

CMD Antwerp – 15 November 2016



# Welcome!





### Koen Van Gerven

Chief Executive Officer





### Agenda of today

3:10 pm - 3.30 pm **Break** 

6.00 pm - 7.15 pm Drink & Dinner

1.00 pm - 3:10 pm

Part 1 and Q&A

3.30 pm - 5.40 pm

Part 2 and Q&A

8.00 pm - 9.45 pm

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## We are a leading postal operator building on strong foundations



Leading market position in the resilient Belgian mail market with a balanced regulatory framework



Focused mail and parcels business with a proven strategy for profitable growth



Scope for continued cost improvements



**Strong financial performance** supporting a high level of cash flow generation and **dividends** 

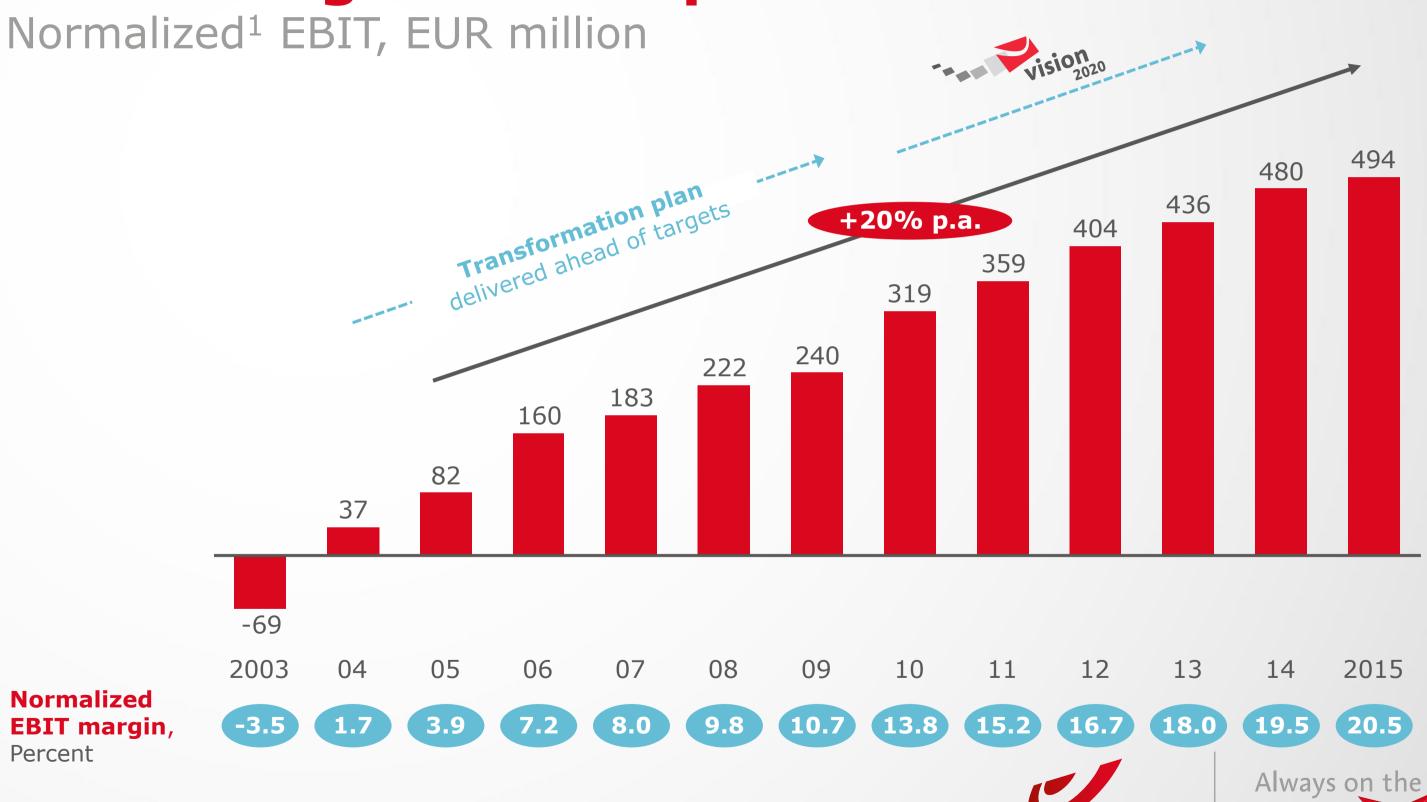


Proven performance track record





Transformation journey has resulted in a strong financial performance ...



# ... While undergoing structural ownership changes and gradual privatization

#### 2006

State share drops to ~50% while Post Danmark and CVC take a joint 49.99% shareholding

