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- Higher sales volumes, thanks to a very strong first half
- Robust earnings
- Sustained high margins in the Specialty businesses
- Higher raw materials costs offset thanks to the Group's leadership
- Free cash flow at breakeven
- Strong balance sheet





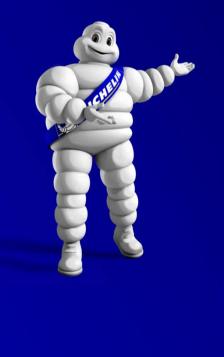
## **Financial Highlights**

#### 2011 & 2010 figures as reported

In € millions	2011	2010
Net Sales	20,719	17,891
Operating Income	1,945	1,695
Operating Margin	9.4%	9.5%
Net Income	1,462	1,049
Investment	1,711	1,100
Net Debt-to-Equity Ratio	22%	20%
Free Cash Flow*	(19)	426
ROCE	10.9%	10.5%

\*Cash flows from operating activities less cash flows used in investing activities





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## Markets: a Year of Volatility and Contrast



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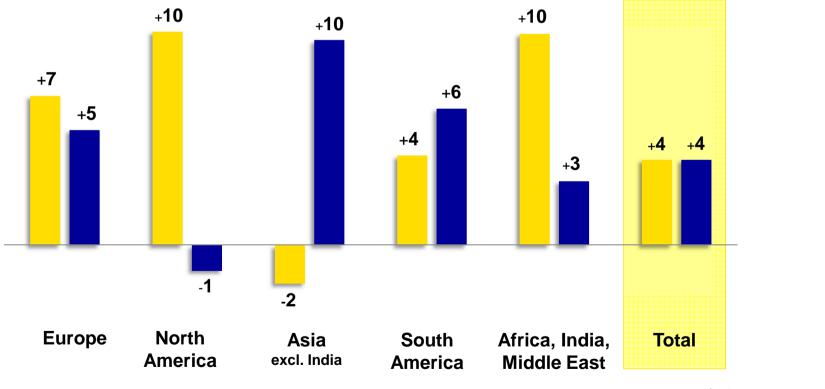


### Car and Light Truck Tires: Annual Growth that Moved back in Line with Long Term Trends in H2

#### Markets at December 31, 2011



(% change YoY, in number of tires )



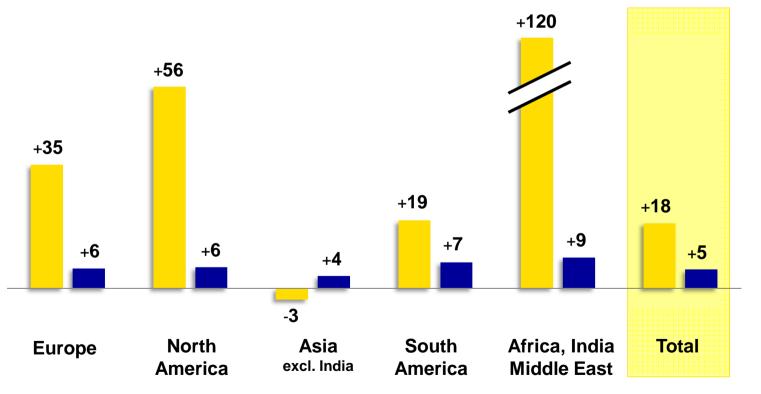




#### **Radial markets at December 31, 2011**



(% change YoY, in number of tires )







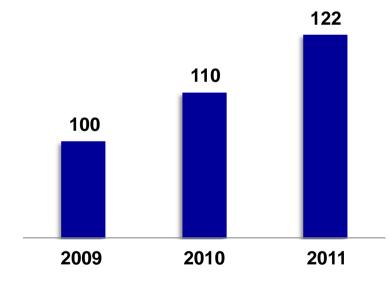
## Sustained Growth in Specialty Tires, with Clear Visibility

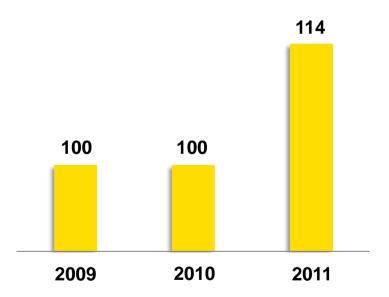
#### **Mining tire market**

(In tonnes, base 100 = 2009)

#### Agricultural tire market (Europe – North America)

(In number of tires, base 100 = 2009)

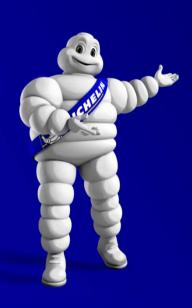




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## Remarkable Performance

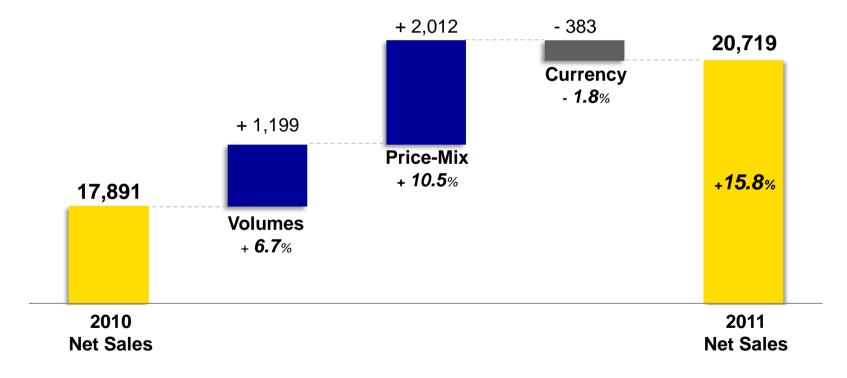


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#### **YoY change**

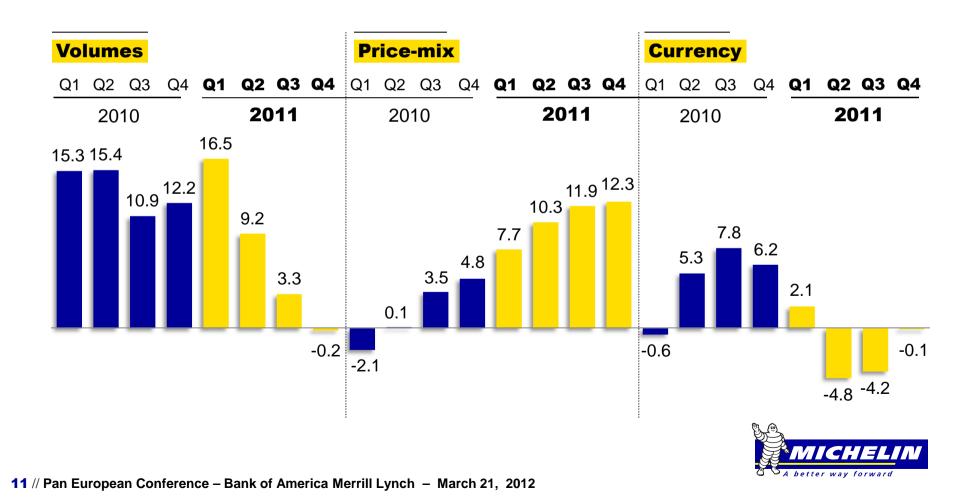
(in € millions and as a % of net sales)





