# HUGO BOSS

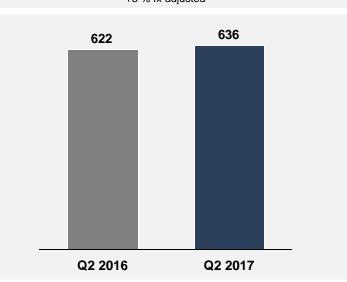




#### **HUGO BOSS records sales increase in the second quarter**

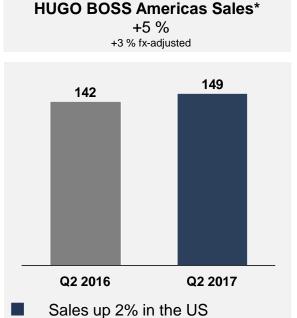
- Brand repositioning reaches important milestones
- Comp store sales performance in own retail turns positive
- Robust growth in key markets UK and China

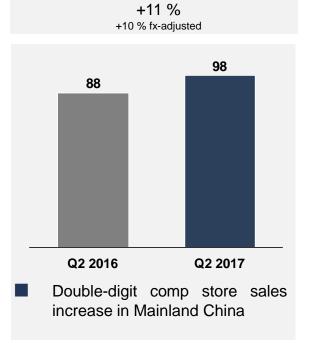




# The Americas and Asia/Pacific drive Group sales growth





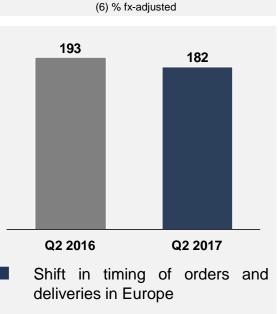


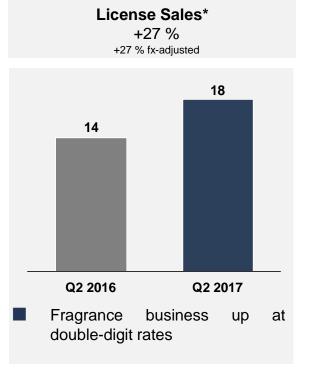
**HUGO BOSS APAC Sales\*** 

<sup>\*</sup>in EUR million.

## Like-for-like sales performance in own retail turns positive



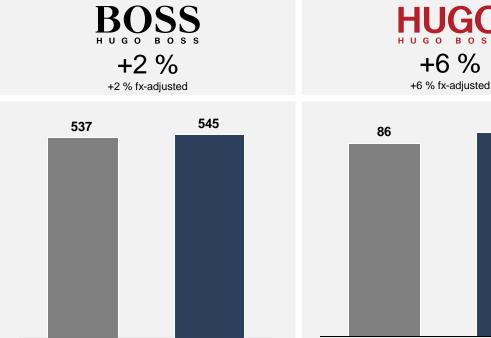




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## Sales up at BOSS and HUGO

- Athleisure drives BOSS sales
- Growth at HUGO impacted by timing effects in wholesale
- Menswear outperforms womenswear



Q2 2017\*

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Q2 2017\*

Q2 2016\*

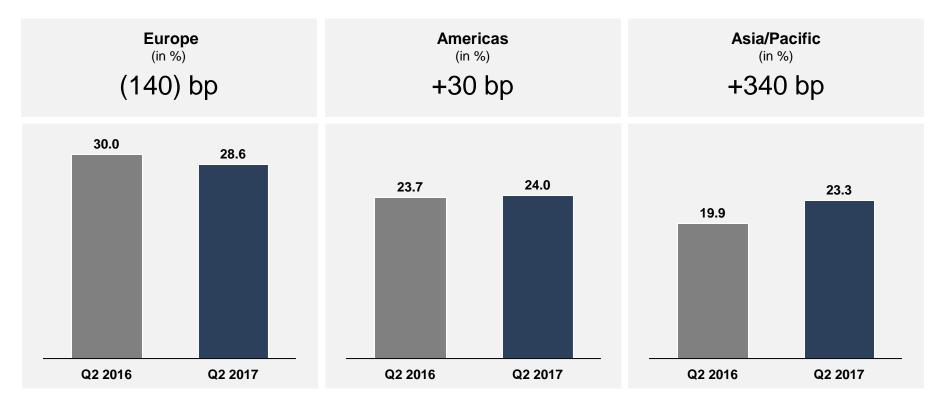
\*in EUR million.

