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From left: Tim Schulten, Division President, Services; Haining Auperin, Chief Human Resources Officer; Thomas Zickler, Chief Financial Officer; Uwe Boltersdorf, Division President, Chemtech; Suzanne Thoma, Executive Chair; Jan Lüder, Division President, Flow Equipment

Dear Shareholder,

In the global energy discussion, both a secure energy supply and energy efficiency are fundamental pillars for the stability of our society. Traditional energy needs to be decarbonized and made more efficient to fuel a sustainable transition. At the same time, new solutions that enable circularity and reduce waste are gaining momentum. Sulzer technologies fundamentally enable solutions that address these societal and market needs. Moreover, we are well positioned in these markets to ensure sustainable, profitable growth, which is what our H1 performance reflects.

Strong performance

After seeing orders rise more than 30% in Q1, growth continued in Q2. As our customers strive to meet their ambitious challenges, demand for Sulzer solutions increased accordingly, resulting in double-digit growth across our divisions in H1. Overall, Sulzer's order intake stood at CHF 1'992m compared to 1'734m in 2022, an organic increase of 24.1% year-over-year, with double-digit gains in all divisions.

Orders in Chemtech rose 25.3%, continuing its strong growth in both core and new markets. Flow Equipment's order intake grew 25.1% year-on-year, based on strong activity in the energy markets, and Services grew 22.1% year-on-year, fueled by demand for higher efficiency and lifetime extension of critical infrastructure. Based on our strong order execution, sales increased 15.4% to CHF 1'601.6, while our operational profitability rose by 110 basis points to 10.1%. Flow Equipment managed to increase profitability by 170 basis points to 7.0%, its best performance ever, while Chemtech also reached a new high of 11.7%. We achieved these gains thanks to a favorable product portfolio mix, cost discipline and higher sales volumes.



"Markets evolve and so does demand. By capturing the opportunities that these changes bring, we will spearhead development and continue to shape the future."

Suzanne Thoma Executive Chair

Long-term growth potential

Markets are changing rapidly and dynamically, leading to shifts in demand that we can serve. The development of innovative technology, improved processes for critical applications and a resilient infrastructure support the transition to clean and renewable energy.

For Sulzer, precisely because our technologies support and enable sustainable development, these fundamental challenges represent significant growth opportunities. To ensure we can seize these opportunities, we continue to invest in research and development (R&D) throughout our global organization to drive technical innovation and maintain our market leadership. A good example of this is our **new R&D facility in Singapore**. Announced in April, this research center will fuel development of innovative clean technologies for customer applications in the Asia Pacific region.

Strategy review

Given our transforming markets, we are adapting our strategy to ensure that we continue to meet the needs of our global customers. At the same time, we are examining internal processes to improve the way we generate value and to achieve operational excellence. We define operational excellence as improvements in all aspects of our business. An important element is our net working capital (NWC), which we have reduced to deploy it more effectively and to fund future growth. Operational excellence also requires effectiveness and efficiency in management across all essential processes. It is the basis of how we manage our resources and shape our corporate culture and helps support our business leaders make the right decisions. It is also about quality, which shapes our customer relationships and ultimately drives our innovation.

These endeavors form the foundation on which we build our evolving strategy. Here we look at the fundamental value drivers across the business, our respective market positions and the ongoing development of our business portfolio to ensure we continue to grow profitably.

Outlook

We have had a very strong year to date and expect demand in our markets to remain robust. Based on our strong position in growing markets, we have recently increased our guidance and expect organic order growth of 10 to 14% year-on-year, organic sales growth of 11 to 13% and operational profitability around 11% of sales.

As always, we would like to extend great appreciation and thanks to you, our shareholders, for all of your support, and to our employees, customers and partners, without whom none of our achievements would be possible.

Sincerely,

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Suzanne Thoma Executive Chair

Our key figures



Key figures

millions of CHF	2023	2022	Change in +/-%	+/-% adjusted 1)	+/-% organic ²⁾
Order intake	1'992.4	1'734.1	14.9	22.7	24.1
Order intake gross margin	33.0%	32.8%			
Order backlog as of June 30 / December 31	2'141.7	1'844.7	16.1		
Sales	1'601.6	1'516.8	5.6	12.6	15.4
EBIT ³⁾	151.5	-25.5	n/a		
Operational profit	162.4	135.8	19.6	26.3	27.3
Operational profitability	10.1%	9.0%			
Core net income	114.4	74.4	53.8		
Net income	104.3	-48.8	n/a		
Basic earnings per share (in CHF)	3.07	-1.43	n/a		
Free cash flow (FCF)	106.6	-78.2	n/a		
Net debt as of June 30 / December 31	288.6	234.6	23.0		
Employees (number of full-time equivalents) as of June 30 / December 31	12'981	12'868	0.9		

Adjusted for currency effects.
 Adjusted for acquisition, deconsolidation and currency effects.
 2022 was impacted by write-offs related to Russia and Poland.



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Strong performance in all businesses

Note: If not otherwise indicated, changes from the previous year are based on organic figures (adjusted for currency effects and acquisitions/ deconsolidations).

Order intake increased by 24.1%, with strong commercial results in all divisions. Sales also rose substantially, recording a year-on-year improvement of 15.4%. Operational profitability reached 10.1%, up 110 basis points versus H1 2022. Free cash flow (FCF) amounted to CHF 106.6 million, up CHF 184.8 million from CHF -78.2 million.

Strong growth momentum in all three divisions

Compared to the first half of 2022, Sulzer grew its order intake by 24.1% to CHF 1'992.4 million. This is despite negative currency translation effects on order intake of CHF 136.0 million and a CHF 24.0 million negative impact from divestitures and deconsolidations. Order intake gross margin increased nominally by 20 basis points to 33.0%.

Order intake in Flow Equipment grew by 25.1%, primarily driven by an 84.3% increase in Energy orders. Water orders were stable, whereas order intake in the Industry segment saw a slight decline of 1.2%. In the Services division, orders also grew by a significant 22.1%. From a regional perspective, order intake was particularly strong in the Americas, with a 34.7% increase, and in Europe, the Middle East and Africa (EMEA), with 14.0% growth. This more than offset a 7.6% drop in Asia-Pacific, where a large order had been booked in the first half of 2022. Chemtech's order intake increased by 25.3%, led by year-on-year increases in Asia-Pacific of 29.7% and the Americas of 25.0%, compensating for a decline in Europe/Rest of Africa (ERA) of 21.8%. Chemtech orders continued to grow strongly across all businesses, particularly in the Renewables segment, increasing by 78.9% to a total of 88.7 million, representing 17.6% of Chemtech's total order intake.

Sulzer enters the second half of 2023 with an order backlog of CHF 2'141.7 million (December 31, 2022: CHF 1'844.7 million). This figure includes negative currency translation effects of CHF 155.3 million.



"Strong demand for Sulzer's innovative solutions has led to significant order growth in all divisions. Thanks to excellent order execution and higher margins, sales and profits rose significantly. We expect momentum to continue into H2, and as a result have increased our full year guidance for orders, sales and profitability."

Thomas Zickler Chief Financial Officer

Orders

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Order intake	1'992.4	1'734.1
Order intake gross margin	33.0%	32.8%
Order backlog as of June 30 / December 31	2'141.7	1'844.7

Sales increased by 15.4% year-on-year to CHF 1'601.6 million, despite a negative impact from divestitures of CHF 43.2 million and negative currency translation effects of CHF 105.8 million.

Sales in the Flow Equipment division grew by 14.1%. The biggest increase could be observed in Water, with a 19.5% increase, followed by Industry, which was up 18.4%. Both businesses were particularly affected by supply chain issues in the first half of 2022, which eased in 2023, while Energy sales increased by 4.7%. Sales in Services grew strongly in all regions, leading to an overall increase of 11.3%. Again, growth was highest in the Americas, but Asia-Pacific and EMEA sales also saw strong growth. In Chemtech, sales were up by a significant 24.3% thanks to a strong focus on executing the high backlog with which the division entered the year.

Higher gross profit margin

Gross profit margin increased to 32.3%, significantly above the 28.4% reported in the first half of 2022, when Russia-related write-offs of CHF 38.8 million reduced the reported margin. Excluding these write-offs, the margin level in the first half of 2023 was above that of the previous year thanks to solid execution and a better mix. Coupled with the increased sales volume, gross profit reached CHF 516.9 million (H1 2022: CHF 430.9 million).

Increased operational profitability at 10.1%

Operational profit amounted to CHF 162.4 million, compared with CHF 135.8 million in the first half of 2022, an increase of 27.3%. Higher sales volumes, solid margins and a better mix were the main contributors to this increase, resulting in operational profitability of 10.1% (first half of 2022: 9.0%).

Increases in operational profitability were achieved in all divisions:

- Flow Equipment increased to 7.0%, compared to 5.3% in the first half of 2022
- Services achieved 14.2%, up 90 basis points from 13.3% in the prior year
- Chemtech improved operational profitability to 11.7%, compared to 9.9% at the end of June 2022

Bridge from operational profit to EBIT (January 1 – June 30)

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Operational profit	162.4	135.8
Amortization	-18.5	-20.0
Impairments on tangible and intangible assets	-0.0	-36.4
Restructuring expenses	-0.4	-0.9
Non-operational items ¹⁾	8.1	-104.1
EBIT	151.5	-25.5

1) Non-operational items include significant acquisition-related expenses, gains and losses from the sale of businesses or real estate (including release of provisions), and certain non-operational items that are non-recurring or do not regularly occur in similar magnitude.

