

Capital Market Event 2009

17 April 2009

Address by Baron Buysse

Chairman of the Board of Directors

No change in strategy,
but even more focused in this troubled economic environment

- Focused top line growth
 - Bekaert is well positioned to grow on a global base
 - Growth by further investing in emerging countries
 - Investigate opportunities

- Ensuring profitability
 - Prudent and healthy financial management
 - ROIC > WACC remains key
 - Margin management and a continuous evaluation of all business lines
 - Cash generation and control of working capital are crucial

- Sustained growth
 - Increase investments in technology and innovation

Important Board activities and decisions

- Continuous follow-up of the Bekaert strategy
- Continuation of important investment programs
 - Capital investments 2008: €m 239
 - Set-up and integration of the Bekaert Ideal holding in Latin America
 - Continuation of investments in emerging markets, China in particular
- Adapting international footprint
 - Restructuring in Belgium (Hemiksem, Lanklaar)
 - Confirmation of management judgment calls regarding non-recurring items
- Introduction of a new business segmentation in 2009
 - Major topic of this capital market day
- Speed up reporting: results 2009 available 26 February 2010
- Financials: bond issue of €m 300 and dividend appropriation of € 2.80
- Nomination of a new Board member: Manfred Wennemer



The Board proposed the nomination of Mr. Manfred Wennemer as Director, subject to approval by the General Meeting of Shareholders on 13 May 2009.

Manfred Wennemer was Chief Executive Officer of Continental AG from 2001 until August 2008.

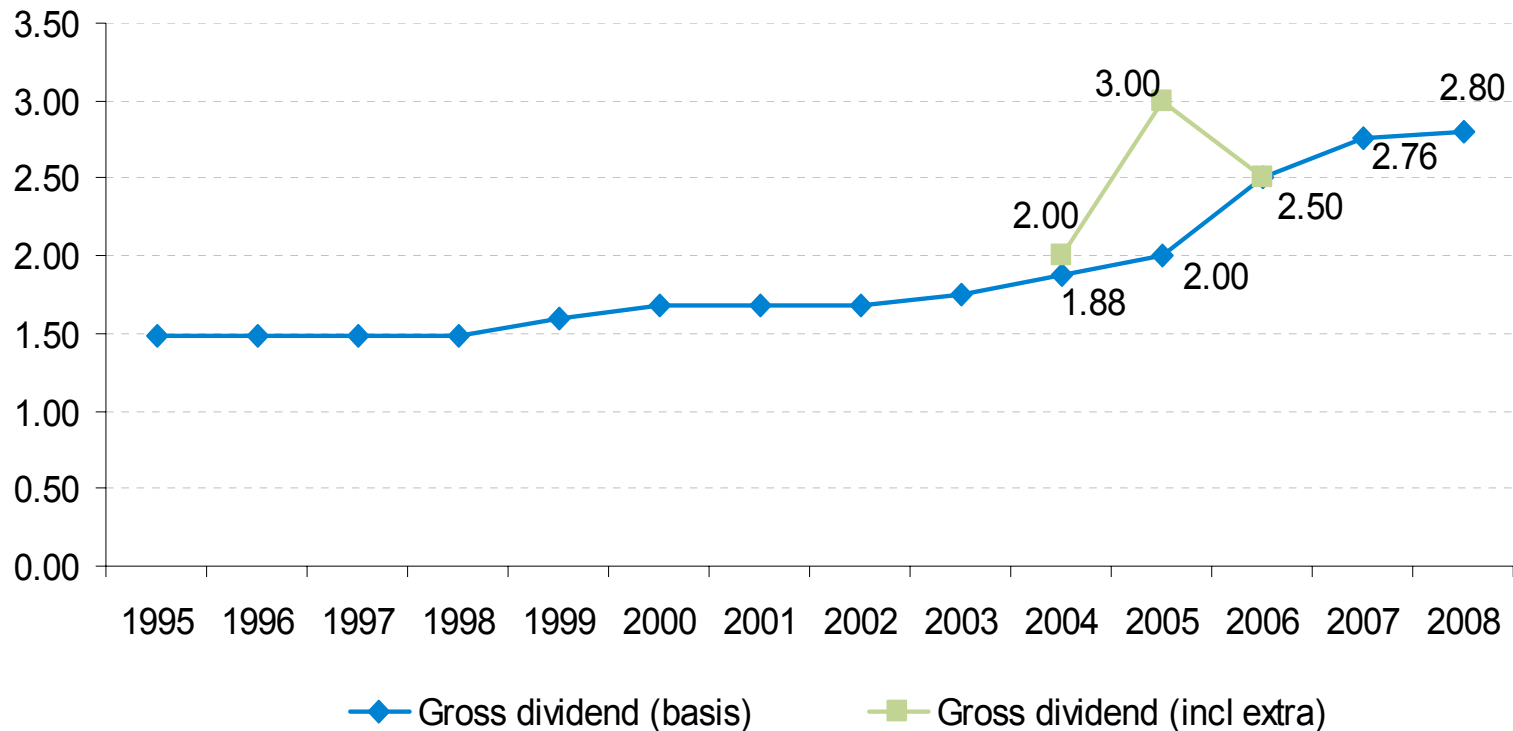
He started his career at Procter & Gamble Schwalbach, Germany. After a short period at Arthur D. Little Wiesbaden, Mr. Wennemer took up several management positions in companies and business units belonging to the Freudenberg Group in Germany, South Africa and North America. In 1994 he moved to the Continental Group where he started as CEO of a ContiTech division in Hannover, Germany.

Manfred Wennemer (°1947) holds a Masters Degree in Mathematics from the University of Münster, Germany and an MBA from INSEAD Fontainebleau, France.

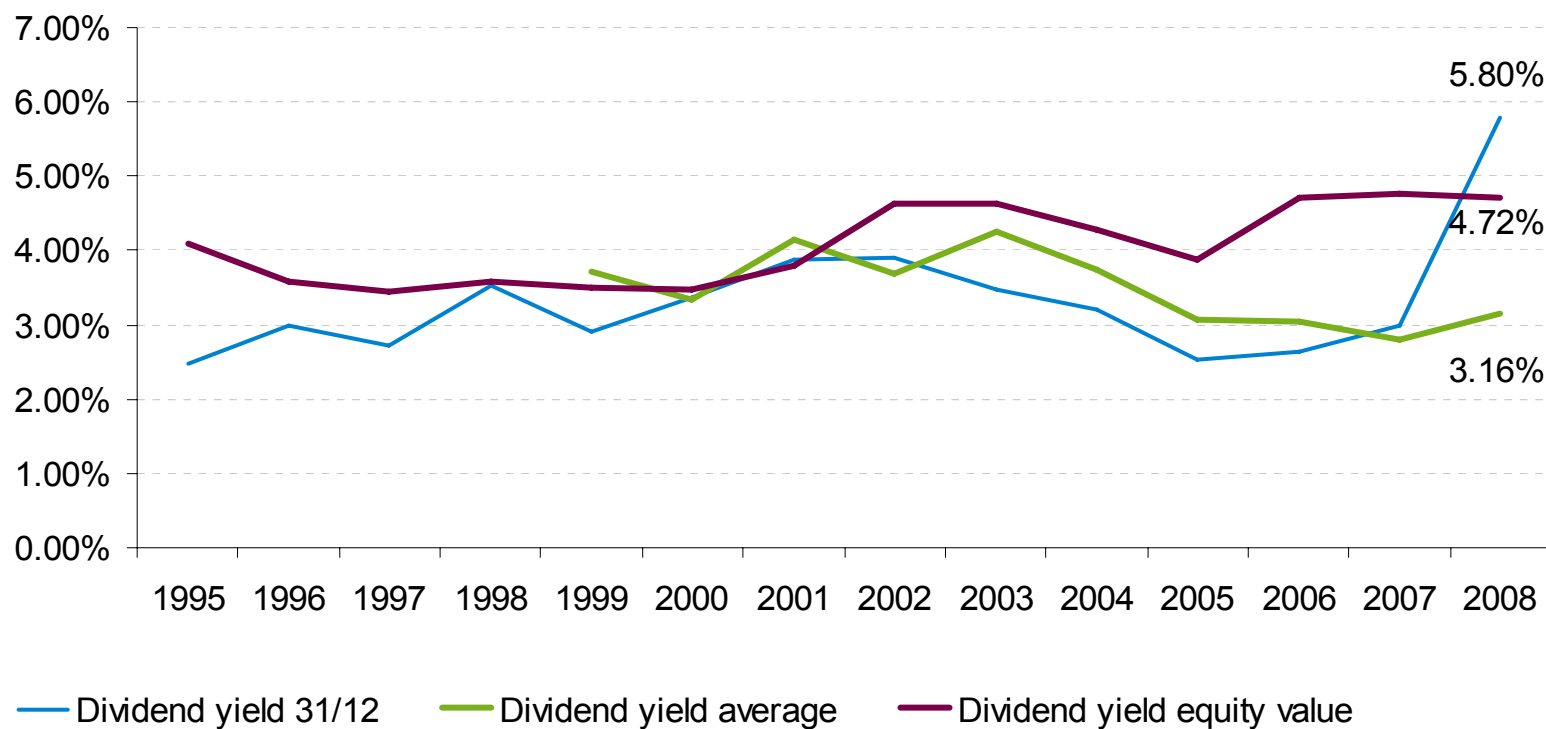
- Investors are looking at international businesses with cash-flows which support dividends even in a recessionary scenario.
- Some investors are looking for a steady income stream, equity income funds buy shares in companies that are expected to pay a reliable dividend.
- Highest number of companies suspending dividend pay-out in 50 years.
- Dividend pay-out is a signal of trust for investors

In the light of the company's strong performance in 2008 and its confidence in the future, the Board will propose a gross dividend of € 2.80 at the next General Meeting of Shareholders

Dividend proposal 2008 - 2009



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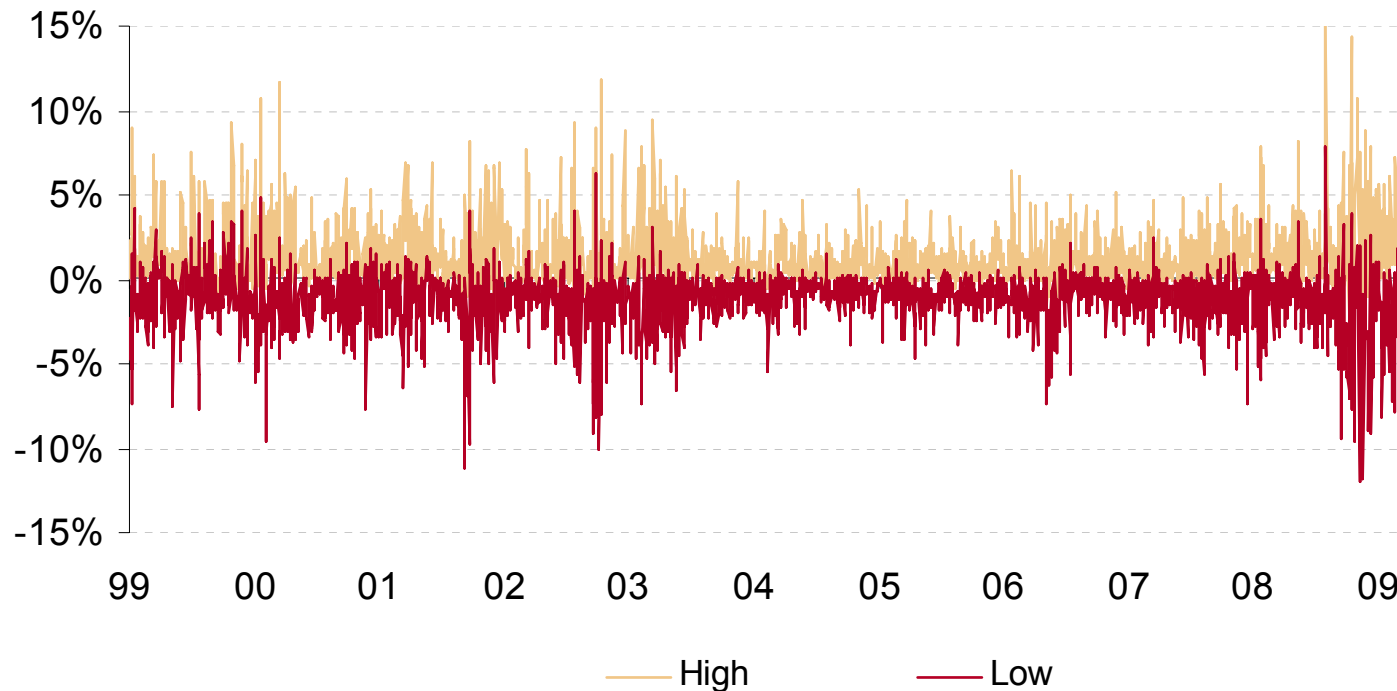
- Highly unusual year
- Good results 2007,
basis of a rise in share price in 1H08, peak of € 109 in May.
- Excellent results 1H08,
historic high of €121 in September.
- Credit crisis followed by a huge slow-down in the real economy,
share price plummet and traded at € 48 in December, well below
equity value.
- Bekaert confirmed its membership in the BEL20.

Bekaert share



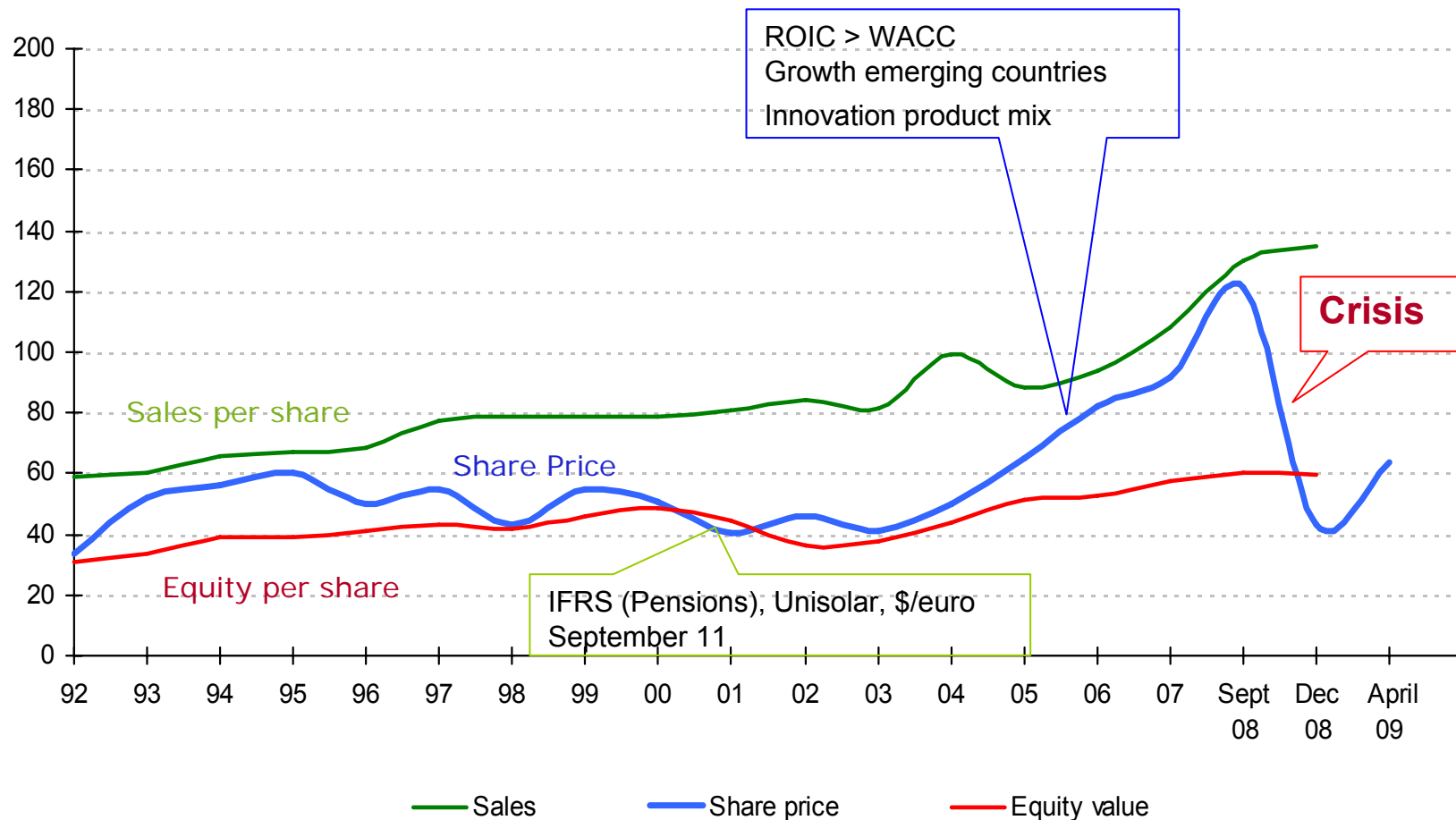
Bekaert share got a cardiac arrest

The spread of the daily high and low of the Bekaert share increases in difficult economic times



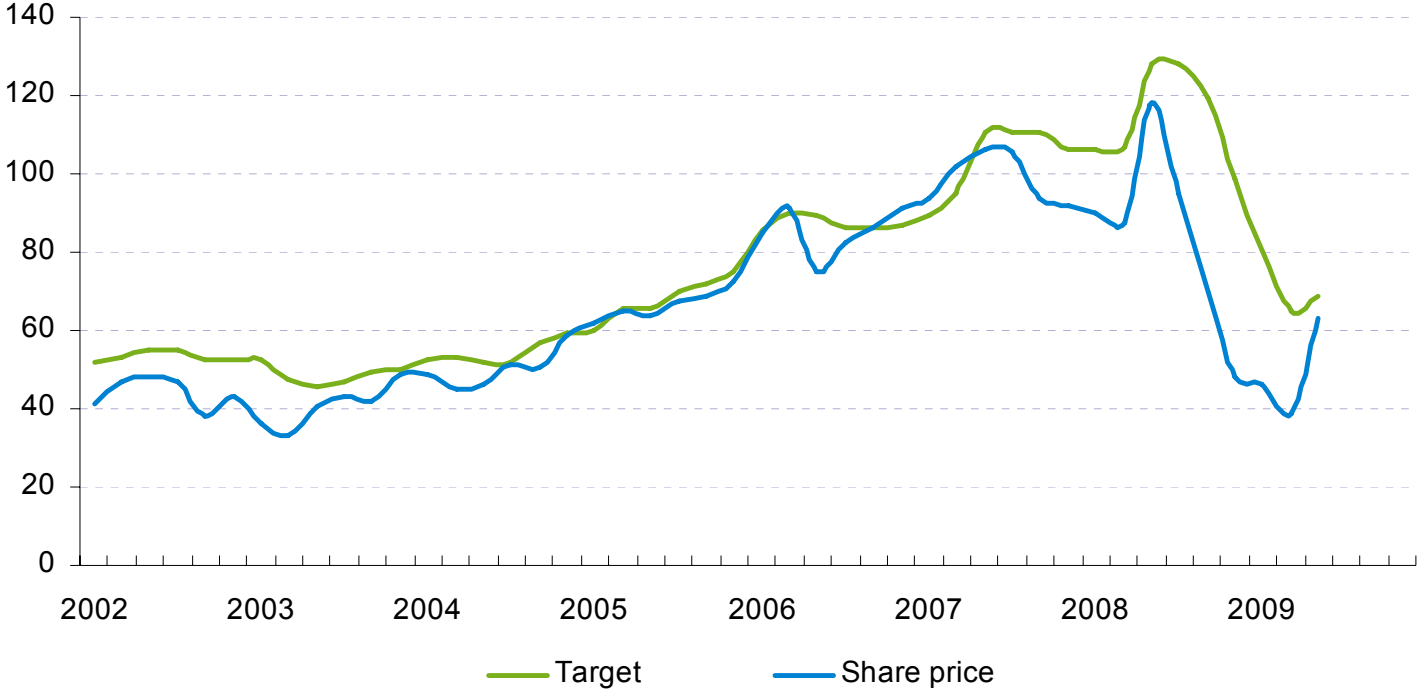
Bekaert share recovers from the cardiac arrest

Euro per share



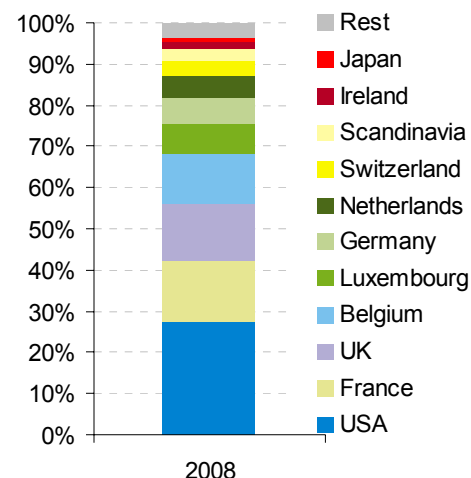
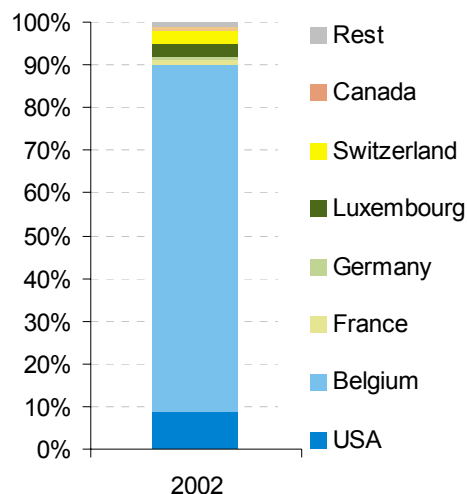
Bekaert share target price

In euro



Internationalized shareholder structure

	2002	2008
Principal shareholder	40.1%	39.1%
Institutional shareholdings	15.1%	44.2%
Public (unidentified)	43.9%	16.3%
Institutional (Belgium)	82%	12%
Institutional (International)	18%	88%
Declaration AXA S.A.	-	3.0%



Principal shareholder disclosed holding more than 30% in line with the Act on Public Take Over Bids.
 AXA declared holding more than 3% in line with the Transparency Act

Conclusions of a recent Vigeo rating on Bekaert

- **Human resources** **high rating**
“Bekaert positively addressed the main human resources challenges such as labor relations, even in countries with restrictive legislation; health and safety, etc.”
- **Environment** **high rating**
“Bekaert has taken up all environmental challenges, based on ISO 14001 principles.”
- **Business Behavior** **high rating**
“Bekaert has addressed most of the issues at stake and product safety is ensured via ISO9001 certifications”
- **Corporate Governance** **average rating**
“Bekaert Board and Committees seem solid, but low level of independence is a concern”
- **Community Involvement** **average rating**
“Promotion of social and economic development is ensured via local initiatives.”
- **Human Rights** **highest rating**
“As one of the few companies Bekaert is mentioning the development of measures to promote diversity.”



