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HUGO BOSS

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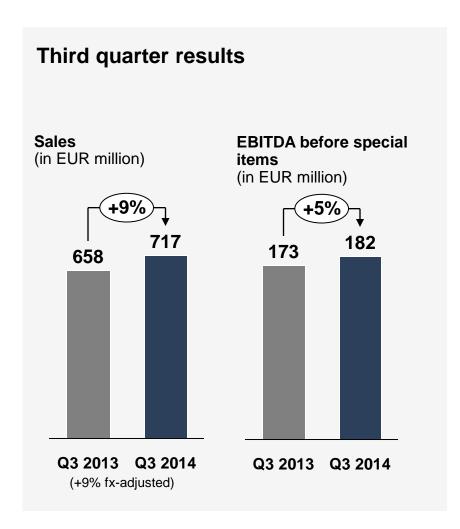
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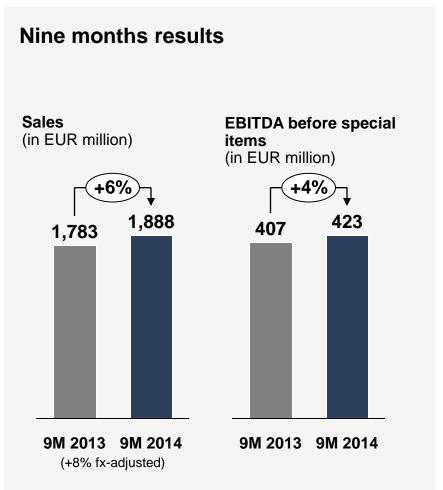
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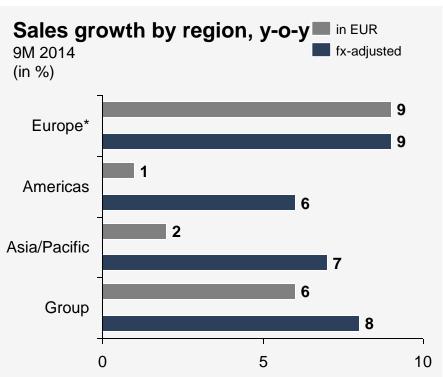
### Third quarter supports top and bottom line growth in the first nine months





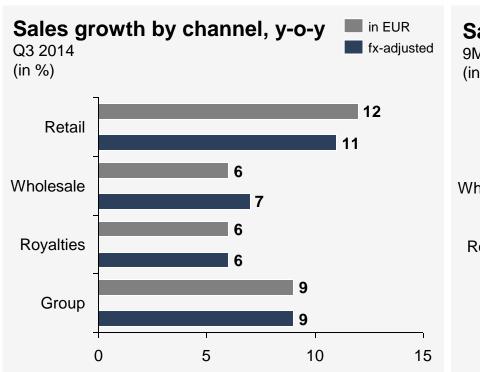
### Solid growth in all regions

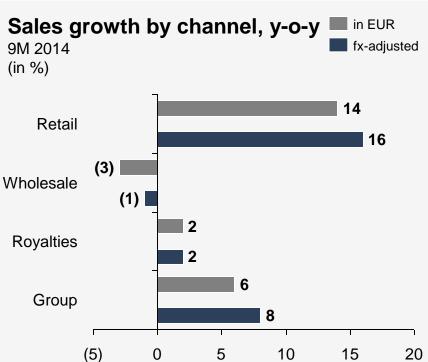




- Germany and the UK lead growth in Europe
- Wholesale sales growth acceleration supports third quarter performance in the **Americas**
- Mixed trends in **Asia/Pacific** despite double-digit increases in the third quarter

### Robust own retail growth drives Group sales increase





- Solid comp store sales increases (4% in Q3, 4% in 9M) support double-digit **retail** growth
- Wholesale sales pick up in the third quarter due to stronger orderbook and solid replenishment demand
- Successful launch of BOSS MA VIE drives royalties sales increase

### Cost increases affect margin development

in EUR million				
	9M 2014	9M 2013*	Change in %	
Sales	1,888.0	1,783.1	1,783.1	
Gross profit	1,232.8	1,131.5	9	
In % of sales	65.3	63.5	180 bp	
Selling and distribution expenses	(705.9)	(627.1)	(13)	
Administration expenses	(179.9)	(163.6)	(10)	
Other operating income and expenses	(3.4)	(3.4)	(1)	
Operating result (EBIT)	343.6	337.4	2	
In % of sales	18.2	18.9	(70) bp	
Financial result	(7.0)	(15.7)	55	
Earnings before taxes	336.6	321.7	5	
Income taxes	(77.4)	(74.0)	(5)	
Net income	259.2	247.7	5	
Attributable to:				
Equity holders of the parent company	258.0	244.7	5	
Earnings per share (EUR)**	3.74	3.55	5	
EBITDA before special items	423.4	407.4	4	
In % of sales	22.4	22.8	(40) bp	

- Channel mix and lower markdowns support gross profit margin development
- Step-up in marketing expenditures and higher own retail costs weigh on **EBITDA**
- Improved financial result and lower minorities benefit net income growth

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Basic and diluted earnings per share.

### Region Europe records solid margin improvement

#### Segment profit

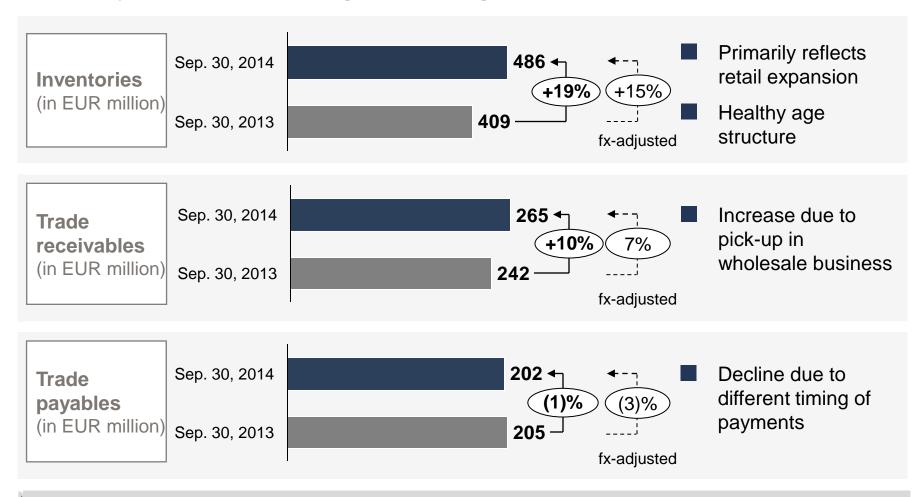
in EUR million	9M 2014	In % of sales	9M 2013*	In % of sales	Change in %
Europe**	415.8	35.1	369.0	33.8	13
Americas	98.4	23.9	98.2	24.2	0
Asia/Pacific	72.9	28.9	84.0	34.0	(13)
Royalties	33.1	83.5	32.7	84.1	1
Segment profit operating segments	620.2	32.8	583.9	32.7	6
Corporate units/consolidation	(196.8)		(176.5)		(12)
EBITDA before special items	423.4	22.4	407.4	22.8	4

