Bellon SA

Statutory Auditors' report on the consolidated financial statements

For the year ended August 31, 2017

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This is a free translation into English of the Statutory Auditors' report issued in French and is provided solely for the convenience of English speaking readers.

This report includes information specifically required by European regulations or French law, such as information about the appointment of Statutory Auditors.

This report should be read in conjunction with, and construed in accordance with, French law and professional auditing standards applicable in France.

To the Shareholders,

OPINION

In compliance with the assignment entrusted to us by your Shareholders' Meeting, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Bellon SA for the year ended August 31, 2017.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the assets and liabilities and of the financial position of the Group as at August 31, 2017, and of the results of its operations for the year then ended in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as adopted by the European Union.

BASIS OF THE AUDIT OPINION

Audit reference framework

We conducted our audit in accordance with professional standards applicable in France. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

Our responsibilities under these standards are described in the section of this report entitled "Responsibilities of the Statutory Auditors relating to the audit of the consolidated financial statements".

Independence

We conducted our audit in compliance with the applicable independence rules for the period from September 1, 2016 to the date of issue of our report, and in particular we did not provide any services that are prohibited by the Code of Ethics (code de déontologie) for Statutory Auditors in France.

JUSTIFICATION OF OUR ASSESSMENTS

In accordance with the provisions of articles L.823-9 and R.823-7 of the French Commercial Code (code de commerce) relating to the justification of our assessments, we bring to your attention the following matters that, in our professional judgment, were most significant in the audit of the consolidated financial statements:

- the Company has tested goodwill and intangible assets with an indefinite useful life for impairment, and has assessed whether assets with a finite useful life presented an indication of impairment, in accordance with the methods set out in notes 2.8 and 4.9 to the consolidated financial statements.

We have reviewed the methods used for the aforementioned test, as well as the methodology applied to assess value in use based on the present value of future cash flows after tax. We have also reviewed both the documentation prepared for this purpose and the consistency of the data used, particularly the assumptions used to prepare the business plans;

- the provisions for pension and other post-employment benefits as described in notes 2.17 and 4.16 to the consolidated financial statements have chiefly been assessed by independent actuaries. We have reviewed the data and assumptions used by these actuaries as well as their conclusions, and have verified that note 4.16 provides appropriate information.

The aforementioned items are based on estimates and underlying assumptions which are uncertain by nature. As stated in note 2.2 to the consolidated financial statements, actual results may differ materially from such estimates in different conditions.

These assessments were made as part of our audit of the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, and therefore contributed to the opinion we formed as expressed above. We do not express an opinion on individual account captions or on information taken from the consolidated financial statements.

VERIFICATION OF INFORMATION RELATING TO THE GROUP PROVIDED IN THE MANAGEMENT REPORT

As required by law and in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, we have also verified the information presented in the management report of the Executive Board.

We have no matters to report as to its fair presentation and its consistency with the consolidated financial statements.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF MANAGEMENT AND THOSE CHARGED WITH GOVERNANCE RELATING TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Management is responsible for preparing consolidated financial statements presenting a true and fair view in accordance with IFRS as adopted in the European Union, as well as for implementing the internal control procedures it deems necessary for the preparation of consolidated financial statements free of material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the company's ability to continue as a going concern, for disclosing any matters relating to its ability to continue as a going concern and for adopting the going concern basis of accounting, unless it intends to liquidate the company or cease its operations.

The consolidated financial statements were approved by the Executive Board.

RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STATUTORY AUDITORS RELATING TO THE AUDIT OF THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Our role is to issue a report on the consolidated financial statements. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements taken as a whole are free of material misstatement. Reasonable assurance corresponds to a high level of assurance, but does not guarantee that an audit carried out in accordance with professional standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

In accordance with the provisions of article L.823-10-1 of the French Commercial Code, our audit of the consolidated financial statements does not constitute a guarantee of the longer-term viability or quality of the company's management.

As part of an audit performed in accordance with professional standards applicable in France, the Statutory Auditors exercise professional judgment throughout the audit.

They also:

- identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for their opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control;

- evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management and the related disclosures in the notes to the consolidated financial statements;
- conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the entity's ability to continue as a going concern. This conclusion is made on the basis of audit evidence obtained up to the date of the audit report. However, future events or conditions may cause the entity to cease to continue as a going concern. If the Statutory Auditors conclude that a material uncertainty exists, they are required to draw attention in their audit report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are not provided or are inadequate, to issue a qualified opinion or a disclaimer of opinion;
- evaluate the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation;
- obtain sufficient appropriate audit evidence regarding the financial information of the entities or business activities within the group to express an opinion on the consolidated financial statements. The Statutory Auditors are responsible for directing, supervising and performing the audit of the consolidated financial statements as well as for the opinion expressed thereon.

Neuilly-sur-Seine and Paris La Défense, January 15, 2018

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CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017

1 CONSOLIDATED INCOME STATEMENT

(in millions of euro)	Notes	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Revenues	3	20,698	20,245
Cost of sales	4.1	(17,509)	(17,135)
Gross profit		3,189	3,110
Administrative and Sales Department costs	4.1	(1,985)	(2,003)
Other operating income	4.1	40	22
Other operating expenses	4.1	(65)	(42)
Operating profit before share of profit of companies consolidated by the equity method that directly contribute to the Group's business ⁽¹⁾	3	1,179	1,087
Share of profit of companies consolidated by the equity method that directly contribute to the Group's business	3 and 4.8	5	6
Operating profit		1,184	1,093
Financial income	4.2	35	32
Financial expense	4.2	(155)	(170)
Share of profit of other companies consolidated by the equity method	3 and 4.8	4	7
Profit for the period before tax		1,068	962
Income tax expense	4.3	(343)	(330)
Profit for the period		725	632
Of which:			
Attributable to non-controlling interests		486	432
PROFIT ATTRIBUTABLE TO EQUITY HOLDERS OF THE PARENT	<u> </u>	239	200

⁽¹⁾ Including 137 million euro in expenses recorded in Fiscal 2017 in connection with the Adaptation and Simplification program (108 million euro in Fiscal 2016) (see note 2.22.5).

2 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(in millions of euro)	Notes	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Profit for the period		725	632
Components of other comprehensive income that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
	4.10.2 et		35
Change in fair value of available-for-sale financial assets	4.13		1
Change in fair value of cash flow hedge instruments	4.15 et 4.13		(2)
Change in fair value of cash flow hedge instruments reclassified to profit or loss	4.15 et 4.13		- 1
Currency translation adjustment		(260)	(7)
Currency translation adjustment reclassified to profit or loss		(3)	
Tax on components of other comprehensive income that may be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss	4.13		
Share of other components of comprehensive income (loss) of companies consolidated by the equity method, net of tax	4.13 et 4.8	(3)	4
Components of other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified subsequently to profit or loss			
	4.16.1 et		
Remeasurement of defined benefit plan obligation	4.13	72	(211)
Tax on components of other comprehensive income that will not be reclassified			
subsequently to profit or loss	4.13	(21)	31
Total other comprehensive income (loss), after tax		(215)	(183)
COMPREHENSIVE INCOME		510	449
Of which:			
Attributable to equity holders of the parent		164	136
Attributable to non-controlling interests		346	313

3 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

Assets

(in millions of euro)	Notes	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
NON-CURRENT ASSETS			
Property, plant and equipment	4.4	590	604
Goodwill	4.5	5,514	5,534
Other intangible assets	4.6	511	467
Client investments	4.7	547	562
Companies consolidated by the equity method	4.8	89	95
Financial assets	4.10	130	92
Derivative financial instrument assets	4.15	4	11
Other non-current assets	4.11	17	25
Deferred tax assets	4.19	187	287
Total non-current assets		7,589	7,677
CURRENT ASSETS			
Financial assets	4.10	32	44
Derivative financial instrument assets	4.15	7	
Inventories		257	268
Income tax receivable	4.11	185	184
Trade and other receivables	4,11	4,050	3,990
Restricted cash and financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity	4.10	909	799
Cash and cash equivalents	4.12	2,110	1,390
Total current assets		7,550	6,675
TOTAL ASSETS		15,139	14,352

Shareholders' equity and liabilities

(in millions of euro)	Notes	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY			
Share capital		0	0
Additional paid-in capital		285	397
Reserves and retained earnings		642	468
Equity attributable to equity holders of the parent		927	865
Non-controlling interests		2,255	2,332
Total shareholders' equity	4.13	3,182	3,197
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Вопоwings	4.14	3,470	3,154
Derivative financial instrument liabilities	4.15	13	16
Employee benefits	4.16	464	589
Other non-current liabilities	4.18	181	193
Provisions	4.17	93	105
Deferred tax liabilities	4.19	137	149
Total non-current liabilities		4,358	4,206
CURRENT LIABILITIES			
Bank overdrafts	4.12	38	28
Borrowings	4.14	676	82
Derivative financial instrument liabilities	4.15	1	
Income tax payable		104	124
Provisions	4.17	61	89
Trade and other payables	4,18	3,955	3,948
Vouchers payable		2,764	2,678
Total current liabilities		7,599	6,949
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		15,139	14,352

4 CONSOLIDATED CASH FLOW STATEMENT

(in millions of euro)	Notes	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
Operating profit of consolidated companies		1,179	1,087
Elimination of non-cash and non-operating items			
Depreciation, amortization and impairment of intangible assets and property, plant and equipment		281	308
Provisions		(31)	23
Disposal (gains) losses and other non-cash items		(3)	9
Dividends received from companies consolidated by the equity method		11	11
Interest paid		(138)	(160)
Interest received		22	33
Income tax paid		(271)	(314)
Operating cash flow		1,050	997
Change in working capital from operating activities		(15)	(57)
Change in inventories		(13)	(1)
Change in trade and other receivables		(196)	(76)
Change in trade and other payables		179	(64)
Change in vouchers payable		149	132
Change in financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity		(134)	(48)
Net cash provided by operating activities		1,035	940
INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Acquisitions of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		(309)	(345)
Disposals of property, plant and equipment and intangible assets		19	25
Change in client investments	4.7	(16)	(76)
Change in financial assets and share of companies consolidated by the equity method		(38)	(47)
Acquisitions of subsidiaries		(257)	(38)
Disposals of subsidiaries		(11)	(4)
Net cash used in investing activities		(612)	(485)
FINANCING ACTIVITIES			(12.2)
Dividends paid to parent company shareholders	4.13	(11)	(11)
Dividends paid to non-controlling shareholders of consolidated companies		(220)	(221)
Purchases of treasury shares	4.13		(155)
Increase in share capital		1	
Acquisition of non-controlling interests in consolidated companies		(339)	(438)
Dispositions of non-controlling interests in consolidated companies		24	63
Proceeds from borrowings	4.14	1,118	162
Repayment of borrowings	4.14	(147)	(548)

Net cash provided by/(used in) financing activities		426	(1,148)
CHANGE IN NET CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		849	(693)
Net effect of exchange rates and other effects on cash		(139)	19
Net cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period		1,362	2,036
NET CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, END OF PERIOD	4.12	2,072	1,362

5 CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY

						Total share	eholders' e	quity
(in millions of euro)	Shares Share outstanding capital		Treasury shares	Reserves and comprehensive income	•	holders of	Non- controlling interests	
Notes	4.13		4.13	4.13				
Shareholders' equity as of August 31, 2015	25,710	397		795	(164)	1,028	2,427	3,455
Profit for the period				200		200	432	632
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				(62)	(2)	(64)	(119)	(183)
Comprehensive income				138	(2)	136	313	449
Dividends paid		_		(13)		(13)	(224)	(237)
Treasury share transactions			(135)			(135)	(20)	(155)
Share-based payment (net of income tax)				19		19		19
Change in ownership interest without any change of control				(171)		(171)	(166)	(337)
Other ⁽¹⁾				1		1	2	
Shareholders' equity as of August 31, 2016	25,710	397	(135)	769	(166)	865	2,332	3,197
Profit for the period				239		239	486	725
Other comprehensive income (loss), net of tax				17	(92)	(75)	(140)	(215)
Comprehensive income				256	(92)	164	346	510
Dividends paid				(9)		(9)	(235)	(244)
Capital reduction by cancelling treasury shares	(1,455)	(112)	112					
Share-based payment (net of income tax)				15		15	28	43
Change in ownership interest without any change of control				(105)		(105)	(213)	(318)
Other ⁽¹⁾				(3)		(3)	(3)	(6)
Shareholders' equity				(9)		(0)	(0)	(5)

⁽¹⁾ Including the effects of hyperinflation and the recognition of put options written over non-controlling interests other than in connection with business combinations.

NOTES TO THE CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Bellon SA is a société anonyme (a form of limited liability company) domiciled in France, with its headquarters located in Issy-Les-Moulineaux since May 23rd, 2016.

For the purpose of this document, "Bellon" refers to Bellon SA, "the Group" refers to Bellon SA together with the Sodexo group, and "Sodexo" or "the Sodexo Group" refers to Sodexo SA and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Bellon SA's consolidated financial statements were finalized by its Executive Board and submitted to its Supervisory Board on December 28, 2017. They will be submitted to the Annual Shareholders' Meeting on May 29, 2018.

1. SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

In September 2016, the Sodexo Group acquired Inspirus LLC (Benefits and Rewards Services) – an employee engagement services specialist based in the United States – and in October 2016 it acquired PSL Ltd (On-site Services a leader in fresh food procurement for the hospitality industry in the United Kingdom. Also during Fiscal 2017 the Sodexo Group acquired Xpenditure in Belgium and iAlbatros in Poland (Benefits and Rewards Services) in March 2017 and Prestige Nursing Ltd in the United Kingdom (On-site Services) in April 2017. In addition, the Sodexo Group purchased a 45% non-controlling interest in Mentor Technical Group in Puerto Rico (On-site Services). The impact of the acquisitions on the consolidated financial statements is detailed in note 4.22.

As part of the share repurchase program launched by the Board of Directors of Sodexo, during Fiscal 2017 the Sodexo Group purchased 2,910,690 of its own shares, representing 1.9% of its share capital, for 300 million euro. On June 14, 2017, Sodexo SA carried out a capital reduction by canceling these shares.

As part of the Sodexo Group's debt restructuring process begun in August 2016, on September 29, 2016 Sodexo SA redeemed in advance 108 million US dollars of its March 2011 US private placement. On October 14, 2016, it carried out a new bond issue comprising 600 million euro worth of bonds redeemable in April 2027, and topped up this issue with an additional 200 million euro worth of bonds on August 1, 2017. These refinancing transactions have enabled the Sodexo Group to reduce its average cost of borrowings and extend the overall maturity of its debt.

On November 16, 2016, Bellon SA held an Extraordinary Shareholder's Meeting in order to reduce its capital from 411,360 euros to 388,080 euros by cancellation of 1,455 shares with a face value of 16 euros. Article 7 of the Company bylaws has been amended accordingly.

2. ACCOUNTING POLICIES

2.1 Basis of preparation of the financial statements

2.1.1 Basis of preparation of financial information for Fiscal 2017

The consolidated financial statements of the Group have been prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) as issued by the International Accounting Standards Board (IASB) and approved by the European Union as of the period end, in order to be in compliance with the framework applied by the Sodexo Group, which is required to comply with European Regulation 1606/2002 of July 19, 2002. A comprehensive list of the accounting standards adopted by the European Union is available for consultation on the European Commission website at http://ec.europa.eu/internal_market/accounting/ias/index_en.htm. Bellon S.A. prepares financial statements as of and for the same year-end as its subsidiary Sodexo.

Information for the comparative year presented has been prepared using the same principles.

The IFRS application dates as approved by the European Union have been the same as those for the IFRS standards published by the IASB for the Company's past three fiscal years. Consequently, any differences between the two sets of standards arising out of delays in approval by the European Union had no impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

2.1.2 New accounting standards and interpretations required to be applied

The new standards, interpretations and amendments whose application was mandatory for the Group effective for the fiscal year beginning September 1, 2016 had no material impact on the Group's consolidated financial statements.

