

INTERIM GROUP RESULTS FOR THE SIX
MONTHS ENDED 28 FEBRUARY 2019

## CLICKS GROUP

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Group turnover up
6.2\%

Health and beauty sales up
8.5\%

Interim dividend up
15.1\%

## Diluted HEPS up

13.2\%

|  |  | Six months to 28 February 2019 | Restated six months to 28 February 2018 | $\%$ change | Restated year to 31 August 2018 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Consolidated statement of comprehensive income |  |  |  |  |  |
| Turnover | (R'000) | 15334139 | 14432573 | 6.2\% | 29239054 |
| Gross profit | (R'000) | 3364052 | 3107892 | 8.2\% | 6167852 |
| Total income | (R'000) | 4251602 | 3904542 | 8.9\% | 7884999 |
| Headline earnings | (R'000) | 763334 | 675868 | 12.9\% | 1469295 |
| Net financing income/(cost) | (R'000) | 13221 | (1 129) |  | 2065 |
| Consolidated statement of financial position |  |  |  |  |  |
| Equity | (R'000) | 4388327 | 3703753 | 18.5\% | 4424007 |
| Total assets | (R'000) | 12000833 | 10810875 | 11.0\% | 11588904 |
| Consolidated statement of cash flows |  |  |  |  |  |
| Net cash effects from operating activities | (R'000) | 52480 | 330365 | (84.1\%) | 1392937 |
| Capital expenditure | (R'000) | 263956 | 269405 | (2.0\%) | 671233 |
| Depreciation and amortisation | (R'000) | 191062 | 167959 | 13.8\% | 339142 |
| Performance |  |  |  |  |  |
| Turnover growth | (\%) | 6.2 | 10.0 |  | 9.1 |
| Comparable stores turnover growth | (\%) | 4.5 | 7.2 |  | 5.5 |
| Gross profit growth | (\%) | 8.2 | 9.9 |  | 9.7 |
| Gross profit margin | (\%) | 21.9 | 21.5 |  | 21.1 |
| Total income growth | (\%) | 8.9 | 11.6 |  | 10.3 |
| Total income margin | (\%) | 27.7 | 27.1 |  | 27.0 |
| Operating margin | (\%) | 6.8 | 6.5 |  | 7.0 |
| Net working capital days |  | 37 | 41 |  | 36 |
| Inventory days |  | 76 | 75 |  | 67 |
| Trade debtor days |  | 36 | 38 |  | 38 |
| Trade creditor days |  | 75 | 72 |  | 69 |
| Current ratio | (:1) | 1.2 | 1.2 |  | 1.2 |
| Return on total assets | (\%) | 12.5 | 13.0 |  | 13.8 |
| Return on shareholders' interest | (\%) | 35.2 | 39.2 |  | 38.0 |
| Shareholders' interest to total assets | (\%) | 36.6 | 34.3 |  | 38.2 |
| Interest-bearing debt, including cash, to shareholders' interest at period-end | (\%) | (33.1) | (23.9) |  | (34.4) |
| Statistics |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of permanent employees |  | 15429 | 15345 | 0.5\% | 15067 |
| Number of stores |  | 853 | 824 | 3.5\% | 837 |
| Weighted retail trading area | $\left(\mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$ | 342985 | 322227 | 6.4\% | 324643 |
| Share statistics |  |  |  |  |  |
| Number of ordinary shares in issue (gross), excluding "A" shares | ('000) | 262083 | 253948 | 3.2\% | 253948 |
| Number of ordinary shares in issue (net of treasury shares) | ('000) | 252355 |  |  |  |
| Weighted average number of shares in issue (net of treasury shares) | ('000) | 245582 | 237678 | 3.3\% | 241073 |
| Weighted average diluted number of shares in issue (net of treasury shares) | ('000) | 254394 | 254833 | (0.2\%) | 255385 |
| Headline earnings per share - basic | (cents) | 310.8 | 284.4 | 9.3\% | 609.5 |
| - diluted | (cents) | 300.1 | 265.2 | 13.2\% | 575.3 |
| Dividend per share - interim | (cents) | 118.0 | 102.5 | 15.1\% | 102.5 |
| - final | (cents) |  |  |  | 277.5 |
| Dividend payout ratio |  | 38.0 | 36.0 |  | 62.3 |
| Share price - closing | (cents) | 18066 | 16905 | 6.9\% | 20300 |
| - high | (cents) | 20484 | 19100 |  | 21542 |
|  | (cents) | 15614 | 14938 |  | 18206 |
| Net asset value per share | (cents) | 1739 | 1515 | 14.8\% | 1809 |
| Net tangible asset value per share | (cents) | 1515 | 1288 | 17.6\% | 1572 |
| Market capitalisation (gross) | (R'000) | 47347915 | 42929909 | 10.3\% | 51551444 |
| Market capitalisation (net of treasury shares) | (R'000) | 45590454 | 41333570 | 10.3\% | 49634515 |
| Price earnings ratio | (times) | 32.2 | 34.1 |  | 35.3 |
| Volume of ordinary shares traded | ('000) | 154341 | 109029 |  | 295190 |
| Percentage of ordinary shares traded | (\%) | 62.8 | 45.9 |  | 122.4 |
| Free float ${ }^{\text {Sharent }}$ |  | 96.2 | 96.1 |  | 96.1 |
| Shareholders' return <br> (Decrease) /Increase in share price |  | (2 116) | 2128 |  | 5800 |
| (Decrease)/Increase in share price Dividend per share | (cents (cents) | $\begin{array}{r}(2118 \\ \hline\end{array}$ | 2025 103 |  | $\begin{array}{r}5420 \\ 380 \\ \hline\end{array}$ |
| Other information |  |  |  |  |  |
| Inflation rate |  |  |  |  |  |
| CPIInternal selling price inflation | (\%) | 4.1 | 4.0 |  | 4.9 |
|  | (\%) | 0.5 | 3.7 |  | 1.9 |
| Interest rates |  |  |  |  |  |
| $\begin{array}{cc}\text { Prime overdraft rate } & \text { - closing } \\ \text { - average }\end{array}$ |  | 10.25 | 10.25 |  | 10.00 |
|  | (\%) | 10.13 | 10.25 |  | 10.00 |
|  | FTSE/JSE Africa share indicesAll Share Index |  |  |  |  |  |
|  |  |  | 56002 | 58325 | (4.0\%) | 58668 |
| General Retailers Index |  | 6478 | 8647 | (11.3\%) | 7026 |
| Food and Drug Retailers Index |  | 11214 | 12640 | (25.1\%) | 12450 |
| Exchange rate |  |  |  |  |  |
| Rand/US dollar $\begin{aligned} \text { - closing } \\ \text { - average }\end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & \text { (R/US\$) } \\ & \text { (R/US\$) } \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 13.95 \\ & 14.21 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 11.72 \\ & 13.17 \end{aligned}$ | $\begin{array}{r} 19.1 \% \\ 7.9 \% \end{array}$ | $\begin{aligned} & 14.71 \\ & 12.97 \end{aligned}$ |

## COMMENTARY

## Overview

Clicks Group delivered another strong health and beauty sales performance in the six months to February 2019 in an environment of low inflation, subdued economic growth and constrained consumer spending.

