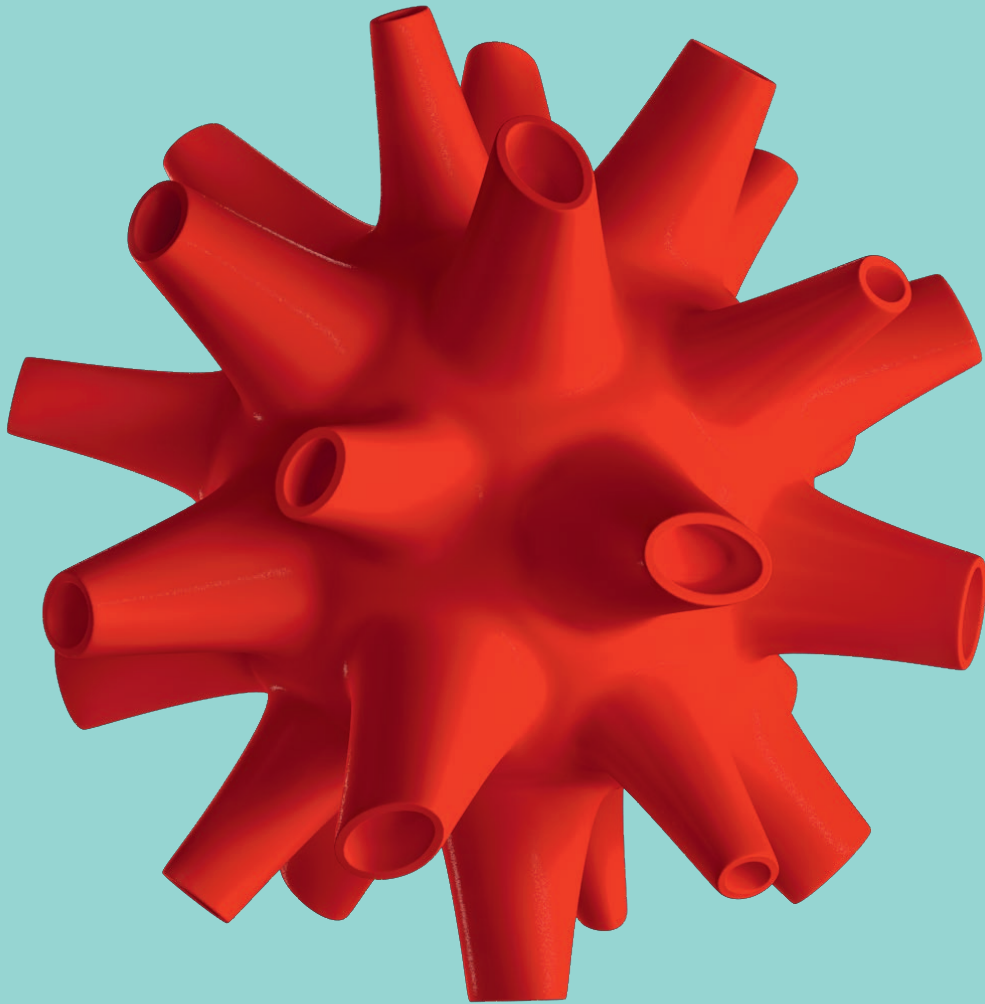


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This document is a quarterly statement pursuant to section 53 of the Exchange Rules for the Frankfurt Stock Exchange.

This quarterly statement contains certain financial indicators such as EBITDA pre, business free cash flow (BFCF), net financial debt and earnings per share pre, which are not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). These financial indicators should not be taken into account in order to assess the performance of Merck in isolation or used as an alternative to the financial indicators presented in the consolidated financial statements and determined in accordance with IFRS.

The figures presented in this quarterly statement have been rounded. This may lead to individual values not adding up to the totals presented.

The Annual Report for 2017 has been optimized for mobile devices and is available on the Web at ar.merckgroup.com/2017/

Merck – In brief

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Key figures¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.–Sept. 2018	Jan.–Sept. 2017	Change
Net sales	3,749	3,517	6.6%	10,949	10,869	0.7%
Operating result (EBIT) ²	491	862	-43.1%	1,386	2,183	-36.5%
Margin (% of net sales) ²	13.1%	24.5%		12.7%	20.1%	
EBITDA ²	919	1,277	-28.1%	2,683	3,419	-21.5%
Margin (% of net sales) ²	24.5%	36.3%		24.5%	31.5%	
EBITDA pre ²	963	1,023	-5.9%	2,850	3,285	-13.2%
Margin (% of net sales) ²	25.7%	29.1%		26.0%	30.2%	
Profit after tax	345	648	-46.7%	938	1,600	-41.4%
Earnings per share (€)	0.78	1.48	-47.3%	2.13	3.66	-41.8%
Earnings per share pre (€) ²	1.32	1.43	-7.7%	3.89	4.67	-16.7%
Business free cash flow ²	711	890	-20.1%	1,943	2,643	-26.5%

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Net sales by quarter¹

€ million



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EBITDA pre¹ by quarter²

€ million



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Developments within the Group and R&D

We are a global science and technology company headquartered in Darmstadt, Germany. Founded in 1668, our history of 350 years makes us the world's oldest pharmaceutical and chemical company. In line with our strategic direction, Merck comprises three business sectors: Healthcare, Life Science, and Performance Materials.

We hold the global rights to the Merck name and brand. The only exceptions are Canada and the United States. In these countries, we operate as EMD Serono in the Biopharma business, as MilliporeSigma in the Life Science business and as EMD Performance Materials in the materials business.

We had 54,756 employees worldwide on September 30, 2018, compared with 52,834 employees on September 30, 2017.

This section of the present quarterly statement summarizes the highlights of the third quarter of 2018 at Merck, including those in research and development. A detailed description of Merck and its business sectors can be found in the Annual Report for 2017 (ar.merckgroup.com/2017/).

Healthcare

BIOPHARMA

Collaborations

- In September, we entered into two clinical trial collaboration and supply agreements together with our alliance partner Pfizer to evaluate the safety and effectiveness of avelumab, a human anti-PD-L1 antibody, in the setting of combination

therapies. In collaboration with Checkmate Pharmaceuticals, CMP-001, an experimental TLR9 agonist, will be studied in combination with avelumab in patients with advanced squamous cell cancer of the head and neck resistant to a prior PD-1/PD-L1 inhibitor. In collaboration with ImmuteP Limited, avelumab will be evaluated in combination with their lead LAG-3 immunotherapy product candidate, efitagimod alpha, in patients with advanced solid malignancies.

- In August, we agreed on a pilot collaboration with GlucoMe to evaluate their digital diabetes platform across several hospitals in Vietnam. The project will assess the advantages of GlucoMe's digital diabetes care system against the current standard of care in Vietnam.

Oncology and Immuno-Oncology

- In September, we and our alliance partner Pfizer announced positive top-line results from the pivotal Phase III JAVELIN Renal 101 study evaluating Bavencio® (avelumab) in combination with Inlyta® (axitinib), compared with Sutent® (sunitinib) as initial therapy for patients with advanced renal cell carcinoma. As part of a planned interim analysis, an independent data monitoring committee confirmed that the trial showed a statistically significant improvement in progression-free survival by central review for patients treated with the combination whose tumors had programmed death ligand-1-positive (PD-L1+) expression greater than 1% (primary objective), as well as in the entire study population regardless of PD-L1 tumor expression (secondary objective). JAVELIN Renal 101 will continue as planned to the final analysis

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Net sales by business sector – Q3 2018

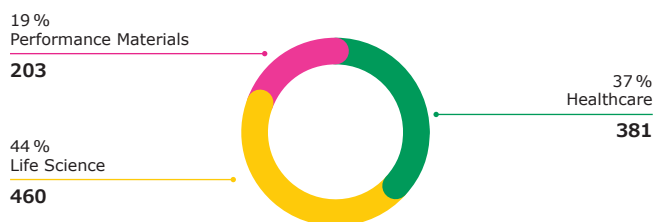
€ million/in % of net sales



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EBITDA pre¹ by business sector² – Q3 2018

€ million/in %



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² Not presented: Decline in Group EBITDA pre by € -82 million due to Corporate and Other.

for the other primary endpoint of overall survival. No new safety signals were observed, and adverse events for Bavencio®, Inlyta®, and Sutent® in this trial were consistent with the known safety profiles for all three medicines. The alliance intends to pursue a regulatory submission in the United States based on these interim results, and these results will be discussed with global health authorities.

Neurology and Immunology

- On July 30, we announced that a resubmission of the New Drug Application (NDA) for cladribine tablets as a potential treatment for patients with relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis was accepted for review by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA). The acceptance indicates that the FDA found the company’s resubmission sufficiently complete to permit a substantive review. The resubmission was in response to the Complete Response Letter issued by the FDA in 2011 requesting an improved understanding of safety risks and the overall benefit-risk profile. The NDA acceptance follows global approvals of cladribine tablets under the trade name Mavenclad® in more than 40 countries since August 2017, including the European Union (EU), Canada, Australia, Israel, Argentina, United Arab Emirates, Chile, and Lebanon. Additional filings in other countries are planned.

General Medicine and Endocrinology

- On July 11, we signed a strategic partnership agreement with Xian Janssen Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (a Johnson & Johnson company), to launch Invokana® (canagliflozin), an innovative treatment for adults with type 2 diabetes, in China. Under the agreement, Merck will hold the exclusive rights for the promotion of Invokana® in China. Invokana® is a member of a novel class of drugs known as sodium-glucose co-transporter 2 (SGLT-2) inhibitors. Xian Janssen gained approval in China for its use in the treatment of type 2 diabetes in combination with metformin or with metformin plus sulfonylurea in adults who

have not achieved adequate glycemic control on these oral therapies. Invokana® reduces the reabsorption of glucose in the kidneys and thereby increases urinary glucose excretion. Its novel mechanism of action is thus independent of insulin secretion and insulin sensitivity.

- On July 26, the German Federal Institute for Drugs and Medical Devices (BfArM) recommended to approve our new formulation of Euthyrox® (levothyroxine) in 21 EU countries. The decision was based on a study demonstrating bioequivalence between the old and new formulations.

Fertility

- In July, at the annual meeting of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE), two new technologies were launched to further expand the lab technology portfolio to better serve the needs of our customers. QBOX IVF streamlines data transfer between lab instruments and providers of electronic medical record systems. Geri® Assess 2.0 enables automatic detection of key events in embryo and blastocyst development.
- During ESHRE we introduced our new online platform www.fertility.com. It is the gateway to two online portals: one for healthcare professionals, offering the latest scientific information in the advancing field of fertility, and one supporting women, men and couples who are looking for information about fertility and/or undergoing fertility treatment.
- At a ceremony at ESHRE we confirmed our commitment to fund potential breakthrough research projects in the field of fertility. With an amount of € 300,000, this year’s Grant for Fertility Innovation again supports the advancement of medical science, aiming to bring innovation to life. Two winners – Louise Glover from Ireland and Cinzia Di Pietro from Italy – were awarded during the ceremony, which also was attended by Louise Brown, the world’s first person to be conceived using in vitro fertilization (IVF), and IVF pioneer Professor Bruno Lunenfeld.

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Business free cash flow¹ by business sector² – Q3 2018

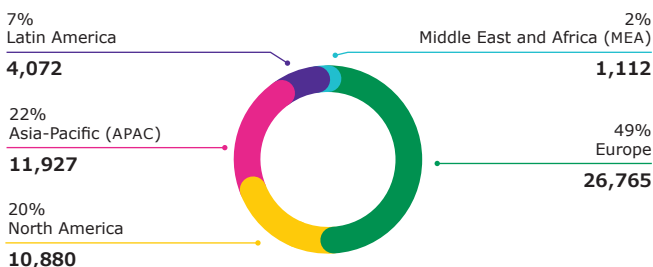
€ million/in %



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Employees by region as of September 30, 2018

Number/in %



¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

² Not presented: Decline in Group business free cash flow by € -107 million due to Corporate and Other.

- In July, the launch sequence of the Pergoveris® Pen continued with Switzerland, bringing the total number of countries in which the device is available to 13. The pen is the first product with a combination of recombinant follicle-stimulating hormone (FSH) and recombinant luteinizing hormone (LH) in a ready-to-use liquid version, eliminating the need for mixing. It thus provides an improved and convenient treatment option for women with severe deficiency of both FSH and LH, a group of patients who are difficult to treat.

CONSUMER HEALTH

- As previously reported, on April 19 we reached an agreement to sell our global Consumer Health business to Procter & Gamble (P&G) for approximately € 3.4 billion in cash before defined purchase price adjustments for transferred operating assets and borrowed capital, among other things. The transaction is expected to close by the end of the fourth quarter of 2018. Regulatory approvals, the satisfaction of certain other customary closing conditions and the carve-out preparations for closing are on track.

Life Science

- In the third quarter of 2018, we continued to focus on meeting customer needs by launching over 5,400 products, across the Research Solutions, Process Solutions, and Applied Solutions business units. The launch highlights include:
 - Steritest™ NEO, a new product that replaces the current Steritest EZ for sterility testing, which is a flagship for our business.
 - Phospho-L-tyrosine disodium salt Emprove® Expert, a single feed, modified amino acid for process intensification. It eliminates the need for alkaline feeds.
 - Meglumine Emprove® Essential Grade, an excipient for solid dose and non-parenteral liquid applications. Our Meglumine is the only one on the market produced in Europe.
- In July, we entered into a global cooperation agreement with InnoCore Pharmaceuticals to provide its proprietary SynBiosys® biodegradable polymer platform. This proprietary technology allows the development of injectable sustained release biological formulations with conserved bioactivity of these sensitive molecules.
- In August, we were awarded an Australian CRISPR nickase patent for foundational genome-editing technology. The patent covers paired Cas9 nickase technology to reduce off-target effects, advance gene therapy and research. It expands our foundational CRISPR cutting and integration IP necessary to correct genetic defects in gene therapy patients to fix diseased genes while not affecting healthy ones.
- In September, we launched three new products to help biomanufacturers navigate the evolving biopharma landscape with increased speed, greater flexibility and enhanced quality. The Eshmuno® CP-FT resin, a first-of-its kind cation exchange (CEX) chromatography resin for the flow-through removal of aggregates from mAb therapeutics. Two modified amino acids, namely phospho-L-tyrosine disodium salt Emprove® Expert and L-cysteine S-sulfate sodium sesquihydrate Emprove® Expert, simplify feeding and reduce total volume in cell culture.
- On September 18, we announced the opening of a SG\$ 20 million 3,800 square-meter laboratory in Singapore, the only lab of its kind in this country and the only one of its kind outside the United States and the United Kingdom. The lab will focus on biologics testing in the drug development process to ensure sterility, safety and overall quality of customers' biological drug products.
- On October 4, we opened a new, 1,000-square meter M Lab™ Collaboration Center in São Paulo, Brazil to serve the Latin America region. The lab, which is one of nine such centers around the world, includes non-GMP pilot and bench scale labs for customers. This allows them to engage in process development support, troubleshooting, demonstrations and hands-on training to explore new ways to increase productivity, improve processes and mitigate risks.
- In the same month, we received two 2018 Convention on Pharmaceutical Ingredients (CPhI) Awards. In the "Excellence in Excipients" category we won for Parteck® MXP Excipient and in the "Excellence in Bioprocessing and Manufacturing" category we won for our modified amino acids.
- On October 18, we announced the signing of a definitive agreement to sell our Flow Cytometry unit to Luminex Corporation for € 63 million.