#### Modern corporate governance

structure & discipline reflects international shareholdership

#### 2013

bpost becomes a listed company after successful IPO

### Further internationalization of shareholder base

Level-playing field with other listed companies



















2003

Ambitious modernization plan is launched

#### 2009

Post Danmark leaves the consortium, leaving CVC as the sole private shareholder

#### 2015

Modernization of the 1991 Law for autonomous public companies

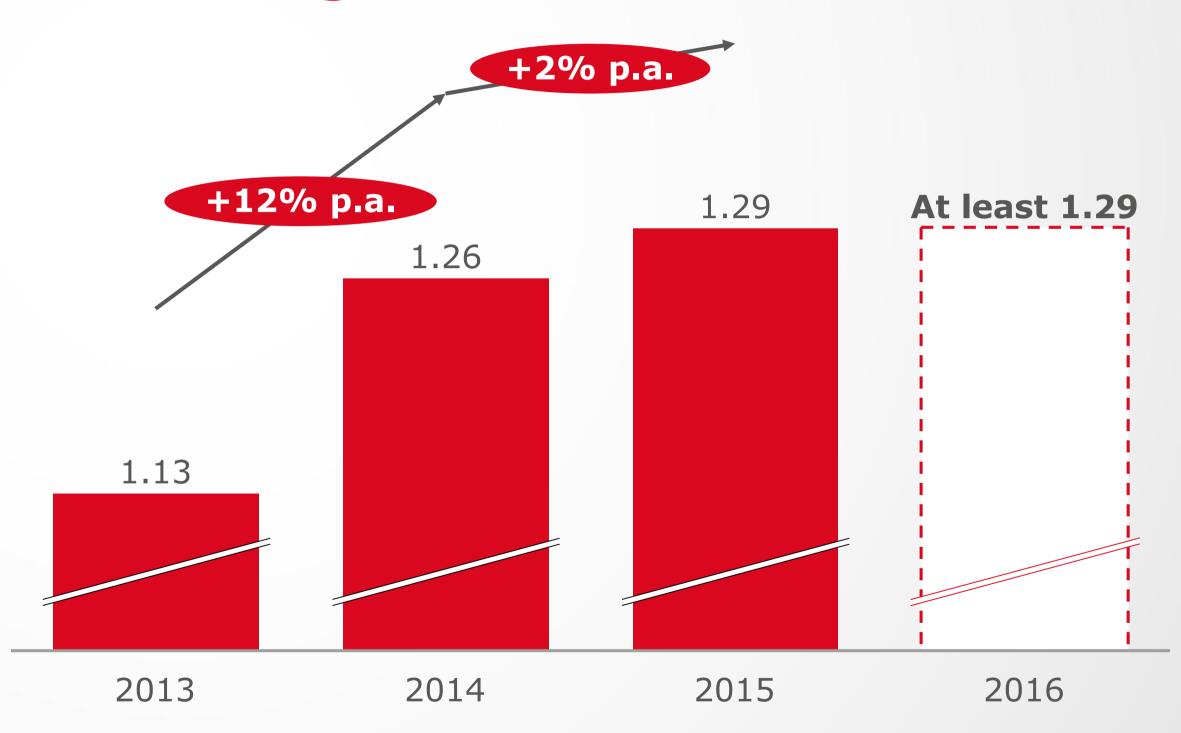
Adoption of corporate governance charter to reinforce state-of-the-art governance





# Since the IPO in 2013 this translated into increasing dividends

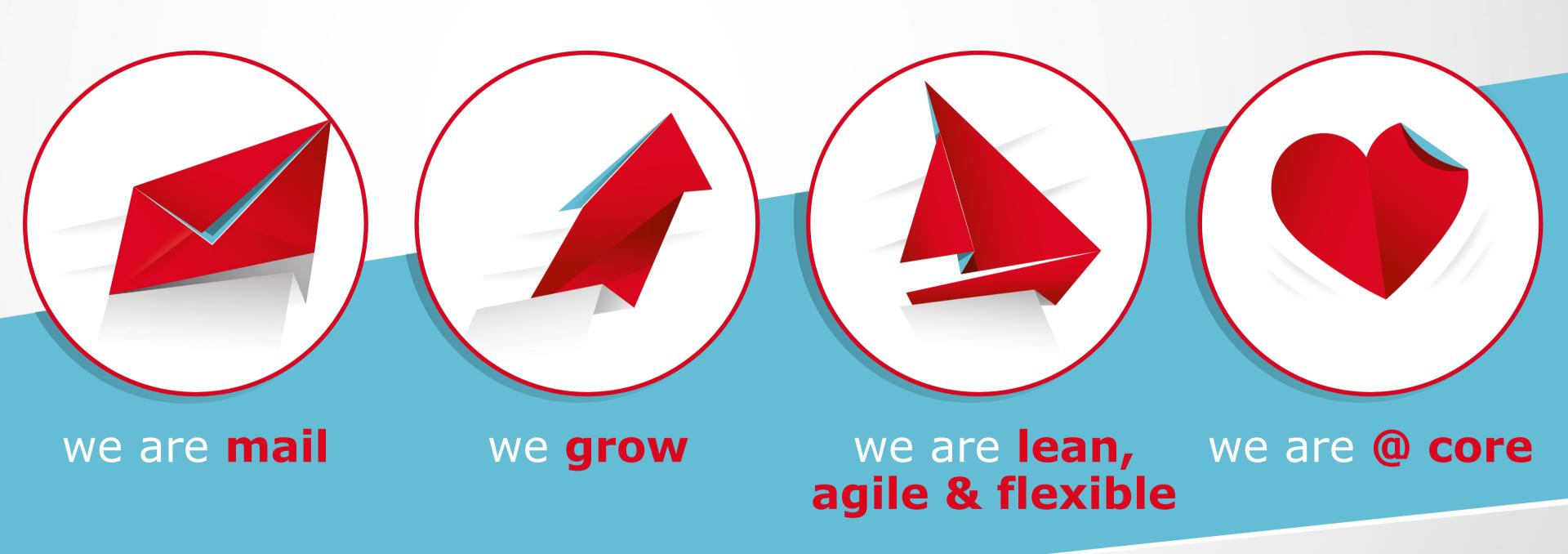
**EUR** 







### Our strategy is simple and focused







### We made clear choices to drive value creation & reward shareholders

Provide ongoing and relentless support to mail as an effective communication medium

We are mail

Always on the

We **grow** 



Support organic growth and external growth in domestic and international parcels (B2C eCommerce and B2B), proximity and convenience services

