

PRESS RELEASE

De'Longhi S.p.A.

The Shareholders' annual general meeting, held today in ordinary and extraordinary session:

(i) approved the consolidated 2016 results, confirming the data approved by the BoD held on March 2nd, 2017:

- Revenues at € 1,845.4 million, -2.4% compared with 2015, about stable in organic terms¹ (-0.2%);
- Ebitda before non-recurring items increased to € 295.4 million, equal to 16.0% of revenues (€ 287.8 million equal to 15.2% of revenues in 2015), despite higher media investments for about € 11 million;
- Net income at € 167.4 million, up by +12,0%;
- Positive net financial position at € 307.6 million, improving by € 118.8 million, including gross liquidity worth € 461.4 million.

(ii) approved a dividend of € 0.80 per share;

The Shareholders' meeting approved the distribution of a dividend € 0.80 per share, equal to a pay-out of approximately 71%. The ex dividend date is April 24, 2017, the record date is April 25, 2017 and the dividend will be payable from April 26, 2017.

(iii) gave a positive opinion on the Remuneration Policy for the year 2017;

(iv) renewed the authorization to purchase and dispose of the Company's own shares.

(v) extraordinary session: approved the proposed amendment to Art. 5-bis of the Articles of Association in order to introduce the "increased voting rights";

The AGM, held today in extraordinary session, also approved the proposed amendment to Art. 5-bis of the Articles of Association in order to introduce the "increased voting rights" in accordance to article 127 quinquies of TUF.

¹ "Organic" stands for at constant exchange rates and excluding the impact of derivatives. 2016 consolidation perimeter includes NPE srl, following the lease of company agreement as per the press release issued on 23/09/2016.

2016 results summary, business review and guidance

overview

The market for Small Domestic Appliances was characterized, in 2016, by a distinctly divergent trend among geographical areas and product lines, as initially foreseen by the Group's management.

On the one hand, the Asia-Pacific-Americas area, the main markets of Continental and Eastern Europe, espresso coffee makers and Braun products recorded positive growth rates, at times in the 2-digits; on the other, the Middle-East-India-Africa area, Russia, the UK and some categories of food preparation declined.

Moreover, the Group decided to rationalize the product portfolio, eliminating selected less profitable items, and to review the commercial organization in markets such as Turkey and Scandinavia; such actions had a temporary negative impact on sales volumes but laid the foundations for an even more solid future growth path.

From the standpoint of revenues, about stable as compared with 2015 in organic terms, 2016 is therefore a transitional year, before the expected acceleration in 2017.

In 2016 the Group's management focused on protecting profitability and cash flow generation, aiming to contrast the mentioned market weakness and to compensate for the negative impact of exchange rates, also through price increases. The improvement in Ebitda and the significant cash flow generation testify to the effectiveness of such strategy.

revenues

Revenues at € 1,845.4 million in 2016 (-2.4%), about stable (-0.2%) in organic terms.

	Full Year		Q4 (1° October - 31 December)	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	<i>(Eur million unless specified)</i>			
revenues	1,845.4	1,891.1	686.3	676.3
chg %	-2.4%		1.5%	
chg% organic (LFL)	-0.2%		3.1%	

markets

Revenues - million Euro	FY 2016	% chg.	% chg. at constant FX	Q4- 2016	var. %	% chg. at constant FX
North East Europe	459.8	-4.1%	0.6%	184.8	-4.3%	0.8%
South West Europe	804.5	0.2%	0.5%	302.0	2.4%	2.6%
EUROPE	1,264.2	-1.4%	0.6%	486.8	-0.3%	1.9%
MEIA (MiddleEast/India/Africa)	140.8	-21.8%	-20.4%	47.6	-12.4%	-12.4%
APA (Asia/Pacific/Americas)	440.4	2.7%	6.2%	151.8	13.4%	14.1%
TOTAL REVENUES	1,845.4	-2.4%	-0.2%	686.3	1.5%	3.1%

Regarding the geographical areas, the good trend in APA (Asia-Pacific-Americas), and the slight growth in Europe counterbalanced the reduction in the MEIA area.

APA shows the strongest growth, sustained by the USA, Japan, China and Hong Kong, despite lower revenues in other markets including Brazil.

In Europe, the South-West region recorded limited growth, due especially to Germany, Spain and Portugal, Italy and Austria, among others. The North-East area experienced lower revenues in markets such as the UK and Russia, together with 2-digit growth rates in Poland and other Eastern European markets.

