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# **Investor Day 2014 Group Financial Outlook and Strategy**

Mark Langer, CFO Paris, November 19, 2014

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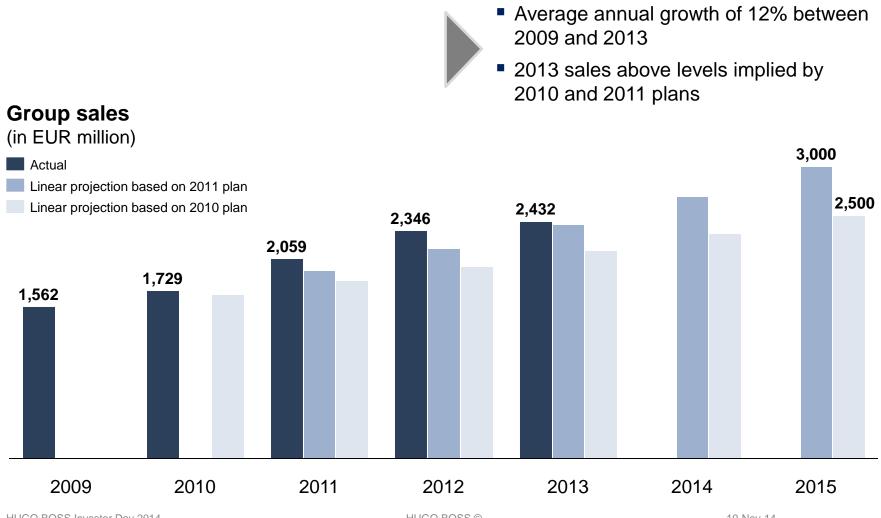
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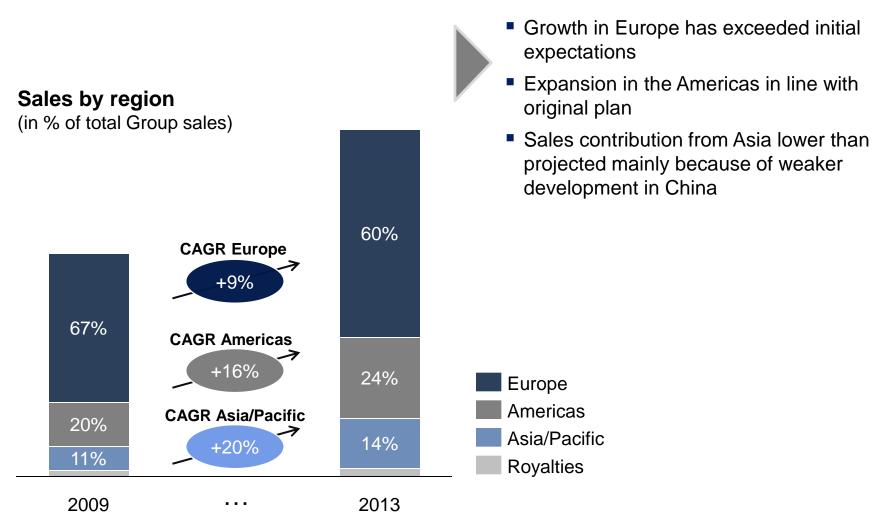
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## **Group sales performance above original plans**

