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## Mail is still important ... and resilient

More than 60% of our revenues

Cash generating business

Press
Distribution
until end 2020

Further investments planned

6<sup>th</sup> Management contract until end 2020

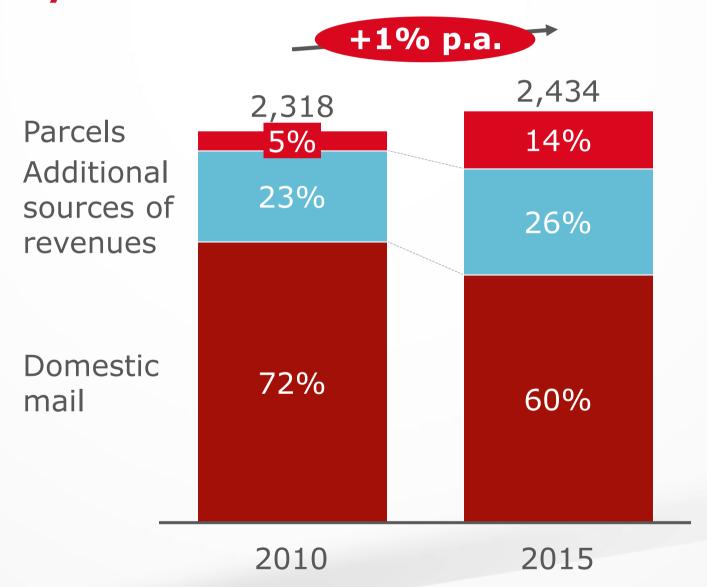




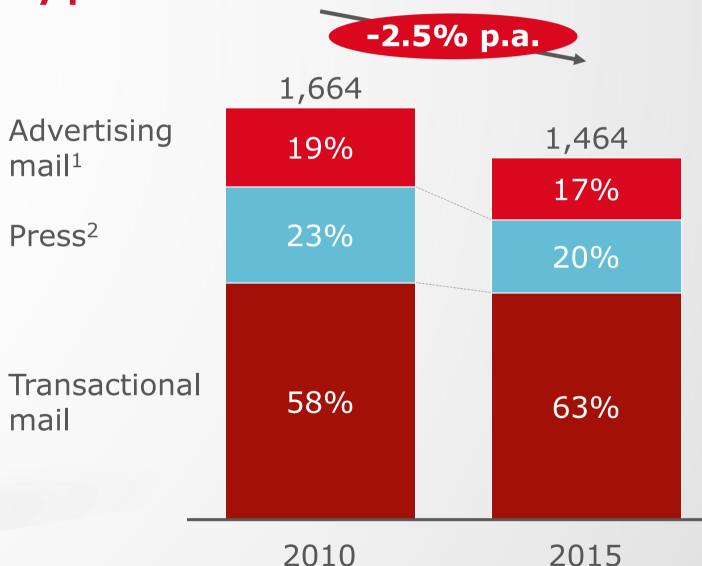
# bpost is diversifying with domestic mail still representing 60% of total revenue

EUR million

Operating income breakdown by revenue source



## Domestic mail income breakdown by product





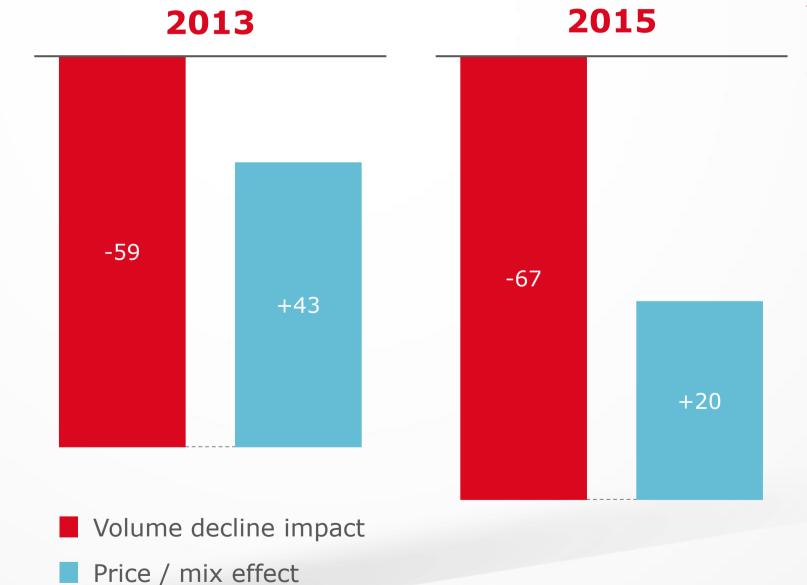


<sup>1</sup> Includes Direct Mail and Unaddressed Advertising Mail

<sup>2</sup> Includes Invoice to the State (ITTS)