Return on sales of 9.5%

In the first half of 2023, as a result of the deconsolidation of Russian business activities, a gain from deconsolidation of CHF 8.0 million was booked and recorded as non-operational items. In contrast, Sulzer had incurred one-off expenses of CHF 141.4 million by June 30, 2022, mainly consisting of write-offs in relation to the exit from Russia and closures in Poland, which accounted for CHF 132.5 million.

By June 30, 2023, EBIT amounted to CHF 151.5 million, compared with CHF -25.5 million in the first half of 2022, which included the above-mentioned write-offs relating to the exit from Russia. Return on sales (ROS) was 9.5%, compared with -1.7% by June 30, 2022.

ROS and operational profitability (January 1 – June 30)

millions of CHF	2023	2022
EBIT	151.5	-25.5
Sales	1'601.6	1'516.8
Return on sales (ROS)	9.5%	-1.7%
Operational profit	162.4	135.8
Sales	1'601.6	1'516.8
Operational profitability	10.1%	9.0%

Financial result

Total financial expenses amounted to CHF 12.8 million, compared with financial income of CHF 8.5 million in the first half of 2022. Net interest expenses improved from CHF 9.7 million in the first half of 2022 to CHF 5.6 million for the same period in 2023. Fair value changes from hedging instruments for non-operating items had a negative impact of CHF 9.1 million (positive impact of CHF 9.1 million as of June 30, 2022). Other currency exchange gains amounted to CHF 2.7 million, compared with a gain of CHF 10.3 million in the first half of 2022, when negative foreign exchange movements on non-operating items were more than offset by a CHF 21.0 million positive impact from unhedged intercompany loans to Russia.

Effective tax rate improves to 24.2%

The estimated average annual tax rate used for 2023 is projected to be 24.2%, compared with 166.4% (excluding Russia and Poland: 30.3%) for the six months ending June 30, 2022. Income tax expenses amounted to CHF 33.3 million in the first half of 2023, compared to CHF 30.5 million for the six months ending June 30, 2022, due to significantly higher taxable income.

Higher net income and core net income

Due to higher operational profits, net income increased to CHF 104.3 million, compared with CHF -48.8 million in the previous year, which was impacted by one-off items. Core net income, which excludes restructuring expenses, amortization, impairments, non-operational items and the tax-adjusted effects of non-operational items, totaled CHF 114.4 million, compared with CHF 74.4 million in the first half of 2022. Basic earnings per share increased from CHF -1.43 for the period to June 30, 2022, to CHF 3.07 in the first six months of 2023.

Bridge from net income to core net income

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Net income	104.3	-48.8
Amortization	18.5	20.0
Impairments on tangible and intangible assets	0.0	36.4
Restructuring expenses	0.4	0.9
Non-operational items ¹⁾	-8.1	104.1
Tax impact on above items	-0.8	-38.1
Core net income 2)	114.4	74.4

 Other non-operational items include significant acquisition-related expenses, gains and losses from the sale of businesses or real estate (including release of provisions), and certain non-operational items that are non-recurring or do not regularly occur in similar magnitude.
 Core net income excludes adjustments for financial items.

Key balance sheet positions

If not otherwise indicated, balance sheet movements from the previous year are based on nominal figures.

Total assets as of June 30, 2023, amounted to CHF 4'539.3 million, a decrease of CHF 80.9 million from December 31, 2022. Non-current assets decreased by CHF 33.2 million to CHF 1'551.0 million, mainly because of negative foreign exchange impacts of CHF 17.7 million on goodwill denominated in currencies other than the Swiss franc and decreased other intangible assets of CHF 18.1 million. Current assets decreased by CHF 47.7 million, including CHF 30.4 million attributable to the deconsolidation of the Russian operations that were previously classified as 'held for sale.' In addition, cash and cash equivalents decreased by CHF 54.9 million, mostly driven by dividend payments. Inventories increased (CHF 18.0 million), as did supplier advances (CHF 28.0 million), whereas trade account receivables were reduced by CHF 32.3 million.

Total liabilities increased by CHF 5.1 million to CHF 3'596.6 million as of June 30, 2023. The main reasons were an increase in contract liabilities (CHF 59.5 million) and a decrease of trade accounts payable (CHF 25.6 million). CHF 25.4 million of liabilities previously classified as held for sale were eliminated as a result of the deconsolidation of the Russian business.

Equity decreased by CHF 86.0 million to CHF 942.6 million. This decrease was mainly driven by dividend distribution (CHF 119.0 million) and currency translation effects (CHF 67.1 million), only partly offset by net income (CHF 104.3 million).

Free cash flow improved

Free cash flow significantly improved and amounted to CHF 106.6 million in the first half of 2023, compared to CHF -78.2 million reported by June 30, 2022. Higher net income, better working capital management and lower tax payments were the main drivers for this improvement.

Bridge from cash flow from operating activities to free cash flow

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Cash flow from operating activities	133.3	-47.6
Purchase of intangible assets	-3.5	-2.8
Sale of intangible assets	0.0	0.0
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	-25.7	-34.4
Sale of property, plant and equipment	2.5	6.6
Free cash flow (FCF)	106.6	-78.2

In the first half of 2023, cash outflow from investing activities amounted to CHF 68.2 million, compared with CHF 28.3 million in the first half of 2022. Besides the net cash outflow of CHF 26.7 million for purchases and sales of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets, this was largely driven by acquisitions and divestiture/deconsolidation-related outflows of CHF 43.4 million.

Cash outflow from financing activities totaled CHF 124.3 million, compared with CHF 113.4 million in the first half of 2022. Dividend payments amounted to CHF 80.9 million, compared with CHF 80.6 million in 2022. The net change in cash since January 1, 2023, amounted to CHF –83.5 million, including exchange losses on cash and cash equivalents of CHF 24.3 million.

Outlook for 2023

We have had a very strong year to date and expect demand in our markets to remain robust. Based on our strong position in growing markets, we have recently increased our guidance and expect organic order growth of 10 to 14% year-on-year, organic sales growth of 11 to 13% and operational profitability around 11% of sales.

Abbreviations

EBIT: Earnings before interest and taxes ROS: Return on sales EBITDA: Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization FCF: Free cash flow For the definition of the alternative performance measures, please refer to "Supplementary information" in the Annual Report 2022

Continued strong order growth and profitability

Note: If not otherwise indicated, changes from the previous year are based on organic figures (adjusted for currency effects and acquisitions/ deconsolidations).

The Flow Equipment division experienced strong order growth of 25.1% compared to the first half of 2022, mainly driven by strong increases in the global energy market, with Water remaining stable. Sales increased 14.1% to CHF 662.5 million due to strong growth in the Water and Industry business units. Operational profitability rose 170 basis points year-on-year, reflecting disciplined pricing and improved commercial and operational excellence. The division continues to focus on operational efficiency across its business units to meet growing demand for infrastructure and services in support of the energy transition.

Enabling renewable energy

The Flow Equipment division continues to see strong activity in the energy markets, driven by futureproven solutions that reliably support customers in the green energy transition. The rightsizing activities of the Energy business helped the division achieve strong H1 results, as reflected in order intake, sales and improved margins. Water remains a strategic market and continues to grow profitably, while Industry is basically stable year-on-year.

Earlier this year, a major energy producer in Canada selected Sulzer technology to support net zero biofuel production at industrial scale. The operation relies on a range of Sulzer flow equipment to realize an annual carbon reduction of up to 3'000,000 tonnes. Recently, Sulzer announced its business-critical role in enabling green hydrogen production after having been selected by Air Products to support their project for end customer NEOM, in Saudi Arabia. This facility has a projected capacity of approximately 222'000 tonnes of carbon-free green hydrogen per year.

While working to strengthen its position through portfolio expansion and geographic reach, the Water business remains resilient, with stable order intake for its state-of-the-art wastewater treatment solutions. The Industry business maintains its leading position in the pulp and paper market and continues to strategically focus on customer and product development in other industry segments.

Moving forward, the Flow Equipment division will continue to leverage its technologies and potential across the three businesses to support customers with innovative solutions that improve efficiencies and advance their sustainability objectives.



"Flow Equipment is well positioned to capture growth opportunities in our core markets. We develop innovative and reliable solutions that support our customers' green energy transitions. With our continuous focus on operational efficiency, all business areas contribute to our profitable growth."

