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HUGO BOSS Company Handout Edinburgh, March 26, 2015 Mark Langer, CFO I Dennis Weber, Head of Investor Relations

### **Agenda**

Strategic review 2014

Financial performance 2014

Outlook 2015 and beyond

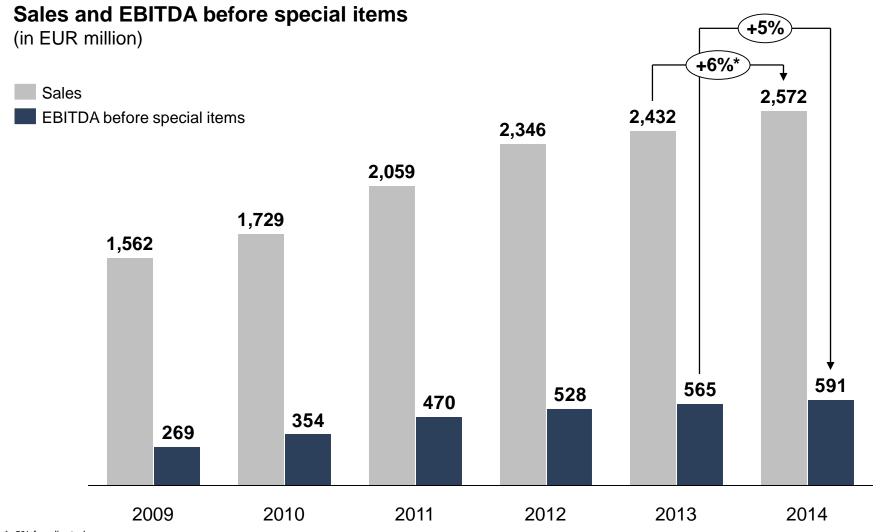
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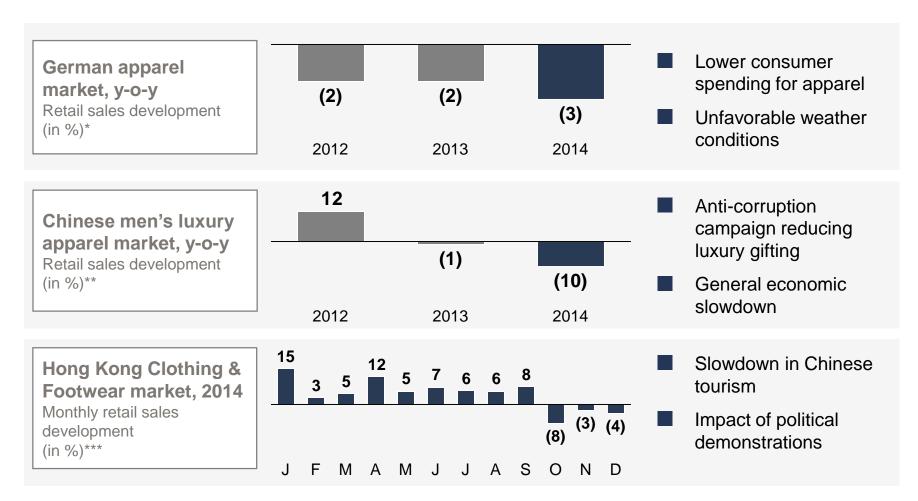
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### HUGO BOSS achieves solid sales and profit growth in 2014



### Market environment more difficult than expected

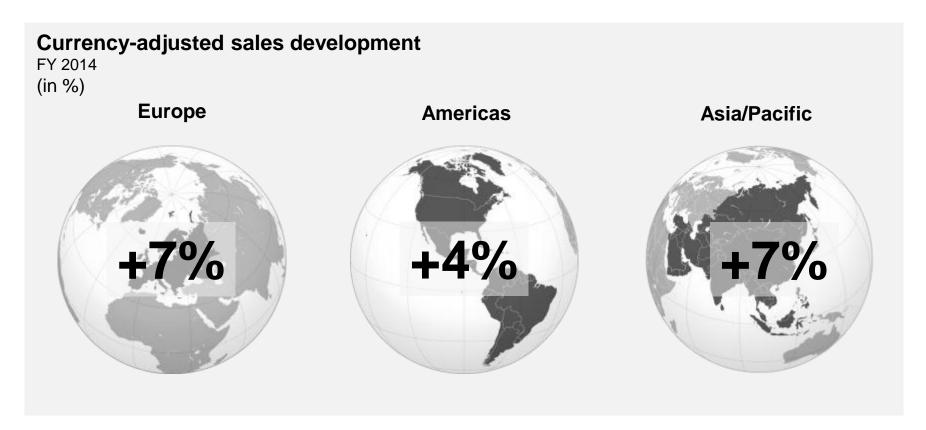


<sup>\*</sup>Source: TextilWirtschaft, based on TW-Testclub Panel

<sup>\*\*</sup>Source: Bain & Company, 2014 China Luxury Market Study

<sup>\*\*\*</sup>Source: Hong Kong Census and Statistics Department

### Globally balanced footprint secures solid growth

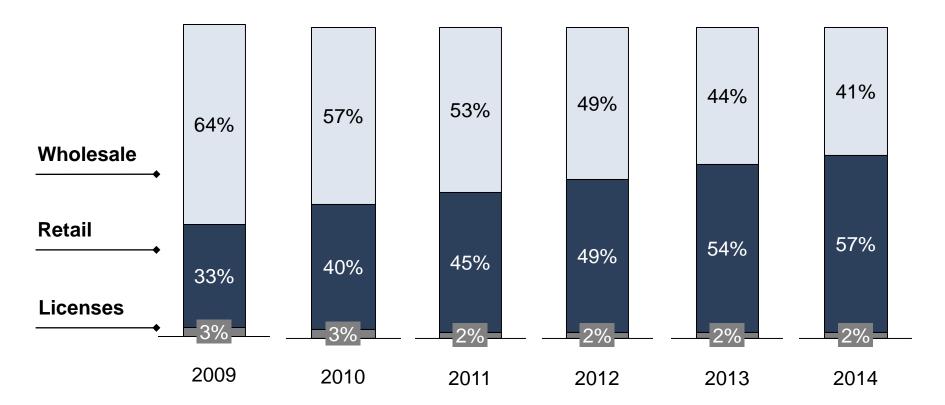


Strength in core European markets shields the Group from economic turbulence elsewhere