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Address by Bert De Graeve, CEO

Strategy review and Business update

2008 was characterized by the impact of the credit crisis....

- The deterioration of the housing market started in the summer 2007 in the US
- Mortgages as CDO's appear to be worthless and lead to write-downs
- Banks with a too low equity fail or are nationalized
- The financial crisis spreads over the world and impacts the real economy
- Fear for deflation and global recession
- Financing becomes difficult and expensive, increasing (temporary) unemployment, plant closures, etc.
- The financial structure becomes crucial and companies switch to “survival mode”
- The economic activities decrease fast and emerging markets come under stress

Market value: a lot of wealth evaporated

Vigorous sales growth record results and continuing high dividend

+ 59% : EPS before non-recurring : € 13.08 compared with €8.22

+ 58% : EBIT before non-recurring of € 294 million

+ 38% : EBITDA of € 412 million

+ 23% : Consolidated sales of €2.66 billion

+ 17% : Combined sales of €4.0 billion

+ 16% : EPS €8.33 compared with €7.63

Dividend of € 2.80 per share, dividend yield of 5.8% based Dec 31

- **Expansion, acquisitions and joint ventures**

- Lipetsk (Russia) Greenfield operation
- Beksa (Turkey) Full ownership
- J.V. with Ansteel Strategic collaboration
- Holding Latin America Strategic positioning in northern Latin America

- **Restructuring, impairments, provisions and write-downs**

- Lanklaar (Belgium) Restructuring steel cord activities
- Waregem (Belgium) Restructuring steel cord activities
- Hemiksem (Belgium) Restructuring advanced wire activities
- Stainless, burner systems, carding Impairments on goodwill and assets
- Receivables Increased provision
- Inventories Exceptional write down

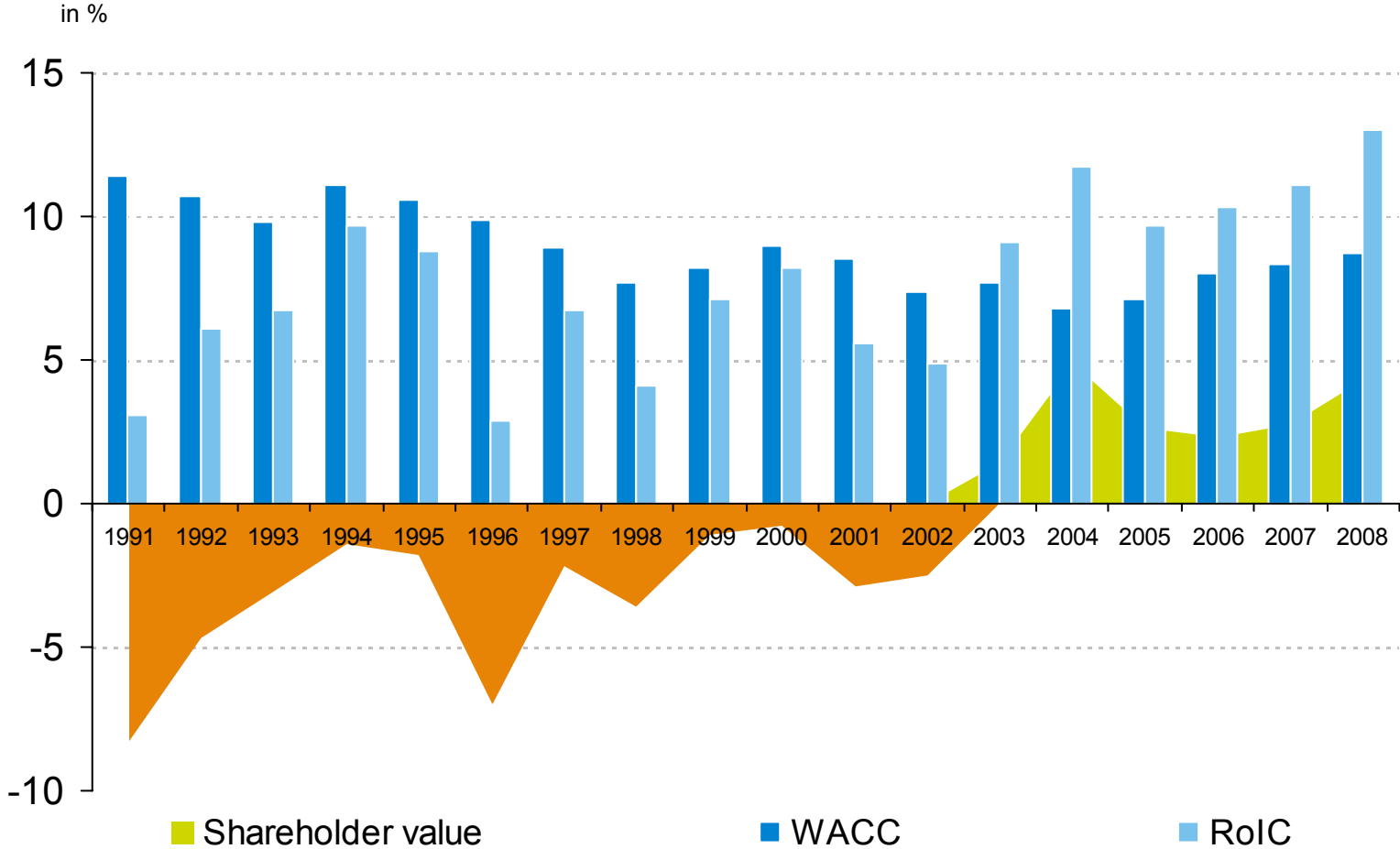
- **Other**

- High capital investment program of €m239
- January 2008: 5-year retail bond of €m 100 (2008 – 2013)
- Dividend of 2.80 euro
- Bekaert share reaches a historic high of € 121.24 in September
- Renovated visitors center and website

Bekaert at a glance: a strong financial structure

	L/T guidance	2008	2007	2006
Growth	GDP +	22.5%	8.2%	5.0%
ROIC > WACC	>	13.0 > 8.7	11.1 > 8.3	10.3 > 8.0
Cash flow generation (EBITDA on sales)	15%	15.5%	14%	13%
EBIT	7% - 9%	7.9%	8.0%	7.3%
Recurring EBIT		11.1%	8.6%	8.1%
Working capital (on sales)	20%	22%	22%	22%
Dividend pay out	40%	32%	36%	36%
Tax	25%	16%	14%	16%
Debt				
Financial autonomy (equity / total assets)	40%	44%	50%	51%
Gearing (net debt / equity)	50%	54%	39%	33%
Financing (net debt / EBITDA)	<2	1.5	1.5	1.4

Shareholder value: ROIC - WACC



Bekaert continues its sustainable profitable growth strategy

- **No panic, continue the strategic direction**
 - Growth markets assure the future growth
- **Items of strategic importance:**
 - Geographical mix: coverage with a strong presence in emerging markets
 - Product mix: growing portfolio of product innovations
- **Protect volumes and watch market opportunities**
- **Financial operational excellence:**
 - Keep a strong balance sheet
 - Focused cash flow management
 - Control working capital

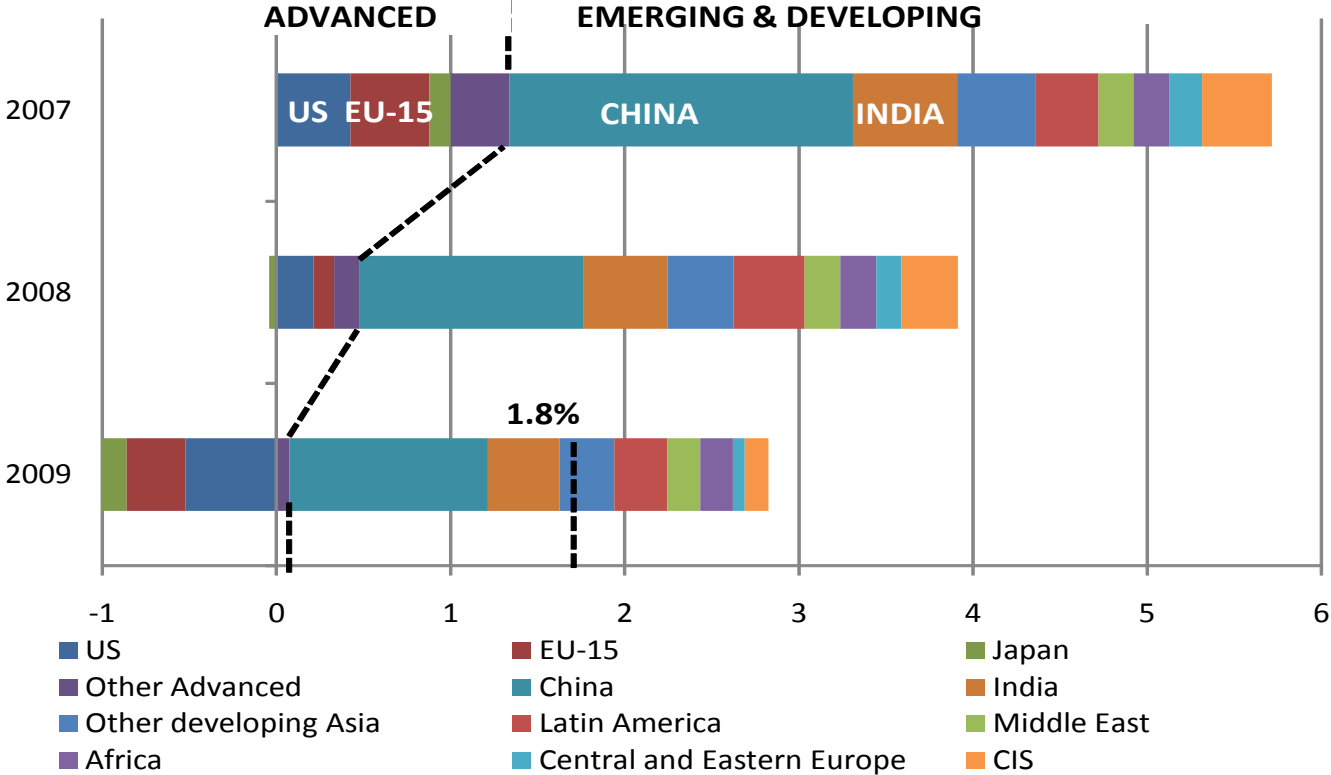
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- **China**
 - Optimize the actual industrial base
 - Optimize operational excellence after the recent fast growth
 - Closely follow up on the demand resulting from the government programs
 - Keep investing in advanced wire products and in technology

- **Latin America**
 - Watch operational excellence
 - Watch market opportunities
 - Integration of the Bekaert Ideal holding, keep growing in a profitable way

- **Mature markets**
 - Industrial footprint and strategic presence considerations
 - Be ready for market opportunities (e.g. acquisitions, selected asset deals)

Bekaert strategy: contribution of emerging markets in global growth



Note : GDP weights are based on 2008 levels of GDP at 1990 PPPs obtained from Angus Maddison, University of Groningen, with adjustment for China.

Source : The Conference Board Total Economy Database, OECD, IMF, Worldbank



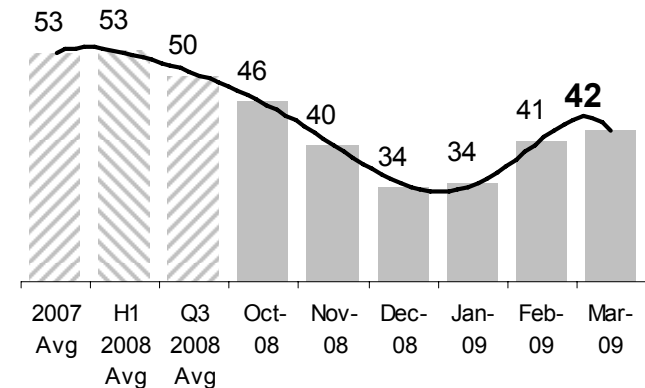
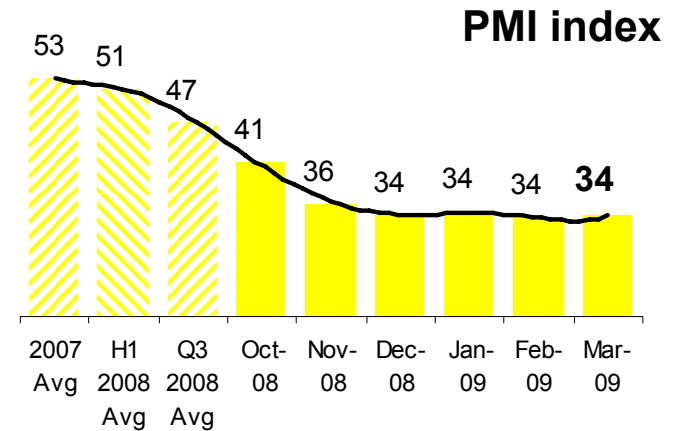
Regional overview

Europe

- Visibility extremely low
- Increasing competition
- 2009 remains difficult
- Economic engine did not start yet

Russia

- Investment program in line with market evolution
- Remains a strategic presence



***PMI:** An indicator of the economic health of the manufacturing sector based on five major indicators: new orders, inventory levels, production, supplier deliveries and the employment environment. Source: Markit Economics*

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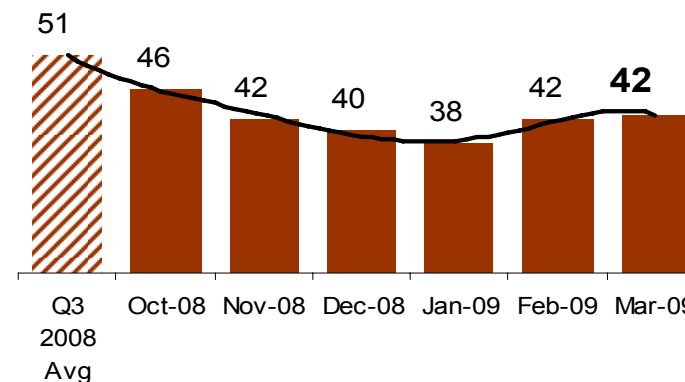
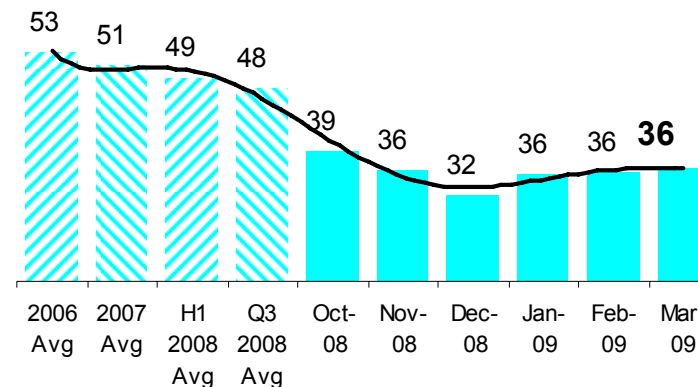
- North America

- Thanks to previous restructuring programs: not too bad
- Decreasing importance in total sales
- Geopolitical and strategic considerations defend our presence
- Stimulus package “Buy America” (power grid, roads and bridges)

- Latin America

- Growth continues, but at a lower rate
- Difficult start for Brazil, decreasing export revenues
- Government recovery plans
- Start of Bekaert Ideal holding in northern Latin America

PMI index



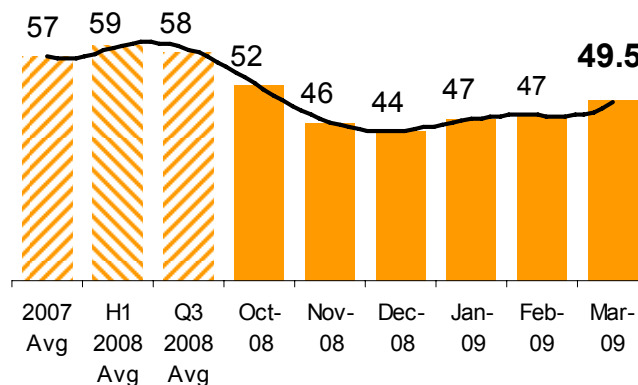
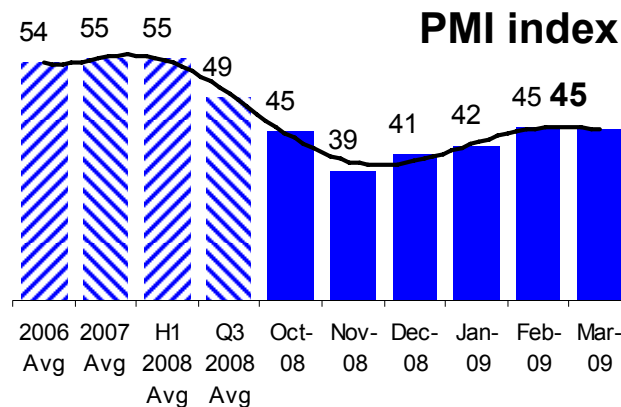
Regional overview

- China

- Recovering activity level after Chinese New Year
- Some regions keep growing double digit, others have major difficulties due to export position
- Expected growth in China: 6 – 8 %, based on “Go West” program
- Bekaert accelerates investments in Chongqing

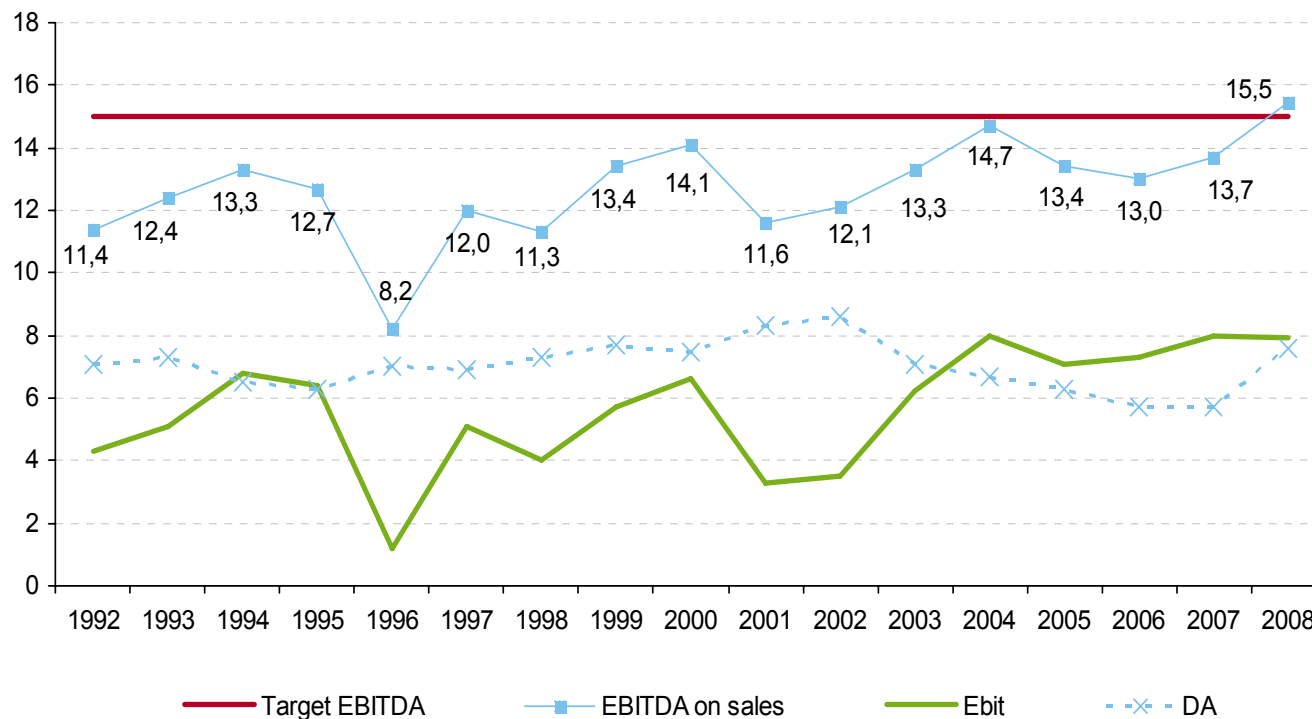
- South East Asia

- India as slow mover, very bureaucratic
- Indonesia and all neighboring countries will resume nicely



