

Interim Results

Six months ended 30 September 2007

27 November 2007



A Good First Half

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Key Figures

		Organic	Published
Turnover:	€374.4m	+ 9.8%	+ 5.7%
of which own brands:	€329.9m	+ 10.7%	+ 6.9%
Current operating profit	€65.6m	+ 12.7%	+ 5.9%
Operating margin	17.5%	17.9%	
Net profit from continuing			
operations	€37.0m		+ 8.8%

Debt: reduced by 14% to **€548m**



A Good First Half

- Significant effect of price increases
- Accelerated growth in Asia
 - Premium and ultra Premium
- Marked increase in marketing investment
 - Brands and key markets
- Continued efforts to improve productivity
- Post-Maxxium preparation



Results in line with our guidance of significant organic growth in operating profitability

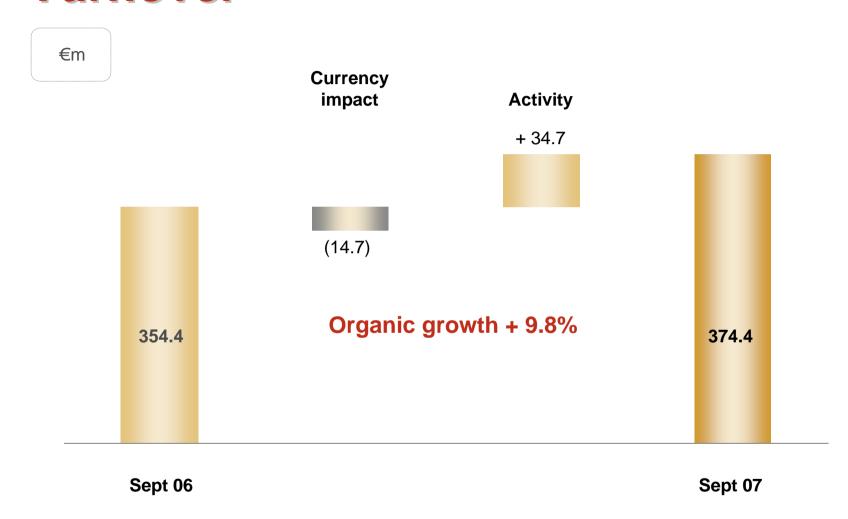


Review of Activities

Jean-Marie Laborde

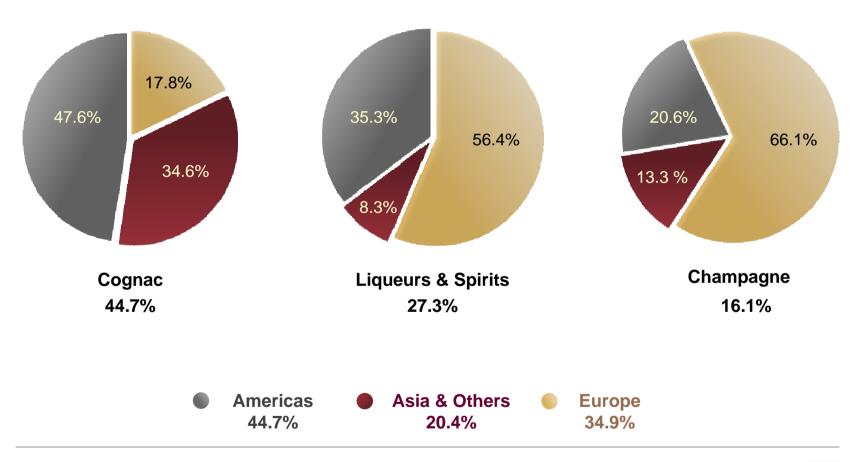


Turnover



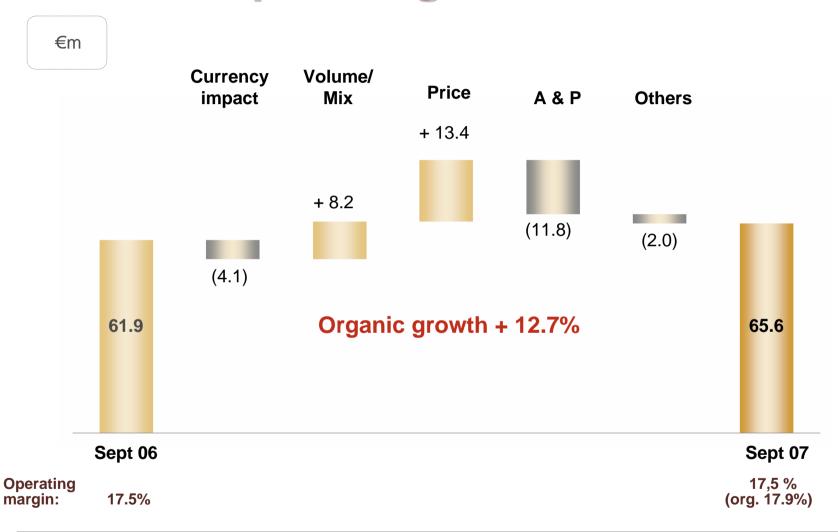
Breakdown of Turnover

(by division/geographic area)