### **Retail expansion continues**



# Expansion and productivity improvements drive expansion of retail share Sales by distribution channel



Retail to account for at least 75% of Group sales by 2020

#### HUGO BOSS has reached a new level in womenswear









BOSS Womenswear sales up 18% currency-adjusted, overall womenswear business +11%

### **HUGO BOSS wins important brand rankings in Germany and China**

#### Germany



- HUGO BOSS named "Best Fashion Brand"
- Independent study conducted by market research institute GfK
- Based on commercial success and emotional appeal
- Sample: 1,000 Germany-based consumers

#### China



- HUGO BOSS named "Best Fashion Label for Men"
- Independent study conducted by The Hurun Research Institute
- Most important ranking in the Chinese luxury goods market
- Sample: 376 mainland Chinese individuals with a personal wealth of at least RMB 10 million

### New flat-packed goods distribution center in Germany fully operational



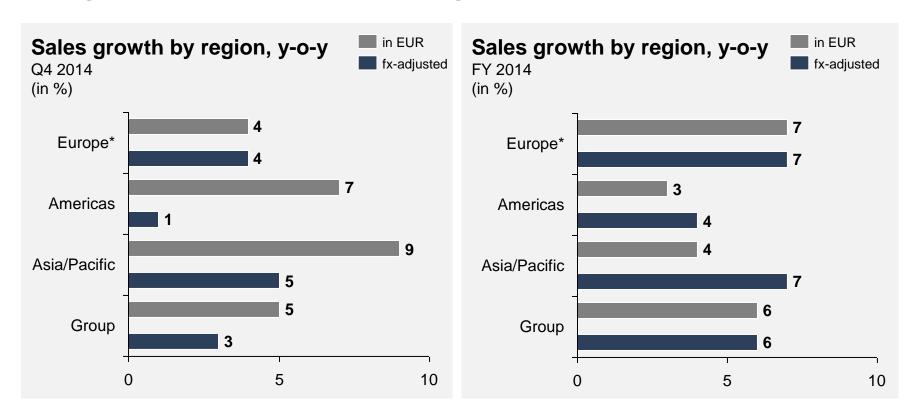
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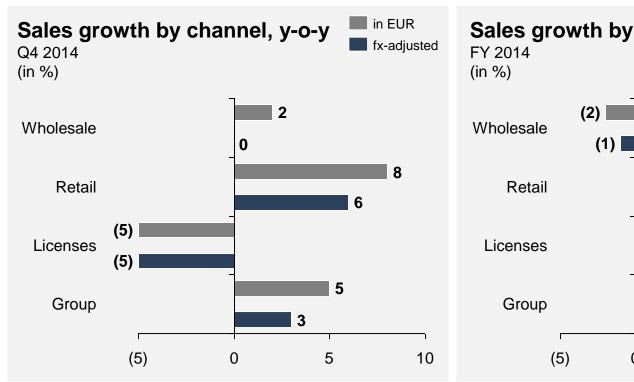
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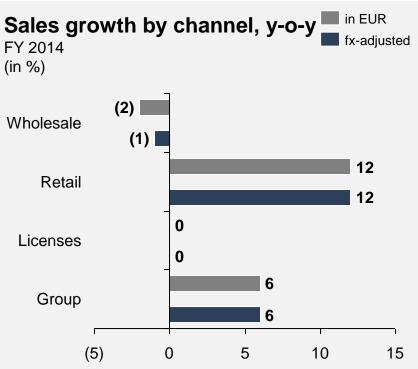
### All regions contribute to Group sales growth in 2014



- UK remains Europe's fastest growing market, up 16% currency-adjusted in 2014
- Double-digit growth in own retail more than offsets decline in wholesale in the Americas
- Growth in Asia/Pacific driven by strong performance in Oceania and Japan

### Retail continues to drive Group sales increases

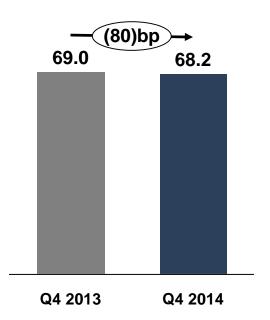




- Wholesale performance affected by takeovers and industry consolidation
- Growth in **own retail** supported by store expansion and comp store sales growth of 3% (Q4: 0%)
- Weaker fragrance business offsets improvements in watches and eyewear in license business

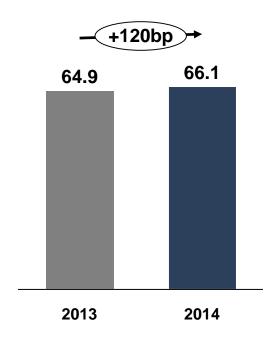
### Robust full year gross profit margin improvement

#### Fourth quarter



- Strong comparison base
- Above-average growth of outlet channel
- Moderate increase of rebates

