

# Q2 & HY 2018 Results

## Focus on Benelux: preparations for divestment Nexive and Postcon initiated

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# Preparations for divestment Nexive and Postcon initiated

## Strategic rationale

- In line with our strategy to be the postal and logistic solutions provider and focus on our core markets in the Benelux
- Full confidence that management teams of Nexive and Postcon will be able to realise their strategic ambition, develop their activities and strengthen their position in Italy and Germany respectively
- Preparations for the processes have been started and we will update the market when appropriate

## Technical adjustments and financial impact in Q3 2018

- Nexive and Postcon classified as discontinued operations
- Resulting in adjusted segment reporting
  - Mail in the Netherlands
  - Parcels (including Spring)
  - PostNL Other
- Anticipated financial impact on consolidated equity position of around €(40)m in Q3 2018
  - consolidated equity expected to be positive per YE 2018



# Q2 & HY 2018 Results: trends seen in Q1 continued

Outlook 2018 for continuing operations between €160m and €190m

|                | Revenue      | Underlying cash operating income |
|----------------|--------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Q2 2018</b> | <b>€851m</b> | <b>€25m</b>                      |
| Q2 2017        | €836m        | €46m                             |

**Progress accelerating transformation towards  
> 50% of revenue related to e-commerce in 2020**



- Q2 results as expected below last year and in line with development as seen in Q1 with no material changes in underlying drivers

## Outlook 2018 – based on continuing operations

- Expected full year underlying cash operating income of between €160m and €190m
  - adjustment fully contributable to classification of Nexive and Postcon as discontinued operations, technical adjustment of margin for Parcels (including Spring) to 7.5% - 9.5%
  - cost savings expected to be slightly below earlier indication, compensated by lower implementation costs
  - no changes in revenue and margin outlook 2018 for the segments Mail in the Netherlands and Parcels (including Spring)
  - subject to final implementation of SMP decision

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- Interim dividend 2018 set at €0.07 per share

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# Confidence in our strategy

Solidify our position as leading e-commerce logistics company in the Benelux

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## Unlock value through accelerating transformation > > >



### Mail

in the Netherlands

Connect senders and receivers through our people and innovative postal networks

**Deliver sustainable cash flow**



### Parcels

Be the logistic solutions provider that makes our customers' lives easier

**Create further profitable growth**



### International

Following the decision to divest Nexive and Postcon, as of Q3 2018 this segment will disappear. Spring will be reported in Parcels

We aim to be the Postal & Logistic solutions provider in the Benelux

Capturing e-commerce growth

# Mail in the Netherlands

Volume decline in line with expectations

|         | Revenue | Underlying cash operating income | Total cost savings                      | Addressed mail volume decline |
|---------|---------|----------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Q2 2018 | €400m   | €6m                              | €10m                                    | 10.8%                         |
| Q2 2017 | €434m   | €17m                             | of which €6m in Mail in the Netherlands |                               |

## Key takeaways Q2 2018

- Volume decline driven by ongoing substitution and competition, supported by regulation; continued high decline in single mail
- Significant Market Power
  - ACM published preliminary tariffs for postal operators; PostNL submitted its views; final tariff decision expected after summer
  - Court's ruling on appeal against SMP decision expected end of September 2018 at the earliest
  - Financial impact between €50m and €70m on annualised basis, effect fully visible in FY 2020; impact subject to final implementation
- Cost savings lower than anticipated
  - Delays in implementation of sorting code and other adjustments in operational process
  - Anticipated full year cost savings to be slightly below indication of between €50m and €70m
- Performance also includes autonomous cost increases, less cash out for provisions and pensions, and other
- Delivery quality at 95%



# PostNL welcomes outcome postal dialogue

Swift political action required to facilitate consolidation

## Postal dialogue and letter of state secretary of Economic Affairs

- Main conclusions state secretary of Economic Affairs
  - Urgency to align regulation with shrinking market and reduce legislation that stimulates competition
  - USO must remain affordable; reliability and accessibility of postal market and decent labour conditions must be preserved
  - USO unchanged, but should become exclusive to avoid cherry-picking
  - Consolidation of networks best solution to keep cost per mail item affordable; requires further guidance on conditions that would allow for consolidation
  - No reason for sector specific regulation in parcel market

## Implementation of conclusions of postal dialogue

Next steps in process:

- Debate in parliament after summer
- Swift political action required to facilitate consolidation

Our focus remains on:

- Increasing run-rate cost savings
- Innovation
- Reliable and accessible mail delivery
- Adjusting organisation to continuing volume decline

Implementation is expected to impact :

- Business drivers in Mail in the Netherlands and phasing of anticipated cost savings and related cash-out in years towards 2020



