

Bell Ltd
Half-year Report

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Report by the Chairman of the Board of Directors
and the Chief Executive Officer

Bell Group is on a sound footing in spite of negative currency effects

Dear shareholders

Important events made their mark on the Bell Group's results in the first half of 2015. Bell acquired a majority stake in the Hilcona Group in May. When the EUR/CHF floor was scrapped in January we were confronted with challenges. By focusing on our strengths and rigorously implementing our strategies, we are on a sound footing in Switzerland and have succeeded in achieving operational progress in our international business.

Initial consolidation of Hilcona with the Bell Group

As announced, Bell exercised the agreed option to purchase a further two percent of Hilcona AG as of 1 May 2015. This makes Bell the majority shareholder with a 51 percent stake and the Hilcona Group has been fully included in Bell's scope of consolidation since 1 May of the current year. This means significant changes in the balance sheet and in the results recognised before and after non-controlling interests. The non-controlling interests in equity now come to CHF 84 million.

Pleasing result for Bell Group

At CHF 1.28 billion (+0.2%, CHF +2.98 million), the Bell Group's sales are on a par with the previous year's. Sales revenue was reduced by currency translation differences of CHF 49 million and deflation of CHF 16 million in raw material prices. The sales volume before the addition of Hilcona was sustained at the previous year's level despite the challenging environment. Including Hilcona, it rose by 13.9% to 120,366 tonnes in the first half of the year.

EBITDA exceeded the previous year's level at CHF 90.5 million. This increase reflects the significant operating improvement in the company's results from international activities, currency effects and Hilcona's inclusion in the scope of consolidation. Net profit after taxes rose to CHF 33.6 million. The third-party interest in profit is around CHF 1.7 million. Adjusted for currency effects, net profit at CHF 32 million (+14.6%, CHF +4.1 million) is up by around 5% on last year's figure. This is a pleasing result in view of the business environment and confirms the validity of our adopted strategy.

The depreciation of the euro against the Swiss franc reduces our equity by CHF 50 million.

Bell Switzerland on a sound footing

The impact of the removal of the EUR/CHF floor is making itself felt in the Swiss market. The entire retail market is affected by the increase in shopping tourism, which declined compared to the first half of 2014 in the area of meat and meat products. Nevertheless, at 60,753 tonnes Bell's sales volume remained stable at the previous year's level, not least thanks to a good start to the barbecue season. Sales revenue was around 2% below that of 2014 at CHF 897 million because of the significant deflation in pork, while profit was sustained at just under the 2014 level by effective cost management combined with attractive promotional discounts.

Bell Germany makes further progress in operations

Although Germany's market for sausage products continues to shrink, certain signs of recovery are emerging. Bell Germany's sales volume in the first half-year was slightly below that of 2014 at around 31,550 tonnes. This fall is market-related and due to our own restructuring of our product range. Sales revenue in local currency was sustained at the previous year's level, in the reporting currency it went down by 14.3% to around CHF 204 million. Thanks to the focus on products with higher added value, innovations and cost optimisation measures, the operating result was significantly improved.

Bell International on course

The Board of Directors of the Bell Group has appointed the Head of the new Bell International division which was set up at the beginning of 2015. Daniel Böhny (53) will join the company on 1 November 2015 and take on the management of the division. Bell International is on course overall. Sales revenue in local currencies fell slightly short of the previous year's across all countries, in the reporting currency it reduces to around CHF 107 million. Sales volume, in contrast, increased to 16,104 tonnes. Although Bell France's revenue declined, its volume and operating result increased. The Abraham France sales organisation was integrated into Bell France and its former head has taken on the overall leadership of Bell France. This will open up additional sales opportunities in France and in the export business. Our business in Poland continues to grow and the expansion of production capacity is progressing on schedule. The operation in Hungary achieved further significant progress in terms of added value. Bell Benelux suffered from the loss of a trading partner, but is well on track operationally. We are not satisfied with business growth in the Novak branches despite the geographical focus on the Czech Republic. We introduced measures in the first half of 2015 to restore them to their former earning power.

Hilcona achieves operating success despite negative currency effects

The Hilcona Group (Hilcona and Gastro Star) is performing above the previous year in the Swiss market. It continued to grow accordingly in the first half of the year. Exports to the Eurozone suffered a decline due to currency effects. Measures to compensate for the accompanying loss of margin have been successfully launched.

Outlook

The development of the barbecue season in Switzerland so far gives us grounds for optimism. We assume that Hilcona's business performance will also continue to develop successfully in the second half of the year. The measures initiated in the international environment are leading to further operating progress. The result depends on the trend in raw material prices. The price war and pressure on margins in the retail market are expected to increase in the second half. Overall we assume a continued upward trend in results for the second half of the year and a further improvement in profit compared to 2014.



