

# 2018 Results, 2019 Outlook and K-C Strategy 2022

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# Full Year 2018 Results

# 2018 Headlines

- Full year organic sales increased 1 percent; Q4 up 3 percent
- Challenging macro environment; profitability impacted by significant commodity inflation and currency volatility
- Delivered significant cost savings and achieved higher selling prices in second half of year
- Improved capital efficiency and returned significant cash to shareholders

# Consolidated Net Sales

| Net Sales                   | 2018 |
|-----------------------------|------|
| Total Change <sup>(a)</sup> | 1%   |
| Volume                      | 0%   |
| Net Price                   | 0%   |
| Mix/Other                   | 1%   |
| Currency                    | (1%) |
| Organic <sup>(b)</sup>      | 1%   |

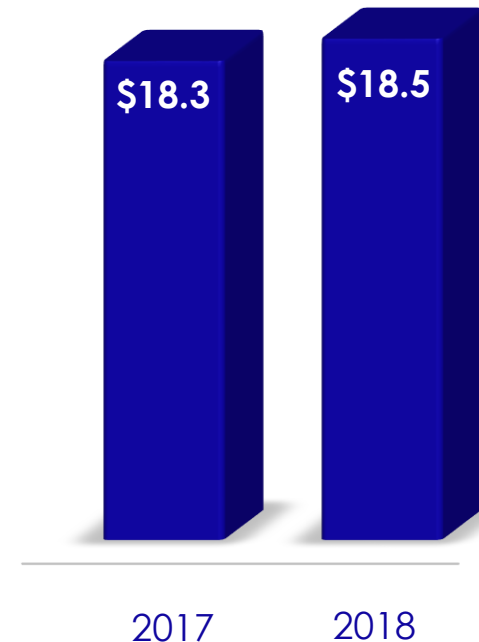
## Organic sales up 1 percent

- 2 points of positive pricing in second half of the year

(a) Total may not equal the sum of volume, net price, mix/other and currency due to rounding

(b) Growth before currency and acquisition impacts

NET SALES  
(\$ BILLION)



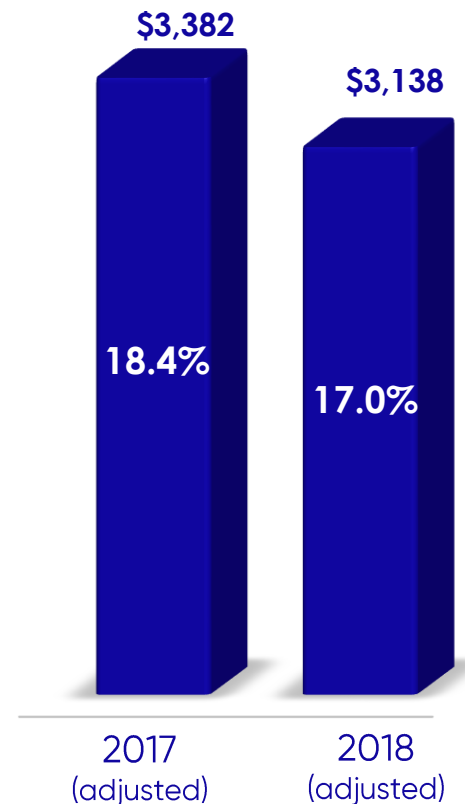
# 2018 Top-line Results by Geography

- North America
  - Consumer products organic sales increased 1 percent; personal care up more than 1 percent, solid volume growth in baby care and adult care
  - K-C Professional organic sales increased 3 percent with higher volumes in all major product categories
- Developing & Emerging (D&E) Markets
  - Organic sales rose 2 percent
  - Personal care organic sales increased double-digits in Eastern Europe and ASEAN and mid-single digits in Latin America, fell low-teens in China
- Developed Markets Outside North America
  - Organic sales rose 1 percent

# Adjusted Gross and Operating Profit

- Gross margin 33.2 percent, down 270 basis points
- Commodities and currencies combined: high 20's percent drag on profit
  - Commodity inflation \$795 million (all-time high); initial assumption \$300 to \$400 million
- Cost savings \$510 million including FORCE and Restructuring
  - Restructuring savings \$135 million; initial target \$50 to \$70 million
  - FORCE cost savings \$375 million, soft Q4 performance
- Between-the-lines spending down 130 basis points as a percent of net sales
  - Restructuring, discretionary spending and secondarily lower incentive compensation
- Operating margin 17.0 percent, down 140 basis points; Operating profit down 7 percent

OPERATING  
PROFIT / MARGIN  
(\$ MILLION)