- Good top line momentum supports margin increase in **Europe**
- Marketing cost increases weigh on profitability in the **Americas**
- Muted sales development and brand investments cause operating deleverage in Asia/Pacific

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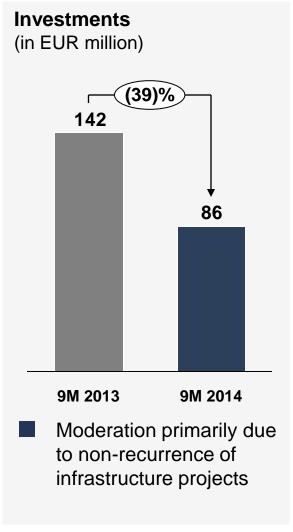
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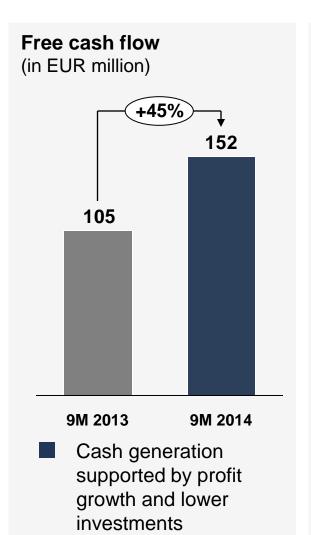
### Inventory increase drives higher working capital position

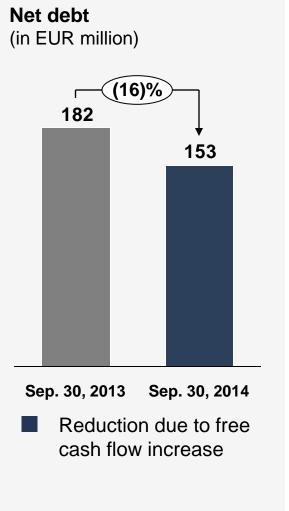


Trade net working capital up 23% to EUR 548 million

### Lower investments support free cash flow generation







### Full year outlook 2014 reconfirmed

### Outlook 2014

Sales growth (currency-adjusted)	6% - 8%
Growth of EBITDA before special items	5% - 7%
Capex	Around EUR 130 million
Own retail network	Around 50 openings (excl. takeovers)

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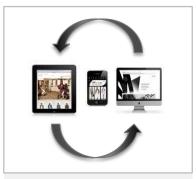
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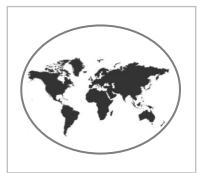
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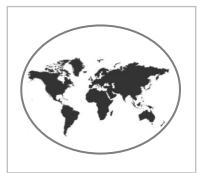
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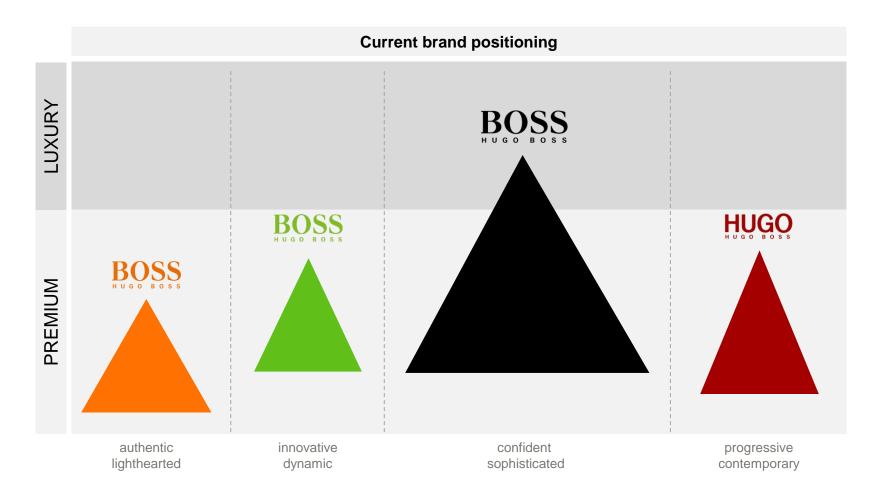
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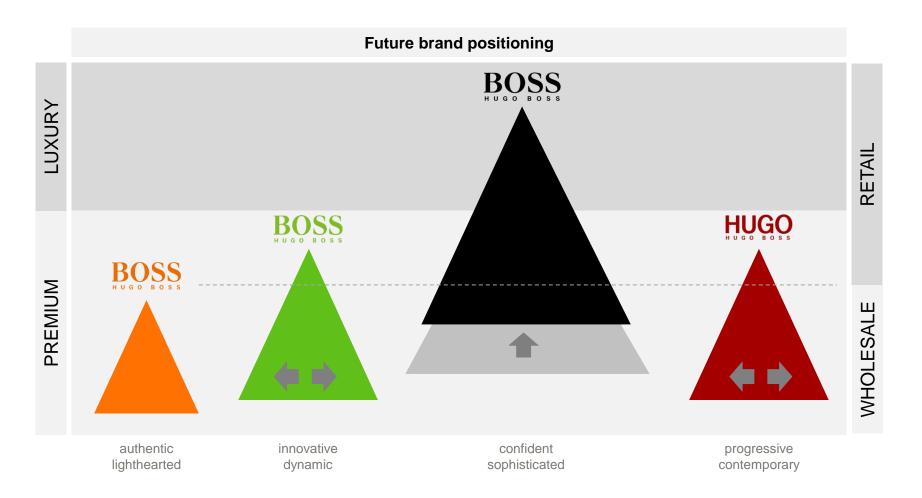
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# **Current portfolio reflects historical multi-brand philosophy**



