# **Fixed Income Presentation Q3 2021** Daimler AG

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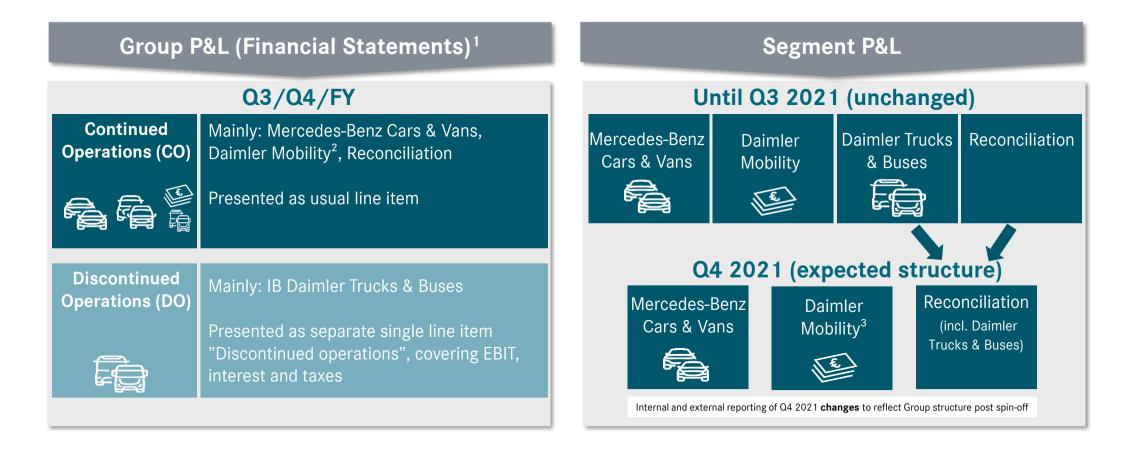


### Daimler: Key messages

- Business development Q3: strongly influenced by supply constraints due to semiconductor shortage; resilience of business further improved
- Favorable development of Net Industrial Liquidity & Free Cash Flow supporting financial flexibility
- Strategy execution: ramp-up of EV portfolio in all divisions
- Project Focus: 99.90% of shareholders in favour of Daimler Truck spin-off and renaming of Daimler AG. First stock-exchange listing of Daimler Truck Holding AG planned by end of 2021



## Q3/Q4 Reporting Changes



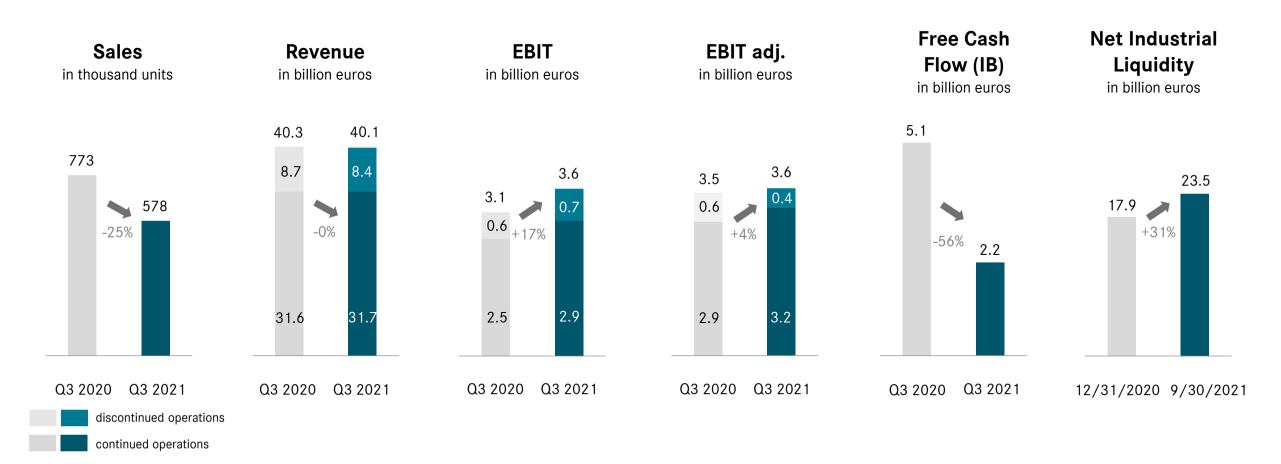
<sup>1</sup> In Consolidated Balance Sheet mainly IB Daimler Trucks and Buses business including DMO spin off is shown as assets/ liabilities held for distribution/ sale

<sup>2</sup> DMO incl. Trucks DMO

<sup>3</sup> Scope changes over time, Trucks DMO Portfolio successively carved out or ramped down

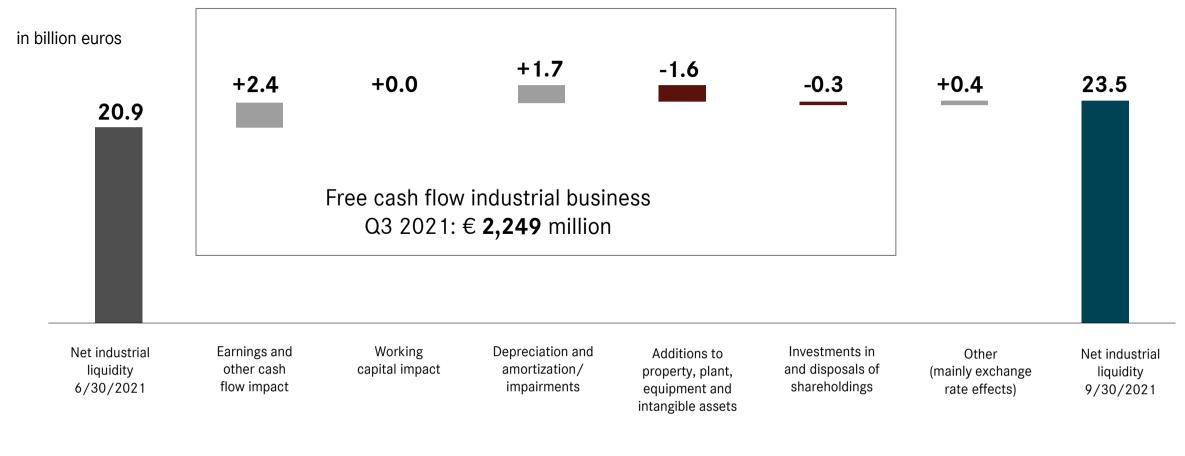
Disclaimer: This page is for illustration purposes only. It shows schematically the upcoming structural changes within Daimler's financial statements. More detailed information is provided in the interim report

# Daimler key figures: Despite significantly lower volumes, revenue was at about last year's third quarter



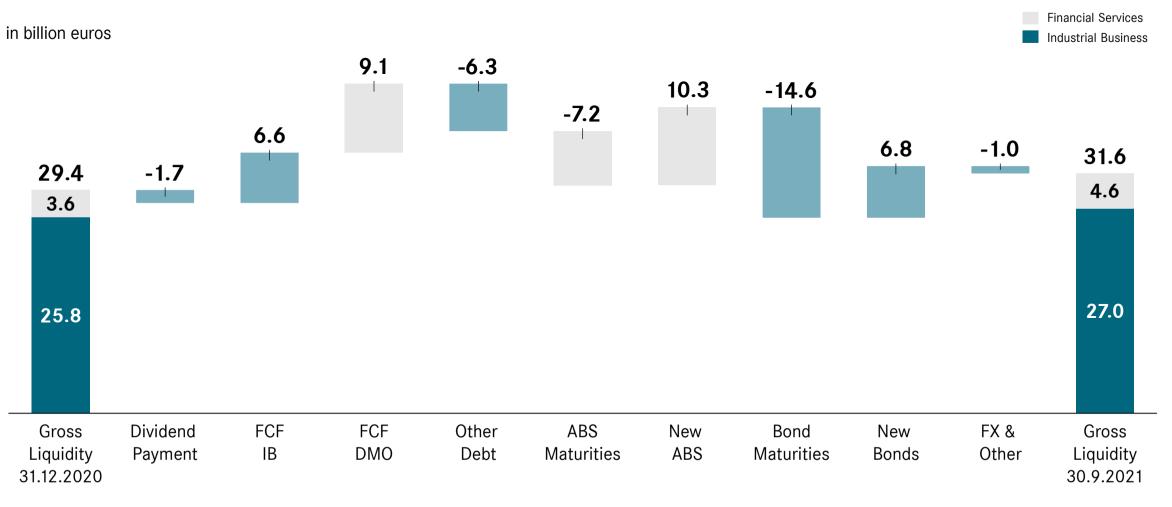
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# Daimler Net Industrial Liquidity\*: Healthy Net Cash position leaves us with a significant financial flexibility



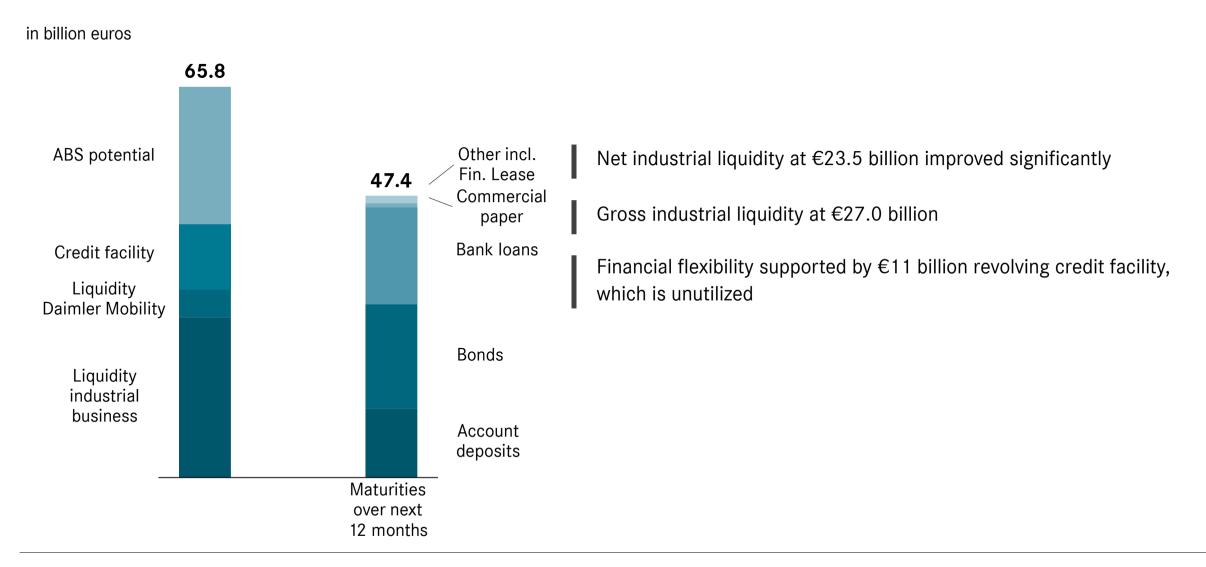
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### Daimler YTD Q2 2021 development of gross industrial liquidity



Note: Figures may not be additive due to rounding.

