# HUGO BOSS

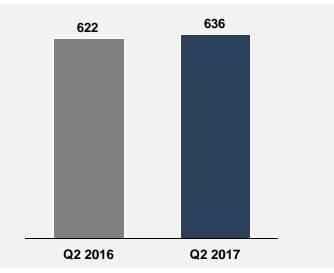




# **HUGO BOSS records sales increase in the second quarter**

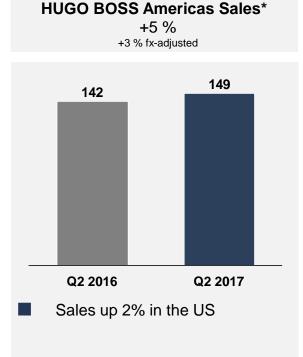
- Brand repositioning reaches important milestones
- Comp store sales performance in own retail turns positive
- Robust growth in key markets UK and China

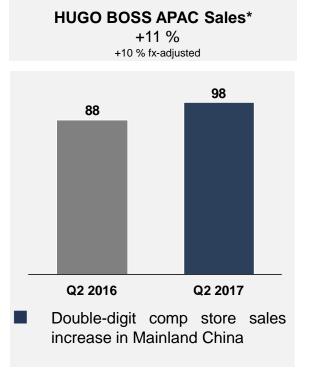




# The Americas and Asia/Pacific drive Group sales growth







\*in EUR million

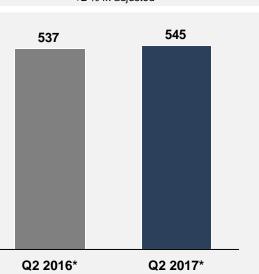
## Like-for-like sales performance in own retail turns positive



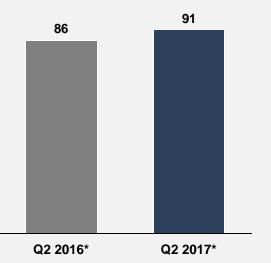
# Sales up at BOSS and HUGO

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









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

# 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)

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

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Net income attributable to equity holders of the parent company

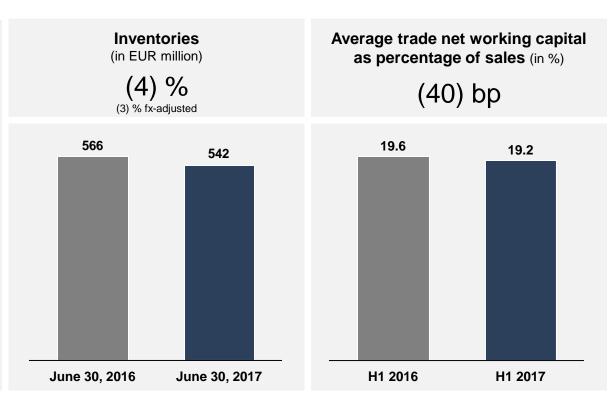
 $106\,\mathrm{Mio.\,EUR}$ 

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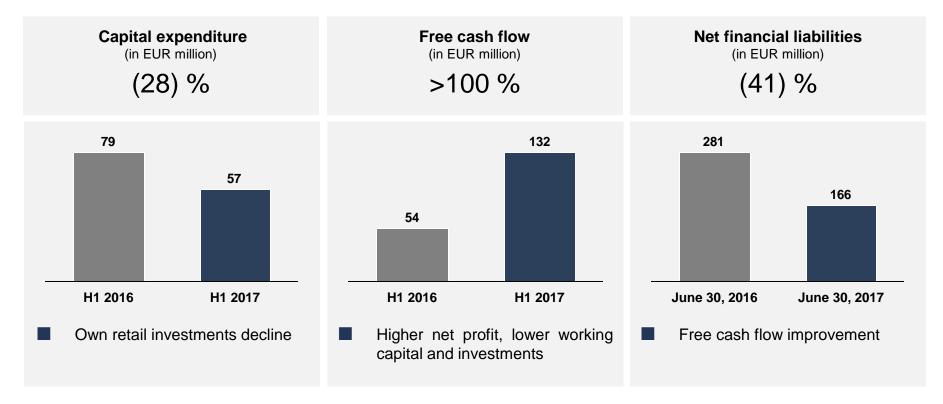