#### Full year



- Positive distribution channel mix
- Lower rebates

### **EBITDA** grows despite higher operating expenses

| in EUR million                       |         |         |             |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|
|                                      | 2014    | 2013    | Change in % |
| Sales                                | 2,571.6 | 2,432.1 | 6           |
| Gross profit                         | 1,699.1 | 1,579.6 | 8           |
| In % of sales                        | 66.1    | 64.9    | 120 bp      |
| Selling and distribution expenses    | (994.9) | (891.6) | (12)        |
| Administration expenses              | (236.2) | (228.5) | (3)         |
| Other operating income and expenses  | (19.3)  | (3.3)   | >(100)      |
| Operating result (EBIT)              | 448.7   | 456.2   | (2)         |
| In % of sales                        | 17.4    | 18.7    | (130) bp    |
| Financial result                     | (11.6)  | (22.7)  | 49          |
| Earnings before taxes                | 437.1   | 433.5   | 1           |
| Income taxes                         | (102.6) | (100.1) | (2)         |
| Net income                           | 334.5   | 333.4   | 0           |
| Attributable to:                     |         |         |             |
| Equity holders of the parent company | 333.3   | 329.0   | 1           |
| Earnings per share (EUR)*            | 4.83    | 4.77    | 1           |
|                                      |         |         |             |
| EBITDA before special items          | 590.8   | 564.7   | 5           |
| In % of sales                        | 23.0    | 23.2    | (20) bp     |
| Special items                        | (19.3)  | (3.3)   | >(100)      |

- Own retail expansion main driver of higher selling and distribution expenses
- Marketing expendituresincrease by 60 basis points to 6.3% of sales
- Moderate increase in administration costs demonstrates tight overhead cost management
- Other operating expenses
  linked to distribution changes
  and consolidation of production
  facilities
- Improved **financial result** due to reduction of debt and lower interest rates

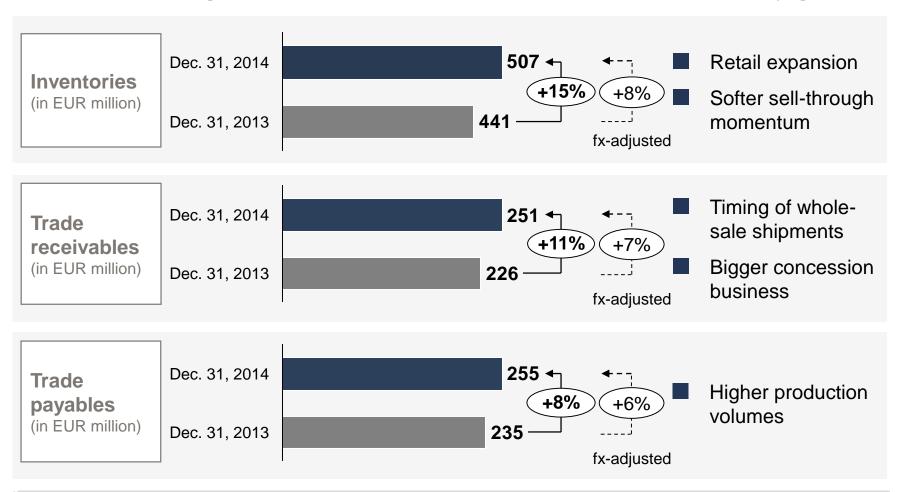
### Region Europe records solid margin improvement

#### Segment profit

| in EUR million                    |         |               |         |               |             |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------------|---------|---------------|-------------|
|                                   | 2014    | In % of sales | 2013    | In % of sales | Change in % |
| Europe*                           | 536.1   | 34.2          | 490.2   | 33.6          | 9           |
| Americas                          | 151.1   | 25.8          | 152.0   | 26.7          | (1)         |
| Asia/Pacific                      | 112.2   | 31.1          | 117.3   | 33.8          | (4)         |
| Licenses                          | 49.1    | 85.2          | 49.3    | 85.2          | 0           |
| Segment profit operating segments | 848.5   | 33.0          | 808.8   | 33.3          | 5           |
| Corporate units/consolidation     | (257.7) |               | (244.1) |               | (6)         |
| EBITDA before special items       | 590.8   | 23.0          | 564.7   | 23.2          | 5           |

- Healthy top line growth and better gross margin support operating margin increase in **Europe**
- Higher operating expenses outweigh gross margin improvement in the **Americas**
- Mixed comp store sales performance and cost increases cause operating deleverage in Asia/Pacific

### Trade net working capital increases despite moderation of inventory growth

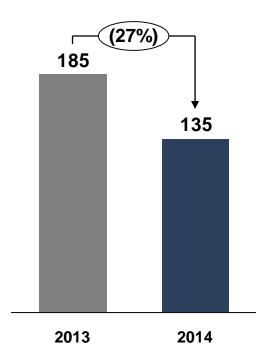


Trade net working capital up 16% to EUR 503 million

### Robust free cash flow growth

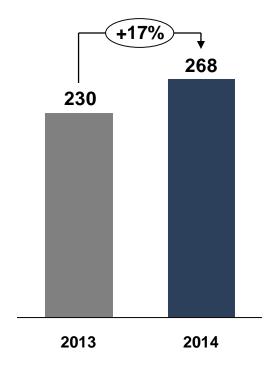
#### **Investments**

(in EUR million)



Non-recurrence of prior year distribution center investments

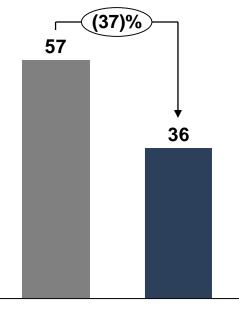
Free cash flow (in EUR million)



Increase mainly due to lower investments

Net debt

(in EUR million)



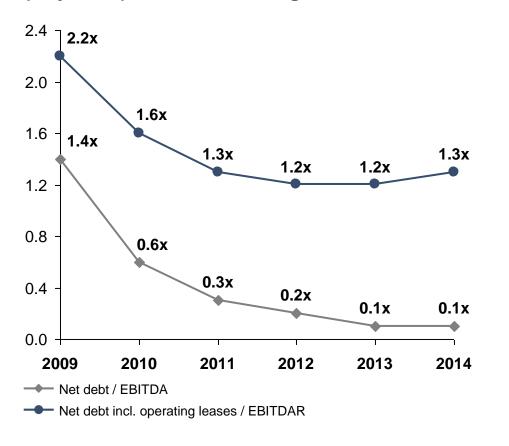
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Increase of FCF supports net debt reduction