Hansueli Loosli
President of the Board of Directors



Lorenz Wyss
Chairman of the Group Executive Board

Consolidated balance sheet

in CHF thousand	Notes	30.06.2015	Share	31.12.2014	Share	30.06.2014	Share
Cash and cash equivalents		172 916		146 751		79 455	
Securities		5 989		6 108		8 372	
Receivables and deferred items	1	322 409		321 955		283 993	
Inventory	2	274 406		231 532		241 124	
Current assets		775 721	45.6 %	706 346	48.2 %	612 944	44.5 %
Financial assets	7	43 044		148 479		149 164	
Intangible assets	8	45 846		40 828		47 184	
Land and buildings	9	481 805		323 992		326 043	
Machinery and equipment	10	354 676		246 037		240 922	
Non-current assets		925 371	54.4 %	759 337	51.8 %	763 313	55.5 %
Assets		1 701 093	100.0 %	1 465 682	100.0 %	1 376 257	100.0 %
Current financial liabilities	4	40 453		7 716		11 690	
Miscellaneous liabilities and deferred items	3	264 059		219 679		196 688	
Current provisions	6	13 394		9 493		13 496	
Current liabilities		317 906	18.7 %	236 888	16.2 %	221 875	16.1 %
Other financial liabilities	4	92 052		4 901		7 874	
Bonds	4	350 000		350 000		350 000	
Non-current provisions	6	113 993		86 939		64 478	
Non-current liabilities		556 044	32.7 %	441 840	30.1 %	422 351	30.7 %
Liabilities		873 950	51.4 %	678 728	46.3 %	644 226	46.8 %
Share capital		2 000		2 000		2 000	
Retained earnings		845 125		783 261		783 261	
Currency translation differences		-134 124		-83 882		-79 016	
Treasury shares		-1 483		-1 994		-1 901	
Consolidated profit		31 955		87 708		27 881	
Equity before non-controlling interests		743 472	43.7 %	787 093	53.7 %	732 226	53.2 %
Third-party interest in equity		83 671		-138		-195	
Equity		827 143	48.6 %	786 955	53.7 %	732 031	53.2 %
Liabilities and equity		1 701 093	100.0 %	1 465 682	100.0 %	1 376 257	100.0 %

Consolidated income statement

in CHF thousand	Notes	1. HY 2015	Share	1. HY 2014	Share
Income from sale of goods	11	1 280 237		1 277 256	
Other operating income	11	30 661		31 719	
Gross operating income		1 310 898		1 308 975	
Sales deductions	11	46 571		44 241	
Operating income		1 264 326	100.0%	1 264 733	100.0%
Cost of goods sold		816 844	64.6%	853 000	67.4%
Gross operating profit		447 483	35.4%	411 733	32.6%
Personnel expenses		227 276	18.0%	204 565	16.2%
Other operating expenses	12	129 726		125 604	
Total operating expenses		357 002	28.2%	330 169	26.1%
Earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortisation (EBITDA)		90 480	7.2%	81 564	6.4%
Depreciation of tangible assets	9/10	37 873		35 384	
Amortisation of intangible assets	8	2 388		2 527	
Amortisation of goodwill	8	4 762		4 567	
Earnings before interest and taxes (EBIT)		45 457	3.6%	39 085	3.1%
Balance of financial income/financial expenses	13	-350		-757	
Net profit before taxes (EBT)		45 108	3.6%	38 329	3.0%
Taxes		11 483		10 416	
Net profit after taxes		33 625	2.7%	27 912	2.2%
Third-party interest in profit		-1 670		-31	
Consolidated profit first half-year		31 955	2.5%	27 881	2.2%

Segment reporting

in CHF thousand	Bell Switzerland	Bell Germany	Bell International	Group Hilcona	Consolidation	Bell Group
Half-year 2015						
Sales volume in tonnes	60 753	31 550	16 104	14 457	-2 498	120 366
Income from sale of goods	897 212	203 529	106 530	88 003	-15 037	1 280 237
Net investments in tangible assets	28 371	8 587	6 845	2 118	-	45 921
Average headcount on basis of full-time employees (FTE)	3 392	1 180	1 404	1 840	-	7 816
Half-year 2014						
Sales volume in tonnes	60 583	31 643	15 519	-	-2 038	105 707
Income from sale of goods	917 240	237 413	133 861	-	-11 258	1 277 256
Net investments in tangible assets	29 153	12 496	2 187	-	-	43 836
Average headcount on basis of full-time employees (FTE)	3 397	1 233	1 715	-	-	6 345

In accordance with the complementary recommendation for listed companies (Swiss GAAP FER 31), the Board of Directors of Bell AG does not publish segment results. This is because of the competitive situation, particularly in the German and French markets, in which Bell is virtually the only listed market player in the industry and would therefore be faced with competitive disadvantages compared to other players if it published segment results.