### Increasingly differentiated portfolio to support BOSS brand elevation



### Product, distribution and communication uplift drives brand elevation

Brand personality

Sophisticated, elegant, confident



Target market

Expanding luxury segment to account for 20% of brand sales by 2020

**Product** 

Refined modern luxury

Distribution

Sole focus on own stores and shop-in-shops

Communication

Absolute focus of the Group's brand communication activities

### BOSS luxury offering strengthened across clothing and sportswear

# BOSS

TAILORED

- Builds on strong brand heritage
- Focus on unique fits, high-quality materials and exquisite styles



# BOSS

MADE TO MEASURE

- Showcases high-end tailoring expertise
- Seven new locations bring Made To Measure store count to 22



### BOSS

- Sportswear to be more closely integrated with clothing offering
- Attractive growth opportunities in outerwear



### BOSS distribution strategy to become even more retail focused

### RETAIL

Own stores to increasingly focus on BOSS core brand exclusively



#### WHOLESALE

Presence of BOSS core brand to become limited to shop-in-shops

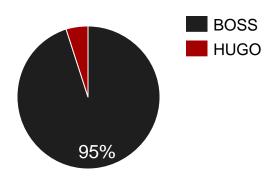


#### Concession business to be expanded further

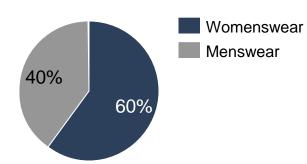


### Media activities center on BOSS brand

# 2014e media budget split by brand



2014e media budget split by gender line







Communication drives brand purpose of "inspiring people towards success", building on the brand's strong tailoring heritage in menswear and womenswear

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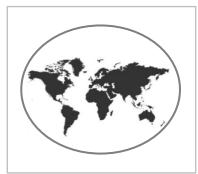
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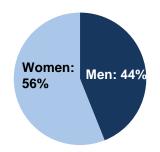


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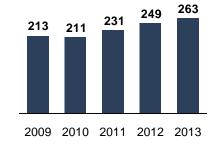
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### **HUGO BOSS underpenetrated in structurally attractive womenswear market**

HUGO BOSS relevant market 2013



HUGO BOSS womenswear sales 2009 – 2013 (in EUR million)



HUGO BOSS market share 2013



#### Characteristics of the womenswear market

- Even more fragmented than menswear
- Lower levels of brand loyalty compared to menswear
- Lower barriers to entry compared to menswear
- Tough competition in shoes & accessories in particular
- Clothing segment less crowded
- Above average profitability, in particular in shoes & accessories

Attractive market characteristics warrant increased strategic focus to gain market share

### Jason Wu has raised the BOSS Womenswear profile







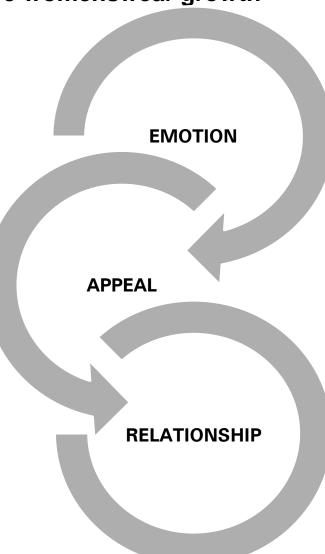
Step change in brand awareness and recognition as well as double-digit growth in 2014 strong foundation for expanding womenswear to at least 15% of Group sales in 2020

### Three elements to drive womenswear growth

### **Experience**

Retail / wholesale, visual merchandising & consumer marketing

Elevate assortment and presentation of BOSS Woman in store to convey strong global brand message and translate fashion appeal into commercial success



#### **Product**

Design, quality, fit & workmanship

Further refine and elevate the product; create product excellence through fashion relevance and attention to detail to fulfill the brand promise

### **Aspiration**

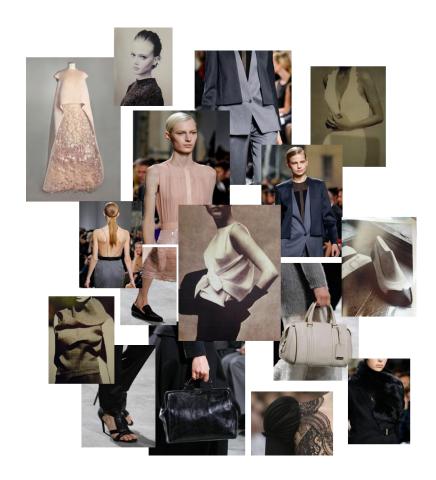
Fashion show, campaign, press & celebrity wardrobe

Further enhance brand perception and credibility of BOSS Woman as a fashion destination; create aspiration, emotion and desirability through all relevant channels

### Fashion upgrade and detailed refinement to heighten emotional appeal

#### Product: Design, quality, fit & workmanship

- Upgrade of fashion level and product refinement based on strong creative direction by Jason Wu
- Strengthening of emotional appeal and relevance to create desirability
- Expansion of shoes & accessories offering to sharpen brand DNA and establish stronger link between collections



### **Elevation of in-store brand presentation**

Experience: Retail / wholesale, visual merchandising & consumer marketing

- Global implementation of look concept under way
- Strong focus on retail staff training
- Development of dedicated womenswear store concept
- 27 ambassador stores to lead expansion of S&A offering



### Added credibility turns BOSS into a fashion destination

Aspiration: Fashion show, campaign, press & celebrity wardrobe

- Focus on celebrity dressing to create desirability
- Fashion show, campaigns and PR to communicate unmistakable brand DNA across all channels
- Fashion credibility to benefit from close link between fashion show and commercial collection



