

Half-year results at 30 June 2015

- Increase in consolidated net result to EUR 720 million, notably as a result of the accounting impact related to the LafargeHolcim merger
- Cash earnings growing by 6.3% to EUR 339 million
- 4.3% growth of the adjusted net assets over the first half of 2015 to EUR 15.9 billion (EUR 98.63 per share)

Key financial data

EUR million (Group's share)	At the end of June		At the end of March	At the end of December
	2015	2014	2015	2014
Net result	720	502	146	875
Cash earnings	339	319	95	453
Adjusted net assets	15,915	16,186	16,709	15,261
Market capitalization	11,650	12,245	12,449	11,416
Discount	26.8%	24.3%	25.5%	25.2%
Net debt	777	469	420	233
Loan to value	4.8%	2.9%	2.5%	1.5%

The Board of Directors, held on 30 July 2015, approved GBL's IFRS consolidated financial statements for the first half of 2015. These financial statements, produced in accordance with IAS 34 – *Interim Financial Reporting*, underwent a limited audit by the Auditor Deloitte.

The Managing Directors, Ian Gallienne and Gérard Lamarche, commented on the operations and results for the first half of 2015 as follows:

"The first half of the year was marked by the solid stock market performance, which was reflected in the growth of GBL's adjusted net assets; the last few days of the period were however disrupted following uncertainties relating to Greece, which dampened investors' enthusiasm. Net result increased significantly notably as a result of the partial reversal of impairment previously booked with regards to Lafarge. Cash earnings were up, supported by increasing dividends, notably driven by Lafarge.

GBL is pleased with the success of the merger between Holcim and Lafarge which occurred in July: that major industrial operation has a significant potential of value creation and is truly transforming. GBL has demonstrated its role as an active long-term shareholder, supporting the merger from its inception. Prior to the reopening of the offer, GBL holds 9.84% of the merged entity, which is listed in both Zurich and Paris.

GBL has further implemented its strategy of portfolio rotation through the marginal exit from some historic high-yield assets and the completion of new investments in the Incubator portfolio and via Sienna Capital, for a total amount of EUR 689 million. In March 2015, GBL announced that it had acquired a 7.4% stake in Ontex. Since then, GBL has built up a position in the shareholding of adidas, a global group specialised in the design and distribution of sports equipment, of which it now owns 3%. In respect to Sienna Capital, it enlarged its portfolio by investing in PrimeStone in February 2015. Full-year cash earnings forecast enables GBL to maintain its dividend policy despite the continued implementation of its portfolio rotation strategy.



Lastly, the full-year net result will reflect the final impact of the deconsolidation of Lafarge, as well as the realized capital gains on the disposal of Total shares, carried out through forward sales contracts, which will be booked in the second half of the year.

1. Changes in GBL's portfolio, financial position and adjusted net assets

1.1. Highlights of the first half of 2015 and subsequent events

Strategic Investments

During the first half of 2015, the Boards of Directors of Holcim and Lafarge announced that they had reached an agreement on revised terms for the merger of equals between both groups. The parties agreed on a new exchange ratio of 9 Holcim shares for 10 Lafarge shares. Lafarge and Holcim also agreed that the new group would announce a post-closing scrip dividend of 1 new LafargeHolcim share for each 20 existing shares. On 1 June 2015, Holcim launched its public exchange offer for all Lafarge shares, which was closed on 3 July 2015, with 87.46% of Lafarge shares being tendered to the offer. The new LafargeHolcim shares are admitted to trading on the SIX Swiss Exchange and on Euronext Paris. GBL holds a stake of 9.84% in the new entity, the results of the reopening of the offer closed on 28 July having not yet been disclosed. At 30 June 2015, GBL considered that the merger was highly probable and, hence, in accordance with IFRS, it recognised a partial reversal of impairment previously booked with regards to Lafarge for EUR 403 million. That reversal stems from the fair value accounting method applied to the Lafarge stake on 30 June 2015 while the equity method was previously applied.

Since the beginning of 2015, GBL has sold 1.8 million Total shares for EUR 84 million, generating a consolidated capital gain of EUR 42 million. GBL retains a 2.9% stake in Total, which remains one of the group's main investments, with a market value of slightly more than EUR 3.0 billion. Moreover, GBL entered into forward sales related to 10.3 million Total shares, at an average spot price of EUR 48.17 (forward price at end December of EUR 45.98 per share). A capital gain of EUR 240 million will be recognized, in accordance with IFRS, at maturity, i.e. during the fourth quarter of 2015 (corresponding to the timing of transfer of the main risks and rewards to the buyer).

The acquisition by Imerys of the Greek group S&B was completed on 26 February 2015. The purchase price was determined on the basis of an equity value of EUR 624 million for 100% of the shares, including a performance amount of EUR 21 million. Through this acquisition, partly paid in Imerys shares (which fair value is reflected in the price of EUR 624 million), the founding shareholder of S&B, the Kyriacopoulos family, holds a stake of around 4.7% in Imerys' capital. GBL's shareholding was thus slightly diluted, to 53.2% (from 56.5% on 31 December 2014).

During the course of the first half of 2015, GBL received further requests for early conversion in relation to exchangeable bonds into Suez Environnement shares maturing in September 2015. Following these notifications, GBL delivered 4.8 million Suez Environnement shares during the first half of the year, with a nominal value of EUR 55 million, thereby reducing GBL's stake from 1.1% at year-end 2014 to less than 0.1% at 30 June 2015. These conversions generated a net gain of EUR 21 million in GBL's consolidated net result at 30 June 2015, which corresponds to EUR 8 million of economic capital gain realised upon delivery of the Suez Environnement shares, the balance mainly representing the reversal of the negative mark to market previously recorded in the financial statements (EUR 14 million).

Incubator Investments

As part of its portfolio diversification strategy and, more particularly, through the development of the "Incubator"-type investments, GBL slightly increased its stake in Umicore, holding 13.1% of the company's share capital at 30 June 2015 (12.4% at the end of December 2014), for a market value of EUR 626 million. Umicore's General Shareholders' Meeting of 28 April 2015 approved the appointment of Ian Gallienne as company Director.

Furthermore GBL acquired for EUR 130 million a 7.4% stake in the capital of the Belgian listed company Ontex, a major producer of disposable personal hygiene products (baby diapers, feminine care and adult incontinence products). The group employs 5,500 people and is active in 23 countries. Listed on NYSE Euronext Brussels, Ontex had a market capitalisation of EUR 1.8 billion on 30 June 2015, and generated a turnover of EUR 1.6 billion in 2014.



Finally GBL announced that it had crossed on 24 July 2015 the 3% statutory threshold in the capital of adidas, a global group specialised in the design and distribution of sports equipment.

Financial Pillar – Sienna Capital

During the first quarter of 2015, Ergon Capital Partners II completed the sale of its majority stake in Joris Ide, a leading manufacturer of steel profiles and insulated sandwich panels. This transaction resulted in a net consolidated result of EUR 14 million (GBL share) at 30 June 2015. As a reminder, this equity-accounted investment had already generated a result of EUR 14 million (GBL share) in the past.

In February 2015, Sienna Capital announced an investment of EUR 150 million in PrimeStone, a new fund whose strategy is to take medium- to long-term positions in European mid-cap listed companies.

Ergon Capital Partners III acquired a majority stake in Golden Goose, an Italian contemporary designer of footwear, clothing and accessories (www.goldengoosedeluxebrand.com) on 19 May 2015.

At 30 June 2015, Kartesia had invested EUR 192 million (representing about 38% of the fund) in primary and secondary transactions. Kartesia's portfolio is made up of 19 investments, spread across 5 countries and 14 industries. Fundraising was closed on 23 March 2015, with total commitments amounting to EUR 508 million, of which EUR 150 million from Sienna Capital.

Sagard III also completed new acquisitions during the first half of the year: Safic-Alcan, Délices des 7 Vallées and Alvest.

In July 2015, Sagard II sold its stake in Cérélia, leading to a realized capital gain of EUR 14 million (GBL share) which will be booked in the third quarter of 2015.

1.2. Financial position

Net debt increased from EUR 233 million (31 December 2014) to EUR 777 million (30 June 2015) as a consequence of investments (primarily adidas, Ontex and Sienna Capital) for EUR 689 million and the dividend payment (EUR 450 million), these cash outflows being partly balanced by cash earnings and divestments/early conversions.

Relative to the portfolio's value of EUR 16.3 billion (excluding treasury shares), net debt was 4.8% at 30 June 2015.

The net debt breaks down as follows:

EUR million	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Retail bonds	350	350
Drawn down bank credit lines	200	200
Suez Environnement exchangeable bonds	4	59
ENGIE exchangeable bonds	1,000	1,000
GBL convertible bonds	450	450
Gross debt	2,004	2,059
Gross cash (excluding treasury shares)	1,227	1,826
Net debt	777	233

The weighted average maturity of the gross debt was 2.1 years at the end of June 2015 (2.6 years at the end of 2014).

