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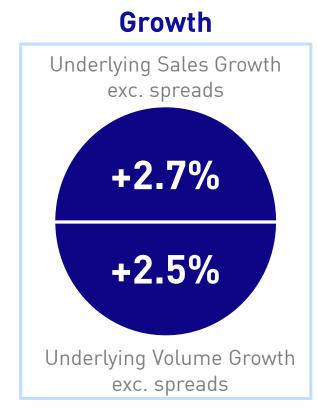


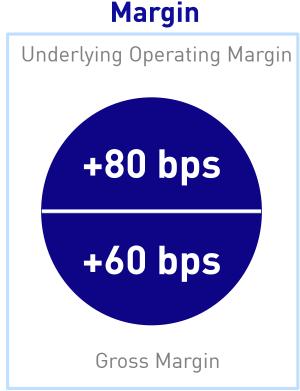




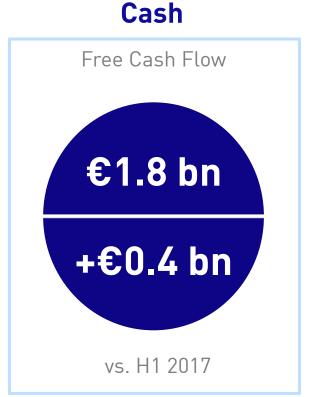


## First half 2018: Strong volumes, high-quality margin









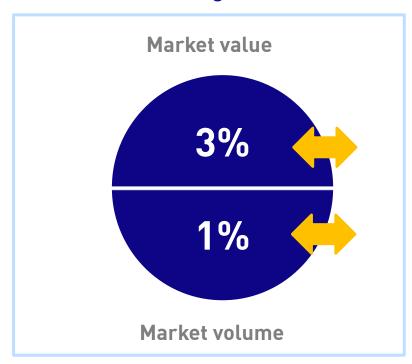
Progressively getting the benefits from Connected 4 Growth

## Good progress on our 2020 programme

Simpler, faster organisation	<ul> <li>Country Category Business Teams fully in place</li> <li>Food &amp; Refreshment integrated, 3 Divisions</li> </ul>
Accelerated margin progression	<ul> <li>Savings programmes ZBB and 5S – on track for €6 billion by 2019</li> <li>On track for 20% Underlying Operating Margin by 2020</li> </ul>
Faster portfolio evolution	<ul> <li>Accelerated M&amp;A – 24 acquisitions since January 2015</li> <li>Completed the disposal of spreads</li> </ul>
Simpler capital structure	<ul> <li>Bought-out the preference shares</li> <li>Simplification of our Legal structure by year end</li> </ul>
Increased leverage & returns	<ul> <li>Completed 2017 SBB &amp; launched 2018 SBB to return spreads proceeds</li> <li>Net debt / EBITDA raised and expected to stay at 2x</li> </ul>

## Some challenging markets

#### **Market growth**



#### **Short-term disruptions**



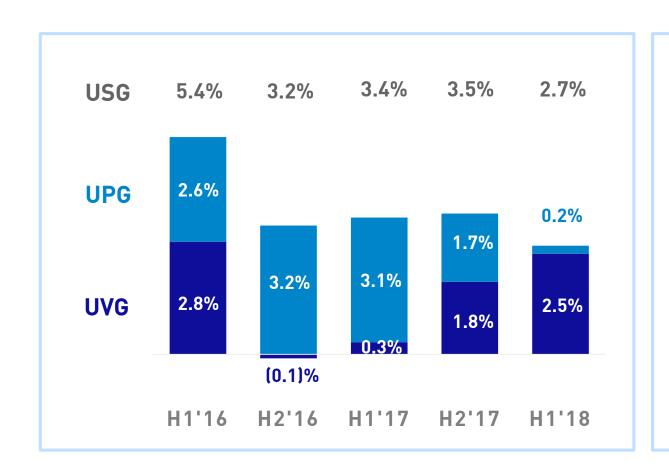
#### **Emerging Market GDP**

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	2018	18 vs. 17
India	7.5%	
Brazil	1.6%	1
Indonesia	5.1%	

Source: Nielsen, adjusted for e-commerce

Source: Oxford Economics

## **Encouraging step-up in volume growth**



#### Pricing muted, as expected:

- Low commodity inflation
- Goods and Services Tax in India
- Deflation in Brazil