### Daimler Q3 2021 financial flexibility over a 12-month period



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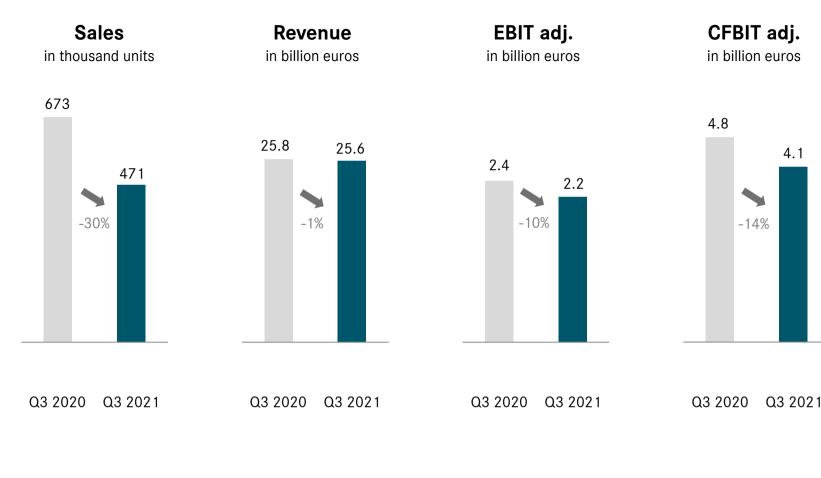


#### Mercedes-Benz Cars: Highlights

- Strong demand for Mercedes-Benz products in all markets. Especially electric and high-end vehicles with high growth rates
- Sales significantly restricted by ongoing semiconductor shortage
- Favorable mix and net pricing offset semi-driven supply constraints and raw material headwinds
- Acquisition of 33%-equity stake in battery cell JV ACC
- Transfer of compact and mid-size transmissions activities to Magna
- EV ramp-up: Introduction of 4 new EV products and concepts at IAA underlines focus on luxury and tech
- Successful Digital World Premiere of new Citan and eCitan. Start of sales Sprinter 4x4 and new battery variant for eVito Tourer



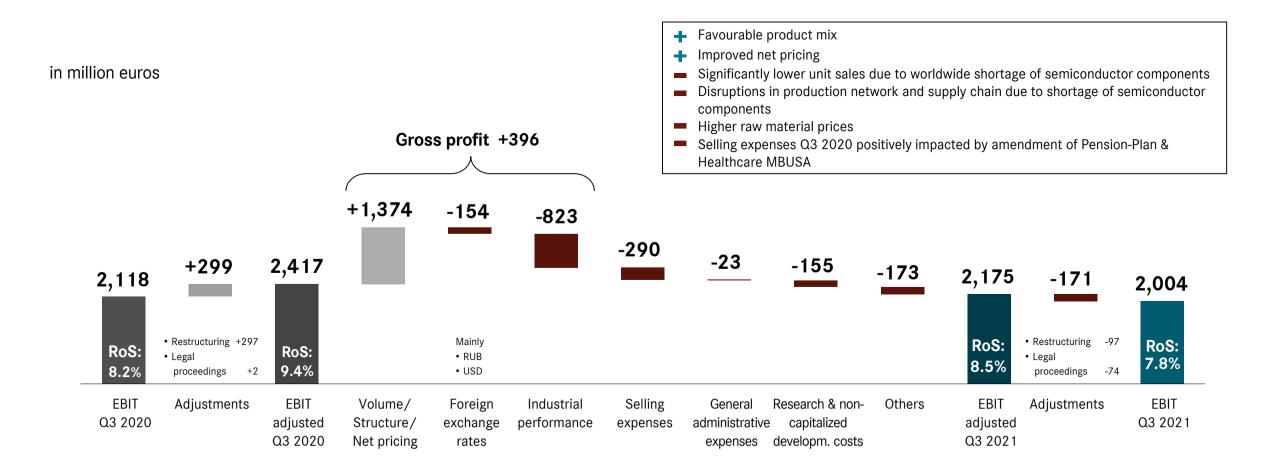
# Mercedes-Benz Cars & Vans financials: Revenues remained at about last year's level





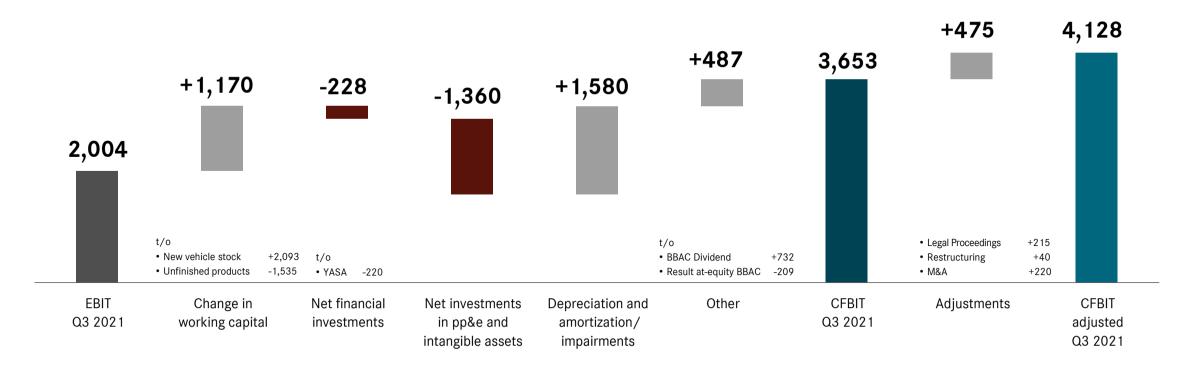
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# Mercedes-Benz Cars & Vans EBIT FY & RoS: Exceptionally favorable structure effects and improved net pricing



# Mercedes-Benz Cars & Vans Reconciliation from EBIT to CFBIT: Driven by low vehicle inventories and a BBAC dividend

in million euros

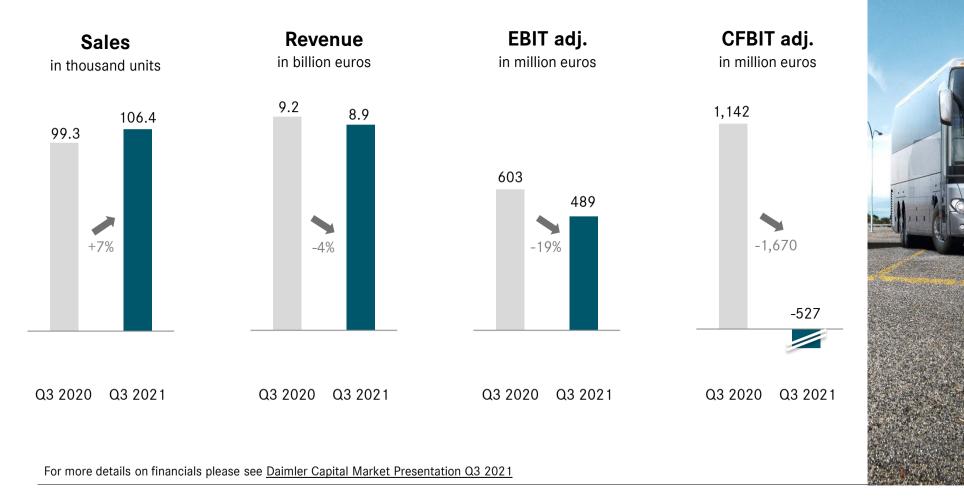


### Daimler Trucks & Buses: Highlights

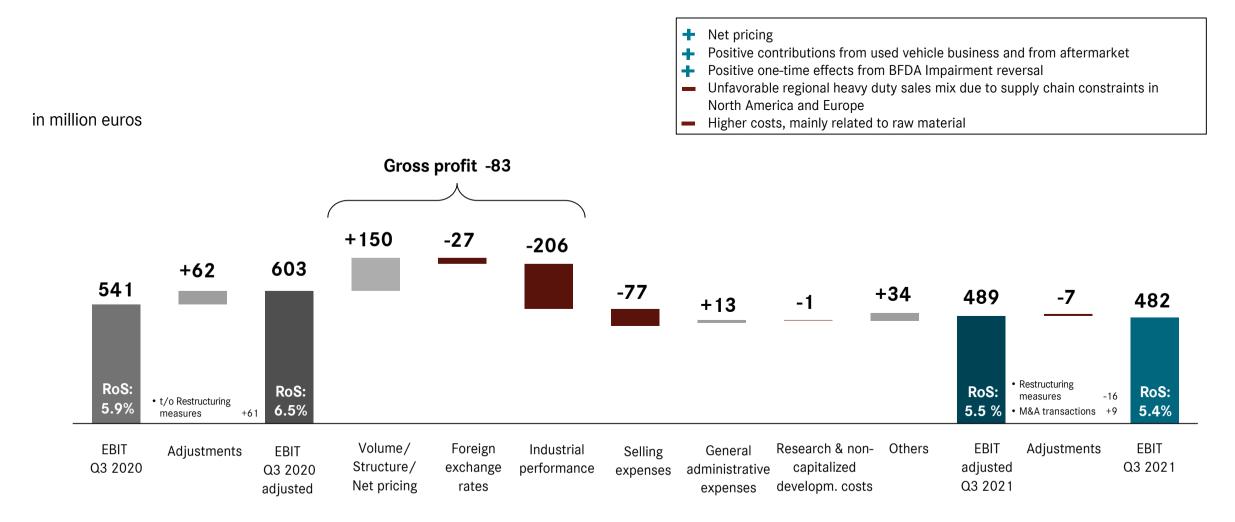
- Q3 sales significantly impacted by semi-conductor shortages with shortfall mostly felt in heavy duty markets North America and Europe; significant amount of trucks awaiting completion
- Order Book for 2022 opened for North America with record incoming orders during the first days reflecting strong continued demand
- Headwinds from raw material, partly offset by increased net pricing
- World Premiere of DTNAs newest addition to its purpose built vocational line-up, the all-new Western Star 47X
- ► Launch of the all new Mercedes-Benz Tourrider coach for North America
- Start of series production of battery-electric eActros