2.1.3 Accounting standards and interpretations issued but not yet applicable

The Group has not elected to early adopt any standards, interpretations or amendments not required to be applied in Fiscal 2017.

The Group has not applied any IFRSs that had not yet been approved by the European Union as of August 31, 2017.

The Group is currently analyzing the impacts of applying IFRS 15, "Revenue from Contracts with Customers", IFRS 9, "Financial Instruments" and IFRS 16, "Leases".

IFRS 9 – Financial Instruments, applicable by the Group as from September 1, 2018.

The main potential impact for the Group of Phase I of IFRS 9 ("Classification and Measurement") relates to available-for-sale equity instruments. Under IFRS 9, they must be recognized at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized either in other comprehensive income or profit or loss. Phase II of the standard ("Impairment") introduces a new "expected loss" impairment model which will replace the existing "incurred loss" impairment model. Work is currently under way to build the Group's impairment loss matrix. The impact of Phase II is not expected to be significant in view of the Group's current methodology for recognizing impairment losses and the Group's financial aggregates. Phase III of IFRS 9 ("Hedge Accounting") is also not expected to have a significant impact as the Group applies rarely hedge accounting.

IFRS 15 – Revenue from Contracts with Customers, applicable by the Group as from September 1, 2018.

The Group is currently analyzing the impacts of applying this standard which will replace IAS 18 and IAS 11. It has already carried out an initial phase of identifying its various revenue streams and has started work on analyzing representative contracts within its various segments and regions. This work is intended to enable the Group to determine whether it needs to make any changes to its current revenue recognition methods.

 IFRS 16 – Leases, applicable by the Group as from September 1, 2019, provided that the standard has been adopted by the European Union.

IFRS 16 eliminates the current dual accounting model for lessees, which distinguishes between on-balance sheet finance leases and off-balance sheet operating leases. All leases will have to be on balance-sheet by recognizing the present value of the lease payments over the expected lease term and a corresponding right-of-use asset. Short-term leases and leases of low-value assets are exempted from this requirement. The Group has begun the work of collecting the data of the leases in place in its various business segments and geographic regions and is in the process of analyzing the impact of applying IFRS 16.

2.2 Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires Group and subsidiary management to make estimates and assumptions which affect the amounts reported for assets, liabilities and contingent liabilities as of the date of preparation of the financial statements, and for revenues and expenses for the period.

These estimates and valuations are updated continuously based on past experience and on various other factors considered reasonable in view of current circumstances, and are the basis for the assessments of the carrying amount of assets and liabilities.

Actual results may differ substantially from these estimates if assumptions or circumstances change.

Significant items subject to such estimates and assumptions include the following:

- impairment of current and non-current assets (notes 4.9 to 4.11);
- fair value of derivative financial instruments (note 4.15);
- provisions and litigation (notes 4,17 and 4.27);
- valuation of post-employment defined benefit plan assets and liabilities (note 4.16);
- · recognition of deferred tax assets (note 4.19);
- share-based payment (note 4,21);
- valuation of goodwill and intangible assets acquired as part of a business combination, as well as their estimated useful lives (note 4.22).

2.3 Principles and methods of consolidation

2.3.1 Intragroup transactions

Intragroup transactions and balances, and unrealized losses and gains between Group companies, are eliminated. Unrealized losses are eliminated in the same way as unrealized gains, unless they represent an impairment loss.

2.3.2 Consolidation methods

A subsidiary is an entity directly or indirectly controlled by Bellon SA. The Group controls a subsidiary when it is exposed, or has rights to obtain variable benefits from its involvement with the subsidiary and has the ability to influence those benefits through its power over the subsidiary. In determining whether control exists, voting rights granted by equity instruments are taken into account only when they give the Group substantive rights. The financial statements of subsidiaries are included in the consolidated financial statements from the date on which control is obtained to the date on which control ceases to be exercised.

Associates are companies in which Bellon SA directly or indirectly exercises significant influence over financial and operating policy without exercising exclusive or joint control. Joint ventures are joint arrangements in which Bellon SA directly or indirectly exercises joint control and has rights to the net assets of the arrangement. Associates and joint ventures are consolidated by the equity method. The Group has a number of equity interests in project companies established in connection with Public-Private Partnership (PPP) contracts. These contracts enable governments to call upon the private sector for the design, construction, financing and management of public infrastructure (hospitals, schools, barracks, prisons), with detailed performance criteria. An analysis is performed for each of these equity interests, in order to determine whether they qualify as associates or joint ventures.

The Group only makes equity and subordinated debt investments in such projects when it acts as a service provider to the project company.

Further information on the main entities consolidated as of August 31, 2017 is provided in note 6.

2.3.3 Foreign currency translation

The exchange rates used are derived from rates quoted on the Paris stock exchange and other major international financial markets,

2.3.3.1 FOREIGN CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS

Monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies at the period end are translated using the closing rate. The resulting translation differences are reported in financial income or expense.

Non-monetary foreign-currency assets and liabilities reported at historical cost are translated using the exchange rate at the date of the transaction. Non-monetary assets and liabilities reported at fair value are translated using the exchange rate at the date when the fair value was determined.

Transactions for the period are translated at the exchange rate at the transaction date.

Translation differences on monetary items that are in substance part of a net investment in a foreign operation consolidated by Sodexo are reported in other comprehensive income until the disposal or liquidation of the investment.

2.3.3.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS DENOMINATED IN FOREIGN CURRENCIES

Countries with stable currencies

The separate financial statements of each consolidated entity are presented on the basis of the primary economic environment (functional currency) in which the entity operates.

For consolidation purposes, all foreign-currency assets and liabilities of consolidated entities are translated into the reporting currency of the Group (the euro) at the closing exchange rate, and all income statement items are translated at the average exchange rate for the period. The resulting translation differences are recognized in other comprehensive income under "Currency translation adjustment".

Countries with hyperinflationary economies

For these countries, the difference between profit or loss for the period translated at the average rate and profit or loss for the period translated at the closing rate is recognized in financial income or expense.

Subsidiaries operating in Venezuela

At the end of calendar 2009, Venezuela joined the list of countries considered hyperinflationary according to the criteria in IAS 29. Consequently, with effect from the fiscal year ended August 31, 2010, for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements the Group applied the specific accounting requirements of this standard to the transactions of its subsidiaries operating in Venezuela that use the local currency as their functional currency.

Effective from Fiscal 2010, the Group decided to no longer use the official exchange rate published by the Venezuelan government, and instead to use the exchange rate corresponding to its best estimate of the exchange rate at which cash from its operations in Venezuela could be repatriated. In February 2015, the Venezuelan government announced that it was setting up a new foreign exchange platform called SIMADI (Marginal Currency Exchange System), and in March 2016 another new platform was put in place, called DICOM. In mid-July 2015, the Group decided to transition to these new platforms and started trading on DICOM in Fiscal 2016. As of August 31, 2017 and August 31, 2016, the Group's best estimate of the exchange rate at which it could repatriate cash from its

operations in Venezuela corresponded to the closing exchange rate quoted on DICOM. The exchange rate used for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2016 was therefore 1 US dollar = 645 bolivars (1 euro = 718 bolivars), and for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2017 it was 1 US dollar = 3,250 bolivars (1 euro = 3,843 bolivars).

2.4 Business combinations and goodwill

The purchase method is used to account for acquisitions of subsidiaries by the Group. Fair value of the consideration corresponds to the fair value of assets acquired, equity instruments issued by the purchaser and liabilities assumed as of the date of the acquisition. Costs directly related to the acquisition are expensed as incurred in the income statement.

On initial consolidation of a subsidiary or equity interest, the Group measures all identifiable elements acquired at fair value at the acquisition date, in the currency of the acquired entity.

Changes to the measurement of identifiable assets and liabilities resulting from specialist valuations or additional analysis may be recognized as adjustments to goodwill if they are identified within one year of the date of acquisition and result from facts and circumstances existing at the acquisition date. Once this one year period has elapsed, the effect of any adjustments is recognized directly in the income statement (unless it is the correction of an error), including recognition of deferred tax assets which are recognized in the income statement as a tax benefit if recognized more than one year after the acquisition date. Goodwill arising on the acquisition of associates and joint ventures is included in the value of the equity method investment.

Goodwill is not amortized, but is subject to impairment tests immediately if there are indicators of impairment, and at least once per year. Impairment test procedures are described in note 2.8. Goodwill impairment losses recognized in the income statement are irreversible.

2.4.1 Goodwill

Any residual difference between the fair value of the consideration transferred (for example the amount paid), increased by the amount of the non-controlling interest in the acquired company (measured either at fair value or its share in the fair value of the identifiable net assets acquired) and the fair value as of the date of acquisition of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed, is recognized as goodwill in the statement of financial position.

The Group measures non-controlling interests on a case-by-case basis for each business combination either at fair value or based on their percentage interest in the fair value of identifiable net assets acquired.

2.4.2 Bargain purchases

When the fair value of the assets acquired and the liabilities assumed as of the acquisition date is greater than acquisition cost, increased by the amount of any non-controlling interest, the excess – representing negative goodwill – is immediately recognized in the income statement in the period of acquisition, after reviewing the procedures for the identification and measurement of the different components included in the calculation.

2.4.3 Transactions in non-controlling interests

Changes in non-controlling interests, in the absence of either assumption or loss of control, are recognized in shareholders' equity. In particular, when additional shares in an entity already controlled by the Group are acquired, the difference between the acquisition cost of the shares and the share of net assets acquired is recognized in equity attributable to equity holders of the parent. The consolidated value of the assets and liabilities of the subsidiary (including goodwill) remains unchanged.

2.4.4 Purchase price adjustments and/or earn-outs

Purchase price adjustments and/or earn-outs related to business combinations are recognized at their fair value as of the date of acquisition even if they are considered to be not probable. After the date of acquisition, changes in estimates of the fair value of price adjustments lead to an adjustment to goodwill only if they occur within the time period allowed (a maximum of one year as of the date of acquisition) and if they result from facts and circumstances that existed at the acquisition date. In all other cases, the change is recognized in profit or loss except when the consideration transferred consists of an equity instrument.

2.4.5 Step acquisitions

In a step acquisition, the fair value of the Group's previous interest in the acquired entity is measured at the date that control is obtained and is recognized in profit or loss. In determining the amount of goodwill recognized, the fair value of the consideration transferred (for example the price paid) is increased by the fair value of the interest previously held by the Group.

2.5 Intangible assets

Separately acquired intangible assets are initially measured at cost. Intangible assets acquired in connection with a business combination and which can be reliably measured, are controlled by the Group and are separable or arise from a legal or contractual

right, are recognized at fair value separately from goodwill. Subsequent to initial recognition, intangible assets are measured at cost less accumulated amortization and impairment losses.

Intangible assets other than certain trademarks having an indefinite useful life are considered to have finite useful lives, and are amortized by the straight-line method over their expected useful lives:

Integrated management software	3-7 years
Other software	3-5 years
Patents and licenses	2-10 years
Client relationships	3-20 years
Other intangible assets	3-20 years

Acquired trademarks with a finite useful life are generally amortized over a period of less than ten years. Trademarks that the Group considers as having an indefinite useful life (notably based on criteria relating to their durability and name recognition) are not amortized.

In view of the legal characteristics of French commercial leases, lease rights are considered as having an indefinite useful life and are not amortized.

The cost of licenses and software recognized in the statement of financial position comprises the costs incurred in acquiring the software and bringing it into use, and is amortized over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Subsequent expenditures on intangible assets are capitalized only if they increase the expected future economic benefits associated with the asset to which they relate. Other expenditures are expensed as incurred.

2.6 Property, plant and equipment

Property, plant and equipment are measured at cost less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses, except for land, which is measured at cost less accumulated impairment losses. Cost includes expenditures directly incurred to acquire the asset, and in some cases may also include estimated unavoidable future dismantling, removal and site remediation costs.

Subsequent expenditures are included in the carrying amount of the asset, or recognized as a separate component, if it is probable that the future economic benefits of the expenditures will flow to the Group and the cost can be measured reliably. All other repair and maintenance costs are recognized as expenses during the period in which they are incurred, except costs incurred to improve productivity or extend the useful life of an asset, which are capitalized.

Items of property, plant and equipment are depreciated over their expected useful lives using the component-based approach, taking account of their residual value. The straight-line method of depreciation is regarded as the method that most closely reflects the expected pattern of consumption of the future economic benefits embodied in items of property, plant and equipment.

The useful lives generally used by the Group are:

Buildings	20-30 years
General fixtures and fittings	3-10 years
Plant and machinery	3-8 years
Motor vehicles	4 years
Boats and pontoons (depending on the component)	5-15 years

The residual values and useful lives of items of property, plant and equipment are reviewed and, if necessary, adjusted at each period end

The carrying amounts of items of property, plant and equipment are tested for impairment if there is an indication that an item has become impaired.

2.7 Leases

Finance leases, under which substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of an asset are transferred to the Group, are accounted for as follows:

- at inception of the lease term, the leased asset is recognized as an asset at the lower of fair value or the present value of the minimum lease payments;
- the corresponding liability is recognized in borrowings;

• lease payments are apportioned between the finance charge and the reduction of the outstanding liability so as to produce a constant periodic rate of interest on the remaining balance of the liability.

An asset held under a finance lease is depreciated over its estimated useful life, or if there is no reasonable certainty that the lessee will obtain ownership by the end of the lease term, over the shorter of the lease term and its useful life.

Leases under which the lessor retains substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the asset are treated as operating leases. Payments made under operating leases are expensed as an operating item on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

2.8 Impairment of assets

2.8.1 Impairment of assets with finite useful lives

Property, plant and equipment and intangible assets with finite useful lives are tested for impairment if there is any indication of impairment. Impairment losses are recognized in the income statement, and may be reversed subsequently.

2.8.2 Impairment of assets with indefinite useful lives

Goodwill and other intangible assets considered to have an indefinite useful life (such as certain trademarks) are tested for impairment whenever there is an indication of impairment, and at least annually, in the last quarter of the fiscal year. The results of the impairment tests are then confirmed using data as of August 31st.

2.8.2.1 CASH GENERATING UNITS

Assets that do not generate cash inflows that are largely independent of those from other assets, and hence cannot be tested for impairment individually, are grouped together in Cash Generating Units (CGUs).

Impairment tests are performed at the level of the CGU or group of CGUs corresponding to the lowest level at which goodwill is monitored by the Group.

Prior to Fiscal 2017, goodwill was monitored at a level corresponding to one of the Group's main business activities, with the On-site Services activity further segmented into geographic regions.

Since Fiscal 2017, following the Group's new organizational structure (see note 3), goodwill is now monitored at a level which corresponds to one of the Group's two main business activities, with the On-site Services activity further segmented into operating segments:

- On-site Services: Corporate Services, Energy & Resources, Government Agencies, Sports & Leisure, Other non-segmented activities, Health Care, Seniors, Schools and Universities;
- Benefits and Rewards Services.

Goodwill is not tested for impairment at a higher level than the operating segments before aggregation for segment reporting.

The assets allocated to each CGU or group of CGUs comprise:

- goodwill, which is allocated when the CGU or group of CGUs is likely to benefit from the business combination;
- · other intangible assets, property, plant and equipment, client investments and net working capital.

Reallocation of On-site Services goodwill by operating segment as of September 1, 2016

In view of the changes made to the Group's operating segments as of September 1, 2016, goodwill has been reallocated to the newly-identified CGUs and groups of CGUs based on a relative value similar to that which would be used if the Group were to sell an activity within a CGU. In order to carry out this reallocation, the previous groups of CGUs (corresponding to geographic regions) were split into operating segments based on the discounted future cash flows included in the five-year business plan for each operating segment and a relative value was then determined for the goodwill to be allocated to each operating segment. Since Fiscal 2017, goodwill impairment testing has been carried out at the level used to monitor goodwill for internal management purposes, which corresponds to the newly-identified operating segments, before aggregation for segment reporting.