In the MEIA area (Middle East-India-Africa), the unfavorable economic and geo-political conditions continued to limit consumption and contributed to determine a reduction in revenues, mostly in Saudi Arabia, UAE and Egypt.

products

Revenues by line of product show, over 2016, the outperformance of fully automatic and manual espresso coffee makers, which grew at least at high-single-digit rates and more than compensated for the lower revenues of single-serve systems, down due to the challenging comparison with 2015, which saw the launch of the Lattissima Touch model, and the increased level of competition in the segment.

As regards the cooking and food preparation segment, Braun products grew whereas Kenwood revenues declined, mostly in the kitchen machine category, heavily impacted by weaker demand in important markets such as Russia, the Middle East and UK. To contrast such trend, in 2016 the Group has introduced several product innovations in the main categories, including new a new power blender, slow juicer and cooking food processor, from which it expects a tangible contribution starting with 2017.

Revenues from portable conditioning and heating were slightly up as compared with 2015, whereas the reduction in ironing, in part related to the transition process from the De'Longhi brand to Braun, was mitigated by growth in the more profitable ironing systems.

margins

The Group's strategy to counterbalance market volatility and the negative impact of foreign exchange rates with improvements in price and mix, translated into a significant improvement in margins, despite the higher efforts in terms of advertising & promotion. Higher industrial efficiencies, lower transportation and raw material costs and lower non-industrial operating costs also contributed to such results.

- **Net industrial margin** at € 905.8 million, improving from 47.8% to 49.1% of revenues;
- **Ebitda** before non-recurring items was up by 2.7% and reached € 295.4 million, or 16.0% of revenues comparing with 15.2% of the previous year. After non-recurring items for about € 3.5 million, Ebitda stood at € 292.0 million, 15.8% on revenues (15.1% in 2015). At constant exchange rates and excluding the effect of hedging, Ebitda before non-recurring items in 2016 would have been € 293.4 million, with a negative impact of exchange rates and hedging worth € -33.1 million comparing with 2015 Ebitda excluding hedging (which benefited from positive hedging for a total of € 35.2 million).
- Operating result (**Ebit**) amounted to € 239.0 million, improving from 12.3% to 13.0% of revenues;
- It should be noted that in the year the Group recorded non-recurring items for € 3.5 million.

	Full Year		Q4 (1° October - 31 December)	
	2016	2015	2016	2015
	<i>(Eur million unless specified)</i>			
net industrial margin	905.8	904.6	334.1	332.4
<i>% of revenues</i>	49.1%	47.8%	48.7%	49.2%
Ebitda before non recur. items	295.4	287.8	137.3	137.9
<i>% of revenues</i>	16.0%	15.2%	20.0%	20.4%
Ebitda	292.0	285.2	137.5	135.3
<i>% of revenues</i>	15.8%	15.1%	20.0%	20.0%
Ebit	239.0	232.7	121.3	120.9
<i>% of revenues</i>	13.0%	12.3%	17.7%	17.9%
Net Income	167.4	149.5	95.3	87.1
<i>% of revenues</i>	9.1%	7.9%	13.9%	12.9%

financial charges

Net financial charges, equal to € 27.6 million, were down by € 6.0 million as compared with 2015, following a reduction in banking interest, securitization costs and foreign exchange charges.

The adjustment of the valuation at fair value of the earn-out due in relation to the acquisition of the perpetual license of the Braun brand

gave rise to financial income for €15.9 million euro. After such valuation adjustment, the liabilities, included in the financial position, relating to the acquisition amount to € 21.8 million at year-end 2016.

net income **Net income** pertaining to the Group was € 167.4 million, up by +12.0% as compared with 2015 and equal to 9.1% of revenues.

net financial position As for the balance sheet, the **net financial position** is positive for € 307.6 million (in line with the bank position), improving by € 118.8 million over the last 12 months.

	as of 31.12.2016	as of 31.12.2015
	<i>Eur million</i>	<i>Eur million</i>
net financial position	307.6	188.9
<i>change in 12 months</i>	118.8	
bank net financial position	307.5	210.1
<i>change in 12 months</i>	97.5	

net working capital Net working capital was € 253.7 million, about stable as compared with € 250.4 million of year-end 2015; inventories were slightly down, at about € 321 million in 2016 comparing with about € 323 million in 2015. As a percentage of revenues, NWC went from 13.2% of 2015 to 13.8% in 2016, also due to the consolidation of NPE and to a negative foreign exchange impact.

foreseeable business development and guidance The global market for Small Domestic Appliances continues to offer multiple opportunities for growth and to reward premium brands and innovative products able to improve the everyday life at home.

The Group's brand portfolio, global leaders in their respective segments, is confirmed as ideally positioned to benefit from such opportunities, although in a market environment which does not lack areas of volatility that limit consumption growth.