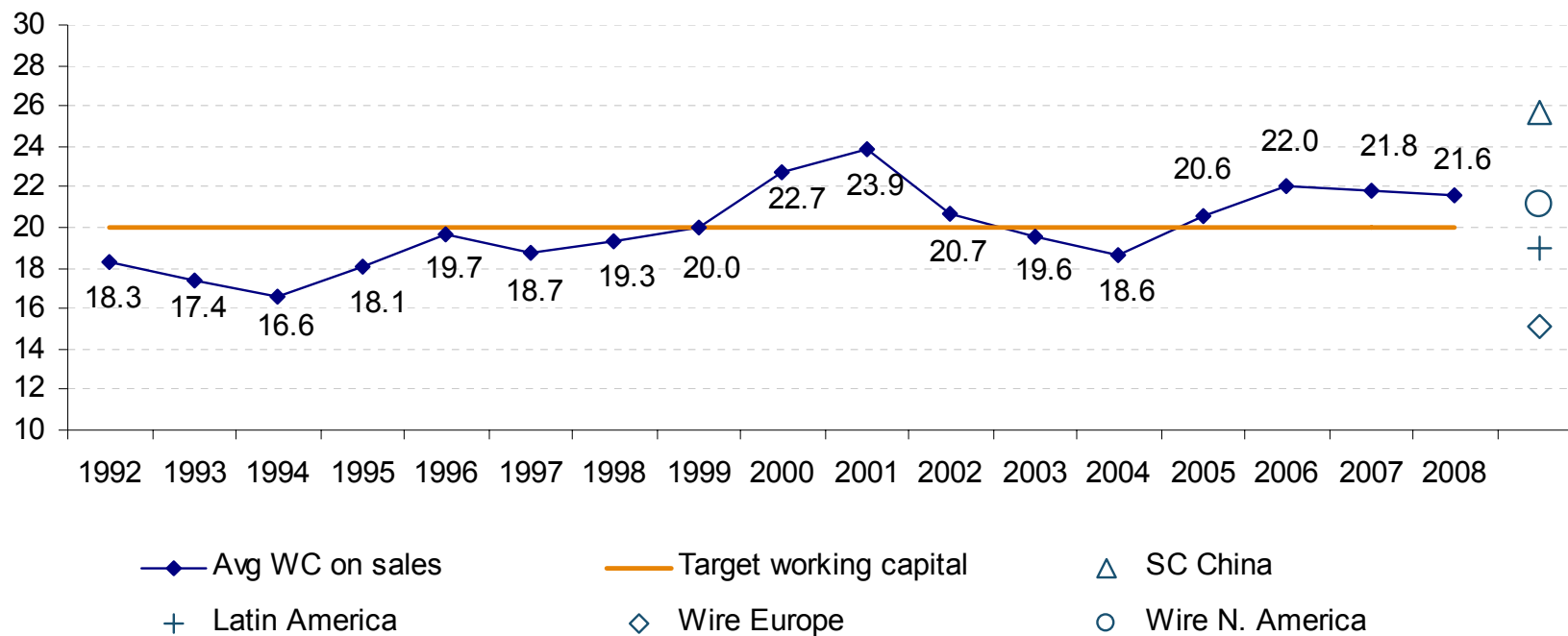
- Cash flow generation

- Control capital investments
- Cost control

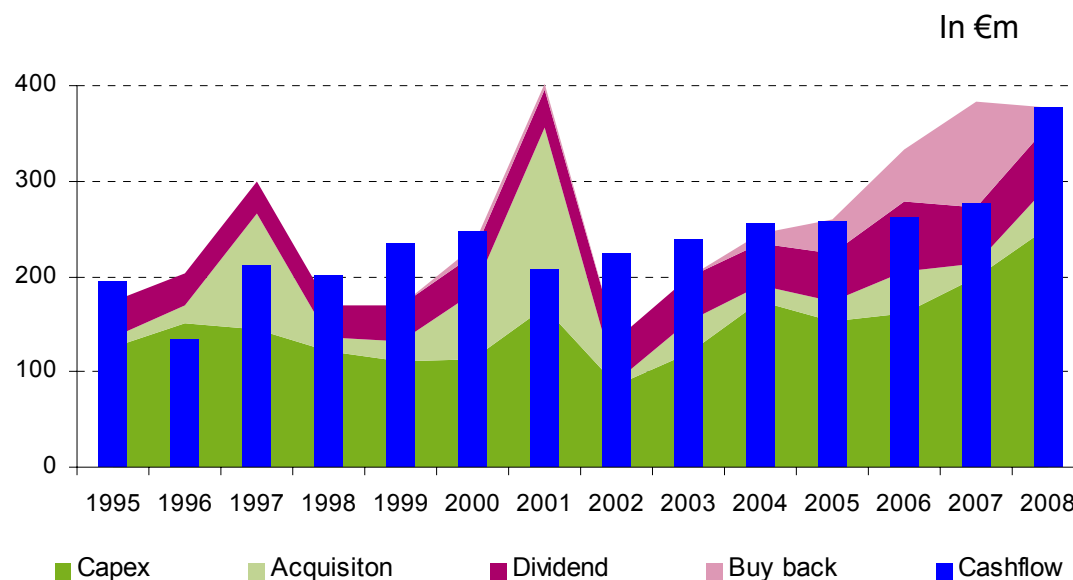


- Working capital

- Lower inventories
- Receivables are a challenge



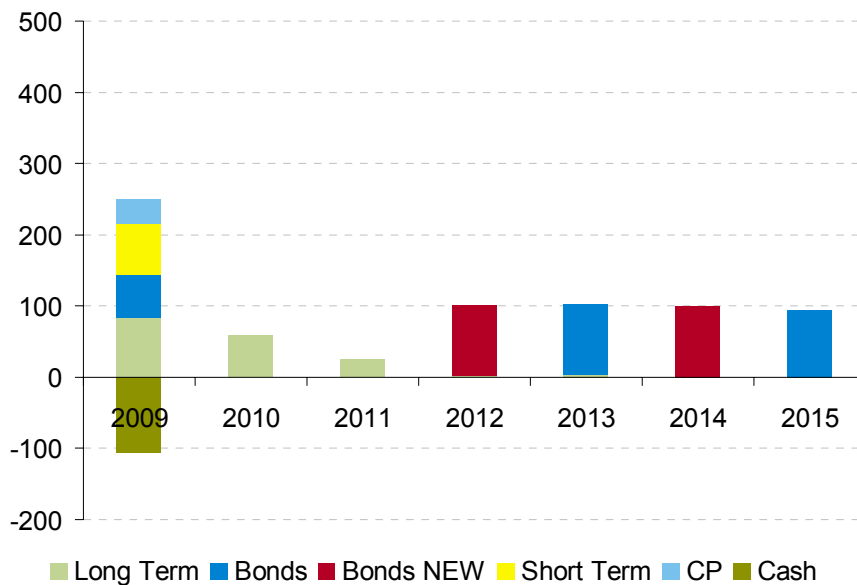
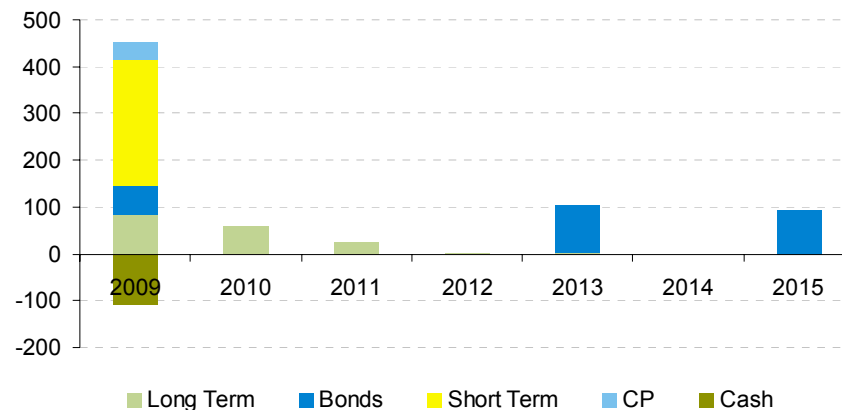
- **Capital investments**
 - Estimated range of €m 150-175
- **Depreciation and amortization**
 - Estimated around €m 150
- **Share buy back**
 - Not material



- Debt management

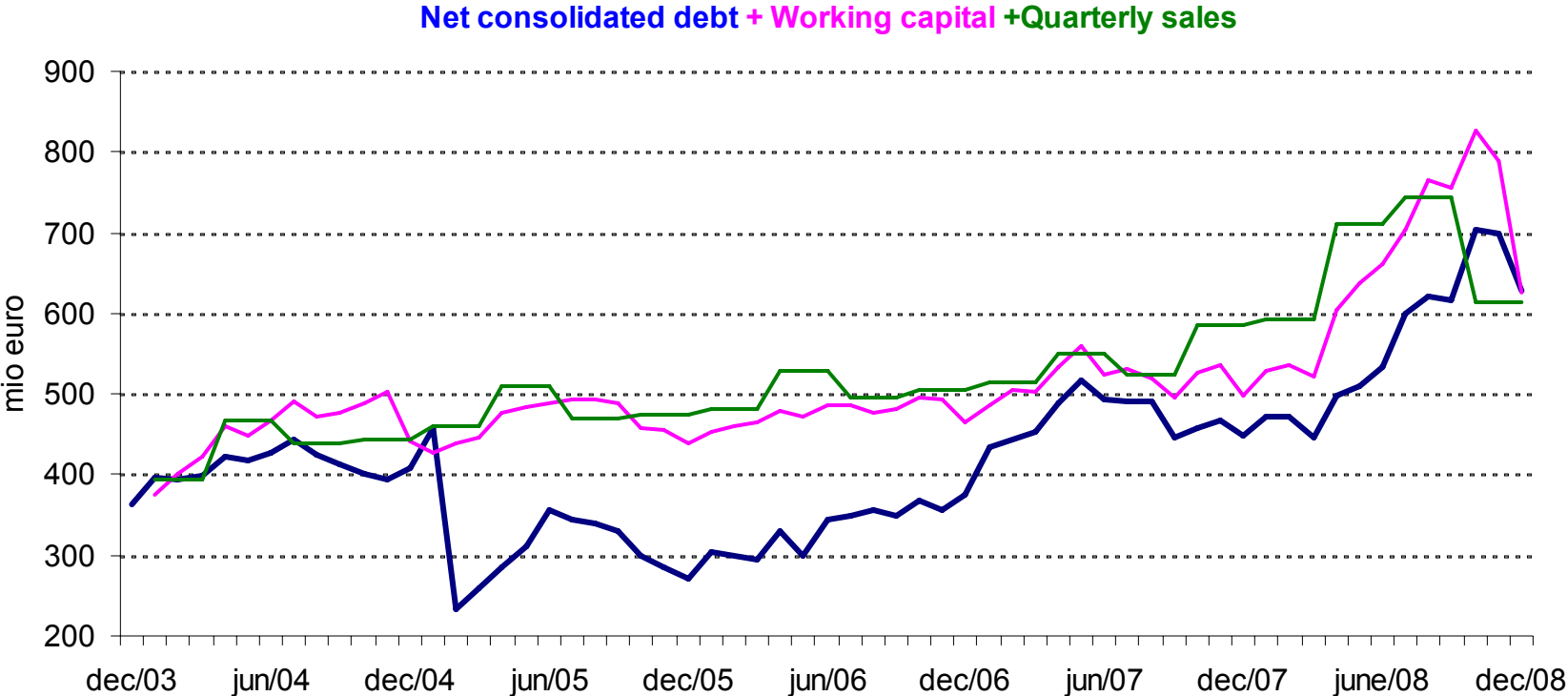
- Balanced financing (short / long; financial instruments)
- No covenants

Before



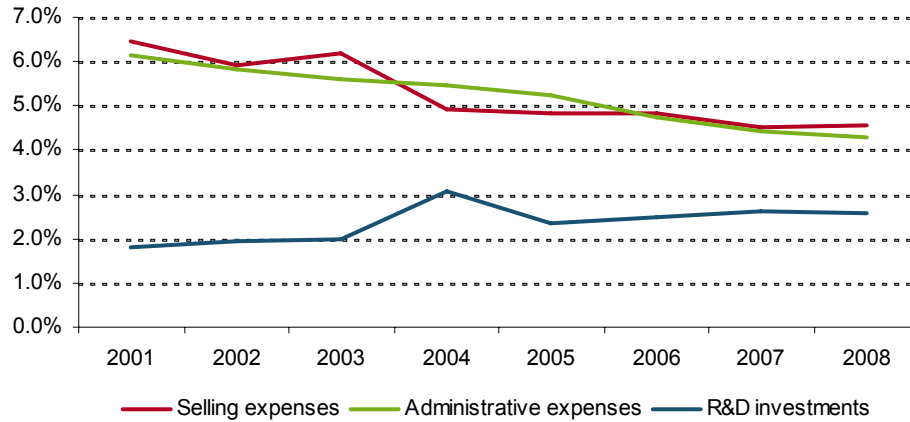
After 2009
retail bond

Historical debt evolution

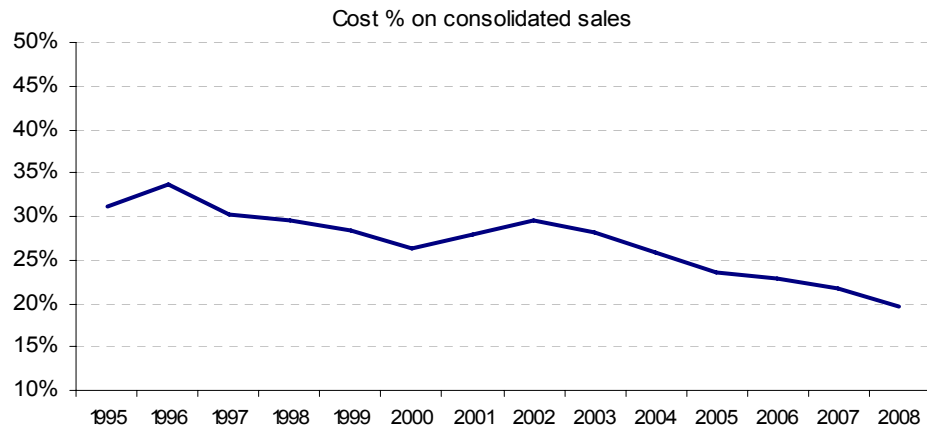


- Cost control

- Decrease SG&A (as % of sales)
- Increase R&D investments



- Decreasing staff costs



- Energy savings and cost control on all levels

Business update: presence in different market sectors

Mechanical engineering
7%



Basic materials
5%



Automotive
31%

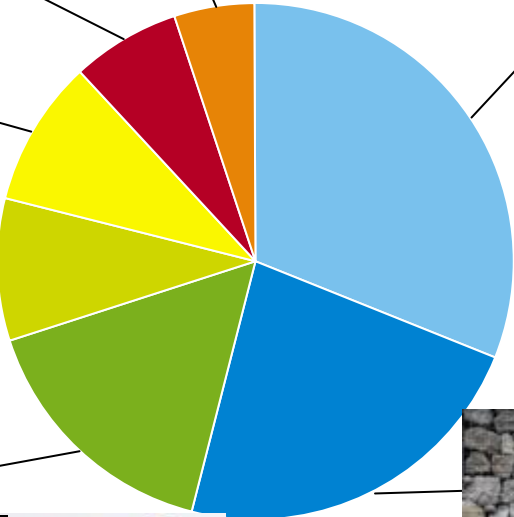


Consumer
9%



75% replacement market

Agri
9%

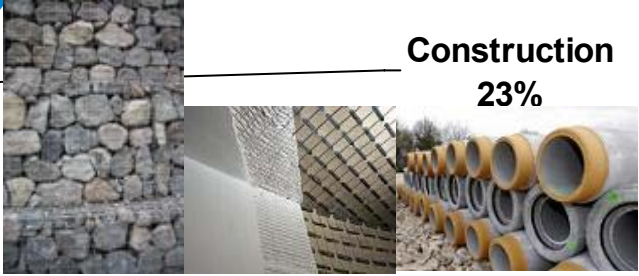


Utilities
16%



Growth driver

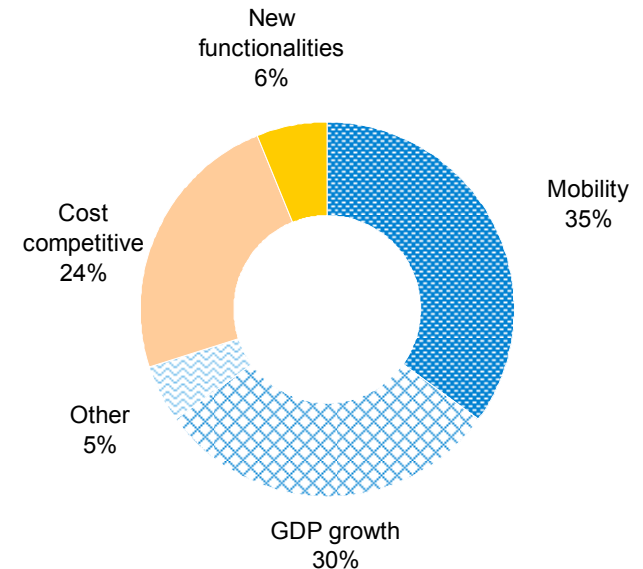
Construction
23%



Project and infrastructure related

A balanced growth driven portfolio

- Mainly a replacement market (75 %)
- Drivers of replacement market: mobility and GDP
Mobility means more, faster, safer, further, etc
- OEM market is driven by cost competitiveness and new functionalities



Steel cord and bead wire Windshield wiper blade wire



Suspension spring wire



Clutch spring wire



Steering wheel armature



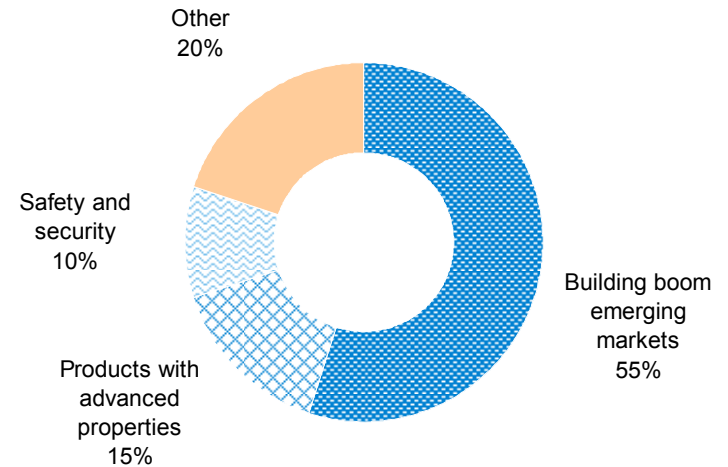
Diamond-like coatings on engine components



Diesel particulate filter media

Continuously driven by growth markets

- Dramix fibers and Bezinial wires are typical examples of building material with advanced properties, used in more mature markets
- Traditional products like mesh, nails, fasteners, PC strand, welding wire, etc. are typical products for emerging markets
- Markets shift slowly



Dramix® steel fibers



Bekaert Mesh Track Cable wire for bridges



Armex



Environment-friendly gas burner



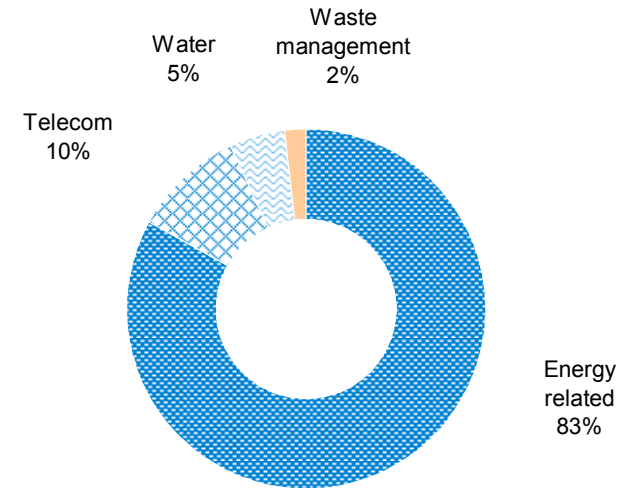
Window film



Elevator belt

Fast grower

- The renewable element is becoming key
- Photovoltaic is playing an important part
- Specific applications for wind energy (timing belt), oil extraction (flex pipe)
- Bekaert reaps the rewards from its technology strengths: coatings, mechanical strength, profiling, adhesion, heat treatment, etc.)



Steel wire-armored telecom cable



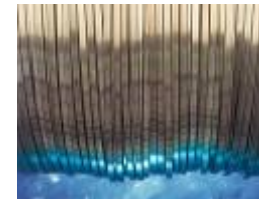
Umbilical



Sawing wire



Steel cord-reinforced thermoplastic strips



Offshore flat shaped armoring



CEB

Another way to look at Bekaert growth

**Combined sales
€ 4.0 billion**

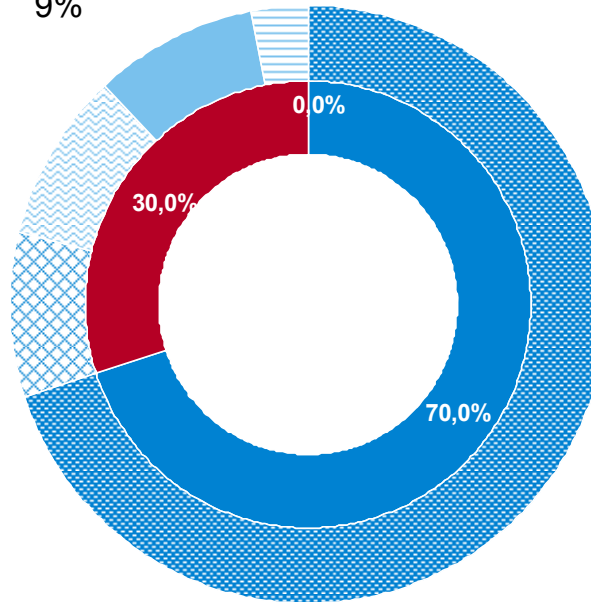
**Drivers for
exponential growth
30 %**

Safety and
security
3%

Advanced
properties
9%

Mobility
9%

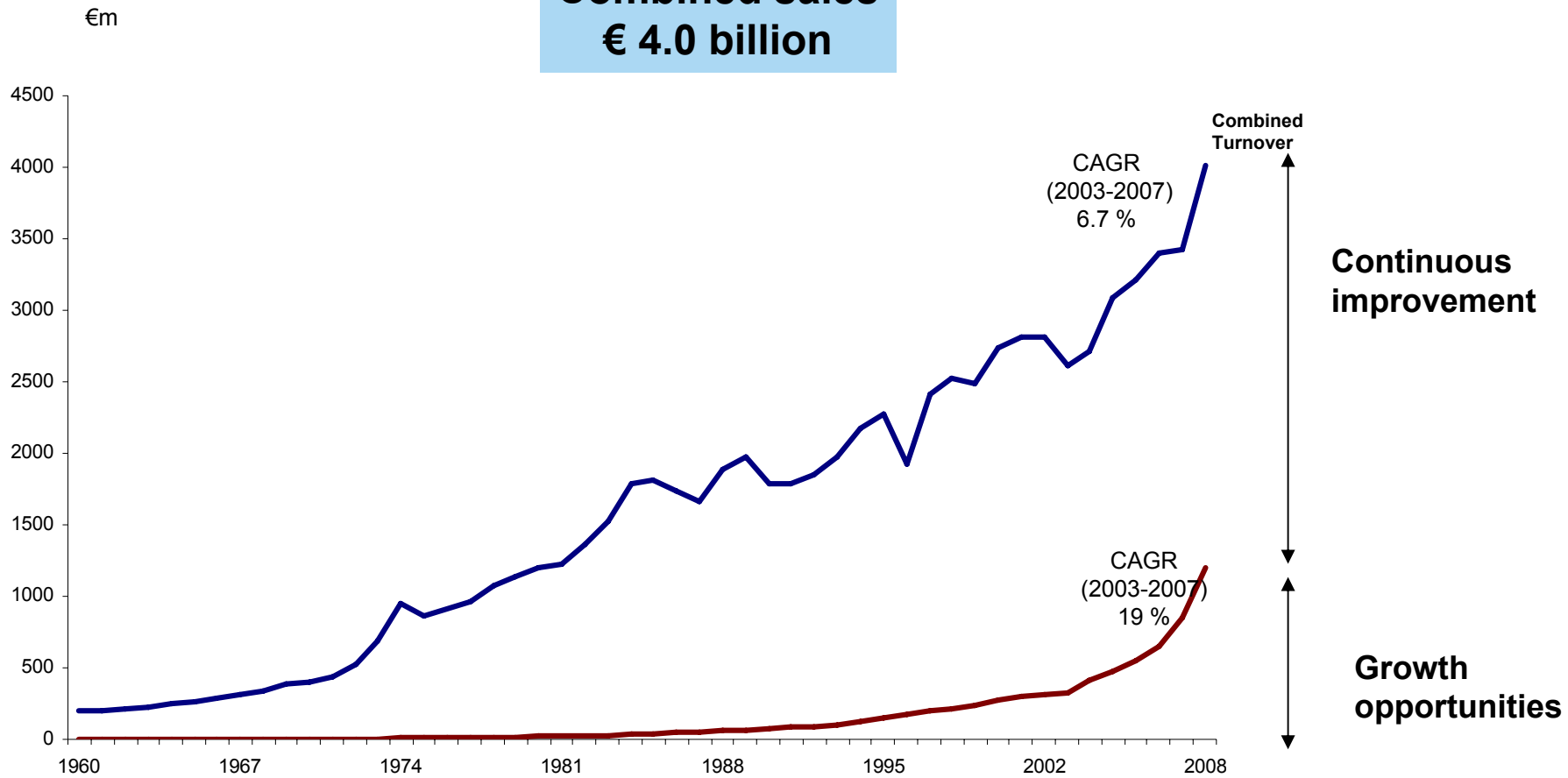
Sufficient and
clean resources
9%



**Growth by
continuous
improvement
70%**

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2009 is characterized by low visibility with some light in the tunnel....