Jan Lüder **Division President Flow Equipment**

Key figures Flow Equipment (January 1 – June 30)

millions of CHF	2023	2022	Change in +/-%	+/-% adjusted 1)	+/-% organic 2)
Order intake	824.8	709.1	16.3	24.4	25.1
Order intake gross margin	28.7%	31.1%			
Order backlog as of June 30 / December 31	978.4	850.1	15.1		
Sales	662.5	631.9	4.9	11.8	14.1
EBIT ³⁾	28.4	3.7	671.9		
Operational profit	46.4	33.7	37.6	38.9	39.8
Operational profitability	7.0%	5.3%			
Employees (number of full-time equivalents) as of June 30 / December 31	5'334	5'263	1.3		

Adjusted for currency effects.
 Adjusted for acquisition, deconsolidation and currency effects.
 2022 was impacted by write-offs related to Russia and Poland.

Continued strong order growth

Following a number of large orders in the first quarter, order growth normalized in Q2. Orders for the first half of the year rose 25.1%, driven by strong demand for clean energy.



Sales and profitability

Sales increased by 14.1 percentage points across all business units. Operational profitability increased by 1.7 percentage points to 7.0%, mainly driven by an increased focus on price realization against inflation and disciplined control of operational expenditures.

Continued strong growth

Note: If not otherwise indicated, changes from the previous year are based on organic figures (adjusted for currency effects and acquisitions/ deconsolidations).

In the first half of 2023, the Services division saw order intake rise by 22.1% compared to H1 2022, mainly driven by the Americas and the EMEA region. Sales increased by 11.3% compared to the same period a year ago, with all regions and product lines contributing to the growth. Operational profitability increased by 90 basis points due to higher volume and a better mix. The division continues to invest in its service offering to broaden its scope of technical services and geographic reach.

Strong demand driven by sustainable solutions

With the growing focus on decarbonization and efficiency, the division sees increasing demand for retrofits and repairs. Retrofits for legacy equipment are driving demand, as Pumps Services leverages its broad technical expertise across industries and locations. Meanwhile, Turbo Services continues to demonstrate its expertise, recently helping a gas turbine powerplant in China reduce nitrogen oxide (NOx) emissions and comply with a stringent new emissions standard.

As Sulzer's global service network is a key competitive advantage, the company continues to upgrade facilities and expand its footprint. A recently opened new purpose-built, 1'680-square-meter service center in Lausitz, Germany, features enhanced digital technologies and capabilities, also offering a central location to better support industrial customers in Germany, Poland and the Czech Republic. Other examples include facility expansions in Orange, Texas, and Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where capacity was doubled in the first half of the year at each site, with further network upgrades currently underway.

"Our performance demonstrates agility in capturing market upswings. We focus on reducing lead times by further improving our responsiveness and flexibility. We continue to invest in the business to ensure we are close to our customers and able to deliver critical services when and where needed."

Tim Schulten Division President Services



Key figures Services (January 1 – June 30)

millions of CHF	2023	2022	Change in +/-%	+/-% adjusted 1)	+/-% organic 2)
Order intake	662.7	587.9	12.7	21.5	22.1
Order intake gross margin	38.4%	37.3%			
Order backlog as of June 30 / December 31	568.5	492.9	15.3		
Sales	558.1	542.8	2.8	10.2	11.3
EBIT ³⁾	91.7	-19.0	n/a		
Operational profit	79.4	72.2	10.0	17.7	18.5
Operational profitability	14.2%	13.3%			
Employees (number of full-time equivalents) as of June 30 / December 31	4'571	4'559	0.3		

1) Adjusted for currency effects.

Adjusted for acquisition, deconsolidation and currency effects.
 2022 was impacted by write-offs related to Russia and Poland.

Continued growth trajectory

The Services division increased order intake by 22.1% year-on-year, continuing its growth trajectory. Both EMEA and the Americas saw double-digit growth in H1 2023, driven by increasing energy demand and new sustainability targets of customers. Retrofits for legacy equipment are driving demand, as Pumps Services leverages its broad technical expertise across industries and locations. Due to a particularly large order received in early 2022, Asia-Pacific was lower in the first half of 2023 compared to the same time period last year.



Increasing sales

All regions contributed to the significant sales growth of 11.3% compared with the first half of 2022, more than compensating the exit from the Russian market. Despite inflationary pressures, operational profitability increased by 90 basis points, that was mainly driven by a better mix and increased volumes.

Strong growth with continued focus on Renewables

Note: If not otherwise indicated, changes from the previous year are based on organic figures (adjusted for currency effects and acquisitions/ deconsolidations).

The Chemtech division drove very strong order growth of 25.3% in the first half of 2023, fueled by Asia-Pacific and the Americas. Orders grew strongly in the Renewables segment and broadly across all other businesses. Sales increased 24.3% year-on-year and were supported both by large orders and sound order backlog execution. The division's operational profitability increased 180 basis points, mainly driven by strong execution discipline and a favorable product mix.

Driving the green transition

With recognized success in biofuels, recycling and carbon capture, the division continues to drive growth through leadership in its separation technologies, maintaining a strong focus on renewables and operational efficiency. The division was acknowledged in NexantECA's report earlier this year, where its licensed BioFlux® process technology was named one of the top two most cost-effective hydrotreating solutions for producing hydrogenated vegetable oils (HVOs) and/or sustainable aviation fuel (SAF).

As Chemtech expands its strategic focus on the Renewables business, the division's robust performance is also being recognized through its extensive licensing portfolio of technologies. A recent order in China demonstrates Chemtech's comprehensive offering in biobased technologies, with Jindan New Biomaterials utilizing Sulzer's licensed PLA technology at its new manufacturing plant to produce up to 75'000 tonnes of polylactic acid (PLA) per year, primarily for food packaging, molded goods and fibers production. The PLA will be produced in a variety of grades to support the enhanced use of bioplastics in several sectors in China, including the textile and package manufacturing industries.

Similarly, the division's licensed GT-LPG Max[™] technology is supporting Hanwha TotalEnergies Petrochemical (HTC) enhance productivity at its plant in Daesan, South Korea, while also supporting decarbonization at the plant by extracting liquefied petroleum gas (LPG) components to enhance gains from its off-gas flare system.

To support continued customized solutions in separation technologies and process designs, the division also recently announced that it has signed an agreement with JTC Corporation, a government agency under the Ministry of Trade and Industry in Singapore, to build and operate a new research center in Singapore. The center is designed to support clean and sustainable manufacturing in the region and expected to be fully operational in Q2 2024. Chemtech will focus its research activities on chemical separation processes for circular operations such as polymer recycling and bio-based fuel production.



"The division continues to drive growth through its unique positioning in growth markets and its leading separation and purification solutions. Our commitment to innovation is gaining recognition as we invest in technologies for Renewables and expand our licensing businesses."

Uwe Boltersdorf **Division President Chemtech**

Key figures Chemtech (January 1 - June 30)

millions of CHF	2023	2022	Change in +/-%	+/-% adjusted 1)	+/-% organic 2)
Order intake	504.9	437.1	15.5	21.7	25.3
Order intake gross margin	33.1%	29.6%			
Order backlog as of June 30 / December 31	594.8	501.7	18.6		
Sales	380.9	342.0	11.4	17.8	24.3
EBIT 3)	38.1	-5.3	n/a		
Operational profit	44.7	33.8	32.2	41.4	42.8
Operational profitability	11.7%	9.9%			
Employees (number of full-time equivalents) as of June 30 / December 31	2'887	2'852	1.2		

Adjusted for currency effects.
 Adjusted for acquisition, deconsolidation and currency effects.
 2022 was impacted by write-offs related to Russia and Poland.

Strong order intake

Orders increased 25.3% in the first half of 2023, with double-digit growth in Asia-Pacific and the Americas, driven by strong demand for separation technologies and mass transfer components. Orders in Europe, the Middle East and Africa were lower due to the high comparable base in H1 2022 but were still at healthy levels.



Increased sales and profitability

Sales in the first half of the year grew by 24.3%, with particularly strong growth in the Americas and Asia-Pacific regions. Operational profitability increased by 180 basis points to 11.7%, reflecting a strong focus on execution and a more favorable product mix.



