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Nalco

- Leading global provider of water management services operating in 150 countries
- Leading positions in water, energy and process technology and services
  - More than 2x the size of nearest competitor in water services
  - Industry-leading technology
- Emerging markets strategy focuses resources in areas of rapid growth

Ecolab

- y Leading global provider of cleaning and sanitizing operating in 160 countries
- y Leading positions in food safety hygiene, healthcare infection prevention and commercial pest elimination
- y Industry leader in service expertise, technology and innovation
- y Strong, consistent track record of revenue growth, profitability and cash flow

Complementary Businesses and Strengths

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1995 2000 2005 2010

\$18B

\$32B

\$39B

\$57B

**ECOLAB MARKET OPPORTUNITY**

**ECOLAB HAS CONSISTENTLY EXPANDED ITS MARKET OPPORTUNITY  
TO DRIVE GROWTH**

Simultaneously Growing the Opportunity Set and Capability

Asia Pacific,

Latin America

QSR, FRS,

Water treatment,

Audit

EMEA,

Pest Global

Healthcare

Infection Prevention

+

+

+

+

\$18B  
Simultaneously Growing the Opportunity Set and Capability  
Asia Pacific,  
+  
+  
\$100B+  
Healthcare  
Infection Prevention

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A Lot Will Stay the Same

- Our commitment to safety and ethics remains
- This does not fundamentally change how we go to market
  - Sales and service stay positioned the way they are
  - Very few people will be impacted, with technology and field organizations expected to stay largely intact
  - We see two great organizations working together, to provide our customers with an increased number of broader solutions
- Nalco Energy Services and Water and Process Services continue as key business units with the same people and the Nalco brand.