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Owing to the economic downturn in China and a number of emerging economies, concerns about world economic growth weighed heavily on the markets in the first weeks of 2016. The resulting uncertainties hit the equity markets hard. Six weeks into the year, the Swiss Performance Index (SPI) was about 15 percent lower than at the end of 2015. In the wake of basically steady but very slow growth in the world economy and with interest rates stuck at low levels, the market subsequently recovered, but by mid-year was still down nearly 5 percent. Following a further recovery, the SPI temporarily reached levels in August and September that were only about 1 percent lower than the year-end 2015 value. In October, however, the SPI fell sharply again and by early November was down around 8 percent. On the back of the market rally in November and December, the SPI closed with an annual performance of – 1.4 percent.

Until the annual results for 2015 were announced in March 2016, the Forbo share price more or less tracked the SPI, but then posted significant gains, reaching a high of CHF 1,294 by early June – a gain of a good 9 percent versus the year-end 2015 price of CHF 1,182. Subsequently, the share price declined again before gaining ground on publication of the half-year results. The Forbo share reached an all-time high of CHF 1,367 in early September. The share closed out the year at CHF 1,313. The gain for 2016 thus comes to 11.1 percent. The Forbo share has now outperformed the SPI for the fifth year in a row. Since the end of 2005, the Forbo share has outperformed the SPI by a factor of more than six.

The Forbo share in comparison to the SPI



Share capital

		2016 Number	2015 Number	2014 Number	2013 Number	2012 Number
Issued registered shares ¹⁾		1,800,000	1,990,000	2,150,000	2,250,000	2,500,000
Thereof:						
Shares outstanding		1,709,844	1,708,458	1,888,850	2,032,703	2,052,740
Share buyback programs		0	190,000	158,467	99,470	250,000
Other treasury shares		68,737	70,123	81,264	96,408	175,841
Reserve shares (without dividend rights)		21,419	21,419	21,419	21,419	21,419

Issued nominal capital

		CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Total		180,000	199,000	215,000	225,000	250,000
Thereof:						
Shares outstanding		170,984	170,846	188,885	203,270	205,274
Share buyback programs		0	19,000	15,847	9,947	25,000
Other treasury shares		6,874	7,012	8,126	9,641	17,584
Reserve shares (without dividend rights)		2,142	2,142	2,142	2,142	2,142

Data per share

		CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Group shareholders' equity per share ²⁾		364	300	371	380	329
Group profit per share (undiluted) ^{2) 3)}		74.7	62.1	62.0	56.8	96.4
Gross dividend and cash distribution		19.0 ⁴⁾	17.0	16.0	14.0	12.0
Gross dividend yield (in %)	High	1.2 ⁵⁾	1.4 ⁵⁾	1.5 ⁵⁾	1.8 ⁵⁾	1.8 ⁵⁾
	Low	1.8 ⁵⁾	2.1 ⁵⁾	2.2 ⁵⁾	2.4 ⁵⁾	2.5 ⁵⁾
Payout ratio ⁶⁾ (in %)		25	27	26	26	13

Stock market statistics

		CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Share price	High	1,367	1,255	1,043	769	685
	Low	960	811	719	580	484
	Year-end	1,313	1,182	995	762	585
Market capitalization (m) ⁷⁾	High	2,461	2,497	2,242	1,730	1,712
	Low	1,728	1,613	1,545	1,305	1,210
	Year-end	2,363	2,352	2,138	1,715	1,463

1) Par value per share in 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013 and 2012: CHF 0.10

2) Based on the weighted average of the number of shares as set out in note 13 'Earnings per share' on page 116 of the financial report.

3) See note 13 'Earnings per share' on page 116 of the financial report.

4) Proposal of the Board of Directors to the 2017 Ordinary General Meeting.

5) Calculated on the basis of a cash distribution in the form of a dividend.

6) Gross cash distribution as a percentage of Group profit.

7) Total number of shares multiplied by the corresponding share price.