



### Better Together - Ahold Delhaize Strategic Framework

#### Our purpose

Together, we build Great Local Brands, bringing Fresh Inspiration Every Day

#### Our sustainable business model

#### Save for our customers:

- Buy better
- · Operate smarter
- Waste less

### Fund growth in key channels:

- Supermarkets
- eCommerce
- Smaller formats



### Invest in our customer proposition:

- Affordable for all
- Best own brands
- Fresher  $\delta$  healthier
- Most local δ personal service



#### Our values

#### Courage

We drive change, are open-minded, bold, and innovative.

#### Integrity

We do the right thing and earn customers' trust.

#### **Teamwork**

Together, we take ownership, collaborate, and win.

#### Care

We care for our customers, our colleagues, and our communities.

#### Humor

We are humble, down-toearth, and we don't take ourselves too seriously.

### Ahold Delhaize... Better Together Recap of our new strategy presented at the Capital Markets Day



#### Well positioned to win...

- Great local brands
- Best-in-class Supermarkets
- Superior Omni-channel / Digital
- Operating cash flow among industry leaders
- Proven skills in:
  - Fresh
  - Own brands
  - Focus on affordability
- Sustainable retailing and community engagement
- Great talent and leadership track record

#### ...by building on our *Better Together* strategy

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  - Buy better
  - Operate smarter
  - Waste less



- Supermarkets
- **eCommerce**
- Smaller formats
- Invest in our customer proposition:
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  - Fresher  $\delta$  healthier
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### **Highlights**



### Strong fourth quarter, raised dividend for 2016, integration progressing well

- Pro forma Q4 net sales of €15.5 billion, up 2.8% at constant exchange rates, adjusted for week 53 in 2015
- Pro forma Q4 underlying operating margin of 3.9%, driven by strong performance in the Netherlands and at Delhaize America
- Pro forma full year underlying operating margin of 3.7%, up 20 basis points compared to 2015
- Strong free cash flow of €874 million in Q4, resulting in €1.4 billion full year free cash flow
- Proposed dividend of €0.57, up 9.6% compared to the Ahold dividend last year
- Integration on track, with synergies from the Better Together strategy delivering according to plan

### Integration on track



- Merger related store divestments almost completed in the U.S.
- Richmond and Belgium store divestment process ongoing
- Ahold USA and Delhaize America announced plans to further strengthen their brands, while leveraging scale at Retail Business Services
- Synergy programs in both U.S. and Europe on track









# Group performance



### Pro forma operating performance

€ in million		ırter 4		Full year				
	2016	2015	Change actual rates	Change constant rates	2016	2015	Change actual rates	Change constant rates
Net sales	15,505	15,667	(1.0%)	(2.2%)	62,331	60,881	2.48	2.18
Net sales adj. for 53 <sup>rd</sup> week				2.88				3.48
Underlying EBITDA	1,045	1,049	(O.4%)	(1.6%)	4,063	3,862	5.28	4.98
Underlying EBITDA margin	6.78	6.7%			6.5%	6.3%		
Underlying operating income	608	633	(3.9%)	(5.1%)	2,298	2,155	6.6%	6.38
Underlying operating margin	3.98	4.08			3.78	3.5%		

- Strong margin performance, when adjusting for the benefits of the 53rd week in Q4 2015
- Margin performance especially driven by The Netherlands and Delhaize America
- Net synergies of €19 million included in Q4 2016



# **Group performance**Pro forma income from continuing operations



€ in million		Full year	
	2016	2015	Change actual rates
Underlying operating income	2,298	2,155	6.68
Restructuring and related charges	246	193	27.5%
Other	78	63	23.88
Operating income	1,974	1,899	3.98
Net financial expenses	(601)	(425)	41.48
Income taxes	(331)	(298)	11.18
Share in income (loss) of joint ventures	36	26	38.5%
Income from continuing operations	1,078	1,202	(IO.3%)
Underlying income from continuing operations	1,486	1,410	5.4€
Underlying EPS from continuing operations	1.17	1.11	5.4%
Dividend per share	€0.57¹	€0.52	9.68
Dividend payout 8 <sup>2</sup>	488	498	

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Subject to shareholder approval