Q2 2016\*

#### Operating profit stable despite higher marketing expenses and investments in digital



## Profitability in Asia/Pacific improves significantly



# Sales and earnings increase in the first half year

Group Sales (H1 2017)

1.287 Mio. EUR

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EBITDA (before special items)

 $205_{\,\text{Mio. EUR}}$ 

7

Net income attributable to equity holders of the parent company

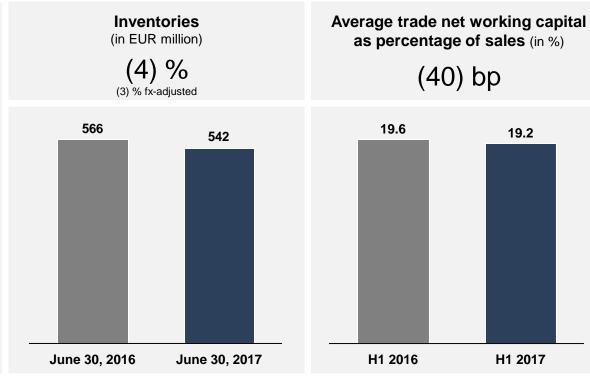
 $106\,\mathrm{Mio.\,EUR}$ 

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#### Group inventories continue to be tightly controlled

- Double-digit inventory declines in the Americas and Asia/Pacific
- Trade net working capital down 8% in currency-adjusted terms
- Working capital to sales ratio reaches lowest level since 2014



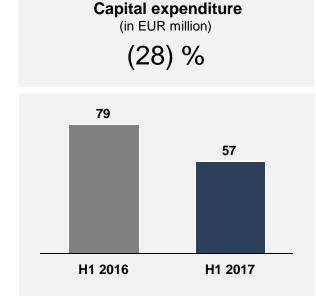
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H1 2017

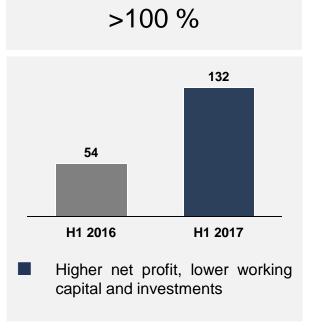
Free cash flow

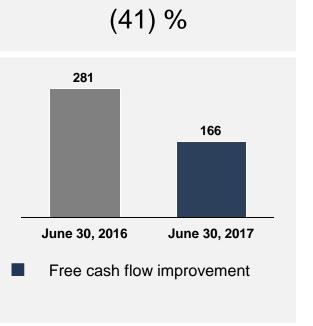
(in EUR million)

#### Investment activity moderates compared to the prior year



Own retail investments decline





**Net financial liabilities** 

(in EUR million)



### Group strategy focuses on four fields of action

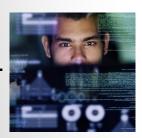


I. REFOCUS
THE BRAND

DIGITAL







GLOBAL



II. REFINE THE WAY WE SELL





SUSTAINABLE



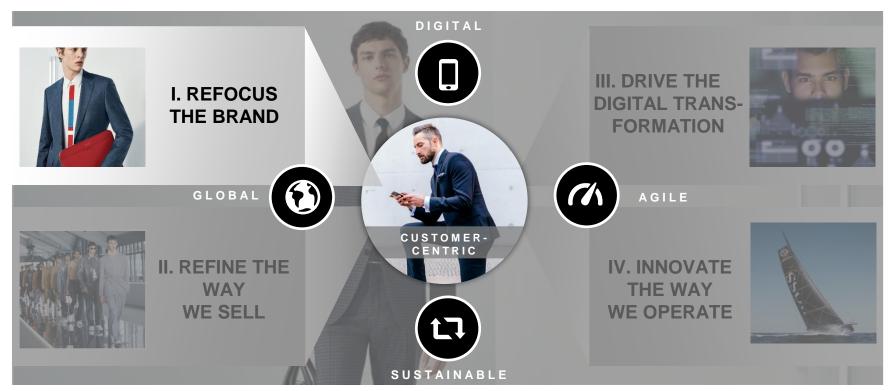
AGILE

III. DRIVE THE

IV. INNOVATE THE WAY WE OPERATE



# **Strategic Fields of Action**



#### Two brands: BOSS and HUGO

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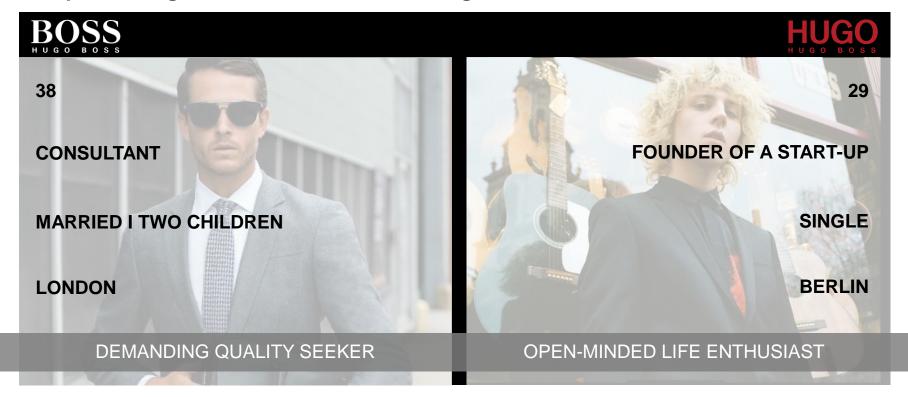