## Group inventories continue to be tightly controlled

- 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

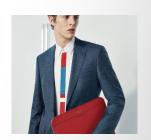


## Investment activity moderates compared to the prior year





# Group strategy focuses on four fields of action



I. REFOCUS
THE BRAND

GLOBAL

DIGITAL





CUSTOMER-CENTRIC



SUSTAINABLE

III. DRIVE THE DIGITAL TRANS-FORMATION



AGILE

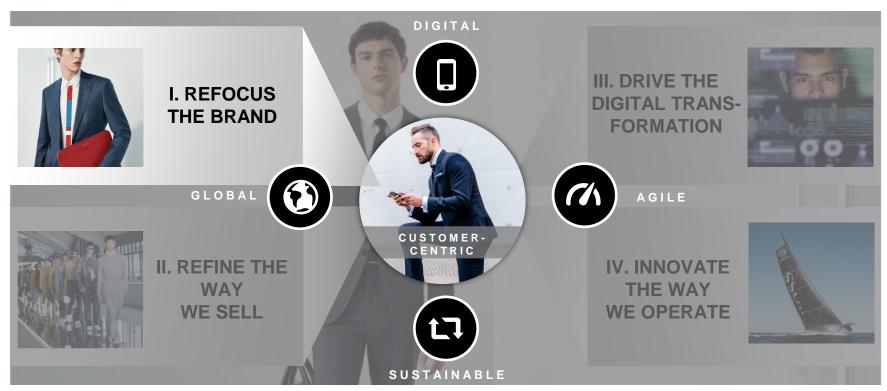
IV. INNOVATE THE WAY WE OPERATE





II. REFINE THE WAY WE SELL

# **Strategic Fields of Action**



#### Two brands: BOSS and HUGO

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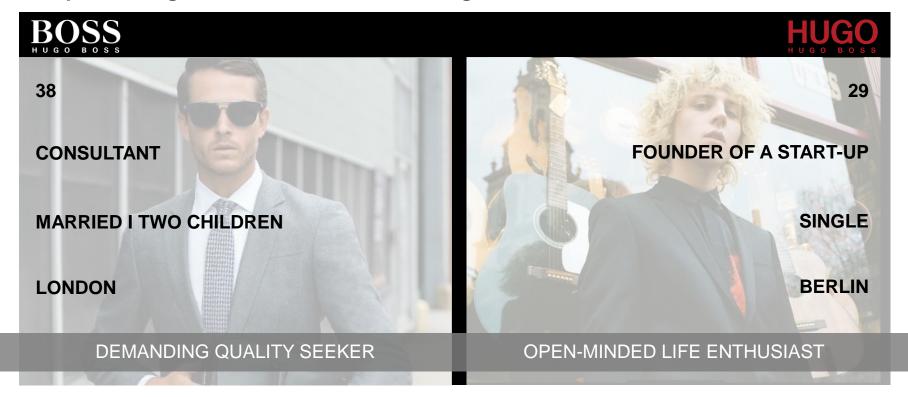


TWO BRANDS

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**

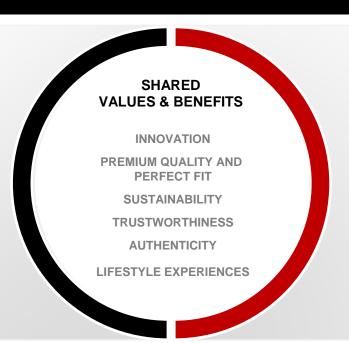
MODERN DESIGN

**EFFORTLESS LOOKS** 

SHARP TAILORING AND REFINED CASUALWEAR

PRODUCT EXCELLENCE

TO BE DRESSED IMPECCABLY FOR EVERY OCCASION



#### **EXCLUSIVE CHARACTERISTICS**

CONTEMPORARY DESIGN

PROGRESSIVE LOOKS

**FASHION - FORWARD** 

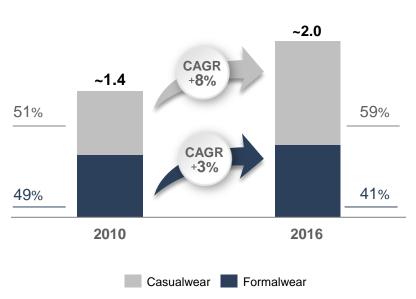
DESIGNER CLOTHES FOR AN AFFORDABLE PRICE

