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Positive sales growth and EBIT increase in H1 FY 2017/18

Financial Highlights H1 FY 2017/18

Sales

■ HELLA Group currency adjusted sales grew by 9.3% YoY to 3.5 bill. EUR

Profitability

- Adj. Gross Profit margin at 28.1% (+0.3%-points YoY)
- Adj. EBIT +25 mill. EUR (+9.3% YoY) at 293 mill. EUR
- Adjusted EBIT margin +0.1pp to 8.5%

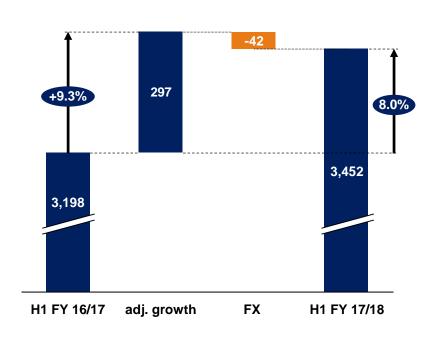
Liquidity

■ Adjusted Free Cash Flow from operating activities increased by 17 mill. EUR (+23% YoY) to 91 mill. EUR

Note: Adjustments of profitability figures include restructuring expenses in Germany and in previous yeas adjustment for provision in context with the EU cartel proceeding. Please note that where sums and percentages in the presentation have been rounded, differences may arise as a result of commercial rounding.

HELLA top line growth with strong development in H1 FY 17/18 Financial Highlights H1 FY 2017/18

HELLA Group sales (EUR millions)



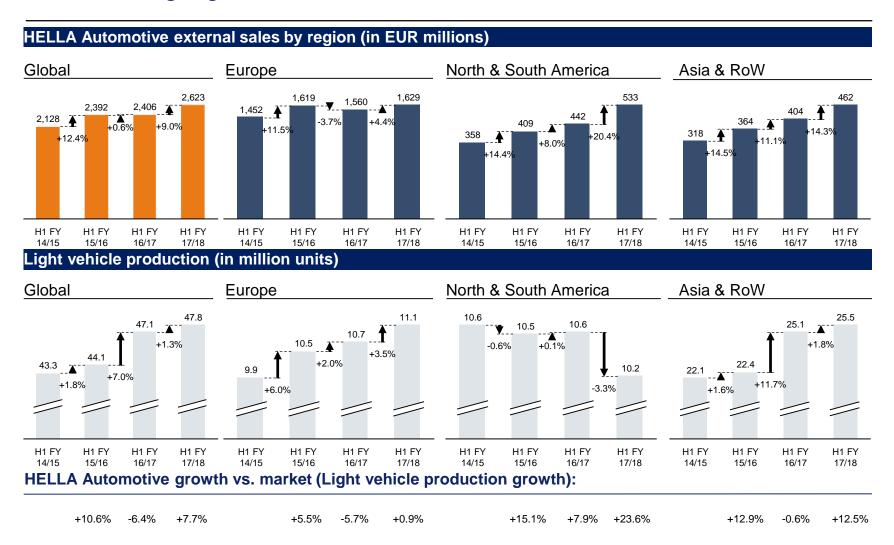
Comment

- Currency adjusted growth HELLA Group at 9.3%
- Reported sales growth HELLA Group at 8.0% (increased by 255 mill. EUR to 3,452 mill. EUR)
 - Automotive +9.1% to 2,650 mill. EUR.
 Demand for energy management products, radar solutions and advanced lighting systems drives business.
 - Aftermarket external sales +3.6%,
 positive demand from Independent
 Aftermarket and Wholesale
 - Special Applications +13.0% to 211 mill. EUR, positive development in agriculture and constructions



Automotive outperforming LVP in all regions

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Source: HELLA; IHS (as of December 2017)

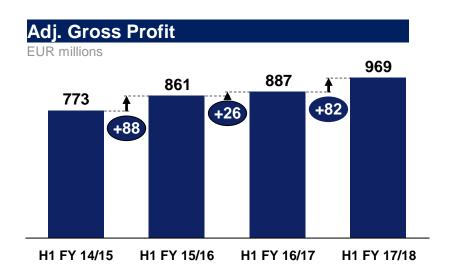
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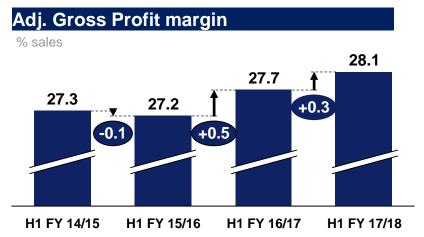
GPM increase due to strong overall business development

