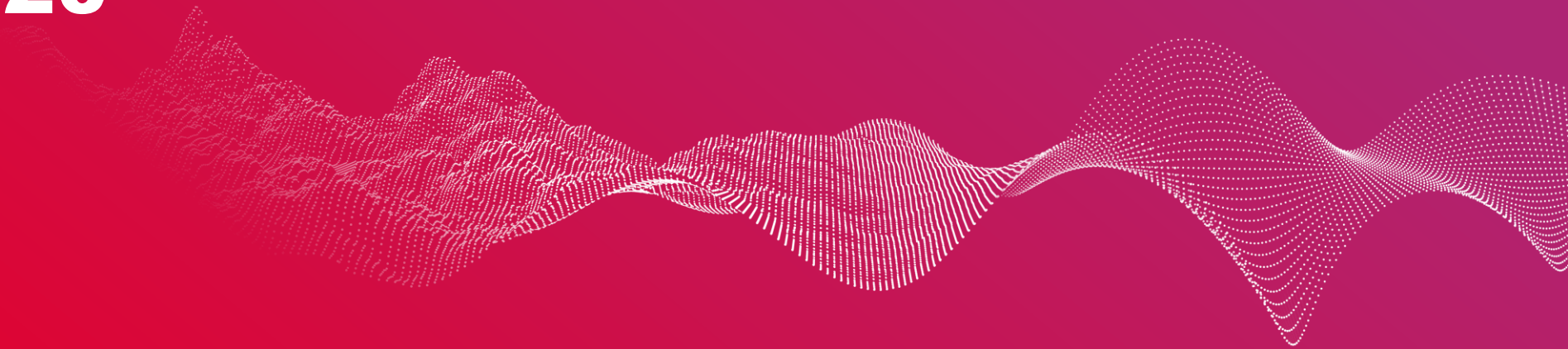


Half-Year Results 2020

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Comet has a solid first half of 2020

- Significantly improved performance vs. previous-year period
- Strong growth in semiconductor market (PCT division) more than compensated for lower demand in x-ray (IXM and IXS divisions)
- Sound financial position – high level of investments in R&D and strategic projects is maintained
- Execution of strategy is progressing as planned
- No relevant impact on operations from COVID-19, thanks to fast and stringent implementation of protective measures
- Top management complete/reinforced, smooth transition to new CEO and CFO ensured

Comet: Half-year results improved on semiconductor sector strength

182.3

Net sales in CHF million
(+3% vs. H1 2019)

10.3%

EBITDA margin
(vs. 4.8% in H1 2019)

4.5

Free cash flow in CHF million
(vs. CHF 5.9 m in H1 2019)

49.2%

Equity ratio

Strong demand from the semiconductor industry outweighed weakness in the traditional industries such as automotive and aerospace

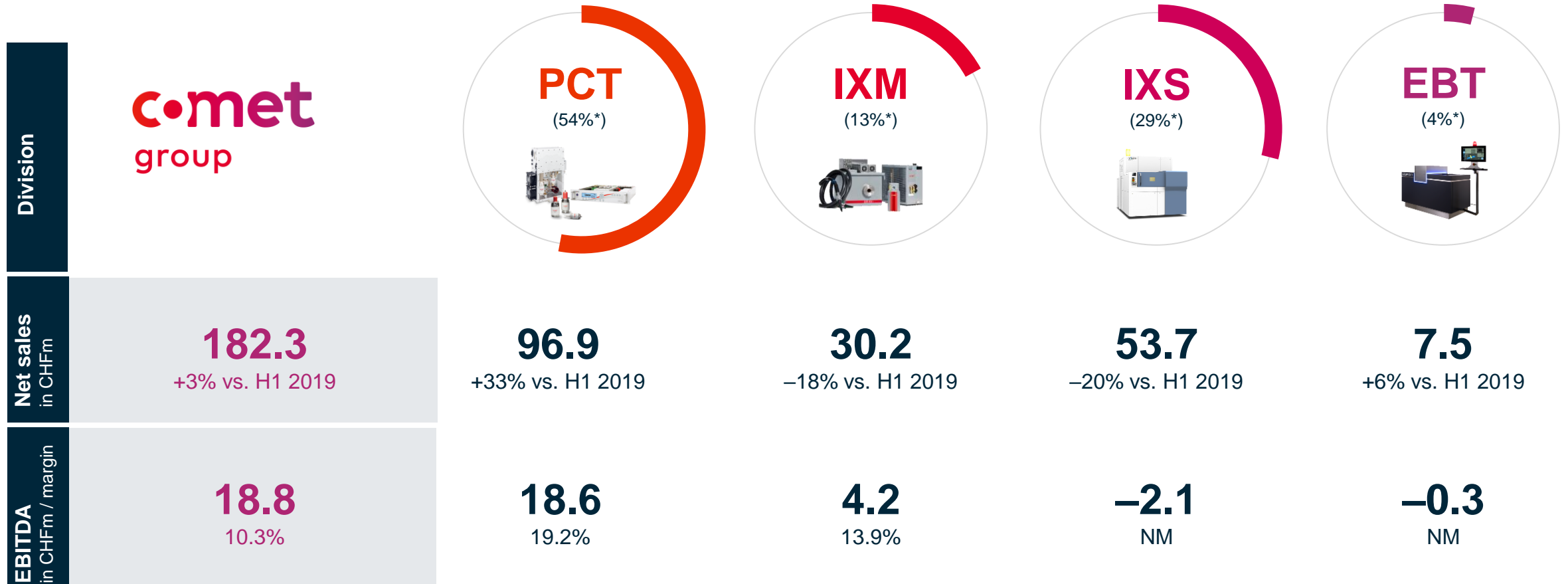
EBITDA margin more than doubled as a result of a favorable product mix and significant cost reductions.