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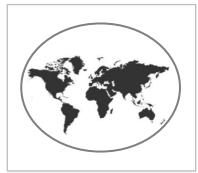
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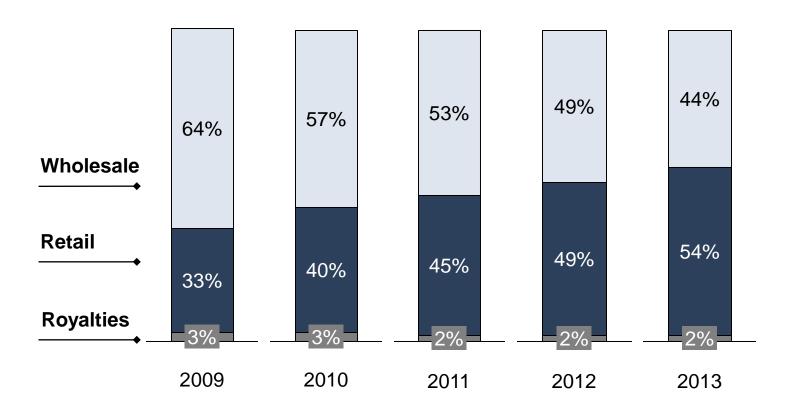
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### Retail business share to grow to at least 75% by 2020

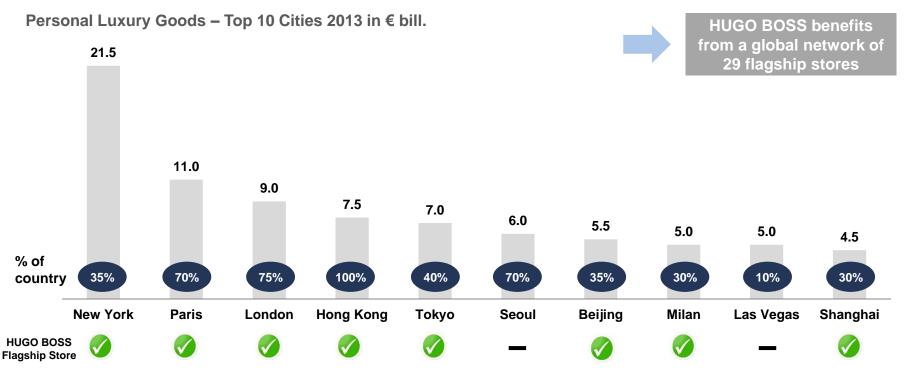


Mid-single-digit increases in LFL sales, new openings and takeovers to drive retail growth

### Retail expansion focuses on Europe



### The importance of metropolitan retail areas is going to set to continue rising

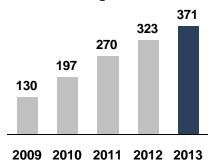


Source: Altagamma 2013 – Worldwide Markets Monitor

Future retail expansion to concentrate on penetrating key metropolitan areas more deeply

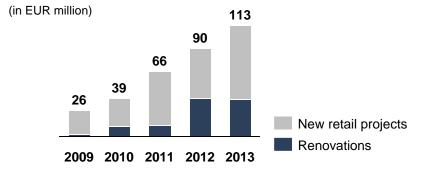
### Quality upgrade of retail store portfolio

#### **Number of freestanding stores**



Pace of freestanding store expansion to moderate gradually

#### Own retail investments



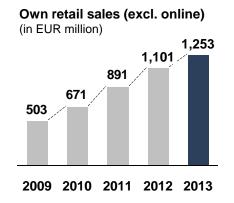
Performance-enhancing refurbishments gaining importance

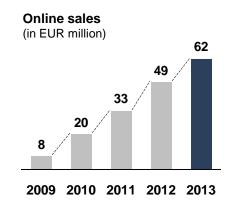


Store expansion projects provide attractive opportunities

### Target to create seamless shopping and brand experience across channels

Transforming historically separate distribution channels...



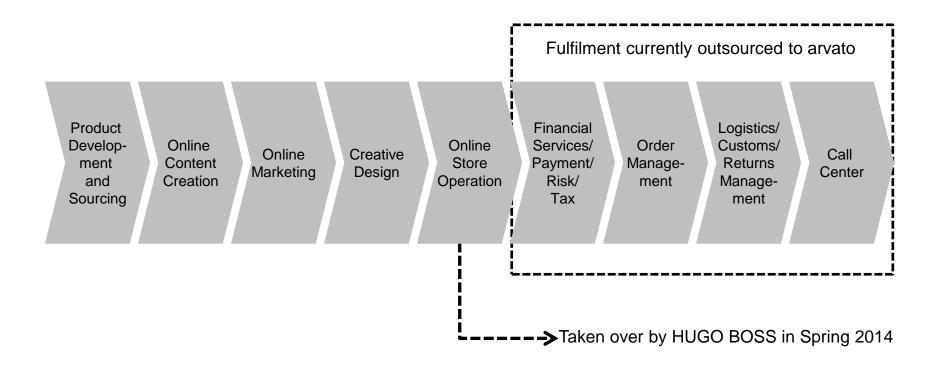


...into a unified brand experience



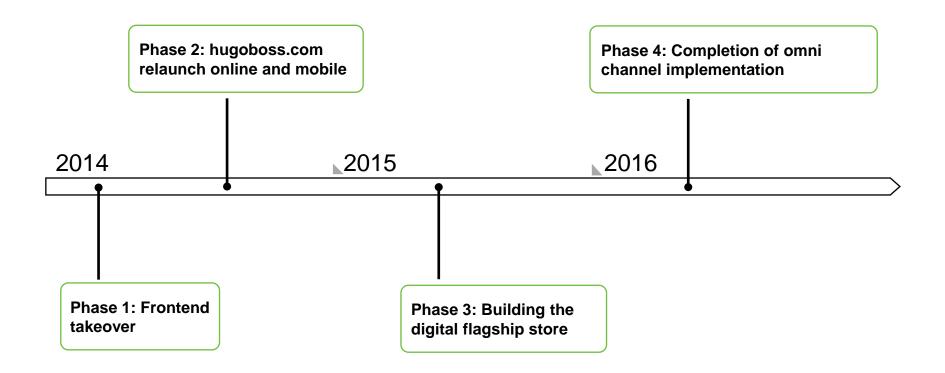
Omni channel approach will drive retail sales online and, even more so, offline

### e-Commerce value chain needs to change to satisfy consumer expectations



Group committed to fully controlling key elements of e-Commerce value chain going forward

### Omni channel model geared to the demands of today's consumer



Implementation of omni channel business model already under way

#### Balanced approach to building the business with online specialists

- Close cooperation in creative design process ensures high quality of brand presentation
- Focus on brand lines other than BOSS core brand
- Wide reach and different consumer demographics provide access to new brand audience





- BOSS Orange to launch on TMALL.com by end of November
- Increases brand visibility based on TMALL's reach of almost 200 million consumers per month
- Drives brand awareness among younger audience
- Exploits brand potential in China outside of metropolitan areas
- Platform to communicate brand heritage and authority

