5 year key figures

April 1 to March 31, in CHF million unless otherwise specified	2018/19	2017/18	2016/17	2015/16	2014/15
Sales	2,763.2	2,645.9	2,395.7	2,071.9	2,035.1
change compared to previous year (%)	4.4	10.4	15.6	1.8	4.3
Gross profit	1,966.2	1,868.2	1,651.8	1,375.5	1,387.5
in % of sales	71.2	70.6	68.9	66.4	68.2
Gross profit (adjusted) ¹⁾	1,975.1	1,868.2	1,651.8	1,375.5	1,387.5
in % of sales	71.5	70.6	68.9	66.4	68.2
Research & development costs	148.4	142.9	137.1	130.3	130.9
in % of sales	5.4	5.4	5.7	6.3	6.4
Sales & marketing costs	970.3	934.5	815.0	638.2	613.2
in % of sales	35.1	35.3	34.0	30.8	30.1
Operating profit before acquisition-related amortization (EBITA)	582.5	532.5	463.0	430.6	455.6
in % of sales	21.1	20.1	19.3	20.8	22.4
Operating profit before acquisition-related amortization (EBITA)					
(adjusted) ²⁾	594.0	551.6	481.4	430.6	455.6
in % of sales	21.5	20.8	20.1	20.8	22.4
Operating profit (EBIT)	536.2	483.0	423.7	403.4	429.1
in % of sales	19.4	18.3	17.7	19.5	21.1
Income after taxes	460.2	407.4	356.2	345.8	368.3
in % of sales	16.7	15.4	14.9	16.7	18.1
Basic earnings per share (CHF)	6.98	6.13	5.35	5.11	5.37
Basic earnings per share (CHF) (adjusted) ³⁾	7.11	6.36	5.58	5.11	5.37
Dividend/distribution per share (CHF)	2.9012)	2.60	2.30	2.10	2.05
Net cash/(debt) ⁴⁾	(253.9)	(228.0)	(404.6)	298.3	382.3
Net working capital ⁵⁾	163.0	190.5	169.7	185.5	181.4
Capital expenditure (tangible and intangible assets) ⁶⁾	117.9	96.3	97.1	83.1	88.7
Capital employed ⁷⁾	2,630.0	2,702.9	2,535.9	1,608.0	1,489.5
Total assets	4,292.5	4,302.0	3,935.7	2,751.6	2,691.6
Equity	2,376.1	2,474.9	2,131.3	1,906.3	1,871.8
Equity financing ratio (%) ⁸⁾	55.4	57.5	54.2	69.3	69.5
Free cash flow ⁹⁾	346.9	360.0	(232.6)	252.6	308.7
Operating free cash flow ¹⁰⁾	411.8	419.2	424.8	344.2	366.4
in % of sales	14.9	15.8	17.7	16.6	18.0
Return on capital employed (%) ¹¹⁾	20.6	18.4	20.4	26.0	29.1
Number of employees (average)	14,418	14,073	12,802	10,697	9,960
Number of employees (end of period)	14,740	14,242	14,089	10,894	10,184

¹⁾ Excluding restructuring costs of CHF 8.8 million in 2018/19 to optimize local operations in selected markets.

²⁾ Excluding restructuring costs of CHF 11.5 million in 2018/19 to optimize local operations in selected markets. In 2017/18 (CHF 19.2 million) and 2016/17 (CHF 18.4 million) consisting of transaction cost and integration related restructuring costs in connection with the acquisition of AudioNova.

Excluding the effects (incl. tax impact) from the restructuring costs in 2018/19 as well as transaction cost and integration related restructuring costs in connection with the acquisition of AudioNova (2017/18 and 2016/17).

Cash and cash equivalents + other current financial assets (without loans) – current financial liabilities – non-current financial liabilities.

⁵⁾ Receivables (incl. loans) + inventories – trade payables – current income tax liabilities – short-term contract liabilities – other short-term liabilities – short-term provisions.

⁶⁾ Excluding goodwill and intangibles relating to acquisitions.

⁷⁾ Equity – net cash/(debt).

⁸⁾ Equity in % of total assets.

⁹⁾ Cash flow from operating activities + cash flow from investing activities.

Free cash flow – cash consideration for acquisitions and from divestments, net of cash acquired/divested.

¹¹⁾ EBIT in % of capital employed (average).

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