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PREFACE

We would never have imagined that when we came to compile this eighth edition of our report on the world ceramic tile manufacturers' financial statements we would still be in the midst of the Covid pandemic with no end in sight. Likewise, we would never have imagined that the 2020 year-end financial statements would have closed with positive indicators despite the lockdown and the severe challenges faced by companies and their employees during the year.

The following pages provide a clear and easy-to-understand picture of the industry's resilience and the differences in response observed in countries as diverse as Spain and India and across organisations ranging from small businesses through to large multinationals.

The "Economic & financial analysis" conducted by the MECS research centre is a fundamental tool for analysts and company managers looking to study the market and its competitors because it allows them to understand and compare the state of health of any international manufacturer, the solidity of its financial fundamentals and the profitability and liquidity of its corporate management, whether located in Asia or Spain, Brazil or Italy.

This is the most classic type of report present in our research centre's portfolio, but like the other major studies produced by MECS (World production and consumption of ceramic tiles; Forecast on world production and consumption of ceramic tiles; Report China) it is rigorously organised and highly data oriented while providing brief comments to help the reader correctly interpret the company data sheets.

After more than twenty years of experience in conducting studies of the ceramics, packaging and plastics capital goods industries, at the MECS research centre we continue to believe that attention to detail and the ability to predict future scenarios are the two key factors for transforming our knowledge assets into added value for our client companies.

As a company at the service of other companies, we are well aware that industrial development is founded on mutual understanding, continuous improvement and the sharing of vital information. With this in mind, we are always at our readers' disposal to offer advice and provide assistance with any specific needs they may have.

MECS Chairman

Paolo Gambuli



ABSTRACT

The MECS research centre's analysis of the 2020 financial statements recently filed by world ceramic tile manufacturers reveals a surprising fact: that the severe difficulties emerging in 2019 did not worsen as the pandemic emergency spread. Alongside the expected drop in revenues, labour costs also decreased resulting in an improvement in both EBITDA and profit margins.

Italy and Southeast Asian countries saw a recovery in gross and operating margins following the slowdown in 2019, while Spain remained at a lower level in line with the global average despite a significant improvement in profitability in relation to both revenues and invested capital. This is a little surprising considering that Spain had substantially maintained its profitability margins in 2019, albeit at much lower levels than Southeast Asian countries, China and India.

Tile manufacturers in Italy, Spain and most other countries worldwide have had to deal with the global slowdown caused by the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, a situation that has led to a decline in turnover despite a widespread recovery in sales in the latter part of 2020. As a result, the final figures for 2020 – the first year of the global pandemic – are far better than had been expected at the beginning of the year when widespread lockdowns and international trade restrictions had stoked fears of a far worse economic impact on the sector.

Nonetheless, a number of major causes of concern persisted in 2021. One of these regards international trade due to an increase in tariff barriers to/from China and Far Eastern countries as well as an unprecedented rise in the cost of goods transportation to more distant geographical areas. Core production processes have also been hit by soaring energy costs, especially that of natural gas.

The benchmarking analysis shows that the highest performing companies, which are highly concentrated geographically (just 2 in Europe, 4 in the Middle East and one in Asia), tend to follow one of two different business models. While the European companies focus on a high level of capital per employee, the Asian companies opt for a more labour-intensive model.





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1

INTRODUCTION

THIS REPORT DESCRIBES A COMPLETE METHOD FOR EVALUATING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE MOST SIGNIFICANT SAMPLE OF WORLD CERAMIC TILE MANUFACTURERS.

It is the first part of a broader suite of products, for analyzing data, provided by the MECS Research Department (the other products are the international sales trends and "World Production and Consumption of Ceramic Tiles") which have the aim of providing entrepreneurs, managers, scholars and sector analysts with a tool for greater understanding of the main characteristics and trends in the sector and its key players and competitors.

It is also a powerful integrated tool containing organized data that will help entrepreneurs and managers draw up the best manufacturing and commercial strategies at a company or group level.

It will enable readers to evaluate the economic performance of sector companies in Italy and in other countries (or groups of countries) where tiles manufacturers have a significant presence.

THE REPORT IS ORGANISED AS FOLLOWS:

- Chapter 2 provides an initial analysis of the results on a geographical basis. At this stage the analysis is performed by grouping companies together by individual countries (if the number of companies is sufficiently large) or by larger geographical regions if the number of companies is too small (average aggregate data are provided for ITALY, SPAIN, OTHER EUROPEAN COUNTRIES). This section examines the incidence of costs and profit margins at all levels of operation and the relevant trends, comparing the last few years of financial statement data and calculating the relevant variations. The main geographical regions are then compared and commented on.
- Chapter 3 provides an analysis of companies grouped into homogeneous groups or clusters of profitability performance based on a cluster analysis approach. The aim is to interpret economic and financial data and performance indicators independently of prior, geographical, sectoral or dimensional classifications, thereby allowing a more consistent comparison to be made with companies with similar results and levels of performance regardless of their size and nationality. In other words, direct comparisons can be made between companies' management and business models. This section also examines the most important economic and financial variables (including indices and ratios) for differentiating companies into clusters, namely the indicators that more

than others determine whether a company is to be placed in a strongly performing cluster (corresponding to a business model) or one experiencing structural, economic or management difficulties. Lastly, the characteristics of the various business models are compared and a list is provided of Italian and non-Italian companies with similar characteristics.

In the second part (**Chapter 4**) the focus is on the individual companies, each of which is examined and compared with the reference groups described in the first part.

In this section the companies are analyzed through a standard index-based financial statement analysis using balance sheet and income statement data.

In particular it focuses on the following:

- structure and recent trends in the economic and financial results of the various management areas (e.g. production, production costs and the inventory cycle; personnel management; financial management; asset management, etc.);
- 2. structure of debt and equity capital;
- 3. main financial indices and economic ratios;
- 4. the added value creation process, including its implications in terms of costs and plant capacity utilization and make-or-buy trade-off corporate decisions (which in turn determine the company's degree of vertical integration);
- **5. other profitability margins** at various levels in the company's chain of value:
- **6. alert** and financial **vulnerability indices**;
- **7. ratings** (from various sources) of individual companies, each placed within the context of sector averages;
- **8.** graphical representation (using **RADAR diagrams**) of the degree of similarity between each company and the cluster it has been assigned to during the cluster and benchmarking analysis. The radar diagrams show the key characteristics of the companies and clusters based on the 6 most interesting variables.