Deliver operational excellence (e.g., culture of continuous improvements, Vision 2020), in a context of powerful natural attrition lever





Remain relevant for all stakeholders (e.g., loyal customers, passionate employees, rewarded shareholders)





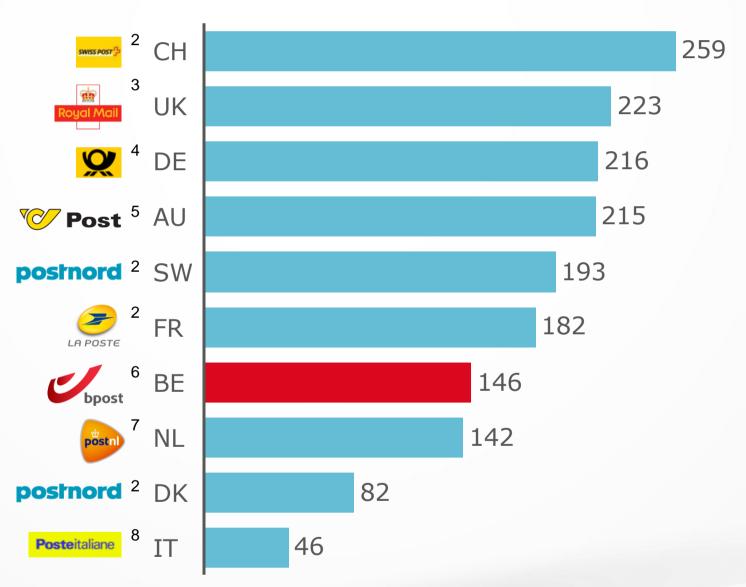
### We have continued to deliver on this strategy in 2016

- Mail volume decline in line with 2016 guidance of -5% (strong performance of advertising mail)
- Management contract and press distribution approved until end of 2020
- USO provider until end of 2018
- FTE savings in line with guidance
- Sorting center expansion completed in time and within initial budget
- Overhead cost reduction program completed



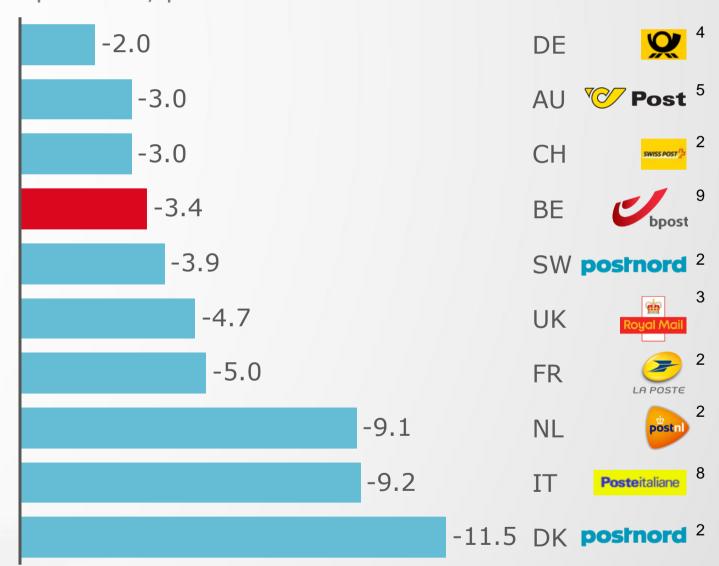
### We benefit from a relatively resilient mail market vs. other countries

Addressed mail volume per capita 2015 Operator level<sup>1</sup>



#### 2008-15 CAGR for addressed mail volumes

As reported by major incumbent EU postal operators, percent



Note: definition of addressed mail may differ by operator

- 1 Excludes domestic competitors
- 2 Includes addressed mail
- 3 Includes inland addressed mail, limited to 2014
- 4 Includes mail communication and dialogue marketing
- 5 Includes letter mail and addressed direct mail / media post
- 6 Includes addressed mail excluding press
- 7 Includes all mail
- 8 Includes addressed mail (publishers services excl.), limited to 2014
- 9 Includes all domestic mail





SOURCE: Annual reports; Investor presentations; IPC; Eurostat

# 2016 YTD mail volume decline is lower than last year and in line with guidance

#### Mail volume evolution, underlying

Percent







# At the same time, mail volume decline has become increasingly volatile

Mail volume evolution, underlying









### Reconfirmed balanced regulatory framework

- bpost designated by law as the USO provider until end of 2018
- USO pricing regulated by price cap formula

Universal
Service
Obligation
(USO)

6<sup>th</sup> Management Contract

- 6<sup>th</sup> Management Contract has been confirmed until end of 2020
- Compensation methodology validated by EC to ensure no over-compensation

 Tendering process reconfirmed bpost as operator until end of 2020

Press tendering

BE regulation

 New law of December 16, 2015 creating a level playing field for listed public companies in Belgium







# SGEIs are compensated following strict guidelines set by EU while USO delivery is not compensated









Net avoided cost of each SGEI, i.e., the difference in bpost's profit in the as-is situation (under the constraints of the 6th MC) and bpost's profit in the situation in which it would not be subject to those constraints

Compensation includes an incentive for efficiency gains realized over the duration of the 6th MC provided a number of quality criteria are met

Yearly compensation is capped, i.e., if the sum of the net avoided costs and the efficiency gains in a given year is higher than the cap foreseen in the 6<sup>th</sup> MC, the State will be able to recover the excess compensation for that year