## Steady, Fast-Rising Impact of Price Increases

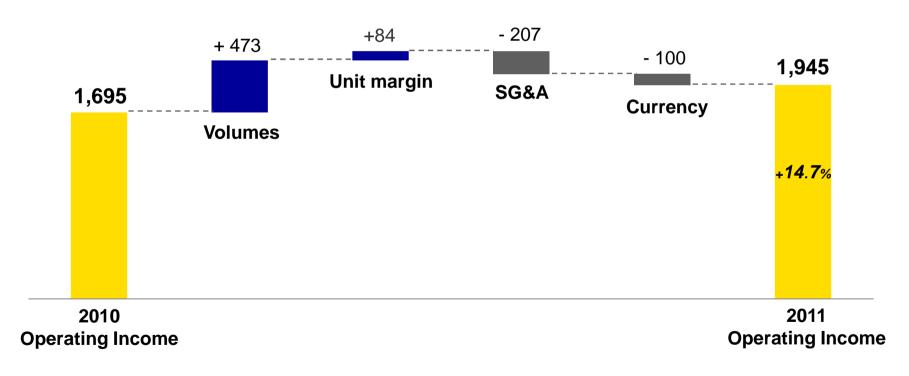
#### % change YoY





#### **YoY change**

(in  $\in$  millions )

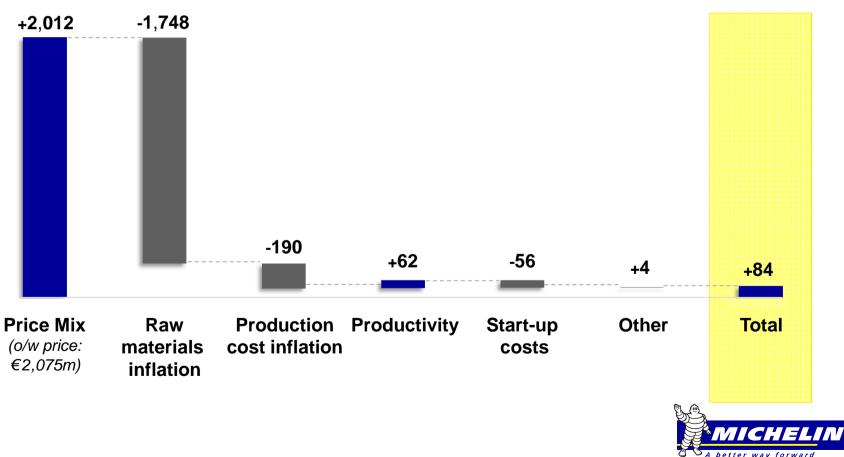


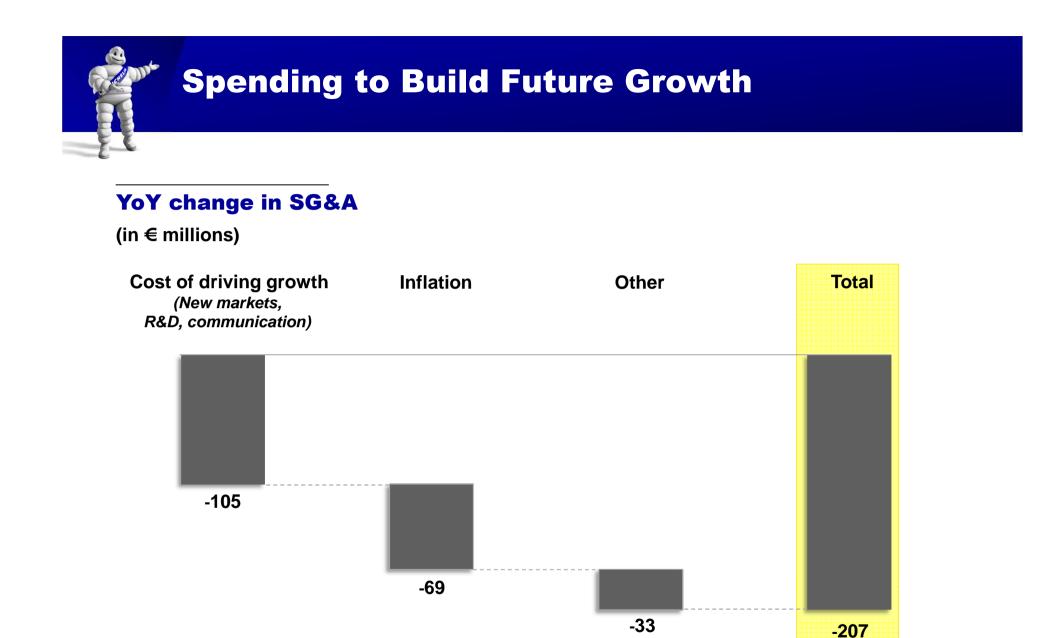




#### YoY change in unit margin components





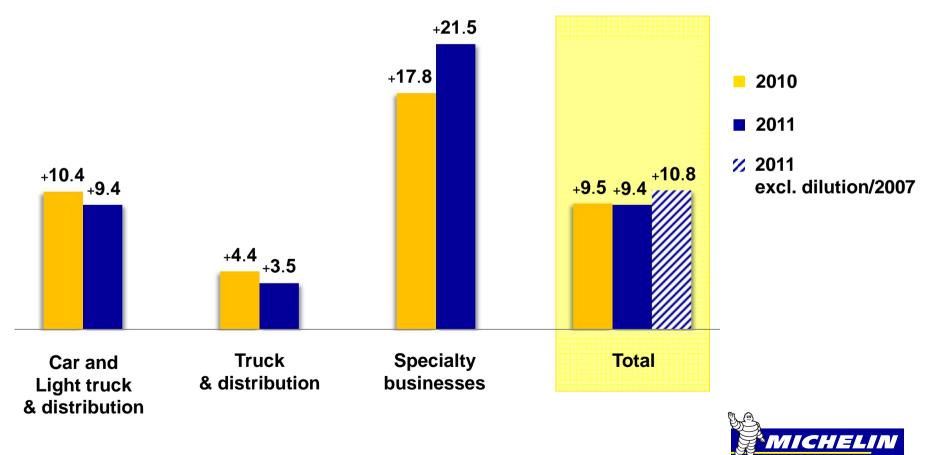


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#### **Operating margin before non-recurring items**

(as a % of net sales )



