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## Strong Operational Results and Solid Balance Sheet



Output Sales growth<sup>1</sup>: +4.6% at €1,448m

Stationery <sup>1</sup>	+2.6%
Lighters <sup>2</sup>	+5.6%
Shavers <sup>2</sup>	+6.2%

- IFO margin at 17.5%, exceeding 15% for the 13<sup>th</sup> consecutive year
- Secord Net Income: €170m, up 9.3% on a comparative basis
- Strong Balance Sheet → net cash position: €167m

<sup>1</sup> On a comparative basis. Comparative basis means at constant currencies and at constant perimeter. For the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter and the full year 2006, comparative basis excludes the additional sales of the recently acquired Pimaco Company (consolidated from October 1, 2006). There was no change in perimeter in the lighter and shaver categories. Constant currency figures are calculated by translating the current year figures at prior year monthly average exchange rates. <sup>2</sup> At constant currencies





International workforce

BIC<sup>®</sup> brand

Innovation

Distribution

Productivity



Well-known throughout the world for **quality and reliability** and affordable prices for consumers

22% of Net Sales achieved with new products, 2% invested in R&D



Large presence in various channels



24 factories at the end of 2006, with efficient manufacturing organization

#### Consistency of Successful Strategy

brand



- Support core products
- Meet the consumers' needs and desires through innovative products
- Improve our quality and manufacturing efficiency
- Leverage the **BiC**<sup>®</sup>



- Expand our geographic presence
- Capitalize on external opportunities and alliances