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Consolidated income statement

January 1 – June 30

millions of CHF	Notes	2023	2022
Sales	3	1'601.6	1'516.8
Cost of goods sold		-1'084.7	-1'085.9
Gross profit		516.9	430.9
Selling and distribution expenses		-166.7	-158.4
General and administrative expenses		-175.3	-188.1
Research and development expenses		-35.1	-32.4
Net impairment release / (loss) on contract assets and trade accounts receivable		2.6	-36.8
Other operating income / (expenses), net	7	9.1	-40.6
Operating income (EBIT)		151.5	-25.5
Interest and securities income	8	10.5	3.5
Interest expenses	8	-16.1	-13.2
Other financial income / (expenses), net	8	-7.2	18.3
Share of profit / (loss) of associates		-1.1	-1.4
Income before income tax expenses		137.6	-18.3
Income tax expenses	9	-33.3	-30.5
Net income		104.3	-48.8
- thereof attributable to shareholders of Sulzer Ltd		103.9	-48.3
- thereof attributable to non-controlling interests		0.3	-0.5
Earnings per share (in CHF)			
Basic earnings per share		3.07	-1.43
Diluted earnings per share		3.03	-1.41

Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

January 1 – June 30

millions of CHF	Notes	2023	2022
Net income		104.3	-48.8
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to the income statement			
Cash flow hedges, net of tax		9.7	-2.8
Currency translation differences		-67.1	13.7
Total of items that may be reclassified subsequently to the income statement		-57.4	10.9
Items that will not be reclassified to the income statement			
Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax		9.4	-107.0
Equity investments at FVOCI – net change in fair value, net of tax		2.4	-12.0
Total of items that will not be reclassified to the income statement		11.8	-119.0
Total other comprehensive income		-45.6	-108.1
Total comprehensive income for the period		58.7	-156.9
- thereof attributable to shareholders of Sulzer Ltd		58.8	-156.6
- thereof attributable to non-controlling interests		-0.1	-0.3

Consolidated balance sheet

millions of CHF	Notes	June 30, 2023	December 31, 2022	June 30, 2022
Non-current assets				
Goodwill		659.2	676.9	702.5
Other intangible assets		216.2	234.3	253.0
Property, plant and equipment		358.1	360.5	381.8
Lease assets		92.8	90.1	77.8
Associates		49.8	41.8	24.2
Other non-current financial assets		27.0	28.5	15.1
Defined benefit assets		3.7	1.3	-
Non-current receivables		1.3	1.0	4.4
Deferred income tax assets		142.9	149.9	182.9
Total non-current assets		1'551.0	1'584.2	1'641.8
Current assets				
Inventories		540.4	522.4	524.4
Current income tax receivables		33.2	28.3	27.2
Advance payments to suppliers		92.4	64.4	64.3
Contract assets		470.8	466.1	446.7
Trade accounts receivable		553.1	585.5	556.1
Other current receivables and prepaid expenses		139.8	128.7	142.6
Current financial assets		17.1	14.0	13.8
Cash and cash equivalents		1'141.4	1'196.3	1'300.6
Total current assets without disposal group		2'988.3	3'005.6	3'075.7
Assets of disposal group held for sale	5	-	30.4	42.4
Total current assets		2'988.3	3'036.0	3'118.2
Total assets		4'539.3	4'620.2	4'760.0
Equity				
Share capital		0.3	0.3	0.3
Reserves		938.5	1'023.9	994.4
Equity attributable to shareholders of Sulzer Ltd		938.8	1'024.3	994.7
Non-controlling interests		3.8	4.4	4.1
Total equity	10	942.6	1'028.6	998.8
Non-current liabilities				
Non-current borrowings	11	1'044.1	1'043.9	1'164.7
Non-current lease liabilities		68.7	67.2	54.6
Deferred income tax liabilities		54.8	53.0	59.6
Non-current income tax liabilities		1.6	2.7	2.2
Defined benefit obligations		109.7	122.2	168.3
Non-current provisions	12	55.7	58.2	67.3
Other non-current liabilities		1.2	1.3	1.3
Total non-current liabilities		1'335.8	1'348.6	1'518.0
Current liabilities				
Current borrowings	11	310.7	311.4	341.7
Current lease liabilities		23.7	22.4	22.8
Current income tax liabilities		32.2	30.0	26.1
Current provisions	12	164.6	155.9	158.7
Contract liabilities		441.8		364.5
Trade accounts payable		441.8	440.8	453.6
Other current and accrued liabilities	13	872.7	874.7	833.3
Total current liabilities without disposal group		2'260.8	2'217.5	2'200.7
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Liabilities of disposal group held for sale Total current liabilities		2'260.8	<u>25.4</u> <u>2'242.9</u>	42.4 2'243.2
Total liabilities		3'596.6	3'591.5	3'761.1
Total equity and liabilities		4'539.3	4/600.0	4'760.0
Total equity and liabilities		4 039.3	4'620.2	4 700.0

Consolidated statement of changes in equity

January 1 – June 30

	_		Attributa	ble to shareh	nolders of Su	ılzer Ltd			
millions of CHF	Notes	Share capital	Retained earnings	Treasury shares	Cash flow hedge reserve	Currency translation adjustment	Total	Non- controlling interests	Total equity
Equity as of January 1, 2022		0.3	1'967.7	-51.0	3.3	-646.5	1'273.8	5.5	1'279.3
Comprehensive income for the period:									
Net income			-48.3				-48.3	-0.5	-48.8
- Cash flow hedges, net of tax		_			-2.8		-2.8		-2.8
- Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax		_	-107.0				-107.0		-107.0
- Equity investments at FVOCI – net change in fair value, net of tax		_	-12.0				-12.0		-12.0
- Currency translation differences		_	_	_		13.5	13.5	0.2	13.7
Other comprehensive income		_	-119.0		-2.8	13.5	-108.3	0.2	-108.1
Total comprehensive income for the period		_	-167.3	_	-2.8	13.5	-156.6	-0.3	-156.9
Transactions with owners of the company:									
Contribution from medmix	10	_	0.4				0.4		0.4
Transaction costs	10	_	-0.7				-0.7		-0.7
Allocation of treasury shares to share plan									
participants		-	-27.0	27.0	-	_	_		-
Purchase of treasury shares		_	_	-10.8			-10.8		-10.8
Share-based payments		_	7.2				7.2		7.2
Dividends	10	_	-118.7	_			-118.7	-1.1	-119.8
Equity as of June 30, 2022		0.3	1'661.8	-34.9	0.6	-633.1	994.7	4.1	998.8
Equity as of January 1, 2023		0.3	1'777.7	-42.9	-4.1	-706.7	1'024.3	4.4	1'028.6
Comprehensive income for the period:									
Net income			103.9				103.9	0.3	104.3
- Cash flow hedges, net of tax		-	-	-	9.7	_	9.7	-	9.7
- Remeasurements of defined benefit plans, net of tax		_	9.4	_	_	_	9.4	_	9.4
- Equity investments at FVOCI – net change in fair value, net of tax		_	2.4	_	_	_	2.4	_	2.4
- Currency translation differences		_	-	_	_	-66.6	-66.6	-0.4	-67.1
Other comprehensive income		-	11.8	-	9.7	-66.6	-45.1	-0.4	-45.6
Total comprehensive income for the period		_	115.8	_	9.7	-66.6	58.8	-0.1	58.7
Transactions with owners of the company:									
Acquisition of non-controlling interests without a change in control	4	_	-22.4	_	_	0.0	-22.4	-0.4	-22.8
Contribution from medmix	10	_	0.3	_	_	-	0.3		0.3
Allocation of treasury shares to share plan participants		_	-26.3	26.3	_	_	_		_
Purchase of treasury shares		-	-	-9.4	-	-	-9.4		-9.4
Share-based payments		-	6.1	-	-	-	6.1		6.1
Dividends	10	_	-118.9	_	_	_	-118.9	-0.1	-119.0

Consolidated statement of cash flows

January 1 – June 30

millions of CHF	Notes	2023	2022
Cash and cash equivalents as of January 1, as per balance sheet		1'196.3	1'505.4
Cash and cash equivalents classified as held for sale		28.6	
Cash and cash equivalents as of January 1		1'224.9	1'505.4
Net income		104.3	-48.8
Interest and securities income	8	-10.5	-3.5
Interest expenses	8	16.1	13.2
Income tax expenses	9	33.3	30.5
Depreciation, amortization and impairments		55.0	95.2
Income from disposals of tangible and intangible assets	7	-0.6	-4.7
Changes in inventories		-34.1	-41.8
Changes in advance payments to suppliers		-28.1	-0.5
Changes in contract assets		-32.2	-26.2
Changes in trade accounts receivable		29.3	-28.9
Changes in contract liabilities		79.6	64.5
Changes in trade accounts payable		-16.1	29.4
Changes in employee benefit plans		-0.9	-4.1
Changes in provisions		8.9	-8.8
Changes in other net current assets		-54.2	-43.2
Other non-cash items		10.7	-14.1
Interest received		10.5	3.3
Interest paid		-4.7	-4.8
Income tax paid		-33.1	-54.1
Total cash flow from operating activities		133.3	-47.6
Purchase of intangible assets		-3.5	-2.8
Sale of intangible assets		0.0	0.0
Purchase of property, plant and equipment		-25.7	-34.4
Sale of property, plant and equipment		2.5	6.6
Acquisitions of subsidiaries, net of cash acquired	4	-1.3	-4.2
Divestitures and deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net of cash derecognized	5	-32.0	3.1
Acquisitions of associates	4	-10.1	-0.0
Dividends from associates		0.2	0.1
Purchase of other non-current financial assets		-0.4	-0.4
Repayments of other non-current financial assets		-	2.9
Purchase of current financial assets		-1.6	-0.0
Repayments of current financial assets		3.7	0.7
Total cash flow from investing activities		-68.2	-28.3
Dividends paid to shareholders of Sulzer Ltd	10	-80.9	-80.6

Dividends paid to non-controlling interests in subsidiaries		-0.1	-1.1
Purchase of treasury shares		-9.4	-10.8
Payments of lease liabilities		-14.4	-17.1
Acquisition of non-controlling interests	4	-19.4	-
Proceeds from current borrowings	11	17.5	272.3
Repayments of current borrowings	11	-17.7	-276.0
Total cash flow from financing activities		-124.3	-113.4
Exchange gains / (losses) on cash and cash equivalents		-24.3	26.0
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		-83.5	-163.3
Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30		1'141.4	1'342.0
Cash and cash equivalents classified as held for sale	5	-	-41.5
Cash and cash equivalents as of June 30 as per balance sheet		1'141.4	1'300.6

For the calculation of free cash flow (FCF), please refer to "Financial review".

