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Avantor enables scientific breakthroughs

DEVELOPMENT & SCALE-UP

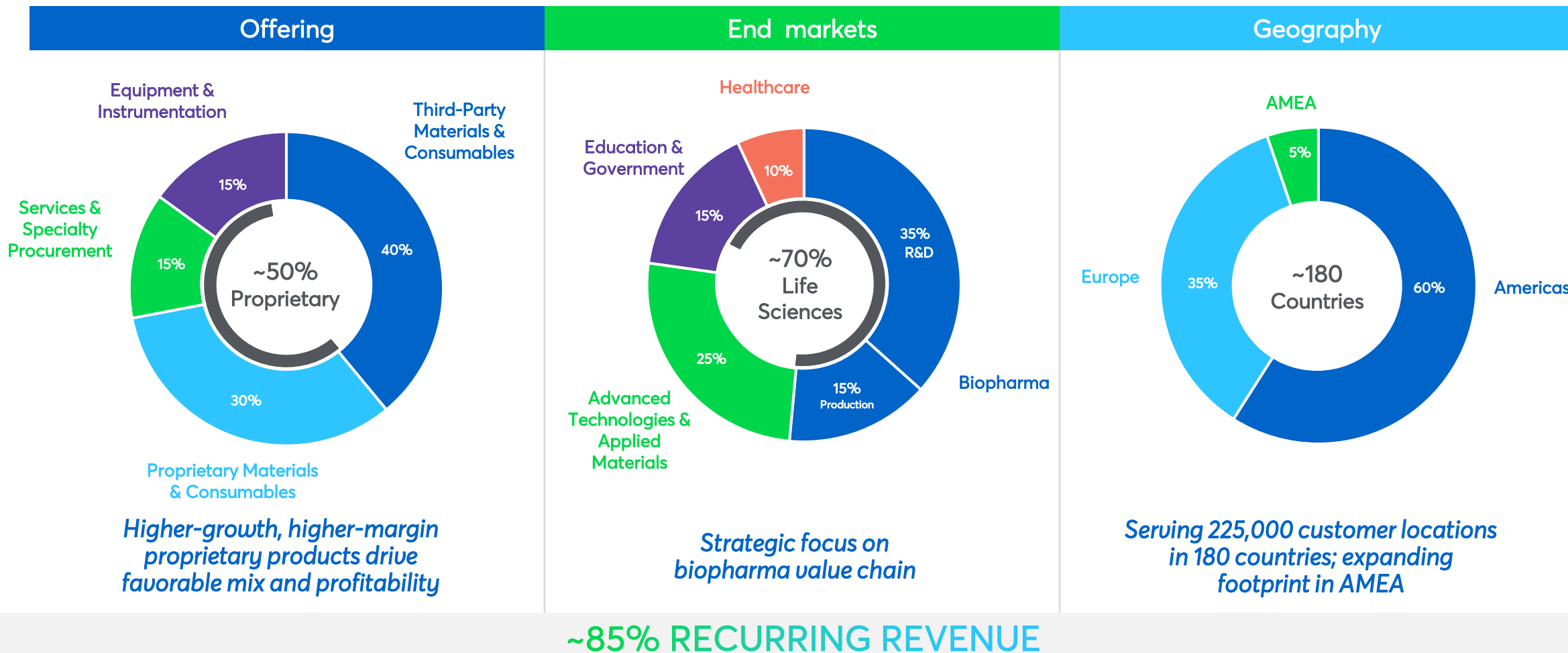


RESEARCH & DISCOVERY

MANUFACTURING & DELIVERY

Diversified portfolio provides resilient revenue profile¹

Scalable platform well positioned in attractive end markets



Q4 highlights

Executing well in a challenging environment

- Strongest revenue growth quarter of 2020
- Solid margin expansion and cash flow generation

Continued focus on growth strategy

- Enhanced bioproduction offering through technology launches including:
 - TopMixer modular media and buffer prep mixing system
 - SterilEnz™ high-pressure fluid handling solution
- Commercialized controlled-release drug delivery technology for HIV prevention application
- Completed transformation of Avantor capital structure enabling financial flexibility

