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Jürgen Hermann, CEO

# QSC in (digital) transformation

Market changes, target visions and milestones in 2016

# Preliminary remarks: planned company targets for 2016

In 2016, QSC AG focused on	
expanding its Cloud business	
marketing its Pure Enterprise Cloud	
completing the implementation of its cost-cutting programme	
For 2016, QSC AG planned	
revenues of € 380 million to € 390 million	<b>Ø</b>
EBITDA of € 34 million to € 38 million	
a positive free cash flow	



Market changes: opportunities & challenges

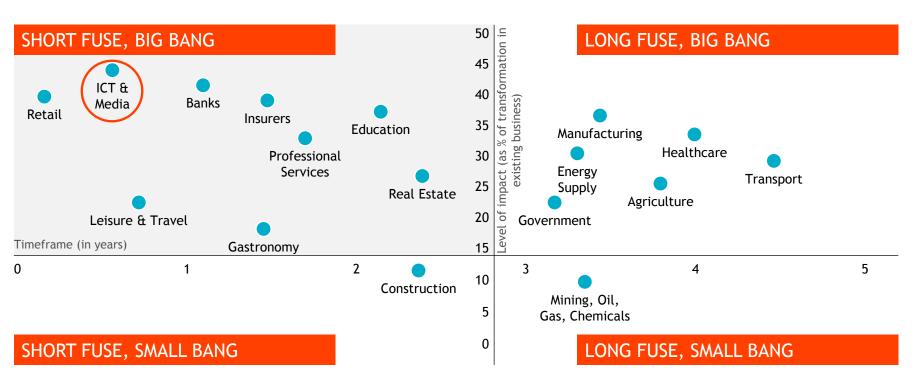
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### Market changes and disruptive trends

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# Disruption map: digital transformation pressure



Source: "Survival Through Digital Leadership", Deloitte, 2015

**Deloitte** 

# ICT players in transformation: opportunities & challenges

- Entire ICT sector faces paradigm shift: "Everything is now a service!"
- New customer expectations, value chains, key technologies
- Great opportunity due to substantial growth in user market (Cloud first!)
- Tension: transition in traditional ICT business (licence/project) vs. cloud economy
- Also involves: huge standardisation and efficiency pressure (develop "IT factory")
- Development of innovative market approach and sales strategies (digital visibility!)
- Also: accessing promising new business fields (IoT, big data etc.)

# Well prepared: QSC's crucial strengths

### **Production**





Managed public cloud



Highly scalable IoT platform

### Services



Own cloud solutions







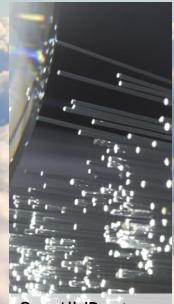


IaaS/SaaS solutions



Full-stack IoT solutions

### **Distribution**



Own All-IP net

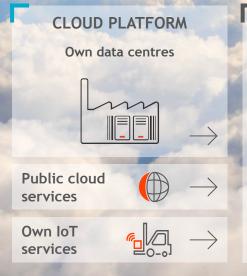
### **Customer view**



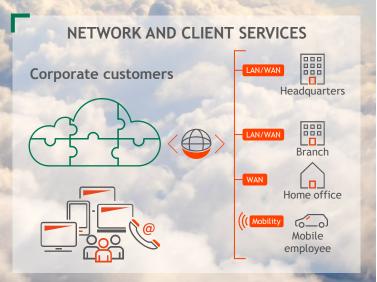
Reliable partnership

## Customer view: consistent end-to-end responsibility

### **PURE ENTERPRISE CLOUD**







# Well prepared: all-round service offering



Application management & operation



Virtual desktop



Client management



Enterprise mobility



Workplace help desk



UCC and IP telephony

# PURE ENTERPRISE CLOUD

Compute &

Multi-cloud management



Internet of Things



storage

resources

SAP & cloud consulting



VPN, MPLS & network



Managed security



# QSC in transformation: expectations, perspectives, targets

### **Customer perspective:**

"One-stop shop pursuing a digital transformation course!"