The changes in segment reporting and the reallocation of goodwill did not give rise to any goodwill impairment in Fiscal 2017 and did not have any impact on the Benefits and Rewards Services activity.

2.8.2.2 INDICATIONS OF IMPAIRMENT

The main indicators that a CGU may be impaired are a significant decrease in the CGU's revenues and operating profit or material changes in market trends.

2.8.2.3 METHODS USED TO DETERMINE THE RECOVERABLE AMOUNT

An impairment loss is recognized in the income statement when the carrying amount of an asset or CGU is greater than its recoverable amount.

Recoverable amount is the greater of:

- fair value less costs to sell, i.e., the amount obtainable from the sale of an asset (net of selling costs) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date; and
- value in use, which is the present value of the future cash flows expected to be derived from continuing use and ultimate disposal
 of the asset or CGU.

The value in use of a CGU or group of CGUs is estimated using after-tax cash flow projections based on business plans and a terminal value calculated by extrapolating data for the final year of the business plan. Business plans generally cover one to five years. These plans have been drawn up for each operating segment resulting from the Group's new organizational structure as described in note 3.

Management both at Group and subsidiary levels prepares operating profit forecasts on the basis of past performance and expected

The growth rate used beyond the initial period of the business plans reflects the growth rate of the operating segment concerned, taking into account the geographic regions in which the operating segment conducts business.

Expected future cash flows are discounted at the weighted average cost of capital calculated for the Group. For certain CGUs or groups of CGUs a premium is added to the weighted average cost of capital in order to reflect the greater risk factors affecting certain countries in which the operating segment concerned conducts business.

The growth and discount rates used for impairment tests during the period are provided in note 4.9.

2.8.2.4 RECOGNITION OF IMPAIRMENT LOSSES

An impairment loss recognized with respect to a CGU is allocated initially to reducing the carrying amount of any goodwill allocated to that CGU, and then to reducing the carrying amount of the other assets of the CGU in proportion to the carrying amount of each asset.

2.8.3 Reversal of impairment losses

Impairment losses recognized with respect to goodwill cannot be reversed.

Impairment losses recognized with respect to any other asset may only be reversed if there is an indication that the impairment loss is lower or no longer exists. The amount reversed is based on the new estimates of the recoverable amount.

The increased carrying amount of an asset resulting from the reversal of an impairment loss cannot exceed the carrying amount that would have been determined for that asset had no impairment loss been recognized.

2.9 Client investments

Some client contracts provide for a financial contribution by the Group. For example, the Group may participate in financing the purchase of equipment or fixtures on the client site that are necessary to fulfill service obligations, or it may make a financial contribution that will be recovered over the life of the contract. These assets are generally amortized over a period of less than 10 years, but may be amortized over a longer period depending on the contract duration. The amortization is recognized as a reduction to revenues over the life of the contract.

In the cash flow statement, changes in the value of these investments are presented as a component of investing cash flows.

2.10 Inventories

Inventories are measured at the lower of cost or net realizable value. Cost is determined by the FIFO (First In First Out) method.

2.11 Trade and other receivables

Trade and other receivables are initially recognized at fair value, and are subsequently measured at amortized cost less impairment losses recognized in the income statement.

Impairment is recognized when there is objective evidence of the Group's inability to recover the full amount due under the initial contract terms. The impairment recognized represents the difference between the carrying amount of the asset and the discounted future cash flow, estimated using the initial effective interest rate. The resulting impairment loss is recognized in the income statement.

2.12 Financial instruments

Financial assets and liabilities are recognized in the statement of financial position on the transaction date, which is the date when the Group becomes a party to the contractual provisions of the instrument.

The fair values of financial assets and derivative instruments are generally determined on the basis of quoted market prices or of valuations carried out by the depositary bank.

2.12.1 Financial assets

Financial assets are measured and recognized in three main categories:

- Available-for-sale financial assets include equity investments in non-consolidated entities, marketable securities with maturities
 greater than three months, and restricted cash. They are measured at fair value, with changes in fair value recognized in other
 comprehensive income. When an available-for-sale financial asset is sold or impaired, the cumulative fair value adjustment
 recognized in other comprehensive income is transferred to the income statement. For securities listed on an active market, fair
 value is considered to equal market value. If no active market exists, fair value is generally determined based on appropriate
 financial criteria for the specific security. If the fair value of an available-for-sale financial asset cannot be reliably measured, it is
 recognized at cost.
- Loans and receivables include financial and security deposits, and loans to non-consolidated entities. These financial assets are
 recognized in the statement of financial position at fair value and subsequently at amortized cost, which is equivalent to acquisition
 cost as no significant transaction costs are incurred in acquiring such assets. They are tested for impairment if there is an indication
 that they may be impaired, and an impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of the asset is greater than its estimated
 recoverable amount.
- Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss include other financial assets held for trading and acquired for the purpose
 of resale in the near term. Subsequent changes in the fair value of these assets are recognized in financial income or expense in
 the income statement.

2.12.2 Derivative financial instruments

The Group's policy is to finance the majority of acquisition costs insofar as possible in the currency of the acquired entity, generally at fixed rates of interest.

Derivative financial instruments are initially recognized at fair value in the statement of financial position. Subsequent changes in the fair value of derivative instruments are recognized in the income statement, except in the case of instruments that qualify as Cash Flow Hedges.

For Cash Flow Hedges, the necessary documentation is prepared at inception and updated at each period end. Gains or losses arising on the effective portion of the hedge are recognized in other comprehensive income, and are not recognized in the income statement until the underlying asset or liability is realized. Gains or losses arising on the ineffective portion of the hedge are recognized in the income statement

The fair value of these derivative instruments is generally determined based on valuations provided by the bank counter-parties.

2.12.3 Commitments to purchase non-controlling interests

As required by IAS 32, the Group recognizes commitments to purchase non-controlling interests as a liability within borrowings in the consolidated statement of financial position. Commitments to purchase non-controlling interests given in connection with business combinations are recognized as follows:

- · the liability arising from the commitment is recognized in other borrowings at the present value of the purchase commitment;
- · the corresponding non-controlling interests are cancelled;
- additional goodwill is recognized for the balance.

2.12.4 Bank borrowings and bond issues

All borrowings, including bank credit facilities and overdrafts, are initially recognized at the fair value of the amount received less directly attributable transaction costs.

Subsequent to initial recognition, borrowings are measured at amortized cost using the effective interest method. The effective interest rate is the rate that discounts estimated future cash payments or receipts through the expected life of a financial liability to the net carrying amount of that liability. The calculation includes the effects of transaction costs, and of differences between the issue proceeds (net of transaction costs) and reimbursement value.

2.13 Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise current bank account balances, cash on hand and short-term cash investments in money-market instruments which either have an initial maturity of less than three months at the moment of purchase or may be withdrawn at any time at a known cash value with no material risk of loss in value.

2.14 Borrowing costs

Borrowing costs directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying non-current asset are included in the cost of that asset. Borrowing costs that are not directly attributable to the acquisition, construction or production of a qualifying non-current asset are recognized as an expense using the effective interest method.

2.15 Treasury shares

Bellon SA shares held by Bellon SA itself and/or by other Group companies are shown as a reduction in consolidated shareholders' equity at their acquisition cost.

Gains and losses on acquisitions and disposals of treasury shares are recognized directly in consolidated shareholders' equity and do not affect profit or loss for the period.

2.16 Provisions

A provision is recognized if the Group has a legal or constructive obligation at the period end and it is probable that settlement of the obligation will require an outflow of resources and the amount of the liability can be reliably measured.

Provisions primarily cover commercial, employee-related and tax-related risks and litigation (other than those related to income tax) arising in the course of operating activities, and are measured using assumptions that take account of the most likely outcomes.

Where the effect of the time value of money is material, the amount of the provision is determined by discounting the expected future cash flows at a pre-tax discount rate that reflects current market assessments of the time value of money and any risks specific to the liability.

A provision for onerous contracts is established where the unavoidable costs of meeting the obligations under a contract exceed the economic benefits expected to be received under it.

2.17 Employee benefits

2.17.1 Short-term benefits

Group employees receive short-term benefits such as vacation pay, sick pay, bonuses and other benefits (other than termination benefits), whose payment is expected within 12 months of the related service period.

These benefits are reported as current liabilities.

2.17.2 Post-employment benefits

The Group measures and recognizes post-employment benefits as follows:

- · contributions to defined-contribution plans are recognized as an expense; and
- · defined benefit plans are measured using actuarial valuations.

The Group uses the projected unit credit method as the actuarial method for measuring its post-employment benefit obligations, on the basis of the national or company-wide collective agreements effective within each entity.

Factors used in calculating the obligation include length of service, life expectancy, salary inflation, staff turnover, and macro-economic assumptions specific to countries in which the Group operates (such as inflation rate and discount rate).

Remeasurements of the net obligation under defined benefit plans, including actuarial gains and losses, differences between the return on plan assets and the corresponding interest income recognized in the income statement, and any changes in the effect of the asset ceiling, are recognized in other comprehensive income and have no impact on profit for the period.

Plan amendments and the establishment of new defined benefit plans result in past service costs that are recognized immediately in the income statement.

The accounting treatment applied to defined benefit plans is as follows:

- the obligation, net of plan assets, is recognized as a non-current liability in the consolidated statement of financial position if the obligation exceeds the plan assets;
- if the value of plan assets exceeds the obligation under the plan, the net amount is recognized as a non-current asset. Plan
 surpluses are recognized as assets only if they represent future economic benefits that will be available to the Group. Where the
 calculation of the net obligation results in an asset for the Group, the amount recognized for this asset may not exceed the present
 value of all future refunds and reductions in future contributions under the plan;
- · the expense recognized in the income statement comprises:
 - current service cost, past service cost, if any, and the effect of plan settlements, all of which are recorded in operating income,
 - the interest expense (income) on the net defined benefit obligation (asset), calculated by multiplying the obligation (asset) by the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit obligation at the beginning of the period.

The Group contributes to multiemployer plans, primarily in the United States. These plans are accounted for as defined contribution plans, as the information provided by the plan administrators is insufficient for them to be accounted for as defined benefit plans (see note 4.16.1.3).

2.17.3 Other long-term employee benefits

Other long-term employee benefits are measured in accordance with IAS 19. The expected cost of such benefits is recognized as a non-current liability over the employee's period of service. Actuarial gains and losses and past service costs arising from plan amendments and the establishment of new plans are recognized immediately in the income statement.

2.18 Vouchers payable

Vouchers payable are recognized as a current liability at fair value, which is the face value of vouchers in circulation or returned to Sodexo but not yet reimbursed to affiliates.

2.19 Share-based payment

Some Group employees receive compensation in the form of Sodexo SA share-based payments, for which payment is made in equity instruments.

The services compensated by these plans are recognized as an expense, with the offset recognized in shareholders' equity, over the vesting period. The amount of expense recognized in each period is determined by reference to the fair value of the equity instruments granted, as of the grant date.

Each year, the Group reassesses the number of potentially exercisable stock options that are expected to vest as well as the number of shares that is likely to be delivered to beneficiaries of free shares based on the applicable vesting conditions. The impact of any change in estimates is recognized in the income statement, with the offset recognized in shareholders' equity.

The features of the Group's share-based payment plans are described in note 4.21.

2.20 Deferred taxes

Deferred taxes are recognized on temporary differences between the carrying amount of an asset or liability and its tax base, using the tax rate that is expected to apply in the period when the asset is realized or the liability is settled, based on tax rates (and tax laws) that are enacted or substantially enacted at the period end.

Deferred taxes are not recognized on the following items:

- initial recognition of goodwill;
- initial recognition of an asset in a transaction that is not a business combination and that affects neither accounting profit nor taxable profit; and
- temporary differences on investments in subsidiaries that are not expected to reverse in the foreseeable future.

Taxes on items recognized directly in shareholders' equity or in other comprehensive income are recognized in shareholders' equity or in other comprehensive income, respectively, and not in the income statement.

Residual deferred tax assets on temporary differences and tax loss carry-forwards (after offset of deferred tax liabilities) are only recognized if their recovery is considered probable.

Deferred tax assets and liabilities are offset if there is a legally enforceable right to set off current tax assets and liabilities and the deferred taxes relate to the same taxable entity and tax authority.

2.21 Trade and other payables

Trade and other payables are measured at fair value on initial recognition, and subsequently at amortized cost.

2.22 Income statement

2.22.1 Income statement by function

The Group presents its income statement by function.

Operating profit comprises the following components:

- gross profit;
- · Administrative and Sales Department costs; and
- · other operating income and expenses.

Other operating income and expenses include amortization and impairment losses on client relationships and trademarks, impairment losses on goodwill, and gains and losses on disposals of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and consolidated subsidiaries.

Operating profit also comprises the Group's share of profit of companies consolidated by the equity method that directly contribute to the Group's business.

2.22.2 Revenues

Revenues reported by the Group relate to the sale of services in connection with the ordinary activities of fully consolidated companies as follows:

- On-site Services: revenues include all revenues stipulated in the contract, taking into account whether the Group acts as principal (the vast majority of cases) or agent;
- Benefits and Rewards Services: revenues include commissions received from clients and affiliates, financial income from the investment of cash generated by the activity, and profits from vouchers and cards not reimbursed.

Revenues are measured at the fair value of the consideration received or to be received, net of discounts and rebates as well as value added tax (VAT) and other taxes. Revenues are recognized when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the Group and these benefits can be measured reliably. No income is recognized if there is significant uncertainty about recoverability of the costs incurred or to be incurred in meeting the service obligation.

Foodservices and other On-site Services revenues are recognized when the service is rendered.

Commissions received from clients in the Benefits and Rewards Services activity are recognized when the vouchers are issued and sent to the client or the cards are credited. Commissions received from affiliates are recognized when the vouchers are reimbursed or the cards are used. Profits from unreimbursed vouchers and cards are recognized based on their expiration date and the deadline for presentation for reimbursement by the affiliate.

2.22.3 Discount Allowances

As part of its food or other material supply contracts with manufacturers and distributors, the Group can earn discounts, rebates, or credits related to the purchases made under those contracts. Vendor Discount Allowances (VDA) are earned by the volume of materials purchased under the contract, by the periodic purchase volumes exceeding certain contractually-defined thresholds, or as fixed amounts in exchange for certain commitments such as vendor exclusivity arrangements. The Group retains VDAs to the extent consistent with its client contracts and applicable law. Our accounting policy for VDAs is as follows:

- VDAs earned on purchases made through Sodexo-managed food or facilities services contracts are recognized as a reduction to Cost of Sales:
- · VDAs earned on purchases made through procurement management services contracts are recognized as Revenues.

VDAs are typically recognized in the period the purchases are made based on the volume of materials purchased in the period and the contractual VDA rate. VDAs earned based on achieving contractually-defined thresholds are recognized at the end of the contractual measurement period if our purchase volumes exceed the defined thresholds. Fixed-amount VDAs are recognized on a straight-line basis over the period of the related commitment.

2.22.4 Income tax expense

In connection with the introduction of the contribution économique territoriale (CET – local economic contribution) under the 2010 Finance Bill in France, which applies to French subsidiaries, Sodexo has elected to recognize in income tax expense the portion of the CET related to the *cotisation sur la valeur ajoutée des entreprises* (tax on corporate value added).

Tax credits that do not affect taxable profit and are always refunded by the French government if they have not been deducted from corporate income tax (including the Competitiveness and Employment Tax Credit (CiCE) introduced in France under the third amended 2012 Finance Bill) are recognized as subsidies and therefore deducted from the expenses to which they relate.