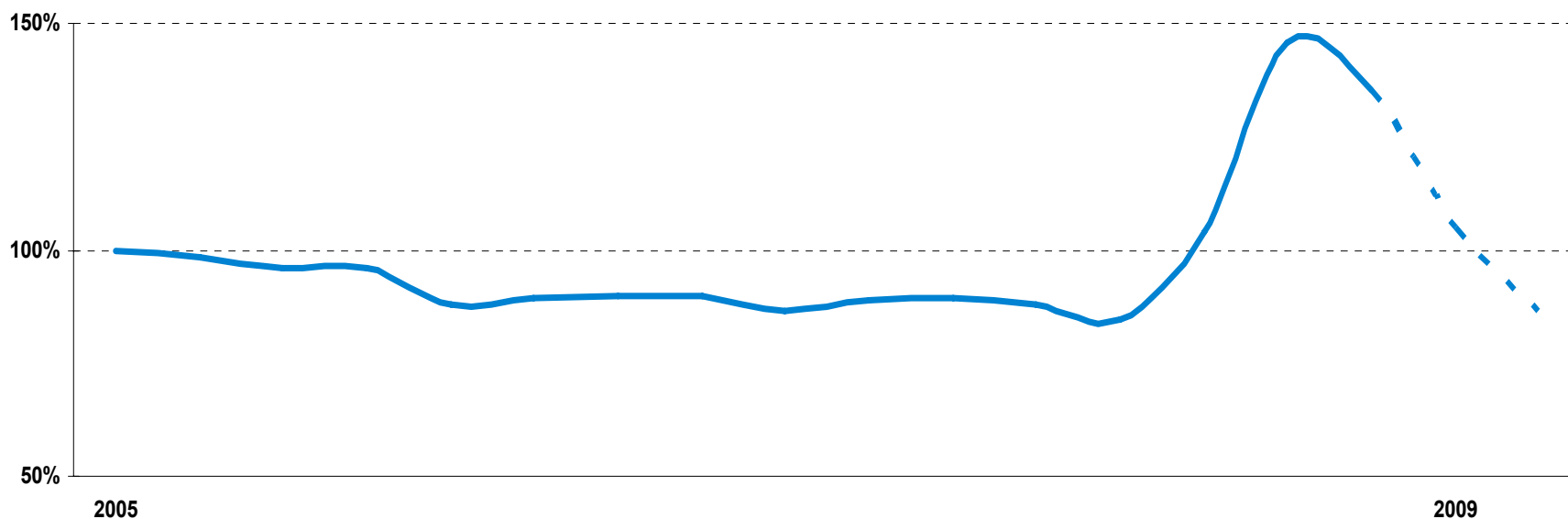
- Short-term visibility on market developments remains extremely limited
- Bekaert does not expect the current activity slowdown to last on a company-wide scale.
- The company's proven resilience now shows in its flexibility:
 - to optimally manage production capacity
 - capital spending in line with demand
 - to limit working capital and cost levels accordingly.
- Bekaert will closely monitor market developments and customer requirements, so advantage can be taken of opportunities the moment they arise.

2008 was a highly unusual year

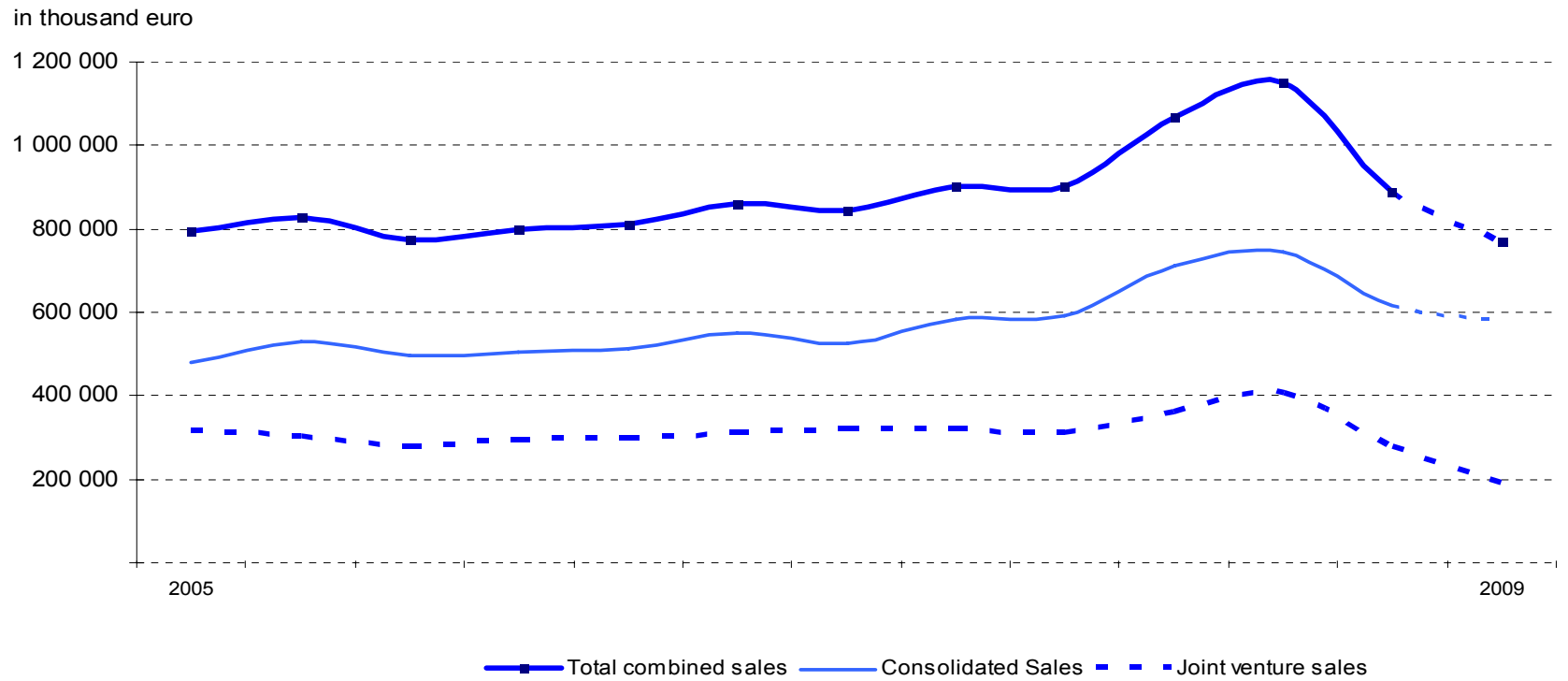
2008 is not a reference

Trend index of the global long steel products
Wire rod is for Bekaert about 42% of the cost of sales
Still negative inventory adjustments (FIFO) in 1H09

Index long steel products

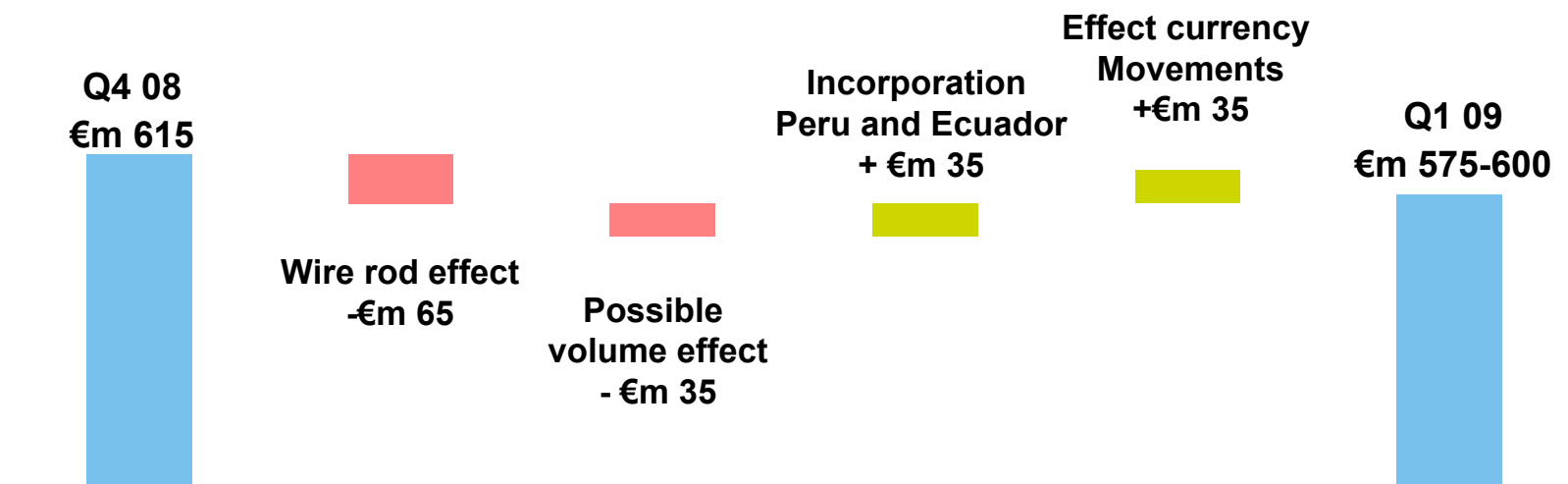


Quarterly sales



Consolidated sales Q1 09: to consider

What to consider when comparing Q1 09 with Q4 09
(Q1 sales 2008 amounted to €m 593)



- ⇒ Wire rod price decrease of 25 % = €m 65
- ⇒ The consolidation of Bekaert Ideal holding for about €m 35 per quarter could partially compensate the further reduction in activity level in Q1 versus Q4 2008
- ⇒ Currency movements are expected to be positive

Financial market consensus 2009

In €m

	2009	low	high
Sales	2 499	2 406	2 692
Sales growth	-6.1%	-9.6%	+1.1%
EBIT before non-recurring	193	140	221
EBIT	176	125	206
EBIT margin	7.1%	5.1%	8.4%
Financial result	-51	-46	-68
Taxes	-29	-14	-35
Share in the joint ventures	41	31	48
Result for the period	138	96	161
Minority interest	-14	-8	-21
Net result for the Group	124	85	151
EPS continuing	6.29	4.33	7.63
EBITDA	330	291	360

- ⇒ 1H08: Positive inventory adjustments and high capacity utilization
- ⇒ 1H09: Negative inventory adjustments and lower capacity utilization
- ⇒ Positive effect of geographical and product mix in 2009

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Review segment reporting

- Actual segment reporting

- Implemented in 2002
- 4 segments: Advanced wire products, Fencing Europe,
 Advanced materials and Advanced coatings
- Fencing Europe was sold
- Advanced materials and coatings were expected to grow faster
- A 92% of combined sales is concentrated in Advanced wire products

- New segment reporting

- In line with IFRS 8 principles
- Geographical segmentation is the best enabler to evaluate the nature and financial effects of the business
- Reviewed by management to evaluate the performance of the operating business units

Background

- IFRS 8

- Better understand the enterprise's past financial performance
- Better assess the enterprise's risks and returns profile
- Make more informed judgments about the enterprise as a whole
- To ensure reasonable level of comparability and comprehensibility of the information.

- Internal segment reporting

- Regional internal reporting is reflecting the nature of our strategy to be close to our customers, the market sectors and the distribution channels
- Over 90 % of the Bekaert products are produced and sold in the same region
- Regional organizational structures: corporate teams for finance, accounting, treasury, tax, HR, environment & safety, information technology, etc.

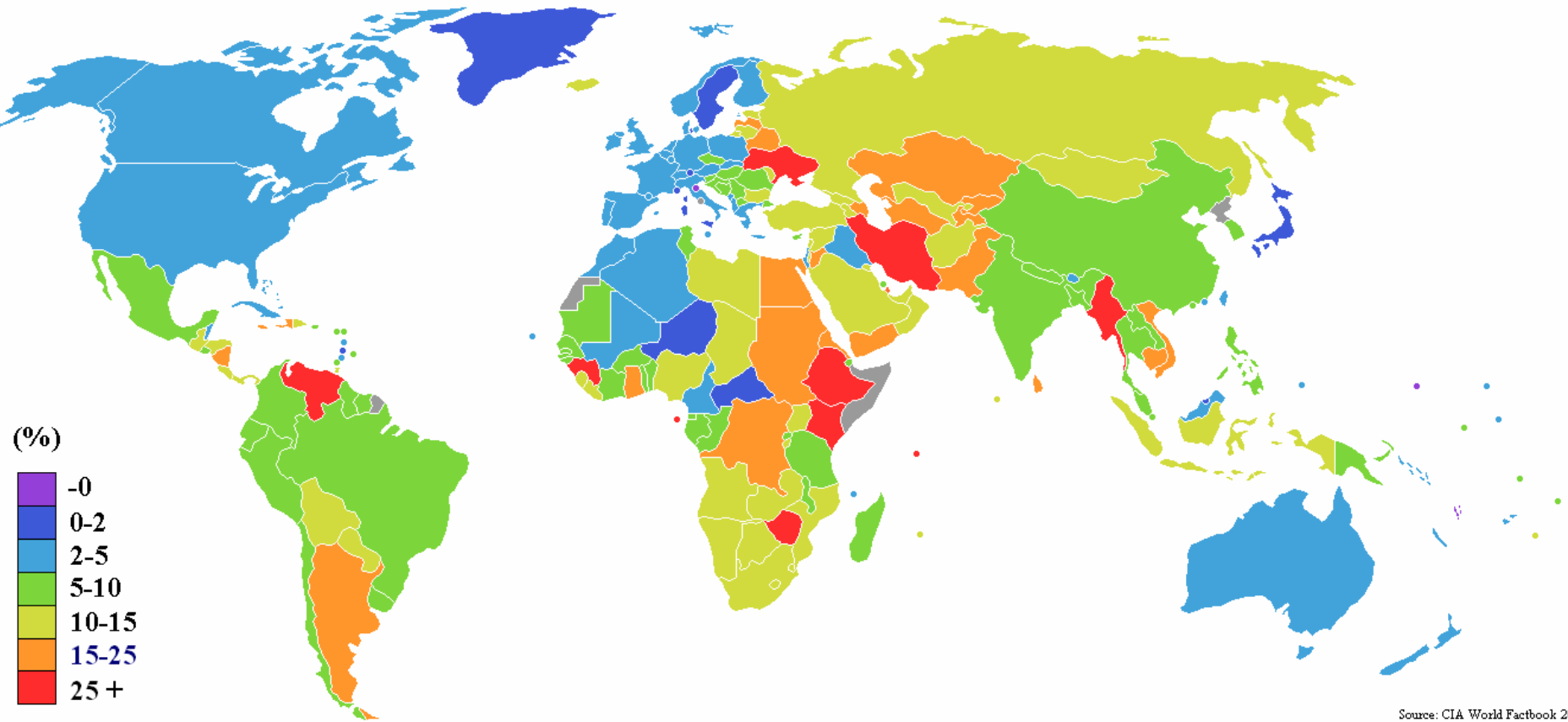
Background

- **Common cost drivers**
 - Regional businesses are strongly interlinked
 - Common cost drivers: wire rod, people cost, depreciation, energy, consumables, spare parts, etc.

- **Global organization**
 - Centrally managed purchasing organization buying for the total Group with regional execution
 - Centrally managed engineering department designing equipment for the total business, combined with regional assembling departments
 - Centrally managed R&D, with regional development centers

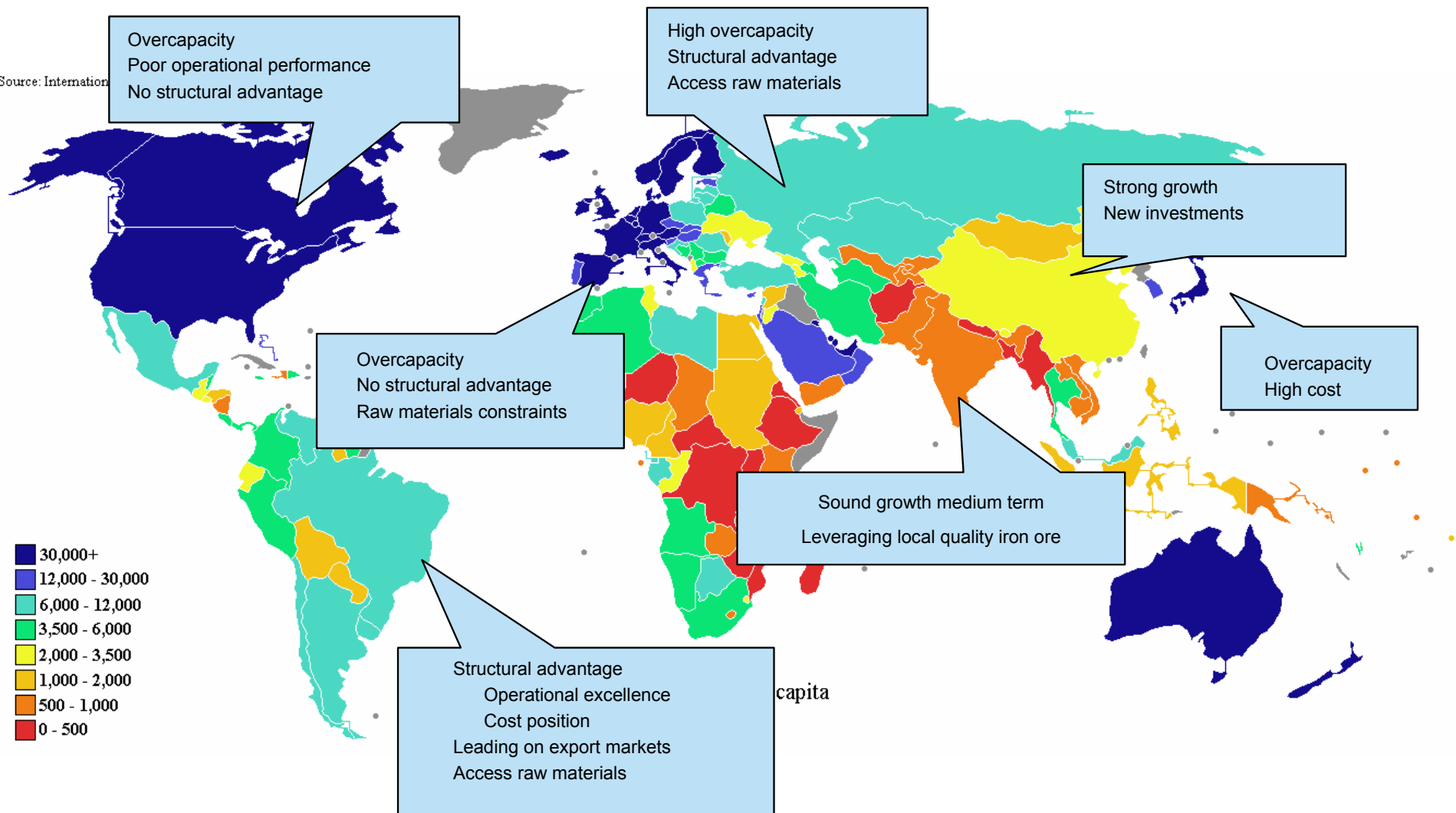
- **External economic environment**
 - Is a major regional business driver
 - Major differences in macro-economics: GDP, currency, inflation, employment, political and economic risks, etc. having direct impact on cost elements and on demand
 - Major differences in business challenges per region

