



# Highlights QI 2018



# Another strong quarter with operating income up IO.5%\*

- Net sales of €14.9 billion, up 2.5% at constant exchange rates
- Net consumer online sales up 23.2% at constant exchange rates
- Underlying operating margin up 20 bps to 4.0%, underlying operating income at €600 million
- Net income increased by 14.5% to €407 million, up 25.7% at constant exchange rates
- Improved comparable sales growth in the U.S., with synergies driving further margin expansion
- Encouraging sales trends in Belgium as a result of improved commercial and operational performance
- Strong free cash flow of €441 million, up €244 million, mainly due to improvements in net working capital



# **Group performance**



€ in million	Quarter I			
	2018	2017	Change actual rates	Change constant rates
Net sales	14,933	15,870	(5.9)%	2.5%
Net sales excl remedy stores				3.18
Underlying EBITDA	1,037	1,061	(2.3)%	7.18
Underlying EBITDA margin	6.9%	6.7%		
Underlying operating income	600	606	(I.O) <del></del> %	8.5%
Underlying operating margin	4.0%	3.8%		
Operating Income	574	569	0.8%	IO.5%
Income from continuing operations	407	356	14.48	25.6%

### **United States**



# Improved comparable sales; margins boosted by synergies



- Net sales up 2.18 and up 2.98 excl remedy stores, at constant rates
- Comparable sales ex gas up 2.8%, including NY's Eve and Easter timing benefit and some positive weather impact
- Positive comparable sales growth in all brands, especially strong at Hannaford and Giant/Martin's
- Food Lion reported its 23rd consecutive quarter of positive comparable volume growth in a tough competitive market
- Price inflation of 2.3%, cycling a deflationary first quarter 2017 and lower promo activity this quarter
- Underlying operating margin up 30 bps, driven by synergies

# The Netherlands



# Strong consumer online growth continues at 28.3%



¹ Of which €22 million related to remedy stores

- Net sales up 2.7% and up 3.4% excl remedy stores
- Comparable sales up 3.2%, Easter timing effect offset by NY's Eve timing effect
- Net consumer online sales increased by 28.3%
- Price inflation of 1.68
- Underlying operating margin down IO bps, resulting from investments in online growth
- UOM flat at 5.6% excluding bol.com; synergy savings and good cost control, offset by investments in growth at ah.nl

# Belgium



### Encouraging signs following commercial improvements



- Net sales up 5.0%, resulting in strong market share increase
- Comparable sales up 4.18, including positive timing effect of Easter
- All formats benefited from new commercial plan resulting in increased transactions and higher baskets
- Price inflation of O.78
- Underlying operating margin down IO bps; higher synergies and lower logistical costs, offset by higher promotional expenses and operational labor costs

# Central and Southeastern Europe



# Continued strong sales growth in Romania, Serbia δ Czech Republic



- Net sales up 2.6% at constant rates, partly driven by the net addition of 115 stores
- Comparable sales ex gas up 0.7%; II.9% in Romania, strong single digits in Serbia and CZ, offset by negative growth in Greece following further recovery of the competition
- Underlying operating margin flat compared to last year
- Margin improvements in Romania, Serbia and Czech Republic following sales leverage and good cost control, offset by sales deleverage effects in Greece

#### Free Cash Flow

### Ahold Delhaize

# Further improvements in working capital

€ in million	Quarter I		
	2018	2017	
Operating cash flow	1,007	1,001	
Change in working capital	(203)	(346)	
Income tax paid – net	(34)	(28)	
Cash from cont. operations	770	627	
Investments	(3O3)	(431)	
Divestments	13	50	
Net interest paid	(39)	(51)	
Dividends from joint ventures	0	2	
Free cash flow (post-tax)	441	197	

# Synergies and One-time costs



# On track to meet targets and guidance for 2018

€ in million	Quarter I			
	2018	2017	Incremental	
United States	66	35	31	
Europe	25	15	10	
Global Support Office	9	6	3	
Ahold Delhaize Group Synergies	100	56	44	

