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SWATCH GROUP: Key Figures 2021

- Net sales of CHF 7 313 million, +30.7% to the previous year at current exchange rates, or +29.6% at constant rates.
- Operating profit of CHF 1 021 million (previous year: CHF 52 million).
 Operating margin of 14.0% (previous year: 0.9%).
- Watches & Jewelry segment (excluding Production) with a strong operating margin of 17.7% for the entire year and 18.4% in the second half.
- Net income of CHF 774 million compared with net loss of CHF -53 million in the previous year. Net margin of 10.6%.
- Strong operating cash flow of CHF 1 298 million (previous year: CHF 819 million).
 Free cash flow of CHF 1 033 million (previous year: CHF 675 million).
- High net liquidity² of CHF 2 558 million (previous year: CHF 1 700 million).
- At its next meeting, the Board of Directors will decide on the dividend proposal to the Annual General Meeting.
- For 2022, the Group anticipates double-digit sales growth in local currencies.

¹⁾ Cash flow from operating activities minus cash flow from investing activities (without financial assets and securities)

²⁾ Cash and cash equivalents as well as financial assets, securities and derivative financial instruments minus current financial debts and derivative financial liabilities



Group Key Figures

			Char	nge in %	
(CHF million)	2021	2020	at constant rates	currency effect	Total
Net sales	7 313	5 595	29.6%	1.1%	30.7%
Operating result	1 021	52			
– In % of net sales	14.0%	0.9%			
Net result	774	-53			
– In % of net sales	10.6%	-0.9%			
Equity	11 605	10 965			
– As % of balance sheet total	84.8%	85.0%			

Unaudited figures

Highlights of the financial year 2021

Comparisons have been made with 2019, which was not impacted by Covid-19.

Strong Watches & Jewelry segment

At constant exchange rates, Group net sales were -7.4% below 2019 (second half: -2.6% below 2019). Net sales for the 4th quarter even exceeded 2019 levels, at constant exchange rates. Brands in all price segments contributed to this result. The negative currency impact on sales was CHF -322 million or -3.9% compared with 2019. The Watches & Jewelry segment (excluding Production) realized an operating margin of 17.7%, considerably higher than the 15.2% recorded in 2019.

The travel activity, which was still severely restricted in some cases, led to regional shifts in sales compared with 2019. Mainland China and the USA realized historical record sales levels.

Despite a retail network reduced by 22%, equally high sales levels as in 2019 were realized in the Group's own retail business. In particular, the strong performance of e-commerce was a contributing factor.

Normalization in the Production sector

Sales in the Production sector almost reached 2019 levels in the last months of the year. Order books were considerably higher than at the end of 2019, and production capacity utilization normalized, whereby strong product demand for some brands far exceeded available capacity.

Upturn in Electronic Systems

The long-term Group strategy to strengthen "Workplace Switzerland" through targeted investment in local production sites paid off in particular for the Electronic Systems segment. Strong demand for electronic components and button cell batteries led to increased sales of +14.8% at constant exchange rates compared with 2019. Operating result reached CHF 27 million, corresponding to a margin of 8.6%. Swiss Timing, particularly as official timekeeper for the Olympic Summer Games in Tokyo, also contributed to the result.



Research and development

Intensive research and development activities led to 202 new patent applications in the year under review (previous year: 205).

Personnel

The number of employees decreased slightly in comparison with the previous year by -3.0% to 31 444 persons. The reduction related in particular to the closing of 172 retail stores and the discontinuation of Calvin Klein activities. In the year under review, 55 new stores in prime locations were opened.

Cash flow and net liquidity

After-tax operating cash flow was CHF 1 298 million (+58.5% against the previous year). Free cash flow" amounted to CHF 1 033 million, or 14.1% of net sales. Net liquidity^{al} increased by CHF 858 million or +50.5% to CHF 2 558 million.