Inflation rate per country

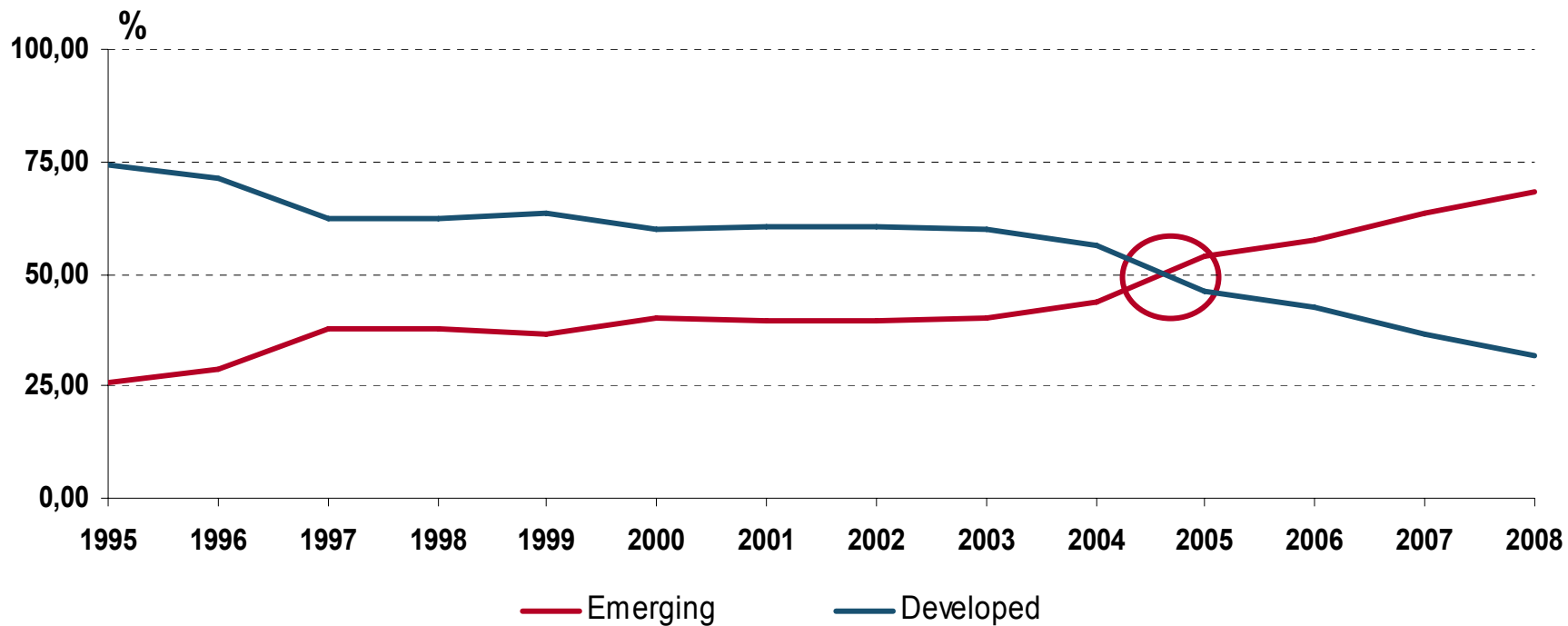


Source: CIA World Factbook 2009

GDP per capita and market developments

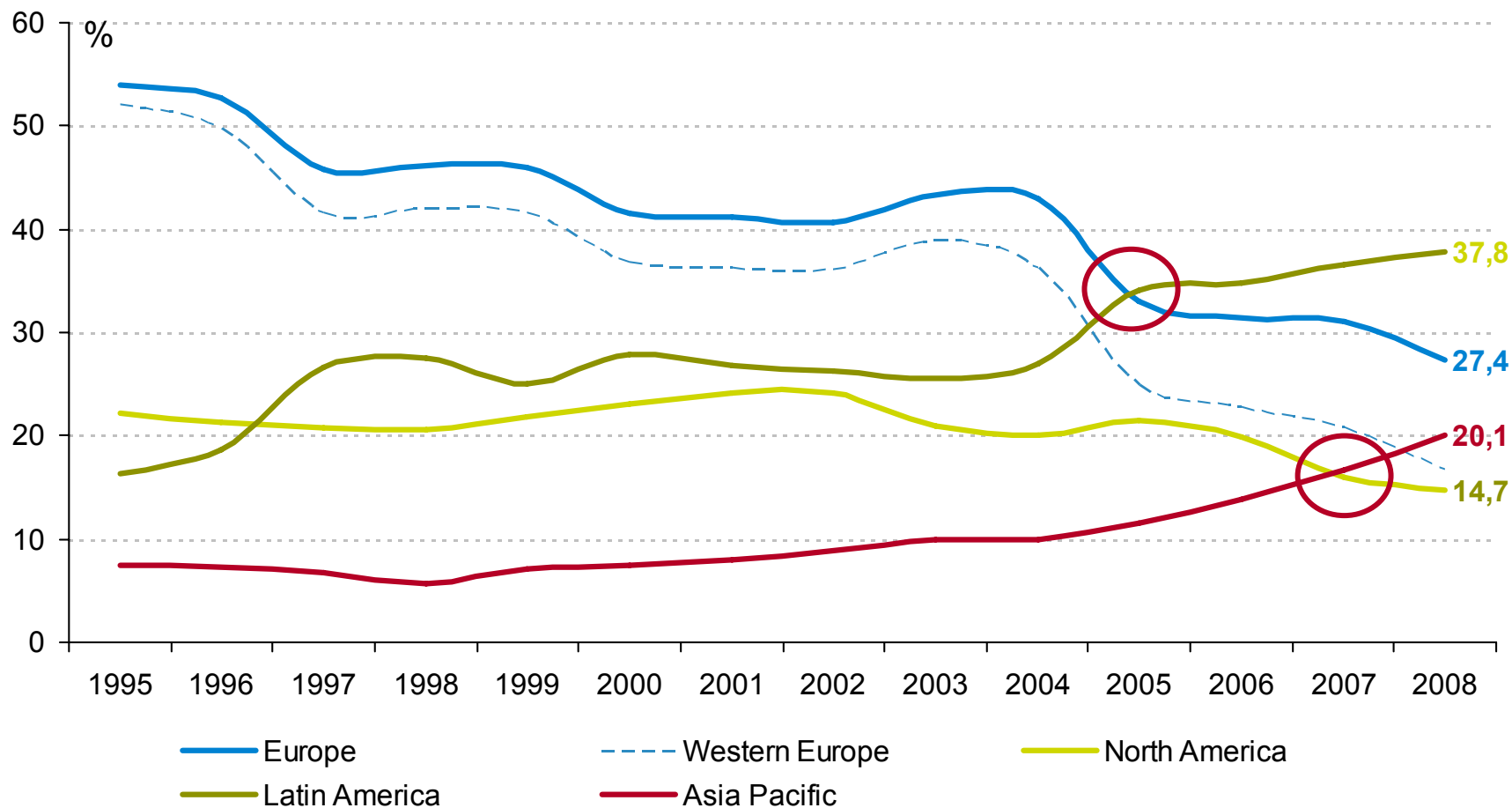


Combined sales by market type

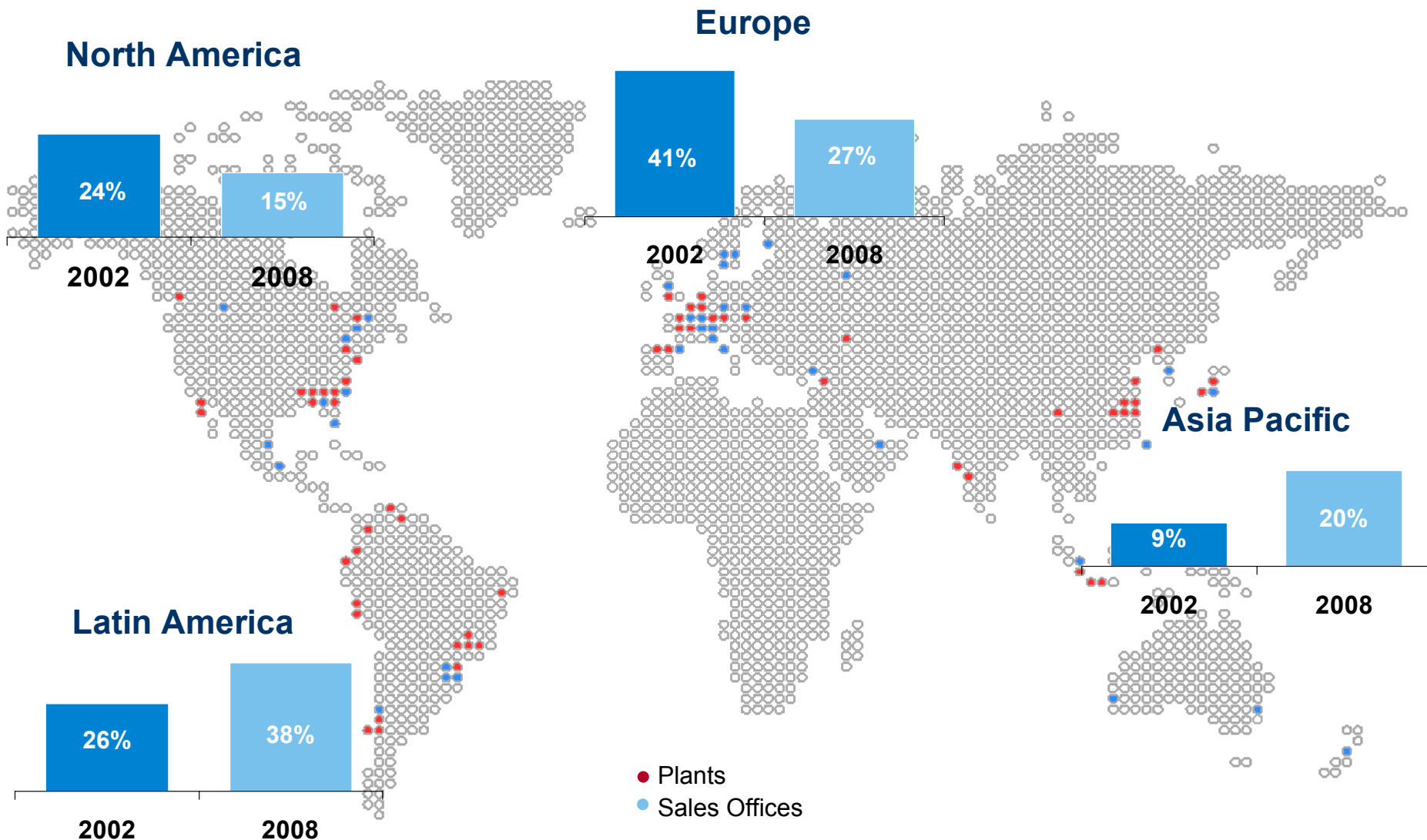


Regional evolution in mature and emerging markets

Combined sales by geographical area



Combined sales trend per region



Bekaert's new segmentation is based on the company's presence in the 4 main regions:

EMEA

North America

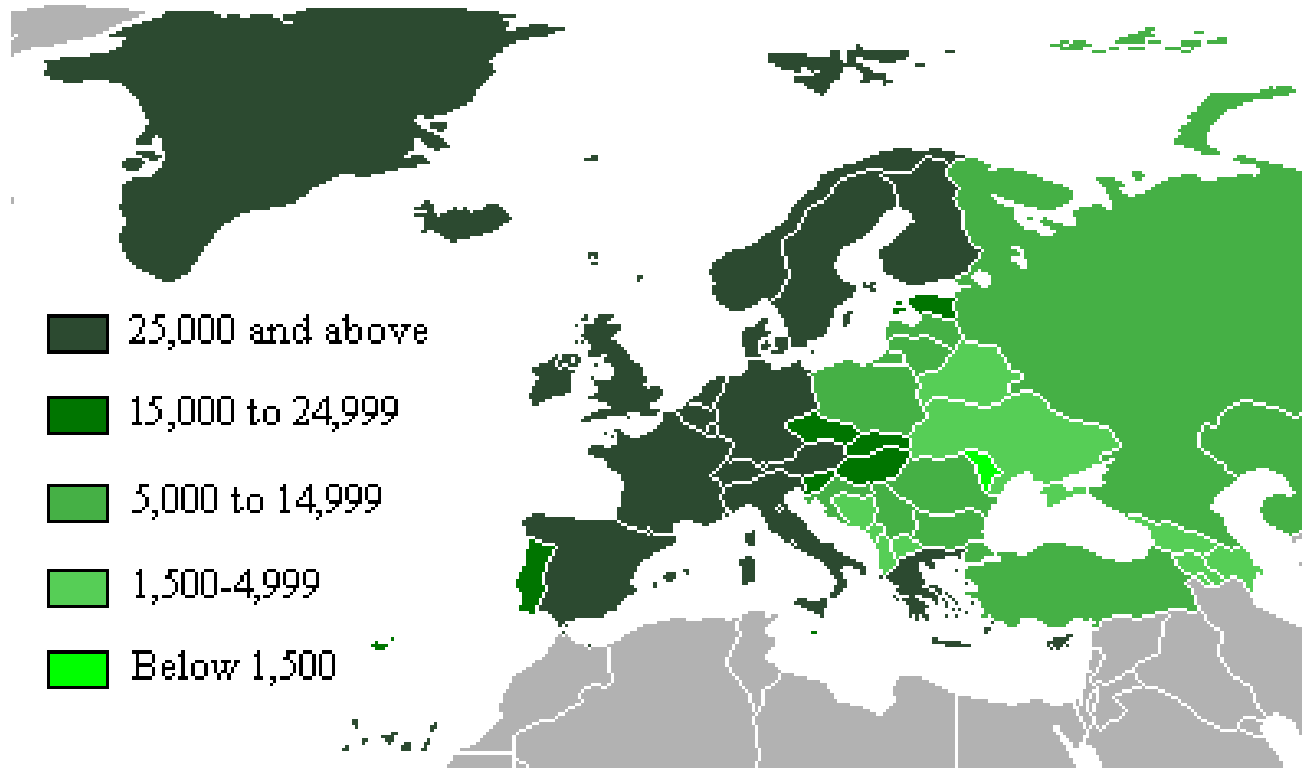
Latin America

Asia Pacific

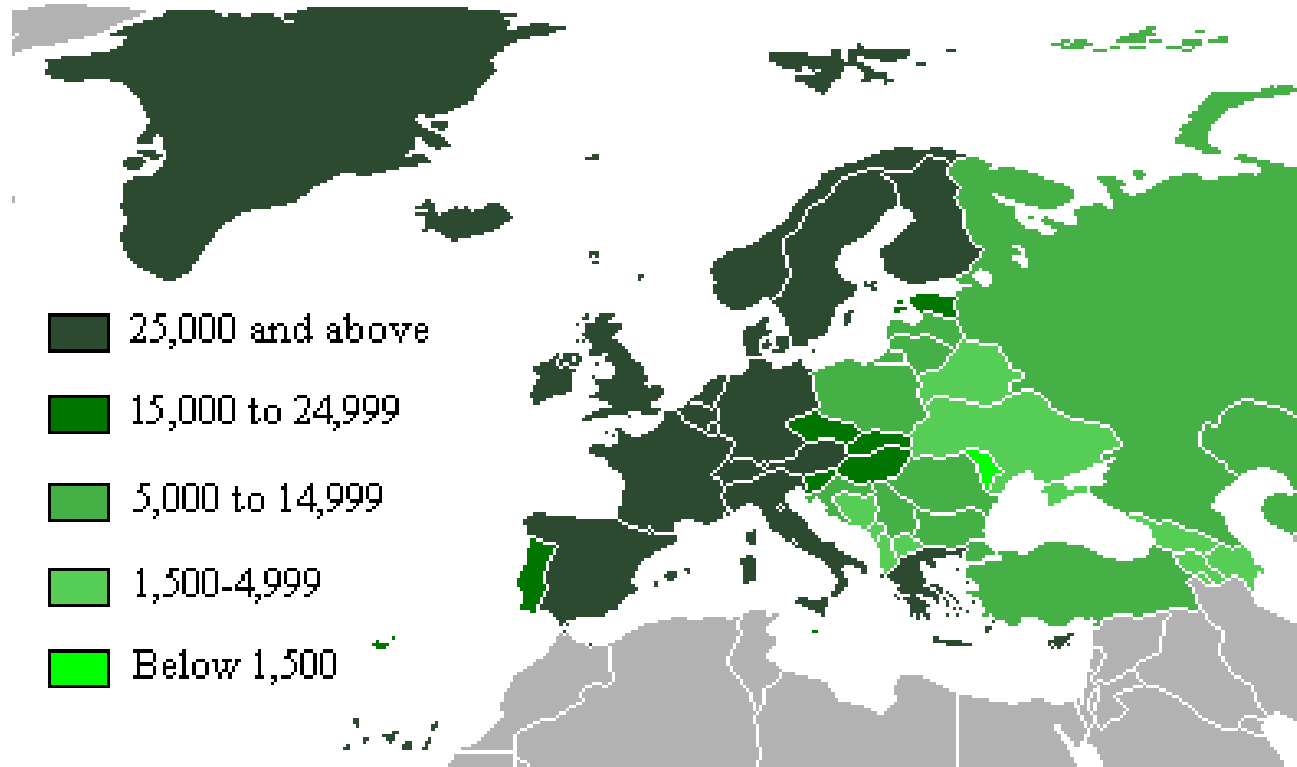
Segment regions



EMEA (Europe) by GDP per capita



EMEA (Europe) by Growth



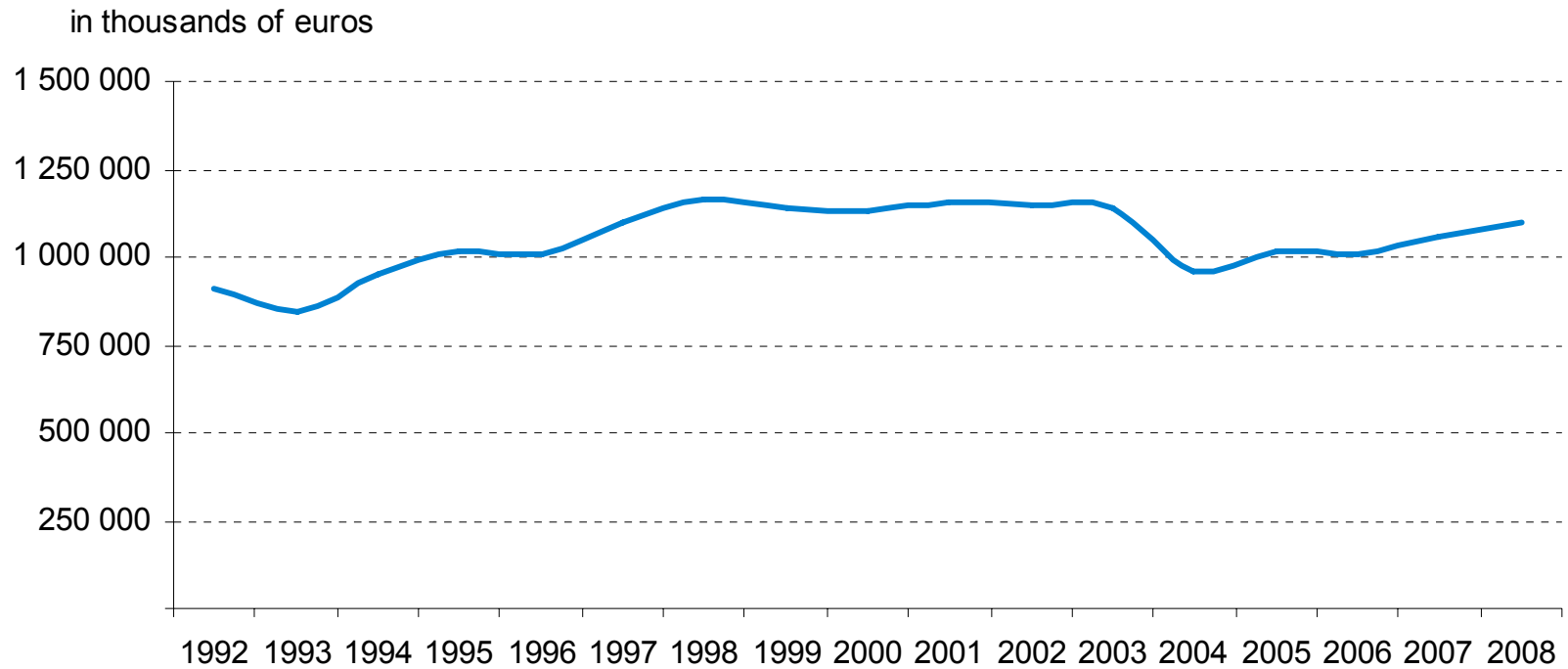
EMEA (Europe): Russia is Europe's key oil and gas supplier



Bekaert in EMEA: most important locations

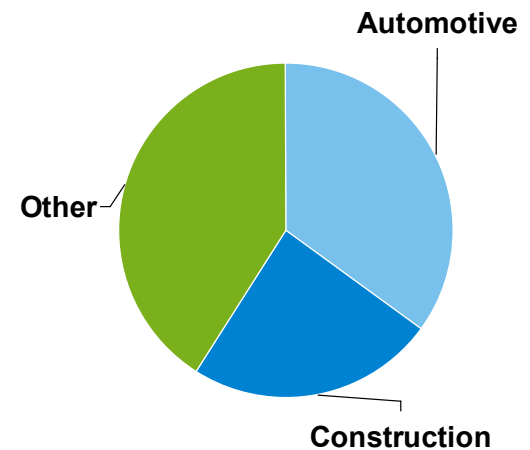


€ 1.1 billion market



Broad product portfolio

- Main sectors: automotive, construction and utilities
- First steel cord plant in Russia
- Innovation driven



Typical products made in EMEA



People

- 6 600 employees

Western Europe

- Know-how base (R&D center, 300 people)
- First industrialization phase and focused plants

Central Europe

- Competitive production platforms in Czech Republic and in Slovakia
- Demand for top quality products is increasing