Confirmed credit lines of EUR 1,750 million (currently undrawn for an amount of EUR 1,550 million) were extended until 2020.

This does not include the company's commitments in respect of the Financial Pillar (Sienna Capital), which amounted to EUR 402 million at the end of June 2015 (EUR 520 million at 31 December 2014).



Finally, at 30 June 2015, the 6,081,079 treasury shares ¹ represented 3.8% of the issued capital (also 3.8% at the end of 2014).

1.3. GBL's adjusted net assets

At 30 June 2015, GBL's adjusted net assets totalled EUR 15.9 billion (EUR 98.63 per share) compared with EUR 15.3 billion (EUR 94.58 per share) at the end of 2014, up 4.3% (EUR 4.05 per share). Relative to the share price of EUR 72.20 (+ 2.0% over the first half of the year), the discount at the end of June 2015 was 26.8%, up slightly compared with the end of 2014.

	30 June 2015			31 December 2014
	% in capital	Share price ²	(EUR million)	(EUR million)
Strategic Investments			14,472	14,075
Lafarge	21.0	59.24	3,588	3,518
Total	2.9 ³	43.57	3,047 ³	3,052
Imerys	53.2	68.60	2,940	2,614
SGS	15.0	1,706	1,922	1,995
Pernod Ricard	7.5	103.60	2,061	1,835
ENGIE	2.3 ⁴	16.64	910	1,002
Suez Environnement	0.1	16.69 (11.45) ⁵	4	59
Incubator Investments			1,112	551
Umicore	13.1	42.53	626	464
Ontex	7.4	26.92	135	-
adidas	2.4	68.65	350	85
Others			1	2
Financial Pillar – Sienna Capital			674	439
Portfolio			16,258	15,065
Treasury shares			434	429
Exchangeable/convertible bonds			(1,454)	(1,509)
Bank debt and retail bonds			(550)	(550)
Cash/quasi-cash/trading ³			1,227	1,826
Adjusted net assets (total)			15,915	15,261
Adjusted net assets (EUR p.a.) ⁶			98.63	94.58
Share price (EUR p.a.)			72.20	70.75
Discount			26.8%	25.2%

The value of GBL's adjusted net assets is published on GBL's website on a weekly basis. At 24 July 2015, adjusted net assets per share stood at EUR 100.62, up 6.4% compared with its level at the beginning of the year, reflecting a discount of 24.5% on the share price on that date (EUR 75.95).

¹ Including 5 million treasury shares covering GBL convertible bonds

² Closing share prices in EUR, except for SGS in CHF

³ The ownership percentage and the stake value with regards to the investments in Total included in the calculation of the adjusted net assets of GBL do not take into account the forward sales (10.3 million shares) which will be settled in the fourth quarter of 2015. The fair value of these contracts is included in the item "Cash/quasi-cash/trading"

⁴ The ownership percentage for ENGIE includes securities held in trading securities (0.1% of the capital, valued under "Cash/quasi-cash/trading")

⁵ At 30 June 2015, the value of the investments in Suez Environnement was capped at the exchangeable bonds' conversion price, i.e. EUR 11.45, which is lower than its share price on that date

⁶ Based on 161,358,287 shares

2. Consolidated net result (economic presentation)

This section focuses on the economic presentation of GBL's income statement to determine IFRS net profit or loss. The financial statements, prepared in accordance with IAS 34, are presented from page 11 onwards.

In EUR million Group share	30 June 2015				30 June 2014	
	Cash earnings	Mark to market and other non cash items	Operating companies (associated or consolidated) and Sienna Capital	Eliminations, capital gains, impairments and reversals	Consolidated	Consolidated
Net income from consolidated associates and operating companies	-	-	(13.1)	-	(13.1)	113.5
Net dividends on investments	340.2	(0.9)	-	(147.6)	191.7	195.6
Interest income and expenses	(6.8)	(5.6)	(2.8)	-	(15.2)	(32.9)
Other financial income and expenses	18.9	106.6	-	(27.7)	97.8	(106.0)
Other operating income and expenses	(12.9)	(3.3)	(5.5)	-	(21.7)	(21.7)
Income from disposals, impairments and reversal of non-current assets	-	-	(0.2)	480.6	480.4	353.9
IFRS consolidated result (6 months 2015)	339.4	96.8	(21.6)	305.3	719.9	
IFRS consolidated result (6 months 2014)	319.4	(51.2)	107.1	127.1		502.4

Consolidated net result, group share, at 30 June 2015 stood at EUR 720 million, compared with EUR 502 million at 30 June 2014.

This result was primarily affected by:

- the net capital gain made on the sale of 0.1% of Total's capital, for EUR 42 million (EUR 207 million in 2014);
- the net income recorded on the conversion of bonds exchangeable into Suez Environnement shares, for EUR 21 million (EUR 141 million in 2014), of which EUR 8 million correspond to the economic capital gain earned from the delivery of the Suez Environnement shares. The balance mainly represents the reversal of the negative Mark to market previously recorded in the financial statements, pro rata of the converted bonds;
- the mark to market of the forward sales of Total, for EUR 38 million;
- the mark to market of the derivative components embedded in the exchangeable and convertible bonds, which likewise had a positive impact of EUR 66 million (EUR -128 million in 2014) excluding the reversal of the negative mark to market previously recorded at the time of conversion of the exchangeable bonds into Suez Environnement;
- the partial reversal of the previously recorded impairment with regards to Lafarge for EUR 403 million; and
- the pro-rata share in Lafarge's loss for the first half of 2015 (EUR -100 million compared with EUR 15 million in 2014).

2.1. Cash earnings (EUR 339 million compared with EUR 319 million)

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Net dividends from investments	340.2	327.6
Interest income (expenses)	(6.8)	(16.0)
Other income (expenses):		
• financial	18.9	21.3
• operating	(12.9)	(13.5)
Total	339.4	319.4

Net dividends from investments increased by EUR 13 million in the first half of 2015 compared with 2014.

Net dividends from investments In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Total (interim and balance)	74.6	81.9
ENGIE (balance)	23.2	31.1
Imerys	70.5	68.6
Lafarge	77.1	60.5
SGS	67.1	62.3
Pernod Ricard (interim)	16.3	16.3
Umicore (balance)	7.3	4.0
adidas	2.6	-
Ontex	1.0	-
Suez Environnement	0.5	2.9
Total	340.2	327.6

These changes primarily reflect an increase in unit dividends from Imerys, Lafarge and SGS. This is only partially offset by the impact of the partial exit from Total and Suez Environnement, as well as by the reduction in the unit dividend with regards to ENGIE.

Total approved a dividend of EUR 2.44 per share for 2014 and paid, during the half year, the last quarterly interim dividend and the balance on the 2014 dividend, i.e. EUR 0.61 and EUR 0.61 per share respectively. Total's contribution to income for the first six months thus amounted to EUR 75 million.

In the second quarter of 2015, ENGIE paid the balance of the dividend for 2014 of EUR 0.50 per share (compared with EUR 0.67 per share the previous year), representing a contribution of EUR 23 million.

In the second quarter of 2015, Imerys approved an annual dividend of EUR 1.65 per share (EUR 1.60 in 2014), corresponding to a total collection of EUR 71 million for GBL.

Lafarge distributed a dividend of EUR 1.27 per share for 2014, compared with EUR 1.00 per share the previous year, contributing up to EUR 77 million at 30 June 2015.

SGS paid an annual dividend of CHF 68 per share (compared with CHF 65 per share in 2014), representing EUR 67 million at 30 June 2015.

Pernod Ricard paid an interim dividend of EUR 0.82 per share in the second quarter of 2015 (unchanged from the previous year), for a contribution of EUR 16 million. Payment of the balance of the dividend is expected in the second half of the year.

During the second quarter of 2015, Umicore approved the balance of the dividend for 2014 of EUR 0.50 per share (unchanged from the previous year). The Umicore contribution amounted to EUR 7 million at 30 June 2015.

adidas distributed a dividend of EUR 1.5 per share in the second quarter of 2015, representing EUR 3 million at 30 June 2015.

Ontex approved a dividend of EUR 0.19 per share during the first half of 2015, corresponding to EUR 1 million for GBL.



Net interest expenses (EUR 7 million) was positively impacted by the reversal of a provision for interest to be paid in relation to a litigation.

Other financial income (expenses) mainly comprises trading income of EUR 5 million (EUR 9 million in 2014) and the dividends collected on treasury shares (EUR 17 million).

Other operating income (expenses) amounted to EUR - 13 million at the end of June 2015, unchanged from their level in the previous year.