In **Chapter 5** world ceramic tiles manufacturers are further classified according to a **multidimensional ranking based on a system of 12 indicators** (10 financial statement ratios and 2 rating company synthetic indicators).

This will enable readers to make a direct comparison between a company's results and those of its competitors

It should be noted that compared to the previous edition of the report

on the economic and financial performance of the world ceramic tiles manufacturers (three-year period 2017-2019), the choice of the 12 indicators underwent some minor changes. This decision was based above all on the results of the cluster analysis showing which indicators can be considered robust for discriminating between levels of company performance.

The general approach to construction of the multidimensional ranking proposed by the MECS Research Department and the corresponding results were confirmed in the cluster analysis.

From this edition we also begin to report the Italian companies that enter the "Controvento" Monitor by Nomisma and Crif, two research companies with which the MECS study center collaborates. Controvento, like the MECS ranking, but using different profitability and income parameters, monitors the best performing manufacturing companies over the last three years. In this edition you will find only one company entering the italian empyrean of Controvento: Ceramiche San Nicola (pag. 156, 15th position out of 317 international companies analyzed in Mecs rankin

Metholodogical notes and ratio glossary are described in detail in **Chapter 6.**



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FINANCIAL STATEMENT ANALYSIS OF ITALIAN VS. NON-ITALIAN MANUFACTURERS

Generalised slowdown

The financial statement analysis (based on 2020 data) for global ceramic tiles producers conducted by the MECS Research Department highlights a significant contraction in turnover, due to the pandemic lockdowns that have affected the construction sector in alternating phases. This is therefore a general further decline in sales that follows the sharp decline in revenues registered also in 2019. Nevertheless, despite forecasts, the economic performance indicators of Italian companies show not only stability, but even, in certain cases, a moderate progress compared to the previous year: the key profitability ratios (ROI and ROS, Return on Investments and Return on Sales, respectively) show, in fact, an average resistance (ROI: 2.62% against 2.76% in 2019) or a slight improvement in income conditions (ROS: up to 4.43% against 4.25% in 2019). Therefore, while not reducing, the return on invested capital is between 1.5 and 2 percentage points below the return on sales.

ROI COMPARISON

2.62% Italy3.1% Spain

The ratios of the two main European producers, Italy and Spain, show however very different trends: the Italian ROI is in many cases below the levels achieved in the other geographical areas and worse than the corresponding Spanish ROI index: 2.62% in Italy against 3.1% of Spanish companies. The difference, however, turns to Italy's advantage in terms of ROS (and EBIT), with Italian producers at 4.43% against an average 3.77% for Spanish producers.

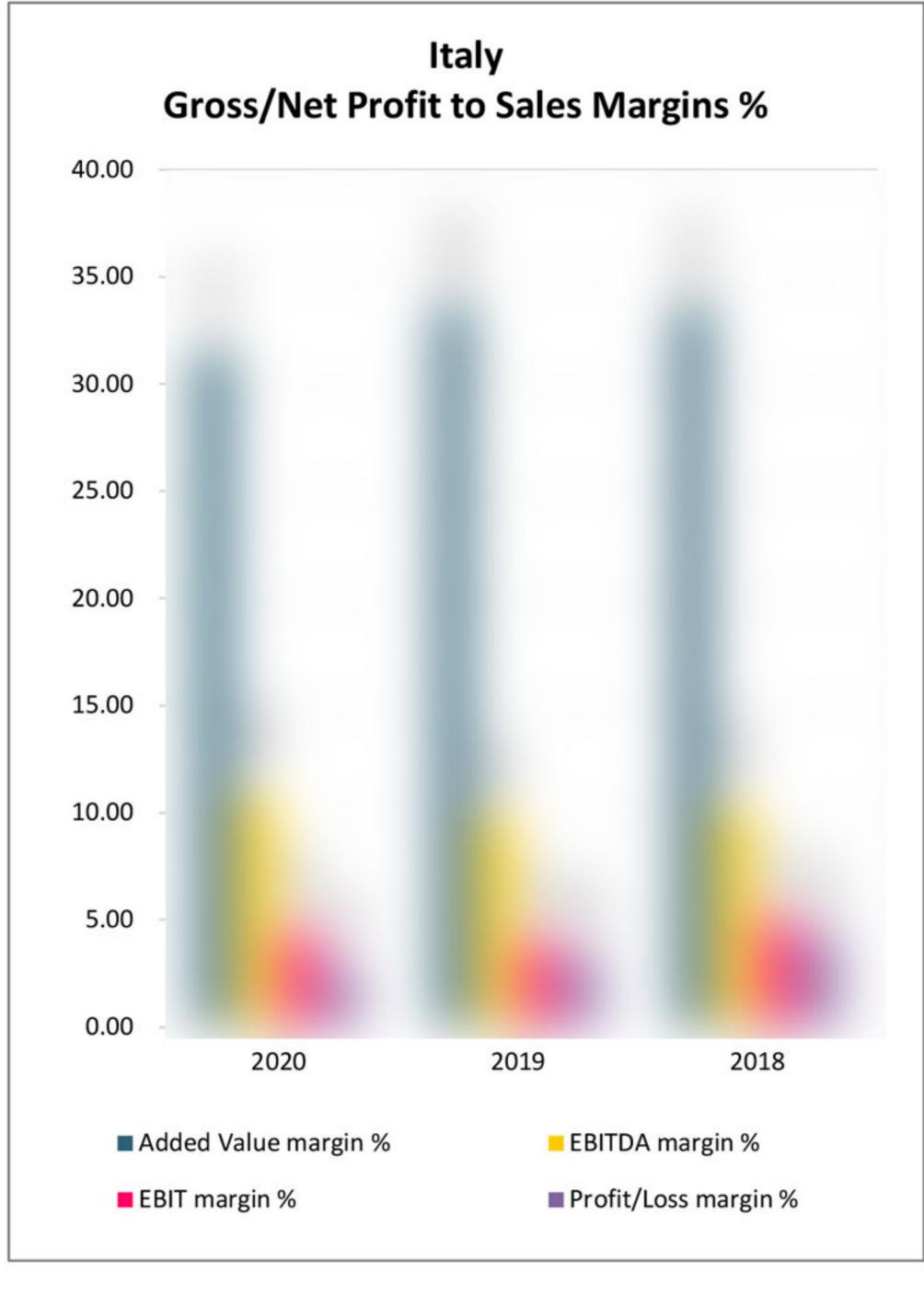
Furthermore, gross profitability in relation to sales shows a recovery, similar to what happens in Spanish companies.