Russia

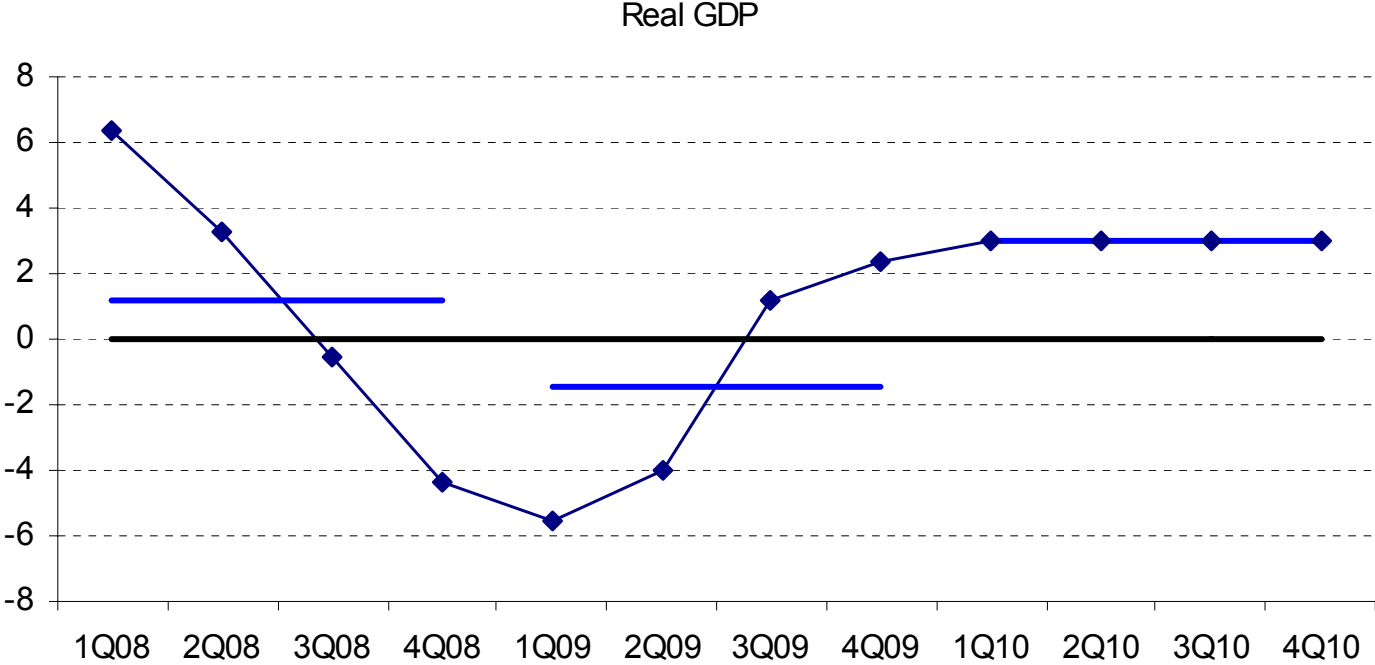
- Long term strategic positioning
- Strong growth potential of the local market with continuing investments in new automotive plants
- Increasing importance of Russian steel industry and raw material supply

Middle East

- Strategic position of plant in Izmit (Turkey)
- Project opportunities

Region North America: macro economic indicator GDP

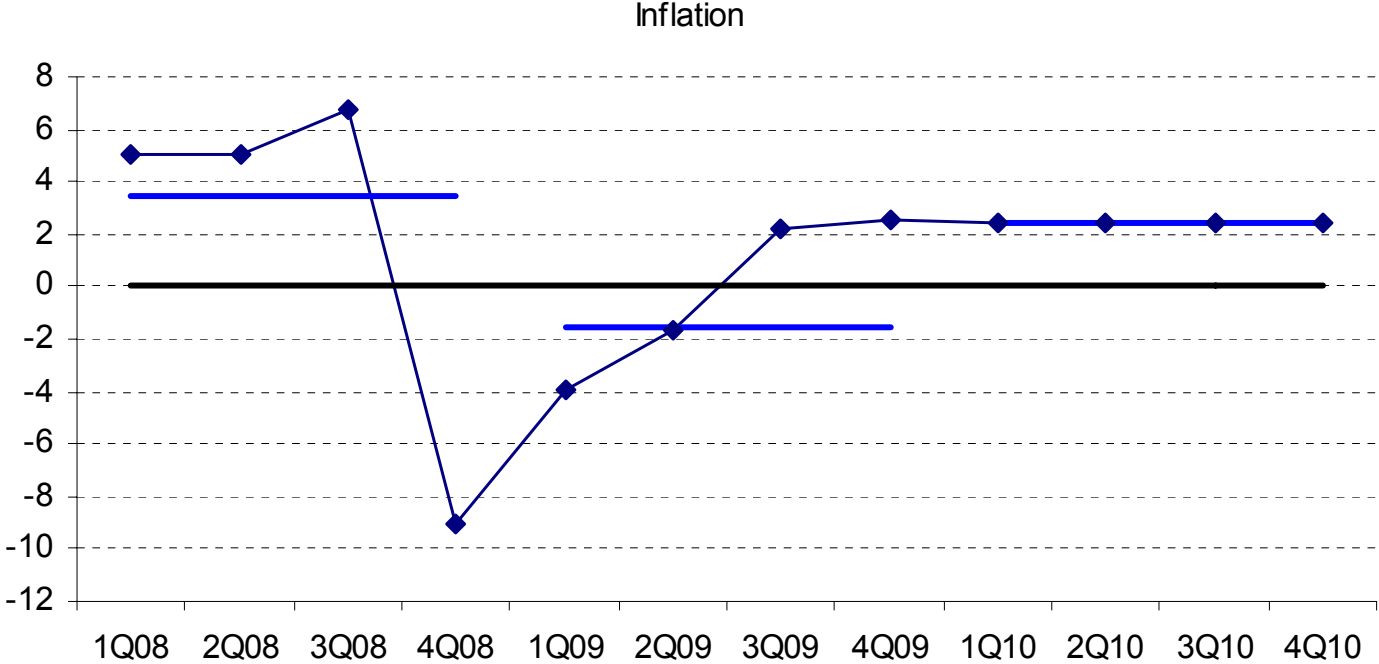
REAL GDP % change, annual rates



Source: The Conference Board. Forecast December 15th, 2008

Region North America: macro economic indicator Inflation

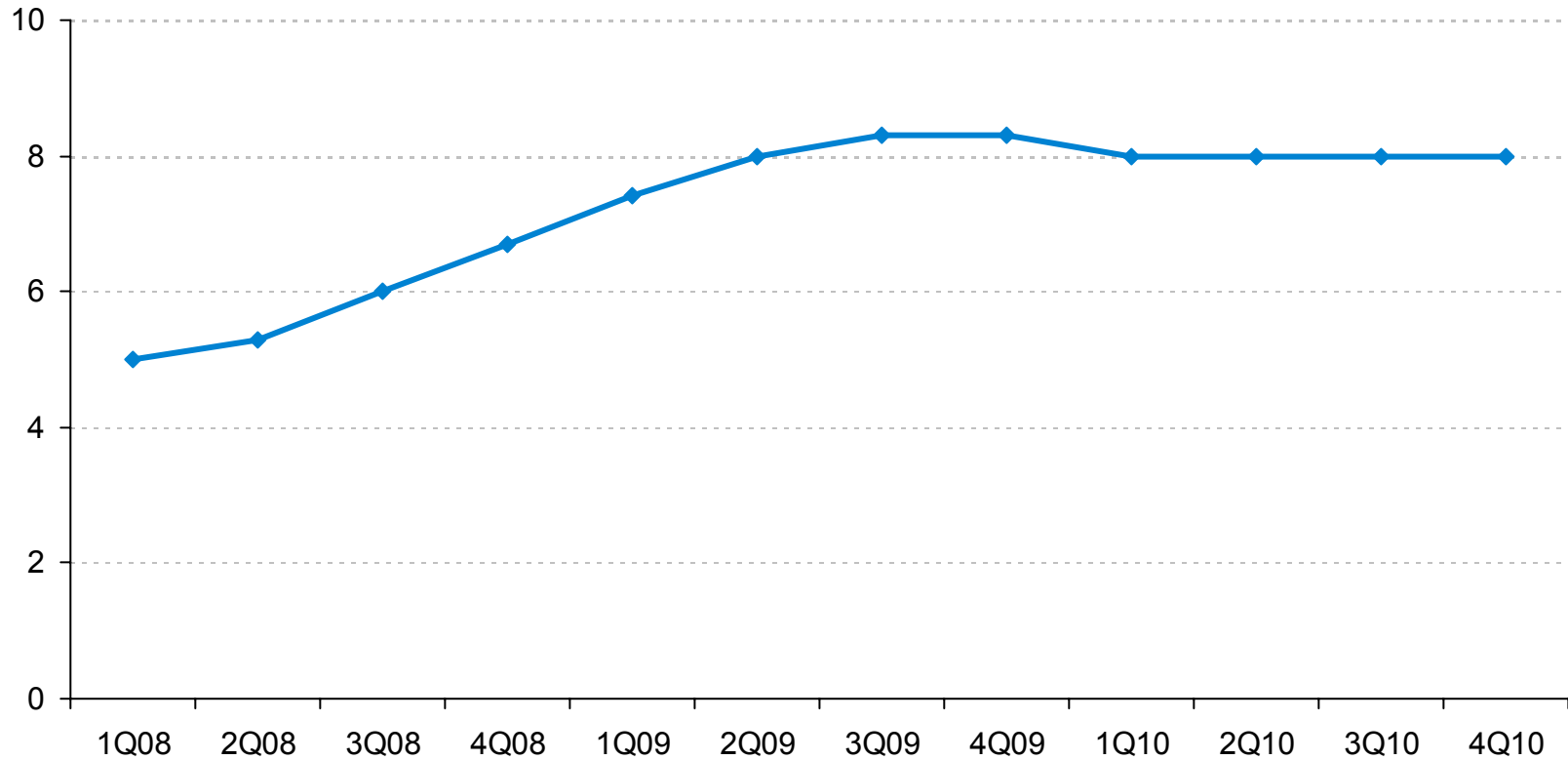
INFLATION % change, annual rates



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Region North America: macro economic indicator Unemployment

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE % change, annual rates

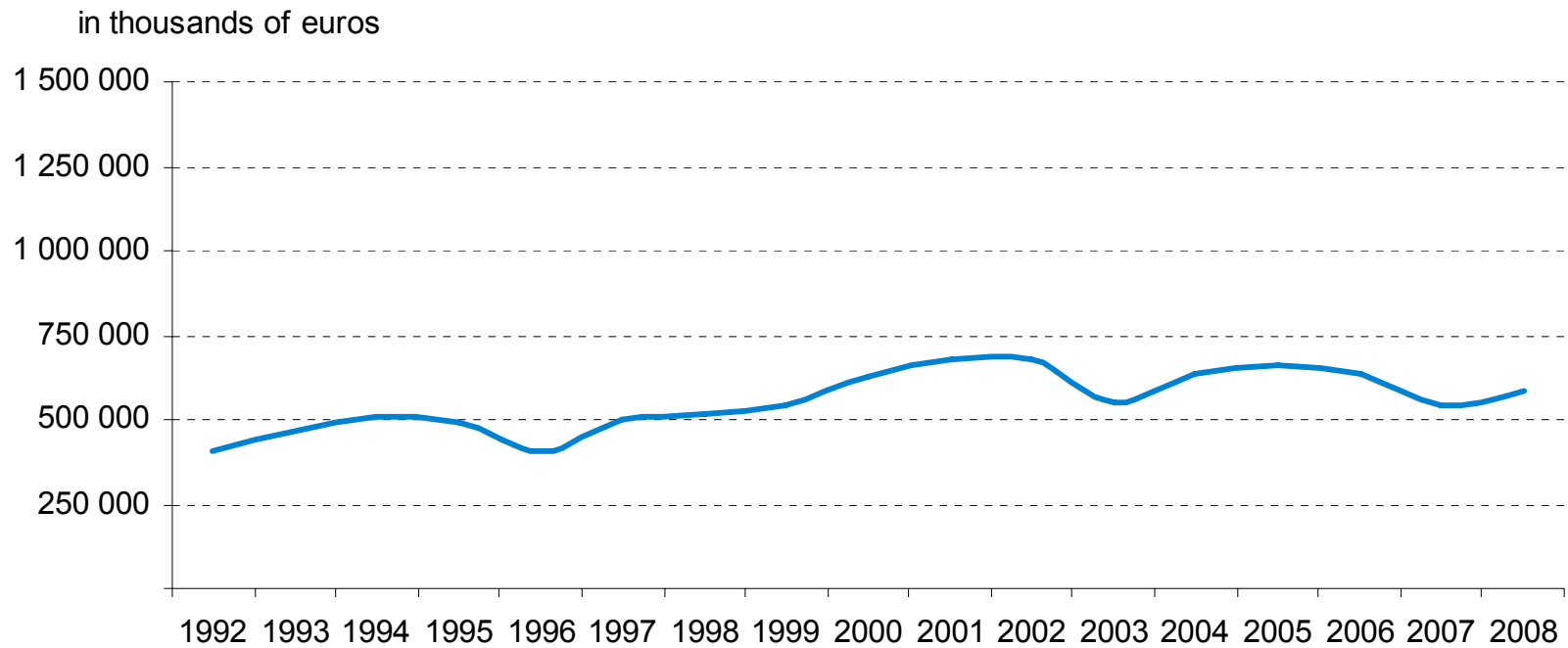


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Bekaert in North America: most important locations



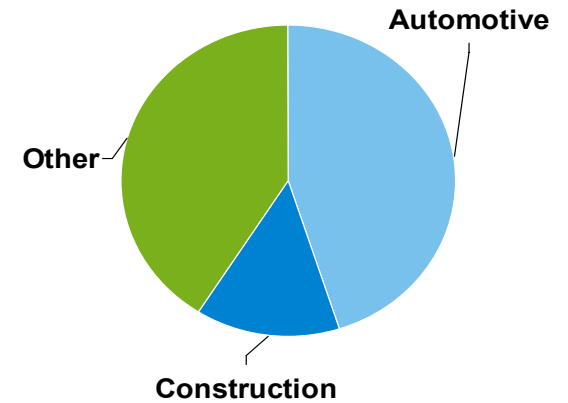
€ 0.6 billion market



North America: sectors

Broad portfolio in all sectors

- Main sectors: automotive, construction and agri
- Market oriented innovation



Typical products made in North America



People

- 2 100 employees

USA

- Strategic production platform
- Difficult supply and demand environment

Canada

- Rope industry

Mexico

- Watch opportunities



Population

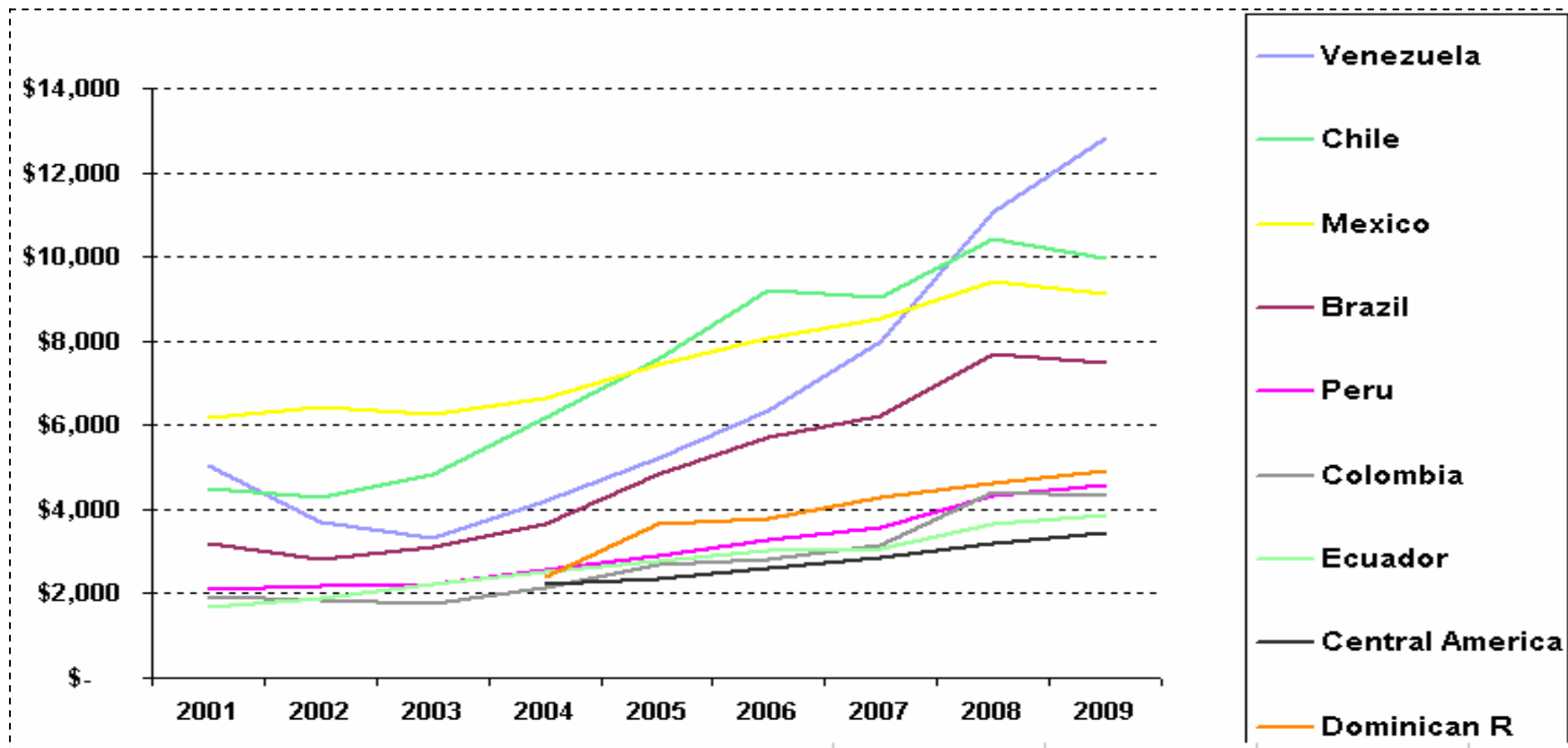
Central America:	50 million people
South America:	385 million people

History

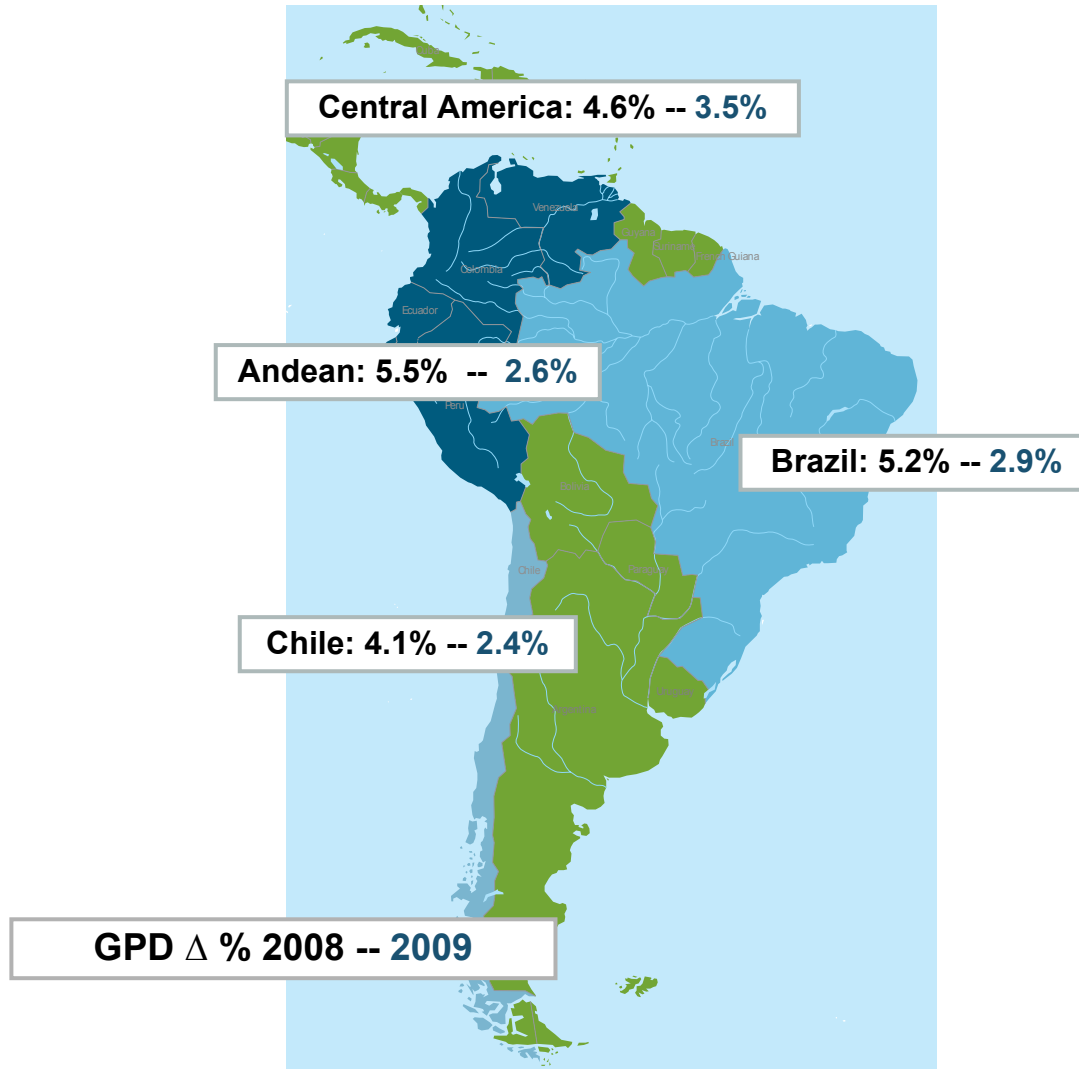
- In the past an unstable region with constant economic and political changes, combined with a low growth rate
- Recently (2004-2008) a steady economic progress along with relatively stable political conditions.
- 2009 again a more turbulent cycle, but troubled economic times may bring good investment opportunities.

Latin America: highlights

GPD per capita, USD\$



Latin America: changes in expected growth rates 2009



Andean Includes: Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela

Latin America: long history of presence

Bekaert recognized the strategic importance of the Latin American market at a very early stage:

- 1950: Bekaert and its Chilean partners sign a joint venture agreement for the construction and operation of a greenfield plant.
- 1968: Bekaert enters the Venezuelan market, taking a stake in a steel wire processing company, Vicson SA.
- 1972: Bekaert starts a new factory in Ecuador in a joint venture with the Kohn family: Ideal Alambrec SA.
- 1975: The BMB-Belgo Mineira Bekaert Artefados de Arame Ltda joint venture is set up in Vespasiano (Brazil).

