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# Strong growth in first-quarter 2018 revenue: like-for-like increase of 9.5%

Sébastien Bazin, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of AccorHotels, said: "In line with the good trends of 2017, business remained strong in the first quarter in the vast majority of regions. Europe and Asia, our two key markets, continue to benefit from a buoyant environment. Our development continues at a sustained pace. At the same time, our new businesses are taking shape and gradually gaining momentum. To complement this, the Group is pursuing its strategy of growth and consolidation of its ecosystem through targeted acquisitions. Since the beginning of the year, this has resulted in Gekko, Mantis and ResDiary joining the world of AccorHotels. In short, the Group is continuing its fast-paced transformation to build an increasingly comprehensive offering to serve its customers."

**Consolidated first-quarter 2018 revenue** totaled **€633 million**, up 0.6% as reported and **9.5% like-for-like**.

The Group's RevPAR grew by 5.3%, with good performances in the vast majority of regions, notably Europe (+4.6%) and Asia-Pacific (+5.3%). Demand accounted for 61% of the increase, and average prices for 39%.

**Changes in the scope of consolidation** (acquisitions and disposals) had a positive impact of  $\notin$ 8 million (+1.2%), thanks in particular to the contributions of Availpro, VeryChic, Travel Keys and Gekko.

**Currency effects** had a negative impact of  $\notin 63$  million, attributable to the euro's substantial appreciation against all other currencies, and in particular the US dollar (15%).

During the first quarter, AccorHotels developed a **record 61 hotels** and **nearly 10,000 rooms.** As of March 31, 2018, **the Group's pipeline** amounted to **870 hotels** and **153,000 rooms.** 



Due to the change in its model and the application of IFRS 15, AccorHotels has modified its reporting.

In accordance with IFRS 15, for certain management contracts, the Group's financial statements now include the hotel operating expenses that are fully reinvoiced to the owners. These expenses have no impact on EBITDA. This recognition nevertheless results in lower margins, by basing them on a greater amount of revenue.

AccorHotels has also taken the components of HotelServices that were until now housed in "Other activities" and regrouped them by nature in a new HotelServices division dedicated to "Service to Owners" and in Hotel Assets.

- HotelServices accordingly now consists of the following two businesses:
  - the hotel management and franchise business, based on the collection of management and franchise contract fees, as well as revenue generated by Purchasing;
  - the "Service to Owners" business, bringing together all the services on which the Group spends what it receives from hotels:
    - $\circ$   $\,$  sales, marketing and distribution, the loyalty program,
    - o shared services,
    - personnel expenses of managed hotels, reinvoiced to hotels.
- Geographically, France and Switzerland have been merged into the Europe region. Moreover, within each region, the Group has decided to reallocate revenues and expenses that were previously housed in Worldwide Structures.

HotelServices is divided into five operating regions:

- Europe (including France & Switzerland)
- o Middle East & Africa
- Asia-Pacific

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- North America, Central America & the Caribbean
- South America
- In addition to assets held in Central Europe, Brazil and the Sofitel Gezirah and Bel Ombre, the Hotel Assets & Other business now includes three businesses in Asia-Pacific, previously housed in HotelServices:
  - $\circ$  "AccorPlus", the pay-to-join loyalty program in Asia-Pacific,
  - $\circ$   $\,$  "Accor Vacation Club", the timeshare business in Australia,
  - $\circ$  "Strata", that manages common areas of hotels owned by the Group in Australia.

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#### **STRONG REVENUE GROWTH**

In the first quarter of 2018, the **Group** posted a robust 9.5% increase in revenue at constant scope and exchange rates (LFL), driven by strong growth in **HotelServices (+7.7%)** and **Hotel Assets (+7.5%)**. **New Businesses** revenue grew by 14.5% like-for-like.