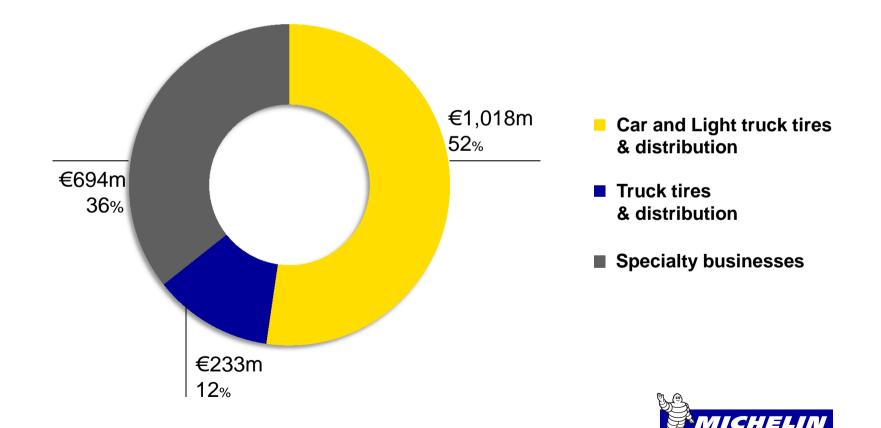
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### Car and Light Truck Tires & Specialty Businesses: Two Mainstays of Operating Profitability in 2011

#### Share of operating income, by reporting segment

(in € millions and as a % of 2011 consolidated operating income)







## **A Solid Balance Sheet**



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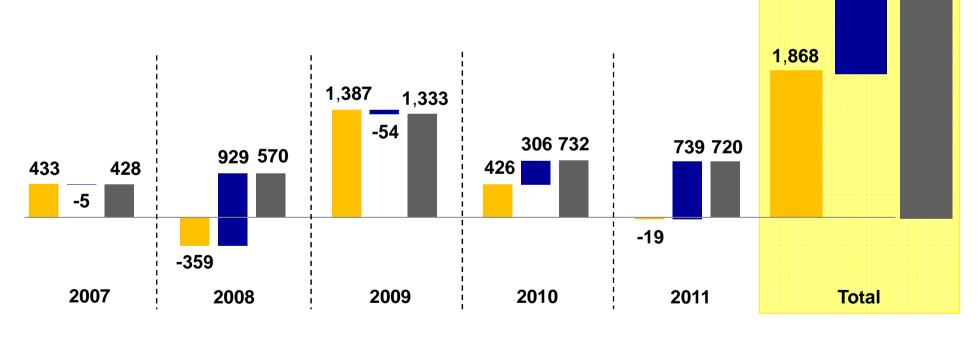
### **Recurring Business Structurally Generates Free Cash Flow**

In € millions	2011	2010
EBITDA	2,878	2,660
Change in WCR	(912)	(461)
Restructuring Cash Costs	(145)	(229)
Change in Operating Provisions	13	(194)
Other Operating WCR	(5)	20
Cash Flow from Operations	1,829	1,796
Taxes and Interest Paid	(632)	(474)
Routine Capital Expenditure (Maintenance, IS/IT, Dealerships)	(671)	(565)
Available Cash Flow	526	757
Growth Investments	(1,040)	(535)
Other Cash Flow from Investing Activities (o/w disposal of Hankook shares)	495	204
Free Cash Flow	(19)	426





#### (in € millions)



Reported free cash flow
 Impact of raw materials on WCR
 Free cash flow excluding the impact of raw materials



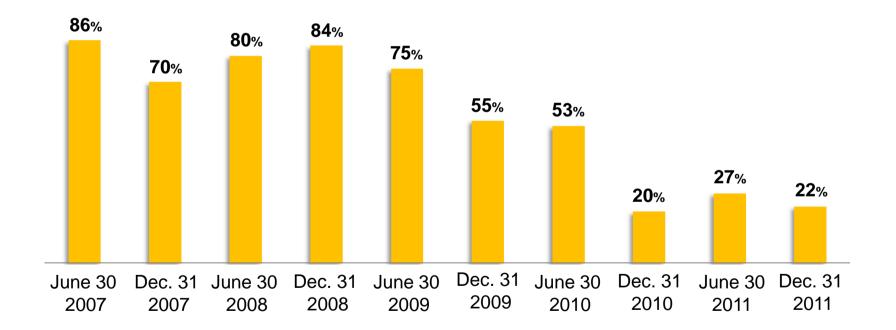
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#### **Gearing – Net Debt / Equity Ratio**









## Michelin's Unique Competitive Advantages



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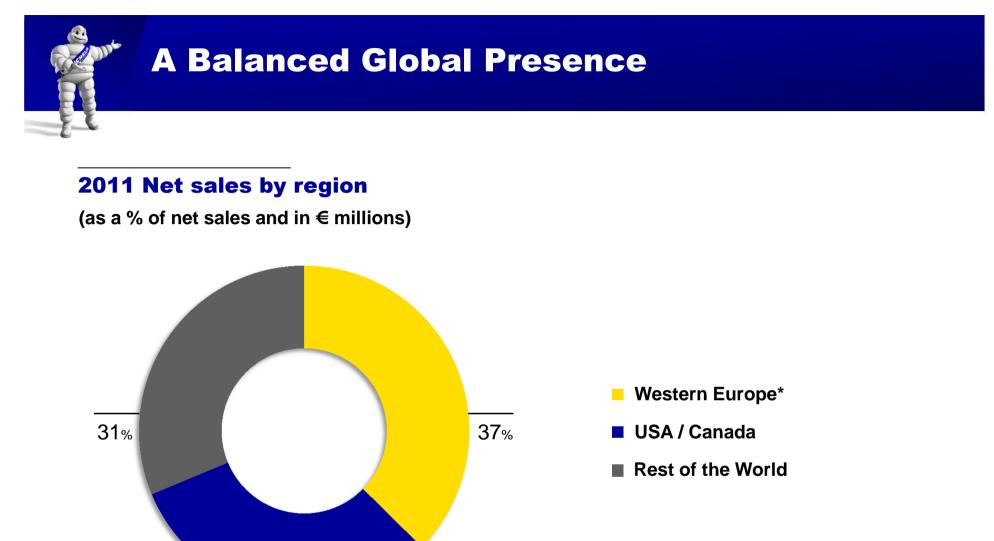


## Geographic Footprint

**Specialty Businesses** 

## Leadership in the Premium Segment





\* Andorra, Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Denmark, Faeroe, Finland, France, Germany, Gibraltar, Greece, Iceland, Ireland, Italy, Liechtenstein, Luxembourg, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, San Marino, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, United Kingdom



32%



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**Specialty Businesses** 

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## Michelin is the Market Leader in Every Specialty Tire Business

Business	Leading tiremakers	Market leader
Earthmover		in radials
Mines	Bridgestone	<u>міснецім</u> (co-leader)
OE	Bridgestone	(co-leader)
Infrastructure	Yokohama, Chinese	
Agricultural		in Europe
OE	Firestone	in Europe
RT	Firestone, Titan / Goodyear, Trelleborg, BKT	in Europe
Two-Wheel Mature markets	Dunlop	MICHELIN (co-leader)
Aircraft	Goodyear, Bridgestone, Dunlop	MICHELIN





## Earthmover Tires: Clear Sales Growth and Margin Visibility

- Technological barriers to entry
- Multi-year contracts offer clear visibility for:



- Sales trends: sustained growth in mining markets
- Margin trends: long term contracts with raw materials indexation clauses
- Steadily increasing capacity, keeping pace with demand
  - Adding marginal capacity
  - Earthmover tire facility at the Indian plant
  - New plant under study