Actively supporting COVID-19 vaccine production

- Ongoing supply and capacity investments to support all vaccine modalities
- Commercialized silicone elastomer to support ultra low temperature single-use solution



Q4 performance

Organic revenue	14.9%	– >20% growth in Biopharma, Healthcare & Government – 800–900 bps COVID-19 tailwinds
Adjusted EBITDA growth	21.3%	– Volume leverage, commercial excellence, and productivity – Mix benefits from strong proprietary product growth
Fully diluted adjusted EPS growth	57.2%	– Strong operations and lower interest expense – Full year adjusted tax rate of 22.9% vs. 26% (2019)
Free cash flow	\$286M	– Solid conversion, 152% of Adjusted Net Income – Continued working capital discipline
Adjusted Net Leverage	4.0X	– Down from 4.6x in Q4'19 – In-line with long-term leverage target of 2-4X

Q4 organic revenue growth

By end market

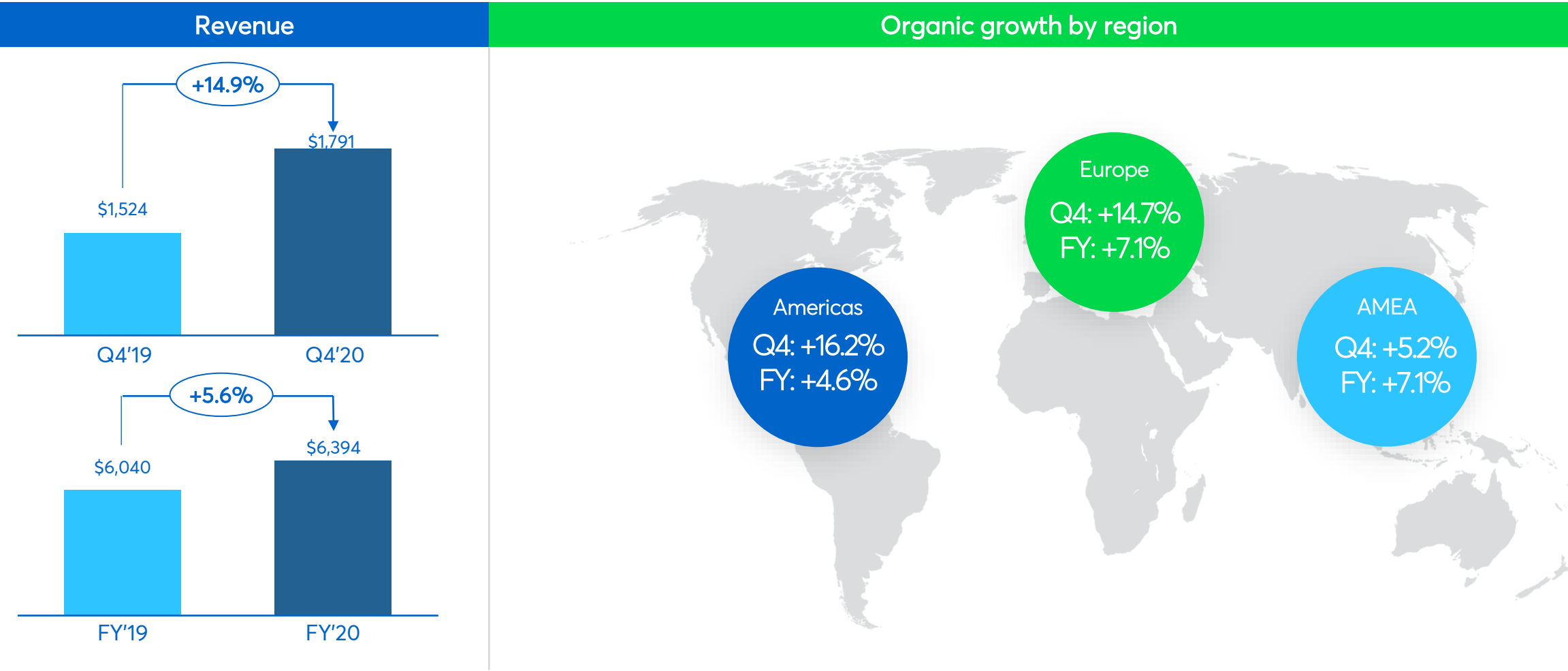
	Growth
Biopharma	+DD
Healthcare	+DD
Education & government	+DD
Advanced technologies & applied materials	+LSD