In €millions	Q12017	Q1 2018	Change (as reported)	Change (LFL)
HotelServices	563	553	- 1.8%	+7.7%
New Businesses	13	31	N/A	+14.5%
Hotel Assets & Other	164	157	-4.2%	+7.5%
Holding & Intercos	(111)	(108)	+3.7%	+1.6%
Total	629	633	+0.6%	+9.5%

#### **VERY POSITIVE MOMENTUM FOR HOTELSERVICES**

HotelServices, which operated 4,304 hotels (619,058 rooms) under franchise agreements and management contracts at the end of March 2018, reported a 7.7% like-for-like increase in revenue to €553 million. This growth is the result of very strong business in all regions.

The **Management & Franchise** business posted revenue growth of 7.2%, driven both by healthy business volumes and the Group's rapid growth:

In € millions	Q1 2017	Q1 2018	Change (LFL)
Europe	87	89	+6.0%
Asia-Pac ific	51	49	+10.4%
Middle East & Africa	21	19	+3.0%
North America, Central America	24	20	+8.9%
& the Caribbean	31 29	+8.9%	
South America	10	9	+6.7%
Total	199	195	+7.2%

#### Consolidated RevPAR was up 5.3% overall.

**Europe** posted strong revenue growth (+6.0% LFL), driven by RevPAR growth of 4.6%, all segments combined.

- In France, RevPAR was up 5.2% like-for-like. This good performance was driven essentially by Paris (+8.1%), where prices rose after several consecutive quarters of growing demand. Business was also strong outside

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Paris, with RevPAR up 2.9%, despite higher comparison bases than in the capital.

- RevPAR was broadly stable in the United Kingdom (+0.4%). The increase in RevPAR in regional markets (+2.1%) offset the decline in activity in London (-1.9%), which nevertheless continues to record one of the best occupancy rates in Europe (76% in the first quarter).
- RevPAR edged down by 0.4% in Germany due to the Easter holidays, which weighed on business for a week at the end of March, and to a sluggish trade fair calendar in the first quarter, which will be reversed from April.
- The Iberian Peninsula recorded strong business levels, with RevPAR up 7.2%.

RevPAR was down 0.9% in the **Middle East & Africa** region, reflecting a contrast between Africa (+6.0%) and the Middle East (-2.9%). The performance in Africa was driven chiefly by Morocco, while the Middle East continues to be penalized by geopolitical tension and low oil prices, as well as by the increase in hotel capacity, temporarily affecting Dubai and Riyadh above all.

The Asia-Pacific region performed very well, with strong momentum in virtually all countries. RevPAR increased by 5.3%, driven notably by the timing of the Chinese New Year. This resulted in an 8% increase in RevPAR in China over the quarter. Australia's RevPAR was up 2%, despite the negative effect of the shift in the Easter weekend. Southeast Asia was also buoyant, with a strong customer base driving RevPAR in Thailand and Vietnam.

North America, Central America & the Caribbean delivered an 8.4% increase in RevPAR, with healthy business in Canada (+9.6%) and the United States (+8.7%).

Lastly, growth has resumed in **South America**, and more specifically in Brazil. RevPAR was up 13.9%, with a very pronounced acceleration across the entire country, except in Rio, where overcapacity resulting from the Olympic Games and social tension continue to dampen demand.

The Group's **development** continues at a rapid pace. During the first quarter, AccorHotels opened a record 61 new hotels, representing nearly 10,000 rooms. At the end of March 2018, the Group's pipeline comprised 870 hotels and 153,000 rooms, of which 78% in emerging markets and 51% in the Asia-Pacific region.



#### SUSTAINED GROWTH IN NEW BUSINESSES

**New Businesses** comprises businesses developed by the Group over the last two years, mainly through acquisitions. In the three months to end-March 2018, divisional **revenue** amounted to  $\leq$ 31 million compared with  $\leq$ 13 million in the same period in 2017, representing like-for-like growth of 14.5%.

# HOTEL ASSETS: ROBUST PERFORMANCE IN EASTERN EUROPE AND BRAZIL

With the market firming considerably in Brazil, Orbis also continues to deliver a very strong performance in Eastern Europe. Overall, the Hotel Assets business generated revenue of  $\leq$ 157 million, an increase of 7.5% like-for-like.

