

# Through the Eyes of Artists

9 billion people to feed by the year 2050...

In order anticipate and contribute to providing a better response to the evolution of food requirements, Vilmorin relies on its capacity for research and international development

With this inevitable prospective vision of food as its starting point, Vilmorin has chosen to get involved in culinary design or in other words, "What will our eating habits be like tomorrow"?

Following several years of reflection, exploring the link between varietal and artistic creation, in 2009 Vilmorin decided to turn towards the talents of tomorrow.

And so Vilmorin has opted to display and support the "saplings" of the culinary design workshop at the Reims Higher School of Arts and Design, accompanied by Marc BRÉTILLOT (a pioneer in the discipline), in their work on tomorrow's food.

This year, their themes drew inspiration from passing time, taste, biodiversity, how to meet world food needs and practical consumption modes.

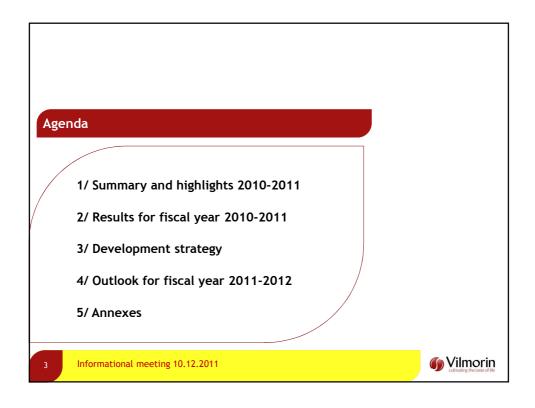
You can admire all the artistic works in the gallery of our website www.vilmorin.info For more information: www.esad-reims.fr / www.marchretillot.com

Opening photo "Time for Tomatoes"

Emeline LAVOCAT, Fabien SCZCEPANOWSKI, Tristan GIRARD. Time for Tomatoes

Cherry tomato distributor for public areas. This decorative "large capsule" is placed in a recreational area of the company. The life cycle of a plant is a relaxing spectacle. The fruit, which form a healthy snack, ripen on the plant, developing flavors to the full. The age-old gesture of picking fruit is part of the ritual of tasting food.







### Summary and highlights 2010-2011

A historic year for growth

- ► Sales of €1,192m up 9.6 %\* ...
  - Dynamic growth of the vegetable seed and field seed activities
  - Market shares gained, as a consequence of the technical performance of the products and direct implantation on the target markets



- .... in a favorable agricultural environment
  - Rise in surface areas cultivated for the main crops in Vilmorin's commercial lineup (vegetables, corn, wheat and sunflower)
  - · Good resistance of raw agricultural materials

\* Like for like, compared with 2009-2010

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- Increase in the operating margin
  - 13.1% (+4 pts\*)
  - ... on line with the revised objective



- Net income group share
  - €91m (+€37m\*)
  - ... at its highest level historically
- A solid financial situation, marked by longer maturity of the funding lines and providing significant capacity for external growth
  - Gearing: 26%

\* In comparison with 2009-2010



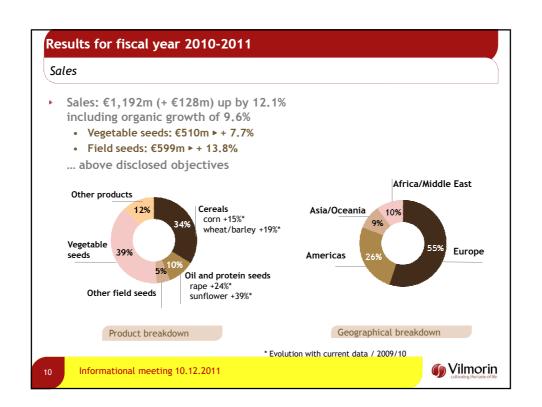
## Summary and highlights 2010-2011 A historic year for growth Opening up of growth opportunities Brasmilh **GUER 9A** on the corn market in South America • Sales objective 2011-2012: Acquisition of the corn and sorghum activities of €20m and structuring Brasmilho Sustained pursuit of investment in innovation, both internally and in partnerships • Research budget: €154m (+ €17m\*) which is 15.2% of professional Research budget including sales: €220m (+€20m\*) Repositioning of the co-operation in field seeds with Longping High-Tech (LPHT) in China \* In comparison with 2009-2010 Informational meeting 10.12.2011 Vilmorin