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1 General information

Sulzer Ltd (the "company") is a company domiciled in Switzerland. The address of the company's registered office is Neuwiesenstrasse 15 in Winterthur, Switzerland. The unaudited consolidated interim financial statements for the six months ended June 30, 2023, comprise the company and its subsidiaries (together referred to as the "group" and individually as the "subsidiaries") and the group's interest in associates and joint ventures. The company specializes in energy-efficient pumping, agitation, mixing, separation, purification, crystallization and polymerization technologies for fluids of all types. Our solutions enable carbon emission reductions, development of polymers from biological sources, recycling of plastic waste and textiles, and efficient power storage. Sulzer was founded in 1834 in Winterthur, Switzerland, and employs 12'981 people. The company serves customers through a network of 160 production and service sites around the world. Sulzer Ltd is listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange in Zurich, Switzerland (symbol: SUN).

The interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of IAS 34 "Interim financial reporting". Details of the group's accounting policies are described in note 14.

2 Significant events and transactions during the reporting period

The financial position and performance of the group was not affected by any significant event during the period. As disclosed in the Annual Report 2022, Sulzer signed a sales agreement to sell its business in Russia on February 3, 2023, and deconsolidated the business in the first half of 2023. Further details are provided in note 5.

For a detailed discussion about the group's performance and financial position, please refer to "Financial review".

Segment information 3

Segment information by divisions

	Flow Equipr	nent	Services		Chemtech	
millions of CHF	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Order intake ¹⁾	824.8	709.1	662.7	587.9	504.9	437.1
Nominal growth	16.3%	13.1%	12.7%	3.0%	15.5%	23.5%
Currency-adjusted growth	24.4%	14.0%	21.5%	2.7%	21.7%	20.8%
Organic growth ²⁾	25.1%	13.1%	22.1%	2.4%	25.3%	20.9%
Order backlog as of June 30 / December 31	978.4	850.1	568.5	492.9	594.8	501.7
Sales recognized at a point in time	450.5	415.0	420.7	387.0	191.8	159.9
Sales recognized over time	212.1	216.8	137.4	155.8	189.1	182.1
Sales 3)	662.5	631.9	558.1	542.8	380.9	342.0
Nominal growth	4.9%	-4.8%	2.8%	3.3%	11.4%	11.9%
Currency-adjusted growth	11.8%	-4.4%	10.2%	2.8%	17.8%	9.2%
Organic growth 2)	14.1%	-5.1%	11.3%	2.4%	24.3%	9.8%
Operational profit	46.4	33.7	79.4	72.2	44.7	33.8
Operational profitability	7.0%	5.3%	14.2%	13.3%	11.7%	9.9%
Restructuring expenses	-0.0	-0.4	0.0	-0.4	-0.4	-0.0
Amortization	-12.9	-13.7	-1.9	-2.5	-3.4	-3.4
Impairments on tangible and intangible assets	0.0	-2.8	-0.0	-21.4	-0.0	-12.2
Non-operational items	-5.1	-13.2	14.2	-67.0	-2.7	-23.4
EBIT	28.4	3.7	91.7	-19.0	38.1	-5.3
Depreciation	-14.8	-15.6	-13.8	-14.7	-6.6	-7.1
Operating assets	1'522.5	1'554.1	983.5	980.0	570.9	579.7
Unallocated assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total assets as of June 30 / December 31	1'522.5	1'554.1	983.5	980.0	570.9	579.7
Operating liabilities	723.9	730.9	419.8	456.4	459.4	439.8
Unallocated liabilities	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total liabilities as of June 30 / December 31	723.9	730.9	419.8	456.4	459.4	439.8
Operating net assets	798.6	823.2	563.7	523.7	111.4	139.9
Unallocated net assets	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total net assets as of June 30 / December 31	798.6	823.2	563.7	523.7	111.4	139.9
Capital expenditure (incl. lease assets)	-20.6	-17.1	-18.1	-23.0	-6.9	-8.4
Employees (number of full-time equivalents) as of June 30 / December 31	5'334	5'263	4'571	4'559	2'887	2'852

Order intake from external customers.
 Adjusted for acquisition, deconsolidation and currency effects.
 Sales from external customers.

Segment information by divisions

	Total divis	ions	Others ²	1)	Total Sulzer	
millions of CHF	2023	2022	2023	2022	2023	2022
Order intake ¹⁾	1'992.4	1'734.1	-	-	1'992.4	1'734.1
Nominal growth	14.9%	11.8%	-	-	14.9%	11.8%
Currency-adjusted growth	22.7%	11.4%	-	-	22.7%	11.4%
Organic growth ²⁾	24.1%	10.9%	_		24.1%	10.9%
Order backlog as of June 30 / December 31	2'141.7	1'844.7			2'141.7	1'844.7
Sales recognized at a point in time	1'063.0	962.0			1'063.0	962.0
Sales recognized over time	538.6	554.7	-	-	538.6	554.7
Sales ³⁾	1'601.6	1'516.8	-	-	1'601.6	1'516.8
Nominal growth	5.6%	1.5%	-	-	5.6%	1.5%
Currency-adjusted growth	12.6%	0.9%	-	-	12.6%	0.9%
Organic growth ²⁾	15.4%	0.6%	-		15.4%	0.6%
Operational profit	170.5	139.7	-8.1	-3.9	162.4	135.8
Operational profitability	10.6%	9.2%	n/a	n/a	10.1%	9.0%
Restructuring expenses	-0.4	-0.8	0.0		-0.4	-0.9
Amortization	-18.2	-19.6	-0.4	-0.4	-18.5	-20.0
Impairments on tangible and intangible assets	-0.0	-36.4	-	-	-0.0	-36.4
Non-operational items	6.4	-103.6	1.6	-0.5	8.1	-104.1
EBIT	158.3	-20.6	-6.8	-4.9	151.5	-25.5
Depreciation	-35.2	-37.3	-1.3	-1.6	-36.4	-38.8
Operating assets	3'076.8	3'113.8	-36.7	-47.5	3'040.1	3'066.3
Unallocated assets	-	-	1'499.2	1'553.8	1'499.2	1'553.8
Total assets as of June 30 / December 31	3'076.8	3'113.8	1'462.4	1'506.4	4'539.3	4'620.2
Operating liabilities	1'603.1	1'627.0	17.1	8.0	1'620.2	1'635.0
Unallocated liabilities	-	-	1'976.4	1'956.5	1'976.4	1'956.5
Total liabilities as of June 30 / December 31	1'603.1	1'627.0	1'993.5	1'964.5	3'596.6	3'591.5
Operating net assets	1'473.7	1'486.8	-53.8	-55.5	1'419.9	1'431.4
Unallocated net assets	-	-	-477.3	-402.7	-477.3	-402.7
Total net assets as of June 30 / December 31	1'473.7	1'486.8	-531.1	-458.2	942.6	1'028.6
Capital expenditure (incl. lease assets)	-45.5	-48.5	-2.4	-1.8	-47.9	-50.2
Employees (number of full-time equivalents) as of June 30 / December 31	12'792	12'674	189	194	12'981	12'868

Order intake from external customers.
 Adjusted for acquisition, deconsolidation and currency effects.
 Sales from external customers.
 The most significant activities under "Others" relate to Corporate Center.

For the definition of operational profit, operational profitability, currency-adjusted growth and organic growth, please refer to "Supplementary information" in the Sulzer Annual Report 2022.

Information about reportable segments

Operating segments are determined based on the reports reviewed by the Chief Executive Officer that are used to measure performance, make strategic decisions and allocate resources to the segments. The business is managed on a divisional basis, and the reported segments have been identified as follows:

Flow Equipment

The Flow Equipment division specializes in pumping solutions specifically engineered for the processes of its customers. The division provides pumps, agitators, compressors, grinders, screens and filters developed through intensive research and development in fluid dynamics and advanced materials. The focus is on pumping solutions for water, oil and gas, power, chemicals and most industrial segments.

Services

The Services division provides cutting-edge parts as well as maintenance and repair solutions for pumps, turbines, compressors, motors and generators, through a network of some 130 service sites around the world. The division services Sulzer original equipment, but also all associated third-party rotating equipment run by customers, maximizing its sustainability and life cycle cost-effectiveness. The division's technology-based solutions, fast execution and expertise in complex maintenance projects are available at its customers' doorsteps.

Chemtech

The Chemtech division focuses on innovative mass transfer, static mixing and polymer solutions for chemicals, petrochemicals, refining and LNG. Chemtech also provides ecological solutions such as biobased chemicals, polymers and fuels, recycling technologies for textiles and plastic as well as carbon capture and utilization/storage, contributing to a circular and sustainable economy. The division's product offering ranges from process components to complete process plants and technology licensing.

Others

Certain expenses related to the Corporate Center are not attributable to a particular segment and are assessed as a whole across the group. Also included are the eliminations for operating assets and liabilities.