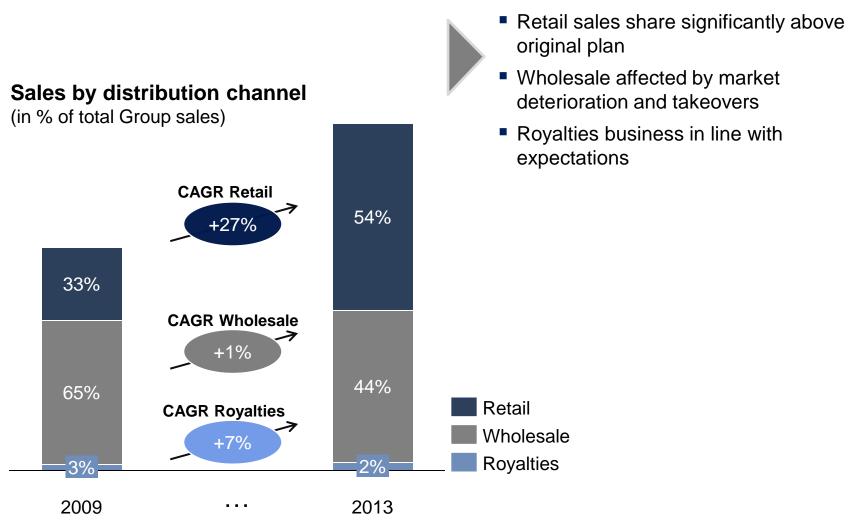


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## Regional mix of Group sales different than expected



## Retail sales growth has outperformed initial expectations



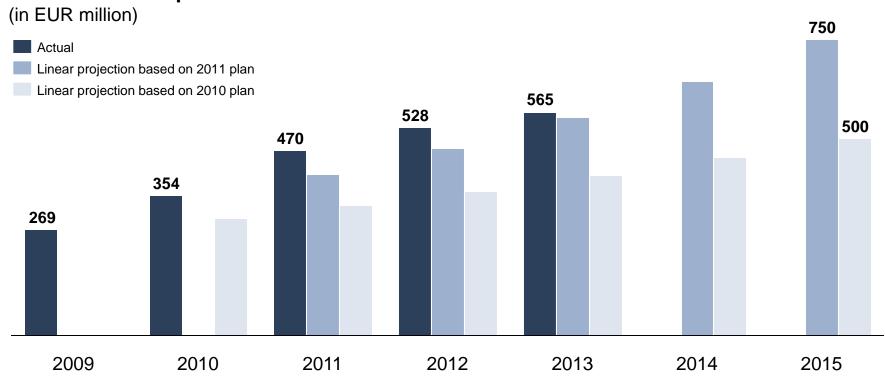
## Strong operating profit growth despite most recent moderation



- Group operating profit has more than doubled since 2009
- More moderate progress since 2012

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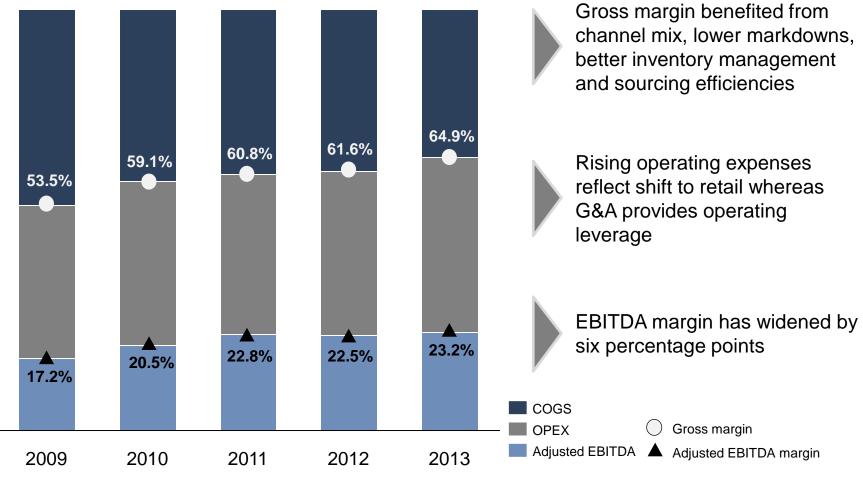
### **EBITDA** before special items



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## Significant gross margin progress has driven operating margin increases

### **Gross margin and adjusted EBITDA margin**



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## Past performance in line with financial management principles