Geographic Footprint

**Specialty Businesses** 

## Leadership in the Premium Segment



## MICHELIN : a 100% Premium Brand in Every Market

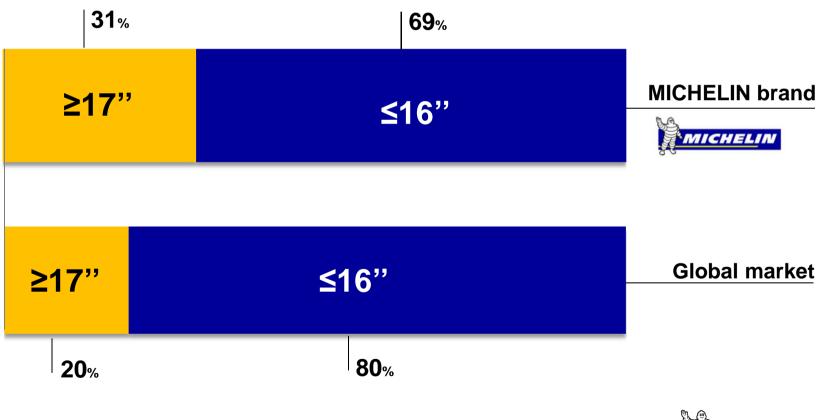






## MICHELIN is the Benchmark Leader in Premium Tier 1 Segments

#### Share by PC/LT tire seat size

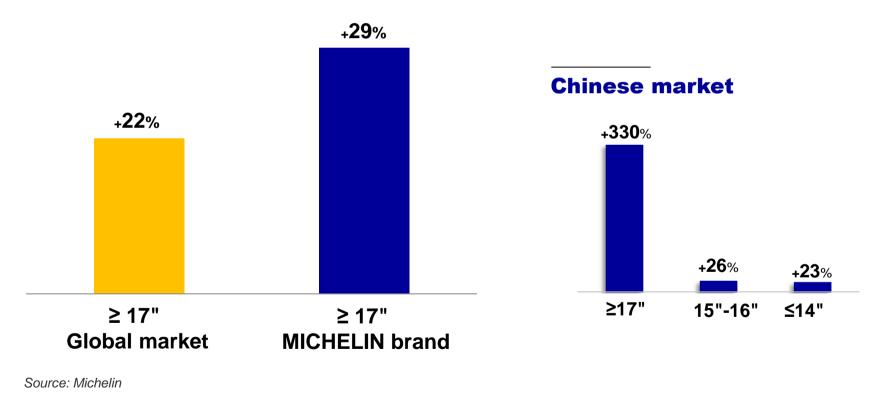






## **MICHELIN is the Benchmark Leader in Premium Tier 1 Segments**

#### 2009 – 2011 CAGR by seat size



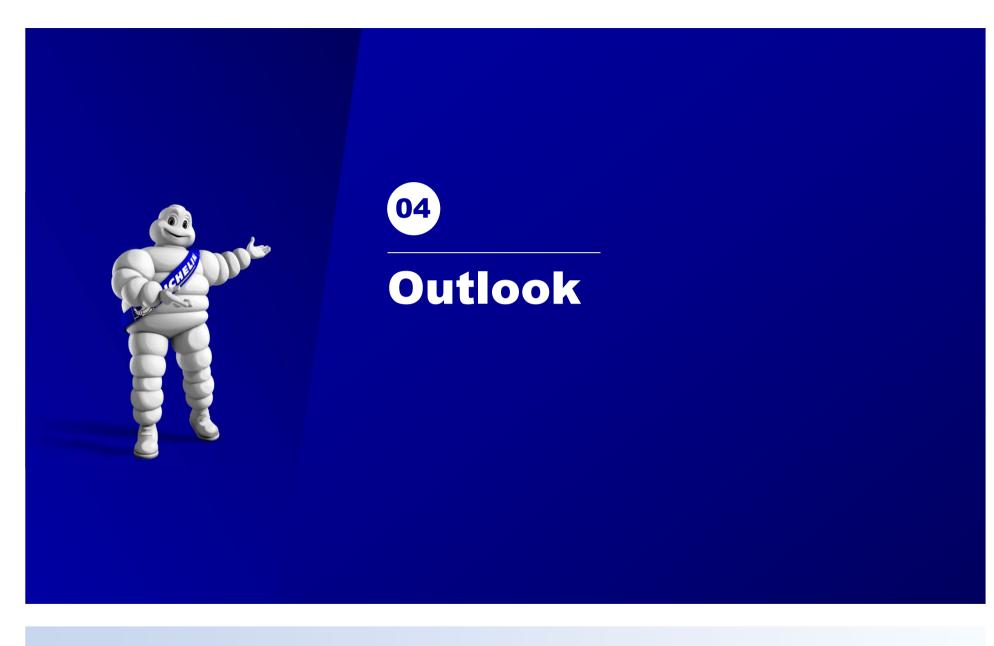


## Solid Drivers to Support Sustainable Leadership

- The preferred brand of premium tirebuyers
  - According to surveys of customer perceptions and purchase intentions
- Technology carmakers want
  - Approved for use on premium brands and models
- Performance recognized by specifiers
  - Example: 66<sup>th</sup> JD Power Award since 1989
- Leading-edge product plan

#### Solid competitive advantages to capture faster growth in the premium segment



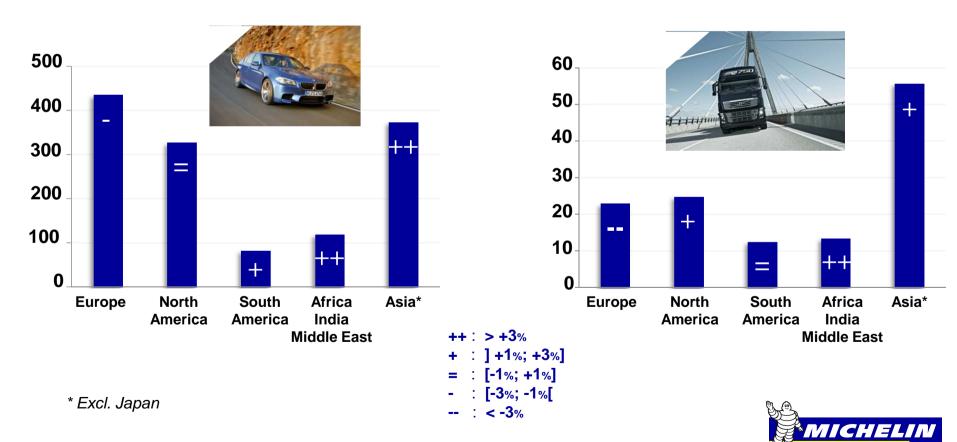






#### 2011 PC/LT & truck markets and 2012 outlook

(in millions of tires)



## Raw Materials: Still Unfavorable Impact in 2012

#### Assumptions and average price

	Natural rubber (in USD/kg)	Butadiene US (in USD/kg)	Butadiene Europe (in EUR/kg)
2010 average price	3.45	1.85	1.26
2011 average price	4.60	2.91	1.95
Michelin assumptions for 2012	4.05	2.96	2.24