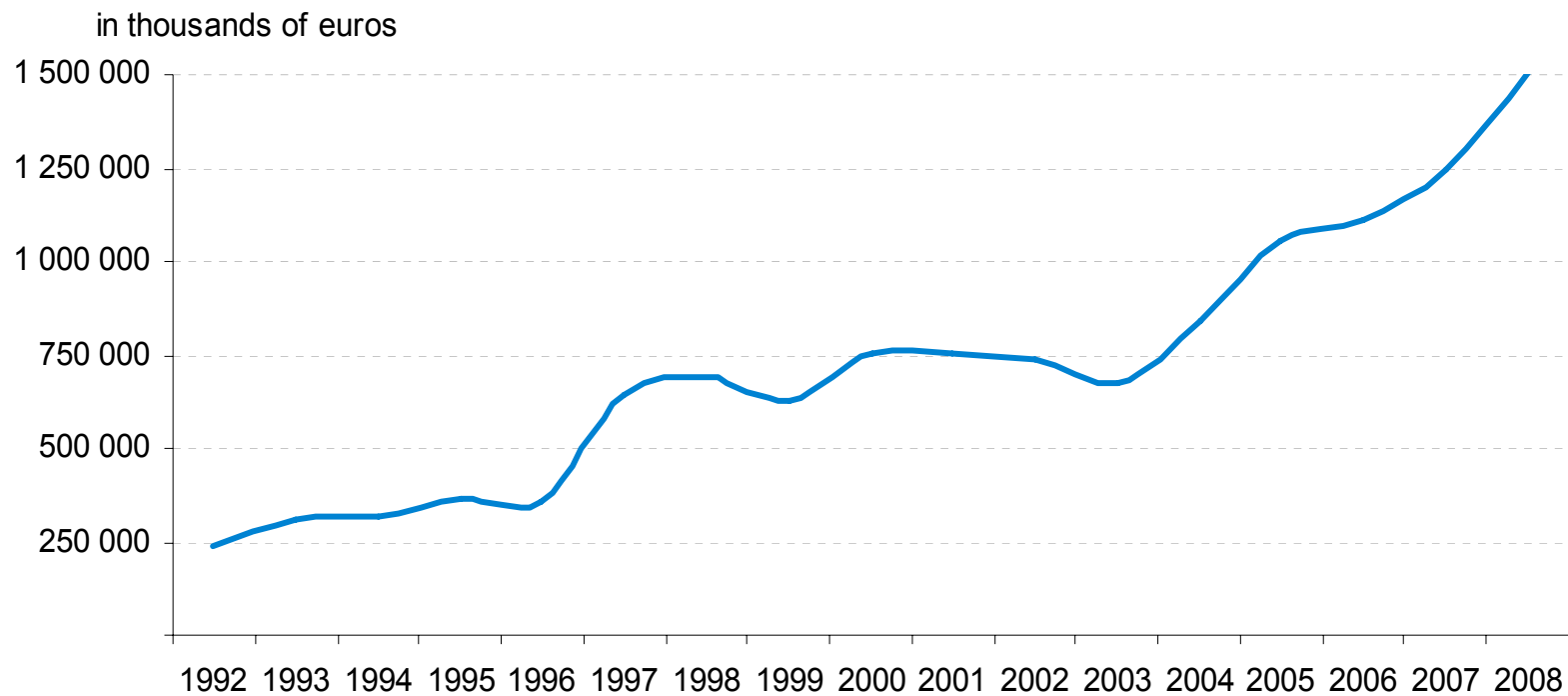
... and continued to expand in this continent:

- 1992: Vicson is expanded with a second plant in San Joaquin (Venezuela).
- 1994: Bekaert further extends its steel wire activities taking an acquisition in Chile and participating in the establishment of Prodac SA (Peru) through conjoint investments with its partners in Ecuador, Chile and Peru.
- 1996: Bekaert enters the Colombian market through Proalco SA, held by Vicson and indirectly by Ideal Alambrec.
- 1997: Bekaert takes a 45% participation in the wire activities of Companhia Siderurgica Belgo Mineira in Brazil.
- 2007: Acquisition of the remaining shares of Vicson (Venezuela) and the majority of shares of Proalco (Colombia).
- 2008: Agreement with local partners to create a holding combining the activities in Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru.

Bekaert in Latin America: most important locations



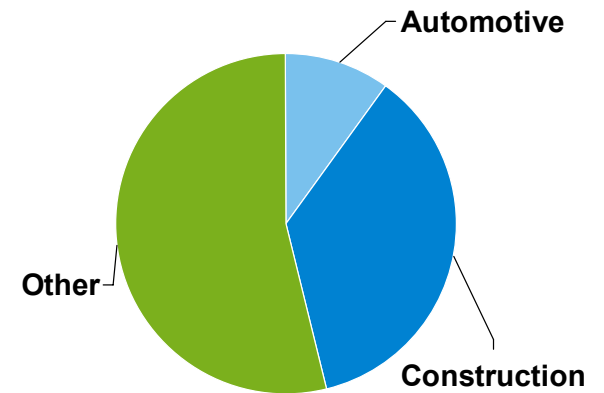
€ 1.5 billion market



Latin America: sectors

Structural reinforcement

- Main sectors: construction, agriculture and consumer goods
- Steadily increased portfolio mix



Typical products made in Latin America



General

- 6 300 employees
- Remarkable growth
- All entities were able to build and maintain high market shares
- Industrial development, agricultural and civil construction impulses in several countries.

Brazil

- Strategic production platform (2 steel cord plants and 7 wire plants)
- Good relationship with partner

Bekaert Ideal holding (Venezuela, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru)

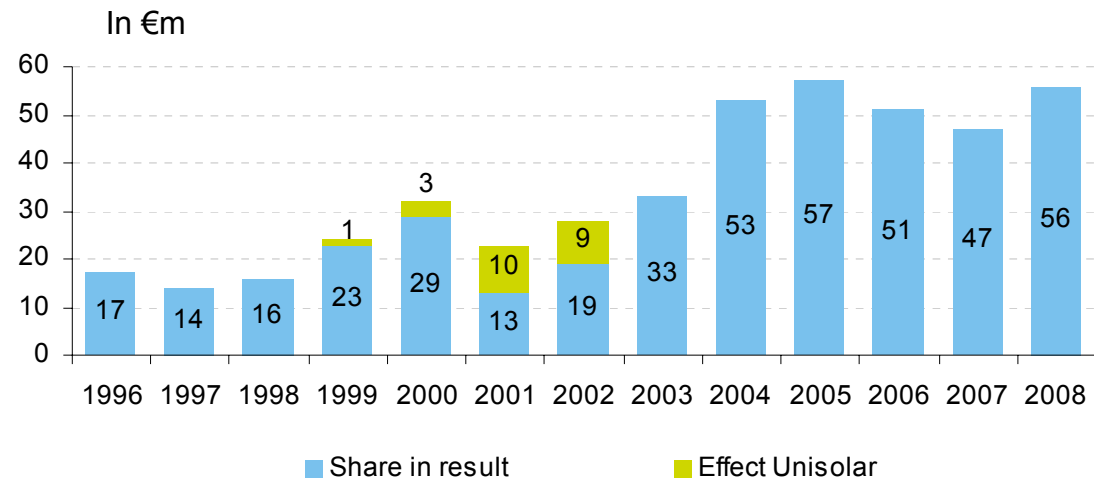
- Strengthen local and regional presence
- Growth markets with natural resources
- Strategic location with access to deep sea transportation

Chili

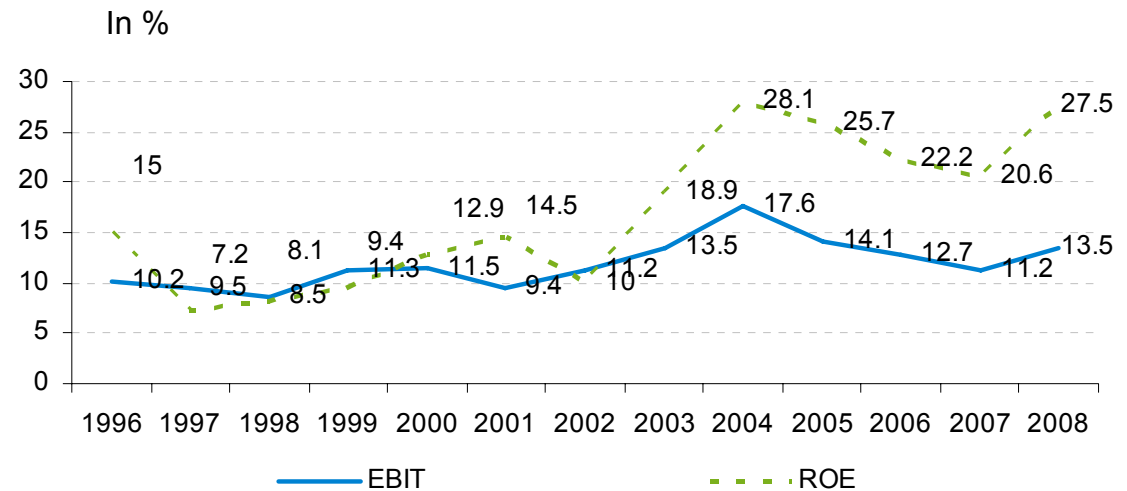
- 4 manufacturing plants in combination with a large distribution network

Latin America: profitability joint ventures (mainly Latin America)

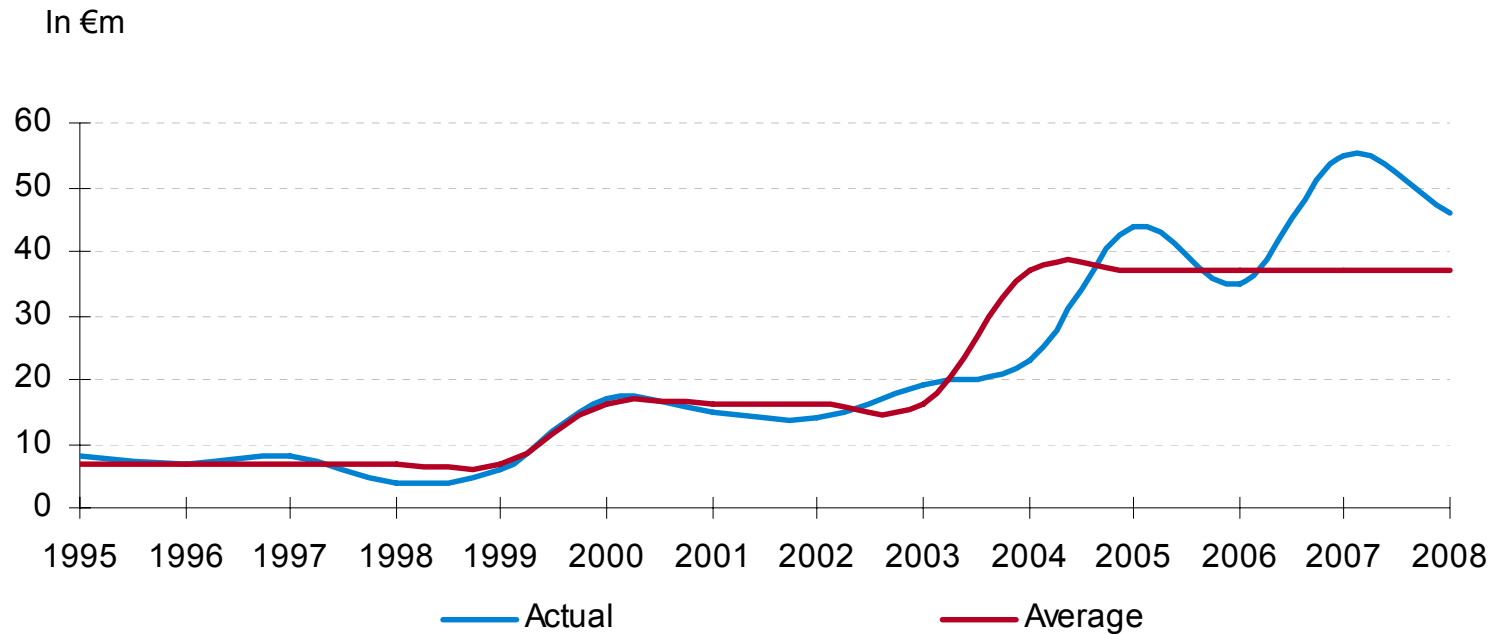
Share in result



EBIT and ROE



Dividends from the Joint ventures



Dividends will be impacted by the change in consolidation perimeter:

as of 2008 Venezuela and Columbia

as of 2009 Peru and Ecuador



Population

3 900 million people

China 1 300 people

India 1 100 people

GDP

8 800 trillion US\$

GDP per capita

2 100 US\$

Asia-Pacific: highlights



IMF forecasts for GDP growth in 2009

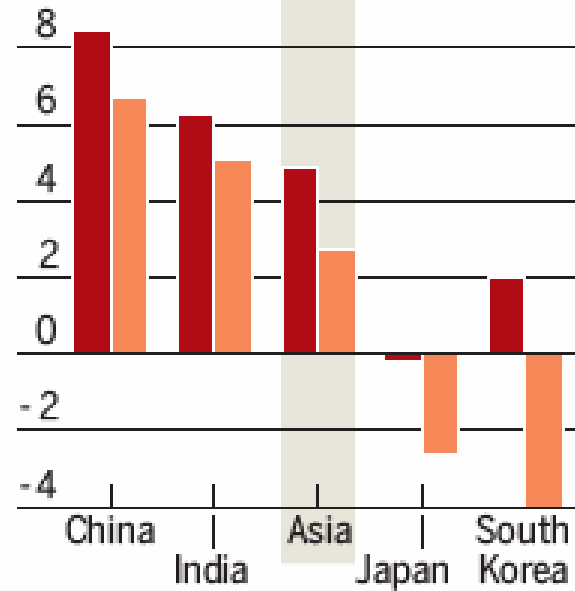
Annual % change

Date of forecast

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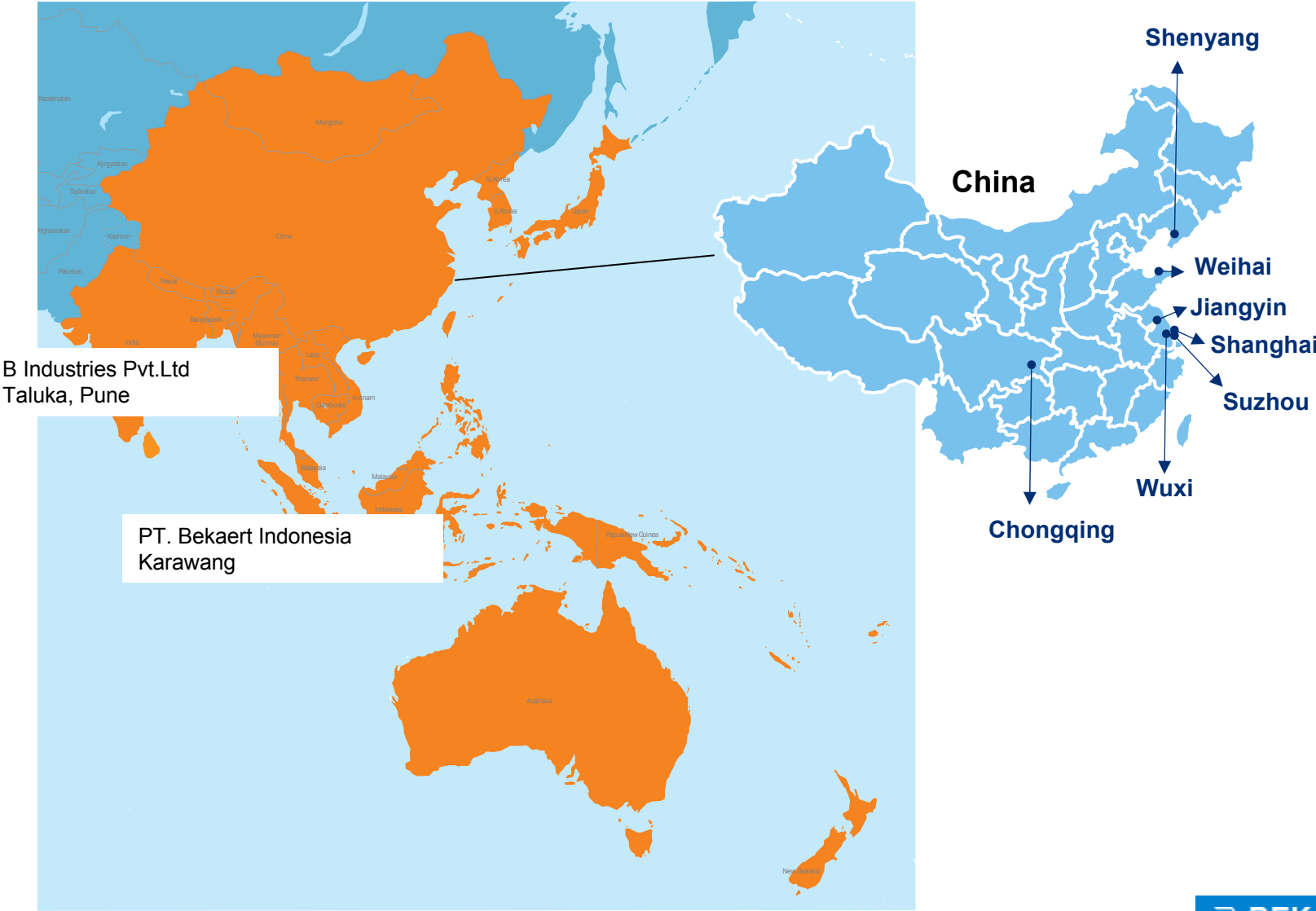
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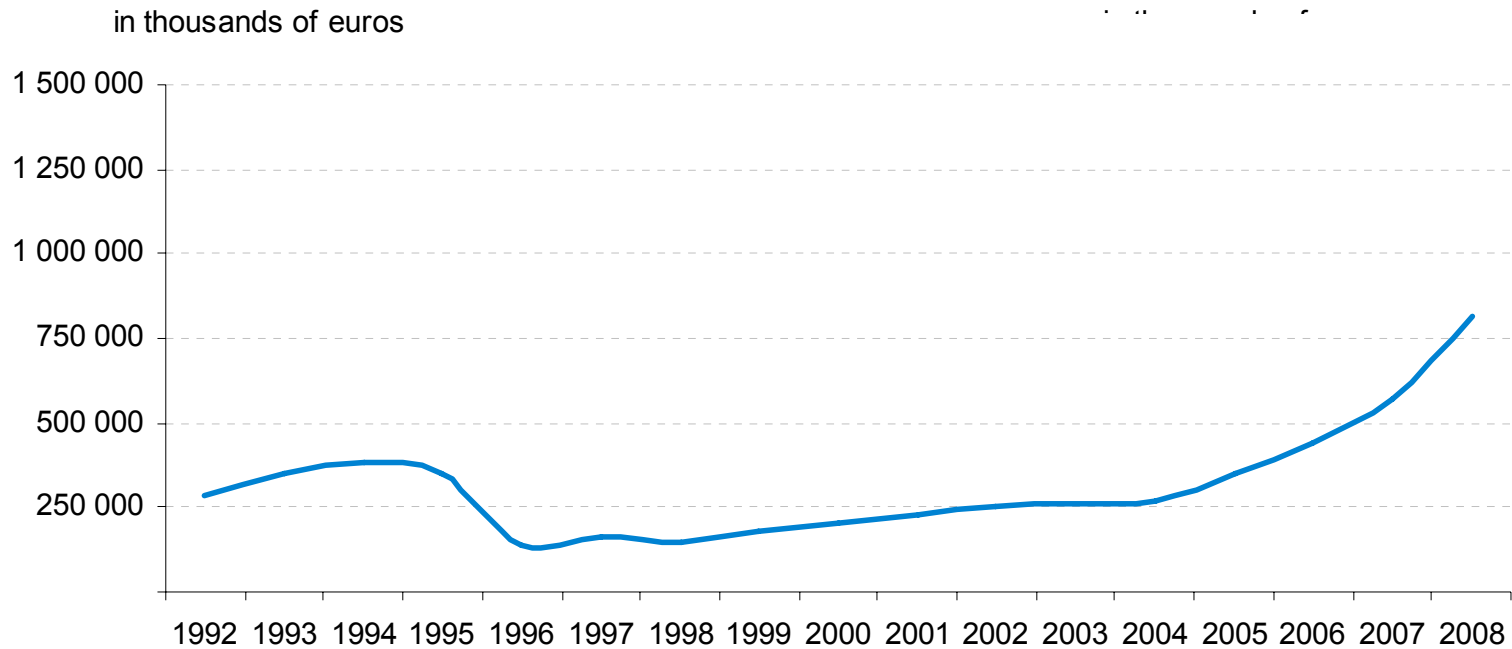


