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## 2017 Year-End Results

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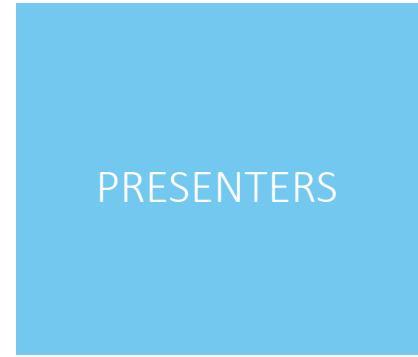
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Our core purpose:  
To be the Traveler's  
Best Friend





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The Traveler's Best Friend

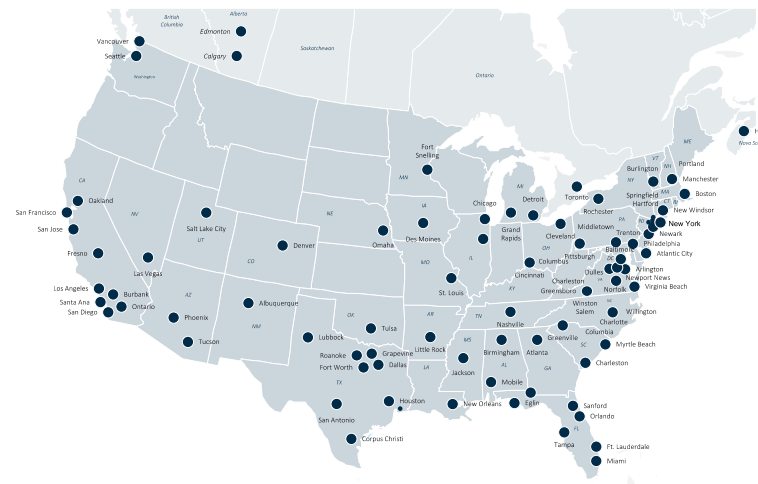
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STOCK EXCHANGE

# 1 HUDSON TODAY

# Hudson Group is an Industry Leader in North American Travel Retail

## Broad geographic footprint spanning four corners of North America



Note: Unless otherwise noted data presented as of or for the twelve months ended, December 31, 2017.

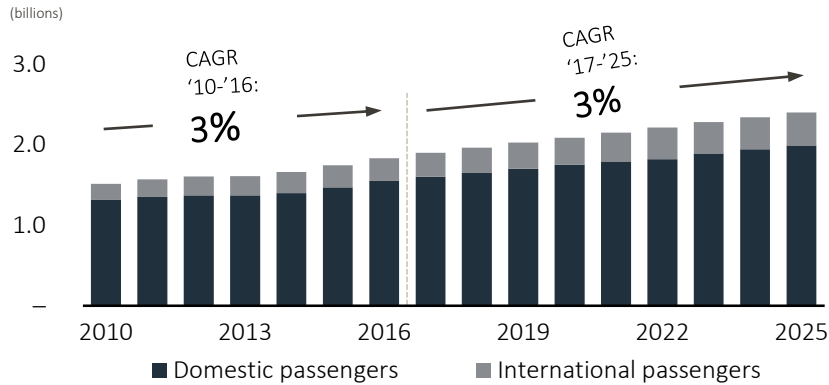
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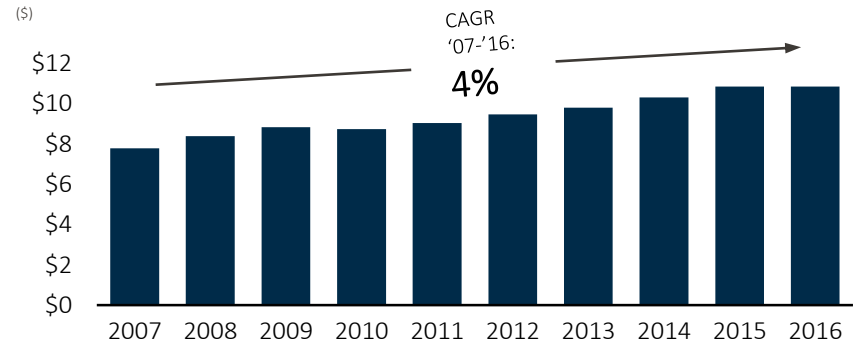
# The North American Travel Concessions Market is Expected to Continue Growing