# €10m cost savings realised in Q2 2018 (€18m YTD)

FY 2018 cost savings expected to be slightly below bandwidth of €50m and €70m

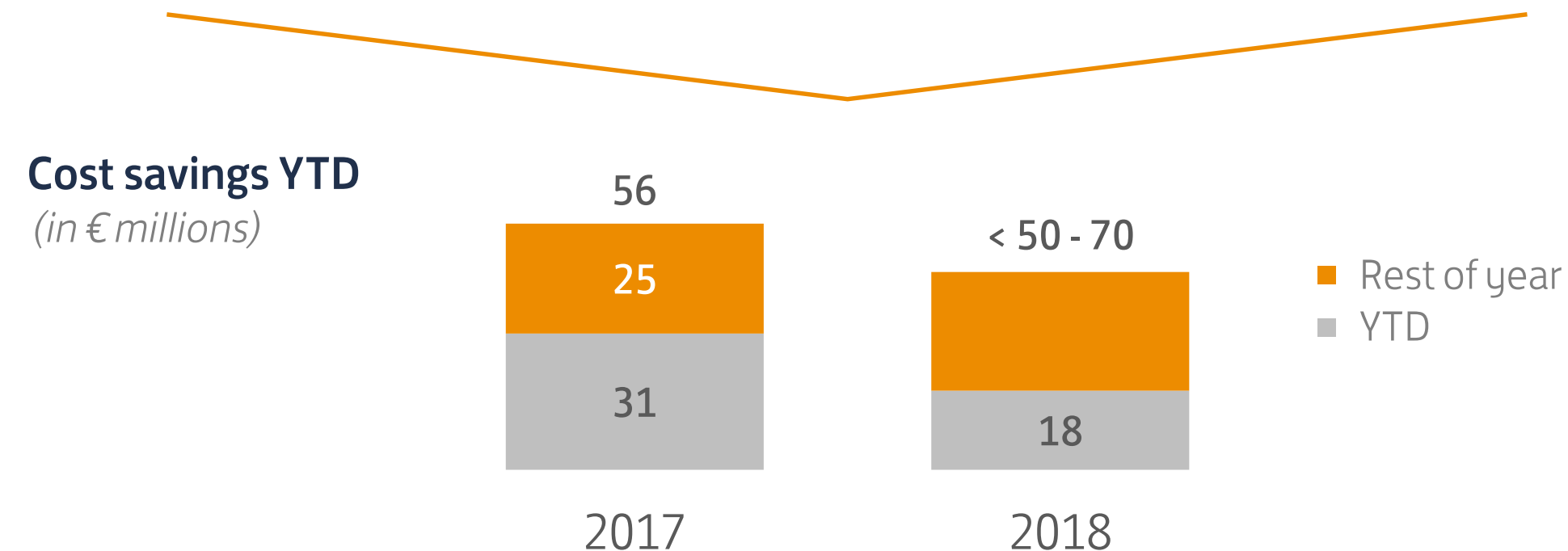
## Cost savings Q2

- Reduction of 1,000 post boxes
- Reduction in line management, supported by our mobility program
- Further integration of international mail activities
- Delays in roll-out sorting code and adjustments in operational process

## Improvement in HY2 2018

- Continuation of implementation sorting code in five locations in June
- Calendar for remaining locations determined
- Next step in further improvement operational process in agreement with works' council, to start in Q3
- More cost savings plans in overhead announced

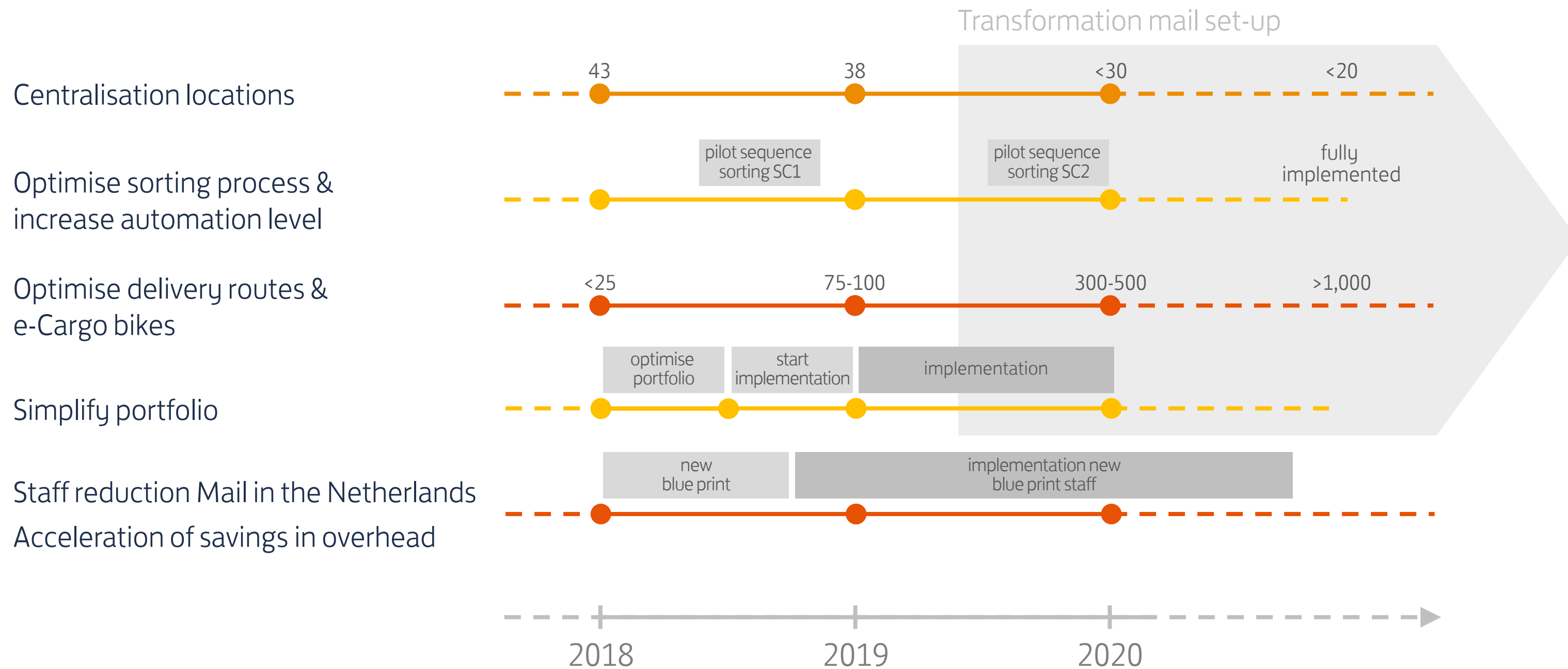
## Cost savings YTD (in € millions)



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compensated by lower implementation costs

# Anticipated step-up cost savings after 2018

Well-supported by several projects underpinned by robust plans and clear milestones