Performance Materials

- On July 3, Performance Materials gave a strategy update to explain how the business sector plans to achieve an average annual sales growth rate of around 2% to 3% after 2019 with an expected sustainable EBITDA pre margin of around 30%. The future growth of our Performance Materials businesses is expected to benefit from a growing electronics market, especially in semiconductors.
- One pillar of the transformation program is the realignment of research and development (R&D), which we presented at our Capital Markets Day on October 16. To this end, the business sector will target its resources more strongly to end-customer needs. Moreover, decisions relating to the assessment of projects and allocation of resources will be made centrally and the business sector will push forward with integrated and cross-disciplinary R&D.

Display Solutions

- Our Display Solutions business unit consists of our Liquid Crystals, OLED (organic light-emitting diodes), Photoresists and Liquid Crystal Windows businesses.
- In liquid crystals, we are securing our technical and market leadership with our newest materials. Our newly branded XtraBright™ range has secured projects for large-area displays as well as high-resolution mobile devices.
- For liquid crystal window modules, first commercial architectural lighthouse projects have been acquired and are underway. In October, we launched our new product brand eyrise™. The launch follows the opening of our liquid crystal window module factory in Veldhoven, the Netherlands, at the end of last year.
- Our display photoresist business continues to strengthen based on proven technical success especially in the highest performance product lines. This is well supported by a strong position in new display production lines in the growing Chinese market.
- Ongoing and significant efficiency and lifetime performance improvements in our OLED materials range have been confirmed by successful qualification in a number of upcoming devices.

Semiconductor Solutions

- In Semiconductor Solutions, we are in the process of discovering new materials for metallization processes with low resistance and various dielectric properties for faster and better processors, servers and data storage density.
- Our spin-on dielectric materials business is growing steadily, and we have gained significant market share. We are also seeing an increase in demand for krypton fluoride (KrF) thick-film resist, a key material used for building 3D NAND staircase structures. Our technological capabilities coupled with a strengthened supply chain have contributed to this growth.
- We have invested in development of advanced removers used in the photolithographic process to provide customers with a green alternative in compliance with upcoming environmental regulations.
- For customers operating in compound semiconductor markets such as sensors, radio frequency filters, power integrated circuits, we are in the process of refocusing our product portfolio to meet their requirements.
- Our conductive paste materials offer novel value propositions to our customers as compared with existing interconnect materials, which are reaching end-of-life status. We are reassessing target applications to realize commercial success with current activities and focusing on expanding our reach to adjacent target fields in growing markets.
- To better support our customers, we have expanded our research capacities in the United States, Germany and Taiwan, and are planning further research and production capacity expansions in Korea, Japan and China.

Surface Solutions

- Our Surface Solutions business unit focuses on serving the automotive and cosmetics markets with functional and decorative solutions.
- In our business with Pigments for the automotive industry, we are currently focusing on the development of achromatic pigments. The latest example is our Iriodin® Icy White Pristine for silky, three-coat white stylings. Furthermore, we have expanded our regional application labs to better support the marketing of our innovative clear-coat additives, for example those manufactured on a polysilazane basis.
- As part of the Smart Effects initiative, we are focusing the development of Cosmetic pigments on matte effects (Allure series) and luster effects (Lights series). In addition, active ingredients of natural origin are a focal topic for new cosmetic solutions.

Course of Business and Economic Position

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Overview – Q3 2018

- Group net sales increase by 6.6% to € 3.7 billion despite negative foreign exchange effects (-2.1%)
- Group sales increase organically by 8.8% due to strong sales performance in Life Science and Healthcare
- Group EBITDA pre of € 963 million down -5.9%; thereof -9.5% due to negative foreign exchange effects; organic increase of 3.7%
- At 25.7%, the Group EBITDA pre margin did not reach profitability of the year-earlier quarter (Q3 2017: 29.1%)
- Net financial debt amounts to € 10.2 billion on September 30, 2018 (December 31, 2017: € 10.1 billion)

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Key figures¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Net sales	3,749	3,517	6.6%	10,949	10,869	0.7%
Operating result (EBIT) ²	491	862	-43.1%	1,386	2,183	-36.5%
Margin (% of net sales) ²	13.1%	24.5%		12.7%	20.1%	
EBITDA ²	919	1,277	-28.1%	2,683	3,419	-21.5%
Margin (% of net sales) ²	24.5%	36.3%		24.5%	31.5%	
EBITDA pre ²	963	1,023	-5.9%	2,850	3,285	-13.2%
Margin (% of net sales) ²	25.7%	29.1%		26.0%	30.2%	
Profit after tax	345	648	-46.7%	938	1,600	-41.4%
Earnings per share (€)	0.78	1.48	-47.3%	2.13	3.66	-41.8%
Earnings per share pre (€) ²	1.32	1.43	-7.7%	3.89	4.67	-16.7%
Business free cash flow ²	711	890	-20.1%	1,943	2,643	-26.5%

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DEVELOPMENT OF NET SALES AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The presentation of net sales comprises the continuing operations of the Merck Group. Net sales of the Consumer Health business are no longer reported in Group sales, as this business is to be classified as a discontinued operation pursuant to IFRS 5. The previous year's figures have been adjusted accordingly (further information on the agreed divestment of the Consumer Health business can be found under "Supplemental Financial Information").

In the third quarter of 2018, net sales of the Merck Group rose by 6.6% to € 3,749 million (Q3 2017: € 3,517 million). All business sectors contributed to the very strong organic sales growth of 8.8% or € 308 million, with Healthcare and Life Science posting nearly double-digit growth rates of 9.9% and 9.8%, respectively. Negative foreign exchange effects of -2.1% or € -76 million were due largely to foreign exchange developments in the Latin America region, for instance with respect to the Argentinian peso and the Brazilian real.

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Net sales by business sector

€ million	Q3 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/ divestments	Total change	Q3 2017 ²	Share
Healthcare	1,596	42%	9.9%	-3.3%	-	6.6%	1,498	43%
Life Science	1,527	41%	9.8%	-1.4%	-	8.5%	1,408	40%
Performance Materials	626	17%	3.4%	-0.9%	-	2.4%	611	17%
Merck Group	3,749	100%	8.8%	-2.1%	-	6.6%	3,517	100%

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² Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" in the "Supplemental Financial Information".

Accounting for a 42% share of Group sales (Q3 2017: 43%), Healthcare was once again the Group's largest business sector in terms of sales. In the third quarter of 2018, Healthcare sales grew by 6.6% to € 1,596 million (Q3 2017: € 1,498 million). However, the very strong organic increase of 9.9% was partly offset by negative foreign exchange effects of -3.3%.

Thanks to organic sales growth of 9.8% and amid negative foreign exchange effects (-1.4%), the Life Science business sector achieved a very strong 8.5% increase in sales to € 1,527 million (Q3 2017: € 1,408 million). The share of Group sales

generated by Life Science in the third quarter of 2018 thus increased to 41% (Q3 2017: 40%).

Net sales of the Performance Materials business sector amounted to € 626 million (Q3 2017: € 611 million). This represented an increase of 2.4%, which was attributable to organic growth of 3.4% and negative exchange rate effects of -0.9%. The business sector's percentage contribution to Group sales was unchanged at 17%.

In the third quarter of 2018, the regional sales development of the Merck Group was as follows:

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Net sales by region

€ million	Q3 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/ divestments	Total change	Q3 2017 ²	Share
Europe	1,111	30%	7.6%	-1.5%	-	6.0%	1,048	30%
North America	970	26%	4.7%	0.1%	-	4.8%	926	26%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	1,291	34%	11.1%	-1.5%	-	9.6%	1,178	34%
Latin America	236	6%	12.4%	-16.1%	-	-3.7%	245	7%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	142	4%	19.7%	-2.1%	-	17.6%	120	3%
Merck Group	3,749	100%	8.8%	-2.1%	-	6.6%	3,517	100%

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At € 10,949 million, Group sales in the first nine months of 2018 were at the year-earlier level (January-September 2017: € 10,869 million), since the strong organic increase of 5.7% was

largely eliminated by negative foreign exchange effects of -5.0%. Sales of the business sectors in the period from January to September 2018 developed as follows:

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Net sales by business sector

€ million	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/ divestments	Total change	Jan.-Sept. 2017 ²	Share
Healthcare	4,615	42%	5.1%	-5.2%	-	-	4,616	43%
Life Science	4,557	42%	8.8%	-4.8%	-	3.9%	4,385	40%
Performance Materials	1,776	16%	-0.2%	-4.7%	-	-4.9%	1,867	17%
Merck Group	10,949	100%	5.7%	-5.0%	-	0.7%	10,869	100%

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In the first nine months of 2018, Group sales by region were as follows:

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Net sales by region

€ million	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/ divestments	Total change	Jan.-Sept. 2017 ²	Share
Europe	3,379	31%	5.3%	-1.6%	-	3.7%	3,257	30%
North America	2,822	26%	4.8%	-6.8%	-	-2.0%	2,880	26%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	3,658	33%	6.6%	-4.6%	-	2.0%	3,587	33%
Latin America	708	6%	9.3%	-14.9%	-	-5.6%	750	7%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	382	4%	0.4%	-4.0%	-	-3.6%	396	4%
Merck Group	10,949	100%	5.7%	-5.0%	-	0.7%	10,869	100%

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The consolidated income statement of the Merck Group was as follows:

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Consolidated Income Statement¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Net sales	3,749	3,517	6.6%	10,949	10,869	0.7%
Cost of sales	-1,344	-1,237	8.7%	-3,925	-3,753	4.6%
Gross profit	2,405	2,280	5.5%	7,023	7,116	-1.3%
Marketing and selling expenses	-1,077	-1,051	2.6%	-3,205	-3,252	-1.5%
Administration expenses	-240	-210	13.8%	-697	-693	0.6%
Research and development costs	-542	-537	1.0%	-1,588	-1,538	3.3%
Remaining operating expenses and income	-55	380	> 100.0%	-148	550	> 100.0%
Operating result (EBIT)²	491	862	-43.1%	1,386	2,183	-36.5%
Financial result	-56	-65	-14.5%	-182	-200	-9.1%
Profit before income tax	435	797	-45.4%	1,204	1,983	-39.3%
Income tax	-112	-177	-36.9%	-303	-457	-33.6%
Profit after tax from continuing operations	323	620	-47.8%	901	1,526	-41.0%
Profit after tax from discontinued operations	22	28	-21.6%	37	74	-49.6%
Profit after tax	345	648	-46.7%	938	1,600	-41.4%
Non-controlling interests	-5	-4	29.8%	-10	-7	34.6%
Net income	340	644	-47.2%	928	1,592	-41.7%

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Thanks to the favorable development of sales, gross profit of the Merck Group rose by 5.5% to € 2,405 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € 2,280 million). The resulting gross margin of the Group, i.e. gross profit as a percentage of sales, decreased slightly to 64.2% (Q3 2017: 64.8%).

Group research and development costs rose by 1.0% to € 542 million (Q3 2017: € 537 million), which led to a lower research spending ratio (research and development costs as a percentage of sales) of 14.5% (Q3 2017: 15.3%). Accounting for a 77% (Q3 2017: 78%) share of research and develop-

ment expenses of all business sectors, Healthcare is the most research-intensive business sector of Merck.

Remaining operating expenses and income (net) showed an expense balance of € -55 million in the third quarter of 2018; in the year-earlier quarter this item showed an income balance of € 380 million. This strong change was mainly due to developments in the Healthcare business sector (see explanations under "Healthcare"). In particular, the comparable year-earlier figure included the gain from the disposal of the Biosimilars activities amounting to € 321 million.

The increase in provisions for obligations from long-term variable compensation programs (Merck Long-Term Incentive Plan) negatively impacted the operating result in the third quarter of 2018. The increase in the intrinsic value of Merck Share Units (MSUs) was recognized under the respective functional costs in the income statement depending on the field of activity of the eligible participants.

The financial result of the Merck Group improved by 14.5% to € -56 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € -65 million). This was mainly due to a reduction in the negative interest result.

Income tax expenses of € 112 million (Q3 2017: € 177 million) led to an effective tax rate of 25.7% (Q3 2017: 22.2%).

Profit after tax of discontinued operations comprises the Consumer Health business, which pursuant to IFRS 5 must be reported separately in the consolidated income statement (more information about the agreed divestment of the Consumer Health business can be found under "Supplemental Financial Information").

Net income, i.e. profit after tax attributable to Merck KGaA shareholders, declined to € 340 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € 644 million), yielding earnings per share of € 0.78 (Q3 2017: € 1.48).

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Reconciliation¹ of EBIT² to EBITDA pre²

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Operating result (EBIT)²	491	862	-43.1%	1,386	2,183	-36.5%
Depreciation/amortization/impairment losses						
reversals of impairment losses	428	415	3.1%	1,297	1,236	5.0%
(of which: adjustments)	(5)	(-17)	(-)	(22)	(-74)	(-)
EBITDA²	919	1,277	-28.1%	2,683	3,419	-21.5%
Restructuring costs	9	16	-41.9%	25	28	-9.7%
Integration costs/IT costs	23	36	-37.9%	65	94	-30.7%
Gains/losses on the divestment of businesses	4	-313	-	43	-321	-
Acquisition-related adjustments	1	1	-2.4%	2	12	-85.1%
Other adjustments	8	5	48.9%	33	53	-38.7%
EBITDA pre²	963	1,023	-5.9%	2,850	3,285	-13.2%

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

² Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

After eliminating depreciation, amortization and adjustments, EBITDA pre, the key financial indicator used to steer operating business, decreased by -5.9% to € 963 million (Q3 2017: € 1,023 million). Unfavorable foreign exchange effects lowered EBITDA pre by -9.5%. Relative to net sales, the EBITDA pre margin was 25.7% in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: 29.1%). Earnings per share pre (earnings per share after net of tax effect of adjustments and amortization of purchased intangible assets) fell by -7.7% to € 1.32 (Q3 2017: € 1.43).