The Chief Executive Officer primarily uses operational profit to assess the performance of the operating segments. However, the Chief Executive Officer also receives information about the segments' order intake, backlog, sales and operating assets on a monthly basis.

Sales from external customers reported to the Chief Executive Officer are measured in a manner consistent with the measurement in the income statement. There are no significant sales between the segments. No individual customer represents a significant portion of the group's sales.

Operating assets and operating liabilities are assets or liabilities related to the operating activities of an entity and contributing to EBIT.

Segment information by region

The allocation of sales from external customers is based on the ship-to location defined by Sulzer's customer, which does not necessarily correspond with the location of the end customer.

Sales by region

millions of CHF	Flow Equipment	Services	Chemtech	Total Sulzer
Europe, the Middle East and Africa	299.6	212.3	102.4	614.2
– thereof United Kingdom	20.8	58.1	9.1	88.0
– thereof Saudi Arabia	39.3	14.4	19.4	73.1
- thereof Germany	31.8	22.0	17.0	70.7
- thereof France	18.9	19.0	4.1	42.0
- thereof United Arab Emirates	8.4	16.6	6.1	31.1
Americas	228.2	277.2	89.5	594.9
- thereof USA	136.8	211.5	65.6	413.9
Asia-Pacific	134.7	68.7	189.0	392.4
- thereof China	87.7	9.7	132.7	230.1
Total	662.5	558.1	380.9	1'601.6

			2022
Flow Equipment	Services	Chemtech	Total Sulzer
303.5	208.0	64.0	575.5
9.5	58.3	5.2	73.1
47.3	20.6	5.0	72.9
32.4	8.6	6.6	47.5
13.5	15.3	4.4	33.2
8.5	9.8	1.4	19.7
205.0	265.7	101.1	571.7
103.4	195.3	69.6	368.3
123.4	69.2	177.0	369.5
90.6	13.3	119.9	223.8
631.9	542.8	342.0	1'516.8
	Equipment 303.5 9.5 47.3 32.4 13.5 8.5 205.0 103.4 103.4 99.6	Equipment Services 303.5 208.0 9.5 58.3 47.3 20.6 32.4 8.6 13.5 15.3 8.5 9.8 205.0 265.7 103.4 195.3 123.4 69.2 90.6 13.3	Equipment Services Chemtech 303.5 208.0 64.0 9.5 58.3 5.2 47.3 20.6 5.0 32.4 8.6 6.6 13.5 15.3 4.4 8.5 9.8 1.4 205.0 265.7 101.1 103.4 195.3 69.6 123.4 69.2 177.0 90.6 13.3 119.9

Segment information by market segment

The following table shows the allocation of sales from external customers by market segment:

Sales by market segment - Flow Equipment

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Water	256.9	230.6
Energy	210.3	216.4
Industry	195.3	184.9
Total Flow Equipment	662.5	631.9

Sales by market segment - Services

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Pumps Services	292.3	288.7
Other Equipment	265.9	254.1
Total Services	558.1	542.8

Sales by market segment - Chemtech

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Chemicals	188.6	184.6
Gas and Refining	80.1	66.6
Renewables	51.5	25.7
Services	45.9	55.9
Water	14.7	9.4
Total Chemtech	380.9	342.0
4 Acquisitions of subsidiaries, associates and transactions with non-controlling interests

Transactions with non-controlling interests

The following table summarizes the effect of changes in the equity attributable to owners of Sulzer Ltd:

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Carrying amount of non-controlling interests acquired	0.4	
Consideration paid in cash	-19.4	
Consideration non-cash	-2.8	-
Consideration payable	-0.6	
Decrease in equity attributable to owners of Sulzer Ltd	-22.4	-

In January 2023, the group acquired the remaining 25% in Sulzer Saudi Pump Company Limited for a total consideration of CHF 22.8 million.

Contingent consideration from the acquisition of subsidiaries

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Balance as of January 1	1.9	5.9
Payment of contingent consideration	-1.3	-4.2
Release to other operating income	-0.5	-
Currency translation differences	-0.0	0.2
Total contingent consideration as of June 30 / December 31	-	1.9
- thereof non-current	-	-
- thereof current	-	1.9

In the first half of 2023, the group paid a contingent consideration in the amount of CHF 1.3 million and recorded a release to other operating income amounting to CHF 0.5 million, both related to an acquisition in 2021.

Investment in associates

In February 2023, Sulzer acquired a strategic stake in Fuenix Ecogy Holding B.V., a circular technology company. The partnership aims to drive the development, commercialization and adoption of advanced, fully integrated solutions for plastic waste processing. The investment of CHF 10.1 million was classified as an investment in an associate.

5 Disposals, loss of control and disposal group held for sale

Loss of control in 2023

In February 2023, the group entered into an agreement with a third party for the sale of four legal entities in Russia. From the date of the sales agreement, the group lost power over the relevant activities of these entities due to the contractual requirements and legal environment. Consequently, these four entities were deconsolidated in the first half of 2023, resulting in the derecognition of the assets and liabilities previously classified as held for sale. Upon deconsolidation, a loan with one of these former subsidiaries was measured at a fair value and recognized as a current financial asset.

The deconsolidation resulted in a gain on deconsolidation amounting to CHF 8.0 million, of which CHF 11.2 million resulted from the reclassification of accumulated currency translation differences and CHF 0.6 million from the reclassification of cash flow hedge reserves, net of tax. The gain on deconsolidation is recorded in other operating income. The following table presents the assets and liabilities derecognized, previously classified as assets and liabilities of disposal groups held for sale.

millions of CHF	Total
Cash and cash equivalents	32.1
Non-current lease liabilities	-0.3
Other non-current liabilities	-0.0
Current lease liabilities	-0.2
Current provisions	-0.4
Trade accounts payable and contract liabilities	-13.8
Other current and accrued liabilities	-10.6
Net assets derecognized	6.8

Cash and cash equivalents in the amount of CHF 32.3 million were derecognized as part of deconsolidations in the first half of 2023, and consideration amounting to CHF 0.3 million was received for a divestment in prior years. The net cash flow of CHF 32.0 million was presented in the statement of cash flows as "Divestitures and deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net of cash derecognized".

Disposals, loss of control and disposal group held for sale in 2022

In the first half year of 2022, the group sold its 100% shareholding in the Brazilian subsidiary Sulzer Services Brasil, Triunfo. The disposal resulted in a loss of CHF 0.6 million, including a loss of CHF 1.0 million from the reclassification of currency translation differences into the income statement. The deconsolidation of two Polish subsidiaries resulted in a loss of CHF 6.2 million, including a loss of CHF 1.2 million from the reclassification of currency translation differences into the income statement. The investment retained is valued at zero. The losses are recorded in other operating expenses (see note 7).

The cash flows resulting from disposals in the first half of 2022 amounted to CHF 3.1 million, consisting of CHF 7.8 million cash consideration received and CHF 4.7 million cash disposed. They are presented in the statement of cash flows as "Divestitures and deconsolidation of subsidiaries, net of cash derecognized".

In the first half of 2022, the four legal entities in Russia were classified as 'held for sale,' and impairments of CHF 88.9 million were recorded, of which CHF 32.2 million was recorded in other operating expenses, CHF 38.8 million in cost of goods sold, CHF 15.7 million in general and administrative expenses, and CHF 2.2 million was recorded in the income tax expenses line. The write-downs included mainly impairments of goodwill, other intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, and write-down of inventory. The total net impairment loss recorded on contract assets and receivables amounted to CHF 37.9 million.

6 Financial instruments

The following tables present the carrying amounts and fair values of financial assets and liabilities as of June 30, 2023, and December 31, 2022, including their levels in the fair value hierarchy. For financial assets and financial liabilities not measured at fair value in the balance sheet, fair value information is not provided if the carrying amount is a reasonable approximation of fair value.

Fair values are categorized into three different levels in a fair value hierarchy based on the inputs used in the valuation techniques as follows:

The fair value of financial instruments traded in active markets, including the outstanding bonds, is based on quoted market prices at the balance sheet date. Such instruments are included in level 1.

The fair values included in level 2 are based on valuation techniques using observable market input data. These may include discounted cash flow analysis, option pricing models or reference to other instruments that are substantially the same, while always making maximum use of market inputs and relying as little as possible on entity-specific inputs. The fair values of forward contracts are measured based on broker quotes for foreign exchange rates and interest rates.

Fair values measured using unobservable inputs are categorized within level 3 of the fair value hierarchy. Level 3 investments consist of non-current financial assets measured at fair value through profit and loss, amounting to CHF 21.3 million as of June 30, 2023, compared to CHF 22.6 million as of December 31, 2022. Unrealized fair value losses recorded in other financial income / (expenses), net, amount to CHF 1.7 million for the first half year of 2023 (first half of 2022: CHF 0.0 million). A fair value gain of CHF 0.5 million was recorded in other operating income related to the settlement of a contingent consideration amounting to CHF 1.9 million as of December 31, 2022 (see note 4).

