

#### Highlights Q1-3 2018



Sales +5% to € 1,953 mn

- Organic growth across all three regions:
   Europe, Asia-Pacific, Africa and Americas;
   Growth rate decreased in Q3
- Negative FX effect impacting sales and EBIT, declining negative FX effects

# EBIT increase by 6% to € 297 mn

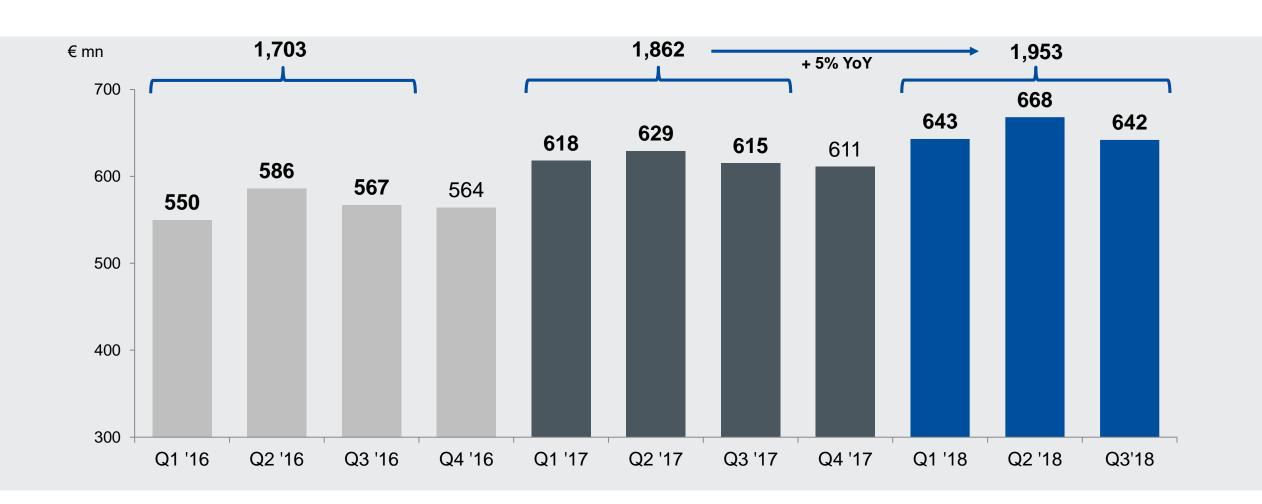
(including € 12 mn one-off effect)

### Outlook 2018 updated:

- Sales +3% to +5%
- EBIT before one-off effect on par with previous year
- EBIT (including one-off effect): +2% to +4%

