

Key Data Covestro Group

	2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2020	Change	1st half 2019	1st half 2020	Change
	€ million	€ million	%	€ million	€ million	%
Core volume growth^{1,2}	+1.1%	-22.7%		-0.4%	-13.6%	
Sales	3,211	2,156	-32.9	6,386	4,939	-22.7
Change in sales						
Volume	+0.8%	-22.3%		+0.9%	-12.5%	
Price	-18.7%	-9.0%		-18.5%	-9.1%	
Currency	+1.8%	-0.1%		+2.1%	+0.3%	
Portfolio	-0.8%	-1.5%		-0.9%	-1.4%	
Sales by region						
EMLA ³	1,379	874	-36.6	2,793	2,174	-22.2
NAFTA ⁴	822	508	-38.2	1,610	1,252	-22.2
APAC ⁵	1,010	774	-23.4	1,983	1,513	-23.7
EBITDA⁶	459	125	-72.8	901	379	-57.9
Changes in EBITDA						
of which volume	+0.5%	-72.3%		+1.9%	-42.8%	
of which price	-73.5%	-63.2%		-69.0%	-64.4%	
of which raw material price effect	+8.9%	+41.4%		+5.8%	+36.6%	
of which currency	+1.1%	+1.5%		+1.1%	+1.2%	
EBIT ⁷	274	(68)	.	538	(1)	.
Financial result	(23)	(17)	-26.1	(46)	(56)	+21.7
Net income ⁸	189	(52)	.	368	(32)	.
Earnings per share (€) ⁹	1.03	(0.28)	.	2.01	(0.17)	.
Operating cash flows ¹⁰	164	171	+4.3	284	61	-78.5
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	219	147	-32.9	384	286	-25.5
Free operating cash flow¹¹	(55)	24	.	(100)	(225)	>100

¹ Core volume growth refers to the core products in the Polyurethanes, Polycarbonates and Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties segments. It is calculated as the percentage change in externally sold volumes in thousand tons compared with the prior year. Covestro also takes advantage of business opportunities outside its core business, for example the sale of precursors and by-products such as hydrochloric acid, sodium hydroxide solution and styrene. These transactions are not included in core volume growth.

² Reference values calculated on the basis of the definition of the core business effective March 31, 2020

³ EMLA: Europe, Middle East, Africa and Latin America (excluding Mexico) region

⁴ NAFTA: United States, Canada and Mexico region

⁵ APAC: Asia and Pacific region

⁶ EBITDA: EBIT plus depreciation, amortization and impairment losses, less impairment loss reversals

⁷ EBIT: Income after income taxes plus financial result and income taxes

⁸ Net income: income after income taxes attributable to the shareholders of Covestro AG

⁹ Earnings per share: According to IAS 33, earnings per share comprise net income divided by the weighted average number of outstanding no-par voting shares of Covestro AG. The calculation was based on 182,864,685 no-par shares (previous year: 182,704,602 no-par shares).

¹⁰ Operating cash flows: cash flows from operating activities according to IAS 7

¹¹ Free operating cash flow: operating cash flows less cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets

Covestro on the Capital Market

Performance of the Covestro Stock Versus the Market in the First Half of 2020



Covestro closing prices Xetra; source: Bloomberg

Negative stock market performance in an unsettled environment

The macroeconomic situation worldwide has been marked by extreme uncertainty since the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic. In the first half of 2020, major economies such as those of the United States, the European Union, and Japan contracted. Stock markets also experienced turbulence due to this development in the real economy in the first six months of 2020. Sharp declines in the first quarter of 2020 were followed in the second quarter by an uptick in some stock prices, although market participants remained very jittery. Many indices such as the EURO STOXX 50 posted negative performance overall in the first half of 2020. As of June 30, 2020, the DAX, which is relevant for Covestro, was down by 7.1% compared with its value at year-end 2019, while the STOXX Europe 600 Chemicals index declined 6.0% during the same period.

In this capital market environment, Covestro stock finished the first half of 2020 at a Xetra closing price of €33.85 — down by 18.3% from the end of 2019. On March 16, 2020, Covestro stock marked its low for the first six months of 2020 with a closing price of €24.90. The high for the first half of 2020 was €42.18 on January 2, 2020.