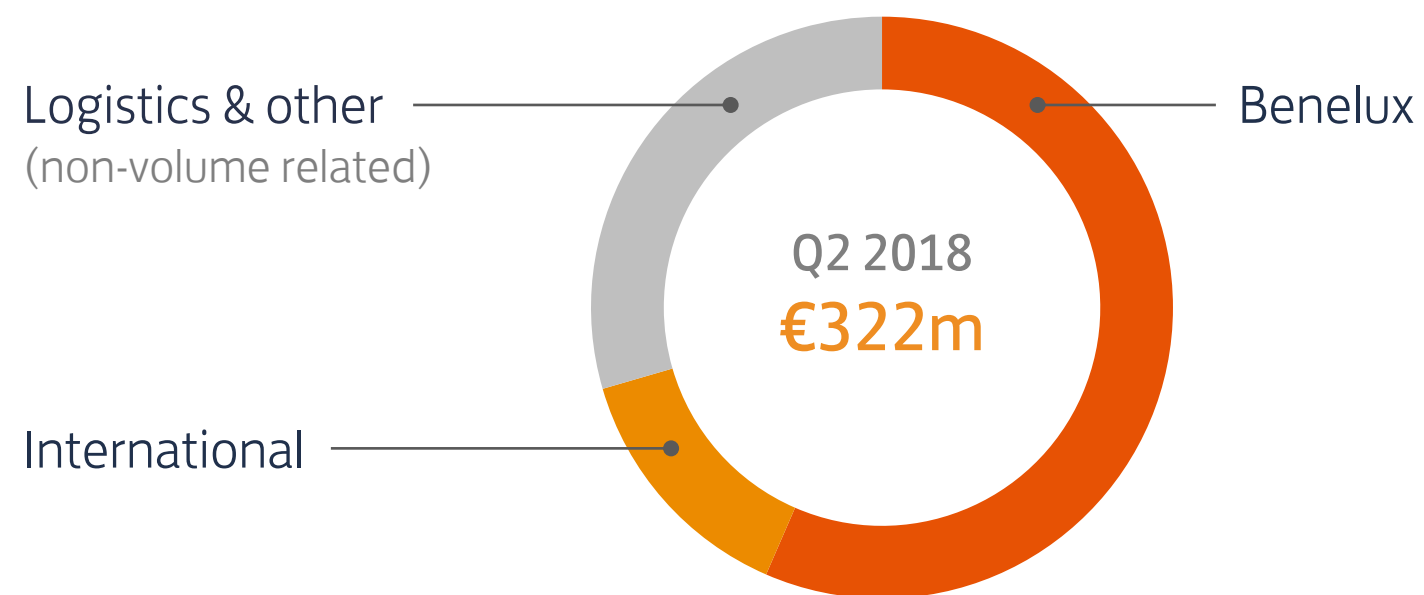
Exact numbers and phasing of anticipated cost savings and related cash-out in years towards 2020 dependent on next steps postal dialogue

# Parcels

Continuing strong volume and revenue growth

|         | Revenue | Underlying cash operating income | Volume growth |
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| Q2 2018 | €322m   | €30m                             | 22%           |
| Q2 2017 | €266m   | €32m                             |               |

## Revenue mix



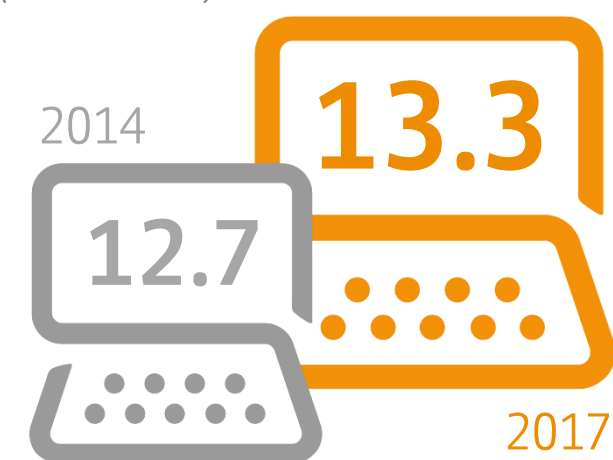
## Key takeaways Q2 2018

- Strong revenue increase following volume growth, with growth in Belgium exceeding the number for Parcels in total, slightly offset by a negative price/mix effect
- Accelerating transformation driven by ongoing growth e-commerce, strong development additional services and increase in logistic solutions
- Business performance improved, supported by volume growth. However, impacted by additional capacity costs, impact from planned investments in growth, higher cash out related to pensions, and higher depreciation costs
- Three new sorting centres expected to become operational and to contribute to efficiency improvement towards the end of the year



# Accelerating growth parcel volumes driven by e-commerce

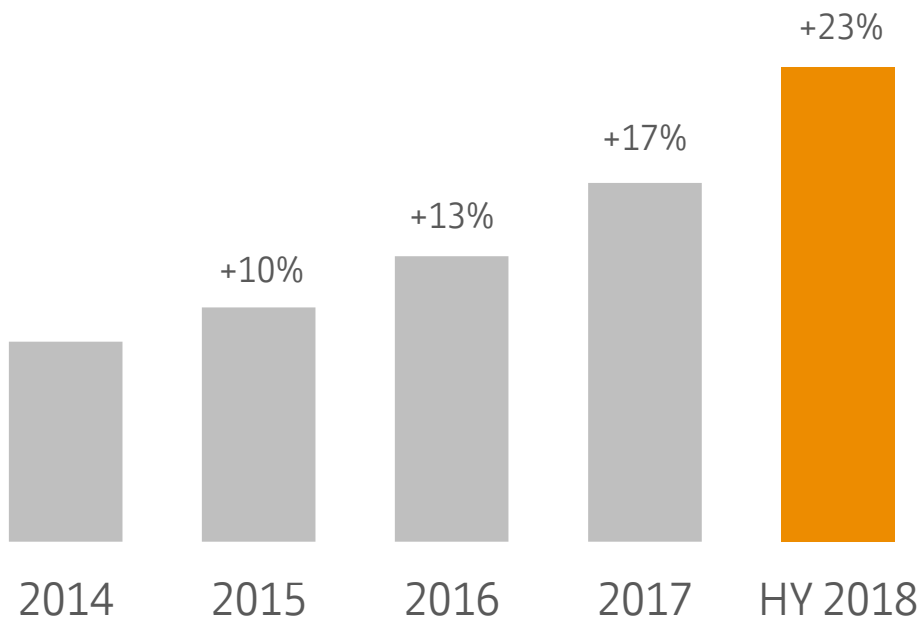
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(in million)