Current Operating Profit

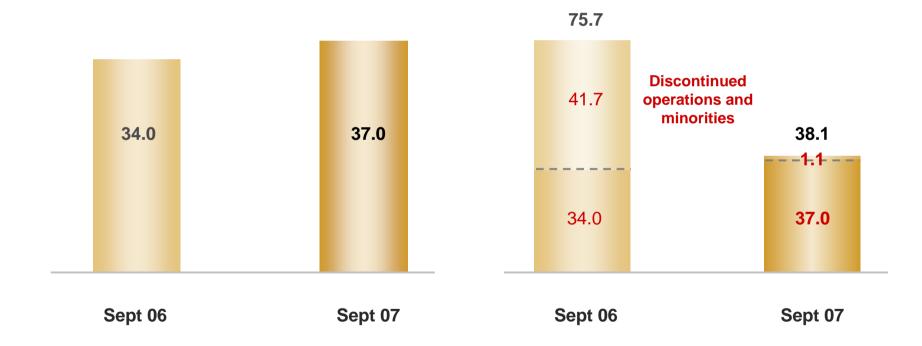




Net Profit



Group share

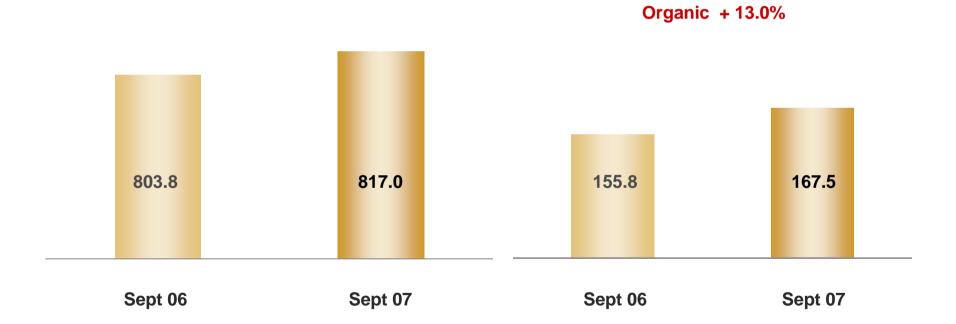




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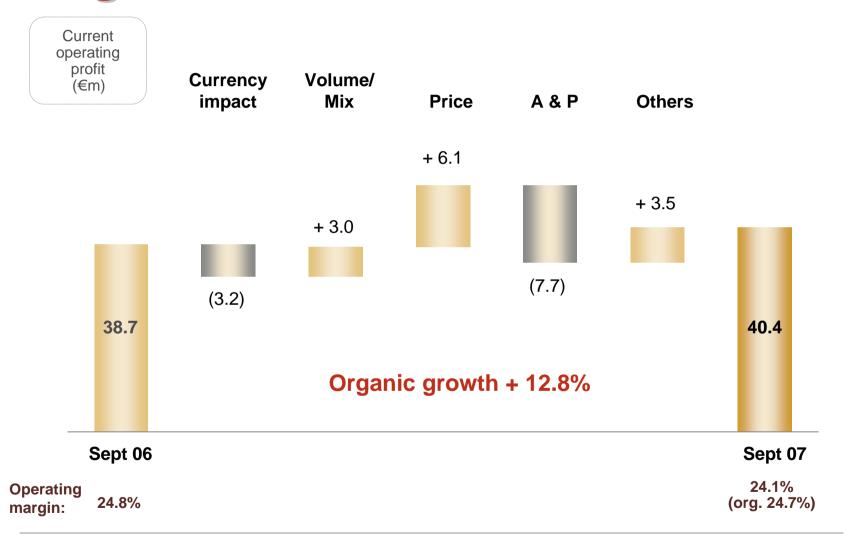
Volume sales ('000 cases)