Daimler Trucks & Buses Financials: Strong sales and unfavorable regional and product mix

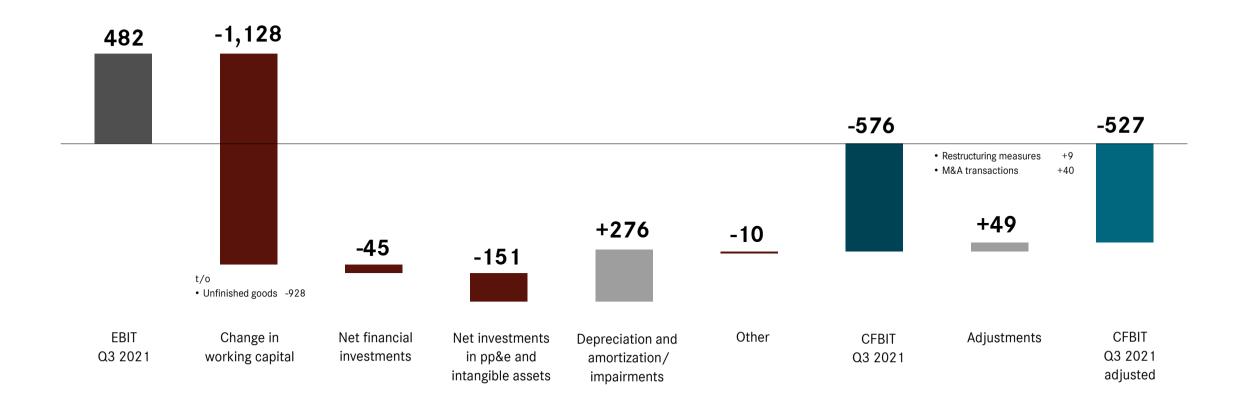


# Daimler Trucks & Buses EBIT & RoS: Industrial performance burdened mainly by higher raw material prices



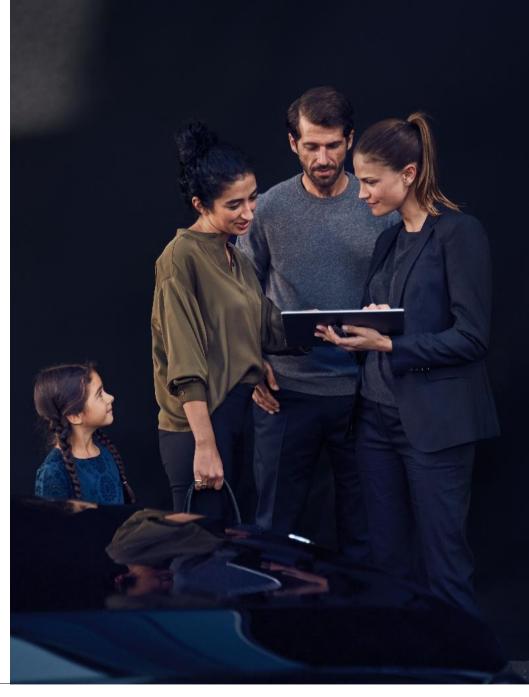
Daimler Trucks & Buses reconciliation from EBIT to CFBIT: semiconductor shortages caused a temporary extraordinary increase of unfinished goods

in million euros

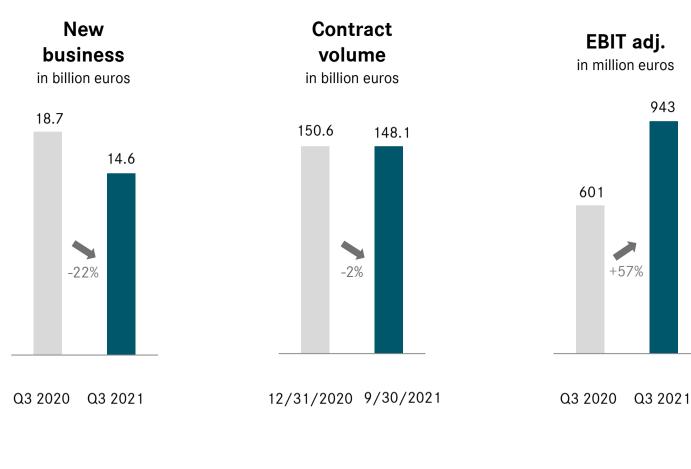


#### Daimler Mobility: Highlights

- Reduced portfolio due to semi-conductor shortage and lower dealer stock
- Support for EV-sales at level comparable to ICEs
- Interest result benefitting from lower refinancing cost
- ► No new credit risk provisions required in Q3 due to high portfolio quality
- Improved operative business performance at mobility services and fleet management



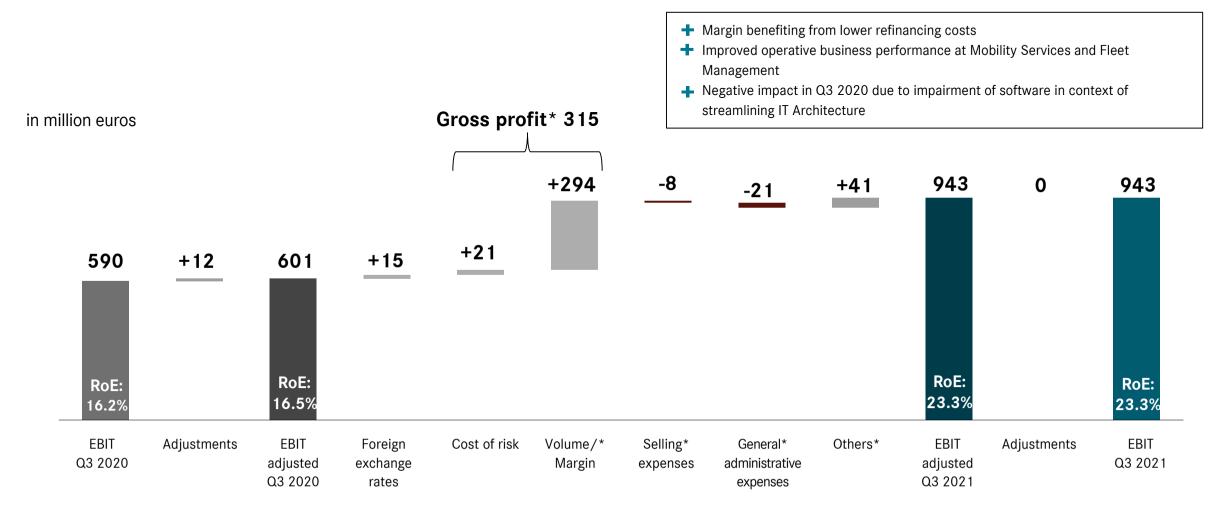
Daimler Mobility Financials: EBIT adj. benefitting especially from favorable refinancing costs







# Daimler Mobility EBIT & RoE: Main driver were lower refinancing costs which improved the interest margin



\* excluding FX effects

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#### Market Guidance 2021

#### Assumption

The economic conditions for worldwide demand are likely to remain favourable during the rest of the year. One must assume, however, that strained supply chains and bottlenecks for key components will continue to have a considerable impact on worldwide vehicle production in the fourth quarter. Furthermore, we assume in Q4 an improved semiconductor supply situation vs. Q3, despite the still limited visibility and high volatility.

	Global	slight increase
Car Markets	Europe	at prior-year level
	USA	slight increase
	China	at prior-year level
	EU30	significant increase
Van Markets	USA	at prior-year level
	North America	significant increase
Heavy-Duty Truck	EU30	significant increase
Markets	Japan	at prior-year level
	Brazil	significant increase



#### **Divisional Guidance 2021**

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	Cars	slightly below	
Unit Sales	Vans	at prior-year level	
-	Trucks & Buses <sup>1</sup>	significantly above	
	Mercedes-Benz Cars & Vans	10 to 12%	
Return on Sales (adjusted*)	Daimler Trucks & Buses <sup>1</sup>	6 to 8%	
	Daimler Mobility (RoE)	20 to 22%	
Cash Conversion	Cars & Vans	0.8 to 1.0x	
Rate** (adjusted)	Trucks & Buses <sup>1</sup>	0.8 to 1.0x	

<sup>1</sup> Shown as Reference only, includes Daimler Trucks & Buses activities for 12 months (assumed without any effect of the Spin-off) and is in line with previous Segment structure.

- \* The adjustments include material adjustments if they lead to significant effects in a reporting period. These material adjustments relate in particular to legal proceedings and related measures, restructuring measures and M&A transactions (e.g. Spin-off).
- \*\* Adjusted Cash Flow before Interest and Taxes (CFBIT) divided by adjusted EBIT.