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

#### (Adjusted) financial leverage

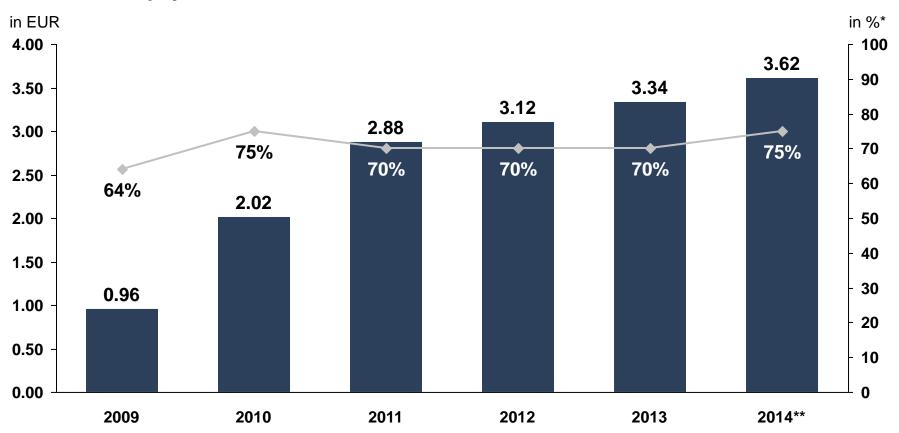


- Adjusted financial leverage reflects profitability improvements offset by higher operating lease obligations
- Management comfortable with current levels of above one

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

### Proposed dividend increases payout ratio to 75%

#### Dividend and payout ratio



Proposal in line with dividend policy of 60% to 80% payout of consolidated net profit

<sup>\*</sup>As a percentage of net profit attributable to the shareholders of the parent company // \*\*2014: Dividend proposal

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### Growth strategy 2020 to drive further profitable growth



Elevate the BOSS core brand by engaging consumers emotionally



Leverage the brand's potential in womenswear and shoes & accessories



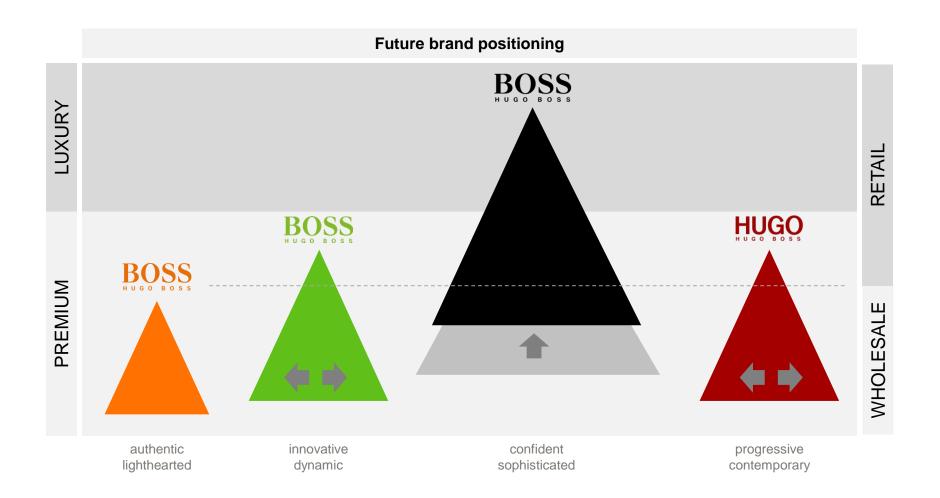
Build omnichannel to drive own retail online and offline



Exploit growth opportunities in under-penetrated markets

Further build the Group's operational strength to enable key strategy implementation

