

Interim Results Six months ended 30 September 2008

London

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Dominique Hériard Dubreuil Chairman



Key Figures

		Organic	Gross
Turnover	€365.2m	+ 4.6%	(2.5%)
of which own brands	€329.4m	+ 6.7%	(0.2%)
 Current operating profit 	€62.5m	+ 4.2%	(4.7%)
Operating margin	17.1%	17.4%	
Net profit from continuing operations	€48.3m		+ 30.5%

Debt reduced by 20.3% to €437.1m (in one year)

Review of Activities

Jean-Marie Laborde

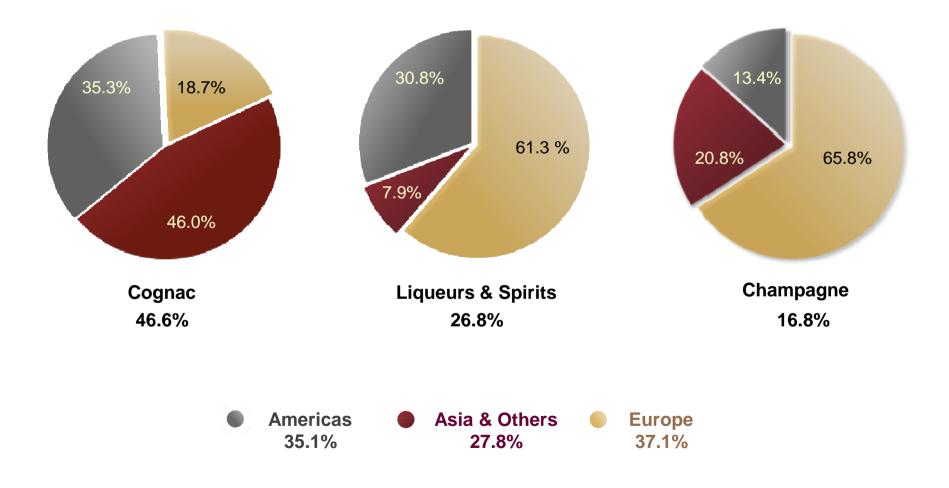
Chief Executive





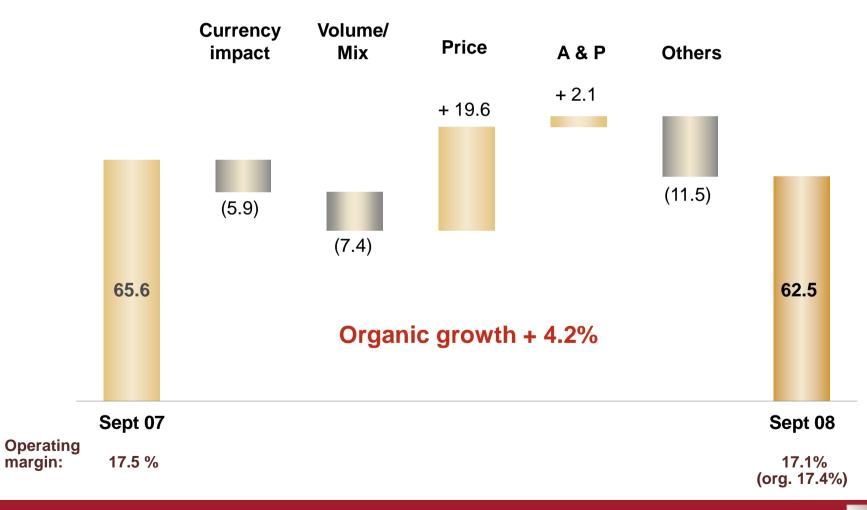
Breakdown of Turnover

(by division/geographic area)

