In 2021, Downstream business continued to be challenged by a rapidly evolving industry, shaped by the onset of digitalisation, disruption from new technologies and economic uncertainties. Against this backdrop, we took decisive and strategic measures to ensure the resilience of our business, guided by our strategic pillars: Operational Excellence, Commercial Excellence and Growth Delivery.

We executed our strategies in an agile manner, improving overall efficiency to further unlock value from our core business while innovating sustainable and customer-centric solutions to generate new revenue streams. We optimised on the interplay between various technologies to sharpen our competitive advantage, while closely monitoring changes within the volatile industry. Overall, I am grateful for our team’s resilience amid new challenges and their dedication in sharing their unique talents to support the growth of the business.

Datuk Sazali Hamzah
Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer, Downstream

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Business Review

What We Do

PETRONAS’ Downstream businesses encompass a diverse set of activities to enhance the value of our petroleum resources, transforming it into high-quality, value-added products available in over 90 markets across Asia-Pacific, Central Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe and the Americas.

Downstream’s activities include:
- Refining with a capacity of 700 kilobarrels per day (kbpd).
- Marketing and trading of crude oil and petroleum products.
- Manufacturing and marketing of petrochemical products including polymers, fertilisers, methanol, other specialty chemicals and derivative products.
- Supplying marine solutions including LNG bunkering, sulphur fuel oils, marine gas oil and lubricants.

Leveraging digital technology, advanced infrastructure and robust strategies, the Downstream business remains committed to continue providing innovative, sustainable and customer-centric products and services. We will continue to enhance our operational and commercial excellence while simultaneously diversifying and expanding our portfolio towards becoming an agile business and preferred solutions partner worldwide.

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Results

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- Achieved an Overall Equipment Effectiveness (OEE) rate of 93.3 per cent for Downstream business.
- Maintained petrochemicals Plant Utilisation (PU) (Nexant) rate at 92.6 per cent.
- Recorded annual petrochemicals production volume of 10.4 million metric tonnes.

Commercial Excellence
- Achieved petrochemicals product sales volume of 8.2 million metric tonnes, sustaining the achievement from the previous year.
- Achieved combined annual petrochemicals production volume of 262.4 million barrels, a 0.6 million barrel increase from 2020.
- Achieved overall marketing sales volume of 21.2 billion litres from 2020.
- Reshaped portfolio mix to ensure high value returns with focus on non-fuel business and specialty chemicals.

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- Expanded non-fuel business in domestic marketing.
- Strengthened position in sustainable solutions for greener mobility and commercial aviation.

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- Signed an MoU with Mercedes-Benz Malaysia and EV Connection Sdn Bhd to deploy DC Fast electric vehicle (EV) chargers at five PETRONAS stations by 1H2022, providing faster EV charging coverage in strategic locations for long distance travel.
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Key Priorities

Digitalisation
- Institutionalised a culture of innovation.
- Promoted enterprise-wide technology-digital transformation.

Revenue (RM Bil)
- 2019: 115.5
- 2020: 85.4
- 2021: 124.5

EBITDA (RM Bil)
- 2019: 9
- 2020: 3.4
- 2021: 15.1

PAT (RM Bil)
- 2019: 5.2
- 2020: -15
- 2021: 0.7

Petroleum Product Sales (million barrels)
- 2019: 258.8
- 2020: 261.8
- 2021: 262.4

Petrochemicals Product Sales (million metric tonnes)
- 2019: 8.4
- 2020: 8.2
- 2021: 8.2