Historical and projected North American passenger volumes



Historical spend per passenger



Air travel is a way of life



# Travel Retail Has Distinct Advantages

## Captive audience

- Passengers arrive at airports earlier due to travel unknowns
- Average dwell time between 66 – 75 minutes increases spend

## Propensity to spend

- Favorable customer demographics
- The median passenger is 45 – 54 years old
- \$75k – \$100k median household income

## Immediate needs and wants

- Customer driven by a combination of impulses and immediate needs
- Need exacerbated by lack of in-flight services onboard airlines

## Insulated from e-commerce

- Airport retailers face limited competition from Internet retailers

## Regulatory environment

- Complex operating environment
- Controlled by government and airport authorities

## Landlord relationships

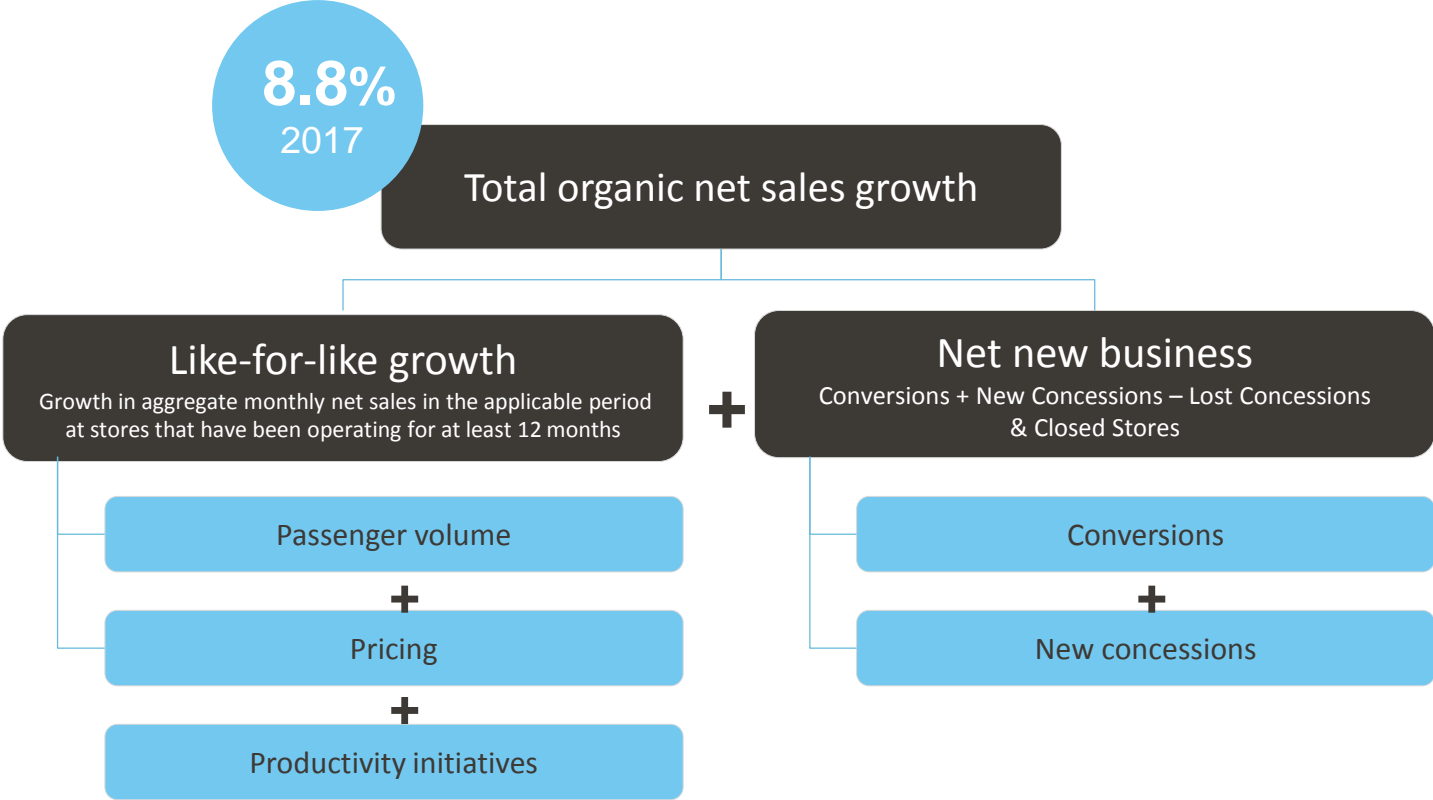
- Longstanding relationships with airports and landlords drive contract extensions and new business wins
- Consistent execution and scale are required to grow

