



Q1 2021 Trading Statement

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Q1 2021 Strong start in Off-Trade

Statement by Royal Unibrew's CEO Lars Jensen:

"We are off to a solid start to the year with strong execution in the Off-Trade business, especially in Denmark and Italy. We are once again delivering record high volumes, net revenue and EBIT driven by an Off-Trade business where all key markets have outperformed last year. The organization has exploited the opportunities that the markets have offered, and we have continued to win market shares across most markets and categories. Our On-Trade and Border businesses have been negatively affected by the restrictions imposed as a result of the pandemic throughout the quarter, and in March our On-Trade business was down by more than 60% compared to 2019. Under these difficult circumstances our teams' execution has been extraordinary. The results are positively impacted by sell-in to Easter, which was in March this year compared to April last year.

Strong performance in Denmark is driven by strong growth in CSD and energy drinks, including strong growth in our Faxe Kondi brand, which celebrates its 50 years anniversary this year. In Italy we have seen significant growth in our beer business and late in the quarter, we launched an energy drink, LemonSoda Energy Activator, which comes in three fruit-based flavors. In Finland, our craft beer brand Lahden Erikoiis grew by double-digit percentages in Q1 21 thereby supporting the price/mix development in the region. The new alcohol-free Original Long Drink version helped to drive earnings growth and profitability in the quarter, and also further improved the brand's market leading position. Volume growth in Africa and Asia in brands like Faxe, Tempt, Power Malt and Crodo was the main driver behind the strong results in International."

Financial highlights Q1-2021

We have reassessed the IFRS 15 accounting policy concerning customer contracts and, on that background, we have changed our treatment of some customer contract-related costs. This means that some sales costs are reclassified to rebates, and as a consequence revenue and sales costs are reduced by the same amount, whereas EBIT is unchanged. As a consequence, all figures in this Trading Statement therefore refers to restated figures, unless otherwise stated.

Net revenue for Q1 2021 amounted to DKK 1,605 million compared to DKK 1,478 million for Q1 2020. Net revenue and earnings of a beverage business for the first quarter of the year do not reflect a proportional share of net revenue and results for the year. The period represents the winter season when sales and earnings are usually at a lower level compared to other quarters of the year. Moreover, the first quarter in both 2020 and 2021 were significantly impacted by COVID-19.

Earnings before interest and tax (EBIT) for Q1 2021 was DKK 29 million higher than in 2020 and amounted to DKK 229 million (2020: DKK 200 million). The EBIT margin increased by 0.8 percentage point to 14.3%. The EBIT margin was negatively impacted by channel mix. EBIT in Q1 2020, was negatively impacted by bad debt provisions related to COVID-19. Loss on debtors are at relatively normal levels, however, we see a potential future risk as On-Trade customers continues to be affected by restrictions.

Volumes for Q1 2021 increased by 14% compared to Q1 2020 and amounted to 2.5 million hectoliters.

Net interest-bearing debt decreased by DKK 255 million compared to year end 2020. Calculated on a running 12 months' basis, NIBD/EBITDA was 1.3x.

SELECTED FINANCIAL HIGHLIGHTS AND KEY RATIOS

mDKK	Q1 2021	Q1 2020 ¹	FY 2020 ¹
Volume (thousand hl)	2,536	2,216	11,093
Net revenue	1,605	1,478	7,315
EBITDA	318	287	1,861
EBITDA margin (%)	19.8	19.4	25.4
EBIT	229	200	1,515
EBIT margin (%)	14.3	13.5	20.7
Profit before tax	223	188	1,505
Net profit for the period	177	145	1,198
Free cash flow	-102	-72	1,414
Net interest-bearing debt	2,448	2,832	2,193
NIBD/EBITDA (times) ²	1.3	1.6	1.2
Equity ratio (%)	39	37	40
Earnings per share (EPS)	3.7	3.0	24.1

¹ Figures are restated as described in the attached Trading Statement

² Running 12 months

Outlook

Following the strong Q1 2021 results, and as we continue to expect a slowly reopening of the On-Trade business during Q2 2021 and a positive contribution from staycation this summer we have lifted the bottom of our EBIT outlook for the full-year. Increasing raw material prices and the later and weaker reopening of the On-Trade means that uncertainty continues to be elevated.

mDKK	Outlook (April 2020)	Previous (March 2020)	2020 realised
EBIT	1,525-1,625	1,475-1,625	1,515

The Q1 2021 Trading Statement has been published via Nasdaq Copenhagen A/S and is enclosed with this announcement. The Q1 2021 Trading Statement is also available on www.royalunibrew.com.

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