

Q1 FY2018 RESULTS



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Q1 FY2018 Highlights

Fiscal year-end September

Revenue	 Revenue up by 9.4% to €230.6m (+€19.9m vs. Q1 FY17) Growth in all regions: Europe (+13.5%), NAFTA (+2.5%), as well as Asia / Pacific and RoW (+15.7%) Growth in Powerise (+20.8%), Vibration & Velocity Control (+15.9%), Capital Goods (+10.9%) as well as Commercial Furniture (+7.4%)
Adj. EBIT	 Adj. EBIT¹ up by 15.3% to €33.9m (vs. €29.4m in Q1 FY17) Adj. EBIT margin at 14.7% (vs. 14.0% in Q1 FY17)
Profit	 > Profit after tax at €21.7²m in Q1 FY18 (vs. €29.8²m, or €15.7m excl. impact from fx gain on loans, in Q1 FY17) > Profit margin at 9.4% (vs. 14.1% in Q1 FY17)
Net leverage ratio	 Net leverage ratio¹ at 1.4x (vs. 2.3x as of end Q1 FY17 and 1.5x as of end FY17) Net financial debt¹ at €262.2m
Outlook	 FY2018 revenue guidance: ~ 7.1% y-o-y growth to €975m (organic, at constant \$/€ rate, i.e. @ 1.10 \$/€), ~ 5.5% change y/y to €960m @ 1.15 \$/€ and ~ 3.8% change y/y to €945m @ 1.20 \$/€ FY2018 adj. EBIT margin guidance: ca. 15.5%

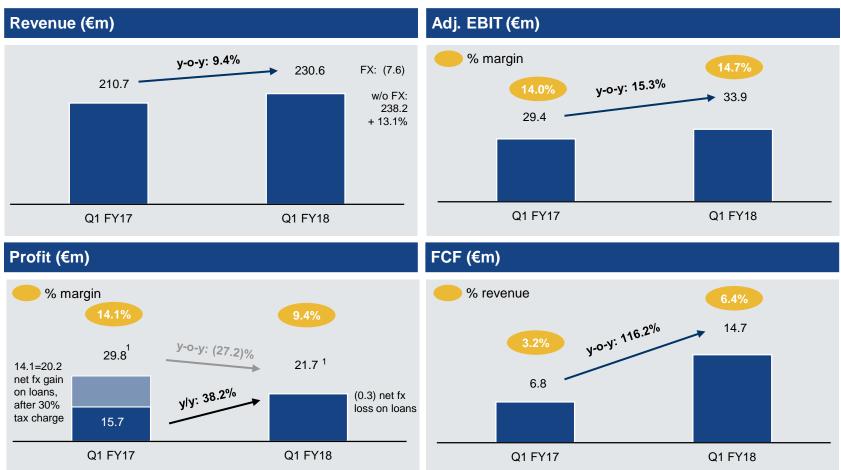
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¹ For definition/calculation of KPIs like adj. EBIT, net leverage ratio etc. refer to appendix and/or our financial reports and quarterly statements under www.ir.stabilus.com.

² The development of profit from Q1 FY17 to Q1 FY18 is impacted by non-cash items in the financial result: €20.2m net foreign exchange gain on loans in Q1 FY17 (i.e. €14.1m impact, after 30% tax charge) and €(0.3)m net foreign exchange loss on loans in Q1 FY18.



Stabilus shows strong operating performance in Q1 FY2018 (y-o-y)



Note: FX = currency effect resulting from translation of NAFTA revenue from USD to EUR. Avg. fx rate of 1.18\$/€ in Q1 FY18 versus 1.08\$/€ in Q1 FY17.