**No compensation** for USO delivery



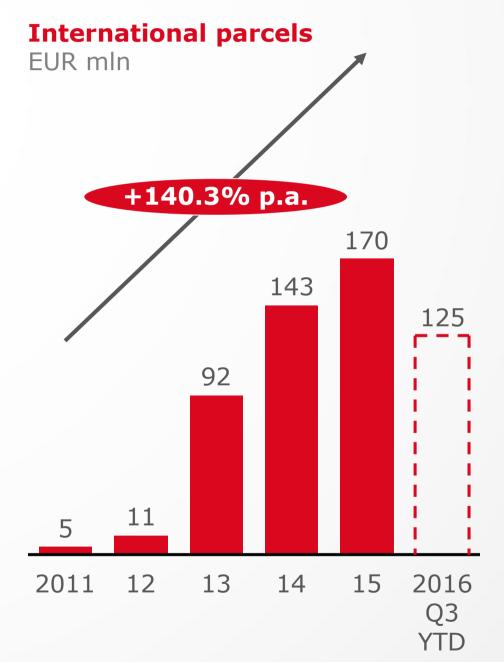


# Continued double digit growth in parcels, further supported by acquisitions, partnerships and innovative new ventures

#### **Domestic parcels**

Volume, percent growth







Acquisitions, partnerships and innovative new ventures















In line with guidance

# Development of Lagardère Travel Retail's Belgian activities in line with bpost's strategy



Operate distribution platform of newspapers and periodicals to proximity stores all over the country



Diversify into growing retail proximity & convenience distribution (+4 to 6% CAGR 2015-20)

Further enable domestic parcels growth strategy by increasing network coverage to over 1,900 points





Ambition to grow margin to 5-6% (from 3.3%)

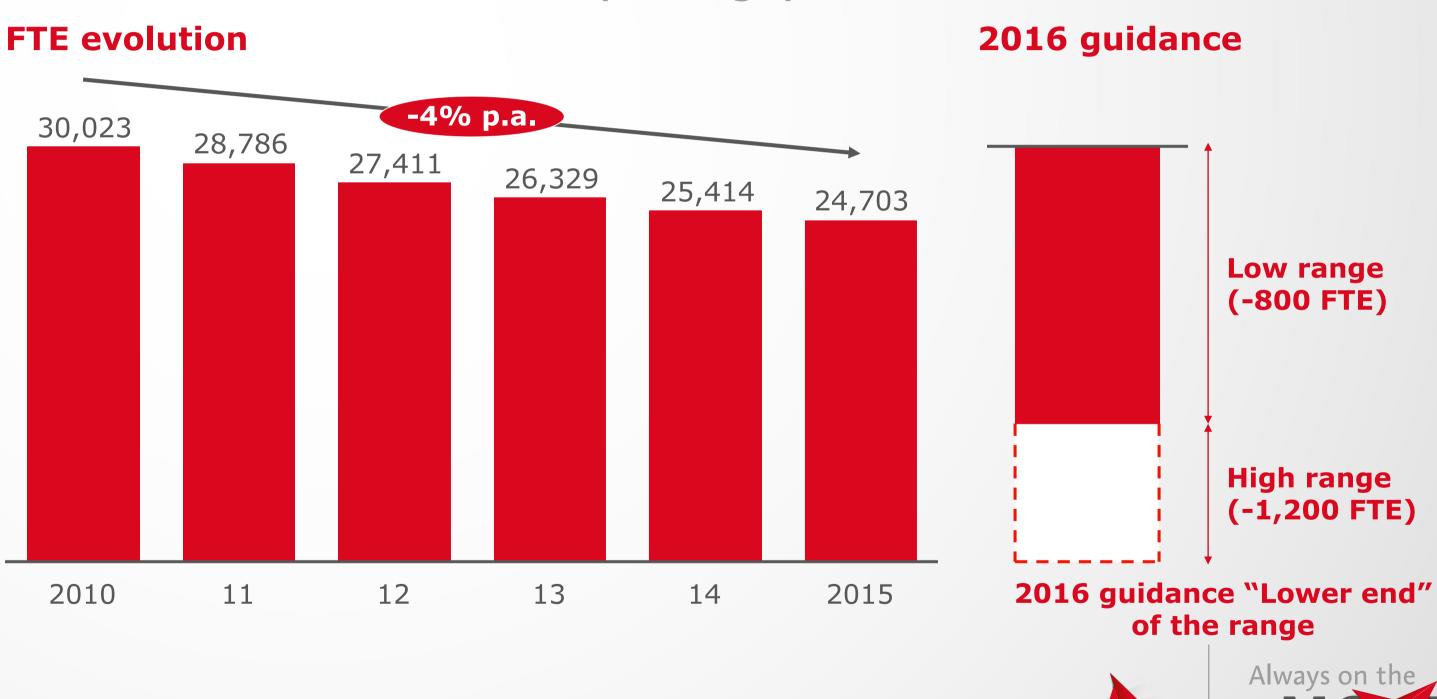
Ambition to generate cost synergies of €4-5m p.a.