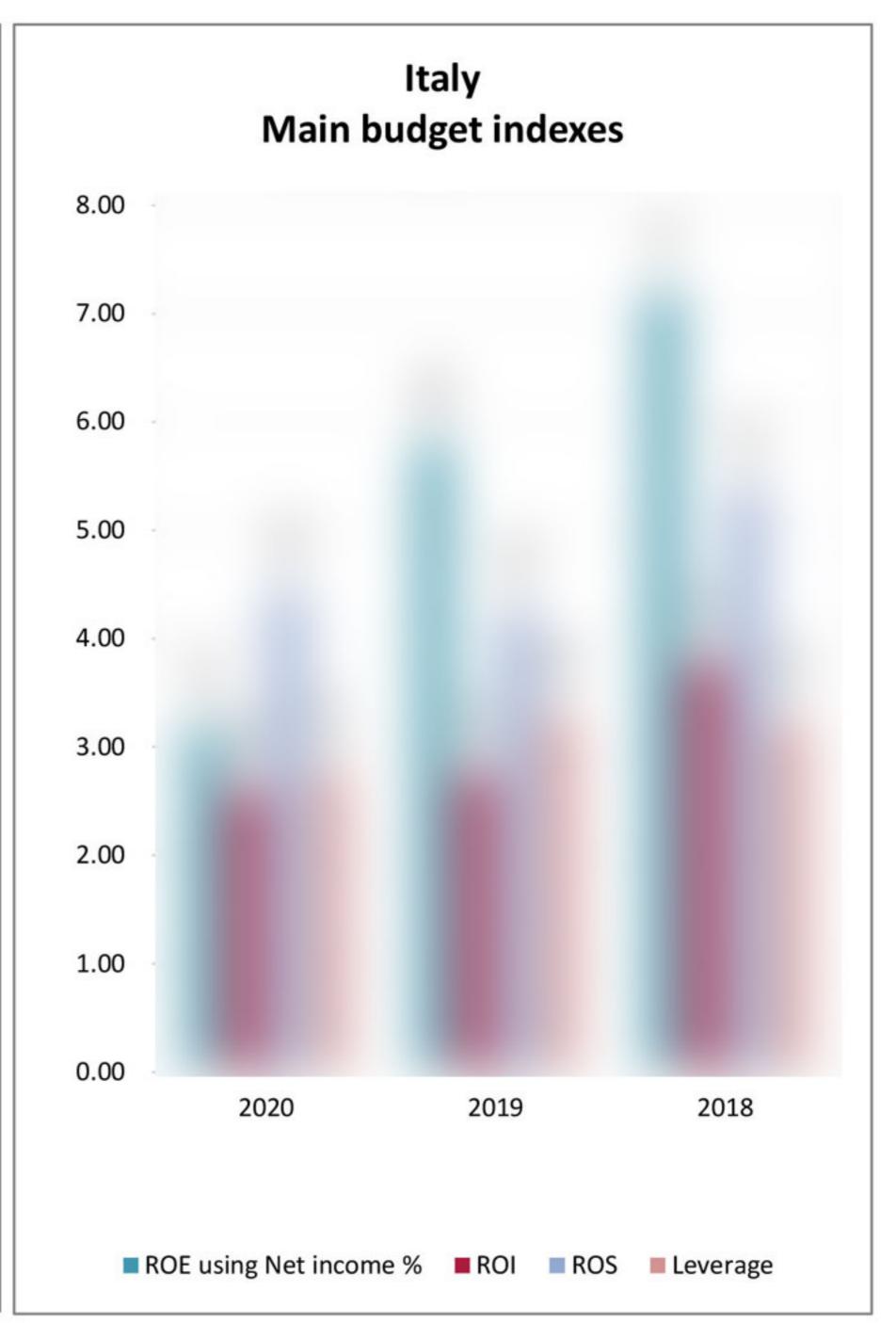
It should be emphasized, however, that the global slowdown caused by the pandemic in the sector has mainly affected some months of 2020, albeit with a different calendar between geographical areas, but that this slowdown has been partially or fully recovered, in many countries including Italy, in the last months of the year. Therefore, after the economic conditions of 2019, entirely characterized by worsening of profitability on a global level (excluding China, India and other South-East Asian countries), in 2020 there was a general resilience or improvement in sectoral profitability, albeit with often decreasing revenues. However, it should be emphasized that both European leaders, even in 2020, are at a level of profitability that is on average lower than that achieved by other global companies, especially those of the block of Asian countries made up of Southeast Asia, China and India. For accounting reasons, ROS, during a slowdown in sales, tends to become higher than ROI (see box 1 for further information).

