### REPORT ON THE FIRST QUARTER OF 2017





# FOREWORD By the group management

Ladies and gentlemen,

In the first three months of 2017, Asklepios treated 576,375 patients in its healthcare facilities, 3,941 more than in the same period of the previous year. The business performance in the first quarter was solid but, all in all, not as positive as we expect it to be over the year as a whole.

From January to March, revenue increased from EUR 803.1 million to EUR 812.5 million. This was partly due to a slight rise in valuation ratios of 1.7%, which allowed for higher remuneration for invoiced treatments. At the beginning of the year, we achieved a year-on-year increase in the number of patients for our hospitals, which also had a positive impact on revenue development.

At 1.2%, the development of revenue is solid, but remains below our growth rate target of 1.5% to 2.5%. We also see further potential for improvement in the operating EBITDA margin over the course of the year. In the first three months, it amounted to 9.6%, down 0.8 percentage points as against the previous year's level of 10.4%. This is mainly attributable to the rise in the staff costs ratio to 66.2% parallel to the restrained sales trend (same quarter of the previous year: 64.6%). The equity ratio of 36.3% was slightly lower than 36.8% figure at the end of the year.

Nonetheless, we are confirming our forecast for the current financial year. Asklepios has a stable foundation from an economic and financial point of view. We are confident that we can achieve a small rise in valuation ratios and slightly increase EBITDA and the equity ratio year-on-year by means of organic revenue growth.

Quality, innovation and social responsibility will remain the backbone of our strategic framework and will pave the way for our business performance in the long term – for a good result at the end of the 2017 financial year.

Hamburg, 24 May 2017

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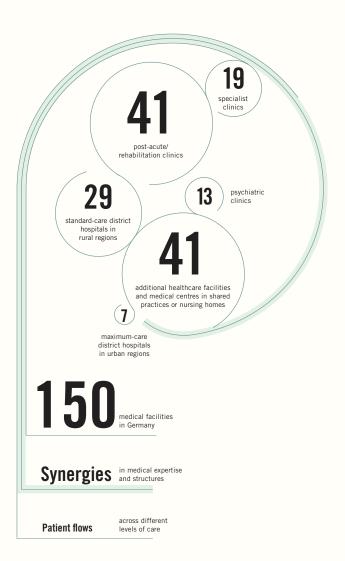
### GROUP KEY FIGURES

EUR million	3 months 2017	3 months 2016	Change	12 months 2016	12 months 2015
Revenue	812.5	803.1	1.2 %	3,211.2	3,082.0
EBITDA	77.7	83.7	-7.1 %	390.4	374.0
EBITDA margin (in %)	9.6	10.4	-0.8 pp.	12.2	12.1
Consolidated net income	33.0	35.0	-5.7 %	192.1	176.8
Net debt/EBITDA	1.6	1.5		1.3	1.6
Patients	576,375	572,884	0.6 %	2,279,477	2,217,987
Valuation ratio	154,065	151,451	1.7 %	595,210	583,517
Employees (FTEs)	34,884	34,668	0.6 %	34,887	34,670

#### FINANCIAL CALANDER

27.04.2017	Annual Report 2016
24.05.2017	Report on the first quarter
24.08.2017	Report on the first half of the year
23.11.2017	Report on the third quarter

#### HEALTHCARE-CLUSTER



## BUSINESS PERFORMANCE

In the period from January to March 2017, the hospitals and medical facilities of the Asklepios Group cared for a total of 576,375 patients, 0.6% more than in the same period of the previous year (3M 2016: 572,884). Revenue saw a slight increase of 1.2% to EUR 812.5 million in total, reflecting the rise in valuation ratios and the slightly higher patient numbers.

EBITDA amounted to EUR 77.7 million in the first three months of 2017, down 7.1% on the same period of the previous year (3M 2016: EUR 83.7 million). The operating EBITDA margin was 9.6%. Although the cost of materials ratio in the first quarter of 2017 was reduced to 21.2% (3M 2016: 21.6%), the staff costs ratio climbed to 66.2% in relation to the modest revenue performance (3M 2016: 64.6%). The other expenses ratio (not including rental expenditure) was 8.0% at the level of the previous year (3M 2016: 8.0%).