In the first nine months of 2018, EBITDA pre decreased by -13.2% and amounted to € 2,850 million (January-September 2017: € 3,285 million). Negative foreign exchange effects lowered EBITDA pre by -10.1%. The EBITDA pre margin of the Merck Group amounted to 26.0% (January-September 2017: 30.2%). Earnings per share pre fell by -16.7% to € 3.89 (January-September 2017: € 4.67).

NET ASSETS AND FINANCIAL POSITION

MERCK GROUP

Balance sheet structure

	Sept. 30, 2018		Dec. 31, 2017		Change	
	€ million	in %	€ million	in %	€ million	in %
Non-current assets	27,385	76.6%	28,166	79.1	-780	-2.8%
of which:						
Goodwill	13,597		13,582		15	
Intangible assets	7,586		8,317		-731	
Property, plant and equipment	4,549		4,512		37	
Other non-current assets	1,653		1,755		-102	
Current assets	8,355	23.4%	7,455	20.9	900	12.1%
of which:						
Inventories	2,814		2,632		183	
Trade accounts receivable	3,000		2,923		77	
Current financial assets	61		90		-30	
Other current assets	1,019		1,221		-202	
Cash and cash equivalents	833		589		244	
Assets held for sale	628		-		628	
Total assets	35,740	100.0%	35,621	100.0	120	0.3%
Equity	15,347	42.9%	14,066	39.5	1,281	9.1%
Non-current liabilities	11,427	32.0%	12,919	36.3	-1,493	-11.6%
of which:						
Provisions for pensions and other post-employment benefits	2,089		2,257		-168	
Other non-current provisions	801		788		13	
Non-current financial liabilities	7,095		8,033		-937	
Other non-current liabilities	1,442		1,842		-400	
Current liabilities	8,966	25.1%	8,635	24.2	332	3.8%
of which:						
Current provisions	389		414		-26	
Current financial liabilities	3,966		2,790		1,176	
Trade accounts payable/Refund liabilities	2,057		2,195		-139	
Other current liabilities	2,395		3,234		-839	
Liabilities directly related to assets held for sale	160		-		160	
Total liabilities and equity	35,740	100.0%	35,621	100.0	120	0.3%

The total assets of the Merck Group amounted to € 35,740 million as of September 30, 2018. This represents a minor increase compared with December 31, 2017 (€ 35,621 million). Since the beginning of 2018, working capital has risen by 11.7% to € 3,784 million (December 31, 2017: € 3,387 million)

owing to an increase in inventories and receivables amid a simultaneous decline in trade accounts payable.

The composition and the development of net financial debt were as follows:

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Net financial debt¹

	Sept. 30, 2018	Dec. 31, 2017	Change	
	€ million	€ million	€ million	in %
Bonds and commercial paper	8,116	8,213	-98	-1.2%
Bank loans	1,783	1,653	129	7.8%
Liabilities to related parties	1,006	767	239	31.1%
Loans from third parties and other financial liabilities	68	73	-4	-6.0%
Liabilities from derivatives (financial transactions)	84	113	-28	-25.3%
Finance lease liabilities	4	4	1	18.4%
Financial liabilities	11,062	10,823	239	2.2%
less:				
Cash and cash equivalents	833	589	244	41.5%
Current financial assets	61	90	-30	-32.9%
Net financial debt¹	10,168	10,144	24	0.2%

¹Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

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Reconciliation of net financial debt¹

€ million	2018
January 1	10,144
Currency translation difference	77
Dividend payments to shareholders and to E. Merck ²	759
Acquisitions ²	-
Payments from other divestments ²	-
Free cash flow ¹	-827
Other	14
September 30	10,168

¹Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

²As reported in the Consolidated Cash Flow Statement.

Equity increased in the first nine months of 2018 by 9.1% to € 15,347 million (December 31, 2017: € 14,066 million), leading to an increase in the equity ratio by more than 3 percentage points to 42.9% (December 31, 2017: 39.5%). More information on the development of equity can be found in the Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Equity under "Supplemental Financial Information".

The composition of free cash flow as well as the development of the relevant items are presented in the following table:

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Free cash flow¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Cash flow from operating activities as reported in the consolidated cash flow statement	731	758	-3.5%	1,479	2,055	-28.0%
Payments for investments in intangible assets	-15	-38	-61.6%	-70	-328	-78.7%
Payments from the disposal of intangible assets	-	2	-	7	5	29.3%
Payments for investments in property, plant and equipment	-215	-197	9.5%	-611	-569	7.4%
Payments from the disposal of property, plant and equipment	9	2	>100.0%	21	19	10.7%
Free cash flow¹	510	527	-3.3%	827	1,183	-30.1%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the third quarter of 2018, business free cash flow of the Merck Group amounted to € 711 million (Q3 2017: € 890 mil-

lion). The decline by € -179 million was mainly due to lower EBITDA pre and to an increase in inventories.

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Business free cash flow^{1,2}

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
EBITDA pre ²	963	1,023	-5.9%	2,850	3,285	-13.2%
Investments in property, plant and equipment, software as well as advance payments for intangible assets	-223	-219	2.2%	-530	-535	-1.1%
Changes in inventories as reported in the consolidated balance sheet	-50	10	-	-235	-76	> 100.0%
Changes in trade accounts receivable and receivables from royalties and licenses as reported in the consolidated balance sheet	21	75	-72.2%	-142	-30	> 100.0%
Business free cash flow²	711	890	-20.1%	1,943	2,643	-26.5%

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

² Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In comparison with the year-earlier period, business free cash flow declined by € -700 million to € 1,943 million in the first nine months of 2018 (January- September 2017: € 2,643 million). This decline primarily resulted from lower EBITDA pre as well as an increase in inventories and receivables.

Healthcare

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Key figures¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Net sales	1,596	1,498	6.6%	4,615	4,616	-
Operating result (EBIT) ²	191	539	-64.6%	541	1,267	-57.3%
Margin (% of net sales) ²	12.0%	36.0%		11.7%	27.4%	
EBITDA ²	372	707	-47.4%	1,089	1,728	-37.0%
Margin (% of net sales) ²	23.3%	47.2%		23.6%	37.4%	
EBITDA pre ²	381	397	-3.9%	1,141	1,433	-20.4%
Margin (% of net sales) ²	23.9%	26.5%		24.7%	31.0%	
Business free cash flow ²	254	343	-25.9%	784	1,119	-29.9%

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

² Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

DEVELOPMENT OF NET SALES AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In the third quarter of 2018, the Healthcare business sector generated net sales of € 1,596 million (Q3 2017: € 1,498 million). This reflected organic growth of 9.9% and negative foreign exchange effects of -3.3%. The foreign exchange effect

was mainly due to the decline in the value of the Turkish lira, the Russian ruble and individual Latin American currencies.

Sales of the key product lines and products developed in the third quarter of 2018 as follows:

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Net sales by major product lines/products

€ million	Q3 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Total change	Q3 2017 ²	Share
Oncology	245	15%	10.2%	-4.5%	5.7%	232	15%
<i>thereof: Erbitux®</i>	212	13%	7.0%	-5.0%	2.1%	207	14%
<i>thereof: Bavencio®</i>	19	1%	> 100.0%	-2.0%	> 100.0%	7	0%
Neurology & Immunology	387	24%	0.4%	-1.6%	-1.2%	392	26%
<i>thereof: Rebif®</i>	363	23%	-5.2%	-1.5%	-6.7%	389	26%
<i>thereof: Mavenclad®</i>	25	1%	> 100.0%	-8.5%	> 100.0%	3	0%
Fertility	298	19%	17.9%	-4.5%	13.4%	263	18%
<i>thereof: Gonal-f®</i>	182	11%	12.2%	-4.2%	8.0%	169	11%
General Medicine & Endocrinology	587	37%	10.0%	-3.9%	6.1%	554	37%
<i>thereof: Glucophage®</i>	188	12%	25.6%	-4.3%	21.2%	155	10%
<i>thereof: Concor®</i>	116	7%	13.0%	-3.8%	9.2%	106	7%
<i>thereof: Euthyrox®</i>	91	6%	1.3%	-3.8%	-2.5%	93	6%
<i>thereof: Saizen®</i>	55	3%	-4.7%	-5.9%	-10.6%	62	4%
Other	79	5%				58	4%
Healthcare	1,596	100%	9.9%	-3.3%	6.6%	1,498	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

² Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

Sales of the drug Rebif[®], which is used to treat relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis, declined organically by –5.2% in the third quarter of 2018. Including a negative exchange rate effect of –1.5%, sales amounted to € 363 million (Q3 2017: € 389 million). In North America, the largest sales market for Rebif[®], sales decreased organically by –1.8% to € 241 million (Q3 2017: € 245 million). The development was due to the competitive situation in the interferons market, which remains difficult and could not be offset by a price increase made in February 2018. Competitive pressure in Europe was responsible for the organic sales decline of –15.5%. In addition, the impact of foreign exchange was –1.8%. Consequently, Rebif sales totaled € 91 million in Europe (Q3 2017: € 111 million). In the remaining regions, sales amounted to € 31 million (Q3 2017: € 33 million). This decrease was largely attributable to adverse foreign exchange effects.

Sales of the oncology drug Erbitux[®] totaled € 212 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € 207 million). This

increase resulted from organic growth of 7.0%, to which all regions contributed, offset by negative exchange rate effects of –5.0%. Organic growth in Europe amounted to 6.3% and was largely attributable to the development in Russia and Turkey. In the other European countries, organic sales performance was impacted by the continued difficult competitive environment and price reductions in individual cases. Taking into account currency headwinds of –2.3%, sales amounted to € 111 million (Q3 2017: € 107 million). In the Asia-Pacific region, organic growth of 1.2% was canceled out by negative exchange rate effects (–1.3%). Consequently, net sales were at the year-earlier level (€ 68 million). The Latin America region recorded organic growth of 11.9%. However, owing to negative foreign exchange effects of –31.0%, sales decreased to € 17 million (Q3 2017: € 21 million). In the Middle East and Africa region, sales rose organically (+40.3%). Including slightly negative foreign exchange effects, they totaled € 15 million (Q3 2017: € 11 million).

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Product sales and organic growth¹ of Rebif[®] and Erbitux[®] by region – Q3 2018

	Total	Europe	North America	Asia-Pacific (APAC)	Latin America	Middle East and Africa (MEA)
€ million	363	91	241	3	11	17
Rebif [®] Organic growth ¹ in %	–5.2%	–15.5%	–1.8%	–12.1%	0.6%	11.2%
% of sales	100%	25%	66%	1%	3%	5%
€ million	212	111	–	68	17	15
Erbitux [®] Organic growth ¹ in %	7.0%	6.3%	–	1.2%	11.9%	40.3%
% of sales	100%	53%	–	32%	8%	7%

¹Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

With the product Mavenclad[®], a medicine for the oral short-course treatment of highly active relapsing multiple sclerosis, sales of € 25 million were generated in the third quarter of 2018 following approval in Europe in August 2017 (Q3 2017: € 3 million). Sales of Bavencio[®], an immuno-oncology medicine, increased to € 19 million (Q3 2017: € 7 million) after receiving approvals in further indications and regions in 2017.

Gonal-f[®], the leading recombinant hormone used in the treatment of infertility, generated sales of € 182 million (Q3 2017: € 169 million). Organic growth of 12.2%, to which all regions contributed, was partly offset by negative exchange rate effects (–4.2%). Good organic sales increases were achieved in particular in North America and Asia-Pacific.

The General Medicine & Endocrinology franchise (including CardioMetabolic Care), which commercializes products to treat cardiovascular diseases, thyroid disorders, diabetes and growth disorders, among other things, delivered an organic

sales increase of 10.0% amid a negative exchange rate effect of –3.9%, yielding net sales of € 587 million (Q3 2017: € 554 million). The diabetes treatment Glucophage[®], the top-selling product in this franchise, fueled this development with organic sales growth of 25.6%, which was mainly achieved in the Asia-Pacific region. Taking into account currency headwinds of –4.3%, sales of Glucophage[®] amounted to € 188 million (Q3 2017: € 155 million). The beta-blocker Concor[®] also delivered double-digit organic growth of 13.0% and generated sales of € 116 million (Q3 2017: € 106 million). With the exception of Europe, where sales were at the year-earlier level, all the remaining regions reported double-digit organic growth. At € 91 million, sales of Euthyrox[®], a drug to treat thyroid disorders, were slightly below the year-earlier quarter (Q3 2017: € 93 million). Saizen[®], the top-selling product in the Endocrinology franchise, generated sales of € 55 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € 62 million).

Net sales of the business sector by region developed in the third quarter of 2018 as follows:

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Net sales by region

€ million	Q3 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/divestments	Total change	Q3 2017 ²	Share
Europe	543	34%	8.2%	-2.8%	-	5.3%	515	35%
North America	372	23%	2.5%	-	-	2.4%	363	24%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	401	25%	14.1%	-2.1%	-	12.0%	358	24%
Latin America	161	10%	12.5%	-15.6%	-	-3.1%	166	11%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	119	8%	27.6%	-2.2%	-	25.4%	95	6%
Healthcare	1,596	100%	9.9%	-3.3%	-	6.6%	1,498	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

² Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

In the first nine months of 2018, the business sector recorded net sales of € 4,615 million (January-September 2017: € 4,616 million). Organic growth of 5.1% was offset by negative foreign exchange effects (-5.2%). Organic sales performance was driven mainly by products from the Fertility franchise, which generated sales of € 864 million (January-September 2017: € 821 million). Sales of Gonal-f[®] grew organically by 5.5%, due in particular to performance in North America, Asia-Pacific and Latin America. Other Fertility products delivered double-digit organic growth rates across all regions, especially in Europe and Asia-Pacific. Initial sales of Mavenclad[®] following approval in August 2017 partly offset the decline in Rebif[®] sales. The

increase in Bavencio[®] sales, particularly in North America and Europe owing to approvals in further indications and regions, continued to contribute positively to organic sales performance. Glucophage[®] from the General Medicine & Endocrinology franchise generated sales of € 517 million (January-September 2017: € 485 million). Organic growth of 11.5% resulted mainly from performance in Asia-Pacific and Latin America.

The impact of foreign exchange effects on the business sector's net sales in the first nine months (-5.2%) was mainly due to the development of the U.S. dollar, the Turkish lira and the Chinese renminbi as well as individual Latin American currencies.