# 2 OPERATIONAL UPDATE

# The Hudson Group Sales Growth Algorithm



Our proven method to grow existing business and expand our concession portfolio







## Food & Beverage Expansion

- Continued expansion of our “marketplace” category to address strong demand for food & beverage
- Continued expansion of grab and go offerings in the convenience shops (nearly 100 new food coolers added in 2017, a 67% increase).
- Final development and rollout of “Traveler’s Best” snack line



## Impulse and Promotional Items

- Numerous “Hot Market” impulse items added to cash desk areas (e.g. JamEmoji speakers, Pop Sockets)
- Worked with Book team to create unique displays to feature books closer to the storefront or cash desk to take advantage of “hot” titles and key releases.
- Big push on standalone promo hooded fleece program year-round



## Store Formats

- Leverage our ability to operate a wide variety of store formats
- Experiment with formats like pop-up shops and wall displays to capture passenger traffic flow and maximize selling space in a terminal

# 2017 Wins and Extensions

## New Wins

### New Market

- Tulsa  
*March 2017*
- Des Moines  
*November 2017*

### Existing Market

- Phoenix Duty Free  
*September 2017*
- Dallas Ft. Worth  
*October 2017*
- LAX – Terminal 3  
*October 2017*

## Extensions<sup>(1)</sup> + Expansions

- Grand Rapids  
*January 2017*
- Norfolk  
*January 2017*
- Jackson  
*March 2017*
- Raleigh-Durham  
*March 2017*
- Las Vegas  
*April 2017*
- San Jose  
*April 2017*
- Chicago Midway  
*May 2017*
- Ontario, CA  
*August 2017*

(1) An extension is defined as a continuation in the same market whether the Company won through an RFP process or extended an existing contract.

# Key Strategic Initiatives and Opportunities



## **Expand F&B offerings**

- Further develop grab-and-go and food & beverage offerings in Hudson stores
- Continue to look at café expansions/additions as part of our retail contracts and smaller F&B RFP opportunities
- Leverage our strong relationship and operational expertise with the Dunkin Donuts brand to expand and grow F&B use in our contracts

## **Create and rollout new concepts**

- Develop and expand new concepts, such as Ink and Tech on the Go, to serve evolving consumer demand and create revenue-generating opportunities

## **Explore opportunities to leverage digital technology and data**

- Goal is to enhance the customer experience and drive sales
- Mobile POS, self-checkout, evaluation of an App use (in house, third party)

## **Continue to evaluate expansion opportunities beyond airports**

- Utilize our core competencies to reach attractive customer demographics we already serve in other channels of travel (hotels, resorts, tourist destinations, etc.)