### Marketing perspective:

"Highly attractive service portfolio with great market acceptance!"

### **Employee perspective:**

"Innovation and trend driver with strong development prospects!"

### Market perspective:

"Leading (multi-)cloud player for German SME sector!"

### **Operations perspective:**

"Speed and stability thanks to standardised service performance!"

### Investor perspective:

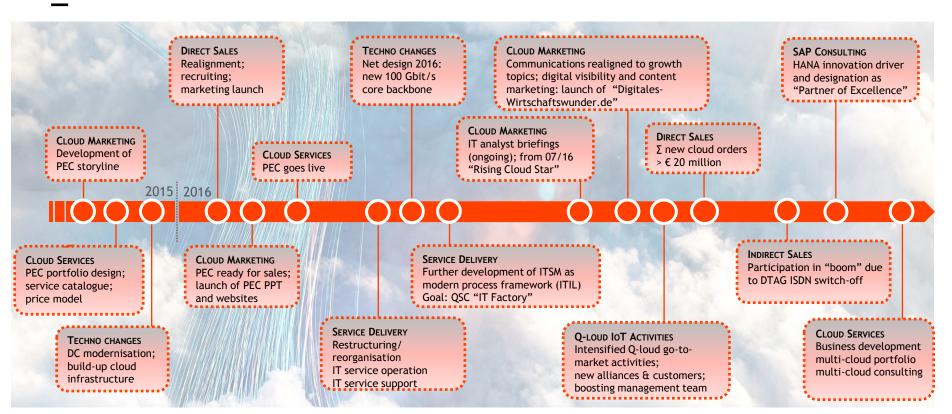
"Increasing profitability thanks to benefits of scale and new growth!"

Management perspective: we are on the right track ...!



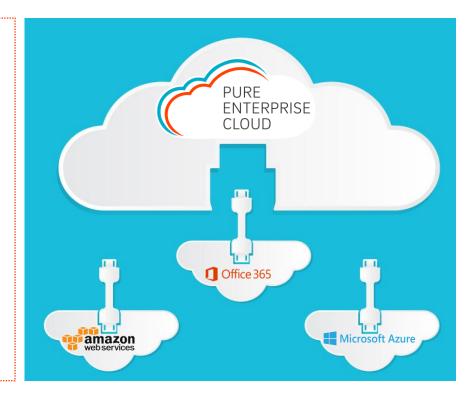
QSC in transformation: milestones in 2016

### QSC in transformation: core milestones in 2016



# QSC in transformation: the PEC multi-cloud strategy

- The digital age requires "breathing"
   platforms and networked, service-oriented and well-distributed cloud scenarios!
- Customers will demand absolute freedom to select their cloud strategies ... and will also make use of this freedom!
- Multi-cloud as the dominant "architecture"
   blueprint for the next 10 years!
- Yet: SME players are completely out of depth when it comes to "cloud orchestration"!
- QSC with end-to-end service responsibility for customers' entire cloud-based IT!



## QSC in transformation: PEC as "Rising Star of 2016"

- First IT analyst assessment of entire Pure Enterprise Cloud portfolio
- Awards in several disciplines
- **In focus:** first evaluation of Enterprise Workplace Services ("Rising Star of 2016")
- Quote: "QSC has rebooted itself with flying colours and now has to gradually gain fresh momentum - the prospects for a consistent upturn are very good."
- **But:** "Awareness of QSC in its local market is still very limited."