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Net sales by major product lines/products

€ million	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Total change	Jan.-Sept. 2017 ²	Share
Oncology	707	15%	5.3%	-4.9%	0.4%	704	15%
<i>thereof: Erbitux[®]</i>	615	13%	1.4%	-5.1%	-3.7%	638	14%
<i>thereof: Bavencio[®]</i>	48	1%	> 100.0%	-23.4%	> 100.0%	11	0%
Neurology & Immunology	1,152	25%	-0.9%	-5.7%	-6.5%	1,233	27%
<i>thereof: Rebif[®]</i>	1,094	24%	-5.4%	-5.6%	-11.0%	1,229	27%
<i>thereof: Mavenclad[®]</i>	58	1%	> 100.0%	-21.3%	> 100.0%	3	0%
Fertility	864	19%	11.3%	-6.0%	5.3%	821	18%
<i>thereof: Gonal-f[®]</i>	532	12%	5.5%	-5.7%	-0.2%	533	12%
General Medicine & Endocrinology	1,688	37%	3.8%	-4.9%	-1.1%	1,707	37%
<i>thereof: Glucophage[®]</i>	517	11%	11.5%	-5.0%	6.5%	485	11%
<i>thereof: Concor[®]</i>	335	7%	4.4%	-4.6%	-0.2%	336	7%
<i>thereof: Euthyrox[®]</i>	265	6%	0.3%	-4.3%	-4.0%	276	6%
<i>thereof: Saizen[®]</i>	172	4%	-4.1%	-6.4%	-10.5%	192	4%
Other	204	4%	-	-	-	151	3%
Healthcare	4,615	100%	5.1%	-5.2%	-	4,616	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

² Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

In the first nine months of 2018, sales by region developed as follows:

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Net sales by region

€ million	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/ divestments	Total change	Jan.-Sept. 2017 ²	Share
Europe	1,637	35%	5.5%	-2.3%	-	3.3%	1,585	34%
North America	1,076	23%	1.5%	-6.5%	-	-5.0%	1,132	25%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	1,104	24%	6.7%	-3.7%	-	3.0%	1,072	23%
Latin America	486	11%	10.0%	-14.7%	-	-4.7%	510	11%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	312	7%	2.8%	-4.6%	-	-1.8%	318	7%
Healthcare	4,615	100%	5.1%	-5.2%	-	-	4,616	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

² Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

The results of operations developed as follows:

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Results of operations¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Net sales	1,596	1,498	6.6%	4,615	4,616	-
Cost of sales	-364	-317	14.6%	-1,040	-981	6.1%
Gross profit	1,233	1,180	4.4%	3,575	3,636	-1.7%
Marketing and selling expenses	-571	-583	-1.9%	-1,714	-1,767	-3.0%
Administration costs	-72	-64	13.2%	-225	-203	10.7%
Research and development costs	-409	-416	-1.5%	-1,195	-1,166	2.5%
Remaining operating expenses and income	12	421	-97.2%	100	767	-87.0%
Operating result (EBIT)²	191	539	-64.6%	541	1,267	-57.3%
Depreciation/amortization/impairment losses/ reversals of impairment losses	181	168	8.0%	548	462	18.7%
<i>(of which: adjustments)</i>	<i>(-)</i>	<i>(-17)</i>	<i>(-)</i>	<i>(-)</i>	<i>(-84)</i>	<i>(-)</i>
EBITDA²	372	707	-47.4%	1,089	1,728	-37.0%
Restructuring costs	5	-1	-	5	-	-
Integration costs/IT costs	5	5	2.5%	12	16	-28.8%
Gains/losses on the divestment of businesses	-2	-315	-99.4%	35	-325	> 100.0%
Acquisition-related adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	1	-	-	-	14	-
EBITDA pre²	381	397	-3.9%	1,141	1,433	-20.4%

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

² Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the third quarter of 2018, gross profit of the Healthcare business sector rose to € 1,233 million (Q3 2017: € 1,180 million). The resulting gross margin was 77.2% (Q3 2017: 78.8%).

The decrease in marketing and selling expenses was due mainly to foreign exchange effects. Research and development costs reflected continued investments in the Biopharma development pipeline and amounted to € 409 million (Q3 2017: € 416 million). The change in remaining operating expenses and income was primarily due to the gain on the divestment of the Biosimilars business in August 2017 amounting to € 321 million, which was eliminated in the calculation of EBITDA pre. Furthermore, the year-earlier quarter included income in connection with two milestone payments for the approvals of Bavencio® in Europe and Japan in Merck cell carcinoma totaling € 50 million. Likewise, the reversal of the impairment loss of € 17 million on the intangible asset for cladribine tablets owing to the regulatory approval of Mavenclad® had positively impacted the result of the year-earlier quarter. EBITDA pre declined by -3.9% to € 381 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € 397 million). Negative foreign exchange effects of -7.7% impacted this indicator and canceled out organic growth of 3.8%. The EBITDA pre margin was 23.9% (Q3 2017: 26.5%).

In the first nine months of 2018, the Healthcare business sector recorded a decline of -20.4% in EBITDA pre, which amounted to € 1,141 million (January-September 2017: € 1,433 million). The negative foreign exchange impact on EBITDA pre was -11.7%. In addition, the development of EBITDA pre was affected by the following factors: In the year-earlier period, income from a contractually agreed one-time payment of € 116 million for future license payments as well as milestone payments recognized as income for Bavencio® (€ 124 million) had a positive effect. The reporting period from January to September 2018 included receipt of a milestone payment of € 50 million from BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc., USA, in connection with the sale of the rights to Peg-Pal in 2016.

In the first nine months of 2018, the EBITDA pre margin decreased to 24.7% (January-September 2017: 31.0%).

DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS FREE CASH FLOW

In the third quarter of 2018, business free cash flow amounted to € 254 million (Q3 2017: € 343 million). The decrease was mainly due to higher investments in property plant and equipment as well as to the development of receivables.

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Business free cash flow^{1,2}

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
EBITDA pre ²	381	397	-3.9%	1,141	1,433	-20.4%
Investments in property, plant and equipment, software as well as advance payments for intangible assets	-103	-78	31.5%	-215	-203	5.9%
Changes in inventories	-18	-6	> 100.0%	-60	-23	>100.0%
Changes in trade accounts receivable and receivables from royalties and licenses	-6	31	> 100.0%	-82	-89	-7.5%
Business free cash flow²	254	343	-25.9%	784	1,119	-29.9%

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

² Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the first nine months of 2018, business free cash flow decreased to € 784 million (January-September 2017: € 1,119 million). Lower EBITDA pre as well as an increase in inventories were mainly responsible for this.

Life Science

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Key figures

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Net sales	1,527	1,408	8.5%	4,557	4,385	3.9%
Operating result (EBIT) ¹	277	220	25.6%	804	677	18.7%
Margin (% of net sales) ¹	18.1%	15.6%		17.6%	15.4%	
EBITDA ¹	449	401	11.9%	1,333	1,242	7.3%
Margin (% of net sales) ¹	29.4%	28.5%		29.3%	28.3%	
EBITDA pre ¹	460	426	8.1%	1,367	1,325	3.1%
Margin (% of net sales) ¹	30.1%	30.2%		30.0%	30.2%	
Business free cash flow ¹	411	416	-1.3%	1,055	1,120	-5.9%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

DEVELOPMENT OF SALES AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In the third quarter of 2018, Life Science generated an 8.5% increase in net sales, which totaled € 1,527 million (Q3 2017: € 1,408 million). This reflected strong organic sales growth of

9.8% and an unfavorable foreign exchange impact of -1.4%. All three business units contributed to organic growth, with the largest absolute contribution coming from Process Solutions, specifically the BioProcessing business field, and followed by Applied Solutions.

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Net sales by business unit

€ million	Q3 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/divestments	Total change	Q3 2017 ²	Share
Process Solutions	619	40%	16.3%	-1.1%	-	15.3%	537	38%
Research Solutions	500	33%	4.3%	-1.4%	-	2.9%	486	35%
Applied Solutions	408	27%	7.8%	-1.9%	-	5.9%	386	27%
Life Science	1,527	100%	9.8%	-1.4%	-	8.5%	1,408	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

² Previous year's figures have been adjusted due to an internal realignment.

The Process Solutions business unit, which markets products and services for the entire pharmaceutical production value chain, generated strong organic sales growth of 16.3% in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: 5.2%). Including a negative foreign exchange effect of -1.1%, sales totaled € 619 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € 537 million). Process Solutions thus accounted for 40% (Q3 2017: 38%) of Life Science net sales. The organic sales increase was primarily driven by the BioProcessing business field in the Asia-Pacific and European markets. In addition, the performance of Process Solutions in the year-earlier quarter was less dynamic owing to weaker growth among various global key accounts.

The Research Solutions business unit, which provides products and services to support life science work in pharmaceutical, biotechnology, and academic research laboratories, recorded a moderate organic sales increase of 4.3%. Partially offset by unfavorable foreign exchange effects of -1.4%, net sales amounted to € 500 million (Q3 2017: € 486 million). All the franchises within Research Solutions contributed to organic growth in the third quarter of 2018. In particular, Research Solutions benefits from continued strong demand in the Asia-Pacific region. The share of business sector sales accounted for by Research Solutions was 33% in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: 35%).

Applied Solutions, which accounted for an unchanged 27% share of Life Science sales in the third quarter of 2018, delivered strong organic sales growth of 7.8% with its broad range of products for researchers as well as scientific and industrial laboratories. Organic sales increases were recorded across the entire Applied Solutions portfolio and were driven primarily by

the North American and Asia-Pacific markets. The Lab Water and Gene Editing business fields fueled the organic sales growth of Applied Solutions. Due to negative exchange rate effects of -1.9%, sales totaled € 408 million (Q3 2017: € 386 million).

Net sales of the business sector by region developed as follows:

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Net sales by region

€ million	Q3 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/divestments	Total change	Q3 2017	Share
Europe	516	34%	8.3%	-0.3%	-	7.9%	478	34%
North America	544	36%	7.1%	0.1%	-	7.3%	507	36%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	381	25%	16.7%	-1.7%	-	14.9%	331	23%
Latin America	67	4%	14.0%	-18.2%	-	-4.2%	70	5%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	21	1%	-8.8%	-1.6%	-	-10.4%	23	2%
Life Science	1,527	100%	9.8%	-1.4%	-	8.5%	1,408	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the first nine months of 2018, the business sector's net sales increased over the year-earlier period by 3.9% to € 4,557 million (January-September 2017: € 4,385 million). This growth rate comprises strong organic growth of 8.8% and a negative

foreign exchange impact of -4.8%. Here too, all business units contributed favorably to organic growth, with Process Solutions as the primary contributor.

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Net sales by business unit

€ million	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/divestments	Total change	Jan.-Sept. 2017 ²	Share
Process Solutions	1,815	40%	14.3%	-4.8%	-	9.4%	1,658	38%
Research Solutions	1,525	33%	4.3%	-4.7%	-	-0.5%	1,533	35%
Applied Solutions	1,217	27%	6.9%	-5.0%	-	1.9%	1,194	27%
Life Science	4,557	100%	8.8%	-4.8%	-	3.9%	4,385	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

² Previous year's figures have been adjusted due to an internal realignment.

Process Solutions generated very dynamic organic sales growth of 14.3% in the first nine months of 2018. Including the negative foreign exchange effect of -4.8%, sales amounted to € 1,815 million (January-September 2017: € 1,658 million). This business unit thus accounted for 40% (January-September 2017: 38%) of the business sector's net sales.

Research Solutions generated organic sales growth of 4.3% in the first nine months of 2018. However, due to the unfavorable foreign exchange impact of -4.7%, sales amounted to

€ 1,525 million (January-September 2017: € 1,533 million). Research Solutions accounted for 33% (January-September 2017: 35%) of net sales.

Applied Solutions generated organic growth of 6.9% in the first nine months of 2018. Including the unfavorable foreign exchange impact of -5.0%, sales amounted to € 1,217 million (January-September 2017: € 1,194 million). Applied Solutions accounted for 27% of Life Science net sales, similar to the first nine months of 2017.

In the first nine months of 2018, net sales by region developed as follows:

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Net sales by region

€ million	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/ divestments	Total change	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Share
Europe	1,575	35%	6.3%	-1.0%	-	5.4%	1,495	34%
North America	1,585	35%	7.6%	-7.0%	-	0.6%	1,575	36%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	1,138	25%	15.1%	-5.0%	-	10.0%	1,034	23%
Latin America	196	4%	9.6%	-16.3%	-	-6.6%	210	5%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	64	1%	-9.0%	-1.9%	-	-10.9%	71	2%
Merck Group	4,557	100%	8.8%	-4.8%	-	3.9%	4,385	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The results of operations developed as follows:

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Results of operations

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Net sales	1,527	1,408	8.5%	4,557	4,385	3.9%
Cost of sales	-656	-632	3.8%	-1,984	-1,902	4.3%
Gross profit	871	776	12.3%	2,574	2,483	3.7%
Marketing and selling expenses	-443	-412	7.6%	-1,302	-1,303	-0.1%
Administration costs	-69	-59	17.0%	-199	-194	2.4%
Research and development costs	-59	-60	-2.5%	-179	-190	-5.5%
Remaining operating expenses and income	-23	-24	-3.5%	-90	-118	-24.1%
Operating result (EBIT)¹	277	220	25.6%	804	677	18.7%
Depreciation/amortization/impairment losses/ reversals of impairment losses	173	181	-4.7%	530	565	-6.2%
<i>(of which: adjustments)</i>	<i>(5)</i>	<i>(-)</i>	<i>(-)</i>	<i>(21)</i>	<i>(3)</i>	<i>(> 100.0%)</i>
EBITDA¹	449	401	11.9%	1,333	1,242	7.3%
Restructuring costs	-2	1	> 100.0%	-	3	-
Integration costs/IT costs	12	23	-47.8%	31	50	-37.7%
Gains/losses on the divestment of businesses	-	-	-	-	1	-
Acquisition-related adjustments	1	1	-2.4%	2	12	-85.1%
Other adjustments	-	-	-	1	18	-95.8%
EBITDA pre²	460	426	8.1%	1,367	1,325	3.1%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

As a consequence of the strong increase in net sales, gross profit increased by 12.3% to € 871 million in the third quarter of 2018. Gross margin improved over the year-earlier period to 57.0% (Q3 2017: 55.1%).

This increase was partly offset by higher marketing and selling expenses resulting from select investments in e-commerce and strategic initiatives. Administration expenses mainly

increased due to phasing of IT projects. Research and development costs decreased slightly by -2.5%. This was mainly due to the timing of project spending.

In comparison with the year-earlier quarter, the operating result (EBIT) of Life Science rose by 25.6% to € 277 million. After eliminating depreciation and amortization, and adjustments, EBITDA pre, the most important performance

indicator, increased by 8.1% to € 460 million (Q3 2017: € 426 million). Organically, EBITDA pre improved by 11.9% over the year-earlier quarter. In the third quarter of 2018, negative foreign exchange effects adversely impacted this indicator by -3.7% compared with the year-earlier quarter. The EBITDA pre margin was stable in comparison with the year-earlier quarter.