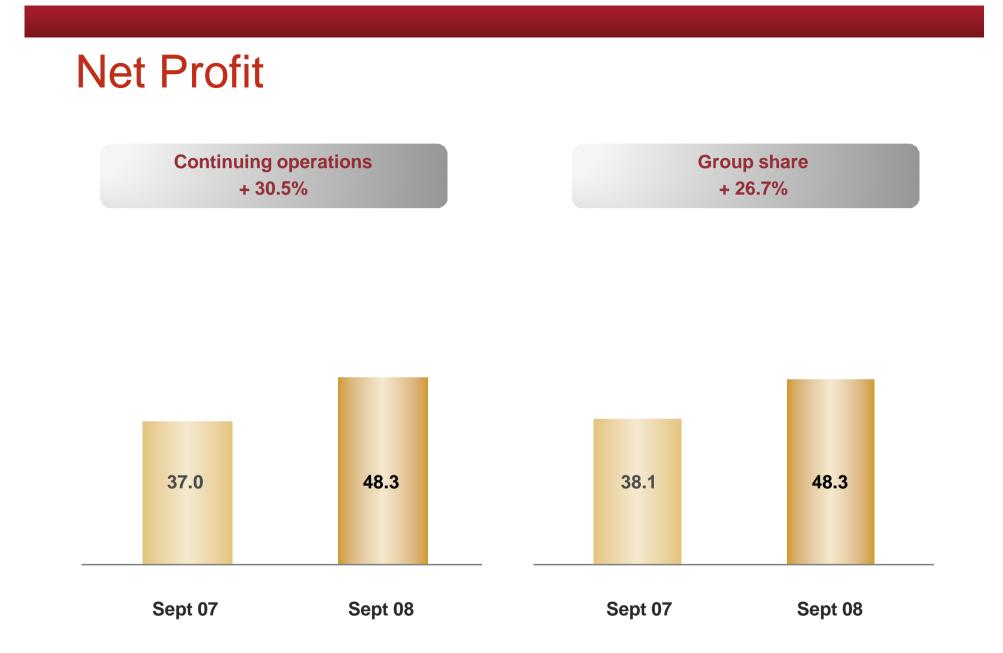


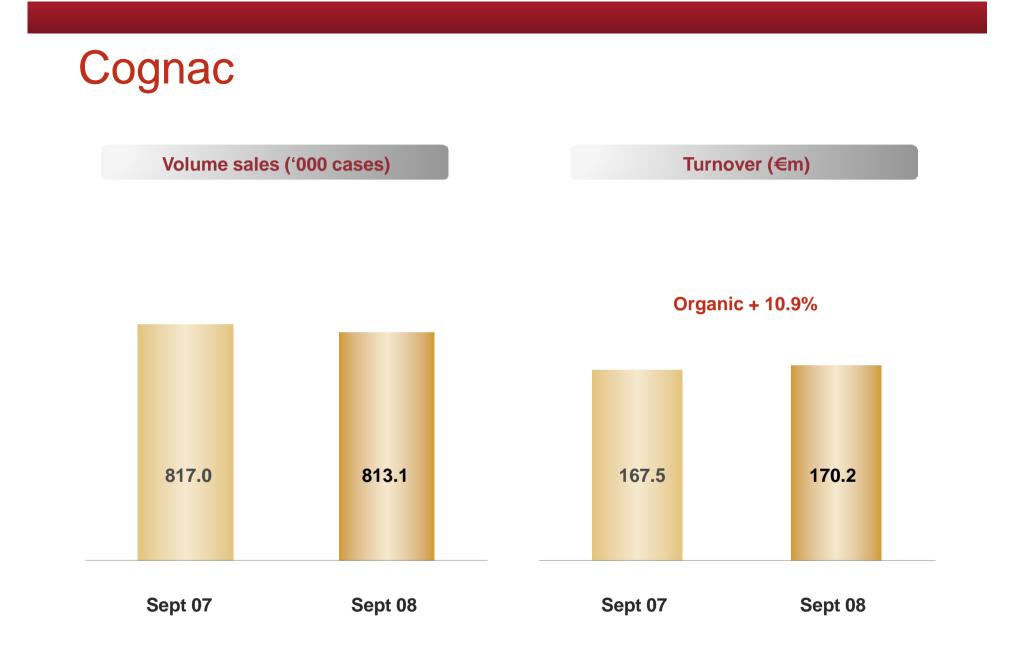
Current Operating Profit

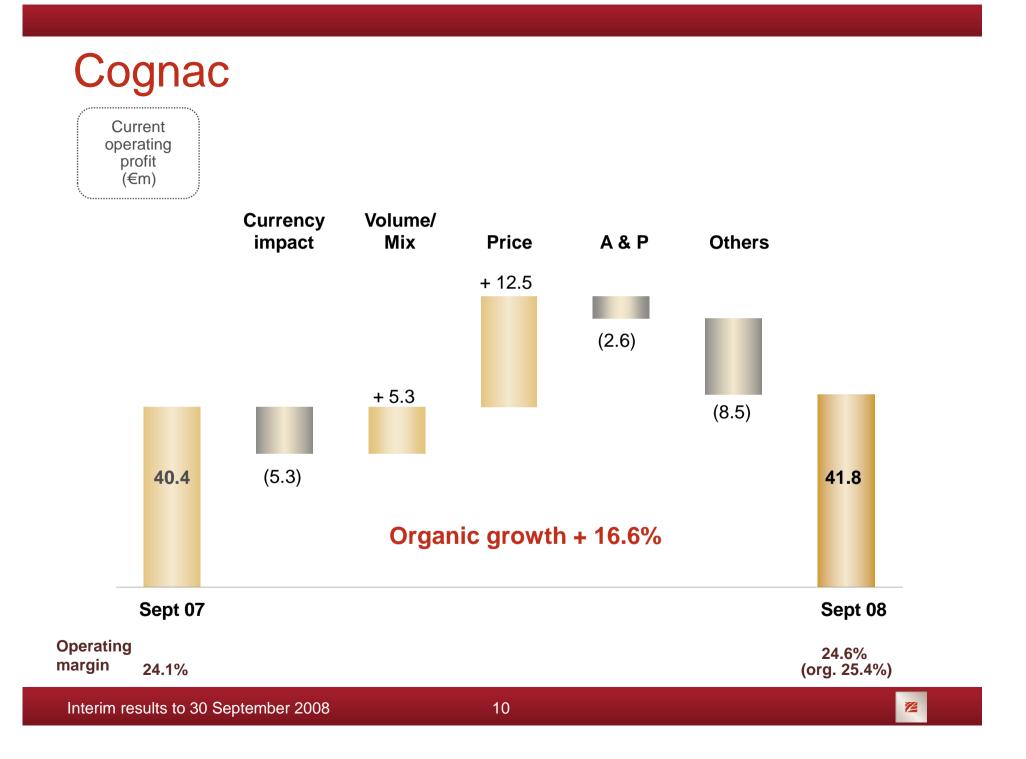
