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### BERY interesting company



- Revenue diversification
  - Geography: 50% NA + 35%
    Western Europe + 15% EM
  - End market: 70% consumerrelated, 30% industrial-related
- EBITDA
  - 15% company-wide mg (normalized 18%)
- Growth CAPEX going to
  - Health, hygiene and specialties
  - BERY is largest producer of nonwoven materials in the world
  - Emerging markets



### A boring business...



...yet an amazing and resilient one!

#### **Industry**

- Plastic packaging: highly inelastic and an insignificant expense for clients
- High switching costs for plastic use
  - Very low cost
  - Unique characteristics
- Fragmented: top 3 players have 22% market share

#### **BERY**

- Scale leads to
  - Lowest cost for resin (50% of COGS)
  - Lower SG&A given extensiveness of manufacturing facilities
- Low CAPEX requirements
- π and macro hedge
  - Product diversity + scale + global end markets
- High operating leverage: FCF growing at 10% CAGR

### BERY stands out amongst peers



- Sealed Air (SEE) and Amcor (AMCR) are closest peers
- Relatively, BERY sells more commoditized products than peers (lower GM)... but thanks to superb OPEX and CAPEX management BERY still generates consistently high FCF margins

...biggest difference with peers is valuation

#### **FCFE margins 2016-2021**



Source: Company, Bloomberg, and Kue Capital

### Current market pricing vs my view



- 1. Obsolete plastic company hurting the planet
- 2. 100% commodity business
- 3. Highly levered company for a commodity business



- Sustainability-led packaging company propelling the green trend
- 2. Only 30% industrial-exposed but 70% resilient demand
- 3. Debt not an issue: closed 2022 at 3.6x ND/EBITDA while guidance is 3.0-3.9x

#### **Valuation**

\$60 USD stock price -> \$7.5B market cap / \$15.0B EV



# \$110 USD market stock price -> +80% upside to current price

### LTM figures:

- 7x EV/EBITDA
- 11.7% FCFE yd
- 15% FCFE No-grwth CAPEX yd

#### Normalized figures:

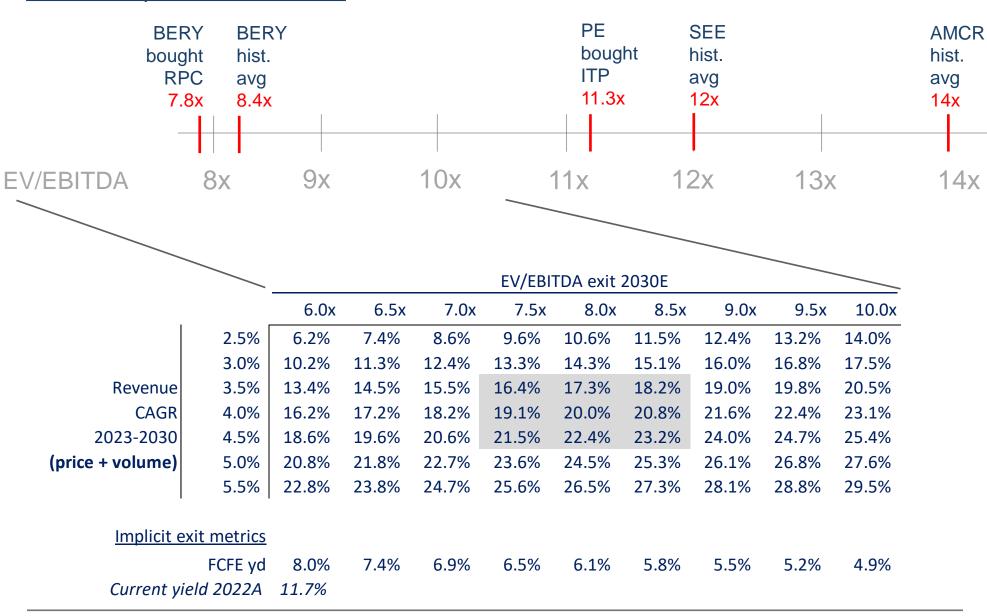
- 6.4x EV/EBITDA
- 14% FCFE yd
- 18% FCFE No-grwth CAPEX yd

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### Attractive investment opportunity







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