#### **BOOSTER PROJECT**

#### Signature of the sale of a majority stake in AccorInvest

Following the February 27th announcement, AccorHotels announces that it has signed today the contract relating to the sale of a majority stake in AccorInvest, after the completion of the competent employee representatives bodies consultation process marked by a constructive dialogue.

Under the terms of this agreement, AccorHotels will initially transfer approximately 55% of the share capital of AccorInvest. The implementation of this agreement remains subject to certain conditions, in particular the approval from the Foreign Investment Review Board (FIRB) in Australia. This transaction will also be subject to the consultation of AccorHotels' shareholders at the annual general meeting to be held this Friday 20th April. This transaction should as planned be finalized before the end of the 2018 second quarter.





### HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PERIOD FROM JANUARY 1 TO APRIL 20, 2018

On February 27, 2018, AccorHotels announced the signing of agreements with a group of French and international investors with a view to selling a majority of the capital of AccorInvest. Under the terms of the agreements, the Group will sell 55% of AccorInvest to a group of investors made up of sovereign wealth funds, namely the Public Investment Fund (PIF) and GIC, institutional investors, namely Crédit Agricole Assurances, Colony NorthStar and Amundi, and other investors. Upon completion of the transaction, AccorHotels will benefit from a gross cash injection of  $\notin$ 4.4 billion. The transaction is expected to be finalized in the second quarter of 2018. It will result in AccorInvest being consolidated by the equity method in AccorHotels' financial statements in proportion to the residual interest.

On February 27, 2018, AccorHotels announced plans to implement over a two-year period a share buyback program of up to 10% of its share capital, i.e., €1,350 million on the basis of its market capitalization at the end of February 2018.

On March 6, 2018, Eurazeo announced that it had sold its entire interest in Accor, i.e., 12,185,303 shares, and that it no longer held any voting rights.

On April 5, 2018, AccorHotels announced that it had entered into a strategic agreement with the Mantis group, a South African conglomerate operating five-star properties and lodges around the world.

On April 9, 2018, AccorHotels acquired ResDiary, a leading platform for restaurant reservation and table management.

**Upcoming events** 

Annual Shareholders' Meeting on April 20, 2018

First-half 2017 results on July 26, 2018





#### ABOUT ACCORHOTELS

AccorHotels is a world-leading travel & lifestyle group and digital innovator offering unique experiences in more than 4,300 hotels, resorts and residences, as well as in over 10,000 of the finest private homes around the globe. Benefiting from dual expertise as an investor and operator, AccorHotels operates in 100 countries. Its portfolio comprises internationally acclaimed luxury brands including Raffles, Sofitel Legend, SO Sofitel, Sofitel, Fairmont, onefinestay, MGallery by Sofitel, Pullman and Swissôtel; the popular midscale and boutique brands of 25hours, Novotel, Mercure, Mama Shelter and Adagio; the much-prized economy brands including JO&JOE, ibis, ibis Styles, ibis budget and the regional brands Grand Mercure, The Sebel and hotelF1. AccorHotels provides innovative end-to-end services across the entire traveler experience, notably through the recent acquisition of John Paul, the world leader in concierge services.

With an unmatched collection of brands and a rich history spanning close to five decades, AccorHotels, along with its global team of more than 250,000 dedicated women and men, has a purposeful and heartfelt mission: to make every guest Feel Welcome. Guests enjoy access to one of the world's most rewarding hotel loyalty programs - Le Club AccorHotels.

AccorHotels is active in its local communities and committed to sustainable development and solidarity through PLANET 21, a comprehensive program that brings together employees, guests and partners to drive sustainable growth.