#### **Volume step-up despite:**

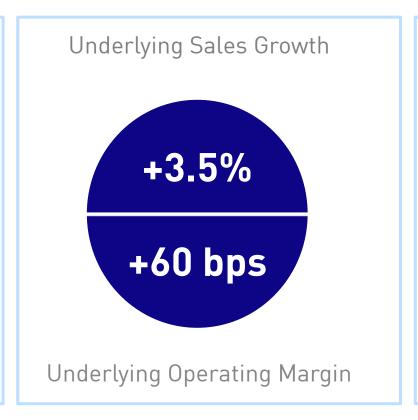
- Brazil truckers strike
- Challenging market conditions in Indonesia & France

## **Broad-based growth and margins**

#### **Beauty & Personal Care**

Underlying Sales Growth +2.7% +70 bps Underlying Operating Margin

#### **Home Care**

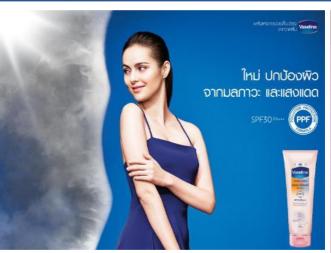


#### Food & Refreshment



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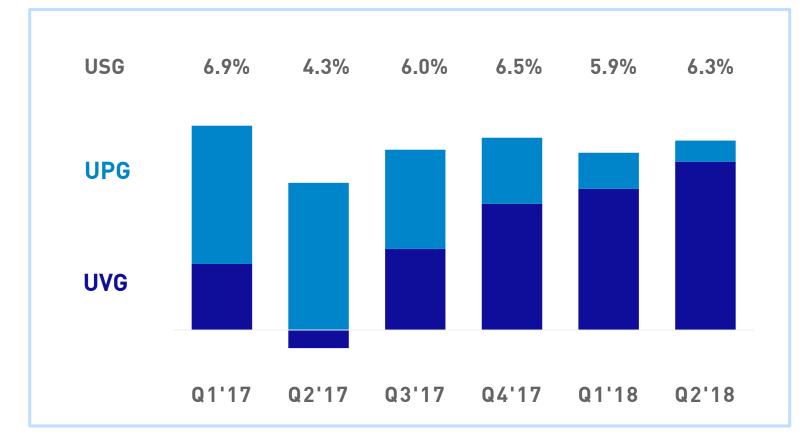