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

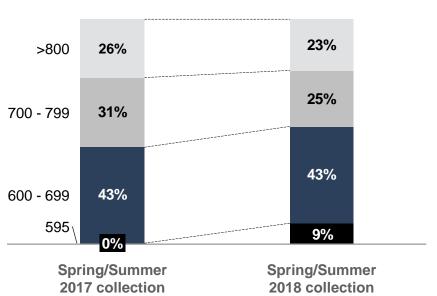




# BOSS: Rebalanced offer takes advantage of BOSS core strength in upper premium

#### Suit offer by price point

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

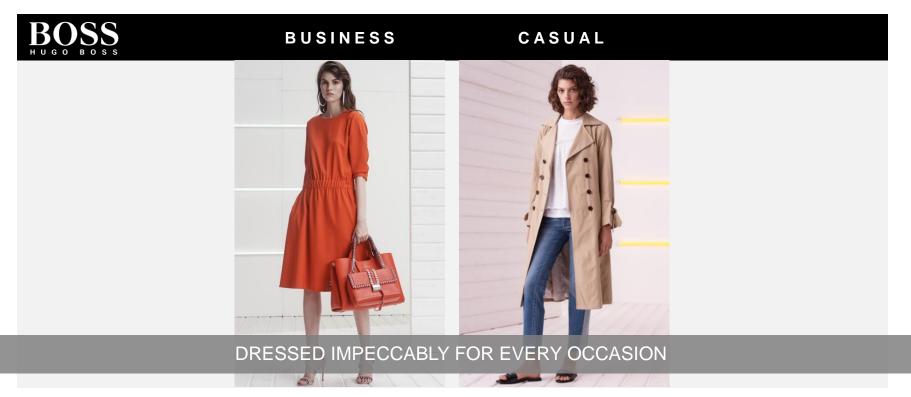




# **BOSS Menswear collection spans three wearing occasions**



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



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



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#### ...and HUGO Womenswear collections

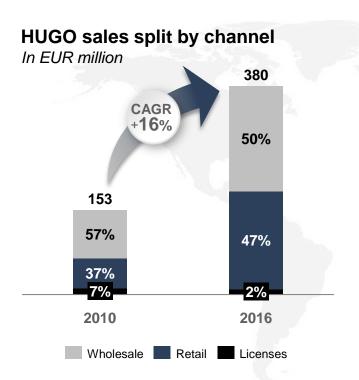


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# **HUGO:** Refined brand positioning receives strong feedback



# HUGO has grown significantly above industry average in recent past

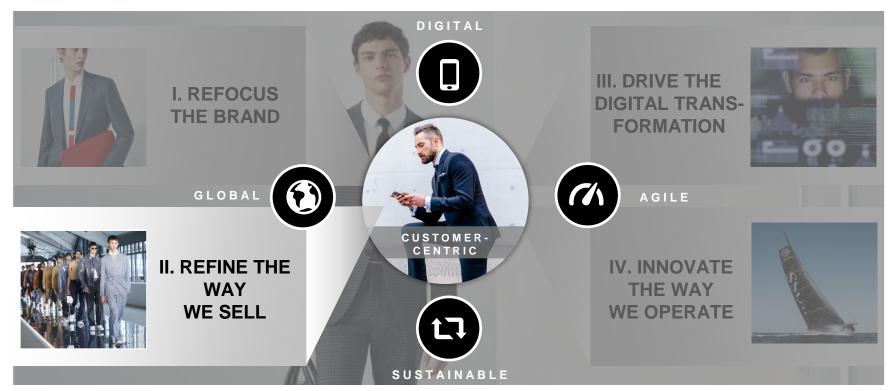


- Strong position in central European markets
- Short-term growth focus on other European markets
- Ambition to grow in the US and key Asian markets