By product group

	Growth
Proprietary materials & consumables	+DD
Third-party materials & consumables	+DD
Services & specialty procurement	+HSD
Equipment & instrumentation	+LSD

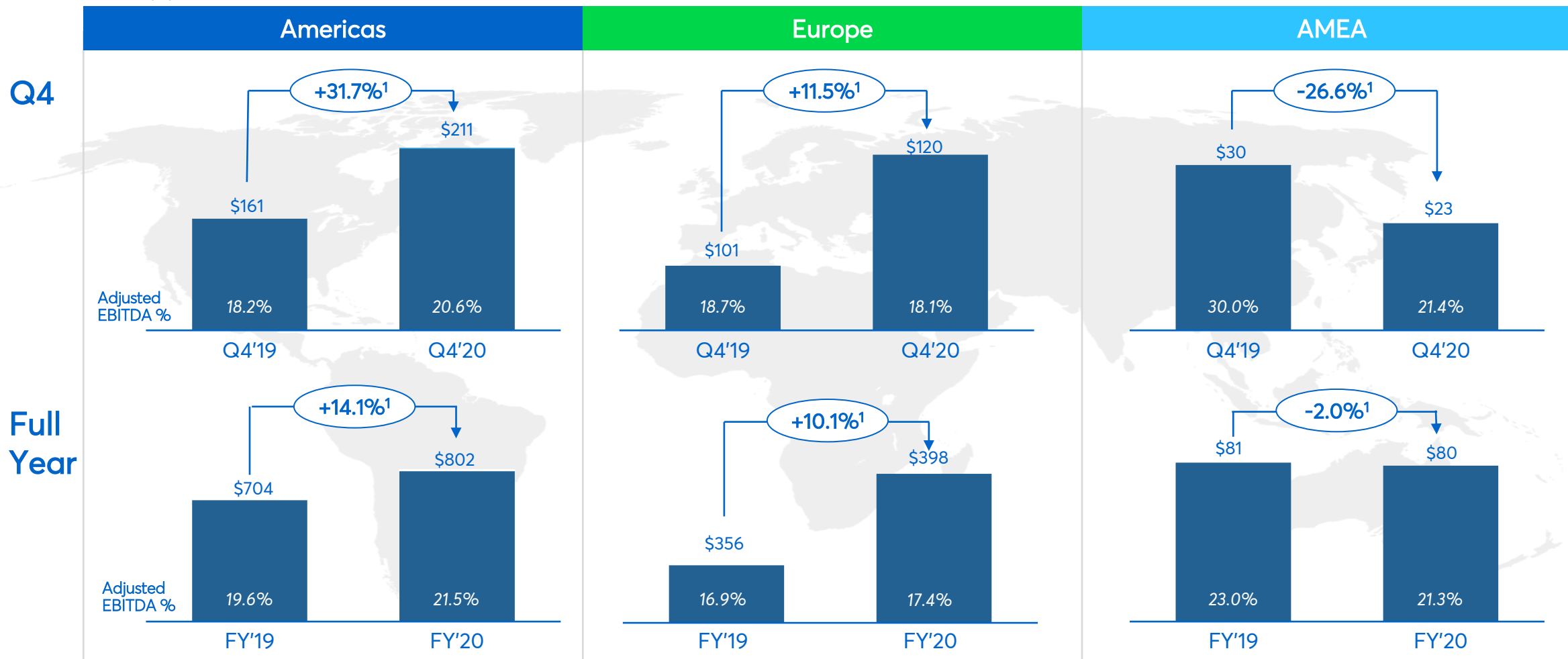
Organic revenue growth by region

(\$M)
Organic revenue growth¹ %



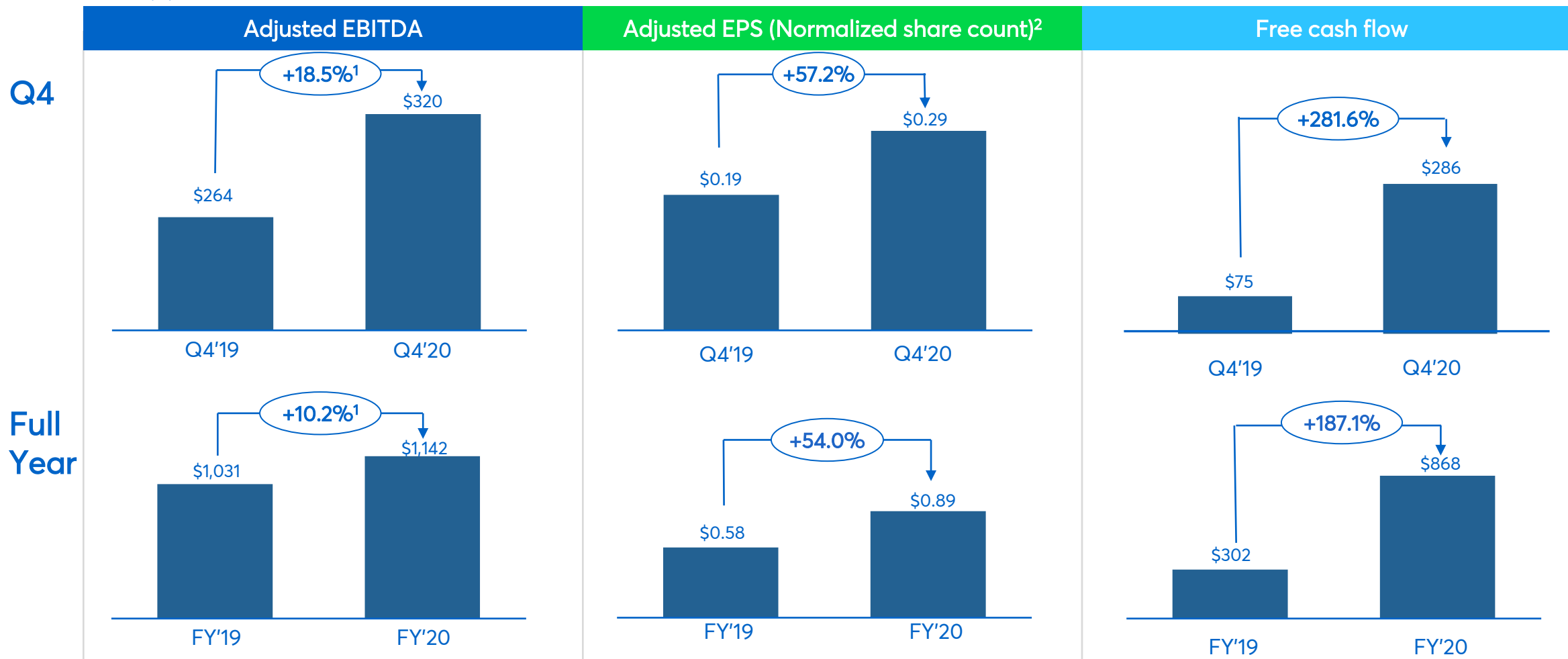
Segment adjusted EBITDA

(\$M, except per share data)



Update on key financial performance metrics

(\$M, except per share data)



2021 full year guidance

Organic sales growth %	4-7%	- Reported growth 6-10% - Includes COVID tailwinds of \$250M-\$350M+ (vs. \$250M-\$300M 2020)
Adjusted EBITDA %	~50bps expansion	- Commercial excellence, productivity, mix - Disciplined execution underpinned by ABS
Adjusted EPS	~30% growth	- Interest expense \$196M (vs. \$308M 2020) - Effective tax rate 24%
Free cash flow	~\$800M	- Continued strong conversion - Incremental funding of growth initiatives

Summary



Executing well in challenging environment

- Strong revenue growth, earnings, and free cash flow
- Significantly improved balance sheet & financial flexibility



Well positioned for continued growth

- Deeply embedded in the Life Sciences industry with product breadth and strong capabilities that enable collaboration and customer-driven innovation
- Advancing our growth strategy with recent new product introductions that extend our single use offering for bioproduction processes



Looking ahead

- Consistent end market outlook, focusing on value-creation framework
- Attractive outlook for FY21
- Balance sheet strength enabling financial flexibility