# Our ability to compensate volume decline through price/mix is an ongoing feature

EUR million



## We will update our price strategy

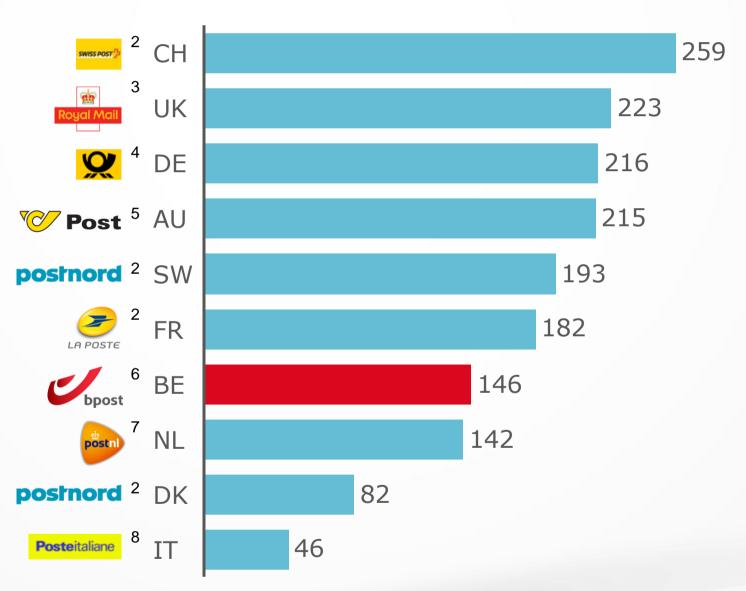
- Claiming a quality bonus
   (taking into account remaining
   head room from accrued bonuses
   from last years)
- 2. Increasing prices ...
- 3. ... with a more differentiated approach by product categories





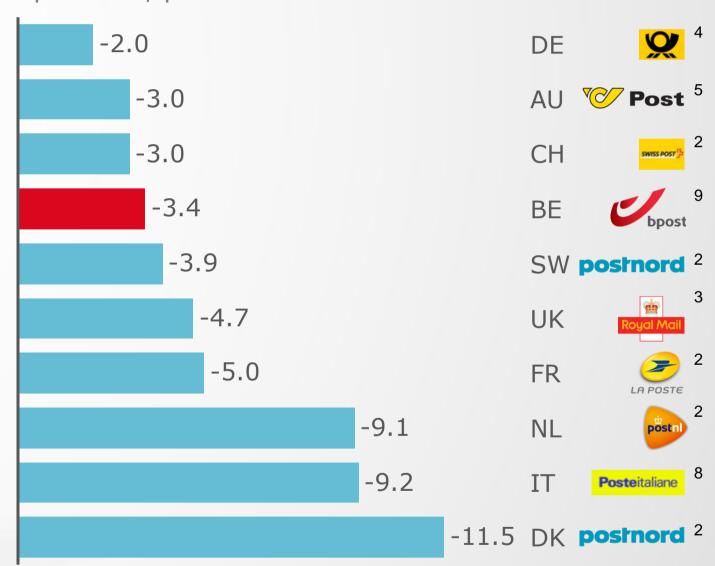
# We benefit from a relatively resilient mail market vs. other countries

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

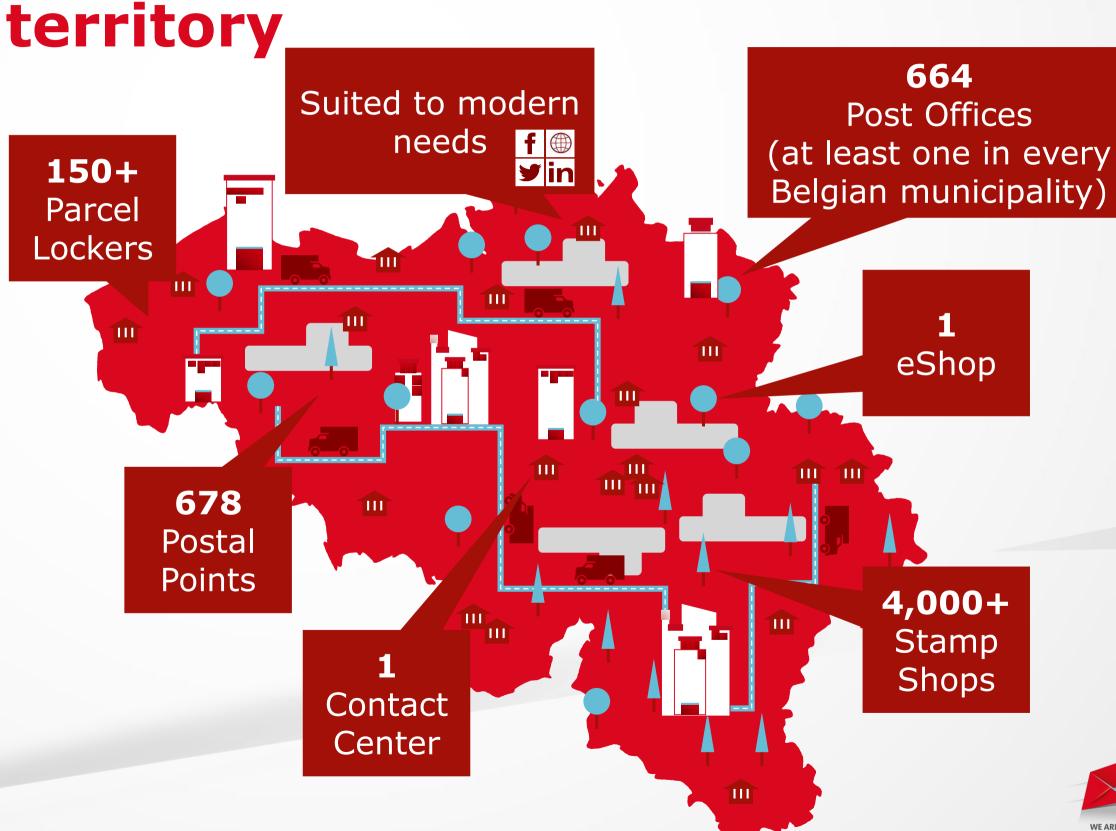
- 1 Excludes domestic competitors
- 2 Includes addressed mail
- 3 Includes inland addressed mail, limited to 2014
- 4 Includes mail communication and dialogue marketing
- 5 Includes letter mail and addressed direct mail / media post
- 6 Includes addressed mail excluding press
- 7 Includes all mail
-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