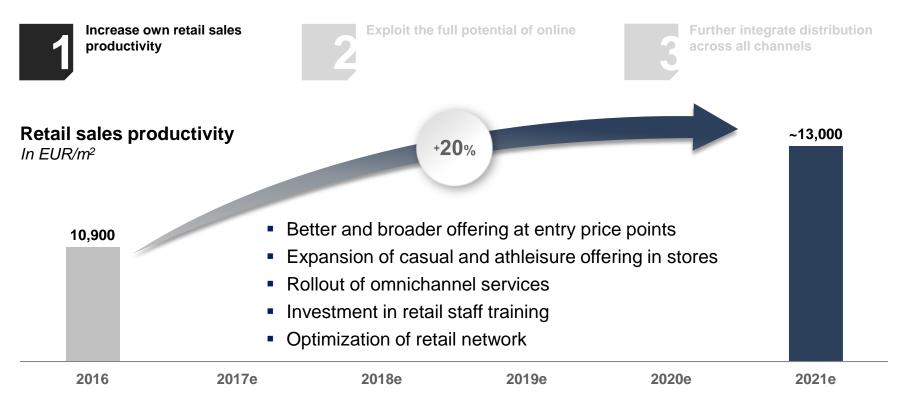
#### Full calendar of events to drive excitement around HUGO



# **Strategic Fields of Action**



# Three key distribution priorities



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Increase own retail sales productivity



Exploit the full potential of online



Further integrate distribution across all channels



hugoboss.com

onlinepureplay.com

departmentstore.com

Social commerce



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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

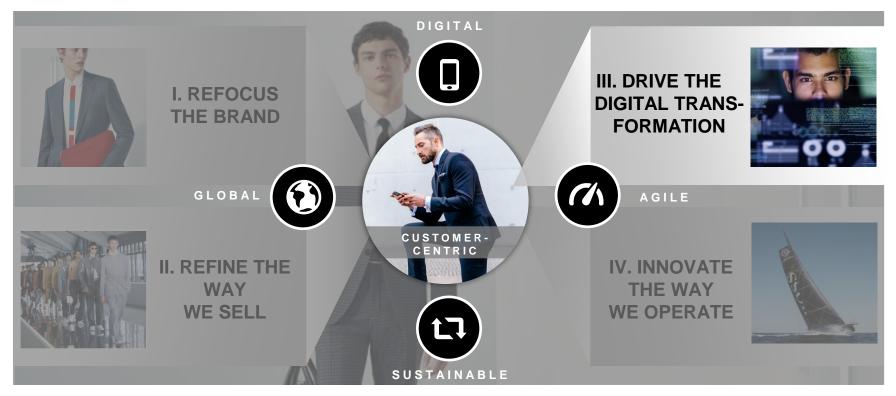


Renovations

 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"