"Thanks to the breadth and depth of its portfolio, this solution has emerged overnight as what is from customers' perspective one of the most attractive offerings in the German market." Heiko Henkes, Experton Group, July 2016



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### QSC in transformation: milestones with IoT/Q-loud

### Milestones in 2016

- Spin-off to standalone company
- Management team boosted
- Major new customers (such as Schüco) acquired and expansion in partner eco-system
- Great market opportunities
   IoT not only optimises existing production and business models, but also creates new models
- Q-loud's strengths
  - Full-stack service offering (consulting, hardware, software, front end, high-performing back-end technologies)
  - Longstanding projects/solution experience
  - Compliance with high security/data protection standards

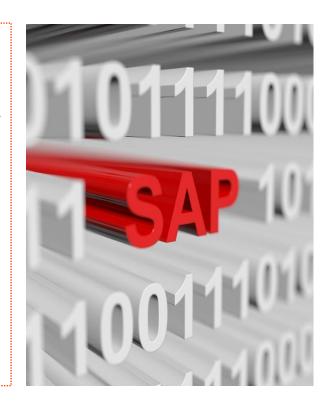


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### QSC in transformation: SAP milestones

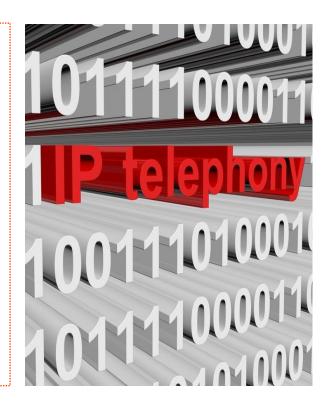
### Significant increase in visibility as SAP partner

- Designation as "Partner of Excellence" by SAP SE
- Experton: QSC's SAP HANA portfolio stands out on account of its end-to-end approach
- Consistent growth achieved
  - QSC now has more than 210 in-house consultants
  - Revenue growth of 9.6% CAGR (2013-2016)
- Greater competitiveness & expanded expertise
  - More than 40 successful HANA projects (14 customers)
  - Proprietary HANA laboratory
  - First joint IoT projects with Q-loud subsidiary



### QSC in transformation: All-IP milestones

- Greatest All-IP experience in market (>10 years)
  - > 250,000 active SIP voiceover IP connections
  - > 4,000,000 active dial numbers
  - > 1,000,000,000 minutes mediated per month
- "Boom" due to switching off of DTAG's ISDN network by 2018
  - Potential for 3 million corporate customer connections
  - All connections without exception have to be migrated
  - All-IP products already account for 30% of total new orders in Indirect Sales
- Opportunities during overall market consolidation
   (→ "easybell migrates DSL connections to QSC", 02.02.16)



### QSC in transformation: visibility of growth topics



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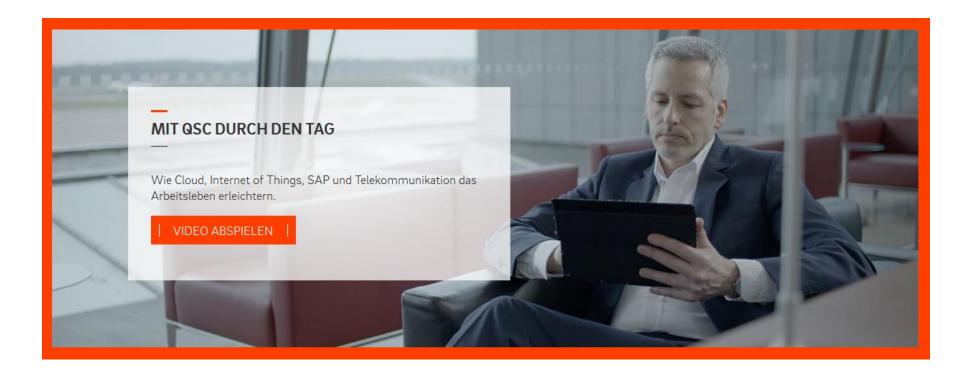
- Image transfer: "Digitiser of the SME sector"
- Constant QSC presence throughout entire digital customer journey