Investments in R&D continued, no cuts in R&D budgets

Free cash flow at around previous year's level. Cash outflow from higher NWC linked to strong PCT business was almost fully offset by lower capex.

Sound financial base allows rigorous implementation of strategy

Performance of Comet Group and divisions



* % of Group sales in H1 2020

PCT: EBITDA increased six-fold on high demand from the semiconductor industry, key projects well on track

First-half 2020 sales up 33%

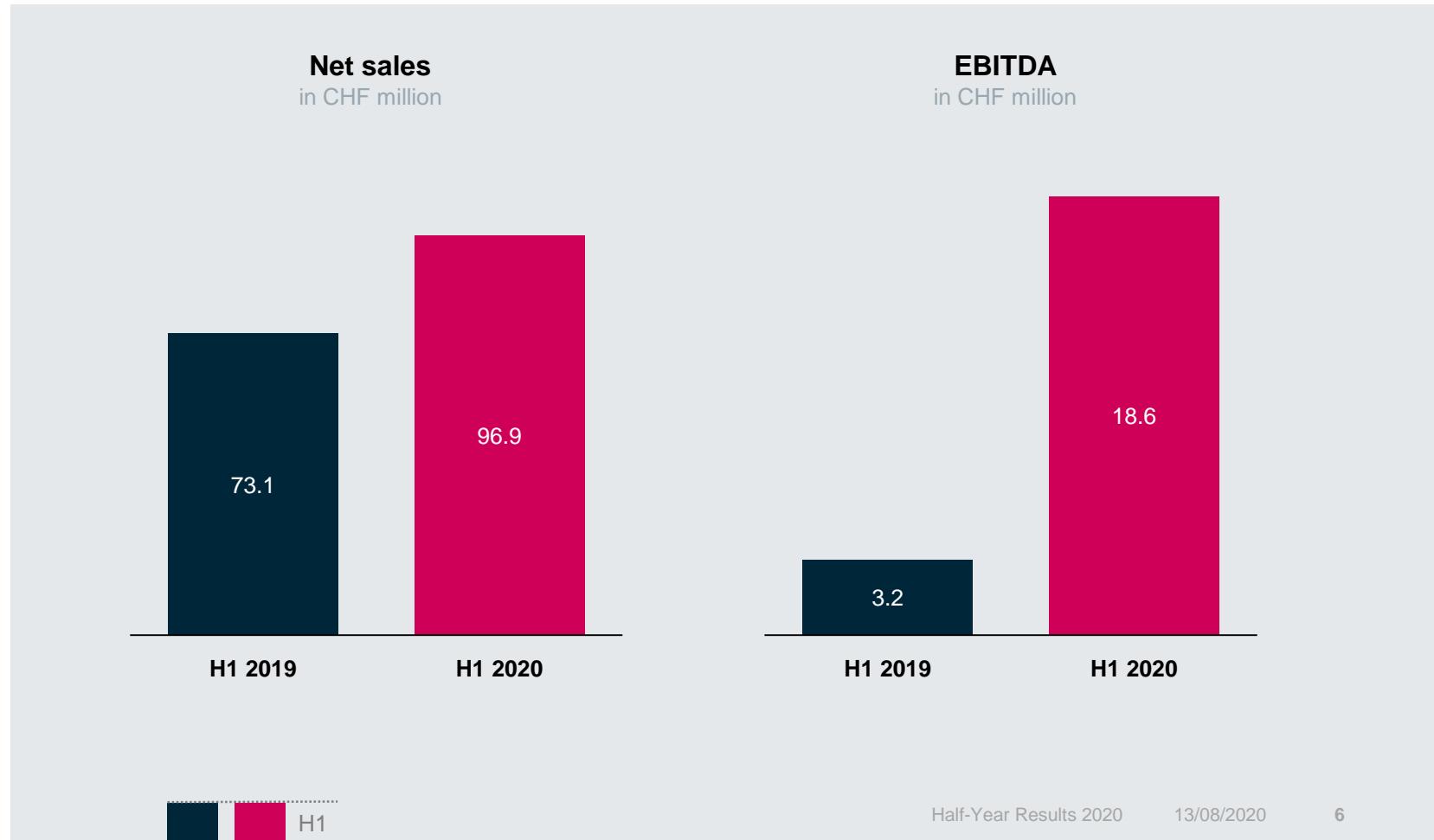
- Strong demand from semi sector
- Microchip producers investing in technology upgrades

