# HUGO BOSS



#### HUGO BOSS has been impacted by some profound changes in the industry

- Premium and luxury apparel markets have weakened in all regions
- Global price transparency
  has rendered large price imbalances unsustainable
- Changing customer behavior requires adjustments to the route to market
- Growing importance of e-commerce provides challenges and opportunities





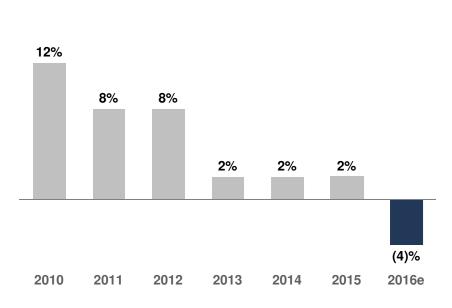


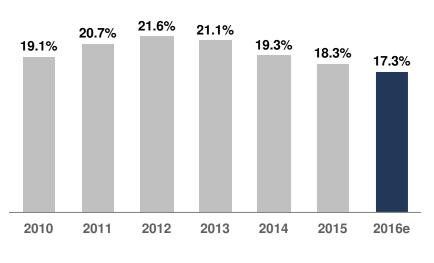


#### These changes have affected financial performance across the market...

Luxury apparel market growth¹ (fx-adjusted)

# Mean adjusted EBITDA margin in premium and luxury apparel & footwear peer group<sup>2</sup>

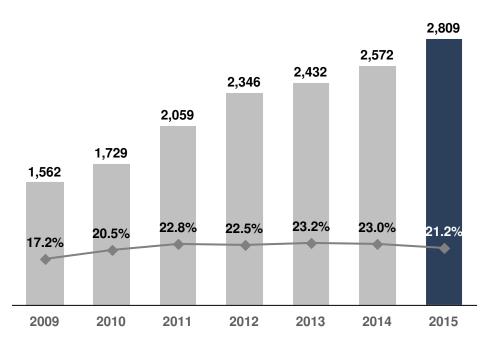


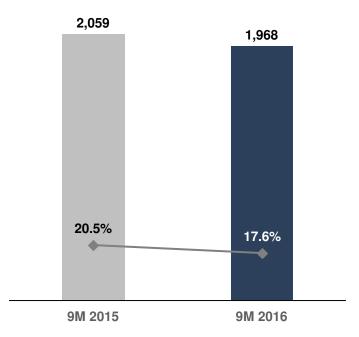


<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source: Bain & Altagamma <sup>2</sup> Peers include Brunello Cucinelli, Burberry, Ralph Lauren, Prada, PVH, Ted Baker and Tod's. Source: Bloomberg

#### ...and the Group's financial performance has also deteriorated

Sales (in EUR million), adj. EBITDA margin (in %)





## In addition to these industry pressures HUGO BOSS faces four key challenges

Current brand positioning is unclear

Go-to-market approaches differ by market

Current business model neglects the potential of digital

Organizational inertia affects the speed of decision-making and key operational processes

#### **HUGO BOSS has taken immediate actions**



- **Cost savings**
- Reduced operating expense growth and investments significantly
- 2 Consolidation of store network
  Initiated program to close unprofitable stores
- Restructuring of US wholesale business
  Discontinued distribution formats not in line with brand positioning
- 4 Global price harmonization
  Aligned global price levels more closely
- Digitization of business model
  Insourced online fulfillment, redesigned online store and launched mobile app