Appendix

Debt update

	Instrument	Maturity	Principal (\$M)	Interest
Working capital	AR facility (\$300M)	3/2023	\$0.0	L + 0.90%
	Revolver (\$515M)	7/2025	0.0	L + 2.50%
Secured debt	Term loan B	11/2024	546.7	L + 2.25%
	Term loan B	11/2024	344.8	E + 2.50%
	Term loan	10/2027	1,175.0	L + 2.50%
	Senior secured	11/2025	795.0	2.625% fixed
Unsecured debt	Senior unsecured	7/2028	1,550.0	4.625% fixed
	Senior unsecured (€400M)	7/2028	489.2	3.875% fixed
	Capital leases & other	—	71.5	—
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Free cash flow generation

(\$M)

	Q4 2019	Q4 2020	YTD 2019	YTD 2020
Adj. net income	\$120.0	\$188.7	\$373.6	\$575.2
Reconciling items	143.6	131.2	657.6	566.4
Adj. EBITDA	263.6	319.9	1,031.2	1,141.6
Cash interest	(152.0)	(70.5)	(410.4)	(323.1)
Cash taxes	(12.1)	(10.7)	(112.3)	(42.7)
Net working capital inclusive of provisions	(10.4)	9.1	(134.5)	26.4
Other	(2.1)	58.2	(20.0)	127.6
Net cash provided by operating activities	87.0	306.0	354.0	929.8
Capital expenditures	(12.1)	(20.2)	(51.6)	(61.6)
Free cash flow	\$74.9	\$285.8	\$302.4	\$868.2

Reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP measures

(\$M)	2019					2020				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY
Net (loss) income (GAAP)	\$(6.2)	\$(48.7)	\$22.1	\$70.6	\$37.8	\$47.0	\$60.2	\$(42.2)	\$51.6	\$116.6
Amortization	78.6	78.3	77.9	77.5	312.3	77.4	77.2	78.8	74.1	307.5
Net foreign currency loss (gain) from financing activities	6.2	(14.3)	8.2	1.8	1.9	1.6	(1.8)	(4.1)	3.6	(0.7)
Other stock-based compensation expense (benefit)	—	42.7	(9.2)	3.3	36.8	(1.1)	1.1	0.6	0.7	1.3
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	70.2	—	3.5	73.7	—	—	226.4	120.4	346.8
Restructuring and severance charges	5.5	0.9	13.4	4.5	24.3	1.2	3.2	2.3	5.1	11.8
Purchase accounting adjustments	(0.8)	(3.3)	(3.1)	(3.5)	(10.7)	—	—	—	—	—
VWR transaction, integration and planning expenses	6.3	5.1	5.4	5.7	22.5	3.6	1.5	2.1	2.7	9.9
Other	—	—	0.2	3.0	3.2	1.8	0.7	1.8	2.9	7.2
Income tax benefit applicable to pretax adjustments	(21.4)	(39.3)	(21.1)	(46.4)	(128.2)	(19.6)	(20.9)	(112.3)	(72.4)	(225.2)
Adjusted net income (non-GAAP)	68.2	91.6	93.8	120.0	373.6	111.9	121.2	153.4	188.7	575.2
Interest expense	128.6	115.1	98.3	98.0	440.0	94.5	92.1	65.2	55.8	307.6
Depreciation	19.7	24.7	22.4	19.8	86.6	19.1	20.6	20.3	27.9	87.9
Income tax provision applicable to adjusted net income	31.5	37.4	36.3	25.8	131.0	37.3	39.4	46.7	47.5	170.9
Adjusted EBITDA (non-GAAP)	\$248.0	\$268.8	\$250.8	\$263.6	\$1,031.2	\$262.8	\$273.3	\$285.6	\$319.9	\$1,141.6

Reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP measures (continued)

(Shares in M)