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Dividend payout ratio for 2016 is based on underlying income from continuing operations (on a pro forma basis). In 2015 this was based on a payout ratio of adjusted income from continuing operations for Ahold

# Performance by segment Pro forma



€ in million	Quarter 4									
	Ahold USA		Delhaize America		The Netherlands		Belgium		CSE	
	2016	Change constant rates	2016	Change constant rates	2016	Change	2016	Change	2016	Change constant rates
Net sales	5,590	(7.0%)	3,969	2.0%	3,208	(1.18)	1,280	(1.0%)	1,458	4.38
Net sales adj. for 53 <sup>rd</sup> week		O.78		2.0%		7.5%		(1.0%)		6.7%
Underlying EBITDA	380	(9.4%)	271	8.18	230	7.0%	66	6.5%	112	(6.7%)
Underlying EBITDA margin	6.88	(0.2)	6.88	0.4	7.28	0.6	5.28	0.4	7.78	(0.9)
Underlying operating income	221	(14.7%)	141	10.98	161	7.3%	30	7.18	75	(11.8%)
Underlying operating margin	4.08	(O.3)	3.68	0.3	5.08	0.4	2.3%	0.1	5.18	(1.0)
Comparable sales growth excl gas	(0.2)	(2.1)	2.28	0.0	6.68	3.1	(0.9%)	(4.9)	3.48	(2.1)

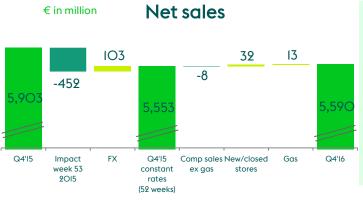
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	Ahold USA		Delhaize America		The Netherlands		Belgium		CSE	
	2016	Change constant rates	2016	Change constant rates	2016	Change	2016	Change	2016	Change constant rates
Net sales	23,316	O.5%	15,501	1.98	13,015	3.18	4,942	1.78	5,557	8.18
Net sales adj. for 53 <sup>rd</sup> week		2.5%		1.98		5.3%		1.78		8.88
Underlying EBITDA	1,591	0.88	1,030	3.18	917	9.28	266	14.2%	378	13.5%
Underlying EBITDA margin	6.88	0.0	6.68	0.0	7.08	0.3	5.4%	0.6	6.88	0.3
Underlying operating income	921	(O.5%)	538	3.38	629	IO.48	121	40.78	231	20.98
Underlying operating margin	4.08	0.0	3.5%	0.1	4.8%	0.3	2.48	0.6	4.28	0.4
Comparable sales growth excl gas	0.78	(0.4)	2.18	0.0	4.18	0.4	1.78	1.5	5.7%	3.1

# Ahold USA Pro forma results Q4 9016





Underlying EBITDA margin

6.78 6.88 6.88

Q3'16

Q4'16

6.6% 6.8% 7.0% 7.0% 6.9%

Q3'15

Q4'15

QI'16

Q9'16

Q1'15

Q9'15

- Net sales grew 0.7% at constant rates excl week 53 in 2015
- Deflation of 1.28
- Market share growth across its divisions
- Comp sales impacted by 2015 competitive closures in NY market

#### Underlying operating margin decrease vs. LY due to week 53 in 2015 (30-40bps impact)

 Margin benefited from synergies

#### Comparable sales growth <sup>1</sup>



#### Underlying operating margin

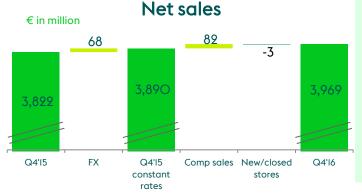


Q4/Full Year Results 2016



# **Delhaize America**Pro forma results Q4 2016





**Underlying EBITDA margin** 

6.48 6.68 6.58 6.68 6.88

Q2'16

Q3'16

Q4'16

6.88

Q3'15

Q4'15

QI'16

6.68

Q2'15

6.58

Q1'15

- Net sales grew 2.0% at constant rates
- Deflation of 1.78
- Continued strong volume growth at both Food Lion and Hannaford
- 142 Food Lion stores in Charlotte relaunched under Easy, Fresh & Affordable

