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Germany's BASF regained the top spot in the ICIS Top 100 Chemical Companies ranking of the world's leading producers based on 2019 sales. China's Sinopec came in second, followed by US-based Dow. Sales for the Top 100 fell 4.9% on a global manufacturing slowdown and overcapacity in key commodity chemicals markets. In the listing we exclude industrial gases, fertilizers and, where possible, non-chemical portions of companies.

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Companies reported sales and profit declines in 2019 even before the coronavirus crisis. Commodity chemicals took the brunt of the downturn on oil and overcapacity

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Before the coronavirus took hold and started to spread, the data show companies under pressure in a weak global economic environment. As chemicals demand grew less strongly, or stagnated, sales volumes were under pressure. Margins were depressed later in the year, particularly as lower oil prices and overcapacity in some markets fed through into a weaker price environment.

The Top 100 listing encompasses the entire chemicals sector, from commodity petrochemicals to much more specialised chemical products and materials. As such, it gives a wide ranging view of performance across the sector.

It focuses on the leading companies, the biggest in terms of sales in calendar 2019 – or the most recent financial year. ICIS strives to report on the chemicals businesses of the major players only, but that is not always possible. The footnotes to the ICIS Top 100 table explain the differences. Not all players release data on their chemical operations specifically.

BASF regains top spot

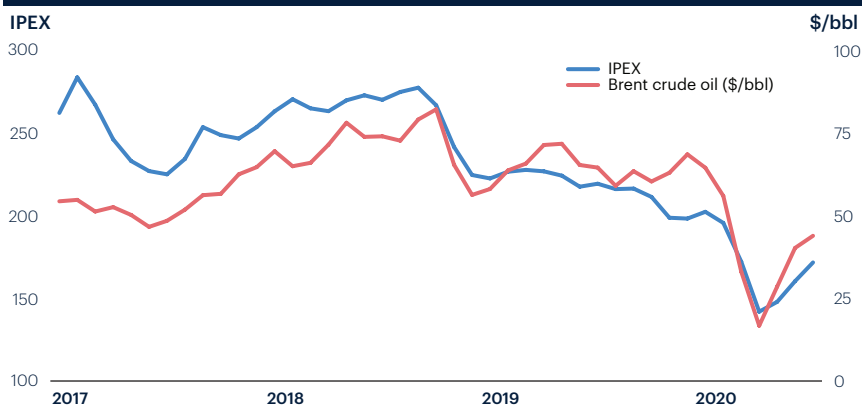
In 2019, BASF regained its top position in the ICIS Top 100 listing, reporting the greatest sales value – converted in our table into US dollars using a 31 December 2019 exchange rate.

The exchange rates used for all players are for 31 December 2019, irrespective of financial year end.

Noteworthy in the table data is the top line pressure faced by most producers year on year. The quarterly picture for many, particularly for those operating in upstream petrochemicals, began to reflect a capacity and economy driven cyclical downturn which, later in 2019, was expected by some to continue until the second quarter of 2020.

That outlook was changed entirely, of course, by the coronavirus pandemic and, early in 2020, by the oil price crash which put

ICIS Global IPEX vs Brent crude oil



immense downward pressure on petrochemicals prices.

ICIS continues to chart the impact of coronavirus lockdowns on regional and global markets for a wide range of products. We have discussed the radically shifting drivers of the chemicals business in a series of free webinars through 2020, the recordings of which are available on icis.com.

Our price and news reporting, and our analysis, including scenarios for end-use sector demand continues to illustrate the impact of the coronavirus on markets across the industry (see links at end).

Industry data show that global chemicals shipments valued in US dollars were down 4% in 2019. Shipments are equivalent to turnover, or value of output. The global figure masks distinct regional differences. North America shipments were up 2% but Asia Pacific shipments (by far the largest in absolute terms) down 6% due in large part to the growth slowdown in China. Chemicals shipments in Europe were down 7%, according to the data collated by the American Chemistry Council (ACC).

Sales under pressure

For most companies included in the ICIS Top 100 listing, 2019 was a difficult year with performance under pressure.

Sales values declined for many year on year, as the Top 100 table and graphics show with some major price and volume driven sales falls for the more commodity-oriented players.

In general, the more specialised and consumer-oriented chemical producers, including the major coatings players, were among the group of companies producing top line growth for the year.

The Top 100 companies generated revenues of more than \$1tr in 2019 down 4.9% on 2018 on a comparable, as reported, basis.

The accumulated data show that 34 of the companies in this listing reported a fall in sales of more than 10%.

These are largely commodity chemicals companies exposed to volatile markets which were hit hard in 2019 by the declining industrial economic environment and sometimes overcapacity-driven price falls.

In contrast, some producers of more specialised chemicals, such as flavours and fragrances and, as mentioned earlier, some coatings producers, generated stronger sales revenues. Their end-use markets proved to be much more stable and actually, robust.

Data are collected for the Top 100 companies from annual reports and other official sources with comparisons made in local cur- »

» rences. Absolute values for sales, profits, etc are shown in the table in US dollars.

Profitability challenged

Clearly, margins were under pressure in 2019. As the industry generally turned down, sales volumes were hard won and prices came under increasing crude oil and demand driven downward pressure.