## Asia / AMET / RUB

#### First half

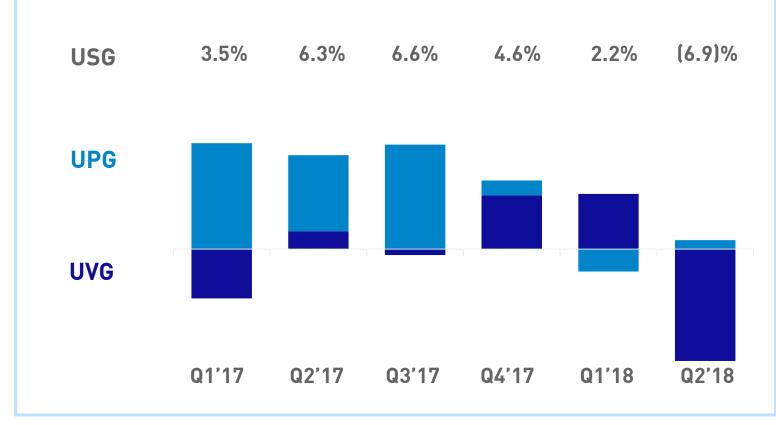
# TO €11.7bn USG 6.1% UVG 5.1%



## **Latin America**

#### First half

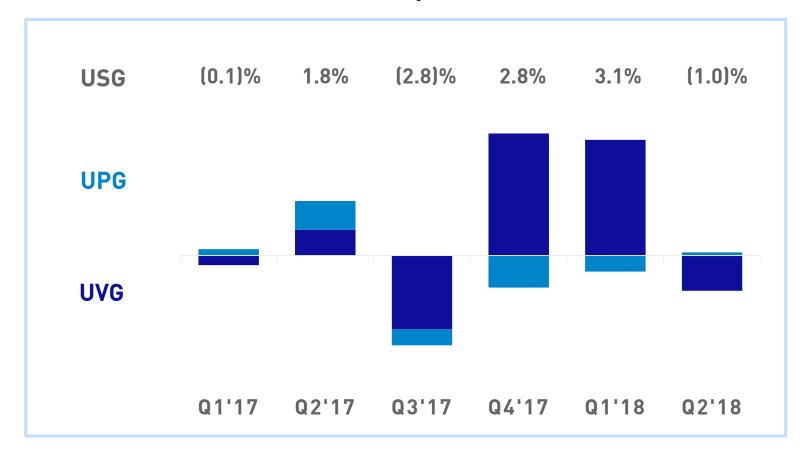




## **North America**

#### First half

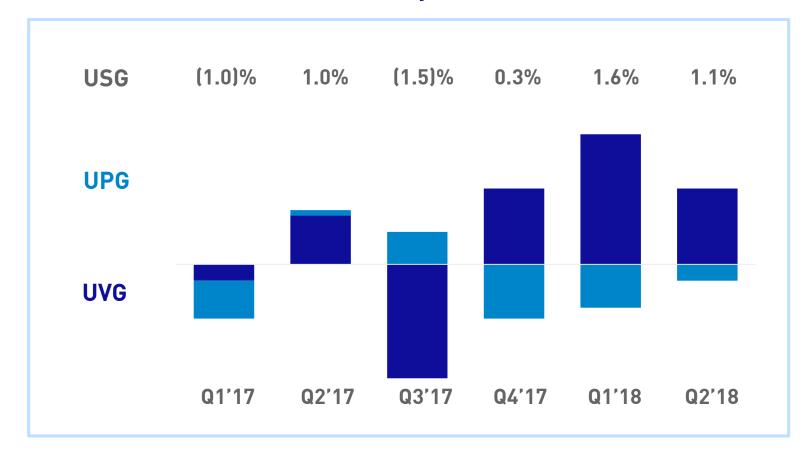
## TO €4.3bn USG 0.9% UVG 1.1%



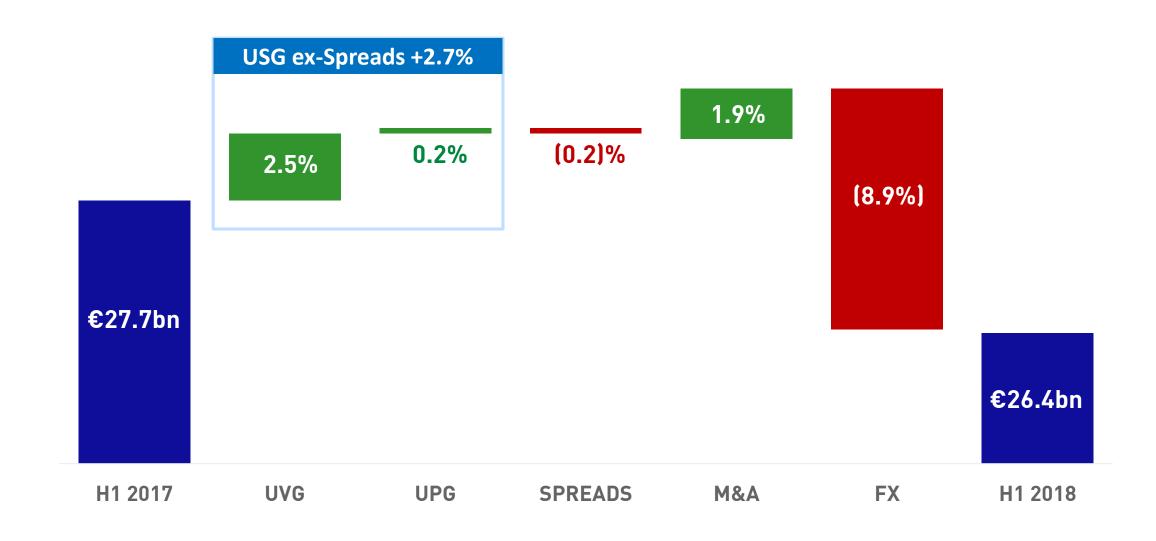
## Europe

#### First half

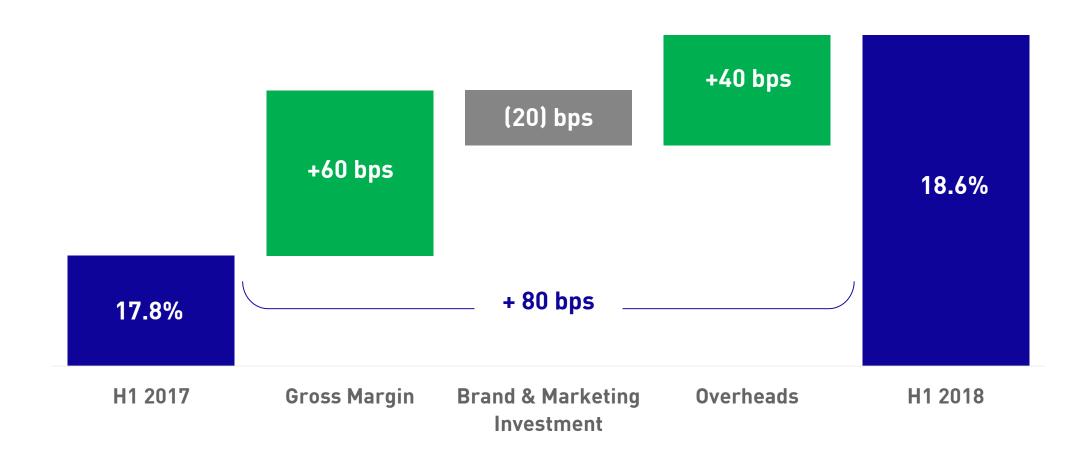
## TO €5.8bn USG 0.6% UVG 1.1%



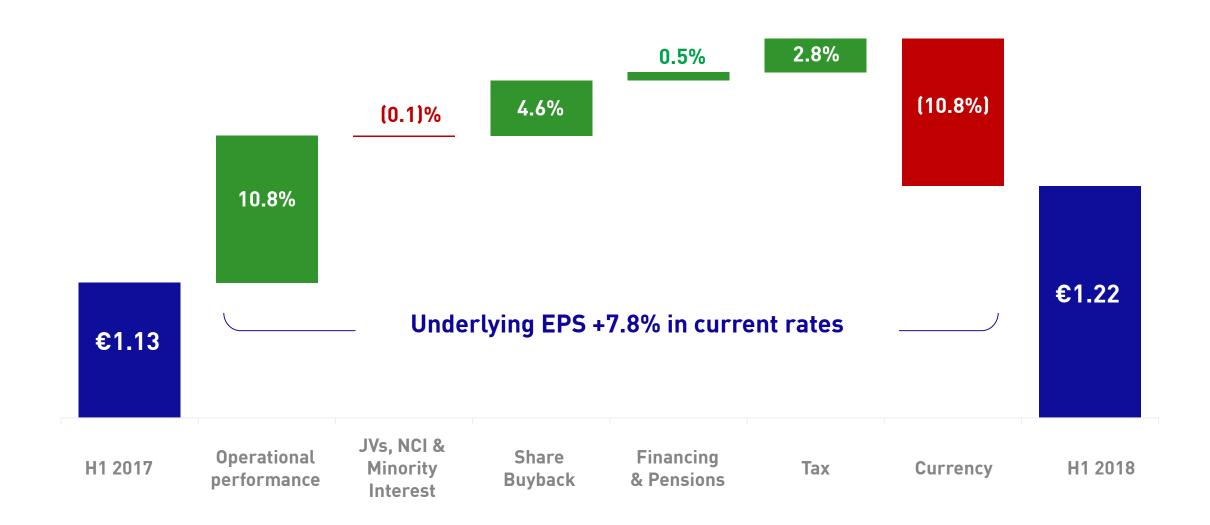
## First Half 2018: Turnover



## First Half 2018: High-quality margin delivery

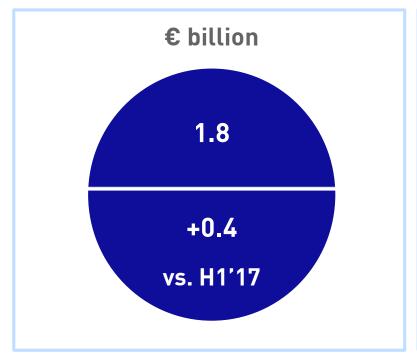


## First Half 2018: Underlying Earnings Per Share



## Cash flow & balance sheet

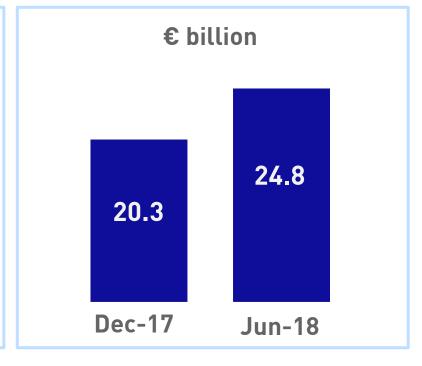
#### Free cash flow



#### **Pension deficit**

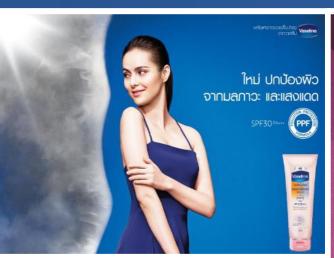


