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Led the formation of IMCD since 1995

Designed and executed IMCD's strategy

23 years of industry experience

Hans Kooijmans, CFO



Joined IMCD in 1996

Co-led formation of IMCD

22 years of industry experience





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IMCD is a market-leader in the sales, marketing and distribution of speciality chemicals and food ingredients. Its result-driven professionals provide market-focused solutions to suppliers and customers across EMEA, Asia-Pacific and Americas, offering a range of comprehensive product portfolios, including innovative formulations that embrace industry trends.

Listed at Euronext, Amsterdam (IMCD), IMCD realised revenues of € 2,379 million in 2018 with nearly 2,800 employees in over 45 countries on 6 continents. IMCD's dedicated team of technical and commercial experts work in close partnership to tailor best in class solutions and provide value through expertise for around 43,000 customers and a diverse range of world class suppliers.







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Highlights 2018

Gross profit

Gross profit growth of 25% to EUR 536 million (+29% on a constant currency basis)

Operating EBITA

Operating EBITA increase of 25% to EUR 202 million (+30% on a constant currency basis)

Net result

Net result before amortisation and non-recurring items of EUR 140 million (2017: EUR 110 million)

Cash EPS Dividend

Cash earnings per share increased by 23% to EUR 2.53 (2017: EUR 2.06) Dividend proposal of EUR 0.80 in cash per share (2017: 0.62)





Highlights 2018 (continued)

E.T. Horn

Acquisition of E.T. Horn, completed on 31 July 2018, supporting IMCD's strategy of offering its suppliers and customers national US coverage and dedicated segment expertise

Velox

Acquisition of Velox GmbH, completed on 26 September 2018, expanding IMCD's European network in the plastics, composites and other specialities markets

Aroma

Acquisition of Aroma Chemical Agencies (India) Pvt. Ltd and Alchemie Agencies Pvt. Ltd, completed on 14 November 2018, expanding IMCD's existing network across India in the coatings, plastics and other specialities.





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Income statement

EUR million	2018	2017	change	change	fx adj. change
Revenue	2,379	1,907	472	25%	29%
Gross profit in % of revenue	536 22.5%	429 22.5%	107 0.0%	25%	29%
Operating EBITDA Operating EBITDA in % of revenue	208 8.7%	166 8.7%			
Operating EBITA ¹ Operating EBITA in % of revenue	202 8.5%	162 8.5%	40 0.0%	25%	30%
Conversion ratio ²	37.7%	37.7%	0.0%		

¹ Result from operating activities before amortisation of intangibles and non-recurring items

² Operating EBITA in percentage of Gross profit





Income statement

				Asia	Holding	
EUR million		EMEA	Americas	Pacific	companies	Total
Gross profit	2018	308	158	70		536
	2017	274	89	65		429
	Δ reported	12%	76%	8%		25%
	Δ constant currency	14%	87%	15%		29%
Gross profit in % of revenue	2018	24.8%	19.7%	20.9%		22.5%
-	2017	24.0%	19.8%	20.7%		22.5%
	Δ margin %	0.8%	(0.1%)	0.2%		-
Operating EBITA	2018	128	60	31	(17)	202
	2017	113	35	28	(15)	162
	Δ reported	14%	69%	11%	(17%)	25%
	Δ constant currency	16%	79%	19%	(19%)	30%
Operating EBITA in % of reven	ue 2018	10.3%	7.5%	9.3%		8.5%
-	2017	9.9%	7.9%	8.9%		8.5%
	Δ margin %	0.4%	(0.4%)	0.4%		-
Conversion margin	2018	41.5%	38.1%	44.4%		37.7%
operating EBITA in % of gross profit	2017	41.1%	39.7%	43.2%		37.7%
	∆ margin %	0.4%	(1.6%)	1.2%		-





Income statement (continued)

EUR million	2018	2017	change	change	fx adj. change
Operating EBITA	202	162	40	25%	30%
Amortisation of intangible assets	(37)	(34)	(3)	9%	
Non-recurring income and expenses	(2)	(2)	(0)	0	
Net finance costs	(19)	(15)	(4)	24%	
Non-recurring net finance costs	(5)	-	(5)	-	
Income tax expenses	(39)	(33)	(6)	20%	
Result for the period	100	77	23	30%	34%
Earnings per share (weighted) Cash Earnings per share (weighted)	1.91 2.53	1.47 2.06	0.44 0.47	30% 23%	34% 27%