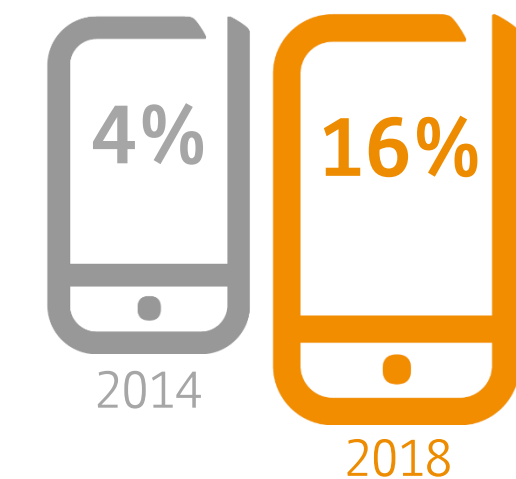
Average # of purchases per online buyer



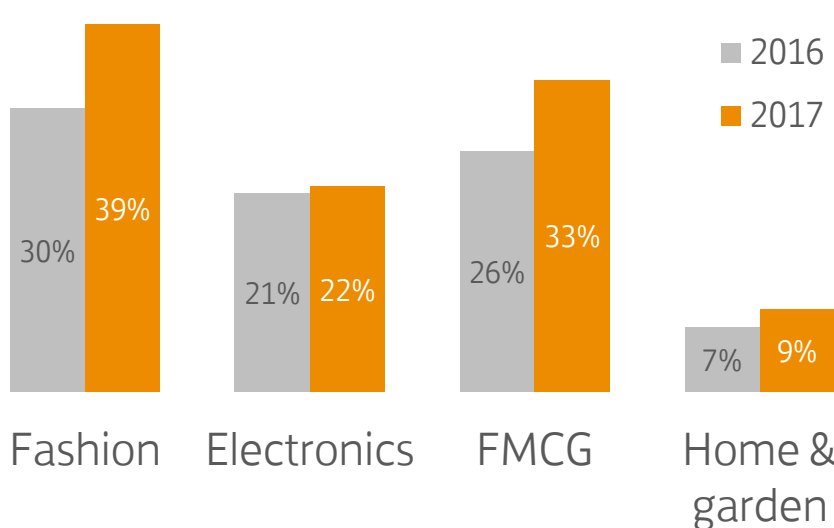
Volume growth Parcels



Share of orders per smartphone



Growth online purchases per sector



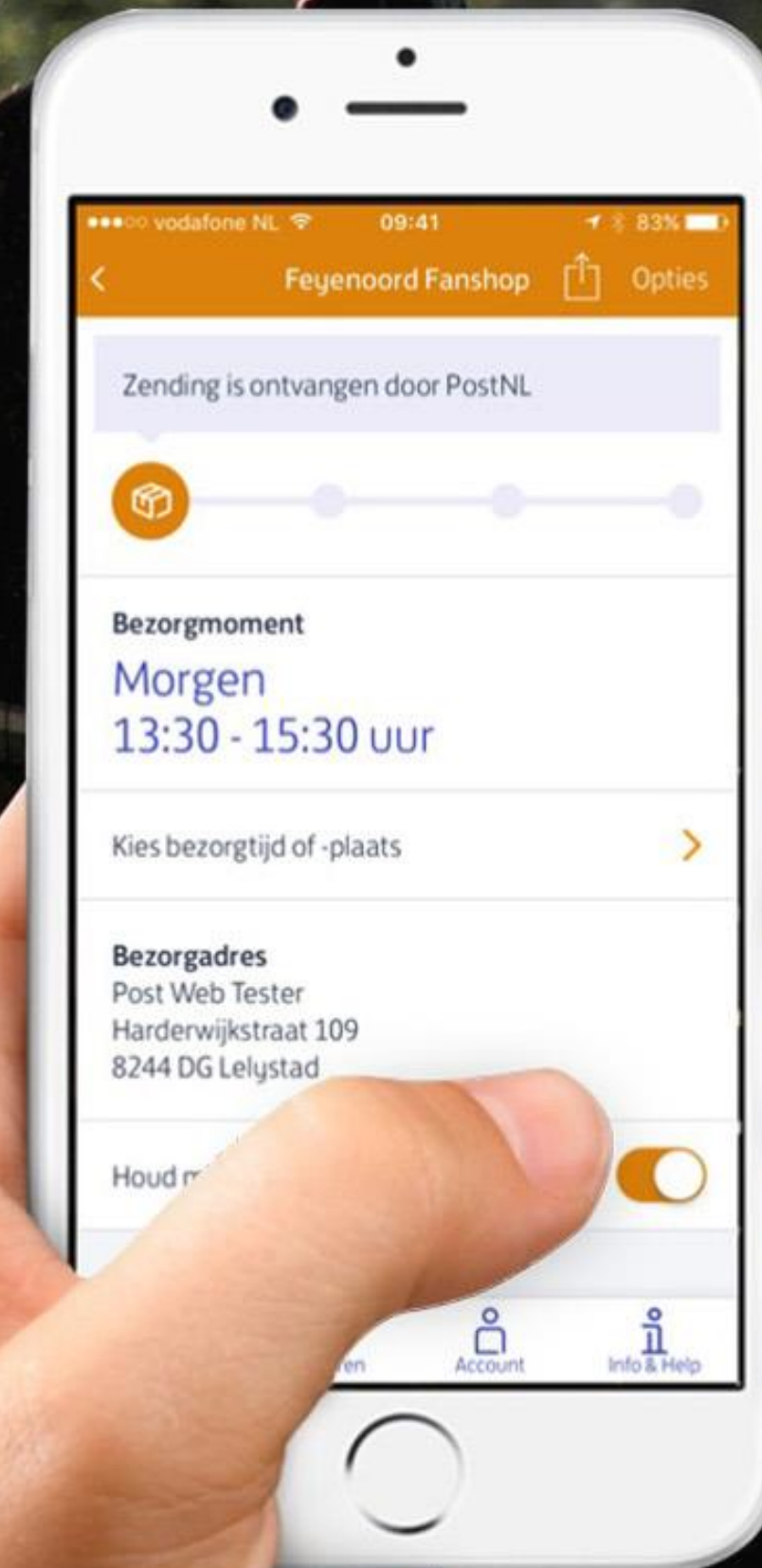


# Engines for transformation

Expand services to meet consumers' wishes

## E-fact #7 'Change delivery' successful

- Option to reroute for ~ 80% of parcels
- Increasing efficiency and improving hit rate by around 5 percentage points
- Resulting in higher customer satisfaction





# Engines for transformation

Zero emission last mile in 25 Dutch cities in 2025

## E-fact #8

### Sustainable inner-city logistics

- Creation of city hubs for consolidated and green inner-city logistics
- Cleaner and more efficient inner-city delivery
- Deployment of sustainable fleet comprising e-cargo bikes and zero-emission vehicles
- Rolled-out in Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Utrecht, Leeuwarden and Breda; at least 5 more cities to follow in 2018



