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Zalando Q3/2020 Earnings Call

November 4th, 2020

Q3 combined exceptional financial performance and continued progress towards our vision to become the Starting Point for Fashion

Delivered exceptionally strong financial performance with GMV growth of 29.9% and adjusted EBIT margin of 6.4% in Q3

Continued to make progress on key strategic priorities by winning almost 3m new customers, further enhancing our customer experience and accelerating our platform transition

Enabled next level size & fit advice for our customers by acquiring mobile body scanning developer Fision

Upgraded FY/20 guidance on the back of exceptionally strong and profitable growth in Q3

Prepared to manage the upcoming peak season and to support our partners as the second wave of the Covid-19 pandemic hits Europe



Business Update Q3/2020

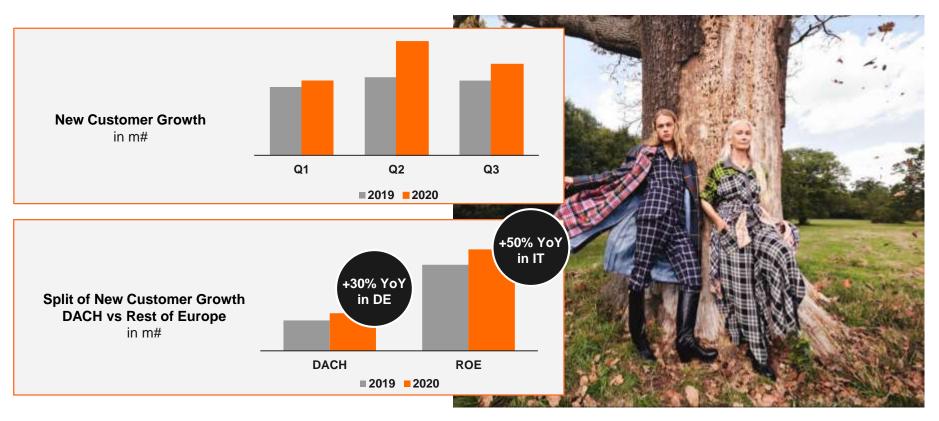


In Q3, we were able to make continued progress along all our key strategic priorities on our journey to become the Starting Point for Fashion





We continue to benefit from an accelerated offline to online shift as evidenced by strong new customer growth YTD, even in our most mature market Germany





By investing into further enhancing the customer experience along the entire customer journey, we drive customer engagement, order frequency and spend

Introduced Pre-Owned Fashion as new category

- Fast and simple process of trading-in over 3,000 brands in exchange for credit
- Products curated and quality checked by Zalando
- · Better convenience with fast shipping and easy returns

Rolled out more emotional user experience

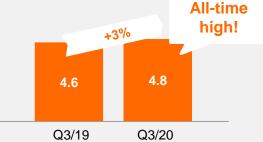
- Visual redesign of app and web experiences creates richer overall experience to drive brand differentiation
- Enhanced welcome experience improves new customer onboarding and first time buying experience

Enabled next level size advice by acquiring Fision

- Further step to solve one of our customers' biggest problems finding the right size & fit
- Body scanning app and virtual dressing room technologies allow also new customers to find the perfect fit

Deepening customer relationships











Doubling down on the success of our Connected Retail platform for fashion offline stores, we aim to further invest to triple the number of connected stores in 2021

Largest platform for fashion stores in Europe already today







Targeting to triple the size of our Connected Retail network in 2021

- Drive geographic expansion with recent launch of Norway, Denmark, Finland (now available in 8 markets) and extending to further markets in 2021
- Invest into establishing local sales force, B2B marketing and affiliate partnerships for each market to accelerate store acquisition, onboarding and support
- Build up dense networks in key metropolitan areas to enable locally relevant choice and better, more sustainable convenience





As the second wave of COVID-19 sweeps across Europe, our number one priority remains health and safety and we are well prepared to manage the upcoming peak season



Prio #1

Prio #2 Safeguard financial success Prio #3 Be part of the solution





We have the right assets and the right strategy





To be part of the solution for the overall fashion industry in these difficult times, we reinforce our support for our partners by enabling them to leverage our platform even more

Textilwirtschaft Monthly German Apparel Sales Growth 0% -5% -10% -15% -20% July September October August

Our partners face significant challenges...