2.2. Mark to market and other non-cash items (EUR 97 million compared with EUR - 51 million)

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Net dividends from investments	(0.9)	(2.9)
Interest income (expenses)	(5.6)	(15.4)
Other financial income (expenses)	106.6	(29.0)
Other operating income (expenses)	(3.3)	(3.9)
Total	96.8	(51.2)

Interest income (expenses) included the impact of the valuation at amortised cost of the exchangeable bonds into Suez Environnement and ENGIE shares and the convertible bonds into GBL shares (EUR - 6 million). Early conversions of exchangeable bonds into Suez Environnement shares had a negative impact of EUR 1 million in the first half of 2015 (EUR - 9 million in 2014).

Furthermore, Other financial income (expenses) includes the elimination of the dividend on treasury shares (EUR - 17 million), the mark to market of the trading portfolio and derivative instruments (EUR 43 million of which EUR 38 million related to the forward sales on Total shares ¹), as well as the derivative component embedded in the exchangeable and convertible bonds (EUR 80 million compared with EUR - 24 million in 2014). This non-monetary gain of EUR 80 million includes:

- firstly, the reversal of the negative mark to market in relation to the exchangeable bonds into Suez Environnement shares previously recorded in the financial statements, in proportion to the bonds converted in 2015, generating a gain of EUR 14 million (compared with EUR 104 million in 2014);
- secondly, the change in the value of the call options on underlying securities implicitly embedded in the outstanding exchangeable and convertible bonds issued in 2012 and 2013 (EUR 66 million versus EUR - 128 million in 2014). In 2015, the change in the value of these derivative instruments was primarily due to the increase, since 1 January 2015, of the market price of the shares underlying the bonds.

As mentioned in previous closings, the profit at 30 June 2015 illustrates the accounting asymmetry and volatility of periodic results, which will persist throughout the lifetime of the exchangeable and convertible bonds.

2.3 Operating companies (associates or consolidated) and Sienna Capital

(EUR - 22 million compared with EUR 107 million)

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Profit (loss) of associates and consolidated operating companies	(13.1)	113.5
Interest income (expenses)	(2.8)	(1.5)
Other operating income (expenses)	(5.5)	(4.3)
Gains (losses) on disposals and impairment losses (reversals) on non-current assets	(0.2)	(0.6)
Total	(21.6)	107.1

¹ At the maturity of the forward sales contracts, Mark to market will be equal to 0 and, at the same time, a realized capital gain will be recognized for EUR 240 million



Profit (loss) of associates and consolidated operating companies amounted to EUR -13 million compared with EUR 114 million in 2014:

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Lafarge	(100.4)	14.7
Imerys	77.5	73.6
Financial Pillar – Sienna Capital	9.8	25.2
ECP I & II	13.6	31.5
Operating subsidiaries of ECP III	(4.8)	(4.8)
Kartesia	0.6	(1.5)
Mérieux Participations II	0.4	-
Total	(13.1)	113.5

Lafarge (EUR - 100 million compared with EUR 15 million)

Growth in the construction sector was moderate, with quite different trends across countries. Turnover increased by 5% compared to last year (stable at constant scope and exchange rates) while EBITDA grew by 6%. Nevertheless the net result of Lafarge, group share, came in at EUR - 477 million to be compared to EUR 70 million in 2014, due to various non-recurring items such as impairment losses on some of the assets to be sold to CRH or the expenses related to the merger and other restructuring costs.

On the basis of a 21.0% shareholding, Lafarge contributed to GBL's consolidated net result for EUR - 100 million in 2015 (EUR 15 million in 2014).

The press release related to Lafarge's results for the first half of 2015 is available at www.lafarge.com.

Imerys (EUR 78 million compared with EUR 74 million)

Net income from current operations increased by 11.0% to EUR 175 million in the first half of 2015 (EUR 158 million in the first half of 2014) notably as a result of the improved current operating income at EUR 274 million (EUR 248 million in the first half of 2014) and the financial result at EUR - 24 million (EUR - 28 million in the first half of 2014). Taking into account the heading "Other operating income and expenses net of taxes" for an amount of EUR - 30 million in the first half of 2015, the net result, group share, reached EUR 145 million in the first half of 2015 (EUR 131 million in the same period in 2014).

Imerys contributed EUR 78 million to GBL's consolidated net result in 2015 (EUR 74 million in 2014), reflecting the 53.4% rate of consolidation for Imerys in 2015 (56.6% in 2014).

The press release related to the Imerys' results for the first half of the year is available at www.imerys.com.

Financial Pillar – Sienna Capital (EUR 10 million compared with EUR 25 million)

Profit (loss) of associates and consolidated operating companies in the Financial Pillar contributed EUR 10 million to GBL's result at 30 June 2015, compared with EUR 25 million last year. The result for the period mainly includes the net capital gain on the sale of Joris Ide by ECP II (EUR 14 million attributable to GBL). As a reminder, that stake, accounted for under the equity method, already generated a EUR 14 million net result in the past.

The result for the first half of 2014 reflected the net capital gain on the sale of Zellbios by ECP II (EUR 25 million attributable to GBL).

2.4. Eliminations, capital gains, impairments and reversals

(EUR 305 million compared with EUR 127 million)

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Elimination of dividends (Lafarge and Imerys)	(147.6)	(129.1)
Other financial income (expenses) (Suez Environnement)	(27.7)	(98.3)
Capital gains on disposals (Total, Suez Environnement, Iberdrola)	77.4	355.2
Impairment losses on AFS investments and reversals on non-current assets (Lafarge, others)	403.2	(0.7)
Total	305.3	127.1

Elimination of dividends

Net dividends from operating shareholdings (associates or consolidated companies) were eliminated. They represented EUR 148 million from Lafarge and Imerys.

Other financial income (expenses)

The EUR 28 million expense generated by the conversion of exchangeable bonds into Suez Environnement shares is due to the difference between the exchange price (EUR 11.45 per share) and the average share price of the converted shares in the first half of 2015 (EUR 17.16 per share). This loss is partly offset by the recycling of the revaluation reserves, restated as capital gains on disposals (see below).

Capital gains on disposals

This item includes the capital gain from the sale of 0.1% of Total's capital for EUR 42 million and from early conversions of exchangeable bonds into Suez Environnement shares for EUR 35 million ¹ (corresponding to the recycling of the revaluation reserves of the shares related to the converted bonds, calculated on the basis of the average price of the Suez Environnement share over the first half of 2015).

The capital gains on disposals in the first half of 2014 included the result of the sale of Total shares for EUR 207 million, 5.9% of the capital of Suez Environnement for EUR 145 million, and the balance of the residual Iberdrola stake for EUR 3 million.

Impairment losses on AFS investments and reversals on non-current assets

At 30 June 2015, GBL considers that the criteria of the IFRS 5 – *Non-current assets held for sale and discontinued operations* are fulfilled and lead to the conclusion that the merger of Lafarge with Holcim is highly probable. As a consequence:

- GBL accounted for the Lafarge investment under the equity method until 30 June 2015;
- The investment was reclassified as "assets held for sale" and was revalued at its fair value on 30 June 2015, leading to a partial reversal of impairment previously booked (EUR 403 million, corresponding to the difference between (1) the latest value under the equity method on 30 June 2015 – EUR 52.6 per share – and (2) the stock price on 30 June 2015 – EUR 59.2 per share).

¹ See the economic presentation of consolidated results on page 5

3. Risk factors

Risks specific to GBL at 31 December 2014 are set out in detail in its annual report (pp. 42-43).

GBL will be subject to the same risks in the second half of 2015. Each of the major investments held by GBL is exposed to specific risks as mentioned in GBL's annual report (p. 39) at 31 December 2014 which refers to the annual reports and reference documents of the different participations.

4. Outlook for 2015

In view of the half-year results and the dividend flows expected in the second half of the year, along with its balance sheet position, GBL expects to pay a dividend for 2015 at least equivalent to the one approved for the 2014 financial year. This forecast is based on the further implementation of the current strategy and the absence of material adverse events.

The payment of interim or balance of the dividends for Total, Pernod Ricard, ENGIE and Umicore will take place in the second half-year.

Generally speaking, the consolidated net result will also factor in the change in the net contributions from operating companies (associates and consolidated, i.e. Imerys and Sienna Capital), which are themselves tied to the economic environment, as well as adjustments of the fair value of financial instruments and any impairment losses/reversals applied to the portfolio or gains from potential disposals.

Furthermore these forecasts will also reflect the final impact of the deconsolidation of Lafarge. The impact of this deconsolidation, accounted for in the third quarter of 2015, will lead to the recognition of a net gain of EUR 89 million. Finally GBL will book the realized capital gains on the forward sales of Total shares for EUR 240 million in the fourth quarter of 2015.

The results at 30 September 2015 will be published on 6 November 2015.