Cash flow statement

in CHF thousand	1. HY 2015	1. HY 2014
Net profit after taxes first half-year	33 625	27 912
Depreciation	45 023	42 479
Gain (-)/loss (+) from sale of fixed assets	-14	258
Net income from equity interests	-3 421	-1 134
Dividends from associated companies	3 447	3 066
Changes in provisions	4 822	4 076
Cash flow before changes to net current assets	83 483	76 656
Inventory changes (-) increase (+) decrease	-17 805	-33 824
Changes in receivables/adjustments (-) increase (+) decrease	42 867	53 027
Changes in current liabilities (+) increase (-) decrease	-4 446	-63 265
Operating cash flow	104 099	32 594
Investment in tangible assets	-46 291	-44 867
Divestment of tangible assets	384	773
Investment in financial assets, participations	-7 186	-
Transfer of cash and cash equivalents	22 748	-
Divestment of financial assets, participations	367	3 458
Investment in securities	-	-778
Divestment of securities	195	1 713
Investment in intangible assets	-2 009	-1 096
Divestment of intangible assets	-	54
Cash flow from investments	-31 792	-40 743
Changes in financial liabilities	-18 294	-3 899
Investment (-)/divestment (+) in treasury shares	604	657
Dividends	-25 937	-23 931
Cash flow from financing activities	-43 627	-27 173
Cash flow balance	28 679	-35 322
Cash and cash equivalents as of 1 January	146 751	115 022
Effect of currency translation on cash and cash equivalents	-2 514	-245
Changes in cash and cash equivalents	28 679	-35 322
Cash and cash equivalents as of 30 June	172 916	79 455

Statement of changes in equity

in CHF thousand	Share capital	Retained earnings	Currency translation effects	Treasury shares	Consolidated profit	Equity	Third-party interest in equity	Total equity
Equity as of 01.01.2015	2 000	783 261	-83 882	-1 994	87 708	787 093	-138	786 955
Changes in scope of consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	-	81 866	81 866
Acquisition minorities	-	-	-	-	-	-	291	291
Appropriation of annual profit	-	87 708	-	-	-87 708	-	-	-
Dividend	-	-25 937	-	-	-	-25 937	-	-25 937
Additions/disposals of treasury shares	-	93	-	511	-	604	-	604
Consolidated profit first half-year	-	-	-	-	31 955	31 955	1 670	33 625
Exchange differences	-	-	-50 242	-	-	-50 242	-19	-50 262
Equity as of 30.06.2015	2 000	845 125	-134 124	-1 483	31 955	743 472	83 671	827 143
Equity as of 01.01.2014	2 000	730 468	-74 950	-2 459	76 625	731 684	-226	731 458
Changes in scope of consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Appropriation of annual profit	-	76 625	-	-	-76 625	-	-	-
Dividend	-	-23 931	-	-	-	-23 931	-	-23 931
Additions/disposals of treasury shares	-	99	-	558	-	657	-	657
Consolidated profit first half-year	-	-	-	-	27 881	27 881	31	27 912
Exchange differences	-	-	-4 066	-	-	-4 066	1	-4 065
Equity as of 30.06.2014	2 000	783 261	-79 016	-1 901	27 881	732 226	-195	732 031

Shares	Number of shares as of 01.01	Additions in treasury shares	Disposals of treasury shares	Additions in treasury shares Employee share participation plan	Disposals of treasury shares Employee share participation plan	Number of shares as of 30.06
Shares issued	400 000	-	-	-	-	400 000
Treasury shares	-1 227	-	117	-121	368	-863
Shares in circulation as of 2015	398 773	-	117	-121	368	399 137
Shares issued	400 000	-	-	-	-	400 000
Treasury shares	-1 572	-	4	-50	436	-1 182
Shares in circulation as of 2014	398 428	-	4	-50	436	398 818

Comments to half-year report 2015 of the Bell Group

Principles

The principles governing consolidation, valuation, structure and presentation comply with the entire Accounting and Reporting Regulations (Swiss GAAP FER). They apply to all companies included in the scope of consolidation. The consolidation and valuation principles are the same as for the 2014 annual report as set out in pages 26 – 29 of the Management Report 2014.

The half-year financial statements were prepared in compliance with the guidelines on interim financial reporting according to Swiss GAAP FER 31.

Scope of consolidation

Please refer to page 16 of the half-year report for an overview of the important participations of the Bell Group

Foreign currency translation

All company balance sheets in foreign currency are translated into Swiss francs at the exchange rate as per 30 June. The income statements of these companies are translated at the average exchange rate for the first six months. Translation differences between the opening and closing balance sheets and differences arising from the use of different exchange rates in the balance sheet and the income statement are balanced without affecting profit and loss.