# Productivity improvement of 800-1,200 FTEs in the past, 2016 guidance at the lower end of the range

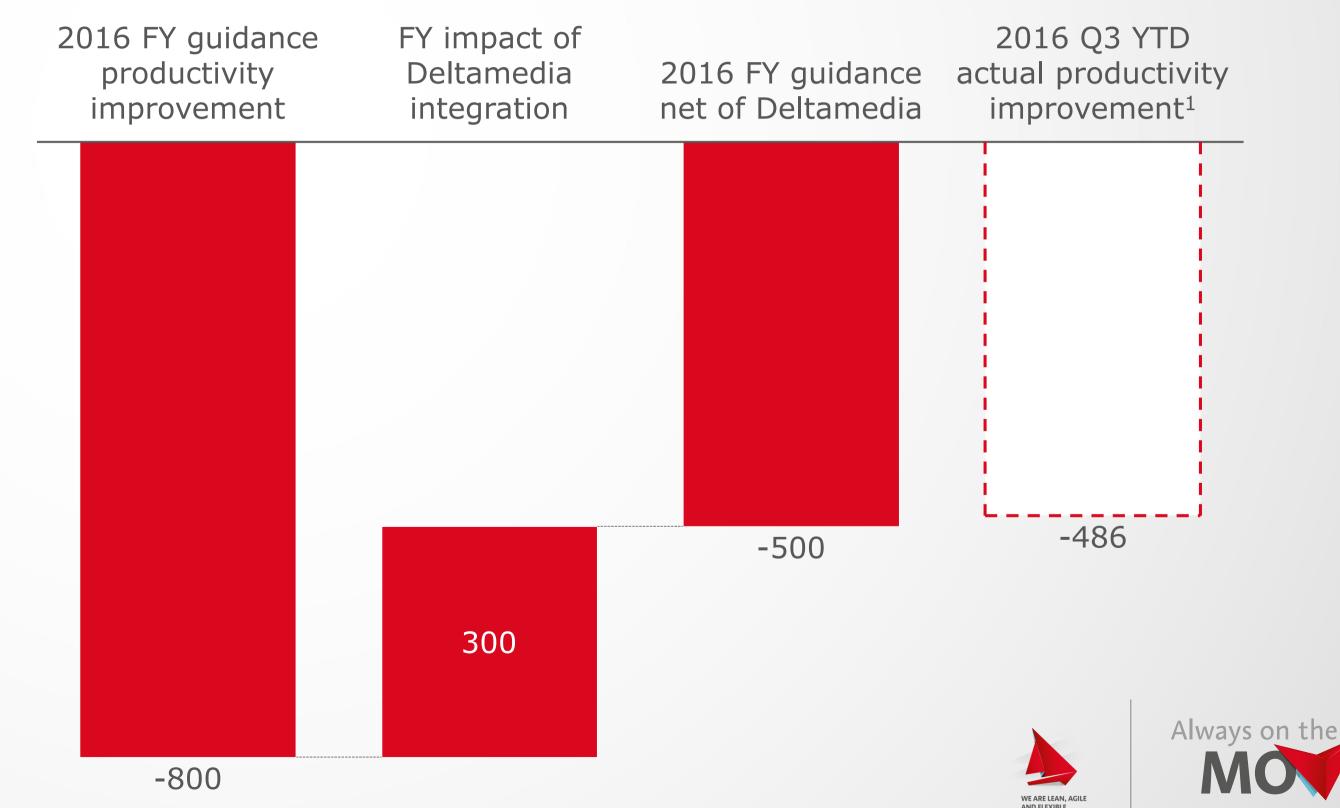
Number of FTEs & interims (average)





### Productivity improvement 2016 YTD in line with guidance, adjusted for Deltamedia integration

Number of FTEs and interims (average)