Google search Top 3 (in position 1-3)	Google search Top 10 (on page 1)		
Cloud Mittelstand (Pos. 1 of 566,000)	Digitalisierung Mittelstand		
Hybrid Cloud Mittelstand (1)	Strategie Internet der Dinge		
Mobile Enterprise Mittelstand (1)	Multi Cloud		
Internet der Dinge Mittelstand (2)	Cloud Anbieter Mittelstand		
IoT Mittelstand (2)	Private Cloud Mittelstand		

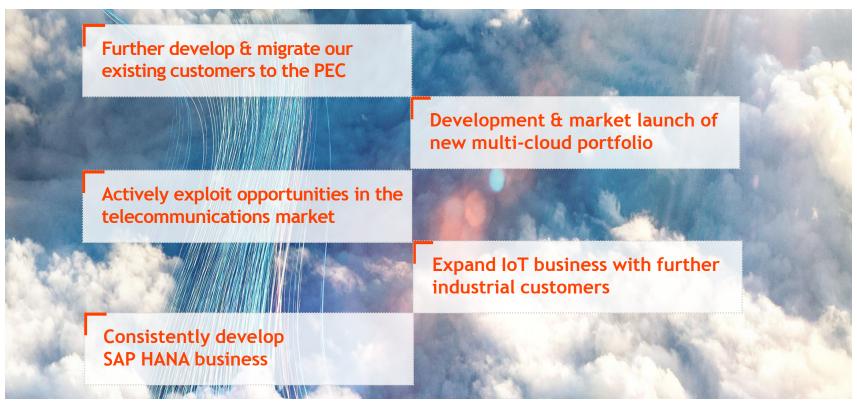
### Digitales-Wirtschaftswunder

- Online for 6 months now
- Very rapid readership growth
- > 200 expert contributions
- 1st class partner eco-system
- Top keyword rankings

# Trusted advisor on path towards digital transformation



# QSC in digital transformation: outlook and targets for 2017





Stefan A. Baustert, CFO

Preliminary figures for 2016 & outlook for 2017

# Financial performance in 2016

QSC reaches its targets in 2016

	Goals 2016	Results 2016	
Revenues	€ 380 - 390 million	€ 386.0 million	<b>√</b>
EBITDA	€ 34 - 38 million	€ 37.1 million	<b>✓</b>
Free Cash Flow	> 0 / > € 7.1 million	€ 8.4 million	<b>/</b>
Cost-cutting programme	€ 20 million	€ 24 million	<b>/</b>
Employees	1,350	€ 1,360	/

# Operating business performs as planned

in € million	2015	2016	Δ	$\Delta$ in%
Revenues	402.4	386.0	-16.4	-4.1%
Cost of revenues	292.3	282.9	-9.4	-3.2%
Gross profit	110.1	103.1	-7.0	-6.4%
Sales and marketing expenses	34.9	33.0	-1.9	-5.4%
General and admin. expenses	32.1	31.8	-0.3	-0.9%
Other operating income	(1.0)	(1.2)	- 0.2	N/A
EBITDA	42.2	37.1	-5.1	-12.1%
Depreciation	53.3	35.0	-18.3	- 34.3%
EBIT before one-off depreciations	(11.1)	2.1	13.2	N/A
One-off depreciations	1-1	15.2	15.2	N/A
EBIT	(11.1)	(13.1)	-2.0	-18.0%
Financial Result	(6.0)	(5.8)	0.2	+3.3%
Income Taxes	3.8	(6.1)	-9.9	N/A
Net Income	(13.2)	(25.1)	-11.9	-90.2%

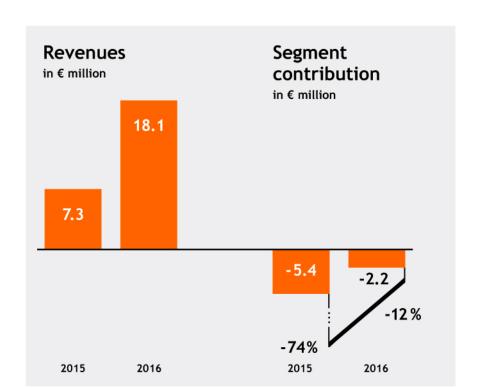
### **Revenues**

High growth in Cloud business;
 as planned, substantial decrease
 in TC reseller business and in
 Outsourcing