#### Full-year raw materials impact on operating income

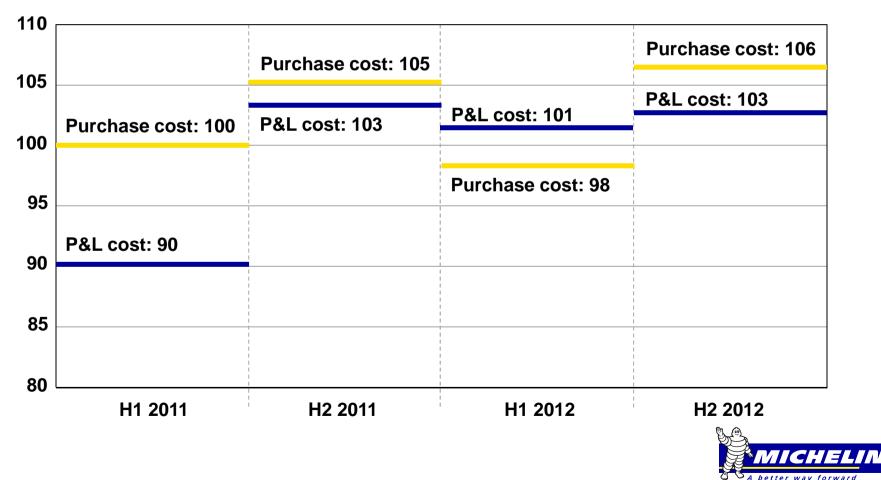
(in € millions)

2010	2011	2012 (est.)
- 544	- 1,748	- 300 / - 350



## Raw Materials: Still Unfavorable Impact in 2012

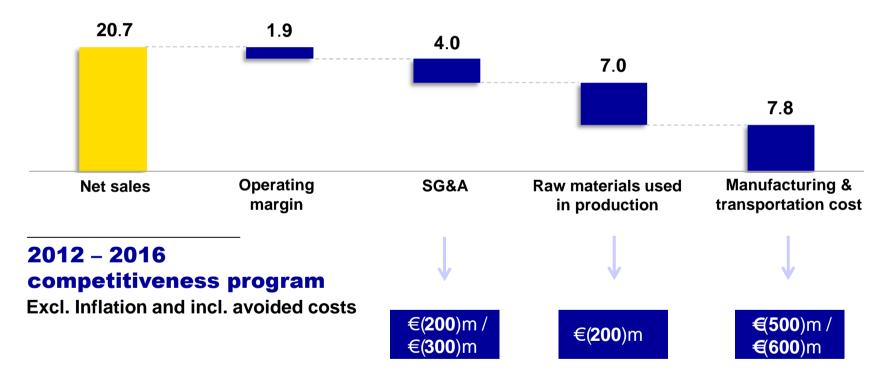
#### **Michelin assumptions for 2012**



# A Competitiveness Program to Drive Growth

2011 cost structure

(in € billions)



### ≈ €1 billion in competitiveness gains over five years





- Volume growth: at least 25% over the 2011-2015 period
- Annual capex: around €2 billion
- 2015 operating income: around €2.5 billion
- Free cash flow: positive over the 2011-2015 period
- 2011-2015 ROCE: > 9% each year



# 2012 Guidance

### Stable volumes

- Growth in the new markets and North America
- Less favorable trends in European markets
- The second half should offset a first half that will be down due to high prioryear comparatives
- Continued disciplined price management in response to rising raw materials costs
- Higher operating income
- Sustained strong capex, at around €1,900m
- Positive Free cash flow after growth investments, given the indicated raw materials costs assumptions





- A remarkable 2011
- A global presence and a balanced business portfolio
- Unrivalled technological leadership
- Specialty businesses: demonstrated leadership
- A leader in the premium segment
- Competitiveness program: driving steady progress towards operational excellence



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### **Passenger Car & Light Truck Markets**

#### February 2012 / 2011

Market	Europe*	North America	Brazil
Original Equipment	<b>▲ +2.6</b> %	<b>▲</b> +20.8%	▼ -0.3%
Replacement	▼ -8.1%	▼ -0.4%	<b>▲</b> +1.1%

#### YTD (from January to February 2012)

Market	Europe*	North America	Brazil
Original Equipment	▼ -4.5%	<b>▲</b> +19.6%	▼ -2.2%
Replacement	▼ -9.0%	<b>V</b> -6.7%	<b>▲</b> +2.2%

\* Russia and Turkey included





#### February 2012 / 2011

Market (Radial)	Europe*	North America	Brazil
Original Equipment	<b>▲</b> +1.4%	<b>4</b> +32.9%	▼-36.7%
Replacement	▼-24.7%	▼-15.4%	<b>V</b> -7.5%

#### YTD (from January to February 2012)

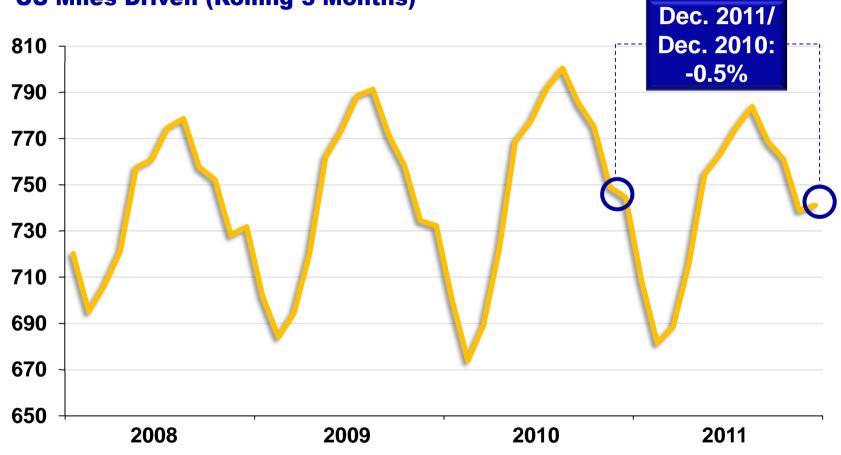
Market (Radial)	Europe*	North America	Brazil
Original Equipment	<b></b> +1.8%	<b>▲</b> +33.6%	▼-43.0%
Replacement	▼-21.8%	▼-12.0%	▼-10.0%