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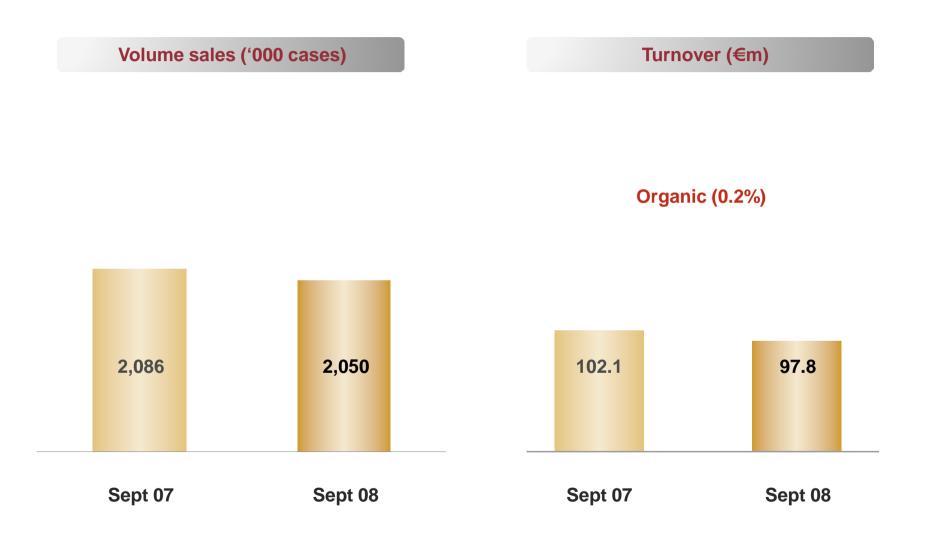
Interim results to 30 September 2008