Targeted expansion with online specialists effectively supplements own online distribution

#### Composition of wholesale business to change visibly



- Continued gains in share at leading department store partners
- Further shop-in-shop takeovers from department store partners
- Selective takeovers of mono-brand franchise operations
- Business with owner-operated specialist stores to shrink
- Targeted expansion with online specialists

Overall wholesale sales expected to develop stable to slightly negative over coming years

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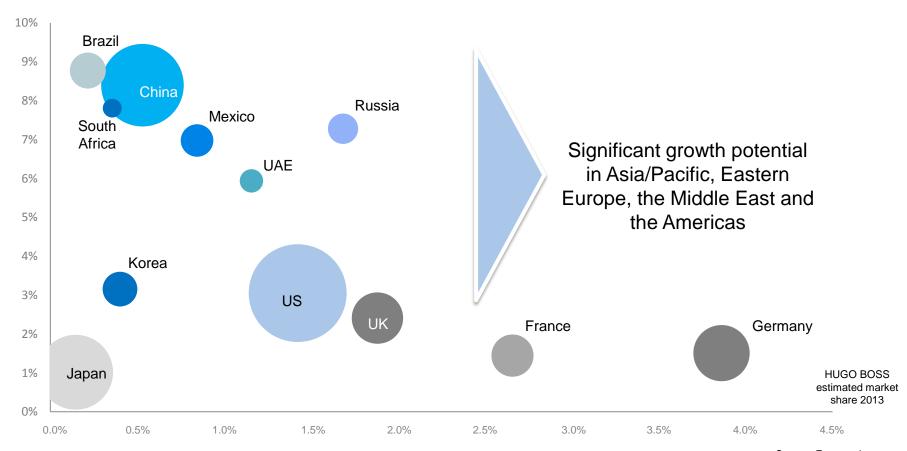


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# Focus on gaining share in strongly growing, underpenetrated markets

Expected average nominal market growth 2013 - 2020



Source: Euromonitor Volume of bubbles represents overall market size

#### Business model transformation provides further opportunities in Europe

- Ongoing transformation from wholesale to retail provides growth opportunities despite bleak macro outlook
- Retail expertise constantly improving
- Increased focus on Eastern Europe and the Middle East



BOSS Store Zurich, Bahnhofstrasse

#### **Growth levers across the portfolio offer upside in the Americas**

- Transformation of leadership team has unleashed new creative energy
- Important retail-related process improvements under way
- Luxury and womenswear offer tremendous growth opportunities



BOSS Store Washington DC, City Center

# China and other Asian markets a source of strong medium-term growth

- Strong progress made in building a platform for future growth in China
- Market challenges expected to persist for foreseeable future
- More regional markets to be controlled directly



BOSS Store Osaka, Shinsaibashi

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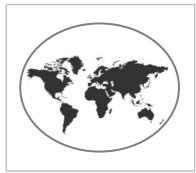
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# New flat-packed goods distribution center in Germany fully operational



#### New retail merchandise planning (RMP) tool currently being rolled out

#### **Purpose**

Implementing a systems-based planning process taking an integrated view of sales, margin and stock levels, supporting all phases of the merchandise cycle

#### Main operational benefits

Supports detailed pre-season budgeting based on expected demand

Allows close and flexible in-season monitoring of performance versus plan

Main financial benefits

Higher sales

Lower



Timing of rollout

#### Retail assortment planning (RAP) tool to generate visible financial benefits

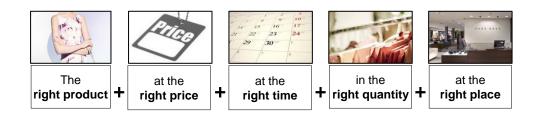
#### **Purpose**

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Main financial benefits

Timing of rollout

- Implementing an end-to-end, SAP-based assortment planning approach led by retail, based on individual store capacities, location characteristics and product lifecycles
- Store cluster-specific planning improves fit of merchandise offering and product availability
- Joint process involving retail and creative teams ensures consumer-centric collection development
- Improved full-price sales supporting margins
- Higher inventory turns
- Starting with Fall 2016 collection development



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#### Group targeting high-single digit annual sales growth on average

#### Regions

- All regions expected to make positive contributions
- Asia forecasted to grow stronger than the Group average in the medium- and long-term

#### Distribution channels

- Retail to continue growing at a doubledigit rate to at least 75% of Group sales by 2020
  - LFL increases
  - New openings
  - Takeovers
- Wholesale expected to decline gradually

#### **Brand & Gender Lines**

- Weight of core brand BOSS to increase further
- Luxury to expand to 20% of core brand BOSS sales by 2020
- Womenswear to grow at a doubledigit rate to at least 15% of Group sales by 2020

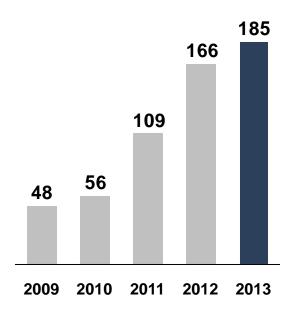
High-single digit annual sales growth on average

# Strong commitment to achievement of 25% EBITDA margin target

Comp store sales	<ul> <li>Higher conversion rates and growing transaction sizes main sources of mid-single-digit sales growth, supporting operating leverage</li> </ul>
Gross margin	Future increase driven predominantly by channel mix
Marketing	Expenditures to remain broadly stable relative to sales
Own retail	<ul> <li>Expenditures to grow stronger than Group sales, but to decline relative to Retail sales</li> </ul>
Other opex	<ul> <li>Efficiency gains in logistics and disciplined cost management to support growth lower than sales</li> </ul>
Non-operating items	<ul> <li>Declining financial expenses and stable tax rate to support EPS increases higher than EBITDA growth</li> </ul>

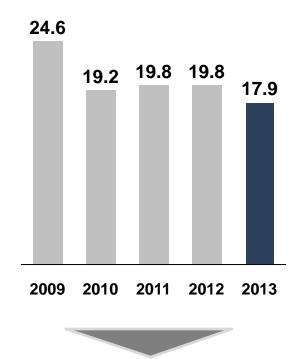
### Healthy trends in free cash flow set to continue