**Deliver profitable growth, faster than the market** 



#### **Consistency of Successful Strategy** 2006 main initiatives



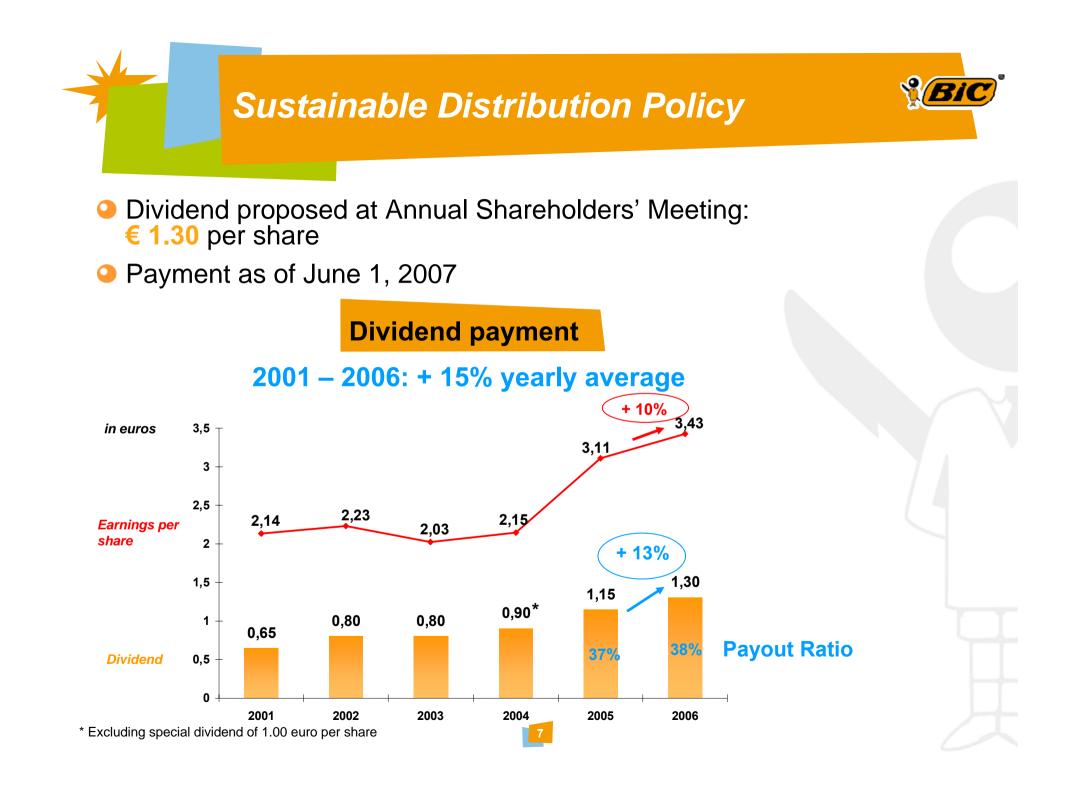
Meet the consumers' needs and desires





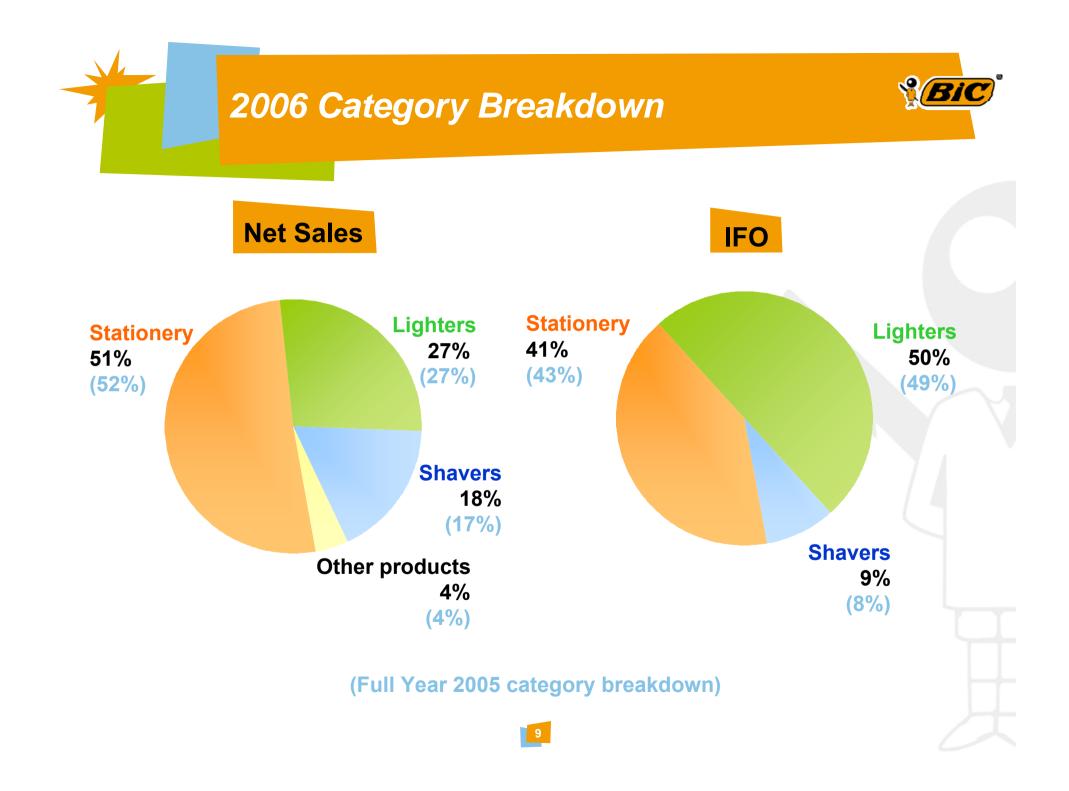


- Board of Directors activity in 2006
  - 5 meetings, an average attendance rate of 82% (92% considering the participation via phone)
- 2 Specialized Committees
  - Audit Committee
    - 2 meetings in 2006
    - Main Tasks: Law of Financial Security, internal control and other financial reporting matters
  - Compensation Committee
    - 3 meetings in 2006
    - Main Tasks: details and level of remuneration for Chairman, CEO and Managing Directors, remuneration of BIC management team and long-term remuneration policy of executives, stock-options, free share attribution



## Presentation of Categories









#### Stationery: Vision and Strategy



Our vision: Keep best-in-class quality as a founding principle of our strategy. Continue to develop our leading position in value for money.