Turnover (€m)





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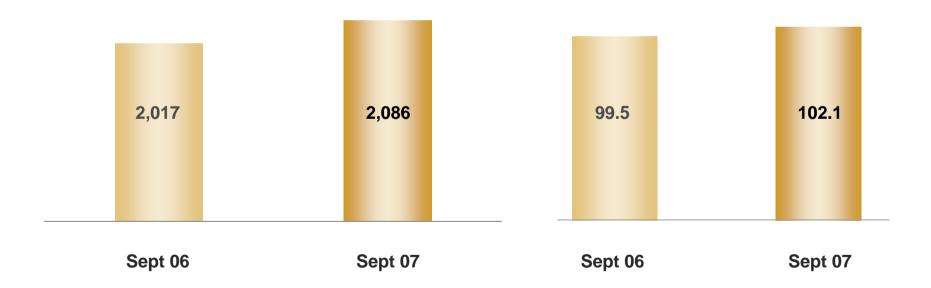


Liqueurs & Spirits

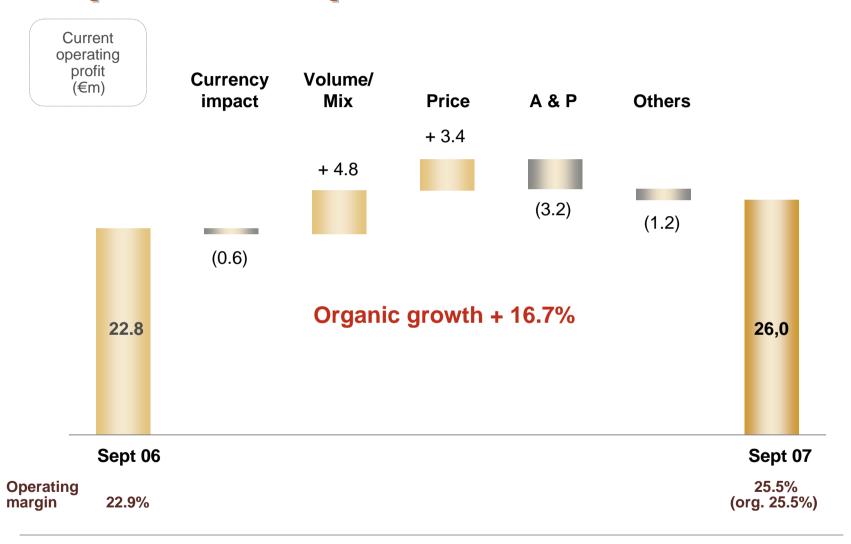
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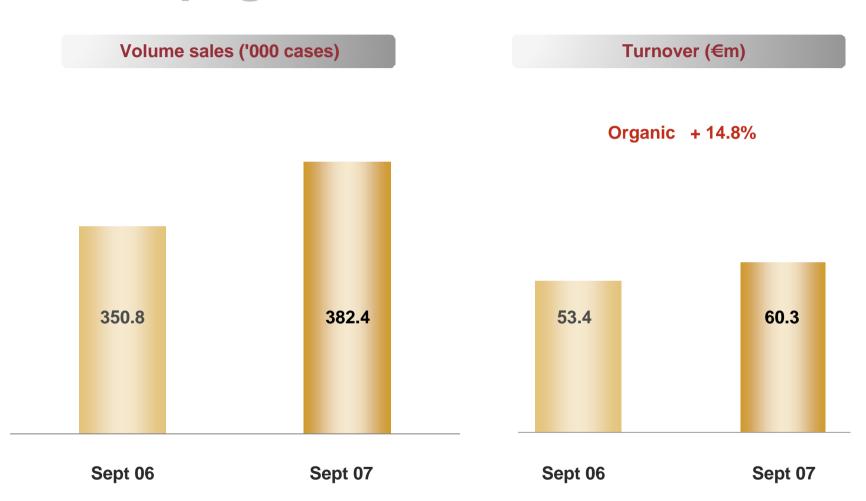