The Group intends to fully take advantage of such opportunities by further increasing its investments in research and development, media (an increase of about € 15 million as compared with 2016), and production capacity. To this end, we intend to expand the capacity of the production platform in Romania, as well as begin an extraordinary real estate investment relating to a new laboratory center for research and development in Treviso, with a total impact in 2017 of about additional € 40 million as compared with 2016, totaling about € 100 million investments in the year.

Also in light of the signs provided by the sales trend in the first weeks of the year, the Group confirms for 2017 the target of growing revenues in organic terms at rates in the mid-single-digit area.

Regarding profitability, for 2017, we foresee an improvement in Ebitda in absolute terms, not necessarily in terms of percentage of revenues, in a context of expected neutrality of foreign exchange rates and taking into account the mentioned investments.

Given the expected growth and profitability, and the consequent strong operating cash flow generation, the Group will be able to continue to actively look for growth opportunities by external lines.

Dividend

The Shareholders' Annual General Meeting has approved a dividend per share of € 0.80, for a total amount of € 119.6 million, which will be payable from April 26, 2017, with ex-dividend date on April 24, 2017 and record date as per art. 83-terdecies of D.Lgs. n. 58/98 on April 25, 2017. The pay-out is ca. 71%.

Other resolutions of the AGM

remuneration Policy 2017

The Shareholders meeting, after having examined the "Remuneration Report 2017" prepared in accordance to the existing laws and regulations and published on the Company's website www.delonghigroup.com (section "Investor Relations" – "Governance" – "Annual shareholders meeting" – "2017") as well as stored on the authorized storage system 1Info (www.1info.it), has given positive opinion on the Remuneration Policy 2017 of De' Longhi S.p.A. and the related procedures required to adopt and execute it, as identified in Section I of the aforementioned Report.

authorization to purchase and dispose of Company's shares

The Shareholders' meeting also renewed – after revocation of the resolution approved on April 14, 2016 – the authorization to purchase and dispose of the Company's shares up to a maximum of 14.5 million ordinary shares and in any case not exceeding one fifth of the share capital, including also shares owned by controlled companies. The authorization was approved, as required by existing laws, for a maximum period of 18 months and according to the terms and conditions included in the report about the meeting's agenda presented by the Board of Directors and available on the Company's website www.delonghigroup.com (section "Investor Relations" – "Governance" – "Annual shareholders meeting" – "2017") as well as stored on the authorized storage system 1Info (www.1info.it). As at today, neither the Company nor its controlled companies own De' Longhi shares.

Extraordinary session: increased voting rights

The AGM, held today in extraordinary session, approved the proposed amendment to Art. 5-bis of the Articles of Association of De' Longhi S.p.A in order to introduce the "increased voting rights", in accordance to article 127 quinquies of TUF.

The Articles of Association as today amended by the AGM will be made available to the public at the Company's office and on its website www.delonghigroup.com (section "Investor Relations – Governance – Corporate Documentation – 2017"), and on the authorised storage mechanism 1INFO accessible on the website www.1info.it, in the way and within the terms established by law.

Following the resolution of AGM, the Board of Directors approved, as delegated by AGM, the "*Regulation on the increased voting rights*" to rule, maintain and update the special list provided for the Issuers' Regulation in order to obtain the increased voting rights.

The regulation, the request for registration template and the relevant legal provisions will be made available, within the terms established by law, to the public at the Company's website ("www.delonghigroup.com"), section Investor Relations – Governance – Increased voting rights.

Regulatory statement

The manager responsible for the preparation of the company's accounts, Stefano Biella, hereby declares, as per article 154 bis, paragraph 2, of the "Testo Unico della Finanza", that all information related to the company's accounts contained in this press release are fairly representing the accounts and the books of the company.