#### Daimler Group Guidance 2021

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	Reference Guidance <sup>1</sup>	Group Guidance <sup>2</sup>
Daimler Group Revenue	significantly above	significantly above
Daimler Group EBIT	significantly above	significantly above
Free Cash Flow (industrial business)	at prior-year level	slightly below
Investment in PP&E	slightly below	significantly below
R&D expenditure	slightly above	slightly above
CO <sub>2</sub> emission (g/km)*	significantly below	significantly below

<sup>1</sup> The Reference Guidance covers Daimler Group incl. Daimler Trucks & Buses for 12 months (assumed without any effect of the Spin-off), is in line with previous Group structure and shown as reference only.

<sup>2</sup> The Group Guidance covers Daimler Group for the full year incl. Daimler Trucks & Buses until expected spin-off in December for all KPIs. After Spin-off the respective 35% equity share is accounted for at-equity. We expect to have considerable positive effects on Group EBIT in the fourth quarter, especially from deconsolidation due to Spin-off, which cannot be reliably determined at present and is therefore not included in the Group Guidance so far.

\* vs. the comparable figures for the previous year calculated according to WLTP (probably between 130 to 140 g/km, based on preliminary figures for fuel consumption in 2020 taking into account the statutory regulations of 2021)

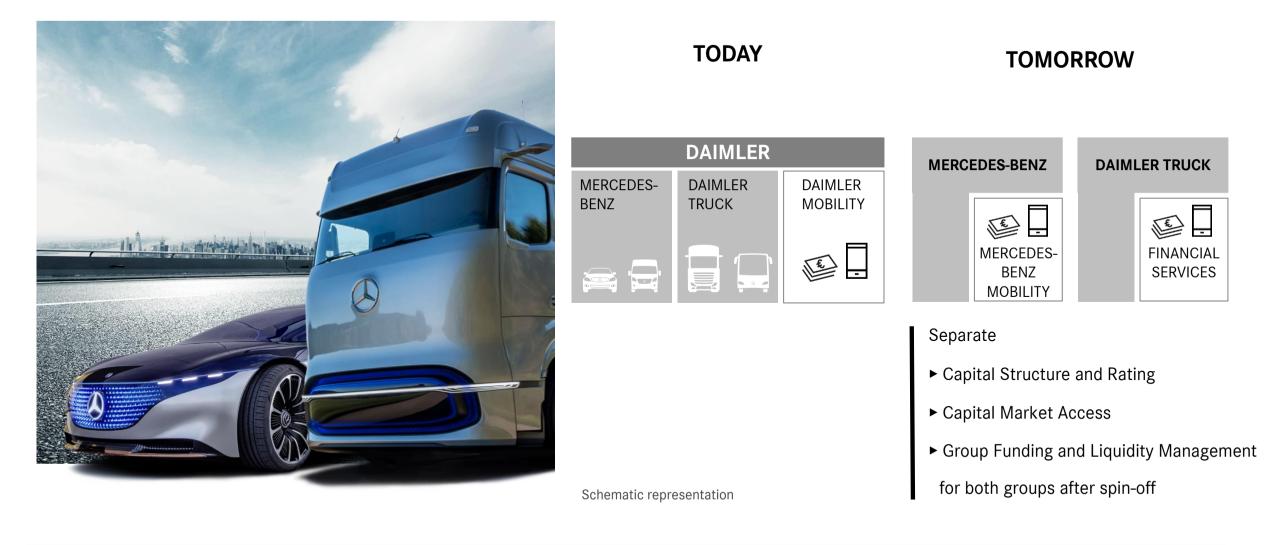


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### Separation of Daimler into two pure-play companies: Driving value creation, greater focus and financial discipline



#### Project Focus: Fixed Income key messages

Strong balance sheet: 23.5 bn Euros net industrial liquidity end of Q3 2021

Solid financial position for both entities at Day 1: net industrial liquidity exceeding pensions deficit

Daimler Truck with own credit ratings and own funding in the capital markets after spinoff

Daimler Truck received solid investment grade ratings from S&P (BBB + with stable outlook ) and Moody's (A3 with a stable outlook)

Target rating category for Mercedes Benz remains single A

Existing bonds issued by Daimler AG or guaranteed by Daimler AG will not be transferred but remain with Daimler AG and its majority controlled subsidiaries \*

Our prudent funding strategy and refinancing principles remain in place

Mercedes-Benz and Daimler Truck will be supported by their own dedicated captive financial and mobility services entities

 $<sup>^{\</sup>ast}$  with the exception of local issuances in Argentina, Brazil and Mexico

#### Project Focus: Mercedes-Benz, the pre-eminent luxury car business

A Merce	cedes-Benz	
Leading automotive luxury brand	Global <b>"pure play"</b> OEM with <b>unique brand</b> recognition "Ambition 2039" amplifying <b>clear commitment to Sustainability</b> as strategic priority Attractive <b>captive financial services</b> business supporting sales	
Win in a transforming environment	Leading player in electric drive, car software (MBUX, MBOS) Automated driving: Dedicated partnership with NVIDIA Leaner and faster to pursue dedicated car strategy More agile to embrace change and partners	
Focus on profitable growth	Focus on <b>luxury experience</b> and key regions Focus on efficiency measures to <b>improve industrial footprint</b> and <b>fixed costs</b> Strong balance sheet, <b>robust liquidity</b>	

### Project Focus: Daimler Truck unlocking the full potential

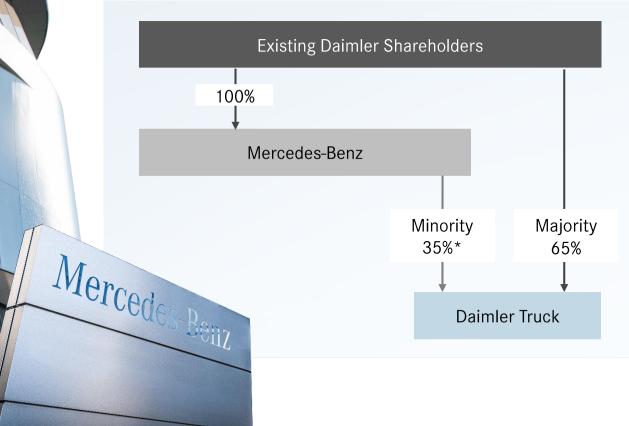
Daimler Truck

Global	Global market presence with <b>market-leading brands</b> in triad markets
#1	Ready to seize opportunities in emerging markets
CV player	Leverage <b>existing global platforms</b> to turn scale into profit

Lead in	Powertrain: technological lead (TCO) and strong partnerships (Fuel Cell)
industry	Automated driving: Dual track strategy with Torc Robotics & Waymo
transformation	Optimize product and service portfolio, streamline industrial footprint

Realize Europe: Execution of the initiated restructuring DTNA: Expansion of the leading market position and profitability profit Benefit from scale and strong partners to amortize tech investment potential

#### Structure of the planned transaction



Separate listing of Daimler Truck

Distribution of Daimler Truck shares held by Daimler to existing Daimler shareholders

Majority in free-float, Daimler ceases control over DT but intends to retain a minority shareholding

No additional investment needed from shareholders, no proceeds for Daimler paimler Truck

Transaction relatively independent of capital market conditions

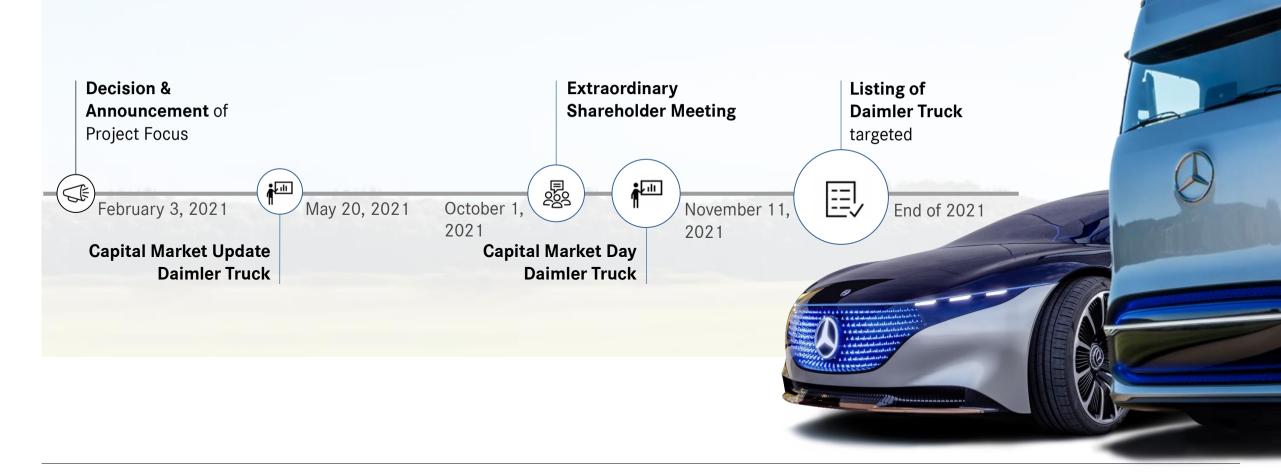
\* Thereof 5% in the pension fund

# Daimler Truck AG majority spin-off: Intended transaction structure and details

Transfer of the **majority of Daimler Truck to Daimler shareholders** 

<b>True independent governance</b> of Daimler Truck		Attractive financial profiles for both companies		Prime listing for Daimler Truck	
Spin-off of Significant Majority Stake	Daimler with <b>minority</b> <b>stake</b> and <b>de-consolidating</b> Daimler Truck	Strong Capital Structures	Both Daimler Truck and Mercedes-Benz with <b>strong</b> <b>net liquidity position</b>	DAX Company	Daimler Truck AG to be <b>listed in Frankfurt</b> Company expected to <b>qualify for the DAX</b>
Independent Governance	Independent chairmanDaimler supervisory board representation in line with intended deconsolidation	Ambitious financial targets	Separation will enable realization of full profit potential	Listing Timing	Listing targeted before year-end 2021

