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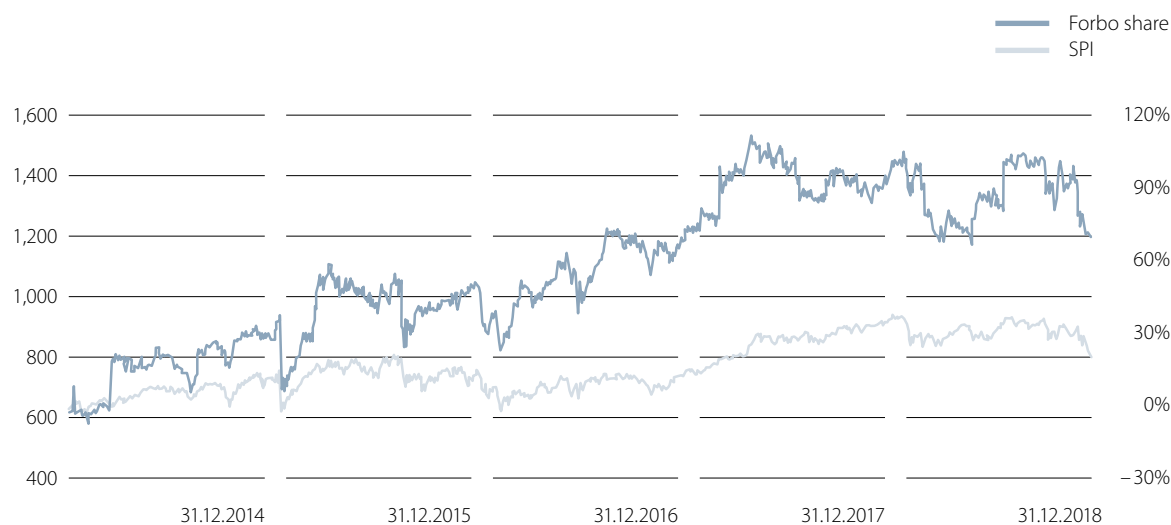
Following one of the longest uptrends in history, the international stock markets were still reaching new highs at the start of 2018, but by February they had run into serious turbulence. For the rest of 2018, the stock markets were subject to political uncertainty, rising interest rates in the USA, new trade tariffs, and a downturn in global economic growth.

Whereas the Swiss Performance Index (SPI) had reached a new all-time high of 11,041 points by January 2018, it had fallen about ten percent below this record by early March. The following months saw the market move up and down with slightly lower volatility. Geopolitical events had a negative impact on market performance especially in the fourth quarter, and December proved to be one of the weakest months ever. The SPI closed out the year at 9,830 points, equating to a performance of –8.6% for the whole year.

For a number of years now the Forbo share has been steadily performing better-than-average. In 2018, the share tracked the performance of the SPI on the whole. The Forbo share price soared to over the CHF 1,600 mark in January 2018, but was unable to buck the trend of market volatility in the following months. The share price reached its high of CHF 1,620 for the year by mid-August when Forbo announced its half-year results end of July. The Forbo share had clearly outperformed the SPI at this point in time. The share price continued to hover around CHF 1,600 until early October, but then lost considerable ground in the wake of the general downturn on the stock markets in the fourth quarter. The share closed out the year at CHF 1,381. The performance for the year came to –8.2%, which was slightly better than that of the SPI.

If the trend since the end of 2005 is taken into consideration, the Forbo share has outperformed the SPI by more than five-fold.

The Forbo share in comparison to the SPI



Share capital

	2018 number	2017 number	2016 number	2015 number	2014 number
Issued registered shares ¹⁾	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,800,000	1,990,000	2,150,000
Thereof:					
Shares outstanding	1,601,718	1,704,444	1,709,844	1,708,458	1,888,850
Share buyback programs	150,000	63,105	0	190,000	158,467
Other treasury shares	26,863	11,032	68,737	70,123	81,264
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	180,000	180,000	199,000	215,000
Thereof:					
Shares outstanding	160,172	170,444	170,984	170,846	188,885
Share buyback programs	15,000	6,311	0	19,000	15,847
Other treasury shares	2,686	1,103	6,874	7,012	8,126
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⁾		354	383	364	300	371
Group profit per share (undiluted) ^{2) 3)}		82.4	22.4	74.7	62.1	62.0
Gross dividend and cash distribution		21.00 ⁴⁾	19.00	19.00	17.00	16.00
Gross dividend yield (in %)	High	1.3 ⁵⁾	1.1 ⁵⁾	1.4 ⁵⁾	1.4 ⁵⁾	1.5 ⁵⁾
	Low	1.6 ⁵⁾	1.4 ⁵⁾	2.0 ⁵⁾	2.1 ⁵⁾	2.2 ⁵⁾
Payout ratio ⁶⁾ (in %)		25	85	25	27	26

Stock market statistics

		CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Share price	High	1,620	1,669	1,367	1,255	1,043
	Low	1,302	1,313	960	811	719
	Year-end	1,381	1,505	1,313	1,182	995
Market capitalization (m) ⁷⁾	High	2,916	3,004	2,461	2,497	2,242
	Low	2,344	2,383	1,728	1,613	1,545
	Year-end	2,486	2,709	2,363	2,352	2,138

- 1) Par value per share in 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 and 2014: CHF 0.10
- 2) Based on the weighted average of the number of shares as set out in note 11 'Earnings per share' on page 116 of the financial report.
- 3) See note 11 'Earnings per share' on page 116 of the financial report.
- 4) Proposal of the Board of Directors to the 2019 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.