SOURCE: Annual reports; Investor presentations; IPC; Eurostat

bpost, the largest mail and parcels network in Belgium, covers 100% of the



Every day, our postmen visit all houses and businesses all over the country





# We operate within a balanced regulatory framework

USO provider until end 2018

- There is a legal framework in place for USO compensation
- No compensation to this date
- Post-2018 USO requirements and selection process are still to be released

Licensing conditions

- Uniform pricing across territory
- Cover 80% of territory within 5 years
- Deliver 2x/week within 2 years

Postal Law 2

- A stable and clarified regulatory framework is to be guaranteed
- Market entry is encouraged further (incl. review of licensing conditions)
- USO conditions, scope and cost to be revised







#### **Perspective on Transactional Mail**

- Consumer preference for paper declining but still high
- **e-substitution** continues, but we do not see a cliff
- Management will focus on selective initiatives to defend its financial contribution

#### **Perspective on Advertising Mail**

- Competition from new digital media
- But advertising mail is complementary with digital and has its place in media mix
- Management will develop this core business by focusing on growth segments and leveraging indirect sales channels to reach new potential users

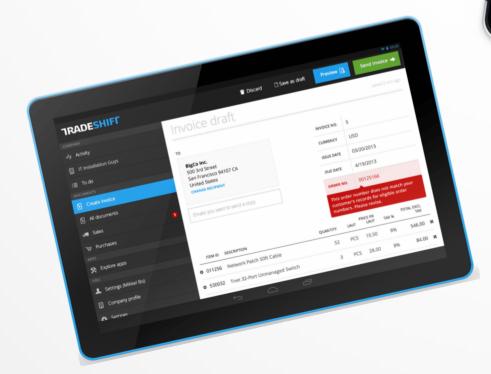






#### e-substitution continues ....







Irreversible forces of e-substitution

**Customer Acceptance** 

Complex Digital Agenda

**Cost Reduction** 





# We fight declining transactional mail volume on 5 key dimensions

Quality

We offer high quality compared to European peers, leading to high customer satisfaction

Customer knowledge We have an extensive experience in serving our customers with relevant products, in a context of high internet penetration

Shape USO Based on our knowledge of customer preferences and service requirements, we are uniquely positioned to shape the future of USO in a digital society

Innovative offer

We innovate on products and solutions in adjacent businesses and hybrid solutions when convenient for our customers

