# Unilever Q1 2020 Trading Statement

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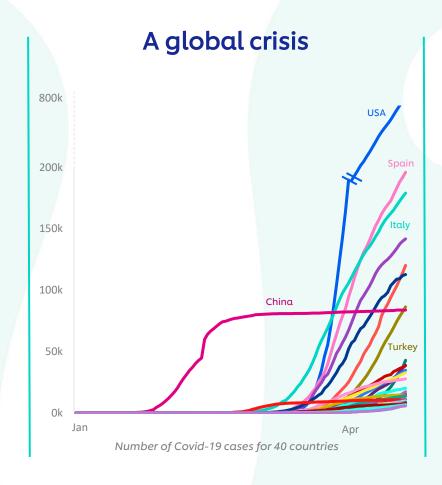


# Covid-19: Disruption and uncertainty

### A human crisis







# Unprecedented government responses

Coronavirus: Government to pay up to 80% of workers' wages

20 March 2020

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US Covid-19: millions of Californians told to 'shelter-in-place' - as it happened

India on coronavirus lockdown as authorities try to stop spread of Covid-19

Italy's government orders all shops, bars and restaurants to close

Authorities in virus-hit country take extreme measures as Covid-19 takes hold in Europe

Coronavirus: China enacts tighter restrictions in Hubei

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# Managing through Covid-19: Five workstreams



**Agile markets organisation** 



### People #1 priority







Lives & livelihoods

Protect
extended
workforce
from drops in pay
for up to three
months

### **Redeployment of teams**











People Supply

Demand

Community

Cash

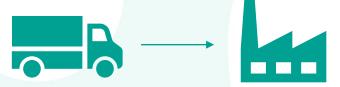
### New challenges in factories



### Agility for new demand



#### **Procurement**



New sourcing routes for 1000s of key materials



Secured alternative suppliers



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Household stocking



In home cooking



Online shopping



Value





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### Public service messages

This is not an ad for Lifebuoy.
This is a public service message.

Know the simple guide that 'F.I.G.H.T.S' the coronavirus

Frequent handwashing with soap

Instant germ-kill with alcohol-based sanitizer when out of home

Go to the doctor when you have a cold or cough or fever

Home rest if you are feeling unwell

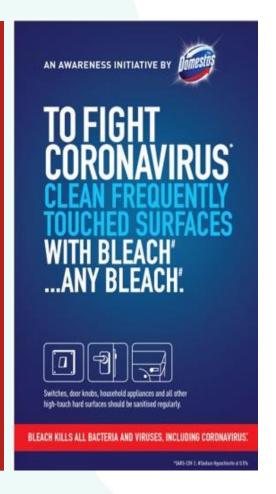
Tissues and masks to be used when you cough or sneeze

Stay away from raw meat and wild/live farm animals

Please use any soap nearest to you. Not just Lifebuoy, but any soap like Lux, Dettol, Santoor or Godrej No.1.



Top 5 scap brands in India based on Nielsen dat



### €100m product donations





## 5 workstreams: Cash

People Supply Demand Community Cash

Agile markets organisation



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# Q1 Trading update

Underlying Sales Growth



- Improving momentum and competitiveness prior to March
- Food service
   Food outlets closed down in many markets
- Out of home ice cream
  Limited sell-in ahead of summer season
- ChinaNegative impact from late January
- India7 days of national lockdown at end of Q1
- Partially offset by household stocking



## Covid-19 impacts

### Categories & channels impacted differently



Household stocking e.g. stockpiling dried foods



Increased consumer usage e.g. increased at home cooking



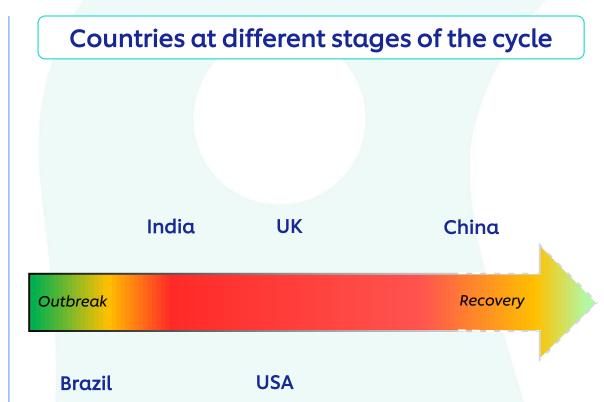
Decreased consumer usage e.g. less hair washing



Channel switching e.g. offline to online



Channels mostly closed e.g. food service, out of home ice cream



Duration and severity of cycle differs by country

Greater impact from country lockdowns than category and channel shifts



# **Beauty & Personal Care**



	Annual size of business	Household Stocking	Consumer usage	Channel
Hair Deodorants Skin care	~€14bn			Travel restrictions impacting Carver skin
Skin cleansing	~€5bn			
Oral Care	~€1.5bn			
Prestige  (incl. in hair & skin above)  PRESTIGE	~€0.6bn			Closure/some switching