Retail health and beauty sales grew by $8.5 \%$, with good volume growth and market share gains across most product categories.

UPD, the group's pharmaceutical distributor, reported a stellar performance by increasing operating profit by $27.2 \%$ and continuing to gain market share.

The group's performance for the half-year resulted in diluted headline earnings per share (HEPS) increasing by $13.2 \%$ to 300.1 cents per share. The interim dividend was increased by $15.1 \%$ to 118.0 cents per share.

## Financial performance

Group turnover increased by $6.2 \%$ to R15.3 billion. Retail sales grew by $7.7 \%$ and by $4.5 \%$ in comparable stores, with selling price inflation of only $1.0 \%$. Distribution turnover increased by $5.1 \%$ with price deflation of $0.2 \%$ for the six months.

Total income grew by $8.9 \%$ to R4.3 billion, with the group's total income margin improving by 60 basis points to $27.7 \%$. The retail margin expanded owing to more customers switching to Clicks private label products and the positive mix impact from the stronger growth of front shop relative to pharmacy. UPD's margin benefited mainly from gaining new bulk distribution contracts.

Retail expenses increased by $7.8 \%$ as the group invested in 33 new Clicks stores, 35 pharmacies and space extensions in 25 stores over the past 12 months. Comparable retail costs were contained to growth of $5.4 \%$. UPD costs were impacted by the new bulk distribution contracts and grew by $12.4 \%$.

Group operating profit grew by $11.3 \%$ to R1 billion, with the operating margin expanding by 30 basis points to $6.8 \%$. The retail and distribution businesses both improved operating
margins despite low selling price inflation and challenging trading conditions.

Inventory was tightly managed to an increase of 6.4\%. Retail stock days improved from 81 to 79 days. UPD increased from 43 to 46 days owing to the additional stock bought in during February before the higher increase in the single exit price (SEP) of medicines. Overall working capital continues to be efficiently managed and the group's net working capital improved from 41 to 37 days.

Cash generated by operations before working capital changes rose by $13.7 \%$ to R1.3 billion for the six months. Capital expenditure of R264 million was invested mainly in new stores and pharmacies, store refurbishments, supply chain and information technology.

The group returned R686 million to shareholders in dividends and share buy-backs.

## Trading performance

Retail health and beauty sales, which includes Clicks and the franchise brands of The Body Shop, GNC and Claire's, increased by $8.5 \%$, driven by competitive pricing and appealing promotions. Sales in comparable stores increased by $5.2 \%$ and showed strong volume growth of $4.5 \%$, with inflation of only $0.7 \%$ for the six months.

Clicks opened 17 stores in the past six months and expanded its store footprint to 680, including 496 convenience stores. A total of 18 new pharmacies were opened to extend the pharmacy network to 528. Clicks increased its share of the retail pharmacy market from $23.0 \%$ to $23.8 \%$ at the end of February 2019.
UPD's total managed turnover, combining wholesale and bulk distribution, increased by $21.9 \%$ to R10.2 billion. The business increased its bulk distribution portfolio to 24 clients by gaining four new distribution contracts over the past 12 months. UPD increased wholesale turnover by $5.2 \%$, with market share growing from $25.4 \%$ to $26.0 \%$.


## Outlook

Macroeconomic conditions are not anticipated to improve in the short to medium term and management expects the trading environment to remain challenging in the second half of the financial year. Electricity load shedding continues to have a negative impact on consumer confidence and trading.
However, the group's core health and beauty markets as well as the business model are resilient and the group's market-leading brands are well positioned to increase market share.

In this difficult environment Clicks plans to capitalise on opportunities to accelerate its store expansion programme by opening 41 new stores in the financial year, well ahead of the targeted 25 to 30 stores.

UPD has gained two new bulk distribution contracts which commence late in the second half and will also benefit from the slightly higher SEP increase granted for 2019.

Capital investment of R437 million is planned for the second half of the year, split across the store and pharmacy network, and group infrastructure to support the increased scale of the business.

## Full-year earnings forecast

The directors forecast that diluted HEPS for the financial year ending 31 August 2019 will increase by between 10\% and 15\% over the 2018 financial year.

The forecast is based on the following key assumptions:

- the trading environment will remain constrained in the second half of the financial year and could be further impacted by electricity load shedding; and
- retail selling price inflation is anticipated to average low single-digit levels for the financial year.
Shareholders are advised that this forecast has not been reviewed or reported on by the group's independent auditor.


## Interim dividend

The board of directors has approved an interim gross ordinary dividend for the period ended 28 February 2019 of 118.0 cents
per share (2018: 102.5 cents per share). The source of the dividend will be from distributable reserves and it will be paid in cash.

## Additional information

Dividends Tax (DT) of 20\% amounting to 23.6 cents per ordinary share will be withheld in terms of the Income Tax Act. Ordinary shareholders who are not exempt from DT will therefore receive a dividend of 94.4 cents net of DT.
The company has 262083439 ordinary shares in issue. Its income tax reference number is 9061/745/71/8.

Shareholders are advised of the following salient dates in respect of the interim dividend:
Last day of trade "cum" the dividend Tuesday, 25 June 2019 Shares trade "ex" the dividend Wednesday, 26 June 2019

Record date
Payment to shareholders

Friday, 28 June 2019
Monday, 1 July 2019

Share certificates may not be dematerialised or rematerialised between Wednesday, 26 June 2019 and Friday, 28 June 2019, both days inclusive.