### The listing of Daimler Truck is planned to be complete by year-end 2021



### Daimler Truck: Our mission as an independent company is clear

#### **RESET PROFITABILITY**

- Intense focus on fixing Europe
- Target profit benchmarks in each region
- No excuses: every region must deliver
- Grow services rapidly
- Commitment to strong shareholder returns

#### LEAD THE WAY TO ZERO EMISSIONS

- Seek cost and performance leadership
- Dual-track BEV and FCEV strategy
- Refocusing of R&D activities
- ► Kick-start infrastructure
- Sundown ICE with partners

#### IN PURSUIT OF PROFIT AND TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP



### Reset profitability at Daimler Truck: Willing to take the hard decisions to create value for shareholders



#### **OUR STRATEGIC FINANCIAL GOALS**

TARGET REGIONAL PROFIT BENCHMARKS	FOCUS ON HIGHEST RETURN SEGMENTS	LOWER BREAKEVEN TO MANAGE CYCLICALITY
SYSTEMATIC LOWERING OF FIXED AND VARIABLE COST	GROW SERVICES AND RECURRING REVENUES	NO EXCUSES: EVERY REGION MUST DELIVER

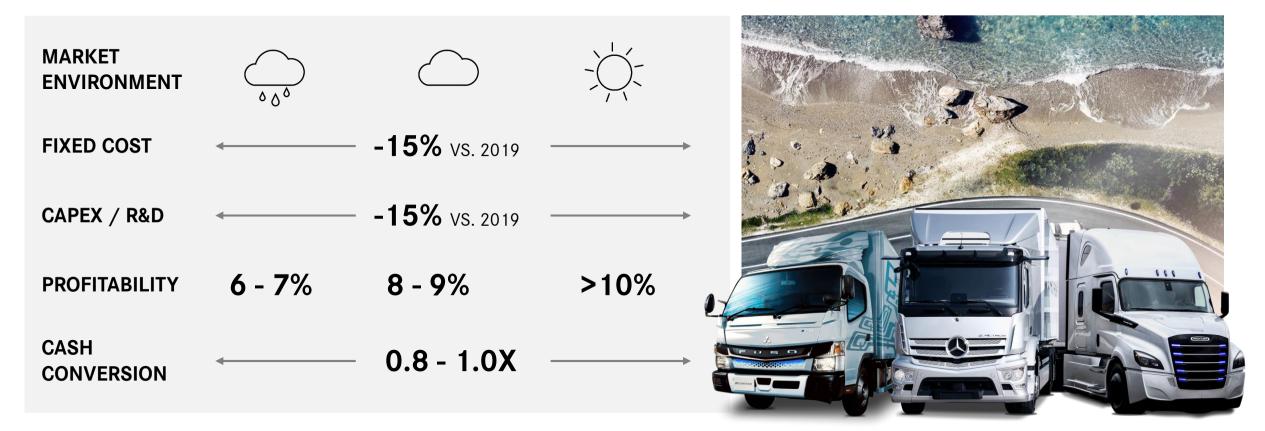
Lead the way to zero emissions: We are going 'all in' on zero-emission trucks to achieve technology leadership

#### **TECHNOLOGY AMBITIOUS COST BUSINESS** PATH SET TARGETS FOR **ROADMAP FOR** TO GET TO ZEV IN PLACE **ZEV & TCO PARITY** ZERO EMISSIONS **IN-HOUSE TECH DEDICATED BEV** FCEV FOR RAPID DEVELOPMENT TRUCK -FUELING AND MULTIPLE USE AND RESOURCES LONG HAUL PUSH CASES

**OUR STRATEGIC TECHNOLOGY GOALS** 



### Our 2025 financial ambitions for Daimler Truck: Unlock potential; manage cyclicality; fully reward shareholders



#### FULL FINANCIAL TARGETS AND GUIDANCE TO BE PROVIDED AHEAD OF LISTING

Industrial only, excludes Daimler Financial Services

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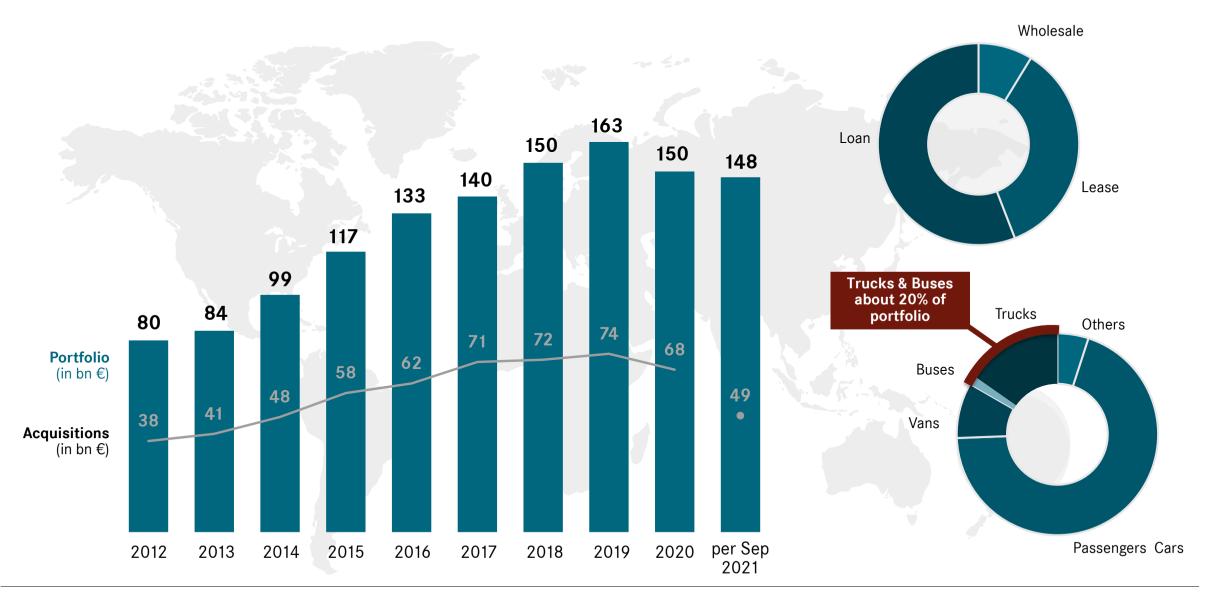
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### Our funding strategy is built on strict principles

Targeting Financial Independence	No dependence from single markets, instruments, banks or investors Diversification of funding sources and instruments: Bank Loans, Bonds, ABS, CP, Deposits No Covenants, no MAC, no asset pledges, no CSAs		
Maximizing Financial Flexibility	Keeping prudent amount of Cash and Committed Credit Facility New markets funded via global and local banks first Early capital market funding to save credit capacity in growth regions		
Stringent Global Funding Policy	Liquidity matched fundingInterest rate matched fundingCurrency matched fundingCountry matched funding		

### Portfolio development of Daimler Mobility stabilized in 2021

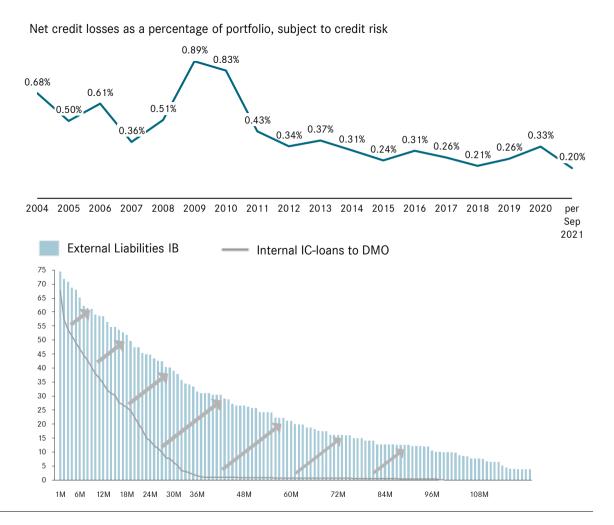


# Daimler Mobility business model based on stringent credit management and solid refinancing

Net credit losses on multi-year low level. Yet risks remain to the upside as a result of expiring governmental and central bank liquidity support programs

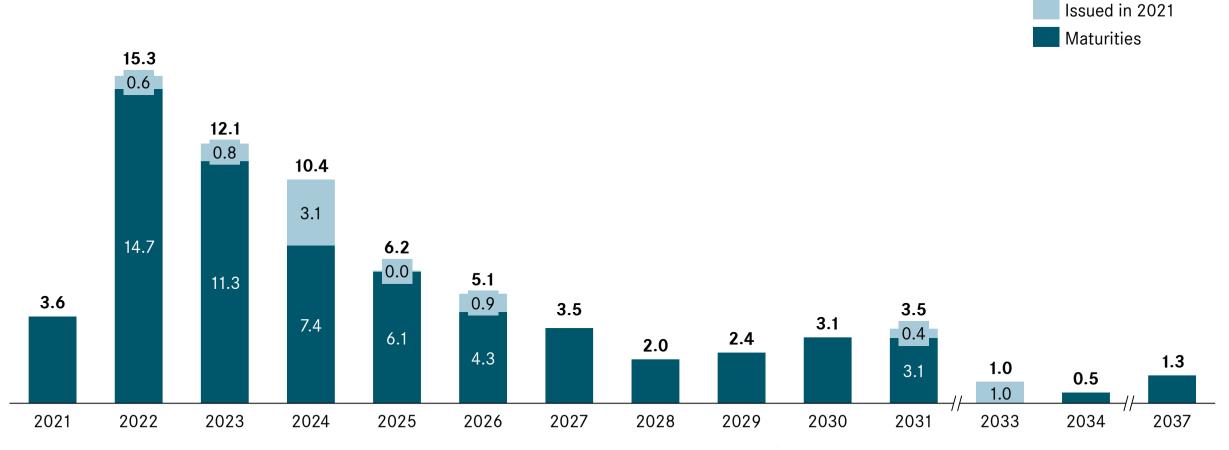
The matched-funded approach ensures that liquidity risks are managed properly