- 1) Cash flow from operating activities minus cash flow from investing activities (without financial assets and securities)
- 2) Cash and cash equivalents as well as financial assets, securities and derivative financial instruments minus current financial debts and derivative financial liabilities

Outlook 2022

Group Management anticipates double-digit sales growth in local currencies in 2022. This will be ensured by numerous, and in some cases, spectacular new products from the brands in all segments. Omega, as timekeeper for the Olympic Winter Games in Beijing, will be present worldwide in the media in February, and in September, Tissot, as timekeeper for the Asian Games in Hangzhou, will be visible far beyond the Chinese market.

At the end of 2021, order books in the Electronic Systems segment were twice as high as at the end of 2019, which will lead to sales growth in the current year.

Tentative next publications / events:

17.03.2022 Publication of the annual report 2021

Press conference (conditional, based on Covid-19 restrictions in force)

24.05.2022 Annual General Meeting

29.07.2022 Publication of 2022 half-year results

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Consolidated Income Statement

	2021		2020	
	CHF million	<u>%</u>	CHF million	<u>%</u>
Net sales	7 313	100.0	5 595	100.0
Other operating income	281	3.8	122	2.2
Changes in inventories	19	0.3	-364	-6.5
Material purchases	-1 524	-20.8	-983	-17.6
Personnel expense	-2 206	-30.2	-1 972	-35.2
Depreciation and impairment on property, plant and equipment	-396	-5.4	-420	-7.5
Amortization and impairment on intangible assets	-42	-0.6	-43	-0.8
Other operating expenses	-2 424	-33.1	-1 883	-33.7
Operating result	1 021	14.0	52	0.9
Other financial income and expense	4	0.0	-3	-0.0
Interest expense	-5	-0.1	-3	-0.0
Share of result from associates and joint ventures	-9	-0.1	-10	-0.2
Ordinary result	1 011	13.8	36	0.7
Non-operating result	0	0.0	0	0.0
Result before income taxes	1 011	13.8	36	0.7
Income taxes	-237	-3.2		-1.6
Net result	774	10.6	-53	-0.9
Attributable to shareholders of The Swatch Group Ltd	765		- 51	
Attributable to non-controlling interests	9		- 2	
Earnings per share in CHF				
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Registered shares			•••	
Basic earnings per share	2.96		-0.20	
Diluted earnings per share	2.95		-0.20	
Bearer shares				
Basic earnings per share	14.78		-0.99	
Diluted earnings per share	14.77		-0.99	



Consolidated Balance Sheet

Assals	31.12.2021	0/	31.12.2020	0/
Assets	CHF million	<u>%</u>	CHF million	<u>%</u>
Current assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	1 979	14.5	1 585	12.3
Financial assets, securities and derivative financial instruments	677	4.9	207	1.6
Trade receivables	710	5.2	685	5.3
Other current assets	136	1.0	212	1.6
Inventories	6 389	46.7	6 315	49.0
Prepayments and accrued income	216	1.6	234	1.8
Total current assets	10 107	73.9	9 238	71.6
Non-current assets				
Property, plant and equipment	2 771	20.3	2 929	22.7
Intangible assets	144	1.0	144	1.1
Investments in associates and joint ventures	21	0.1	29	0.2
Other non-current assets	186	1.4	106	0.9
Deferred tax assets	449	3.3	451	3.5
Total non-current assets	3 571	26.1	3 659	28.4
Total assets	13 678	100.0	12 897	100.0



Consolidated Balance Sheet

Equity and liabilities	31.12.2021 CHF million	%	31.12.2020 CHF million	%
Current liabilities				
Financial debts and derivative financial instruments	98	0.7	92	0.7
Trade payables	313	2.3	281	2.2
Other liabilities	258	1.9	182	1.4
Provisions	112	0.8	69	0.5
Accrued expenses	596	4.4	588	4.6
Total current liabilities	1 377	10.1	1 212	9.4
Non-current liabilities				
Financial debts	2	0.0	3	0.0
Deferred tax liabilities	430	3.2	465	3.6
Retirement benefit obligations	42	0.3	43	0.3
Provisions	68	0.5	51	0.4
Accrued expenses	154	1.1	158	1.3
Total non-current liabilities	696	5.1	720	5.6
Total liabilities	2 073	15.2	1 932	15.0
Equity				
Share capital	118		118	
Capital reserves	-971		-970	
Treasury shares	-131		-141	
Goodwill recognized	-1 370		-1 372	
Translation differences	-442		-490	
Retained earnings	14 336		13 752	
Equity of The Swatch Group Ltd shareholders	11 540	84.4	10 897	84.5
Non-controlling interests	65	0.4	68	0.5
Total equity	11 605	84.8	10 965	85.0
Total equity and liabilities	13 678	100.0	12 897	100.0



Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows

(CHF million)	2021		2020	
Operating activities				
Net result	774		-53	
Share of result from associated companies and joint ventures	9		<u></u>	
Income taxes	237		89	
Depreciation on non-current assets	437		463	
Impairment on non-current assets	1		0	
Changes in provisions and retirement benefit obligations	54		-23	
Gains/losses on sale of non-current assets	2			
Other non-cash items			73	
Changes in net current assets:				
- Trade receivables	-19		124	
- Inventories	-19		370	
- Other current assets, prepayments and accrued income	0		67	
- Trade payables	27		-12	
- Other liabilities and accrued expenses	51		-45	
Dividends received from associated companies and joint ventures	1		1	
Income tax paid	-256		-229	
Cash flow from operating activities		1 298		819
Investing activities				
Investments in property, plant and equipment	-251		-208	
Proceeds from sale of property, plant and equipment	10		7	
Investments in intangible assets	-44		-41	
Proceeds from sale of intangible assets	1		19	
Investments in other non-current assets	-8		-4	
Proceeds from other non-current assets	27		83	
Investments in current financial assets	-388		0	
Purchase of marketable securities	-139		-132	
Sale of marketable securities	65		150	
Cash flow from investing activities		-727		-126
Financing activities				
Dividends paid to shareholders	-181		-284	
Dividends paid to non-controlling interests	-15		-11	
Repurchase of treasury shares	-12		0	
Sale of treasury shares	12		24	
Change in non-current financial debts			0	
Change in current financial debts	-37		20	
Repurchase of non-controlling interests	0		0	
Cash flow from financing activities		-234		-251
Net impact of foreign exchange rate differences on cash		10		-50
Change in cash and cash equivalents		347		392
Change in cash and cash equivalents				
– Balance at beginning of year	1 540		1 148	
– Balance at end of year	1 887	347	1 540	392



Segment information

2021	Watches &	Electronic	Corporate	Elimination	Total
(CHF million)	Jewelry	Systems			
- Third parties	7 011	297	5		7 313
– Group	3	17	4	-24	0
Net sales	7 014	314	9	-24	7 313
Operating result	1 117	27	-123	0	1 021
- In % of net sales	15.9%	8.6%			14.0%
2020	Watches &	Electronic	Corporate	Elimination	Total
(CHF million)	Jewelry	Systems			
- Third parties	5 335	256	4		5 595
- Group	2	12	4	-18	0
Net sales	5 337	268	8	-18	5 595
Operating result	179	-6	-121	0	52
– In % of net sales	3.4%	-2.2%			0.9%

Unaudited figures

Statistical Information

	2021	2020
	Basic	Basic
Average number of registered shares outstanding	114 471 966	114 169 222
Average number of bearer shares outstanding	28 883 462	28 872 923
Key data per registered share (nom. CHF 0.45) in CHF		
Consolidated net result attributable to shareholders	2.96	-0.20
Cash flow from operating activities 1)	5.01	3.17
Consolidated equity 1)	44.82	42.41
Key data per bearer share (nom. CHF 2.25) in CHF		
Consolidated net result attributable to shareholders	14.78	-0.99
Cash flow from operating activities 1)	25.06	15.83
Consolidated equity 1)	224.12	212.07
Share capital in CHF	117 719 775	117 719 775

¹⁾ Calculation based on average share capital per share category or average number of shares outstanding