FULL YEAR 2017 RESULTS







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2017 HIGHLIGHTS



Delivering while transforming



2017: WE DELIVERED



Continued sequential improvement in organic growth: +2.2% in Q4

- Confirmed recovery in the US: +4.5% in Q4, after +3.5% in Q3
- FY 2017 organic growth of +0.8%

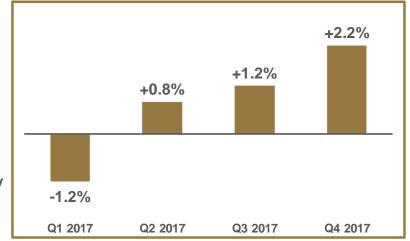
Operating margin rate of 15.5% up 40 basis points at constant restructuring charge

Operating margin of €1,505 million, up 0.7% at constant currency

Year-end net debt of €727 million, down 42% year-on-year

- Free cash flow ⁽¹⁾ of €1,287 million, up +2.1% year-on-year
- Including more than €500 million in cash dividends and buybacks

Proposed dividend of €2 per share, up 8.1%, leading to 44.4% pay-out (2)



⁽¹⁾ FCF before change in WCR

⁽²⁾ Dividend to be approved at the AGM of May 30, 2018



2017 RESULTS



Q4 AND FULL YEAR REVENUE

(EUR million)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	YTD
2017 REVENUE	2,328	2,515	2,264	2,583	9,690
2016 REVENUE	2,291	2,462	2,315	2,665	9,733
Reported growth	+1.6%	+2.2%	-2.2%	-3.1%	-0.4%
Growth at constant currencies	-0.6%	+1.1%	+1.9%	+2.7%	+1.3%
Organic growth	-1.2%	+0.8%	+1.2%	+2.2%	+0.8%



Q4 2017 REVENUE

BY GEOGRAPHY

(EUR million)	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Q4 2017 vs. Q4 2016	Organic growth
Europe	755	768	-1.7%	-1.8%
North America	1,308	1,362	-4.0%	+4.4%
Asia Pacific	304	321	-5.3%	-0.4%
Latin America	127	124	+2.4%	+8.7%
Middle East Africa	89	90	-1.1%	+6.4%
Total	2,583	2,665	-3.1%	+2.2%



2017 REVENUE

BY GEOGRAPHY

(EUR million)	2017	2016	2017 vs. 2016	Organic growth
Europe	2,758	2,760	-0.1%	+1.3%
North America	5,187	5,236	-0.9%	+0.5%
Asia Pacific	1,060	1,085	-2.3%	-1.5%
Latin America	389	365	+6.6%	+4.8%
Middle East Africa	296	287	+3.1%	+4.4%
Total	9,690	9,733	-0.4%	+0.8%

H1 organic growth	H2 organic growth
+4.3%	-1.6%
-2.4%	+3.7%
-1.4%	-1.6%
+3.5%	+5.8%
+0.8%	+7.8%
-0.2%	+1.7%



2017 ORGANIC GROWTH

BY COUNTRY

> +10%	Argentina, Chile, Russia, Turkey, Vietnam
+5% to +10%	Australia, India, Israel, South Korea, Mexico, UK, United Arab Emirates
0 to +5%	Brazil, France, Italy, Netherlands, Singapore, South Africa, Switzerland, USA
< 0%	Belgium, Canada, China, Germany, Japan, Malaysia, Spain, Sweden



ANONYMOUS LETTER

An anonymous letter was sent to Publicis Groupe's auditors and some financial analysts, claiming that Publicis Groupe anticipated the application of IFRS15 to boost organic growth

- This assertion is wrong: Publicis Groupe has not anticipated application of IFRS 15
- As the anonymous letter is clearly intended to damage Publicis Groupe's reputation and could affect its stock price, Publicis Groupe informed the AMF, the French Stock Market Authority

IFRS15 is adopted starting January 1, 2018

- Impact on revenue will be more than €600 million incremental revenue
- There will be other impacts that will be presented to the market soon

A full analysis has been conducted and the results are:

- Published organic growth is calculated in full compliance with accounting principles and calculation methodology
- Some contracts in production and events were reclassified on a gross basis vs net previously: no media or advertising activities involved

Marginal impact on revenue

- Revenue impact of €33 million in 2017 compared with full year revenue of €9,690 million, i.e. 40bps organic growth
- Q4 2017 organic growth negatively impacted by 90bps

2017	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	12 months
Revenue (EUR m)	2,328	2,515	2,264	2,583	9,690
Organic growth	-1.2%	+0.8%	+1.2%	+2.2%	+0.8%
Including:					
Impact of reclassification (EUR m)	+23	+18	+15	-23	+33
Impact on organic growth	+90bps	+80bps	+70bps	-90bps	+40bps



CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

(EUR million)	2017	2016	2017 vs. 2016
Revenue	9,690	9,733	-0.4%
EBITDA (1)	1,666	1,682	
Operating margin	1,505	1,516	-0.7%
Non-current income and expenses	(1)	12	
Net financial income (expenses)	(61)	(74)	
Income taxes	(391)	(427)	
Consolidated Headline Net Income	1,052	1,027	
Associates	(5)	(5)	
Minority interests	(10)	(7)	
Headline Group Net Income (1)	1,037	1,015	+2,2%
Amortization of intangibles arising on acquisitions, net of tax	(55)	(51)	
Impairment loss, net of tax	(115)	(1,383)	
US tax reform impact	61	0	
Revaluation of earn-out	(66)	(108)	
Group Net Income	862	(527)	

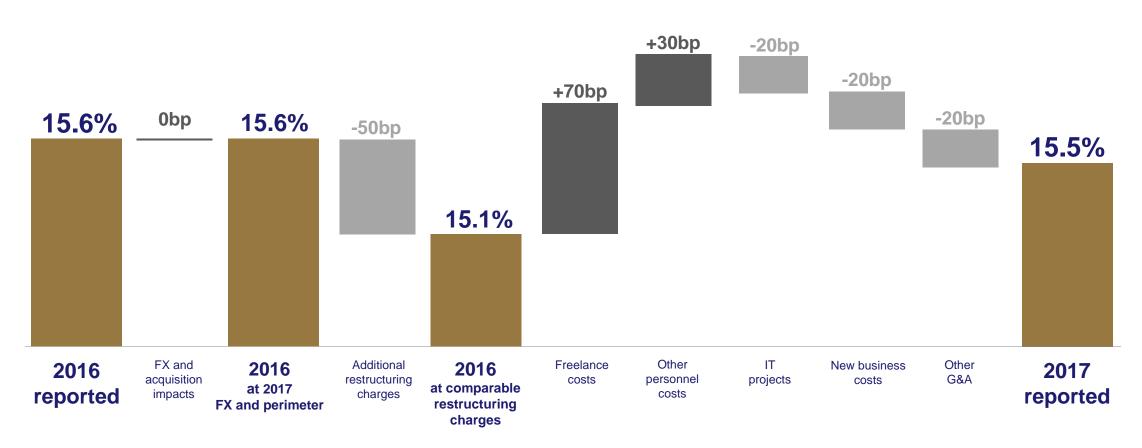


OPERATING MARGIN

(EUR million)	2017	2016
Revenue	9,690	9,733
Personnel costs (excl. restructuring costs)	(5,857)	(5,986)
Restructuring costs	(120)	(73)
Other operating expenses	(2,047)	(1,992)
Depreciation	(161)	(166)
Operating margin	1,505	1,516
As a % of revenue	15.5%	15.6%



CHANGE IN OPERATING MARGIN AS A % OF REVENUE





NET FINANCIAL INCOME (EXPENSES)

(EUR million)	2017	2016	2017 vs. 2016
2020 BNP Paribas loan, 2021 & 2024 Eurobond, 2023 Eurobond	(60)	(61)	1
Other financial expense net of interest income	28	7	21
Discount on long term debt (earn-out and finance leases)	(19)	(20)	1
Interest on net financial debt	(51)	(74)	23
Foreign exchange gain (loss)	(1)	10	(11)
Other financial expenses (1)	(9)	(10)	1
Net financial income (expenses) (2)	(61)	(74)	13