Covestro Share at a Glance

		2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2020	1st half 2019	1st half 2020
Average daily turnover	million shares	1.4	1.9	1.4	1.8
High	€	55.32	37.44	55.32	42.18
Low	€	39.23	26.86	39.23	24.90
Closing date	€	44.71	33.85	44.71	33.85
Outstanding shares (closing date)	million shares	182.7	182.90	182.7	182.90
Market capitalization (closing date)	€ billion	8	6	8.2	6.2

Covestro closing prices Xetra; source: Bloomberg

Annual General Meeting on July 30, 2020, and proposed dividend adjusted

Covestro AG had to delay the Annual General Meeting originally planned for April 17, 2020, in Bonn to a later date due to the rapid spread of the coronavirus at that time. The Annual General Meeting will now take place on July 30, 2020, and will be conducted as a virtual event for the first time in reaction to the changes in the legal environment.

Despite these economically challenging times, Covestro will continue to enable shareholders to take part in the company's success. On May 19, 2020, the Board of Management of Covestro AG voted to propose a dividend of €1.20 per share to the Annual General Meeting for fiscal 2019. The Board of Management had previously proposed a dividend of €2.40 per share to the Annual General Meeting on the originally scheduled date. The current focus of the Board of Management is on safeguarding liquidity and the company's credit rating. As stated in Covestro's publications since the 2019 Annual Report, the Board of Management expects this fiscal year's earnings to be considerably lower than in the prior fiscal year due to the global coronavirus pandemic.

Moody's downgrades Covestro's rating

On October 7, 2015, one day after Covestro stock was listed on the Frankfurt Stock Exchange, Covestro AG received an investment-grade rating of Baa2 from London-based Moody's Investors Service. Moody's raised the company's credit rating from Baa2 to Baa1 with stable outlook on July 30, 2018. On June 2, 2020, Moody's then revised our rating downward again from Baa1 back to Baa2 with negative outlook. Nevertheless, Covestro's credit rating remains firmly in the investment-grade range. In the future, Covestro intends to continue to maintain financing structures and financial ratios that support a solid investment-grade rating.

Successful placement of euro bonds

On June 5, 2020, Covestro successfully placed €1.0 billion in euro bonds on foreign debt markets. The bonds mature in February 2026 and June 2030 and carry coupon rates of 0.875% and 1.375%, respectively. Robust investor demand led to the placement volume being oversubscribed by more than ten times. The transactions enable Covestro to significantly extend the average maturity of the bond portfolio. The proceeds of the bond placement will be used to further reinforce Covestro's liquidity in view of the economic effects of the coronavirus pandemic and to provide funds to repay the existing bond maturing in fiscal 2021.

Thirteen analysts issue buy recommendation for Covestro stock

At the end of the first six months of 2020, Covestro was covered by 25 securities brokers. Thirteen analysts recommended the stock as a buy, nine were neutral, and three rated it as a sell. The average share-price target at the end of the period was €35.

Basic Covestro Share Information

Capital stock	€183,000,000
Outstanding shares (Half-year-end)	182,864,685
Share class	No-par ordinary bearer shares
ISIN	DE0006062144
WKN	606214
Ticker symbol	1COV
Reuters symbol	1COV.DE
Bloomberg symbol	1COV GY
Market segment	Regulated market
Transparency level	Prime standard
Sector	Chemicals
Index	DAX

Segment and Quarterly Overview

Segment Information 2nd Quarter

	Polyurethanes		Polycarbonates		Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties		Others/consolidation		Covestro Group	
	2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2020	2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2020	2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2020	2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2020	2nd quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2020
	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million
Sales	1,489	913	898	648	621	443	203	152	3,211	2,156
Change in sales										
Volume	+0.8%	-24.8%	+5.7%	-16.4%	-4.5%	-25.8%	-7.2%	-17.1%	+0.8%	-22.3%
Price	-26.8%	-12.3%	-18.8%	-7.8%	-0.4%	-3.2%	+1.6%	-8.2%	-18.7%	-9.0%
Currency	+1.7%	-0.4%	+1.7%	-0.1%	+2.2%	+0.3%	+1.4%	+0.2%	+1.8%	-0.1%
Portfolio	0.0%	-1.2%	-3.6%	-3.5%	+1.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.8%	-1.5%
Core volume growth¹	+0.7%	-25.9%	+4.4%	-14.4%	-4.7%	-25.3%			+1.1%	-22.7%
Sales by region										
EMLA	643	359	306	197	277	188	153	130	1,379	874
NAFTA	444	266	190	121	144	101	44	20	822	508
APAC	402	288	402	330	200	154	6	2	1,010	774
EBITDA	172	(24)	154	96	150	60	(17)	(7)	459	125
EBIT	72	(130)	99	41	120	28	(17)	(7)	274	(68)
Depreciation, amortization, impairment losses and impairment loss reversals	100	106	55	55	30	32	-	-	185	193
Operating cash flows ²	116	7	93	68	38	94	(83)	2	164	171
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	138	84	42	34	40	29	(1)	-	219	147
Free operating cash flow	(22)	(77)	51	34	(2)	65	(82)	2	(55)	24
Trade working capital ³	1,040	987	735	638	616	498	67	62	2,458	2,185