- Accounting reference
  - IFRS on June 30th 2011
- Consolidation scope
  - Su Tarim (Vegetable seeds. Turkey). December 2009
  - Mesa Maize (Vegetable seeds. United States). May 2010
  - Limagrain Cereal Seeds (Field seeds. United States). May 2010
  - Limagrain South America (Field seeds. Argentina). June 2010
  - Limagrain Guerra (Field seeds. Brazil). February 2011
  - Sale of minority stakes (LPHT. China)
- ► Rates of the main currencies on 06/30/2011 (and 06/30/2010)

	Average rate	Closing rate	
• \$	1.36 (1.39)	1.45 (1.23)	
• ¥	113 (127)	116 (109)	
• £	0.86 (0.88)	0.90 (0.82)	
• ILS	4.92 (5.25)	4.94 (4.76)	





#### Sales margin

- ► Sales margin: €535m (+ €52m) up 10.7% with current data
  - Vegetable seeds: €286m > + 11.1% with current data
  - Field seeds: €214m + 14% with current data
  - ... integrating a prudent approach to obsolescence costs (€22m)

Stocks	06.30.2010	06.30.2011
Gross value (in €m)	361	334
Provisions	11%	13.2%

... resulting in a drop of relative value of -0.6 points

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## Results for fiscal year 2010-2011

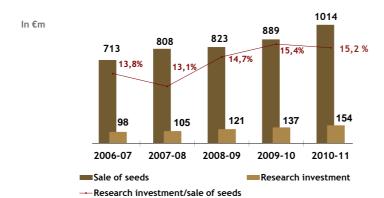
#### Operating charges

- Marketing and sales: €185m (+€19m) up by 8.9% like for like
  - Vegetable seeds: €82m > + 14.9%
  - Field seeds: €81m ▶ + 10.2%
  - ... accompanying growth in business and reflecting the increase in development investment (prospection, sales network, technical support for products)
- Administration and other charges: +€11m up 7.2% like for like



#### Operating charges

Research: €108m (+€9m) up 8% like for like, after the impact of the activation of development programs (€22m) and tax relief for research (€24m)



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## Results for fiscal year 2010-2011

#### Operating income

- Operating income: €157m (+ €61m) corresponding to an operating margin of 13.1% (up 4 points)
  - Vegetable seeds: €80m (+ €15m), an operating margin of 15.7% (up 1.3 points)
  - Field seeds: €40m (+ €4m), an operating margin of 6.7% (stable)

... benefiting from the gross capital gain on the sale of the minority stake in the Chinese company LPHT (+  $\mbox{\em c30}$  m)

▶ restated margin = 10.6%



#### Other components of the result

- Financial result: €21m
   down €9m, characterized by <u>stability</u> in funding costs and the non recurrence of certain financial income items (exchange, sale of non-consolidated securities)
- Income taxes: €39m up by €11m
  - Current taxes: €36mDeferred taxes: €3m
  - ... with an overall tax rate of de 29%

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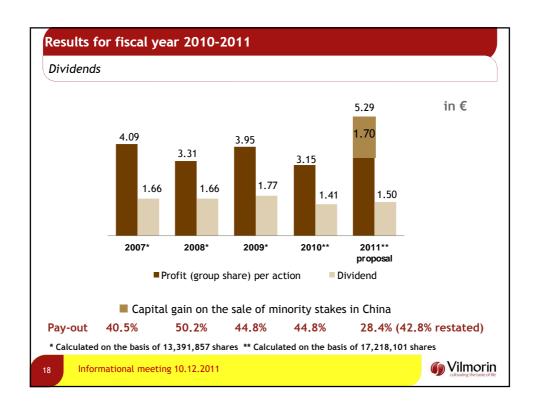
## Net income and contributions of each activity

- Net income: €97m (+ €37m), of which a group share of €91m
  - Vegetable seeds: €54m (+ €9m) increasing in all Business Units
  - Field seeds: €26m (+ €3m)
     integrating the net cost of development projects (new markets, new technologies) of €9m
  - ... benefiting from the net capital gain on the sale of minority stakes (€29m)