### Increasingly nuanced portfolio to support BOSS brand elevation



### **HUGO and BOSS Green to replace BOSS in category business**

#### RETAIL

Own stores to increasingly focus on BOSS core brand exclusively



#### WHOLESALE

Presence of BOSS core brand to become limited to shop-in-shops



#### Category business focused on HUGO and BOSS Green







### Coming collections reflect product elevation in BOSS Womenswear



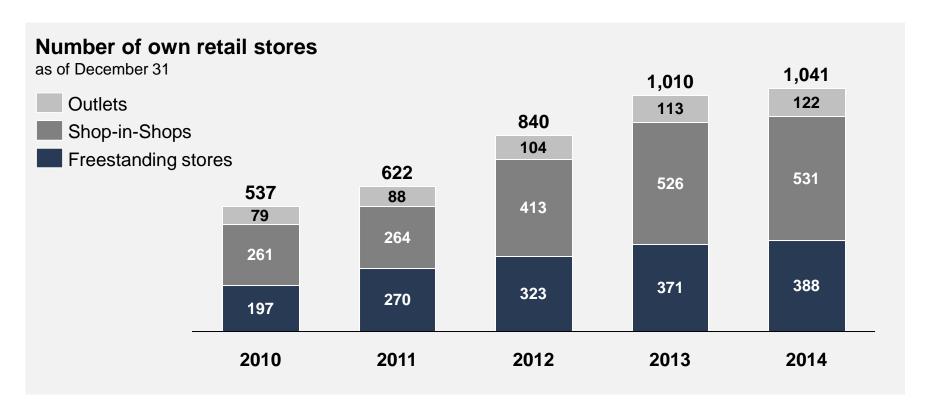




### BOSS campaign builds brand's credibility as a fashion destination

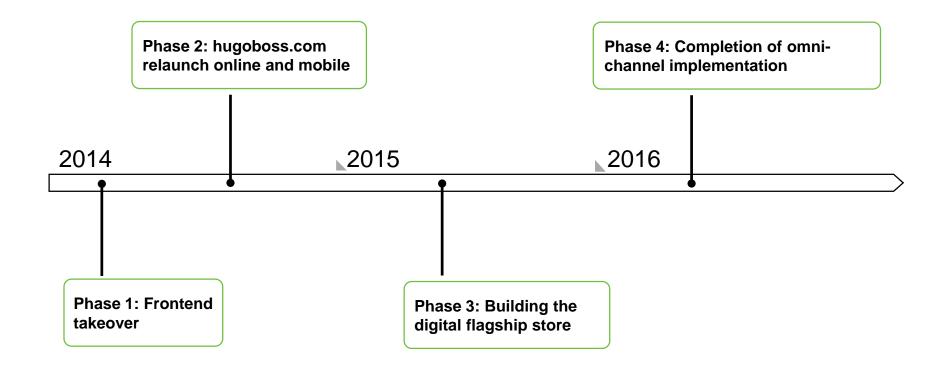


### New openings and takeovers to contribute to retail expansion



- Around 50 new openings planned in 2015
- Takeovers of franchise stores and shop-in-shops to further add to store count
- Growing importance of renovations

### Omnichannel model geared to the demands of today's consumer



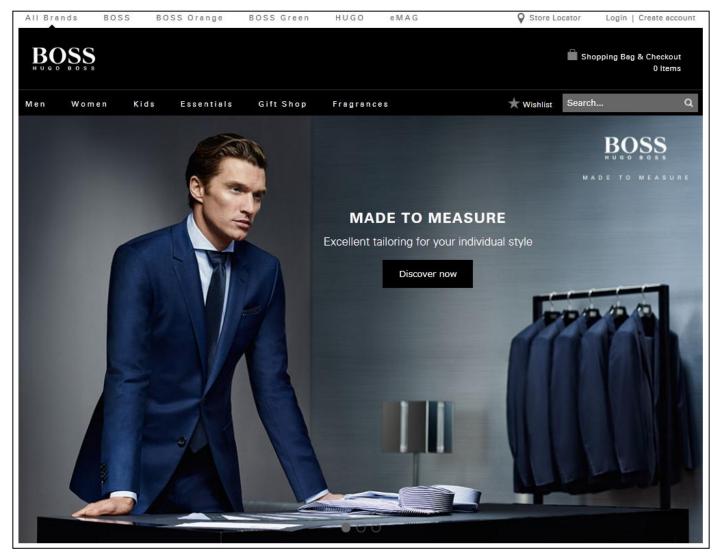
Implementation of omnichannel business model under way

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### Key digital initiatives defined

| Initiative                          | Description and rationale   | Status |
|-------------------------------------|---|--------|
| Launch of own store frontend        | Takeover of Demandware software from former fulfillment partner enabling full control | Done   |
| Relaunch of hugoboss.com            | Migration of formerly separate eCom and brand worlds driving traffic to store         | Done   |
| Mobile store upgrade                | Seamless integration of mobile store based on responsive design                       | Done   |
| Ongoing store upgrades              | Addition of new features to drive in-store experience and usability                   | 2015   |
| myhugoboss.com / "Mocca" POS system | Integrated customer database enabling store-<br>driven CRM measures                   | 2015   |
| In-store online ordering            | iPad-based in-store ordering from significantly wider online offering                 | 2016   |
| Order online, exchange in store     | Offering standardized and seamless return process for maximum convenience             | 2016   |
| Click & Collect                     | Order online, collect in-store  | 2016   |

### Takeover of frontend has upgraded overall look and feel



### Merger of online store and brand website drives traffic

Before

Two different gateways for eCom store and brand website

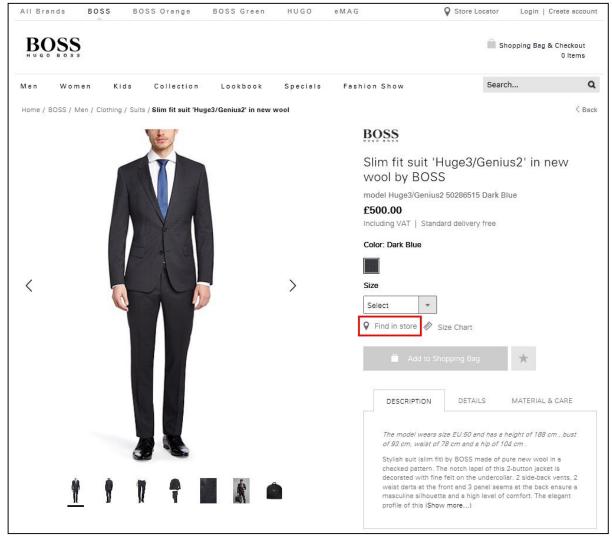


Today

Seamless integration of content and commerce



### In-store availability feature introduced



- Provides real-time store inventory information
- Enables search for product in other stores
- Locates closest store in relation to customer's IP address or GPS position

### Further improvement of retail execution to support solid growth in Europe

- Tough industry environment and weak customer footfall in many markets
- Focus on improving in-store experience as well as customer service and relationship management
- Underpenetrated categories and markets offer attractive opportunities



BOSS Store Zurich, Bahnhofstrasse

### **Brand control key for success in the Americas**

- Promotional market environment set to continue for foreseeable future
- Important retail-related process improvements under way
- Focus on upgrade of brand presentation in US wholesale business



BOSS Store Washington DC, City Center

# Strategic progress in China adds to strength of other markets in Asia

- Growing momentum in formalwear to support further share gains in China despite ongoing market weakness
- Confident outlook for Australia and Japan
- Direct control of trendsetting South Korean market to improve market position

