

## Hiding Behind Novel Products

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### "A Better Tomorrow"... for BAT



#### With Clear Points of Difference



- The largest and only truly global tobacco and nicotine company
- Present in over 180 markets

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- Including the US 40% of global industry value and creating trends across our multi-categories
- The only truly consumer-centric, multi-category company
  - With the global scale to leverage our insights on consumer satisfaction and taste preference
- The only global company present in all four New Categories
  - From tobacco to nicotine and beyond
  - Building strong, unique and recognised brands of the future, specifically positioned in each category

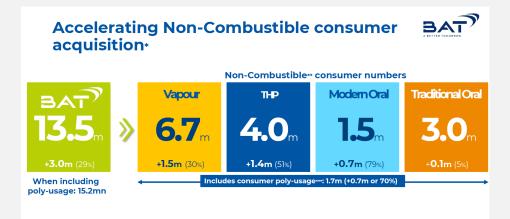
Underpinned by the quality and diversity of our people and strong corporate ethos

 In what sets BAT apart, the company emphasized new categories (i.e., novel products), brand recognition and a brief mention of diversity of employees.

— The "better tomorrow" it promotes seems to be for the corporation—not health.

### BAT emphasizes its non-combustibles...





Growth driven by true multi-category performance

BAT glo: Leveraging Improved Satisfaction to Drive **Accelerated Growth** Record Volume Share Across Key Markets (c. 80% of Industry Revenue) 🔵 Japan Romania Russia 💧 🚺 Italy Ukraine 0.9% Dec-2 Dec-2 Dec-19 Dec-2 Moscow: 4.6% Dec'20 city share Market test: 14% Japan: 6.3% Kiev: 3.9% Bucharest: 1.6% Latest weekly shar Dec'20 seam Dec'20 city share Dec'20 city share Driven by Hyper: Our most successful THP launch to date +68% glo device volume growth\* 4.4 Hyper devices sold in 2020 **Record Device Sales:** 

— BAT highlighted growth of non-combustibles, yet they remain a small share of the market, even in countries BAT identifies as having strong growth (as seen in the Glo examples).

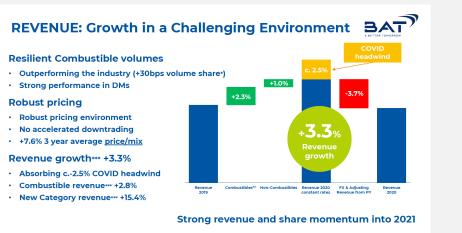
— These estimates are based on sales volumes, which does not necessarily equal number of consumers.

BAT states: "The number of consumers of Non-Combustible products is defined as the estimated number of Legal Age (minimum 18 years, US: 21 years) consumers of the Group's Non-Combustible products."\* This does not account for the number of potential underage users and remains only an estimate.

\*See Appendix of slide deck

### ...while calling combustibles the true "engine growth" of the business.







Combustible is the engine growth of the business and it is in great shape and we remain global leaders in volume and revenue.

— BAT assures investors its combustible business is in "great shape" and celebrates being a leader in the number of cigarettes sold, going against the industry narrative of so-called transformation.

—"Resilient" translates to BAT still selling cigarettes despite a "challenging environment" (perhaps referring to declining smoking rates and tobacco control policies).

—"Robust pricing environment" refers to BAT maintaining profitable prices, yet with no mention of the common industry argument that high prices lead to increased illicit trade.

Quote from Tadeu Marroco, BAT Finance and Transformation Director, from transcript of <u>2020</u> <u>Preliminary Results Presentation Webcast and Q&A</u> <u>Conference Call</u>

# BAT seeks to addict users in LMICs with cheaper nicotine products.

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#### Velo: International Leadership Driven by Superior Product



Beyond Europe we see very exciting prospects for Modern Oral globally. In many emerging markets consumers are familiar with other similar oral products, with no electronic device to buy this is an attractive, affordable product for consumers.

olume share. Includes EPOK/LYFT brands in EARS Share of Modern earliespay. Dec 2020. The US market accounts for c. 50% Modern Oral Industry revenue.

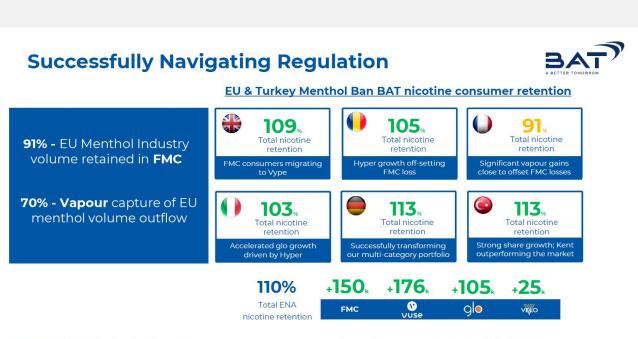
— The highlighted success of Velo in this slide does not include BAT's efforts to grow "modern oral" in low- and middle-income countries (LMICs), including selling smaller packages with fewer sachets to <u>"make it very</u> <u>affordable" and "democratize the journey."</u>

With evidence suggesting that Velo is sometimes targeted to young people, the "journey" BAT refers to may be the journey to addiction.

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# BAT highlights success in maintaining nicotine addiction.





110% BAT total nicotine consumers retention post Menthol Bans

Source: Company data. % Retention figures reflect the number of consumers following the ban compared to the number of total nicotine consumers prior to the ban

BAT claims success in maintaining
nicotine addiction amidst tobacco control
measures, such as menthol bans.