Pricing

We adjust prices with a more differentiated approach by product categories

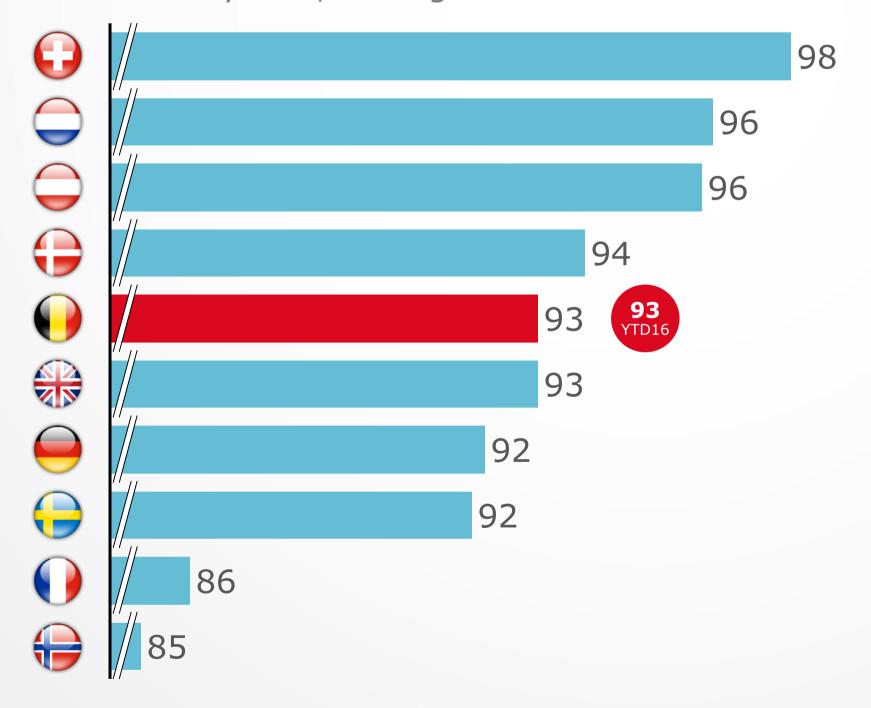
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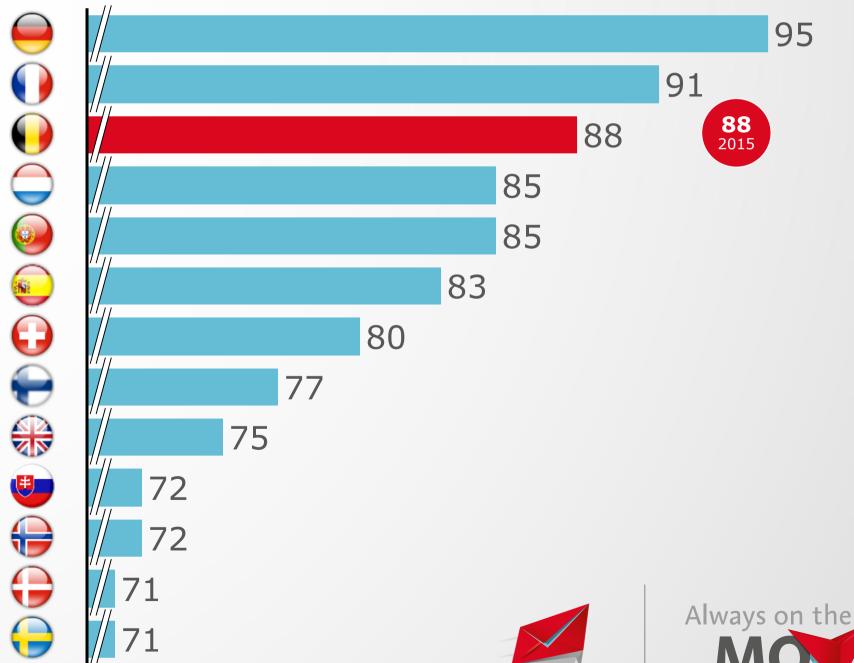
#### bpost ranks among best in class in terms of delivery reliability