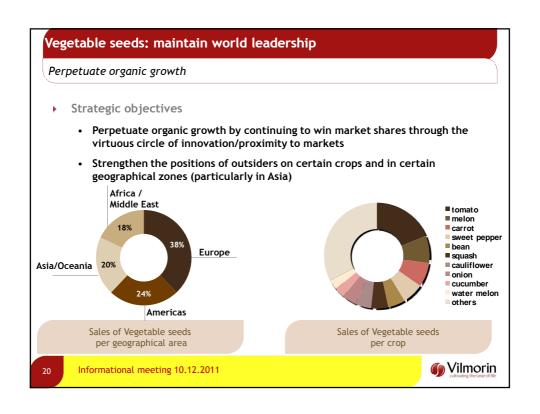
▶ restated net income = €68 m



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#### Vegetable seeds: maintain world leadership

Perpetuate organic growth

#### Market context

- A world market characterized by accelerating growth (volume/value) estimated at 6%<sup>(1)</sup> per year since 2006
- Gradual conversion of emerging markets towards the use of commercial seeds
- Innovation, a growth factor: new varieties, seed technologies (pelleting, pre-germination, treatments ...)

#### Strategic advantages

- A multi-crop portfolio
- Local implantations on the main target markets
- A competitive position of world leader for crops with high added value
- No. 2 overall worldwide
- No. 1, 2 or 3 worldwide for tomato, melon, carrot, sweet pepper, cauliflower

#### Vegetable seeds in 2010-2011

- Sales: €510m. +7.7% (2)
- Research centers: 47
- Operating margin: 15.7%

 $^{(1)}$  Source: P. Mc Dougall  $^{(2)}$  Like for like, compared with 2009-2010

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#### Vegetable seeds: maintain world leadership

Progress check on the development plan



#### 2009-2010 2010-2011

#### Coming fiscal years

- Extension of genetic resources: lettuce, tomato, sweet pepper, sweet corn, onion through the acquisition of research programs and companies
- Consolidation of positions on key markets through internal and external growth;
   Brazil, India, China, Turkey (acquisition of Su Tarim)
- Consolidate certain products / markets combinations considered to be strategic, including through acquisitions
- Pursue, for growing markets, product innovation and the acceleration of research processes
- Strengthen the marketing approach of chains



#### Corn. Internationalize European and North American positions

Heading towards new frontiers

- Strategic objectives
  - Using solid European and North American positions, access a wider fast-developing world market
    - ✓ Current potential market (Europe + North America): 33% of world corn acreage
    - ✓ Potential market tomorrow (Asia + South and North America + Europe): 77% of world corn acreage
  - Valorize and enrich existing plant breeding by setting up implantations in new zones: Brazil, India and China
  - Amortize upstream research programs currently being developed



Corn: world surface areas 2010

Sources: USDA, Eurostat, FNPSMS, internal.2010

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- Market context
  - No. 1 crop produced in world: 824m T
  - No. 1 seed market in world in value: 40% of the world market
  - Fast growing corn market, due to the adoption of GMOs
    - ✓ 29% of cultivated corn acreage in the world is GM
    - $\checkmark$  48% of the value of the world GM market is corn seed

- Strategic advantages
- Strong use of biotechnologies (molecular marking, dihaploidization...)
- Among the top competitive positions on each of the existing markets
- No. 3 in Europe
- No. 4 in the United States

#### Corn in 2010-2011

- Sales: €338m (+15%\*)
- Research centers: 35

\*Current data in comparison with 2009-2010 Sources: USDA, Eurostat, P. Mc Dougall , ISAAA. 2010



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#### 2009-2010 2010-2011

#### Coming fiscal years

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 Acquisition of the corn assets of Sementes Guerra and Brasmilho.

#### China

- Repositioning of the strategic partnership with Longping High-Tech
- Registration of a first commercial corn variety at national level

#### Brazil

Acquisition of complementary breeding programs to cover the target market

#### China

 Development and introduction of a flow of promising varieties

#### India

 Reinforcement of our current implantation in field seeds through a structuring partnership on a fast developing corn market

Reinforcement and broadening of trait development programs

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## Wheat: become the world reference

United States, No. 1 target market

- Strategic objectives
  - · Maintain position of No. 1 in Europe
  - Contribute to converting an on-farm seeds market that performs poorly and has little value to a market with GM commercial seed, and then high-yield hybrids

	Rate of use of on-farm seeds	Yield (T/ha)
United States	76%	3
Europe	50%	53

 Extend the future cover of the North American market to other major wheat markets: South America, Asia and Australia