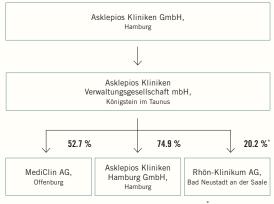
In total, consolidated interim income for January to March 2017 amounted to EUR 33.0 million, corresponding to a return on sales of 4.1% (3M 2016: 4.3%).

In the first quarter of 2017, net cash flow from operating activities amounted to EUR 52.1 million (3M 2016: EUR 60.1 million) and thus decreased by 13.3% year-on-year. Gross investments amounted to EUR 61.2 million in the period under review and the proportion of own funds was 79.5% (3M 2016: 70.3%).

The Asklepios Group's financial position is stable. As at 31 March 2017, the Group's net debt amounted to EUR 618.6 million (31 December 2016: EUR 524.3 million). The debt ratio came to 1.6 times EBITDA (31 December 2016: 1.3 times). The equity ratio of 36.3% was slightly lower than at the end of 2016 (31 December 2016: 36.8%). Cash and cash equivalents amounted to EUR 378.0 million and unused credit facilities to EUR 456.1 million as at 31 March 2017 (31 December 2016: EUR 460.5 million). The Group thus has sufficient financial resources to fund further corporate growth.

As part of the optimisation of the investment structure under company law, the financial structure and the financing instruments were standardised at a single level. A central measure was the debt pushdown for the most important financing instruments. This involved replacing Asklepios Kliniken GmbH as the borrower with the new holding company, Asklepios Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH. In the second half of 2016, in preparation for the debt pushdown, Asklepios made a change offer to the 2013 promissory note investors, which was enthusiastically accepted. The investors were essentially transferred to the 2015 standard documentation, and investors avoided structural subordination in this way. The debt pushdown in the first quarter of 2017 constitutes the end of extensive restructuring measures.

#### COMPANY STRUCTURE



<sup>\*</sup> As at 31. Mar. 2017

# ECONOMIC REPORT

#### REVENUE PERFORMANCE



Revenue performance in EUR million per quarter
Revenue in EUR million (cumulative)

#### EBITDA



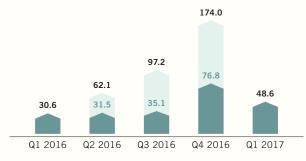
EBITDA in EUR million per quarter
 EBITDA in EUR million (cumulative)

#### OPERATING CASH FLOW



Net cash from operating activities in EUR million per quarter
 Net cash from operating activities in EUR million (cumulative)

#### INVESTMENTS/OWN FUNDS



Own funds in EUR million per quarter

Own funds in EUR million (cumulative)

- Revenue increased slightly by 1.2% in the first three months of the year from EUR 803.1 million to EUR 812.5 million as a result of the increase in valuation ratios and slightly higher patient numbers.
- The valuation ratios, an indicator of our revenue, rose by 1.7% to 154,065.
- EBITDA decreased by EUR 6.0 million to EUR 77.7 million in the first three months of 2017 (3M 2016: EUR 83.7 million).
- This corresponds to a margin of 9.6% (3M 2016: 10.4%) and a year-on-year difference of 0.8 percentage points.

- In the first three months of 2017, operating cash flow amounted to EUR 52.1 million.
- $\,\,$  >  $\,$  In relation to EBITDA, operating cash flow amounted to 67,0%.

- In the first three months, Asklepios invested EUR 48.6 million of its funds in its healthcare facilities.
- Its share in total investments amounted to EUR 61.2 million or 79.5%.



# SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

With the publication of the voting rights notification dated 22 May 2017, Asklepios Kliniken announced that it had exceeded the threshold of 25% and now held a share of 25.1% in RHÖN-KLI-NIKUM AG.