### **Earnings**

- Positive impact of cost-cutting programme
- Charge on earnings due to oneoff write-downs in Q4 2016

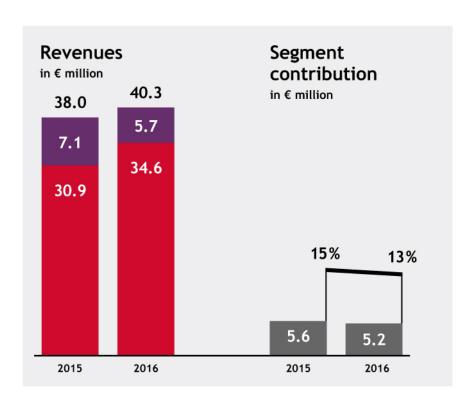
### Cloud: revenues more than double



- Cloud business driven by Pure Enterprise Cloud and IoT
- 2016 revenues rise quarter by quarter from
   € 2.4 million (Q1) to € 6.1 million (Q4)

Segment margin

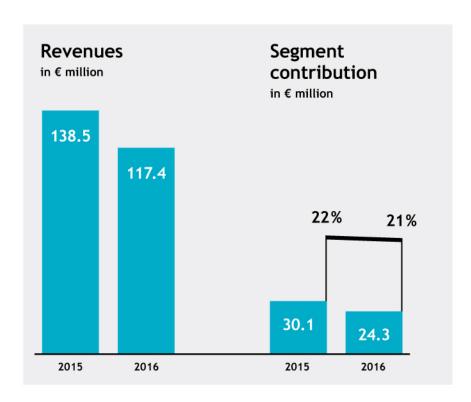
# Consulting: continued growth with SAP consulting



- SAP-related revenues rise by 12% in 2016
- Growing share of cloud projects (SAP HANA)
- High demand necessitates deployment of external experts
- Segment margin in this personnel-intensive business remains in double-digit territory

- l Microsoft
- SAP
- Microsoft & SAP
- Segment margin

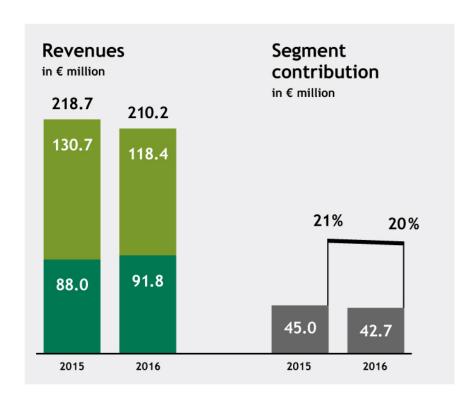
# Outsourcing: migration to Cloud business begins



- Far-reaching change in traditional Outsourcing business:
  - Initial customers migrate to the Pure Enterprise Cloud
  - For new customers, QSC focuses on standardised cloud-based outsourcing
- Stable segment margin thanks to focus on highmargin revenues and substantial cost savings

Segment margin

## **TC:** revenue growth with corporate customers



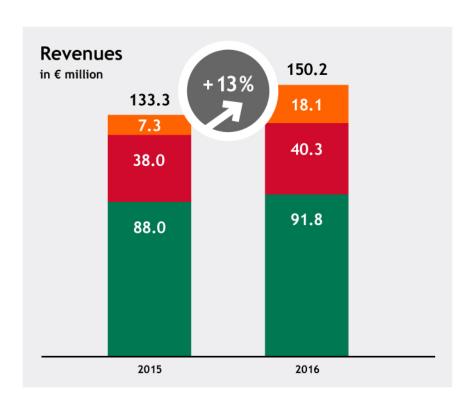
- Among corporate customers, QSC is benefiting from its All-IP expertise and is attracting additional customers
- Ongoing tough price competition among resellers
- Strong corporate customer business generates attractive segment margin