#### Our strategy:

Strengthen our leadership in our historical segments

Enter new market segments

➡ Improve our margins

#### Innovate

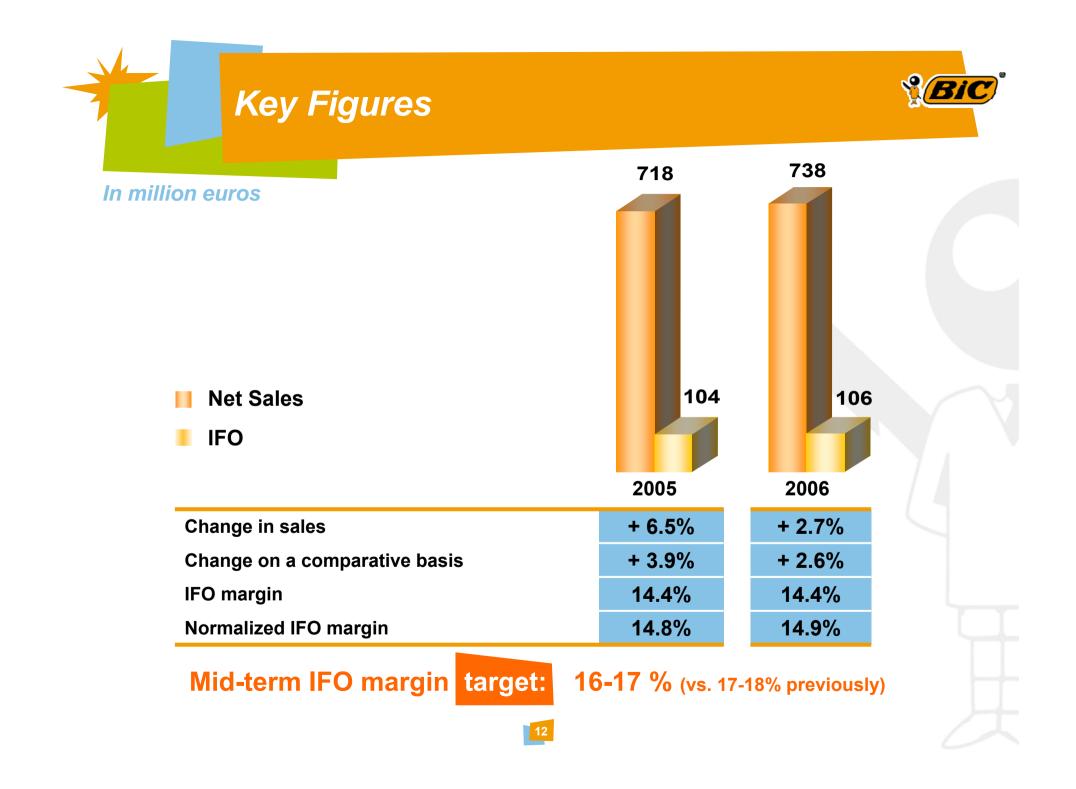
**Improve** our existing products

Offer consumers products that meet their **needs** and their **desires**, leading to value-added products Leverage our **brand name** 

Develop the **research** for new technologies and new designs

Study acquisition opportunities to **expand** either our **portfolio or our geographic presence** 

Control costs Sell more value-added products





Challenge of competitive category pressures combined with private label growth

**brand** 

- BIC answers:
  - Consistency of <u>quality</u>



- Innovation
- Excellent customer <u>service</u>
- BIC continued to gain market share in a flat to slightly declining market







Acquisition of Pimaco Company, Brazil's leading manufacturer and distributor of adhesive labels for office, school and home use