External liabilities of Daimler Group have a longer duration due to capital market refinancing than internal allocation to DMO via IC-loans



# Well balanced bond maturity profile

in billions of € as of 30 September 2021



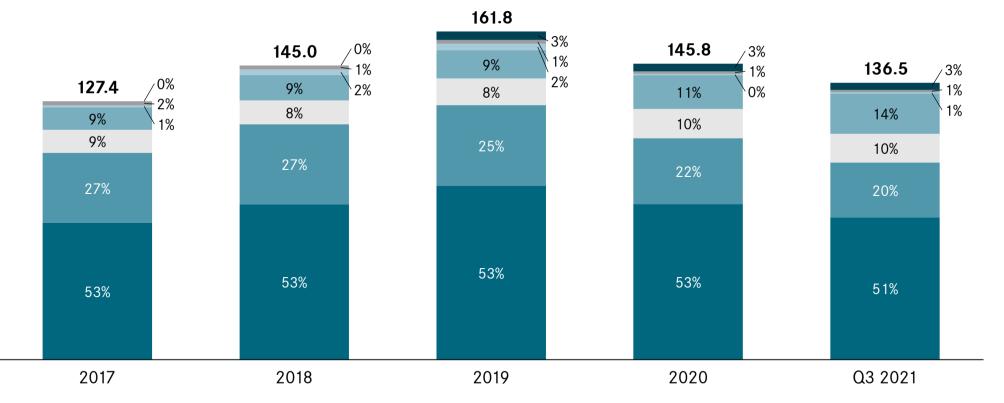
**Duration of Bondmaturities: 3.9y** 

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# Financing liabilities show a diversified funding mix with increasing rating-independent share

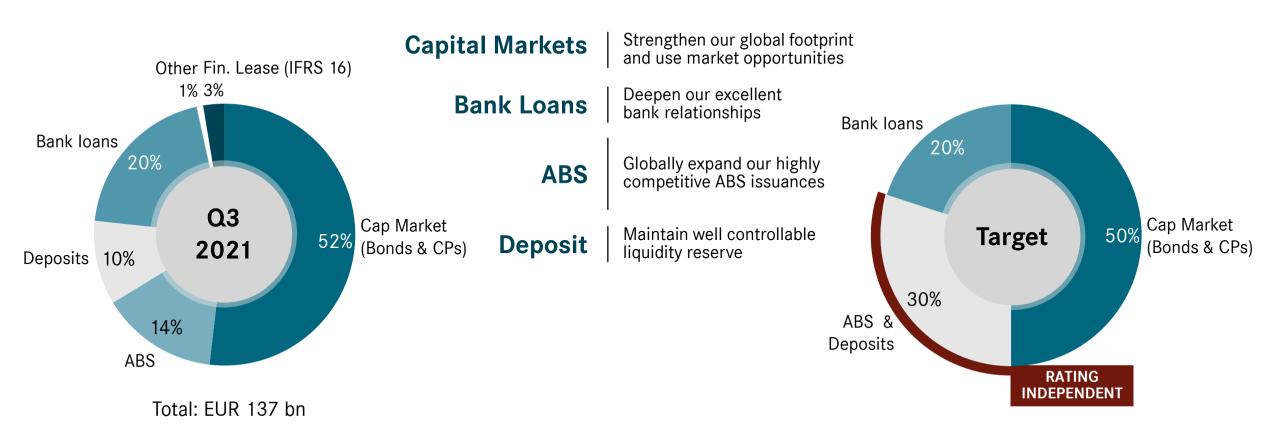
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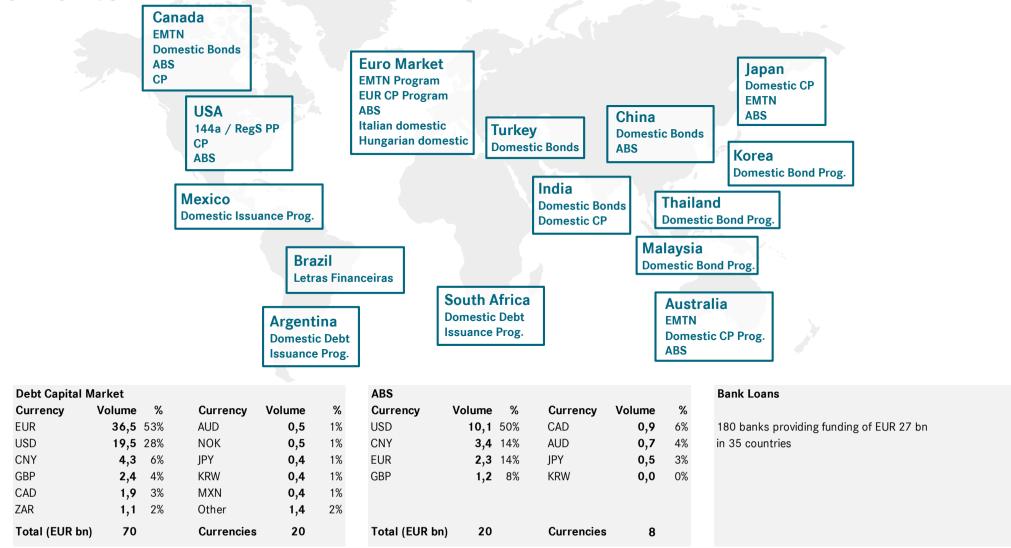


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To ensure sustainable portfolio growth, we mitigate risk and volatility through a balanced mix of funding instruments



# Diversified global funding base: continuously matched with DMO requirements

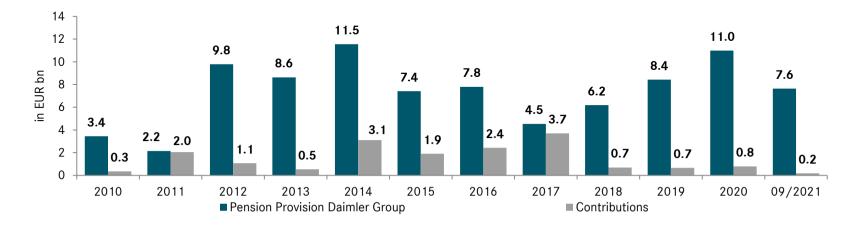


### Daimler's financial KPIs set to support a strong rating

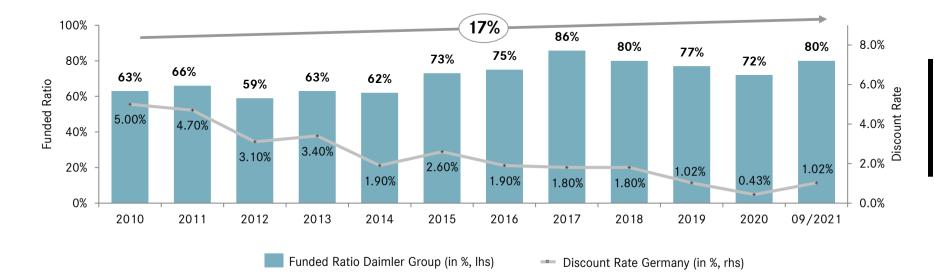
Agency	Long-term	Outlook	Short-term
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Current Ratings:	Standard & Poor's:	A-	Stable	A-2
	Moody's:	A3	Positive	P-2
	Fitch:	A-	Stable	F1
	DBRS:	A (low)	Stable	R-1 (low)
	Scope:	А	Stable	S-1

# In low interest rate environment high contributions stabilized funded ratio



Significant contributions of EUR 17.4bn since 2010 support the solid capital structure



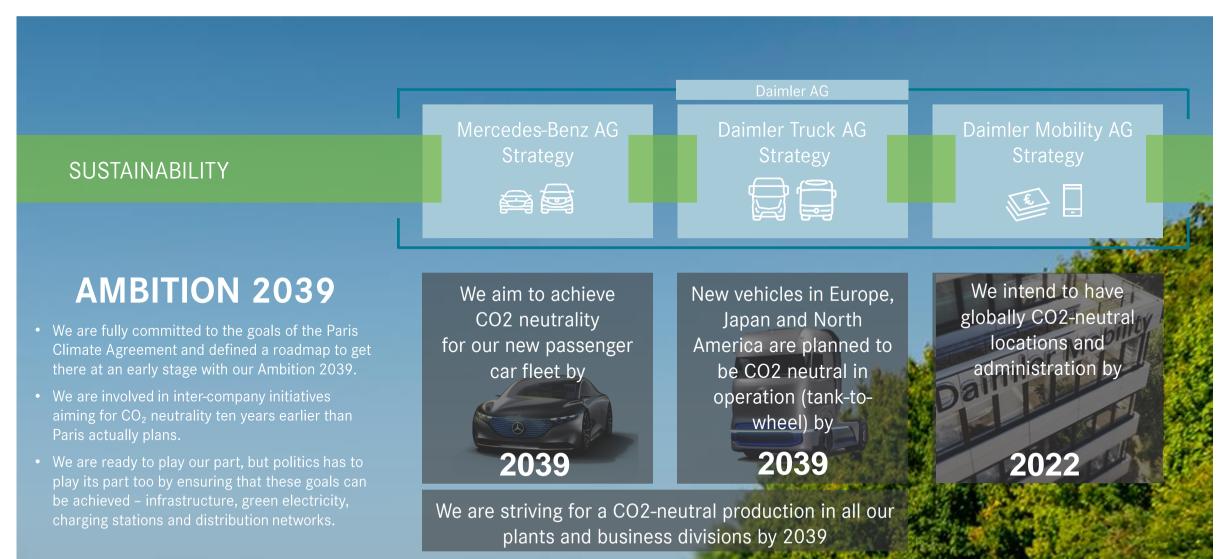
Even though German Discount Rate decreased significantly since 2010, Funded Ratio is at a solid level of 80%