EBITDA margin at 19.2%

- Significant operational improvements at all production sites

Preparing for growth

- Achieved capacity increase of around 50% for vacuum capacitors in Flamatt
- Installation work at new production site in Penang, Malaysia, is completed
- Significant spec wins with key accounts



IXS: Realignment in full swing, results impacted by structural weakness in end markets and COVID-19

Sales decreased by 20% year-on-year

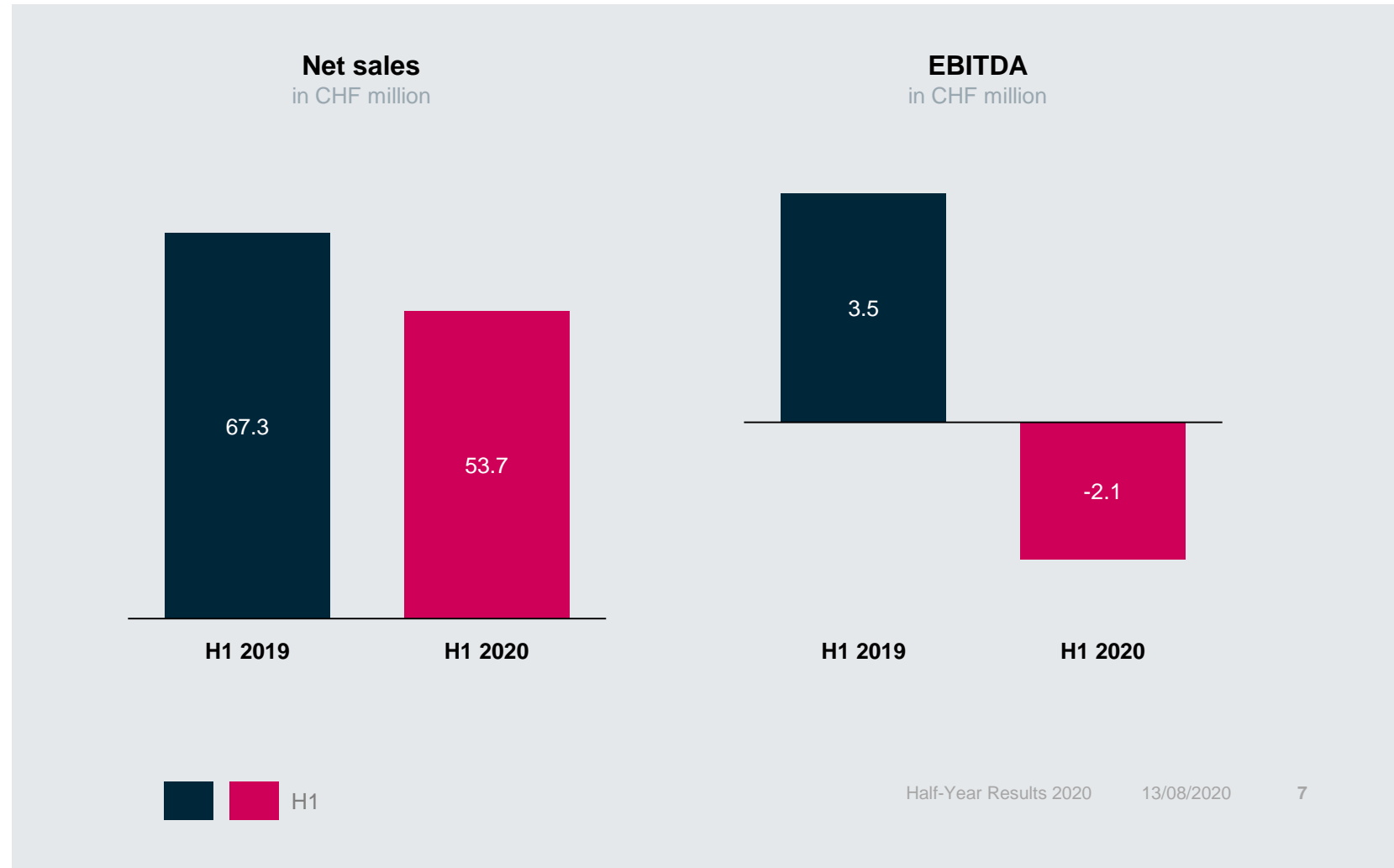
- IXS impacted by COVID-19 pandemic effects on industrial end markets
- Weakness amplified by structural challenges, mainly in automotive

EBITDA margin turns negative

- Short-time work could not offset strong decline in sales

Realignment of IXS in progress

- Results underline importance of new strategy – increased focus on semiconductor/electronics sectors, modular standard systems, and renewal and streamlining of product portfolio



IXM: Sales and margins decline due to market conditions; new product families launched