Financial results H1 FY 2017/18



Highlights

- Adj. Gross Profit increased by 82
 mill. EUR (+9.2%) to 969 mill. EUR
 - Automotive +10.3% to 685 mill. EUR
 - Aftermarket + 1.2% to 210 mill. EUR
 - Special Applications +27.8% to
 75 mill FUR



Note: Adj. Gross Profit Margin 27.74% (H1 16/17) and 28.07% in (H1 17/18); Delta of 0.3pp

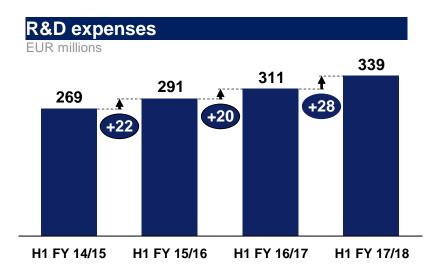
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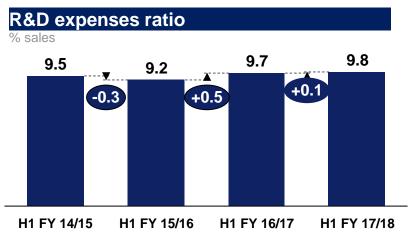
- Adj. Gross Profit margin improved by 0.3%-points to 28.1%
 - despite ongoing capacity increases, higher production volume and associated higher utilization with positive effects on GPM in Automotive especially in Q2
 - increased margins in Aftermarket and Special Applications



Continuous high R&D expenses to secure future growth and support production ramp-up

Financial results H1 FY 2017/18





Highlights

- Absolute R&D expenses increased by 28 mill. EUR (+8.9% YoY) to 339 mill. EUR, mainly:
 - Secure and strengthen technology leadership along the market trends
 - Preparation and realization of production ramp-ups
 - Investments in international R&D capacities

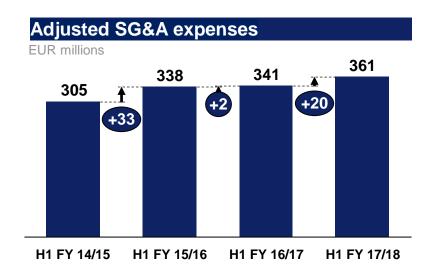
Highlights

H1 FY 17/18 ratio +0.1pp to 9.8% due to high level of absolute R&D expenses

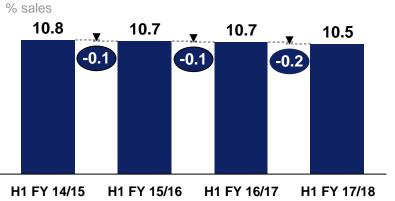


Relatively stable development of SG&A costs

Financial results H1 FY 2017/18







Highlights

- Adj. SG&A costs increased underproportionally (+20 mill. EUR, +5.9%) to 361 mill. EUR
- Under-proportional increase in distribution expenses (+3.9%) and administrative expenses (+4.5%) due to improvement programs
- Continuous investments in processes, systems and functions

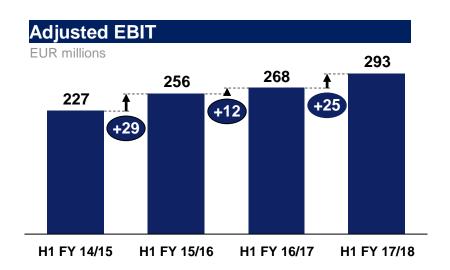
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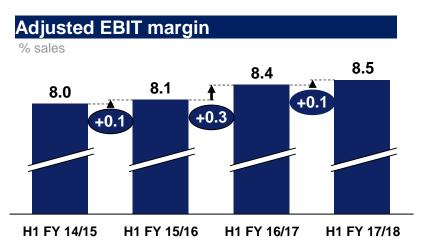
- Adj. SG&A ratio -0.2%-points to 10.5%, ratio of structural costs in general with relatively stable development. Improvements through:
 - distribution cost ratio -0.3pp to 7.5%
 - admin cost ratio -0.1pp to 3.3%
- Adj. other income & expenses -0.2pp to 0.3%