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# Sustainability is an integral part of our divisional business strategies



## Sustainable value for all stakeholder groups

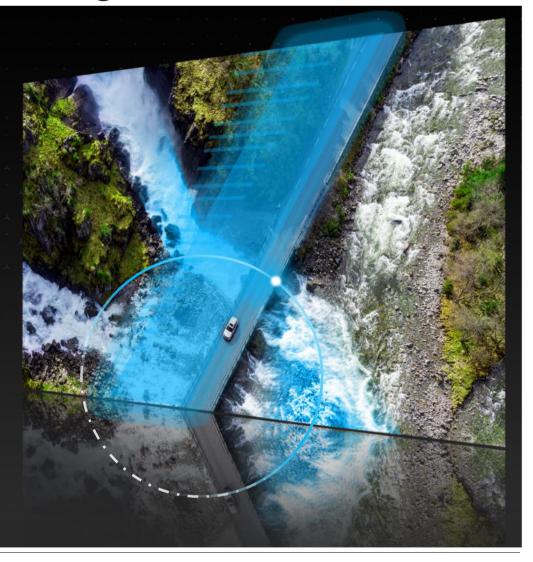




## Mercedes-Benz Cars With our Ambition 2039 we put a stake into the ground

### Our ambition: carbon-neutrality by 2039

Now it's time to accelerate with the full and rapid electrification of our products



#### Mercedes-Benz Cars Our electric product rollout is running at full speed

EQS order intake is strong even though sales only started in August

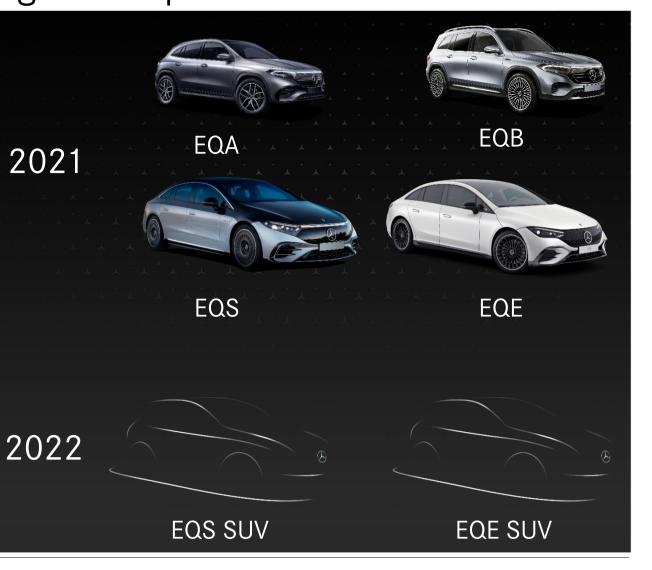
In the first three quarters of the year, sales of hybrid and electric vehicles surged to a record 184,369 units (+143%)

61,652 plug-in hybrids and all-electric cars were sold in Q3 (+34%) of which 19,298 were electric-only vehicles (+38%).

In 2021 alone, we are introducing four new battery electric vehicles

Next year we will present SUV versions of our EQS and EQE

By 2022, we will have battery electric options in all segments we serve



# Mercedes-Benz Cars At the end of the decade, our focus of will be on BEV only

By 2025 our customers will be able to choose an all-electric alternative for every model we make

It's our ambition to drive the plug-in hybrid & BEV share up to 50% in 2025. By the end of the decade, we will be ready to go all-electric

We will use our unique brand position to grow economic value

- enhance product mix and pricing
- focus on most profitable models and regions
- drive loyalty and grow recurring revenues
- increase revenue per unit



# Mercedes-Benz Cars: Together with our partners, we will expand our activities in battery cells and systems

Our targets:

Capacity of more than 200 Gigawatt hours

8 new cell factories around the world:

- one in the U.S., four in Europe
- with our partners

Needed battery volume for all car lines

2019

2030

# Mercedes-Benz Cars By joining ACC, we build a European battery champion

We take a one third stake in Automotive Cells Company (ACC).

Our goal: Joint development and production of cells and modules in Europe.

ACC will reach a capacity of at least 120 Gigawatt hours in Europe by the end of the decade. Mercedes-Benz to join ACC and build a European battery champion with global ambitions

Cell terminals

Cell stack

Insulation

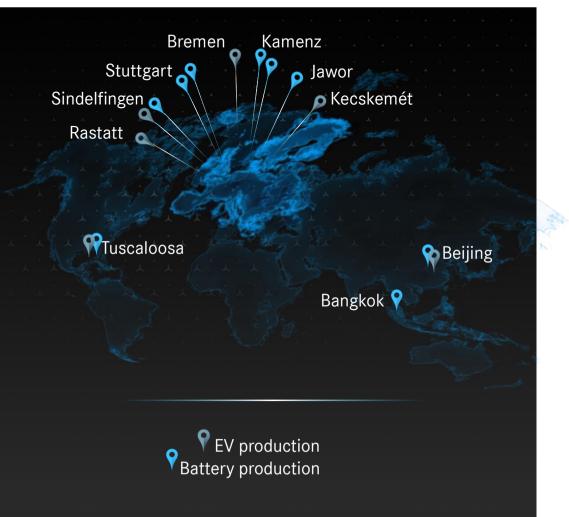
## Mercedes-Benz Cars We are ready to accelerate EV production

Ready to scale up: our largest plants in Beijing, Bremen, Kecskemét, Rastatt, Sindelfingen, and Tuscaloosa are all capable of building EVs and are currently assembling 5 different BEVs

2022: 8 EVs will be produced on 3 continents with batteries from our worldwide network

Factory 56: blueprint for our worldwide network in terms of flexibility, efficiency, digitalization, and green production

Stuttgart-Untertürkheim & Berlin-Marienfelde: two of our major powertrain plants are already accelerating their transformation toward a zero-emissions future



# Mercedes-Benz Cars Closing the loop: from value chain to value cycle

2022: Carbon-neutral production at all Mercedes-Benz AG passenger car and battery assembly sites

Establishing remanufacturing processes and repurpose of key components, e.g. batteries can be reused to help balance electricity grid

Planned battery recycling factory in Kuppenheim, Germany. Start of operations in 2023, depending on promising discussions with public authorities Reuse

Recycle

Reduce

#### Mercedes-Benz Cars

### The transformation of our workforce



Continue effective process of cost reduction working together with employee representatives Ensure that motivated and qualified people remain at the heart of this fundamental shift

Focus on staff fluctuation and fair solutions

Mercedes-Benz Drive Systems unit enables and supports the transformation of our plants

Internal tech-academies and other trainings

Employees are gradually being shifted from conventional drives to electric drives

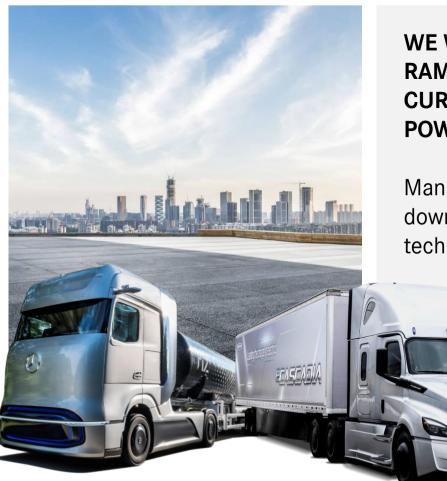
New technologies require a new area of expertise

Create 3,000 new jobs for software engineers

57

Attractive contractual framework offering innovative employment conditions

## Convictions driving Daimler Truck's propulsion system strategy

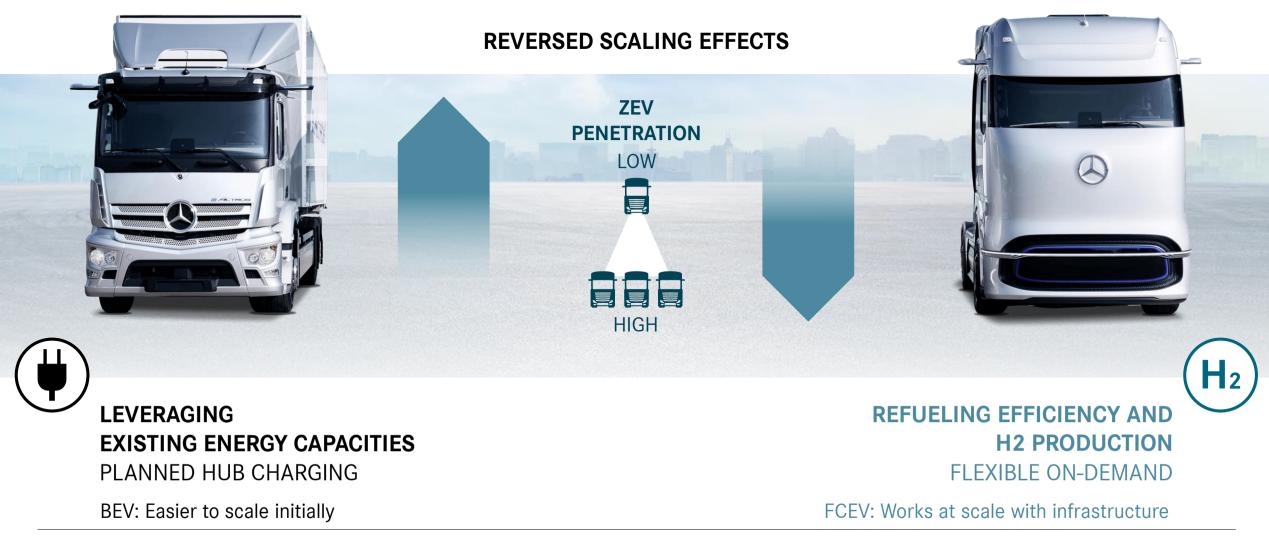


#### WE WILL RAMP DOWN CURRENT ICE POWERTRAIN

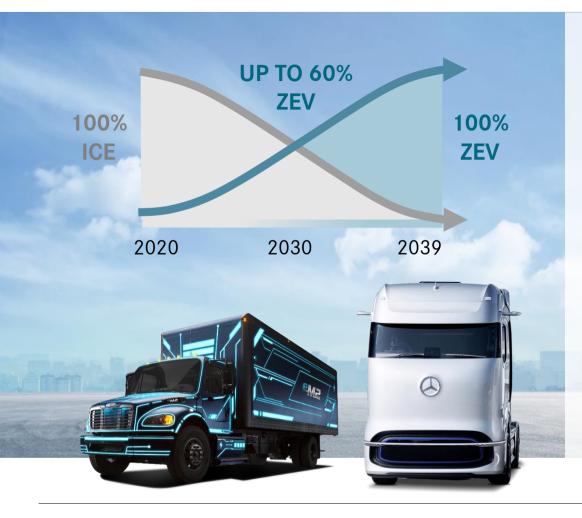
Manage the ICE rampdown while staying technology competitive WE ARE COMMITTED TO BOTH BEV & HYDROGEN SOLUTIONS