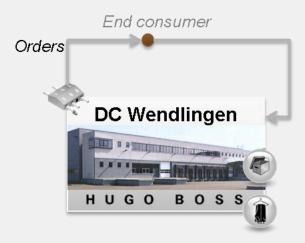


BOSS Store Osaka, Shinsaibashi

#### B2C distribution center builds foundation for omnichannel

#### B2C Warehouse Wendlingen, Germany

Former flat-packed goods facility to serve as a B2C distribution center going forward



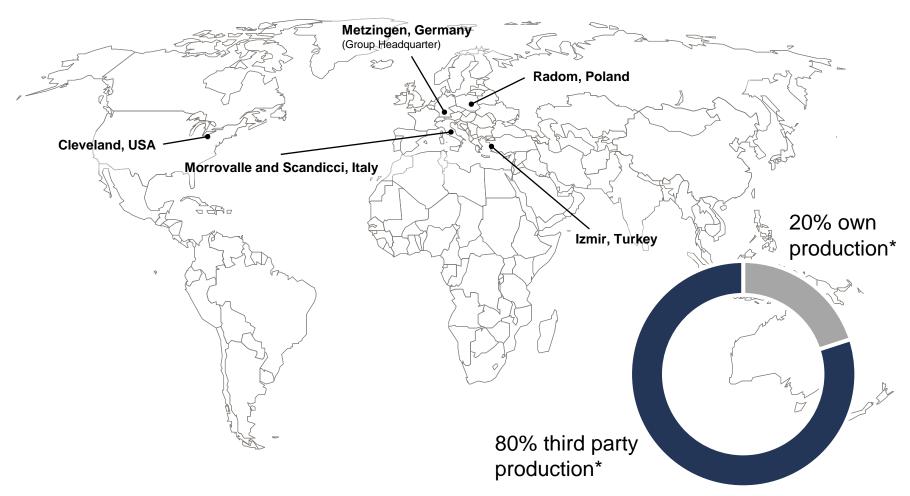
- Key tasks: Storage, packing, return handling, product refurbishment
- Handling of product returns from all European markets and sales channels
- Remodeling currently under way

# Launch of new systems refines retail management

|                           | Retail Merchandise Planning  | Retail Assortment Planning  |
|---------------------------|--|---|
| Purpose                   | Systems-based planning process<br>based on sales, margins and<br>stock levels  | <ul> <li>SAP-based assortment planning<br/>approach based on store capacity,<br/>location characteristics and<br/>product lifecycles</li> </ul> |
| Main operational benefits | <ul> <li>Detailed pre-season budgeting based on expected demand</li> <li>Flexible in-season monitoring of performance versus plan</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>Improved fit of merchandise offering and product availability</li> <li>Consumer-centric collection development</li> </ul>              |
| Main financial benefits   | <ul><li>Higher sales</li><li>Lower inventories</li></ul>   | <ul><li>Improved full-price sales supporting margins</li><li>Higher inventory turns</li></ul>   |
| Timing of rollout         | ■ Completion in 2015   | Starting with Fall 2016 collection development  |

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# Consolidation of own production network drives operational efficiency



<sup>\*</sup>Percentage based on procurement volumes

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# Solid growth of sales and operating profit expected in 2015

### Outlook 2015

| Sales growth (currency-adjusted)      | Mid-single-digit rate                |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Growth of EBITDA before special items | 5% - 7%                              |
| Capex                                 | EUR 200 million – EUR 220 million    |
| Own retail network                    | Around 50 openings (excl. takeovers) |

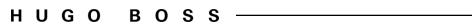
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# Clear growth plan in place to overcome external challenges

- Group has coped well with market weakness in 2014
- Multi-faceted opportunities provide numerous levers for long-term growth
- Another year of solid financial performance and important strategic progress ahead



BOSS Store Osaka, Shinsaibashi



# **BACKUP**

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# **Brand portfolio**





**72**%\* of Group sales modern / sophisticated



8%\* of Group sales modern / active



BOSS



10%\* of Group sales casual / urban chic



10%\* of Group sales progressive / contemporary



# Sales by region 2014

### **Share of Group sales\***



Asia/Pacific

14%

Europe (incl. Middle East and Africa)