Adjusted EBIT and EBIT margin above prior-year's level

Financial results H1 FY 2017/18





Highlights

- Adjusted EBIT increased by 25 mill. EUR (+9.3%) to 293 mill. EUR, mainly:
 - increase in adj. Gross Profit by 82 mill. EUR (+9.2%)
 - higher R&D (+28 mill. EUR, +8.9%)
 - decline in JV income by 9 mill. EUR (-28.2%)

Highlights

- Adj. EBIT margin increased by 0.1%-points to 8.5%:
 - increase of adj. GPM by 0.3pp
 - higher R&D expenses (+0.1pp)
 - lower distribution expense ratio (-0.3pp)
 - decreased contribution of JVs by 0.3pp



P&L including reconciliation

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Half-year comparison

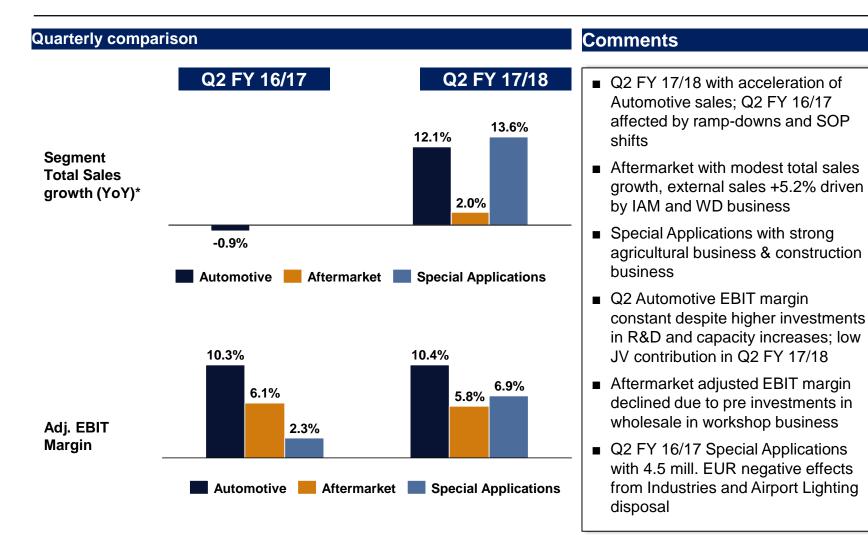
HELLA GROUP		H1	H1
in EUR mill.		FY 16/17	FY 17/18
Gross Profit	reported	887.1	967.8
	Adjustments	0.0	1.3
	adjusted	887.1	969.1
Other income and expenses	reported	-7.2	7.9
	Adjustments	22.9	2.1
	adjusted	15.6	10.0
EBIT	reported	245.2	289.5
	Adjustments	22.9	3.4
	adjusted	268.1	292.9
Net financial result		-21.6	-22.9
Taxes		-50.1	-68.0
Earnings for the period		173.5	198.6
Earnings per share (EUR)		1.56	1.78

Comments

- Reported EBIT H1 only slightly negatively impacted by restructuring expenses in Germany
- Net financial result decreased slightly due to the funding of activities in growth regions at higher local interest rates
- Earnings for the period increased driven by operational improvements and lower one-offs.
- Higher tax payments after low comparable tax rate in H1 PY
- EPS increased by 22 Cent (+14%) to 1.78 EUR



Q2 FY 17/18 with significantly stronger growth in Automotive Financial results H1 FY 2017/18

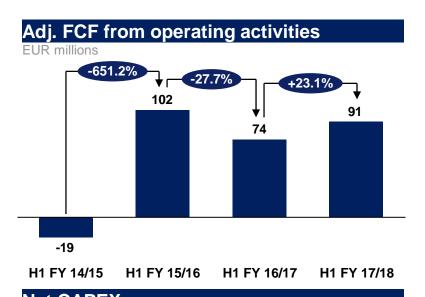


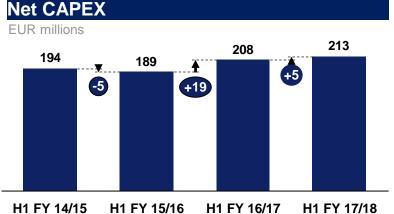
^{*} Q2 FY 16/17 Aftermarket and Special Applications not available due to change in segment reporting



Adj. Free Cash Flow from operating activities increased due to higher funds from operations

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Note: Adjustments of FCF include restructuring expenses, factoring (H1 FY 16/17 only) and adjustment for cash payments in context with the EU cartel proceeding (H1 FY 17/18 only)