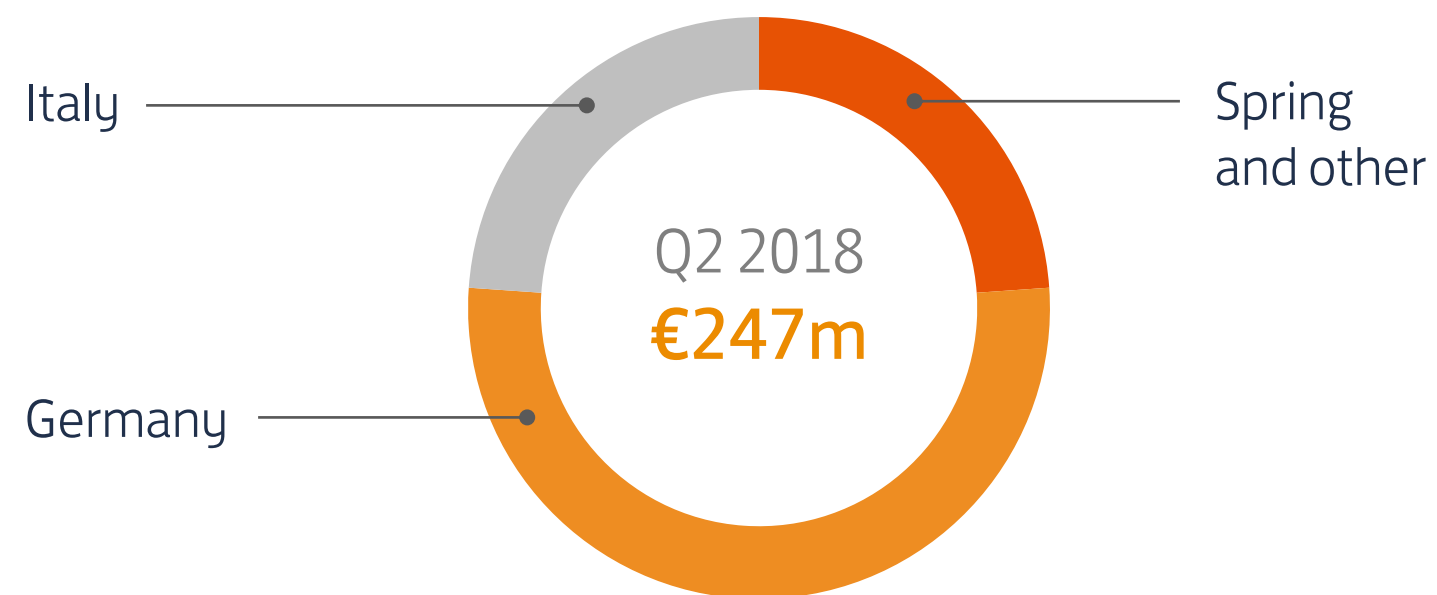


# International

Fierce competition remains

|                | Revenue       | Underlying cash operating income |
|----------------|---------------|----------------------------------|
| <b>Q2 2018</b> | <b>€247m*</b> | <b>€(7)m</b>                     |
| Q2 2017        | €247m         | €1m                              |

## Revenue mix



\* Corrected for FX, revenue increased by 1%

## Spring & other

- Strategic importance for capturing opportunities from growth in global e-commerce
- Infeed for Benelux Parcels network
- Ongoing growth global e-commerce customers, a.o. AliExpress
- Mail volumes continue to decline
- Competition remains strong
- Product/customer mix impacts margin

## Germany

- Slight increase in revenue due to start delivery for new client as announced earlier, positive impact on performance
- Higher costs related to more outsourcing of final-mile delivery


## Italy

- Strong growth parcels
- Overall mail volumes declined, due to substitution and continuing fierce price competition

# Outlook 2018 and ambition 2020

## Outlook 2018

- Adjusted segment reporting: Mail in the Netherlands, Parcels (including Spring) and PostNL Other
- Adjustment of the expected margin in Parcels (including Spring) for outlook 2018 to 7.5% to 9.5%



|                             | Revenue      |                           | UCOI / margin  |                |
|-----------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| (in € millions)             | 2017         | outlook 2018              | 2017           | outlook 2018   |
| Mail in the Netherlands     | 1,783        | - mid single digit        | 125<br>(7.0%)  | 3%-5%          |
| Parcels                     | 1,382        | + mid teens               | 140<br>(10.1%) | 7.5%-9.5%      |
| PostNL Other / eliminations | (440)        |                           | (24)           |                |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>2,725</b> | <b>+ mid single digit</b> | <b>241</b>     | <b>160-190</b> |

## Ambition 2020

- All things being equal for continuing operations: technical adjustment of €25m on ambition 2020
- Mail in the Netherlands
  - Confident that run-rate in cost savings will increase based on robustness of underlying plans
  - Implementation of conclusions of Postal dialogue may impact business drivers in Mail in the Netherlands, as well as cost saving plans: making it difficult to predict exact numbers and phasing in years towards 2020
  - More visibility on possible financial consequences expected before summer 2019
- Parcels (including Spring)
  - Remain fully focussed on achieving ambition to maintain solid underlying cash operating income margin with growing revenue towards 2020

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# Financial highlights Q2 & HY 2018

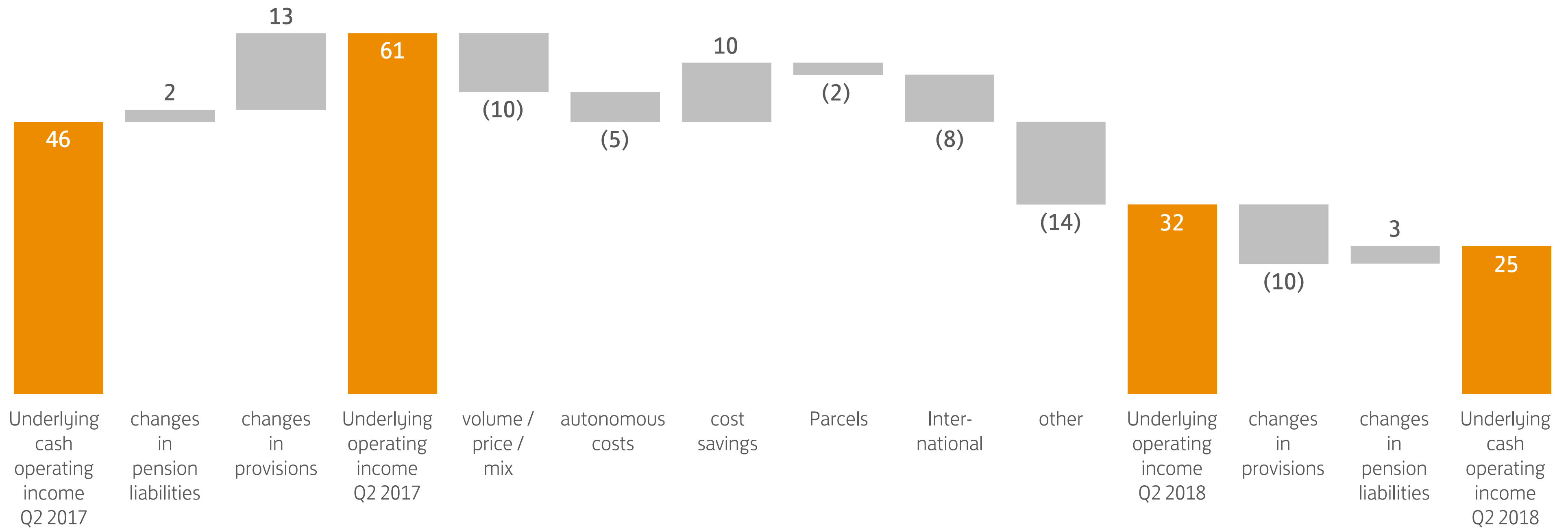
Result below last year as indicated

(in € millions)