Net finance costs

EUR million	2018	2017	change
Interest costs financing structure	(17.3)	(11.3)	(6.0)
Value changes in interest hedge contracts	(0.1)	0.4	(0.5)
Amortisation of finance costs	(0.8)	(1.6)	0.8
Interest costs re employee benefits	(0.5)	(0.2)	(0.3)
Currency exchange results	(0.1)	(2.4)	2.3
Net finance costs	(18.8)	(15.1)	(3.7)





Income tax expenses

EUR million	2018	2017	change
Regular income tax expenses	(44.9)	(36.8)	(8.1)
Adjustments for prior years	(0.2)	(2.0)	1.8
Reduction in tax rates	0.1	1.9	(1.8)
(De-) recognition tax losses	1.4	0.6	0.8
Tax credits related to amortisation	4.5	3.6	0.9
Income tax expenses	(39.1)	(32.7)	(6.4)
Income tax %			

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Regular income tax expenses	44.9	36.8	
Operating EBITA minus non recurring and finance costs	176.4	144.3	
EUR million	2018	2017	change





Cash EPS - proposed dividend

EUR million	2018	2017	change	change
Result for the year	100	77	23	29%
Amortisation of intangible assets	37	34		
Tax credits related to amortisation	(5)	(4)		
Cash earnings	133	108	25	23%
Weighted average number of share (x milion)	52.4	52.4		
Cash earnings per share (weighted) in EUR	2.53	2.06	0.47	23%
Proposed cash dividend per share	0.80	0.62	0.18	29%
Proposed dividend payment (x EUR milion)	42	32		
Proposed pay out ratio	32%	30%		





Balance Sheet

EUR million	31 December 2018	31 December 2017	change
Droports, plant and againment	25	40	6
Property, plant and equipment	25	19	6
Intangible assets	1,040	949	91
Other fin. assets/def tax assets	47	28	19
Working capital	400	314	85
Provisions/employee benefits	(31)	(21)	(10)
Deferred tax liabilities	(84)	(70)	(14)
Capital employed	1,397	1,219	178
Equity	786	729	57
Equity in % of capital employed	56%	60%	
Loans and borrowings minus cash	611	490	121
Total financing	1,397	1,219	178





Working capital

EUR million	31 December 2018	31 December 2017	change
Inventories	354	266	88
in days of revenue *	49	47	2
Trade and other receivables	398	332	66
in days of revenue *	55	58	(4)
Trade payables	(264)	(213)	(50)
in days of revenue *	(36)	(37)	2
Other payables	(89)	(70)	(19)
in days of revenue *	(12)	(12)	0
Total working capital	400	314	85
in days of revenue *	55	55	(0)

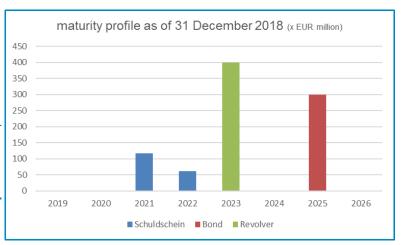
^{*} revenue normalised for full year impact acquisitions





Net debt

EUR million	2018	2017	change
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Loans and borrowings long term	481	367	114
Loans and borrowings short term	215	184	31
Cash and cash equivalents	(85)	(61)	(24)
Net Debt	611	490	121
Net Debt / Operating EBITDA ratio ¹	2.8	2.8	0.0
	December	Bank	December
Covenants	2018	condition	2017
Leverage	2.8		2.7
- Schuldschein	2.0	< 3.50	2.1
- revolving credit facility		< 3.75	
Interest cover	13.0	> 4.0	16.3



¹Including full year impact of acquisitions





Free cash flow

EUR million	2018	2017	change
Operating EBITA	202	162	40
Depreciation	5	4	1
Operating EBITDA	207	166	41
Share based payments Capex	2 (4)	3 (3)	(0) (1)
Δ Working capital ¹	(39)	(4)	(35)
Free cash flow Cash conversion ratio ²	166 80.2%	161 97.2%	5 (16.9%)

¹ Inventories, Trade and other receivables and Trade and other payables



² Free cash flow in percentage of Operating EBITDA



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Outlook

IMCD operates in different, often fragmented market segments in multiple geographic regions, connecting many customers and suppliers across a very diverse product range. In general, results are impacted by macroeconomic conditions and developments in specific industries. Furthermore, results can be influenced from period to period by, amongst others, the ability to maintain and expand commercial relationships, the ability to introduce new products and start new customer and supplier relationships and the timing, scope and impact of acquisitions.

IMCD's consistent strategy and resilient business model has led to successful expansion over the years and IMCD remains focused on achieving earnings growth by optimising its services and further strengthening its market positions. IMCD sees interesting opportunities to increase its global footprint and expand the product portfolio organically and by acquisitions.





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