Upstream petrochemicals and materials producers particularly find it difficult to hold on to prices and margin in a downward moving market much more so than when the industrial market environment is looking up.

Following a number of years of strong returns, profits in the industry fell in 2019.

Operating profit (EBIT – ‘clean’ earnings before interest and tax) for the Top 100 group of companies fell 17.4% on average, clearly illustrating how exposed the sector generally was to the downturn pre-coronavirus.

Across such a diverse group of companies it is not surprising if net profits follow a somewhat different path given the degree of corporate restructuring undertaken in the sector at any one time – and the change in the makeup of company portfolios.

But bottom line breakeven was breached by a number of chemicals producers in 2019. A net loss was reported by 10 of the Top 100 group of companies. On average, net income was down 46.1%.

In the face of the downward pressure on volumes, prices and margins it was not surprising that chemicals companies began to cut back in 2019.

Efficiency measures

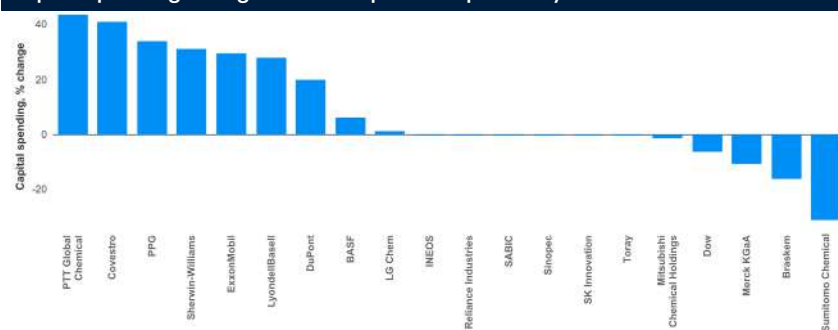
Efficiency measures have become increasingly important for sector players against the backdrop of the low oil price environment particularly, but lately also against the sharp deterioration in demand brought about by national lockdowns in the midst of the coronavirus pandemic.

In pre-pandemic times the upstream players in the industry were already reacting to the pressure on top line growth on cash flows. The ICIS Top 100 data show the way in which US companies tend to react quickly to events and, possibly, cut back harder and faster than corporations in other parts of the world.

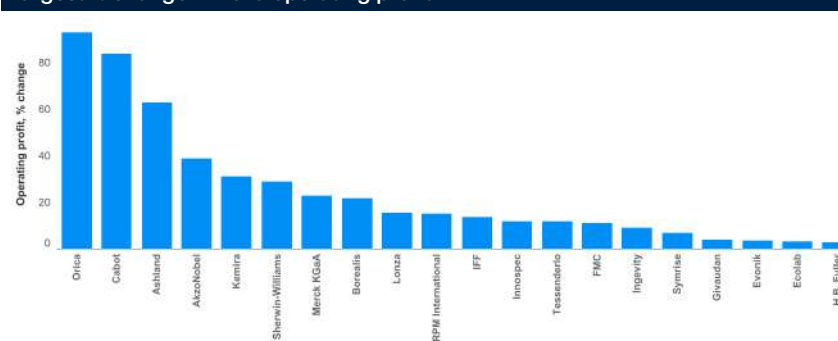
Industry players have been investing capital back into production assets. The US shale boom is an example of an opportunity that many players did not feel they could resist. The investment in shale as related assets in the US continued apace in 2019 as major new production facilities, including steam crackers and polyethylene (PE) plants, started to come on stream.

The wave in shale-related capital expenditure may be abating but the impact of this trend is not necessarily apparent across the

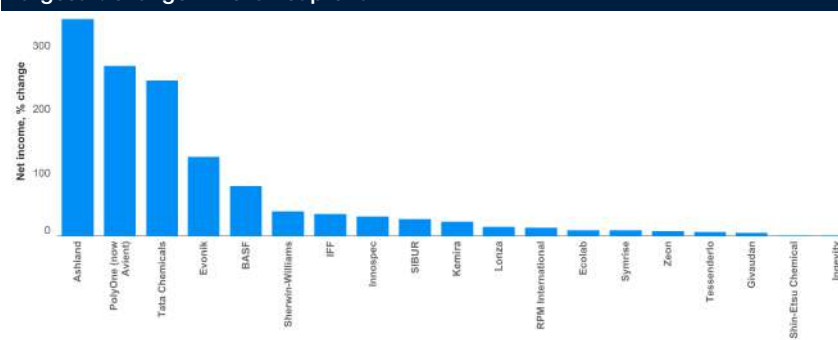
Capital spending changes 2019 – top 20 companies by sales