...and we are committed to support them through the 2nd wave

Waiving all commissions for Connected Retail sales to allow brands and stores to recoup lost offline revenues and to create a future-proof digital strategy

Matching our partners marketing investments via ZMS to increase the visibility of their brands and products across our European customer base and to drive incremental sales

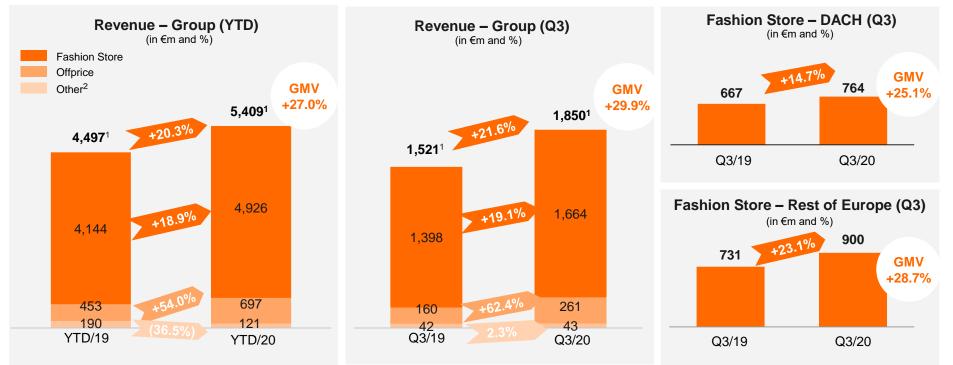
Providing liquidity support through early payouts for Connected Retail and Partner Program partners



Financial Update Q3/2020



Outstanding topline momentum fueled by very strong Partner Program and Lounge performance

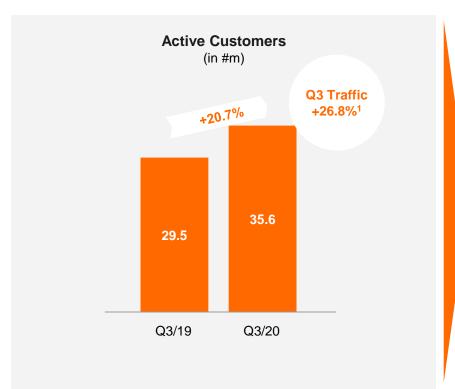


1) YTD/20 (YTD/19) contains -€335.6m (-€290.8m) reconciliation; Q3/20 (Q3/19) contains -€118.2m (-€79,4m) reconciliation

2) Other segments including various emerging businesses; private label offering zLabels no longer presented as separate unit since Q1/19



Key customer KPIs continue to show healthy dynamics





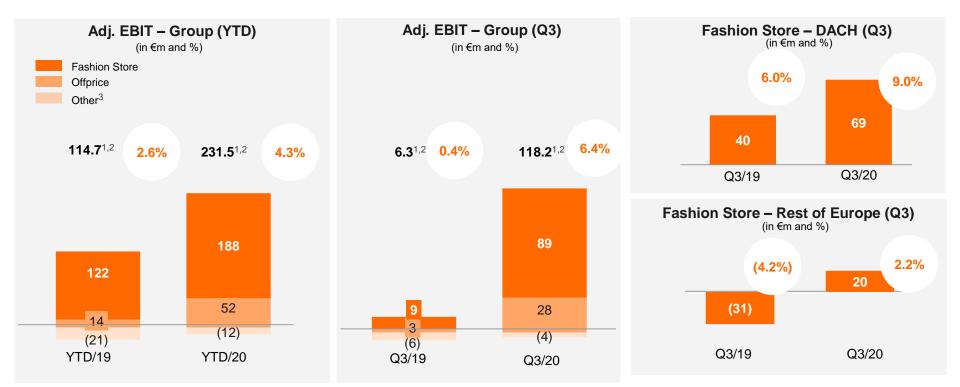
1) Based on the change in consent management following the privacy requirements, part of the data is estimated on a statistical method

2) Defined as GMV divided by the number of orders

3) Defined as GMV divided by the number of active customers



Extraordinary profitability levels in Q3 driven by strong growth and special items



