

Rieter Group

Presentation

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Highlights in the First Half of 2004



- Orders +12%
 - good growth momentum in both divisions
- Sales +5%
 - sales increase at Automotive Systems
 - lower volume at Textile Systems in 1st semester
- EBIT +3%
 - improvements at Automotive Systems
 - very good EBIT margin at Textile Systems
- Net profit +27%
 - improved financial result
- Cash flow +17%
 - strong Free Cash flow
- EPS +29%
 - share buy-back completed





Manufacturing and Processing of Fibers and Plastics

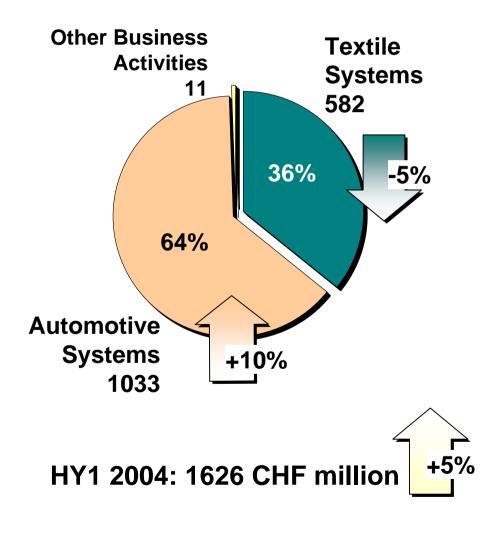
Textile Systems Raw Raw materials materials **Fibers Plastics Fibers Plastics Processing of fibers Processing of** Machinery, and plastics fibers and plastics components Rieter combined with combined with and services for components textile technology producing yarns acoustic know-how know-how and nonwovens Nonwoven **Customers Fabrics and** Non-**Customers Yarns** of Rieter wovens **Carpets** of Rieter (automotive (yarn and industry) nonwoven Textile & Hygiene Industrial production) **Apparel**

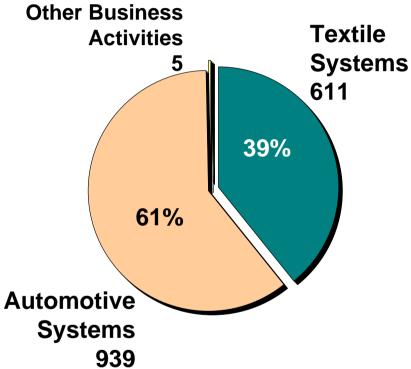
Automotive Systems





First half year Sales





HY1 2003: 1555 CHF million

Countries with highest Sales in 2003 / HY1 2004



(in CHF million) 2003	HY1 (I	HY1 (Ranking	
1. USA	578	252	(1)	
2. Turkey	300	126	(5)	
3. France	270*	164	(2)	
4. China	253	154	(3)	
5. Germany	247	127	(4)	
6. Italy	238	117	(6)	
7. UK	164	102	(7)	
8. Spain	126	52	(11)	
9. Canada	118	83	(8)	
10. Sweden	91	61	(9)	
Total	2385	1626		

Sales Europe:	47%
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Sales EU: 42%

Sales Nafta: 22%

90% of sales are reached in 20 countries, thereof

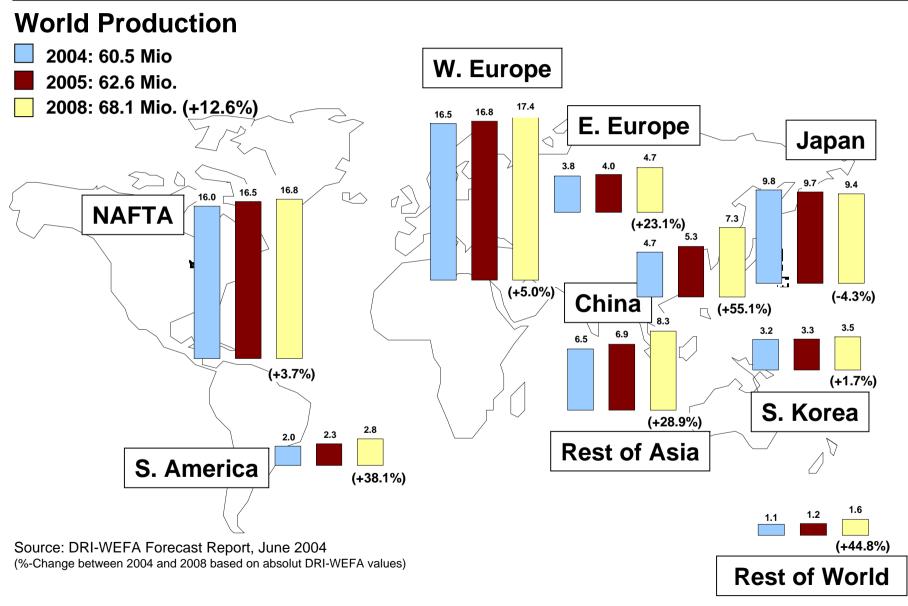
- 13 industrial countries
- 7 newly industrialized countries

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^{*} CHF 260 Mio Automotive, 10 Mio Textile

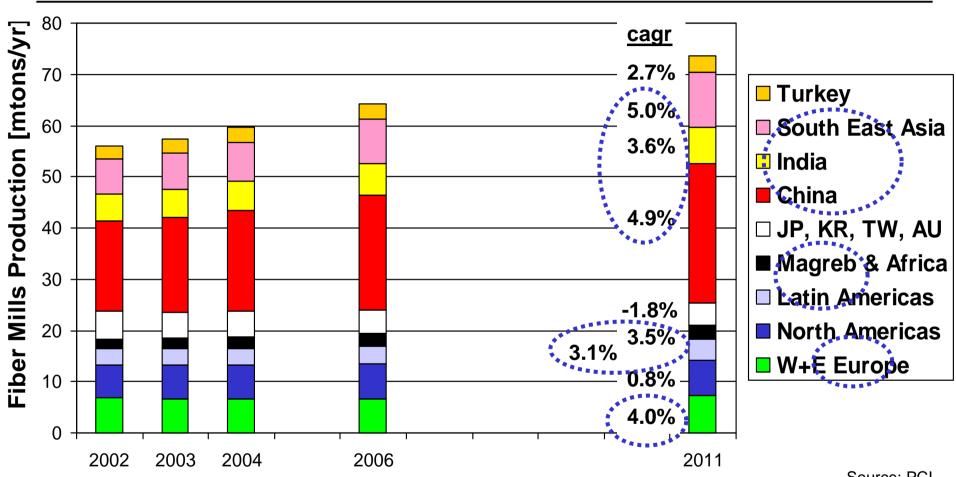
Global Light Vehicle Production (2004-2008)











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Expansion of the automotive business with the following priorities:

- Organic growth through innovative products
- Good cost position through permanent productivity enhancement and exploitation of low-cost locations
- External growth only in order to close strategic gaps (regional, product, know-how)



Highly profitable, highly flexible textile machinery business with the following priorities:

- Expansion of the component business
- Reinforcement of the nonwovens business
- Improvement in the man-made fiber business



2004 sales above 2003 levels

- maintained sales momentum at Automotive Systems
- Textile Systems with strong order intake but some delays in deliveries

Further EBIT increase

- operational improvement at Automotive Systems
- continued good margins at Textile Systems despite higher raw material prices and delayed deliveries
- Higher Net profit and strong Cash flows

General Outlook



Further profitable growth

- dual strategy
- innovative products and services
- global presence with good customer relations
- motivated workforce and management teams



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Enjoy your Work

Fight for Profits

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