## 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

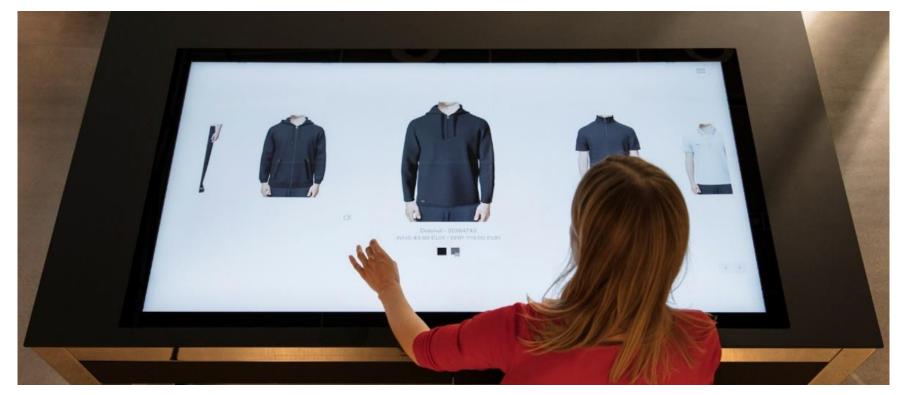


# New store concepts create strong link between physical and digital retailing

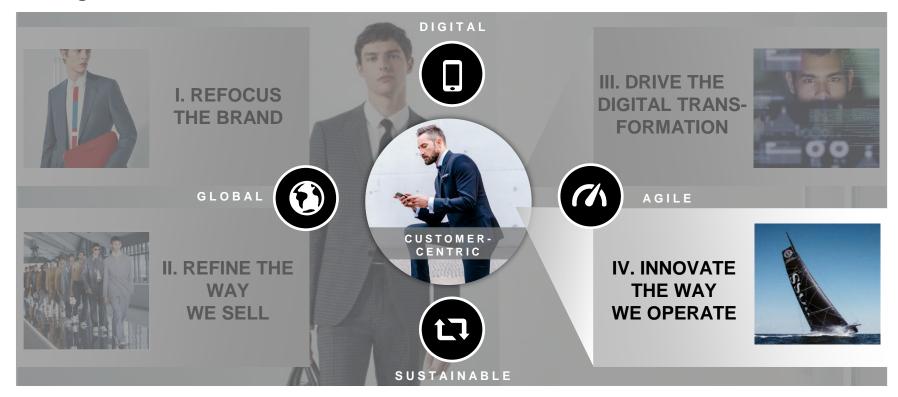




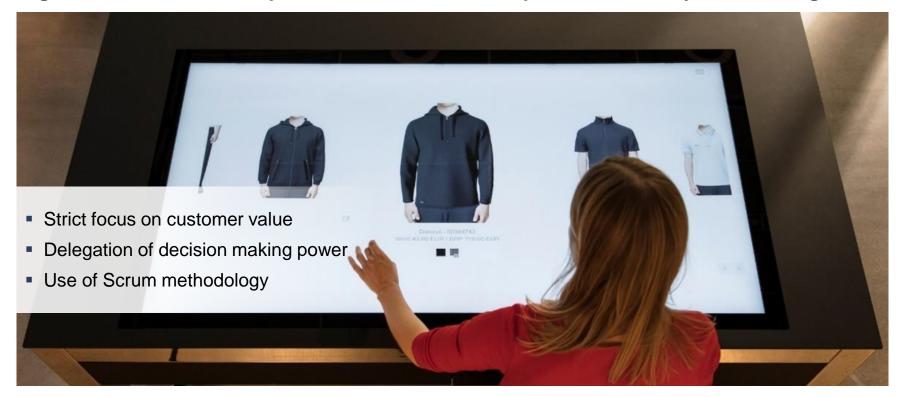
# **HUGO** digital showroom with full order functionality starting October 2017



## **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

October 2017

<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

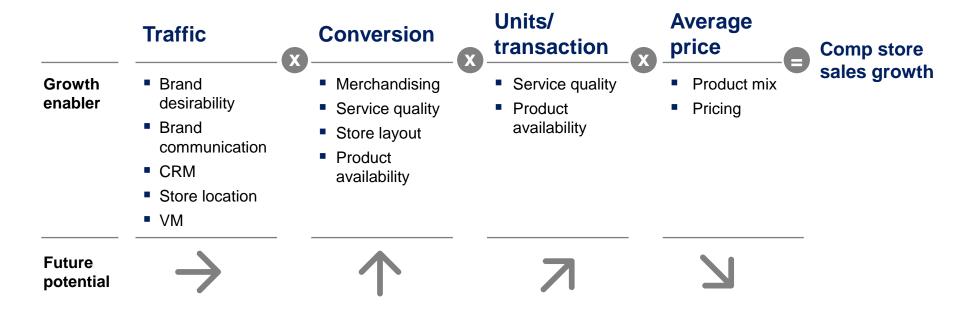
Key influencing factors on gross margin and major cost items, medium-term trend as a % sales

|                      |   | <u></u>   | 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>  |
| J                    | <ul> <li>Quality investments</li> </ul>   | <ul><li>Easing rent<br/>pressures</li><li>Growing share of<br/>online</li></ul> | <ul><li>Increased effectiveness</li></ul>  | <ul> <li>Reduction of<br/>organizational complexity</li> <li>Strict overhead cost<br/>management</li> </ul> |
| Medium-<br>term trei |   | 2   | 7  | <b>→</b>  |