- 3 divisions:
  - Pimaco: Self adhesive labels and special digital photo papers
  - Gumtac: Paper adhesive raw materials for industrial customers
  - Rotus (now BIC Label Technologies): Adhesive labels for consumer products packaging
- Sales of approximately 20 million euros with an IFO margin consistent with BIC's stationery margin
- Synergies in terms of marketing and distribution
- New branding strategy effective April 2007
- Introduction of the Pimaco product line in most Latin America countries



### Leverage our brand Consumer support programs

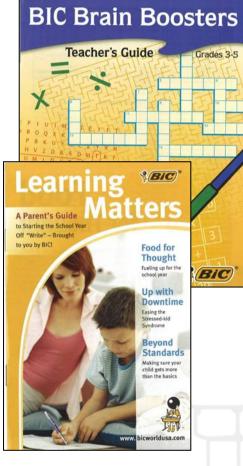




New merchandising organization Europe



France Elementary School Teacher program



USA Student/Parent/ Teacher program



Partnership with Nestlé during Brazil BTS

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#### Leverage our brand Consumer support programs









"Les Perles du Bac" viral marketing campaign to the "Baccalauréat": 4 awards won



**Europe** 



Print ad



## Internet campaigns for the back-to-school



**USA** 

TV ads in Mexico and Brazil





**Latin America** 



#### New innovative value-added products

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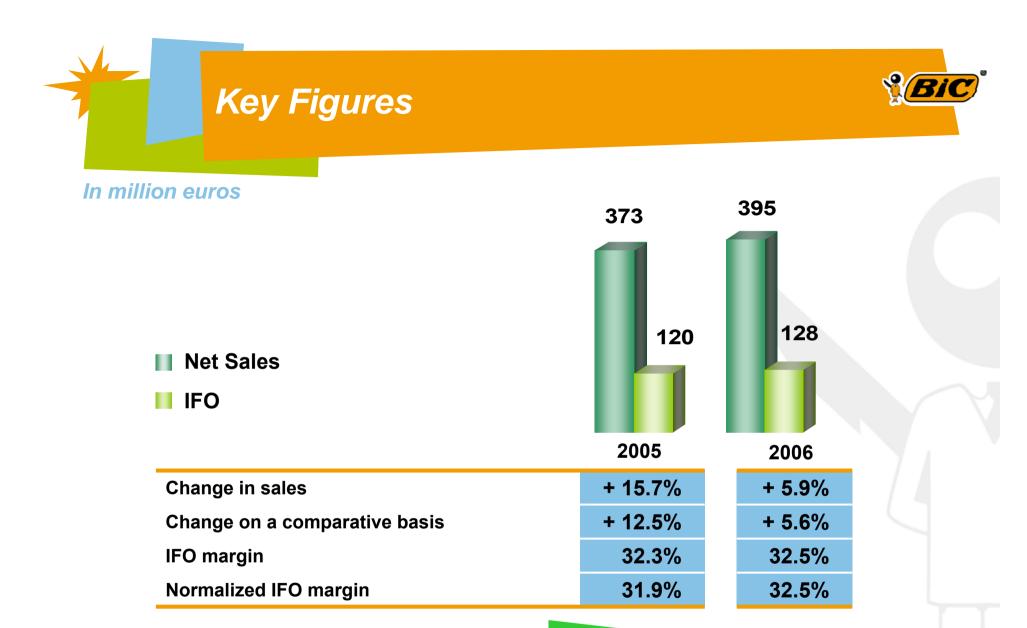
#### Lighters: Vision and Strategy



 Our vision: strengthen our position as the only branded lighter with worldwide strengths

#### Our strategy:

<sup>t</sup> To be present everywhere	Leverage <b>communications</b> on the product quality and reinforce the brand <b>visibility</b> (3-color logo on every lighter)
Accelerate development of value-added lighters	<b>Pocket lighters</b> : rejuvenate colors, sleeve themes, and cases
	Multipurpose lighters: strengthen our presence in the trade
Fight against the Asian imports Enhance communications about quality an of the BIC <sup>®</sup> lighter Reinforce anti-counterfeiting actions	Enhance communications about <b>quality</b> and <b>safety</b> of the <b>BIC<sup>®</sup></b> lighter
	Reinforce anti-counterfeiting actions
	Work with governments to make safety rules enforced