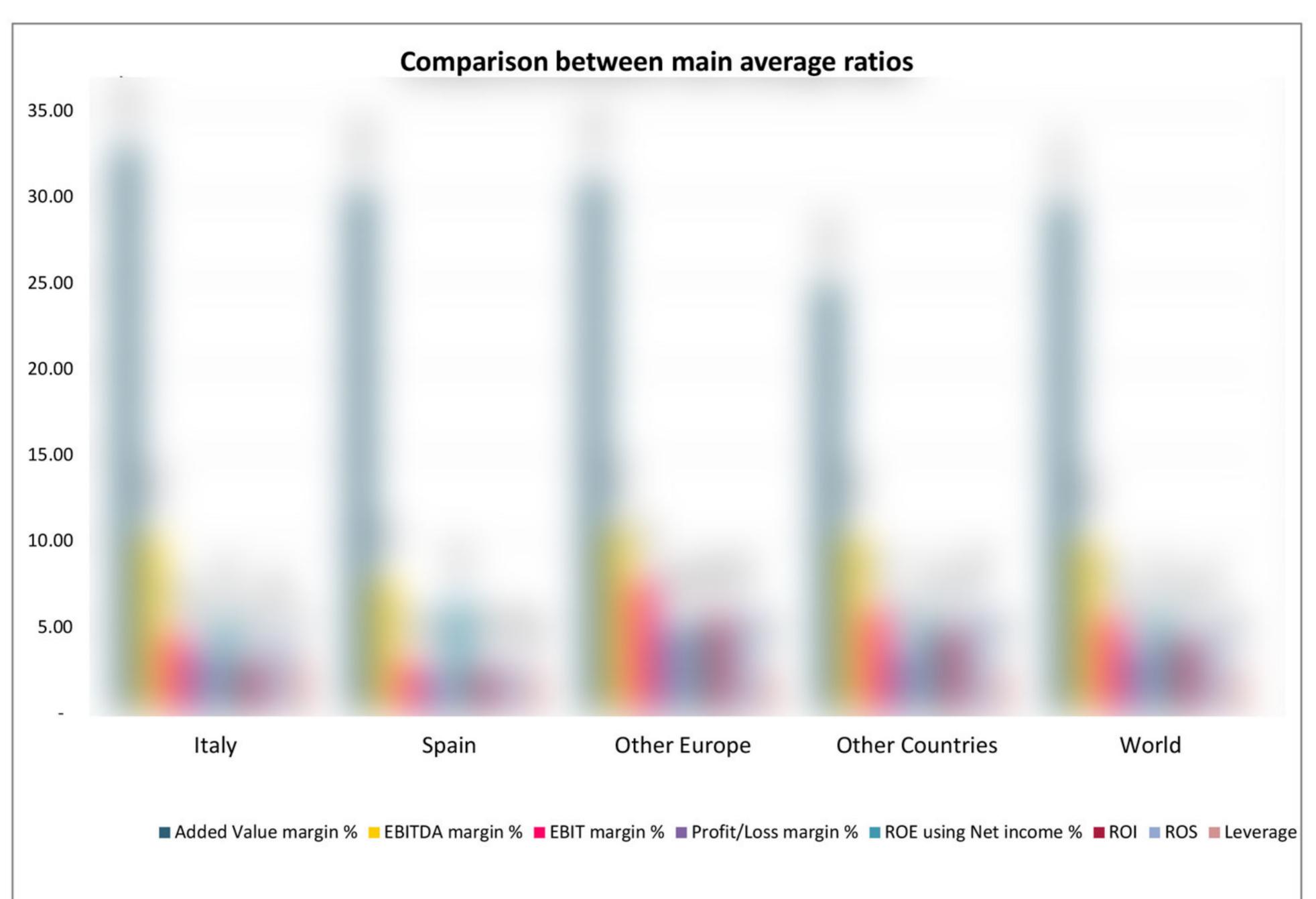
European leaders less profitable

ITALY

AVERAGE 2020 2018-2020 2019 2018 **MAIN RATIOS ROE** using Net income % ROI ROS ROT Leverage Incidence of non-core operations % **Current Assets to Total Assets Ratio %** Added Value margin % Added Value per employee (th EUR) Costs of employees / Turnover Liabilities to Equity Ratio (1/solv ratio) **Equity Ratio % Short-term debt Ratio %** Long-term debt Ratio % **Quick Ratio Current Ratio Equity to fixed assets Ratio** EBITDA margin % EBIT margin % Profit/Loss margin % **ROCE** using net income **ROA** using net income Cash flow / Operating revenue % **OTHER Operational Ratios** Net assets turnover Interest cover Stock turnover Collection period (days) Credit period (days) **OTHER Structure Ratios** Shareholders liquidity ratio Long term NFP /EBITDA Short term NFP /EBITDA **Gearing %** OTHER Per employee Ratios values in th EUR Profit per employee Operating revenue per employee Average cost of employee Shareholders funds per employee Working capital per employee Total assets per employee









3 CLUSTER AND BENCHMARKING ANALYSIS

3.1

CLUSTERING TECHNIQUES

The keyword is homogeneity

MECS has classified companies in the global ceramic tile manufacturing sector using robust clustering statistical techniques so as to offer readers an initial general benchmarking analysis of the performance of each company against the standards of the homogeneous competitive and managerial context in which it is located. The keyword here is homogeneity: the goal of the analysis is to enable companies to be compared with a homogeneous set of direct or indirect competitors that have the same characteristics in terms of their internal structure (assets, production, financial), behaviour (in the labour market, in the downstream supply chain and in the use of outsourcing upstream) and performance (gross and net profitability, financial strength and resilience).

Following this statistical analysis based on a classification of the 2020 financial data, six homogeneous clusters of companies were identified and named in order of decreasing levels of performance as AA, A, B, C, D and E. A further cluster was created for companies that are not classified into specific groups. Grouped together in cluster 0, these companies differ both from each other and from those in other clusters in terms of the various structural, managerial and profitability criteria considered. For the benchmarking of the companies in cluster zero, reference should therefore be made to the overall sample medians shown in the table in the column "Cluster 0".



MAIN RATIOS	0	AA	Α	В	С	D	E
ROE using Net income %	***						
ROI							
ROS							
ROT							
Leverage							
Incidence of non-core operations %							
Current Assets to Total Assets Ratio %	100.00						
Added Value margin %	2.5						
Added Value per employee (th EUR)	100.00						
Costs of employees / Turnover							
Liabilities to Equity Ratio (1/solv ratio)							
Equity Ratio %							
Short-term debt Ratio %							
Long-term debt Ratio %							
Quick Ratio							
Current Ratio							
Equity to fixed assets Ratio	3.90						
EBITDA margin %	333						
EBIT margin %							
Profit/Loss margin %							
ROCE using net income							
ROA using net income							
Cash flow / Operating revenue %	3.96						
OTHER Operational Ratios							
Net assets turnover Interest cover							
Stock turnover Collection period (days)							
Credit period (days)							
OTHER Structure Ratios							
Shareholders liquidity ratio	-						
Long term NFP /EBITDA							
Short term NFP /EBITDA							
Gearing %							
OTHER Per employee Ratios values in th EUR							
Profit per employee	100						
Operating revenue per employee	1						
Average cost of employee							
Shareholders funds per employee	1						
Working capital per employee							
Total assets per employee	2						





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COMPANIES BY CLUSTER

The statistical procedures used for identifying key variables as predictors of differences between clusters showed a high degree of significance for most of the variables used for the index-based financial statement analysis.