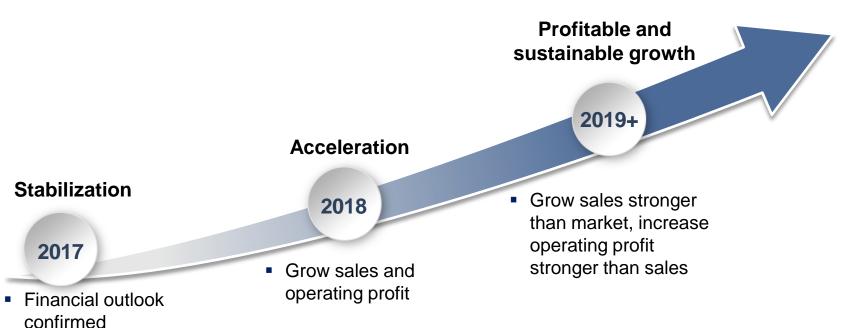
▶ Group confident to maintain current gross margin level and limit future cost inflation

<sup>1</sup> CX = Customer Experience

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



# Strategy execution will drive profitable and sustainable growth

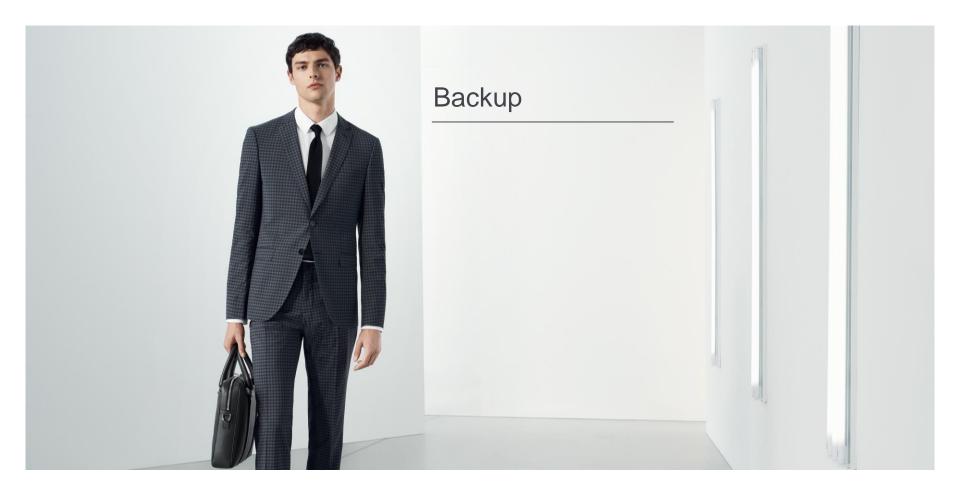


to remain stable

Sales and operating profit

# **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%



#### Asia/Pacific

14%

 China:
 8%

 Oceania:
 2%

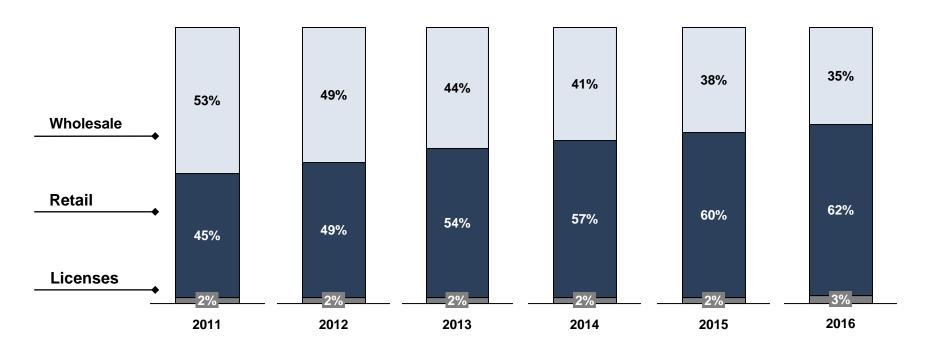
 Japan:
 2%

 Other:
 2%

U.S.:

October 2017

# Sales by distribution channel

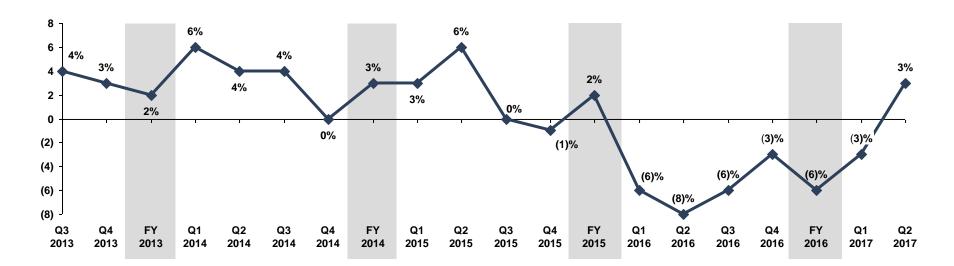


# Number of Group's own retail stores by region

| 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 |

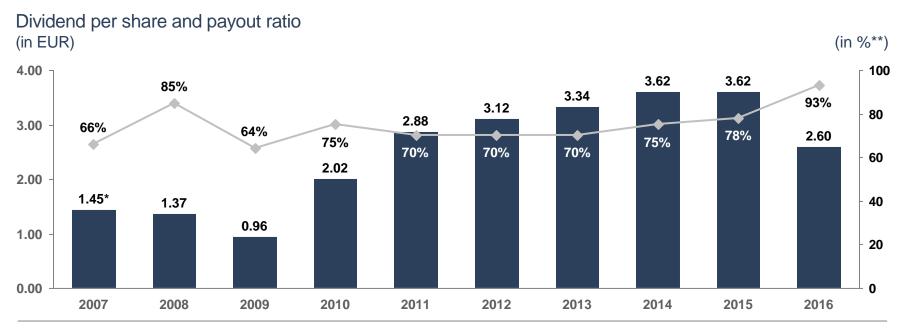
### Retail comp stores sales

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



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

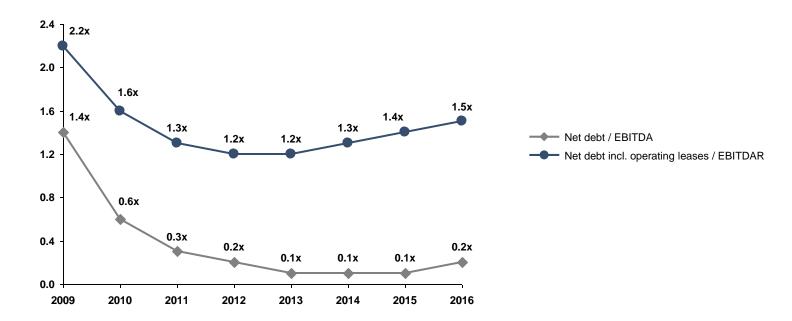
# **Dividend policy**



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

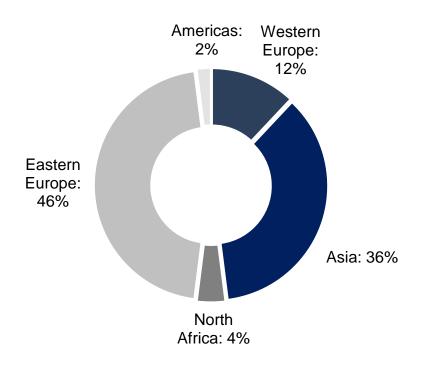
<sup>\*</sup> Excluding special dividend of €5.00 per share \*\* As a percentage of net income attributable to shareholders

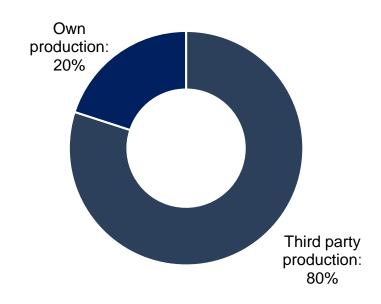
# (Adjusted) financial leverage



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

# **Sourcing and production structure\***





\*As of 2016, in value terms

#### **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    |

# **Analyst coverage**

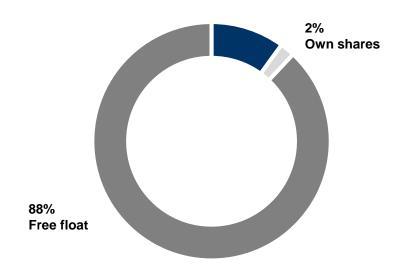
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#### **Shareholder structure\***

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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