# **Coca-Cola European Partners**

Trading Update for the First-Quarter ended 29 March 2019 and Interim Dividend Declaration



## Good start to the year, reaffirming Full-Year 2019 guidance

REVENUE	VOLUME (UNIT CASES¹)	REVENUE PER UNIT CASE <sup>2</sup>	CHANGE VS Q1 2018			
			COMPARABLE VOLUME <sup>3</sup>	REVENUE PER UNIT CASE <sup>2,4</sup>	FX-NEUTRAL REVENUE <sup>4</sup>	REVENUE <sup>4</sup>
€2,584M	549M	€4.70	4.5%	5.5%	8.5%	8.5%

#### DAMIAN GAMMELL, CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, SAID:

"We have delivered a good start to the year, reflecting our continued focus on driving profitable revenue growth through price and mix realisation and solid in market execution. We have a market-leading position with the world's best non-alcoholic ready-to-drink brands. We believe we have an attractive and exciting investment story, as we continue to expand our total beverage portfolio while strengthening core capabilities that will drive sustainable success. The 100th and 90th birthdays of Coca-Cola in France and Germany respectively, as well as our listing on the London Stock Exchange also marked the quarter.

"Although we have had a good start to the year, the first quarter is our smallest. We are focused on building on this momentum with the key summer selling season ahead of us, albeit following a strong 2018, with some exciting innovations in the pipeline, including the launch of Coke Energy and Aquarius enhanced water. We remain confident in our annual growth objectives over the mid-term, and today we are reaffirming our full-year guidance for 2019. This, alongside declaring a dividend up almost 20%, and the continuation of our share buyback programme, collectively demonstrate our ultimate goal of delivering sustainable value for our shareholders."

#### Highlights<sup>5</sup>

- Comparable volume +4.5% reflecting solid execution, soft weather-driven comparables, partly offset by a later Easter and the impact of last year's soft drinks tax changes
- Revenue per unit case +5.5%<sup>2,4</sup> benefiting from favourable underlying price and package mix (e.g. small cans volume up 13.5%)
- Transactions<sup>6</sup> outpaced volume growth
- Launched light cola flavours; Honest Lemonade; Monster Espresso; Honest Tea in glass in select markets
- . A unit case equals approximately 5.678 litres or 24 8-ounce servings
- 2. Revenue per unit case and the change in revenue per unit case are Fx-Neutral
- 3. Adjusted for selling day shift. Reported volume growth 3.0%
- The change in revenue per unit case, revenue and Fx-Neutral revenue includes the impact of 2019 incremental soft drinks taxes in Great Britain and France of 3.0%

- Declaring first-half interim dividend of €0.62, up 19% versus last year, maintaining annualised dividend payout ratio of 50%
- Returned further €234m (5.3m shares) year-to-date via share buyback of previously announced €1.5bn programme (cumulative now €734m; 17.8m shares)
- Reaffirming Full-Year 2019 guidance<sup>7</sup>
- Joined the Main Market of London Stock Exchange on 28th March 2019
- Refer to 'Note Regarding the Presentation of Alternative Performance Measures' for further detail about these
  measures
- 6. A transaction is defined as the serving container that is ultimately used directly by the consumer. It can be a standalone container or one part of a multipack
- Refer to page 28 of the 2018 Integrated Report (<a href="http://ir.ccep.com/financial-reports/annual-reports">http://ir.ccep.com/financial-highlights/guidance</a>) for more detail

Revenue: €530m (+18.0%, +16.5% Fx-neutral)

(20.5% of total)

Revenue: €442m

France & Monaco (17.0% of total)

**Revenue: €528m** (+8.5%)

(20.5% of total)

**Revenue: €537m** (+3.5%)

Spain, Portugal & Andorra (21.0% of total)

**Revenue: €547m** (+5.0%, +6.0% Fx-neutral)

Belgium, Luxembourg, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden & Iceland (21.0% of total)

#### **Great Britain**

- Revenue +5.5% excluding the impact of incremental soft drinks taxes
- Solid volume growth supported by Coca-Cola Zero Sugar, Diet Coke, Fanta & Schweppes, & soft weather-driven comparables
- Small cans volume +27.5% driven by Schweppes 1783 & Coca-Cola™

## **France**

- Revenue +6.0% excluding the impact of incremental soft drinks taxes
- Volume growth driven by Coca-Cola Zero Sugar, Fanta, Fuze Tea & Tropico, & resolution of last year's customer dispute
- Revenue/UC¹ supported by recent pack changes for Coca-Cola™
   & priority small packs² volume growth +9.0%

#### **Germany**

- Strong volume growth led by the discounter channel & solid growth in Coca-Cola Zero Sugar, Sprite, Monster & Vio
- Revenue/UC¹ growth driven by positive price & priority small pack² volume growth +6.5%
- Fuze Tea & Honest Tea continue to gain distribution

#### **Iberia**

- Volume growth supported by soft weather-driven comparables, improving market trends & solid execution
- Volume growth led by Coke Classic, Coca-Cola Zero Sugar, Monster & Aquarius
- Away from Home channel adversely impacted by the timing of Easter