## **Leverage our scale**

- Utilize store volume to improve vendor terms and COGS to improve gross margins



# 3 2017 FINANCIAL RESULTS

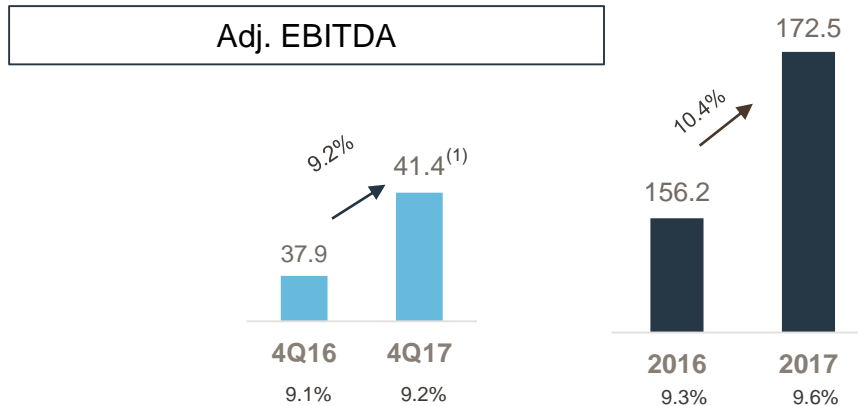
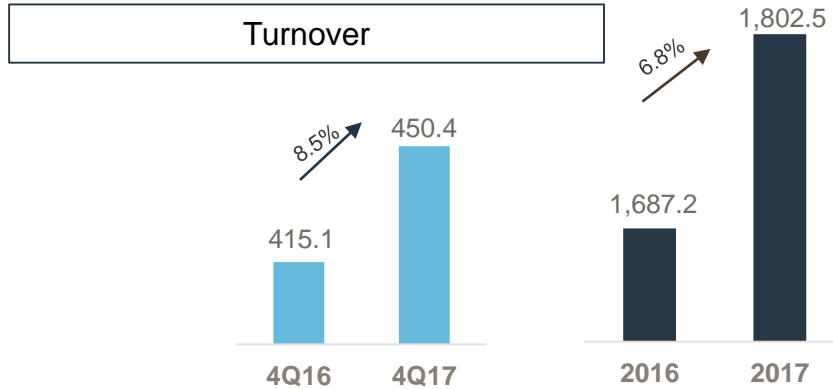
# 2017 Financial Highlights



Turnover growth of 6.8% to \$1.8B

Adjusted EBITDA growth of 10.4% to \$173M

Adjusted EBITDA margin of 9.6%



Strong 8.8% organic sales growth

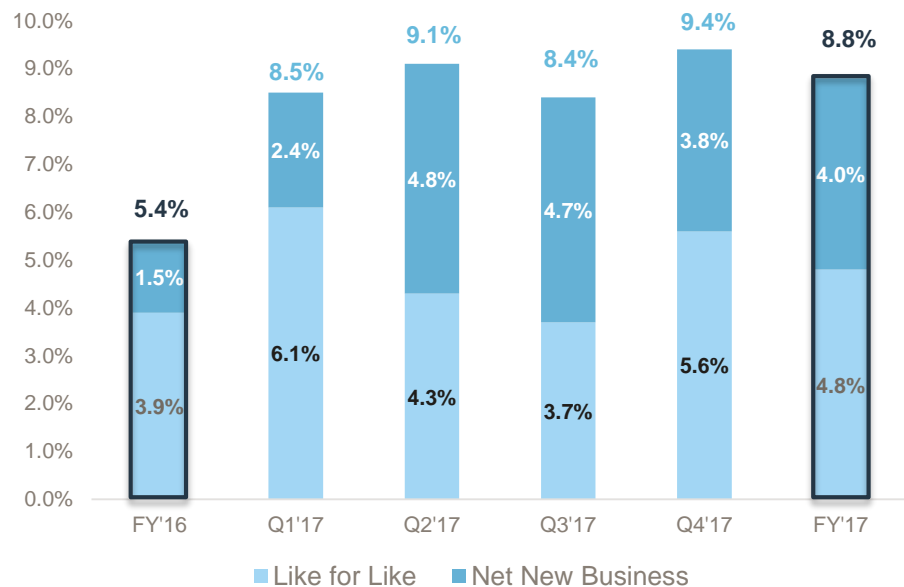
50bps gross margin improvement driven by beneficial changes in sales mix and WDFG synergies