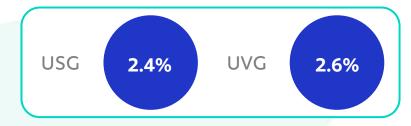
## **Foods & Refreshment**



	Annual size of business	Household Stocking	Consumer usage	Channel
Savoury, dressings & tea	~€11bn			
In home ice cream	~€4bn			Some switching
Out of home ice cream	~€3bn		-	Channels mostly closed
Food Service  Unilever Food Solutions  (incl. in savoury, dressings & tea above)	~€2.5bn			Channels mostly closed



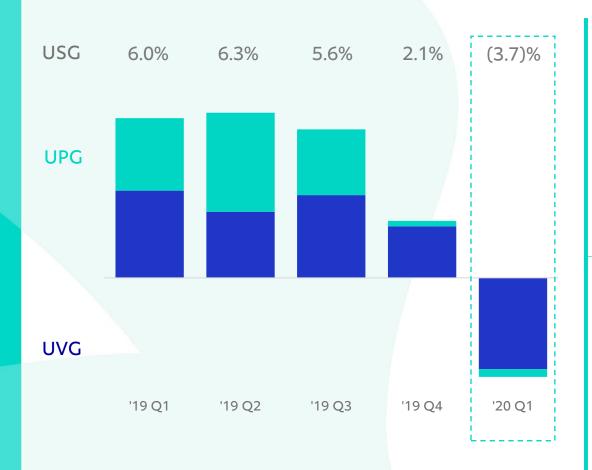
# **Home Care**

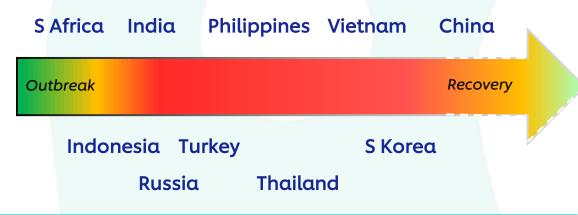


	Annual size of business	Household Stocking	Consumer usage	Channel
Laundry	~€8bn			
Home & Hygiene	~€2bn			



## Asia / AMET / RUB



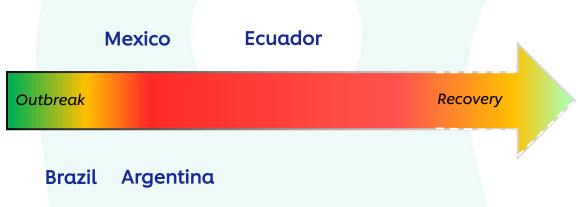


- China: Significant decline, with restricted out of home eating and shopping trips
- India: Supply chain disruption following severe lockdown
- SEA: Philippines & Thailand most impacted so far



### **Latin America**

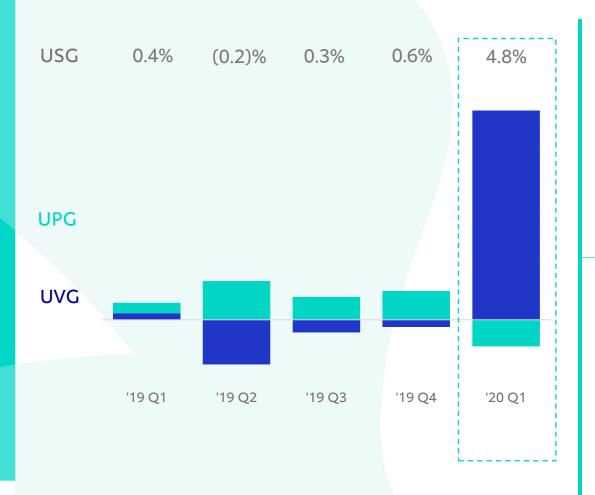


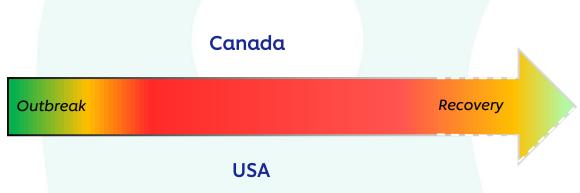


- Relatively limited impact from Covid-19 in Q1
- Small positive impact from household stocking, negative from ice cream
- Challenging conditions and currency devaluation



### **North America**

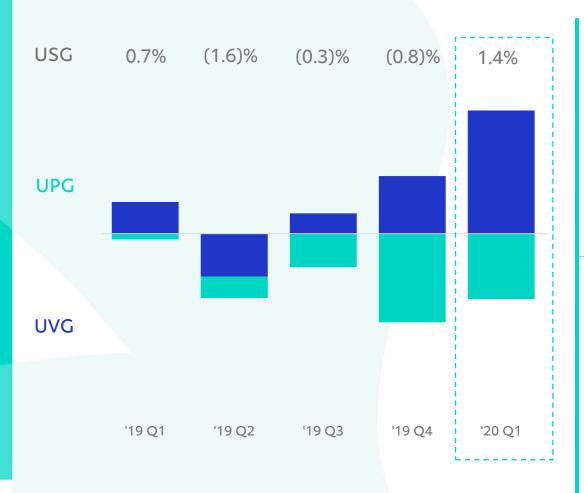




- US Hotspots (dressings, ice cream, hair) continue showing signs of improvement
- Household stocking across most categories in March
- Social restrictions later in quarter affecting food service and ice cream