\* Russia and Turkey included



# **US Vehicle Miles Driven**

**US Miles Driven (Rolling 3 Months)** 

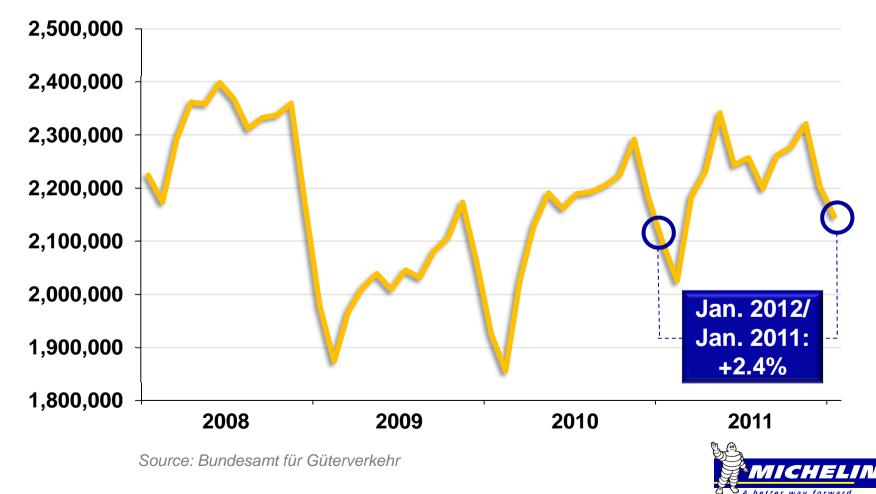


Source: US department of transportation / Federal Highway Administration





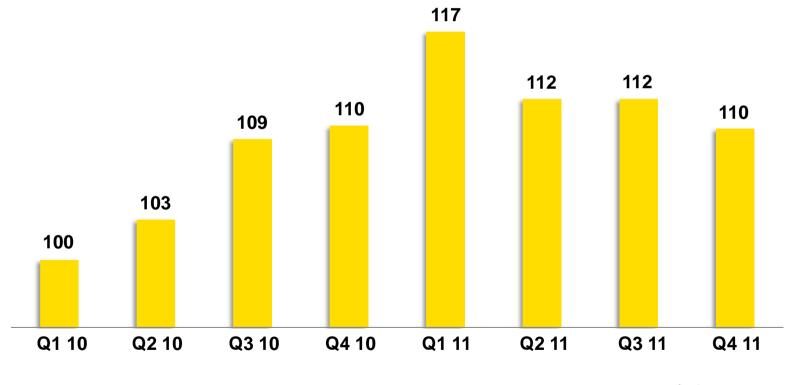
**German Freight (Rolling 3 Months)** 





### **Tonnages sold**

(Base 100 = Q1 2010)







### Car and Light Truck Tires and Related Distribution: Robust Operating Margin

### **Passenger car and Light truck**

In € millions	2011	2010	Change
<b>Net Sales</b> Volume growth	<b>10,780</b> +3.9%	9,790	+10.1%
Operating Income (before non-recurring items)	1,018	1,014	+0.4%
<b>Operating Margin</b> (before non-recurring items)	9.4%	10.4%	-1 pt







### **Truck Tires and Related Distribution: Margin Impacted by Negative Mix and Year-End Slowdown**

### Truck

In € millions	2011	2010	Change
Net Sales Volume growth	6,718 +5.8%	5,680	+18.3%
Operating Income (before non-recurring items)	233	249	-6.4%
Operating Margin (before non-recurring items)	3.5%	4.4%	-0.9 pt







### **Specialty Businesses: Sustained High Margins**

### **Specialty Businesses**

In € millions	2011	2010	Change
Net Sales Volume growth	<b>3,221</b> +22.4%	2,421	+33.0%
Operating Income (before non-recurring items)	694	432	+60.6%
<b>Operating Margin</b> (before non-recurring items)	21.5%	17.8%	+3.7 pt





# **Strong Improvement in Net Income**

In € millions	2011	2010
Net Sales	20,719	17,891
Operating Income (before non-recurring items % of Net Sales)	<b>1,945</b> 9.4%	1,695 9.5%
Non-Recurring Items	-	-
Operating Income	1,945	1,695
Cost of Net Debt	(206)	(236)
Other Financial Income and Expenses	236	10
Тах	(534)	(449)
Share of Profit from Associates	21	29
Net Income	1,462	1,049





# Impact on the 2010 Income Statement of the Benefits Accounting Change

In € millions	2010 reported	Restatement	2010 restated
Net sales	17,891	-	17,891
Operating income before non-recurring items	1,695	+56	1,751
Operating income	1,695	+56	1,751
Income before tax	1,498	+56	1,554
Тах	(449)	-19	(468)
Net income	1,049	+37	1,086





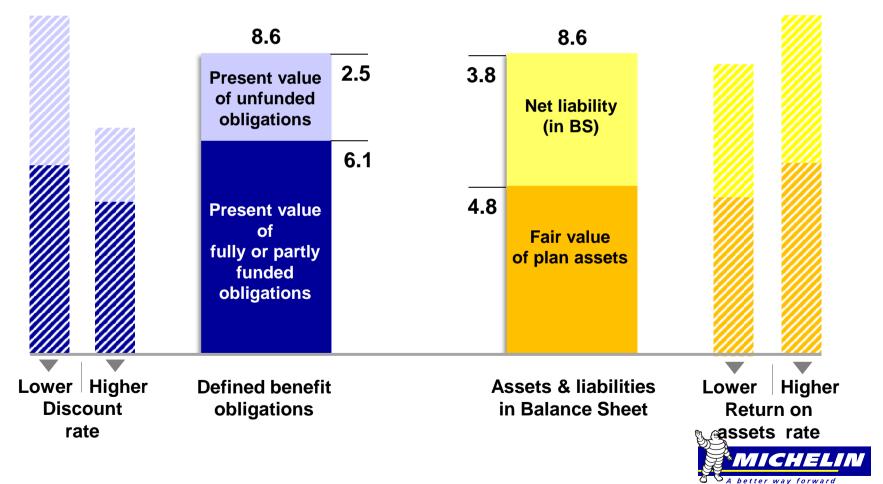
# Impact on the 2010 Balance Sheet of the Benefits Accounting Change

In € millions	2010 reported	Restatement	2010 restated
Non-current assets	9,998	(84)	9,914
Of which financial assets and other non-current assets	1,108	(431)	677
Of which deferred tax assets	828	+347	1,175
Current assets	9,665	-	9,665
Total assets	19,663	(84)	19,579
Equity	8,127	(657)	7,470
Non-current liabilities	6,691	573	7,264
Of which employee benefit obligations	2,457	573	3,030
Current liabilities	4,845	-	4,845
Total equity and liabilities	19,663	(84)	19,579



### Higher interest rates decrease the obligation Lower interest rates increase the obligation

# **December 2011 Financial position of Defined Benefits plans** (in € billions)



# **Benefits: impact in P&L and Balance Sheet**

### Funding requirements based on local regulations

- US: 100% funding over 7 years
- UK: 100% funding over 15 years

### Obligation and discount rate are steadily reviewed

- US: Every year
- UK: every 3 years

### → Amount of annual contribution (refer to Financial report page 123)

### Balance Sheet

- Net defined benefit obligation recognized as a defined benefit liability
- Any actuarial gains and losses recognized in Other Comprehensive Income