# Adjusted Earnings Per Share

- Adjusted EPS \$6.61, up 6 percent year-on-year
  - October guidance \$6.60 to \$6.80
- Adjusted effective tax rate 21.0 percent vs. 28.6 percent last year
  - U.S. tax reform
  - Below initial plan of 23 to 26 percent: planning initiatives, resolution of certain matters
- Lower interest expense
- Reduced share count

Earnings Per Share



# Cash Flow and Capital Allocation

- Cash provided by operations \$3.0 billion
  - Up slightly versus \$2.9 billion in 2017
- Reduced primary working capital cash conversion cycle by 5 days
  - Averaged 11 days in 2018 vs. 16 days in 2017
- Improved adjusted return on invested capital by 240 basis points
- Continue to allocate capital in shareholder-friendly ways
  - Dividends and share repurchases totaled \$2.2 billion
  - Eighth consecutive year we've returned at least \$2 billion to shareholders

# 2019 Outlook

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- Expect environment will remain challenging, although somewhat better than 2018
- Targeting solid improvement in operating performance including higher organic sales growth and improved operating profit and margins
- Total sales to decline 1 to 2 percent
  - Includes 3 to 4 point headwind from currencies
- Organic sales growth target 2 percent
  - Similar to expectation for overall market growth
  - Expect higher net selling prices of at least 3 percent; back-half 2018 progress bodes well for 2019 plans
  - Given level of pricing, planning for some negative volume impacts, particularly in consumer tissue
- Innovation launches and strong marketing support

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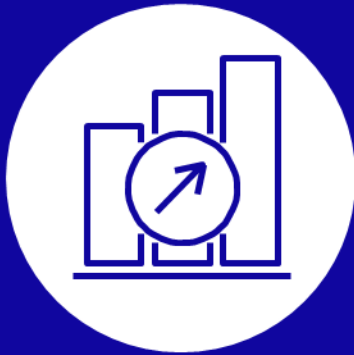
- Adjusted operating profit growth 1 to 4 percent
  - 70 basis points margin improvement at mid-point of guidance targets
  - On average, commodities and currencies expected to be combined headwind on operating profit of approximately 20 percent
    - Includes high-single digit drag from currency rates
    - Commodity inflation \$300 to \$400 million
    - Higher net selling prices should offset much of these headwinds
  - Total cost savings \$400 to \$450 million
    - FORCE \$300 to \$325 million
    - 2018 Global Restructuring Program \$100 to \$125 million

# 2019 Outlook

- Adjusted effective tax rate 23 to 25 percent
  - Return to more normal level
  - At mid-point, 3 ½ percent year-on-year drag on earnings
- Adjusted earnings per share \$6.50 to \$6.70
  - At mid-point, essentially even year-on-year
  - Expect earnings to be higher in second half of 2019 versus first half, primarily reflecting expected timing of net benefit from selling price increases
- Cash provided by operations slightly below strong 2018 performance
- Allocate \$2.0 to \$2.3 billion to dividends and share repurchases
  - Share repurchases \$600 to \$900 million
  - Increased dividend 3 percent; 47<sup>th</sup> consecutive annual increase

# K-C Strategy 2022

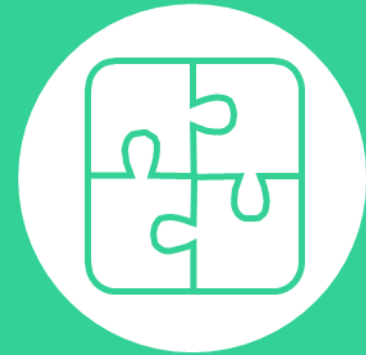
# K-C Strategy 2022



**Grow Portfolio  
of Iconic Brands**



**Leverage Cost  
and Financial  
Discipline**



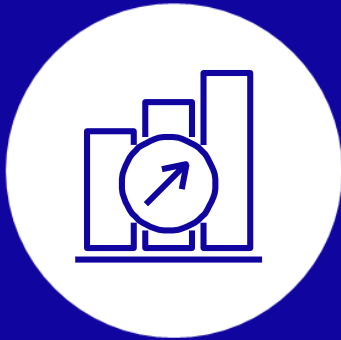
**Allocate Capital  
in Value-  
Creating Ways**

*K-C Strategy 2022: Balanced, Sustainable Growth*

# K-C Strategy 2022: Highlights

- Continue to drive cost and be good stewards of shareholders' capital
- Sharpen and increase our focus on the consumer to better meet their needs
  - Develop and launch more meaningful innovations, increase investments in digital marketing, improve sales execution
  - Accelerate and improve commercial capabilities; launching internal initiatives