— BAT portrays its business as not having been affected by menthol bans, while the bans' true impacts on business and health will likely be longer-term.

### BAT needs high-income countries for revenue.



REGIONS: Resilient performance across the Group BAT

	Adjusted Revenue∙	Value Share <del>"</del>	Adjusted Profit from Operations•
US	+11.2%	+45bps	+15.5%
ENA	+ <b>2.1</b> %	Flat	-2.4%
ΑΡΜΕ	<b>-9.9</b> %	+10bps	<b>-7.3</b> %
AMSSA	+1.4%	+30bps	<b>-2.5</b> %
Group	+3.3%	+20bps	+4.8%

United States (US), Europe and North Africa (ENA), Asia-Pacific and Middle East (APME), Americas and Sub-Saharan Africa (AMSSA)

In ENA we invested strongly behind New Categories to drive 50% revenue growth, led by a doubling of THP revenue from the successful launch of Hyper. And Vuse also performed strongly, as mentioned, we grew our share of total nicotine through the menthol bans.

In APME, glo volume growth from Hyper was more than offset by the Japanese excise increase and the withdrawal of Sens, our hybrid proposition. Yet we continued to take market share across the region and in the second half of the year benefited from the gradual market recovery as lockdown restrictions eased.

While emerging markets represent around 70% of our volume, they are 25% of revenue. Despite COVID restrictions impacting consumers' ability to access the product in many emerging markets consumption remained resilient, although impacted by global travel retail, our developed markets remained resilient throughout the pandemic.

 This slide suggests BAT needs highincome countries for revenue and LMICs as future investments on revenue (see next slide on market share movement).

 This supports the notion that implementing strong tobacco control measures should remain a global effort.

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# Market share movements show BAT has its sights set on LMICs.

#### BAT Top BAT Market Share Movement

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	Market	SOM FY20 (%)	Movement (ppt)	
	Argentina	23.4	0.1	
	Australia	41.9	0.4	
<	Bangladesh	78.3	9.9	Þ
	Belgium	25.0	0.2	
	Brazil	74.9	(0.8)	
	Bulgaria	37.8	0.0	
	Canada	48.1	(0.5)	
	Chile	96.7	(0.7)	
<	Colombia	54.6	2.3	
	Czech Republic	20.0	(0.9)	
	Denmark	69.5	(2.0)	

**Top BAT Market Share Movements (1)** 

	Market	SOM FY20 (%)	Movement (ppt)
	France	16.0	(1.4)
	Germany	20.1	0.1
Ī	Indonesia	4.0	(1.7)
Ī	Italy	17.7	(0.3)
Ī	Japan	18.8	0.9
Ī	Kazakhstan	15.9	0.0
Ī	KSA	31.7	(5.2)
Ī	Malaysia	517	1.1
$\triangleleft$	Mexico	37.1	2.1
Ī	Netherlands	21.4	(1.1)

	Market	SOM FY20 (%)	Movement (ppt)
	New Zealand	70.8	(1.3)
4	Pakistan	76.3	1.4
	Poland	27.8	(0.8)
	Romania	58.5	(0.4)
	Russia	24.5	0.8
	South Africa	76.2	(1.0)
	South Korea	12.2	0.1

Market	SOM FY20 (%)	Movement (ppt)
Spain	10.4	(1.5)
Switzerland	33.4	(1.6)
Taiwan	10.8	0.8
Turkey	25.8	2.6
UK	8.6	(O.8)
Ukraine	27.8	(O.3)
Vietnam	29.5	1.1

We are already seeing encouraging results from markets including Pakistan and Bangladesh. And we will continue to invest in its roll-out.

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## Health impacts are left out of "A Better Tomorrow."



#### Committed to Building A Better Tomorrow<sup>TM</sup>





- ✓ Today, we have a significant CPTO<sup>∗</sup> base of c.90bn
- ✓ With a strong growing base of 10% Non-Combustibles\*\* Revenue and already 13.5mn consumers
- **£5bn New Category Revenue by 2025**
- To reduce the health impact of our business^
- ✓ 50mn Non-Combustible Consumers∗ by 2030
- Carbon Neutral by 2030\*\*\*

#### On track for our 2025 targets

\*Based on the weight of evidence and assuming a complete switch from cigarette smoking. These products are not risk free and are addictive. \* Estimated consumer price turnover (CPTO) FY20. \*\* See Appendix A6.\*\*\* ESG ambition. See Appendix A5. Nothing on this slide indicates that there will be a reduction in the health impact of BAT's business.

—"A Better Tomorrow" appears to be about growing revenue, not reducing health harms.

## In the end, it's still about selling cigarettes.



The price environment remains strong and we have seen no acceleration in downtrading in developed markets. And with our Revenue Growth Management tool we are now able to precision targets with the strong level pricing to further enhance combustibles value.

Tadeu Marroco, BAT Finance and Transformation Director

#### **Jack Bowles, Chief Executive**

Yeah, I think that you have always to go back to what we said in terms of the way we look at the full portfolio in terms of New Categories. There are some markets where we will emphasise on one category and then reduce the investment on the other categories. Because the consumers are different from geographies, but also taxation, but also regulation.

So we will have an expanded footprint in terms of THP, but we will not put THP everywhere. We will have an expanded footprint on THP where we feel that the category has legs for the future, i.e. the current markets plus others that we determine as additional markets for THP. So it's an approach by category because we have these three categories that we can navigate.

Quotes from the presentation's transcript show that BAT's main focus is still its cigarette business.

 In other words, BAT will sell what it can, where it can and is making no meaningful commitment to stop selling combustibles.