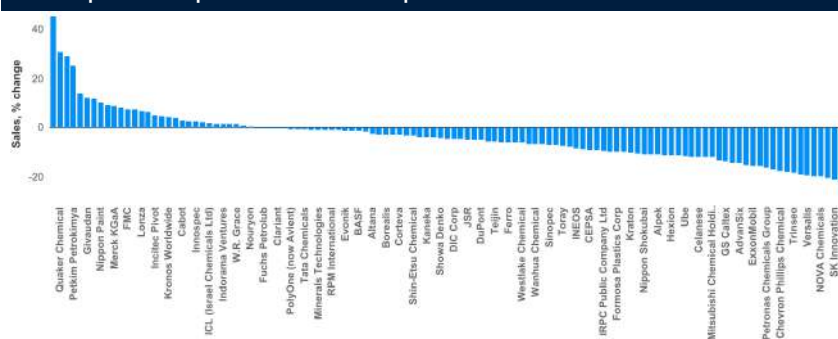
Largest % change in 2019 operating profit



Largest % change in 2019 net profit



Most Top 100 companies saw sales drop in 2019



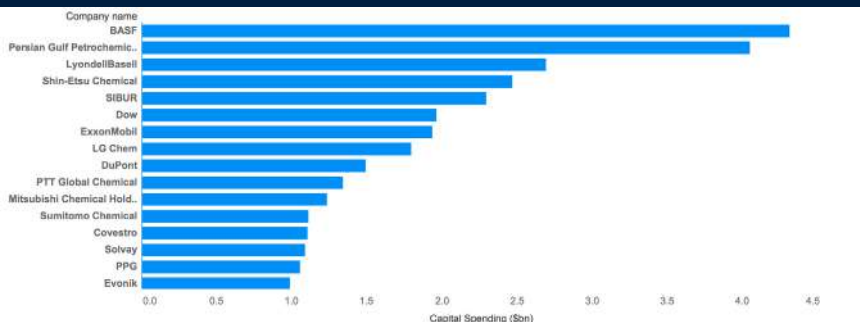
companies involved and ranked in the ICIS Top 100 table.

In 2019, chemicals producers globally were still lifting investments to take advantage of what had been growing markets. Capital

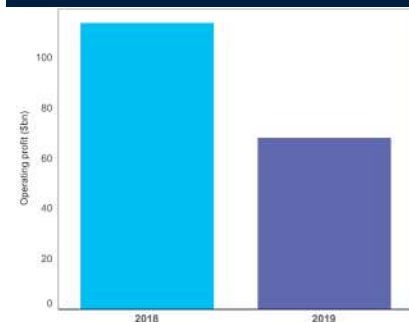
spending data show an increase of 9.4% year on year.

The increase in spending on research and development (R&D) in 2019 was much less, indicating, perhaps that some companies be-

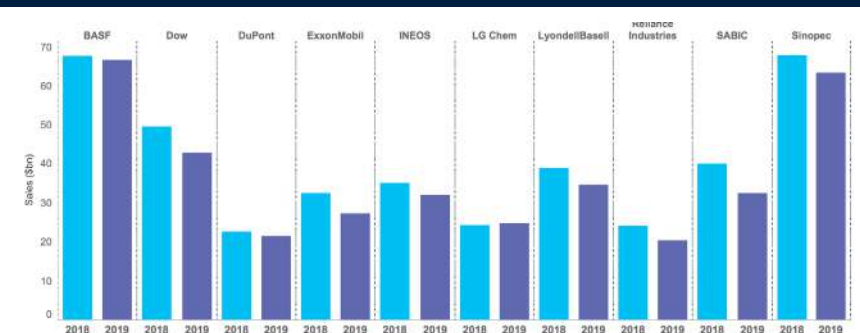
Top 20 by capital spending 2019



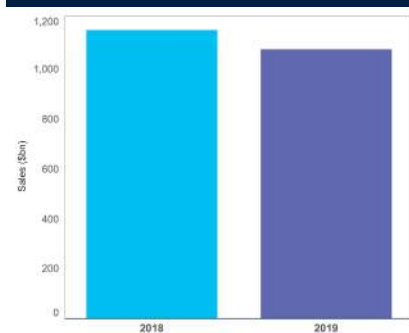
Total cumulative operating profit



Top 10 sales 2019 vs 2018



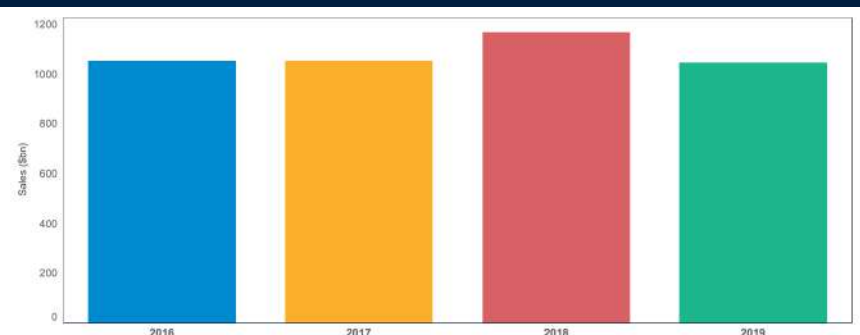
Total sales 2018 & 2019



Top 100 companies total net profit 2016-2019



Top 100 companies total sales 2016-2019



Click on each graph to see interactive versions showing Top 100 companies' sales, spending and profit 2016-2019

The financial outcome for producers so far this year has been stark with the second quarter felt currently to represent the low point for most players.