Gross margin improvements to at least equal channel mix effect



Retail expenditure growth to be below retail sales growth



G&A expenditures to grow more slowly than top line



Operating profit to grow stronger than top line

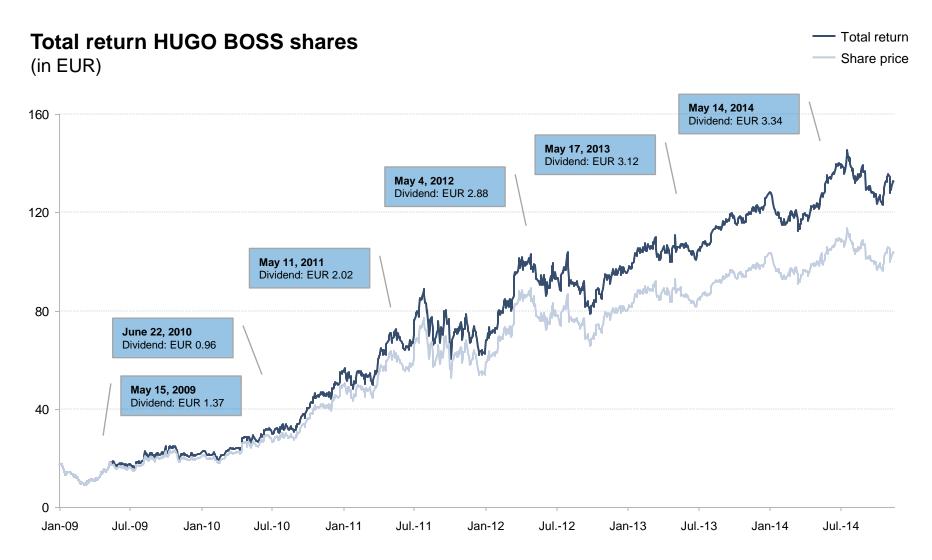


Investments to sustain future profitable growth



Free cash flow generation to fund shareholder returns and further net debt reduction

## Financial performance has translated into high total shareholder return



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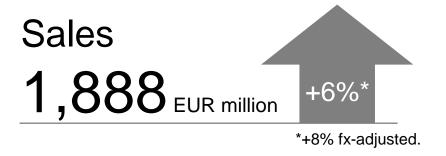
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## Solid top and bottom line increases in the first nine months of 2014



Gross profit margin <sup>†</sup>

+180 bp

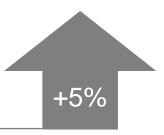
EBITDA margin

(adjusted)

22.4%



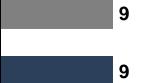
Net income 259 EUR million



## Diverging trends across the three regions



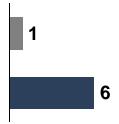






- Strong growth in major markets led by the UK and Germany
- Moderation in retail trends towards end of period

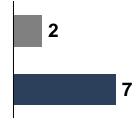






- Momentum has accelerated over the course of the year despite still promotional environment
- Improving shop-in-shop performance







- Solid growth in almost all markets, in particular Australia
- Volatile trading patterns in China restrict visibility on potential market recovery

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## Full year outlook 2014 reconfirmed

## Outlook 2014

| Sales growth (currency-adjusted)      | 6% - 8%                              |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Growth of EBITDA before special items | 5% - 7%                              |
| Capex                                 | Around EUR 130 million               |
| Own retail network                    | Around 50 openings (excl. takeovers) |

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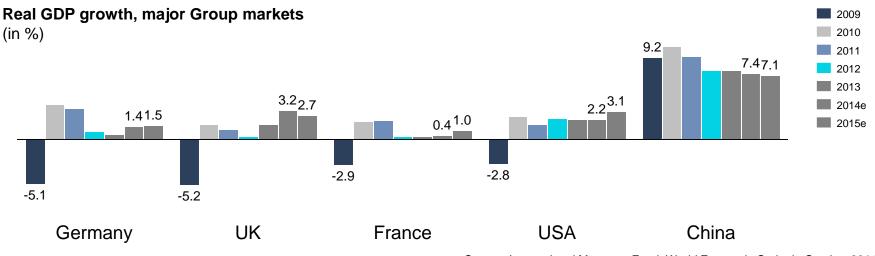
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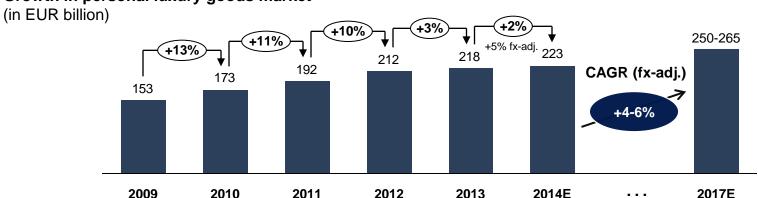
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## Economic and industry forecasts point to continued external challenges