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Consolidated statement of comprehensive income

In EUR million	Notes	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Net earnings from associates	3	(85.8)	44.7
Net dividends on investments	4	191.7	195.6
Other operating income and expenses from investing activities	5	(21.7)	(21.7)
Income from disposals, impairments and reversals of non-current assets		480.4	353.9
<i>Investments in associates</i>	3	403.1	-
<i>Available-for-sale investments</i>	4	77.3	353.9
Financial income and expenses from investing activities	6	82.6	(138.9)
Profit (loss) from investing activities		647.2	433.6
Turnover		2,180.2	1,934.0
Raw materials and consumables		(711.2)	(638.4)
Employees expenses		(465.8)	(407.1)
Depreciation on tangible and intangible assets		(127.8)	(109.3)
Other operating income and expenses from operating activities	5	(643.9)	(560.1)
Financial income and expenses on the operating activities	6	(28.0)	(32.0)
Profit (loss) from consolidated operating activities		203.5	187.1
Income taxes		(62.6)	(61.8)
Consolidated profit (loss) for the period		788.1	558.9
Attributable to the group		719.9	502.4
Attributable to non-controlling interests		68.2	56.5
Other comprehensive income:			
Items that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Actuarial gains (losses)		51.9	(34.2)
Share of other comprehensive income of associates	3	3.4	(26.7)
Total items that will not be reclassified to profit or loss		55.3	(60.9)
Items that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
Available-for-sale investments – change in revaluation reserves		123.0	709.8
Share of other comprehensive income of associates	3	106.7	27.9
Currency translation adjustments for consolidated companies		111.9	55.4
Cash flow hedges		0.6	2.4
Total items that may be reclassified to profit or loss		342.2	795.5
Other comprehensive income (loss) after tax		397.5	734.6
Comprehensive income		1,185.6	1,293.5
Attributable to the group		1,040.6	1,226.5
Attributable to non-controlling interests		145.0	67.0
Consolidated income for the period per share	8		
<i>Basic</i>		4.64	3.24
<i>Diluted</i>		4.61	3.24



Consolidated balance sheet

EUR million	Notes	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Non-current assets		14,220.6	15,707.4
Intangible assets		218.3	202.5
Goodwill		1,932.2	1,181.8
Property, plant and equipment		2,233.0	2,008.3
Investments		9,685.6	12,178.7
<i>Investments in associates</i>	3	295.5	3,513.0
<i>Available-for-sale investments</i>	4	9,390.1	8,665.7
Other non-current assets		91.7	94.5
Deferred tax assets		59.8	41.6
Current assets		6,982.1	3,977.4
Inventories		819.4	697.8
Trade receivables		731.6	593.0
Trading financial assets		617.5	829.2
Cash and cash equivalents	7	806.0	1,420.8
Other current assets		419.5	436.6
Assets held for sale	3	3,588.1	-
Total assets		21,202.7	19,684.8
Shareholders' equity	8	15,305.7	14,284.2
Share capital		653.1	653.1
Share premium		3,815.8	3,815.8
Reserves		9,393.4	8,703.8
Non-controlling interests		1,443.4	1,111.5
Non-current liabilities		4,287.0	4,236.9
Financial liabilities	7	3,436.9	3,371.9
Provisions		293.2	262.0
Pensions and post-employment benefits		299.5	330.0
Other non-current liabilities		156.1	195.9
Deferred tax liabilities		101.3	77.1
Current liabilities		1,610.0	1,163.7
Financial liabilities	7	547.0	207.4
Trade payables		545.9	449.7
Provisions		20.9	24.3
Tax liabilities		82.7	63.2
Other current liabilities		413.5	419.1
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity		21,202.7	19,684.8



Consolidated statement of changes in shareholders' equity

In EUR million

	Capital	Share premium	Revaluation reserves	Treasury shares	Currency translation adjustments	Retained earnings	Shareholders' equity – group share	Non-controlling interests	Shareholders' equity
At 31 December 2013	653.1	3,815.8	2,756.3	(257.9)	(607.7)	6,305.6	12,665.2	1,025.6	13,690.8
Consolidated profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	502.4	502.4	56.5	558.9
Other comprehensive income	-	-	709.8	-	58.8	(44.5)	724.1	10.5	734.6
Total comprehensive income	-	-	709.8	-	58.8	457.9	1,226.5	67.0	1,293.5
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(421.9)	(421.9)	(55.1)	(477.0)
Cost of stock options (Purchase)/sale of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	-	0.4	0.4	-	0.4
Other movements	-	-	-	8.7	-	-	8.7	-	8.7
	-	-	-	-	-	1.5	1.5	9.9	11.4
At 30 June 2014	653.1	3,815.8	3,466.1	(249.2)	(548.9)	6,343.5	13,480.4	1,047.4	14,527.8
Consolidated profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	372.9	372.9	61.3	434.2
Other comprehensive income	-	-	(900.4)	-	265.5	(19.5)	(654.4)	30.4	(624.0)
Total comprehensive income	-	-	(900.4)	-	265.5	353.4	(281.5)	91.7	(189.8)
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(1.5)	(1.5)
Cost of stock options (Purchase)/sale of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.1
Other movements	-	-	-	0.5	-	-	0.5	-	0.5
	-	-	-	-	-	(26.8)	(26.8)	(26.1)	(52.9)
At 31 December 2014	653.1	3,815.8	2,565.7	(248.7)	(283.4)	6,670.2	13,172.7	1,111.5	14,284.2
Consolidated profit for the period	-	-	-	-	-	719.9	719.9	68.2	788.1
Other comprehensive income	-	-	123.8	-	165.3	31.6	320.7	76.8	397.5
Total comprehensive income	-	-	123.8	-	165.3	751.5	1,040.6	145.0	1,185.6
Dividends	-	-	-	-	-	(433.2)	(433.2)	(61.9)	(495.1)
Cost of stock options (Purchase)/sale of treasury shares	-	-	-	-	-	0.1	0.1	-	0.1
Other movements	-	-	-	3.8	-	-	3.8	-	3.8
	-	-	-	-	-	78.3	78.3	248.8	327.1
At 30 June 2015	653.1	3,815.8	2,689.5	(244.9)	(118.1)	7,066.9	13,862.3	1,443.4	15,305.7

Shareholders' equity was impacted during the first half of 2015 mainly by:

- the distribution by GBL on 7 May 2015 of a gross dividend of EUR 2.79 per share (EUR 2.72 in 2014), representing EUR 433 million, including dividends from the treasury shares;
- the change in the fair value of GBL's portfolio of available-for-sale investments (detailed in note 8.1);
- positive foreign currency translation adjustments;
- Imerys' capital increase following the acquisition of S&B (detailed in note 1.1.); and
- the consolidated profit for the period.



Consolidated statement of cash flows

EUR million	Notes	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Cash flow from operating activities		726.5	123.7
Consolidated profit for the period before tax		850.7	620.7
Adjustments for:			
Interest income and expenses	6	46.1	56.3
Net loss / (profit) from associates	3	81.8	(45.5)
Dividends from investments in non-consolidated companies	4	(191.7)	(195.6)
Net depreciation charges		128.6	109.9
Profit or loss from disposals, impairments and reversal on non-current assets		(478.7)	(334.1)
Other		(78.4)	117.6
Interest received		7.5	10.7
Interest paid		(48.9)	(57.4)
Dividends received from investments in non-consolidated interests and associates		212.6	182.9
Income taxes paid		(28.2)	(67.1)
Change in working capital:			
Inventories		(29.4)	(46.1)
Trade receivables		(32.4)	(71.1)
Trade payables		22.0	57.0
Other receivables and payables		264.9	(214.5)
Cash flow from investing activities		(1,007.1)	165.3
Acquisitions of:			
Investments in associates	3	(6.8)	(51.9)
Subsidiaries, net of cash acquired		(381.1)	(35.9)
Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		(130.7)	(113.0)
Other financial assets		(629.1)	(133.5)
Divestments of:			
Subsidiaries, net of cash disposed		10.2	70.0
Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		2.3	2.8
Other financial assets		128.1	426.8
Cash flow from financing activities		(336.5)	(434.4)
Capital increase from non-controlling interests		84.8	25.5
Dividends paid by the parent company to its shareholders		(433.2)	(421.9)
Dividends paid by the subsidiaries to non-controlling interests		(61.9)	(55.2)
Proceeds from financial liabilities		417.8	341.2
Reimbursement of financial liabilities		(336.9)	(332.9)
Net change in treasury shares		3.8	8.7
Other		(10.9)	0.2
Effect of exchange rate fluctuations on funds held		2.3	5.7
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		(614.8)	(139.7)
Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the period	7	1,420.8	1,075.4
Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the period	7	806.0	935.7

Notes

Accounting policies and seasonality

The condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

The consolidated financial statements for the half-year ended 30 June 2015 are in conformity with IAS 34 – *Interim Financial Reporting*.