TWO BRANDS

TWO TARGET CUSTOMERS

TWO BRAND IDENTITIES

### Two personas give the BOSS and HUGO target customer a face



#### BOSS and HUGO customers have different attitudes towards fashion



#### Two competitive environments

Upper Premium

**Premium** 





#### BOSS and HUGO are distinct brands based on a common set of values

# **BOSS**



#### **EXCLUSIVE CHARACTERISTICS**

MODERN DESIGN

**EFFORTLESS LOOKS** 

SHARP TAILORING AND REFINED CASUALWEAR

PRODUCT EXCELLENCE

TO BE DRESSED IMPECCABLY FOR EVERY OCCASION



#### **EXCLUSIVE CHARACTERISTICS**

CONTEMPORARY DESIGN

PROGRESSIVE LOOKS

**FASHION - FORWARD** 

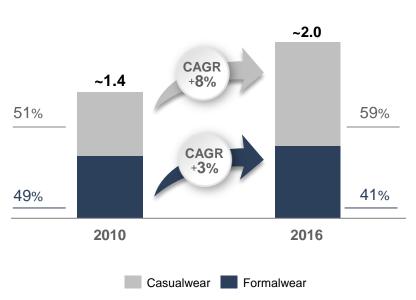
DESIGNER CLOTHES FOR AN AFFORDABLE PRICE

TO BE DRESSED INDIVIDUALLY FOR EVERY OCCASION

# BOSS: Upgrade of casualwear and new interpretation of formalwear

#### Split of BOSS brand sales by segment

In EUR billion

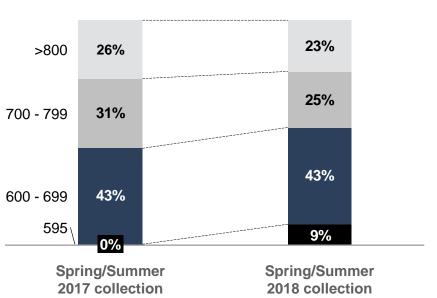




### BOSS: Rebalanced offer takes advantage of BOSS core strength in upper premium

#### Suit offer by price point

Based on number of styles offered in France, in % of total





# **BOSS Menswear collection spans three wearing occasions**



#### **BOSS Womenswear collection consists of Business and Casual**



#### **Business and Casual form HUGO Menswear...**



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#### ...and HUGO Womenswear collections

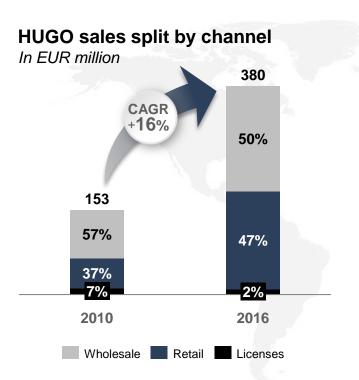


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# **HUGO:** Refined brand positioning receives strong feedback



## HUGO has grown significantly above industry average in recent past

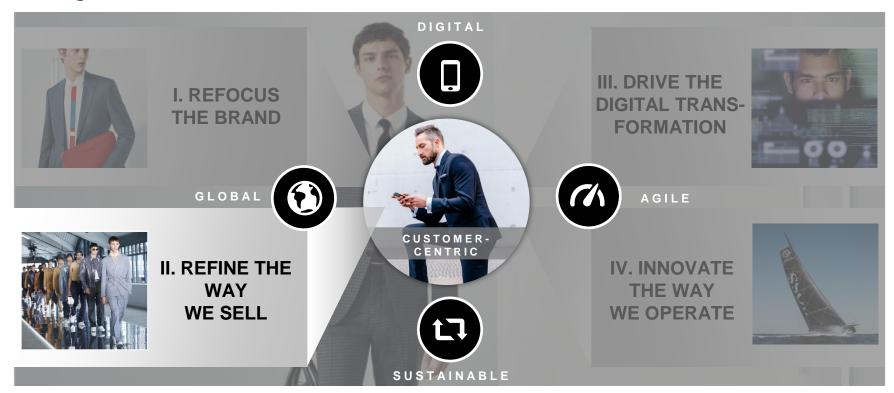


- Strong position in central European markets
- Short-term growth focus on other European markets
- Ambition to grow in the US and key Asian markets