Sales declined by 18% in H1 2020

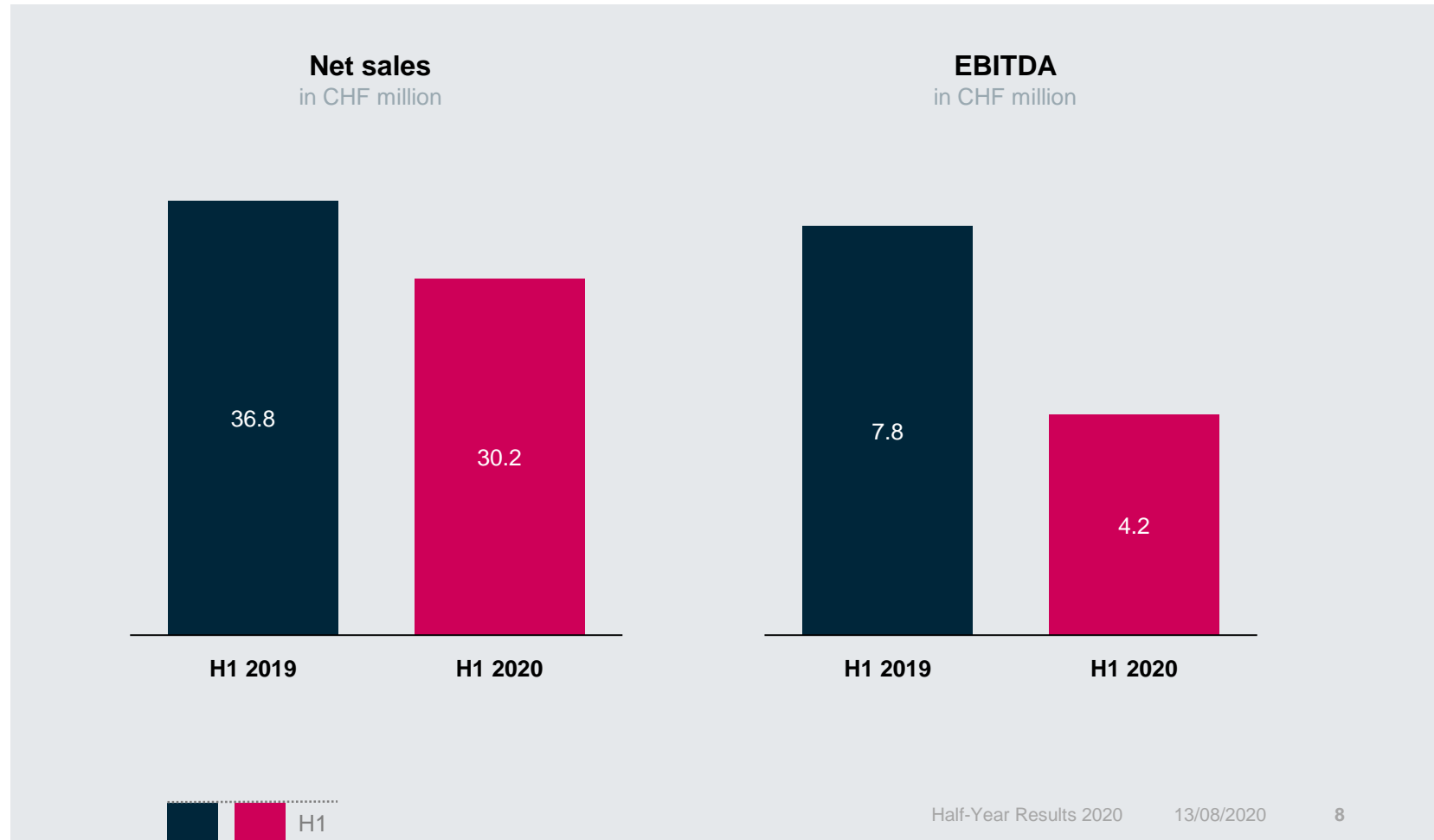
- Muted demand from the cyclical core markets for non-destructive testing and security inspection

EBITDA margin retreated to 13.9%

- Cost reductions not fully making up for the sales decline

Product portfolio expanded

- Market launch of new x-ray product ION (new applications in NDT and security inspection)
- Transfer of open microfocus x-ray tubes from IXS to IXM by 2021 – broader access to electronics market