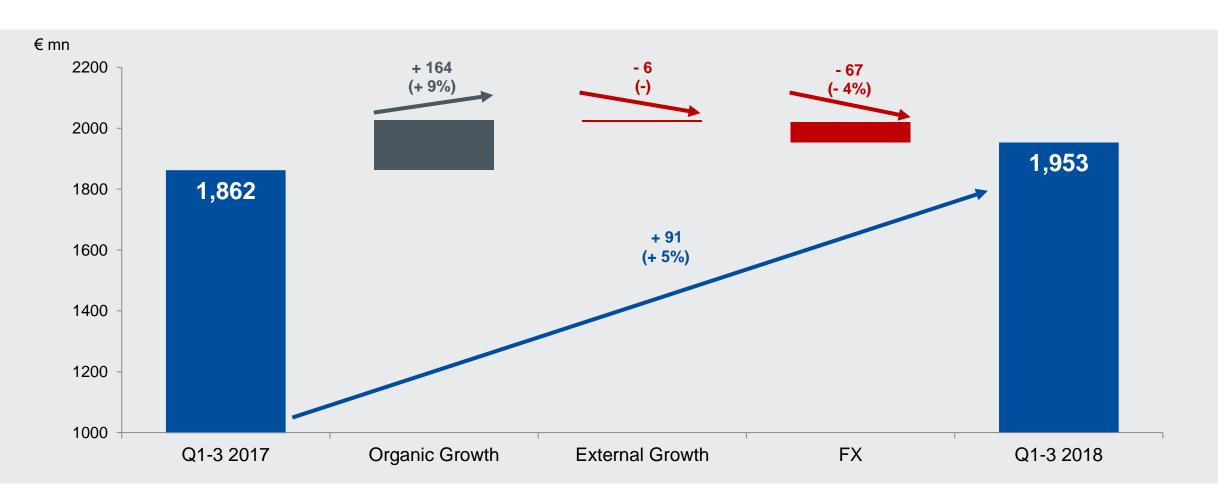














#### Regional sales growth Q1-3 2018

Europe and Asia-Pacific, Africa declining in the course of the year

	Q1-3 2018 (€ mn)	Q1-3 2017 (€ mn)	Growth	Organic	External	FX
Europe	1,181	1,142	+3%	+5%	-1%	-1%
Asia-Pacific, Africa	601	544	+10%	+15%	-	-5%
Americas	304	302	+1%	+11%	-	-10%
Consolidation	-133	-126	-	-	-	-
Total	1,953	1,862	+5%	+9%	0%	-4%



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#### Negative FX-effects impacting EBIT

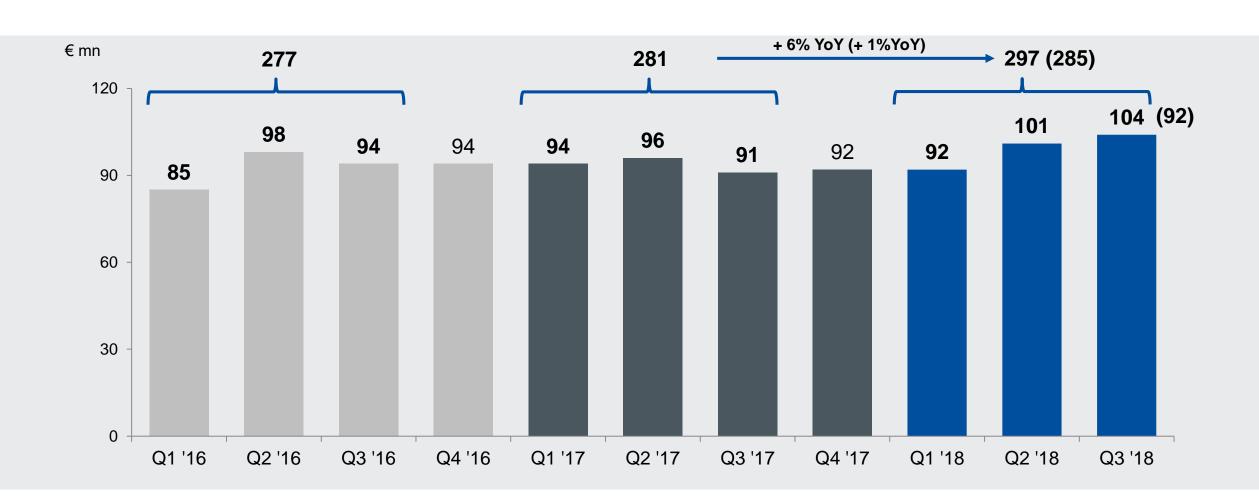
€ mn	Q1-3 2018	Q1-3 2017	Δ€ mn	Δ in %
Sales	1,953	1,862	91	5
Gross Profit	686	667	19	3
Gross Profit margin	35.1	35.8	-	-0.7 %-points
Other function costs	-410	-400	-10	3
EBIT before at Equity	276	267	9	3
At Equity	21	14	7	50
EBIT <sup>1</sup>	297	281	16	6
Earnings after tax	219	198	21	11

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> EBIT before one-off effect +1% (Q1-3 2018: 285, Q1-3 2017: 281)