**Minimum mid-term IFO margin target: 26-27%** 





- Strong performance in North America and Latin America
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- Record IFO margin: 32.5% of Net Sales

# Lighter new legislation in Europe





#### ISO 9994 compliance now mandatory

All BIC<sup>®</sup> lighters meet or exceed ISO 9994 safety specifications



- "Child-Resistant"- It will be forbidden to import or produce non "Child-Resistant" lighters intended for sale as of March 11, 2007 and to sell non "Child-Resistant" lighters to consumers as of March 11, 2008
- BIC is prepared to place "Child-Resistant" lighters in the marketplace
- BIC reminds consumers that a "Child-Resistant" lighter is not a child-proof lighter as nothing can replace proper adult supervision



Ban of novelty lighters - Within the same deadlines as "Child-Resistant" requirements

BIC neither manufactures nor sells novelty lighters

#### BIC's communication on new legislation in Europe



#### Since a straight with a str

- February 2006: first newsletter on the quality and the safety of BIC<sup>®</sup> lighters sent to the Trade
- December 2006: second newsletter and press release on new legislation
- July 2007: third newsletter dedicated to "Child Resistant"

#### New Legislation leaflet

60,000 leaflets available for customers

















Our vision: offer our consumers quality products at reasonable prices in all segments of the Shaver Category

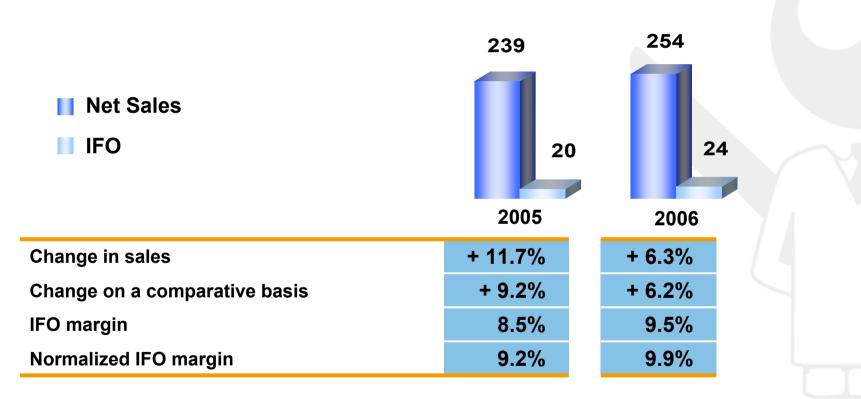
#### "BIC<sup>®</sup> ... A quality shave at a reasonable price!"

#### Our strategy:

- Position our products to offer a better value than the high-priced competitors
- Develop and invest in new products that meet consumers' rising expectations
- Socus on the growing triple-blade segment for both Women and Men
- Sain market share in the large women's system segment



#### In million euros



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Mid-term IFO margin target: 11-13%





Sales growth still driven by North America

- Increasing success of our triple-blade one-piece shavers: 35% of the BIC category sales versus 28% in 2005
  - Now #1 in volume both in the US and in Europe, ahead of Gillette
  - #2 / #3 in value within close distance from our 2 main competitors







LES AUTRES VIDEOS

TELÉCHARGE OU BLOGUE CETTE VIDEO!