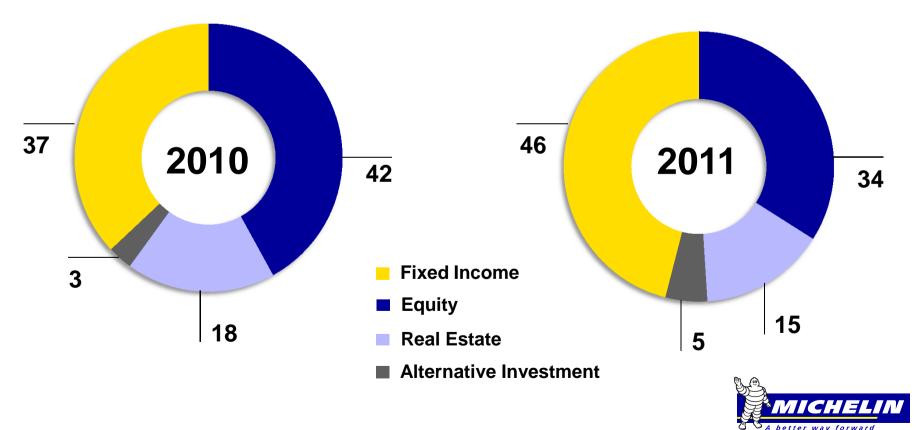
### P&L

- Net service cost
- Any change in the benefit plans



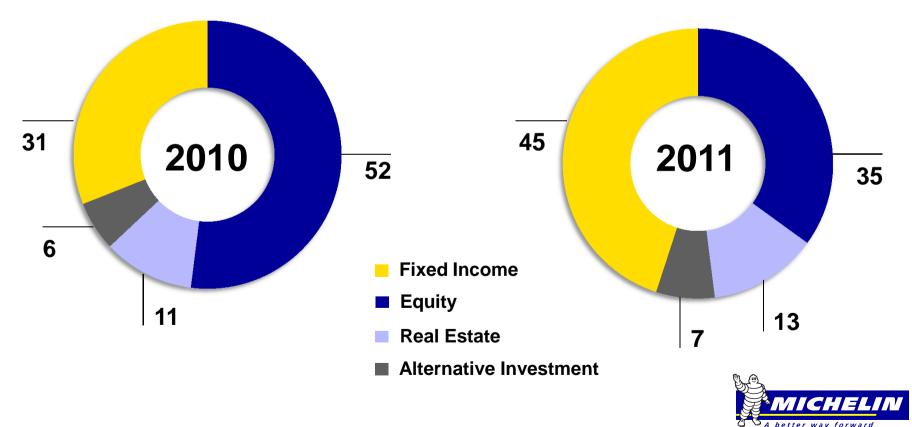


**Asset Allocation of fully and partly funded US pension plans** (in % of total portfolio)





**Asset Allocation of fully and partly funded Canadian pension plans** (in % of total portfolio)



#### **A Comfortable Cash Position Debt maturity as of December 31, 2011** (in € millions) Confirmed back-up facilities **%** Cash management financial assets 1,500 **%** Cash and cash equivalents Others CPs Bonds Securitization Loans from financial institutions and other 1.593 <u>12</u>67



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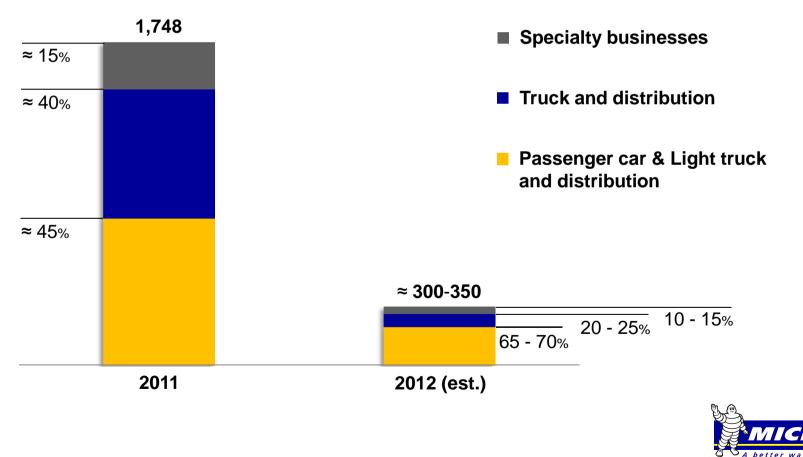
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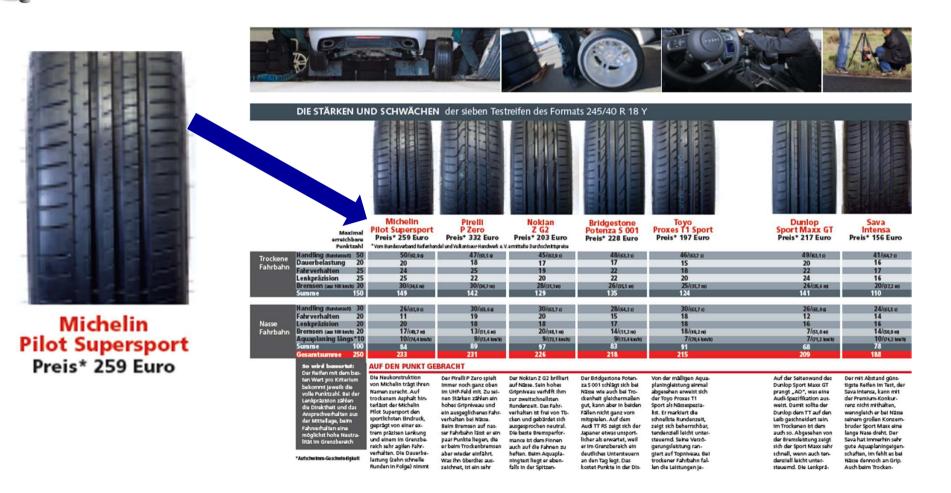


# **Raw Materials Impact by Reporting Segment**

# **Raw materials impact by reporting segment** (in € millions)



### Sport Report (Germany): MICHELIN Super Sport Ranked No.1 (245/40/18/Y- April 2011)

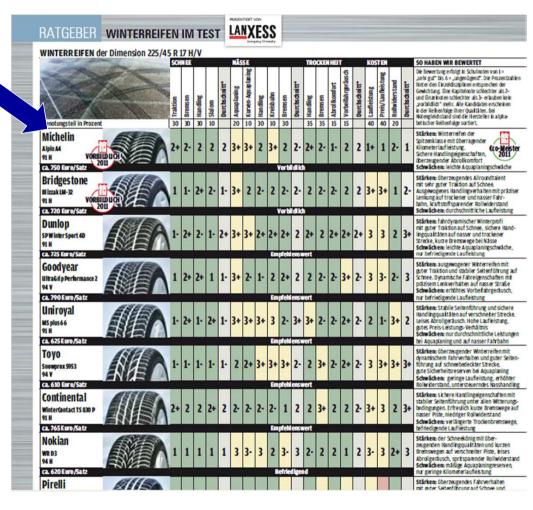






### Auto Bild (Germany): MICHELIN Alpin 4 Ranked No.1 (225/45/17/Y- November 2011)

### Michelin Alpin A4 91 H VORBILDLICH





# Michelin – US Wins

JD Power

- The 2011 honors, released today, brings Michelin's lifetime total of J.D. Power and Associates awards to 66, more awards than any other tire manufacturer since the study launched in 1989 April 11, 2011
- Michelin received the industry's top honors in the Luxury, Passenger Car, Performance Sport and Truck/Utility segments, posting improvements over 2010 and scoring significantly above the industry average in each segment.
- Source: http://businesscenter.jdpower.com/news/pressrelease.aspx?ID=2011034