#### Underlying operating margin increase vs. LY resulting from volume growth, synergies and assortment changes

 Partly offset by higher labor expenses

#### Comparable sales growth



#### Underlying operating margin



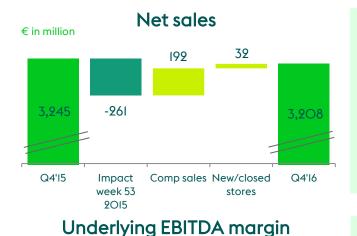




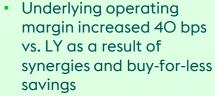
### **Netherlands**

### Ahold

#### Pro forma results Q4 9016



- Net sales grew 7.5% adjusted for week 53 in 2015
- Inflation of 1.28
- Strong Comp sales growth in supermarkets
- Online net consumer sales growth >30%



Margin excl bol.com up 40 bps to 5.48

#### Comparable sales growth



#### Underlying operating margin



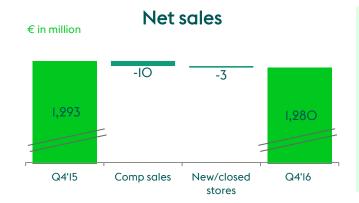


6.88 7.28

### Belgium

#### Pro forma results Q4 2016





- Net sales decreased by I.O?
- Inflation of 1.9%
- Softer holiday sales compared to 2015
- Stable FY market share vs. LY





#### **Underlying EBITDA margin**



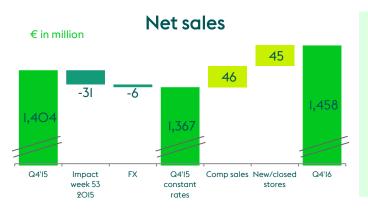
- Underlying operating margin increase vs. LY resulting from synergies and Transformation Plan savings
- Partly offset by negative impact from lower sales

#### Underlying operating margin



# Central and Southeastern Europe Pro forma results Q4 9016



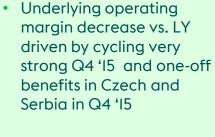


- Net sales grew 6.7% adjusted for week 53 in 2015 at constant rates
- Comp sales growth driven by Romania and Serbia, flat in Czech Republic

# g operating Underlying operating margin



**Underlying EBITDA margin** 



# 7.0% 6.6% 6.0% 5.5% 3.4% 2.3% 3.4% Q1'15 Q1'16 Q2'16 Q3'16 Q4'16 Comparable sales growth excl gas

Comparable sales growth <sup>1</sup>

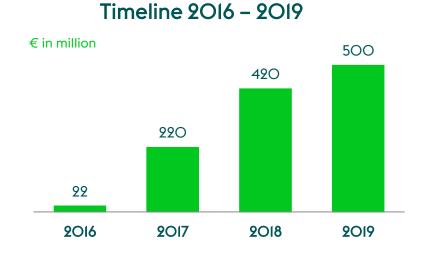


### **Synergies**



### 2016 delivered according to plan, on track for €500 million in 2019

€ in million	Q4 2016	2016
United States	8	8
Europe	7	7
GSO*	4	7
Total	19	22
lobal Support Office		

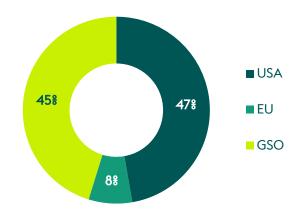


- Net synergies 2016: €22 million
- Net synergies target 2017: €220 million, including synergies realized in 2016, incremental to pro forma underlying operating income

# Integration $\delta$ transaction costs In line with prior guidance



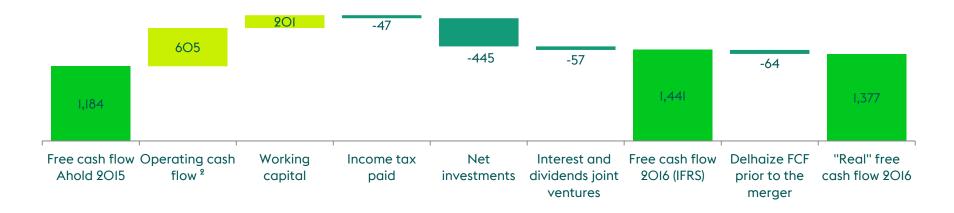
#### 2016 integration costs €147 million