- 1) YTD/20 (YTD/19) contains €4.1m (€0.6m) reconciliation; Q3/20 (Q3/19) contains €4.8m (€0.1m) reconciliation
- 2) Excluding equity-settled share-based compensation (SBC) in YTD/20 of -41.1€m , YTD/19 of -34.7 €m, Q3/20 of -13.2 €m, Q3/19 of -13.2€m; and non-operating one-off effects in YTD/19 of -13.0€m
- 3) All other segments including various emerging businesses; private label offering zLabels no longer presented as separate unit since Q1/19



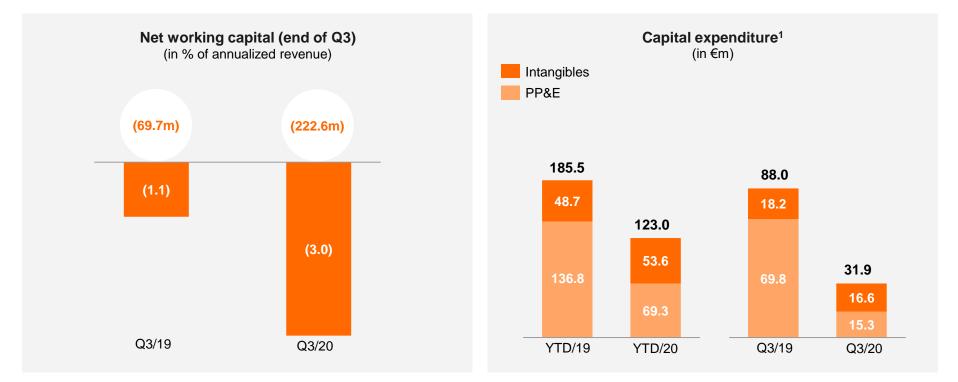
Q3 profitability supported by release in inventory write-offs and continued benefit from lower return rates

Costs and margins (in % of revenue, unadjusted)	YTD		Q3				
	2019	2020	Delta	2019	2020	Delta	
Cost of sales	(57.6%)	(58.2%)	0.5pp	(58.9%)	(55.6%)	(3.3pp)	
Gross profit	42.4%	41.8%	(0.5pp)	41.1%	44.4%	3.3pp	Release in AoGs and less price investments
Fulfillment costs	(28.2%)	(27.1%)	(1.1pp)	(28.7%)	(26.6%)	(2.1pp)	Higher utilization & lower return rate
Marketing costs	(7.8%)	(6.9%)	(0.9pp)	(8.1%)	(7.9%)	(0.2pp)	Re-accelerated ROI based marketing
Administrative expenses & Other	(4.8%)	(4.3%)	(0.6pp)	(4.7%)	(4.1%)	(0.5pp)	
EBIT	1.5%	3.5%	2.0pp	(0.5)%	5.7%	6.1pp	
Adj. EBIT ¹	2.6%	4.3%	1.7рр	0.4%	6.4%	6.0pp	

1) Excluding equity-settled share-based payment expense ("SBC"), restructuring costs and non-operating one-time effects