Source: International Monetary Fund, World Economic Outlook, October 2014

#### **Growth in personal luxury goods market**



Source: Bain & Company, Fondazione Altagamma, Altagamma 2014 Worldwide Markets Monitor, October 2014

## Group targeting high-single digit annual sales growth on average

#### Regions

- All regions expected to make positive contributions
- Asia forecasted to grow stronger than the Group average in the medium- and long-term

#### Distribution channels

- Retail to continue growing at a doubledigit rate to at least 75% of Group sales by 2020
  - LFL increases
  - New openings
  - Takeovers
- Wholesale expected to decline gradually

#### **Brand & Gender Lines**

- Weight of core brand BOSS to increase further
- Luxury to expand to 20% of core brand BOSS sales by 2020
- Womenswear to grow at a doubledigit rate to at least 15% of Group sales by 2020

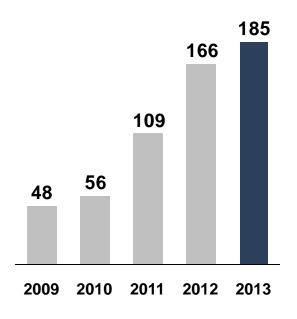
High-single digit annual sales growth on average

## Strong commitment to achievement of 25% EBITDA margin target

| Comp store sales    | <ul> <li>Higher conversion rates and growing transaction sizes main sources<br/>of mid-single-digit sales growth, supporting operating leverage</li> </ul> |
|---------------------|--|
| Gross margin        | Future increase driven predominantly by channel mix  |
| Marketing           | Expenditures to remain broadly stable relative to sales  |
| Own retail          | <ul> <li>Expenditures to grow stronger than Group sales, but to decline<br/>relative to Retail sales</li> </ul>  |
| Other opex          | <ul> <li>Efficiency gains in logistics and disciplined cost management to<br/>support growth lower than sales</li> </ul>                                   |
| Non-operating items | <ul> <li>Declining financial expenses and stable tax rate to support EPS<br/>increases higher than EBITDA growth</li> </ul>                                |

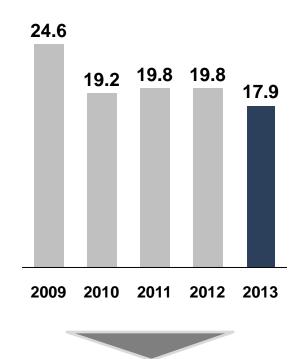
## Healthy trends in free cash flow set to continue

## **Investments** (in EUR million)



Investments to increase again after lower level in 2014

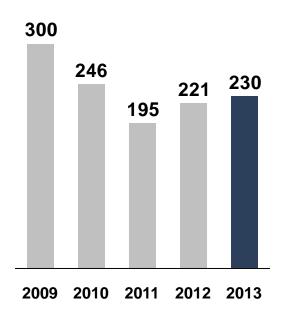
Average trade net working capital as % of sales (in %)\*



Further reduction targeted

\*Certain amounts shown here do not correspond to the figures published in prior years and reflect adjustments made.

## Free cash flow (in EUR million)

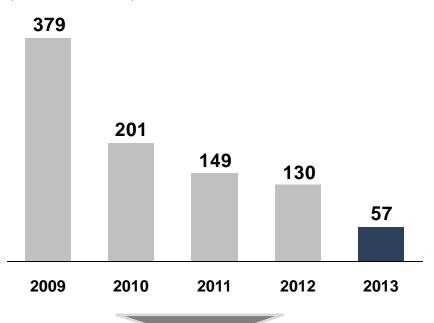


Ongoing support from profit growth and tight working capital management

## Net debt and annual rent payments moving in opposite directions

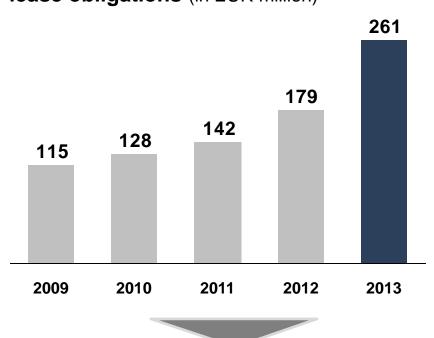
#### Net debt

(in EUR million)