€ in million	Total one-off costs update							
	2015 FY	2016 FY	Expected 2017	Balance to go	Total			
Integration costs	23	147	123	57	350			
Transaction costs	62	73	-	-	135			

### Free cash flow generation ¹ Strong delivery at €1.4 billion for the year





- Strong operating cash flow
- 2016 full year capex³ of €1.7 billion



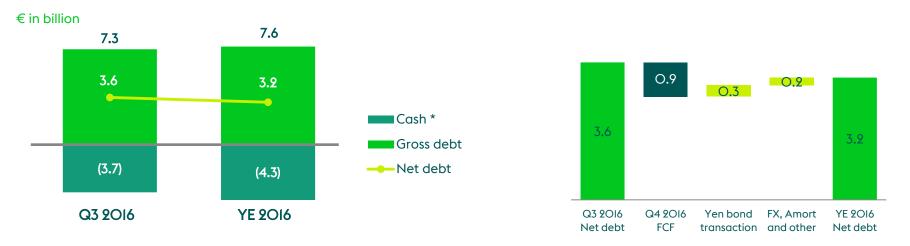
Free cash flow changes are included for Delhaize as of merger date, pre-merger Delhaize cash flow included separately in graph

 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  From continuing operations before changes in working capital and income tax paid

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Capex is defined as "real" cash capex, i.e. including the Delhaize Group for the full year and net of proceeds from divestments

# Capital structure and net debt evolution Net debt in line with guidance at €3.2 billion, leverage at 2.0x





- 2016 full year leverage ratio of S&P Lease adj. net debt/EBITDA at 2.0x
- €1 billion share buyback commenced in January 2017
- PPA adjustments related to fair value adjustments of Delhaize debt and finance leases affected gross and net debt by €0.7 billion as of merger date
- Gross-up of notional cash pooling impacted gross debt and cash by €1.2 billion at year-end 2016



<sup>\*</sup> Cash, cash equivalents and short-term deposits and similar instruments and current portion of available-for-sale financial assets

#### Outlook 2017



- Focused on implementing our strategic initiatives to further improve the customer proposition and drive volumes, however deflationary environment expected to continue in the United States through the first quarter of 2017
- We confirm our target for 2017 of realizing €220 million net synergies, including €22 million realized in 2016, incremental to pro forma underlying operating income
- Free cash flow FY 2017 expected at €1.6 billion, after €1.8 billion of capital expenditure



# Business highlights Ahold USA



#### **AUSA**

- Our Nature's Promise own brand voted as best-in-class brand, by the 2016
   Brand Tracker
- Giant Carlisle recently opened 18 beer  $\delta$  wine stores in Pennsylvania resulting in 33 in total and planning for an additional 36 in 2017
- Hundreds of savings offered weekly through digital coupons on the bonus card, in addition to the new round of price investments in early October
- Healthier own brand products; over 21 thousand pounds of salt from over 75 products and 272 thousand pounds of sugar (the equivalent of 30 school buses) removed during 2016

#### **Peapod**

- Increased capacity and order volume in Jersey City facility by 25% in Q4
- PodPass customer base grew by I4%; continue to see loyalty gains from this one-fee, unlimited delivery annual subscription service







# **Business highlights**Delhaize America



#### **Food Lion**

- 142 stores in Charlotte market relaunched in Q4 under Easy, Fresh δ Affordable
- Next wave of I6O stores will be remodeled in during 2017 of which 93 in Greensboro market
- Implemented Taste of Inspirations deli, meats, cheeses and in-store prepared sandwiches to all Food Lion stores





#### Hannaford

- Successful early learnings from concept store in Bedford, to be deployed to 2017 remodels
- "Harvest to Home" initiative to further improve produce freshness
- 34 Hannaford To Go's in 5 states with strong sales performance and customer perception
- Continued success of 20,000 square foot small store prototype





# Business highlights The Netherlands



#### Albert Heijn

- Innovative assortment through new partnerships, adding more than I,OOO products to the assortment
- Successful second edition of the Allerhande Christmas festival; completely sold out, welcoming 36,000 visitors while giving 80 workshops varying from cooking workshops to wine tastings
- Local differentiation; implementing specialized modules by store
- Voted best supermarket in the Netherlands by research company GfK