The accounting and calculation methods used in the interim financial statements are identical to those used in the annual financial statements for 2014, apart from the application, by the group, of new standards, interpretations and revisions which have become mandatory since 1st January 2015. These new standards did not have any material impact on GBL's consolidated financial statements.

Lastly, the seasonality of results is previously detailed in the outlook for 2015.

Main judgements and estimates used for the half-year accounts

At 30 June 2015, GBL analysed the question of whether to classify the Lafarge investment as "assets held for sale" in compliance with IFRS 5 – *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations*.

GBL considers that at that date the IFRS 5 criteria had been met and enabled it to conclude that the merger is highly probable following the events which occurred during the second quarter regarding the progress status of the merger. Consequently:

- GBL accounted for its investment in Lafarge in accordance with the equity accounting method until 30 June 2015; and
- This investment was reclassified as "assets held for sale" and was re-valued at its fair value on 30 June 2015, thereby generating a partial reversal of the impairment that was previously recorded (EUR 403 million).

1. Changes in group structure

1.1. Imerys

On 26 February 2015, Imerys acquired 100% of the voting rights corresponding to the main industrial mineral businesses of the Greek group S&B, particularly in bentonite (smelting binders, sealants, drilling adjuvants and functional additives), fluxing agents for the continuous casting of steel; wollastonite (functional additives for polymers and paints); and pearlite (mineral solutions used in construction and horticulture materials). These businesses were acquired from the Kyriacopoulos family and the Rhône Capital investment fund for EUR 624 million, of which EUR 340 million was paid for in cash, EUR 263 million in Imerys shares, and EUR 21 million to be paid as a performance amount. The cash and shares remitted to the seller upon the acquisition of a controlling interest were funded, respectively, by the bonds issued by Imerys in December 2014, and by the issuance of 3.7 million Imerys shares, as part of a reserved capital increase. Following this transaction, the Kyriacopoulos family's interest in the capital of Imerys totalled approximately 4.70% and the shareholding of GBL was slightly diluted to 53.2% (56.5% at 31 December 2014). The dilution loss combined with Imerys' capital increase, accounted for under shareholders' equity, group share, amounts to EUR 80 million.

Independent experts were retained to assess the fair value of the majority of the assets and liabilities that could be identified on the date when the controlling interest was acquired. As at 30 June 2015, the high-yield bond issue (EUR 315 million) and employee benefits (EUR 31 million) were recorded based on final evaluation reports. The assessments of mineral reserves, intangible assets and property, plant and equipment, inventories, provisions, and income tax assets and liabilities are pending. While awaiting results, the corresponding entries were provisionally kept at their historic values prior to the acquisition. The goodwill resulting from the difference between these partially re-valued net assets and the investment value thus comes to a provisional amount of EUR 590 million as at 30 June 2015.



Assets and liabilities of S&B as well as the impact of the transaction are detailed as follow:

EUR million	S&B
Non-current assets	267.1
Current assets	232.6
Non-current liabilities	(379.3)
Current liabilities	(86.3)
Third party net assets	(0.6)
Net assets	33.5
Net assets - group share (100 %)	33.5
Goodwill	590.3
Purchase price	623.8
<i>Settled in cash</i>	339.8
<i>Settled in shares</i>	263.0
<i>Deferred payment</i>	21.0
Cash and cash equivalents acquired	81.3
Net cash movement	286.6

Since its acquisition, the S&B Group has contributed EUR 149 million to turnover. If the acquisition had been made at 1st January 2015, the contribution to turnover would have been EUR 213 million.

1.2. Financial Pillar

On 19 May 2015, Ergon Capital Partners III acquired an indirect majority stake in the company Golden Goose S.r.l., an Italian contemporary footwear, clothing and accessories designer. The purchase price was EUR 107 million, of which EUR 87 million was paid in cash, with EUR 4 million by deferred payment in April 2016, and EUR 16 million to be paid as a performance amount. The net cash impact of this transaction amounts to EUR 88 million. The provisional goodwill generated by the acquisition, before acquisition accounting, is EUR 118 million. This acquisition contributed to the Group's net income for the year in an amount of EUR -1 million (group's share).

2. Segment information

IFRS 8 – *Operating Segments* requires that segments be identified based on internal reports which are regularly presented to the main operating decision-maker for the purpose of managing the allocation of resources to the segments and assessing their performance.

In compliance with IFRS 8, the group has identified three segments:

- **Holding**: consists of the parent company GBL and its subsidiaries. Its main activity is the management of investments and non-consolidated operating companies.
- **Imerys**: consists of the Imerys group, a French group listed on NYSE Euronext Paris, which has a leading position in each of its four business lines (Energy Solutions & Specialities; Filtration & Performance Additives; Ceramic Materials; High Resistance Minerals).
- **Financial Pillar**: comprising, firstly, under investment activities: Sienna Capital, ECP, ECP II and ECP III, Sagard, Sagard II and Sagard III, PrimeStone, Kartesia and Mérieux Participations I and II; and, secondly, under consolidated operating businesses, the operating subsidiaries of ECP III (sub-groups ELITech, De Boeck, etc.).

The results, assets and liabilities of a segment include all the components directly attributable to it. The accounting standards applied to these segments are the same as those described in the section entitled "Accounting policies and seasonality".

2.1. Segment information - Consolidated income statement for the periods ended 30 June 2015 and 30 June 2014

Period ended 30 June 2015	Holding	Imerys	Financial Pillar	Total
In EUR million				
Net earnings from associates	(100.4)	-	14.6	(85.8)
Net dividends on investments	191.7	-	-	191.7
Other operating income and expenses from investing activities	(16.2)	-	(5.5)	(21.7)
Income on disposals, impairments and reversals of non-current assets	480.6	-	(0.2)	480.4
Financial income and expenses from investing activities	85.4	-	(2.8)	82.6
Profit (loss) from investing activities	641.1	-	6.1	647.2
Turnover	-	2,057.3	122.9	2,180.2
Raw materials and consumables	-	(665.6)	(45.6)	(711.2)
Employee expenses	-	(431.5)	(34.3)	(465.8)
Depreciation on tangible and intangible assets	-	(114.9)	(12.9)	(127.8)
Other operating income and expenses from operating activities	-	(613.8)	(30.1)	(643.9)
Financial income and expenses of the operating activities	-	(23.5)	(4.5)	(28.0)
Profit (loss) from consolidated operating activities	-	208.0	(4.5)	203.5
Income taxes	-	(61.1)	(1.5)	(62.6)
Consolidated profit (loss) for the period	641.1	146.9	0.1	788.1
Attributable to the group	641.1	77.5	1.3	719.9



Period ended 30 June 2014

Holding

Imerys

Financial
Pillar

Total

In EUR million

Net earnings from associates	14.7	-	30.0	44.7
Net dividends on investments	195.6	-	-	195.6
Other operating income and expenses from investing activities	(17.4)	-	(4.3)	(21.7)
Income on disposals, impairments and reversals of non-current assets	354.5	-	(0.6)	353.9
Financial income and expenses from investing activities	(137.4)	-	(1.5)	(138.9)
Profit (loss) from investing activities	410.0	-	23.6	433.6
Turnover	-	1,837.9	96.1	1,934.0
Raw materials and consumables	-	(601.9)	(36.5)	(638.4)
Employee expenses	-	(381.2)	(25.9)	(407.1)
Depreciation on tangible and intangible assets	-	(100.5)	(8.8)	(109.3)
Other operating income and expenses from operating activities	-	(533.2)	(26.9)	(560.1)
Financial income and expenses of the operating activities	-	(29.0)	(3.0)	(32.0)
Profit (loss) from consolidated operating activities	-	192.1	(5.0)	187.1
Income taxes	-	(60.4)	(1.4)	(61.8)
Consolidated profit (loss) for the period	410.0	131.7	17.2	558.9
Attributable to the group	410.0	73.6	18.8	502.4

2.2 Segment information - Consolidated statement of financial position at 30 June 2015, 31 December 2014 and 30 June 2014