### Tire Business on Consumer Reports

- Tire Business reported that Consumer Reports stated that Michelin "raised the bar in both all season and summer [ultra high performance] tire categories" July 13, 2011
- Source: <u>http://www.tirebusiness.com/subscriber/headlines2.phtml?cat=1&headline=%3Ci%3EConsumer+Reports%3C%2Fi%3E</u> +praises+Michelin+UHP+tire+in+mag%92s+latest+testing&id=1310581016
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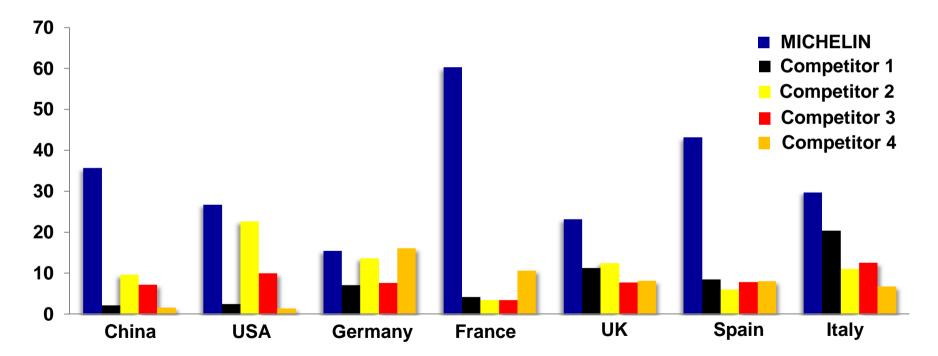
#### Tire Rack

- "The Michelin Pilot Super Sport proved to be a super star on our test track, providing excellent steering response and front end authority, driving down to the apex with relative ease." June 14, 2011
- Test Results:
  - Michelin Pilot Super Sport 7.67
  - Bridgestone Potenza S-04 Pole Position 7.51
  - Continental ExtremeContact DW (formerly top ranked tire) 7.45
  - Pirelli P Zero 7.42
- Source: <a href="http://www.tirerack.com/tires/tests/testDisplay.jsp?ttid=148">http://www.tirerack.com/tires/tests/testDisplay.jsp?ttid=148</a>





"Which brands among the following would you seriously consider if you were going to buy tires for your car tomorrow?"



Sources: Europe = TNS Sofres, USA = Lieberman Research, China = Nielsen



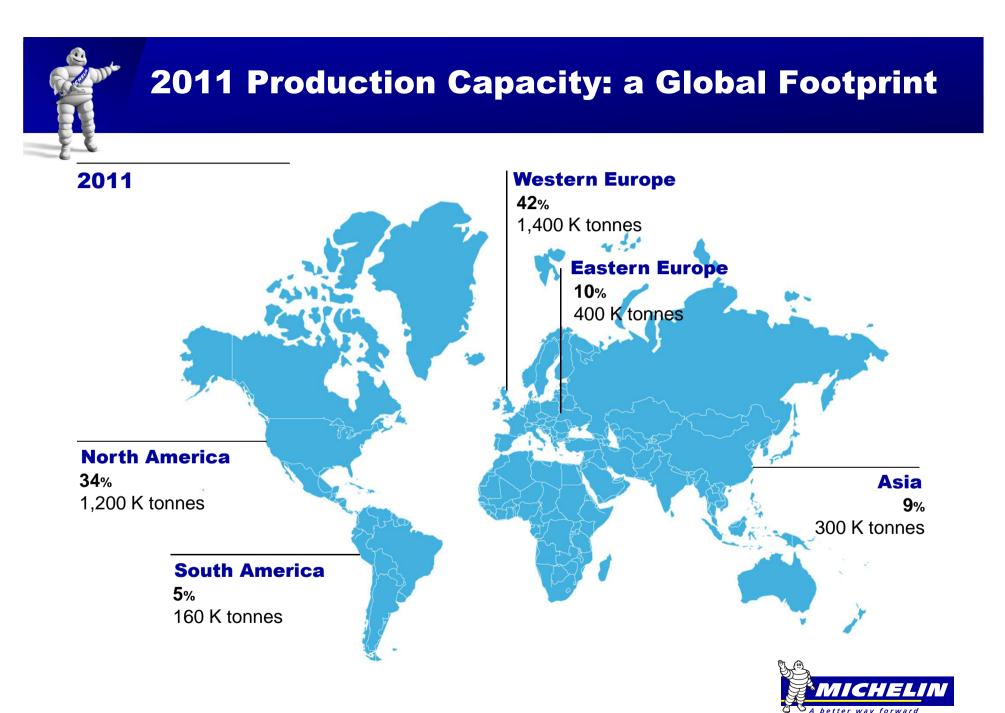
# **Technology Carmakers Want**

- Superior sports performance, combined with the highest energy efficiency, best safety and longest treadlife
- Strong presence with luxury carmakers:

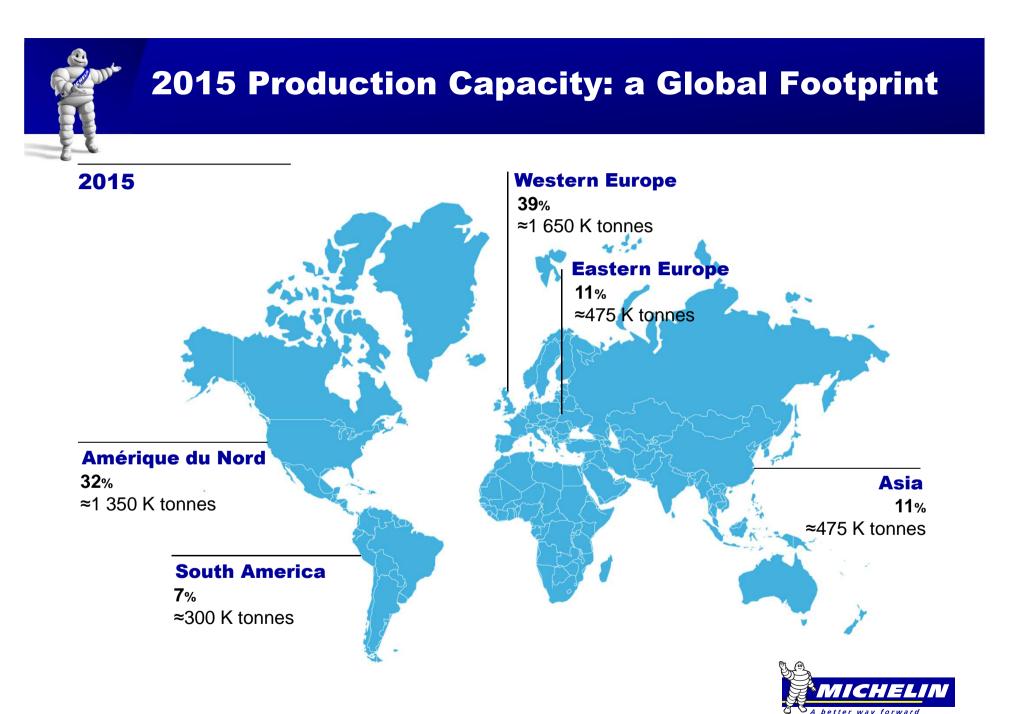


Especially on their top-of-the-line vehicles





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