Fair value table

		June 30, 2023									
			Carrying amount						Fair	value	
			Fair value		Financial						
		Fair value hedging	through profit or	FVOCI – equity	assets at amortized	Other financial	Total carrying				Total fair
millions of CHF	Notes	instruments	loss	instruments	cost	liabilities	amount	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	value
Financial assets measured at fair value											
Other non-current financial assets (at fair value)			21.5	_			21.5	0.2	_	21.3	21.5
Derivative assets – current		11.1					11.1	-	11.1	-	11.1
Current financial assets (at fair value)			2.2	11.8			14.0	14.0	-	-	14.0
Total financial assets measured at fair value		11.1	23.7	11.8	-	_	46.7	14.2	11.1	21.3	46.7
Financial assets not measured at fair value											
Other non-current financial assets (at amortized cost)					5.4		5.4				
Non-current receivables (excluding non-current derivative assets)					1.3		1.3				
Trade accounts receivable					553.1		553.1				
Other current receivables (excluding current derivative assets and other taxes)					23.9		23.9				
Current financial assets (at amortized cost)					3.1		3.1				
Cash and cash equivalents					1'141.4		1'141.4				
Total financial assets not measured at fair value		_	_	_	1'728.3	_	1'728.3				
Financial liabilities measured at fair value											
Derivative liabilities - current		6.7					6.7	-	6.7	-	6.7
Total financial liabilities measured at fair value		6.7	_	_	-	_	6.7	_	6.7	_	6.7
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value											
Outstanding non-current bonds	11					1'044.1	1'044.1	1'018.3			1'018.3
Other non-current liabilities (excluding non-current derivative liabilities)						1.2	1.2	1010.0			1010.3
Outstanding current bonds	11					290.0	290.0	290.0	-	-	290.0
Other current borrowings and bank loans	11					20.7	20.7				
Trade accounts payable						415.2	415.2				
Other current liabilities (excluding current derivative liabilities, other taxes and						401.0	401.0				
contingent considerations) Total financial liabilities not measured at fair value		_	_	_	_	431.3 2'202.4	431.3 2'202.4				

Fair value table

										Decembe	r 31, 2022
				Carrying an	nount					value	
				Financial assets at fair value through							
millions of CHF	Notos	Fair value hedging instruments	Fair value through profit or loss	other comprehensive income – equity instruments	Financial assets at amortized cost	Other financial liabilities	Total carrying amount	Level 1		Level 3	Total fair value
Financial assets measured at fair value	Notes	Instruments	1055	Instruments	COST	liabilities		Level 1	Level 2	Level 5	
Other non-current financial assets (at fair value)			22.8				22.8	0.2		22.6	22.8
Derivative assets - non-current		0.1					0.1		0.1		0.1
Derivative assets – current		13.2					13.2		13.2		13.2
Current financial assets (at fair value)			1.5	8.8			10.3	10.3			10.3
Total financial assets measured at fair value		13.2	24.4	8.8			46.4	10.5	13.2	22.6	46.4
Financial assets not measured at fair value											
Other non-current financial assets (at amortized cost)					5.6		5.6				
Non-current receivables (excluding non-current derivative assets)					0.9		0.9				
Trade accounts receivable					585.5		585.5				
Other current receivables (excluding current derivative assets and other taxes)					23.4		23.4				
Current financial assets (at amortized cost)					3.6		3.6				
Cash and cash equivalents					1'196.3		1'196.3				
Total financial assets not measured at fair value				_	1'815.5		1'815.5				
Financial liabilities measured at fair value											
Derivative liabilities – non- current		0.0					0.0		0.0		0.0
Derivative liabilities - current		7.0					7.0		7.0		7.0
Contingent considerations	4		1.9				1.9			1.9	1.9
Total financial liabilities measured at fair value		7.0	1.9				8.9		7.0	1.9	8.9
Financial liabilities not measured at fair value											
Outstanding non-current bonds	11					1'043.9	1'043.9	1'003.7			1'003.7
Other non-current liabilities (excluding non-current derivative liabilities)						1.3	1.3				
Outstanding current bonds	11					289.9	289.9	288.5			288.5
Other current borrowings and bank loans	11					21.5	203.3				
Trade accounts payable						440.8	440.8				
Other current liabilities (excluding current derivative liabilities, other taxes and											
contingent considerations)						396.3	396.3				
Total financial liabilities not measured at fair value						2'193.6	2'193.6				

7 Other operating income and expenses

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Income from release of contingent consideration	0.5	_
Gain from sale of property, plant and equipment	0.6	7.5
Gain from deconsolidation of subsidiaries	8.3	_
Other operating income	5.6	9.1
Total other operating income	14.9	16.6
Restructuring expenses	-0.4	
Impairments on tangible and intangible assets	-0.0	-36.4
Cost for mergers and acquisitions	-1.0	-0.4
Loss from sale of property, plant and equipment	-0.0	-2.8
Loss from deconsolidation of subsidiaries	-0.9	-6.7
Operating currency exchange losses, net	-3.4	-9.9
Total other operating expenses	-5.9	-57.2
Total other operating income / (expenses), net	9.1	-40.6

Other operating income includes income from litigation cases, government grants and incentives, as well as recharges to third parties not qualifying as sales from customers. Other operating income included income from charges to the discontinued operation Applicator System division (later renamed medmix) for corporate support functions and centrally procured indirect spend utilized by medmix of CHF 1.6 million (first half of 2022: CHF 4.6 million).

In the first half of 2023, the total gain from deconsolidation primarily included a gain of CHF 8.0 million from the deconsolidation of four Russian legal entities (see note 5). The total gain and loss from deconsolidation in the first six months includes a net gain from the reclassification of currency translation adjustments of CHF 10.7 million and a gain of CHF 0.6 million from the reclassification of cash flow hedge reserves.

In the first half of 2022, the loss from deconsolidation of subsidiaries comprised a loss from deconsolidation of subsidiaries of CHF 6.2 million resulting from the deconsolidation of two subsidiaries in Poland and a loss of CHF 0.6 million from the disposal of a subsidiary in Brazil. The loss from deconsolidation of subsidiaries includes a loss from reclassification of currency translation differences amounting to CHF 2.2 million (see note 5).

In the first half of 2023, the group recognized impairments of CHF 0.0 million (first half of 2022: CHF 36.4 million). In the first half of 2022, the group recorded impairments of CHF 32.2 million on goodwill, other intangible assets, and property, plant and equipment in connection with the classification of the business in Russia as held for sale and the write-down to fair value less costs to sell and CHF 4.2 million based on performed impairment tests on production machines and facilities.

8 Financial income and expenses

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Interest and securities income	10.5	3.3
Interest income on employee benefit plans	0.0	0.2
Total interest and securities income	10.5	3.5
Interest expenses on borrowings and lease liabilities	-14.0	-11.7
Interest expenses on employee benefit plans	-2.1	-1.5
Total interest expenses	-16.1	-13.2
Total interest income / (expenses), net	-5.6	-9.7
Fair value changes	-9.1	9.1
Other financial expenses	-0.7	-1.1
Currency exchange gains / (losses), net	2.7	10.3
Total other financial income / (expenses), net	-7.2	18.3
Total financial income / (expenses), net	-12.8	8.5
- thereof fair value changes on financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	-9.1	9.1
- thereof interest income on financial assets at amortized costs	10.5	3.3
- thereof other financial expenses	-0.7	-1.1
- thereof currency exchange gains / (losses), net	2.7	10.3
- thereof interest expenses on borrowings	-12.7	-10.8
- thereof interest expenses on lease liabilities	-1.3	-0.9
- thereof interest expenses on employee benefit plans, net	-2.1	-1.3

In the first half of 2023, the total financial expenses, net, amounted to CHF 12.8 million, compared with total financial income, net, amounting to CHF 8.5 million in the first half of 2022.

The total interest and securities income amounted to CHF 10.5 million for the first half of 2023 (first half of 2022: CHF 3.5 million). The increase compared to the prior year is mainly due to higher variable interest rates on deposits.

The higher total interest expenses are mainly related to the partial replacement of a matured bond of CHF 325 million with an interest rate of 0.375% by a new bond of CHF 170 million with an interest rate of 3.35% in December 2022.

The fair value changes are largely related to derivative financial instruments that are classified as financial assets or financial liabilities at fair value through profit and loss and that are used as hedging instruments to hedge foreign exchange risks.

Currency exchange gains/losses are mainly related to foreign currency differences of non-operating assets and liabilities recorded at the prevailing rate at the time of acquisition (or preceding year-end closing rate) as against the current balance sheet rate. The gain in 2022 includes a positive foreign exchange effect of CHF 21.0 million, arising from foreign exchange movements on unhedged intercompany loans to Russian entities prior to their classification as held for sale.

9 Income taxes

Income tax expenses comprise current and deferred tax. Income tax expenses are recognized based on the estimated income tax rate for the full financial year. The estimated average annual tax rate used for 2023 is 24.2%, compared with 166.4% (excluding Russia and Poland: 30.3%) for the six months ended June 30, 2022. Compared to 2022, the tax rate used for 2023 was not impacted by write-offs for Russia and Poland. Additionally, deferred income tax assets were recognized on step-ups in relation to the Swiss Corporate Tax Reform (TRAF) enacted in prior periods.