#### Investments (in EUR million)



Investments to increase again after lower level in 2014

Average trade net working capital as % of sales (in %)\*

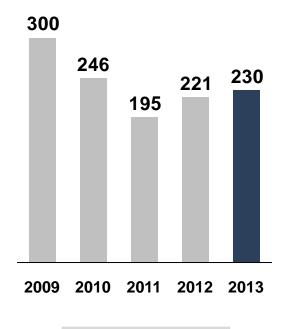


Further reduction targeted

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Free cash flow



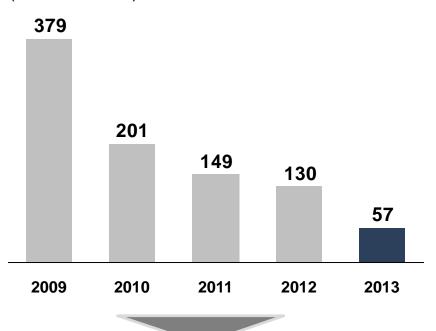


Ongoing support from profit growth and tight working capital management

#### Net debt and annual rent payments moving in opposite directions

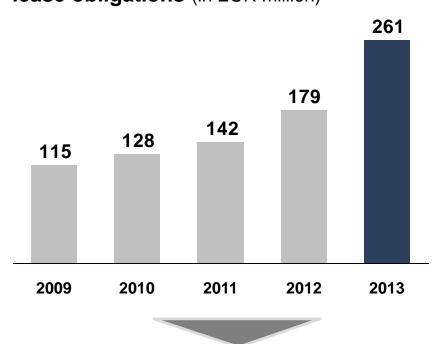
#### Net debt

(in EUR million)



- Reflects strong free cash flow
- Decline despite steady increase of dividend payouts

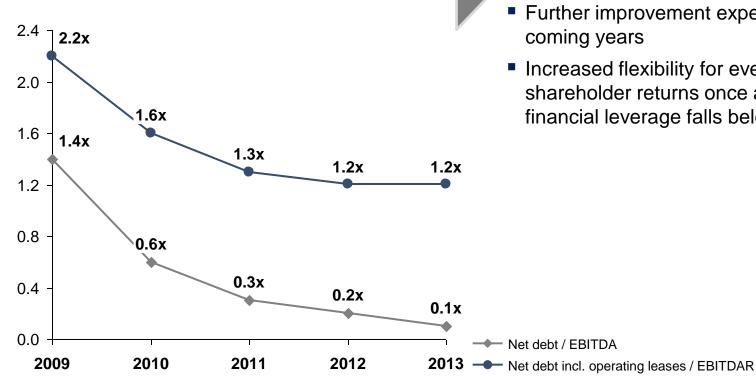
# Rent expenses under operating lease obligations (in EUR million)



- Vast majority of annual lease payments relate to own retail
- Retail expansion has driven rent increases over the last few years

### Adjusted financial leverage has remained stable over the last two years

#### Financial leverage



- Management comfortable with current adjusted financial leverage
- Further improvement expected in coming years
- Increased flexibility for even higher shareholder returns once adjusted financial leverage falls below 1x

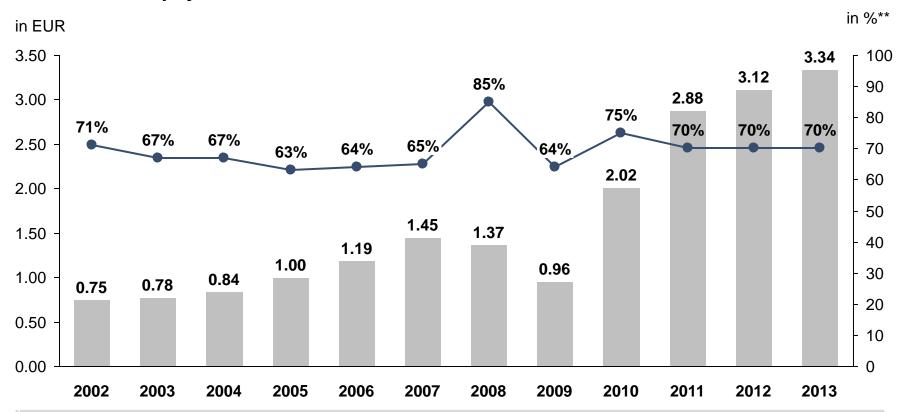
Operating leases = Future committed operating lease obligations capitalized according to S&P methodology

EBITDAR = EBITDA + minimum rents + contingent rents

Net debt / EBITDA

#### **HUGO BOSS to maintain industry-leading dividend payout**

#### Dividend\* and payout ratio



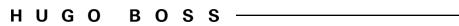
Dividend policy to pay out between 60% and 80% of consolidated net income reconfirmed

<sup>\*</sup> Excluding special dividend // \*\* As a percentage of net profit attributable to the shareholders of the parent company

#### Strong financial performance set to continue in future years

- Key initiatives defined to capitalize on multi-faceted growth opportunities even in an overall challenging macro and industry environment
- Clear roadmap in place for generation of high-single digit sales growth annually and achievement of 25% EBITDA margin
- Expected future free cash flow generation to increase flexibility for even higher cash returns





