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KWS reports successful financial year 2019/2020





Business resilience demonstrated in challenging times



Sales and EBIT margin guidance exceeded



Growth in all product segments



Dividend increase to € 0.70



FY 2019/2020 – Financial Highlights



€ 1,283m

Net sales

15% (10% organic growth)

€ 137m

EBIT*

48%

€ 226m

EBITDA

7 13%

€ 2.89

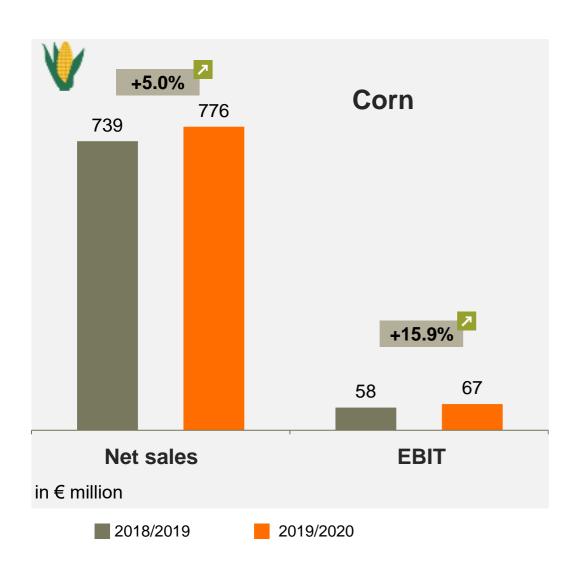
EPS*

≥ 8%

^{*} incl. effects of purchase price allocation for acquisition of Pop Vriend Seeds

Segment development - Corn





FY 2019/2020

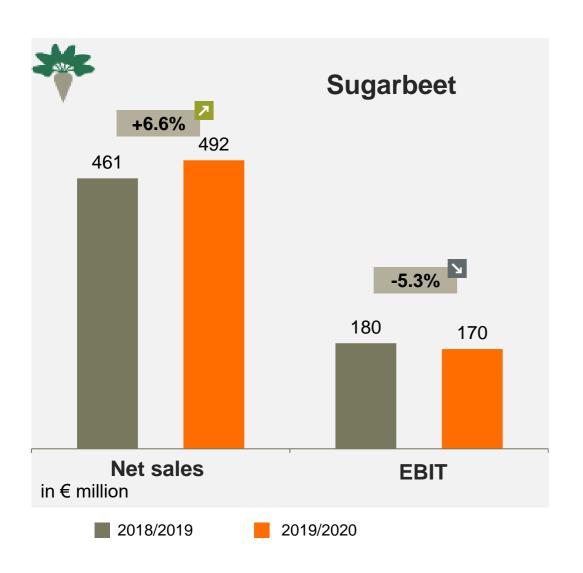
- Sales growth driven by European markets and South America
- Strong volume increase in Brazil due to higher acreage and market share gains offset by weakening BRL
- U.S. Joint Venture sales (AgReliant) on previous year's level
- Segment EBIT increased by 15.9% to € 67m (58m)
- EBIT margin improved to 8.6% (7.8%)

Outlook 2020/2021

Sales / EBIT margin slightly above previous year

Segment development - Sugarbeet





FY 2019/2020

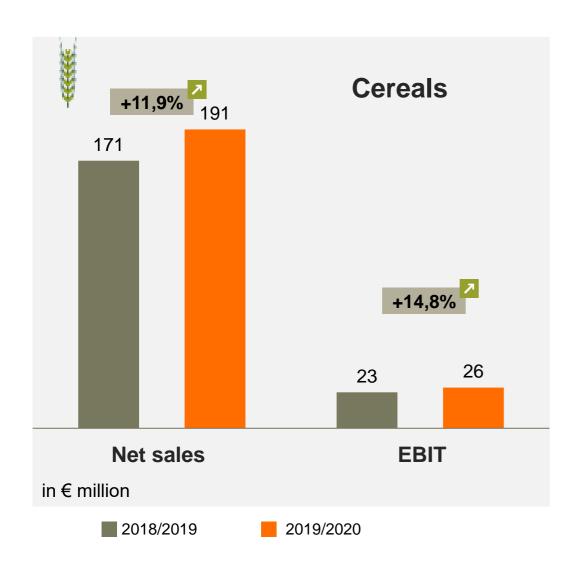
- Segment sales increased by 6.6% despite decline of global acreage
- Successful market introduction of CONVISO® SMART technology – now available in 24 countries
- Segment EBIT decreased to € 170m (180m) due to one-time effect in FY 2018/2019 (sale of participation)
- Strong profitability maintained