## **Europe**

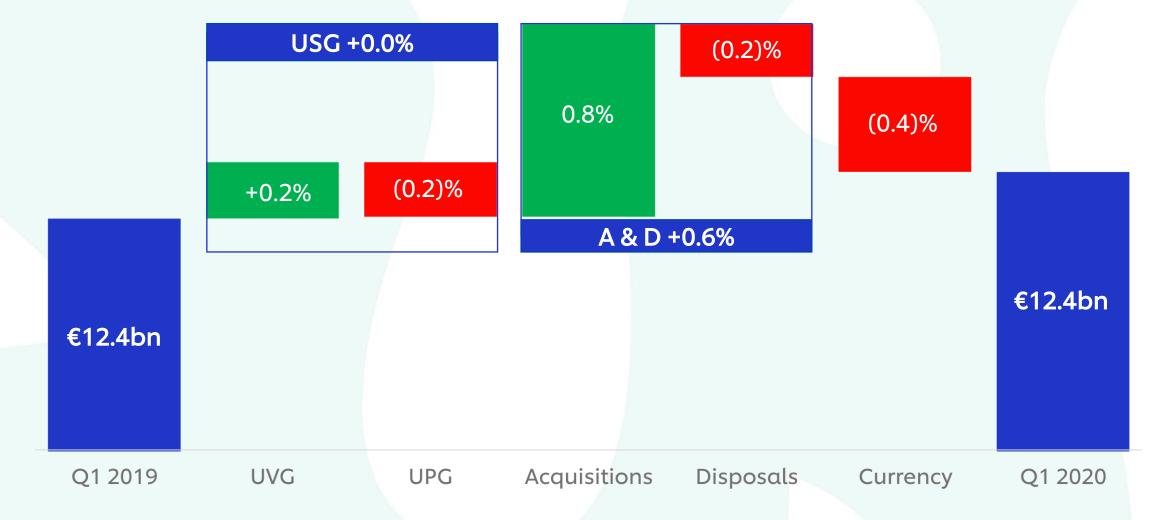




- Limited ice cream sell-in to retail ahead of Easter
- Household stocking in the UK
- Increased consumer demand in hygiene and foods



# Q1 2020 turnover





# Strong balance sheet and liquidity position

### Low gearing

Y/E '19 Net debt/EBITDA



### Total cash & facilities

Total cash & undrawn facilities



As of Y/E '19

### Access to funding

Commercial paper at 31/03/20



Accessible undrawn standby facilities



## Managing cash through uncertainty

#### Review sources & uses of cash

- Laser focus on receivables
- Reviewing our spend:
  - Capex
  - Restructuring
  - Brand & marketing investment
  - Overheads

### Operational cost discipline



Reduce non essential spend



Hiring freeze



Travel expenses

### Reallocate spend

### Dialling up key categories:



### Tailoring communications:





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### 2020 outlook withdrawn

#### 2020 unknowns

- Progression of the virus
- Duration of crisis varies by country
- Scale and impact of government containment measures
- Long term effect on consumer trends

### 2020 knowns

- Ongoing challenges for out of home ice cream and food service
- Short term impact on consumption habits
- Importance of agility
- Strong cash and liquidity position



## What's important for our business now

5 Covid-19 workstreams

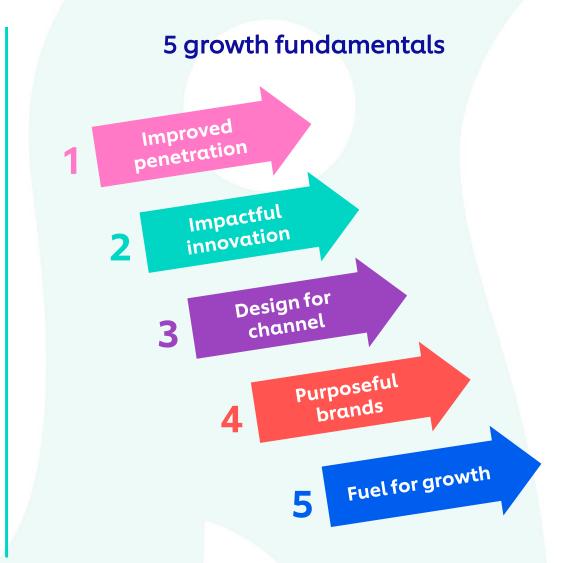
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# Looking forwards: Confidence for the long term

- High quality leadership teams on the ground
- A portfolio of trusted brands
- Financial stability
- 5 fundamentals of growth driving execution

Delivering superior long-term financial performance through our sustainable business model



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