2.22.5 Adaptation and Simplification program

At the beginning of Fiscal 2016, the Group launched an Adaptation and Simplification program covering a period of 18 months. The program has three core aims: further realignment of site level operating expenses, organizational simplification and increased international mutualization. The costs incurred in connection with this program are presented under various operating expense captions in the income statement depending on the functions concerned. In the Group's segment information they are presented in the "Unallocated" column. They correspond mainly to reorganization costs.

2.23 Cash flow statement

The cash flow statement analyzes changes in net cash and cash equivalents, defined as cash and cash equivalents less current bank overdrafts and credit bank balances payable on demand that form an integral component of treasury management.

3. OPERATING SEGMENTS

The segment information presented below has been prepared based on internal management data as monitored by the Group Executive Committee, which is Sodexo's chief operating decision maker: On-site Services and Benefits and Rewards Services.

For On-site Services, since the beginning of Fiscal 2017, revenues and operating profit have been broken down by global client segment rather than geographies to reflect the gradual reorganization of the Group since September 2015. The Group has progressively adapted the way it conducts its On-site Services business, building an organization by global client segment to better support clients wherever they are, both locally and internationally, and by global function to ensure optimized and standardized processes in all service offerings and functional activities. These global client segments meet the definition of operating segments in IFRS 8.

Consequently, the operating segments and groups of operating segments are now as follows:

- On-site Services:
- Business & Administrations, which includes Corporate Services, Energy & Resources, Government & Agencies, Sports & Leisure and other non-segmented activities;
- · Health Care, combined with Seniors;
- · Education, comprising Schools and Universities.
- Benefits and Rewards Services.

The operating segments that have been aggregated carry out similar operations – both in terms of type of services rendered and the processes and methods used to deliver the services – and have similar economic characteristics (notably in terms of the margins they generate).

Segment assets and liabilities are not presented as they are not included in the chief operating decision maker's measurement of segment performance.

No single Group client or contract accounts for more than 2% of consolidated revenues.

3.1 By business segment

Fiscal 2017 (in millions of euro)	On-site Services	Business & Administrations	Health Care & Seniors	Education	Benefits and Rewards Services	Eliminations and corporate expenses	Group total before exceptional expenses	Unallocated ⁽²⁾	Group total
Revenues (third-party)	19,797	10,551	5,007	4,239	901		20,698		20,698
Inter-segment sales (Group)					4	(4)			
TOTAL	19,797	10,551	5,007	4,239	905	(4)	20,698		20,698
Operating profit ⁽¹⁾	1,122	509	332	281	307	(108)	1,321	(137)	1,184

⁽¹⁾ Including share of profit of companies consolidated by the equity method that directly contribute to the Group's business

⁽²⁾ Corresponding to the expenses incurred in connection with the Adaptation and Simplification program (see note 2.22.5)

Fiscal 2016 (in millions of euro)	On-site Services	Business & Administrations	Health Care & Seniors	Education	Benefits and Rewards Services	Eliminations and corporate expenses	Group total before exceptional expenses	Unallocated ⁽²⁾	Group total
Revenues (third-party)	19,470	10,433	4,868	4,169	775		20,245	1	20,245
Inter-segment sales (Group)					5	(5)			
TOTAL	19,470	10,433	4,868	4,169	780	(5)	20,245		20,245
Operating profit ⁽¹⁾	1,062	492	310	260	262	(123)	1,201	(108)	1,093

⁽¹⁾ Including share of profit of companies consolidated by the equity method that directly contribute to the Group's business.

3.2 By significant country

The Group's operations are spread across 80 countries, including two that each represent over 10% of consolidated revenues: France (the Group's home country) and the United States. Revenues and non-current assets in these countries are as follows:

United						
France	States	Other	Total			
2,680	8,675	9,343	20,698			
1,287	3,244	2,631	7,162			
	2,680	France States 2,680 8,675	France States Other 2,680 8,675 9,343			

(1) Property, plant and equipment, goodwill, other intangible assets and client investments

August 3	1, 2016		United		
(in millions	of euro)	France	States	Other	Total
Revenues	s (third-party)	2,712	8,266	9,267	20,245
Non-curre	ent assets ⁽¹⁾	1,308	3,343	2,516	7,167
(1) Property, plant and equipment, goodwill, other intangible assets and client investments.					

⁽²⁾ Corresponding to the expenses incurred in connection with the Adaptation and Simplification program (see note 2.22.5).

3.3 By type of service

Revenues by type of service are as follows:

(in millions of euro)	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Food services	13,632	13,609
Facilities management services	6,165	5,861
Total On-site Services revenues	19,797	19,470
Benefits and Rewards Services	905	780
Eliminations	(4)	(5)
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED REVENUES	20,698	20,245

4. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AS OF AUGUST 31, 2017

4.1 Operating expenses by nature

(in millions of euro)	Fiscal 2017 ⁽³⁾	Fiscal 2016 ⁽³⁾
Depreciation, amortization and impairment losses	(280)	(305)
Employee costs		
Wages and salaries	(7,705)	(7,524)
Other employee costs ⁽¹⁾	(2,320)	(2,260)
Purchases of consumables and change in inventory	(5,751)	(5,796)
Other operating expenses ⁽²⁾	(3,463)	(3,273)
TOTAL	(19,519)	(19,158)

⁽¹⁾ Primarily payroll taxes, but also including costs associated with defined benefit plans (note 4.16), defined contribution plans (note 4.16) and free shares (note 4.21)

⁽²⁾ Other operating expenses mainly include operating lease expenses (317 million euro for Fiscal 2017 and 315 million euro for Fiscal 2016), professional fees, other purchases of consumables, sub-contracting costs and travel expenses.

⁽³⁾ Including 137 million euro in expenses recorded in Fiscal 2017 in connection with the Adaptation and Simplification program (108 million euro in Fiscal 2016).

4.2 Financial income and expense

(in millions of euro)	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Gross borrowing cost ⁽¹⁾	(112)	(122)
Interest income from short-term bank deposits and equivalent	15	17
Net borrowing cost	(97)	(105)
Interest income from loans and receivables at amortized cost	3	3
Other financial income	5	12
Other financial expense ⁽²⁾	(29)	(26)
Net foreign exchange gains/(losses)	6	(5)
Net interest cost on net defined benefit plan obligation	(7)	(5)
Monetary adjustment for hyperinflation	(4)	(4)
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments not qualified for hedge accounting	(3)	(7)
Other ⁽³⁾	6	(1)
Net financial expense	(120)	(138)
Of which financial income	35	32
Of which financial expense	(155)	(170)

⁽¹⁾ Gross borrowing cost represents interest expense on financial liabilities at amortized cost and interest expense on hedging instruments.

4.3 Income tax expense

4.3.1 Income tax rate reconciliation

(in millions of euro)	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Profit for the period before tax	1,068	962
Share of profit of companies consolidated by the equity method	(9)	(13)
Accounting profit before tax	1,059	949
Tax rate applicable to Sodexo SA ⁽¹⁾	34.43%	38.0%
Theoretical income tax expense	(365)	(361)
Effect of jurisdictional tax rate differences	32	61
Additional tax on dividends paid	(11)	(10)
Permanently non-deductible expenses or non-taxable income	45	(8)
Other tax repayments/(charges), net	3	10
Tax loss carry-forwards used or recognized during the period but not recognized as a deferred tax asset in prior periods	12	5
Tax loss carry-forwards arising during the period or prior years but not recognized as a deferred tax asset	(45)	(19)
Actual income tax expense	(329)	(322)
Withholding taxes	(14)	(8)
TOTAL INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(343)	(330)
(d) The bounds included the desired to the desired		

⁽¹⁾ The tax rate includes the temporary surtax introduced in December 2011 for companies whose revenues (or those of the tax group of which they are a member) exceed 250 million euro, payable by Sodexo for the fiscal years ended August 31, 2012 through August 31, 2016.

⁽²⁾ Including, in Fiscal 2017, 11 million euro related to the early redemption of 108 million US dollars worth of a US private placement (21 million euro related to the early redemption of 208 million US dollars in Fiscal 2016) (see note 4.14, "Borrowings").

⁽³⁾ Including, in Fiscal 2017, a gain from the sale of a non-controlling interest in PFIs in the United Kingdom.

4.3.2 Components of income tax expense

(in millions of euro)	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Current income taxes	(327)	(351)
Adjustments to current income tax payable in respect of prior periods	2	(1)
Provision for tax exposures	4	(1)
Utilization of tax credits, tax losses and temporary difference carry-forwards	47	18
Current income taxes	(274)	(335)
Deferred taxes on temporary differences arising or reversing during the period	(48)	(1)
Deferred taxes on changes in tax rates or liability for taxes at new rates	3	(1)
Utilization of tax credits, tax losses and tax loss carry-forwards	(10)	15
Deferred income taxes	(55)	13
ACTUAL INCOME TAX EXPENSE	(329)	(322)

The effective tax rate, calculated on the basis of profit for the period before tax and excluding the share of profit of companies consolidated by the equity method, decreased from 34.8% for Fiscal 2016 to 32.4% for Fiscal 2017.

4.4 Property, plant and equipment

4.4.1 Analysis of property, plant and equipment

The tables below include assets held under finance leases.

(in millions of euro)	Land and buildings	Plant and equipment	Construction in progress and other	Total
Carrying amount – August 31, 2015	72	465	57	594
Increases during the fiscal year	2	177	47	226
Decreases during the fiscal year	(2)	(19)	(2)	(23)
Impairment losses recognized in profit or loss	(1)			(1)
Depreciation expense	(1)	(171)	(17)	(189)
Currency translation adjustment	(1)	(2)	(1)	(4)
Other	2	21	(22)	1
Carrying amount – August 31, 2016	71	471	62	604
Increases during the fiscal year	1	170	52	223
Decreases during the fiscal year		(16)	(2)	(18)
Newly consolidated companies		5		5
Newly deconsolidated companies	(1)	(4)		(5)
Impairment losses recognized in profit or loss		(2)		(2)
Depreciation expense	(9)	(169)	(17)	(195)
Currency translation adjustment	(1)	(12)	(2)	(15)
Other	(4)	17	(20)	(7)
Carrying amount – August 31, 2017	57	460	73	590

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016	
Cost	1,856	1,865	
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(1,266)	(1,261)	
Carrying amount	590	604	

No item of property, plant and equipment is pledged as collateral for a liability,

Depreciation and impairment losses are reported under either cost of sales or Administrative and Sales Department costs.

4.4.2 Analysis of assets held under finance leases

These leases relate mainly to kitchens and kitchen equipment,

			Construction in	
Carrying amount		Plant and	progress and	
(in millions of euro)	Buildings	equipment	other	Total
August 31, 2015	6	14		20
August 31, 2016	5	9		14
August 31, 2017	4	9		13

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Cost	38	40
Accumulated depreciation and impairment	(25)	(26)
Carrying amount	13	14

Maturities of payments under finance leases are provided in note 4.14.5.

4.5 Goodwill

Changes in goodwill were as follows during the fiscal year:

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2016	Increases during the period	Decreases during the period	Currency translation adjustment	August 31, 2017
Corporate Services	1,060	1	(1)	(39)	1,022
Government & Agencies	377		=	(20)	357
Sports & Leisure	65	2		(2)	64
Energy & Resources	293	21		(12)	302
Other non-segmented activities	243	68	(1)	(7)	303
Business & Administrations	2,038	92	(2)	(80)	2,048
Health Care	1,047			(55)	992
Seniors	411	23		(18)	416
Health Care & Seniors	1,458	23		(73)	1,408
Schools	354		(1)	(14)	339
Universities	895			(53)	842
Education	1,249		(1)	(67)	1,181
On-site Services	4,745	115	(3)	(220)	4,637
Benefits and Rewards Services	583	109	(2)	(19)	671
Sodexo	206				206
TOTAL	5,534	224	(5)	(239)	5,514

Increases in goodwill recognized in Fiscal 2017 primarily related to (i) the acquisitions by the Benefits and Rewards Services activity of Inspirus LLC (United States), Xpenditure (Belgium) and iAlbatros (Poland) and (ii) the On-site Services activity's acquisitions of PSL Ltd. and Prestige Nursing Ltd in the United Kingdom and a controlling interest in Doyon (Alaska). Decreases in goodwill recognized during the fiscal year arose from deconsolidations, notably resulting from the sale of Vivabox USA and the divestment of controlling interests in subsidiaries in Angola, Gabon and Saudi Arabia.

4.6 Other intangible assets

The tables below show movements in other intangible assets during Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2017.

(in millions of euro)	Licenses and software	Client relationships, trademarks and other	Total
Carrying amount - August 31, 2015	143	362 ⁽¹⁾	505
Increases during the fiscal year	68	10	78
Decreases during the fiscal year	(2)		(2)
Newly consolidated companies		7	7
Amortization expense	(41)	(77)(2)	(118)
Currency translation adjustment	(2)		(2)
Other	(5)	4	(1)
Carrying amount – August 31, 2016	161	306(1)	467
Increases during the fiscal year	57	21	78
Decreases during the fiscal year	(2)	(3)	(5)
Newly consolidated companies	10	55	65
Amortization expense	(48)	(38)	(86)
Impairment losses recognized in profit or loss		3	3
Currency translation adjustment	(5)	(11)	(16)
Other	2	3	5
Carrying amount – August 31, 2017	175	336 ⁽¹⁾	511

⁽¹⁾ Including trademarks and lease rights with an indefinite useful life for 50 million euro as of August 31, 2017 and 2016.

⁽²⁾ Including amortization of rights related to the Rugby World Cup.

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Cost	1,154	1,064
Accumulated amortization and impairment	(643)	(597)
Carrying amount	511	467

Amortization and impairment losses are reported under either cost of sales or Administrative and Sales Department costs, except for amortization and impairment of client relationships and trademarks, which are recognized in "Other operating expenses".

4.7 Client investments

(in millions of euro)	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016	
Carrying amount - September 1	562	485	
Increases during the fiscal year	111	165	
Decreases during the fiscal year	(95)	(89)	
Currency translation adjustment	(31)	1	
Carrying amount as of August 31	547	562	

4.8 Companies consolidated by the equity method

When the Group is legally or constructively obligated to make payments on behalf of companies consolidated by the equity method, a provision is made under liabilities in the consolidated statement of financial position for its share in the negative shareholders' equity of the said companies (see note 4.17). Changes in the Group's share of the net assets of companies consolidated by the equity method in Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2017 are shown below:

Fiscal 2017					
Joint ventures	Associates	Total	Joint ventures	Associates	Total
81	7	88	55	6	61
88	7	95	65	6	71
(7)		(7)	(10)		(10)
9		9	10	3	13
(2)	(1)	(3)	4		4
(10)	(1)	(11)	(10)	(1)	(11)
(3)	5	2	22		22
(3)		(3)			
				(1)	(1)
72	10	82	81	7	88
79	10	89	88	7	95
(7)		(7)	(7)		(7)
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4.9 Impairment of assets

Accumulated impairment losses recognized against property, plant and equipment and intangible assets (including goodwill) amounted to 15 million euro as of August 31, 2017 (16 million euro as of August 31, 2016), taking into account a net reversal of 1 million euro in Fiscal 2017 (versus a 1 million euro net charge in Fiscal 2016).

Assets with indefinite useful lives were tested for impairment as of August 31, 2017 using the methods described in note 2.8,2.

The main assumptions used were as follows (and any impairment losses were recognized in other operating expenses):

	Fiscal 2017		
	Discount rate ⁽¹⁾	Long-term growth rate ⁽²⁾	
Corporate Services	8.0%	2.3%	
Energy & Resources	8.3%	2.9%	
Government & Agencies	7.6%	2.1%	
Sports & Leisure	7.6%	1.9%	
Health Care	7.5%	2.1%	
Seniors	7.5%	1.9%	
Schools	7.5%	1.9%	
Universities	7.3%	2.0%	
Other non-segmented activities	7.9%	2.1%	
Benefits and Rewards Services	9.1%	3.7%	

⁽¹⁾ The discount rate defined by the Group has been increased for certain operating segments in order to incorporate more significant risk factors affecting certain countries in which the operating segment concerned conducts business.