The same statistical procedure (TwoStep Clustering in SPSS) allowed companies from the sample of ceramic tile manufacturers to be placed in the cluster most similar to them on the basis of all the significant variables (14 variables, described in greater detail below).

The companies belonging to the various clusters are listed in the following table.

COMPANY NAME	COUNTRY ISO CODE	CLUSTER 2018	CLUSTER 2019	CLUSTER 2020
Management Total Professor Account STOCK	ОМ	n.a.	n.a.	AA
	ES	А	AA	AA
	IT	n.a.	n.a.	AA
	IT	n.a.	n.a.	AA
	VN	AA	AA	AA
	TH	n.a.	0	AA
	ES	n.a.	n.a.	AA
	IT	AA	AA	AA
	BD	Α	Α	Α
	IT	AA	AA	Α
	UA	AB	n.a.	Α
	ES	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	ES	А	Α	Α
	IR	AA	n.a.	Α
	DE	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	TH	А	А	Α
	IR	n.a.	0	Α
	PT	AA	0	Α
	IR	AA	AA	Α
	ES	Α	А	Α
	PT	Α	В	Α
	ОМ	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	EG	0	0	Α
	IR	AA	Α	Α
	IT	AA	AA	Α
	IN	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	ES	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	PE	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	IT	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	ES	AA	AA	Α
	IT	Α	Α	Α
	IT	n.a.	А	Α
	ES	AA	AA	Α
	IT	0	n.a.	Α
	VN	А	А	Α
	VN	А	А	Α
	IT	n.a.	0	Α
	IT	AA	В	Α
	DE	AA	А	Α
	TR	А	В	Α
	IT	n.a.	AA	Α
	ES	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	ES	А	А	Α
	ES	AA	AA	Α
	IT	AA	А	Α
	IT	n.a.	А	Α
	MX	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	CN	AA	А	Α
	MY	n.a.	n.a.	Α
	CN	n.a.	n.a.	Α

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BALANCE SHEETS

At the time of printing of the present report a few companies, according to our main data provider (Orbis, Bureau Van Djik) haven't yet any available data for 2020. Hence the single companies' sheets we present separates into two different subgroups: those who actually have published 2019 data from those who haven't.

THE FOLLOWING SUBSECTION PRESENTS THE SINGLE COMPANIES' BALANCE SHEETS FOR FIRMS WHOSE DATA ARE AVAILABLE FOR 2018-2020.

Company name

City

Country

Website address

Group Ranking MECS

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position of the company compared to its global competitors in terms of average economic and financial performance

BALANCE SHEET values in th EUR	2020	2019	2018	%VAR 20/19
Fixed assets	-			485
Intangible fixed assets				
Tangible fixed assets				
Other fixed assets				
Current assets				
Stock				
Debtors				
Other current assets				
Cash & cash equivalent	3.86			
Total assets	4.9			
Shareholders funds	8.78			
Capital				
Other shareholders funds				
Non-current liabilities				
Long term debt				
Other non-current liabilities				
Provisions				
Current liabilities				
Loans				
Creditors				
Other current liabilities				
Total shareh. funds & liab.	4.76			
Working capital	1.106			
Net current assets				



Operating revenue(Turnover)

Sales

EBIT (Core operations margin)

Financial revenue

Financial expenses

Financial P/L

P/L before tax

Taxation

P/L after tax

Extr. and other revenue

Extr. and other expenses

Extr. and other P/L

P/L for period [=Net income]