## **Northern Europe**

- Driven by revenue growth in Norway (+10.0%) & Belux (+6.0%)
- Revenue/UC¹ supported by priority small pack² volume growth +5.5%
- Volume growth led by Coca-Cola Zero Sugar, Fanta, Monster & Fuze Tea



**Revenue Performance** 

by Geography

# **Volume Performance** by Category









SPARKLING: +4.5% 86.5% OF TOTAL **STILLS: +4.0%** 13.5% OF TOTAL

COCA-COLATM

64.5% OF TOTAL

## **Volume +3.5%**

- Coke Classic -1.0% with growth in Germany, Iberia & Northern Europe offset by the impact of last year's soft drinks taxes
- Coca-Cola Zero Sugar robust growth (+18.0%) in both the Home & Away From Home channels
- Diet Coke growth supported by recent flavour launches

# FLAVOURS, MIXERS & ENERGY

22.0% OF TOTAL

#### **Volume +7.5%**

- Fanta +6.0% reflecting higher distribution of Zero & flavours
- Energy +13.5% led by Germany, Iberia & France with strong performances from the Mango Loco & Ultra ranges
- Schweppes volume +12.5% with growth in both Mixers & Lemonade. Schweppes 1783 continued to grow distribution

#### **HYDRATION**

8.0% OF TOTAL

#### Volume +3.0%

- Strong growth from Vio in Germany (+17.0%) driven by recent launches of new Vio Bio flavours as well as Vio Water
- Smartwater volume +13.5% led by growth in Great Britain across both the Home & Away from Home channels

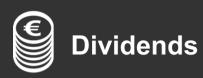
RTD TEA, RTD COFFEE, JUICES & OTHER<sup>1</sup> 5.5% OF TOTAL

#### **Volume +6.0%**

- Solid share gains in the RTD tea category as Fuze Tea continues to gain scale
- Honest brands saw strong growth given growing distribution gains across all markets



- 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 12:30 BST, 13:30 CEST and 7:30 a.m. EDT; accessible via www.ccep.com
- Replay & transcript will be available at www.ccep.com as soon as possible



- The CCEP Board of Directors declared a first-half interim dividend of €0.62 per share
- The interim dividend is payable 6 June 2019 to those shareholders of record on 24 May 2019
- The Company is pursuing arrangements to pay the interim dividend in euros to holders of shares on Euronext Amsterdam, the Spanish Stock Exchanges and London Stock Exchange
- Other publicly held shares will be converted into an equivalent US dollar amount using exchange rates issued by WM/Reuters taken at 16:00 BST on 30 April 2019. This translated amount will be posted on our website here: http://ir.ccep.com/shareholder-information/dividends-and-splits



## **Financial Calendar**

First-half 2019 results: 8<sup>th</sup> August 2019

• Full 2019 calendar available here: http://ir.ccep.com/financial-calendar

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# **About CCEP**



Coca-Cola European Partners plc is a leading consumer goods company in Western Europe, making, selling and distributing an extensive range of non-alcoholic ready-to-drink beverages and is the world's largest Coca-Cola bottler based on revenue. Coca-Cola European Partners serves a consumer population of over 300 million across Western Europe, including Andorra, Belgium, continental France, Germany, Great Britain, Iceland, Luxembourg, Monaco, the Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain and Sweden. The Company is listed on Euronext Amsterdam, the New York Stock Exchange, London Stock Exchange and on the Spanish Stock Exchanges, trading under the symbol CCEP.

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We use certain alternative performance measures (non-GAAP performance measures) to make financial, operating and planning decisions and to evaluate and report performance. We believe these measures provide useful information to investors and as such, where clearly identified, we have included certain alternative performance measures in this document to allow investors to better analyse our business performance and allow for greater comparability. To do so, we have excluded items affecting the comparability of period-over-period financial performance as described below. **The alternative performance measures included herein should be read in conjunction with and do not replace the directly reconcilable GAAP measure.** For further information, please refer to pages 22-29 of the 2018 Integrated Report (<a href="http://ir.ccep.com/financial-reports/annual-reports">http://ir.ccep.com/financial-reports/annual-reports</a>).

For purposes of this document, the following terms are defined:

"As reported" are results extracted directly from our consolidated financial statements.

"Comparable" is defined as results excluding items impacting comparability, such as restructuring charges, Merger and integration related costs, out of period mark-to-market impact of hedges, litigation provisions and net tax items relating to rate and law changes. Comparable volume is also adjusted for selling days.

"Fx-neutral" is defined as comparable results excluding the impact of foreign exchange rate changes. Foreign exchange impact is calculated by recasting current year results at prior year exchange rates.

Additionally, within this document, we provide certain forward-looking non-GAAP financial Information, which management uses for planning and measuring performance. We are not able to reconcile forward looking non-GAAP measures to reported measures without unreasonable efforts because it is not possible to predict with a reasonable degree of certainty the actual impact or exact timing of items that may impact comparability throughout 2019.

Unless otherwise stated, percent amounts are rounded to the nearest 0.5%.