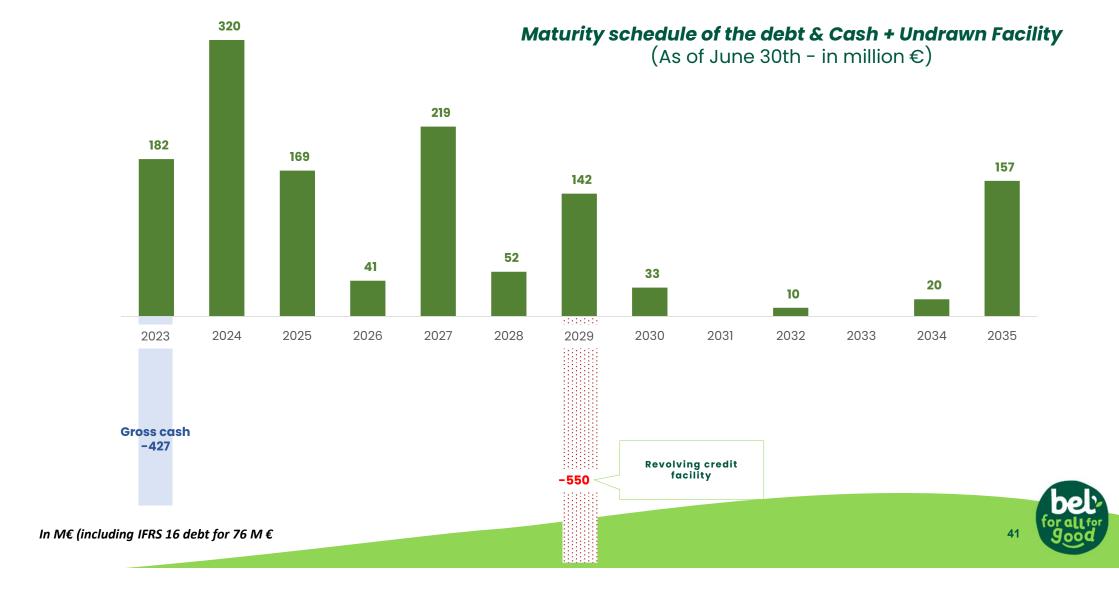


#### Strong level of cash

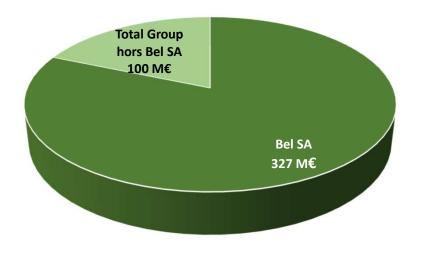
 427M€ of gross cash <sup>(2)</sup> on hand as of June 2023

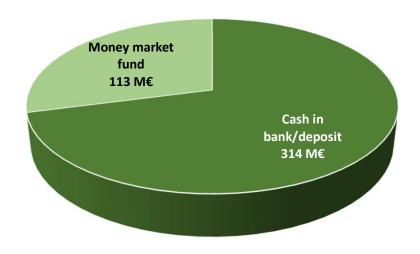


#### A gross debt with an average maturity of 4 years



#### **427M**€ Gross cash to refinance 2023 and 2024 maturity



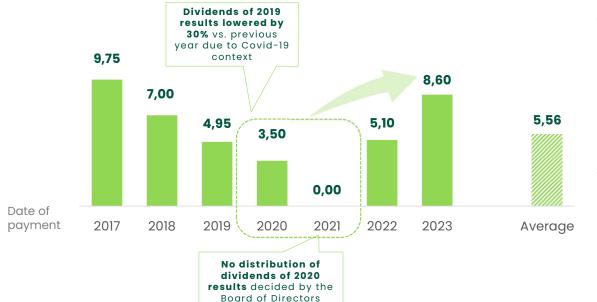


76% of Group cash centralized at BEL SA level

100% of Group cash remains very liquid

#### A dividend of 8,6€ per share has been paid in January 2023

#### In euros DIVIDEND PER SHARE



- 8.6 € per share dividends in January 23 to partially cover Unibel's dividends and repayment of the Unibel's loan
- Reminder: no dividend in 2021 and partial dividends in 2022