61%

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23%



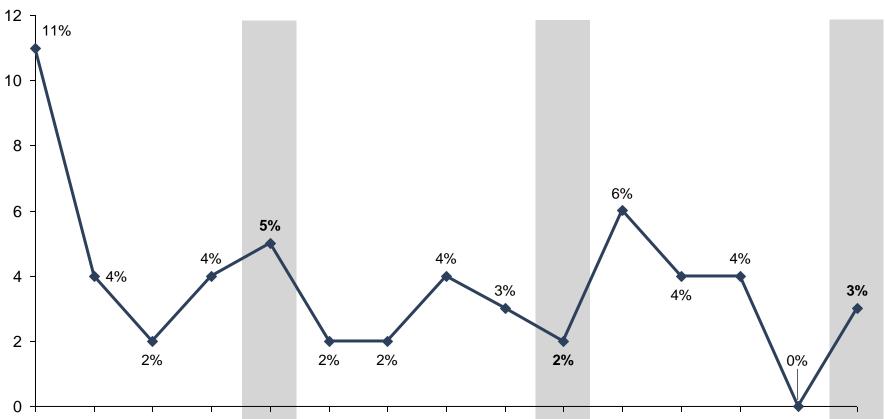
# **Americas**

# Retail comp stores sales growth

# Sales growth retail I-f-I\*

Retail I-f-I

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#### **Income statement**

| in EUR million                       |         |         |             |         |         |             |
|--------------------------------------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-------------|
|                                      | Q4 2014 | Q4 2013 | Change in % | 2014    | 2013    | Change in % |
| Sales                                | 683.6   | 649.0   | 5           | 2,571.6 | 2,432.1 | 6           |
| Cost of sales                        | (217.3) | (200.9) | (8)         | (872.5) | (852.5) | (2)         |
| Gross profit                         | 466.3   | 448.1   | 4           | 1,699.1 | 1,579.6 | 8           |
| In % of sales                        | 68.2    | 69.0    | (80) bp     | 66.1    | 64.9    | 120 bp      |
| Selling and distribution expenses    | (289.0) | (264.5) | (9)         | (994.9) | (891.6) | (12)        |
| Administration expenses              | (56.3)  | (64.9)  | 13          | (236.2) | (228.5) | (3)         |
| Other operating income and expenses  | (15.9)  | 0.1     | >(100)      | (19.3)  | (3.3)   | >(100)      |
| Operating result (EBIT)              | 105.1   | 118.8   | (12)        | 448.7   | 456.2   | (2)         |
| In % of sales                        | 15.4    | 18.3    | (290) bp    | 17.4    | 18.7    | (130) bp    |
| Net interest income/expense          | (1.1)   | (6.9)   | 84          | (4.5)   | (14.4)  | 69          |
| Other financial items                | (3.4)   | (0.1)   | >(100)      | (7.1)   | (8.3)   | 14          |
| Financial result                     | (4.5)   | (7.0)   | 36          | (11.6)  | (22.7)  | 49          |
| Earnings before taxes                | 100.6   | 111.8   | (10)        | 437.1   | 433.5   | 1           |
| Income taxes                         | (25.3)  | (26.1)  | 3           | (102.6) | (100.1) | (2)         |
| Net income                           | 75.3    | 85.7    | (12)        | 334.5   | 333.4   | 0           |
| Attributable to:                     |         |         |             |         |         |             |
| Equity holders of the parent company | 75.3    | 84.4    | (11)        | 333.3   | 329.0   | 1           |
| Non-controlling interests            | 0       | 1.3     | (100)       | 1.2     | 4.4     | (73)        |
| Earnings per share (EUR)*            | 1.09    | 1.22    | (11)        | 4.83    | 4.77    | 1           |
| EBITDA before special items          | 167.4   | 157.3   | 6           | 590.8   | 564.7   | 5           |
| In % of sales                        | 24.5    | 24.2    | 30 bp       | 23.0    | 23.2    | (20) bp     |
| Special items                        | (15.9)  | 0.1     | >(100)      | (19.3)  | (3.3)   | >(100)      |

<sup>\*</sup>Basic and diluted earnings per share

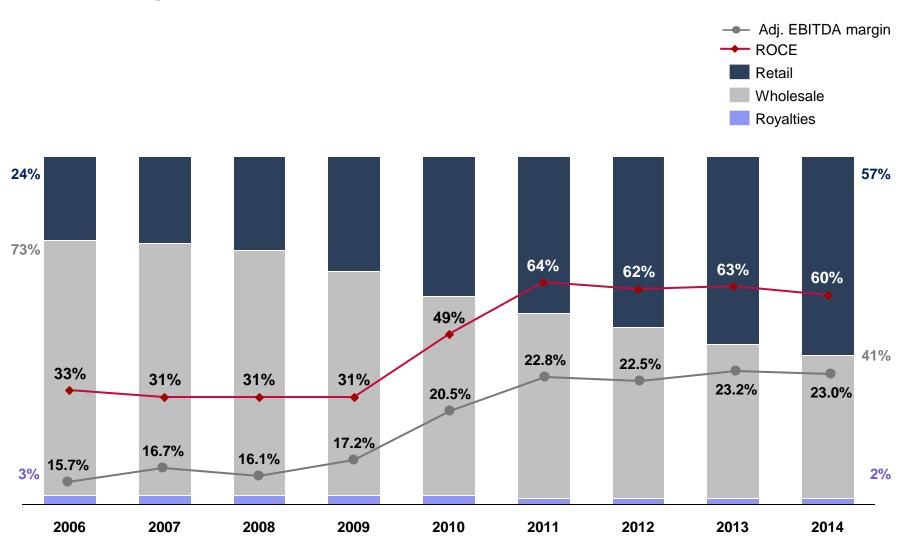
#### **5-Year Overview**

| in EUR million                    | 2014    | 2013    | 2012    | 2011    | 2010    |
|-----------------------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Earnings Position                 |         |         |         |         |         |
| Sales                             | 2,571.6 | 2,432.1 | 2,345.9 | 2,058.8 | 1,729.4 |
| Gross profit                      | 1,699.1 | 1,579.6 | 1,444.1 | 1,252.0 | 1,022.4 |
| EBITDA                            | 571.5   | 561.4   | 523.9   | 468.0   | 340.1   |
| EBITDA before special items       | 590.8   | 564.7   | 528.1   | 469.5   | 353.7   |
| EBIT                              | 448.7   | 456.2   | 432.0   | 394.6   | 267.9   |
| Net income attributable to equity |         |         |         |         |         |
| holders of the parent company     | 333.3   | 329.0   | 306.5   | 284.9   | 188.9   |
| Financial Position and Dividend   |         |         |         |         |         |
| Free cash flow                    | 268.4   | 230.0   | 220.6   | 194.9   | 246.3   |
| Net debt                          | 35.7    | 57.0    | 130.4   | 149.1   | 201.1   |
| Capital expenditures              | 134.7   | 185.3   | 165.8   | 108.5   | 55.6    |
| Depreciation/amortization         | 122.8   | 105.3   | 91.9    | 73.4    | 72.2    |
| Dividend*                         | 249.8   | 230.5   | 215.3   | 199.1   | 139.7   |
| Asset and Liability Structure     |         |         | ,       |         |         |
| Total assets                      | 1,661.8 | 1,501.3 | 1,577.2 | 1,419.6 | 1,342.8 |
| Share holders' equity             | 843.9   | 740.3   | 631.6   | 517.3   | 361.2   |
| Trade net working capital         | 503.0   | 431.8   | 408.5   | 399.6   | 322.7   |
| Non-current assets                | 660.3   | 611.5   | 587.7   | 503.2   | 454.5   |
| Key Ratios                        |         |         |         |         |         |
| Gross profit margin in %          | 66.1    | 64.9    | 61.6    | 60.8    | 59.1    |
| Adjusted EBITDA margin in %**     | 23.0    | 23.2    | 22.5    | 22.8    | 20.5    |
| Total leverage***                 | 0.1     | 0.1     | 0.2     | 0.3     | 0.6     |
| Equity ratio in %                 | 50.8    | 49.3    | 40.0    | 36.4    | 26.9    |