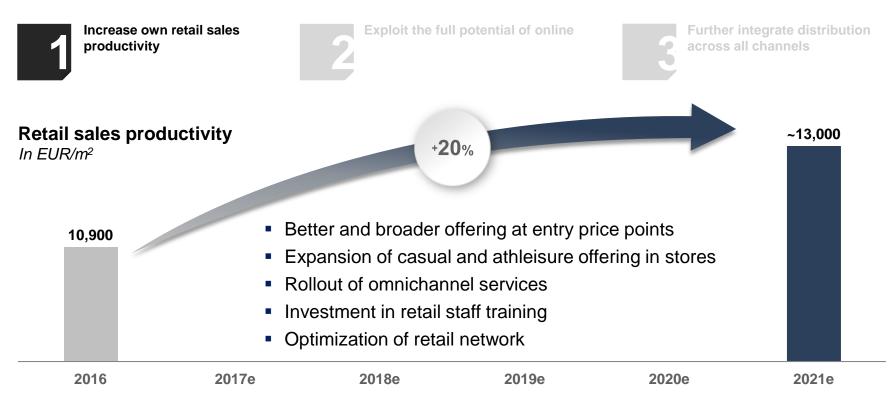
#### Full calendar of events to drive excitement around HUGO



# **Strategic Fields of Action**



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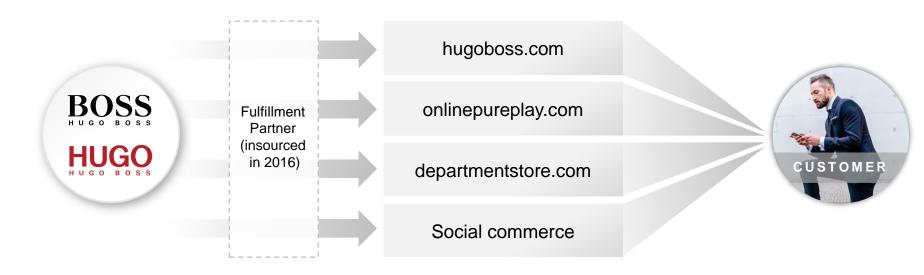
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Exploit the full potential of online



Further integrate distribution across all channels



# Three key distribution priorities



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% of European retail business omnichannel-enabled

## Positive reaction from wholesale partners to new Spring/Summer 2018 collection



Orders for athleisure wear up at double-digit rates

 HUGO orders up solidly driven by double-digit increase in casualwear

 Overall order book broadly stable y-o-y, outperforming the global wholesale market

## Store renovations will upgrade own retail network



#### **Openings**

- 10-15 freestanding store openings will strengthen the network
- First HUGO pilot stores planned for 2018



Closures

- Remaining circa 15 store closures to be completed by the end of the year
- Some additional store closures based on expiration of rental contract

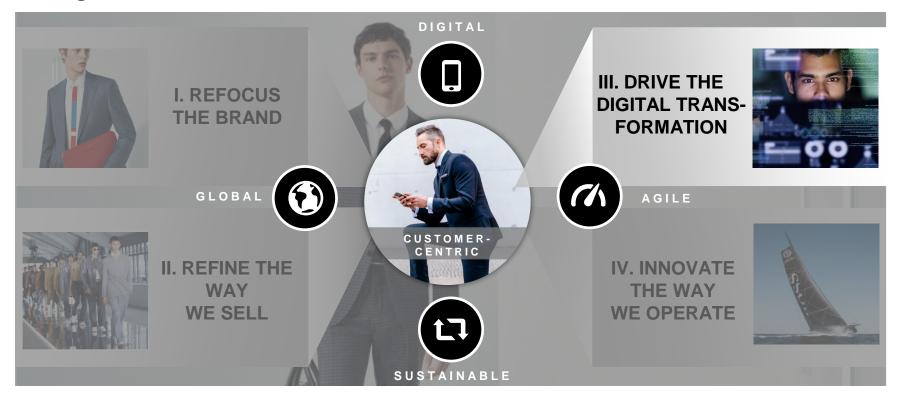


#### Renovations

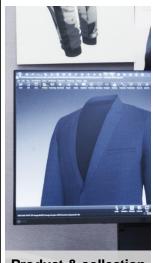
 Renovations to account for the bulk of retail investments