⁽²⁾ The long-term growth rate serves to calculate the terminal value based on data in management's business plans.

Sensitivity analysis

The Group has analyzed the sensitivity of goodwill impairment test results to different long-term growth rates and discount rates.

- The results of this sensitivity analysis indicated no probable scenario where a change in the discount rate or long-term growth rate
 would result in the recoverable amount of a CGU or group of CGUs becoming less than its carrying amount. In fact, the results of
 the impairment testing demonstrate that even an increase of 200 basis points in the discount rate or a reduction of 200 basis points
 in the long-term growth rate would not result in an impairment of the assets tested for any of the CGUs or groups of CGUs tested.
- The Group also performed a sensitivity analysis on the operational assumptions used in order to determine whether a 5% decrease
 in projected net cash flows over the time period of the business plans prepared by management and in terminal value would result
 in the recognition of an impairment loss in the Group's consolidated financial statements as of August 31, 2017. The results of this
 analysis did not indicate any risk of impairment for any of the CGUs or groups of CGUs.

In addition, the Group is particularly attentive to economic trends in the Sport & Leisure segment, which accounted for approximately 3% of consolidated revenue in Fiscal 2017. Indeed, some of the assets are sensitive to the tourism level, which can be highly impacted by events out of the control of the Group, particularly in France, United-Kingdom and United States. This has been taken into account in the business plans prepared by the management, but actual results may nonetheless differ from business plan estimates if assumptions or conditions change.

4.10 Financial assets

4.10.1 Current and non-current financial assets

	August 31	, 2017	August 31, 2016		
(in millions of euro)	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current	
Available-for-sale financial assets					
Investments in non-consolidated companies					
Cost		61		18	
Impairment		(6)		(6)	
Carrying amount		55		12	
Restricted cash and financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity					
Cost	909		799		
Impairment					
Carrying amount	909		799		
Loans and receivables					
Receivables from investees					
Cost		18		27	
Impairment				(1)	
Carrying amount		18		26	
Loans and deposits					
Cost	34	76	46	63	
Impairment	(2)	(19)	(2)	(9)	
Carrying amount	32	57	44	54	
TOTAL FINANCIAL ASSETS	941	130	843	92	
Cost	943	155	845	108	
Impairment	(2)	(25)	(2)	(16)	
Carrying amount	941	130	843	92	

RESTRICTED CASH AND FINANCIAL ASSETS RELATED TO THE BENEFITS AND REWARDS SERVICES ACTIVITY

Restricted cash of 511 million euro included in "Restricted cash and financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity" primarily includes funds set aside to comply with regulations governing the issuance of service vouchers in France (271 million euro), India (78 million euro), Romania (51 million euro) and China (44 million euro). The funds remain the property of the Sodexo but are subject to restrictions on their use. They may not be used for any purpose other than to reimburse affiliates and must be kept separate from the Sodexo Group's unrestricted cash. Restricted cash is invested in interest-bearing instruments.

Restricted cash and financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity breaks down as follows by currency:

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Euro	386	409
US dollar (USD)	6	4
Brazilian real (BRL)	275	153
Pound sterling (GBP)		13
Other currencies	242	220
TOTAL	909	799

4.10.2 Changes in current and non-current financial assets

(Carrying amount in millions of	August I	ncrease/(decrease)	Changes in scope of		Currency Change translation in fair adjustment Augus	
euro)	31, 2016	during the period	Impairment o	onsolidation	value and oth	er 31, 2017
Available-for-sale financial assets	811	177			(2	24) 964
Loans and receivables	124	(12)	(1)	1		(5) 107
TOTAL	935	165	(1)	1	(2	29) 1,071

(Carrying amount in millions of	August Increase/(decrease)		Changes in scope of	Currency Change translation in fair adjustment August		
euro)	31, 2015	during the period	Impairment consolidation	value	and other	31, 2016
Available-for-sale financial assets	750	50		1	10	811
Loans and receivables	102	26			(4)	124
TOTAL	852	76		1	6	935

4.11 Income tax, trade and other receivables

	A	ugust 31, 2017		August 31, 2016		
(in millions of euro)	Gross amount	Impairment	Carrying amount	Gross amount	Impairment	Carrying amount
Other non-current assets	17		17	25		25
Income tax receivable(1)	185		185	184		184
Advances to suppliers	7		7	9		9
Trade receivables	3,596	(110)	3,486	3,583	(113)	3,470
Other operating receivables	362	(6)	356	365	(5)	360
Prepaid expenses	182		182	151		151
Non-operating receivables	19		19			
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER RECEIVABLES(1)	4,166	(116)	4,050	4,108	(118)	3,990

⁽¹⁾ After deducting sold receivables, notably 71 million euro worth of CICE tax credits that have been derecognized as their sale involved the transfer of substantially all of the risks and rewards related to ownership of the receivables.

The maturities of trade receivables as of August 31, 2017 and August 31, 2016 respectively were as follows:

Breakdown of trade receivables due as of	August 31	, 2017	August 31, 2016		
August 31:	Gross amount Impairment		Gross amount	Impairment	
Less than 3 months past due	422	(9)	520	(11)	
More than 3 months and less than 6 months past due	56	(5)	55	(5)	
More than 6 months and less than 12 months past due	116	(14)	120	(18)	
More than 12 months past due	92	(69)	84	(73)	
TOTAL TRADE RECEIVABLES DUE AS OF AUGUST 31	686	(97)	779	(107)	
TOTAL TRADE RECEIVABLES NOT YET DUE AS OF AUGUST 31	2,910	(13)	2,804	(6)	
TOTAL TRADE RECEIVABLES AS OF AUGUST 31	3,596	(110)	3,583	(113)	

During the fiscal years presented, the Group was not affected by any significant change resulting from client bankruptcies. In addition, given the geographic dispersion of the Group's activities and the wide range of client industries, there is no material concentration of risks in individual receivables due but not written down.

4.12 Cash and cash equivalents

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Marketable securities	420	353
Cash ⁽¹⁾	1,690	1,037
Total cash and cash equivalents	2,110	1,390
Bank overdrafts	(38)	(28)
TOTAL	2,072	1,362

⁽¹⁾ Including 25 million euro allocated to the liquidity contract signed with an investment services provider, which complies with the Code of Conduct drawn up by the French financial markets association (Association française des marchés financiers – AMAFI) and approved by the French securities regulator (Autorité des Marchés Financiers – AMF), for the purpose of improving the liquidity of Sodexo shares and the regularity of the quotations.

Marketable securities comprised:

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Short-term notes	244	152
Term deposits	139	173
Mutual funds and other	37	28
Total marketable securities	420	353

Cash and cash equivalents break down as follows by currency:

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Euro	173	131
US dollar (USD)	642	156
Brazilian real (BRL)	301	236
Pound sterling (GBP)	385	323
Other currencies	571	516
Cash and cash equivalents net of bank overdrafts	2,072	1,362

Approximately 72 % of the Group's cash and cash equivalents, restricted cash and financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity is held with A1- or A2-rated financial institutions.

No significant amount of cash or cash equivalents was subject to any restrictions as of August 31, 2017.

4.13 Statement of changes in shareholders' equity

During the fiscal year, Bellon SA cancelled 1 455 shares Bellon SA (described in note 1. Significant events).

Items recognized directly in other comprehensive income (OCI) (Group share) are shown below:

		Fiscal 2017			Fiscal 2016				
(in millions of euro)	Increase/(decrea se) during the year, pre-tax	Income tax (expense)/bene fit	Increase/(decrea se) during the year, net of tax	Increase/(decrea se) during the year, pre-tax	Income tax (expense)/bene fit	Increase/(decrea se) during the year, net of tax			
Available-for-sale financial assets		_							
Cash flow hedges	(1)		(1)	1		1			
Remeasurements of net defined benefit obligation	25	(7)	18	(74)	11	(63)			
Currency translation adjustment	(92)		(92)	(2)		(2)			
TOTAL OTHER COMPREHENSI VE INCOME (LOSS) (GROUP SHARE)	(68)	(7)	(75)	(75)	11	(64)			

4.14 Borrowings

Changes in borrowings during Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016 were as follows:

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2016	Increases	Repayments	Discounting effects and other	Currency translation adjustment	•	August 31, 2017
Bond issues	1,106	780		3			1,889
Bank borrowings	2,106	331	(131)	(2)	(86)	1	2,219
Finance lease obligations	11	2	(2)				11
Other borrowings	13	7	(16)	10	(1)	14	27
TOTAL EXCLUDING DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	3,236	1,120	(149)	11	(87)	15	4,146
Net fair value of derivative financial instruments	5		2	4	(8)		3
TOTAL INCLUDING DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	3,241	1,120	(147)	15	(95)	15	4,149

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2015	Increases	Repayments	Discounting effects and other	Currency translation adjustment	•	August 31, 2016
Bond issues	1,105			1			1,106
Bank borrowings	2,484	161	(536)	(10)	7		2,106
Finance lease obligations	13	1	(3)				11
Other borrowings	18	1	(6)		1	(1)	13
TOTAL EXCLUDING DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	3,620	163	(545)	(9)	8	(1)	3,236
Net fair value of derivative financial instruments	(32)		(2)	6	33		5
TOTAL INCLUDING DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	3,588	163	(547)	(3)	41	(1)	3,241

4.14.1 Borrowings by currency

	August 31,	2017	August 31, 2016		
(in millions of euro)	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current	
Bond issues					
Euro	13	1,876	9	1,097	
Total	13	1,876	9	1,097	
Bank borrowings ⁽¹⁾					
US dollar	254	1,188	49	1,511	
Euro	403	374	17	529	
Total	657	1,562	66	2,040	
Finance lease obligations					
Euro	3	6	3	6	
Other currencies	1	1	1	1	
Total	4	7	4	7	
Other borrowings ⁽²⁾					
Euro	1	5	1	2	
Other currencies	1	20	2	8	
Total	2	25	3	10	
TOTAL EXCLUDING DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	676	3,470	82	3,154	
Net fair value of derivative financial instruments ⁽³⁾	(6)	9		5	
TOTAL INCLUDING DERIVATIVE FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS	670	3,479	82	3,159	

⁽¹⁾ Including the proceeds of the private bond placements made by the Sodexo Group with US private investors described in note 4.14,3.6 and the commercial paper issued by Sodexo SA described in note 4.14,3,7.

For borrowings other than bond issues, amortized cost is equivalent to historical cost (nominal amount) insofar as no significant transaction costs are incurred.

⁽²⁾ Including 17 million euro as of August 31, 2017 and 8 million euro as of August 31, 2016 corresponding to liabilities recognized in connection with put options written over non-controlling interests in certain subsidiaries.

⁽³⁾ Described in note 4.15

4.14.2 Bond issues

On June 24, 2014, Sodexo SA completed a bond issue structured in two tranches:

- A 600 million euro tranche redeemable at par on January 24, 2022 and bearing interest at an annual rate of 1.75%, with interest payable annually on January 24.
- A 500 million euro tranche redeemable at par on June 24, 2026 and bearing interest at an annual rate of 2.50%, with interest payable annually on June 24.

The effective interest rate is 1.79% for the 600 million euro tranche and 2.54% for the 500 million euro tranche.

Accrued interest on these bonds amounted to 9 million euro as of August 31, 2017.

On October 14, 2016 Sodexo SA carried out a new bond issue comprising 600 million euro worth of bonds redeemable in April 2027 and bearing interest at an annual rate of 0.75%, with interest payable annually on April 14. On August 1, 2017, the Company topped up this issue with an additional 200 million euro worth of bonds.

Accrued interest on these bonds amounted to 4 million euro as of August 31, 2017.

None of the above-described bonds are subject to financial covenants.

4.14.3 Other borrowings

4.14.3.1 EQUITY LINKED SWAP WITH NATIXIS (2015)

On July 10, 2015, Bellon SA signed an Equity Linked Swap agreement (forward sale of Sodexo shares with a swap exchanging changes in interest rates for changes in Sodexo share prices) with Natixis for an amount of 200 million euro with a maturity date of July 15, 2020. This synthetic debt carries floating rate interest. In July 2015 an interest rate swap was put in place bringing the interest rate to 2.385% for the term of the loan.

4.14.3.2 EQUITY LINKED SWAP WITH CACIB (2015)

On June 19, 2015, Bellon SA signed an Equity Linked Swap agreement (forward sale of Sodexo shares with a swap exchanging changes in interest rates for changes in Sodexo share prices) with CACIB for an amount of 150 million euro with a maturity date of June 21, 2019. This synthetic debt carries floating rate interest. In July 2015 an interest rate swap was put in place for the period from August 4, 2016 to June 21, 2019 bringing the interest rate to 1.51% during this period.

4.14.3.3 EQUITY LINKED SWAP WITH SOCIETE GENERALE (2015)

On July 10, 2015, Bellon SA signed an Equity Linked Swap agreement (forward sale of Sodexo shares with a swap exchanging changes in interest rates for changes in Sodexo share prices) with Société Générale for an amount of 150 million euro with a start date of September 10, 2015 and a maturity date of July 15, 2018. This synthetic debt carries floating rate interest. An interest rate swap was put in place bringing the interest rate to 1,203% for the term of the loan.

4.14.3.4 LOANS FOR 165 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS AND THE EQUIVALENT IN EURO OF 50 MILLION U.S. DOLLARS

On June 26, 2012, Bellon SA borrowed 165 million U.S. dollars in a U.S. Private Placement transaction with U.S. investors (U.S.P.P.). This financing was made at a U.S. dollar interest rate of 5,20% and matures in full in February 2022 with amortization of the principal starting in February 2016.

A currency swap was arranged with three banks (CACIB, Natixis and Société Générale) as follows:

- A tranche of 82.5 million U.S. dollars with CACIB at a rate of 4.93%;
- A tranche of 49.5 million U.S. dollars with Natixis at a rate of 4.985%;
- A tranche of 33 million U.S. dollars with Société Générale at a rate of 5.00%.

On June 26, 2012, Bellon SA borrowed the euro equivalent of 50 million U.S. dollars in a U.S. Private Placement transaction with U.S. investors (U.S.P.P.). This financing was made at a euro interest rate of 5.525% and matures in full in February 2022 with amortization of the principal starting in February 2016.

The July 2015 ELS with Natixis, the June 2015 ELS with CACIB, and the July 2015 ELS with Société Générale, as well as the U.S.P.P. financings and the currency swap arrangements all contain terms that are customary for loans of this nature made to a holding company. These conditions mainly include the following:

Bellon SA's holding in Sodexo must not be less than 33.33% of the share capital and voting rights

- no individual or group of individuals acting in concert (within the meaning of Article L.233-10 of the French Commercial Code) other than the reference shareholder shall own, directly or indirectly, more than 50% of the capital or voting rights of Bellon SA
- the ratio of revalued assets to revalued net financial debt must be greater than 2.5 as of August 31 and December 31 each year
- the ratio of dividends to net financial expense must be greater than 1.1 each year
- total net borrowings must be lower than 1.1 billion euro at any point in time
- Sodexo's rating must not be lower than BBB-

As of August 31, 2017, Bellon SA was in compliance with its covenants.

4.14.3.5 JULY 2011 MULTI-CURRENCY CONFIRMED CREDIT FACILITY

On July 18, 2011, the Sodexo Group

contracted a multicurrency credit facility for a maximum of 600 million euro plus 800 million US dollars, with an original maturity date of July 18, 2016. In June 2017, this facility – whose maximum amount has totaled 531 million euro plus 709 million US dollars since July 2015 – was extended until July 2022.

Amounts drawn on this facility carry floating interest indexed on the LIBOR and EURIBOR rates. This credit facility is not subject to any covenants.

No amounts had been drawn down on the facility as of either August 31, 2017 or August 31, 2016.