(2) Excluding earn-out revaluation

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⁽¹⁾ Includes provisions on financial assets, dividends outside the Group and finance costs on long term provisions



INCOME TAX AND EFFECTIVE TAX RATE

(EUR million)	2017	2016
Reported income taxes	312	342
Impact of US tax reform:	61	
Toll Charge on reserves accumulated by subsidiaries	(139)	
Deferred tax credit	200	
Adjusted income taxes	373	342
Effective tax rate	27.2%	29.0%
Income tax on Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	18	28
Income tax on Impairment	0	57
Headline income taxes	391	427



HEADLINE EARNINGS PER SHARE, DILUTED (1)





PROPOSED DIVIDEND OF €2.00 PER SHARE



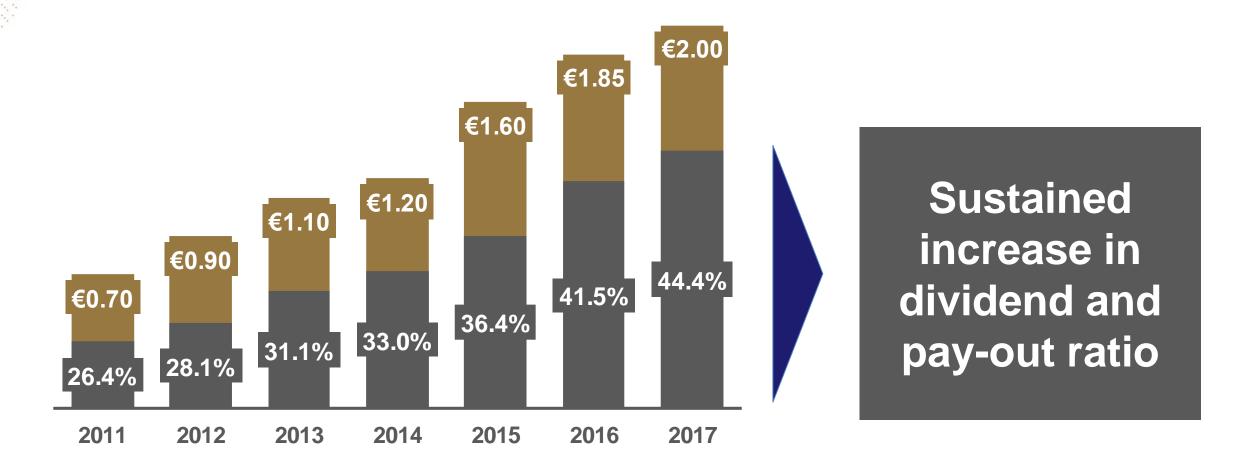
2017 dividend to be submitted to May 30, 2018 AGM's approval Option for dividend in cash or shares

Dividend

pay-out (1)



PROPOSED DIVIDEND OF €2.00 IN 2017, LEADING TO 44.4% DIVIDEND PAY-OUT (1) (2)



⁽¹⁾ To be approved by the AGM of May 30, 2018

⁽²⁾ See definition in Supplemental Information



(EUR million)	2017	2016	2017 vs. 2016
EBITDA (1)	1,666	1,682	
Interest paid	(38)	(66)	
Tax paid	(264)	(257)	
Other items	54	68	
Cash flows from operations before change in WCR	1,418	1,427	
Capex, net of disposals (1)	(131)	(166)	
Free Cash Flow before change in WCR	1,287	1,261	+2.1%



(EUR million)	2017	2016
Free Cash Flow before change in WCR	1,287	1,261
Change in WCR	69	(355)
Acquisitions (net of disposals)	(57)	(65)
Earn-out	(232)	(198)
Buy-out	(32)	(28)
Dividends paid	(180)	(213)
Share buy-back, net of sales	(337)	4
Sales of treasury shares due to exercise of stock options	37	14
Exercise of warrants	9	6
Non-cash impact on net debt	(47)	202
Reduction (Increase) in net debt	517	628