Outlook 2020/2021

Sales / EBIT margin comparable to previous year

Segment development - Cereals





FY 2019/2020

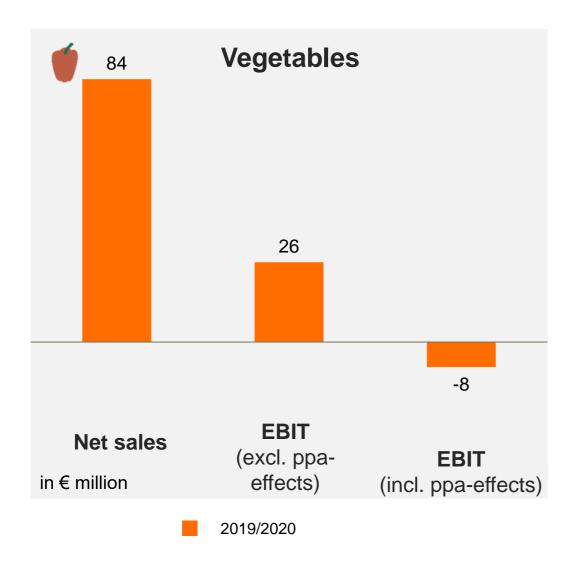
- Cereals sales show strong increase of 11.9% to € 191m (171m)
- Sales performance mainly driven by growth of 27% in hybrid rye
- Wheat & barley sales stable, oilseed rape below previous year
- Segment EBIT up by 14.8% to € 26m (23m)

Outlook 2020/2021

- Sales stable
- EBIT margin slightly below previous year

Segment development - Vegetables





FY 2019/2020

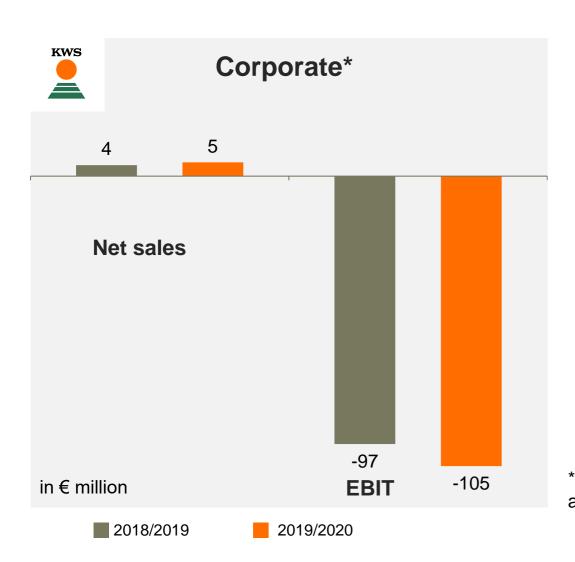
- Newly formed Vegetables segment contributed net sales of € 84m – mainly driven by spinach and bean seeds in the United States and Europe
- High profitability (excl. ppa-effects) maintained with EBIT at € 26m
- ppa-effects include non-cash items of:
 - € –11.1m from sale of inventories (at fair value)
 - € –21.9m amortization of intangible assets

Outlook 2021/2020

- Sales slightly below previous year (Corona-related)
- EBIT margin at 20–25% (excl. ppa-effects)

Segment development – Corporate*





FY 2019/2020

 Costs consolidated in the segment increased mainly due to reorganization (ONEGLOBE), higher centralized R&D expenses and impact of FX hedging instruments

Outlook 2020/2021

Improvement of EBIT

^{*}Segment includes cross-segment costs for the KWS Group's central functions and basic research expenditure; EBIT typically negative

Significant increase in Net sales and EBITDA



In € million	2019/2020	2018/2019	+/-
Net sales	1,282.6	1,113.3	15.2 %
EBITDA	225.5	199.7	12.9 %
EBIT	137.4	150.0	-8.4 %
Financial result	-7.8	-5.5	-
Result of ordinary activities	129.5	144.5	-10.4 %
Taxes	34.3	40.4	-15.1 %
Net income	95.2	104.0	-8.4 %
Earnings per share (in €)	2.89	3.15	-8.4 %