D+1 delivery rate, average 2014-15



#### bpost ranks among the best in class in terms of customer satisfaction

Customer satisfaction, 2014



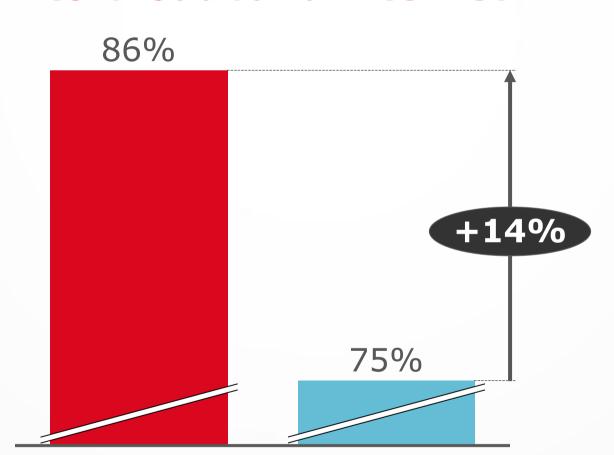


# Though internet penetration is high, many consumers still prefer mail over digital

Percent, 2016

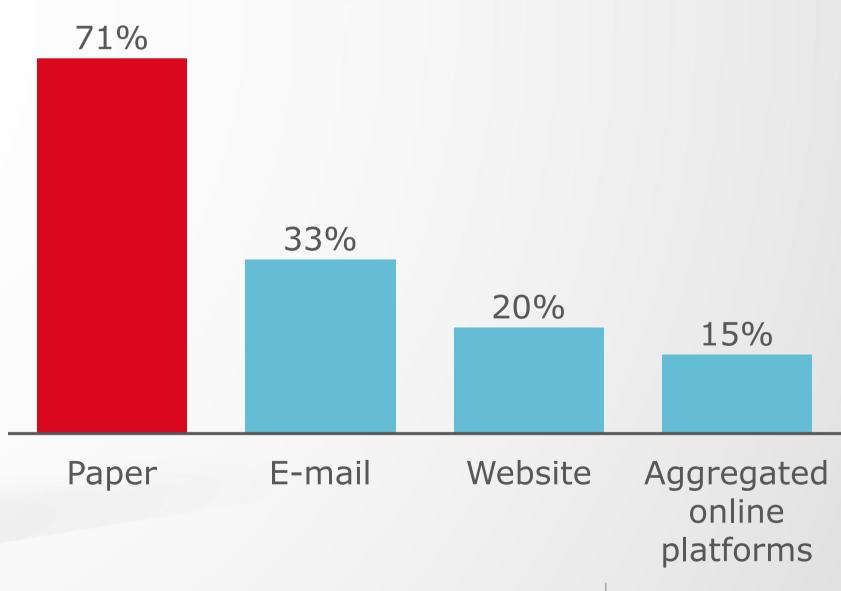
**Belgium** 

## Households having access to broadband internet



Europe

## 71% of consumers prefer paper for administrative information







# bpost's strategy in digital is focused on adjacent businesses when convenient for our customers

#### **Description**



- Reactive
- Focus on adjacent businesses only and invest in hybrid solutions (paper mail & digital)
- No or very limited cannibalization risk (only few "arbitrage cases" between bpost and its subsidiaries)



**Plant seeds** 

 Low cost development of new products and offerings in case of uncertain successes (e.g., for SME segment, where history shows reaching profitability)



**Buy if relevant** 

Acquire existing capabilities on the market where relevant, e.g., Speos



Dispose where unsuccessful

 Disposal of loss-making businesses where bpost lacked scale vs. European or global players e.g., SEPA

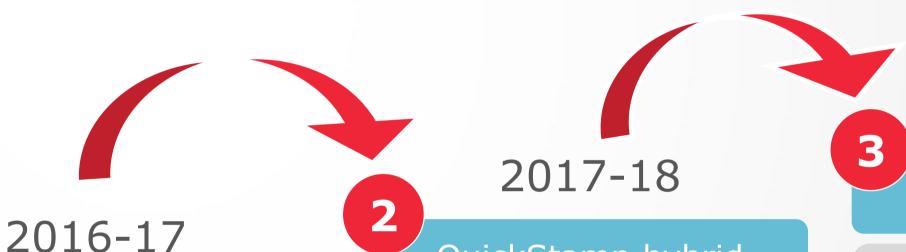


Ensure management attention (on both sides)  Operate digital through dedicated subsidiaries, maintaining focus on mail within bpost (requires different skills, systems, people; with union implications etc.), yet dedicated management attention, reporting, etc. on digital (in line with bpost product strategy)



# Progressive digitalization of registered mail offer

Example of targeted investment in user friendliness and in transactional mail efficiency



QuickStamp

Delivery and management of registered mail without having to go to the post office thanks to digital preparation

hybrid: user friendly and 100% digital for the sender, on paper for the recipient