BALANCE SHEET

(EUR million)	Dec. 31, 2017	Dec. 31, 2016
Goodwill and intangibles	9,574	10,495
Other fixed assets	824	910
Current and deferred tax	(400)	(494)
Working capital	(2,661)	(2,916)
Net assets held for sale	46	-
TOTAL	7,383	7,995
Group equity	5,956	6,055
Minority interests	2	10
TOTAL EQUITY	5,958	6,065
Provisions for risk & charges	698	686
Net debt (cash)	727	1,244
TOTAL	7,383	7,995



NET DEBT / (NET CASH)

(EUR million)	2017	2016	2015
Net Debt (Net Cash), average	1,980	2,385	2,429
Net Debt (Net Cash), at end of period	727	1,244	1,872



FINANCIAL RATIOS

	2017	2016	Internal objectives
Average net debt / EBITDA (1)	1.2x	1.4x	< 1.5x
Net Debt / Shareholders' Equity	0.12x	0.21x	< 0.50x
Interest Cover (2)	33x	23x	> 7x

⁽¹⁾ See definitions in Supplemental Information

⁽²⁾ EBITDA / Cost of Net Financial Debt



LIQUIDITY AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

(EUR million)	TOTAL	DRAWN	AVAILABLE
Committed Facilities			
364-day revolving credit facilities	228	-	228
5-year revolving credit facility (1)	450	-	450
5-year syndicated facility (Club Deal) (2)	2,000	-	2,000
Total Committed Facilities	2,678	-	2,678
Cash and Marketable Securities	2,407	-	2,407
Total liquidity	5,085	-	5,085
Group other uncommitted facilities	249	22	227

(2) Maturing in 2020

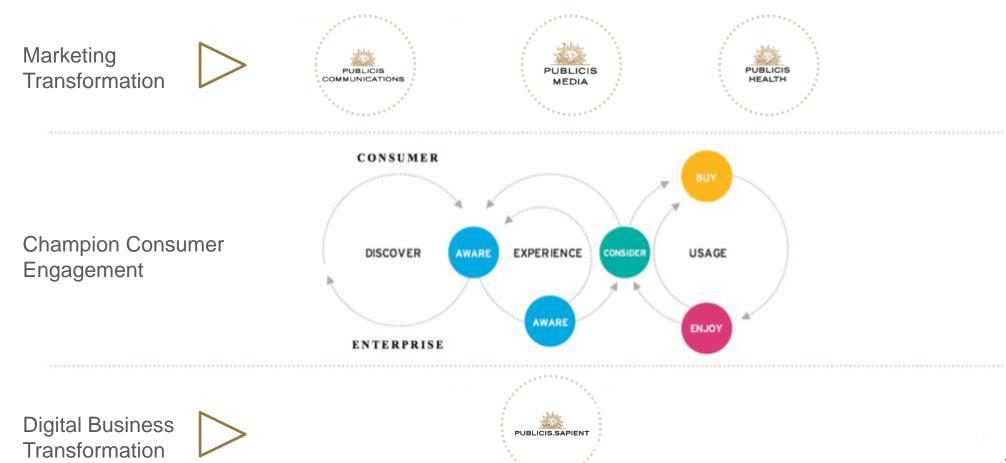
^{(1) €300}m maturing in 2018, €50m maturing in 2019 and €100m in 2022



2017: WE ARE TRANSFORMING



Our ambition: become the market leader in marketing and business transformation





SHIFTING FROM A "HOLDING" TO A "PLATFORM"

Client centric

Breaking down silos

Data, Content and Technology at the core

People first



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FIRST RESULTS: PUBLICIS GROUPE'S ATTRACTIVENESS



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AGATHE BOUSQUET



POSITIVE MOMENTUM WITH NEW NEW CLIENTS

















PARTNERSHIP WITH CARREFOUR



Strategic partnership with Carrefour to accelerate its digital transformation

Publicis Groupe is at the convergence of marketing transformation and digital business transformation



CONCLUSION





Supplemental Information



REVENUE & ORGANIC GROWTH CALCULATION

(including impact of contracts in production and events treated on a gross basis) (3)