#### **EBIT** development

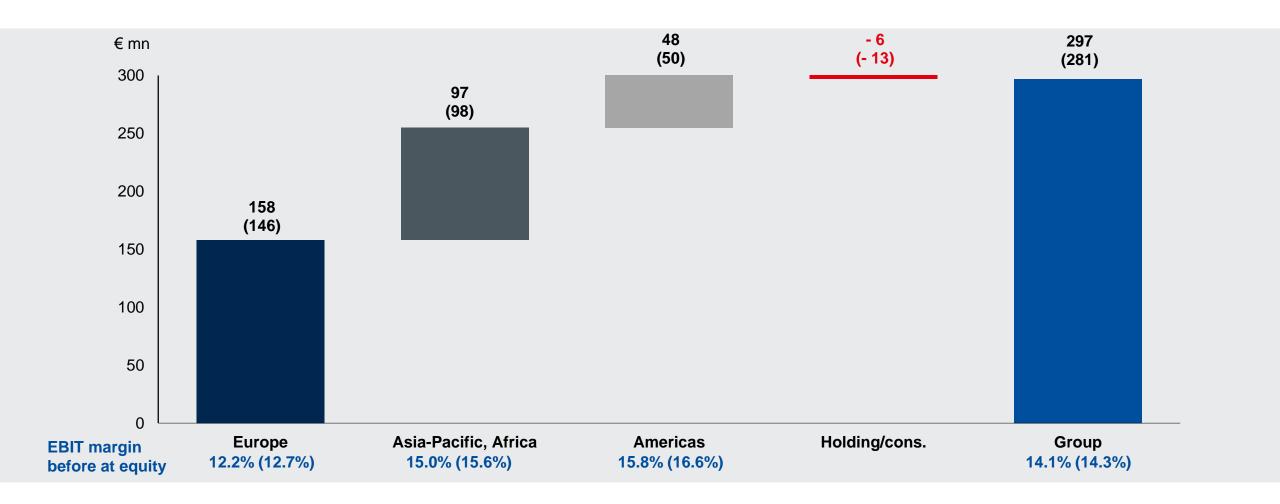
#### EBIT before one-off effect in brackets







Q1-3 2018 (Q1-3 2017)







€ mn	Q1-3 2018	Q1-3 2017
Earnings after tax	219	198
Amortization/Depreciation	42	40
Changes in net operating working capital (NOWC)	-57	-91
Other changes	-10	8
Capex	-73	-66
Free cash flow before acquisitions <sup>1</sup>	121	89
Acquisitions <sup>1</sup>	12	-1
Free cash flow	133	88

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Including divestments





- Strong organic growth across all regions; accelerated growth in North America, declining momentum in Asia-Pacific, Africa and Europe
- Negative FX-effects continue to impact sales and earnings
- Increase in gross profit as a result of higher volumes and sales prices; margin impacted by increased raw material prices, product mix changes and higher D&A due to investments
- Decrease in at Equity income mainly due to difficult economic situation in Saudi Arabia and a weak
   Turkish lira / € 12 mn income from the sale of an at equity share
- Increase in earnings after tax by 11%; tax rate decreased to 28% (31) due to lower withholding tax for dividends and due to the American tax reform
- Free cash flow up significantly year-on-year

#### Outlook 2018 updated



Performance indicator	Actual 2017	Outlook 2018 (March & July 18)	Updated Outlook 2018 (October 18)
Sales	€ 2,473 mn	+3% to +6%	+3% to +5%
EBIT before one-off effect <sup>1</sup>	€ 373 mn	+2% to +4%	On par with previous year
EBIT	€ 373 mn	-	+2% to +4%
FUCHS Value Added	€ 250 mn	At previous year's level	At previous year's level
Free cash flow before acquisitions	€ 142 mn	At previous year's level	At previous year's level

- Investments of around € 130 mn
- Sales growth mainly driven by organic growth: volume and price
- Planned less than proportional increase in earnings expected due to a higher costs base as a result of investments in new and existing plants (growth/replacement/efficiency), spending for process improvements (e.g. IT), people and R&D

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