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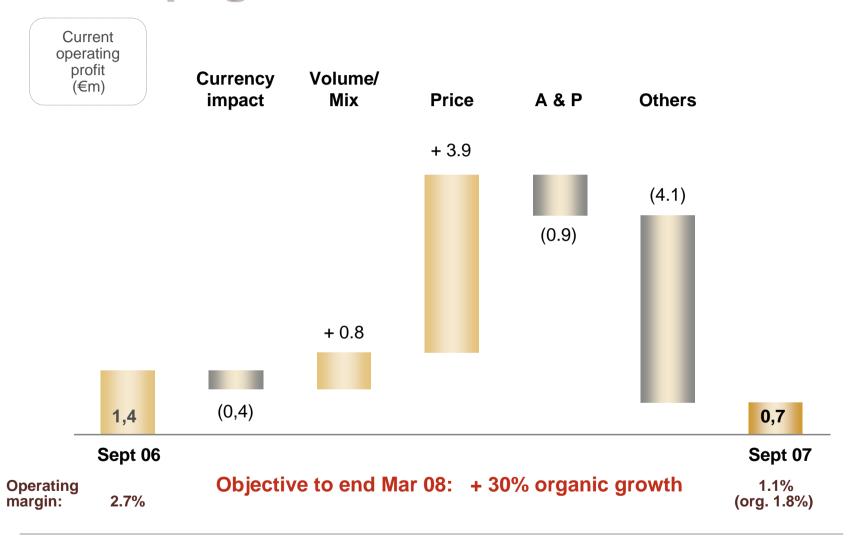