In the first nine months of 2018, EBITDA pre of the Life Science business sector rose by 3.1% to € 1,367 million, reflecting strong organic growth and the stable development

of the operating business. EBITDA pre consisted of organic growth of 8.0% offset by a negative foreign exchange impact of -4.9%.

DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS FREE CASH FLOW

In the third quarter of 2018, Life Science generated business free cash flow of € 411 million (Q3 2017: € 416 million). The slight decrease was primarily due to higher inventory levels driven by strong sales growth. The increase in EBITDA pre could not fully compensate for the resulting tie-up of funds.

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Business free cash flow¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
EBITDA pre ¹	460	426	8.1%	1,367	1,325	3.1%
Investments in property, plant and equipment, software as well as advance payments for intangible assets	-76	-73	2.9%	-173	-191	-9.5%
Changes in inventories	-33	15	> 100.0%	-132	-37	> 100.0%
Changes in trade accounts receivable and receivables from royalties and licenses	59	49	19.5%	-8	22	> 100.0%
Business free cash flow¹	411	416	-1.3%	1,055	1,120	-5.9%

¹Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the first nine months of 2018, business free cash flow of Life Science decreased by -5.9% to € 1,055 million (January-September 2017: € 1,120 million). Slightly higher EBITDA pre was more than offset by increased inventory levels driven by strong sales growth.

Performance Materials

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Key figures

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Net sales	626	611	2.4%	1,776	1,867	-4.9%
Operating result (EBIT) ¹	142	191	-25.3%	409	553	-26.0%
Margin (% of net sales) ¹	22.8%	31.2%		23.0%	29.6%	
EBITDA ¹	202	246	-18.0%	586	734	-20.1%
Margin (% of net sales) ¹	32.3%	40.3%		33.0%	39.3%	
EBITDA pre ¹	203	249	-18.3%	595	752	-20.9%
Margin (% of net sales) ¹	32.5%	40.7%		33.5%	40.2%	
Business free cash flow ¹	152	222	-31.3%	432	694	-37.7%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

DEVELOPMENT OF NET SALES AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

In the third quarter of 2018, net sales of the Performance Materials business sector increased by 2.4% to € 626 million (Q3 2017: € 611 million). Organic growth of 3.4% more than offset the negative exchange rate impact of -0.9%.

The Display Solutions business unit, consisting mainly of the business with liquid crystals, photoresists for display applications and OLED materials, accounted for slightly more than half of the net sales of Performance Materials. The sales increase in Display Solutions was driven mainly by the very good organic growth of the OLED materials business, energy-saving UB-FFS technology as well as established liquid crystal technologies. The latter are currently benefiting from

projects by panel makers in China to build up production capacities.

The Semiconductor Solutions business unit comprises the business with materials used in integrated circuit production. In the third quarter of 2018, the business unit achieved very strong organic growth, which was mainly attributable to the dielectric materials business.

The Surface Solutions business unit comprises the businesses with pigments as well as functional and optoelectronic materials. In the third quarter of 2018, net sales of the Surface Solutions business unit declined overall, also impacted by negative exchange rate effects.

Net sales of the business sector by region developed as follows:

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Net sales by region

€ million	Q3 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/divestments	Total change	Q3 2017	Share
Europe	52	8%	-4.0%	-0.1%	-	-4.2%	55	9%
North America	53	9%	-3.0%	-	-	-3.1%	55	9%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	509	82%	5.1%	-1.0%	-	4.2%	489	80%
Latin America	9	1%	-1.0%	-8.7%	-	-9.7%	10	2%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	2	0%	-27.8%	-	-	-27.7%	2	0%
Performance Materials	626	100%	3.4%	-0.9%	-	2.4%	611	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the first nine months of 2018, sales of the business sector decreased by -4.9% to € 1,776 million (January-September 2017: € 1,867 million). This development was primarily due to a negative foreign exchange effect of -4.7%, stemming

mainly from a weaker U.S. dollar and weaker Asian currencies, for example the Taiwanese dollar. Organically, sales fell only slightly, by -0.2% compared with the previous year.

The slight decrease in sales in the first nine months of 2018 was particularly due to established liquid crystal technologies. The price declines customary in this industry were primarily responsible for this development. Surface Solutions showed weaker business performance. In the first nine months of 2018, the

Semiconductor Solutions business unit generated very strong organic growth.

In the first nine months of 2018, sales by region developed as follows:

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Net sales by region

€ million	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Share	Organic growth ¹	Exchange rate effects	Acquisitions/ divestments	Total change	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Share
Europe	167	9%	-5.8%	-0.3%	-	-6.1%	177	10%
North America	162	9%	0.4%	-6.8%	-	-6.4%	173	9%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	1,416	80%	0.6%	-4.9%	-	-4.4%	1,480	79%
Latin America	26	2%	-4.2%	-9.6%	-	-13.8%	30	2%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	6	0%	-11.4%	-2.0%	-	-13.4%	7	0%
Performance Materials	1,776	100%	-0.2%	-4.7%	-	-4.9%	1,867	100%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The results of operations developed as follows:

PERFORMANCE MATERIALS

Results of operations

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Net sales	626	611	2.4%	1,776	1,867	-4.9%
Cost of sales	-322	-287	12.1%	-897	-870	3.1%
Gross profit	304	323	-6.1%	879	997	-11.9%
Marketing and selling expenses	-62	-56	11.2%	-183	-181	0.7%
Administration costs	-22	-18	22.3%	-64	-54	17.5%
Research and development costs	-65	-57	14.5%	-183	-173	5.8%
Remaining operating expenses and income	-13	-3	> 100.0%	-40	-36	12.4%
Operating result (EBIT)¹	142	191	-25.3%	409	553	-26.0%
Depreciation/amortization/impairment losses/ reversals of impairment losses	60	56	7.4%	177	181	-2.2%
(of which: adjustments)	(-)	(-)	(-)	(1)	(7)	(-84.0%)
EBITDA¹	202	246	-18.0%	586	734	-20.1%
Restructuring costs	-	-	-	-	2	-
Integration costs/IT costs	1	2	-50.8%	8	11	-31.4%
Gains/losses on the divestment of businesses	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acquisition-related adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-	1	5	-80.9%
EBITDA pre²	203	249	-18.3%	595	752	-20.9%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the third quarter of 2018, gross profit of the Performance Materials business sector was -6.1% below the year-earlier quarter, resulting in a gross margin of 48.5% (Q3 2017:

53.0%). This was mainly due to a lower share of the business sector's sales from profitable liquid crystals and the price decline customary in the display industry. The operating result

(EBIT) decreased by -25.3% to € 142 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € 191 million). This was due to the lower gross profit and, among other things, higher research and development costs in order to enable future growth, particularly in Semiconductor Solutions. EBITDA pre of the business sector declined by -18.3% to € 203 million (Q3 2017: € 249 million). The negative foreign exchange impact of -2.5% lowered this key performance indicator. Consequently, at 32.5%, the EBITDA pre margin was below the strong year-earlier figure (Q3 2017: 40.7%).

In the first nine months of 2018, gross profit amounted to € 879 million and was -11.9% below the previous year's level (January-September 2017: € 997 million). This was mainly due to a lower share of sales from profitable liquid crystals and the price decline customary in the display industry. At € 409 million, the operating result (EBIT) declined by -26.0%

compared with the year-earlier period (January-September 2017: € 553 million). This was due to the lower gross profit, higher administration expenses, as well as higher research and development costs in order to enable future growth, particularly in Semiconductor Solutions. EBITDA decreased by -20.9% to € 595 million (January-September 2017: € 752 million). This reflected a negative foreign exchange impact of -8.5%. Consequently, at 33.5%, the EBITDA pre margin was below the strong year-earlier amount (January-September 2017: 40.2%).

DEVELOPMENT OF BUSINESS FREE CASH FLOW

In the third quarter of 2018, business free cash flow of the Performance Materials business sector decreased to by -31.3% to € 152 million (Q3 2017: € 222 million). This was mainly attributable to the decline in EBITDA pre and the development of receivables.

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Business free cash flow¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
EBITDA pre ¹	203	249	-18.3%	595	752	-20.9%
Investments in property, plant and equipment, software as well as advance payments for intangible assets	-31	-27	13.8%	-77	-69	12.3%
Changes in inventories	1	1	-53.1%	-44	-16	> 100.0%
Changes in trade accounts receivable and receivables from royalties and licenses	-20	-1	> 100.0%	-42	27	> 100.0%
Business free cash flow¹	152	222	-31.3%	432	694	-37.7%

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the first nine months of 2018, business free cash flow dropped by -37.7% to € 432 million (January-September 2017: € 694 million). Apart from the decline in EBITDA pre, this was mainly due to the development of receivables and inventories in the first nine months of both 2018 and 2017.

Corporate and Other

Corporate and Other comprises Group administration expenses for Group functions that cannot be directly allocated to the business sectors, such as Finance, Procurement, Legal, Communications, and Human Resources. Corporate costs additionally

encompass expenses for central, non-allocated IT functions, including expenses related to the expansion and harmonization of IT systems within the Merck Group as well as research and development costs spanning business sectors.

CORPORATE AND OTHER

Key figures¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Change	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Change
Operating result (EBIT) ²	-119	-88	35.6%	-369	-314	17.3%
EBITDA ²	-105	-77	35.6%	-326	-286	14.0%
EBITDA pre ²	-82	-48	69.7%	-252	-226	11.7%
Business free cash flow ²	-107	-91	17.3%	-328	-290	13.1%

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods" under "Supplemental Financial Information".

² Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

In the third quarter of 2018, administration expenses reported under Corporate and Other amounted to € 76 million (Q3 2017: € 69 million). Research and development costs spanning business sectors, for instance expenses for the Innovation Center, were allocated to Corporate and Other in the amount of € 9 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € 4 million). Other operating expenses (net) rose to € -66 million (Q3 2017: € -14 million). This was mainly due to a worsening of the currency result. A reversal of an impairment loss for other receivables amounting to € 37 million had a positive effect on the operating result. This reversal was in connection with the contractual refund

claims from the divestment of the Generics business in 2007. After eliminating depreciation, amortization and adjustments, EBITDA pre amounted to € -82 million in the third quarter of 2018 (Q3 2017: € -48 million). The increase in negative business free cash flow to € -107 million (Q3 2017: € -91 million) was mainly due to the development of EBITDA pre.

In the first nine months of 2018, EBITDA pre of Corporate and Other totaled € -252 million (January-September 2017: € -226 million). Business free cash flow amounted to € -328 million in the first nine months of 2018 (January-September 2017: € -290 million).

Outlook

On April 19, 2018, Merck announced the signing of an agreement to divest its global Consumer Health business to Procter & Gamble (P&G) for around € 3.4 billion in cash before purchase price adjustments. The transaction is still expected to close by the end of the fourth quarter of 2018. Since April 2018, the Consumer Health business has been presented as a discontinued operation. The figures for 2017 and the first three quarters of 2018 have been adjusted accordingly and presented without the inclusion of Consumer Health. This outlook also takes into account the resulting effects and presents the expected sales and earnings figures for the Merck Group and its business sectors excluding the Consumer Health business.

Merck Group

With the half-yearly financial report as of June 30, 2018, we specified our forecast for the development of net sales and EBITDA pre for the Merck Group and the individual business sectors in 2018.

Following strong organic sales growth in the third quarter of 2018, particularly in our Healthcare and Life Science business sectors, we now expect for the full year 2018 a solid organic net sales increase of +4% to +6% (previously +3% to +5%) over 2017. Furthermore, as stated in the Group half-yearly financial report as of June 30, 2018, we continue to assume a moderately negative foreign exchange impact of -3% to -5% in comparison with 2017, and expect continued high exchange rate volatility in the fourth quarter of 2018. As expected, the negative impact of the increase in the value of the euro versus the U.S. dollar weakened significantly in the third quarter in comparison with the first half (average for the full year 2018: € 1.18 to € 1.21; previously: € 1.19 to € 1.22). However, this effect was more than offset by the continued decline in the value of various emerging market currencies against the euro – particularly Latin American currencies: both the Argentinean peso and the Brazilian real developed far more negatively in the third quarter of 2018 than we had expected.

Overall, taking into account the treatment of the Consumer Health business as a discontinued operation, we therefore forecast net sales of the Merck Group in a range of between

€ 14.4 billion and € 14.8 billion in 2018 (previously: € 14.1 billion to € 14.6 billion; 2017: € 14.5 billion).

Owing to business performance in the third quarter of 2018, we confirm our previous forecast of a slight organic decline of -1% to -3% in Group EBITDA pre compared with 2017. However, in contrast to the previous forecast, we now expect that the aforementioned adverse foreign exchange effects will lower EBITDA pre by between -8% and -10% compared with 2017 (previously: -5% to -7%). The positive effect of our more optimistic forecast for the euro-U.S. dollar exchange rate will only be insignificant. Instead, the changed estimation of foreign exchange effects is due to the continued strong decline in value of Latin American currencies against the euro, which is contrary to our original expectations. In the affected countries, the cost base in the Group is low relative to sales owing to our regional structures. Therefore, the currency depreciation disproportionately impacts EBITDA pre of the Group and especially of the Healthcare business sector. In addition, due to high hedging costs, these emerging market currencies are not hedged. Therefore, a compensating effect from currency hedging cannot be expected. The currency hedging result is reported under Corporate and Other.

Consequently, we expect that Group EBITDA pre will be in a corridor between € 3.7 billion and € 3.9 billion in 2018 (previously: € 3.75 billion to € 4.0 billion; 2017: € 4.246 billion).

Healthcare

Following the strong organic sales performance in the third quarter, for the Healthcare business sector we expect an organic net sales increase of +4% to +5% in 2018 (previously: +3% to +5% in comparison with 2017). We assume that the positive development of demand in growth markets as well as in the General Medicine, Oncology and Fertility franchises will contribute significantly to the expected organic development of sales, more than offsetting the expected decline in sales of Rebif® and the continued price pressure in several regions. We expect that Bavencio® and Mavenclad® will contribute to sales in 2018 with mid double-digit euro million and high double-digit euro million amounts, respectively.

The expected foreign exchange development is likely to lower net sales by between -4% and -6% compared with 2017.

For 2018, we forecast EBITDA pre of the Healthcare business sector in the range of between € 1.54 billion and € 1.6 billion (previously: € 1.58 billion to € 1.65 billion). The decline in comparison with 2017 (€ 1.773 billion) is mainly due to negative exchange rate effects in various growth markets. The depreciation of Latin American currencies significantly accelerated in the third quarter of 2018 compared with our preceding forecast. Overall, we therefore assume that negative exchange rate effects will lower EBITDA pre by between -9% and -11% compared with 2017 (previously: -5% to -7%).