Exchange rates

		1 st HY 2015	1 st HY 2014
Balance sheet	EUR 1	= CHF 1,0413	= CHF 1,2156
	CZK 1	= CHF 0,0382	= CHF 0,0443
	HUF 100	= CHF 0,3306	= CHF 0,3930
	PLN 1	= CHF 0,2485	= CHF 0,2924
	USD 1	= CHF 0,9307	= CHF 0,8900
Income statement	EUR 1	= CHF 1,0561	= CHF 1,2208
	CZK 1	= CHF 0,0384	= CHF 0,0445
	HUF 100	= CHF 0,3434	= CHF 0,3977
	PLN 1	= CHF 0,2551	= CHF 0,2923
	USD 1	= CHF 0,9422	= CHF 0,8894

Useful life of non-current assets

Production and administration buildings	30 – 40 years
Machines and equipment	8 – 10 years
Installations	10 – 15 years
Vehicles	3 – 7 years
Furniture	5 – 10 years
IT hardware	4 years
Software	4 years
Trademarks	8 years
Goodwill	5 – 8 years

Events occurring after the balance sheet date

No events after the balance sheet date.

All amounts have been rounded individually.

Notes to the consolidated balance sheet

in CHF thousand	30.06.2015	Share	31.12.2014
1. Receivables and deferred items			
Trade accounts receivable	138 357	42.9 %	149 770
Receivables affiliated companies Coop Group	113 143	35.1 %	108 431
Receivables other affiliated companies	707	0.2 %	8 942
Other receivables	38 687	12.0 %	34 278
Deferred expenses and accrued income	31 515	9.8 %	20 533
Receivables and deferred items	322 409	100.0 %	321 954
2. Inventory			
Raw materials and finished goods	254 489	92.7 %	219 734
Auxiliary materials	23 144	8.4 %	16 289
Value adjustments on the basis of value impairments	-3 227	-1.2 %	-4 491
Inventory	274 406	100.0 %	231 532
3. Liabilities and deferred items			
Trade accounts payable	143 965	54.5 %	131 356
Accounts payable to Coop Group	4 418	1.7 %	15 638
Accounts payable to other affiliated companies	1 786	0.7 %	1 077
Other accounts payable	16 064	6.1 %	10 889
Deferred income and accrued expenses	97 826	37.0 %	60 719
Miscellaneous liabilities and deferred items	264 059	100.0 %	219 679
4. Financial liabilities			
Loans and credits from banks	40 443	8.4 %	7 716
Current-accounts with third parties	10		-
Current financial liabilities	40 453	8.4 %	7 716
Long-term loans and credits	92 052	19.1 %	4 901
Bonds	350 000	72.5 %	350 000
Non-current financial liabilities	442 052	91.6 %	354 901
Financial liabilities	482 505	100.0 %	362 617
Maturity structure of financial liabilities			
Due within 360 days	40 453	8.4 %	7 716
Due within two years	10 689	2.2 %	1 098
Due within three years and later	431 363	89.4 %	353 804
Financial liabilities	482 505	100.0 %	362 617
Financial liabilities by currency			
CHF	477 823	99.0 %	353 907
EUR	4 223	0.9 %	8 163
Other currencies	459	0.1 %	548
Financial liabilities	482 505	100.0 %	362 617

Notes to the consolidated balance sheet

4. Bonds

Bond type	Bond with reopening option
Nominal amount	CHF 175 million
Securities number	21 226 729/ISIN CH0212267295
Interest rate	1.00 percent
Term	5 years
Maturity	16 May 2018 at par value

Bond type	Bond with reopening option
Nominal amount	CHF 175 million
Securities number	21 226 733/ISIN CH0212267337
Interest rate	1.75 percent
Term	9 years
Maturity	16 May 2022 at par value

5. Business combinations (Material balance sheet items at the time of acquisition)

in CHF thousand	Hilcona Group*
Liquid assets	22 748
Trade accounts receivable	61 115
Inventory	41 529
Tangible assets	284 145
Trade accounts payable	60 740
Financial liabilities	139 841

* Additional 2% acquired as of 1 May 2015; resulting 51% interest leads to full consolidation.

in CHF thousand	Early retirements	Long service awards	Holiday and extra hours charges	Deferred taxes	Other	Restructuring	Total
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6. Provisions¹