Highlights

- Adj. Free Cash Flow from operating activities increased by 17 mill. EUR to 91 mill. EUR, mainly due to increased funds from operations
- Cash Conversion* ratio increased by 3.5pp to 31.1%

*Note: Adj. Free Cash Flow from operating activities / adj. EBIT

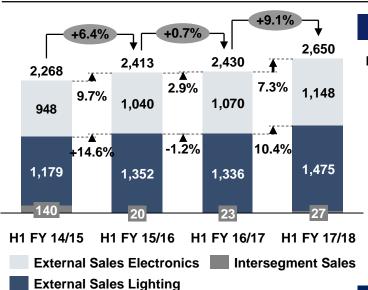
Highlights

- Net CAPEX increased by 5 mill. EUR to 213 mill. EUR
- Continuous **investments** in customer-specific **equipment**, continuous **capacity extension**
- Reimbursements increased by 13 mill. EUR to 76 mill. EUR depending on project launches



Automotive segment with increasing growth

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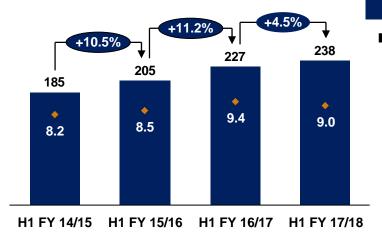




- Growth of 9.1% with ongoing production rampups and higher demand for:
 - energy management and driver assistance products
 - innovative / advanced lighting products
 - Demand driven by NSA, China and Europe (ex. Germany)

Automotive Profitability

- Increase of adj. EBIT by 4.5% to 238 mill. EUR:
 - ongoing capacity increase with initially lower utilization level; increase in production volume and higher utilization of existing capacities in Q2
 - increase in R&D to prepare production ramp-ups and expand international R&D network
 - lower JV contribution due to weakness in Asian joint ventures

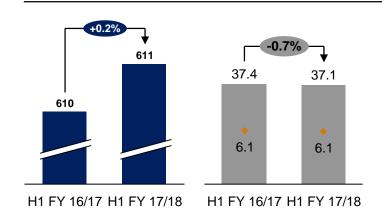


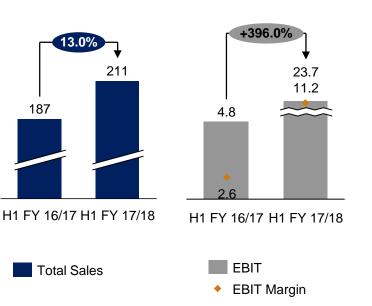
Adj. EBIT Adj. EBIT Margin (% of total sales)



Non Automotive segments with positive contributions

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Aftermarket

- External sales growth (+3.6%) due to positive IAM and wholesale business, total sales grew slightly by 0.2% due to loss of intercompany business
- EBIT margin constant at 6.1%, increase in GPM (+0.3 pp) counterbalanced by higher distribution expenses (ratio +0.7pp to 26.9%)

Special Applications

- Strong top-line growth (+13.0%):
- increasing demand in Agricultural and Construction sector
- other product groups e.g. Trailer also growing
- over-proportional growth in Australia
- Massive profitability increase (~400%)
- strong top line growth
- negative effects from the sale of Industries &
 Airport lighting activities in H1 FY 16/17



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Overall market FY 17/18 expected to grow by 1.7% according to IHS Outlook

Region	Expected LVP (in m units)	Comment	
Europe	22.7 FY 17/18	■ Continuing growth in 2017/18 expected. Europe excluding Germany expected to grow by 5.5% to 16.8m units, Germany with an expected decline of 0.7% to 5.9m units	
NSA	20.8 FY 17/18	■ After weak first half (-3.3%), better growth dynamic in H2 2017/18 expected	
China	27.5 FY 17/18	China expected to grow slightly in 2017/18, Asia/RoW expected to grow by 1.2% to 50.9m units	
Global	+1.7% +96.2 FY 17/18	■ Overall market expected to grow by 1.7%	





Company specific development for FY 2017/18 confirmed Guidance

Presuming no serious economic turmoil, we assume a positive development of the operative HELLA business for FY 2017/18:

Sales growth

■ Growth excluding FX between 5-10%

Adj. EBIT growth

■ Growth between 5-10%

Adj. EBIT margin

■ Margin around 8%



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