4.14.3.6 US PRIVATE PLACEMENTS

On September 29, 2016 the Sodexo Group redeemed in advance 108 million US dollars of its March 2011 US private placement.

The features of the Sodexo Group's outstanding private placements as of August 31, 2017 are as follows:

	Principal outstanding	Fixed interest	
Date of the placement	(in millions of US dollars)	rate	Maturity
March 29, 2011	147	4.24%	March 2018
	133	4.85%	March 2021
	74	4.95%	March 2023
TOTAL	354(1)		
March 4, 2014	150	2.71%	March 2019
	150	3.44%	March 2021
	525	3.99%	March 2024
	175	4.14%	March 2026
	100	4.34%	March 2029
TOTAL	1,100		
TOTAL	1,454		

These borrowings are subject to two financial covenants calculated by reference to the Sodexo Group's consolidated financial statements:

- net debt (excluding restricted cash) must not exceed 3.5 times EBITDA (operating profit plus amortization and depreciation) for the past 12 months;
- net assets adjusted for cumulative foreign exchange gains or losses since August 31, 2007 must not be less than 1.3 billion euro.

If the covenants are not respected, the lenders may, with a qualified majority, require early reimbursement of these borrowings.

The Group was in compliance with these covenants as of August 31, 2017, February 28, 2017 and August 31, 2016.

4.14.3.7 COMMERCIAL PAPER

In March 2016, Sodexo SA set up a commercial paper program representing a maximum of 1 billion euro. As of August 31, 2017, 100 million US dollars and 246 million euro of this program had been used, representing a total of 331 million euro (as of August 31, 2016 none of the program had been used).

4.14.4 Interest rates

In order to comply with the Group's financing policy, substantially all borrowings are long term and at fixed interest rates.

As of August 31, 2017, nearly 91% of the Group's borrowings were at fixed rate. The average rate of interest as of the same date was 2.4%. As of August 31, 2016, nearly 100% of the Group's borrowings were at fixed rate. The average rate of interest as of the same date was 3.2%

The bond issues and borrowings from financial institutions described above include customary early redemption clauses. These clauses include cross-default and change-in-control clauses which apply to all of the borrowings.

4.14.5 Maturity of borrowings

August 31, 2017 Carrying amounts	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months and less than 6 months	More than 6 months and less than 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Bond issues		6	7	598	1,278	1,889
Bank borrowings	436	26	195	825	737	2,219
Finance lease obligations	1	1	2	7		11
Other borrowings			2	25		27
TOTAL	437	33	206	1,455	2,015	4,146

Excluding the impact of derivative financial instruments described in note 4.15.

For borrowings expressed in a foreign currency, amounts are translated at the year-end closing rate.

Maturities include interest accrued as of the period end.

Credit facility renewal rights are taken into account in determining maturities.

August 31, 2017 Undiscounted contractual maturities, including payment of future interest not yet due	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months and less than 6 months	More than 6 months and less than 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Bond issues		10	21	714	1,358	2,103
Bank borrowings	436 (1)	30	220	989	811	2,486
Finance lease obligations	1	1	2	8		12
Other borrowings			2	27		29
Impact of derivative financial instruments excluding those related to PPP companies	3	1	3	9		16
TOTAL	440	42	248	1,747	2,169	4,646

Including 80 million euro of the 2015 ELS with Société Générale redeemed in advance in September 2017 (described in note 4.28 Subsequent events)

August 31, 2016 Carrying amounts	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months and less than 6 months	More than 6 months and less than 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Bond issues		7	2		1,097	1,106
Bank borrowings	28	38		1,207(1)	833	2,106

Finance lease obligations	1	1	2	7		11
Other borrowings			3	10		13
TOTAL	29	46	7	1,224	1,930	3,236

Excluding the impact of derivative financial instruments described in note 4,15,

For borrowings expressed in a foreign currency, amounts are translated at the year-end closing rate.

Maturities include interest accrued as of the period end.

Credit facility renewal rights are taken into account in determining maturities,

(1) Original maturity, before taking into account the early redemption carried out in September 2016,

August 31, 2016 Undiscounted contractual maturities, including payment of future interest not yet due	Less than 3 months	More than 3 months and less than 6 months	More than 6 months and less than 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Bond issues		11	12	92	1,170	1,285
Bank borrowings	31	31	32	1,416	944	2,454
Finance lease obligations	1	1	3	7		12
Other borrowings			3	10		13
Impact of derivative financial instruments excluding those related to PPP companies	2	2	1	11		16
TOTAL	34	45	51	1,536	2,114	3,780

4.15 Derivative financial instruments

The fair values of Sodexo's derivative financial instruments are as follows:

Derivative financial instruments (in millions of euro)	IFRS classification	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Currency instruments		3	11
Assets	Trading	6	13
Liabilities	Trading	(3)	(2)
Interest rate instruments(1)		(10)	(16)
Assets	Trading		
Liabilities	Trading	(10)	(16)
Cross-currency swaps ⁽²⁾		4	
Assets	Cash Flow Hedge	5	
Liabilities	Cash Flow Hedge	(1)	
Net derivative financial instruments		(3)	(5)

⁽¹⁾ Relates to an interest rate swap intended to fix the interest rate on synthetic debt resulting from the equity linked swaps described in note 4,14,3,

⁽²⁾ Corresponds to a euro-BRL cross-currency swap with a notional value of 170 million BRL as of August 31, 2017 for which accrued interest of 1 million euro was recognized as a liability as of August 31, 2017.

The face values and fair values of currency instruments and cross-currency swaps are as follows by maturity:

		August 3	I, 2017			August 31	1, 2016	
(in millions of euro)	Less than 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total th	Less an 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total
Currency lender positions	44	87		131	37	84	20	141
Czech crown/Euro	6			6	6	5		11
Polish zloty/Euro	14			14	14			14
Mexican peso/Euro	6	6		12				
US Dollar/Euro	18	81		99	17	79	20	116
Currency borrower positions	(36)	(81)	(6)	(123)	(16)	(67)	(10)	(93)
Pound sterling/Euro	(3)	(14)	(4)	(21)	(4)	(17)	(6)	(27)
Brazilian real/Euro	(23)	(23)		(46)				
Mexican peso/Euro	(7)	(6)		(13)				
Swedish krona/Euro		(18)		(18)	(7)	(13)		(20)
Other	(3)	(20)	(2)	(25)	(5)	(37)	(4)	(46)
TOTAL	8	6	(6)	8	21	17	10	48
Fair value	6	1		7		11		11

The "face value" represents the nominal value of currency hedging instruments, including amounts related to forward agreements. Foreign currency amounts are translated at year-end closing rates.

4.16 Long-term employee benefits

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Net defined benefit plan assets ⁽¹⁾	(3)	(4)
Net defined benefit plan obligation	318	410
Other long-term employee benefits	146	179
Employee benefits	461	585
(1) Included in "Other non-current assets" in the consolidated statement of financial position.		

4.16.1 Post-employment benefits

4.16.1.1 DEFINED CONTRIBUTION PLANS

Under a defined contribution plan, periodic contributions are made to an external entity that is responsible for the administrative and financial management of the plan. Under such a plan, the employer is relieved of any future obligation (the external entity is responsible for paying benefits to employees as they become due and the employer is not required to make additional payments related to prior or current years if the entity does not have sufficient funds).

Contributions to defined contribution plans – which were recognized in operating expenses – were 448 million euro for Fiscal 2017, compared with 430 million euro for Fiscal 2016.

Contributions made by the Group are expensed in the period to which they relate.

4.16.1.2 DEFINED BENEFIT PLANS

The characteristics of the Group's principal defined benefit plans are described below:

- in France, the obligation primarily represents lump-sum benefits payable on retirement if the employee is still with the Company at
 retirement age. These obligations are covered by specific provisions in the consolidated statement of financial position;
- in the United Kingdom, the obligation relates to a complementary retirement plan funded by externally held assets, and calculated on the basis of:
 - for managers working in the private sector, a percentage of final base salary,

- · for managers working on public sector contracts, benefits comparable to those offered in the public sector,
- this plan was closed to new employees effective July 1, 2003 and the level of contributions was increased in order to cover the shortfall in the fund.

The United Kingdom plan is regularly evaluated by the plan's actuary in compliance with UK law. A formal actuarial valuation by the plan's actuary is required to be conducted every three years, and any shortfall identified at that time must be addressed through mutual agreement between the plan's Trustee and Sodexo UK. Following a consultation process with the members of the pension plan carried out with a view to freezing benefit accruals for certain members, an agreement was signed in October 2012 between the plan's Trustee and Sodexo UK whereby from November 1, 2012 the plan would remain open only to employees who transferred to Sodexo UK from the public sector, as Sodexo UK has a legal obligation to pay them certain benefits. As part of the 12-year plan to address the funding shortfall, Sodexo UK also agreed to pay annual contributions of (i) 10 million pounds sterling per year over the five years from January 1, 2013 and (ii) 7.5 million pounds sterling per year over the following seven years. Lastly, in October 2012, Sodexo SA issued a parent company guarantee to the Trustee in order to cover Sodexo UK's obligations in connection with the plan. This guarantee is for up to 100 million pounds sterling for a duration of 12 years. On completion of the most recent valuation of the fund in July 2016, Sodexo UK and the Trustee agreed to keep unchanged the amount of contributions and the terms and conditions of the parent company guarantee as set in October 2012.

In Continental Europe other than France, the main defined benefit plans are as follows:

- In the Netherlands, certain employees are entitled to complementary retirement or early retirement benefits.
 - In Fiscal 2016 Sodexo negotiated an agreement to convert its pension plans in the Netherlands from defined benefit to defined contribution plans as from January 1, 2016. The entitlements accumulated up until that date under the plans in their previous defined benefit form have been frozen and the plans are still accounted for as defined benefit plans in view of the related indexation commitments given by Sodexo. These plans are fully funded.
- In Italy, there is a legal obligation to pay a lump-sum retirement benefit ("TFR").

Changes in the present value of the defined benefit plan obligation and the fair value of plan assets are shown below:

	F	iscal 2017		F	iscal 2016		
	Benefit	Plan	Net benefit	Benefit	Plan	Net benefit	
	obligation	assets	obligation	obligation	assets	obligation	
As of September 1	1,440	(1,034)	406	1,220	(984)	236	
Expense/(income) recognized in the income							
statement	43	(18)	25	46	(34)	12	
Current service cost	22		22	22		22	
Past service cost	(4)		(4)	(15)		(15)	
Effect of settlements							
Interest cost/(income)	25	(18)	7	39	(34)	5	
Remeasurement losses/(gains)	(106)	34	(72)	359	(148)	211	
Actuarial losses/(gains) arising from changes							
in demographic assumptions	(16)		(16)	(14)		(14)	
Actuarial losses/(gains) arising from changes							
in financial assumptions	(81)	34	(47)	386	(148)	238	
Experience adjustments	(9)		(9)	(13)		(13)	
Currency translation adjustment	(76)	62	(14)	(141)	122	(19)	
Contributions made by plan members	1_	(1)		1	(1)		
Employer contributions		(20)	(20)		(25)	(25)	
Benefits paid from plan assets	(52)	52		(36)	36		
Benefits paid other than from plan assets	(10)		(10)	(9)		(9)	
Changes in scope of consolidation and other(1)	55	(55)					
AS OF AUGUST 31	1,295	(980)	315	1,440	(1,034)	406	
Of which:							
Partially funded plans	1,160	(980)	180	1,280	(1,034)	246	
Unfunded plans	135		135	160		160	

⁽¹⁾ Including a 53 million euro obligation (and an asset in the same amount) for the retirement benefit obligations in six UK companies for which the client (public sector) contractually bears all the deficit of the plan

The amounts recorded in the income statement for defined benefit plans totaled 25 million euro in Fiscal 2017 (13 million euro in Fiscal 2016) and break down as follows:

- net expense of 8 million euro in Fiscal 2017 (net expense of 3 million euro in Fiscal 2016) in cost of sales;
- net expense of 10 million euro in Fiscal 2017 (net expense of 4 million euro in Fiscal 2016) in Administrative and Sales Department costs:
- net expense of 7 million euro in financial expenses (see note 4.2).

Defined benefit plan assets comprise:

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Equities	145	171
Bonds	14	8
Real estate	68	56
Cash	15	9
Investment funds	304	125
Insurance and other	434	665
TOTAL	980	1,034

Recognized net actuarial gains arising from changes in financial assumptions amounted to 81 million euro (of which 43 million euro in the Netherlands and 11 million euro in Ireland) and were mainly due to an increase in the discount rate. Actuarial gains in the United Kingdom amounted to 11 million euro as the effect of the higher discount rate was partially offset by an increase in the long-term inflation rate.

The following assumptions were used for actuarial valuations for the principal countries as of August 31, 2017 and 2016:

			United	
August 31, 2017	France	Netherlands	Kingdom ⁽⁴⁾	Italy
Discount rate ⁽¹⁾	0.75% - 1.75%	2%	2.5%	0.75%
Salary long-term inflation rate ⁽²⁾	2.25% - 2.75%	1.75%	3.6%	N/A
General long-term inflation rate	1.75%	1.75%	2.1% - 3.1%(3)	1.75%
Net liability (in millions of euro)	83	10	136	23
Average term of the plans (in years)	10	20	21	8

- (1) Discount rates in each country have been adapted to reflect the term of the plans. For the euro zone and United Kingdom, the Group uses discount rates based on yield curves for high quality corporate bonds drawn up by an external actuary.
- (2) The salary inflation rate disclosed includes general inflation.
- (3) Retail price index (RPI): 3.1%; consumer price index (CPI): 2.1% for Fiscal 2017.
- (4) Excluding 53 million euro in retirement benefit obligations in the 6 UK companies (offset by an asset in the same amount).

August 31, 2016	France	Netherlands	United Kingdom	ltaly
Discount rate ⁽¹⁾	0.25% -0.75%	0.75%	2.1%	0.25% -1.5%
Salary inflation rate ⁽²⁾	2.25% -2.75%	2%	3.2%	N/A
General long-term inflation rate	1.75%	1.75%	1.7% - 2.7%(3)	1.75%
Net liability (in millions of euro)	101	15	175	26
Average term of the plans (in years)	11	20	21	8

- (1) Discount rates in each country have been adapted to reflect the term of the plans. For the euro zone, the Group uses the iBoxx indices for AA-rated corporate bonds. For the United Kingdom, the Group uses a discount rate based on a yield curve for high quality corporate bonds drawn up by an external actuary.
- (2) The salary inflation rate disclosed includes general inflation.
- (3) Retail price index (RPI): 2.7%; consumer price index (CPI): 1.7% for Fiscal 2016.

With respect to the assumptions provided in the above table, for Fiscal 2017, and excluding the 53 million euro retirement benefit obligations in the 6 UK companies (offset by an asset in the same amount), a reduction of 1% in the discount rate would increase the gross obligation to 1,520 million euro (compared with 1,242 million euro based on the assumptions used as of August 31, 2017), while a rise of 0.5% in the general long-term inflation rate would increase the gross obligation to 1,342 million euro.

Based on estimates derived from reasonable assumptions, Sodexo will pay 14 million euro into defined benefit plans in Fiscal 2018.

4.16.1.3 MULTIEMPLOYER PLANS

In the USA, as of August 31, 2017, the Company contributed to 24 multiemployer defined benefit pension plans under the terms of collective-bargaining agreements ("CBA") that cover its union-represented employees. The risks of participating in these multiemployer plans are different than those of single-employer plans in the following respects:

- Assets contributed to the multiemployer plan by the Company are used to provide benefits to all beneficiaries of the plan, including beneficiaries of other participating employers,
- If a multiemployer plan is considered to be in "critical" status as defined by the US Pension Protection Act of 2006, the plan will be required to adopt a rehabilitation plan which may require the Company to increase its required contributions to the plan,
- If a participating employer ceases to contribute to the plan, the unfunded obligations of the plan may have to be borne by the Company and the other remaining participating employers, and,
- If the Company ceases to participate in a multiemployer plan, entirely or partially in excess of a threshold, or if substantially all of
 the participating employers of a given plan cease to participate, the Company may be required to pay that plan an amount based
 on the value of unfunded vested benefits of the plan and the Company's pro-rata share of total plan contributions, referred to as
 withdrawal liability.