- Reflects strong free cash flow
- Decline despite steady increase of dividend payouts

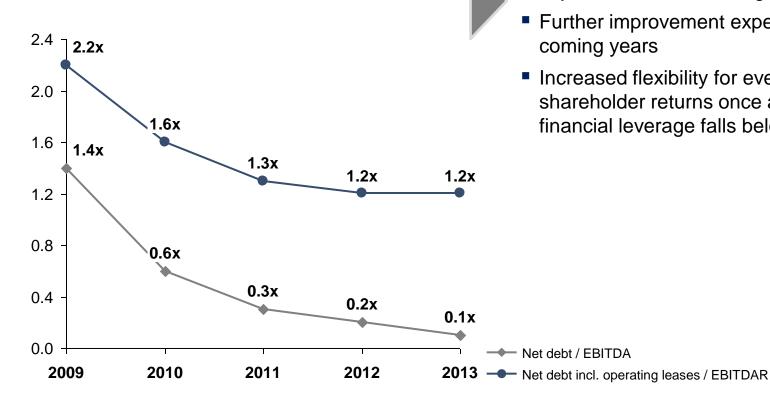
## Rent expenses under operating lease obligations (in EUR million)



- Vast majority of annual lease payments relate to own retail
- Retail expansion has driven rent increases over the last few years

## Adjusted financial leverage has remained stable over the last two years

### Financial leverage

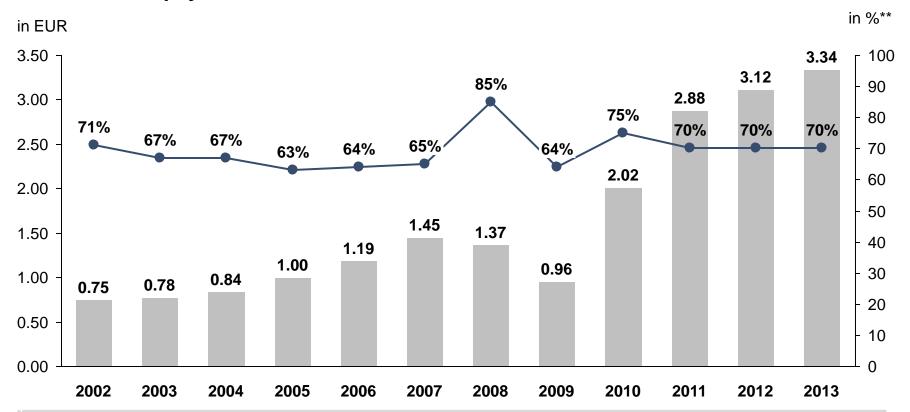


- Management comfortable with current adjusted financial leverage
- Further improvement expected in coming years
- Increased flexibility for even higher shareholder returns once adjusted financial leverage falls below 1x

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

## **HUGO BOSS to maintain industry-leading dividend payout**

### Dividend\* and payout ratio



Dividend policy to pay out between 60% and 80% of consolidated net income reconfirmed

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<sup>\*</sup> Excluding special dividend // \*\* As a percentage of net profit attributable to the shareholders of the parent company

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## Strong financial performance set to continue in future years

- Group has delivered robust financial performance and strong shareholder returns since 2009
- HUGO BOSS on track to achieve 2014 financial targets
- Clear roadmap in place for generation of high-single digit sales growth annually and achievement of 25% EBITDA margin
- Expected future free cash flow generation to increase flexibility for even higher cash returns



Thank you for your attention!

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