Source: IMF

Bekaert in Asia-Pacific: most important locations



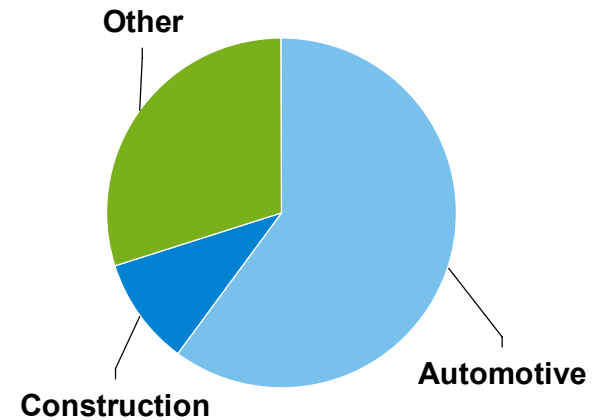
€ 0.8 billion market



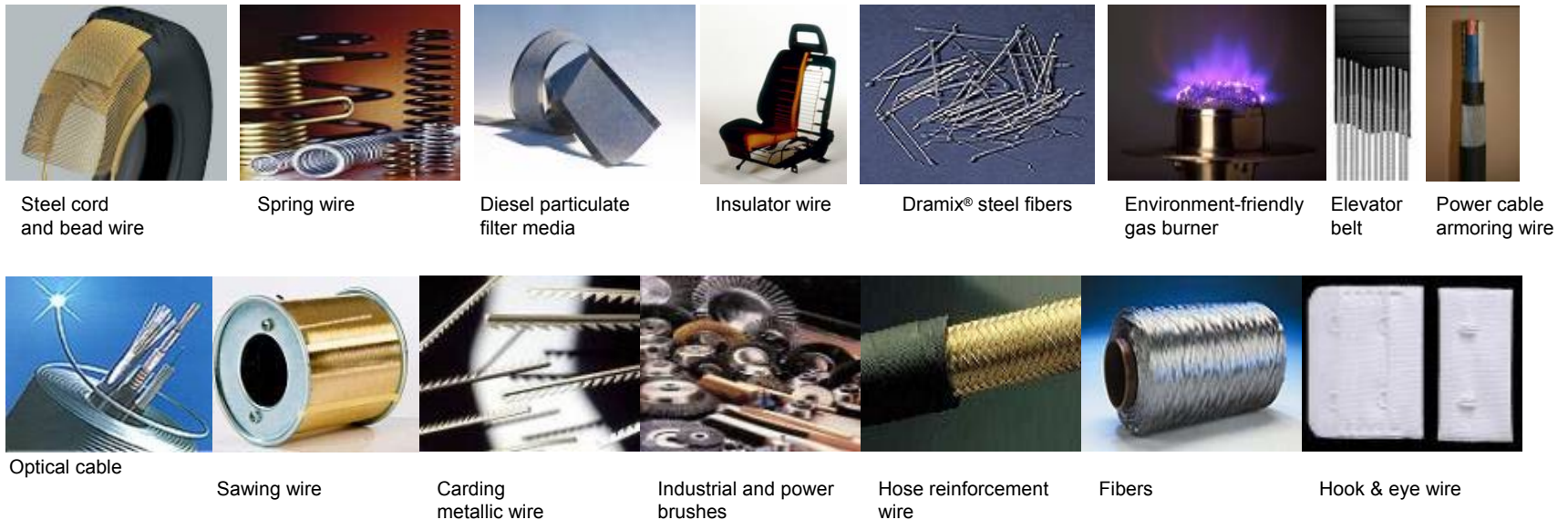
Asia-Pacific: sectors

Strong presence in growth markets

- Main sectors: automotive, construction and utilities
- Broadening product portfolio
- Increasing presence in India, Indonesia



Typical products made in Asia-Pacific



Strategic importance: presence in Asia-Pacific

People

- 7 500 employees in Asia Pacific

China

- Main presence (12 plants – 325 000 tonnes steel cord)
- Customer driven growth
- Innovation and development for the local market
- Cost competitiveness driver for the Group
- Partnerships
- Government recovery plan “Go West”

India

- Remains a specific environment
- Projects running on stainless, steel cord and wire products

Indonesia

- Nice in-between for South-East Asia and Australia

Annual economic growth rate Chinese economy in general

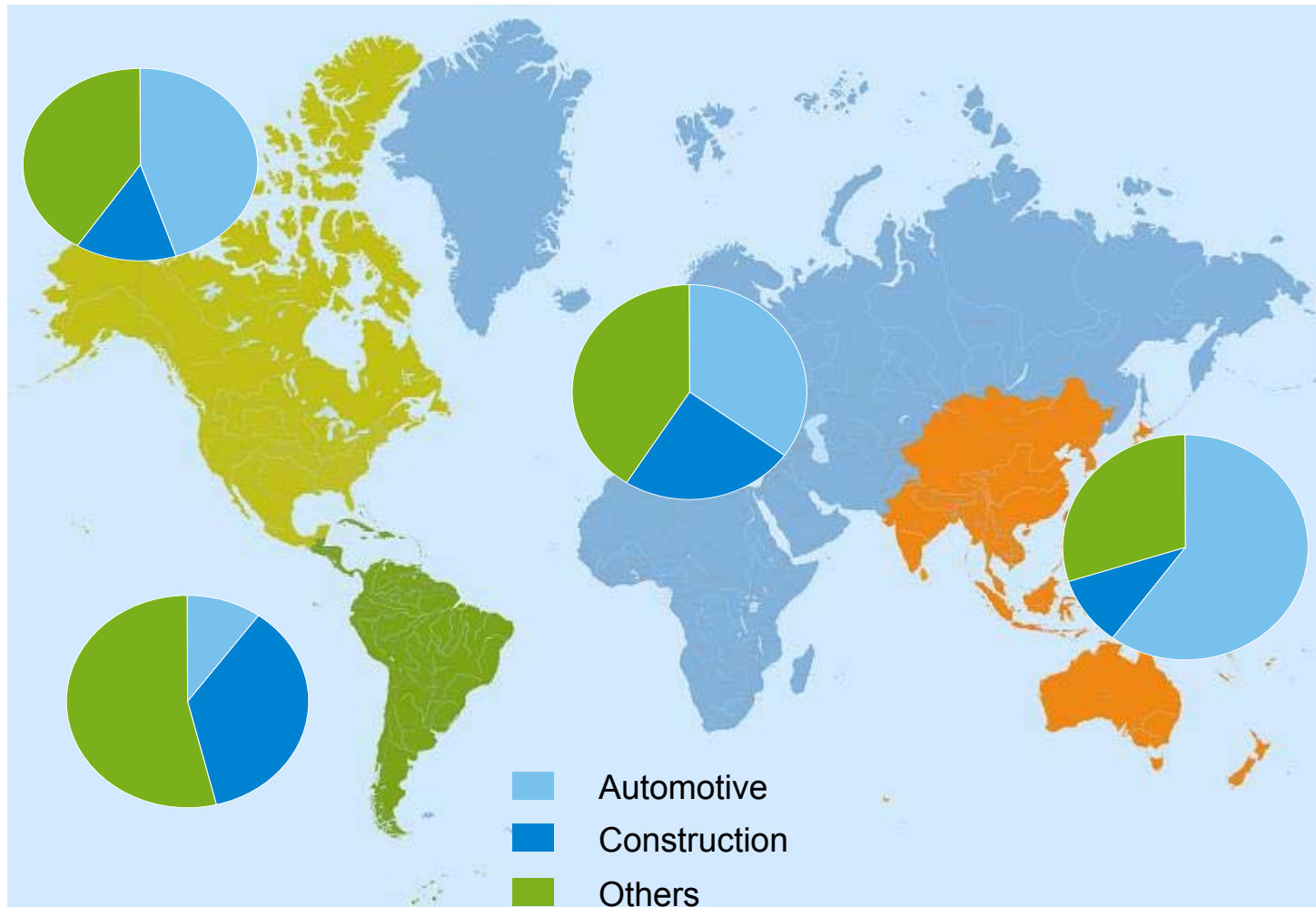
1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
8.6%	7.8%	7.1%	8.0%	7.3%	8.0%	9.1%	9.5%	9.9%	10.7%	11.5%	9.0%

Year-on-year turnover increase of Bekaert in China

1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
41%	19%	68%	30%	22%	42%	22%	34%	36%	51%	61%	52%

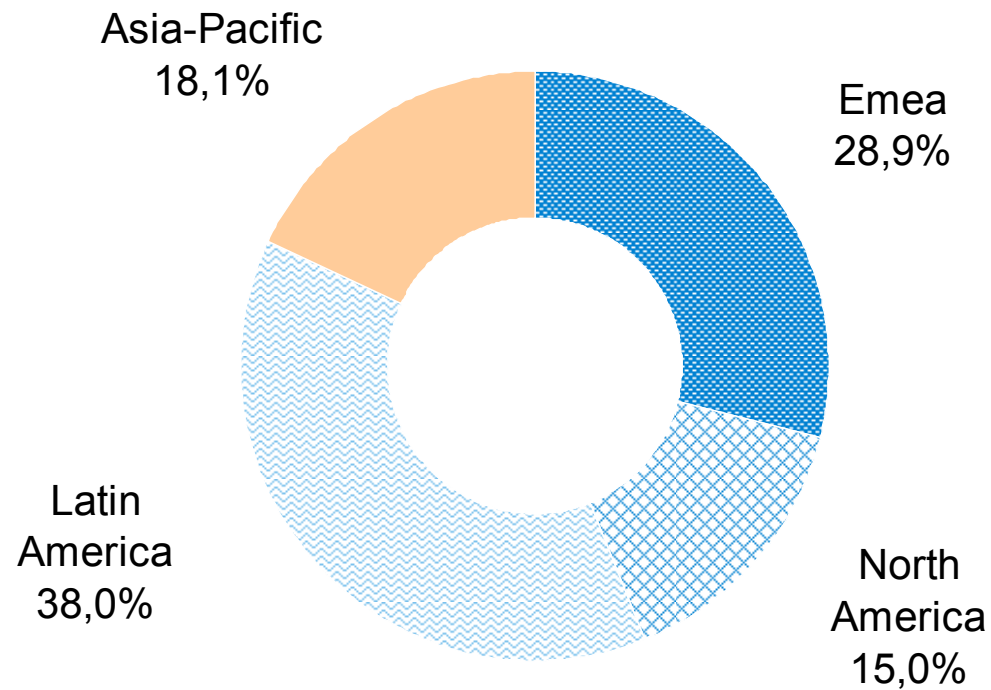
In terms of sales, Bekaert realized an annual average growth rate of about 40% over the period 1997-2008.

Segment data summary



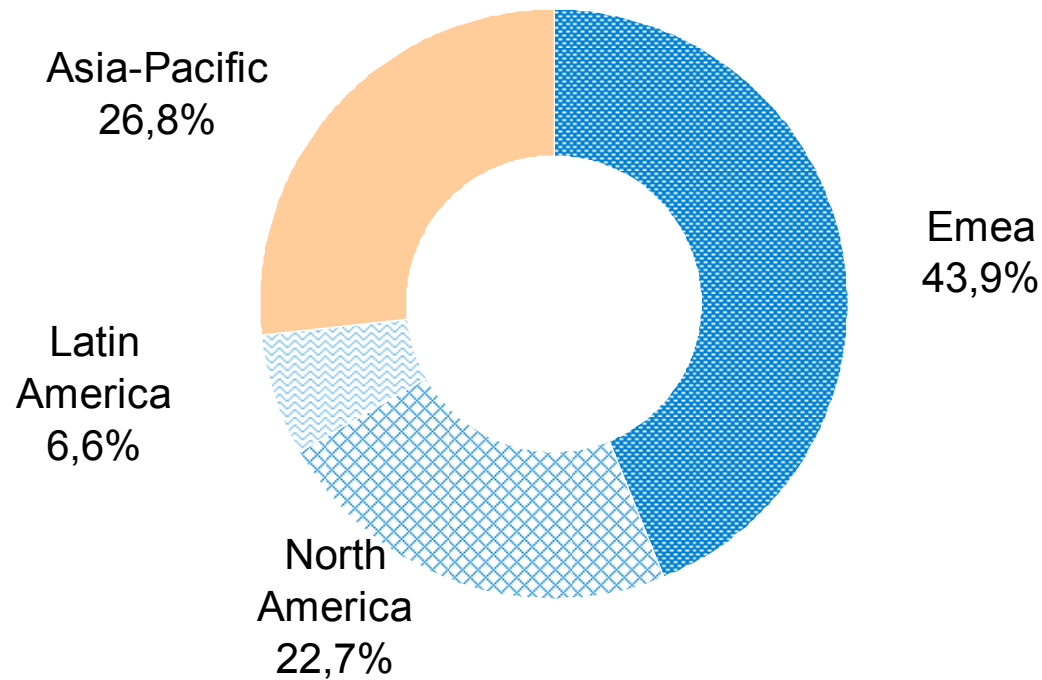
Combined sales 2008 by region

**Combined sales
€ 4.0 billion**



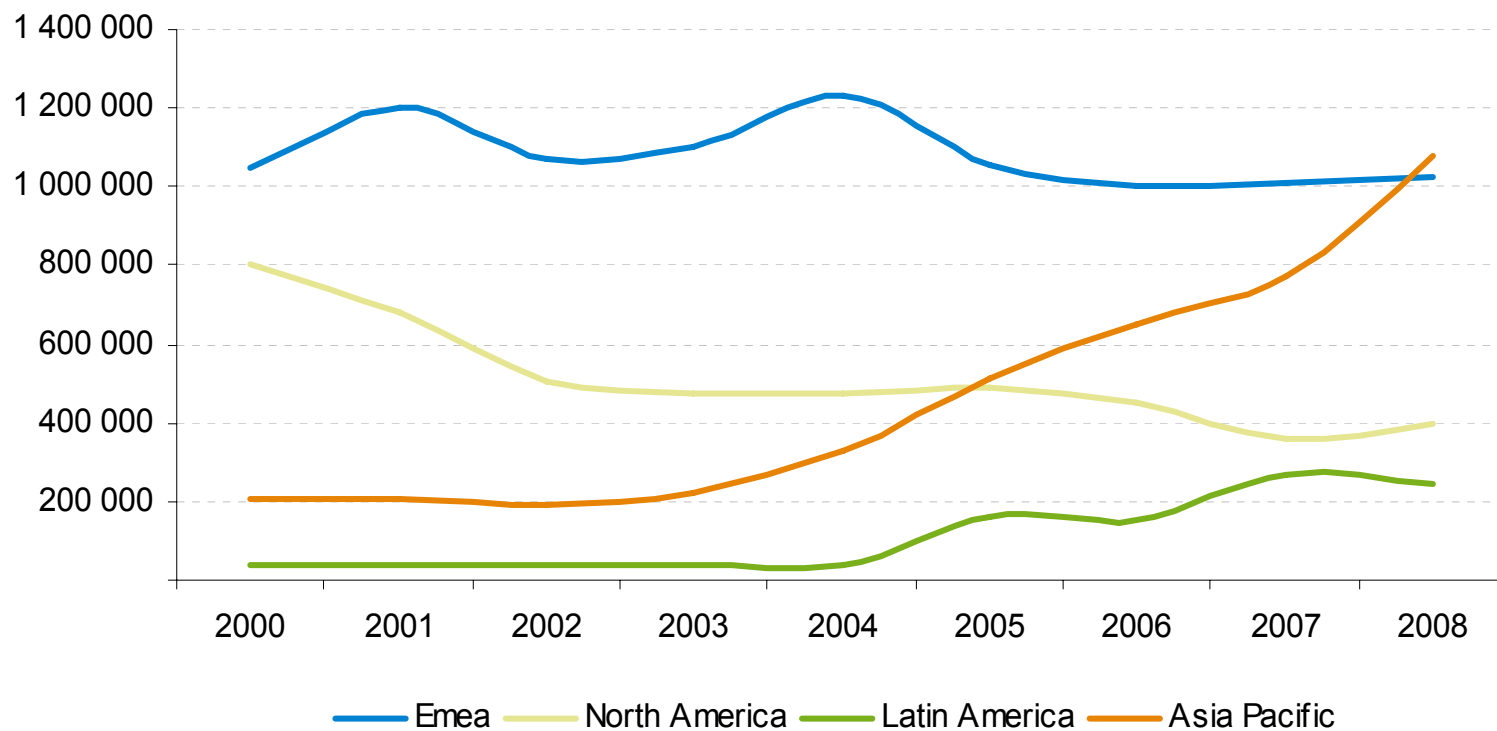
Consolidated sales 2008 by region

**Consolidated sales
€ 2.7 billion**



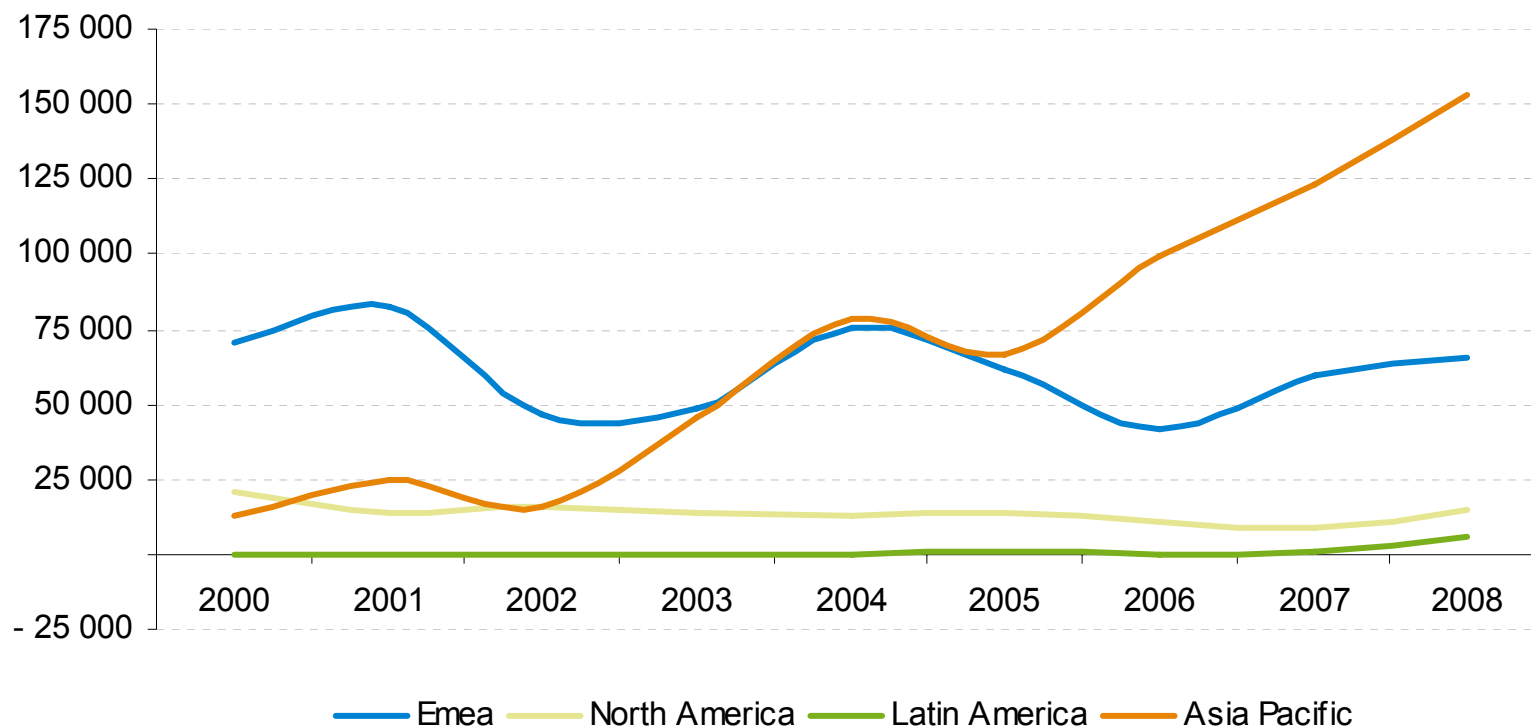
Consolidated assets per region

In thousands of euros



Consolidated capex per region

In thousands of euros



Reporting: quarterly trading update per segment

Sales

Consolidated sales and combined sales per region

Segment regions: EMEA
North America
Latin America
Asia – Pacific

Descriptive business update per region and outlook per region

Combined sales Q1 2008 are slightly different compared to reported

	2008 reported	2008 restated
EMEA	277	288
North America	133	134
Latin America	340	348
Asia – Pacific	144	133
Other regions	9	0
Total	903	903

Reporting: first semester results per segment

Sales per region(*)
Operating result before non-recurring items Non-recurring items per region
Operating result (EBIT) per region
Ebit margin on sales
Depreciation and amortization Impairment losses
Operating cash flow (EBITDA) per region
EBITDA margin on sales
Regional assets and regional liabilities (**) Capital employed and average capital employed and ROCE Capital expenditures PP&E and intangible assets (*) Share in the results of joint ventures and associates Number of employees (*)

(*) Consolidated and combined

(**) Only at year end

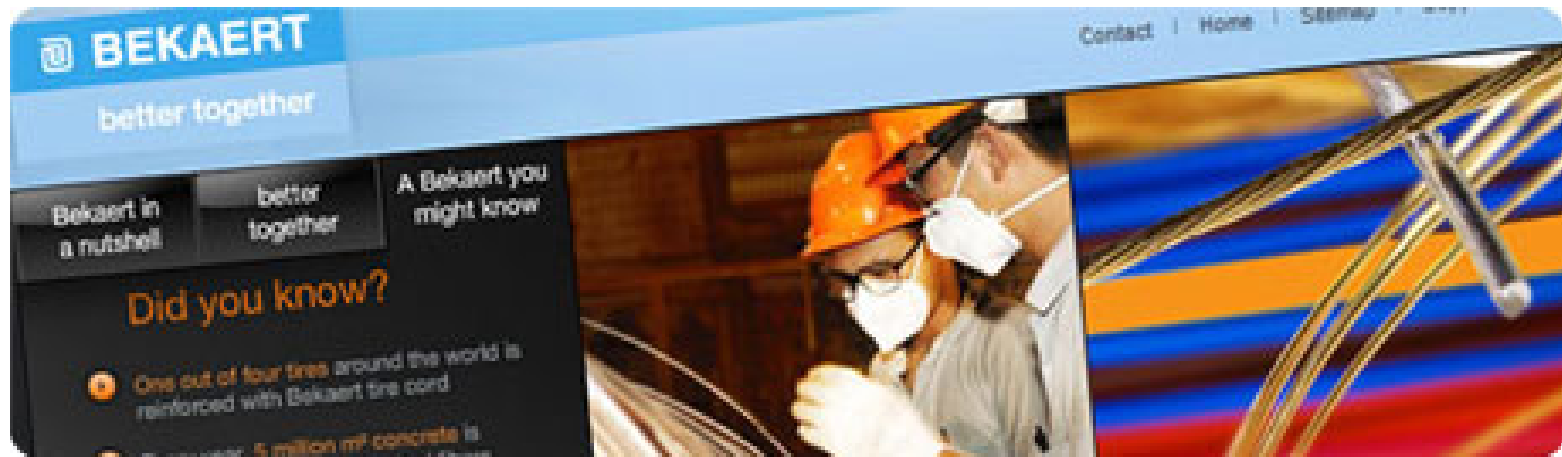
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