QuickStamp hybrid

100% digital solution

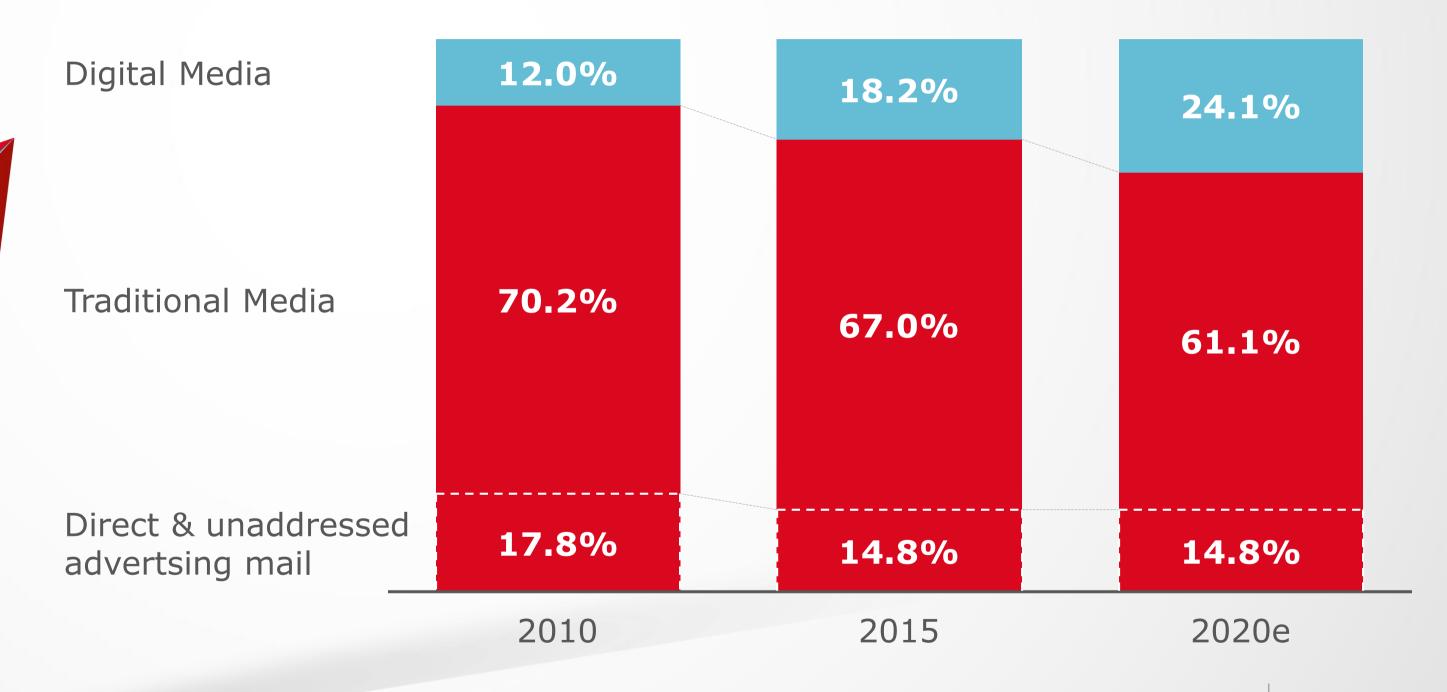
e-registered mail







# e-substitution is expected to continue, with no impact on paper advertising mail







## **Advertising Mail**

Our three-pillar approach

Focus
Growth
Segments

Several sectors still show growth potential, including **SMEs** and **5** priority corporate segments

Channel approach

While Post Offices remain key, **other channels** will be activated (e.g., digital, telesales, etc.), **including indirect channels** through resellers and prescribers

Innovative Solutions

Innovation to **extend the current offer** in advertising mail and solutions, potentially through **inorganic growth** 







# We will focus on SME's and 5 priority growth segments

#### **Focusing on 5 priority segments**

We have identified

- FMCG
- Retail and distribution (food and non-food)
- Automotive
- Fashion
- Travel and leisure

#### **Targeting SME's**

Advertising players tend to serve large companies (TV, radio, digital, ...), leaving SMEs underserved

We will develop

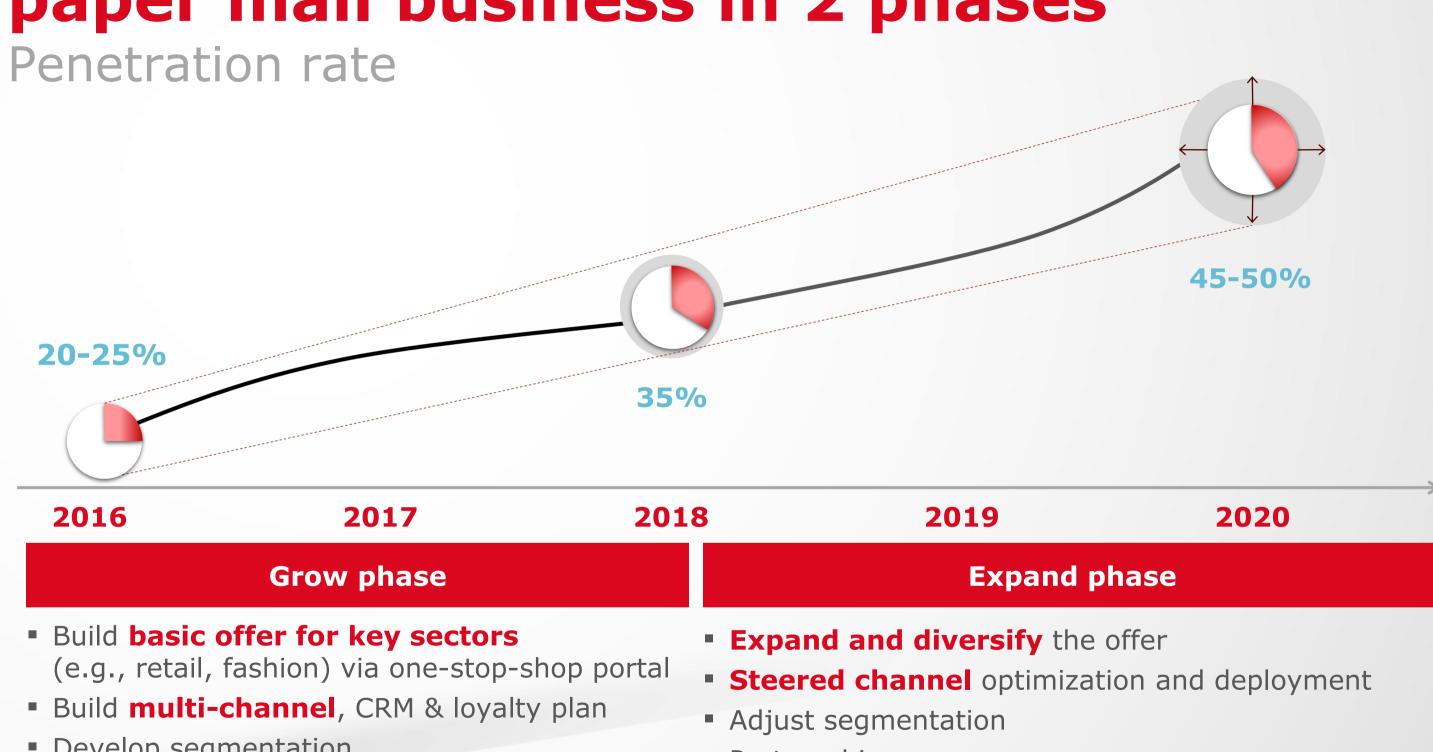
- CRM, targeted campaigns,
- New SME loyalty program
- New products

