

Ad-hoc media release

Outlook for 2018 annual results

The strong business trends of the first half of 2018 continued in the third-quarter period, and the CPH Group expects to report annual results for the 2018 financial year that are a substantial improvement on the prior year.

Perlen, 12 October 2018 – The revenue growth achieved by CPH Group in the first half of 2018 continued to a similar extent in the third-quarter period. Paper prices were maintained, though net sales were dampened by exchange rate trends. The CPH Group saw a positive further development in its operating result.

Provided the economic environment does not weaken and currency rates remain stable in the fourth-quarter period, the CPH Group expects to report net sales growth for the full 2018 business year that is only slightly below the level achieved for the first-half period. EBIT margin for the year is expected to amount to between 9% and 11%. The net result for the year is likely to be more than double its 2017 level, even though – in contrast to last year – hardly any extraordinary income is expected. The Packaging Division is likely to report a new record annual earnings result.

The CPH Group will publish its 2018 annual results on 26 February 2019.

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About CPH

CPH is an internationally active and diversified industrial group which is headquartered in Switzerland. The CPH Group develops, manufactures and distributes chemical products, wood-based paper and pharmaceutical packaging films. The Group and its subsidiaries maintain production facilities at nine locations in Switzerland, Germany, Bosnia-Herzegovina, the USA, Brazil and China. The CPH Group and its 1 019 personnel generated total net sales of CHF 469.8 million in 2017. The shares of its holding company CPH Chemie + Papier Holding AG are listed on the SIX Swiss Exchange (ticker: CPHN).

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