SYNTHETIC DATA values in th EUR

Material costs

Costs of employees

Depreciation & Amortization

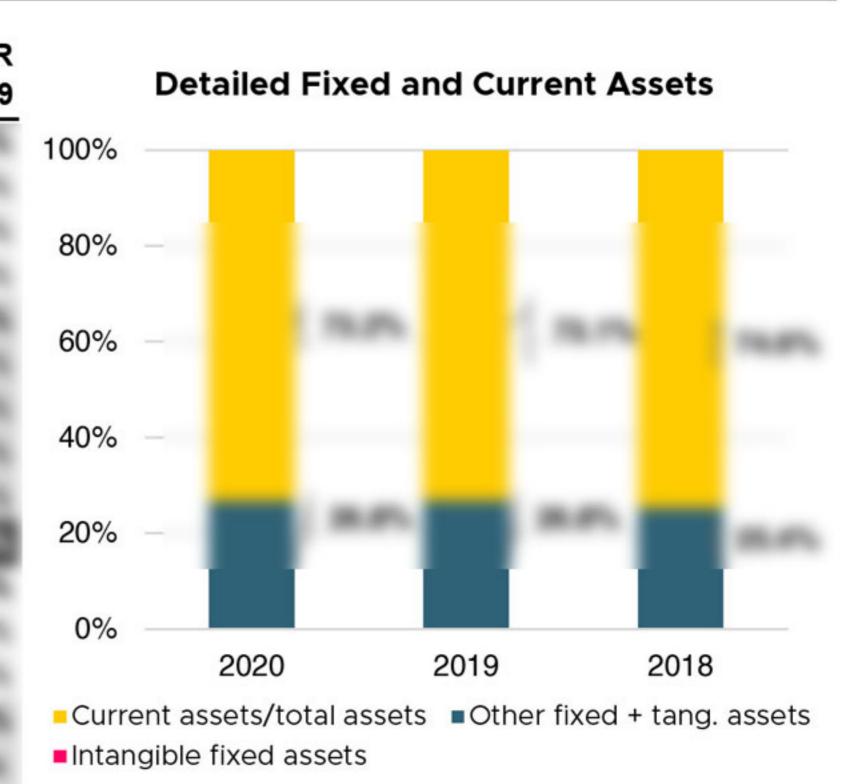
Interest paid

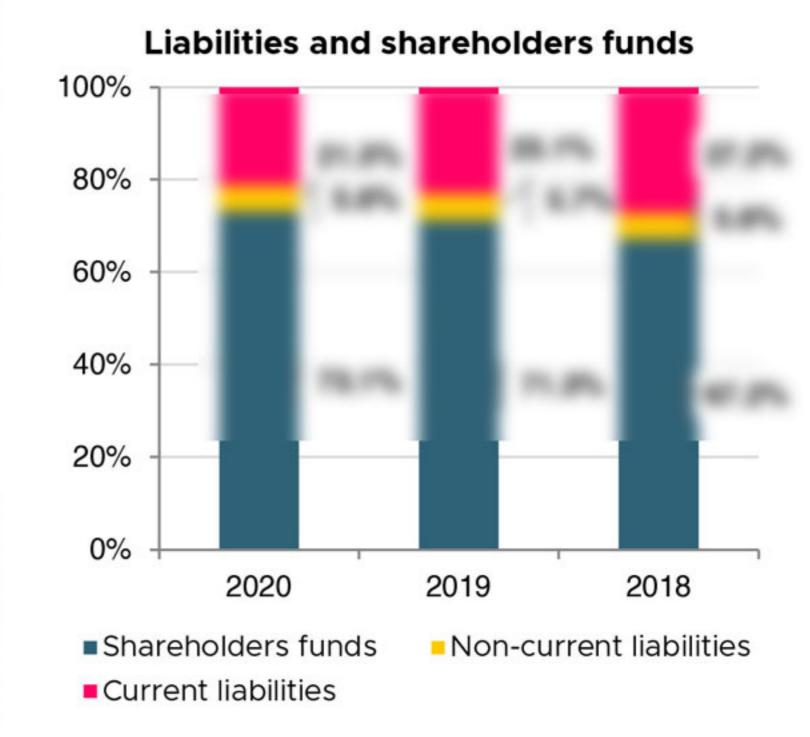
Cash flow

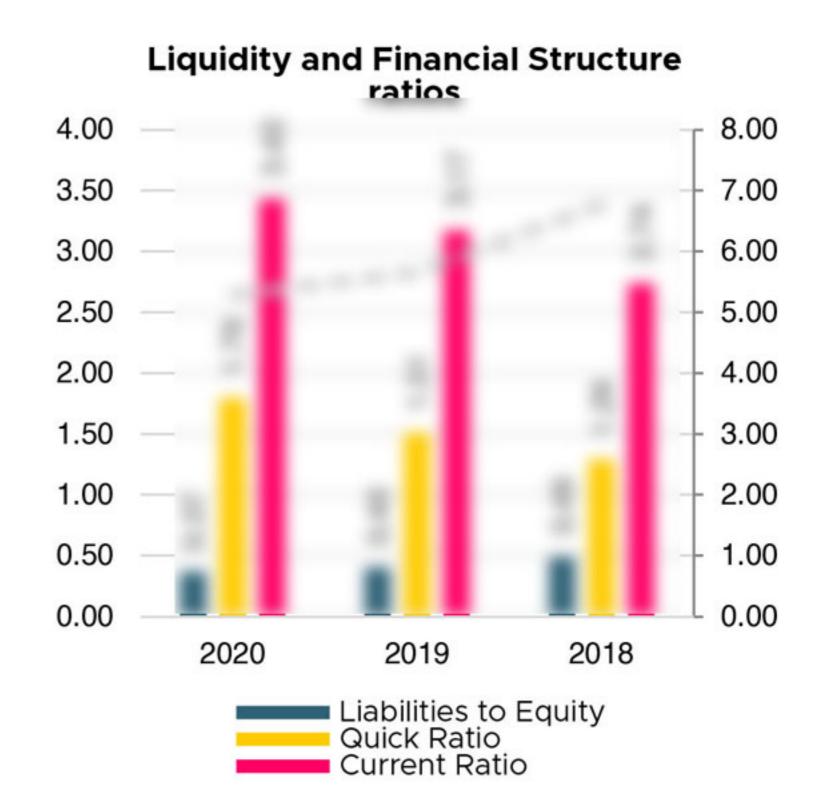
Added Value

EBITDA

Number of employees







%VAR 20/19 MAIN RATIOS 2020 2019 2018 **ROE** using Net income % ROI ROS ROT Leverage Incidence of non-core operations 9 **Current Assets to Total Assets Rati** Added Value margin % Added Value per employee (th E Costs of employees / Turnover Liabilities to Equity Ratio (1/solv ratio) **Equity Ratio %** Short-term debt Ratio % Long-term debt Ratio % **Quick Ratio Current Ratio Equity to fixed assets Ratio** EBITDA margin % **EBIT margin %** Profit/Loss margin % **ROCE** using net income **ROA** using net income Cash flow / Operating revenue %

OTHER Operational Ratios

Net assets turnover
Interest cover
Stock turnover
Collection period (days)
Credit period (days)

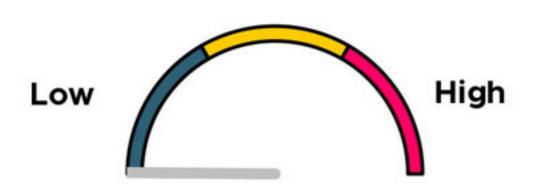
OTHER Structure Ratios

Shareholders liquidity ratio
Liabilities to capital ratio
Long term NFP /EBITDA
Short term NFP /EBITDA
Gearing %

OTHER Per employee Ratios values in tl

Profit per employee
Operating revenue per employee
Average cost of employee
Shareholders funds per employee
Working capital per employee
Total assets per employee