30bps Adj. EBITDA margin improvement

(1) 4Q17 includes \$1M in IPO / public company related costs

# Key Net Sales Growth Drivers

## Evolution of Organic Growth <sup>(2)</sup>



## Full Year 2017

	Organic Growth <sup>(1)</sup>	Acquisition Effect	Reported Growth
Like for Like	4.8%	-0.1%	4.7%
Net New Business	4.0%	-2.0%	1.9%
<b>Organic Net Sales Growth</b>	<b>8.8%</b>	<b>-2.1%</b>	<b>6.7%</b>

(1) Organic growth represents the combination of growth from (i) like-for-like growth and (ii) net new stores and expansions. Organic growth excludes growth attributable to (i) acquired stores until such stores have been part of our business for at least 12 months and (ii) eight stores acquired in the 2014 acquisition of Nuance and 46 stores acquired in the 2015 acquisition of World Duty Free Group that management expected, at the time of the applicable acquisition, to wind down.

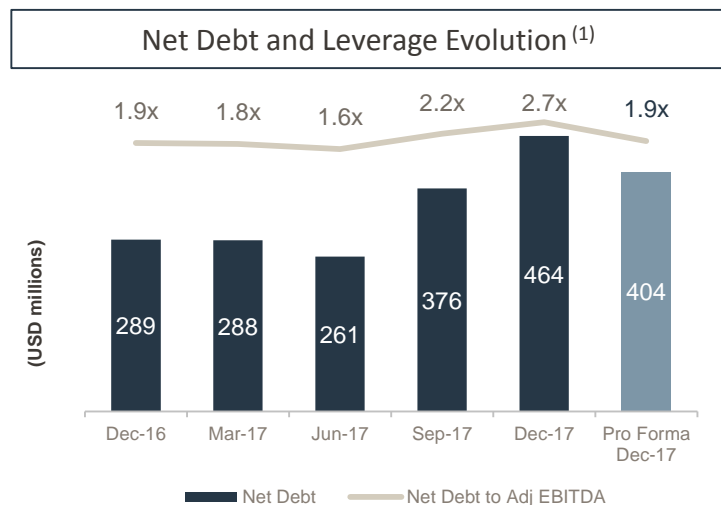
(2) Percentages reflect the amount of sales growth attributable to like for like growth and net new business relative to the same period in the prior year



# Full Year Summary

(in millions USD)	2016 % of turnover	2017 % of turnover	% Change
Turnover	\$1,687 100%	\$1,803 100%	6.8%
Gross Profit	1,042 61.8%	1,122 62.3%	7.7%
Selling Expenses	396 23.5%	421 23.4%	6.4%
Personnel	337 20.0%	371 20.6%	10%
General & Administrative	152 9.0%	157 8.7%	3.4%
Adjusted EBITDA	156 9.3%	173 9.6%	10.4%
Depreciation & Amortization	104 6.1%	109 6.0%	4.8%
Other Operational Result	9 0.6%	4 0.2%	(60%)
Operating Profit (EBIT)	43 2.6%	60 3.3%	39.1%

# Balance Sheet and Cash Flow



- Increase in net debt in Q3 '17 linked to pre-IPO restructuring in Canada and new CAD195m
- Increase in net debt in Q4 '17 driven by payment of USD100m outstanding franchise fees to Dufry
- Pro forma net debt includes USD60m of pre-IPO restructuring proceeds from sale of non-Hudson US assets to Dufry International
- Pro forma leverage based on Adjusted EBITDA adjusted to apply newly reduced franchise fee to Dufry as if it applied for all of 2017