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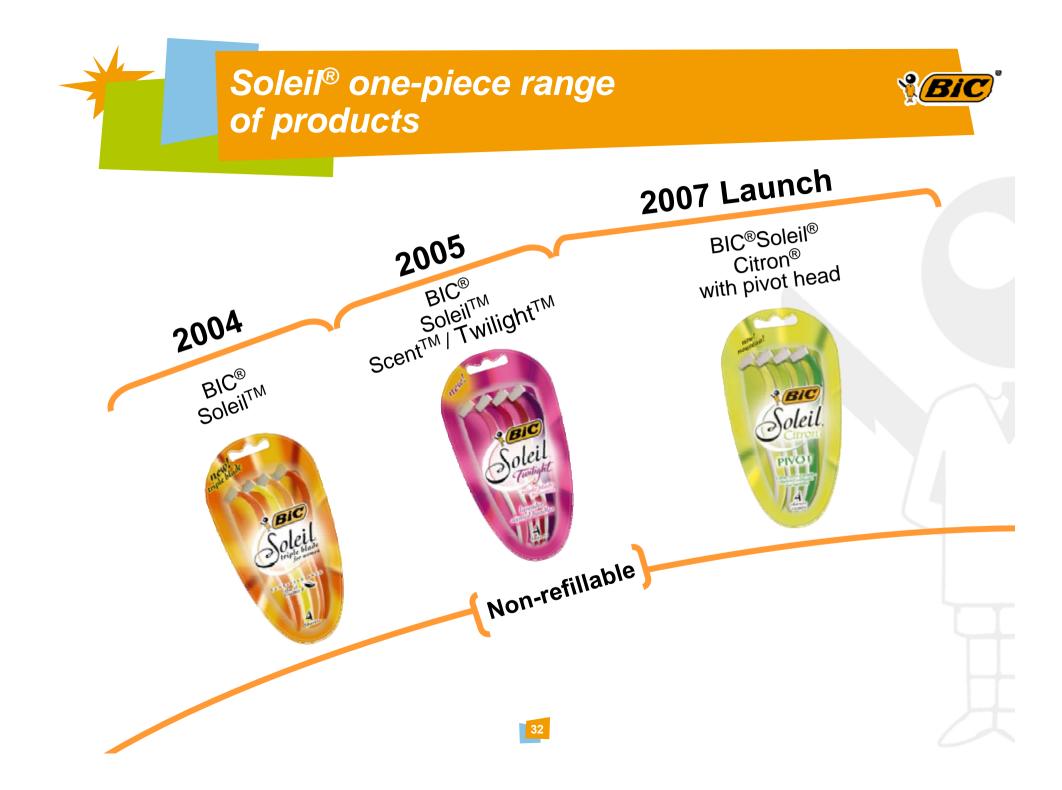
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#### Launch in Europe end 2006/begining 2007







### Launch in the US and in the UK in March 2007



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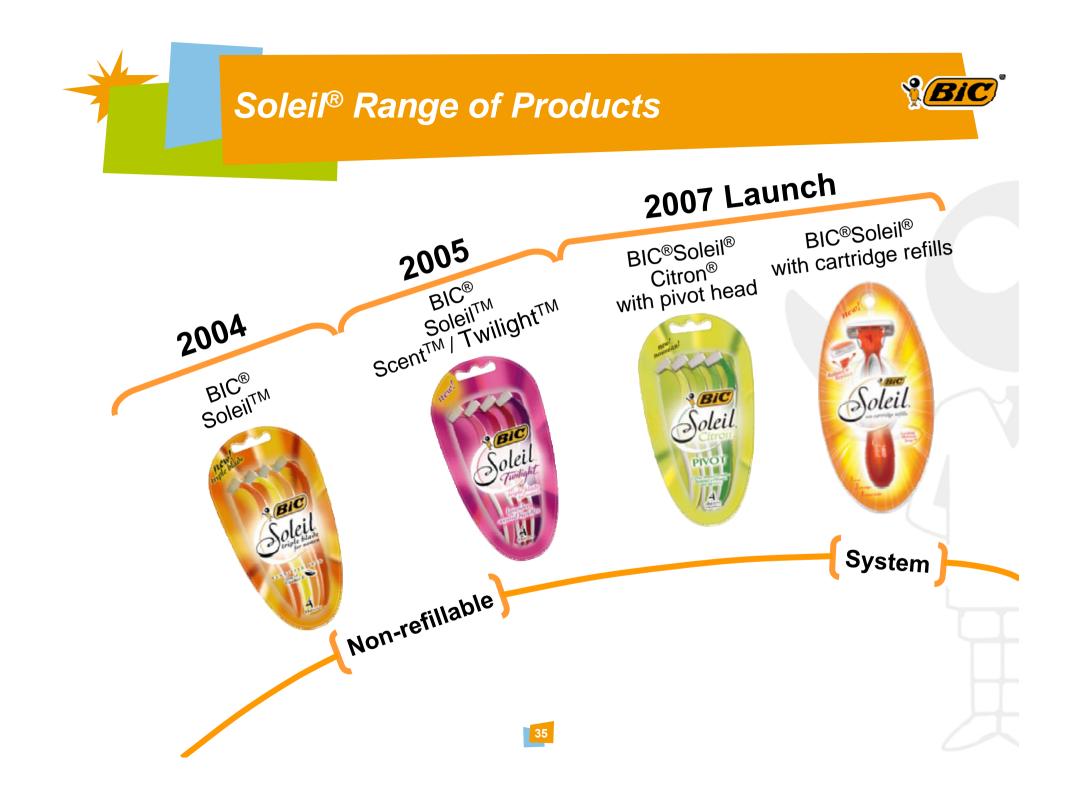




