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³ Trade working capital comprises inventories plus trade accounts receivable, less trade accounts payable, as of June 30, 2020, or June 30, 2019.

Segment Information 1st Half

	Polyurethanes		Polycarbonates		Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties		Others/consolidation		Covestro Group	
	1st half 2019	1st half 2020	1st half 2019	1st half 2020	1st half 2019	1st half 2020	1st half 2019	1st half 2020	1st half 2019	1st half 2020
	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million
Sales	2,965	2,187	1,758	1,381	1,248	1,015	415	356	6,386	4,939
Change in sales										
Volume	+1.9%	-13.7%	+1.5%	-9.6%	-1.7%	-16.4%	-3.7%	-4.5%	+0.9%	-12.5%
Price	-28.1%	-11.5%	-15.8%	-8.6%	+0.6%	-3.5%	+1.9%	-10.0%	-18.5%	-9.1%
Currency	+1.9%	+0.1%	+2.1%	+0.4%	+2.6%	+0.7%	+1.6%	+0.3%	+2.1%	+0.3%
Portfolio	0.0%	-1.1%	-3.6%	-3.6%	+0.7%	+0.5%	0.0%	0.0%	-0.9%	-1.4%
Core volume growth¹	+0.3%	-14.9%	-1.0%	-9.8%	-2.4%	-15.2%			-0.4%	-13.6%
Sales by region										
EMLA	1,312	948	595	459	571	467	315	300	2,793	2,174
NAFTA	855	661	378	302	288	240	89	49	1,610	1,252
APAC	798	578	785	620	389	308	11	7	1,983	1,513
EBITDA	329	26	309	205	296	190	(33)	(42)	901	379
EBIT	129	(181)	204	95	238	128	(33)	(43)	538	(1)
Depreciation, amortization, impairment losses and impairment loss reversals	200	207	105	110	58	62	-	1	363	380
Operating cash flows ²	120	(79)	231	103	50	134	(117)	(97)	284	61
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	240	168	81	63	64	54	(1)	1	384	286
Free operating cash flow	(120)	(247)	150	40	(14)	80	(116)	(98)	(100)	(225)
Trade working capital ³	1,040	987	735	638	616	498	67	62	2,458	2,185

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Quarterly Overview

	1st quarter 2019	2nd quarter 2019	3rd quarter 2019	4th quarter 2019	1st quarter 2020	2nd quarter 2020
	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million	€ million
Sales	3,175	3,211	3,162	2,864	2,783	2,156
Polyurethanes	1,476	1,489	1,478	1,336	1,274	913
Polycarbonates	860	898	901	814	733	648
Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties	627	621	588	533	572	443
Core volume growth¹	-1.8%	+1.1%	+5.3%	+3.8%	-4.1%	-22.7%
EBITDA	442	459	425	278	254	125
Polyurethanes	157	172	196	123	50	(24)
Polycarbonates	155	154	132	95	109	96
Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties	146	150	111	62	130	60
EBIT	264	274	221	93	67	(68)
Polyurethanes	57	72	97	24	(51)	(130)
Polycarbonates	105	99	57	39	54	41
Coatings, Adhesives, Specialties	118	120	82	32	100	28
Financial result	(23)	(23)	(19)	(26)	(39)	(17)
Income before income taxes	241	251	202	67	28	(85)
Income after taxes	180	190	149	38	21	(53)
Net income	179	189	147	37	20	(52)
Operating cash flows	120	164	462	637	(110)	171
Cash outflows for additions to property, plant, equipment and intangible assets	165	219	219	307	139	147
Free operating cash flow	(45)	(55)	243	330	(249)	24

¹ Previous year values calculated on the basis of the definition of the core business effective March 31, 2020.