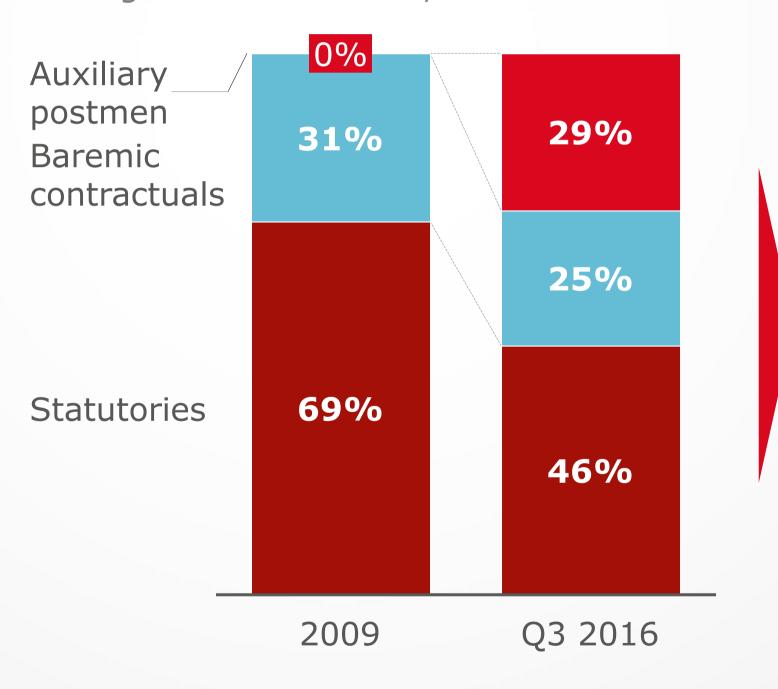




### Besides productivity gains, change in mix continues to contribute to labor cost control

#### **bpost contract types**<sup>1</sup>

Average number of FTEs, %



#### **Average cost per contract type**

Indexed on statutory employee cost





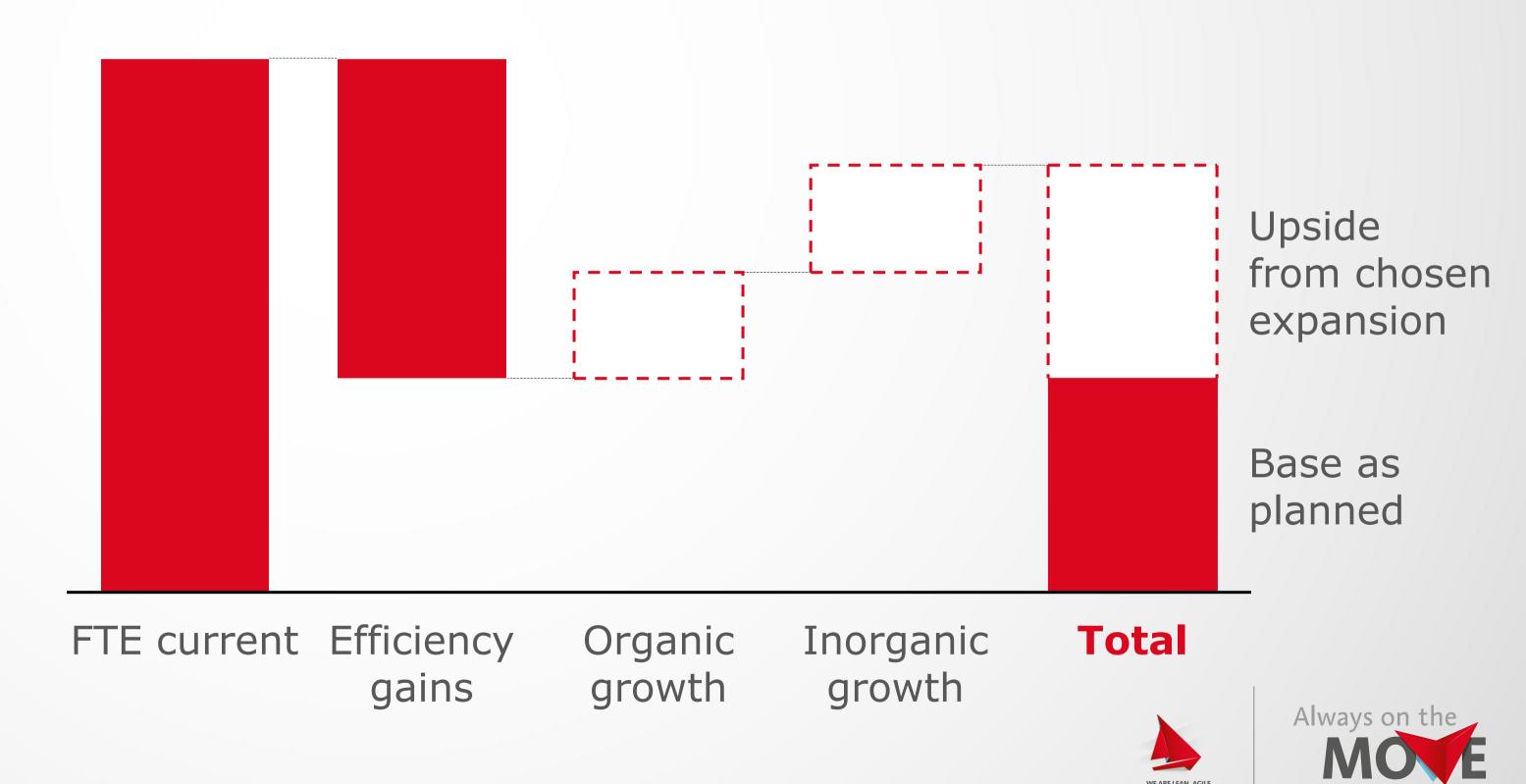


<sup>1</sup> Average number of FTEs excluding students, interims, non-baremic contractuals and subsidiaries



### FTE evolution going forward will combine the current discipline with upside from expansion

Number of FTEs

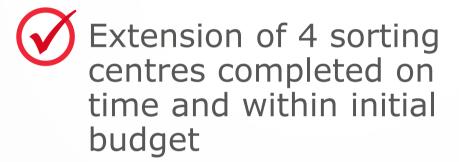




### We have delivered on Vision 2020 implementation, to be continued in 2017



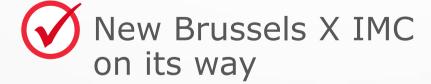
#### 2016 key achievements











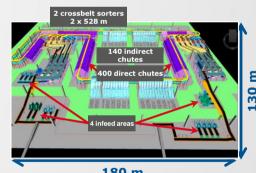


#### **Key milestones in 2017**

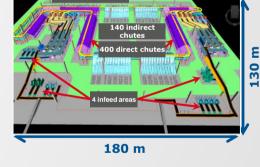
Opening of new BX IMC



 Re-routing of mail and parcel flows



 Double parcel sorting capacity









## We have a pipeline of cost initiatives for 2017 and beyond

NOT EXHAUSTIVE

#### **Description**

#### Vision 2020

- Further automation of preparation in Industrial Mail Centers
- Centralization of mailbag preparation
- Further reduction of distribution offices (~450 at start of program) to
   ~60 mail centres
- Increased efficiency in parcels sorting

Cost initiatives launched in 2017

### Non-MSO<sup>1</sup> initiatives

 Improvement initiatives beyond MSO in ICT (e.g., development of Agile Ops), central support functions, retail network (e.g., call center optimization), procurement, Parcels & International (e.g., synergies between BUs)