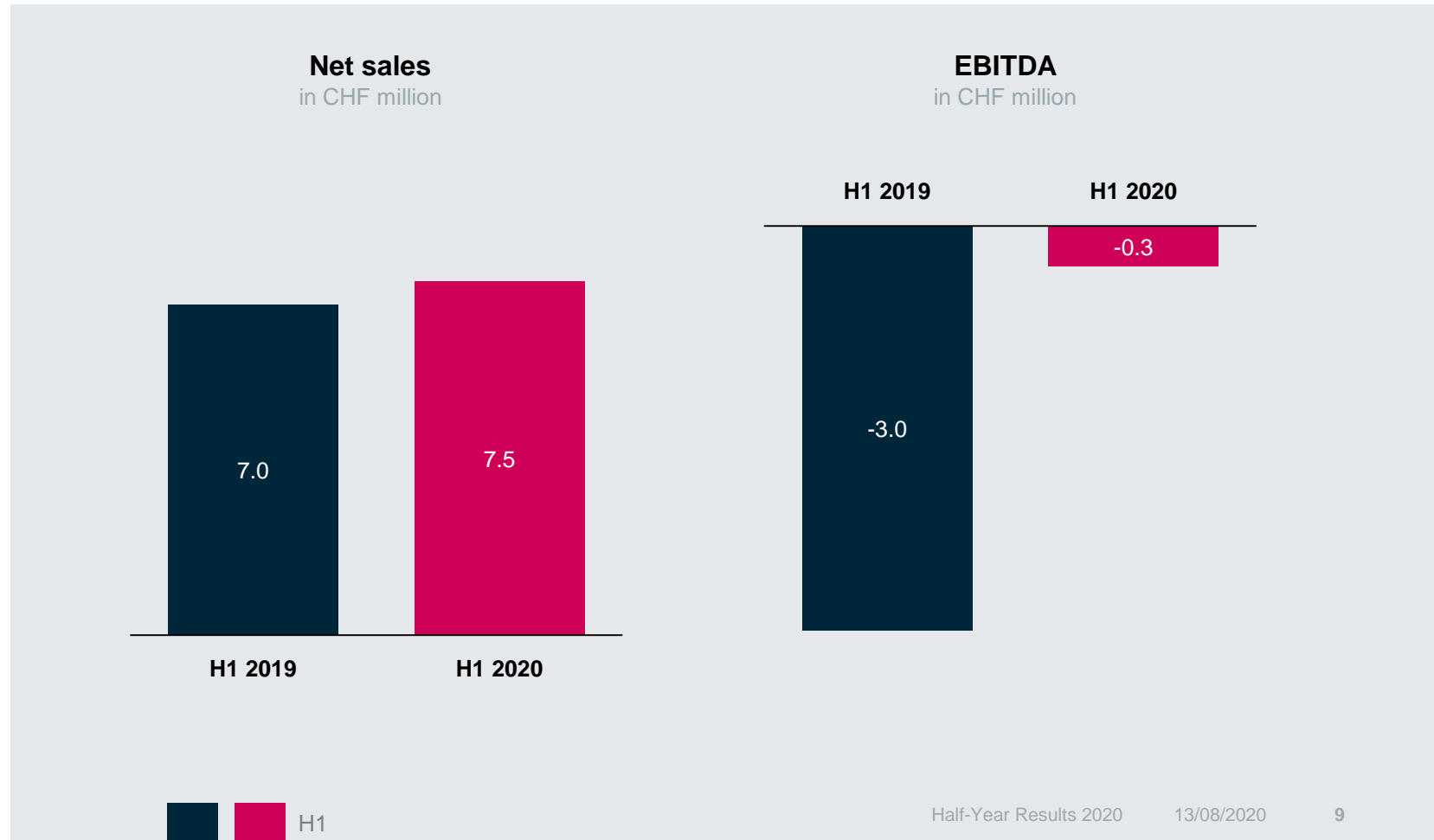


EBT: At advanced stage in process to exit ebeam, costs halved, EBITDA improved

H1 sales up 6% vs. previous-year period

EBITDA loss nearly eliminated thanks to strict cost management

Process of disposal of ebeam division at an advanced stage



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Financial Review

Group achieves rise in net sales, significantly improved profitability and stable free cash flow

Growth

Net sales in CHF

Increase of
3.0%

from **177.0m to 182.3m**

Profitability

Net income in CHF

Increase of
9.6m

from **-3.1m to 6.5m**

EBITDA margin

Increase of
5.5 pp

from **4.8% to 10.3%**

Free cash flow in CHF

Decrease of
1.4m

from **5.9m to 4.5m**

Substantially better economic profit, stable equity ratio and slightly higher net debt

Quality of balance sheet

Net debt in CHF

Increase vs. YE 2019

from **25.0m** to **30.3m**

Equity ratio

Down 0.8 pp vs. YE 2019

from **50.0%** to **49.2%**

Earning power

Economic profit in CHF*

Increase year-over-year of
10.0m

from **-12.5m** to **-2.5m**

Return on capital employed*

Increase year-over-year of
7.7 pp

from **-0.7%** to **7.0%**

* Based on H1 NOPAT and ((avg. fixed operating assets and avg. NWC)/2)

Favorable product mix and significant reduction in cost base resulted in clearly higher operating profitability