Period ended 30 June 2015	Holding	Imerys	Financial Pillar	Total
In EUR million				
Non-current assets	9,073.0	4,284.4	863.2	14,220.6
Intangible assets	-	96.0	122.3	218.3
Goodwill	-	1,738.1	194.1	1,932.2
Property, plant and equipment	15.1	2,182.3	35.6	2,233.0
Investments	9,057.9	140.7	487.0	9,685.6
<i>Investments in associates</i>	-	137.1	158.4	295.5
<i>Available-for-sale investments</i>	9,057.9	3.6	328.6	9,390.1
Other non-current assets	-	76.7	15.0	91.7
Deferred tax assets	-	50.6	9.2	59.8
Current assets	4,659.2	2,137.9	185.0	6,982.1
Inventories	-	781.8	37.6	819.4
Trade receivables	0.1	656.8	74.7	731.6
Trading financial assets	602.2	15.3	-	617.5
Cash and cash equivalents	352.6	423.0	30.4	806.0
Other current assets	116.2	261.0	42.3	419.5
Assets held for sale	3,588.1	-	-	3,588.1
Total assets	13,732.2	6,422.3	1,048.2	21,202.7
Non-current liabilities	1,925.3	2,176.5	185.2	4,287.0
Financial liabilities	1,788.7	1,500.8	147.4	3,436.9
Provisions	0.5	290.3	2.4	293.2
Pensions and post-employment benefits	21.1	274.3	4.1	299.5
Other non-current liabilities	111.2	44.5	0.4	156.1
Deferred tax liabilities	3.8	66.6	30.9	101.3
Current liabilities	82.0	1,309.0	219.0	1,610.0
Financial liabilities	3.6	439.4	104.0	547.0
Trade payables	2.6	492.3	51.0	545.9
Provisions	-	20.9	-	20.9
Tax liabilities	3.6	67.8	11.3	82.7
Other current liabilities	72.2	288.6	52.7	413.5
Total liabilities	2,007.3	3,485.5	404.2	5,897.0

Period ended 31 December 2014	Holding	Imerys	Financial Pillar	Total
In EUR million				
Non-current assets	11,839.9	3,341.5	526.0	15,707.4
Intangible assets	-	78.3	124.2	202.5
Goodwill	-	1,106.8	75.0	1,181.8
Property, plant and equipment	14.6	1,962.9	30.8	2,008.3
Investments	11,825.3	86.7	266.7	12,178.7
<i>Investments in associates</i>	3,255.9	83.3	173.8	3,513.0
<i>Available-for-sale investments</i>	8,569.4	3.4	92.9	8,665.7
Other non-current assets	-	72.1	22.4	94.5
Deferred tax assets	-	34.7	6.9	41.6
Current assets	1,735.8	2,080.9	160.7	3,977.4
Inventories	-	670.0	27.8	697.8
Trade receivables	-	538.8	54.2	593.0
Trading financial assets	805.2	24.0	-	829.2
Cash and cash equivalents	741.3	656.4	23.1	1,420.8
Other current assets	189.3	191.7	55.6	436.6
Total assets	13,575.7	5,422.4	686.7	19,684.8
Non-current liabilities	1,969.2	2,121.6	146.1	4,236.9
Financial liabilities	1,770.4	1,494.3	107.2	3,371.9
Provisions	0.5	258.4	3.1	262.0
Pensions and post-employment benefits	20.3	306.5	3.2	330.0
Other non-current liabilities	175.7	19.3	0.9	195.9
Deferred tax liabilities	2.3	43.1	31.7	77.1
Current liabilities	177.9	830.3	155.5	1,163.7
Financial liabilities	58.2	68.8	80.4	207.4
Trade payables	1.8	411.9	36.0	449.7
Provisions	-	24.3	-	24.3
Tax liabilities	48.4	3.0	11.8	63.2
Other current liabilities	69.5	322.3	27.3	419.1
Total liabilities	2,147.1	2,951.9	301.6	5,400.6

Period ended 30 June 2014	Holding	Imerys	Financial Pillar	Total
In EUR million				
Non-current assets	12,439.5	3,182.0	506.7	16,128.2
Intangible assets	-	72.9	94.7	167.6
Goodwill	-	1,053.2	61.3	1,114.5
Property, plant and equipment	13.4	1,848.2	17.6	1,879.2
Investments	12,426.1	84.6	307.3	12,818.0
<i>Investments in associates</i>	<i>3,016.4</i>	<i>81.0</i>	<i>199.4</i>	<i>3,296.8</i>
<i>Available-for-sale investments</i>	<i>9,409.7</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>107.9</i>	<i>9,521.2</i>
Other non-current assets	-	75.6	22.1	97.7
Deferred tax assets	-	47.5	3.7	51.2
Current assets	1,579.1	1,768.3	104.0	3,451.4
Inventories	-	631.8	34.9	666.7
Trade receivables	0.4	577.9	51.0	629.3
Trading financial assets	661.6	30.5	-	692.1
Cash and cash equivalents	593.7	329.3	12.7	935.7
Other current assets	323.4	198.8	5.4	527.6
Total assets	14,018.6	4,950.3	610.7	19,579.6
Non-current liabilities	2,050.2	1,487.5	125.2	3,662.9
Financial liabilities	1,820.0	893.3	99.4	2,812.7
Provisions	1.1	266.8	2.3	270.2
Pensions and post-employment benefits	5.5	262.8	2.9	271.2
Other non-current liabilities	221.7	14.5	1.0	237.2
Deferred tax liabilities	1.9	50.1	19.6	71.6
Current liabilities	126.0	1,151.5	111.4	1,388.9
Financial liabilities	-	360.2	44.7	404.9
Trade payables	5.4	435.6	31.6	472.6
Provisions	-	20.4	-	20.4
Tax liabilities	48.7	56.2	12.1	117.0
Other current liabilities	71.9	279.1	23.0	374.0
Total liabilities	2,176.2	2,639.0	236.6	5,051.8

3. Associates

3.1. Share of profit (loss)

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Lafarge	(100.4)	14.7
ECP	13.6	31.5
Kartesia	0.6	(1.5)
Mérieux Participations II	0.4	-
Share of profit (loss) of associates – investing activities	(85.8)	44.7
Associates related to consolidated operating activities (shown under "Other operating income (expenses)")	4.0	0.8

Lafarge's results at 30 June 2015 amounted to EUR - 477 million. Based on GBL's ownership rate, Lafarge contributed EUR - 100 million, compared with EUR 15 million at June 2014.

ECP's contribution at 30 June 2015 amounted to EUR 14 million, compared with EUR 32 million in June 2014, positively influenced by the net capital gain on the disposal of the stake in Joris Ide (EUR 14 million). The contribution at 30 June 2014 included the capital gain which was recorded on the sale of Zellbios (EUR 25 million).

3.2. Value of investments (equity method)

EUR million	Lafarge	ECP	Kartesia	Others	Total
At 31 December 2014	3,255.9	82.7	51.8	122.6	3,513.0
Investments	-	-	4.5	55.8	60.3
Reimbursements / disposals	-	(35.9)	-	(0.7)	(36.6)
Profit (loss) for the period	(100.4)	13.6	0.6	4.4	(81.8)
Distribution	(77.1)	-	(2.6)	(4.5)	(84.2)
Foreign currency translation adjustments	105.9	-	-	-	105.9
Changes in revaluation reserves / hedging	0.8	-	-	-	0.8
Actuarial gains (losses)	3.4	-	-	-	3.4
Other movements	(3.5)	-	1.3	1.9	(0.3)
Reclassifications to assets held for sale	(3,185.0)	-	-	-	(3,185.0)
At 30 June 2015	-	60.4	55.6	179.5	295.5

GBL considers that as at 30 June 2015 the criteria of IFRS 5 – *Non-current Assets Held for Sale and Discontinued Operations* had been met, enabling it to conclude that the merger was highly probable. Consequently:

- GBL accounted for its investment in Lafarge in accordance with the equity accounting method until 30 June 2015;
- This investment was reclassified as "assets held for sale" and was re-valued at its fair value at 30 June 2015, thereby generating a partial reversal of the impairment that was previously recorded (EUR 403 million). This stake was therefore re-valued at EUR 3,588 million at 30 June 2015 in this line heading.

The "Others" heading includes Visionnaire, Mérieux Participations II and the associated companies of Imerys.

3.3. Gains (losses) on disposals, impairments and reversals on non-current assets

EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
<i>Impairments of investments available for sale and reversals on non-current assets</i>	403.1	-
Total	403.1	-

This heading includes the partial reversal of an impairment of EUR 403 million on Lafarge, in accordance with IFRS 5. This reversal results in a re-statement at fair value at 30 June 2015 of the stake held in Lafarge, which was previously recorded according to the equity accounting method.

4. Total, SGS, ENGIE, Pernod Ricard, Umicore and other available-for-sale investments

4.1. Net dividends from investments

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Total	73.7	79.0
SGS	67.1	62.3
ENGIE	23.2	31.1
Pernod Ricard	16.3	16.3
Umicore	7.3	4.0
Others	4.1	2.9
Total	191.7	195.6

Net dividends from investments in the first half of 2015 posted a slight decrease of EUR 4 million compared with 2014. This development essentially reflects the reduction in the unit dividend of ENGIE as well as the drop in Total's contribution following the disposals in the past few months. This effect is only partially offset by the increase in the unit dividend noted at SGS.

4.2. Fair value and variation

Investments in listed companies are valued on the basis of the share price at the reporting date.

Investments held by the "Funds", namely Sagard I, Sagard II and Sagard III, Mérieux Participations I and PrimeStone are re-valued at their fair value, determined by the managers of these funds according to their investment portfolio.