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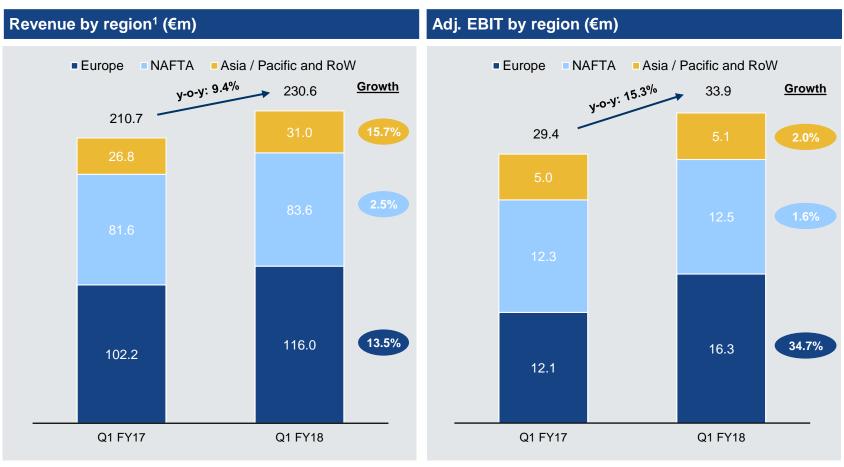


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Q1 FY2018 revenue and adj. EBIT growth – by region (y-o-y)

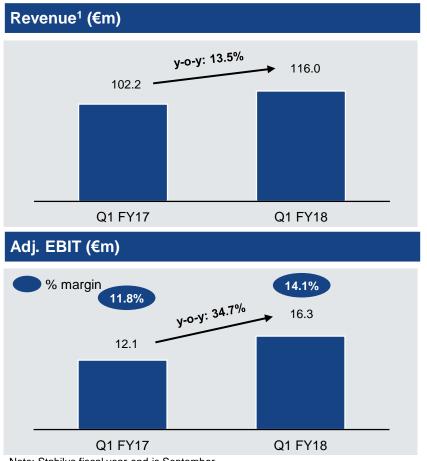


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¹ Billed-from view, without intersegment revenue.



Europe



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Key highlights

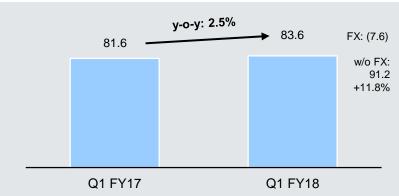
- Europe car production in Q1 FY18 at 5.8m units, i.e.+7.9% vs. Q1 FY17
- > Europe's revenue grew by 13.5% y/y
- The increase was primarily driven by our automotive business: Powerise revenue grew by 22.7% to €26.5m (Q1 FY17: €21.6m) and Gas Spring revenue grew by 11.0% to €37.4m (Q1 FY17: €33.7m)
- Revenue grew by €13.8m y/y and adj. EBIT by €4.2m reflecting a strong drop-through rate of c. 30%

¹ External revenue only.

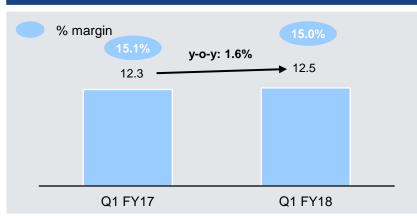


NAFTA





Adj. EBIT (€m)



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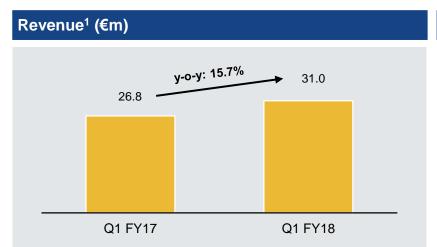
- NAFTA car production in Q1 FY18 at 4.2m units, i.e.
 4.1% vs. Q1 FY17
- NAFTA's revenue grew by 2.5% (11.8% excluding the \$/€ currency translation effect)
- The increase was primarily driven by our Powerise and Vibration & Velocity Control (VVC) businesses:
 - NAFTA's Powerise revenue increased by 8.1% to €33.3m in Q1 FY18 (vs. €30.8m in Q1 FY17), i.e. +17.9% excluding currency effect
 - VVC revenue up by 14.9% to €10.0m in Q1 FY18 (vs. €8.7m in Q1 FY17), i.e. +25.3% excluding currency effect, – supported by growth in construction, automation, energy management
- Adj. EBIT margin stable at approx. 15% (15.0% in Q1 FY18 vs. 15.1% in Q1 FY17)