**Cash Flow Statement**

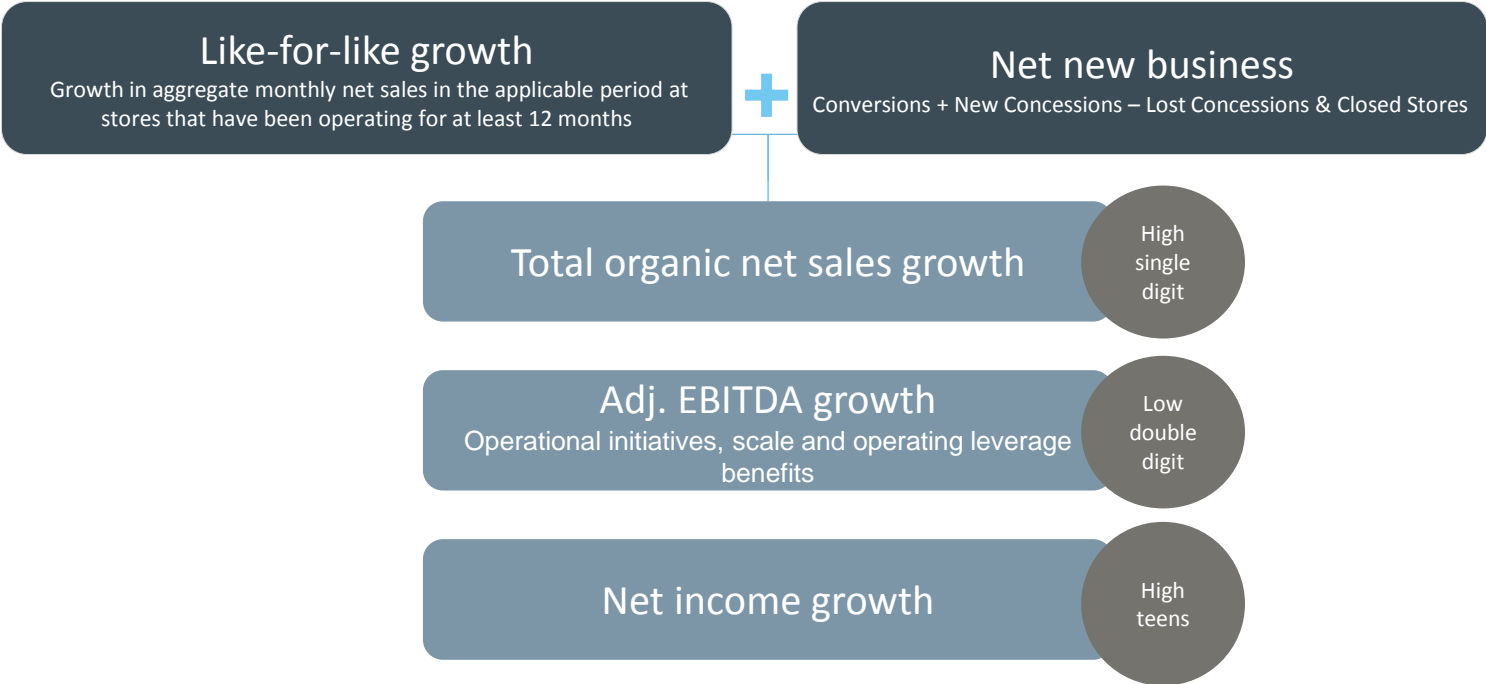
	Year Ended	Year Ended
IN MILLIONS OF USD	12/31/2017	12/31/2016
Net cash flows from operating activities	\$130.8	\$169.8
Net cash flows used in investing activities	(86.1)	(92.4)
Net cash flows (used in) / from financing activities	(95.8)	(51.3)
Currency translation on cash	0.9	1.1
(Decrease) / increase in cash and cash equivalents	(50.2)	27.2
<b>Cash and cash equivalents at the</b>		
– beginning of the period	187.6	160.4
– end of the period	137.4	187.6

(1) Net debt leverage represents total debt less cash as the end of the period presented divided by Adj. EBITDA for the last 12 mo.