In EUR million	31 December 2014	Acquisitions / (Disposals)	(Impairments) / Reversals of disposal	Change in revaluation reserves	Results of the Funds/ Others	30 June 2015
Total	3,051.7	(41.4)	-	(6.3)	43.4	3,047.4
SGS	1,995.3	2.7	-	(76.2)	-	1,921.8
ENGIE	1,062.3	-	-	(152.5)	-	909.8
Pernod Ricard	1,835.3	-	-	209.3	16.3	2,060.9
Umicore	463.6	30.6	-	132.1	-	626.3
Suez Environnement	74.4	(47.8)	-	(21.4)	-	5.2
Ontex	-	129.7	-	5.6	-	135.3
Funds	89.7	221.9	-	16.2	(2.0)	325.8
Others	93.4	247.5	(0.9)	17.6	-	357.6
Fair value	8,665.7	543.2	(0.9)	124.4	57.7	9,390.1

The heading "Others" mainly includes the adidas shares.

4.3. Gains (losses) on disposals, impairments and reversals on non-current assets

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
<i>Capital gains on available-for-sale investments</i>	77.4	355.2
<i>Impairments on available-for-sale investments and reversals on non-current assets</i>	(0.1)	(1.3)
Total	77.3	353.9

This heading includes the capital gain from the sale of 0.1% of Total's capital for EUR 42 million and from the early conversions of bonds exchangeable into Suez Environnement shares for EUR 35 million (corresponding to the transfer of the revaluation reserves of the converted shares, calculated based on the average share price of Suez Environnement during the first half of 2015).

The capital gains from sales in the first half of 2014 included the income from the sale of Total shares for EUR 207 million, of 5.9% of the capital of Suez Environnement for EUR 145 million, and of the balance of the residual Iberdrola shares for EUR 3 million.

5. Other operating income and expenses

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Other operating income	0.5	0.4
Other operating expenses	(22.2)	(22.1)
Other operating income and expenses – consolidated investing activities	(21.7)	(21.7)
Other operating income	35.9	64.2
Other operating expenses	(683.8)	(625.1)
Share of profit (loss) of associates belonging to consolidated operating activities	4.0	0.8
Other operating income and expenses - operating activities	(643.9)	(560.1)

6. Financial income and expenses

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Interest income on cash, cash equivalents and non-current assets	9.6	7.0
Interest expenses on financial liabilities	(24.7)	(39.9)
Profit (loss) on trading securities and derivatives	100.5	(101.1)
Other financial expenses	(2.8)	(4.9)
Financial income and expenses - investing activities	82.6	(138.9)
Interest income on cash, cash equivalents and non-current assets	4.3	3.0
Interest expenses on financial liabilities	(35.3)	(26.4)
Profit (loss) on trading securities and derivatives	(2.3)	(0.9)
Other financial income / (expenses)	5.3	(7.7)
Financial income and expenses of consolidated operating activities	(28.0)	(32.0)

Financial income and expenses from investing activities totalled EUR 83 million (compared to EUR - 139 million in 2014). They mainly include:

- the mark to market of the derivative component associated with the exchangeable bonds into shares (Suez Environnement and ENGIE) and with GBL convertible bonds (EUR 66 million in 2015 compared with EUR - 128 million in 2014). This non-monetary income of EUR 66 million reflects the change in the value of the call options on underlying securities implicitly contained in the exchangeable and convertible bonds issued by GBL in 2012 and 2013;
- the impact of the early conversions of Suez Environnement exchangeable bonds maturing in September 2015. These conversions result in generating financial income (expense) of EUR - 14 million (EUR 14 million of which was for a recovery of the implicit derivative value relating to the converted part, EUR - 28 million coming from the difference between the trade price (EUR 11.45 per share) and the average stock price over the first half) versus EUR - 4 million as at 30 June 2014; and
- the mark to market of the derivative instruments (EUR 43 million in 2015, compared with EUR 12 million in 2014). The derivative instruments at 30 June 2015 essentially include futures contracts for the sale of Total shares maturing in December 2015 (fair value of EUR 38 million).

Financial income (expenses) on consolidated operating activities resulted essentially from interest expenses on Imerys' debt, for EUR 31 million.

7. Cash and debt

7.1. Cash and cash equivalents

In EUR million	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Deposits (maturity < 3 months)	208.4	481.4
Current accounts	597.6	939.4
Total	806.0	1,420.8

The reduction of the cash and cash equivalents in the half year stems primarily from a fall in GBL current and deposit accounts.

7.2. Debt

In EUR million	30 June 2015	31 December 2014
Non-current financial debt	3,436.9	3,371.9
<i>Exchangeable bonds (GBL)</i>	987.4	983.6
<i>Convertible bonds (GBL)</i>	421.0	416.7
<i>Retail bonds (GBL)</i>	350.0	349.9
<i>Retail bonds (Imerys)</i>	1,484.4	1,479.6
<i>Other non-current financial debt</i>	194.1	142.1
Current financial debt	547.0	207.4
<i>Exchangeable bonds (GBL)</i>	3.6	58.2
<i>Bank debt (Imerys)</i>	417.4	38.8
<i>Other current financial debt</i>	126.0	110.4

The group's debt increased by EUR 405 million, primarily at Imerys, via short-term loans with bank institutions.

At 30 June 2015, GBL had undrawn credit lines of EUR 1,550 million (unchanged compared with 31 December 2014).

Exchangeable and convertible bonds (GBL)

Bonds exchangeable into ENGIE shares

The book value of this bond (excluding the option) was EUR 987 million at 30 June 2015 (EUR 984 million at 31 December 2014). The option component was re-valued at fair value on the reporting date for an amount of EUR 70 million (EUR 152 million at 31 December 2014), as shown under "Other non-current liabilities".

Bonds convertible into GBL shares

The book value of this bond (excluding the option) was EUR 421 million at 30 June 2015 (EUR 417 million at 31 December 2014). The option component was re-valued at fair value on the reporting date for an amount of EUR 35 million (EUR 19 million as at 31 December 2014) as shown under "Other non-current liabilities".

Bonds exchangeable into Suez Environnement shares

The residual book value of this bond (excluding the option) stood at EUR 4 million at 30 June 2015 (EUR 58 million at 31 December 2014), after conversion of an amount of EUR 55 million in exchangeable bonds in the first half of 2015. The option component was re-valued at fair value on the reporting date for an amount of EUR 2 million (EUR 15 million at 31 December 2014), as shown under "Other current liabilities".



Retail bonds (Imerys)

Imerys has issued listed and non-listed retail bonds. The detail of these bond issues at 30 June 2015 is as follows:

Nominal value in currency (million)	Interest rate		Listed / Non-listed	Maturity date	Fair value EUR million	Carrying amount	
	Nominal	Effective					
JPY	7,000	3.40 %	3.47 %	Non coté	16/09/2033	70.8	51.1
USD	30	5.28 %	5.38 %	Non coté	06/08/2018	30.6	26.8
EUR	300	2.50 %	2.60 %	Coté	26/11/2020	322.0	300.0
EUR	100	2.50 %	1.31 %	Coté	26/11/2020	107.3	100.0
EUR	500	5.00 %	5.09 %	Coté	18/04/2017	544.4	500.0
EUR	500	2.00 %	2.13 %	Coté	10/12/2024	505.6	500.0
Total						1,580.7	1,477.9

The detail of these bond issues at 31 December 2014 is as follows:

Nominal value in currency (million)	Interest rate		Listed / Non-listed	Maturity date	Fair value EUR million	Carrying amount	
	Nominal	Effective					
JPY	7,000	3.40 %	3.47 %	Non coté	16/09/2033	68.3	48.7
USD	30	5.28 %	5.38 %	Non coté	06/08/2018	28.5	25.2
EUR	300	2.50 %	2.60 %	Coté	26/11/2020	324.3	300.7
EUR	100	2.50 %	1.31 %	Coté	26/11/2020	108.1	100.2
EUR	500	5.00 %	5.09 %	Coté	18/04/2017	567.4	517.7
EUR	500	2.00 %	2.13 %	Coté	10/12/2024	514.0	500.6
Total						1,610.6	1,493.2

Other non-current financial liabilities

This line item mainly includes the debts of the operating subsidiaries of ECP III. This borrowing is from banks and non-controlling interests.

8. Shareholders' equity

8.1. Revaluation reserves

These reserves include changes in the fair value of available-for-sale investments and the reserves of equity-accounted entities. The item "Other" mainly covers GBL's share of the changes in the revaluation reserves of associates.