### **BACKUP**

### **Brand portfolio**

BOSS

BOSS HUGOBOSS

71% of Group sales modern / sophisticated



8% of Group sales modern / active



BOSS



12% of Group sales casual / urban chic



9% of Group sales progressive / contemporary



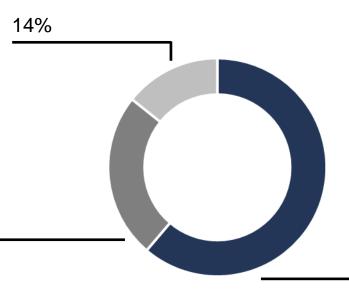
# Sales by region 2013

#### **Share of Group sales\***



Asia/Pacific

24%





# **Europe**

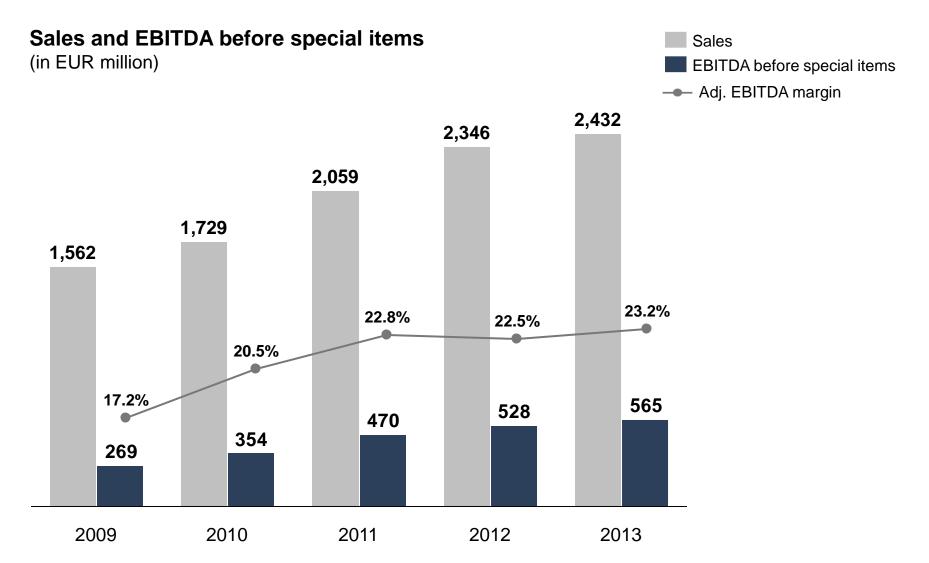
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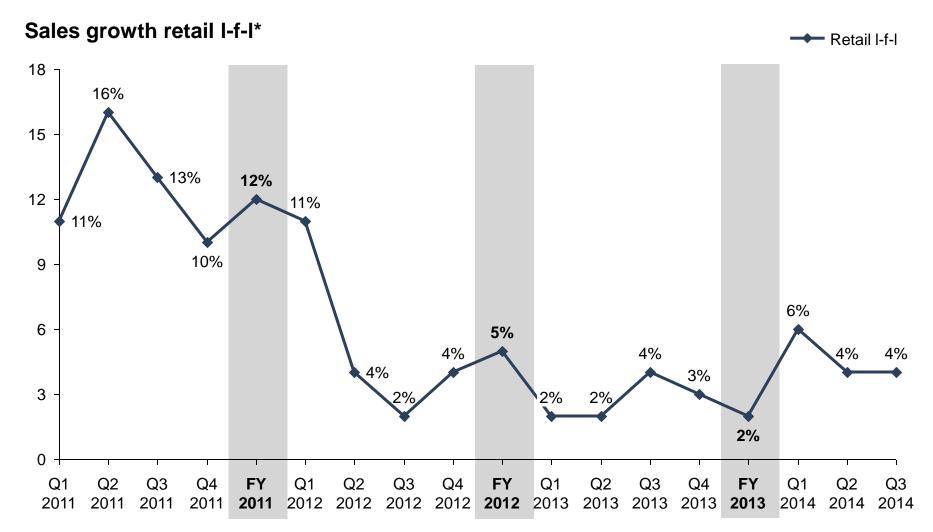
# **Americas**

\*+2% Royalties.

# Five year overview sales and operating profit



# Retail comp stores sales growth



<sup>\*</sup>fx-adjusted.

# Five year overview\*

in EUR million	2013	2012	2011	2010	2009
Earnings Position					
Sales	2,432.1	2,345.9	2,058.8	1,729.4	1,561.9
Gross profit	1,579.6	1,444.1	1,252.0	1,022.4	836.2
EBITDA	561.4	523.9	468.0	340.1	226.5
EBITDA before special items	564.7	528.1	469.5	353.7	269.2
EBIT	456.2	432.0	394.6	267.9	157.4
Net income attributable to equity					
holders of the parent company	329.0	306.5	284.9	188.9	105.5
Financial Position and Dividend					
Free cash flow	230.0	220.6	194.9	246.3	299.5
Net debt	57.0	130.4	149.1	201.1	379.1
Capital expenditures	185.3	165.8	108.5	55.6	48.3
Depreciation/amortization	105.3	91.9	73.4	72.2	69.1
Dividend	230.5	215.3	199.1	139.7	66.6
Asset and Liability Structure					
Total assets	1,501.3	1,577.2	1,419.6	1,342.8	1,065.4
Shareholders' equity	740.3	631.6	517.3	361.2	205.5
Trade net working capital	431.8	408.5	399.6	322.7	295.6
Non-current assets	611.5	587.7	503.2	454.5	435.0
Key Ratios					
Gross profit margin in %	64.9	61.6	60.8	59.1	53.5
Adjusted EBITDA margin in %	23.2	22.5	22.8	20.5	17.2
Total leverage**	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.6	1.4
Equity ratio in %	49.3	40.0	36.4	26.9	19.3

<sup>\*</sup>Certain amounts shown here do not correspond to the figures published in prior years and reflect adjustments made.

\*\*Net debt/EBITDA before special items and expenses for the "Stock Appreciation Rights Program".

#### **Income statement**

in EUR million						
	Q3 2014	Q3 2013*	Change in %	9M 2014	9M 2013*	Change in %
Sales	716.5	657.9	9	1,888.0	1,783.1	6
Cost of sales	(257.3)	(240.0)	(7)	(655.2)	(651.6)	(1)
Gross profit	459.2	417.9	10	1,232.8	1,131.5	9
In % of sales	64.1	63.5	60 bp	65.3	63.5	180 bp
Selling and distribution expenses	(245.5)	(219.0)	(12)	(705.9)	(627.1)	(13)
Administration expenses	(59.1)	(49.1)	(20)	(179.9)	(163.6)	(10)
Other operating income and expenses	(2.6)	0.7	< (100)	(3.4)	(3.4)	(1)
Operating result (EBIT)	152.0	150.5	1	343.6	337.4	2
In % of sales	21.2	22.9	(170) bp	18.2	18.9	(70) bp
Net interest income/expense	(1.4)	(1.3)	(8)	(3.3)	(7.5)	56
Other financial items	(1.6)	(3.1)	48	(3.7)	(8.2)	55
Financial result	(3.0)	(4.4)	33	(7.0)	(15.7)	55
Earnings before taxes	149.0	146.1	2	336.6	321.7	5
Income taxes	(34.3)	(33.6)	(2)	(77.4)	(74.0)	(5)
Net income	114.7	112.5	2	259.2	247.7	5
Attributable to:						
Equity holders of the parent company	114.7	110.9	3	258.0	244.7	5
Non-controlling interests	0	1.6	(100)	1.2	3.0	(60)
Earnings per share (EUR)**	1.67	1.61	4	3.74	3.55	5
EBITDA before special items	181.9	173.1	5	423.4	407.4	4
In % of sales	25.4	26.3	(90) bp	22.4	22.8	(40) bp

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<sup>\*\*</sup>Basic and diluted earnings per share.