#### ▶ Own retail selling space will remain largely stable in 2017

## **Strategic Fields of Action**



#### Digital transformation comprises the entire value chain



Product & collection development



Sourcing and production



Distribution and logistics



Own retail and wholesale distribution

#### Increasing use of virtual prototyping accelerates collection development

- Improved communication flow with suppliers
- Reduction of mock-ups and prototypes
- 100% of HUGO shirt, neckwear and knitwear offering digitalized



## Production facility in Izmir is developing into a "smart factory"



Product and collection development | Sourcing and production | Distribution and logistics | Sales

#### Key elements of logistics infrastructure upgraded or renewed

European flat-packed goods distribution center Filderstadt, Germany

> New construction completed in 2014



US distribution center Midway (Georgia), **United States** 

> SAP implementation completed in 2017



2014



2016



2017

European e-Com and B-pool distribution center Wendlingen, **Germany** 

> Refurbishment completed in 2016



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### New store concepts create strong link between physical and digital retailing



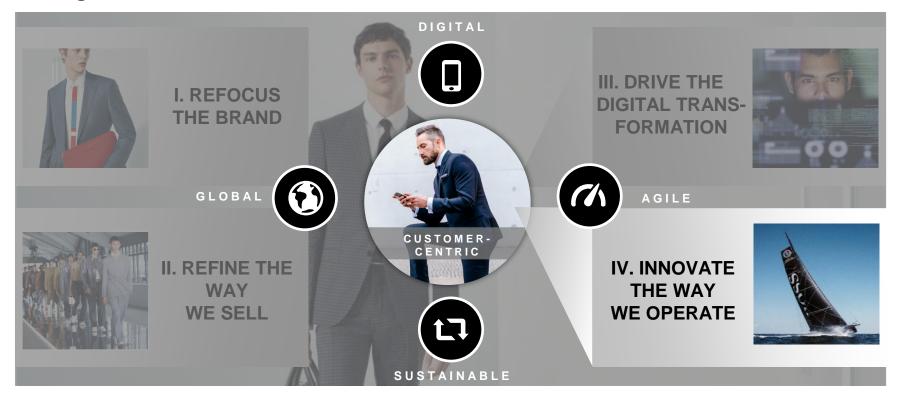


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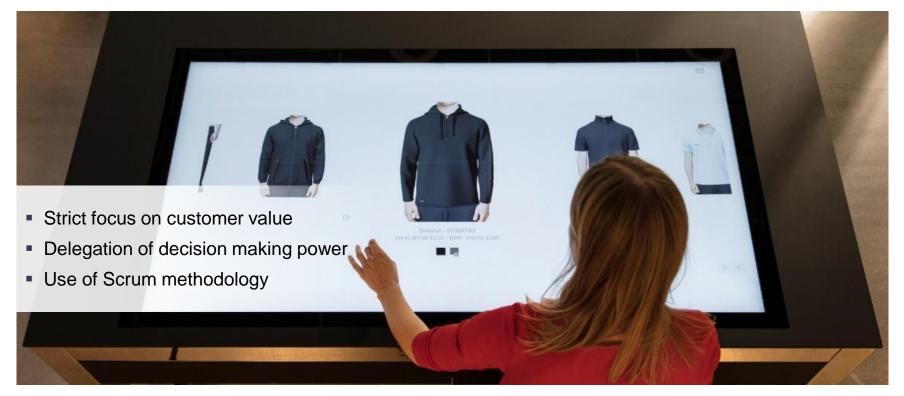
## **HUGO** digital showroom with full order functionality starting October 2017



#### **Strategic Fields of Action**



### Digital showroom development demonstrates adoption of new ways of working



### **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

#### Senior management changes bring new expertise to the company



Filippo
Bernasconi
Director Brand &
Creative Management
Shoes and Leather
(formerly at Bally)



**Tony Lucia**President and CEO, USA (G-Star, Escada)



Linda Dauriz
Director Customer
Experience & Corporate
Development
(McKinsey & Company)

Neil Melgaard-Lewty Senior Head of Design Menswear Smart Casual (Tommy Hilfiger, MEXX)



Dr. Marcus Meyer
Managing Director
Central Markets
(Navyboot, Geox)



Richard Lloyd-Williams Director of Digital Transformation (NET-A-PORTER)