The Company does not have the ability to account for these multiemployer plans as defined benefit plans because it does not have timely access to information about plan assets, plan obligations, actuarial gains and losses, service costs, and interest costs. As such, the multiemployer plans are accounted for as defined contribution plans.

The Company contributed 12 million euro for US multiemployer defined benefit plans in 2017. Of the contributions made by the Company, 34% and 26% were made to plans considered to be in "critical" status or "endangered" status, respectively, as defined by the US Pension Protection Act of 2006 and per each plan's most-recent notice of plan funding status. Plans are generally considered to be in "critical" status when they are funded at less than 65%, among other factors, and are considered to be "endangered" when they are funded at 65% or more, but at less than 80%, among other factors.

4.16.2 Other employee benefits

Other employee benefits, in the amount of 149 million euro as of August 31, 2017 (179 million euro as of August 31, 2016), mainly comprise a liability related to a deferred compensation program in the United States and obligations relating to long-service awards.

The total expense recognized with respect to these benefits in Fiscal 2017 was 8 million euro (18 million euro in Fiscal 2016), of which 2 million euro (unchanged from Fiscal 2016) related to a deferred compensation program in the United States and was reported in financial expenses.

4.17 Provisions

					Currency		
(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2016	Increases/charges	with	without	translation adjustment and other	scope of	Augus1 31, 2017
Tax and social security exposures	51	3	(4)	(15)	(1)		34
Employee claims and litigation	60	32	(19)	(9)	(1)		63
Contract termination and loss-making contracts	7	s 1	(2)			1	7
Reorganization costs	29	11	(23)	(4)			13
Client/supplier claims and litigation	22	4	(2)	(16)	5		13
Negative net assets of associates*	7						7
Other provisions	18	8		(4)	(2)	(3)	17
TOTAL PROVISIONS	194	59	(50)	(48)	1	(2)	154

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2015 I	ncreases/charges	with	without	Currency translation adjustment and other	Changes in scope of	August 31, 2016
Tax and social security exposures	47	6	(3)	(1)	2		51
Employee claims and litigation	35	37	(10)	(4)	2		60
Contract termination and loss-making contracts	14	2	(9)	(1)	1		7
Reorganization costs	11	34	(12)	(3)	(1)		29
Client/supplier claims and litigation	26	4	(2)	(5)	(1)		22
Negative net assets of associates*	11				(4)		7
Other provisions	27	4	(7)	(6)			18
TOTAL PROVISIONS	171	87	(43)	(20)	(1)		194

Investments in companies consolidated by the equity method that have negative net assets (see note 4.8).

Provisions for exposures and litigation are determined on a case-by-case basis and rely on management's best estimate of the outflows deemed likely to satisfy legal or implicit obligations to which the Group is exposed as of the end of the fiscal year.

Current and non-current provisions are as follows:

(in millions of euro)	August 31	, 2017	August 31, 2016		
	Current	Non-current	Current	Non-current	
Tax and social security exposures	4	30	8	43	
Employee claims and litigation	32	31	32	28	
Contract termination and loss-making contracts	3	4	3	4	
Reorganization costs	9	4	24	5	
Client/supplier claims and litigation	12	1	19	3	
Negative net assets of associates*		7		7	
Other provisions	1	16	3	15	
TOTAL PROVISIONS	61	93	89	105	

4.18 Trade and other payables

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Operating payables	153	164
Non-operating payables	28	29
TOTAL OTHER NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES	181	193
Advances from clients	282	308
Trade payables	2,112	2,024
Employee-related liabilities	1,106	1,112
Tax liabilities	257	251
Other operating payables	81	109
Deferred revenues	97	107
Non-operating payables	19	37
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER CURRENT PAYABLES	3,954	3,948
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	4,135	4,141

Employee-related liabilities mainly include short-term employee benefits.

The Sodexo Group has set up several reverse factoring programs in its main operating countries, which give its suppliers the opportunity of being paid in advance. In practice these programs involve sales of trade receivables to a factor, organized by Sodexo. Relations between the parties concerned are governed by two totally separate contracts:

- The Sodexo Group signs a master agreement with the factor, pursuant to which it undertakes to pay on the scheduled due dates the invoices sold by its suppliers to the factor (which have been approved in advance). Each supplier is free to choose whether or not to sell each of its invoices.
- The Sodexo Group's suppliers can, if they wish, sign a master agreement with the factor enabling them to sell their invoices before
 their scheduled due date, under conditions that take into consideration the Sodexo Group's credit risk.

As of August 31, 2017, the total amount used under these reverse factoring programs was 480 million euro.

Trade payables that have been financed through a reverse factoring program as of the fiscal year-end are still classified as trade payables and included in the total trade payables figure.

ore than 3 months and less than 6 months ore than 6 months and less than 12 months	Carrying amount	Undiscounted contractual value
Less than 3 months	2,775	2,773
More than 3 months and less than 6 months	337	337
More than 6 months and less than 12 months	815	815
More than 1 year and less than 5 years	155	164
More than 5 years	54	62
TOTAL TRADE AND OTHER PAYABLES	4,135	4,150

4.19 Deferred taxes

Movements in deferred taxes were as follows in Fiscal 2017:

			Deferred tax recognized in other		١
(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2016 be	Deferred tax enefit/(expense)	comprehensive income	•	August 31, 2017
Employee-related liabilities	318	(9)	(21)	(20)	268
Fair value of financial instruments	(22)	18		5	1
Intangible assets	(66)	1		(5)	(70)
Other temporary differences	(179)	(50)		11	(218)
Tax loss carry-forwards	87	(15)		(3)	69
TOTAL	138	(55)	(21)	(12)	50
Of which deferred tax assets	287				187
Of which deferred tax liabilities	(149)				(137)

Movements in deferred taxes were as follows in Fiscal 2016:

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2015 be	Deferred tax enefit/(expense)	comprehensive	Currency translation adjustment	August 31, 2016
Employee-related liabilities	212	25	31	50	318
Fair value of financial instruments		(21)		(1)	(22)
Intangible assets	(69)	(2)		5	(66)
Other temporary differences	(110)			(69)	(179)
Tax loss carry-forwards	69	11		7	87
TOTAL	102	13	31	(8)	138
Of which deferred tax assets	232				287
Of which deferred tax liabilities	(130)				(149)

Deferred tax assets arising on tax loss carry-forwards and not recognized because their recovery is not considered probable totaled 258 million euro as of August 31, 2017 (224 million euro as of August 31, 2016), including 6 million euro generated by subsidiaries prior to their acquisition (6 million euro as of August 31, 2016).

Temporary differences on employee-related liabilities relate primarily to post-employment benefits.

The other temporary differences mainly include deferred taxes recognized on the tax deductible portion of the amortization that is recognized on goodwill in certain countries.

4.20 Financial instruments

The table below presents the categories of financial instruments, their carrying amount and their fair value, by item in the consolidated statement of financial position.

The levels used for the classification of financial instruments are as follows:

- · Level 1: Instruments traded on an active market;
- · Level 2: Instruments measured through inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 and that are observable;
- · Level 3: Instruments whose fair value is determined using valuation techniques based on unobservable inputs.

		12	August 3	1, 2017		Fair valu	ie level	
Financial assets (in millions of euro)	Category	Note	Carrying amount	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Marketable securities	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4.12	420	420	37	383		420
Restricted cash and financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity	Available-for-sale financial assets	4.10	909	909	233	676		909
Trade and other receivables	Loans and receivables at amortized cost	4.11	4,050	4,050				
Other financial assets	Available-for-sale financial assets	4.10	55	55				
	Loans and receivables at amortized cost	4.10	107	107				
Derivative financial instrument assets		4.15	11	11		11		11

	August 31, 2017			Fair value level			
Category	Note	Carrying amount	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Financial liabilities at amortized cost	4.14	1,889	1,990	1,990			1,990
Financial liabilities at amortized cost	4.14	2,219	2,260	331	1,928	1	2,260
Financial liabilities at amortized cost	4.14	38	38				
Financial liabilities at amortized cost		38	38				
Financial liabilities at amortized cost	4.18	3,955	3,955				
Financial liabilities at amortized cost		2,764	2,764				
	4.15	14	14		14		14
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			August 31	, 2016		Fair valu	ie level	
Financial assets (in millions of euro)	Category	Note	Carrying amount	Fair value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
Marketable securities	Financial assets at fair value through profit or loss	4.12	353	353	28	325		353
Restricted cash and financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity	Available-for-sale financial assets	4.10	799	799	167	632		799
Trade and other receivables	Loans and receivables at amortized cost	4.11	3,990	3,990				
Other financial assets	Available-for-sale financial assets	4.10	12	12				
	Loans and receivables at amortized cost	4.10	124	124				
Derivative financial instrument assets		4.15	11	11		11		11

			August 31	, 2016		Fair valu	e level	
Financial liabilities			Carrying	Fair				
(in millions of euro)	Category	Note	amount	value	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Total
	Financial liabilities							
Bond issues(1)	at amortized cost	4.14	1,106	1,247	1,247			1,247
y	Financial liabilities							
Bank borrowings	at amortized cost	4.14	2,106	2,205		2,204	1	2,205
	Financial liabilities							
Other borrowings	at amortized cost	4.14	24	24				
	Financial liabilities							
Bank overdrafts	at amortized cost		28	28				
	Financial liabilities							
Trade and other payables	at amortized cost	4.18	3,948	3,948				
	Financial liabilities							
Vouchers payable	at amortized cost		2,678	2,678				
Derivative financial instrument								
liabilities		4.15	16	16		16		16
(1) Fair value is calculated on ti	he basis of listed bond prid	es as of A	August 31, 20	16.				

There were no transfers between the various fair value hierarchy levels between Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2017.

4.21 Share-based payment

4.21.1 Stock option plans

PRINCIPAL FEATURES OF SODEXO STOCK OPTION PLANS

Rules governing stock option plans are as follows:

- · the option exercise price has no discount;
- contractual life of options: 6-7 years.

ESTIMATION OF FAIR VALUE AT DATE OF GRANT

The fair value of options granted and settled by delivery of equity instruments is estimated at the date of grant using a binomial model, which takes into consideration the terms and conditions of grant and assumptions about exercise behavior.

As the options are only exercisable if the beneficiary has remained with the Group for a period of maximum four years as from the grant date, no expense was recorded in Fiscal 2017 in the consolidated financial statements for stock options granted up until December 2011.

MOVEMENTS DURING FISCAL 2017 AND FISCAL 2016

The table below provides the quantity, weighted average exercise price (WAP) and movements of stock options during Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016:

	Fiscal 2	017	Fiscal 2	016
	Number	WAP (in euro)	Number	WAP (in euro)
Outstanding at the beginning of the period	1,016,931	48.43	2,340,544	48.17
Forfeited during the period	(7,755)	48.00	(27,309)	40.96
Exercised during the period	(479,733)(1)	46.28	(1,296,304)(2)	48.11
Outstanding at the end of the period	529,443	50.39	1,016,931	48.43
Exercisable at the end of the period	529,443	50.39	1,016,931	48.43

⁽¹⁾ The weighted average share price at the exercise date of options exercised in Fiscal 2017 was 46,86 euro.

The weighted average residual life of options outstanding as of August 31, 2017 was 0.8 of a year (August 31, 2016: 1.4 years).

The exercise prices and exercise periods for options outstanding as of August 31, 2017 are provided in the table below:

	Start date of	Expiration date of exercise		Number of options outstanding as of August 31,
Date of grant	exercise period	period	Exercise price	2017
December 2010	December 2011	December 2017	48.37 euro	177,050
December 2011	December 2012	December 2018	51.40 euro	292,365
December 2011	December 2012	December 2017	51.40 euro	60,028
TOTAL				529,443

4.21.2 Free share plans

PRINCIPLE FEATURES OF SODEXO FREE SHARE PLANS

Rules governing free Sodexo share plans are as follows:

- Free shares vest only if the beneficiary is still working for the Sodexo Group on the vesting date; in addition, some free share
 grants are subject to a performance condition.
- For the free shares awarded in 2013, 2014 and 2015, for beneficiaries who are French tax residents the vesting period is two years for shares not subject to any performance condition and three years for performance shares, provided in both cases that the beneficiary is still working for the Sodexo Group on the vesting date. For non-French tax residents, the vesting period is four years. Free shares awarded to French tax residents are also subject to a two-year lock-up period as from the vesting date.
- For the free shares awarded in 2016 and 2017, the vesting period for all beneficiaries is four years, with no subsequent lock-up period. In addition, beneficiaries must still be working for the Sodexo Group on the vesting date in order for the shares to vest.
- The proportion of shares subject to a performance condition ranges from 0% to 60% (depending on the total number of shares awarded), except for the shares granted to the Sodexo Group Chief Executive Officer which consist solely of performance shares.

The performance conditions are as follows:

• For the free shares awarded in 2013, 2014 and 2015, the performance condition is based on annual growth in Sodexo Group net income over a three-year period, and a portion of the shares granted to Group Executive Committee members in 2015, on Total Shareholder Return (TSR). TSR is a measure of the performance of a company's shares over time. It combines share price appreciation and dividends paid to show the total return to the shareholder. For the shares subject to this condition to vest, the

⁽²⁾ The weighted average share price at the exercise date of options exercised in Fiscal 2016 was 90.97 euro.

TSR must have increased by at least 20% between August 31, 2014 and the Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the Sodexo Group Fiscal 2017 financial statements, in January 2018;

For the free shares awarded in 2016 and 2017, the performance condition is based on annual growth in consolidated operating profit of the Sodexo Group (before non-recurring items and excluding currency effects) over a four-year period, and, for a portion of the shares granted to Group Executive Committee members and beneficiaries receiving more than 1,000 shares under the 2017 plan, on Total Shareholder Return (TSR). For the shares subject to this condition to vest, Sodexo's TSR must be positive and outperform the CAC 40 GR (Gross Total Return) index, published by Euronext, between (i) January 27, 2016 and the date of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the Fiscal 2019 financial statements for the 2016 plan and (ii) January 25, 2017 and the date of the Annual Shareholders' Meeting called to approve the Fiscal 2020 financial statements for the 2017 plan.

ESTIMATED FAIR VALUE AT DATE OF GRANT

The fair value of Sodexo free shares is estimated at the date of grant based on the Sodexo share price at that date after deductions for dividends on the shares that will not be paid to beneficiaries during the vesting period and, where applicable, a lock-up discount. The lock-up discount is determined based on the cost for the employee of a two-step strategy consisting of selling the shares forward for delivery at the end of the lock-up period and purchasing the same number of shares for immediate delivery, with the purchase financed by a loan, taking into account market inputs.

The fair value of Sodexo free shares subject to a performance condition based on Total Shareholder Return is estimated using a binomial model that takes into account the vesting conditions.

MOVEMENTS IN FISCAL 2017 AND FISCAL 2016

The table below shows movements in Sodexo free shares in Fiscal 2017 and Fiscal 2016:

	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Outstanding at the beginning of the period	2,787,243	2,333,495
Granted during the period	906,845	881,175
Forfeited during the period	(168,841)	(175,545)
Delivered during the period	(724,052)	(251,882)
Outstanding at the end of the period	2,801,195	2,787,243

The weighted average fair value of the Sodexo free shares granted in Fiscal 2017 was 92.56 euro for shares granted in Fiscal 2017 (75.21 euro for shares granted in Fiscal 2016).

