

UNILEVER TRADING STATEMENT FIRST QUARTER 2016

CONSISTENT, COMPETITIVE GROWTH IN CHALLENGING MARKETS

First quarter highlights

- Underlying sales growth 4.7% with emerging markets up 8.3%
- Underlying volume growth 2.6% and pricing up 2.0%
- Turnover declined (2.0)% to €12.5 billion including a negative currency impact of (7.1)%
- Quarterly dividend raised 6% to €0.3201 per share

Paul Polman: Chief Executive Officer statement

"The first quarter demonstrates a strong volume-driven performance, following on from a good delivery in 2015. We are maintaining momentum despite a tougher external environment, with all four categories gaining market share. This broad-based growth, including over 8% in emerging markets, shows the validity of our strategy, portfolio management and a step-up in innovation.

With markets remaining volatile, we continue to focus on driving agility and resilience in our business through the key programmes which we set out at the end of last year: net revenue management, zero based budgeting and the next stage in our continued organisational transformation. This will position us well to deliver another year of volumedriven growth ahead of our markets, steady improvement in core operating margin and strong cash flow. These underpin sustained long-term value creation for our shareholders."

14 April 2016



