In CHF million	H1 2020	H1 2019	Change Absolute	in %
New orders	206.1	185.5	20.6	11.1%
Order backlog	157.9	120.7	37.2	30.8%
Book-to-bill ratio	1.13	1.05	0.08	
Net sales	182.3	177.0	5.3	3.0%
Gross profit	68.7	64.4	4.3	6.7%
Gross profit margin in %	37.7%	36.4%	1.3 pp	
Other operating income	2.9	2.3	0.6	27.0%
Development expenses	-26.3	-25.5	-0.8	3.3%
SG&A	-36.2	-42.4	6.2	-14.7%
Operating income (EBIT)	9.1	-1.2	10.3	-
Net financing expenses	-2.1	-2.2	0.1	-6.1%
Income taxes	-0.5	0.4	-0.9	
Net income	6.5	-3.1	9.6	-
EPS in CHF	0.84	-0.40	1.24	-
Operating income (EBIT)	9.1	-1.2	10.3	-
Amortization & depreciation	9.7	9.7	-0.1	
EBITDA	18.8	8.5	10.2	120.3%
EBITDA margin in %	10.3%	4.8%	5.5 pp	

- Book-to-bill of 1.13 and an increased backlog
- Slightly improved gross profit margin driven by favorable product mix
- SG&A costs reduced by CHF 6.2m; on-going high investment in R&D activities
- Net financing expenses include interest costs of CHF 1.0m and foreign currency translation losses of CHF 1.1m

Strong demand at PCT led to increase in NWC

– Stable free cash flow due to lower capex

in CHF million	H1 2020	H1 2019	Change Absolute
Net cash provided by operating activities	7.8	14.4	-6.6
In % of net sales	4.3%	8.1%	
Net cash used in investing activities	-3.3	-8.5	5.2
Free cash flow	4.5	5.9	-1.4
In % of net sales	2.5%	3.3%	
Net cash used in financing activities	-15.5	-5.0	-10.5
Net decrease/increase in cash and cash equivalents	-11.0	0.9	-11.9
Foreign currency translation differences on cash and cash equivalents	-0.5	-0.2	-0.3
Net cash and cash equivalents at Jan 1	60.2	43.0	17.2
Net cash and cash equivalents at Jun 30	48.7	43.7	5.0

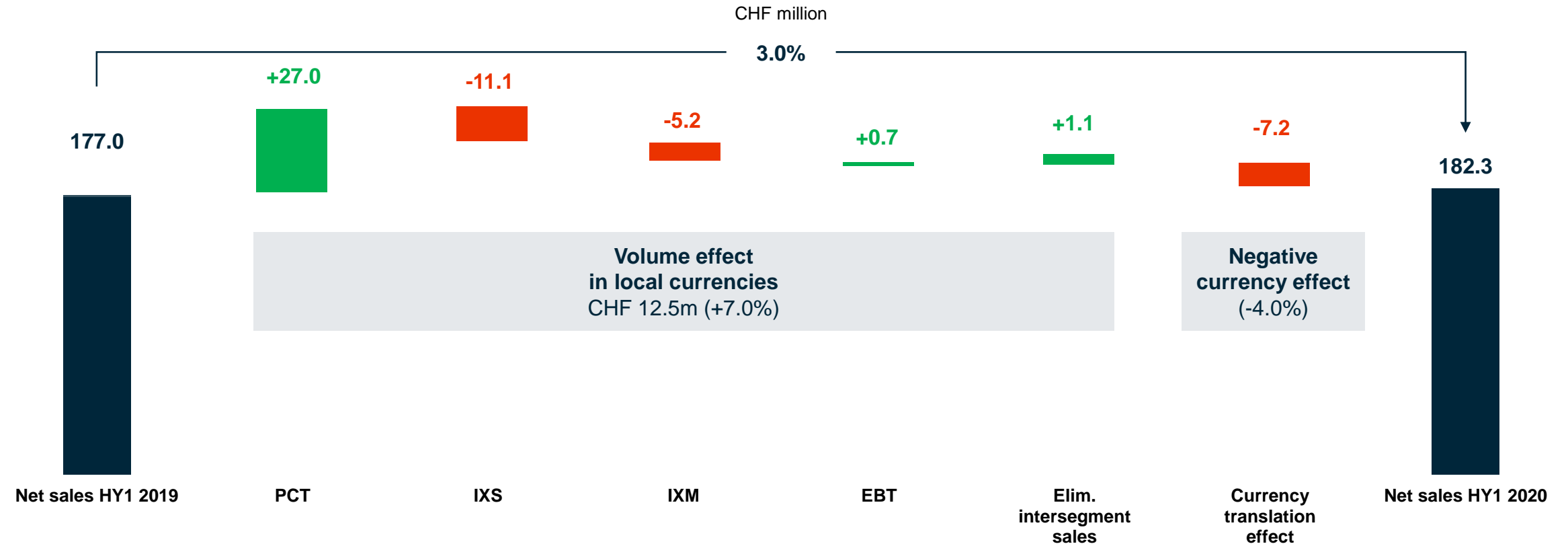
- Increased NWC of CHF 9.4m as a result of strong market environment of PCT
- Stable free cash flow due to reduced capex
- Main financing activities:
 - dividend payment of CHF 7.8m
 - repayment of CHF 4.0m on fixed term loan
 - payments of interest and lease liabilities of CHF 3.8m
- Cash decreased by CHF 11.5m