Champagne

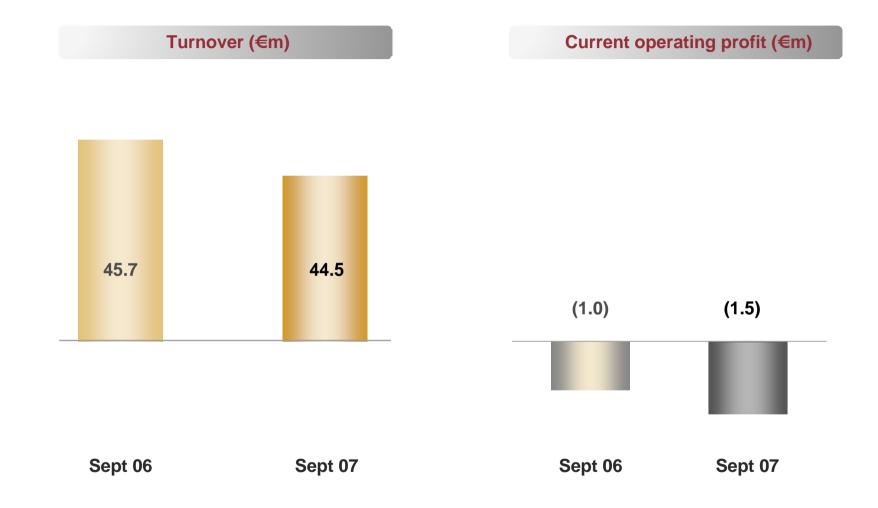


Champagne





Partner Brands



Distribution

- Effective and constructive relationships with our partners in Maxxium
 - **✓** Good commercial results to date (Asia & Europe)
- Management team established in China
 - **✓** Preparation of the infrastructure in South East Asia
- Commencement of negotiations with our future distributors (post March 2009)



Consolidated Half Year Results

Hervé Dumesny



Analysis of Operating Profit

			Performance	
<i>(</i> € <i>m</i>)	Sept 07	Sept 06	Published	Organic
Turnover	374.4	354.4	+ 5.7%	+ 9.8%
Gross profit	199.1	182.4	+ 9.1%	+ 13.3%
Sales & marketing expenses	(104.5)	(90.7)	+ 15.2%	+18.9%
Administrative expenses	(36.2)	(37.7)	(4.0)%	(4.0)%
Other income & expenses	7.2	7.9	(8.9%)	(8.9)%
Current operating profit	65.6	61.9	+ 5.9%	+ 12.7%
Operating margin	17.5%	17.5%	-	-
Other operating expenses	(0.1)	(3.0)	-	-
Operating profit	65.5	58.9	-	-



Net Profit from Continuing Operations

(€m)	Sept 07	Sept 06
Current operating profit	65.6	61.9
Operating profit	65.5	58.9
Financial charges	(25.5)	(20.0)
Profit before tax	40.0	38.9
Taxation	(5.1)	(7.7)
Share in profits of associated undertakings (Maxxium – Dynasty)	2.1	2.8
Net profit from continuing operations	37.0	34.0



Financial Charges

(€m)	Sept 07	Sept 06
Debt servicing cost (excluding early repayment)	(15.1)	(18.7)
Repayment of 6.5% bond	(7.9)	-
Maxxium penalty discounting	(4.6)	-
Movement in value of CEDC share	4.2	(5.9)
Others	(2.1)	4.6
Financial charges	(25.5)	(20.0)



Net Profit (Group Share)

(€m)	Sept 07	Sept 06
Net profit from continuing operations	37.0	34.0
Net profit from discontinued operations or in the process of sale	1.1	42.1
Minority interests	-	(0.4)
Net profit – Group share	38.1	75.7



Financial Debt & Cash Flow

(€m)	Sept 07	Sept 06
Net debt	548.2	637.3
Operating cash flow from continuing operations	20.6	14.4
Cash flow before financing activities	38.7	152.9

Net debt/EBITDA ratio = 2.92



Balance Sheet at 30 September - Assets

(€ <i>m</i>)	2007	2006
Intangible assets	800.9	797.4
Investments in associates	118.7	119.6
Other investments	51.4	105.5
Deferred tax assets	12.7	12.0
Non-current assets	983.7	1,034.5
Inventories	806.9	789.8
Trade accounts receivable	263.1	261.9
Income tax recoverable	2.2	11.4
Derivative financial instruments	22.9	11.0
Assets held for sale	17.4	10.8
Cash and cash equivalents	32.0	16.1
Current assets	1,144.5	1,101.0
Total assets	2,128.2	2,135.5



Balance Sheet at 30 September - Liabilities

(€ m)	2007	2006
Shareholders' equity	840.8	940.3
Non-current liabilities	841.8	720.2
Current liabilities	445.6	475.0
Total liabilities	2,128.2	2,135.5



2007/08 Outlook

Continuation and acceleration of H1 trend:

- Movement upmarket
- Increased strength of Champagne
- Dynamism of Asia and Russia



Renewed confidence

Significant organic growth in current operating profit confirmed