	20 103	3 537	5 387	63 304	4 101	–	96 431
Provisions as of 01.01.2015							
Changes in scope of consolidation	3 613	3 713	63	19 619	282	254	27 544
Reclassification	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Creation	1 264	39	3 864	27	81	–	5 276
Release/utilisation	–	–	–88	211	–576	–	–453
Currency translation effects	–542	–	–160	–316	–394	–	–1 412
Provisions as of 30.06.2015	24 439	7 288	9 066	82 845	3 494	254	127 386
Non-current provisions as of 30.06.2015	22 852	6 168	–	82 845	2 128	–	113 993
Current provisions as of 30.06.2015	1 587	1 120	9 066	–	1 366	254	13 394
Provisions as of 01.01.2014	23 539	3 158	5 246	38 712	2 070	–	72 725
Changes in scope of consolidation	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Reclassification	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Reclassification from deferrals	–	–	–	–	1 262	–	1 262
Creation	600	358	3 578	172	58	–	4 766
Release/utilisation	–30	–308	–	–333	–19	–	–690
Currency translation effects	–18	–23	–11	–21	–15	–	–88
Provisions as of 30.06.2014	24 091	3 185	8 812	38 529	3 356	–	77 974
Non-current provisions as of 30.06.2014	21 894	2 163	–	38 529	1 892	–	64 478
Current provisions as of 30.06.2014	2 198	1 022	8 812	–	1 464	–	13 496

¹ No provision created for the German Bundeskartellamt's financial penalty decision (July 2014).

Notes to the consolidated balance sheet

in CHF thousand	Non consolidated holdings	Loans to related parties ¹	Loans to third parties	Equity of foundation	Deferred tax assets	Other financial assets	Total
7. Financial assets							
Net carrying amount as of 01.01.2015	119 046	26 000	1 050	2 011	–	372	148 479
Purchase price as of 01.01.2015	119 046	26 000	1 050	2 011	–	372	148 479
Changes in scope of consolidation	–81 866	–26 000	–	–	643	892	–106 331
Investments	–	–	589	–	–	–	589
Divestments/dividends from associated companies	–3 447	–	–151	–	–	–216	–3 815
Revaluation	4 132	–	–	–	–	–	4 132
Reclassification	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Currency translation effects	–9	–	–1	–	–	–	–10
Net carrying amount as of 30.06.2015	37 855	–	1 487	2 011	643	1 048	43 044
Net carrying amount as of 01.01.2014	113 878	32 766	867	3 309	2 297	372	153 489
Purchase price as of 01.01.2014	113 878	32 766	867	3 309	2 297	372	153 489
Changes in scope of consolidation	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Investments	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Divestments/dividends from associated companies	–6 342	–	–182	–	–	–	–6 523
Revaluation	2 200	–	–	–	49	–	2 249
Reclassification	–	–	–	–	–	–	–
Currency translation effects	–1	–19	–8	–	–23	–	–50
Net carrying amount as of 30.06.2014	109 736	32 747	678	3 309	2 323	372	149 164

¹ There are no loans to the corporation entities.

Notes to the consolidated balance sheet

in CHF thousand	Software	Trademarks	Other rights	Goodwill	Total
8. Intangible assets					
Net carrying amount as of 01.01.2015	10 907	–	1 200	28 721	40 828
Purchase price as of 01.01.2015	44 871	9 888	2 009	165 335	222 105
Changes in scope of consolidation	6 209	–	482	12 415	19 106
Investments	2 006	–	3	3 511	5 520
Divestment/discontinuation	–	–	–	–	–
Reclassification	674	–	–	–	674
Currency translation effects	–1 965	–1 325	–230	–15 902	–19 422
Purchase price as of 30.06.2015	51 795	8 563	2 264	165 358	227 982
Cumulative depreciation as of 01.01.2015	33 964	9 888	809	136 615	181 277
Changes in scope of consolidation	4 177	–	482	4 397	9 056
Depreciation ¹	2 332	–	56	5 473	7 861
Cumulative depreciation on divestment/discontinuation	–	–	–	–	–
Reclassification	–	–	–	–	–
Currency translation effects	–1 154	–1 325	–108	–13 470	–16 057
Cumulative depreciation as of 30.06.2015	39 319	8 563	1 238	133 015	182 136
Net carrying amount as of 30.06.2015	12 476	–	1 026	32 343	45 846
Net carrying amount as of 01.01.2014	12 457	–	1 411	40 462	54 330
Purchase price as of 01.01.2014	46 588	10 095	2 108	167 821	226 613
Changes in scope of consolidation	–	–	–	–	–
Investments	1 096	–	–	–	1 096
Divestment/discontinuation	–4 691	–	–54	–	–4 745
Reclassification	305	–	–	–	305
Currency translation effects	–139	–99	–22	–1 184	–1 443
Purchase price as of 30.06.2014	43 160	9 996	2 032	166 637	221 826
Cumulative depreciation as of 01.01.2014	34 131	10 095	697	127 359	172 283
Changes in scope of consolidation	–	–	–	–	–
Depreciation ¹	2 523	–	5	5 633	8 160
Cumulative depreciation on divestment/discontinuation	–4 691	–	–	–	–4 691
Reclassification	–	–	–	–	–
Currency translation effects	–72	–99	–8	–932	–1 110
Cumulative depreciation as of 30.06.2014	31 891	9 996	694	132 060	174 643
Net carrying amount as of 30.06.2014	11 268	–	1 338	34 577	47 184

¹ The amortisation of the Hilcona goodwill is reported up to and including 30 April 2015 in income from investments in other companies.