10 Equity

The share capital amounts to CHF 342'623.70, made up of 34'262'370 shares with dividend entitlement and a par value of CHF 0.01. All shares are fully paid in and registered. On June 30, 2023, conditional share capital amounted to CHF 17'000 (December 31, 2022: CHF 17'000), consisting of 1'700'000 shares with a par value of CHF 0.01.

Treasury shares

The total number of treasury shares held by Sulzer Ltd as of June 30, 2023, was 328'409 shares (December 31, 2022: 523'855 shares).

The treasury shares are mainly held for the purpose of issuing shares under the management sharebased payment programs.

Dividends

On April 19, 2023, the Annual General Meeting approved an ordinary dividend of CHF 3.50 (2022: ordinary dividend of CHF 3.50) per share to be paid out of reserves. The dividend was paid to shareholders on April 25, 2023. The total amount of the dividend to shareholders of Sulzer Ltd was CHF 118.9 million (2022: CHF 118.7 million), thereof paid dividends of CHF 80.9 million (2022: CHF 80.6 million), and unpaid dividends of CHF 38.0 million (2022: CHF 38.1 million). The unpaid dividends are reflected in the balance sheet position "Other current and accrued liabilities" (see note 13).

Acquisition of non-controlling interests without change of control

Reference is made to note 4.

Contribution from medmix

The contribution relates to vested shares under Sulzer share plans for medmix employees.

11 Borrowings

	2023					
millions of CHF	Non-current borrowings	Current borrowings	Total			
Balance as of January 1	1'043.9	311.4	1'355.3			
Cash flow from proceeds	-	17.5	17.5			
Cash flow for repayments	-	-17.7	-17.7			
Changes in amortized costs	0.2	0.1	0.2			
Currency translation differences	-	-0.5	-0.5			
Total borrowings as of June 30	1'044.1	310.7	1'354.8			

millions of CHF	Non-current borrowings	Current borrowings	Total
Balance as of January 1	1'164.6	345.5	1'510.1
Cash flow from proceeds	169.6	1'054.0	1'223.6
Cash flow for repayments	-0.0	-1'376.1	-1'376.1
Changes in amortized costs	0.3	-	0.3
Reclassifications	-289.9	289.9	-
Currency translation differences	-0.8	-1.8	-2.6
Total borrowings as of December 31	1'043.9	311.4	1'355.3

The group has a CHF 500 million syndicated credit facility with an original maturity date of December 31, 2026. The facility includes two one-year extension options and a further option to increase the credit facility by CHF 250 million (subject to lenders' approval). In 2022, the group exercised the first of the two extension options, extending the term of the credit facility partially by one year to December 2027 (for CHF 85 million of the facility, the maturity date remains unchanged). The facility is available for general corporate purposes, including the financing of acquisitions. The facility is subject to financial covenants based on net financial indebtedness and EBITDA, which were adhered to throughout the reporting period. As of June 30, 2023, and December 31, 2022, the syndicated facility was not used.

2022

Outstanding bonds

		2023		2022
millions of CHF	Amortized costs	Nominal	Amortized costs	Nominal
0.875% 07/2016–07/2026	125.0	125.0	125.0	125.0
1.300% 07/2018–07/2023	290.0	290.0	289.9	290.0
1.600% 10/2018–10/2024	249.9	250.0	249.9	250.0
0.800% 09/2020–09/2025	299.7	300.0	299.6	300.0
0.875% 11/2020–11/2027	199.8	200.0	199.7	200.0
3.350% 12/2022–11/2026	169.7	170.0	169.6	170.0
Total as of June 30 / December 31	1'334.0	1'335.0	1'333.8	1'335.0
- thereof non-current	1'044.1	1'045.0	1'043.9	1'045.0
- thereof current	290.0	290.0	289.9	290.0

All outstanding bonds are traded on SIX Swiss Exchange.

12 Provisions

	2023					
millions of CHF	Other employee benefits	Warranties / liabilities	Restructuring	Environmental	Other	Total
Balance as of January 1	44.5	92.3	8.1	11.4	57.8	214.1
Additions	6.2	18.9	0.4	-	26.0	51.6
Released as no longer required	-0.6	-4.0	-	-	-4.1	-8.7
Utilized	-4.5	-5.7	-2.7	-0.1	-20.9	-33.8
Currency translation differences	-0.6	-1.8	-0.0	0.1	-0.5	-2.9
Total provisions as of June 30	45.0	99.7	5.8	11.4	58.3	220.3
- thereof non-current	29.8	3.1	1.6	11.4	10.0	55.7
- thereof current	15.2	96.7	4.2	0.0	48.4	164.6

The category "Other employee benefits" includes provisions for jubilee gifts, early retirement of senior managers and other obligations to employees.

The category "Warranties/ liabilities" includes provisions for warranties, customer claims, penalties, litigation and legal cases relating to goods delivered or services rendered.

Up to June 2023, the group utilized CHF 2.7 million of restructuring provisions, mainly relating to resizing measures at sites in Europe and the USA initiated in 2020 and 2021. The remaining restructuring provisions as of June 30, 2023, are CHF 5.8 million, of which CHF 4.2 million is expected to be utilized within one year.

"Environmental" mainly consists of expected costs related to inherited liabilities.

"Other" includes provisions that do not fit into the aforementioned categories. A large number of these provisions refer to onerous contracts and indemnities, in particular related to divestitures. In addition, provisions for ongoing asbestos lawsuits and other legal claims are included. Based on the currently known facts, the group estimates that the resolution of the open cases will not have material effects on its liquidity or financial condition. Although the group expects a large part of the category "Other" to be realized in one year, by their nature, the amounts and timing of any cash outflows are difficult to predict.

13 Other current and accrued liabilities

millions of CHF	2023	2022
Liability related to the purchase of treasury shares	92.2	92.9
Outstanding dividend payments	277.2	239.2
Taxes (VAT, withholding tax)	34.2	33.0
Derivative financial instruments	6.7	7.0
Notes payable	16.7	20.6
Contingent consideration	-	1.9
Other current liabilities	45.1	43.6
Total other current liabilities as of June 30 / December 31	472.2	438.2
Contract-related costs	145.6	137.8
Salaries, wages and bonuses	80.6	108.9
Vacation and overtime claims	27.3	22.4
Other accrued liabilities	147.0	167.3
Total accrued liabilities as of June 30 / December 31	400.5	436.5
Total other current and accrued liabilities as of June 30 / December 31	872.7	874.7

The outstanding dividend payments amounted to CHF 277.2 million (December 31, 2022:

CHF 239.2 million), which is an increase of CHF 38.0 million. For further details on the dividends, refer to note 10.

14 Accounting policies

14.1 Basis of preparation

These interim financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of IAS 34 Interim Financial Reporting. The accounting policies applied are consistent with those applied in the consolidated financial statements for the year 2022 and the corresponding interim reporting period, except for the adoption of new and amended standards, as set out below.

These interim financial statements do not include all the notes of the type normally included in an annual financial report. Accordingly, these financial statements are to be read in conjunction with the financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2022, and any public announcements made by Sulzer during the interim reporting period.

The preparation of these interim financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the application of accounting policies and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, income and expenses. Actual results in the future could differ from such estimates. A description of information that requires significant judgements to be made by Management and the key sources of estimation uncertainty, is disclosed in note 7, Critical accounting estimates and judgments, to the December 31, 2022 consolidated financial statements. Significant judgement by Management is also required when determining fair values. Assumptions and estimates of unobservable market inputs in the fair valuation of financial assets require significant judgment and could affect amounts recognized in the statement of income. Valuation approaches that have to rely heavily on unobservable inputs inherently require a higher level of judgement.

Due to rounding, numbers presented throughout this report may not add up precisely to the total provided. All ratios, percentages and variances are calculated using the underlying amount rather than the presented rounded amount.

14.2 Change in accounting policies

a) Standards, amendments and interpretations that are effective for 2023

Starting from January 1, 2023, the group applied changes in standards, amendments and interpretations that became effective January 1, 2023. None of these changes had a material effect on the financial statements of the group.

In May 2023, amendments to IAS 12 Income Taxes, International Tax Reform - Pillar Two model rules were published. The amendments clarify that IAS 12 applies to income taxes arising from tax law enacted or substantively enacted but not yet in effect to implement the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) Pillar Two model rules. As a temporary mandatory relief to the requirements in IAS 12, no deferred tax assets and liabilities should be recognized related to Pillar Two income taxes, and no information needs to be disclosed on such deferred tax assets and liabilities. Sulzer has applied the exception.

b) Standards, amendments and interpretations issued but not yet effective that the group has decided not to adopt early in 2023

There are no other IFRS standards or interpretations not yet effective that would be expected to have a material impact on the group.

15 Subsequent events after the balance sheet date

The Board of Directors authorized these consolidated interim financial statements for issue on July 24, 2023. At the time when these consolidated interim financial statements were authorized for issue, the Board of Directors and the Executive Committee were not aware of any other events that would materially affect these financial statements.

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Languages

Parts of the Sulzer Midyear Report 2023 have been translated into German. Please note that the English-language version of the Sulzer Midyear Report is the binding version.