# 4 OUTLOOK



# Components of Revenue Growth and Long-Term Financial Framework



# Q&A



# APPENDIX

# Well-positioned To Drive Long-term Shareholder Value

BRAND

Anchored by the iconic Hudson brand

INDUSTRY

Attractive industry that is growing and resilient

PARTNER

Distinct commercial approach makes us the partner of choice for landlords

GROWTH

Multiple levers to grow existing business and expand concession portfolio

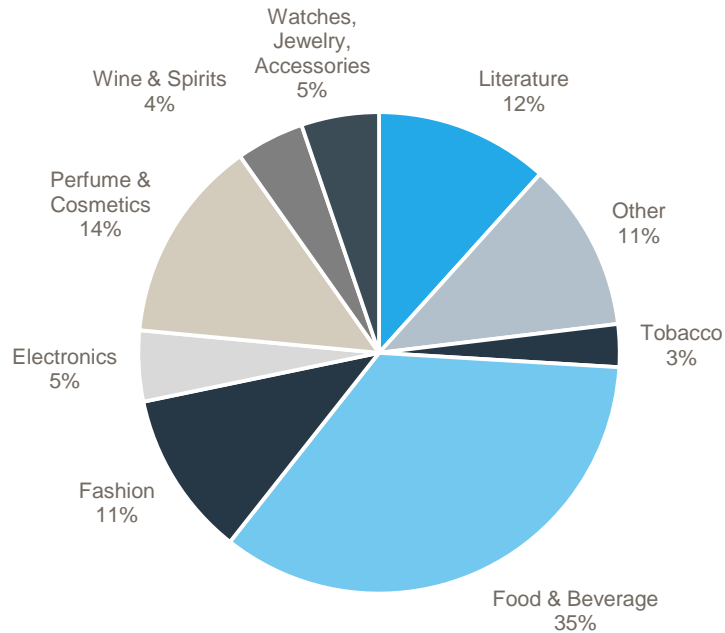
LEADERSHIP

Experienced, service-driven, cohesive leadership team complemented by global travel retailer Dufrey

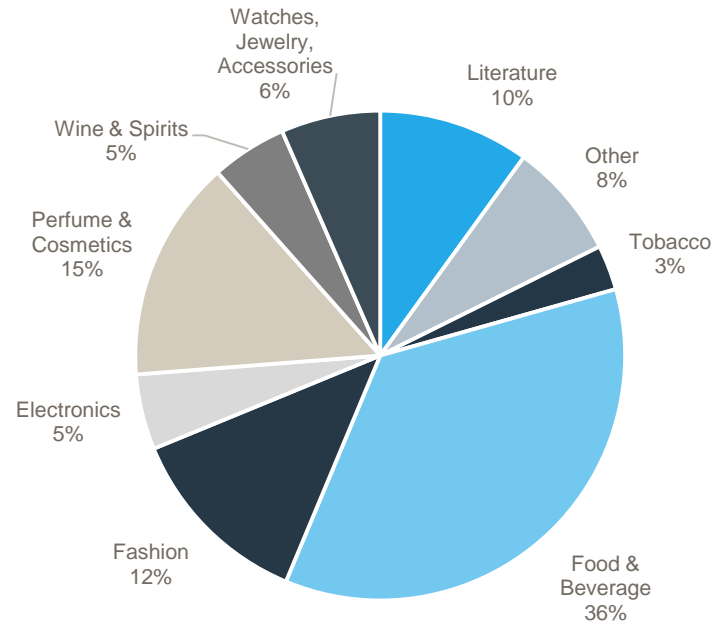
# Net Sales Breakdown – By Product Category