Negative working capital and lower Capex in line with 2020 guidance



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Outlook



GMV growth of 25 – 27%, and Revenue growth of 20 – 22%

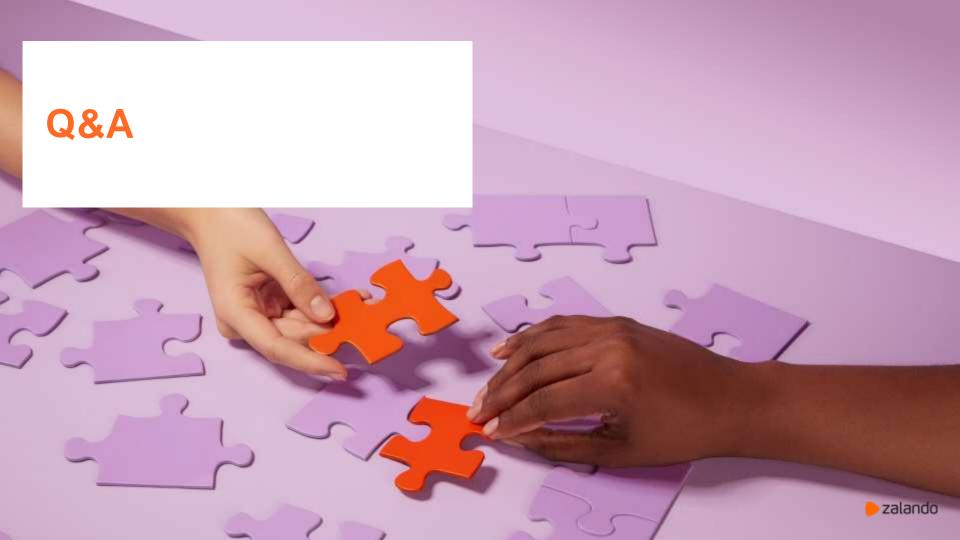
Adj. EBIT¹ of €375 – 425m

Negative net working capital and €230 – 280m in Capex²

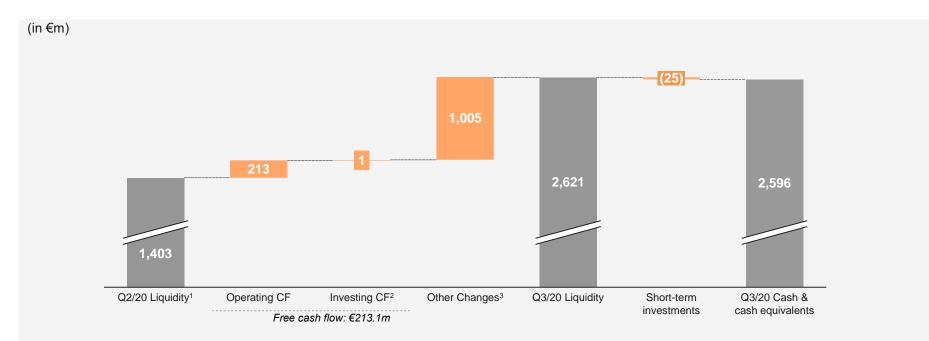
1) Excluding equity-settled share-based payment expense ("SBC") of ~€55m, restructuring costs and non-operating one-time effects for FY/20

2) Excludes M&A transactions





Liquidity position



(1) Both Q1/20 and Q3/20 liquidity include investments into short-term deposits with maturity of more than 3 and less than 12 months of €25m, respectively.

(2) Includes sales and investments in fixed and intangible assets (+€0.8m), payments for acquisitions (+€0.0m) and change in restricted cash (+€0.0m)

(3) Includes financing cash flow (+€1,004.2m) and effect of exchange rate on cash and cash equivalents (€1.1m).



Issued share capital

SHARE INFORMATION (AS OF JUN 30, 2020)	Type of Shares	Ordinary bearer shares with no-par value (Stückaktien)	
	Stock Exchange	Frankfurt Stock Exchange	
	Market Segment	Regulated Market (Prime Standard)	
	Index Listings	MDAX	
	Total Number of Shares Outstanding	255,961,397	
	Issued Share Capital	€255,961,397	

STOCK OPTION PROGRAMS MGMT BOARD (AS OF SEP 30, 2020)

Program	# Options outstanding	Weighted average exercise price (EUR)
SOP 2011 ¹	74,800	5.65
SOP 20131	8,083,643	14.68
VSOP 2017	136,064	43.07
LTI 2018 ²	5,250,000	47.44
VSOP 2018	250,000	29.84
LTI 2019	698,375	17.52
Total	14,492,882	27.17

STOCK OPTION PROGRAMS SENIOR MGMT (AS OF SEP 30, 2020)

Program	# Options outstanding	Weighted average exercise price (EUR)
SOP 2014 ¹	842,649	23.14
EIP ¹	3,205,591	36.70
VSOP 2017	229,982	47.42
ZOP	808,744	20.58
Total	5,086,966	32.38

1) Settled with new shares

2) Only to 43% dilutive / to be settled with new shares, remaining backed by treasury shares



Upcoming events

Date	Event	All events
Thursday, November 12	JP Morgan Global Consumer, Retail &Luxury Conference	are virtual
Thursday, November 12	HSBC Luxembourg Day	
Wednesday, November 18-19	Morgan Stanley TMT Conference	
Wednesday, November 18-19	Berenberg West Coast Consumer & E-Commerce Conference	ce
Wednesday, November 18-19	Bank of America Consumer & Retail Virtual Conference	
Tue-Thu, November 24-26	Roadshow Asia	
Wednesday, December 2	Unicredit Convertible Bond Conference	
Tuesday, December 8	Exane BNP Paribas New York Generalists Conference	
Tuesday, March 2	FY/2020 Results	



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