|  | Q2 2017     | Q2 2018     | HY 2017      | HY 2018      |
|--|-------------|-------------|--------------|--------------|
| <b>Reported revenue</b>                                    | <b>836</b>  | <b>851</b>  | <b>1,706</b> | <b>1,726</b> |
| Reported operating income                                  | 52          | 10          | 118          | 40           |
| Restructuring related charges                              | 8           | 2           | 8            | 7            |
| Project costs, impairment PPE and settlements              | 1           | 20          | 3            | 23           |
| Underlying operating income                                | 61          | 32          | 129          | 70           |
| <b>Underlying cash operating income</b>                    | <b>46</b>   | <b>25</b>   | <b>96</b>    | <b>54</b>    |
| <b>Net cash used in operating and investing activities</b> | <b>(68)</b> | <b>(56)</b> | <b>(88)</b>  | <b>(74)</b>  |

# Underlying (cash) operating income Q2 2018

(in € millions)



# Results by segment Q2 2018

Continuation of trends seen in Q1

| (in € millions)         | Revenue    |            | Underlying operating income |           | Underlying cash operating income |           |
|-------------------------|------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|                         | Q2 2017    | Q2 2018    | Q2 2017                     | Q2 2018   | Q2 2017                          | Q2 2018   |
| Mail in the Netherlands | 434        | 400        | 32                          | 18        | 17                               | 6         |
| Parcels                 | 266        | 322        | 33                          | 31        | 32                               | 30        |
| International           | 247        | 247        | 1                           | (7)       | 1                                | (7)       |
| PostNL Other            | 19         | 20         | (5)                         | (10)      | (4)                              | (4)       |
| Intercompany            | (130)      | (138)      |                             |           |                                  |           |
| <b>Total PostNL</b>     | <b>836</b> | <b>851</b> | <b>61</b>                   | <b>32</b> | <b>46</b>                        | <b>25</b> |



# Statement of income

| <i>(in € millions)</i>                                    | Q2 2017   | Q2 2018    | HY 2017    | HY 2018   |
|---|-----------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Revenue   | 836       | 851        | 1,706      | 1,726     |
| <b>Operating income</b>                                   | <b>52</b> | <b>10</b>  | <b>118</b> | <b>40</b> |
| Net financial expenses                                    | (11)      | (8)        | (21)       | (16)      |
| Results from investments in associates and joint ventures | (6)       | 0          | (6)        | 0         |
| Income taxes  | (6)       | (3)        | (21)       | (11)      |
| <b>Profit for the period</b>                              | <b>29</b> | <b>(1)</b> | <b>70</b>  | <b>13</b> |

# Net cash from operating and investing activities

| <i>(in € millions)</i>  | Q2 2017     | Q2 2018     | HY 2017     | HY 2018     |
|---|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>Cash generated from operations</b>                             | <b>(14)</b> | <b>(36)</b> | <b>45</b>   | <b>10</b>   |
| Interest paid   | (2)         | (2)         | (3)         | (4)         |
| Income received / (paid)  | (3)         | 7           | (63)        | (40)        |
| <b>Net cash (used in)/from operating activities</b>               | <b>(19)</b> | <b>(31)</b> | <b>(21)</b> | <b>(34)</b> |
| Interest / dividends received / acquisitions / other              | (23)        | 0           | (22)        | 1           |
| Capex   | (29)        | (32)        | (52)        | (52)        |
| Proceeds from sale of assets                                      | 3           | 7           | 7           | 11          |
| <b>Net cash (used in)/from operating and investing activities</b> | <b>(68)</b> | <b>(56)</b> | <b>(88)</b> | <b>(74)</b> |
| Base capex  |             | 14          |             | 23          |
| Cost savings initiatives  |             | 2           |             | 3           |
| New sorting and delivery centres                                  |             | 16          |             | 26          |
| <b>Total capex</b>  |             | <b>32</b>   |             | <b>52</b>   |

# Coverage ratio pension fund further improved to 115.6%

Higher pension expense balanced in Other Comprehensive Income

(in € millions)

Q2 2018

Return on plan assets in excess of interest income

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Defined benefit obligation

(139)

Minimum funding requirement

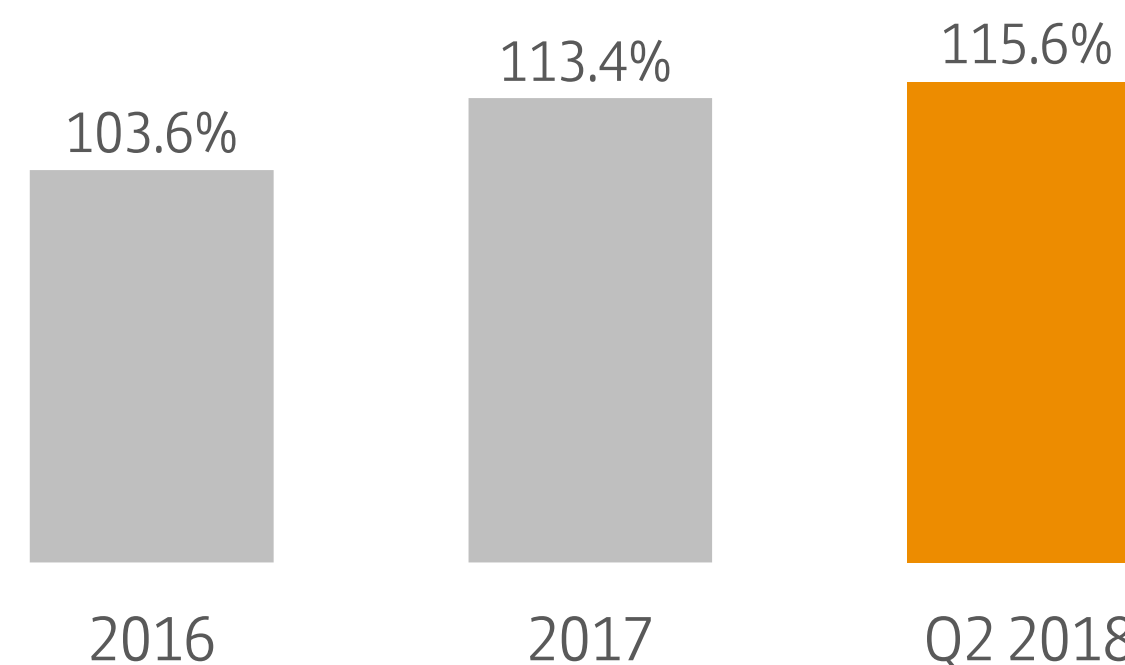
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**Total pension**