Value Created for Stakeholders

Stakeholder | Expectations | Value Created
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Customers | - Products and solutions that are sustainable and innovative. | - Introduced sustainable and innovative solutions via Setel® and the greater Setel® ecosystem, ROVR, Segar@Mesra, Makan@Mesra, EV chargers and e-fluids (PETRONAS iona) and sustainable aviation fuel (SAF). - Expanded into specialty chemicals. - Diversified product offerings with bio-based and circular economy portfolios, such as Bio-MEG. - Enhanced packaging design for marketing products to use 15 per cent less plastic.
Employees | - Relevant training and capability development opportunities. | - Enhanced Agile practices through new training modules, coaching enablement and Agile Enterprise team setup. - Developed PETRONAS Working Backwards in collaboration with AWS to enhance innovation capabilities.
Government and Regulators | - Adhere to rules and regulations set by local and foreign authorities in countries we operate in. - Ensure zero non-compliances to laws and regulations. | - Strengthened regulatory collaborations for better market growth. - Ensured good governance in the local oil and gas industry.
General Public | - Social impact initiatives to support community operations. - Platforms and support for education and career enhancement. | - Provided platform for social enterprises to address social pain points via SEEd.Lab to positively impact communities. - Amplified Food Bank Programme at over 400 PETRONAS stations to benefit Malaysians affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. - Championed the Love Local programme to create greater awareness of local brands in support of small and medium enterprises (SMEs) with Kedai Mesra as a platform. - Conducted nine webinar sessions nationwide through the Plastic, Sustainability & You Education (PSYE) programme, involving 130,000 teachers, students, government officers, industry players, the public and internal PETRONAS employees. The webinars aim to accelerate circular economy in Malaysia and educate the audience on sustainable and responsible plastic production and consumption. - Supported the Imbumba Foundation’s Caring4Girls initiative which saw 11,402 sanitary towels distributed to female learners in 22 schools located close to Engin’s facilities in Mpumalanga, Limpopo, North West Province, Free State and KwaZulu-Natal.
Moving forward into 2022, our key focus areas include:

- Continued expansion and diversification into derivatives, specialty chemicals and solutions to sustain our position as one of the largest integrated chemicals producers in Southeast Asia.
- Sustain operational and commercial excellence in petrochemicals to deliver value with PU above 90 per cent, production volume above 10 million tonnes per annum and sales volume above 8 million tonnes per annum.
- Startup of the Pengerang Integrated Complex targeted for 2H2022 to maximise growth potential and capture new opportunities further downstream.
- Strengthen presence in the biofuels space through a planned greenfield biofuels/co-processing plant targeted for 2025. The facility will be positioned to supply SAF with operational flexibility to also produce HVO, also known as renewable diesel.
- Execute Refinery-to-Terminal Project to convert Engen’s refinery in Durban into a world-class import and storage facility to capture new profit opportunities and safeguard against market threats in a challenging refining environment.
- Continued expansion of non-fuel business in domestic marketing to increase retail market share and future-proof business.
- Growth of Setel® ecosystem to deliver more innovative and customer-centric solutions in a single app, with features including e-Wallets, parcel delivery services, and vehicle insurance purchase.
- Innovate solutions in sustainable mobility through providing faster charging facilities for EVs in Malaysia via PDB’s strategic network of stations, innovating next-generation EV fluids via the iona range and harnessing the power of collaboration through EV symposiums and webinars.
- Expand lubricants market share in the industrial segment to capture opportunities from construction, agriculture, mining, power generation and other industries.
- Establish stronger foothold in the Asia-Pacific lubricants market leveraging Fluid Technology Solutions™ to capture opportunities from the growing middle-class population in the region.
- Strengthen PETRONAS Marine as a one-stop marine solutions provider and establish Malaysia as a regional LNG bunkering hub.

The Downstream business will continue to sustain operational excellence as well as seize new opportunities in key growth markets in Malaysia and around the world. Given the increasing focus on decarbonising our operations, we have taken a holistic approach to drive operational excellence guided by economic, environmental, social and governance (EESG) standards.

Moving into 2022, we will continue to focus on growing our sales volume through competitive pricing strategies, revolutionising customer experience and delivering high-value products in a sustainable manner. Anchored on our net zero carbon emissions aspiration, we will improve energy efficiency for manufacturing and reduce emissions by shifting towards lower carbon sources. To this end, the Downstream business is well-positioned to capture new offerings in the non-fuel segment to maximise our growth potential, expand our portfolio, and optimise value across our entire value chain as we shape future growth.