# K-C Strategy 2022: Growth

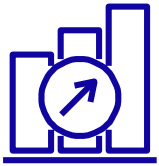


**Grow Portfolio  
of Iconic Brands**  
in-line with, or  
slightly ahead of  
categories

Portfolio includes some of the world's most well-known and trusted brands, with #1 or #2 market share positions in 80 countries

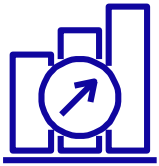
Three main, consumer centric growth pillars:

- Elevate core businesses
- Accelerate growth in D&E markets
- Drive digital marketing and e-commerce



# Growth: Elevate Core Businesses

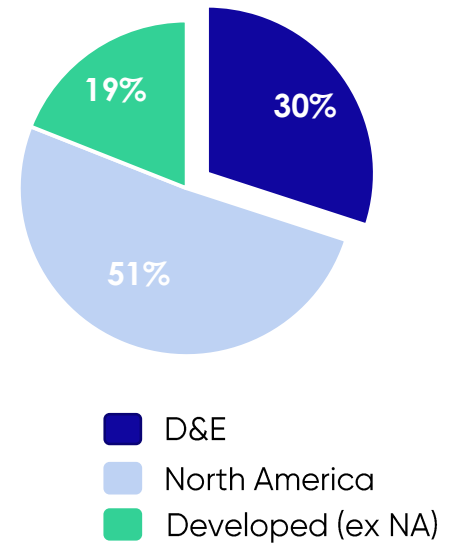
- Launch differentiated product innovations
  - Based on deep understanding of consumer insights
  - Drive trade up
  - Leverage upgraded and more standardized manufacturing footprint
- Deploy category-building marketing, including in underpenetrated categories
- Net revenue management
  - Pricing strategies, promotion effectiveness/efficiency, mix

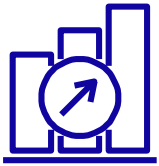


# Growth: Accelerate Growth in D&E

- Emphasis on Personal Care and K-C Professional
- Largest growth opportunity – low category penetration and frequency of usage
- Invest to drive category development in diapers; also invest in feminine care, adult care, baby wipes
- Priority markets in Personal Care – Latin America, China, Eastern Europe, ASEAN
  - Early stage markets such as India and Africa

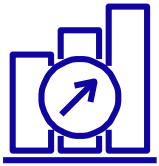
2018 K-C  
Net Sales





# Growth: Accelerate Growth in D&E

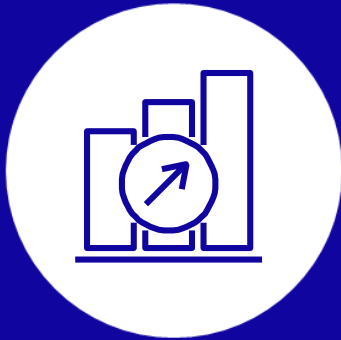
- Leverage insights-based innovation model
  - More R&D resources in big, local markets
  - Adopt and deploy model for smaller markets
- Strengthen sales execution in-store
- Deploy category-building marketing and in-market activities
- Pursue whitespace in K-C Professional as industrialization and economic development occur
  - D&E approximately 20 percent of that business
  - Near-term focus markets include Latin America, China



# Growth: Drive Digital Marketing and E-Commerce

- Build one-to-one consumer relationships
  - Invest more in digital marketing
  - Deploy data-driven and compelling marketing, precision targeting
  - Improves consumer engagement, loyalty, ROI
- E-commerce channel growing double-digits
  - About 10 percent of company revenue, online shares slightly ahead, or in-line with, off-line position in key countries
  - Products well positioned for environment, critical to customers
  - Leverage capabilities and brands to take advantage of growth opportunities
- Further enables growth strategies in core businesses and D&E markets

# K-C Strategy 2022: Growth Recap



## Grow Portfolio of Iconic Brands

in-line with, or  
slightly ahead of  
categories

- Strong portfolio of brands
- Right growth strategies and organization structure
- Solid foundation to build on
- Opportunity to accelerate capabilities

# K-C Strategy 2022: Cost/Financial Discipline



**Leverage Cost  
and Financial  
Discipline** to fund  
growth and  
improve margins

Strong legacy to build upon

Key focus areas:

- Drive ongoing supply chain productivity
  - FORCE program
- Execute 2018 Global Restructuring Program
  - Annual savings \$500 to \$550 million by 2021
- Control discretionary spending
  - Sustain top-tier SG&A cost structure
- Drive down working capital
  - Leverage global supply chain