**3**

**Net effect on equity within OCI**

**2**



- Increase in pension expense in Q2 2018 (visible in operating income) mainly explained by higher rate of expected benefit increases, reflecting development of coverage ratio pension fund
- Compensated by actuarial gain recorded in other comprehensive income (OCI) as net pension liability related to pension fund is limited at outstanding unconditional funding obligation
- Will be also visible in second half of 2018



# Consolidated statement of financial position

## Solid financial position

(in € millions)

|                                    | 30 Jun 2018  |                                       | 30 Jun 2018  |
|------------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|
| Intangible fixed assets            | 260          | Consolidated equity                   | 13           |
| Property, plant and equipment      | 520          | Non-controlling interests             | 3            |
| Financial fixed assets             | 50           | Total equity                          | 16           |
| Other current assets               | 586          | Pension liabilities                   | 355          |
| Cash                               | 524          | Long-term debt                        | 406          |
| Assets classified as held for sale | 9            | Other non-current liabilities         | 65           |
|                                    |              | Short-term debt                       | 224          |
|                                    |              | Other current liabilities             | 883          |
| <b>Total assets</b>                | <b>1,949</b> | <b>Total equity &amp; liabilities</b> | <b>1,949</b> |

- Net debt position of €99m
- Corporate equity of €2,679m, of which €310m distributable

# IFRS 16 *Leases* to replace IAS 17

Initial assessment of implications for PostNL\*

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Scope</b>                           | Mainly related to rent/lease of buildings and transport fleet   |
| <hr/>                                  |   |
| <b>Expected impact on 2019 numbers</b> |   |
| Balance sheet (per 1 January 2019)     | Right-of-use assets: between €130m and €160m<br>Lease liabilities: between +€130m and +€160m                                      |
| <hr/>                                  |   |
| Income statement                       | Operating income/UCOI: around +€1m<br>EBITDA: around +€50m<br>Net financial expenses: around +€2m<br>Net profit/UNCI: around -€1m |
| <hr/>                                  |   |
| Cash flow statement                    | Net cash from operating and investing activities: around +€50m<br>Net cash used in financing activities: around -€50m             |
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| (Targeted) credit rating               | No impact   |
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\* Initial assessment based on Q1 2018 data

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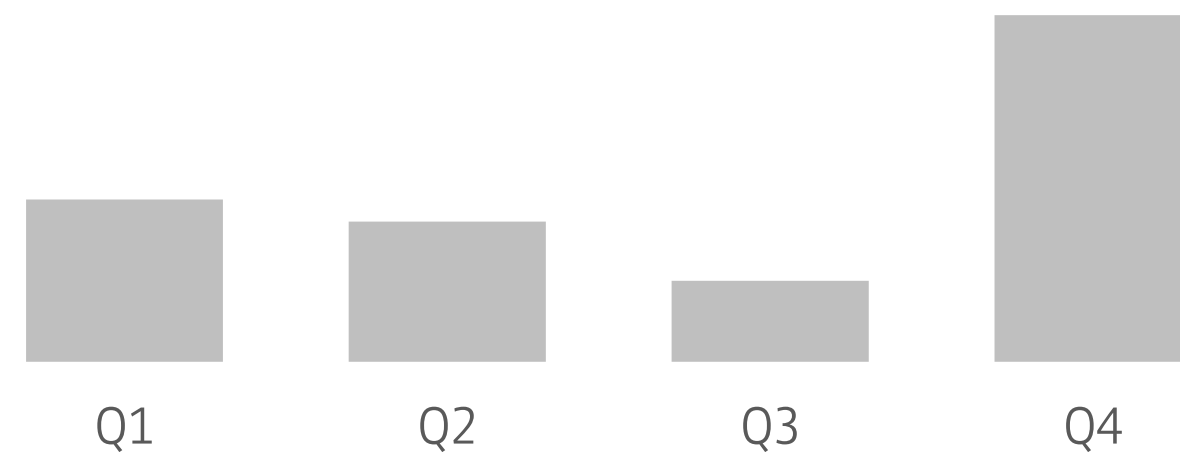
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# Expected development Q3 2018

## Average UCOI split 2013 - 2017

(in %)



## Working days

|              | 2017       | 2018       |
|--------------|------------|------------|
| Q1           | 65         | 64         |
| Q2           | 61         | 61         |
| Q3           | 65         | 65         |
| Q4           | 63         | 64         |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>254</b> | <b>254</b> |

## Attention points for Q3 2018 (based on continuing operations)

- Outlook underlying cash operating income 2018: between €160m and €190m (FY 2017 restated: €241m)
- Underlying cash operating income Q3 2017 restated: €35m
- No working day effect
- Cost savings 2018 back-end loaded; FY 2018 now expected to be slightly below earlier indication of between €50m and €70m
- Efficiency improvements Parcels visible towards end of year
- Dividend distribution will impact cash and equity in Q3 2018; impact decision to divest Nexive and Postcon will impact equity in Q3 2018

# Aim for progressive dividend

After 2018, dividend expected to be fully funded by cash flow generation



## Capital return to shareholders

- Sustainable cash flow performance is basis for shareholder returns
- Leverage ratio (adjusted net debt / EBITDA) not exceeding ~ 2
- Aim to pay progressive dividend
- Interim dividend 2018 in line with dividend policy set at €0.07 per share (1/3<sup>rd</sup> of dividend 2017)

## Interim dividend 2018 calendar

|                         |                               |
|-------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 8 August                | ex-dividend date              |
| 9 August                | record date                   |
| 10 - 23 August, 3PM CET | election period               |
| 24 August               | announcement conversion rate  |
| 27 August               | payment date interim dividend |

