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Strong finish to the financial year: Exceptional sales performance and better than expected results in Q4



<sup>1</sup>Excl. non-recurring effects. <sup>2</sup>Incl. IFRS 16.

# Exceptional sales momentum continued in Q4 driven by sustained consumer demand and successful online activities



<sup>1</sup>Fx- and portfolio-adjusted sales. <sup>2</sup>Excl. technical effect due to switch from agent to principal model for online sales of mobile phones and related contracts as a bundle in Germany.

# Online grew at elevated levels, while Services & Solutions was below prior year



<sup>1</sup>Excl. Greek MediaMarkt business (portfolio adjustment). <sup>2</sup>Excl. technical effect due to switch from agent to principal model for online sales of mobile phones and related contracts as a bundle in Germany.

# Gross margin decline in Q4 but with trend improvement compared to 9M period



<sup>1</sup>Excl. non-recurring effects and adjusted for portfolio changes. <sup>2</sup>Sum of SG&A expenses and Other operating expenses.

#### **Q4 Highlights**

- Gross margin<sup>1</sup> with trend improvement compared to 9M period (-1.4%p.)
- Gross margin unfavourably impacted especially by channel shift coupled with higher delivery costs and lower Services & Solutions income
- OPEX impacted by negative effects such as software impairment and right-of-use asset impairments
- Ongoing operational cost savings related to lower personnel expenses and indirect spend

# Good topline growth and tight cost control largely offset gross margin decline in Q4



#### **Q4 Highlights**

- DACH: Solid earnings increase in Germany supported by strong sales growth overcompensating the impact of software impairment
- W. &. S. Europe: Gross margin decline weighed on earnings in Spain and Italy; strong sales performance led to slight earnings increase in the Netherlands
- Eastern Europe: Lower earnings in Poland also due to high comparison base as a result of lower necessary risk provisions at redcoon in PY; Turkey impacted by negative currency effects
- Others: Slight sales-related earnings increase in Sweden; lower CECONOMY HQ costs

<sup>1</sup>Excl. non-recurring effects and adjusted for portfolio changes. <sup>2</sup> Incl. consolidation.

### Restructuring expenses related to new Operating Model and negative Fnac Darty profit share additionally weighed on reported EBIT



# EPS declined mainly due to impairment of Fnac Darty stake and lower COVID-19-related operational earnings

€m	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	Change
EBITDA	465	991	526
EBIT	224	-80	-304
Net financial result	12	-45	-56
Earnings before taxes	235	-125	-360
Income taxes	-77	-93	-16
Profit or loss for the period	158	-218	-376
Non-controlling interest	37	19	-18
Net result	121	-237	-358
EPS (in €)	0.34	-0.66	-1.00

Note: From continuing operations and based on reported figures; EBIT/DA in CY incl. IFRS 16 effect.

#### **FY Highlights**

- Reported EBIT includes c. 9 €m IFRS 16 effect; decline largely due to Fnac Darty impairment of 268 €m, but also COVID-19-related lower operational earnings
- Net financial result impacted by higher interest expenses due to IFRS 16 related recognition of lease liabilities; PY includes gain on the disposal of 5.4% METRO stake
- Tax rate at -74.0%; negative tax rate essentially due to Fnac Darty impairment

EPS declined by -1.00 €

## Adjusted Free Cash Flow improved strongly supported by NWC inflow and tax reimbursements



#### **FY Highlights**

- Adj. Free Cash Flow improved strongly by 586 €m yoy
- Change in NWC improved significantly due to strong increase in trade liabilities with a comparatively smaller increase in inventories – both effects are mainly due to the positive sales development in Q4
- Tax refunds relating to cash tax prepayments in the previous year led to a cash inflow; also, comparatively fewer tax prepayments as a reaction to COVID-19 were made
- Other OCF in CY mainly impacted by cash outs from reorganization & efficiency program as well as funding of plan assets

<sup>1</sup>Lease adjusted free cash flow subtracts the repayment of lease liabilities for better FCF comparability under IFRS 16. <sup>2</sup>Prior-year adjustments due to changes in presentation and definition.

### Our strong net liquidity position is further strengthened by new back-up credit lines



### **IFRS 16 effects on EBIT**

	IFRS 16 effect in EBIT	IFRS 16 effect in EBIT
€m	Q4 19/20	FY 19/20
DACH	1	4
Western/Southern Europe	1	2
Eastern Europe	2	6
Others <sup>1</sup>	0	-2
Total	3	9

<sup>1</sup>Including consolidation.

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### Sales & number of stores by country

	Sales (€	Em)		Number of Stores				
	FY 18/19	FY 19/20	30/09/2019	Openings	Closures	30/09/2020		
Germany	10,472	10,155	431	_	-6	425		
Austria	1,150	1,203	52	1	-	53		
Switzerland	578	591	26	-	-1	25		
Hungary	364	375	32	_	-	32		
DACH	12,565	12,323	541	1	-7	535		
Belgium	697	698	27	-	-	27		
Greece	193	40	12	_	-12	0		
Italy	2,157	2,060	117	1	-1	117		
Luxembourg	65	56	2	-	-	2		
Netherlands	1,495	1,546	49	1	-	50		
Portugal	151	160	10	-	-	10		
Spain	2,050	1,871	88	-	-	88		
Western/S. Europe	6,807	6,431	305	2	-13	294		
Poland	970	912	90	-	-2	88		
Turkey	596	699	78	_	-	78		
Eastern Europe	1,567	1,611	168	_	-2	166		
Sweden	439	460	28	_	-	28		
Others	516	465	28	-	-	28		
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## Shift in product category mix driven by changed customer demand due to COVID-19-pandemic



#### **FY Highlights**

Computer hardware & accessories developed very positively benefiting from the work-fromhome trend prompted by COVID-19

White goods category also recorded growth

- Slight sales decrease of brown goods impacted by the cancellation of this year's major sports events
- Entertainment products and photo below prior year's level; launch of the new gaming consoles from Sony and Microsoft shifted into Q1 20/21

<sup>1</sup>Incl. computer, hardware, computer accessories and smart home. <sup>2</sup>Incl. mainly photo.

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### **Net Working Capital<sup>1</sup>**

€m	<b>30/09/2018</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>30/09/2019</b> <sup>1,2</sup>	Change	<b>30/09/2019</b> <sup>1,2</sup>	30/09/2020	Change
Inventories	2,480	2,548	68	2,548	2,949	402
Trade receivables and similar claims	613	455	-158	455	488	33
Receivables due from suppliers	1,239	1,295	56	1,295	1,302	7
Trade liabilities and similar liabilities	-5,746	-5,321	425	-5,321	-5,996	-675
Net Working Capital	-1,414	-1,023	390	-1,023	-1,256	-233

<sup>1</sup>Adjustments and/or due to a change in definition. <sup>2</sup>Balance sheet figures for 30/09/2019 are presented without the assets and liabilities of the disposal group MediaMarkt Greece. The resulting effect on net working capital is -21 €m.

- All numbers in the presentation incl. IFRS 16 (unless otherwise stated).
- The disposal of the Greek MediaMarkt business is treated as a portfolio effect.
- Non-recurring earnings effects in FY 2019/20 include effects in connection with (1) the reorganization and efficiency program announced on 29 April 2019, (2) COVID-19 related store closures and (3) the introduction of the new Operating Model.

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