# K-C Strategy 2022: Capital Allocation



**Allocate Capital  
in Value-  
Creating Ways**  
enabled by strong  
cash flow

Consistent with historical approach

- Disciplined capital spending
  - Annual spending 4 to 5 percent of net sales post restructuring; prior target 4 ½ to 5 ½ percent
- Pay top-tier dividend
- Evaluate M&A, with bias for tuck-in transactions in existing categories
  - Not expected to be significant
- Allocate excess cash flow to share repurchases

# K-C Strategy 2022: Medium-Term Financial Objectives

**Grow sales and  
organic sales  
1 to 3 percent**

*Assumes  
category growth  
of 1 to 2 percent*

**Increase EPS  
mid-single digits**

*Operating profit  
growth 3 to 5 percent;  
some leverage from  
share repurchases*

**At least  
maintain  
top-tier ROIC at  
current level**

*2018 ROIC:  
26 percent*

**Generally  
increase  
dividend in line  
with EPS**

*Current payout  
ratio low 60's*

- Appropriate medium-term objectives in current environment
- Longer-term, significant optimism about potential of our categories and our business
- Confident in our ability to create shareholder value through successful execution of K-C Strategy 2022

NOTE: EPS, profit and ROIC are adjusted

# Q&A Session



# Appendix:

# 2018 Business Segment Results

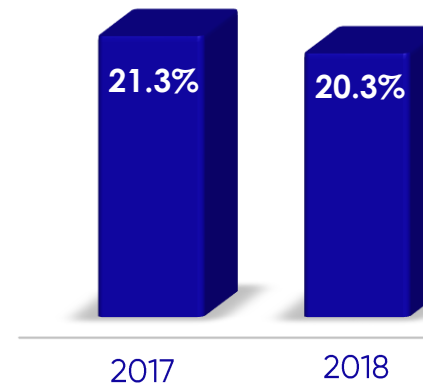
# Personal Care



## Net Sales 2018

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| Total Change | 0%   |
| Volume       | 1%   |
| Net Price    | (1%) |
| Mix/Other    | 1%   |
| Currency     | (2%) |
| Organic      | 1%   |

## OPERATING MARGIN



- Organic sales up 1 percent
  - D&E markets up 2 percent, North America up more than 1 percent, developed markets down 2 percent
- Operating margin down 100 basis points
  - Commodity inflation and currency headwinds, cost savings and organic sales growth

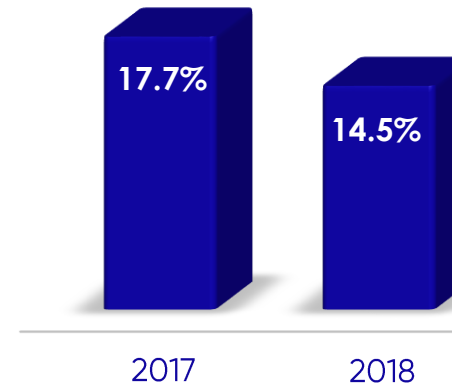
# Consumer Tissue



## Net Sales 2018

|              |      |
|--------------|------|
| Total Change | 1%   |
| Volume       | (1%) |
| Net Price    | 2%   |
| Mix/Other    | 0%   |
| Currency     | 0%   |
| Organic      | 1%   |

## OPERATING MARGIN



- Organic sales up 1 percent
  - North America flat, developed markets up 4 percent, D&E markets up 2 percent
- Operating margin down 320 basis points
  - Commodity inflation and lower volumes, higher pricing and cost savings

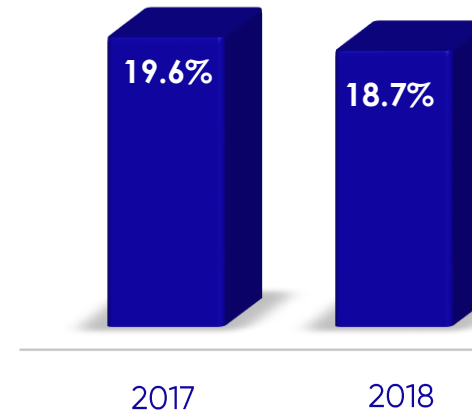
# K-C Professional



## Net Sales 2018

|              |    |
|--------------|----|
| Total Change | 3% |
| Volume       | 1% |
| Net Price    | 1% |
| Mix/Other    | 1% |
| Currency     | 0% |
| Organic      | 3% |

## OPERATING MARGIN



- Organic sales up 3 percent
  - North America up 3 percent, D&E markets up 4 percent, developed markets flat
- Operating margin down 90 basis points
  - Commodity inflation and currency headwinds, organic sales growth and cost savings

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