Notes to the consolidated balance sheet

in CHF thousand	Developed Land	Production and administration facilities	Constructions in rented locations	Buildings under construction	Total
9. Land and buildings					
Net carrying amount as of 01.01.2015	65 344	252 855	747	5 046	323 992
Purchase price as of 01.01.2015	65 444	610 373	3 181	5 046	684 043
Changes in scope of consolidation	58 400	198 945	–	1 693	259 038
Investments	–	5 307	–	4 255	9 561
Divestment/discontinuation	–286	–	–	–	–286
Reclassification	–	567	–469	–115	–17
Currency translation effects	–1 763	–25 109	–	–1	–26 873
Purchase price as of 30.06.2015	121 795	790 083	2 712	10 878	925 467
Cumulative depreciation as of 01.01.2015	100	357 518	2 434	–	360 052
Changes in scope of consolidation	469	85 672	–	–	86 142
Depreciation	26	10 214	64	–	10 305
Cumulative depreciation on divestment/discontinuation	–	–	–	–	–
Reclassification	–	263	–263	–	–
Currency translation effects	–14	–12 822	–	–	–12 836
Cumulative depreciation as of 30.06.2015	582	440 845	2 235	–	443 662
Net carrying amount as of 30.06.2015	121 213	349 237	477	10 878	481 805
Net carrying amount as of 01.01.2014	65 672	243 571	937	4 729	314 910
Purchase price as of 01.01.2014	65 767	587 785	3 282	4 729	661 563
Changes in scope of consolidation	–	–	–	–	–
Investments	275	11 348	–	1 498	13 121
Divestment/discontinuation	–441	–4 139	–209	–	–4 789
Reclassification	–	11 373	–	–1 561	9 812
Currency translation effects	–144	–2 149	–	–	–2 293
Purchase price as of 30.06.2014	65 457	604 218	3 073	4 666	677 414
Cumulative depreciation as of 01.01.2014	95	344 214	2 345	–	346 654
Changes in scope of consolidation	–	–	–	–	–
Depreciation	4	9 485	73	–	9 562
Cumulative depreciation on divestment/discontinuation	–	–3 966	–59	–	–4 025
Reclassification	–	159	–	–	159
Currency translation effects	–1	–978	–	–	–979
Cumulative depreciation as of 30.06.2014	98	348 914	2 359	–	351 371
Net carrying amount as of 30.06.2014	65 360	255 303	714	4 666	326 043

A capitalised lease with a carrying amount of CHF thousand 4'002 (previous year CHF thousand 5'117) is included in "Land and buildings".

Notes to the consolidated balance sheet

in CHF thousand	Machinery and equipment	Installations	IT hardware	Furniture and vehicles	Advance payments	Total
10. Machinery and equipment						
Net carrying amount as of 01.01.2015	120 369	70 214	5 965	20 987	28 499	246 037
Purchase price as of 01.01.2015	457 727	230 925	36 605	97 529	28 499	851 287
Changes in scope of consolidation	192 230	75 067	11 965	21 347	8 281	308 890
Investments	10 979	5 526	1 699	4 146	14 381	36 730
Divestment/discontinuation	-1 496	-	-1	-711	-	-2 207
Reclassification	8 772	981	304	359	-11 073	-657
Currency translation effects	-23 134	-1 109	-450	-4 953	-2 801	-32 446
Purchase price as of 30.06.2015	645 079	311 389	50 123	117 717	37 287	1 161 597
Cumulative depreciation as of 01.01.2015	337 358	160 711	30 640	76 541	-	605 250
Changes in scope of consolidation	141 464	33 272	9 819	13 086	-	197 641
Depreciation	14 636	7 320	1 829	3 782	-	27 568
Cumulative depreciation of divestment/discontinuation	-1 484	-	-1	-639	-	-2 123
Reclassification	-	-	-	-	-	-
Currency translation effects	-16 678	-735	-336	-3 665	-	-21 415
Cumulative depreciation as of 30.06.2015	475 296	200 568	41 951	89 106	-	806 921
Net carrying amount as of 30.06.2015	169 783	110 821	8 172	28 611	37 287	354 676
Net carrying amount as of 01.01.2014	122 553	73 486	7 524	23 520	18 972	246 055
Purchase price as of 01.01.2014	447 933	224 747	43 210	99 207	18 972	834 071
Changes in scope of consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Investments	5 420	8 375	411	3 172	14 367	31 746
Divestment/discontinuation	-9 887	-3 469	-8 624	-4 367	-	-26 347
Reclassification	2 145	-8 363	162	290	-4 350	-10 117
Currency translation effects	-1 915	-80	-39	-426	-125	-2 586
Purchase price as of 30.06.2014	443 697	221 210	35 119	97 876	28 864	826 768
Cumulative depreciation as of 01.01.2014	325 380	151 261	35 687	75 687	-	588 015
Changes in scope of consolidation	-	-	-	-	-	-
Depreciation	13 198	6 717	1 876	4 031	-	25 822
Cumulative depreciation on divestment/discontinuation	-9 739	-3 468	-8 624	-4 247	-	-26 079
Reclassification	-	-159	-	-	-	-159
Currency translation effects	-1 380	-52	-27	-294	-	-1 753
Cumulative depreciation as of 30.06.2014	327 460	154 299	28 911	75 176	-	585 846
Net carrying amount as of 30.06.2014	116 237	66 912	6 208	22 699	28 864	240 922