# Contemplated Sustainability-linked EURO PP



#### Indicative terms and conditions 1/2

Borrower	Bel SA, France		
Rating	No external rating		
ECB eligibility	Currently given – Banque de France rating: A1-		
Format	Sustainability-Linked Bond		
Status	Senior, unsecured		
Use of proceeds	General corporate purposes including refinancing		
Currency	EUR		
Announcement Volume	EUR 135 million		
Settlement date	11 December 2023		
Maturity	7 years (11 December 2030)		
EUR Reoffer Credit spread	220 bps		
Fixed rate	EUR: Mid-Swap (ICAP) + final reoffer-spread (act/act (ICMA), annually in arrears, following, unadjusted, Mid-Swap floored at zero)		
Disbursement	100%		
Redemption	100% bullet at par on maturity date		
Minimum assignable amount	Minimum of EUR 100,000		
Documentation	Standalone Documentation		
Financial covenants	Leverage Ratio $\leq 3.75$ x with an additional 0.5x acquisition spikes flexibility in line with the main credit agreement If the Leverage Ratio in the main credit agreement is amended, the Leverage Ratio shall be amended automatically in an identical manner and notified to bond holders		

#### Indicative terms and conditions 2/2

Sustainability KPIs	KPI 1: Absolute Scopes 1 and 2 GHG emissions KPI 2: Carbon diagnosis of dairy farms KPI 3: Nutrition score (share of the Children & Family portfolio products aligned with Nutri+ nutrition scoring)
Target Observation Dates	31 December 2026 ("First Target Observation Date") 31 December 2028 ("Second Target Observation Date")
Sustainability Performance Targets (SPTs)	On First Target Observation Date: SPT 1: -30.8% from a 2017 base year SPT 2: 60% of farms carbon-diagnosed twice SPT 3: 81% of Children & Family portfolio products aligned with Nutri+ nutrition scoring  On Second Target Observation Date: SPT 1: -38.7% from a 2017 base year SPT 2: 80% of farms carbon-diagnosed twice SPT 3: 83% of Children & Family portfolio products aligned with Nutri+ nutrition scoring
Step-up margin	7yr: +15 bps p.a. in case of non-achievement of one of the Sustainability Performance Targets on First Target Observation Date, valid from the next interest period until maturity  Potentially cumulated with: +15 bps p.a. in case of non-achievement of one of the Sustainability Performance Targets on Second Target Observation Date, valid from the next interest period until maturity
Law / jurisdiction	French law
Paying Agent & Documentation Agent	TBD

## Step-up Mechanism of the contemplated SLB EURO-PP in case of non-achievement of one of the three Sustainability Performance

0,15 % 0,15 %

#### **Targets**

Nominal in €	135 000 000	2028 observation date
Price	mid +220 bp	2028 observation date
Tender	7	
Swap ref	3,4 %	
spread	2,2 %	

5,6 %

Coupon

in euro					
Starting Date	01/12/2023	Coupon settlement	KPI non Achieved	KPI non Achieved	Total Coupon with KPI non achieved
Coupon 1	01/12/2024	7 560 000			7 560 000
Coupon 2	01/12/2025	7 560 000			7 560 000
Coupon 3	01/12/2026	7 560 000			7 560 000
Coupon 4	01/12/2027	7 560 000			7 560 000
Coupon 5	01/12/2028	7 560 000	202 500		7 762 500
Coupon 6	01/12/2029	7 560 000	202 500		7 762 500
Coupon 7	01/12/2030	7 560 000	202 500	202 500	7 965 000
SPT	SLB coupon max	0,60			
	equivalent Annual	0,09			

in %					
Starting Date	01/12/2023	Coupon settlement	KPI non Achieved	KPI non Achieved	Total Coupon with KPI
Coupon 1	01/12/2024	5,60			5,60
Coupon 2	01/12/2025	5,60			5,60
Coupon 3	01/12/2026	5,60			5,60
Coupon 4	01/12/2027	5,60			5,60
Coupon 5	01/12/2028	5,60	0,15		5,75
Coupon 6	01/12/2029	5,60	0,15		5,75
Coupon 7	01/12/2030	5,60	0,15	0,15	5,90
SLB coupon max		0,60			
equivalent Annual in %		0,09			



### 2023 Outlook

#### **Outlook and perspective for 2023**

RESILIENCE OF OUR
BUSINESS IN 2022
AGAINST INFLATION
WHICH COUNTINUES
IN 2023

As in 2022, Bel demonstrated its **resilience** once again in the first half of 2023, recording a **solid level of organic growth and a recovery in margins**, despite further significant increases in **inflationary pressure**.

CONTINUED
INVESTMENTS BEHIND
OUR BRANDS TO
SUPPORT THEIR
DEVELOPMENT

The Group remains vigilant and cautious, in a particularly volatile geopolitical and economic environment, impacted by high across-the-board inflation and increased consumer price sensitivity. Bel will continue to invest in its core brands to support their development in order to make their products accessible to as many consumers as possible and capture a greater share of its strategic target markets.