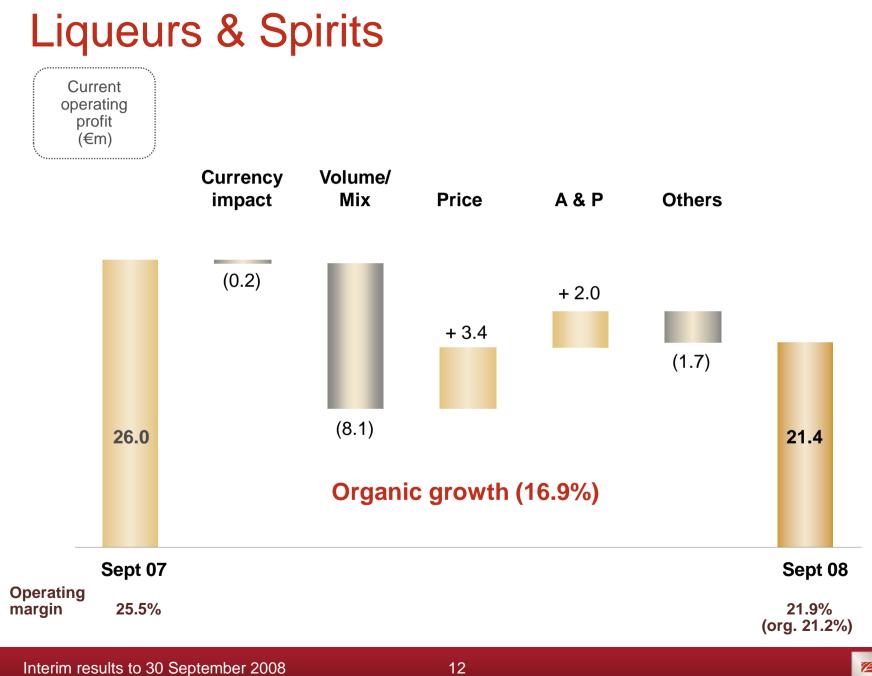


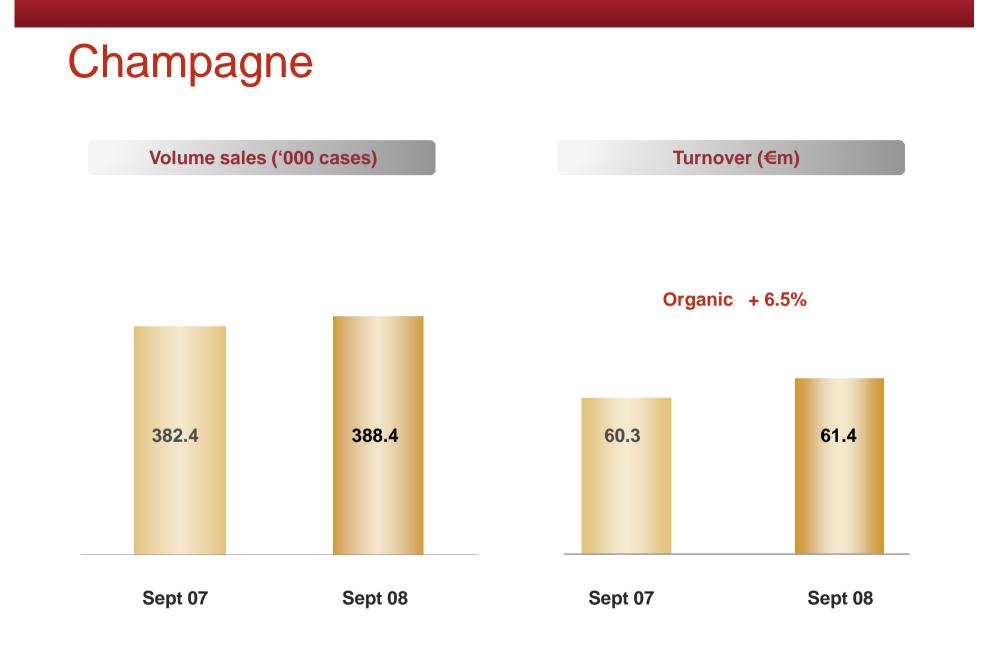


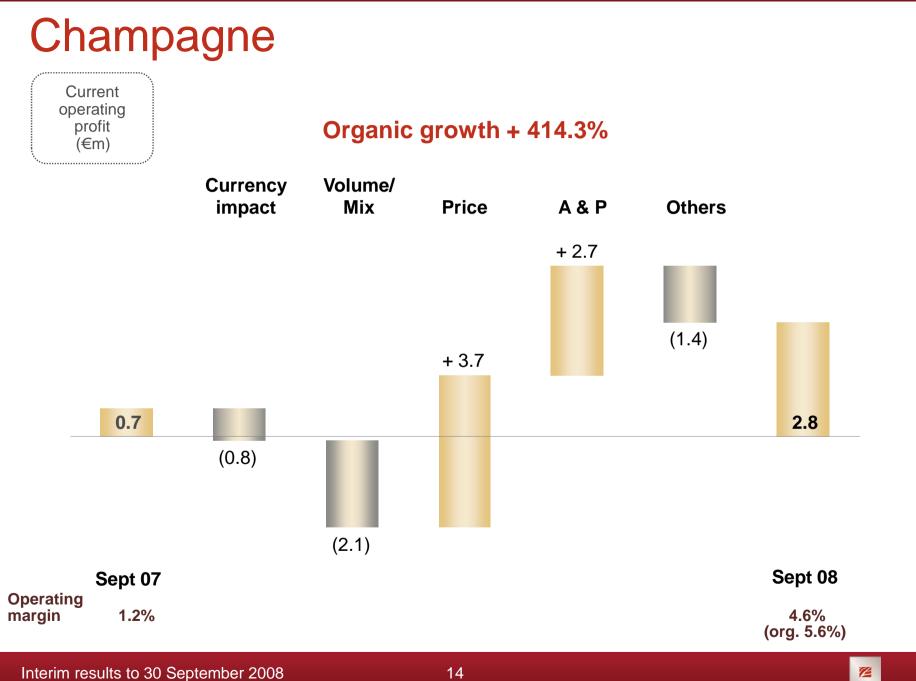
















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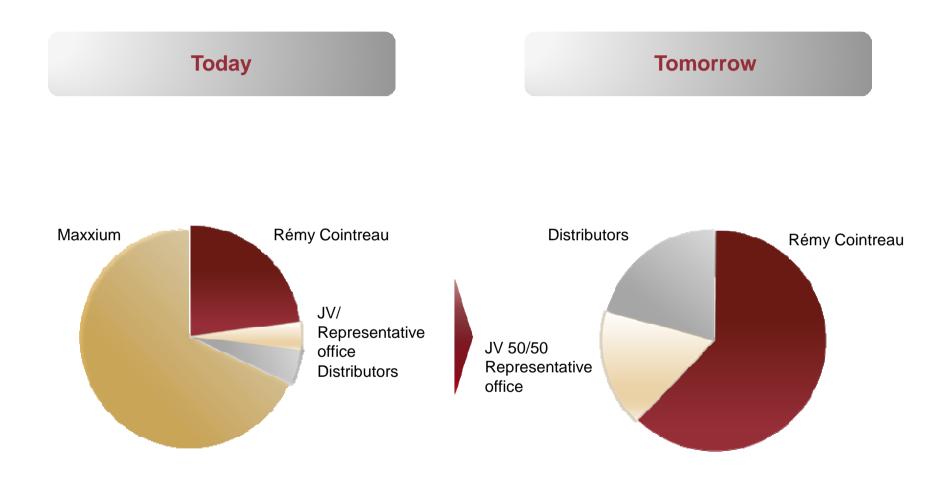
- Exit from Maxxium on 30 March 2009
- New geographic network finalised
 - Our subsidiaries in key markets
 - China (70 people already in place)
 - South East Asia and Duty Free (establishment of a team in Singapore)
 - Takeover of Maxxium subsidiaries in Belgium, Luxembourg, the Czech Republic and Slovakia)
 - 50/50 Joint Venture with William Grant in France (*Lixir*) and Underberg in Germany (*Diversa*)