Coronavirus dominates 2020

Sales have been hard hit by the collapse in demand from key customer industries for chemicals worldwide. As producers and their employees went into varying forms of lockdown themselves, companies reacted swiftly to protect their balance sheets, access cash where they could, and cut costs hard.

Most have had to work on a much more just-in-time or spot basis against the backdrop of the uncertainty that the pandemic has generated.

As that uncertainty possibly begins to lift, and despite repeated, more localised lockdowns, companies are more optimistic of a stronger second half of 2020. The annual data, however, will show a sharp fall for most if not all the metrics collected for the ICIS Top 100 listing for the year. ■

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lieve that cuts here can be more easily, as well as quickly, made.

The average increase in R&D spending by the Top 100 chemical companies in 2019 was 2.1%. There were step cuts in R&D spending for

some, largely US-headquartered, companies. The pressure on chemical producers that was apparent towards the end of 2019 has, of course, paled as companies have had to face up to the impact of the coronavirus globally in 2020.

The ICIS Top 100 Chemical Companies

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| Rank 2019 | Company | Sales | | Operating profit | | Net income | | Total Assets | | R&D | | Capex | | Employees | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|-------|------------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | |
| \$m, change in reporting currencies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 | BASF | 66,594 | -1.5 | 4,549 | -32.2 | 9,454 | 78.9 | 97,619 | 0.5 | 2,423 | 8.2 | 4,310 | 6.2 | 132,061 | -3.9 |
| 2 | Sinopec ² | 63,244 | -6.9 | 2,463 | -36.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 3 | Dow ¹ | 42,951 | -13.4 | -395 | - | -1,272 | - | 60,524 | -27.7 | 765 | -4.4 | 1,961 | -6.2 | 36,500 | -32.4 |
| 4 | LyondellBasell | 34,727 | -11.0 | 4,116 | -21.3 | 3,397 | -27.6 | 30,435 | 7.6 | 111 | -3.5 | 2,694 | 28.0 | 19,100 | -1.8 |
| 5 | SABIC ² | 32,488 | -19.0 | 3,680 | -59.1 | - | - | 74,933 | -3.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 6 | INEOS ² | 32,103 | -8.6 | 2,485 | -39.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | 23,015 | 13.9 |
| 7 | ExxonMobil ² | 27,416 | -15.5 | - | - | 592 | -82.3 | - | - | - | - | 1,933 | 29.4 | - | - |
| 8 | LG Chem | 24,793 | 1.6 | 776 | -60.1 | 326 | -75.2 | 29,470 | 17.6 | 949 | 8.7 | 1,793 | 1.4 | - | - |
| 9 | DuPont ¹ | 21,512 | -4.8 | 194 | -70.4 | 498 | -87.0 | 69,396 | -63.1 | 955 | -10.7 | 1,492 | 19.9 | 35,000 | - |
| 10 | Sumitomo Chemical ³ | 20,480 | -4.0 | 1,265 | -24.8 | 501 | -64.3 | 33,588 | 15.1 | - | - | 1,108 | -31.1 | - | - |
| 11 | Toray ³ | 20,378 | -7.3 | 1,207 | -7.3 | 513 | -29.8 | 24,390 | -4.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 12 | Reliance Industries ² | 20,376 | -15.6 | 3,583 | -21.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 13 | Mitsubishi Chemical Holdings ^{2,3} | 19,679 | -12.0 | 855 | -54.3 | - | - | 21,143 | -10.1 | - | - | 1,232 | -1.4 | - | - |
| 14 | Merck KGaA | 18,134 | 8.9 | 2,380 | 22.8 | 1,486 | -61.0 | 49,187 | 18.8 | 2,546 | 1.8 | 913 | -10.7 | 64,034 | 10.3 |
| 15 | Sherwin-Williams | 17,901 | 2.1 | 2,215 | 28.7 | 1,541 | 39.0 | 20,496 | 7.1 | 103 | 98.1 | 329 | 31.1 | 61,111 | 2.3 |
| 16 | SK Innovation ² | 15,804 | -21.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 17 | Braskem | 15,497 | -9.3 | -14 | - | -721 | - | 16,951 | 15.1 | 62 | 13.2 | 691 | -16.3 | - | - |
| 18 | PPG | 15,146 | -1.5 | 1,761 | -1.5 | 1,269 | -6.6 | 17,708 | 10.6 | 432 | -2.0 | 1,056 | 33.8 | 47,500 | 0.4 |
| 19 | Ecolab | 14,906 | 1.6 | 2,014 | 3.4 | 1,559 | 9.1 | 20,869 | 4.0 | 209 | -3.2 | 800 | -5.5 | 50,200 | - |
| 20 | Evonik | 14,716 | -1.2 | 1,219 | 3.5 | 2,364 | 126.0 | 24,725 | 8.6 | 481 | -2.1 | 988 | -7.2 | 36,401 | -0.6 |
| 21 | Shin-Etsu Chemical ³ | 14,203 | -3.2 | 3,736 | 0.6 | 2,889 | 1.6 | 29,725 | 6.3 | 447 | -14.0 | 2,469 | 18.3 | 210 | 4.8 |
| 22 | Covestro | 13,935 | -15.1 | 957 | -67.0 | 625 | -69.5 | 12,931 | 3.9 | 299 | -3.6 | 1,102 | 40.9 | 19,245 | 3.2 |
| 23 | PTT Global Chemical | 13,872 | -20.4 | 542 | -65.6 | 415 | -69.3 | 15,207 | -3.6 | - | - | 1,338 | 43.5 | 233 | 7.7 |
| 24 | Bayer ² | 13,315 | 11.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 | Lotte Chemical | 13,099 | -5.9 | -15 | - | 784 | -48.2 | 17,360 | -3.6 | 73 | -8.4 | 773 | -51.7 | - | - |
| 26 | Solvay | 12,605 | -0.6 | 355 | -68.0 | 176 | -82.9 | 23,921 | -3.2 | 363 | 8.8 | 1,086 | 16.1 | 27,119 | -1.4 |
| 27 | Mitsui Chemicals ³ | 12,321 | -9.7 | 659 | -23.3 | 110 | -84.9 | 13,619 | -1.4 | - | - | 662 | 35.2 | 165 | 1.3 |
| 28 | Indorama Ventures | 11,852 | 1.6 | 387 | -66.5 | 147 | -83.4 | 12,789 | 0.4 | 14 | 2.5 | 560 | 2.0 | 781 | 29.1 |
| 29 | Henkel Adhesive Technologies | 10,622 | 0.6 | 1,831 | -2.3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 30 | AkzoNobel | 10,414 | 0.2 | 944 | 39.0 | 648 | -91.4 | 14,577 | -30.9 | 286 | -3.4 | 240 | 16.3 | 20,321 | -5.7 |
| 31 | DSM | 10,116 | -2.8 | 1,071 | -23.4 | 858 | -29.2 | 15,092 | -1.5 | 392 | 0.3 | 584 | -8.0 | 24,895 | 5.7 |
| 32 | Asahi Kasei ^{2,3} | 10,058 | -7.1 | 850 | -28.7 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 33 | Arkema | 9,810 | -0.9 | 905 | -13.1 | 619 | -22.9 | 12,324 | 8.6 | 280 | 5.1 | 681 | 8.2 | 23,023 | 2.5 |
| 34 | Wanhua Chemical | 9,773 | -6.6 | - | - | 1,455 | -34.9 | 13,911 | 11.3 | 245 | 4.7 | - | - | - | - |
| 35 | Chevron Phillips Chemical | 9,333 | -17.5 | - | - | 1,760 | -14.9 | 16,868 | 1.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 36 | Eastman Chemical | 9,273 | -8.6 | 1,120 | -27.8 | 762 | -29.7 | 16,008 | 0.1 | 234 | -0.4 | 425 | -19.5 | - | - |
| 37 | Borealis | 9,097 | -2.8 | 679 | 22.0 | 979 | -3.8 | 11,359 | 1.7 | 163 | 13.3 | 422 | 15.3 | 6,590 | -14.1 |
| 38 | Sasol ^{2,4} | 8,719 | 4.1 | -6,815 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 39 | SIBUR | 8,558 | -6.6 | 2,092 | -21.3 | 2,277 | 27.6 | 23,549 | 16.2 | - | - | 2,295 | -2.1 | - | - |