<b>BIC Group</b> In million euros	2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	2006	Change	Change on a comparative basis <sup>(2)</sup>
Net Sales	1,380.8	1,448.1	+ 4.9%	+ 4.6%
Income from Operations	238.2	253.9	+ 6.6%	+ 6.8%
Normalized IFO <sup>(3)</sup>	240.9	258.7	+ 7.4%	+ 7.6%
Group net income	156.4	170.2	+ 8.8%	+ 9.3%
EPS	3.11	3.43	+ 10.3%	+ 10.8%
Dividend	1.15	1.30	+ 13.0%	
Pay out ratio	37%	38%		
Number of shares <sup>(4)</sup>	50,330,582	49,661,931		

<sup>(1)</sup> Restated of the impact of the retroactive application of SoRIE IAS 19 amendment. The cancellation of the amortization of actuarial gain/loss had a negative impact of 0.1 million euros on 2005 IFO.

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<sup>(3)</sup> Normalized means excluding USA restructuring and real estate gains
 <sup>(4)</sup> Weighted average number of shares net of treasury shares

#### **Condensed Balance Sheet**

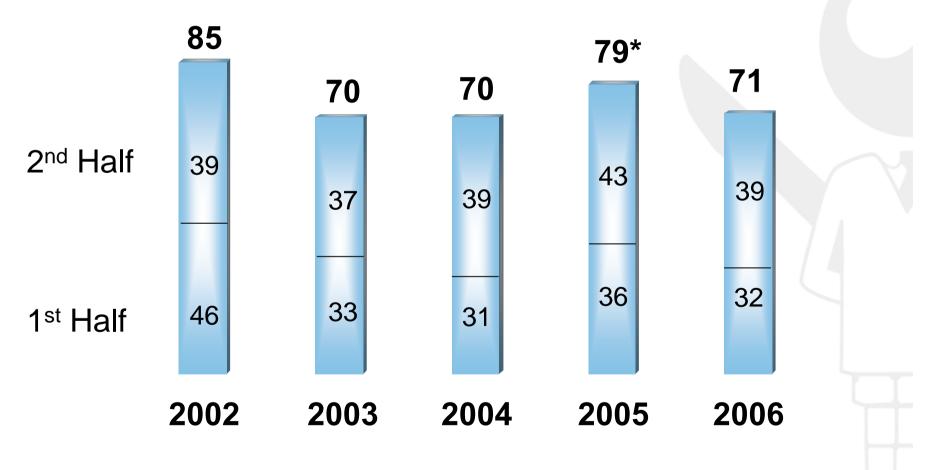


BIC Group In million euros	2005 <sup>(1)</sup>	2006	Change	
Non-current assets	746	731	(15)	
Current assets	710	715	5	
Cash & cash equivalents	112	177	65	
Total Assets	1,568	1,623	55	
Shareholder's equity	1,052	1,111	59	
Minority interests	1	1	0	
Non-current liabilities	199	219	20	
Current liabilities	316	292	(24)	
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	1,568	1,623	55	

(1) Restated of the impact of the retroactive application of SoRIE IAS 19 amendment. The impact on December 31, 2005 Shareholders' equity was -14.9 million euros.