# **Overall objective**



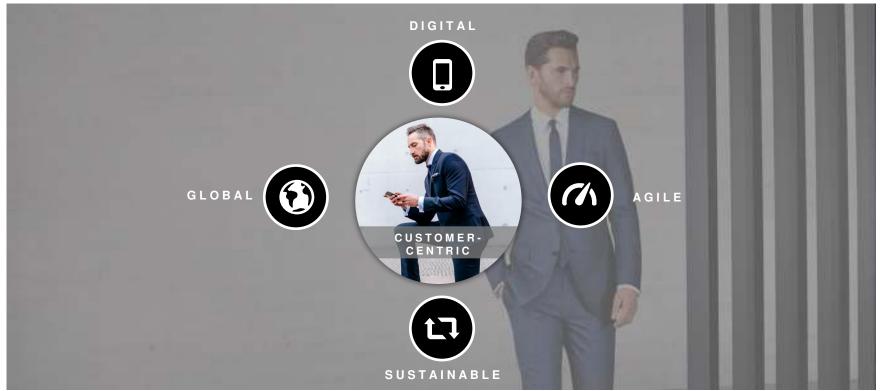
#### **Vision**



#### **Corporate goals**



# Strategic and operational framework

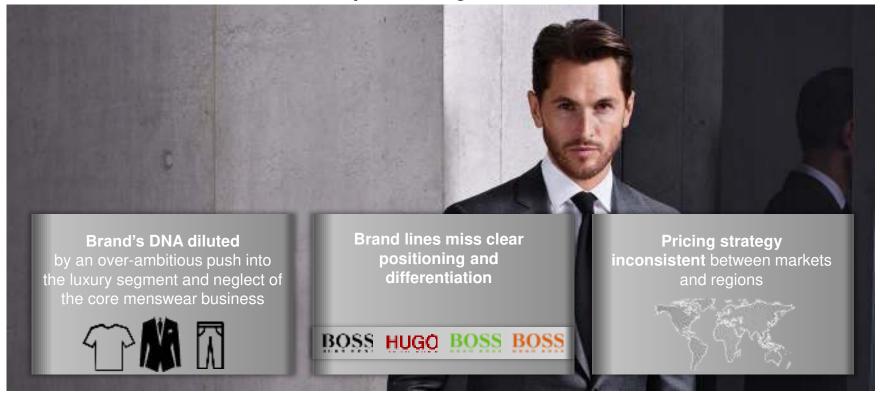


#### Fields of action





#### What has made our current brand positioning unclear?



#### From a product & distribution-led brand portfolio to a customer-centric approach

Fashion level

A large variety of customers with different expectations, needs and shopping behavior

Extravagant

Edgy

Fashionable

Modern

Classic



Occasion

Formal

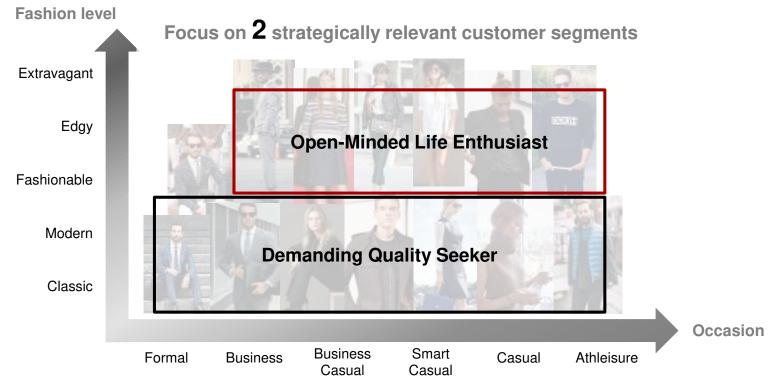
**Business** 

**Business** Casual

Smart Casual Casual

**Athleisure** 

## From a product & distribution-led brand portfolio to a customer-centric approach



# **Demanding Quality Seeker**



Attitude	Status-oriented, traditional, rational	
Style	Classic, modern, sophisticated	
Expectations	Top quality, personal assistance	
Shopping	Retail & department stores, online	
Purchase frequency	Low - Medium	
Price per unit	High	

# **Open-Minded Life Enthusiast**



Attitude	Open-minded, individual, spontaneous
Style	Fashionable, progressive, contemporary
Expectations	Latest fashion trends, urban atmosphere
Shopping	Online, mobile, retail & department stores
Purchase frequency	High
Price per unit	Medium

#### Focus on two clearly positioned brands







TWO brands I TWO brand identities I TWO target customers

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#### Two competitive environments