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| Rank 2019 | Company | Sales 2019% change | | Operating profit 2019% change | | Net income 2019% change | | Total Assets 2019% change | | R&D 2019% change | | Capex 2019% change | | Employees 2019% change | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------------|-------|-------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|----------|---------------------------|-------|------------------|-------|--------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|
| \$m, change in reporting currencies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 40 | Persian Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company (PGPIC) | 8,355 | -18.1 | 1,499 | -39.8 | 2,097 | -31.9 | 26,680 | 17.9 | 103 | 9.6 | 4,049 | 33.1 | 19,073 | 3.9 |
| 41 | Westlake Chemical | 8,118 | -6.0 | 656 | -53.4 | 421 | -57.7 | 13,261 | 14.3 | - | - | 787 | 12.1 | 9,430 | 6.3 |
| 42 | IRPC Public Company Ltd | 8,042 | -9.6 | -12 | - | -39 | - | 5,977 | -2.5 | - | - | 200 | -7.8 | - | - |
| 43 | Tosoh ³ | 7,927 | 4.7 | 973 | -19.0 | 719 | -12.0 | 8,081 | 3.8 | 153 | 7.4 | 597 | 64.2 | 119 | 2.9 |
| 44 | LANXESS | 7,637 | -0.3 | 625 | -4.1 | 230 | -52.4 | 9,762 | 0.1 | 128 | 4.6 | 570 | 5.4 | 17,378 | 0.2 |
| 45 | DIC Corp | 7,072 | -4.6 | 380 | -14.6 | 233 | -25.0 | 7,389 | 0.2 | 115 | -3.2 | 313 | 8.6 | 189 | -0.5 |
| 46 | Orbia Advance | 6,987 | -2.9 | 823 | -12.0 | 327 | -32.3 | 10,057 | -0.2 | - | - | 261 | -7.8 | - | - |
| 47 | Formosa Plastics | 6,941 | -9.8 | - | - | - | - | 16,601 | -0.9 | - | - | - | - | 246 | 2.3 |
| 48 | Huntsman | 6,797 | -10.6 | 469 | -43.3 | 598 | -8.0 | 8,320 | 4.6 | 137 | -5.5 | 274 | 9.2 | 10,000 | 0.0 |
| 49 | Lonza | 6,646 | 6.8 | 1,091 | 15.4 | 725 | 14.7 | 15,539 | -0.6 | 138 | 11.8 | 850 | 43.4 | 17,366 | 0.6 |
| 50 | Givaudan | 6,409 | 12.2 | 951 | 4.2 | 725 | 5.9 | 10,742 | 12.1 | 342 | 0.0 | 284 | 15.1 | 15,467 | 10.1 |
| 51 | Nippon Paint | 6,367 | 10.3 | 718 | -9.8 | 301 | -9.5 | 13,606 | 55.0 | - | - | 209 | 23.7 | - | - |
| 52 | Alpek | 6,347 | -11.0 | 655 | -41.7 | 350 | -51.6 | 5,451 | -14.3 | 2 | -24.5 | 143 | -20.1 | 318 | 3.6 |
| 53 | Celanese | 6,297 | -12.0 | 834 | -37.5 | 852 | -29.4 | 9,476 | 1.8 | 76 | 5.6 | 370 | 9.8 | 7,714 | 0.4 |
| 54 | Corteva ² | 6,256 | -2.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 | Olin | 6,110 | -12.0 | 205 | -69.8 | -11 | - | 9,188 | 2.1 | - | - | 386 | 0.3 | 6,500 | 0.0 |
| 56 | GS Caltex ² | 6,076 | -13.7 | 376 | -24.3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 57 | SCG ² | 5,969 | -19.8 | 860 | -33.4 | 520 | -45.5 | 7,747 | 8.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 58 | Teijin ^{2,3} | 5,832 | -5.6 | 196 | -9.3 | - | - | 6,120 | -2.4 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 59 | Formosa Petrochemical ² | 5,747 | -22.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 60 | Nouryon | 5,706 | 0.4 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 61 | Honeywell ² | 5,688 | -0.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 62 | Mitsubishi Gas Chemical ³ | 5,644 | -5.5 | 315 | -17.2 | 225 | -59.2 | 7,101 | -4.0 | 180 | 5.4 | 390 | 7.9 | - | - |