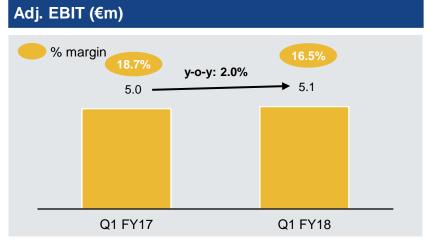
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FX = currency effect resulting from translation of NAFTA revenue from USD to EUR. Avg. fx rate of 1.18\$/€ in Q1 FY18 versus 1.08\$/€ in Q1 FY17.



Asia / Pacific and RoW





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Key highlights

- Asia/Pacific and RoW car production in Q1 FY18 at 15.4m units (vs. 15.4m in Q1 FY17), i.e. on prior year's level (China: 0.9%, Japan/Korea: 2.7%, South America: + 15.6%)
- Asia/Pacific and RoW's revenue grew by 15.7%
- The increase was primarily driven by our Powerise business: Powerise revenue grew by €3.6m to €4.6m in Q1 FY18 (vs. €1.0m in Q1 FY17)
- Adj. EBIT margin was impacted by softer development in Japan/Korea

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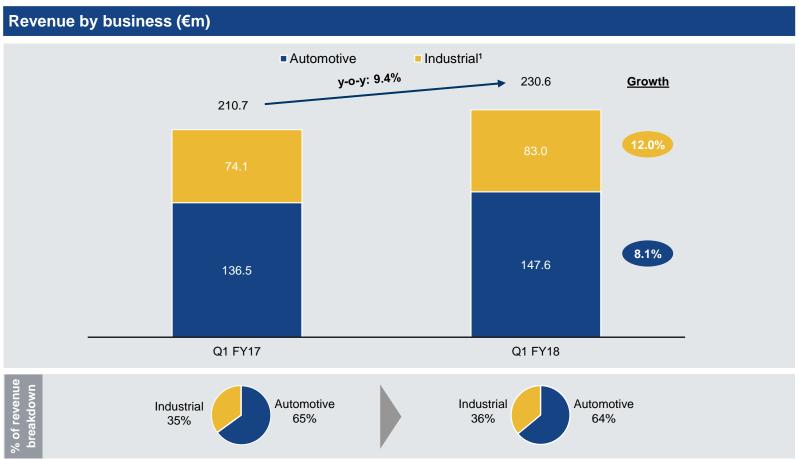
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Q1 FY2018 revenue growth – by market / business (y-o-y)

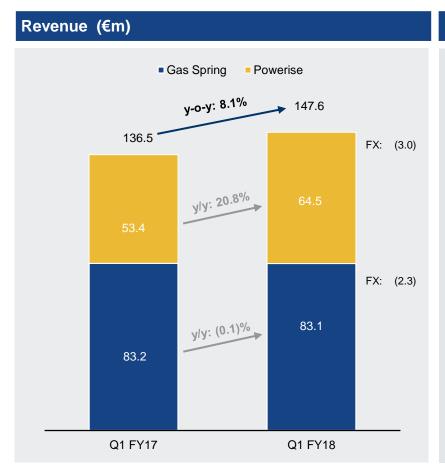


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¹ Industrial including Capital Goods, Vibration & Velocity Control and Commercial Furniture revenue.



Q1 FY2018 revenue growth – Automotive business (y-o-y)



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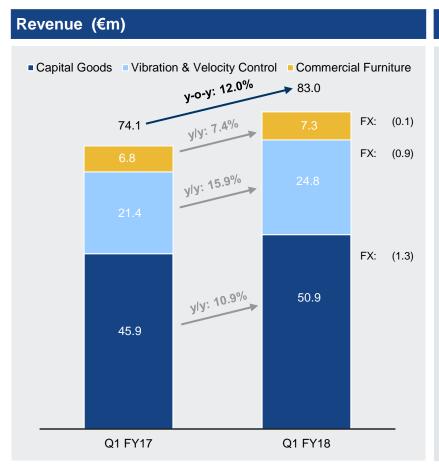
- Global car production in Q1 FY18 at 25.4m (Q1 FY17: 25.1m), i.e. +1.1% y/y
- Automotive revenue increased by 8.1% (12.0% without \$/€ currency translation effect)
- Continuing consumer trend towards SUV's supports our overall automotive revenue development
- Automotive Gas Spring revenue roughly on prior year's Q1 level at c. €83m (i.e. revenue growth of +2.6% without \$/€ currency translation effect)
- Powerise revenue continues to show strong growth in Q1 FY18: +20.8% y/y or +26.4% without \$/€ currency translation effect