However, we confirm our forecast of an organic change of -1% to -2% in EBITDA pre compared with 2017. We continue to assume that our product mix will develop unfavorably owing to the expected decline in sales of Rebif® and that various positive one-time effects recorded in 2017 will not be incurred to the same extent in 2018. The absence of research and development costs following the divestment of our Biosimilars business in 2017 as well as positive earnings contributions from our newly approved products Bavencio® and Mavenclad® will have a compensating effect. Good organic sales development over the previous year should also bolster earnings performance.

Life Science

Following a very strong third quarter, for our Life Science business sector we now expect strong organic sales growth of between +7% and +8% for 2018 (previously: +5% to +6%), which will be significantly above our forecasted medium-term annual market growth of around +4%. We continue to expect a moderately negative foreign exchange effect of -3% to -5%. We believe that Process Solutions will contribute the largest share to organic sales growth. According to our expectations, Research Solutions and Applied Solutions will also contribute positively, but to a smaller extent, to the organic increase in net sales.

We confirm our previous estimate of organic earnings growth of around 8%. The realization of synergies from the integration of Sigma-Aldrich has high priority for us and we pursue this aim in 2018 as well. We estimate this will generate cost synergies of € 260 million and sales synergies of € 20 million. Negative foreign exchange effects are expected to lower EBITDA pre by between -3% and -5% compared with 2017. Overall, we continue to forecast EBITDA pre for the Life Science business sector in a range of between € 1.83 billion and € 1.88 billion (2017: € 1.786 billion).

Performance Materials

Owing to positive organic sales growth again in the third quarter of 2018, for our Performance Materials business sector we now expect organic sales performance at the previous year's level (-1% to +1% compared with 2017, previously: -2% to -4%). This estimate, which is more optimistic than our last forecast, is attributable to the improved performance of our Liquid Crystals business, which benefited in the third quarter of 2018 from several capacity expansion projects by our customers. Organic sales performance in our other businesses, for instance Semiconductor Solutions and OLED materials, remains positive. We confirm our forecast that foreign exchange will have a moderately negative impact of -3% to -5% on our sales.

We maintain our previous forecast of an organic decline of around -14% to -16% in EBITDA pre compared with 2017 along with the expected negative foreign exchange impact of -6% to -8%. Consequently, we continue to expect EBITDA pre for our Performance Materials business sector of between € 745 million and € 785 million in 2018 (2017: € 980 million).

Corporate and Other

Overall, we still expect EBITDA pre of between € -360 million and € -400 million for Corporate and Other in 2018 (2017: € -292 million). Corporate and Other includes the currency hedging results as well as effects in connection with foreign

exchange losses in Argentina. Overall, we expect these effects to be in the mid- to high double-digit million euro range. The main reasons for the expected organic increase in costs over the previous year are investments in innovation and digitaliza-

tion initiatives as well as expenses for IT infrastructure, which we believe hold future promise for new business opportunities and greater efficiency, linked with future savings potential.

MERCK GROUP

Forecast for FY 2018 (excluding the Consumer Health business)

€ million	Net sales	EBITDA pre	Business free cash flow
Merck Group	~14,400 to 14,800 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic growth of +4% to +6% vs. 2017 • Moderately negative foreign exchange effect of -3% to -5% 	~3,700 to 3,900 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic decline of -1% to -3% vs. 2017 • Exchange rate effect of -8% to -10% 	~2,340 to 2,630
Healthcare	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solid organic growth of +4% to +5% • Moderately negative foreign exchange effect of -4% to -6% 	~1,540 to 1,600 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic decline of -1% to -2% • Significantly negative foreign exchange effect of -9% to -11% 	~1,030 to 1,110
Life Science	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic growth of +7% to +8%, considerably above medium-term average market growth of 4% p.a. • Moderately negative foreign exchange effect of -3% to -5% 	~1,830 to 1,880 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic growth of approx. +8% • Exchange rate effect of -3% to -5% 	~1,300 to 1,390
Performance Materials	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic sales performance at the level of 2017, i.e. -1% to +1% • Moderately negative foreign exchange effect of -3% to -5% 	~745 to 785 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organic decline of -14% to -16% • Exchange rate effect of -6% to -8% 	~510 to 580
Corporate and Other	–	~ -400 to -360	~ -500 to -450

EPS pre € 5.00 to € 5.30

Full-year FX assumptions for 2018:

€ 1 = US\$ 1.18 to US\$ 1.21

Supplemental Financial Information

Supplemental Financial Information

Consolidated Income Statement¹

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017
Net sales	3,749	3,517	10,949	10,869
Cost of sales	-1,344	-1,237	-3,925	-3,753
Gross profit	2,405	2,280	7,023	7,116
Marketing and selling expenses	-1,077	-1,051	-3,205	-3,252
Administration expenses	-240	-210	-697	-693
Research and development costs	-542	-537	-1,588	-1,538
Impairment losses and reversals of impairment losses of financial assets (net) ²	32	-	24	-
Other operating income	85	538	370	1,059
Other operating expenses	-172	-158	-543	-509
Operating result (EBIT)³	491	862	1,386	2,183
Financial result	-56	-65	-182	-200
Profit before income tax	435	797	1,204	1,983
Income tax	-112	-177	-303	-457
Profit after tax from continuing operations	323	620	901	1,526
Profit after tax from discontinued operations	22	28	37	74
Profit after tax	345	648	938	1,600
of which: attributable to Merck KGaA shareholders (net income)	340	644	928	1,592
of which: attributable to non-controlling interests	5	4	10	7
Earnings per share (in €)				
basic	0.78	1.48	2.13	3.66
- thereof from continuing operations	0.74	1.42	2.06	3.50
- thereof from discontinued operations	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.16
diluted	0.78	1.48	2.13	3.66
- thereof from continuing operations	0.74	1.42	2.06	3.50
- thereof from discontinued operations	0.04	0.06	0.07	0.16

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods".

² Relevant for the first time as of January 1, 2018 owing to the first-time application of IFRS 9, see "Effects of new financial reporting standards".

³ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS).

Statement of Comprehensive Income

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017
Profit after tax¹	345	648	938	1,600
Items of other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods				
Net defined benefit liability				
Changes in remeasurement	105	-117	214	39
Tax effect	-19	22	-41	8
Changes recognized in equity	86	-95	173	47
Equity instruments²				
Fair value adjustments	6		33	
Tax effect	-		-	
Changes recognized in equity	6		33	
	92	-95	206	47
Items of other comprehensive income that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods				
Debt instruments²				
Fair value adjustments	-		-	
Reclassification to profit or loss	-		-	
Tax effect	-		-	
Changes recognized in equity	-		-	
Available-for-sale financial assets³				
Fair value adjustments		2		4
Reclassification to profit or loss		1		-
Tax effect		-		-
Changes recognized in equity		2		4
Cash flow hedge reserve				
Fair value adjustments	7	16	-19	105
Reclassification to profit or loss	12	-10	27	16
Reclassification to assets	-	-	-	-
Tax effect	-6	-3	-1	-38
Changes recognized in equity	14	3	6	83
Cost of cash flow hedge reserve¹				
Fair value adjustments	7	1	-44	-6
Reclassification to profit or loss	-	-	-	-
Tax effect	-3	-	15	1
Changes recognized in equity	4	1	-29	-5
Exchange differences on translating foreign operations				
Changes taken directly to equity	-3	-503	362	-1,779
Reclassification to profit or loss	-	-29	-19	-51
Changes recognized in equity	-3	-532	342	-1,830
	15	-527	320	-1,747
Other comprehensive income¹	107	-621	526	-1,700
Comprehensive income	452	26	1,464	-100
of which: attributable to Merck KGaA shareholders	450	25	1,458	-103
of which: attributable to non-controlling interests	3	2	5	3
Comprehensive income	452	26	1,464	-100
thereof from continuing operations	422	-6	1,427	-172
thereof from discontinued operations	30	32	37	72

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² Relevant for the first time as of January 1, 2018 owing to the first-time application of IFRS 9, see "Effects of new financial reporting standards".

³ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standard (IFRS).

Consolidated Balance Sheet

€ million	Sept. 30, 2018	Dec. 31, 2017
Non-current assets		
Goodwill	13,597	13,582
Other intangible assets	7,586	8,317
Property, plant and equipment	4,549	4,512
Non-current financial assets	468	444
Other non-current assets	152	205
Deferred tax assets	1,033	1,106
	27,385	28,166
Current assets		
Inventories	2,814	2,632
Trade accounts receivable	3,000	2,923
Current financial assets	61	90
Other current assets	665	731
Income tax receivables	354	490
Cash and cash equivalents	833	589
Assets held for sale	628	-
	8,355	7,455
Total assets	35,740	35,621
Total equity		
Equity capital	565	565
Reserves ¹	13,346	12,358
Gains/losses recognized in equity ¹	1,372	1,081
Equity attributable to Merck KGaA shareholders	15,283	14,003
Non-controlling interests	64	63
	15,347	14,066
Non-current liabilities		
Provisions for pensions and other post-employment benefits	2,089	2,257
Other non-current provisions	801	788
Non-current financial liabilities	7,095	8,033
Other non-current liabilities	85	354
Deferred tax liabilities	1,357	1,489
	11,427	12,919
Current liabilities		
Current provisions	389	414
Current financial liabilities	3,966	2,790
Trade accounts payable/Refund liabilities	2,057	2,195
Income tax liabilities	896	1,059
Other current liabilities	1,500	2,175
Liabilities directly related to assets held for sale	160	-
	8,966	8,635
Total equity and liabilities	35,740	35,621

¹Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods".

Consolidated Cash Flow Statement

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017
Profit after tax¹	345	648	938	1,600
Depreciation/amortization/impairment losses				
reversals of impairment losses	428	419	1,304	1,247
Changes in inventories	-61	-48	-228	-236
Changes in trade accounts receivable	-31	26	-216	-185
Changes in trade accounts payable/refund liabilities	-16	-9	28	62
Changes in provisions	69	-50	119	22
Changes in other assets and liabilities	6	99	-472	-101
Neutralization of gain/loss on disposals of assets	2	-324	-5	-346
Other non-cash income and expenses ¹	-11	-2	11	-8
Net cash flows from operating activities	731	758	1,479	2,055
thereof from discontinued operations	-8	-9	-43	43
Payments for investments in intangible assets	-15	-38	-70	-328
Payments from the disposal of intangible assets	-	2	7	5
Payments for investments in property, plant and equipment	-215	-197	-611	-569
Payments from the disposal of property, plant and equipment	9	2	21	19
Payments for investments in financial assets	-20	-56	-41	-238
Payments for acquisitions less acquired cash and cash equivalents	-	-10	-	-17
Payments from the disposal of other financial assets	24	51	63	166
Payments from other divestments	-1	-	-1	11
Payments from divestment of assets held for sale	-	156	-	156
Net cash flows from investing activities	-218	-90	-631	-794
thereof from discontinued operations	-4	-12	-9	-21
Dividend payment to Merck KGaA shareholders	-	-	-162	-155
Dividend payments to non-controlling interests	1	-	-4	-3
Dividend payments to E. Merck KG	-	-	-593	-466
Payments from new borrowings from E. Merck KG	-	-	375	349
Repayments of financial liabilities to E. Merck KG	-29	-179	-137	-288
Repayments of bonds	-	-700	-323	-932
Changes in other current and non-current financial liabilities	-258	35	260	177
Net cash flows from financing activities	-287	-844	-585	-1,318
thereof from discontinued operations	6	4	45	-1
Changes in cash and cash equivalents	226	-176	263	-57
Changes in cash and cash equivalents due to currency translation	-4	-14	-7	-30
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	609	1,041	589	939
Changes in cash and cash equivalents due to reclassification to assets held for sale	1	-	-12	-
Cash and cash equivalents as of Sept. 30	833	852	833	852

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods".

Consolidated Statement of Changes in Net Equity

€ million	Equity capital			Retained earnings		
	General partner's equity Merck KGaA	Subscribed capital Merck KGaA	Capital reserves (share premium) Merck KGaA	Retained earnings/net retained profit	Remeasurement of defined benefit plans	Fair value reserve for equity instruments ¹
Balance as of January 1, 2017 (as reported)	397	168	3,814	8,049	-1,501	
Adjustment from mandatory retrospective adoption of IFRS 9 ¹	-	-	-	-3	-	
Balance as of January 1, 2017 (restated)	397	168	3,814	8,046	-1,501	
Profit after tax ²	-	-	-	1,593	-	
Other comprehensive income ²	-	-	-	-	47	
Comprehensive income	-	-	-	1,593	47	
Dividend payments	-	-	-	-155	-	
Transactions with no change of control	-	-	-	-	-	
Changes in scope of consolidation/Other	-	-	-	-	-	
Balance as of Sept. 30, 2017²	397	168	3,814	9,483	-1,454	
Balance as of January 1, 2018	397	168	3,814	9,903	-1,358	-
Adjustment on initial application of IFRS 9 ¹	-	-	-	23	-	-6
Adjustment on initial application of IFRS 15 ¹	-	-	-	-	-	-
Balance as of January 1, 2018	397	168	3,814	9,926	-1,358	-6
Profit after tax	-	-	-	928	-	-
Other comprehensive income	-	-	-	-	173	33
Comprehensive income	-	-	-	928	173	33
Dividend payments	-	-	-	-162	-	-
Profit transfer to/from E. Merck KG including changes in reserves	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transactions with no change of control	-	-	-	-	-	-
Changes in scope of consolidation/Other	-	-	-	13	2	-17
Balance as of September 30, 2018	397	168	3,814	10,706	-1,184	10

¹ See "Accounting and measurement principles".

² Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods".

Gains/losses recognized in equity

Available-for-sale financial assets ¹	Fair value reserve for debt instruments ¹	Cash flow hedge reserve	Cost of hedging reserve ¹	Currency transla- tion difference	Equity attributable to Merck KGaA	Non-controlling interests	Total equity
24		-191	-	3,229	13,989	61	14,050
-		-	3	-	-	-	-
24		-191	3	3,229	13,989	61	14,050
-		-	-	-	1,593	7	1,600
4		83	-5	-1,825	-1,696	-4	-1,700
4		83	-5	-1,825	-103	3	-100
-		-	-	-	-155	-3	-158
-		-	-	-	-	-	-
-		-	-	-	-	-	-
29		-107	-2	1,404	13,731	60	13,791
31	-	-121	-1	1,171	14,003	63	14,066
-31	-1	-	-	-	-15	-	-15
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
-	-1	-121	-1	1,171	13,988	63	14,051
	-	-	-	-	928	10	938
	-	6	-29	347	530	-4	526
	-	6	-29	347	1,458	5	1,464
	-	-	-	-	-162	-4	-166
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	-	-	-	-2	-	-2
	-1	-115	-31	1,518	15,283	64	15,347

Information by Business Sector¹

€ million	Healthcare				Life Science			
	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017
Net sales²	1,596	1,498	4,615	4,616	1,527	1,408	4,557	4,385
Operating result (EBIT)³	191	539	541	1,267	277	220	804	677
Depreciation and amortization	181	181	545	542	168	181	509	562
Impairment losses	-	4	2	6	4	-	21	3
Reversals of impairment losses	-	-17	-	-87	-	-	-	-
EBITDA³	372	707	1,089	1,728	449	401	1,333	1,242
Adjustments ³	9	-310	52	-295	11	24	33	83
EBITDA pre (segment result)²	381	397	1,141	1,433	460	426	1,367	1,325
EBITDA pre margin (in % of net sales) ³	23.9%	26.5%	24.7%	31.0%	30.1%	30.2%	30.0%	30.2%
Assets by business sector ⁴			7,994	8,184			20,670	20,422
Liabilities by business sector ⁴			-2,732	-2,985			-1,230	-1,254
Investments in property, plant and equipment ⁵	102	75	257	232	72	61	192	187
Investments in intangible assets ⁵	4	18	46	276	5	13	9	36
Net cash flows from operating activities	366	458	743	1,166	517	454	1,119	1,022
Business free cash flow ³	254	343	784	1,119	411	416	1,055	1,120

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods".