| 63 | Sekisui Chemical ^{2,3} | 5,627 | -3.0 | - | - | - | - | 6,536 | 4.9 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 64 | Wacker-Chemie | 5,533 | -1.0 | -602 | - | -707 | - | 7,287 | -8.8 | 194 | 4.8 | 427 | -17.6 | 16,457 | 0.8 |
| 65 | Johnson Matthey ^{2,3} | 5,533 | -1.0 | 715 | -4.8 | - | - | 9,766 | 23.8 | 264 | 4.7 | 617 | 44.0 | 20,368 | 3.8 |
| 66 | Chemours | 5,526 | -16.8 | 84 | -93.8 | -52 | - | 7,258 | -1.4 | 80 | -2.4 | 481 | -3.4 | 7,000 | 0.0 |
| 67 | RPM International ⁷ | 5,507 | -1.0 | 509 | 15.2 | 305 | 13.8 | 5,631 | 3.5 | 77 | 6.9 | 148 | 8.0 | 14,621 | -2.2 |
| 68 | Kuraray | 5,298 | -4.5 | 498 | -17.7 | -8 | - | 9,120 | 4.7 | 195 | 0.0 | 801 | 32.1 | 102 | 3.2 |
| 69 | IFF | 5,140 | 29.2 | 665 | 13.9 | 460 | 35.3 | 13,287 | 3.1 | 346 | 10.9 | 236 | 38.8 | 13,600 | 4.6 |
| 70 | Versalis | 4,629 | -19.5 | -537 | - | -600 | - | 2,975 | -4.1 | 47 | 10.5 | 132 | -21.3 | 5,977 | 1.9 |
| 71 | FMC | 4,610 | 7.6 | 822 | 10.9 | 480 | -6.3 | 9,873 | -1.0 | 298 | 3.5 | 94 | 13.3 | 6,400 | -12.3 |
| 72 | Clariant | 4,545 | -0.1 | 170 | -52.6 | 39 | -89.3 | 8,244 | 0.0 | 214 | -1.0 | 282 | 15.2 | 17,796 | -3.8 |
| 73 | Asahi Glass ² | 4,365 | -1.6 | 579 | -11.5 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 635 | 13.2 | - | - |
| 74 | JSR ³ | 4,343 | -4.7 | 303 | -27.3 | 239 | -22.5 | 6,236 | -2.0 | - | - | 404 | 21.4 | - | - |
| 75 | Orica ⁵ | 4,132 | 9.4 | 330 | 93.0 | 176 | -817.1 | 5,127 | 1.8 | - | - | 211 | 58.7 | 8,435 | 4.3 |
| 76 | Occidental Chemical | 4,102 | -11.9 | 799 | -31.1 | - | - | 4,361 | 0.0 | - | - | 272 | -1.8 | - | - |
| 77 | Petronas Chemicals Group | 4,002 | -16.4 | - | - | - | - | 9,500 | 4.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 78 | Symrise | 3,826 | 8.1 | 521 | 6.9 | 342 | 8.9 | 6,688 | 21.1 | 239 | 6.5 | 170 | -28.8 | 11,105 | 4.6 |
| 79 | Daicel ³ | 3,799 | -11.2 | 471 | -13.2 | 386 | -5.7 | 5,502 | -8.7 | 196 | 2.6 | 438 | 6.4 | 107 | -5.8 |
| 80 | Trinseo | 3,776 | -18.3 | 148 | -64.3 | 92 | -68.6 | 2,759 | 1.2 | 55 | -1.8 | 110 | -9.1 | 2,700 | 8.0 |
| 81 | Showa Denko ² | 3,756 | -4.1 | 284 | -18.2 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 82 | Hanwha Solutions ² | 3,754 | -11.1 | 125 | -59.2 | - | - | 8,689 | 2.4 | - | - | 413 | 38.7 | - | - |
| 83 | Kaneka ^{2,3} | 3,650 | -3.9 | 320 | -15.2 | - | - | 3,816 | 1.0 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 84 | Albemarle | 3,589 | 6.3 | 666 | -27.0 | 604 | -18.3 | 9,861 | 30.1 | 58 | -17.1 | 852 | 21.7 | 6,000 | 1.7 |
| 85 | NOVA Chemicals | 3,576 | -19.9 | - | - | 214 | -225.1 | 9,904 | 2.1 | - | - | 793 | 76.6 | - | - |
| 86 | Denka ³ | 3,504 | -7.8 | 291 | -7.7 | 209 | -9.4 | 4,614 | 3.6 | 138 | 2.7 | 340 | 12.5 | - | - |
| 87 | Hexion | 3,374 | -11.1 | 45 | -80.2 | 2,807 | -1,822.1 | 4,146 | 111.4 | 50 | -5.7 | 101 | 12.2 | 4,000 | 0.0 |
| 88 | Cabot ⁵ | 3,337 | 2.9 | 314 | 83.6 | 186 | -351.4 | 3,004 | -7.4 | 60 | -9.1 | 224 | -2.2 | 4,500 | -2.2 |
| 89 | Methanex | 3,284 | -26.7 | 189 | -77.2 | 116 | -82.4 | 5,197 | 12.8 | - | - | 324 | 32.8 | - | - |