The board of directors has determined that dividend cheques amounting to R50.00 or less due to any ordinary shareholder will not be paid unless a written request to the contrary is delivered to the transfer secretaries, Computershare Investor Services Proprietary Limited, by no later than close of business on Tuesday, 25 June 2019, being the day the shares trade "cum" the dividend. Unpaid dividend cheques will be aggregated with other such amounts and donated to a charity to be nominated by the directors.
By order of the board

## Matthew Welz

Company secretary
17 April 2019


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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

| R'000 | Six months to 28 February 2019 | Restated six months to 28 February 2018 | $\begin{array}{r} \% \\ \text { change } \end{array}$ | Restated year to 31 August 2018 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Revenue | 16245459 | 15241562 |  | 30981958 |
| Turnover | 15334139 | 14432573 | 6.2\% | 29239054 |
| Cost of merchandise sold | (11970 087) | (11324 681) | 5.7\% | (23 071 202) |
| Gross profit | 3364052 | 3107892 | 8.2\% | 6167852 |
| Other income | 887550 | 796650 | 11.4\% | 1717147 |
| Total income | 4251602 | 3904542 | 8.9\% | 7884999 |
| Expenses | (3 207 417) | (2966 136) | 8.1\% | (5852 575) |
| Depreciation and amortisation | $(177$ 242) | (160 500) | 10.4\% | (319 976) |
| Occupancy costs | (498 826) | (458 358) | 8.8\% | (927 661) |
| Employment costs | (1678 429) | (1545 231) | 8.6\% | (3 094845 ) |
| Other costs | (852 920) | (802 047) | 6.3\% | (1510 093) |
| Operating profit | 1044185 | 938406 | 11.3\% | 2032424 |
| Profit/(loss) on disposal of property, plant and equipment | 491 | (112) |  | (1 287) |
| Profit before financing costs | 1044676 | 938294 | 11.3\% | 2031137 |
| Net financing income/(costs) | 13221 | (1 129) |  | 2065 |
| Financial income | 23770 | 12339 | 92.6\% | 25757 |
| Financial expense | (10 549) | (13 468) | (21.7\%) | (23 692) |
| Profit before earnings from associate | 1057897 | 937165 | 12.9\% | 2033202 |
| Share of profit of an associate | 1308 | 1345 | (2.8\%) | 2541 |
| Profit before taxation | 1059205 | 938510 | 12.9\% | 2035743 |
| Income tax expense | (295 518) | (262 723) | 12.5\% | (567 375) |
| Profit for the period | 763687 | 675787 | 13.0\% | 1468368 |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/income: |  |  |  |  |
| Items that may be subsequently reclassified to profit or loss |  |  |  |  |
| Exchange differences on translation of foreign subsidiaries | (4980) | (405) |  | 9242 |
| Cash flow hedges | (82 950) | (13 440) |  | 58154 |
| Change in fair value of effective portion | (115 208) | (18667) |  | 80770 |
| Deferred tax on movement of effective portion | 32258 | 5227 |  | (22 616) |
| Cost of hedging reserve | (7421) | (10 194) |  | (18409) |
| Cost of hedging recognised | (10 307) | (14 159) |  | $(25568)$ |
| Deferred tax on cost of hedging | 2886 | 3965 |  | 7159 |
| Other comprehensive (loss)/income for the period, net of tax | (95 351) | (24 039) |  | 48987 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | 668336 | 651748 |  | 1517355 |
| Reconciliation of headline earnings |  |  |  |  |
| Total profit for the period | 763687 | 675787 |  | 1468368 |
| Adjusted for: <br> (Loss)/profit net of tax on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (353) | 81 |  | 927 |
| Headline earnings | 763334 | 675868 | 12.9\% | 1469295 |
| Headline earnings per share (cents) |  |  |  |  |
| - basic | 310.8 | 284.4 | 9.3\% | 609.5 |
| - diluted | 300.1 | 265.2 | 13.2\% | 575.3 |
| Earnings per share (cents) |  |  |  |  |
| - basic | 311.0 | 284.3 | 9.4\% | 609.1 |
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| Weighted average number of shares in issue (net of treasury shares, '000) | 245582 | 237678 | 3.3\% | 241073 |
| Weighted average diluted number of shares in issue (net of treasury shares, '000) | 254394 | 254833 | (0.2\%) | 255385 |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

| R'000 | As at 28 February 2019 | Restated as at 28 February 2018 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Restated } \\ \text { as at } \\ 31 \text { August } \\ 2018 \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| ASSETS |  |  |  |
| Non-current assets | 3014091 | 2954987 | 3233920 |
| Property, plant and equipment | 1930401 | 1640482 | 1843402 |
| Intangible assets | 461714 | 451356 | 476761 |
| Goodwill | 103510 | 103510 | 103510 |
| Deferred tax assets | 293978 | 610756 | 478608 |
| Investment in associate | 20320 | 20665 | 20044 |
| Loans receivable | 14491 | 8572 | 15003 |
| Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 73518 | 25265 | 82482 |
| Derivative financial assets | 116159 | 94381 | 214110 |
| Current assets | 8986742 | 7855888 | 8354984 |
| Inventories | 4835256 | 4544782 | 4250907 |
| Trade and other receivables | 2626468 | 2244047 | 2331531 |
| Loans receivable | 691 | 9000 | 9675 |
| Cash and cash equivalents | 1452400 | 886543 | 1523815 |
| Derivative financial assets | 71927 | 171516 | 239056 |
| Total assets | 12000833 | 10810875 | 11588904 |
| EQUITY AND LIABILITIES |  |  |  |
| Equity | 4388327 | 3703753 | 4424007 |
| Share capital | 2621 | 2686 | 2686 |
| Share premium | 1064953 | 513848 | 513848 |
| Treasury shares | (756 432) | (702 703) | (702 703) |
| Share option reserve | - | 488806 | 578184 |
| Cash flow hedge reserve | (9 414) | 1942 | 73536 |
| Cost of hedging reserve | (2560) | (8156) | (4 482) |
| Foreign currency translation reserve | 3506 | (1 161) | 8486 |
| Distributable reserve | 4085653 | 3408491 | 3954452 |
| Non-current liabilities | 380916 | 357086 | 447546 |
| Employee benefits | 181987 | 158396 | 245407 |
| Operating lease liability | 198929 | 198690 | 202139 |
| Current liabilities | 7231590 | 6750036 | 6717351 |
| Trade and other payables | 6911605 | 6383803 | 6227123 |
| Employee benefits | 276374 | 280950 | 418216 |
| Provisions | 6937 | 4993 | 4993 |
| Income tax payable | 35939 | 53624 | 67019 |
| Derivative financial liabilities | 735 | 26666 | - |
| Total equity and liabilities | 12000833 | 10810875 | 11588904 |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