In million euros



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# Sustainable Development



### BIC's Sustainable Development program



#### Our 8 priorities:

- 1. Minimize product impact on the environment
- 2. Safe and clean factories
- 3. Respect of the International Labor Organization (ILO) standards
- 4. Light and practical packaging
- 5. Commitment to ethics, a day-to-day reality
- 6. Development and training of our employees
- 7. Our spirit of solidarity
- 8. Trust-based relationship with our customers and consumers

#### **Our Achievements in 2007**



Our products, our main responsibility

- Measurement of environmental performance of our main new products
- Presentation of our program to our customers and industry organizations with a special brochure





- Implementation of management systems in BIC's factories
- Measurement of greenhouse gas emissions, which are responsible for global warming
- Employee awareness and training on BIC's Sustainable Development program



## The BIC South-Africa program to fight against HIV and AIDS

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#### Ist Quarter 2007 Net Sales: €330.4m

- +1.4% on a comparative basis
- +3.0% at constant currencies

Change in sales	As reported	At constant currencies	On a comparative basis	
Stationery	- 8.3%	- 2.4%	- 4.6%	
Lighters	- 6.4%	+ 0.4%	N/A	
Shavers	+ 9.2%	+ 15.7%	N/A	

**BiC** 





- Soft performance in Stationery explained by timing effects
- Relative good performance in Europe in Lighters as we continue to monitor child-resistant regulation in Europe
- Success with the trade of our system shaver for women, BIC<sup>®</sup> Soleil<sup>®</sup> and good performance of our total wet shave business

### We are confident 2007 full year objectives will be achieved











2007: an important transition year that will strategically position the Group to achieve significant gains for the future

- FY07 sales: focus on sales growth, expecting to deliver a total sales growth of 4 to 5% on a comparative basis.
- FY07 normalized IFO: growth at a slower rate than sales growth as a result of our investment in new products and increased brand building
- 2007 highlights by category
  - Stationery: continued competitive category pressure remains an issue
  - Lighters: transition to the "child-resistant" lighter in Europe
  - Shavers: launch of the Soleil<sup>®</sup> System shaver and continued good performance of our total wet shave business

# Summary of Resolutions





Approval of the renewal of an agreement involving directors of the Company authorized in 2006

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- Reappointment as Directors of the Board for a 3 year term:
  - Mr. Bruno BICH
  - Mr. Mario GUEVARA
  - Mr. Gilles PELISSON
- Appointment of new auditors
  - Grant Thornton (statutory)
  - Institut de Gestion et d'Expertise Comptable (substitute)



- Authorization by May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2005 and May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2006 Shareholders' Meetings to operate on BIC shares in 2006 resulted in the following:
  - Number of shares bought back: 1,009,629
  - Number of shares cancelled: 1,009,629
- Renewal of authorization given to the Board of Directors to operate on BIC shares
  - Maximum amount of shares: 10% of authorized capital for a maximum amount of € 370m
  - Maximum purchase price: €75 per share
  - Duration of authorization: 18 months





Renewal of authorization given to the Board of Directors to reduce share capital by canceling shares

- Authorization given to the Board of Directors to proceed to the free allotment of shares
  - Maximum amount of shares: 2% of share capital
  - Minimal acquisition period: 2 years from the allotment of the shares
  - Minimal holding period: 2 years as from the definitive allotment of the shares
  - However, if the minimal acquisition period is 4 years, the minimal holding period can be less than 2 years.



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