### Additional cost initiatives

MSO continuous improvement initiatives on top of Vision 2020

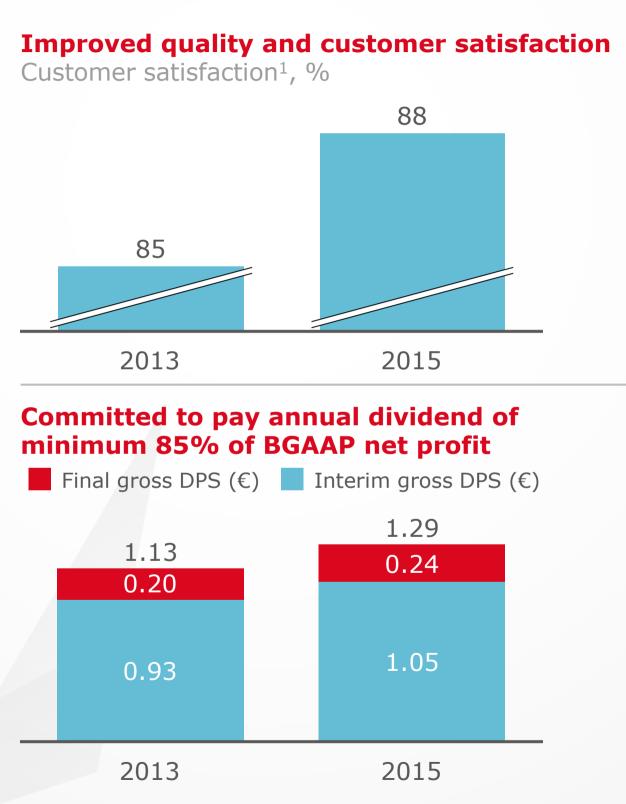
- Redefine collect organizations with central support and dedicated tools
- Share best practice between IMCs to improve Preparation productivity
- Continuously review "penetration rate" in distribution to reshape organization accordingly

In addition, toolbox of measures for management to trigger in case of acceleration of mail volume decline (e.g., different distribution setup, further overhead cost savings, pricing lever)





### bpost is committed to keep all stakeholders on board



Focused on environmental impact through implementation of CO<sub>2</sub> reduction programs





Committed and caring employer focused on well-being of employees



1 "Satisfied customers" (score of 5 or above on a scale from 1 to 7 on the question: "Overall, how satisfied are you about bpost?") based on bpost commissioned survey by Ipsos-Synovate





### There is a compelling rationale for a combination with PostNL



- Combine forces to be better equipped to combat declining mail volumes together
- Become a leading player in the parcel business; an area in which we are growing and which is of strong importance for us but where we seek to further accelerate our scale to compete

Compelling industrial and strategic rationale



 Benefit from exchange of best practices between two reference players operating in markets with high levels of similarities



Serve increasingly international clients with a focus on neighbouring countries with largest cross-border business



 Gain a size that allows to build and maintain independence in a rapidly changing & consolidating international market, while "keeping our future in our hands" in the spirit of a merger of equals

**Substantial value** creation



- Create a sustainable and stronger investment proposition through sustainable earnings and dividend accretion
- Strengthen currently complementary balance sheet structures

Safeguard all stakeholders' interests



 Maintain commitment to affordable, sustainable, solid and reliable "universal and public services" in both countries, respective USO and broader public services



 Continue to provide employees with strong & sustainable working conditions, social plans and pension arrangements based on our culture and solid values





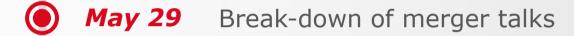
## Key terms of our offer to PostNL, and sequence of events

#### An enhanced offer on 6 elements



#### **Sequence of events**

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	Jan	potential deal with bpost



Nov 1
Press leak on bpost preparing a new offer to acquire PostNL

Press release from bpost confirming exploration of a possible friendly approach, and acknowledgment of PostNL

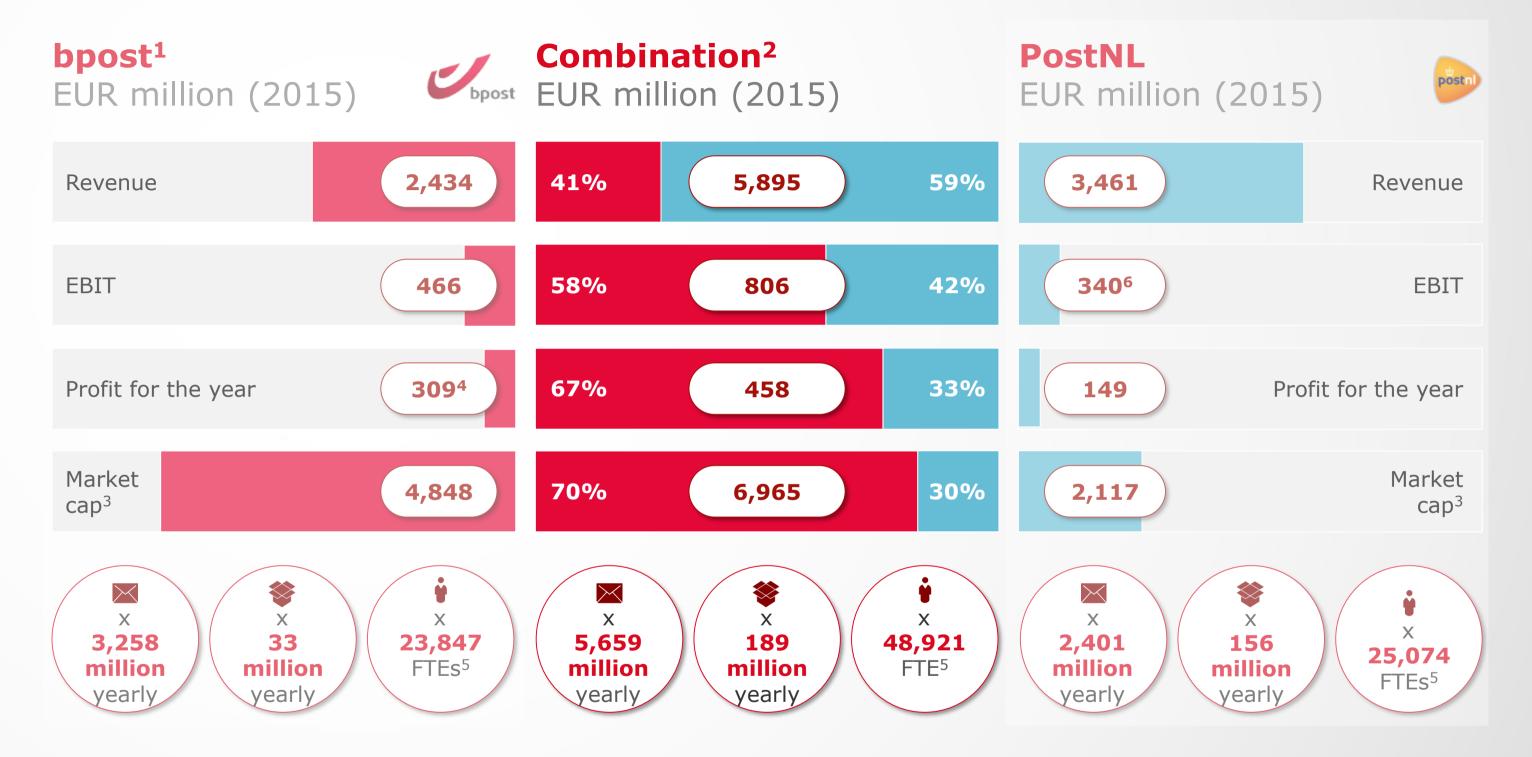
Improved friendly proposal from bpost to PostNL for a combination of both companies