EBIT MARGIN (excl. ppa-effects)

EBIT as a % of net sales

13.3% (13.5%)

COST OF SALES

as a % of net sales

42.9% (41.2%)

R&D INTENSITY

as a % of net sales

18.4% (18.5%)

Tax rate

in %

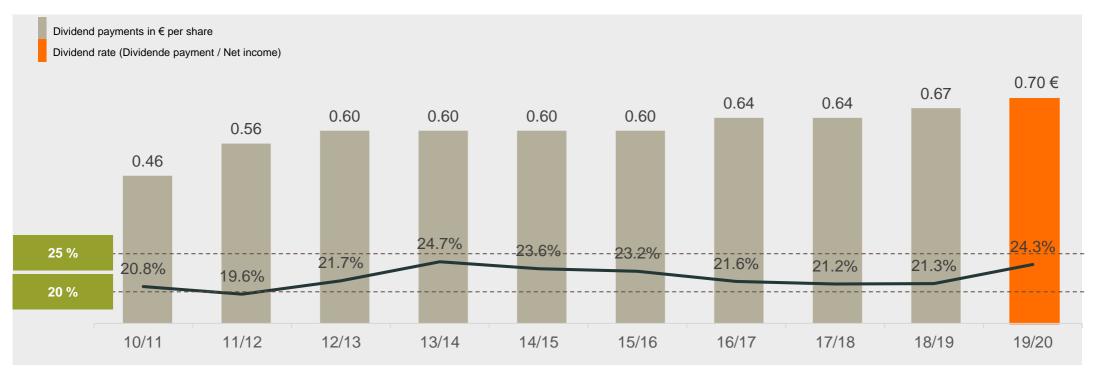
26.5% (28.0%)

Previous year's figures in brackets

Dividend proposal: Increase to 0.70 Euro per share



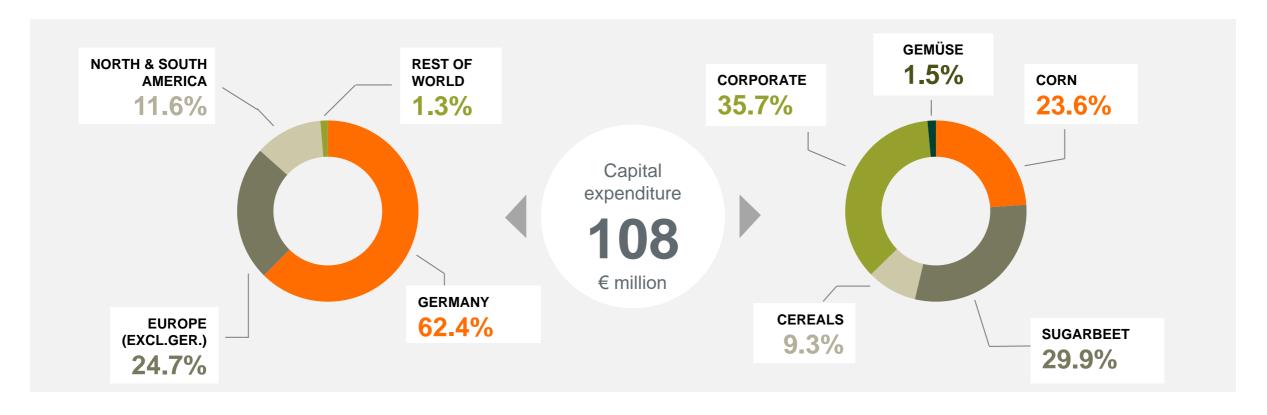
Dividend payments and dividend rate of the last 10 years



Dividend policy continued

Overview over capital expenditures





Investment focus: Germany

10/23/2020

Two major investment projects of KWS





Extension of seed production for sugarbeet



Three new buildings in Einbeck



30% more production capacity



CapEx volume around € 50 million



In operation since October 2020



New lab building



Three-storey building in Einbeck



2,350 sqm of new laboratory and office space



CapEx volume around € 20 million



Completion spring 2020

Forecast for the KWS Group for fiscal 2020/2021



	Forecast 2020/2021	Actual 2019/2020
Net sales	On previous year's level	€1,283 million
EBIT margin*	11 – 13%	13.3%

^{*}w/o PPA effects from acquisition of Pop Vriend Seeds