	2019					2020				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY ¹	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY ¹
Diluted (loss) earnings per share (GAAP)	(0.59)	(0.98)	0.01	0.09	(0.84)	0.05	0.08	(0.10)	0.06	0.09
Dilutive impact of convertible instruments	0.57	0.87	0.02	0.02	0.19	0.02	0.01	0.03	0.02	0.09
Normalization for shares issued in IPO	0.01	0.03	—	—	0.71	—	—	—	—	—
Fully diluted (loss) earnings per share (non-GAAP)	(0.01)	(0.08)	0.03	0.11	0.06	0.07	0.09	(0.07)	0.08	0.18
Amortization	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.49	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.12	0.48
Net foreign currency loss (gain) from financing activities	0.01	(0.02)	0.01	—	—	—	—	(0.01)	—	—
Other stock-based compensation expense (benefit)	—	0.07	(0.01)	0.01	0.06	—	—	—	—	—
Loss on extinguishment of debt	—	0.11	—	0.01	0.11	—	—	0.35	0.19	0.54
Restructuring and severance charges	0.01	—	0.02	0.01	0.04	—	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01
Purchase accounting adjustments	—	(0.01)	—	(0.01)	(0.02)	—	—	—	—	0.01
VWR transaction, integration and planning expenses	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.03	0.01	—	0.01	—	0.02
Other	—	—	—	—	0.01	—	—	—	—	—
Income tax benefit applicable to pretax adjustments	(0.03)	(0.06)	(0.03)	(0.07)	(0.20)	(0.03)	(0.03)	(0.17)	(0.11)	(0.35)
Adjusted EPS (non-GAAP)	\$0.11	\$0.14	\$0.15	\$0.19	\$0.58	\$0.17	\$0.19	\$0.24	0.29	0.89
Weighted average share count (GAAP)	133	323	581	582	401	581	582	577	587	583
Share count for Adjusted EPS (non-GAAP)	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643	643

Reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP measures (continued)

(\$M)	2017	2018	2019	2020			
				Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Debt, gross	7,396.1	7,162.9	5,249.4	5,181.2	5,198.2	5,155.5	4,972.2
Less: cash and cash equivalents	(185.4)	(184.7)	(186.7)	(346.3)	(415.3)	(370.5)	(286.6)
Numerator of adjusted net leverage	7,210.7	6,978.2	5,062.7	4,834.9	4,782.9	4,785.0	4,685.6
TTM adjusted EBITDA	289.5	945.3	1,031.2	1,046.0	1,050.5	1,085.3	1,141.6
TTM ongoing share-based compensation expense	21.6	19.1	31.1	35.8	38.2	38.0	42.4
Pro forma adjustment for VWR	472.6	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pro forma adjustment for projected synergies	—	29.7	26.8	20.3	17.1	8.4	1.6
Denominator of adjusted net leverage	783.7	994.1	1,089.1	1,102.1	1,105.8	1,131.7	1,185.6
Adjusted net leverage (non-GAAP)	9.2X	7.0X	4.6X	4.4X	4.3x	4.2x	4.0x
TTM adjusted EBITDA	289.5	945.3	1,031.2	1,046.0	1,050.5	1,085.3	1,141.6
TTM covenant adjustments	34.5	60.7	68.8	71.1	73.0	72.8	91.0
Pro forma adjustment for VWR	492.7	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pro forma adjustment for projected synergies	219.0	145.1	70.6	46.2	20.5	6.9	(3.2)
Denominator of covenant net leverage	1,035.7	1,151.1	1,170.6	1,163.3	1,144.0	1,165.0	1,229.4
Covenant net leverage (non-GAAP)	7.0X	6.1X	4.3X	4.2X	4.2X	4.1x	3.8x

Reconciliations of GAAP to non-GAAP measures (continued)

(\$M)	2019					2020				
	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	FY
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities (GAAP)	75.0	(5.9)	197.9	87.0	354.0	253.1	89.2	281.5	306.0	929.8
Capital expenditures	(12.4)	(14.0)	(13.1)	(12.1)	(51.6)	(12.6)	(13.5)	(15.3)	(20.2)	(61.6)
Free cash flow (non-GAAP)	62.6	(19.9)	184.8	74.9	302.4	240.5	75.7	266.2	285.8	868.2
Net cash used in investing activities (GAAP)	(7.9)	(12.4)	(10.4)	(11.4)	(42.1)	(11.9)	(12.5)	(15.9)	(18.8)	(59.1)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities (GAAP)	(106.1)	38.3	(172.6)	(67.4)	(307.8)	(73.1)	(13.3)	(316.1)	(380.4)	(782.9)