# Preparations for divestment Nexive and Postcon initiated

Confirm aim for progressive dividend

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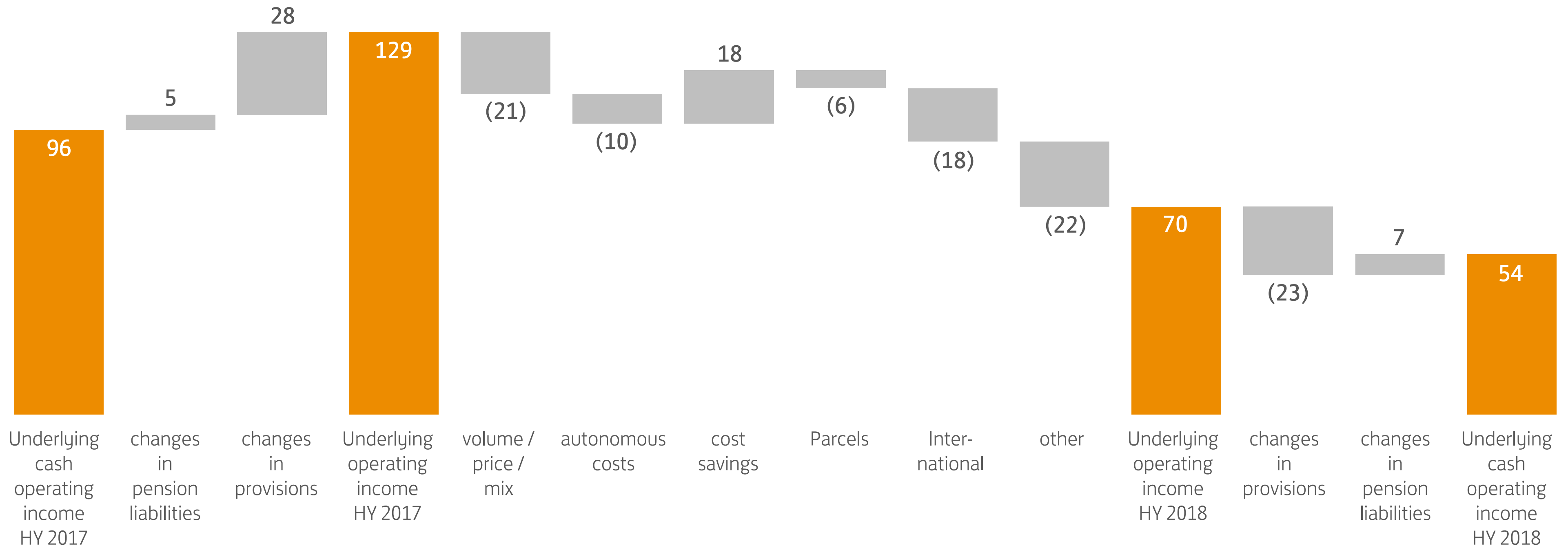
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# Results by segment HY 2018

| <i>(in € millions)</i>  | Revenue      |              | Underlying operating income |           | Underlying cash operating income |           |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------|-----------|----------------------------------|-----------|
|                         | HY 2017      | HY 2018      | HY 2017                     | HY 2018   | HY 2017                          | HY 2018   |
| Mail in the Netherlands | 884          | 824          | 73                          | 47        | 45                               | 23        |
| Parcels                 | 515          | 628          | 61                          | 55        | 60                               | 53        |
| International           | 532          | 517          | 7                           | (11)      | 6                                | (11)      |
| PostNL Other            | 37           | 39           | (12)                        | (21)      | (15)                             | (11)      |
| Intercompany            | (262)        | (282)        |                             |           |                                  |           |
| <b>Total PostNL</b>     | <b>1,706</b> | <b>1,726</b> | <b>129</b>                  | <b>70</b> | <b>96</b>                        | <b>54</b> |

# Underlying (cash) operating income HY 2018

(in € millions)





# Breakdown pension cash contribution and expenses

| (in € millions)   | Q2 2017   |           | Q2 2018   |           |
|-------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                   | Expenses  | Cash      | Expenses  | Cash      |
| Business segments | 26        | 30        | 26        | 30        |
| IFRS difference   | 2         |           | 7         |           |
| <b>PostNL</b>     | <b>28</b> | <b>30</b> | <b>33</b> | <b>30</b> |
| Interest          | 2         |           | 2         |           |
| <b>Total</b>      | <b>30</b> |           | <b>35</b> |           |

# Upcoming accounting changes

IFRS 16 *Leases* to replace IAS 17

|                            | Balance sheet      | Income statement             | Notes in Annual Report        |  |
|----------------------------|--------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| IAS 17 (current)           |                    |                              |                               |  |
| Finance leases             | Asset<br>Liability | Depreciation<br>Finance cost | -<br>Maturities               |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Operating leases not reflected on balance sheet</li><li>• Operating leases accounted for as straight line expense</li><li>• Rating agencies take off balance sheet commitments and P&amp;L charge operating lease into account</li></ul>    |
| Operating leases           | N/A                | Rent and lease expenses      | Maturities /<br>Total amounts |  |
| IFRS 16 per 1 January 2019 |                    |                              |                               |  |
| Leases                     | Asset<br>Liability | Depreciation<br>Finance cost | Maturities                    |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vast majority of leases to be accounted for on balance sheet</li><li>• Recognize assets and liabilities</li><li>• Exemption for short-term leases and low-value assets possible</li><li>• No change in treatment rating agencies</li></ul> |



# Implications income statement

IFRS 16 *Leases* to replace IAS 17

## Revenue

No impact

Work contracted out

Decrease: lease expenses replaced by depreciation and interest expenses

Depreciation, amortisation and impairments

Increase: additional depreciation of lease assets

## Operating income/ underlying cash operating income (UCOI)

Increase: interest leases to financial expenses

Net financial expenses

Increase: interest expense component recorded in financial expenses

Income taxes

No material changes

## Profit for the period/ underlying net cash income (UNCI)

Neutral over time, but timing effect due to higher interest during first years

Increase in operating income / UCOI, long term neutral effect to net profit / UNCI

# Implications cash flow statement

IFRS 16 *Leases* to replace IAS 17

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Profit before tax</b>                         | No material changes                               |
| Depreciation, amortisation and impairments       | Increase: additional depreciation of lease assets |
| <b>Net cash from operating activities</b>        | Increase: depreciation costs                      |
| Repayment of leases                              | Increase: lease payments                          |
| <b>Net cash from financing activities</b>        | Decrease: lease payments                          |
| <b>Total change in cash and cash equivalents</b> | No changes  |

Increase in net cash (used in)/from operating and investing activities  
No effect on full cash flow statement

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