- TC revenues with resellers
- TC revenues with corporate customers
- TC revenues (total)
- Segment margin

# Growth where QSC expects it

	Drivers in 2016	Revenue development in 2016	
Cloud	Pure Enterprise Cloud and IoT	<b>(7)</b>	
Consulting	SAP HANA projects	(2)	
Outsourcing	Starting the migration to the Pure Enterprise Cloud/no new customers in 1:1 outsourcing	9	
TC for corporates	Growing demand for All-IP solutions	$\Rightarrow$	
TC for resellers	Fierce price competition	(S)	

### Marked growth in forward-looking business fields

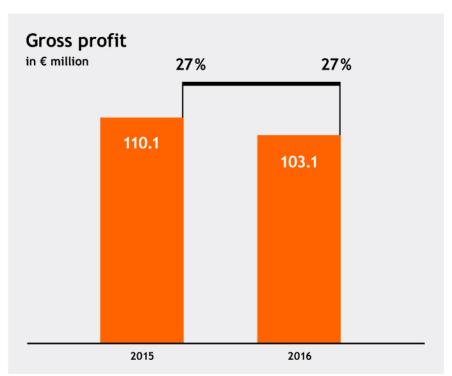


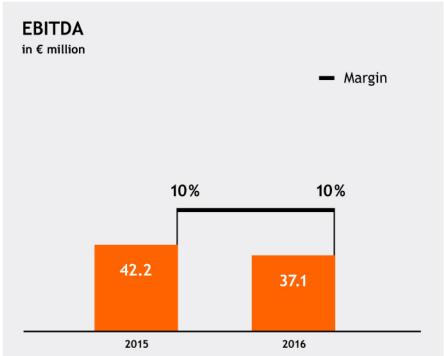
- Double-digit growth in those business fields in which QSC expects growth: organisational restructuring now bearing fruit
- Since 2014, the share of total revenues generated in the three major strategic business fields has risen by 10 percentage points
- Further increase expected in 2017 and beyond

Cloud

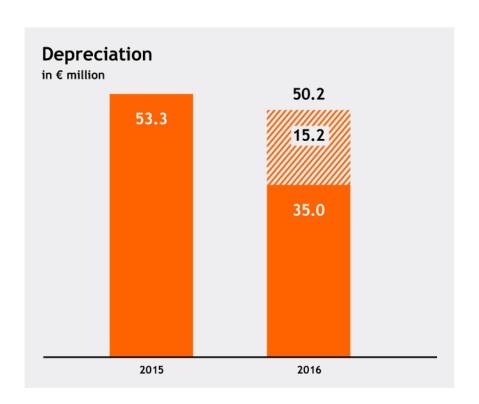
- Consulting
- TC business with corporate customers

# Operating margins unchanged despite lower revenues





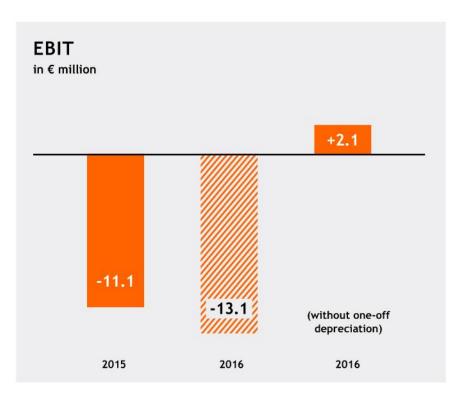
# Substantial reduction in depreciation and amortisation



- Depreciation and amortisation in 2016 at just € 35.0 million (2015: € 53.3 million)
- One-off write-downs in Q4 2016 on:
  - Goodwill and intangible assets in Outsourcing business: € 13.9 million
  - Investment in FTAPI: € 1.3 million