Continuing sound balance sheet

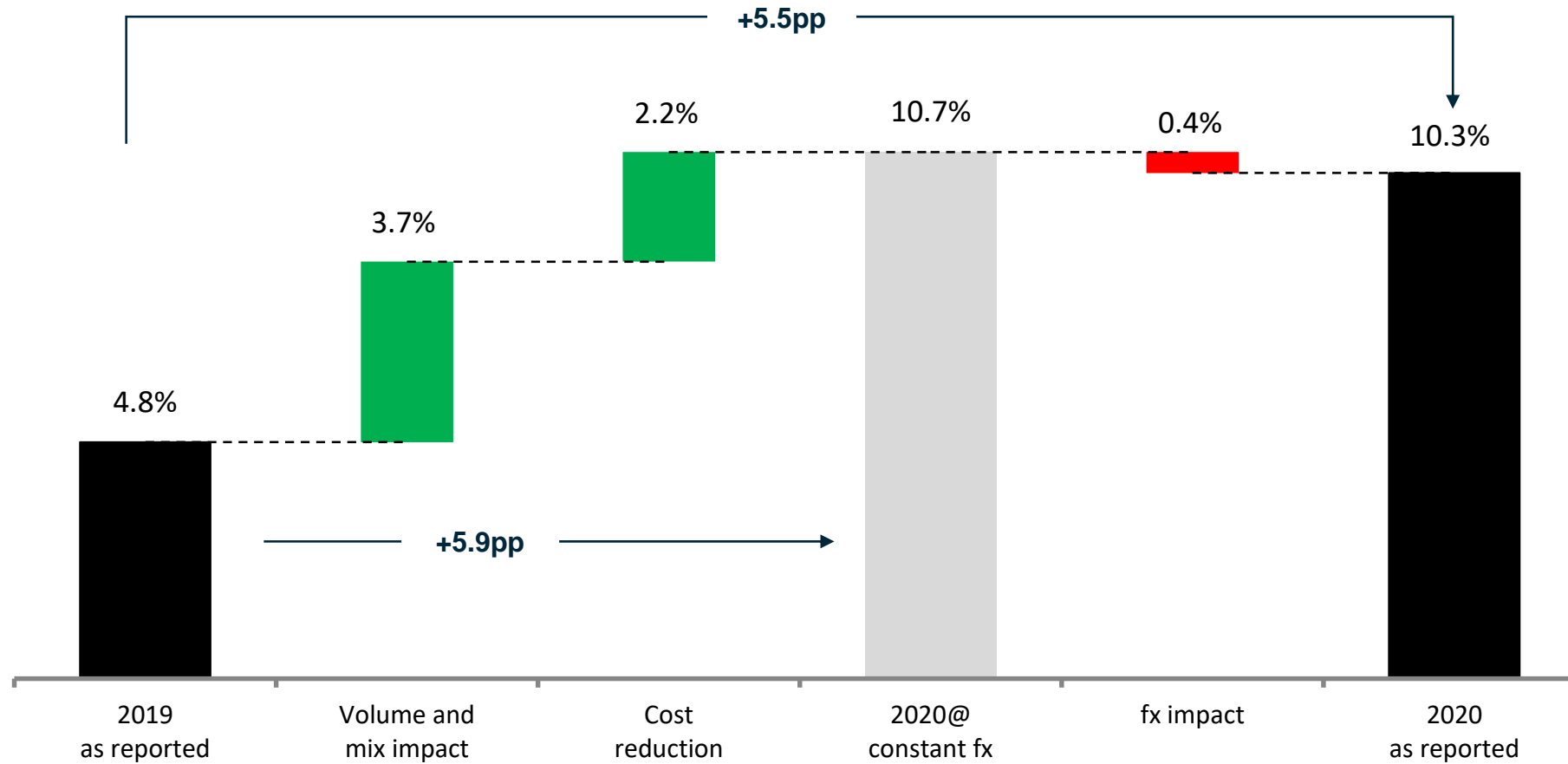
in CHF millions	H1 2020		YE 2019	
Current assets	225.9	57.2%	217.2	55.5%
Non-current assets	168.8	42.8%	174.5	44.5%
Total assets	394.7	100%	391.7	100%
Current liabilities	178.8	45.3%	111.9	28.6%
Non-current liabilities	21.7	5.5%	83.9	21.4%
Total liabilities	200.5	50.8%	195.8	50.0%
Equity	194.2	49.2%	195.9	50.0%
Total liabilities and equity	394.7	100%	391.7	100%

- Increase in current assets related to working capital of PCT
- Increase in current liabilities related to reclassification of bond from non-current liabilities in the amount of CHF 59.9m. In addition, contract liabilities increased with CHF 10.1m compared to year-end 2019
- Stable equity and equity ratio