#### **Net debt**



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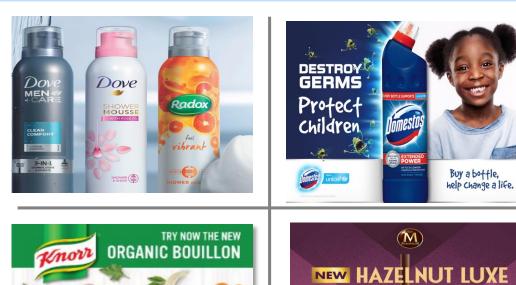






## Innovation driving our growth

#### **Grow our core**







#### **Meet key trends**









## An M&A model that allows us to pivot our portfolio faster

#### 24 deals since January 2015



#### By 2019 these add:

€3.5bn more turnover

- €3bn HPC
- €2bn in premium positions
- €1.5bn emerging markets
- €1bn e-commerce

## Embracing digital in everything we do

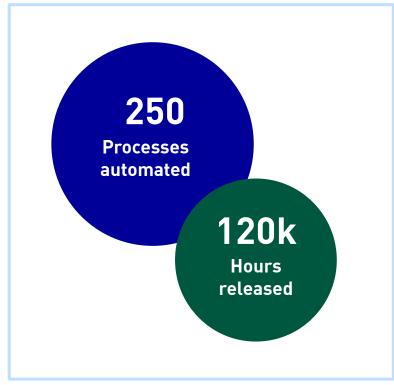
#### **Data-driven marketing**



#### **Artificial Intelligence**

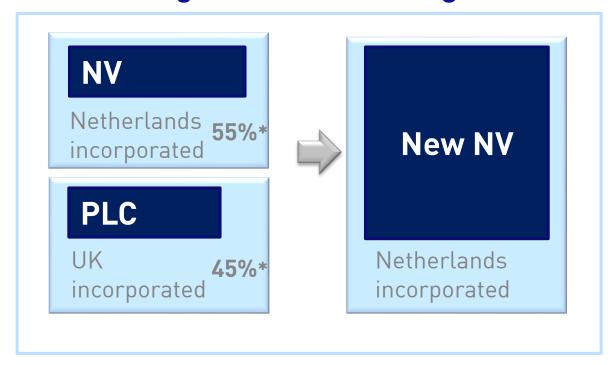


#### **Robotic process automation**



## Simplify our historic dual-headed structure

## Legal structure change



## Rationale

- Simplification
- Greater flexibility for strategic portfolio change
- Stronger corporate governance

## Moving to an orthodox single-parent structure

<sup>\*</sup>Percentage of the Group's combined ordinary share capital, calculated by reference to the total number of issued ordinary shares of NV and PLC (excluding treasury shares) as at 31 December 2017

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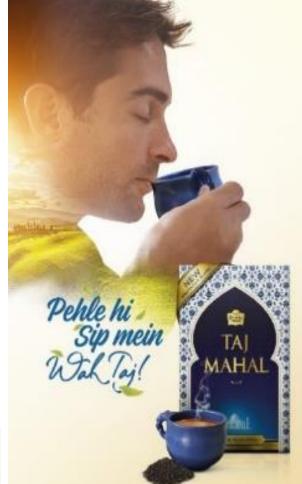












## Continuing with core corporate governance features

Current practice for NV and PLC	Continue in New NV
Applying both UK and Dutch Corporate Governance Codes	
Applying UK, Dutch and US listing rules*	
Annual re-election of directors incl. CEO	
Separate Chairman and CEO	
One-tier Board with diverse experiences	
5%+5% non-pre-emption rights**	
Binding vote on Directors' Remuneration Policy at least every three years Advisory vote on Directors' Remuneration Report every year	