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Q1 FY2018 revenue growth – Industrial business (y-o-y)



Key highlights

- Industrial revenue grew by 12.0% (15.1% excluding \$/€ currency translation effect)
- Excluding \$/€ currency translation effect VVC revenue grew by 20.1%, Capital Goods by 13.7% and Commercial Furniture by 8.8%
- Strong growth e.g. in the segments: independent aftermarket, bus/truck/transportation, agricultural machinery, solar dampers, furniture, aircraft construction, fluid power

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Outlook

	FY2017 Actual	FY2018 Guidance			
		€ million	percent		
Revenue	€910.0m (@ 1.10 \$/€)	~ €975m (@ 1.10 \$/€) ~ €960m (@ 1.15 \$/€) ~ €945m (@ 1.20 \$/€)	~ 7.1% growth (organic, at constant \$/€ rate) ~ 5.5% y/y ~ 3.8% y/y		
% Adj. EBIT margin	15.1%		~ 15.5%		

Comments

- > Revenue guidance for FY2018:
 - > ~ 7.1% y-o-y growth (organic and at constant avg. \$/€ rate of 1.10 vs. prior year) to approx. €975m.
 - Decrease of US\$/€ avg. fx rate by 0.10 \$/€ leads to a revenue increase by approx. €30m and vice versa. E.g., 1.10 \$/€ → ~ 975m (~ 7.1% y/y), 1.15 \$/€ → ~ 960m (~ 5.5% y/y), 1.20 \$/€ → ~ 945m (~ 3.8% y/y).
- FY2018 adj. EBIT margin estimated at ca. 15.5%

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Revenue by region and customer market (3M ended Dec 31, 2017)

	Q1 FY2017 Actual	Q1 FY2018 Actual	Change	% change
Automotive Gas Spring	33.7	37.4	3.7	11.09
Automotive Powerise	21.6	26.5	4.9	22.79
Industrial / Capital Goods	29.8	33.5	3.7	12.4
Vibration & Velocity Control	11.5	12.5	1.0	8.7
Commercial Furniture	5.6	6.1	0.5	8.9
Europe	102.2	116.0	13.8	13.5
Automotive Gas Spring ¹	27.3	24.6	(2.7)	(9.9)
Automotive Powerise ¹	30.8	33.3	2.5	8.1
Industrial / Capital Goods1	13.6	14.5	0.9	6.6
Vibration & Velocity Control ¹	8.7	10.0	1.3	14.9
Commercial Furniture ¹	1.2	1.1	(0.1)	(8.3)
NAFTA ¹	81.6	83.6	2.0	2.5
Automotive Gas Spring	22.2	21.2	(1.0)	(4.5)
Automotive Powerise	1.0	4.6	3.6	>100.0
Industrial / Capital Goods	2.4	2.9	0.5	20.8
Vibration & Velocity Control	1.2	2.2	1.0	83.3
Commercial Furniture	-	-	-	n
Asia / Pacific and RoW	26.8	31.0	4.2	15.7
otal Automotive Gas Spring	83.2	83.1	(0.1)	(0.1)
otal Automotive Powerise	53.4	64.5	11.1	20.8
otal Industrial / Capital Goods	45.9	50.9	5.0	10.9
otal Vibration & Velocity Control	21.4	24.8	3.4	15.9
otal Commercial Furniture	6.8	7.3	0.5	7.4
al	210.7	230.6	19.9	9.4

Note: ¹ NAFTA Q1 FY18 revenue includes currency effect of €(7.6)m, resulting from translation of NAFTA revenue from USD to EUR. Avg. fx rate of 1.18\$/€ in Q1 FY18 versus 1.08\$/€ in Q1 FY17.