“Machinery and equipment” includes a capitalised lease with a carrying amount of CHF thousand 164 (previous year CHF thousand 302).

Notes to the consolidated balance sheet

in CHF thousand	1. HY 2015	Difference	1. HY 2014
11. Operating income			
Product groups			
Fresh meat	408 935	-2.9 %	421 157
Charcuterie own production	184 730	-2.8 %	190 087
Charcuterie purchased	32 228	-11.3 %	36 347
Poultry	191 887	-1.4 %	194 598
Seafood	72 904	4.8 %	69 580
Convenience	74 296	n.m.	-
Other sales	2 860	-41.8 %	4 916
Product groups Switzerland	967 841	5.6 %	916 684
Charcuterie	282 474	-14.6 %	330 738
Convenience	13 594	n.m.	-
Other sales	16 328	-45.3 %	29 833
Product groups international	312 396	-13.4 %	360 571
Sales by product group	1 280 237	0.2 %	1 277 256
Other operating income	30 661	-3.3 %	31 719
Sales deductions	46 571	5.3 %	44 241
Operating income	1 264 326	0.0 %	1 264 734
Sales by country			
Switzerland	967 840		916 685
Germany	191 496		212 483
France	45 228		54 957
Spain, Benelux	26 816		31 399
Eastern Europe	46 794		61 731
Other Countries	2 064		-
Sales by country	1 280 237	0.2 %	1 277 256
12. Other operating expenses			
Rent	11 310		11 089
Energy, auxiliary materials	25 575		25 288
Repair and maintenance	29 688		27 776
Transport	30 820		30 819
Advertising	13 469		12 969
Other operating expenses	18 863		17 663
Total other operating expenses	129 726	3.3 %	125 604
13. Financial return/financial expenses			
Interest on fixed deposits and other interest	345		1 011
Win from securities, financial assets and currency	2 936		1 757
Net result from equity investments ¹	3 421		1 134
Financial return	6 702	71.7 %	3 903
Interest	3 285		2 987
Loss from securities, financial assets and currency	3 479		1 364
Bank charges and other financial expenses	288		308
Financial expenses	7 052	51.3 %	4 660
Balance of financial return/financial expenses	-350		-757
<i>Average rates of interest-bearing liabilities</i>	1.76 %		1.61 %

¹ Net, after deduction of the goodwill depreciation.