| R'000 | Number of shares '000 | Share capital | Share premium |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Balance at 1 September 2017 | 236526 | 2752 | 3497 |
| Effect of adoption of new accounting standards ${ }^{1}$ |  |  |  |
| Balance at 1 September 2017 (restated) | 236526 | 2752 | 3497 |
| Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity |  |  |  |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | - |
| Employee share option scheme vesting | 7979 | (66) | 510351 |
| Issue of ordinary shares from vesting of employee share scheme | 7979 | 79 | 510634 |
| "A" ordinary shares repurchased | - | (145) | - |
| Transaction costs on share issue | - | - | (283) |
| Share-based payment reserve movement | - | - | - |
| Net treasury share movement | - | - | - |
| Treasury shares acquired from vesting of employee share scheme | (284) | - | - |
| Disposal of treasury shares | 284 | - | - |
| Total transactions with owners | 7979 | (66) | 510351 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - |
| Cash flow hedge reserve | - | - | - |
| Cost of hedging reserve | - | - | - |
| Exchange differences on translation of foreign subsidiaries | - | - | - |
| Transfer of reserve to inventories | - | - | - |
| Balance at 28 February 2018 | 244505 | 2686 | 513848 |
| Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity |  |  |  |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | - | - | - |
| Withholding tax on distribution to shareholders² | - | - | - |
| Share-based payment reserve movement | - | - | - |
| Total transactions with owners | - | - | - |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - |
| Remeasurement of post-employment benefit obligations | - | - | - |
| Cash flow hedge reserve | - | - | - |
| Cost of hedging reserve | - | - | - |
| Exchange differences on translation of foreign subsidiaries | - | - | - |
| Transfer of reserve to inventories | - | - | - |
| Balance at 31 August 2018 | 244505 | 2686 | 513848 |
| Transactions with owners, recorded directly in equity <br> Dividends paid to shareholders <br> Employee share option scheme vesting | 8135 | (65) | 551105 |
| Issue of ordinary shares from vesting of employee share scheme | 8135 | 81 | 551404 |
| "A" ordinary shares repurchased | - | (146) | - |
| Transaction costs on share issue | - | - | (299) |
| Share-based payment reserve movement | - | - | - |
| Net treasury share movement | (285) | - | - |
| Treasury shares acquired from vesting of employee share scheme | (261) | - | - |
| Net cost of own shares purchased | (24) | - | - |
| Total transactions with owners | 7850 | (65) | 551105 |
| Total comprehensive income for the period | - | - | - |
| Profit for the period | - | - | - |
| Cash flow hedge reserve | - | - | - |
| Cost of hedging reserve | - | - | - |
| Exchange differences on translation of foreign subsidiaries | - | - | - |
| Transfer of reserve to inventories | - | - | - |
| Balance at 28 February 2019 | 252355 | 2621 | 1064953 |

[^0]| Treasury shares | Share option reserve | Cash flow hedge reserve | Cost of hedging reserve | Foreign currency translation reserve | Distributable reserve | Total equity |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| (702 848) | 747613 | 15382 |  | (756) | 3234710 | 3300350 |
|  |  |  | (10919) |  | 7463 | (3 456) |
| (702 848) | 747613 | 15382 | (10 919) | (756) | 3242173 | 3296894 |
| - | - | - | - | - | (559 324) | (559 324) |
| 145 | (510 713) | - | - | - | - | (283) |
| - | (510 713) | - | - | - | - | - |
| 145 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | (283) |
| - | 251906 | - | - | - | - | 251906 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 49855 | 49855 |
| (45 820) | - | - | - | - | 45820 | - |
| 45820 | - | - | - | - | 4035 | 49855 |
| 145 | (258 807) | - | - | - | (509 469) | (257 846) |
| - | - | (13 440) | (10 194) | (405) | 675787 | 651748 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 675787 | 675787 |
| - | - | (13 440) | - | - | - | (13 440) |
| - | - | - | (10 194) | - | - | $(10194)$ |
| - | - | - | - | (405) | - | (405) |
| - | - | - | 12957 | - | - | 12957 |
| (702 703) | 488806 | 1942 | (8 156) | (1 161) | 3408491 | 3703753 |
| - | - | - | - | - | (252 254) | (252 254) |
| - | - | - | - | - | 5634 | 5634 |
| - | 89378 | - | - | - | - | 89378 |
| - | 89378 | - | - | - | (246 620) | (157 242) |
| - | - | 71594 | (8215) | 9647 | 792581 | 865607 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 792581 | 792581 |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | 71594 | - | - | - | 71594 |
| - | - | - | (8 215) | - | - | (8 215) |
| - | - | - | - | 9647 | - | 9647 |
| - | - | - | 11889 | - | - | 11889 |
| (702 703) | 578184 | 73536 | (4 482) | 8486 | 3954452 | 4424007 |
| - | - | - | - | - | (682 486) | (682 486) |
| 146 | (551 485) | - | - | - | - | (299) |
| - | (551 485) | - | - | - | - | - |
| 146 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| - | - | - | - | - | - | (299) |
| - | (26 699) | - | - | - | - | (26 699) |
| (53 875) | - | - | - | - | 50000 | (3875) |
| (50 000) | - | - | - | - | 50000 | - |
| (3 875) | - | - | - | - | - | (3 875) |
| (53 729) | (578 184) | - | - | - | (632 486) | (713 359) |
| - | - | (82 950) | (7421) | (4980) | 763687 | 668336 |
| - | - | - | - | - | 763687 | 763687 |
| - | - | (82 950) | - | - | - | (82 950) |
| - | - | - | (7421) | - | - | (721) |
| - | - | - | - | (4980) | - | (4980) |
| - | - | - | 9343 | - | - | 9343 |
| (756 432) | - | (9 414) | (2560) | 3506 | 4085653 | 4388327 |