2016



2017

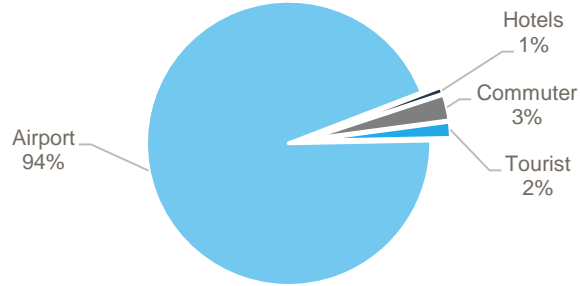




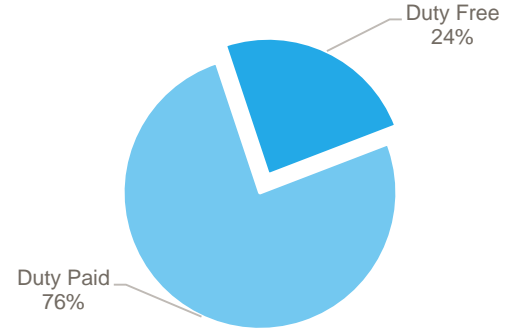
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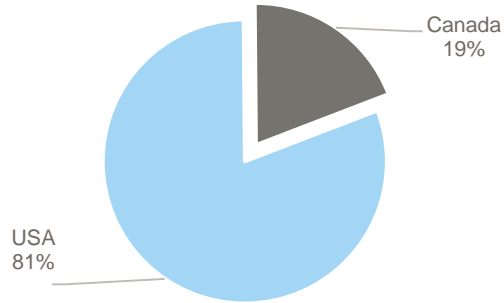
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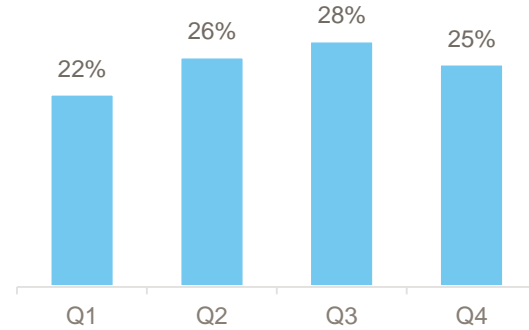
By Sector



By Country



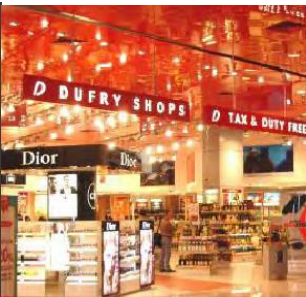
By Quarter



# Dufry, A Leading Global Travel Retailer, Is A Synergistic Partner To Hudson



Alignment with parent creates value for core and luxury brands



**64 countries**

Dufry is a global business operating around the world



**\$8bn**  
Market cap.



**32,000+** employees

From more than 70 different nationalities from around the world



Economies of scale and purchasing power



Relationships with global brands



# Adjusted EBITDA Reconciliation



	QUARTER ENDED	QUARTER ENDED	YEAR ENDED	YEAR ENDED
IN MILLIONS OF USD	12/31/2017	12/31/2016	12/31/2017	12/31/2016
Net earnings	(34.8)	34.1	(10.6)	49.8
Income tax expense	34.9	(36.0)	42.9	(34.3)
Earnings before taxes (EBT)	0.1	(1.9)	32.3	15.5
Foreign exchange gain / (loss)	0.3	(0.1)	(0.5)	-
Interest income	(0.5)	(0.4)	(1.9)	(2.1)
Interest expenses	7.5	7.5	30.2	29.8
Operating Profit (EBIT)	7.4	5.1	60.1	43.2
Depreciation, amortization and impairment	29.4	31.2	108.7	103.7
Other operational result <sup>(1)</sup>	4.6	1.6	3.7	9.3
Adjusted EBITDA	41.4	37.9	172.5	156.2

<sup>(1)</sup>For the year ended December 31, 2017, other operational result consisted of \$9.4 million of other operating income resulting from a related party loan waiver due to Dufrey and other operating expenses including \$3.4 million of audit and consulting costs related to preparatory work in connection with our initial public offering, \$4.1 million of restructuring expenses associated with the World Duty Free Group acquisition and \$5.5 million of other operating expenses including restructuring and non-recurring items. For the year ended December 31, 2016, other operational result consisted primarily of \$8.3 million of restructuring expenses associated with the World Duty Free Group acquisition. See note 13 to our audited Combined Financial Statements.

# Pro Forma Net Debt Reconciliation

	YEAR ENDED
MILLIONS OF USD	12/31/2017
Financial debt	601
Less: Cash and cash equivalents	<u>(137)</u>
Net debt	464
Less: Pre-IPO restructuring proceeds	<u>(60)</u>
Pro forma net debt	404
Adj. EBITDA	173
Add: reduction in franchise fees to Dufrey	<u>36</u>
Pro forma Adj EBITDA	209
Pro forma net debt / Adj. EBITDA ratio	1.9