Source: USDA 2011



#### Wheat: become the world reference United States, No. 1 target market Market context Strategic advantages • No. 1 cereal grown in the world: 223m ha (1) • Historic presence and acknowledged expertise ■ CIS North America • Diversified access to world ■ EU genetic resources India • No. 1 in Europe (EU 27) China Australia South America Others Wheat in 2010-2011 Wheat:world acreage 2010 • Sales: €31m <sup>(2)</sup> (+ 20%) with the addition of €21m royalties Insufficient yields to meet world food needs, • Research centers: 22 because of the use of on-farm seeds (1) Source: USDA, 2010 (2) Like for like **Wilmorin** Informational meeting 10.12.2011





## Outlook for fiscal year 2011-2012

An economic and financial environment that is once again disturbed but agricultural markets are positive

- Vegetable seeds
  - Pursue growth beyond estimated trends for market progression, while controling the persistent consequences of sanitary and political crises
- Field seeds
  - Adapt demand to supply by providing seeds lower in number than the objectives of production plans
  - Europe
    - $\checkmark$  Pursue market share gains in rapeseed and sunflower
    - ✓ Consolidate corn positions
  - United States
    - $\checkmark$  Continue to increase seed sales beyond market growth
- Garden products
  - Finalize strategic reflection on the repositioning of the Garden products activities



## Outlook for fiscal year 2011-2012

- Continue to implement the strategic plan
  - Vegetable seeds: reinforce certain combinations crops / geographical area within the organization through external growth operations
  - Corn: consolidate organization in India and broaden upstream research partnerships
- Commit to the following objectives for fiscal year 2011-2012 with determination and confidence

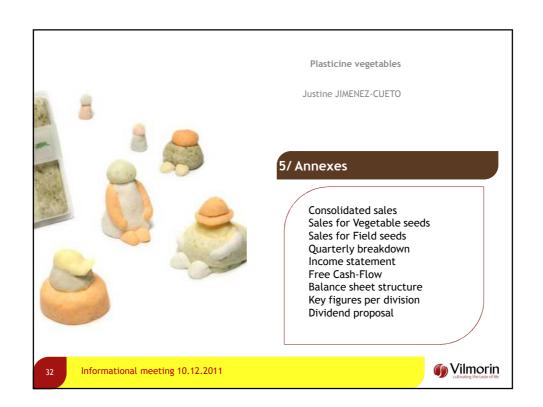
Consolidated sales

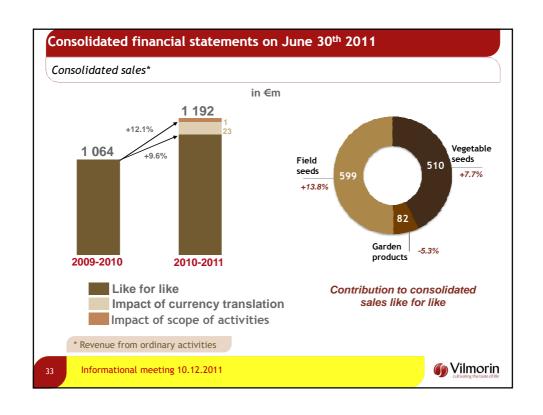
Growth, like for like, of more than 7%

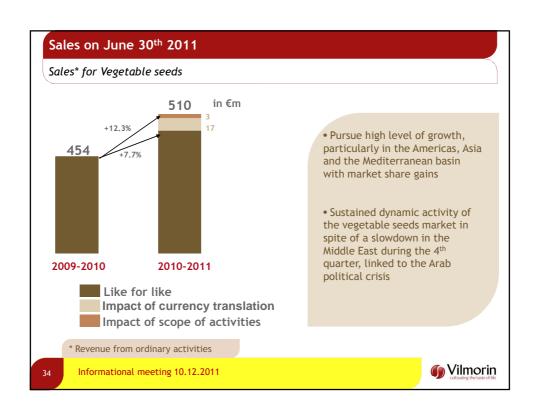
Current operating
margin
= 11%
Integrating an estimated