| Rank 2019 | Company | Sales | | Operating profit | | Net income | | Total Assets | | R&D | | Capex | | Employees | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------|-------|------------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | |
| \$m, change in reporting currencies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 90 | Kemira | 2,985 | 2.5 | 218 | 31.1 | 131 | 23.2 | 3,246 | 4.6 | 34 | 0.0 | 226 | 34.0 | 5,683 | 3.0 |
| 91 | Zeon ³ | 2,963 | -4.6 | 240 | -21.2 | 187 | 8.3 | 3,728 | -4.7 | - | - | 200 | 80.9 | - | - |
| 92 | H.B. Fuller ⁶ | 2,897 | -4.7 | 264 | 3.1 | 131 | -23.4 | 3,986 | -4.5 | 37 | 2.8 | 62 | -8.8 | 6,400 | -1.5 |
| 93 | Fuchs Petrolub | 2,888 | 0.2 | 360 | -16.2 | 256 | -20.8 | 2,271 | 7.0 | 62 | 5.8 | 173 | 27.3 | 6,317 | 3.3 |
| 94 | PolyOne (now Avient) | 2,863 | -0.6 | 157 | -12.3 | 589 | 268.1 | 3,273 | 20.2 | 51 | 2.0 | 82 | 7.9 | 5,600 | -15.2 |
| 95 | Nippon Shokubai ³ | 2,780 | -10.8 | 121 | -49.6 | 107 | -52.4 | 4,377 | -1.3 | 136 | 5.6 | 297 | -0.3 | - | - |
| 96 | CEPSA ² | 2,702 | -9.1 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 97 | Tronox | 2,642 | 45.2 | 95 | -52.5 | -97 | - | 5,268 | 13.5 | 17 | 54.5 | 198 | 69.2 | 6,600 | 98.2 |
| 98 | Ube ^{2,3} | 2,624 | -11.8 | 134 | -40.9 | - | - | 3,173 | -3.3 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 99 | Altana | 2,525 | -2.5 | 294 | -11.5 | 190 | -9.6 | 3,753 | 3.8 | 186 | 7.8 | 176 | -16.0 | 7,271 | 0.7 |
| 100 | Ashland ⁵ | 2,493 | -3.7 | 166 | 62.7 | 505 | 343.0 | 5,818 | -11.1 | 66 | -9.6 | 154 | -1.9 | 4,700 | -21.7 |