Upper Premium

**Premium** 





# **BOSS: Impeccably dressed whatever the occasion**

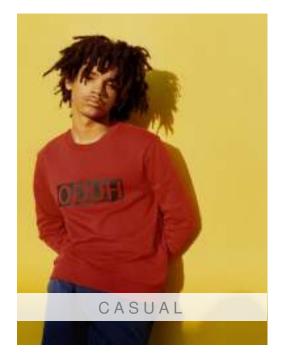




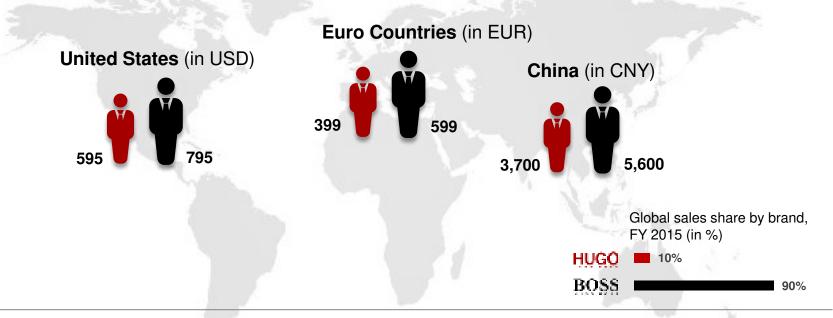


# **HUGO:** Designer clothes at an affordable price





# Attractive pricing will contribute to the expansion of HUGO across all regions Entry price point for suits



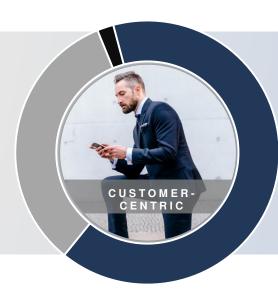
► Average HUGO prices are around 30% below BOSS



#### Our distribution strategy places equal importance on all channels

#### Wholesale

- Both brands
- Focus on strengthening the core
- Grow online, consolidate offline where necessary



#### Retail

- Both brands
- Focus on strengthening the core
- Grow online and integrate with offline

Our distribution strategy is solely focused on serving the needs of our customers

#### Ongoing evolution of the store network



**Openings** 

- Selective white space opportunities
- Relocations
- First HUGO pilot stores



**Takeovers** 

- No further major franchise acquisitions planned
- Selective shop-in-shop takeovers in department stores



Renovations

 Renovation of around 100 retail points-of-sale per year



#### Closures

- Closure of 20 underperforming stores worldwide progressing as planned
- Rightsizing of Chinese store base completed
- Selected shop-in-shop closures/return to partners
- Rental contracts extended on a case-by-case basis

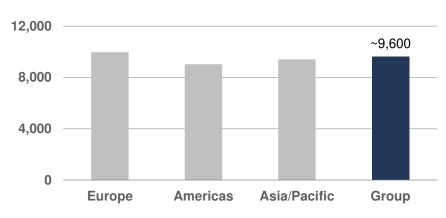
#### ► The pace of expansion in retail space will moderate significantly compared to historic levels

## Increasing sales productivity the key focus of retail management

# Sales productivity by retail format, FY 2015 (in EUR/m²)

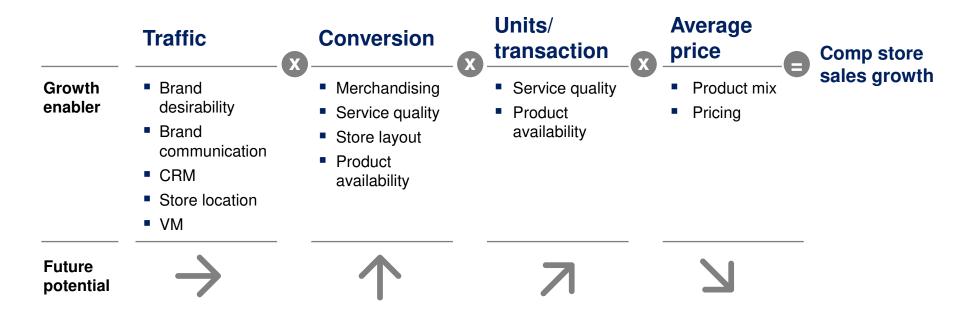


# Sales productivity by region, FY 2015 (in EUR/m<sup>2</sup>)

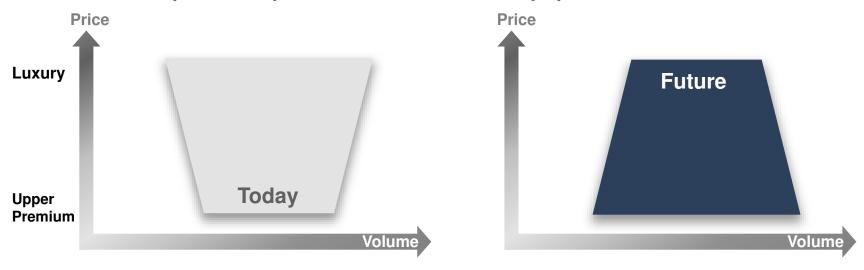


► Target of increasing the Group's sales productivity by 20% over the next few years