² Excluding intersegment sales.

³ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

⁴ Figures for the reporting period ending on September 30, 2018; previous-year figures as of December 31, 2017.

⁵ As reported in the consolidated cash flow statement.

Performance Materials				Corporate and Other				Group			
Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017	Q3 2018	Q3 2017	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017
626	611	1,776	1,867	-	-	-	-	3,749	3,517	10,949	10,869
142	191	409	553	-119	-88	-369	-314	491	862	1,386	2,183
60	56	176	174	14	10	43	28	423	428	1,273	1,306
-	-	1	7	-	-	-	-	5	4	24	17
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-17	-	-87
202	246	586	734	-105	-77	-326	-286	919	1,277	2,683	3,419
1	2	9	18	23	29	73	60	45	-254	167	-134
203	249	595	752	-82	-48	-252	-226	963	1,023	2,850	3,285
32.5%	40.7%	33.5%	40.2%	-	-	-	-	25.7%	29.1%	26.0%	30.2%
		3,979	3,942			3,097	3,073			35,740	35,621
		-492	-484			-15,940	-16,832			-20,393	-21,554
30	25	81	72	12	35	81	78	215	197	611	569
1	3	6	8	4	5	9	8	15	38	70	328
213	231	568	782	-365	-385	-950	-916	731	758	1,479	2,055
152	222	432	694	-107	-91	-328	-290	711	890	1,943	2,643

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017 ¹	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017 ¹
EBITDA pre of the operating businesses²	1,045	1,071	3,103	3,510
Corporate and Other	-82	-48	-252	-226
EBITDA pre of the Merck Group²	963	1,023	2,850	3,285
Depreciation/amortization/impairment losses/ reversals of impairment losses	-428	-415	-1,297	-1,236
Adjustments ²	-45	254	-167	134
Operating result (EBIT)²	491	862	1,386	2,183
Financial result	-56	-65	-182	-200
Profit before income tax	435	797	1,204	1,983

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods".

² Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

€ million	Q3 2018	Q3 2017 ¹	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017 ¹
Restructuring costs	-9	-16	-25	-28
Integration costs/IT costs	-23	-36	-65	-94
Gains (+)/losses (-) on the divestment of businesses	-4	313	-43	321
Acquisition-related adjustments	-1	-1	-2	-12
Other adjustments	-8	-5	-33	-53
Adjustments before impairment losses/ reversals of impairment losses²	-45	254	-167	134
Impairment losses	-5	-	-22	-13
Reversals of impairment losses	-	17	-	87
Adjustments (total)²	-49	271	-189	208

¹ Previous year's figures have been adjusted, see "Adjustments of prior periods".

² Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The following tables present a more detailed breakdown of net sales by business sector. Further income was reported within other operating income. This relates in particular to royalty and license income as well as income from upfront and mile-

stone payments not generated in the course of ordinary business.

In some cases, IFRS 15 was applied analogously to the accounting treatment of these transactions.

Healthcare

€ million	Q3 2018	in %	Jan.-Sept. 2018	in %
Net sales by nature				
Goods	1,544	97%	4,492	97%
Devices/hardware	1	–	3	–
Services	33	2%	66	2%
Commission income	3	–	10	–
Profit share income	15	1%	44	1%
Total	1,596	100%	4,615	100%
Net sales by major product lines /products				
Oncology	245	15%	707	15%
<i>thereof: Erbitux®</i>	212	13%	615	13%
<i>thereof: Bavencio®</i>	19	1%	48	1%
Neurology & Immunology	387	24%	1,152	25%
<i>thereof: RebiF®</i>	363	23%	1,094	24%
<i>thereof: Mavenclad®</i>	25	1%	58	1%
Fertility	298	19%	864	19%
<i>thereof: Gonal-f®</i>	182	11%	532	12%
General Medicine & Endocrinology	587	37%	1,688	37%
<i>thereof: Glucophage®</i>	188	12%	517	11%
<i>thereof: Concor®</i>	116	7%	335	7%
<i>thereof: Euthyrox®</i>	91	6%	265	6%
<i>thereof: Saizen®</i>	55	3%	172	4%
Other	79	5%	204	4%
Total	1,596	100%	4,615	100%
Net sales by region (customer location)				
Europe	543	34%	1,637	35%
North America	372	23%	1,076	23%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	401	25%	1,104	24%
Latin America	161	10%	486	11%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	119	8%	312	7%
Total	1,596	100%	4,615	100%

Life Science

€ million	Q3 2018	in %	Jan.-Sept. 2018	in %
Net sales by nature				
Goods	1,329	87%	4,016	88%
Devices/hardware	90	6%	239	5%
Services	107	7%	298	7%
License income	1	-	4	-
Commission income	1	-	1	-
Total	1,527	100%	4,557	100%
Net sales by major product lines				
Process Solutions	619	40%	1,815	40%
Research Solutions	500	33%	1,525	33%
Applied Solutions	408	27%	1,217	27%
Total	1,527	100%	4,557	100%
Net sales by region (customer location)				
Europe	516	34%	1,575	35%
North America	544	36%	1,585	35%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	381	25%	1,138	25%
Latin America	67	4%	196	4%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	21	1%	64	1%
Total	1,527	100%	4,557	100%

Performance Materials

€ million	Q3 2018	in %	Jan.-Sept. 2018	in %
Net sales by nature				
Goods	625	100%	1,775	100%
Services	-	-	1	-
Total	626	100%	1,776	100%
Net sales by major product lines				
Display Solutions	357	57%	971	55%
Semiconductor Solutions	152	24%	439	25%
Surface Solutions	115	19%	365	20%
Other	1	-	1	-
Total	626	100%	1,776	100%
Net sales by region (customer location)				
Europe	52	8%	167	9%
North America	53	9%	162	9%
Asia-Pacific (APAC)	509	82%	1,416	80%
Latin America	9	1%	26	2%
Middle East and Africa (MEA)	2	-	6	-
Total	626	100%	1,776	100%

Effects of new financial reporting standards

Effective January 1, 2018, Merck applied for the first time the financial reporting standards IFRS 9 *Financial Instruments* and IFRS 15 *Revenue from Contracts with Customers*. First-time

application did not lead to any significant effects on the financial and earnings position of Merck. A detailed presentation of the effects can be found in the Half-Yearly Financial Report 2018.

Significant events during the reporting period

RECEIPT OF A MILESTONE PAYMENT FROM BIOMARIN PHARMACEUTICAL INC., USA, FROM THE SALE OF THE RIGHTS TO PEG-PAL

On October 1, 2015, Merck entered into an agreement with BioMarin Pharmaceutical Inc., USA, (BioMarin) to return the development and commercialization option for Peg-Pal, an investigational compound in clinical development for the potential treatment of the rare metabolic disorder phenylketonuria (PKU). The agreement took effect in early 2016. As compensation for returning the Peg-Pal rights, Merck received entitlement to milestone payments of up to € 125 million, which are linked to the achievement of defined development objectives.

On March 28, 2018, BioMarin announced that the European Medicines Agency (EMA) had accepted the regulatory submission of Peg-Pal for the treatment of PKU. Consequently, Merck became entitled to a milestone payment of € 50 million, which was recorded in the reporting period under operating income and allocated to the Healthcare business sector.

AGREEMENT TO DIVEST THE CONSUMER HEALTH BUSINESS

On April 18, 2018 Merck signed an agreement on the divestment of its global Consumer Health business to The Procter & Gamble Company, USA, (P&G). The selling price was € 3.4 billion in cash before defined purchase price adjustments for transferred operating assets and borrowed capital, among other things. The transaction will be executed through the sale of shareholdings in multiple Merck subsidiaries as well as by way of various asset sales (asset deals). Apart from the Consumer Health business in 44 countries, the transaction also encompasses two production facilities operated by Consumer Health in Austria and India. Moreover, with respect to the transfer of the shareholding in Merck Ltd., India, the commercial operations of other business sectors will be transferred. Merck intends to reacquire these immediately thereafter in a separate transaction. As part of the divestment of the Consumer Health business, following the closing and subject to the information and consultation procedure with employee represen-

tatives, around 3,400 employees, primarily from Consumer Health, are to transfer to P&G. In addition to the divestment agreement, Merck and P&G will sign a number of manufacturing, supply and service agreements.

The transaction closing is expected for the end of the fourth quarter of 2018 subject to regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions.

With the signing of the agreement to divest the Consumer Health business, in the opinion of the Executive Board the preconditions for classification as a discontinued operation pursuant to IFRS 5 were given. Until the transaction closing, the parts of the Consumer Health business being transferred to P&G will be presented in the consolidated balance sheet as assets held for sale and as liabilities directly related to assets held for sale. In particular, the intangible assets including the allocable goodwill, property plant and equipment, inventories and trade accounts receivable, trade accounts payable as well as provisions for pensions attributable to the Consumer Health business being divested were disclosed under the aforementioned items. The previous year's balance sheet has not been restated.

In accordance with IFRS 5, the financial figures presented in the consolidated income statement of this quarterly statement relate only to continuing operations unless expressly stated otherwise. Services to be provided by Merck in accordance with contractual agreements after the closing of the divestment transaction have already been taken into account in the presentation in accordance with IFRS 5 based on the knowledge and contractual status as of the balance sheet date. Accordingly, the consolidated income statement of continuing operations in the reporting period and in the comparable periods also includes income and expenses from manufacturing and distribution services provided to the discontinued operation. The earnings contributions from these services have already been allocated to continuing operations in the presentation in accordance with IFRS 5, as is currently believed to be the case after the transaction closing.

In accordance with IFRS 5, the cash flows from discontinued operations are shown under separate items in the consolidated cash flow statement. A detailed reconciliation of the report-

ing components published in previous periods to the reporting components adjusted in accordance with IFRS 5 can be found under "Adjustments of prior periods".

The financial figures of discontinued operations are presented below:

€ million	Jan.-Sept. 2018	Jan.-Sept. 2017
Net sales	613	610
Expenses	-554	-510
Gain on fair value measurement less costs to sell or on the disposal of discontinued operations	-	-
Profit/loss of discontinued operations before income tax	59	100
Income/expenses related to income tax on ordinary activities	-22	-26
Income/expenses related to income tax on the gain on fair value measurement less costs to sell or on the disposal of discontinued operations	-	-
Profit/loss of discontinued operations after income tax	37	74
of which: attributable to Merck KGaA shareholders (net income)	31	70

DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH THE SFJ PHARMACEUTICALS GROUP, USA, TO DEVELOP ABITUZUMAB

On May 2, 2018, Merck announced that it had signed an agreement with the SFJ Pharmaceuticals Group, USA, (SFJ) to develop abituzumab. Abituzumab is an investigational monoclonal antibody with potential for treating solid tumors such as colorectal cancer (mCRC). In a Phase II study of a patient population with KRAS wild-type mCRC, a subgroup of patients with overexpression of integrin $\alpha\text{v}\beta\text{6}$ was identified as potentially benefiting from treatment with abituzumab in combination with Erbitux® and chemotherapy. SFJ will be responsible for Phase II and III development of abituzumab. During clinical development, Merck will expense a pro rata share of the R&D costs for payments due to SFJ if the compound achieves marketing approval.

EUROPEAN COMMISSION ANTITRUST REVIEW PROCEDURE FOR THE SIGMA-ALDRICH ACQUISITION

In connection with the antitrust review procedure for the acquisition of Sigma-Aldrich on July 6, 2017, Merck received notice from the European Commission (EU Commission), in which the EU Commission informed Merck of its preliminary conclusion that Merck and Sigma-Aldrich allegedly transmitted

incorrect and/or misleading information within the scope of the acquisition of Sigma-Aldrich. The EU Commission received registration of the merger on April 21, 2015 and granted clearance on June 15, 2015 subject to the condition that Merck and Sigma-Aldrich divest parts of the European solvents and inorganic chemicals businesses of Sigma-Aldrich in order to resolve antitrust concerns.

According to the preliminary viewpoint of the EU Commission communicated in the letter dated July 6, 2017, Merck and Sigma-Aldrich withheld in this connection important information about an innovation project allegedly relevant for certain laboratory chemicals of significance to the analysis by the EU Commission. According to the EU Commission, the innovation project should have been included in the remedies package.

At the present time, an EU Commission administrative procedure is still pending that could lead to a fine being imposed by the EU Commission if the EU Commission sees its view as proven. Merck is entitled to legal recourse should a fine be imposed.

On the balance sheet date of September 30, 2018, the provision set up for impending fines amounting to a mid double-digit million euro amount in accordance with the estimations by the Executive Board.

Subsequent events

On October 18, 2018, Merck announced an agreement with Luminex Corporation, USA, concerning the divestment of the flow cytometry business. These business activities comprise the flow cytometry platforms Amnis® and Guava® as well as the associated reagents under these brands. The purchase price is € 63 million. The transaction is expected to close by the end of 2018. In the third quarter of 2018, the business activities assigned to the Life Science business sector were reported as

a disposal group and primarily consist of the allocated goodwill as well as intangible assets, inventories and property, plant and equipment.

Subsequent to the balance sheet date, no further events of special importance occurred that could have a material impact on the net assets, financial position or results of operations of the Merck Group.

