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# UNILEVER PLC LAUNCHES OFFER FOR ALL PREFERENCE SHARES IN UNILEVER N.V.

- PUBLICATION OF OFFER MEMORANDUM AND POSITION STATEMENT
- ACCEPTANCE PERIOD COMMENCES ON 12 OCTOBER 2017 AND ENDS ON 25 OCTOBER 2017
- STATUTORY BUY-OUT PROCEEDINGS TO BE INITIATED FOLLOWING COMPLETION OF OFFER

**London/Rotterdam, 11 October 2017** – Following the initial announcement by Unilever on 9 August 2017, Unilever Corporate Holdings Nederland B.V. (the “Offeror”), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Unilever PLC, today launches a recommended, unconditional and irrevocable partial cash offer for (depository receipts of) all 6% and 7% cumulative preference (sub)shares (together the “Preference Shares”) in the capital of Unilever N.V. (the “Offer”). The acceptance period for holders of Preference Shares to tender their Preference Shares commences on 12 October 2017 at 9:00 hours CET and ends on 25 October 2017 at 17:40 hours CET (the “Acceptance Period”). Upon completion of the Offer, the Offeror will initiate statutory buy-out proceedings in order to acquire the remaining Preference Shares.

### Further details of the Offer

The Offeror is making the Offer subject to the terms and conditions and restrictions set forth in the offer memorandum published today (the “Offer Memorandum”). Holders of Preference Shares who tender their Preference Shares will be paid in consideration for each Preference Share validly tendered and transferred under the Offer the amount set out in the table below:

Type of Preference Share		ISIN code	Nominal value (EUR)	Offer price (EUR)
6% cumulative preference subshares		NL0000388742	42.86	307.80
7% cumulative preference shares	7% cumulative preference (whole) shares	NL0000388726	428.57	3,262
	7% cumulative preference subshares	NL0000388684	42.86	326.20
	7% cumulative preference subshares for which no depository receipts are issued	N/A		

The offer price will be paid in cash, without interest and withholding of taxes, and is cum dividend.

The offer price represents a premium of 264% to the closing price per 6% cumulative preference subshare and a premium of 288% to the closing price per 7% cumulative preference subshare on 8 August 2017, being the day prior to the initial announcement of the Offer on 9 August 2017.

## **Background and rationale of the Offer**

As announced on 9 August 2017, the Offer represents an important step towards simplification of Unilever's capital structure and improving corporate governance by strengthening the link between economic interest and voting rights for shareholders.

NN Investment Partners B.V. and ASR Nederland N.V. have each irrevocably committed to tender all Preference Shares held by them under the Offer. Consequently, upon completion of the Offer, the interests held by the Offeror will represent at least 97% of the outstanding Preference Shares.

Upon completion of the Offer, the Offeror will initiate statutory buy-out proceedings in order to acquire any remaining Preference Shares and terminate the listing of the Preference Shares on Euronext Amsterdam.

## **Unanimous recommendation of the board of Unilever N.V.**

The board of Unilever N.V. fully supports the Offer and unanimously recommends the Offer to the holders of the Preference Shares for acceptance, as set out in the separate position statement which is available as of today and contains the information required by the Dutch offer rules in connection with the Offer (the "**Position Statement**").

## **Cancellation of treasury Preference Shares**

Consistent with the rationale of the Offer, Unilever N.V. intends to cancel all Preference Shares currently held by it in treasury, except for ten 6% cumulative preference subshares and one 7% cumulative preference share which it will hold on to for purposes of preventing a potential delay of the statutory buy-out proceedings that could otherwise occur.

## **Indicative timetable**

The Acceptance Period commences on 12 October 2017 at 9:00 hours CET and ends on 25 October 2017 at 17:40 hours CET. No later than three business days after the end of the Acceptance Period, the Offeror will publicly announce that it declares the Offer unconditional (*het bod gestand doen*).

When the Offer is declared unconditional, the Offeror will announce a post-acceptance period of one week in order to enable the holders of Preference Shares who did not tender their Preference Shares during the Acceptance Period to tender their Preference Shares under the same terms and conditions as applicable to the Offer.

Settlement of the Offer will take place no later than five business days after the Offer has been declared unconditional and no later than five business days after the end of the post-acceptance period.

## **Further information**

This announcement contains selected, condensed information regarding the Offer and does not replace the Offer Memorandum and/or the Position Statement. Holders of Preference Shares are advised to review the Offer Memorandum and Position Statement in detail and to seek independent advice where appropriate to reach a balanced judgment in respect of the Offer.

The Offer Memorandum and Position Statement are available for downloading on the website of Unilever ([www.unilever.com/investor-relations/unilever-shares/about-shares/](http://www.unilever.com/investor-relations/unilever-shares/about-shares/)). Copies thereof are also available free of charge via Unilever N.V., the Exchange Agent and the Administrative Tender Agent:

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### **Notice to U.S. holders of Preference Shares**

The Offer will be made in reliance on the exemption from certain requirements of Rule 13e-4 under the U.S. Securities Exchange Act of 1934 provided by Rule 13e-4(h)(8) thereunder, and otherwise in accordance with the requirements of U.S. and Dutch law. Accordingly, the Offer will be subject to Dutch disclosure and other procedural requirements, including, with respect to the offer timetable, extensions of the Acceptance Period and timing of payments that are different from those applicable under U.S. tender offer procedures and laws. U.S. investors are therefore advised to review the Offer Memorandum and the Position Statement in detail and to seek independent advice where appropriate. The Offer Memorandum and the Position Statement will be furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the “SEC”) on Form CB.

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*This announcement contains inside information in relation to the Preference Shares in Unilever N.V. This is a public announcement pursuant to section 17 paragraph 1 of the European Market Abuse Regulation (596/2014).*