

# **Q1 2019 AIDE MEMOIRE**

A number of events in 2018 and 2019 have an impact on the year-on-year comparison for Q1 2019. These include the following items, which you may wish to consider in your modelling. Please note that the items listed below are not exhaustive and that other factors may affect the comparisons for Q1 2019 versus Q1 2018.

# **FACTORS IMPACTING COMPARATIVE FIGURES**

# **Western Europe**

In the Q1 2018 announcement, we made the following statement concerning Western Europe:

"Net revenue in Western Europe declined organically by 3% as a result of -1% price/mix and total organic volume decline of 2%."

...and continued:

"The volume decline in the region was mainly caused by market share losses in the UK related to the Carlsberg brand and lower volumes in Poland due the price increases we implemented. The positive impact of the earlier Easter this year was offset by cold weather across the region."

#### Asia

In the Q1 2018 announcement we commented:

"The volume growth was supported by the later sell-in to the festive season in several of our Asian markets, especially China and Vietnam. In addition, our Indian business delivered more than 30% volume growth due to easy comparables for last year following the so-called highway ban."

At the Q4 2018 conference we further elaborated on China:

"It's only February now, that is more or less as we speak [new year] in China and it's very important for us, of course, to have the trade loading before that period starts and we were satisfied – very satisfied with that part, but as you know, the year is still long, but this is always good to have a good start."

### **Eastern Europe**

In the Q1 2018 announcement we commented on the Russian business:

"The volume decline in Russia was impacted by the overall market decline of around 4-5% and tough comparables for Q1 2017, as our market share decline accelerated during the year because of increased promotional pressure in the PET segment following the PET restrictions introduced on 1 January 2017."

When asked at the Q4 conference call on Russian market outlook for 2018, we answered:

"...we plan for flattish market with a slight negative bias."

## **Acquisitions**

At 13 August, 2018 we announced:

"Carlsberg has increased its ownership in the Cambodian brewer Cambrew Limited (Cambrew) by 25%, as a result of which the Carlsberg Group now owns 75% of Cambrew."

At 13 December, 2018 we announced:

"Carlsberg Group increases ownership of Super Bock Group in Portugal"

...and continued:

"Viacer continues to be controlled by our partner and consequently, Super Bock Group will remain an associated company in the Group accounts. Following the transaction, the Carlsberg Group's direct and indirect ownership in Super Bock Group makes up 60%."

## **OUTLOOK**

In the Q4 2018 announcement, we commented:

"...the Group expects to deliver:

• Mid-single-digit percentage organic growth in operating profit.

Based on the spot rates as at 5 February, we assume a DKK translation impact of around zero for 2019.

Other relevant assumptions are as follows:

Financial expenses, excluding currency losses or gains, are expected to be DKK 700-750m.

The effective tax rate is expected to be below 28%.

Capital expenditure at constant currencies is expected to be around DKK 4.5bn."

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