### EBIT affected by one-off write-downs

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- One-off write-downs lead to lower EBIT in 2016
- Based on its operating business, QSC generated EBIT of € 2.1 million in 2016

# Savings of more than € 20 million achieved

QSC launched a cost-cutting programme in February 2015

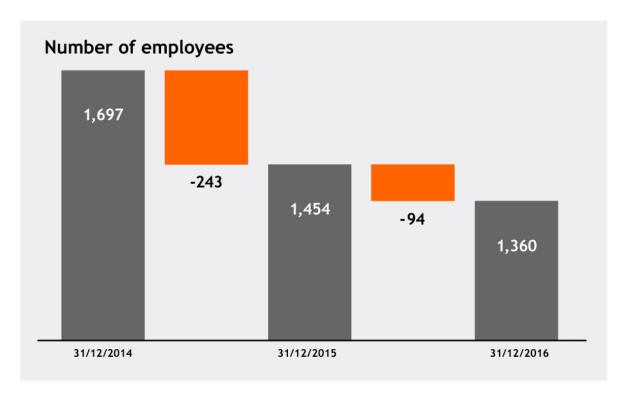
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- Cutting around 350 jobs
- Lowering number of external consultants
- Reducing number of locations
- Optimising procurement
- Standardising/industrialising IT operations
- Target by end of 2016: total savings of around € 20 million

Result by end of 2016: savings of around € 24 million in total

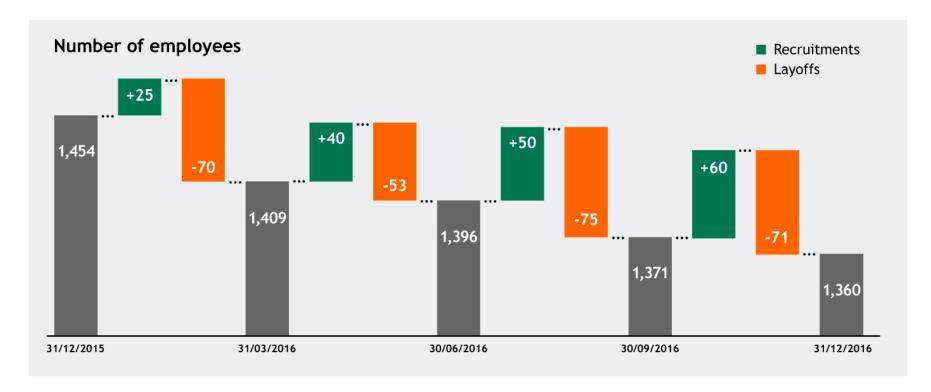
### Workforce reaches target size

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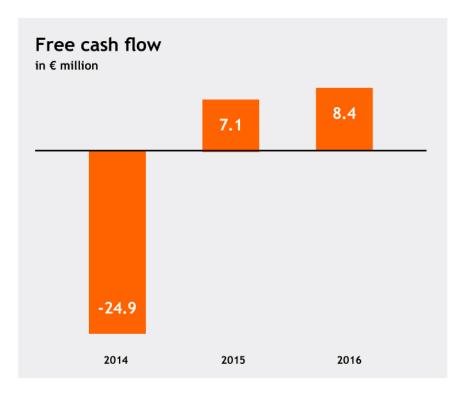


- QSC succeeds in adjusting number of employees to revenues within two years
  - => Rise in revenues per employee since 2015
- QSC manages to downsize workforce despite hiring numerous cloud experts for operations and sales
  - => Organisational restructuring progressing as planned