#### **Yves Müller appointed Chief Financial Officer**

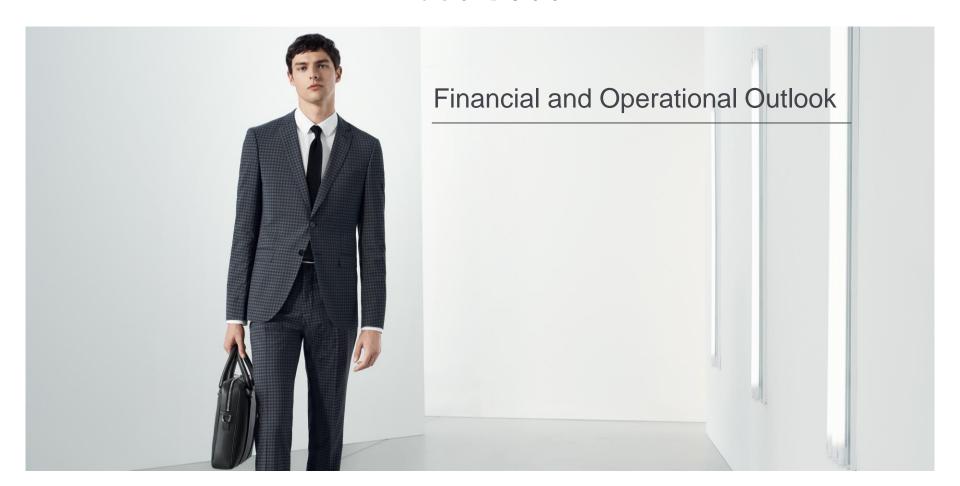


Responsibilities // Controlling, Finance, Central Services,
Investor Relations and IT

2006 - 2017: CFO at Tchibo

**1999 – 2006**: Head of group accounting and IT at Tchibo

1994 - 1999: Auditor at Arthur Andersen



#### **Group sales outlook confirmed**

#### Sales by channel\*

Retail

Increase of up to mid single-digit percentage rate, comp store sales -3% to +3%

Wholesale

Decline at a low to mid single-digit percentage rate

Licenses

Solid growth



Sales by region\*

Europe

Stable

**Americas** 

Slight decline

Asia/Pacific

Slight increase

<sup>\*</sup> On a currency-adjusted basis

## Financial outlook remains largely unchanged

Sales*	Largely stable	Unch.
Gross profit margin	Slight increase	Unch.
EBITDA before special items	-3% to +3%	Unch.
Consolidated net income	Low double-digit percentage rate increase	Unch.
Capital expenditure	EUR 130 million to EUR 150 million	7
Free cash flow	Increase to around EUR 250 million	7

<sup>\*</sup> On a currency-adjusted basis.

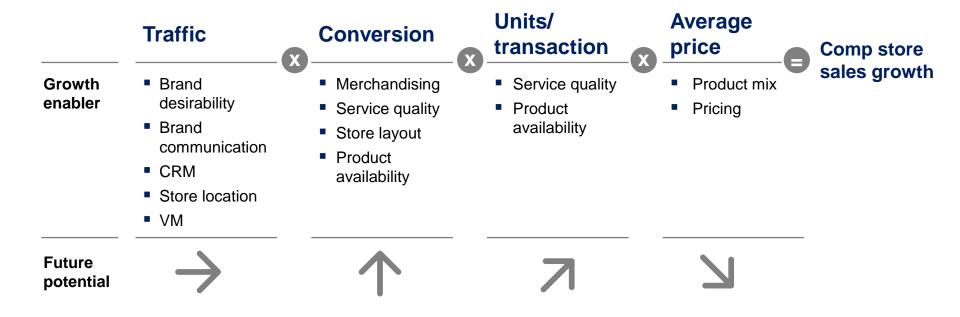
#### Disciplined cost management will support profitability

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

		OPEX			
	Gross profit margin	Retail costs	Marketing & CX <sup>1</sup>	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>	
<b>1</b>	<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>	
Medium term tre		2	7	$\rightarrow$	

▶ Group confident to maintain current gross margin level and limit future cost inflation

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



### Strategy execution will drive profitable and sustainable growth

Profitable and sustainable growth

#### **Acceleration**

**Stabilization** 

2017

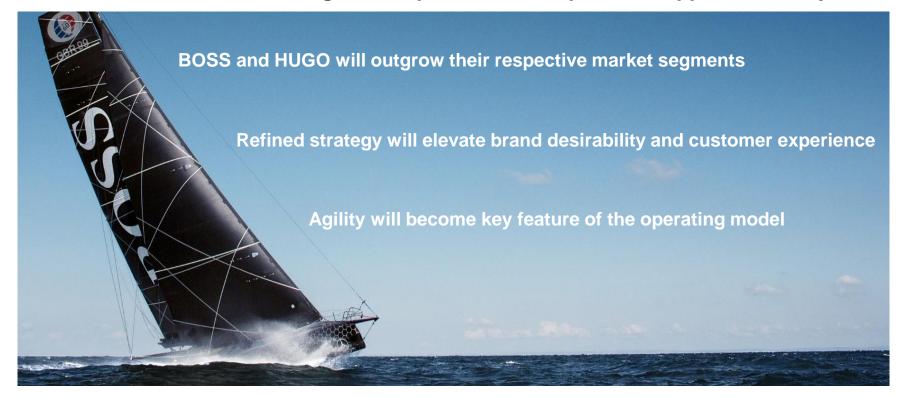
- Financial outlook confirmed
- Sales and operating profit to remain stable