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

| R'000 | Six months to 28 February 2019 | Restated six months to 28 February 2018 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Restated } \\ \text { year to } \\ 31 \text { August } \\ 2018 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash effects from operating activities |  |  |  |
| Operating profit before working capital changes (refer note 1) | 1263051 | 1110552 | 2264349 |
| Working capital changes (refer note 2) | (412 635) | (52 983) | 191206 |
| Cash generated by operations | 850416 | 1057569 | 2455555 |
| Interest received | 23770 | 12339 | 25757 |
| Interest paid | $(2811)$ | (6 246) | (9 456) |
| Taxation paid | (136 409) | (173 973) | (267 341) |
| Cash inflow from operating activities before dividends paid | 734966 | 889689 | 2204515 |
| Dividends paid to shareholders | (682 486) | (559 324) | (811 578) |
| Net cash effects from operating activities | 52480 | 330365 | 1392937 |
| Cash effects from investing activities |  |  |  |
| Investment in property, plant and equipment and intangibles to maintain operations | (64 025) | (48 631) | (121 286) |
| Investment in property, plant and equipment and intangibles to expand operations | (199 931) | $(220774)$ | (549 947) |
| Proceeds from disposal of property, plant and equipment | 1433 | 1034 | 2179 |
| Disposal of investments | - | - | 16744 |
| Acquisition of investments | - | - | (62 414) |
| Decrease/(increase) in loan receivables | 9000 | (4500) | (12 176) |
| Net cash effects from investing activities | (253 523) | (272 871) | (726 900) |
| Cash effects from financing activities |  |  |  |
| Purchase of treasury shares | (3875) | - | - |
| Proceeds from sale of treasury shares | - | - | 49855 |
| Acquisition of derivative financial asset | (66 313) | (62 272) | (83 115) |
| Transaction cost on issue of shares | - | - | (283) |
| Settlement of derivative financial asset | 199816 | 190848 | 190848 |
| Net cash effects from financing activities | 129628 | 128576 | 157305 |
| Net (decrease)/increase in cash and cash equivalents | (71 415) | 186070 | 823342 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period | 1523815 | 700473 | 700473 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period | 1452400 | 886543 | 1523815 |

## STORE FOOTPRINT

|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Clicks | Musica | The Body Shop | GNC | Claire's | Total retail |
| Number of stores at 28 February 2019 | 680 | 106 | 61 | - | 6 | 853 |
| as at 31 August 2018 | 663 | 109 | 59 | - | 6 | 837 |
| opened | 18 | - | 3 | - | - | 21 |
| closed | (1) | (3) | (1) | - | - | (5) |
| Presence in Clicks stores at 28 February 2019 |  |  | 189 | 542 | 150 |  |
| Number of pharmacies at 28 February 2019 | 528 |  |  |  |  | 528 |
| as at 31 August 2018 | 510 |  |  |  |  | 510 |
| new/converted | 18 |  |  |  |  | 18 |
| closed | - |  |  |  |  | - |
| Number of clinics at 28 February 2019 | 204 |  |  |  |  | 204 |

## NOTES TO THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT

| R'000 | Six months to 28 February 2019 | Restated six months to 28 February 2018 | $\begin{array}{r} \text { Restated } \\ \text { year to } \\ 31 \text { August } \\ 2018 \\ \hline \end{array}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Cash flow information |  |  |  |
| 1 Profit before working capital changes |  |  |  |
| Profit before tax | 1059205 | 938510 | 2035743 |
| Adjustment for: |  |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 191062 | 167959 | 339142 |
| Operating lease accrual | (3 210) | 5664 | 9113 |
| (Profit//loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment | (491) | 112 | 1287 |
| Release of cash flow hedge to profit or loss | 21018 | (55 263) | (160 386) |
| Equity-settled share option costs | - | 50752 | 50752 |
| Net financing (income)/cost | (13 221) | 1129 | (2065) |
| Decrease/(increase) in financial assets at fair value through profit or loss | 8964 | 2315 | (9 232) |
| Net undistributed profits of an associate | (276) | (626) | (5) |
|  | 1263051 | 1110552 | 2264349 |
| 2 Working capital changes |  |  |  |
| Increase in inventories | (588 007) | (764 604) | (464 919) |
| (Increase)/decrease in trade and other receivables | (294 937) | 18527 | (118812) |
| Increase in trade and other payables | 681365 | 866401 | 730981 |
| (Decrease)/increase in employee benefits | $(213000)$ | (171 567) | 45696 |
| Increase/(decrease) in provisions | 1944 | (1740) | (1740) |
|  | (412 635) | (52 983) | 191206 |

## ANALYSIS OF SHAREHOLDERS

Fund managers managing 3\% or more of the issued share capital:

| Major fund managers | Percentage of shares |  | Geographic distribution of shareholders | Percentage of shares |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018 |  | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018 |
| Public Investment Corporation (SA) | 12.4\% | 14.4\% | South Africa and rest of Africa | 30.5\% | 36.8\% |
| Fidelity Management \& Research |  |  | Offshore holdings | 69.5\% | 63.2\% |
| (US) | 5.2\% | 4.8\% | USA and Canada | 42.9\% | 42.0\% |
| Baillie Gifford \& Co (UK) | 5.0\% | 5.0\% | United Kingdom and Ireland | 9.5\% | 8.2\% |
| BlackRock (US and UK) | 4.4\% | 1.6\% | Europe | 8.0\% | 6.6\% |
| JPMorgan Asset Management (UK and US) | 4.1\% | 3.5\% | Other countries | 9.1\% | 6.4\% |
| The Vanguard Group (US) | 3.7\% | 3.2\% |  |  |  |
| RBC Global Asset Management (UK, US and Canada) | 3.5\% | 2.5\% |  |  |  |
| GIC (Singapore) | 3.5\% | 4.2\% |  |  |  |
| T. Rowe Price (UK and US) | 3.5\% | 2.8\% |  |  |  |
| Fund manager no longer managing over 3\%: |  |  |  |  |  |
| Mawer Investment Management (Canada) | - | 3.4\% |  |  |  |

