

### Heineken Holding N.V. reports on 2018 third quarter trading

Amsterdam, 24 October 2018 - Heineken Holding N.V. (EURONEXT: HEIO; OTCQX: HKHHY) today publishes its trading update for the third quarter of 2018.

# **KEY HIGHLIGHTS**

- Consolidated beer volume +4.6% organically, with growth in all regions.
- Heineken® volume +9.2% with double digit growth in Africa, Middle East & Eastern Europe and the Americas.
- Expectations for the full year 2018 remain unchanged.

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# THIRD QUARTER AND NINE MONTHS VOLUME BREAKDOWN

Consolidated beer volume <sup>1</sup> (in mhl or %)	3Q18	Total growth %	Organic growth %	YTD 3Q18	Total growth %	Organic growth %
Consolidated beer volume	62.6	4.4	4.6	175.3	8.7	4.5

Heineken® (in mhl or %)	3Q18	Organic growth %	YTD 3Q18	Organic growth %
Heineken®	10.3	9.2	28.8	8.1

**Heineken®** volume grew by 9.2%. Key markets contributing with double digit growth included Brazil, South Africa, France, Russia, the UK, Poland, Canada and Mexico. Volume in Asia Pacific declined mainly due to Vietnam, Thailand and Taiwan.

#### REPORTED NET PROFIT OF HEINEKEN N.V.

Reported net profit of Heineken N.V. for the nine months was €1,606 million (2017: €1,486 million).

### TRANSLATIONAL CURRENCY UPDATE

Using spot rates as at 16 October 2018 for the remainder of this year, the calculated negative currency translational impact would be approximately €175 million (vs €179m on 24 July) at consolidated operating profit level (beia), and negative €110 million (vs €112m on 24 July) at net profit level (beia).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Refer to the Definitions section for an explanation of organic growth.



# PROPOSED STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP WITH CHINA RESOURCES

On 3 August 2018, HEINEKEN announced that it had signed non-binding agreements with China Resources Enterprise, Limited ('CRE') and China Resources Beer (Holdings) Co. Ltd. ('CR Beer') to create a long-term strategic partnership for Mainland China, Hong Kong and Macau. All parties continue to work towards signing definitive agreements and will share further updates as they develop.

### FINANCING UPDATE

On 3 September 2018, HEINEKEN placed €600 million of 8.5-year Notes with a coupon of 1.25% and €650 million of 12.5-year Notes with a coupon of 1.75%. The Notes have been issued under the Company's Euro Medium Term Note Programme and are listed on the Luxembourg Stock Exchange.

The proceeds from the Notes issuance are to be used for general corporate purposes, which may include repayment of debt and/or acquisitions.

# **DEFINITIONS**

Organic growth in volume excludes the effect of consolidation changes. HEINEKEN means Heineken Holding N.V., Heineken N.V., its subsidiaries and interests in joint ventures and associates.

For a full list of definitions see the Heineken Holding N.V. HY2018 results published on 30 July 2018.

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