

## Manmade Fibers Segment

Key figures for the Manmade Fibers Segment as of June 30, 2018 (in CHF million)

	Q2 2018	Q2 2017 <sup>1</sup>	Δ	H1 2018	H1 2017 <sup>1</sup>	Δ
Order intake	282	194	45.4 %	655	368	78.0 %
Order backlog	518	373	38.9 %	518	373	38.9 %
Sales (to third parties)	271	149	81.9 %	514	247	>100 %
EBITDA	32	3	>100 %	59	3	>100 %
EBITDA margin	11.8 %	2.2 %	–	11.5 %	1.2 %	–

<sup>1</sup> Restated according to new IFRS 15 (revenue recognition) accounting standard.

The Manmade Fibers Segment continued its success streak, significantly boosting orders and sales in the second quarter. The filament equipment market, led primarily by China, was the main contributor to the excellent top-line improvement, and was strongly supported by business wins for texturing, carpet yarn (bulk continuous filament, BCF) and polymer processing equipment and systems. In the second quarter, Segment sales doubled in China, and tripled in India and North America as compared to the same period in the previous year.

The Segment significantly improved operating profitability with an EBITDA margin for Q2 2018 of 11.8 %, while continuing to ramp up production capacities to manage the significant increase in orders. EBIT for Q2 2018 stood at CHF 26 million (Q2 2017: CHF -2 million) and the EBIT margin was 9.5 % (Q2 2017: -1.2 %).

In the second quarter, the Segment acquired AC-Automation, an engineering company based in Germany, enabling the Segment to integrate additional large-scale plant automation solutions for customers in the textile industry. The Segment also announced the divestment of its technology solutions for tape and monofilament plants to the Austrian Starlinger Group, allowing the Segment to focus on its filament, staple fiber and nonwovens businesses. For its nonwovens business, the Segment has received a new order from Germany and foresees a promising pipeline, especially in Europe and Asia.