Bubbling under

| Rank 2019 | Company | Sales | | Operating profit | | Net income | | Total Assets | | R&D | | Capex | | Employees | |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------------|-------|------------------|--------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|--------------|-------|
| | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | | 2019% change | |
| \$m, change in reporting currencies | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 101 | Petro Rabigh ² | 2,183 | -14.3 | 148 | -71.0 | - | - | 13,323 | 32.5 | - | - | 891 | 21.4 | - | - |
| 102 | Venator | 2,130 | -6.0 | 13 | -109.9 | -170 | - | 2,265 | -8.9 | 15 | -11.8 | 152 | -53.4 | 4,000 | -7.0 |
| 103 | Petkim Petrokimya | 1,962 | 25.3 | 204 | 2.5 | 128 | -8.6 | 1,605 | 19.4 | 4 | 13.6 | 110 | -14.5 | 428 | -0.5 |
| 104 | W.R. Grace | 1,958 | 1.3 | 260 | -20.0 | 127 | -24.0 | 3,933 | 10.3 | 65 | 3.2 | 194 | -10.2 | 4,000 | 2.6 |
| 105 | Tessenderlo | 1,957 | 7.5 | 138 | 11.8 | 110 | 6.5 | 2,145 | 4.0 | 13 | 9.1 | 116 | 25.6 | 5,324 | 2.1 |
| 106 | Synthomer | 1,936 | -9.9 | 147 | -14.0 | 114 | -16.5 | 1,670 | -1.9 | 23 | 0.0 | 92 | -9.2 | 3,784 | -1.9 |
| 107 | Stepan | 1,859 | -6.8 | 127 | -14.8 | 103 | -7.2 | 1,579 | 4.2 | 55 | 1.9 | 106 | 21.8 | 2,284 | 1.5 |
| 108 | Kraton | 1,804 | -10.3 | 119 | -52.6 | 56 | -21.1 | 2,832 | -2.2 | 41 | 0.0 | 105 | 1.9 | 1,944 | 1.4 |
| 109 | Incitec Pivot ^{2,5} | 1,800 | 4.9 | 290 | -14.7 | - | - | 5,070 | 4.3 | - | - | 37 | 89.3 | - | - |
| 110 | Minerals Technologies | 1,791 | -0.9 | 209 | -18.4 | 136 | -21.4 | 3,112 | 0.8 | 20 | -13.0 | 65 | -14.5 | 3,628 | 10.9 |
| 111 | Kronos Worldwide | 1,731 | 4.2 | 146 | -55.8 | 87 | -57.6 | 1,966 | 3.6 | 17 | 6.3 | 55 | -1.8 | 2,200 | 0.2 |
| 112 | Innospec | 1,513 | 2.4 | 150 | 11.9 | 112 | 31.8 | 1,469 | -0.3 | 35 | 6.1 | 30 | 3.4 | 2,000 | 0.0 |
| 113 | Tata Chemicals ³ | 1,496 | -0.7 | 223 | -11.2 | 957 | 245.8 | 3,893 | 3.1 | - | - | 168 | 10.8 | - | - |
| 114 | ICL (Israel Chemicals Ltd) ² | 1,318 | 1.7 | 338 | -73.6 | - | - | - | - | - | - | 66 | 32.0 | - | - |
| 115 | AdvanSix | 1,297 | -14.4 | 53 | -38.4 | 41 | -37.9 | 1,236 | 19.4 | 14 | -6.7 | 150 | 37.6 | 1,520 | 2.4 |
| 116 | Ingevity | 1,293 | 14.0 | 275 | 9.1 | 184 | 1.1 | 2,142 | 62.9 | 20 | -9.1 | 115 | 22.3 | 1,850 | 5.7 |
| 117 | Industries Qatar ² | 1,209 | -24.1 | - | - | 359 | -47.3 | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 118 | Quaker Chemical | 1,134 | 30.6 | 46 | -47.7 | 32 | -46.7 | 2,850 | 301.4 | 32 | 28.0 | 16 | 23.1 | 4,500 | 108.3 |
| 119 | Ferro | 1,018 | -5.9 | 64 | -29.7 | 7 | -91.4 | 1,835 | -1.7 | 41 | 2.5 | 65 | -19.8 | 5,922 | -2.3 |

Footnotes

- ¹ Pro forma
- ² Chemicals only
- ³ Fiscal year ended 31 March 2020
- ⁴ Fiscal year ended 30 June 2020
- ⁵ Fiscal year ended 30 September 2019
- ⁶ Fiscal year ended 30 November 2019
- ⁷ Fiscal year ended 31 May 2020

Note: Operating earnings (EBIT) and net income are as reported (not adjusted for special items)

Currency exchange rates

31 December 2019 – \$1 =

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------------|--------------------|--------------|
| Euro | 0.890709299 | Thai baht | 29.7574711 |
| British pound | 0.753720594 | Mexican peso | 18.85817676 |
| Indian rupee | 71.29215278 | South African rand | 13.97828978 |
| Australian dollar | 1.422572214 | Brazilian real | 4.019162857 |
| Canadian dollar | 1.296209415 | South Korean won | 1,154.541861 |
| Singapore dollar | 1.344706464 | Qatari riyal | 3.64 |
| Swiss franc | 0.967817577 | Saudi riyal | 3.75 |
| Malaysian ringgit | 4.090666963 | Russian rouble | 62.0836456 |
| Japanese yen | 108.6794158 | New Taiwan dollar | 29.94384457 |
| Chinese yuan | 6.963042468 | Turkish lira | 5.949829865 |