(EUR million)	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	2017
2016 revenue	2,291	2,462	2,315	2,665	9,733
Currency impact (2)	50	26	(93)	(151)	(168)
2016 revenue at 2017 exchange rate (a)	2,341	2,488	2,222	2,514	9,565
2017 revenue before impact of acquisitions (1) (b)	2,314	2,507	2,248	2,570	9,639
Revenue from acquisitions (1)	14	8	16	13	51
2017 revenue	2,328	2,515	2,264	2,583	9,690
Organic growth ⁽³⁾ (b/a)	-1.2%	+0.8%	+1.2%	+2.2%	+0.8%

Currency impact					
(EUR million)	2017	2017 Q4			
GBP ⁽²⁾	(58)	(5)	(53)		
USD (2)	(93)	(109)	16		
Other	(17)	(37)	20		
Total	(168)	(151)	(17)		

⁽¹⁾ Acquisitions (MercerBell, Vertiba, Seven Seconds, Insight Redéfini, Venus Communications, Arcade, Digitouch, PT Publicis Metro Indonesia, PT Indonesia Media Exchange, North Notch, Metadesign, Regicom, Ardent, The Abundancy, The Herd Agency, Ella Factory, SFR Studio, Translate Plus, Plowshare, Harbor & Village), net of disposals

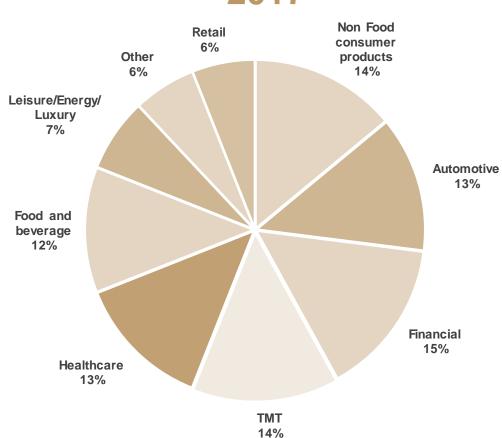
⁽²⁾ EUR = USD1.127 in 2017 vs. USD1.106 in 2016 EUR = GBP0.876 in 2017 vs. GBP0.817 in 2016

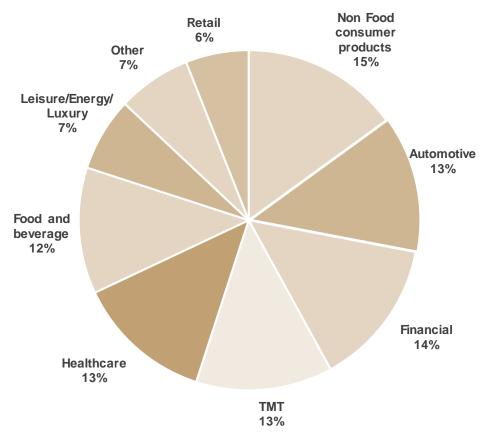
⁽³⁾ Impact of contract reclassification in production and events on a gross basis vs net previously: Q1: +90bps, Q2: +80bps, Q3: +70bps, Q4: -90bps, Full year: +40bps



REVENUE BY SECTOR (1)









Q4 2017 REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHY - (ALTERNATIVE BREAKDOWN)

(EUR million)	Q4 2017	Q4 2016	Reported growth	Organic growth
Europe (1)	733	745	-1.6%	-2.0%
North America	1,308	1,362	-4.0%	+4.4%
BRIC + MISSAT (2)	292	308	-5.2%	+0.9%
Rest of the world	250	250	+0.0%	+5.4%
Total	2,583	2,665	-3.1%	+2.2%

⁽¹⁾ Europe excluding Russia and Turkey

⁽²⁾ BRIC = Brazil. Russia. India. China
MISSAT = Mexico. Indonesia. Singapore. South Africa. Turkey



2017 REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHY - (ALTERNATIVE BREAKDOWN)

(EUR million)	2017	2016	Reported growth	Organic growth
Europe (1)	2,678	2,692	-0.5%	+0.9%
North America	5,187	5,236	-0.9%	+0.5%
BRIC + MISSAT (2)	1,013	1,011	+0.2%	+0.1%
Rest of the world	812	794	+2.3%	+2.9%
Total	9,690	9,733	-0.4%	+0.8%