2018

 Grow sales and operating profit  Grow sales stronger than market, increase operating profit stronger than sales

2019+

#### **HUGO BOSS** will further strengthen its position in the premium apparel industry





#### Sales by region and major markets

Share of Group sales\*



#### Europe

(incl. Middle East/Africa)

61%

Germany: 17%
Great Britain: 12%
France: 6%
Benelux: 5%
Other: 21%



#### **Americas**

22%

16%

Canada: 3%
Central &
South America: 2%
Other: 1%

U.S.:



#### Asia/Pacific

14%

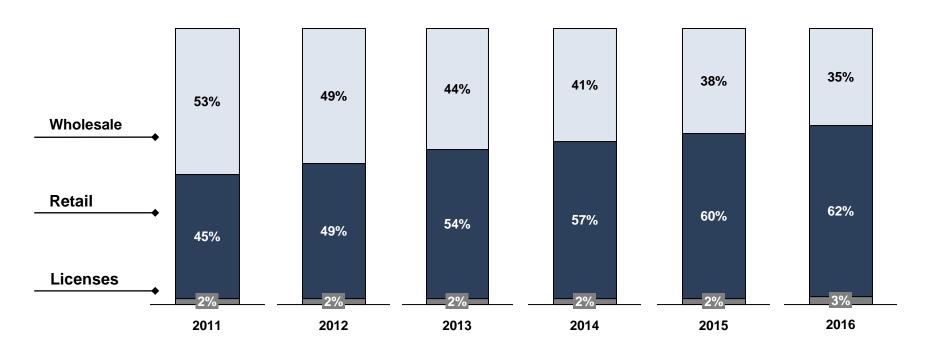
 China:
 8%

 Oceania:
 2%

 Japan:
 2%

 Other:
 2%

## Sales by distribution channel

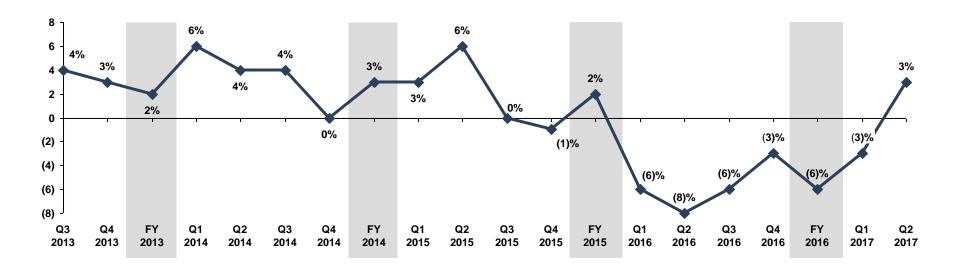


## Number of Group's own retail stores by region

As of 30/06/2017	Freestanding stores	Shop-in-Shops	Outlets	Total
Europe	189	344	63	596
Americas	93	105	49	247
Asia/Pacific	156	87	42	285
Total	438	536	154	1,128