## SEGMENTALANALYSIS

| For the six months ended 28 February 2019 R'000 |  | Retail ${ }^{1}$ |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | 28 Feb 2019 | Restated ${ }^{2}$ 28 Feb 2018 |
| Statement of financial position |  |  |  |
| Property, plant and equipment |  | 1671751 | 1386257 |
| Intangible assets |  | 441300 | 437183 |
| Goodwill |  | 6529 | 6529 |
| Inventories |  | 3263595 | 3099750 |
| Trade and other receivables |  | 497136 | 473966 |
| Cash and cash equivalents |  | 1421155 | 867248 |
| Other assets |  | 990434 | 1389868 |
| Total assets |  | 8291900 | 7660801 |
| Employee benefits - non-current |  | 169952 | 147293 |
| Operating lease liability |  | 198929 | 198690 |
| Trade and other payables |  | 3228614 | 3144536 |
| Employee benefits - current |  | 250999 | 254607 |
| Other liabilities |  | 2074892 | 1895125 |
| Total liabilities |  | 5923386 | 5640251 |
| Net assets |  | 2368514 | 2020550 |
| Statement of comprehensive income |  |  |  |
| Turnover |  | 11329682 | 10522153 |
| Gross profit |  | 3282666 | 3040238 |
| Other income |  | 530047 | 484378 |
| Total income |  | 3812713 | 3524616 |
| Expenses |  | (2949 040) | (2735 351) |
| Depreciation and amortisation |  | (159 053) | (143 166) |
| Occupancy costs |  | (497 980) | (457 678) |
| Employment costs |  | (1547 304) | (1 427 655) |
| Other operating costs |  | (744 703) | (706 852) |
| Operating profit |  | 863673 | 789265 |
| Ratios |  |  |  |
| Increase/(decrease) in turnover | (\%) | 7.7 | 13.2 |
| Selling price inflation/(deflation) | (\%) | 1.0 | 2.6 |
| Comparable stores turnover growth | (\%) | 4.5 | 7.2 |
| Gross profit margin | (\%) | 29.0 | 28.9 |
| Total income margin | (\%) | 33.7 | 33.5 |
| Operating expenses as a percentage of turnover | (\%) | 26.0 | 26.0 |
| Increase/(decrease) in operating expenses | (\%) | 7.8 | 12.4 |
| Increase/(decrease) in operating profit | (\%) | 9.4 | 12.7 |
| Operating profit margin | (\%) | 7.6 | 7.5 |
| Inventory days |  | 79 | 81 |
| Trade debtor days |  | 6 | 4 |
| Trade creditor days |  | 42 | 45 |
| Net working capital days |  | 43 | 40 |
| Number of stores |  | 853 | 824 |
| as at the beginning of the period |  | 824 | 795 |
| opened |  | 38 | 33 |
| closed |  | (9) | (4) |
| Number of pharmacies |  | 528 | 493 |
| as at the beginning of the period |  | 493 | 473 |
| new/converted |  | 36 | 22 |
| closed |  | (1) | (2) |
| Total leased area | $\left(\mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$ | 419621 | 407854 |
| Weighted retail trading area | $\left(\mathrm{m}^{2}\right)$ | 342985 | 322227 |
| Weighted annual sales per m ${ }^{2}$ | (R) | 61325 | 60728 |
| Number of permanent employees |  | 14763 | 14844 |

[^1]| Distribution | Restated |  |  |  |
| ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
|  | Intragroup elimination |  | Total operations |  |
| Restated |  |  |  |  |

Capital expenditure
Maintenance capital expenditure
Capital expenditure incurred in replacing existing capital or capital expenditure with a return below the group's required return.

Growth capital expenditure Capital expenditure that is not maintenance capital expenditure.

## Cash flow

Financing activities
Activities that result in changes to the capital and funding structure of the group.

## Investing activities

Activities relating to the acquisition, holding and disposal of capital assets and long-term investments.

## Operating activities

Activities that are not financing or investing activities that arise from the operations conducted by the group.

## Comparable stores turnover

 growthTurnover growth expressed as a percentage of growth for stores that have been operating for the full period during the current and previous financial periods.

## Current ratio

Current assets at period-end divided by current liabilities at period-end.

## Dividend per share

Dividend per share is the actual interim cash dividend paid and the final cash dividend declared, expressed as cents per share.

## Earnings per share

Earnings per share
Profit for the period divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue for the period.
Diluted earnings per share Profit for the period divided by the weighted average diluted number of shares in issue for the period.

Headline earnings per share Headline earnings divided by the weighted average number of shares in issue for the period.
Diluted headline earnings per share
Headline earnings divided by the weighted average diluted number of shares in issue for the period.

Effective tax rate
The tax charge in the income statement as a percentage of profit before tax.

## Free float

The number of ordinary shares that are freely tradable on the JSE Limited, excluding treasury shares and shares held by directors and employee share schemes.

## Gross profit margin

Gross profit expressed as a percentage of turnover.

## Headline earnings

Profit for the period adjusted for the after-tax effect of certain capital items.

## IFRS

International Financial
Reporting Standards, as adopted by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB), and interpretations issued by the International Financial Reporting Interpretations Committee (IFRIC) of the IASB.

Clicks Group's consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with IFRS.

Interest-bearing debt, including cash, to shareholders' interest at period-end
Interest-bearing debt (including bank overdraft), net of cash balances, at the end of the period divided by shareholders' interest at the end of the period.

## Inventory days

Closing inventory at period-end divided by the annualised cost of merchandise sold during the period, multiplied by 365 days.

## Issued shares

Ordinary shares and unlisted " $A$ " shares having a par value of one cent each in the authorised share capital of Clicks Group Limited.

## Market capitalisation

The closing market price per share at period-end multiplied by the number of ordinary shares in issue at period-end.

## Net asset value per share

 Net assets at period-end divided by the number of ordinary shares in issue at period-end (net of treasury shares).
## Net tangible asset value

 per shareNet assets at period-end, less intangible assets (such as goodwill and trademarks),
divided by the number of ordinary shares in issue at period-end (net of treasury shares).
Operating profit
Operating profit before financing costs, as reported in the group consolidated statement of comprehensive income, adjusted to exclude profit/loss on disposal of property, plant and equipment.
Operating profit margin
Operating profit expressed as a percentage of turnover.
Percentage of ordinary shares traded
The number of ordinary shares traded on the JSE Limited during the period as a percentage of the weighted average number of ordinary shares in issue (net of treasury shares).

## Price earnings ratio

The closing market price per share at period-end divided by diluted headline earnings per share for the period.
Return on shareholders' interest (ROE)
Headline earnings expressed as a percentage of the average shareholders' interest for the period.
Return on total assets (ROA)
Headline earnings expressed as a percentage of the average total assets for the period.
Return on net assets (RONA)
Operating profit as defined for RONA divided by average net assets for the period as defined for RONA.