Accor SA shares are listed on the Euronext Paris stock exchange (ISIN: FR0000120404) and traded in the United States on the OTC market (Code: ACRFY)

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Q1 2018	Occupation rate		Average room rate		RevPAR	
-	%	chg pts L/L	€	chg % L/L	€	chg % L/L
Luxury & Upscale	62.0	+1.5	156	+1.8	97	+4.3
Midscale	62.9	+1.9	89	+1.7	56	+4.9
Economy	63.5	+1.2	60	+2.7	38	+4.7
Europe	63.2	+1.5	78	+2.2	50	+4.6
Luxury & Upscale	66.3	+0.6	115	+3.7	76	+4.6
Midscale	70.6	+2.1	81	+2.5	57	+5.6
Economy	70.5	+3.5	46	+0.8	32	+6.0
Asia-Pacific	69.1	+1.8	83	+2.5	57	+5.3
Luxury & Upscale	65.9	+3.0	150	-4.9	99	-0.3
Midscale	68.3	+3.2	72	-8.4	49	-3.9
Economy	69.2	+3.1	59	-4.9	41	-0.6
Middle East & Africa	66.3	+3.2	107	-5.6	71	-0.9
Luxury & Upscale	66.5	+1.2	220	+6.6	146	+8.5
Midscale	70.2	+1.0	108	-0.1	76	+1.4
Economy	67.5	+0.4	38	+4.9	26	+5.5
North America, Central America & the Caribbean	66.9	+1.1	192	+6.6	129	+8.4
Luxury & Upscale	54.3	+7.6	125	+6.5	68	+23.2
Midscale	58.5	+5.9	66	+0.9	39	+12.6
Economy	54.1	+4.7	44	+2.2	24	+11.5
South America	55.3	+5.3	58	+3.3	32	+13.9
Luxury & Upscale	65.0	+1.4	146	+3.2	95	+5.6
Midscale	65.1	+2.3	85	+1.2	55	+4.9
Economy	63.9	+2.0	55	+1.9	35	+5.2
Total	64.5	+2.0	86	+2.1	56	+5.3

## RevPAR excluding tax by segment and market - First-quarter 2018



### Hotel base - First-quarter 2018

Q1 2018	Managed		Franchised		Hotel Assets		Total	
	Hotels	Rooms	Hotels	Rooms	Hotels	Rooms	Hotels	Rooms
Luxury & Upscale	88	17,240	56	10,641	9	2,943	153	30,824
Midscale	339	53,605	517	55,319	58	11,054	914	119,978
Economy	647	79,806	1,078	83,178	56	8,366	1,781	171,350
Europe	1,074	150,651	1,651	149,138	123	22,363	2,848	322,152
Luxury & Upscale	197	51,120	49	8,567	-	-	246	59,687
Midscale	217	50,469	69	9,246	-	-	286	59,715
Economy	163	29,872	144	18,913	-	-	307	48,785
Asia-Pacific	577	131,461	262	36,726	-	-	839	168,187
Luxury & Upscale	63	21,576	5	792	2	525	70	22,893
Midscale	53	10,556	13	2,569	2	235	68	13,360
Economy	50	9,117	4	632	5	826	59	10,575
Middle East & Africa	166	41,249	22	3,993	9	1,586	197	46,828
Luxury & Upscale	50	22,627	2	702	-	-	52	23,329
Midscale	5	1,367	8	1,724	-	-	13	3,091
Economy	16	2,090	2	233	-	-	18	2,323
North America, Central America & the Caribbean	71	26,084	12	2,659	-	-	83	28,743
Luxury & Upscale	22	4,996	4	981	-	-	26	5,977
Midscale	74	10,067	12	1,463	10	1,865	96	13,395
Economy	80	13,576	86	10,302	49	9,898	215	33,776
South America	176	28,639	102	12,746	59	11,763	337	53,148
Luxury & Upscale	420	117,559	116	21,683	11	3,468	547	142,710
Midscale	688	125,872	619	70,321	69	13,103	1,377	209,539
Economy	956	134,461	1,314	113,258	110	19,090	2,380	266,809
Total	2,064	378,084	2,049	205,262	191	35,712	4,304	619,058