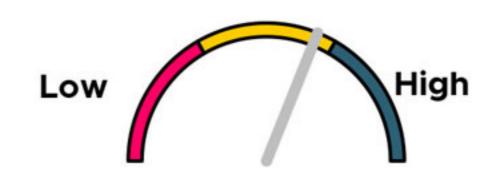
RATINGS



MORE Probability of default (%) 0.25

3.41

MORE Credit Limit on op. rev %

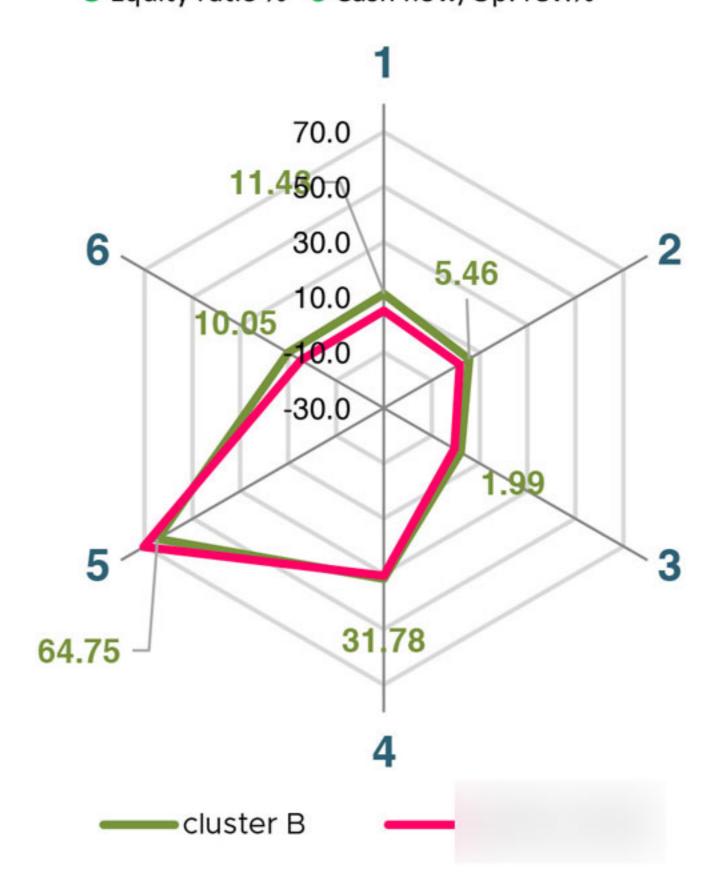


CRIF Financial Stability Score: 621

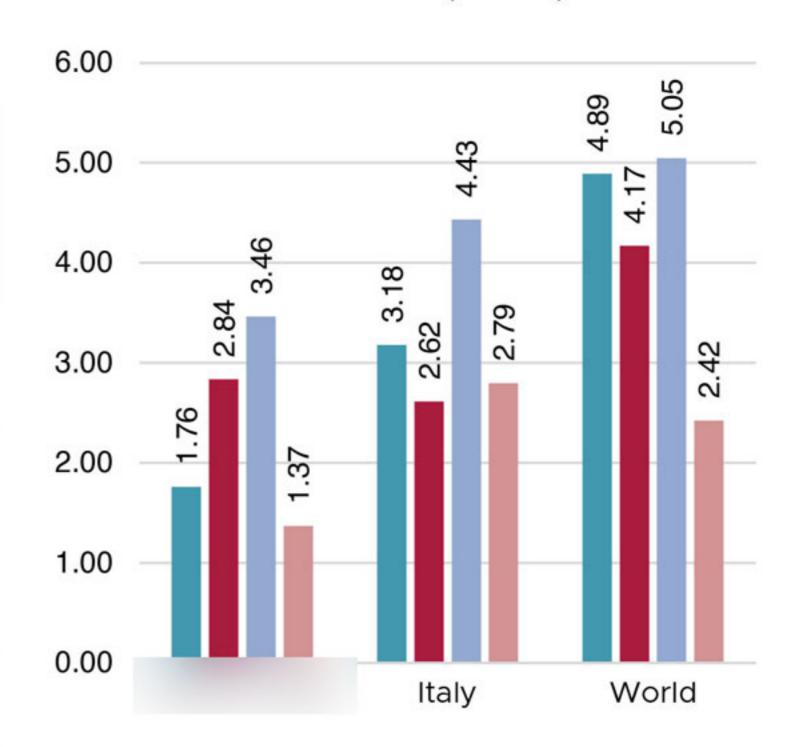
-3.85
NFP on EBIT %

cluster B 1 EBITDA % 2 ROS

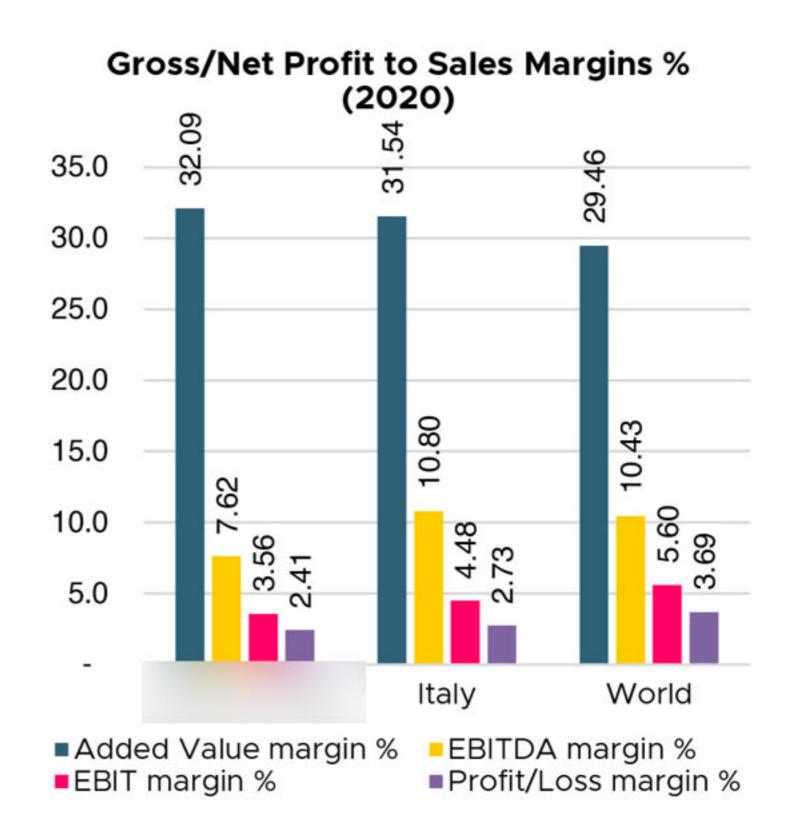
3 Long term NFP/EBITDA 4 AV/Sales%
5 Equity ratio % 6 Cash flow/Op. rev.%