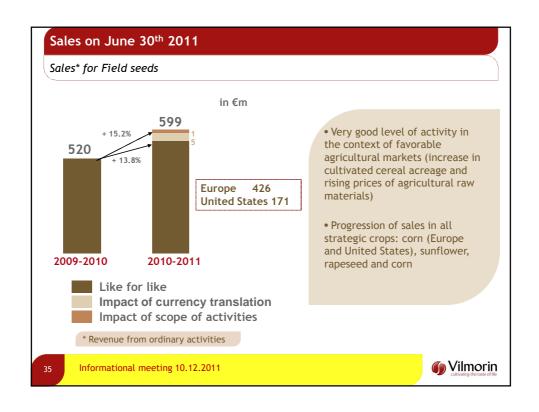
total research investment of €165m

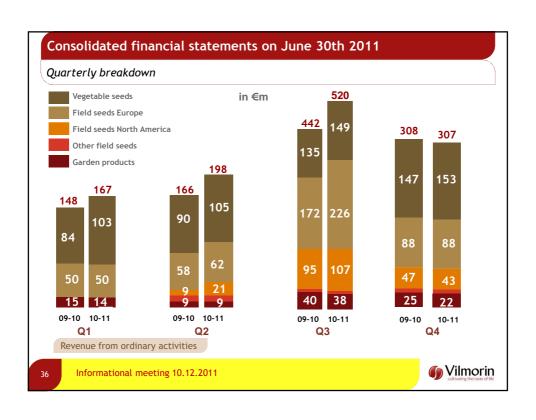




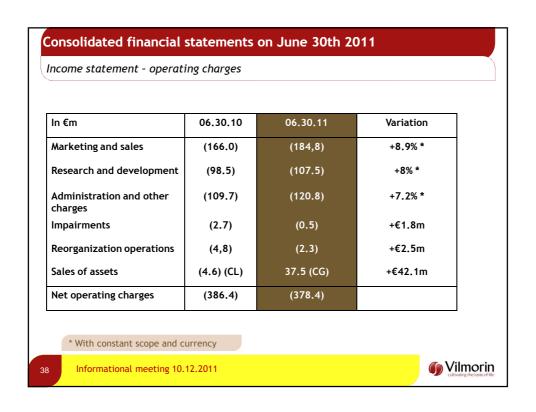




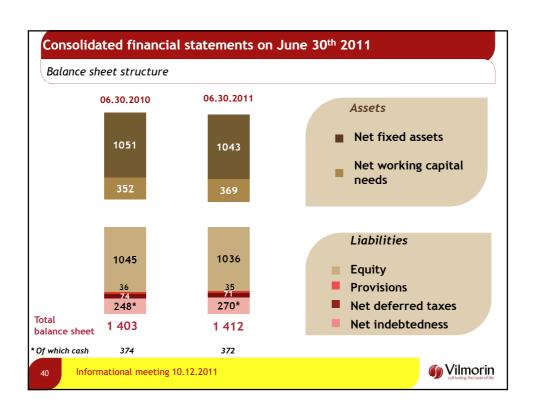




In €M	06.30.10	06.30.11	Variation
Sales	1 063.8	1 192.1	+12.1%
Margin on sales	483.6	535.1	+€51.5m
Margin on sales rate	45.5%	44.9%	-0.6 pt
Operating income	97.2	156.7	+€61.2m
Operating margin	9.1%	13.1%	+4 pts
Financial income	(12.2)	(21.4)	-€9.2m
Profit from associated companies	0.5	0.6	+€0.1m
Income taxes	(27.8)	(38.7)	-€10.9m
Discontinued operations	2.5		-€2.5m
Net income	60.1	97.3	+€37.2m
Net income Group share	54.2	91.0	+€36.8m



h-flow			
in €m	2009-2010	2010-2011	
Net indebtedness at the beginning of FY	378	248	
BITDA	206	276	
ariation of working capital needs	(22)	(22)	
Other operating items	(30)	(67)	
Net industrial investments	(44)	(37)	
activated development costs	(100)	(111)	
perating cash-flow	10	38	
et financial investments	(38)	17	
Capital and other equity contributions	203	(12)	
Dividends	(24)	(35)	
Net financial charges	(16)	(20)	
Free cash-flow	136	(12)	
Other restatements (IFRS/ Currency)	(6)	(11)	
et indebtedness at the end of FY	248	270	



#### Consolidated financial statements on June 30th 2011 Key figures per division (contribution to consolidated sales) In €m Sales\* Operating income Net income 2009-10 2010-11 2009-10 2010-11 2009-10 2010-11 Vegetable seeds 454.3 510.3 65.4 80.2 44.8 54.2 Field seeds 519.7 598.6 35.8 39.8 22.8 26.4 Garden products 88.3 81.9 6.5 1.1 4.3 30.2 Holdings 1.5 1.3 (6.7)(8.6)12.4 Consolidated 1 063.8 1 192.1 97.2 156.7 60.1 97.3 \* Revenue from ordinary activities Vilmorin Informational meeting 10.12.2011