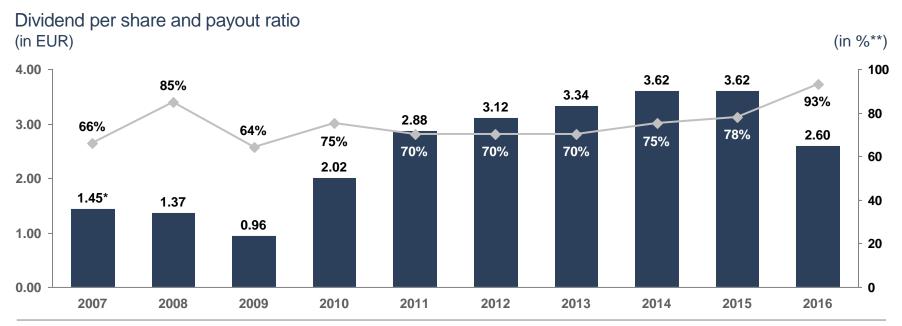
#### Retail comp stores sales

#### Retail I-f-I sales development\*



<sup>\*</sup>FX-adjusted

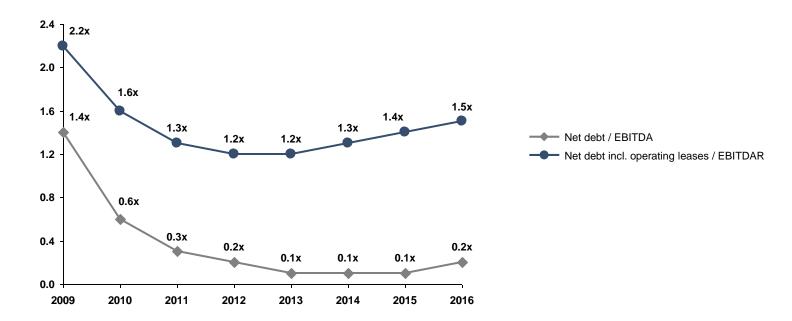
#### **Dividend policy**



▶ Dividend policy of paying out between 60% and 80% of consolidated net income reconfirmed

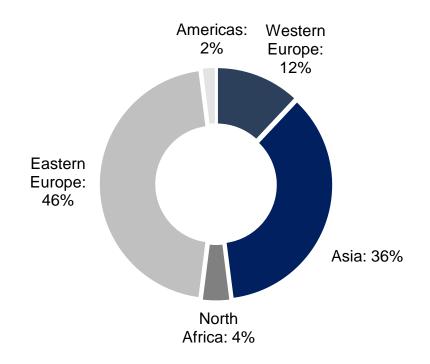
<sup>\*</sup> Excluding special dividend of €5.00 per share \*\* As a percentage of net income attributable to shareholders

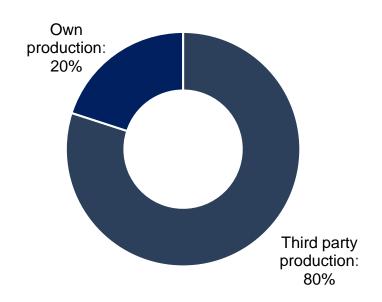
### (Adjusted) financial leverage



Operating leases = Future committed operating lease obligations capitalized according to S&P methodology EBITDAR = EBITDA + minimum rents + contingent rents

### Sourcing and production structure\*





#### **Multi-Year overview**

In EUR million	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Sales	2,692.8	2,808.7	2,571.6	2,432.1	2,345.9	2,058.8
Gross profit	1,777.5	1,852.8	1,699.1	1,579.6	1,444.1	1,252.0
EBITDA	432.7	589.9	571.5	561.4	523.9	468.0
EBITDA before special items	493.1	594.1	590.8	564.7	528.1	469.5
EBIT	263.5	447.7	448.7	456.2	432.0	394.6
Net income	193.6	319.4	333.3	329.0	306.5	284.9
Free cash flow	220.2	207.6	268.4	230.0	220.6	194.9
Net debt	113.2	82.2	35.7	57.0	130.4	149.1
Capex	156.8	220.3	134.7	185.3	165.8	108.5
Depreciation/amortization	169.2	142.1	122.8	105.3	91.9	73.4
Dividend	179.4***	249.8	249.8	230.5	215.3	199.1
Total assets	1,798.6	1,800.3	1,661.8	1,501.3	1,577.2	1,419.6
Shareholders equity	887.6	955.7	843.9	740.3	631.6	517.3
Trade net working capital	524.4	527.6	503.0	431.8	408.5	399.6
Non-current assets	751.7	764.6	660.3	611.5	587.7	503.2
Gross profit margin in %	66.0	66.0	66.1	64.9	61.6	60.8
Adjusted EBITDA margin in %*	18.3	21.2	23.0	23.2	22.5	22.8
Total leverage**	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.3
Equity ratio in %	49.3	53.1	50.8	49.3	40.0	36.4

<sup>\*</sup>EBITDA before special items/Sales \*\*Net financial liabilities/EBITDA before special items \*\*\*Dividend proposal Mirabaud Roadshow Geneva

### **Analyst coverage**

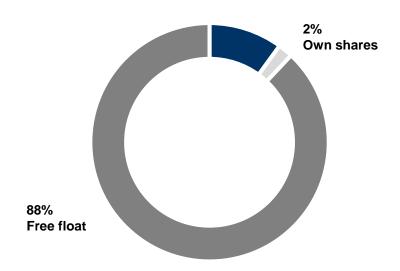
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#### **Shareholder structure\***

10% PFC S.r.l. / Zignago Holding S.p.A.



<sup>\*</sup>Source: Share register, voting rights notifications (as of September 2017)

#### Financial Calendar 2017/2018 and Investor Relations contact

Date	Event
November 2, 2017	Publication of the Third Quarter Results
March 8, 2018	Full Year Results 2017 & Press and Analysts' Conference
May 2, 2018	First Quarter Results 2018

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