Main ratios (2020)



■ROE using Net income % ■ROI ■ROS ■Leverage



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RANKING

MECS MULTIDIMENSIONAL RANKING COMPUTATION CRITERIA

The criteria for construction of the multidimensional ranking proposed by MECS gave preference to the choice of **3 synthetic indices for company profitability** (ROI, ROS and ROA), **4 indices for economic/productive and management efficiency** (Added Value margin, EBITDA margin, EBIT margin, Profit/Loss margin) and **3 indices for structure and financial solidity** (Cash Flow margin, Equity ratio, Gearing).

The dimensional indicators (Operating revenue and number of employees), although published, are not directly linked to economic performance, hence are not part of the multidimensional ranking.

The ROE index (Return on Equity) is largely used and so its ranking is published here; nonetheless it does not enter into calculation of the MECS multidimensional ranking because of its ambiguity. In facts ROE could be higher both because of higher profits and because of a lower equity.

Moreover two different financial rating are added, namely "MORE PROB-ABILITY OF DEFAULT" as well as "CRIF SCORE"; both are computed into the MECS multidimensional ranking.

The companies are first ranked on the basis of a multidimensional index that takes account of the company's ranking for each chosen indicator. The final ranking is then calculated as an average of the other 12 rankings. It should be noted however that the chosen indicators implicitly assign greater weight to the profitability and efficiency of management processes than to financial strength and equity structure.

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TURNOVER 5.1

	COMPANY NAME	OPERATING REVENUE (TURNOVER)		COMPANY NAME	OPERATING REVENUE (TURNOVER)
1	MOHAWK INDUSTRIES INC	7,784,367	51		116,079
2	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER, TH	1,691,633	52	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWNER, THE PARTY OF	114,405
3		903,322	53		114,072
4	to commonweal to a 700	899,128	54	Mesonicae. St. on.	113,924
5	DESCRIPTION OF THE RESERVE OF THE PERSON OF	795,696	55		111,625
6	PRODUCT CONTRACTOR CONTRACTOR	642,284	56		110,001
7	Proceedings of the Control of the Co	621,834	57		107,997
8	Section Control of the Control of th	607,422	58	ACCRECATE TO A SECURITY TO A S	107,205
9	THE R. P. LEWIS CO., LANSING MICH. LANSING MICH.	527,978	59	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE	103,319
10	Section of the Control of the Contro	520,578	60		102,213
11		465,910	61	The second secon	101,206
12	Security Co.	450,115	62		98,639
13	Designation of the last of the	441,626	63	NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE OWN PARTY AND POST OF THE OWN PARTY.	95,671
14	Section of the contract of the	436,522	64	The second of the second	93,160
15	THE RESERVE NAMED IN COLUMN 2	400,248	65	NAME OF TAXABLE PARTY AND	90,872
16	Processing the Control of the Contro	366,143	66	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE	89,667
17	THE RESERVE NAMED IN COLUMN 2	335,781	67		87,986
18	Transaction of the second of t	332,336	68		86,262
19	THE RESERVE THE PERSON NAMED IN COLUMN TWO	322,669	69		86,164
20	F1_10000 1000 100	290,069	70		85,131
21		282,444	71		79,058
22	Section (Section 1997)	275,780	72	The comment of the co	77,809
23	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	250,169	73	THE RESERVE THE PARTY OF THE PA	76,568
24	Company of the Compan	232,990	74		76,180
25		229,559	75		74,072
26	PRINCE CO. III.	228,370	76	THE RESIDENCE OF THE RESIDENCE OF THE PERSON	73,776
27	THE RESERVE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON NAMED IN	223,852	77	NAME AND POST OFFICE ADDRESS OF TAXABLE PARTY.	73,309
28	THE RESIDENCE TH	215,912	78	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	73,030
29	Market Committee	210,436	79		72,158
30	CONTRACTOR OF THE PERSON OF TH	202,665	80	The same constitution of the same of the s	71,959
31		194,699	81	The second secon	71,884
32	Secretary Acres, Colombia,	194,212	82		71,545
33		193,985	83		71,535
34	Service Control (Service)	193,247	84		70,362
35		191,248	85		68,050
36	Street State and Commercial State Annual Asset	178,546	86		67,395
37	Lancon Maria Contract	173,991	87	The same of the sa	66,196
38		171,527	88	Annual Contract of the Contrac	66,103
39	Contract of the Contract of th	156,644	89	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN	64,852
40	income the second of the	152,018	90	The second secon	64,392
41		150,015	91	THE OWNER WHEN PARTY THE PARTY TO SHAPE A TO	63,502
42	the state of the s	148,343	92		62,984
43	THE R. P. LEWIS CO., LANSING MICH.	142,847	93		62,165
44		142,152	94	Transition for the second seco	61,681
45	THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PARTY OF THE	139,253	95		61,504
46	and the same of th	127,994	96		60,815
47	Laboratory States and Control of the	126,842	97	The same of the sa	60,475
48		123,602	98		59,935
49		121,497	99		59,924
				OKILINI BELL LIMITED	58,405
50		119,257	100	OKILIVI BELL LIMITED	5

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THE FINAL RANKING

After having classified all the companies by each indicator, here we present the final ranking 2020, calculated as an average of the other 12 rankings.

As stated at the beginning of this chapter, it should be noted however that the chosen indicators implicitly assign greater weight to the profitability and efficiency of management processes than to financial strength and equity structure.

CRIF																										_
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EBIT																										_
EBITDA																										_
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GEARING																										_
QUITY RATIO																										_
ROA																										_
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CASH FLOW																										
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