Adjustments of prior periods

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€ million	Q1 2017				Q2 2017				Jan.–June 2017			
	as reported	IFRS 9 adjustment	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 9 adjustment	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 9 adjustment	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated
CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT												
Net sales	3,861	-	-203	3,657	3,891	-	-196	3,695	7,752	-	-400	7,352
Cost of sales	-1,296	-	54	-1,242	-1,331	-	57	-1,274	-2,627	-	110	-2,516
Gross profit	2,565	-	-150	2,415	2,560	-	-140	2,421	5,125	-	-289	4,836
Marketing and selling expenses	-1,168	-	89	-1,078	-1,217	-	94	-1,124	-2,385	-	183	-2,202
Administration expenses	-242	-	8	-234	-257	-	9	-248	-499	-	17	-482
Research and development costs	-495	-	7	-488	-521	-	8	-513	-1,016	-	15	-1,001
Other operating income	271	-	-4	267	253	-	1	254	523	-	-3	521
Other operating expenses	-176	-	7	-169	-190	-	8	-182	-366	-	15	-351
Operating result (EBIT)²	755	-	-42	713	628	-	-20	608	1,382	-	-62	1,320
Financial result	-71	2	-	-69	-71	5	-	-66	-142	7	-	-134
Profit before income tax	684	2	-42	644	557	5	-20	542	1,241	7	-62	1,186
Income taxes	-161	-	11	-151	-134	-1	5	-130	-295	-1	16	-280
Profit after tax from continuing operations	523	2	-31	493	423	4	-15	412	946	6	-46	906
Profit after tax from discontinued operations	-	-	31	31	-	-	15	15	-	-	46	46
Profit after tax	523	2	-	524	423	4	-	427	946	6	-	952
of which: attributable to Merck KGaA shareholders (net income)	521	2	-	523	421	4	-	426	943	6	-	948
of which: non-controlling interests	2	-	-	2	2	-	-	2	3	-	-	3
Earnings per share in € (basic/diluted)												
attributable to continuing operations	1.20	-	-0.07	1.13	0.97	0.01	-0.03	0.95	2.17	0.01	-0.10	2.08
attributable to discontinued operations	-	-	0.07	0.07	-	-	0.03	0.03	-	-	0.10	0.10
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME												
Profit after tax	523	2	-	524	423	4	-	427	946	6	-	952
Items of other comprehensive income that may be reclassified to profit or loss in subsequent periods:												
Costs of cash flow hedge accounting												
Fair value adjustments	-	-2	-	-2	-	-5	-	-5	-	-7	-	-7
Tax effect	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	1
Other comprehensive income	-92	-2	-	-94	-981	-4	-	-985	-1,073	-6	-	-1,079
Comprehensive income	431	-	-	431	-558	-	-	-558	-127	-	-	-127
CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT												
Profit after tax	523	2	-	524	423	4	-	427	946	6	-	952
Other non-cash income and expenses	-2	-2	-	-4	2	-4	-	-2	-	-6	-	-6
Net cash flows from operating activities	777	-	-	777	520	-	-	520	1,297	-	-	1,297

¹ The IFRS 5 adjustments related to the Healthcare business sector as well as Corporate and Other; the impact on Corporate and Other has not been presented for reasons of immateriality.

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Q3 2017				Jan.–Sept. 2017				Q4 2017				Jan.–Dec. 2017			
as reported	IFRS 9 adjustment	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 9 adjustment	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 9 adjustment	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 9 adjustment	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated
3,727	-	-210	3,517	11,479	-	-610	10,869	3,848	-	-200	3,648	15,327	-	-809	14,517
-1,299	-	62	-1,237	-3,925	-	172	-3,753	-1,394	-	77	-1,317	-5,320	-	249	-5,071
2,428	-	-148	2,280	7,553	-	-438	7,116	2,454	-	-123	2,331	10,007	-	-560	9,446
-1,135	-	84	-1,051	-3,520	-	267	-3,252	-1,182	-	86	-1,096	-4,702	-	353	-4,349
-220	-	9	-210	-719	-	26	-693	-211	-	5	-206	-930	-	31	-899
-545	-	8	-537	-1,561	-	23	-1,538	-580	-	10	-570	-2,140	-	32	-2,108
544	-	-6	538	1,067	-	-8	1,059	160	-	-6	153	1,227	-	-14	1,212
-172	-	14	-158	-538	-	29	-509	-399	-	28	-371	-937	-	56	-880
901	-	-39	862	2,283	-	-101	2,183	241	-	-1	240	2,525	-	-102	2,423
-65	-1	1	-65	-207	6	1	-200	-93	-1	-	-94	-300	5	1	-294
836	-1	-38	797	2,076	6	-100	1,983	148	-1	-1	146	2,224	5	-101	2,129
-187	-	10	-177	-482	-1	26	-457	868	-	18	886	386	-1	43	428
649	-1	-28	620	1,595	5	-74	1,526	1,016	-1	17	1,032	2,610	4	-57	2,557
-	-	28	28	-	-	74	74	-	-	-17	-17	-	-	57	57
649	-1	-	648	1,595	5	-	1,600	1,016	-1	-	1,015	2,610	4	-	2,615
645	-1	-	644	1,587	5	-	1,592	1,013	-1	-	1,012	2,600	4	-	2,605
4	-	-	4	7	-	-	7	3	-	-	3	10	-	-	10
1.48	-	-0.06	1.42	3.65	0.01	-0.16	3.50	2.33	-	0.04	2.37	5.98	0.01	-0.12	5.87
-	-	0.06	0.06	-	-	0.16	0.16	-	-	-0.04	-0.04	-	-	0.12	0.12
649	-1	-	648	1,595	5	-	1,600	1,016	-1	-	1,015	2,610	4	-	2,615
-	1	-	1	-	-6	-	-6	-	1	-	1	-	-5	-	-5
-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
-622	1	-	-621	-1,695	-5	-	-1,700	-148	1	-	-147	-1,843	-4	-	-1,847
26	-	-	26	-100	-	-	-100	868	-	-	868	767	-	-	767
649	-1	-	648	1,595	5	-	1,600	1,016	-1	-	1,015	2,610	4	-	2,615
-3	1	-	-2	-3	-5	-	-8	-	1	-	1	-3	-4	-	-7
758	-	-	758	2,055	-	-	2,055	641	-	-	642	2,696	-	-	2,696

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€ million	Q1 2017			Q2 2017			Jan.–June 2017		
	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated
RECONCILIATION OF EBIT¹ TO EBITDA PRE¹									
Operating result (EBIT) ¹	755	-42	713	628	-20	608	1,382	-62	1,320
Depreciation/amortization/impairment losses/reversals of impairment losses	448	-3	445	380	-4	376	828	-7	821
EBITDA¹	1,203	-45	1,157	1,008	-24	984	2,210	-69	2,141
Restructuring costs	4	-	4	8	-	9	12	-	12
Integration costs/IT costs	26	-	26	31	-	31	58	-	57
Gains (-)/losses (+) from divested businesses	2	-	2	-9	-	-9	-8	-	-8
Acquisition-related adjustments	3	-	3	7	-	7	11	-	11
Other adjustments	3	-	3	48	-3	45	51	-3	48
EBITDA pre¹	1,240	-45	1,195	1,093	-27	1,066	2,334	-72	2,261
BUSINESS FREE CASH FLOW¹									
EBITDA pre ¹	1,240	-45	1,195	1,093	-27	1,066	2,334	-72	2,261
Investments in property, plant and equipment, software as well as advance payments for intangible assets	-129	3	-126	-195	4	-191	-324	7	-317
Changes in inventories	-98	7	-91	6	-	5	-93	7	-86
Changes in trade accounts receivable as well as receivables from licenses	-254	23	-231	133	-8	125	-121	15	-106
Elimination first-time consolidation BioControl Systems	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Business free cash flow¹	760	-12	747	1,036	-31	1,006	1,796	-43	1,753

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Q3 2017			Jan.-Sept. 2017			Q4 2017			Jan.-Dec. 2017		
as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated
901	-39	862	2,283	-101	2,183	241	-1	240	2,523	-101	2,423
419	-4	415	1,247	-11	1,236	511	-6	505	1,758	-17	1,741
1,320	-42	1,277	3,530	-111	3,419	752	-7	745	4,282	-118	4,164
16	-	16	28	-	28	56	-23	33	84	-23	61
37	-	36	94	-1	94	94	-	94	189	-1	188
-313	-	-313	-321	-	-321	11	-	11	-310	-	-310
1	-	1	12	-	12	51	-	51	63	-	63
15	-10	5	66	-13	53	40	-12	28	106	-26	81
1,076	-53	1,023	3,410	-125	3,285	1,005	-43	962	4,414	-168	4,246
1,076	-53	1,023	3,410	-125	3,285	1,005	-43	962	4,414	-168	4,246
-225	6	-219	-549	13	-535	-499	22	-476	-1,047	35	-1,012
4	6	10	-89	13	-76	66	-8	58	-23	5	-18
55	20	75	-66	36	-30	42	-34	8	-24	2	-22
-	-	-	-	-	-	-2	-	-2	-2	-	-2
910	-20	890	2,706	-63	2,643	612	-62	550	3,318	-125	3,193

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€ million	Q1 2018		
	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS			
Net sales	3,691	-205	3,486
Cost of sales	-1,320	60	-1,260
Gross profit	2,371	-145	2,226
Marketing and selling expenses	-1,106	86	-1,020
Administration expenses	-228	7	-221
Research and development costs	-514	7	-508
Impairment losses and reversals of impairment losses on financial assets (net)	-3	-	-2
Other operating income	157	-3	154
Other operating expenses	-158	31	-127
Operating result (EBIT)¹	518	-15	502
Financial result	-62	1	-61
Profit before income taxes	456	-15	441
Taxes on income	-114	6	-108
Profit after tax from continuing operations	342	-9	333
Profit after tax from discontinued operations	-	9	9
Profit after tax	342	-	342
of which: attributable to Merck KGaA shareholders (net income)	341	-	341
of which: non-controlling interests	1	-	1
Earnings per share in € (basic/diluted)			
attributable to continuing operations	0.78	-0.02	0.76
attributable to discontinued operations	-	0.02	0.02

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€ million	Q1 2018		
	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated
RECONCILIATION OF EBIT¹ TO EBITDA PRE¹			
Operating result (EBIT) ¹	518	-15	502
Depreciation/amortization/impairment losses/reversals of impairment losses	428	-6	422
EBITDA¹	946	-21	924
Restructuring costs	7	-2	6
Integration costs/IT costs	21	-	21
Gains (-)/losses (+) from divested businesses	2	-	2
Acquisition-related adjustments	1	-	1
Other adjustments	39	-25	14
EBITDA pre¹	1,015	-48	967
BUSINESS FREE CASH FLOW¹			
EBITDA pre ¹	1,015	-48	967
Investments in property, plant and equipment, software as well as advance payments for intangible assets	-132	4	-129
Changes in inventories	-66	-3	-69
Changes in trade accounts receivable as well as receivables from licenses	-87	37	-51
Business free cash flow¹	729	-11	718

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

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€ million	Q1 2017			Q2 2017			Jan.-June 2017		
	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated
RESULTS OF OPERATIONS									
Net sales	1,735	-203	1,531	1,783	-196	1,587	3,518	-400	3,118
Cost of sales	-371	54	-318	-402	57	-345	-773	110	-663
Gross profit	1,364	-150	1,214	1,381	-140	1,242	2,745	-289	2,455
Marketing and selling expenses	-656	89	-567	-710	93	-617	-1,367	182	-1,184
Administration expenses	-77	7	-69	-78	8	-70	-154	15	-139
Research and development costs	-376	7	-369	-389	8	-381	-765	15	-750
Other operating expenses and income	191	3	194	144	8	152	335	11	346
Operating result (EBIT)¹	445	-44	402	348	-23	326	794	-66	727
Depreciation/amortization/impairment losses/reversals of impairment losses	184	-3	181	117	-4	113	301	-7	294
EBITDA¹	629	-47	582	465	-26	439	1,095	-73	1,021
Restructuring costs	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
Integration costs/IT costs	4	-	4	8	-	7	12	-	11
Gains (-)/losses (+) from divested businesses	-	-	-	-11	-	-11	-11	-	-11
Acquisition-related adjustments	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other adjustments	-	-	-	17	-3	14	17	-3	14
EBITDA pre¹	633	-47	586	480	-30	450	1,113	-77	1,036
BUSINESS FREE CASH FLOW¹									
EBITDA pre ¹	633	-47	586	480	-30	450	1,113	-77	1,036
Investments in property, plant and equipment, software as well as advance payments for intangible assets	-45	3	-42	-87	4	-82	-131	7	-124
Changes in inventories	-24	7	-17	1	-	-	-24	7	-17
Changes in trade accounts receivable as well as receivables from royalties and licenses	-207	23	-184	73	-8	65	-135	15	-119
Business free cash flow¹	356	-14	342	467	-33	433	823	-47	776

¹ Not defined by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

Q3 2017			Jan.-Sept. 2017			Q4 2017			Jan.-Dec. 2017			Q1 2018		
as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated	as reported	IFRS 5 adjustment	restated
1,708	-210	1,498	5,226	-610	4,616	1,773	-200	1,573	6,999	-809	6,190	1,640	-205	1,435
-379	62	-317	-1,152	172	-981	-435	76	-359	-1,587	248	-1,340	-394	60	-334
1,329	-149	1,180	4,074	-438	3,636	1,338	-124	1,214	5,412	-562	4,850	1,246	-145	1,101
-666	83	-583	-2,033	266	-1,767	-689	84	-606	-2,722	349	-2,373	-636	85	-551
-71	7	-64	-226	23	-203	-73	5	-68	-299	28	-271	-81	7	-74
-423	8	-416	-1,188	22	-1,166	-443	9	-434	-1,632	32	-1,600	-385	7	-379
413	8	421	748	19	767	-60	23	-36	688	43	731	67	30	97
581	-42	539	1,375	-108	1,267	73	-3	70	1,447	-111	1,337	211	-16	195
171	-4	168	472	-11	462	236	-6	230	708	-17	691	190	-6	184
752	-45	707	1,847	-119	1,728	308	-8	300	2,155	-127	2,028	401	-22	379
-1	-	-1	-	-	-	40	-23	17	40	-23	17	1	-2	-1
5	-	5	17	-	16	11	-	11	28	-	27	3	-	3
-315	-	-315	-325	-	-325	9	-	9	-316	-	-316	-	-	-
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-10	-	27	-13	14	15	-13	2	42	-26	16	25	-24	1
453	-56	397	1,566	-132	1,433	384	-44	339	1,949	-177	1,773	430	-49	381
453	-56	397	1,566	-132	1,433	384	-44	339	1,949	-177	1,773	430	-49	381
-85	6	-78	-216	13	-203	-196	22	-174	-411	35	-375	-44	4	-40
-12	6	-6	-36	13	-23	-3	-8	-11	-39	5	-34	-12	-3	-15
10	20	31	-125	36	-89	74	-34	40	-51	2	-49	-64	37	-27
366	-23	343	1,189	-70	1,119	259	-64	195	1,448	-134	1,314	310	-12	299

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