Operating profit as defined for RONA is the reported operating profit for the group inclusive of capital gains and losses relating to continuing operations of the business and excluding the employee shortterm bonus.

Net assets as defined for RONA are the average assets less liabilities for the period excluding taxation and financial-related assets and liabilities (cash, overdrafts, loans receivable, derivative financial assets, financial assets/liabilities at fair value through profit or loss, interestbearing borrowings, deferred tax and taxation payable).

## Segmental reporting

The group has two reportable segments, being the Retail division and the Distribution division.

## Selling price inflation

The change in the weighted average selling price of a sample of products for the period relative to the previous period expressed as a percentage of the weighted average selling price of the same sample of products for the previous period. Only products sold in both the current and previous periods are included in the sample.

## Shareholders' interest

Share capital and share premium (reduced by the cost of treasury shares) and other reserves comprising equity.

## Shareholders' interest to total assets

The shareholders' interest divided by the total assets at the period-end.

## Total income

Gross profit plus other income.

## Total income margin

Total income expressed as a percentage of turnover.

## Trade creditor days

Closing trade creditors at period-end (adjusted to exclude VAT) divided by the annualised cost of merchandise sold during the period, multiplied by 365 days.

## Trade debtor days

Closing trade debtors at period-end (adjusted to exclude VAT) divided by the annualised sales for the period, multiplied by 365 days.

## Treasury shares

Issued shares in Clicks Group
Limited held by a group company in terms of an approved share repurchase programme.

## Weighted average number of shares

The number of ordinary shares in issue, increased by shares issued during the period and reduced by treasury shares purchased or shares cancelled during the period, weighted on a time basis for the period during which they have participated in the income of the group.

## Weighted average diluted

 number of sharesThe weighted average number of ordinary shares adjusted for the effects of all dilutive potential shares.


## PRESENTATION



## REVIEW OF THE PERIOD



- Good health \& beauty sales performance
- Strong volume growth, with low inflation
- Market share gains
- Strong performance from UPD
- Benefiting from four new bulk distribution contracts
- Diluted headline earnings per share up 13.2\%
- Further R1.5 billion value created via BBBEE share scheme
- Total of R2.8 billion - average of R355 000 per employee
- R100m donated to New Clicks Foundation to provide bursaries



## FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS

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- Group turnover up 6.2\%
- Health \& beauty turnover up 8.5\%
- UPD reported turnover up 5.1\%
- Operating margin up from 6.5\% to 6.8\%
- Diluted HEPS up $13.2 \%$ to 300.1 cps
- Further 8.1 m shares issued for BBBEE share scheme
- Return on equity of $\mathbf{3 5 . 2 \%}$
- Interim dividend of 118.0 cps , up $\mathbf{1 5 . 1 \%}$


## PRESENTATION

| TURNOVER |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R'm | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018 | change | \% same stores growth | $\begin{array}{r} \text { \% } \\ \text { inflation } \end{array}$ |
| Retail | 11330 | 10522 | 7.7 | 4.5 | 1.0 |
| Health \& beauty <br> Musica |  |  | $\begin{array}{r} 8.5 \\ (11.0) \end{array}$ |  |  |
| Distribution | 6650 | 6328 | 5.1 |  | (0.2) |
| Intragroup turnover | (2 646) | (2 417) | 9.5 |  |  |
| Total group | 15334 | 14433 | 6.2 |  | 0.5 |
| - Strong volume growth in health \& beauty brands <br> - UPD total managed turnover increased 21.9\% (reported turnover does not include bulk distribution agency contracts) |  |  |  |  |  |
| CLICKS GROUP INTERIM RESULTS 2019 |  |  |  |  |  |

TOTAL INCOME


|  | Feb 2019 <br> $\mathbf{R}^{\prime} \mathbf{m}$ | Feb 2018* <br> $\mathbf{R}^{\prime} \mathbf{m}$ | \% <br> change | Feb 2019 <br> \% margin | Feb 2018* <br> \% margin |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Retail | 3813 | 3525 | 8.2 | 33.7 | 33.5 |
| Distribution | 527 | 448 | 17.5 | 7.9 | 7.1 |
| Intragroup | $(88)$ | $(68)$ |  |  |  |
| Total group | $\mathbf{4 2 5 2}$ | $\mathbf{3 9 0 5}$ | $\mathbf{8 . 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 . 7}$ | $\mathbf{2 7 . 1}$ |

- Retail margin growth driven by:
- Shift to private label products
- Mix impact
- UPD benefited from new contracts and timing of SEP increase

[^2]
## OPERATING EXPENDITURE - RETAIL

$\square$

| R'm | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018 | \% change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 159 | 143 | 11.1 |
| Occupancy costs | 498 | 458 | 8.8 |
| Employment costs | 1547 | 1427 | 8.4 |
| Other operating costs | 745 | 707 | 5.4 |
| Total retail costs | $\mathbf{2 9 4 9}$ | $\mathbf{2 ~ 7 3 5}$ | $\mathbf{7 . 8}$ |
| \% of turnover | $26.0 \%$ | $\mathbf{2 6 . 0 \%}$ |  |

- Opened net 33 Clicks stores and 35 pharmacies in the last 12 months
- Comparable retail cost growth contained to 5.4\%


## OPERATING EXPENDITURE - DISTRIBUTION

| R'm | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018 | \% change |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Depreciation and amortisation | 18 | 17 | 4.9 |
| Occupancy costs | 2 | 2 | 15.7 |
| Employment costs | 131 | 118 | 11.5 |
| Other operating costs | 181 | 159 | 13.8 |
| Total distribution costs | $\mathbf{3 3 2}$ | $\mathbf{2 9 6}$ | $\mathbf{1 2 . 4}$ |

- Expenses impacted by new bulk distribution contracts


## PRESENTATION

## OPERATING PROFIT

|  | Feb 2019 <br> $\mathbf{R}^{\prime} \mathbf{m}$ | Feb 2018* <br> R'm | \% <br> change | Feb 2019 <br> \% margin | Feb 2018* <br> \% margin |
| :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: |
| Retail | 864 | 789 | 9.4 | 7.6 | 7.5 |
| Distribution | 194 | 153 | 27.2 | 2.9 | 2.4 |
| Intragroup | $(14)$ | $(4)$ |  |  |  |
| Total group | $\mathbf{1 0 4 4}$ | $\mathbf{9 3 8}$ | $\mathbf{1 1 . 3}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 8}$ | $\mathbf{6 . 5}$ |