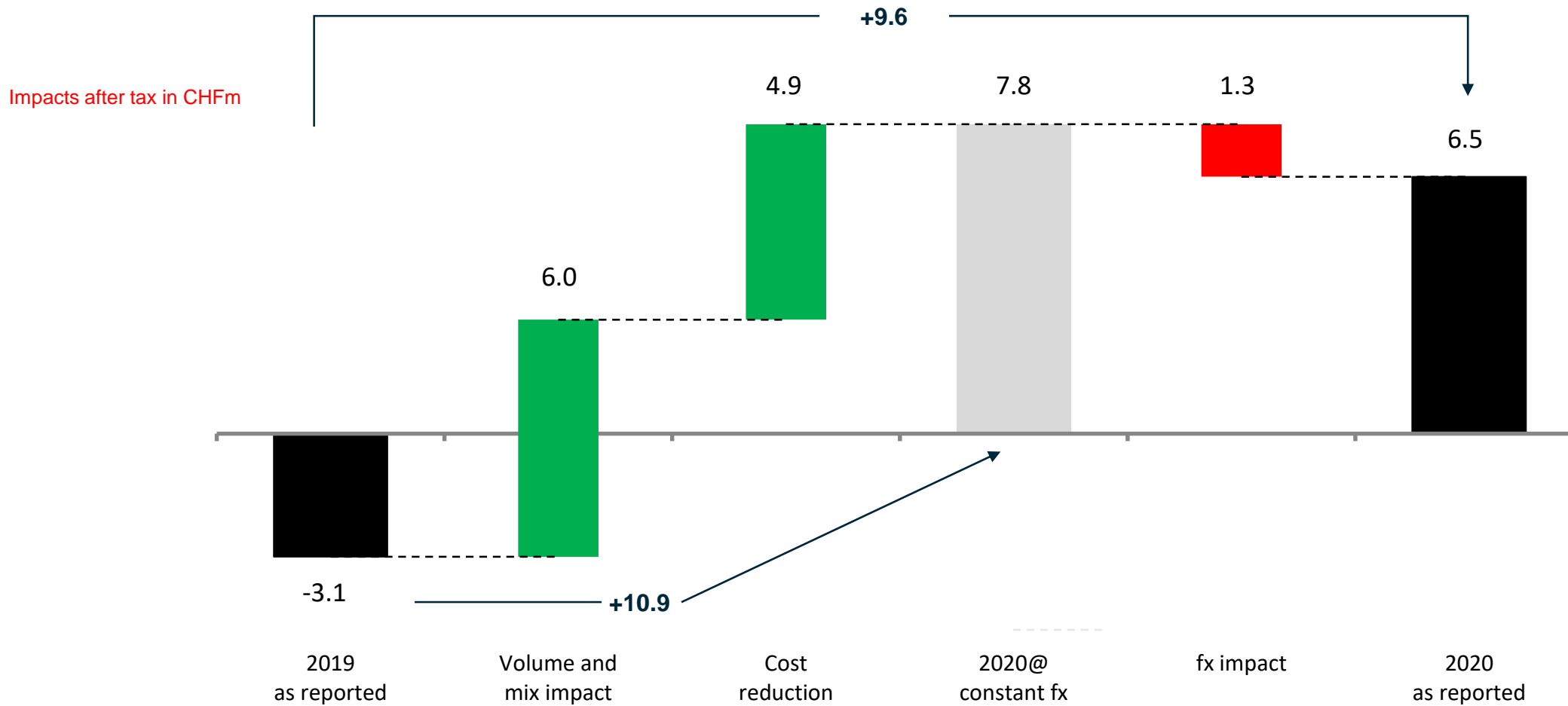
Sales performance of PCT makes up for slowdown of IXS and IXM and for negative currency translation effects



EBITDA margin about 6pp above prior year on a comparable basis



Net income about CHF 11m above prior year on a comparable basis




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Outlook

Comet continues to rapidly implement improvement initiatives



**FUNDAMENTAL
GROWTH DRIVERS
INTACT –
ACCELERATION IN
DIGITALIZATION**



**FOCUS ON THE CORE –
RF POWER AND
X-RAY TECHNOLOGIES**



**STRONG FINANCIAL
FOOTING –
FLEXIBILITY TO
EXECUTE STRATEGY**



**“BOOST” INITIATIVES
– ACCELERATE
GROWTH, INCREASE
EFFICIENCY**

Outlook for H2 2020

Driving forces for dynamic growth in the semi industry are stronger than ever

Industry analysts and associations expect solid growth in the semiconductor market in H2 2020

Continuation of current business environment in x-ray technology divisions

- Repositioning of X-Ray Systems (IXS) in full swing
- X-Ray Modules (IXM) to benefit from multiple innovative product launches

Comet pushing ahead with the numerous promising projects/products in the Group

Comet ideally positioned to seize the opportunities brought by the accelerated digitalization of economies and society

Short-term trend in the global economy is much more difficult to forecast

Uncertainties arising from pandemic and geopolitical turbulence

→ Comet opts not to issue quantitative guidance for 2020 due to uncertainties

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