€ in million	QI	Costs to date	Expected full costs
Integration costs	18	293	380
Brand centric restructuring costs	-	40	70

- QI'18 net synergies: €44 million incremental to QI 2017
- Net synergy target for 2018: €420 million; €152 million incremental to 2017





# United States Improved local brands performance



Guiding stars offered at all US brands – industry-leading nutrition navigation program helping customers eat healthier and save time on grocery shopping

StopδShop – Successful testing improved store format elements

**Food Lion** – Easy, Fresh & Affordable continues to drive volume growth. For 2018, roll out of 160 more stores planned, 100 in Norfolk market. Acquiring stores in Virginia and South Carolina to further strengthen market position

**Giant/Martin's**<sup>1</sup> – Beer  $\delta$  Wine Eateries driving increased transactions

**Hannaford** – My Hannaford digital loyalty program rolled out chain wide, offering rewards on more than 5,000 own brand products and personalized offers

**Peapod -** Thousands of lower prices on products that matter most to Peapod customers, such as natural and organic items, meat, fresh produce and dairy







# The Netherlands

Innovation and customer appreciation continues

Artificial Intelligence Retail Lab - First company to launch an industry research lab in Amsterdam, using AI to optimize supply chain and product availability



- Now has >800 Goedkoopje ("Best Buy") SKUs in its assortment
- Soups to "mash" win Healthy Food Product of the year, AH also won last year
- Delicata (chocolate) product design won the award for best 'Private Label' design

#### Bol.com

- Bol.com third party Plaza sales grew by 47%, 20.000 merchants selling products on this platform
- Strong growth in Consumer Electronics, now its largest category
- Voted "Most Loved Store" and "Best Store of the Netherlands in 2018"











# **Belgium**



# Exciting new commercial plan launched

- Reinforced commercial positioning with focus on health, convenience and taste
- Successful commercial campaigns launched with focus on healthy eating, interesting deals and attracting new customers
- Investing in supply chain processes, improved product availability in owned stores
- Drastically reduced the percentage of sugar in its cereals similar actions planned this year with focus on healthier eating









#### **CSE**



# Successful growth in Central and Southeastern Europe

**Greece -** Personalized offers to AB Plus cardholders increasing redemption to 30% with biweekly 50k cardholders targeted

**Czech Republic -** Successfully upgraded 23 supermarkets and further improvements in performance of compact hypermarkets

#### Romania

- Mega Image expanding rapidly in Bucharest and other major cities
- New Concept Store opened in Bucharest while preserving the historical elements of valuable community space

**Serbia -** Ongoing strong comparable sales performance









# Stichting Continuïteit Ahold Delhaize Option agreement extended, adopting additional commitments

- Current option agreement expires December 2018
- Extension is at the discretion of the Management Board with the approval of the Supervisory Board
- Feedback from shareholders resulted in two commitments:
  - Within six months after the option has been exercised, the company will call a shareholders meeting to discuss the situation with shareholders
  - Within one year after the option is exercised, Ahold Delhaize will call a shareholders meeting to vote on cancellation of the shares issued to SCAD; SCAD will refrain from voting on that matter
- These commitments will provide increased transparency, predictability and interaction with shareholders in the event the option were to be exercised
- The Option Agreement will be extended for a period of 15 years, effective December 15, 2018



# Wrap up δ Outlook 2018 Another strong quarter with operating income up 10.5%\*



- Solid sales growth of 3.1% adjusted for remedy stores
- Increased margins of 20 bps to € 600 million of underlying operating income
- Net synergy target of €420 million in 2018, including €268 million realized in 2017
- Free cash flow in 2018 expected at around €1.9 billion, including a cash tax benefit of around €200 million and working capital improvements of €175 million in 2018, versus 2016
- Capital expenditure expected at €1.9 billion in 2018
- CMD announcement: November 13, 2018 in the U.S.

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