⁽¹⁾ Europe excluding Russia and Turkey

⁽²⁾ BRIC = Brazil. Russia. India. China
MISSAT = Mexico. Indonesia. Singapore. South Africa. Turkey



CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

(EUR million)	2017	2016
Operating margin	1 505	1,516
Amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions	(73)	(79)
Impairment	(115)	(1,440)
Non-current income and expense	(1)	12
Operating income	1 316	9
Net financial income (expenses)	(61)	(74)
Earn-out revaluation	(66)	(108)
Income taxes	(312)	(342)
Associates	(5)	(5)
Minority interests	(10)	(7)
Group Net Income	862	(527)



GROSS DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Breakdown by MATURITY

(EUR million)	Total	2018	2019	2020	2021	2021 Onwards
Eurobond 2021 (1) (2)	703				703	
Eurobond 2023	493					493
Eurobond 2024 (1) (2)	586					586
Medium term loan	909	149	306	454	-	-
Earn out / Buy out	286	155	54	49	18	10
Other debt (1)	157	60	8			89
Total gross debt	3,134	364	368	503	721	1,178



⁽¹⁾ Including fair values of associated derivatives

⁽²⁾ Eurobond issued in December 2014 swapped in USD at fixed rate



NET DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Breakdown by **CURRENCY**

(EUR million)	Total	EUR	USD	GBP	Others
Eurobond 2021 (1) (2)	703		703		
Eurobond 2023	493	493			
Eurobond 2024 (1) (2)	586		586		
Medium term loan	909	446	463		
Earn out / Buy out	286	16	147	43	80
Other debt (1) (3)	157	35	100	6	16
Cash & marketable securities	(2,407)	(40)	(1,562)	(35)	(770)
Net debt (cash)	727	950	437	14	(674)

⁽¹⁾ Including fair values of associated derivatives

⁽²⁾ Eurobond issued in December 2014 swapped in USD at fixed rate



NET DEBT AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2017

Breakdown by RATE

(EUR million)	Total	Earn-out / Buy-out	Fixed rate	Floating rate
Eurobond 2021 (1) (2)	703		703	
Eurobond 2023	493		493	
Eurobond 2024 (1) (2)	586		586	
Medium term Ioan (3)	909		463	446
Other debt (1)	157		89	68
Total gross debt ex. earn out/buy out	2,848		2,334	514
Earn-out / Buy-out	286	286		
Cash & marketable securities	(2,407)			(2,407)
Net debt (cash)	727	286	2,334	(1,893)

⁽¹⁾ Including fair values of associated derivatives

⁽²⁾ Eurobond issued in December 2014 swapped in USD at fixed rate

^{(3) 555}mUSD swapped in fixed rate in 2017



EBITDA: operating margin before depreciation.

Operating margin: Revenue after personnel costs, other operating expenses (excl. non-current income and expense) and depreciation (excl. amortization of intangibles arising on acquisitions).

Operating margin rate: Operating margin as a percentage of revenue.

Headline Group Net Income: Group net income after elimination of impairment charges, amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions, main capital gains (or losses) on disposals, effect of US tax reform and revaluation of earn-out payments

EPS (Earnings per share): Group net income divided by average number of shares, not diluted.

EPS, diluted (Earnings per share, diluted): Group net income divided by average number of shares, diluted.

Headline EPS, diluted (Headline Earnings per share, diluted): Group net income after elimination of impairment charges, amortization of intangibles arising from acquisitions, main capital gains (or losses) on disposals, effect of US tax reform and revaluation of earn-out payments, divided by average number of shares, diluted.

Capex: Net acquisitions of tangible and intangible assets, excluding financial investments and other financial assets.

Free Cash Flow before changes in working capital requirements: Net cash flow from operating activities before changes in WCR linked to operating activities.

Net Debt (or financial net debt): Sum of long and short financial debt and associated derivatives, net of treasury and cash equivalents.

Average net debt: Average of monthly net debt at end of month.

Dividend pay-out: Dividend per share / Headline diluted EPS.



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