<sup>\*</sup> including related party and material transaction safeguards

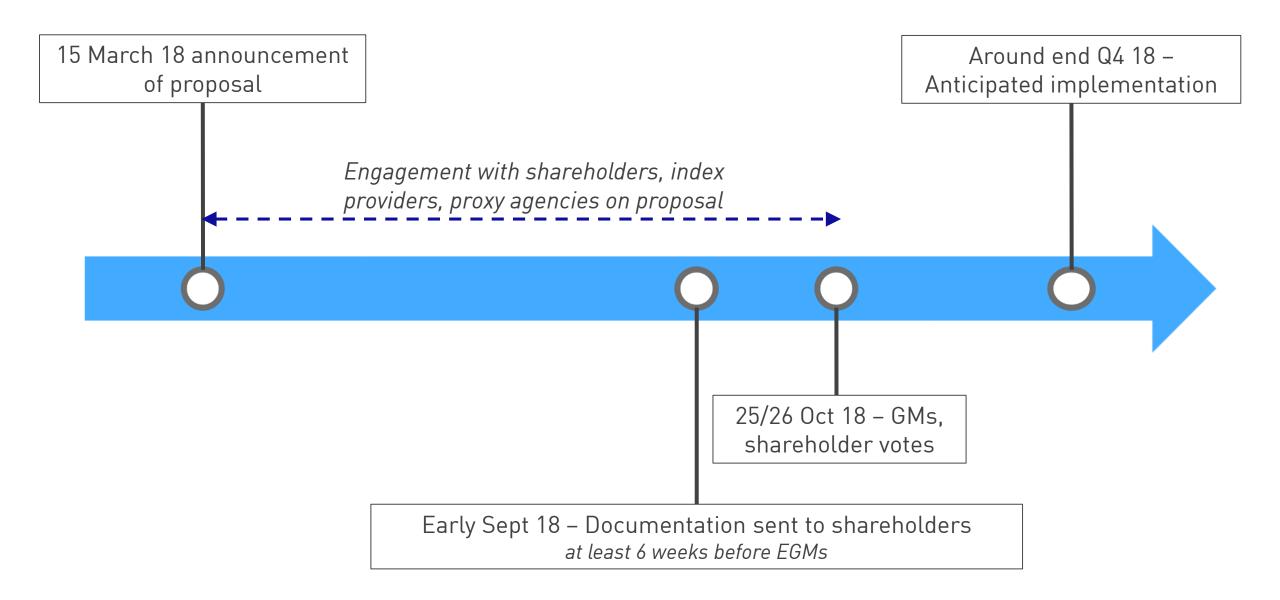
<sup>\*\*</sup>implemented at 2018 AGMs for both NV and PLC

## And further strengthening our corporate governance

	Current practice for NV and PLC	New NV corporate governance
Voting rights	Shareholders of PLC <b>vote independently</b> from NV	One constituency: One share, one vote principle
Classes of shares	<ul><li>NV shares; NV preference shares with high-voting rights</li><li>PLC shares</li></ul>	A <b>single class of shares</b> *, one global pool of liquidity No preference shares*
<ul><li>Trust Office</li><li>Depositary receipt structure</li></ul>	Trust Office issues depositary receipts in exchange for NV shares; Trust Office held 77% of NV shares at 31/12/17 and represented 33% of votes at 2017 NV AGM	None (as Trust Office and depositary receipt structure will be terminated)**
Convene a general meeting	<ul> <li>NV: District court at request of shareholders holding ≥ 10% of issued capital</li> <li>PLC: Shareholders holding ≥ 5% of issued capital</li> </ul>	Shareholders with ≥ 3% of issued capital can <b>require</b> a general meeting to be convened within 8 weeks
<ul><li>Nominate/propose removal of director</li><li>Table resolution</li></ul>	<ul> <li>NV: Shareholders holding ≥ 1% of issued capital</li> <li>PLC: Shareholders holding ≥ 5% of issued capital; or 100 shareholders each holding ca. 3,200 shares***</li> </ul>	Shareholders holding ≥ 3% of issued capital
Amending Articles of Association	<ul> <li>NV: &gt;50% of votes cast at general meeting****, at proposal of the Board</li> <li>PLC: &gt;75% of votes cast at general meeting, at proposal of the Board or Shareholders</li> </ul>	>75% of votes cast at general meeting, at proposal of the Board or Shareholders
<ul><li>Disapplication of pre-emption rights</li><li>Share buy-back authority</li><li>Capital reduction</li></ul>	<ul> <li>NV: &gt;50% of votes cast at general meeting</li> <li>PLC: &gt;75% of votes cast at general meeting</li> </ul>	>75% of votes cast at general meeting

<sup>\*</sup> Cancellation of NV preference shares upon Simplification; \*\*Closure of NV Trust Office subject to approval from trustees; \*\*\* In the case of an AGM; \*\*\*\*Some amendments require class meetings

## **Timeline**



## **Paul Polman**















## 2018: Full year outlook unchanged

Underlying Sales Growth in the 3-5% range

☐ Underlying Operating Margin: continued progress to 20%

■ Strong cash flow

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