<sup>\*</sup> Based on dividend proposal

<sup>\*\*</sup>EBITDA before special items/Sales
\*\*\*Net financial liabilities/EBITDA before special items and expenses for the stock appreciation rights program

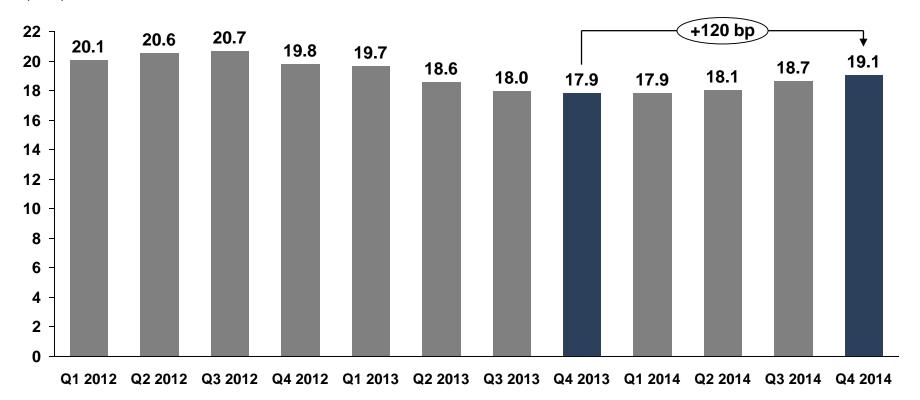
# **EBITDA** margin and ROCE vs. channel mix



# Trade net working capital

# Average trade net working capital as a percentage of sales by quarter\*

(in %)



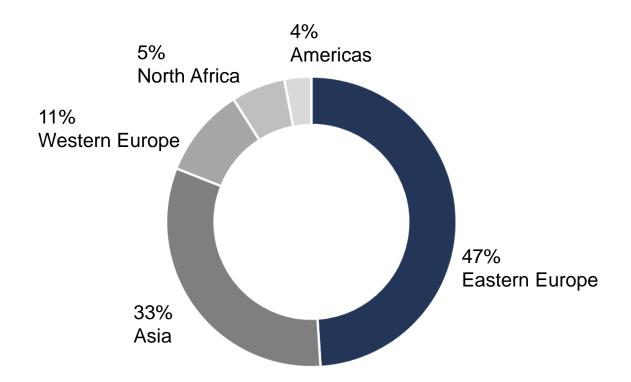
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<sup>\*</sup>Certain amounts shown here do not correspond to the figures published in prior years and reflect adjustments made

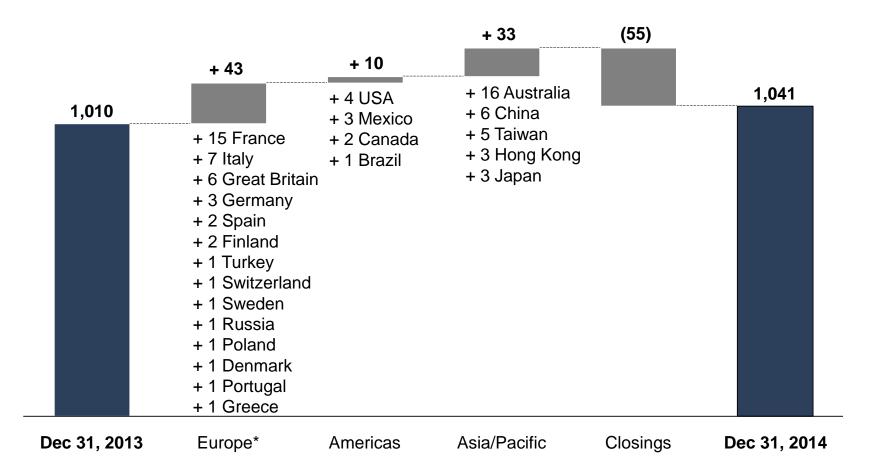
# **Sourcing structure**

### Regional split of sourcing and production volume 2014



#### Retail network

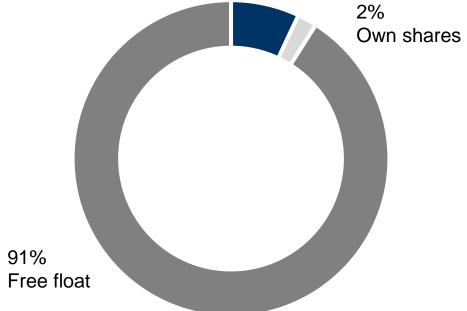
#### Number of own retail stores



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#### **Shareholder structure\***





# Financial calendar 2015

| Date             | Event                        |  |  |
|------------------|------------------------------|--|--|
|                  |                              |  |  |
| May 6, 2015      | First Quarter Results        |  |  |
| May 12, 2015     | Annual Shareholders' Meeting |  |  |
| August 4, 2015   | First Half Year Results      |  |  |
| November 3, 2015 | Nine Months Results          |  |  |

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