BEV and FCEV are complementary and both will be needed WE WILL MOVE RAPIDLY TO WIN THE PROPULSION TECHNOLOGY RACE

We have the right levers to accelerate ZEV Daimler Trucks: infrastructure requires a dual zero-emission strategy Battery electric and fuel-cell electric – both technologies needed



The transition to ZEV at Daimler Trucks: High potential variability in timing – but we are ready for any outcome



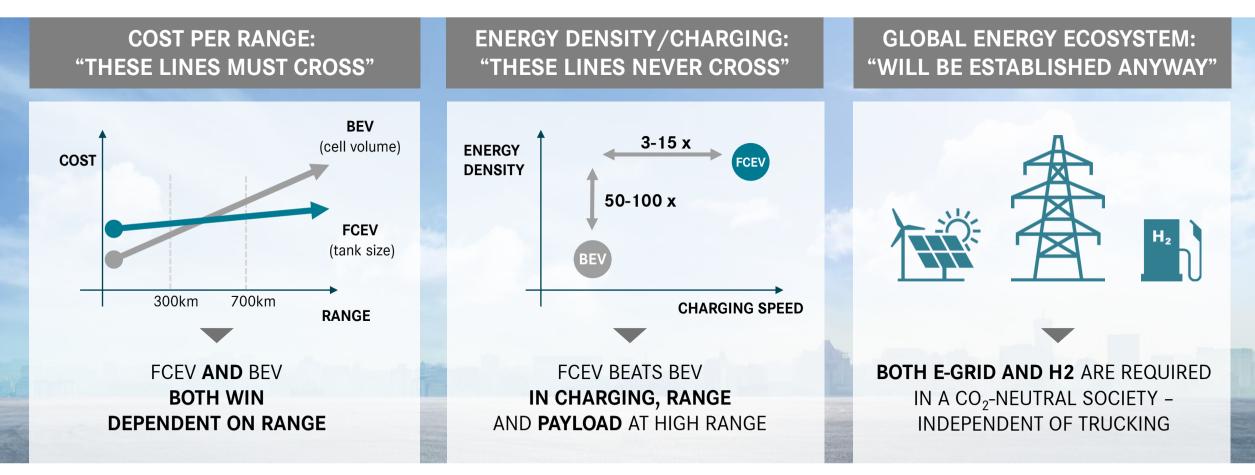
#### DT KEY 2030 ASSUMPTIONS

- Governmental support incl. carbon pricing & infrastructure
- Zero emission PT cost driven down further
- ► H2 cost €4/kg, with infrastructure buildout
- ► Electricity cost: €0.15/kwh

#### **TCO OUTCOMES**

- Parity for BEV possible after 2025
- Parity for FCEV possible after 2027
- Significant variations likely by region

ZEV technology: Both BEV and Hydrogen will be needed – three key factors drive the dual strategy of Daimler Truck



### On the road to CO<sub>2</sub>-neutral production

#### 2022 -----

Starting in 2022:  $CO_2$ -neutral production at our own Mercedes-Benz Cars and Vans production plants worldwide and at the Daimler Trucks & Buses production plants in Europe.

### <mark>- - - 2025</mark> - - - -

By 2025:  $CO_2$ -neutral production at all Daimler Trucks North America (DTNA) production plants.

# --- 2030 ---

By 2030: At Mercedes-Benz Cars & Vans we are striving to reduce the  $CO_2$  emissions at our plants (Scope 1 and 2) by 50 percent relative to the reference year 2018 by 2030.

#### - 2039

By 2039: CO2-neutral production at all of our plants and in all of our business units worldwide.

# Clear objectives, comprehensive disclosure and guided by international frameworks

We embedded the Sustainable **Development Goals** in our strategy concentrating on the areas where we can create the most value added





We use comprehensive reporting frameworks to provide transparent and comparable information on our strategy and activities

> VALUE REPORTING FOUNDATION SASB **STANDARDS**



Our strategy is guided by international frameworks, our corporate values and integrity





**GUIDING PRINCIPLES ON BUSINESS AND HUMAN RIGHTS** 

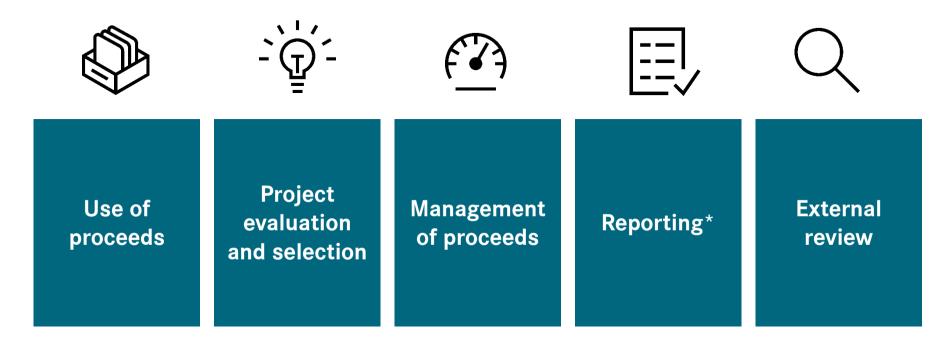
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The Green Bond Principles Green Bond Principles Voluntary Process Guidelines for Issuing Green Bonds June 2018





# Daimler's green finance framework is part of our sustainable business strategy



Daimler's green finance framework is developed to be in line with both the ICMA Green Bond Principles, as well as LMA and APLMA Green Loan Principles. It is Daimler's intention to follow best practises as market standards develop and as the EU Taxonomy and the EU Green Bond Standard enter into force.

\*Investor Allocation and Impact Report to be published in September 2021.

# SHADES OF GREEN

Daimler's green finance framework was rated by **CICERO** as **Dark Green.** Dark Green is allocated to projects and solutions that correspond to the long-term vision of a low carbon and climate resilient future.

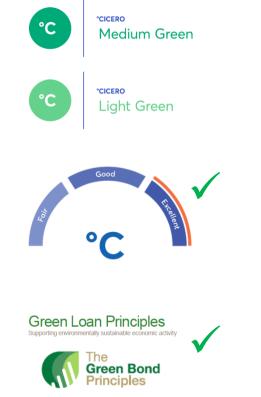
#### **GOVERNANCE PROCEDURES**

CICERO Shades of Green finds the governance procedures in Daimler's framework to be **Excellent**.

#### **GREEN BOND and GREEN LOAN PRINCIPLES**

CICERO confirms that Daimler's green finance framework is found **in alignment** with the green bond and green loans principles.

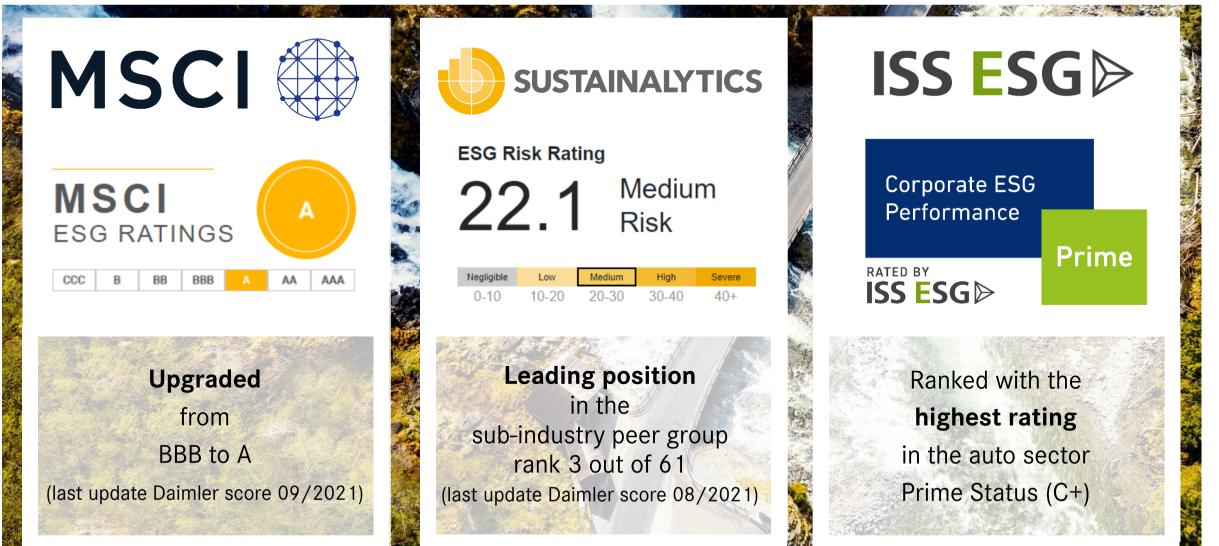
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# Daimler's ESG Ratings

(as of September 2021)



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