In EUR million	Total	SGS	ENGIE	Pernod Ricard	Umicore	Suez Environ- nement	Ontex	Funds	Other	Total
At 31 December 2014	1,390.8	(12.6)	241.1	1,010.2	(11.7)	23.4	-	9.8	(85.3)	2,565.7
Changes in the fair value of financial instruments	29.1	(76.2)	(152.5)	208.4 ¹	131.6 ¹	14.0	5.6	16.2	18.4	194.6
Transfer to income (disposal/impairment)	(35.4)	-	-	-	-	(35.4)	-	-	-	(70.8)
At 30 June 2015	1,384.5	(88.8)	88.6	1,218.6	119.9	2.0	5.6	26.0	(66.9)	2,689.5

¹ Including a tax impact of EUR - 0.9 million and EUR - 0.5 million on Pernod Ricard and Umicore respectively



8.2. Earnings per share

Consolidated net result for the period

In EUR million	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Basic	719.9	502.4
Diluted	740.8	522.6

Number of shares

In million shares	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Issued shares	161.4	161.4
Treasury shares at start of the period	(6.2)	(6.3)
Weighted movements for the period	-	-
Weighted average number of shares used to determine basic earnings per share	155.2	155.1
Impact of financial instruments with diluting effect:		
Convertible bonds	5.0	5.0
Stock options (in the money)	0.5	0.5
Weighted average number of shares used to determine diluted earnings per share	160.7	160.6

At 30 June 2015, GBL held, directly and through its subsidiaries, 6,081,079 GBL shares, representing 3.8% of the issued capital.

During the first half of 2015, 257,206 options on the shares of a GBL subsidiary were issued to the Executive Management and staff. These options will be valid for 10 years and will become fully vested three years after the offer date. The exercise price was set at EUR 10.00 per option.

Summary earnings per share

EUR	30 June 2015	30 June 2014
Basic	4.64	3.24
Diluted	4.61	3.24

9. Financial instruments

In order to show the importance of data used for the valuations of fair values, the group classifies these valuations according to the following hierarchy:

- Level 1 : fair value measurements are those derived from quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets or liabilities;
- Level 2 : fair value measurements are those derived from inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset or liability, either directly (i.e. as prices) or indirectly (i.e. derived from prices);
- Level 3 : fair value measurements are those derived from valuation techniques that include inputs for the asset or liability that are not based on observable market data (unobservable inputs).

The tables below show a comparison of the book value and the fair value of the financial instruments at 30 June 2015, as well as the fair value hierarchy. The category, according to IAS 39, uses the following abbreviations:

AFS: Available-For-Sale financial assets
 HTM: Financial assets held-to-maturity
 LaR: Loans and Receivables financial assets
 FVTPL: Financial Value Through Profit and Loss
 OFL: Other Financial Liabilities
 HeAc: Hedge Accounting

In EUR million	Category under IAS 39	Carrying amount	Fair value	Hierarchy of fair values
FINANCIAL ASSETS				
Non-current assets				
Available-for-sale investments (listed companies)				
Listed companies	AFS	9,057.1	9,057.1	Level 1
Other companies	AFS	333.0	333.0	Level 3
Other non-current assets				
Derivative instruments - hedging	HeAc	10.5	10.5	Level 2
Other financial assets	LaR	71.4	71.4	-
Current assets				
Trade receivables	LaR	731.6	731.6	-
Trading financial assets	FVTPL	617.5	617.5	Level 1
Cash and cash equivalents	LaR	806.0	806.0	-
Other current assets				
Short-term investments	HTM	55.0	55.0	-
Derivative instruments - hedging	HeAc	1.6	1.6	Level 2
Derivative instruments - other	FVTPL	42.8	42.8	Level 2
Other financial assets	LaR	48.5	48.5	-
FINANCIAL LIABILITIES				
Non-current liabilities				
Financial liabilities				
Derivative instruments - hedging	HeAc	8.4	8.4	Level 2
Other financial liabilities	OFL	3,428.4	3,688.5	-
Other non-current liabilities				
Other financial liabilities	OFL	4.1	4.1	-
Derivative instruments - other	FVTPL	104.9	104.9	Level 2
Current liabilities				
Financial liabilities				
Derivative instruments	FVTPL	0.9	0.9	Level 2
Other financial liabilities	OFL	546.1	546.1	-
Trade payables	OFL	545.9	545.9	-
Other current liabilities				
Derivative instruments - hedging	HeAc	14.2	14.2	Level 2
Derivative instruments - other	FVTPL	7.1	7.1	Level 2
Other current liabilities	OFL	84.0	84.0	-

There is no significant transfer between the different levels during the period closed on 30 June 2015.

10. Subsequent events

Strategic Investments

On 9 July 2015, the "Autorité des Marchés Financiers" published the results of the public exchange offer for all Lafarge shares launched by Holcim. Following settlement-delivery of the offer on 10 July 2015, Holcim held 252,230,673 Lafarge shares, representing 87.46% of the capital. GBL now holds a 9.84% stake in LafargeHolcim and does not exert significant influence over the new entity.

Consequently, from the third quarter of 2015 onwards, this stake will be recorded as an asset available for sale and valued at fair value (i.e. at the share price).

According to IAS 28 – *Investments in Associates and Joint Ventures*, the loss of influence in the Lafarge group and the classification of the LafargeHolcim investment as asset available for sale generate the recognition of a net gain of EUR 89 million made up as follows:

- recognition in the income statement of the difference between the book value and the fair value of the group at the transaction date (13 July 2015), i.e. EUR 268 million, which corresponds to the difference between the share price of the new group when first listed (CHF 74.2 per share) and the share price at 30 June 2015 (EUR 59.2 per share), i.e. an additional reversal of the impairment that was previously recorded;
- recycling of the other items of comprehensive income which are attributable to Lafarge and have been recorded in GBL's shareholders' equity since it was first recorded as an equity-accounted company, i.e. on 1st January 2008. This has a negative impact on GBL's net result of EUR - 179 million.

LafargeHolcim's distribution of the exceptional scrip dividend (1 new LafargeHolcim share for 20 existing shares), expected on 8 September 2015, will have no impact on GBL's income statement, in accordance with IFRS.

Incubator Investments

As part of its portfolio diversification strategy, and more particularly of its "Incubator"-type investments, GBL announced that it had crossed on 24 July 2015 the 3% statutory threshold in adidas, a global group specialised in the design and distribution of sports equipment.

Financial Pillar – Sienna Capital

In July 2015, the Sagard II fund sold its stake in Cérélia, thereby generating a capital gain on the sale of EUR 14 million (GBL share), which will be recorded in the third quarter of 2015.

11. Auditor's Report on the half-year reporting

In the context of our appointment as the company's statutory auditor, we report to you on the consolidated interim financial information. This consolidated interim financial information comprises the consolidated balance sheet as at 30 June 2015, the consolidated statement of comprehensive income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the period of six months then ended, as well as selective notes 1 to 10.

Report on the consolidated interim financial information

We have reviewed the consolidated interim financial information of Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA / Groep Brussel Lambert NV ("the company") and its subsidiaries (jointly "the group"), prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standard IAS 34 – *Interim Financial Reporting* as adopted by the European Union.

The consolidated balance sheet shows total assets of 21,203 million EUR and the consolidated income statement shows a consolidated profit (group share) for the period then ended of EUR 720 million.

The board of directors of the company is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated interim financial information in accordance with IAS 34 – *Interim Financial Reporting* as adopted by the European Union. Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on this consolidated interim financial information based on our review.

Scope of review

We conducted our review of the consolidated interim financial information in accordance with International Standard on Review Engagements (ISRE) 2410 – *Review of interim financial information performed by the independent auditor of the entity*. A review of interim financial information consists of making inquiries, primarily of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters, and applying analytical and other review procedures. A review is substantially less in scope than an audit performed in accordance with the International Standards on Auditing (ISA) and consequently does not enable us to obtain assurance that we would become aware of all significant matters that might be identified in an audit. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on the consolidated interim financial information.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the consolidated interim financial information of Groupe Bruxelles Lambert SA / Groep Brussel Lambert NV has not been prepared, in all material respects, in accordance with IAS 34 – *Interim Financial Reporting* as adopted by the European Union.

Diegem, 30 July 2015

The statutory auditor

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12. Certification of Responsible Persons

Ian Gallienne and Gérard Lamarche, Managing Directors, and William Blomme, Chief Financial Officer, certify, in the name and on behalf of GBL, that to the best of their knowledge:

- The condensed consolidated financial statements for the six months ended 30 June 2015 have been prepared in accordance with IFRS and present a true and fair view of the assets, financial position and results of GBL and its consolidated companies¹;
- The half-year report presents a true and fair view of the business developments, results and position of GBL and its consolidated companies;
- The main risks and uncertainties regarding the remaining months of 2015 are in keeping with the assessment presented in the section 'Risk Management and Internal Control' of GBL's 2014 Annual Report and take into account the current economic and financial environment.

¹ "Consolidated companies" are GBL's subsidiaries within the meaning of Article 6 of the Companies Code.