Focus growth segments





## We will increase our SME advertising paper mail business in 2 phases



- Develop segmentation
- Proximity platform (Citie)

Partnerships





# First results of this focused approach are encouraging Volume evolution of advertising paper mail Percent Growth by segment Percent, 2016 September YTD 3

2016

September

YTD

Priority

sectors and

indirect

channels

SME

-7

Distant

sellers

Non-

priority

sectors

Always on the

-3.0

2014

-4.9

15

# To tap these pockets of growth, direct and indirect channels need to be mobilized

#### **Direct channels**

- Account management for large accounts and priority prospects
- Mass-market (e.g., post office, tele-sale, web), omni-channel towards SMEs
- "Welcome Media"
   (subsidiary) as a reseller of advertising mail to media agencies

Right channel approach to maximize reach and minimize cost of sales

#### **Indirect channels**

- Enablers form an ecosystem that makes advertising mail easier to produce for an advertiser (e.g., graphical designers, printers, etc.)
- Prescribers influence advertisers' decision on media mix (e.g., creative and media agencies)

2 Channel approach







Always on the MOE

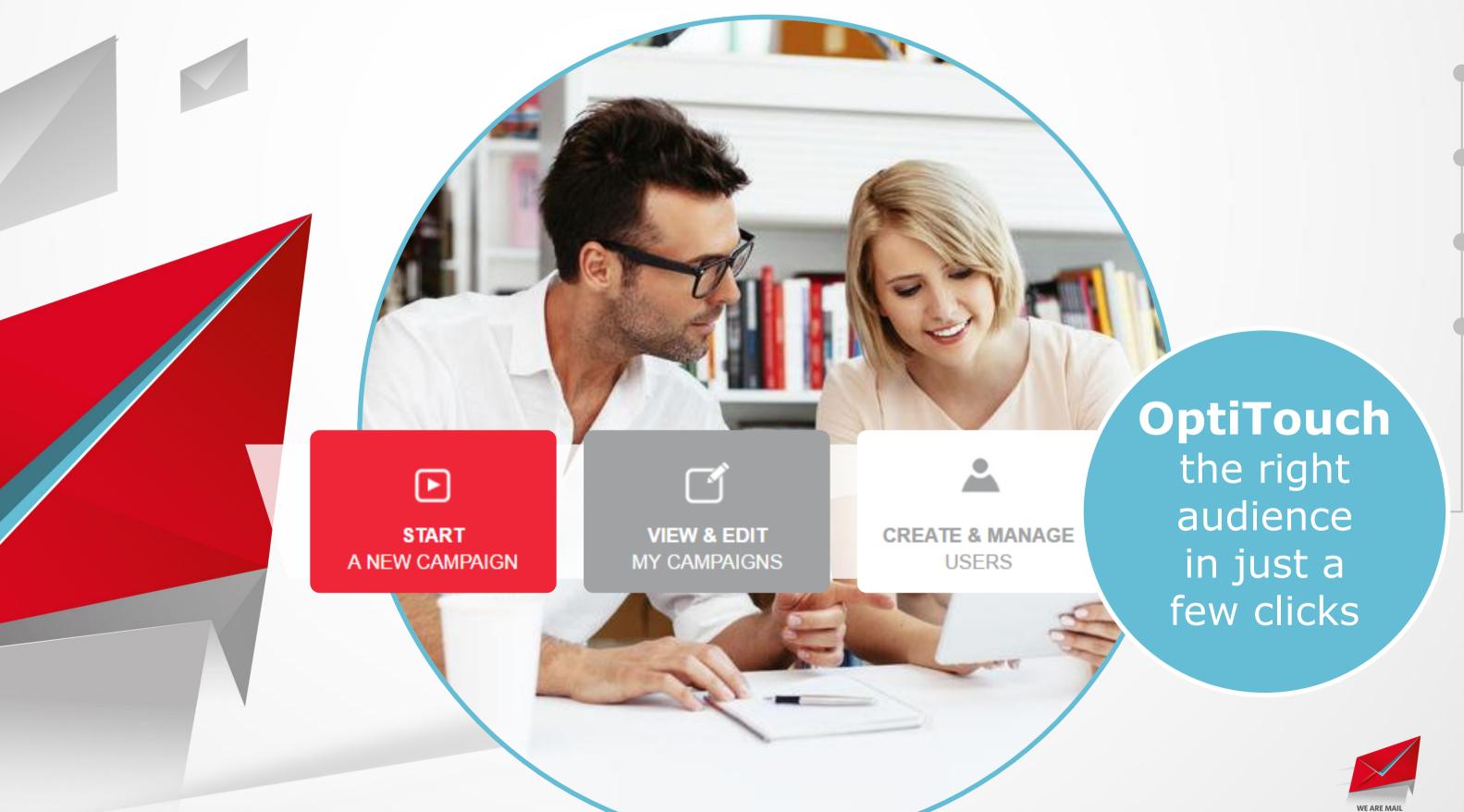
Innovative

solutions

### Simple and integrated solution for SME



## New solution for Media agencies



efficient

targeted reach

user-friendly

best cost/ useful contact



Online retail platform

- Leverage trend of local marketing by offering solutions to companies with a network of (franchisee) stores or branches
- Plan to partner with key market players, with first pilot in progress (Delhaize)

Target ability

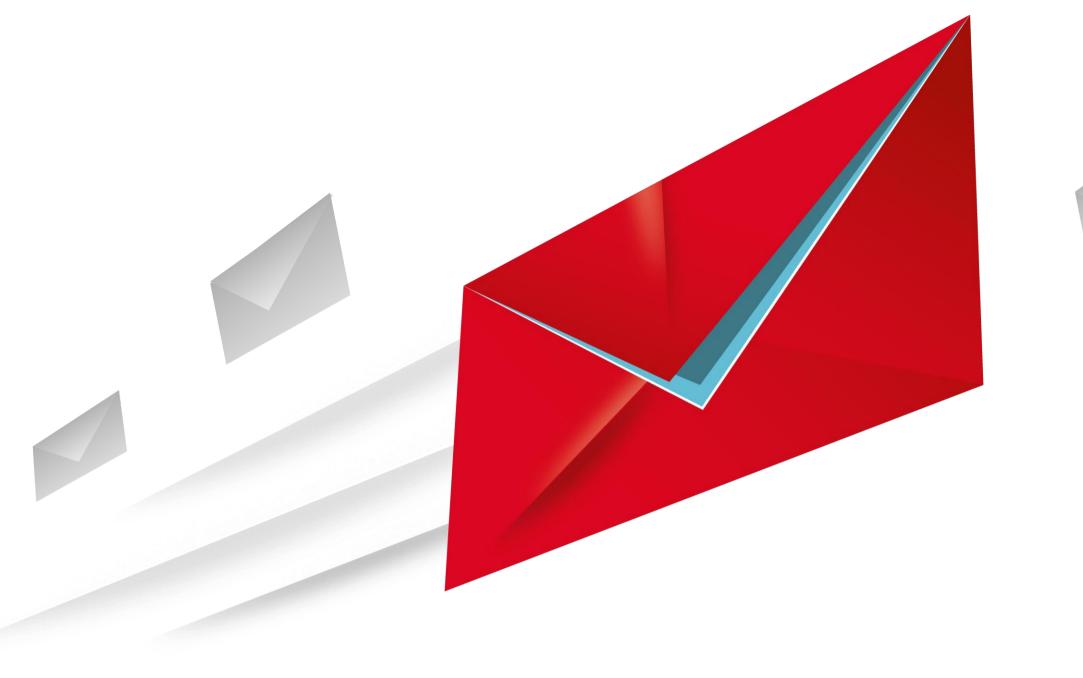
- Enable access to rich, relevant, affordable and actionable consumer data, through internal solutions (e.g., Select Post, DoMyMove) and external solutions (partnership with Bisnode)
- Extend bpost data offering (e.g., cleaning of customer files, enriching data, prospects), in partnership with Bisnode and other data experts

Marketing campaign automation

- Coordinate different channels, e.g., consumer's online action triggers automatic sending of Direct Mail
- Plan to work with key stakeholders (solution vendors, app developer, implementator) to include advertising mail as a channel







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