- Both divisions leveraged margin despite low inflationary environment
- Musica remains profitable

| INVENTORY |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Days in stock |  | Inventory ( $\mathrm{R}^{\prime} \mathrm{m}$ ) |  |  |
|  | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018 | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018* | \% change |
| Retail | 79 | 81 | 3264 | 3100 | 5.3 |
| Distribution | 46 | 43 | 1652 | 1490 | 10.9 |
| Intragroup inventory |  |  | (81) | (45) |  |
| Total group | 76 | 75 | 4835 | 4545 | 6.4 |
| - UPD impacted by stock buy-in over SEP increase period <br> - Group net working capital days improved from 41 to 37 days |  |  |  |  |  |
| *Restated for IFRS 15 |  |  |  |  |  |


| CASH GENERATION |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| R'm | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018* |
| Profit before tax | 1059 | 939 |
| Non-cash adjustments | 204 | 172 |
| Operating profit before working capital changes | 1263 | 1111 |
| Working capital changes | (413) | (53) |
| Net interest and tax paid | (115) | (168) |
| Cash inflow from operations | 735 | 890 |
| * Restated for IFRS 9 and IFRS 15 |  |  |
| CuCrs Group mitemm resuls 2019 |  |  |
| CASH UTILISATION |  |  |
| R'm | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018 |
| Cash inflow from operations | 735 | 890 |
| Capital expenditure | (264) | (269) |
| Dividends paid | (682) | (559) |
| Share buy-backs | (4) | - |
| Other investing activities | 10 | (4) |
| Other financing activities | 134 | 128 |
| Net cash (utilised)/generated | (71) | 186 |
| Cash and cash equivalents at period end | 1452 | 887 |
| Note: R490m paid in March 2019 for tax on ESOP allocations (2018: R389m) |  |  |

## PRESENTATION

## CAPITAL MANAGEMENT

- Group continues to be cash generative
- Multi-year investment programme for supply chain and IT
- Supporting organic growth through store openings/refurbishments
- R701m capex planned for FY2019
- R364m on stores
- R337m on infrastructure, including:
- Phase 2 expansion of Clicks Centurion DC
- Enhancing UPD capacity and infrastructure
- Group IT


HEALTH \& BEAUTY SALES PERFORMANCE

|  | \%change | \% contribution |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Pharmacy | 8.9 | 29.1 |
| Front shop health | 9.5 | 22.7 |
| Beauty and personal care | 6.7 | 31.5 |
| General merchandise | $\mathbf{1 0 . 0}$ | 16.7 |
| Total turnover | $\mathbf{8 . 5}$ | 100.0 |

- Comparable stores turnover growth of 5.2\%
- Inflation only 0.7\%
- Volume growth of $4.5 \%$

| MARKET SHARE GAINS |  | $\rightarrow$ LCICKS fuel grael pay less |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| \% | Feb 2019 | Feb 2018 |
| Health |  |  |
| Retail pharmacy* | 23.8 | 23.0 |
| Front shop health** | 31.3 | 31.1 |
| Baby** | 15.7 | 14.4 |
| Beauty and personal care |  |  |
| Skincare** | 36.1 | 36.4 |
| Haircare** | 28.3 | 27.7 |
| Personal care** | 17.2 | 16.6 |
| General merchandise |  |  |
| Small household appliances*** | 14.4 | 14.8 |
| - Per IQVAA (Pivivate Reail Phamay S1-6) -. Per AC Nielsen (restated) | $\cdot \mathrm{PerGKK}$ (restated) |  |

## PRESENTATION

## REVIEW OF THE PERIOD

DCLICKS fuel guel pay less


- Good volumes in pharmacy
- Generic sales +12.9\%
- OTC sales +13.8\%
- Promotional sales +10.3\%

- 38.2\% of turnover
- Private label and exclusive brands up from $22.1 \%$ to $22.9 \%$ of sales
- Front shop at 29.7\%
- Pharmacy at 6.2\%



## PRIVATE LABEL COSMETICS

MCLICKS fuel gind pay less
 The Body Shop

- $18 \%$ of cosmetics sales are private label and exclusive brands
- Key differentiator



## REVIEW OF THE PERIOD (CONTINUED)



- 7.6 million active ClubCard members
- 77\% of sales
- Digital platform performing well
- Enhancements to the ClubCard app
- Online is the fastest growing store
- Expanding Clicks store network
- 17 new stores
- 18 new pharmacies
- 31 revamps

| Format | Opened | Total |
| :--- | ---: | ---: |
| Convenience | 14 | 496 |
| Destination | 3 | 184 |
| Total | 17 | 680 |



## PRESENTATION

## FINE WHOLESALE TURNOVER




- Wholesale turnover up 5.2\%
- Independent pharmacies benefited from new buying group and buy-ins ahead of SEP increase
- Hospitals impacted by genericisation and buy-in in prior period
- Wholesale market share up from $25.4 \%$ to $26.0 \%$ *
* MAT per IQVIA (restated)


## OPERATIONAL UPDATE



- Total managed turnover +21.9\% to R10.2bn
- Four new bulk distribution contracts since June 2018
- SEP increase of 3.78\% in Feb 2019 vs $1.26 \%$ in Mar 2018
- Cape Town DC expansion completed
- Investment in IT platform and warehouse management systems
- Simplifying operations
- Extracting efficiencies
- Providing world-class reporting



## OUTLOOK



- Consumer environment will remain very challenging
- Impact of electricity load shedding
- Selling price inflation to increase marginally in H 2
- Health \& beauty markets and business model are resilient
- Clicks will open 41 stores this year
- UPD to benefit from additional two bulk distribution contracts starting in H 2 and slightly higher SEP increase
- Forecast 10 - 15\% growth in diluted HEPS for FY2019



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[^0]:    1 Retrospective adjustment relating to the adoption of IFRS 15 and IFRS 9.
    2 Related to retrospective withholding tax overprovision on the 2012 interim dividend.

[^1]:    Retail includes Total Clicks + The Body Shop + Musica + Group Services
    ${ }^{2}$ Retrospective adjustment relating to the adoption of IFRS 15 and IFRS 9

[^2]:    * Restated for IFRS 15