Important participations of the Bell Group

Company	Domicile	Sphere of activity	Consolidation method	Capital	Group share in equity 30.06.15	Group share in equity 30.06.14
Bell Schweiz AG	Basel	Fresh meat, charcuterie, poultry, seafood	■	CHF 20 000 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Hilcona AG	Schaan/FL	Convenience	■	CHF 27 000 000	51.0 %	49.0 %
Hilcona Gourmet SA	Orbe	Convenience	■	CHF 600 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Hilcona Feinkost GmbH	Leinfelden-Echterdingen/DE	Convenience	■	EUR 26 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Gastro Star AG	Dällikon	Convenience	■	CHF 120 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Centravo Holding AG ¹	Zürich	By-products processing	○	CHF 2 040 000	29.8 %	29.8 %
GVFI International AG	Basel	Meat trade	●	CHF 3 000 000	18.34 %	18.34 %
Pensionsstiftung der Bell Schweiz AG (in Liquidation)	Basel	Foundation	▲	–	–	–
Bell France Holding SAS	Teilhède/FR	Subholding	■	EUR 20 000 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Salaison Polette & Cie SAS	Teilhède/FR	Dry sausages	■	EUR 2 600 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Saloir de Mirabel SARL	Riom/FR	Air-dried ham	■	EUR 152 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Val de Lyon SAS	St-Symphorien-sur-Coise/FR	Dry sausages	■	EUR 825 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Saloir de Virieu SAS	Virieu-Le-Grand/FR	Air-dried ham	■	EUR 1 200 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Maison de Savoie SAS	Aime/FR	Dry sausages	■	EUR 1 560 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Bell France SAS	St-André-sur-Vieux-Jonc/FR	Dry sausages	■	EUR 1 096 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Abraham France SARL	Bussy-Saint-Georges/FR	Wholesale trade	■	EUR 40 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Bell Deutschland Holding GmbH	Seevetal/DE	Subholding	■	EUR 25 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Bell Verwaltungs GmbH	Seevetal/DE	Subholding	■	EUR 25 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Bell Deutschland GmbH & Co. KG	Seevetal/DE	Charcuterie	■	EUR 1 000 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Interfresh Food GmbH	Seevetal/DE	Subholding	■	EUR 100 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Bell Polska Sp. z o.o.	Niepolomice/PL	Charcuterie	■	PLN 9 500 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
ZIMBO Húsipari Termelő Kft.	Perbal/HU	Meat and sausages	■	HUF 378 750 000	99.7 %	99.7 %
Bell Benelux Holding N.V.	Zellik/BE	Subholding	■	EUR 5 258 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Bell Benelux N.V.	Zellik/BE	Meat trade	■	EUR 620 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Bell Logistics N.V.	Zellik/BE	Storage	■	EUR 62 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Bell Nederland B.V.	Dr Houten/NL	Meat trade	■	EUR 18 000	100.0 %	76.0 %
ZIMBO Czechia s.r.o.	Prag-Holesovice/CZ	Retail trade	■	CZK 30 000 000	90.0 %	90.0 %
Abraham Benelux S.A.	Libramont-Chevigny/BE	Air-dried ham	■	EUR 1 250 000	100.0 %	100.0 %
Sanchez Alcaraz S.L.U.	Casarrubios del Monte/ES	Air-dried ham	■	EUR 648 587	100.0 %	100.0 %

¹ The equity share is based on the number of outstanding shares.

We acquired a further 2% of the equity of the Hilcona Group as of 1 May and fully consolidated the Group with the Bell Group. We acquired 100% of the equity of Bell Nederland B.V. as of 1 March 2015.

- Fully consolidated (uniform management)
- Consolidation ad equity
- Purchase price
- ▲ Consolidation pursuant to Swiss GAAP FER 16

Financial figures as of June 30

in CHF thousand	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Gross sales	1 280 237	1 277 256	1 270 268	1 234 019	1 255 097
Operating income	1 264 326	1 264 733	1 253 730	1 218 389	1 235 295
Gross operating profit	447 483	411 733	399 064	401 216	397 071
in % of operating income	35.4%	32.6%	31.8%	32.9%	32.1%
EBITDA	90 480	81 564	78 868	78 902	83 048
in % of operating income	7.2%	6.4%	6.3%	6.5%	6.7%
EBIT	45 457	39 085	36 193	36 235	40 200
in % of operating income	3.6%	3.1%	2.9%	3.0%	3.3%
Consolidated profit first half-year	31 955	27 881	24 545	25 085	26 805
Financial liabilities	482 505	369 564	383 163	308 682	334 697
Equity	827 143	732 031	681 600	624 173	594 663
in % of assets	48.6%	53.2%	48.8%	49.1%	46.3%
Headcount as of 30.06.	8 060	6 517	6 463	6 511	6 365
Average headcount on basis of full-time employees (FTE)¹	7 816	6 345	6 193	6 259	6 062

¹ Basis for calculation changed from 2014 onwards.

Share information

		2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
Per-share data						
Share price as of June 30	CHF	2 500	2 480	2 118	1 855	2 050
Year's high	CHF	2 585	2 575	2 299	1 970	2 300
Year's low	CHF	2 200	2 235	2 001	1 716	1 725
Half-year share information						
Equity per share	CHF	1 863	1 836	1 710	1 566	1 462
Net profit per share	CHF	80	70	62	63	68
EBITDA per share	CHF	227	205	198	198	209
EBIT per share	CHF	114	98	91	91	101

Structure	400'000 registered shares at CHF 5 par value
Registered shares as of 30.06.2015	355'079
Shareholders as of 30.06.2015	4'039
Principal shareholders	Coop Group Cooperative Basel; 66.29 % No other shareholders own more than 3 percent of the shares
Shares eligible for dividend	All
Voting regulations	All registered shareholders have full voting rights. Each share entitles to vote.
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