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ANNEXES

Consolidated results of De' Longhi SpA
as of December 31, 2016

1. Consolidated income statement

€ million	2016	% of revenues	2015	% of revenues
Net revenues	1,845.4	100.0%	1,891.1	100.0%
<i>Change 2016/2015</i>	<i>(45.7)</i>	<i>(2.4%)</i>		
Materials consumed and other production costs (services and production payroll costs)	(939.6)	(50.9%)	(986.5)	(52.2%)
Net Industrial margin	905.8	49.1%	904.6	47.8%
Cost for services and other operating costs	(439.5)	(23.8%)	(454.1)	(24.0%)
Labour cost (non industrial)	(170.9)	(9.3%)	(162.7)	(8.6%)
EBITDA BEFORE NON RECURRING ITEMS	295.4	16.0%	287.8	15.2%
<i>Change 2016/2015</i>	<i>7.6</i>	<i>2.7%</i>		
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EBITDA	292.0	15.8%	285.2	15.1%
Amortization	(53.0)	(2.9%)	(52.5)	(2.8%)
EBIT	239.0	13.0%	232.7	12.3%
<i>Change 2016/2015</i>	<i>6.3</i>	<i>2.7%</i>		
Net financial charges	(27.6)	(1.5%)	(33.6)	(1.8%)
Financial income from valuation at fair value of financial liabilities	15.9	0.9%	-	-
Profit before taxes	227.4	12.3%	199.1	10.5%
Taxes	(59.2)	(3.2%)	(49.3)	(2.6%)
Profit / (Loss) of the period	168.2	9.1%	149.8	7.9%
Profit (loss) pertaining to minority interests	0.8	0.0%	0.3	0.0%
Profit (loss) pertaining to the Group	167.4	9.1%	149.5	7.9%

2. Revenues breakdown by geography

€ million	2016	% of revenues	2015	% of revenues	change	% change
North East Europe	459.8	24.9%	479.6	25.4%	(19.8)	(4.1%)
South West Europe	804.5	43.6%	802.9	42.5%	1.5	0.2%
EUROPE	1,264.2	68.5%	1,282.5	67.8%	(18.3)	(1.4%)
MEIA (Middle East/India/Africa)	140.8	7.6%	179.9	9.5%	(39.1)	(21.8%)
USA and Canada	137.7	7.5%	123.5	6.5%	14.2	11.5%
Australia and New Zealand	105.7	5.7%	105.1	5.6%	0.6	0.6%
Japan	72.2	3.9%	59.9	3.2%	12.3	20.5%
other countries of APA region	124.7	6.8%	140.2	7.4%	(15.5)	(11.0%)
APA (Asia/Pacific/Americas)	440.4	23.9%	428.7	22.7%	11.7	2.7%
Total revenues	1,845.4	100.0%	1,891.1	100.0%	(45.7)	(2.4%)

3. Consolidated balance sheet

€ million	31.12.2016	31.12.2015	Change
- Intangible assets	327.8	322.5	5.3
- Tangible assets	196.5	199.1	(2.6)
- Financial assets	8.0	8.4	(0.3)
- Deferred tax assets	38.4	39.8	(1.4)
Fixed assets	570.7	569.7	1.0
- Inventories	320.8	323.4	(2.6)
- Trade receivables	372.8	372.1	0.7
- Trade payables	(365.3)	(383.3)	18.0
- Other net current assets / (liabilities)	(74.5)	(61.7)	(12.8)
Net working capital	253.7	250.4	3.3
Non-current liabilities	(118.0)	(103.2)	(14.9)
Net capital employed	706.4	717.0	(10.6)
Net debt / (net cash) (*)	(307.6)	(188.9)	(118.8)
Total shareholders' equity	1,014.0	905.9	108.2
Total net financial position and shareholders' equity	706.4	717.0	(10.6)

(*) The net financial position as of December 31, 2016 includes net financial assets equal to Euro 0.1 million (net liabilities for Euro 21.2 million as of December 31, 2015) related to the fair value valuation of derivative financial instruments, financial liabilities for business combinations and financial payable connected to the pension fund transaction

4. Detailed net financial position

€ million	31.12.2016	31.12.2015	Change
Cash and cash equivalents	461.4	357.9	103.5
Other financial receivables	25.7	15.9	9.8
Current financial debt	(108.3)	(71.5)	(36.8)
Net current financial assets	378.8	302.3	76.5
Non-current financial debt	(71.2)	(113.5)	42.3
Total net financial position	307.6	188.9	118.8
<i>of which:</i>			
- <i>positions with banks and other financial payables</i>	307.5	210.1	97.5
- <i>Other net assets/(liabilities) other than bank debt (fair value of derivatives and options, financial liabilities for business combinations and financial payable connected to the pension fund transaction)</i>	0.1	(21.2)	21.3

5. Consolidated cash flow statement

€ million	2016	2015
Cash flow from operations	286.3	243.3
Cash flow from changes in working capital	(43.2)	(67.1)
Cash flow from investments	(55.1)	(53.3)
Operating cash flow	187.9	123.1
Dividends	(65.8)	(61.3)
Change in Fair value and Cash flow hedge reserves	4.2	(7.7)
Cash flow from other changes in the the net equity	(7.5)	45.8
Cash flow from changes in the net equity	(69.1)	(23.2)
Net cash flow	118.8	99.9
Opening net financial position	188.9	89.0
Closing net financial position	307.6	188.9