Nov 11 PostNL declined offer from bpost





### What the Combination would look like



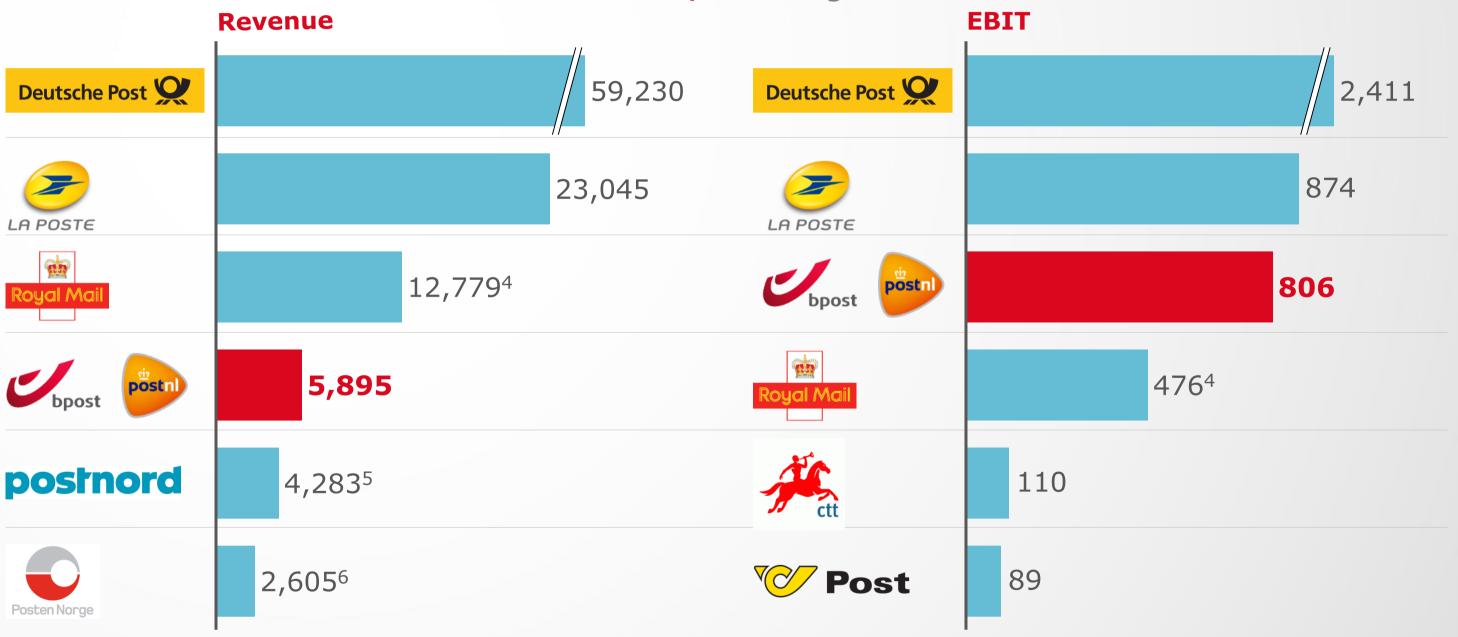
- 1 Reported numbers
- 2 Simple pro-forma, excluding synergies or potential re-rating
- 3 As of October 31, 2016
- 4 As defined by IFRS consolidated net profit
- 5 Year average
- 6 As defined by operating income





# The combination would represent the 4<sup>th</sup> largest postal operator in the EU in terms of revenue and 3<sup>rd</sup> in terms of EBIT

Relative size versus listed EU Peers<sup>123</sup>, 2015 figures in EUR million



- 1 Simple pro-forma, excluding synergies or potential re-rating
- 2 Excluding Poste Italiane, for which 87% of the revenue comes from financial services
- 3 Includes all activities of the postal operators, incl. financial services
- 4 Using a GBP to EUR exchange rate of 1,356 on Dec 31 2015
- 5 Using a SEK to EUR exchange rate of 9.187 on Dec 31 2015; EBIT defined as operating income
- 6 Using a 0.1039 NOK to EUR exchange rate on Dec 31 2015





### Focused strategy and clear choices