# **ROCE** development

24%

73%

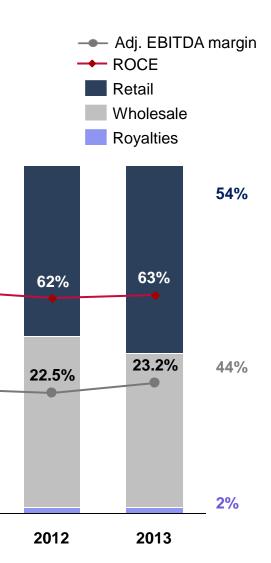
33%

15.7%

2006

3%

#### **EBITDA** margin and ROCE vs. channel mix



64%

22.8%

2011

31%

16.7%

2007

31%

16.1%

2008

31%

17.2%

2009

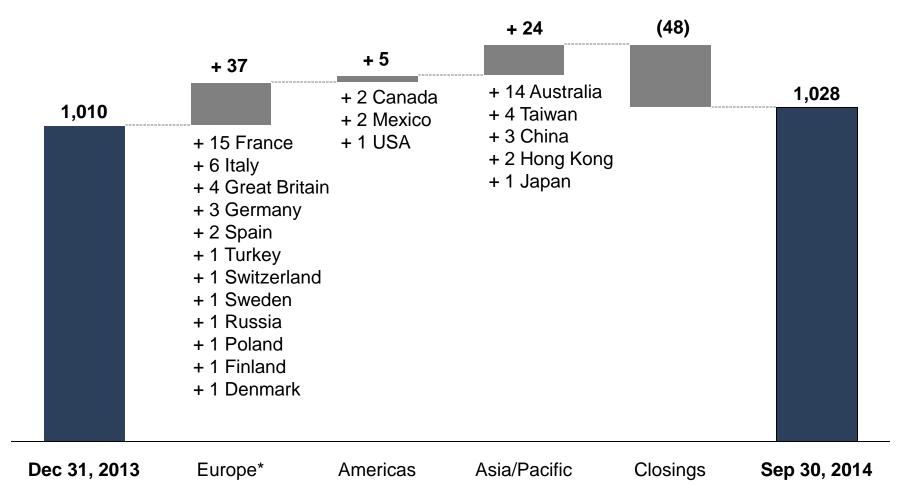
49%

20.5%

2010

#### Retail network

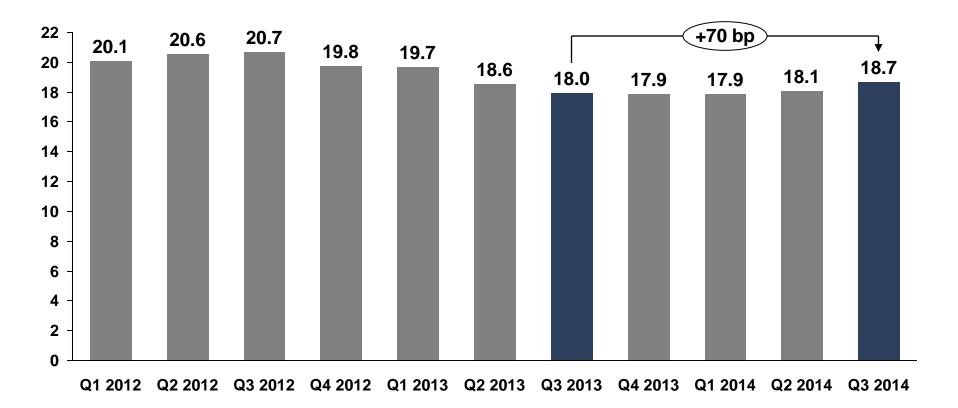
#### Number of own retail stores:



<sup>\*</sup>Europe incl. Middle East and Africa.

### Trade net working capital

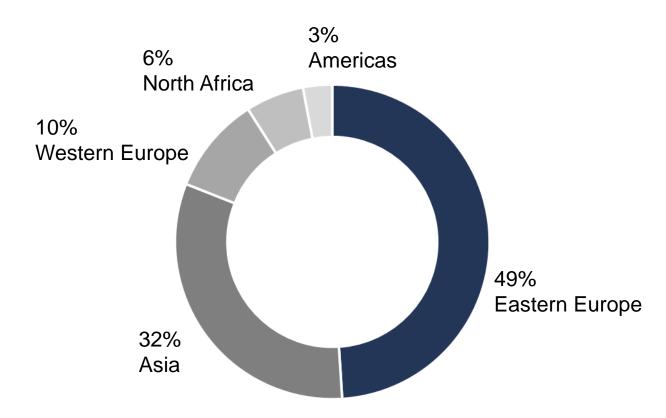
Average trade net working capital as a percentage of sales by quarter\*



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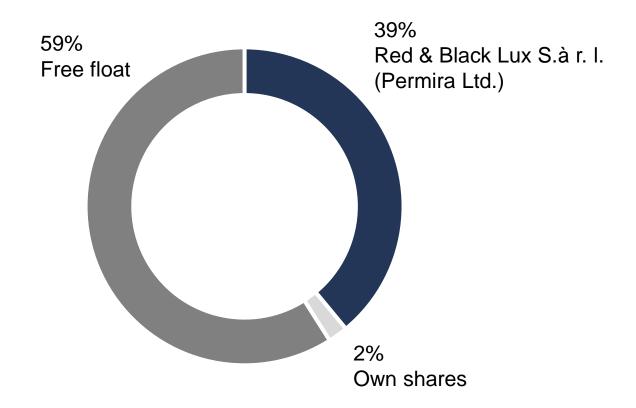
# **Sourcing structure**

#### Regional split of sourcing and production volume 2013\*



<sup>\*80%</sup> Third party production 20% Own production

#### **Shareholder structure\***



<sup>\*</sup>Source: Share register, as of November 26, 2014.

#### Financial calendar 2015

Date	Event			
March 12, 2015	Press and Analysts' Conference			
May 6, 2015	First Quarter Results			
May 12, 2015	Annual Shareholders' Meeting			
August 4, 2015	First Half Year Results			
November 3, 2015	Nine Months Results			

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