## Adjustment of brand and merchandising strategy expected to increase sales volumes

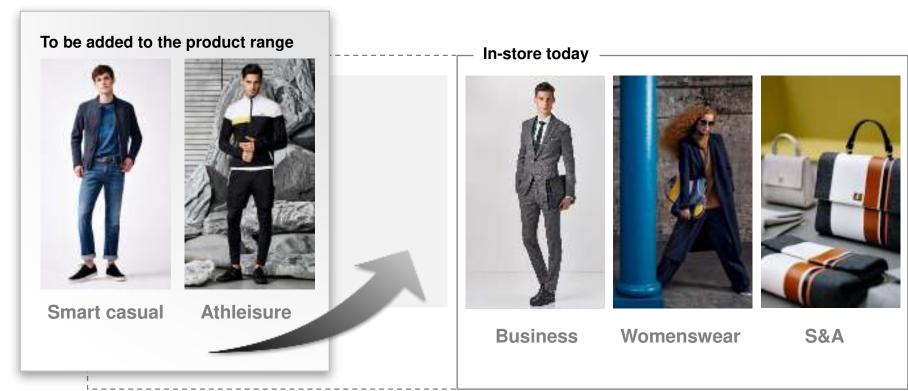


# In-store merchandising changes will better balance offerings across price points... Illustration of composition of product assortment in directly operated stores



- Offering of traffic-driving premium price points to be broadened
- Breadth of luxury offerings to be reduced
- Selected high-end luxury products to support desirability of brand through halo effect on rest of product range

## ...and different wearing occasions



## New BOSS pricing architecture clears up historical imbalances



#### **Americas**



- ► BOSS prices to remain virtually unchanged
- ► Around 20% above European levels

#### **Europe**



- Single-digit % increase overall
- All Euro countries fully aligned

#### Asia



- Mid-teens % decline overall
- Max. 30% above European levels

► The effect of BOSS price adjustments will be neutral on a global level



#### The Group's digital roadmap

#### **Enable the cultural transformation**

#### Set the foundations

- Takeover of website frontend management
- Insourcing of European online fulfilment
- hugoboss.com and app (re)launches
- Omnichannel pilots

#### Improve performance

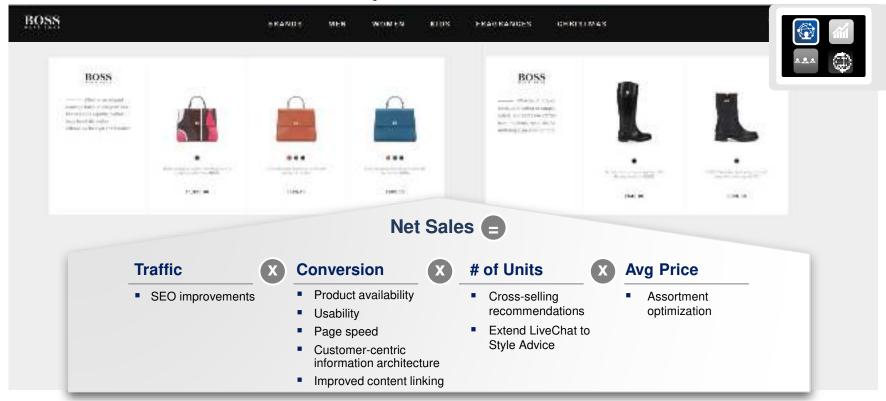
- Rollout of omnichannel services
- Commercial optimization of hugoboss.com and app

#### **Develop the model**

- Digitization of existing business model
  - Addition of new business models

Nov 2016

#### 2017 will be about the commercial optimization of our website





# Agility is the basis of innovation



## **Speed drives commercial success**

Replenish sold-out bestsellers in-season

Adjust collection content based on short-term trends



Become more flexible in our approach towards seasons

#### **Demand-driven supply**

Supplement the regular collection development process with a fast track concept which reduces the time to market to weeks rather than months

# Wrap-Up



# HUGO BOSS continues to be focused on profitable and sustainable growth



► Low- to mid-single-digit retail comp store sales growth needed to expand operating margin