Distribution

Agreements in the rest of the world

United Kingdom First Drinks (subsidiary of _ William Grant) Germany/Austria/Switzerland Underberg _ Greece **Karoulias** _ Canada **Select Wines** _ - Scandinavia **Edrington** Italy **Branca** _ – Spain **Torres & Varma** The Netherlands Maxxium _ Australia Suntory New Zealand Hancock – Japan In progress

Distribution: Improved Control



Note: as % of turnover

Consolidated Half Year Results

Hervé Dumesny

Finance Director



Interim results to 30 September 2008

Analysis of Current Operating Profit

<i>(</i> € <i>m</i>)	Sept 08	Sept 07
Turnover	365.2	374.4
Gross profit	205.1	199.1
Sales & marketing expenses	(103.1)	(104.5)
Administrative expenses	(40.8)	(36.2)
Other income & expenses	1.3	7.2
Current operating profit	62.5	65.6
Current operating margin	17.1%	17.5%



Exit from Maxxium

- On 2 September 2008, the four partners signed an agreement finalising the exit terms of V&S Pernod Ricard (1 October 2008) and Rémy Cointreau (30 March 2009) from the Maxxium network
- Exit compensation payable on 28 March 2009: €224m
- Disposal of shareholding in Maxxium held by the Group on 30 March 2009: €60.4m



Analysis of Operating Profit

<i>(€m)</i>	Sept 08	Sept 07
Current operating profit	62.5	65.6
Other operating income & expenses	19.4	(0.1)
Release of Maxxium provision	37.0	-
Provision for writedown of Maxxium shares	(16.0)	-
Others	(1.6)	(0.1)
Operating profit	81.9	65.5



Financial Charges

(€ <i>m</i>)	Sept 08	Sept 07
Net borrowing cost	(14.4)	(26.4)
Net average financial debt	477.0	552.6
Interest rate	6.04%	5.47%
Recurring borrowing cost	(14.4)	(15.9)
Early redemption premium and waiver	-	(10.5)
Other financial income and expense	(1.9)	0.9
Financial charges	(16.3)	(25.5)



Net Profit from Continuing Operations

(€ <i>m</i>)	Sept 08	Sept 07
Current operating profit	62.5	65.6
Operating profit	81.9	65.5
Financial charges	(16.3)	(25.5)
Profit before tax	65.6	40.0
Taxation	(17.9)	(5.1)
Share in profits of associated undertakings		
(Maxxium – Dynasty)	0.6	2.1
Net profit from continuing operations	48.3	37.0

Net Profit - Group Share

<i>(€m)</i>	Sept 08	Sept 07
Net profit from continuing operations	48.3	37.0
Net profit from discontinued operations or in the process of sale	-	1.1
Net profit – Group share	48.3	38.1

Financial Debt & Cash Flow

<i>(€m)</i>	Sept 08	Sept 07
Net debt	437.1	548.2
Operating cash flow from continuing activities	19.9	20.6
Disposal of CEDC securities	_	52.5
Other (inc. capital expenditure)	(11.9)	(13.8)
Cash flow before financing activities	8.0	59.3

Net debt ratio/EBITDA = 2.37

Balance Sheet at 30 September - Assets

(6 m)	2000	2007
<i>(€m)</i>	2008	2007
Intangible assets	814.0	800.9
Investments in associates	49.6	118.7
Other investments	53.8	51.4
Deferred tax assets	19.3	12.7
Non-current assets	936.7	983.7
Inventories	841.7	806.9
Trade accounts receivable	289.4	263.1
Income tax recoverable	4.8	2.2
Derivative financial instruments	15.4	22.9
Assets held for sale	62.4	17.4
Cash and cash equivalents	32.9	32.0
Current assets	1,246.6	1,144.5
Total assets	2,183.3	2,128.2

Balance Sheet at 30 September – Equity and Liabilities

<i>(€m)</i>	2008	2007
Shareholders' equity	901.1	840.8
Non-current liabilities	546.4	841.8
Current liabilities	735.8	445.6
Total equity and liabilities	2,183.3	2,128.2

Change in Impact of Hedging