# QSC presses ahead with organisational restructuring

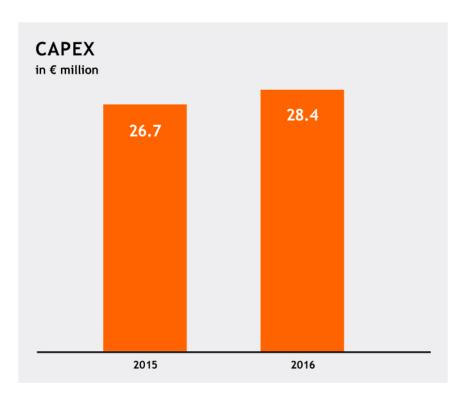


### Free cash flow rises for second consecutive year



- FCF of € 8.4 million exceeds raised forecast of > € 7.1 million
- Positive FCF enables QSC to distribute a dividend for 2016
- As in the previous year, Management Board proposes a dividend of 3 cents per share

### Capital expenditure remains moderate



### Two key focuses

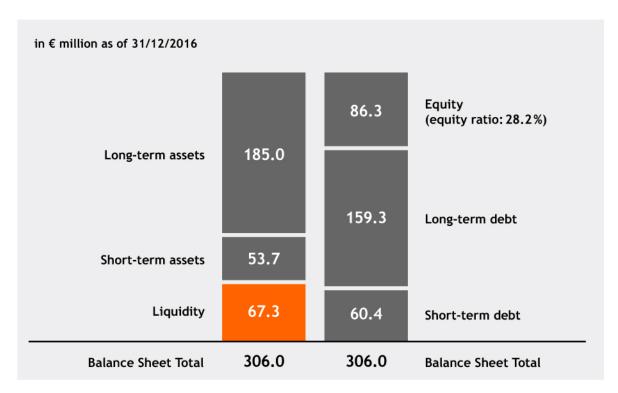
- Infrastructure and technology (56%)
- Customer projects (36%)

Infrastructure expansion at data centres mainly focused on market launch of Pure Enterprise Cloud

Capital expenditure within planned framework of up to € 30 million

### Solid balance sheet structure

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- Equity and long-term debt still offer congruent cover for more than 100% of long-term assets
- Equity accounts for error identified in DPR audit of deferred taxes for 2014 financial year (€ 11.6 million)

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### 2016 at a glance: Cloud meets expectations

- 1. QSC is growing in those fields in which it expects to generate growth
- 2. Cloud and IoT business are the key growth drivers
- 3. Cost-cutting programme generates savings of more than € 20 million
- 4. QSC posts an ongoing rise in its free cash flow

# Financial outlook for 2017

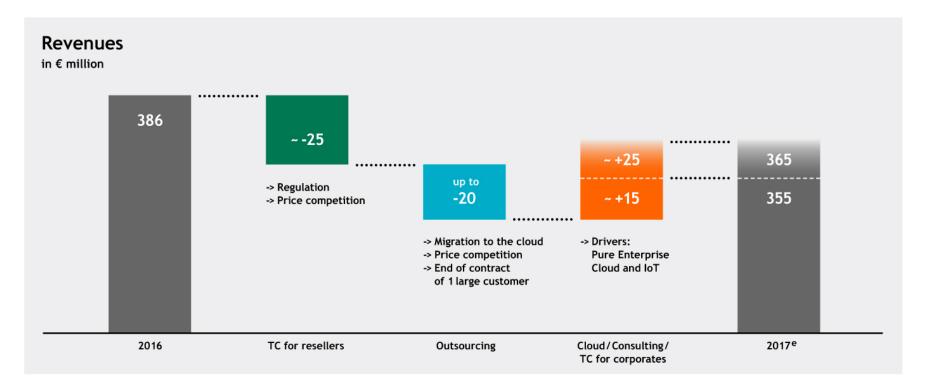
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# 2017 at a glance: Cloud business remains in focus

For the current year, QSC has budgeted:

- Revenues of € 355 365 million
- EBITDA of € 36 40 million
- Free cash flow ahead of the previous year's figure (€ 8.4 million)

## Cloud to achieve substantial revenues growth in 2017 too



# 2017: growth where QSC expects it

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