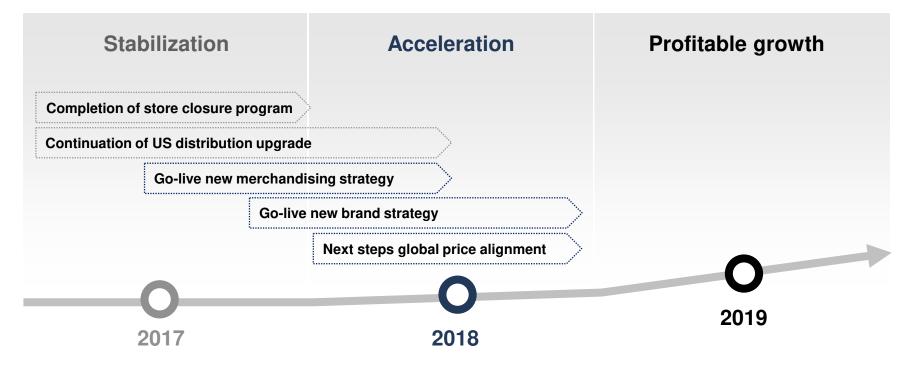
#### Disciplined cost management will support profitability

Key influencing factors on gross margin and major cost items, medium-term trend as a % sales

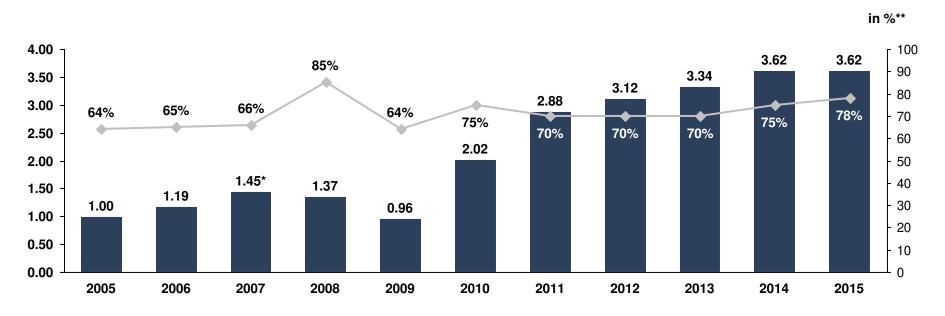
		OPEX		
	Gross profit margin	Retail costs	Marketing & CX1	G&A
1	<ul><li>Channel mix</li><li>Reduction of rebates</li><li>Reduction of collection complexity</li></ul>	Wage cost inflation	<ul><li>Brand investments</li><li>Growing share of online</li><li>CX investments</li></ul>	<ul><li>IT and digital</li><li>Wage cost inflation</li></ul>
1	<ul> <li>Quality investments</li> </ul>	<ul><li>Easing rent pressures</li><li>Growing share of online</li></ul>	<ul> <li>Increased effectiveness</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reduction of organizational complexity</li> <li>Strict overhead cost management</li> </ul>
Future trend	$\rightarrow$	2	7	<b>-&gt;</b>

<sup>▶</sup> Group confident to maintain current gross margin level and limit future cost inflation

#### Our return path to profitable and sustainable growth



#### Continuously strong free cash flow generation supports shareholder returns



► Group reconfirms dividend policy of paying out between 60% and 80% of net income

<sup>\*</sup>Excluding special dividend of €5.00 per share \*\*As a percentage of net income attributable to shareholders

# **HUGO BOSS reconfirms sales and profit outlook for 2016**

#### Outlook 2016

Sales (currency adjusted)	Stable or decline by up to 3%
Gross margin	Stable
EBITDA before special items	Decrease between 17% and 23%
Capex	EUR 160 million to EUR 180 million
Free cash flow	Stable

- Wholesale sales decline of up to 10% to weigh on Group sales performance
- Greater benefit from cost savings supports earnings and free cash flow outlook



#### 2016 - A year of change



#### **Financial Calender 2017**

Date	Event	
March 9, 2017	Press and Analysts' Conference	
May 3, 2017	Publication of the First Quarter Results	
May 23, 2017	Annual Shareholders' Meeting	
August 2, 2017	Publication of the First Half Year Report	
November 2, 2017	Publication of the Nine Months Results	



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