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P&L overview (3M ended Dec 31, 2017)

			Q1 FY2017 Actual	Q1 FY2018 Actual	Change	% change
Revenue			210.7	230.6	19.9	9.4%
COGS			(150.8)	(162.9)	(12.1)	8.0%
Gross Profit			59.9	67.7	7.8	13.0%
% margin			28.4%	29.4%		
R&D			(7.9)	(10.1)	(2.2)	27.8%
S&M			(19.9)	(20.5)	(0.6)	3.0%
G&A			(9.0)	(9.0)	-	(0.0)%
Other income/expenses			1.1	1.4	0.3	27.3%
EBIT			24.1	29.5	5.4	22.4%
% margin			11.4%	12.8%		
Adjustments ¹			5.3	4.4	(0.9)	(17.0)%
Adj. EBIT¹			29.4	33.9	4.5	15.3%
% margin			14.0%	14.7%		
PPA adjustments (2010 PPA) PPA adjustments (2016 PPA)	3.2 2.1	2.3				
Total adjustments ¹	5.3	4.4				

Note: ¹ Adjusted EBIT represents profit from operating activities (EBIT), adjusted for exceptional non-recurring items (e.g. restructuring or one-time advisory costs) and depreciation/amortization of fair value adjustments from purchase price allocations (PPA).



Balance sheet overview

	Sept 2017 Actual	Dec 2017 Actual	Change	% change
Property, plant and equipment	169.7	168.5	(1.2)	(0.7)%
Goodwill	194.2	193.3	(0.9)	(0.5)%
Other intangible assets	268.9	262.2	(6.7)	(2.5)%
Inventories	85.3	87.7	2.4	2.8%
Trade receivables	105.1	106.3	1.2	1.19
Other assets	38.7	37.0	(1.7)	(4.4)%
Cash	68.1	80.3	12.2	17.9%
otal assets	930.0	935.3	5.3	0.6%
Equity incl. minorities	336.4	352.3	15.9	4.7%
Debt (incl. accrued interest)	322.0	323.0	1.0	0.39
Pension plans and similar obligations	53.2	52.8	(0.4)	(0.8)%
Deferred tax liabilities	60.0	54.1	(5.9)	(9.8)%
Trade accounts payable	79.1	71.3	(7.8)	(9.9)%
Other liabilities	79.3	81.8	2.5	3.29
otal equity and liabilities	930.0	935.3	5.3	0.69

Note:

¹ Net leverage ratio = net financial debt / adj. EBITDA LTM. Net financial debt defined as principal amount of senior facilities less cash: (€455m - €50m - €62.5m) - €80.3m = €262.2m. Adj. EBITDA LTM = last-twelve-month adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization. Refer also to our financial reports and quarterly statements at www.ir.stabilus.com for further details.



Cash flow overview and free cash flow (3M ended Dec 31, 2017)

Cash Flow Statement (€m)

	Q1 FY2017 Actual	Q1 FY2018 Actual	(:nange	% change
Cash flow from operating activities	16.3	24.6	8.3	50.9%
Cash flow from investing activities	(9.5)	(9.9)	(0.4)	4.2%
Cash flow from financing activities	(12.5)	(1.2)	11.3	(90.4)%
Net increase / (decrease) in cash	(5.7)	13.5	19.2	<(100.0)%
Effect of movements in exchange rates	0.4	(1.2)	(1.6)	<(100.0)%
Cash as of beginning of the period	75.0	68.1	(6.9)	(9.2)%
Cash as of end of the period	69.7	80.3	10.6	15.2%

Free Cash Flow (€m)

	Q1 FY2017 Actual	Q1 FY2018 Actual	Change	% change
Cash flow from operating activities	16.3	24.6	8.3	50.9%
Cash flow from investing activities	(9.5)	(9.9)	(0.4)	4.2%
Free cash flow	6.8	14.7	7.9	>100.0%

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