#### Online - bol.com and AH.nl

- Highest consumer sales at bol.com breaking through €1 billion in 2016
- Record of ca. 500.000 products processed in I day during holiday season at bol.com
- AH.nl reported record sales and levels of traffic of I million visits a day in week 5I
- Record levels of order completeness of over 99.6% at AH.nl





# Business highlights Delhaize Belgium



- New store organization successfully introduced in all company-operated stores as part of the Transformation Plan
- Enhanced shopping experience by 7O stores renovations in 2016 and 12O more planned for 2017
- Launch of "natural branding" initiative to reduce packaging of organic products which leads to a saving of 13 tons of packaging per year
- Improving quality and innovation: Delhaize nr I with 77 first places in media product comparisons and 1900 new product introductions







# Business highlights Central & Southeast



# Central $\delta$ Southeastern Europe

- In Greece, Alfa Beta celebrated the 2O-year anniversary of its successful loyalty card program the first in Greece when it was launched
- Overall improved performance of former-Spar stores in Czech Republic, including larger stores
- Mega Image is the fastest-growing food retailer in Romania. In 2016, the brand opened 28 supermarkets and 40 convenience stores – resulting in 526 stores at year-end
- Premia private label products, sold at Maxi, Tempo and Shop  $\delta$  Go stores in Serbia, won the "Best of Serbia 2016" award for the third time









## Sustainable retailing

### Achievements 2016 - some examples





Delhaize Belgium stripped 17 tons of salt from its range of own-brand bread. And that was after it already removed 38 tons of salt in 16 million breads sold between 2010 and 2015



Inclusive & healthy workplace

Delhaize America was the only U.S. grocery store to receive a perfect LGBT Corporate Equality Index score from the HRC Foundation – for the 6th consecutive year!



Product safety δ sustainability

All of our brands combined offer over IOO own-brand sustainable seafood species. 92% of our own-brand seafood sales are from products that are certified or from credible fisheries or aquaculture improvement projects



The renovated Albert Heijn's XL store in Purmerend, the Netherlands, is  $100\% CO_2$  neutral, and powered by a system that is comparable to a small, local energy plant



The Stop & Shop Green Energy Facility at the Freetown DC, Massachusetts converts inedible food into energy, the facility is a major step forward in reducing our food waste



Development of associates

Delhaize America University integrates learning and development opportunities into the organization's talent strategy for its 95,000 associates



# Sustainable retailing Targets 2020



Focus areas	Promote healthier eating		Reduce food waste		Create healthy and inclusive workplace		
Essentials	Product safety δ sustainability	Climate impac	Associate development	Safety at work	Local community connection		

#### Focus areas:

- 45% own brand sales from healthy products
- Reduce food waste by 20%, and move towards zero food waste to landfill
- Make our workplaces healthier and more inclusive

#### **Essentials:**

- 100% Private Label production units meet safety standards
- 80% Private Label production units in high risk countries meet social compliance standards
- 100% sustainable sourcing of 7 commodities in own-brand products
- Reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by 30% from 2008 baseline
- Reduce climate impact of refrigerants
- Recycle 90% of total waste



# Important dates 2017-2018



•	<b>Annual General Meeting</b>	
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April 12, 2017

Pro forma information aligning calendars

April 13, 2017

Ahold Delhaize QI 2017 results

May 10, 2017

Ahold Delhaize Q2 2017 results

August 9, 2017

Ahold Delhaize Q3 2017 results

November 8, 2017

Ahold Delhaize Q4/FY 2017 results

February 28, 2018

### Wrap up 2016



- Proud to have brought together two strong food retailers in 2016
- Our great local brands showed a solid financial performance throughout the year
- Continued strong free cash flow delivered of €1.4 billion
- Proposed dividend of €0.57, up 9.6% compared to Ahold dividend last year
- Announced €1 billion share buyback for 2017
- Working hard on the integration, leveraging best practices and realizing synergy targets
- Looking forward to implementing our Better Together strategy

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### **Cautionary notice**



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