After 31 March 2017, Asklepios Kliniken Verwaltungsgesellschaft mbH drew down EUR 40.0 million from the existing syndicated loan of EUR 365 million. No other events significant for the assessment of the net assets, financial position and results of operations of the Asklepios Group occurred after 31 March 2017 up to the publication of this report.

## FORECAST

In the first quarter of 2017, Asklepios posted organic revenue growth of 1.2% year-on-year, which was thus below the forecast for revenue development. In the first quarter of 2017, the operating margin at EBITDA level was 9.6%, down on the previous year's level of 10.4%. The number of valuation ratios increased by 1.7% to 154.065 VR. The equity ratio of 36.3% was thus slightly down on the level at the end of the year (31 December 2016: 36.8%).

The Asklepios Group's growth prospects are generally positive thanks to its sound economic and financial foundation and its future-oriented overall strategic concept. The regulatory environment remains challenging. We view the developments here critically, not just with regard to the fixed cost degression discount. For the financial year 2017 as a whole, we anticipate a slight increase in patient numbers and valuation ratios, as well as organic revenue growth of between 1.5% and 2.5%. We expect a slight but sustained increase in both EBITDA and the equity ratio year on year. The stated goal remains sustainable business success - particularly in the interests of the patients. With regard to 2017 as a whole, the trend of previous years of a greater increase of outpatients than of inpatients is expected to be borne out. Efforts also to increase the number of inpatients on an organic basis, like in the previous year, are currently expected to be successful.

As well as financial figures, management will include valuation ratios as a non-financial performance indicator when managing the company. The priority is a slight year on year increase in valuation ratios. The new compensation system in psychiatric care is expected to be implemented cautiously - certain risks exist here based on the performance of valuation ratios, for which the Group is preparing itself.

### CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT (UNAUDITED)

EUR '000	3 months 2017	3 months 2016 3)
Revenue	812,532	803,094
Other operating income	54,387	50,894
Total operating revenue	866,919	853,989
Cost of materials	172,508	173,455
Staff costs	537,597	518,847
Other operating expenses	79,101	78,026
Operating result/EBITDA <sup>1)</sup>	77,712	83,661
Depreciation, amortisation and impairment - on intangible assets and property, plant and equipment	34,000	30,245
Operating result/EBIT <sup>2)</sup>	43,712	53,416
Net investment income	-51	0
Interest and similar income	1,195	1,152
Interest and similar expenses	-8,959	-10,299
Interest result	-7,765	-9,146
Financial result	-7,815	-9,146
Earnings before income taxes	35,897	44,270
Income taxes	-2,935	-9,303
Consolidated interim income	32,961	34,967
of which attributable to the parent company	29,610	28,191
of which attributable to non-controlling interests	3,351	6,776

<sup>1)</sup> Earnings before financial result, taxes and depreciation and amortisation

<sup>2)</sup> Earnings before financial result and taxes

<sup>3)</sup> To provide a better insight into the results of operations, staff costs of EUR 48.5 million were offset against revenue of EUR 17.3 million and other operating income of EUR 31.2 million in the same period of the previous year, as these were assumed by third parties. The previous year's figures have therefore been adjusted accordingly in line with IAS 8.41.

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

EUR '000	3 months 2017	3 months 2016
Consolidated interim income	32,961	34,967
Changes in the fair value of cash flow hedges	0	0
Measurement of financial assets	-729	-3,963
Income taxes	11	59
Reclassifications due to financial assets in the "available-for-sale" category that were sold during the financial year.	718	0
Total changes in value that are reclassified to profit or loss if certain conditions are met	0	-3,904
Change in actuarial gains (+)/ losses (-) from defined benefit pension commitments and similar obligations	0	-47,652
Income taxes	0	6,844
Total changes in value that are not reclassified to profit or loss	0	-40,808
Total changes in value recognised in equity (other comprehensive income)	0	-44,711
Total comprehensive income (total consolidated interim income and other comprehensive income)	32,961	-9,744
of which attributable to the parent company	29,610	-5,356
of which attributable to non-controlling interests	3,351	-4,388

### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

EUR '000	3 months 2017	3 months 2016
Consolidated interim income	32,961	34,967
Income taxes	2,935	9,303
Interest result	7,765	9,146
Net investment income	51	0
Amortisation and impairment of intangible assets and depreciation and impairment of property, plant and equipment	34,000	30.245
Gross cash flow (EBITDA)	77,712	83,661
Other non-cash transactions	953	1.007
Changes in inventories, receivables and other assets	-42,228	-22,708
Changes in liabilities and provisions	22,507	5,624
Dividends received	0	0
Interest income	99	347
Income taxes paid	-6,913	-7,855
Cash flow from operating activities/net cash flow	52,130	60,100
Investments in property, plant and equipment	-28,684	-21,601
Investments in intangible assets	-20,598	-8,758
Proceeds from the disposal of non-current assets	3,821	824
Acquisitions of subsidiaries, equity investments and financial assets	-69,765	-336
Net cash used in investing activities	-115,226	-29,871
Proceeds from borrowings	0	0
Proceeds from the repayment of financial liabilities	-6,315	-89,954
Cash flow from hospital financing	-7,516	869
Interest expenses	-1,699	-21,987
Change in equity	0	0
Cash flow from financing activities	-15,530	-111,072
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-78,626	-80,843
Cash and cash equivalents at the start of the period	456,611	554,898
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	377,985	474,055

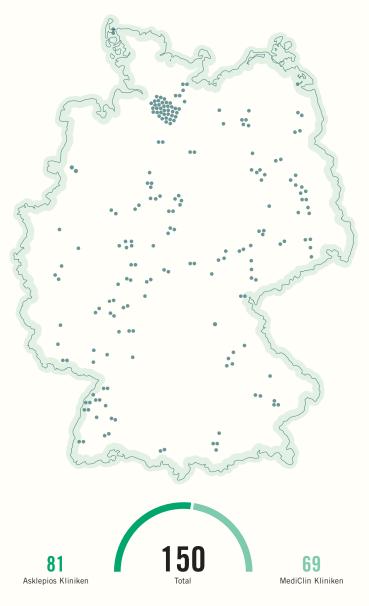
### CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS (UNAUDITED)

EUR '000	31 March 2017	31 December 2016
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Intangible assets	427,217	413,996
Property, plant and equipment	1,496,855	1,498,597
Investments accounted for using the equity method	351,514	14,042
Financial assets	3,535	305,333
Other financial assets	60,631	62,276
Trade receivables	548	66
Other assets	1,354	80
Deferred taxes	99,673	75,150
Total non-current assets	2,441,327	2,369,540
Current assets		
Inventories	114,036	103,110
Trade receivables	467,349	452,573
Current income tax assets	4,159	3,716
Other financial assets	90,684	71,003
Other assets	15,320	4,297
Cash and cash equivalents	377,985	456,611
Total current assets	1,069,532	1,091,308
Total ASSETS	3,510,860	3,460,849

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EUR '000	31 March 2017	31 December 2016
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Equity attributable to the parent company		
Issued capital	1,022	1,022
Reserves	957,436	835,944
Consolidated net profit	29,610	154,819
Non-controlling interests	284,801	281,590
Total equity	1,272,869	1,273,375
Non-current liabilities		
Trade payables	0	12
Financial liabilities	826,171	814,264
Finance lease liabilities	12,571	12,770
Pensions and similar obligations	267,152	268,295
Other provisions	217,063	219,628
Deferred taxes	33,881	33,423
Other financial liabilities	71,887	80,051
Other liabilities	10,259	9,156
Total non-current liabilities	1,438,985	1,437,598
Current liabilities		
Trade payables	54,668	72,125
Financial liabilities	170,388	166,605
Finance lease liabilities	1,108	860
Pensions and similar obligations	5,848	5,883
Other provisions	100,463	98,120
Current income tax liabilities	34,011	14,994
Other financial liabilities	168,500	167,081
Other liabilities	264,020	224,208
Total current liabilities	799,005	749,875
Total EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	3,510,860	3,460,849





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