The table below shows the grant dates of free shares outstanding as of August 31, 2017, the assumptions used to estimate their fair value at the grant date and the number of free shares outstanding at the period end:

					Risk-free	Loan		Number of shares outstanding
		Vesting	Lock-up	Expected	interest	interest		as of
Date of grant		period (in years)	period		rate		•	August 31,
Date of grant		(III years)	(in years)	(%)	(%)	(%)	(%)	2017
April 25, 2013	International	4	N/A	2.5%	0.6%	6%		4,400
March 11, 2014	International	4	N/A	2.5%	0.8%	5.8%		474,035
April 27, 2015	France	3	2	2.5%	0.1%	5.2%	21%	110,370
April 27, 2015	International	4	N/A	2.5%	0.2%	5.2%	21%	498,080
December 1, 2015	France	2	2	2.5%	0%	4.3%		3,725
December 1, 2015	France	3	2	2,5%	0%	4.3%	22.5%	3,025
December 1, 2015	International	4	N/A	2.5%	0%	4.3%	22.5%	3,350
April 27, 2016	N/A	4	N/A	2.5%	0%	N/A	22%(2)	802,365
September 30,			N/A					
2016	N/A	4		2.5%	0%	N/A	22%(2)	11,950
November 30, 2016	N/A	4	N/A	2.5%	0%	N/A	22%(2)	10,000

April 20, 2017	N/A	4	N/A	2.4%	0%	N/A	18.1% ⁽²⁾	879,895
TOTAL								2.801,195

⁽¹⁾ Applicable for the portion of the 2015 and 2016 free share grants subject to the TSR performance condition. Volatility is determined by reference to the share's historical weighted average volatility over five years and the implicit volatility expected by the market.

4.21.3 Expense recognized during the fiscal year

The expense recognized in the Fiscal 2017 income statement for free shares was 43 million euro (49 million euro in Fiscal 2016).

4.22 Business combinations

The main acquisitions carried out by the Group during the period are set out in note 4.5, "Goodwill". A summarized amount of assets acquired and liabilities assumed at the acquisition dates, measured on a provisional basis as of August 31, 2017, is provided in the table below:

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017
Intangible assets	65
Property, plant and equipment	5
Trade receivables	33
Other current assets	6
Cash and cash equivalents	15
Borrowings	(15)
Other non-current liabilities	(4)
Net deferred tax liabilities	(7)
Other current liabilities	(29)
Total identifiable net assets	69
Goodwill	224
Commitments written over non-controlling interests	(3)
Impact of acquisitions of control of companies consolidated by the equity method	(20)
Consideration transferred	(270)
Cash acquired	15
Change in liabilities related to acquisitions of subsidiaries	(2)
IMPACT ON THE CASH FLOW STATEMENT	(257)

The revenue contribution of acquired companies since their consolidation amounted to 135 million euro in Fiscal 2017.

Intangible assets mainly include customer relationships and trademarks. The amortization periods for these intangible assets have been set by Management at a maximum of 15 years based on the estimated attrition rate for the contracts concerned and the probable useful lives of the trademarks. Goodwill corresponds to the positive difference between the acquisition price and the total fair value of the identifiable net assets.

4.23 Commitments and contingencies

4.23.1 Sureties

As of August 31, 2017, the following guaranties were made in connection with financing arrangements:

- 3,549,403 Sodexo shares were pledged to Natixis,
- 2,157,239 Sodexo shares were pledged to CACIB
- 2,134,881 Sodexo shares were pledged to the U.S. investors in connection with the USD notes

⁽²⁾ Since the 2016 plan, TSR has been determined by reference to the CAC 40 GR index. The volatility used for this index is 35% for the shares granted in 2016 and 18,2% for the shares granted in 2017.

- 609,108 Sodexo shares were pledged to the U.S. investors in connection with the euro notes
- 3,565,995 Sodexo share was pledged to Société Générale

As such, a total of 12,016,626 of the 60,900,485 Sodexo shares held by Bellon SA were pledged.

Commitments arising from surety arrangements (pledges, charges secured against plant and equipment, and real estate mortgages) contracted by Sodexo SA and its subsidiaries in connection with operating activities during Fiscal 2017 are not material.

4.23.2 Operating lease commitments

Outstanding commitments arising in respect of operating leases are as follows:

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Less than 1 year	112	111
1 to 5 years	232	240
More than 5 years	65	75
TOTAL	409	426

These commitments arise under contracts worldwide, the terms of which are negotiated locally. They relate primarily to:

- equipment on sites, office equipment and vehicles for 111 million euro (110 million euro as of August 31, 2016);
- the rent for office premises of 289 million euro (303 million euro as of August 31, 2016), related mainly to the Sodexo's corporate headquarters in Issy-les-Moulineaux (33 million euro) and the offices of Sodexo France (32 million euro) and Sodexo, Inc. (59 million euro).

4.23.3 Other commitments given

(in millions of euro)		August 31, 2016			
	Less than 1 year	1 to 5 years	More than 5 years	Total	Total
Financial guarantees to third parties	1			1	1
Site management commitments	1	2		3	4
Performance bonds given to clients	44	2	133	179	193
Other commitments	15	23	110	148	138
TOTAL	61	27	243	331	336

Financial guarantees to third parties mainly comprise bank subordinated debt commitments under Public-Private Partnership (PPP) contracts (see note 2.3.2.) totaling 1 million euro.

The performance bonds given to clients relate to around twenty sub-contracting contracts where the Group considers that it may be exposed to indemnity payments if it is unable to fulfill the service obligation. These bonds are subject to regular review by the management of the business unit and a provision is recorded as soon as payment under a bond becomes probable. For all other contracts with a performance bond, the Group considers that it would be capable of deploying the additional resources needed to avoid paying compensation under the bond.

The Group also has performance obligations to clients, but regards these as having the essential features of a performance guarantee rather than an insurance contract designed to compensate the client in the event of non-fulfillment of the service obligation (compensation is generally due only where Sodexo is unable to provide alternative or additional resources to fulfill the obligation to the client).

In practice, given its size and geographical reach, the Sodexo Group considers itself capable of providing the additional resources needed to avoid paying compensation to clients protected by such clauses.

At this time, no provision has been recorded in the consolidated statement of financial position with respect to these guarantees.

The "Other commitments" line mainly includes the 12-year guarantee given by Sodexo SA in October 2012 to the Trustee of the UK pension plan (i.e., until October 2024) for a maximum of 100 million pounds sterling in order to cover Sodexo UK's obligations in connection with the plan.

4.24 Related parties

Other transactions with related companies comprise loans advanced, commercial transactions, and off balance sheet commitments involving associates and non-consolidated companies.

	Α	ugust 31, 2017		August 31, 2016
(in millions of euro)	Gross	Impairment Ca	arrying amount	Carrying amount
Loans	78	(1)	77	77
Off-balance sheet commitments		А	ugust 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Financial guarantees to third parties			1	1
			179	193

Transactions	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Revenues	401	430
Operating expenses	(2)	
Financial income and expense, net	3	3

4.25 Compensation, loans, post-employment benefits and other employee benefits granted to members of the Executive and Supervisory boards of Bellon S.A.

(in euro)	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Compensation paid by Bellon S.A. to members of its Executive and Supervisory Boards	999,000	867,833
Directors' fees paid by Bellon S.A. to members of its Executive and Supervisory Boards	210,000	210,000
Directors' fees paid by Sodexo to members of its Board of Directors who are also members of Bellon S.A.'s Executive and Supervisory Boards	179,100	197,500
Compensation and benefits paid by Sodexo subsidiaries to members of Sodexo's Board of Directors who are also members of Bellon S.A.'s Executive and Supervisory Boards	751,569	657,498
TOTAL	2,139,669	1,932,831

These benefits include directors' fees, and all forms of compensation and benefits paid (or earned during the period for offices held) by Bellon SA, Sodexo SA and/or other Sodexo Group companies.

On the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of Sodexo, on November 17, 2015 the Board of Directors of Sodexo decided that as from January 1, 2016, Michel Landel would be remunerated by Sodexo SA instead of Bellon SA, but that no employment contract would be signed between him and Sodexo SA. Consequently, Mr. Landel's employment contract with Bellon SA was terminated but his compensation package remained unchanged.

Sodexo has entered into non-compete clauses with its Group Chief Executive Officer and the members of the Executive Committee of Sodexo with a maximum term of 24 months in order to protect the Group by restricting their freedom to hold a position as employee or director or carry out any consulting work, for any of Sodexo's competitors, either directly or through another legal entity.

4.26 Group employees

The following table shows the breakdown of Group employees:

	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Managers	49,917	53,477

Employees	377,360	372,126
TOTAL	427,277	425,603

4.27 Disputes and litigation

During Fiscal 2017, Sodexo Pass Do Brasil received a tax reassessment notice from the Brazilian tax authorities for fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012 relating to the deductibility for tax purposes of the amortization of goodwill recognized on the purchase of VR in March 2008. The amount of the reassessment totals 121 million euro (breaking down as 39 million euro in principal and 82 million euro in penalties and late payment interest). Sodexo Pass Do Brasil is firmly disputing this reassessment, which the Brazilian tax authorities originally envisaged during a previous tax audit covering fiscal years 2008 and 2009 but then abandoned. The company considers that the goodwill tax amortization concerned was valid, both in terms of its underlying reasons and how it was recorded. Therefore the company considers that there is a strong probability of winning the dispute with the tax authorities, and this has been confirmed by its tax advisors. As a result, no provision was recorded for this dispute in the consolidated statement of financial position as of August 31, 2017. Moreover, the tax saving generated by the tax amortization has been offset in the Sodexo Group's consolidated financial statements by a deferred tax charge in the same amount for each of the years concerned, in accordance with IFRS. As of August 31, 2017, the balance of this deferred tax liability was 79 million euro.

To the best of the Company's knowledge, there have been no governmental, judicial or arbitral proceedings (including any such proceedings which are pending or threatened of which Sodexo is aware) which may have, or have had in the past 12 months, material effects on Sodexo and/or the Sodexo Group's financial position or profitability.

The Sodexo Group is also involved in litigation arising from its ordinary activities. The Sodexo Group does not believe that liabilities relating to such litigation will in aggregate be material to its activities or to its consolidated financial position.

4.28 Subsequent events

Regarding the claims filed with the tax authorities, some of which have been referred to the Administrative Court, Sodexo is disputing the application of the additional 3% tax on dividends paid for Fiscal 2013 to Fiscal 2017. Following a recent decision of France's Constitutional Court on this matter (dated October 6, 2017), Sodexo will be able to recover the amounts paid, which total 43 million euro excluding late payment interest and reduced by the compensatory measures the government intends to apply, which are still in the progress of being estimated. This tax benefit was not recognized by the Group in the Fiscal 2017 financial statements, as the Constitutional Court's decision was handed down after the reporting date.

Since the beginning of Fiscal 2018, several acquisitions have been closed, including the Morris Corporation remote site services business in the mining sector in Australia, with annual revenues of 100 million euro and Kim Yew Electrical & Sanitary in Singapore in Facilities management.

On September 11, 2017, Bellon SA redeemed by anticipation 80 million euro of its ELS with Société Générale carried out in July 2015 of an initial 150 million euro amount. Bellon SA also renegotiated the interest rate of the outstanding balance of its 70 million euro: this rate is now 0.953% until the term of July 15th, 2018.

On November 15, 2017, Sodexo announced the signature of an agreement to acquire Centerplate, Inc. a provider of food and beverage, merchandise and hospitality services at sports facilities, convention centers and entertainment facilities in the United States, the United Kingdom, Canada and Spain, for 675 million US dollars. The deal closed on December 27, 2017.

FREE SHARE GRANTS

On September 14, 2017, the Board of Directors of Sodexo SA decided to grant up to 14,000 shares to certain Group employees. The shares granted under this plan will only vest if the beneficiaries are still working for the Sodexo Group on the vesting date, and some of the share grants are subject to a performance condition.

5. FINANCIAL RISK MANAGEMENT OBJECTIVES AND POLICY

5.1 Exposure to foreign exchange and interest rate risk

The Group's policies are designed to prevent speculative positions. Furthermore, under these policies:

- · substantially all borrowings must be at fixed rates of interest, or converted to fixed-rate using hedging instruments;
- in the context of financing policy, foreign exchange risk on loans to subsidiaries and external financing in a foreign currency must be hedged;
- the maturity of hedging instruments must not exceed the maturity of the borrowings they hedge.

5.1.1 Analysis of sensitivity to interest rates

As of August 31, 2017 and August 31, 2016, a 0.5% increase or decrease in interest rates would have had no material impact on profit before tax or on shareholders' equity as substantially all liabilities at those dates were at a fixed rate of interest.

5.1.2 Analysis of sensitivity to foreign exchange rates and exchange rate exposures on principal currencies

Because the Sodexo Group has operations in 80 countries, all components of the financial statements are influenced by foreign currency translation effects, and in particular by fluctuations in the US dollar. However, exchange rate fluctuations do not generate any operational risk, because each of the Group's subsidiaries invoices its revenues and incurs its expenses in the same currency.

The Group uses derivative instruments to manage the Group's risk exposure resulting from the volatility of exchange rates.

SENSITIVITY TO EXCHANGE RATES

Impact of a 10% appreciation of the exchange rate of the following currencies against the euro (in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017				August 31, 2016			
	Impact on revenues	Impact on operating profit	Impact on profit before tax	shareholders'	Impact on revenues	Impact on operating profit	Impact on profit before tax	impact on shareholders' equity
US dollar (USD)	871	61	42	220	831	50	31	171
Brazilian real (BRL)	110	24	20	82	91	18	17	70
Pound sterling (GBP)	172	6	10	72	201	13	13	64

A 10% increase in the Bolivar/Euro exchange rate would not have had a material impact on the Group's revenues, operating profit, profit before tax or shareholders' equity as of August 31, 2017.

5.2 Exposure to liquidity risk

The nature of the Group's bank borrowings and bond issues as of August 31, 2017 is described in detail in note 4.14.

As of August 31, 2017, more than 87% of the Group's consolidated borrowings was raised on capital markets (83% as of August 31, 2016) and bank financing covered less than 13% of the Group's financing needs (17% as of August 31, 2016). The maturity dates of the main borrowings range between Fiscal 2016 and Fiscal 2029. The Sodexo Group has a multicurrency confirmed credit facility of 531 million euro plus 709 million US dollars which expires in July 2022. No amounts had been drawn down on the facility as of either August 31, 2017 or August 31, 2016.

5.3 Exposure to counterparty risk

Exposure to counterparty risk is limited to the carrying amount of financial assets.

Group policy is to manage and spread counterparty risk. For derivative financial instruments, each transaction with a bank is required to be based on a master contract modeled on the standard contract issued by the French Bankers' Association (AFB) or the International Swaps and Derivatives Association (ISDA).

Counterparty risk relating to customer accounts receivable is immaterial. Due to the Group's geographic and segment spread, there is no concentration of risk on past due individual receivables for which no provision has been recorded. Moreover, the Group has not observed any significant change in impacts relating to customer default during the year.

The main counterparty risk is bank-related. The Group has limited its exposure to counterparty risk by diversifying its investments and limiting the concentration of risk held by each of its counterparties. Transactions are conducted with highly creditworthy counterparties taking into consideration country risk. The Group has instituted a regular reporting of the risk spread between counterparties and of their quality.

To reduce this risk further, in Fiscal 2011 the Sodexo Group implemented an international cash pooling mechanism between its main subsidiaries (with a netting facility), reducing the amount of liquidity held by third parties by concentrating it in the financial holding companies of the Sodexo Group.

The maximum counterparty represents approximately 11% (12% as of August 31, 2016) of the Group's operating cash (including restricted cash and financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity) and is with a banking group whose rating is A-1.

5.4 Policy for managing the Company's capital structure

The Sodexo Group takes a long term view in managing its capital structure, with the objective of ensuring the Sodexo Group's liquidity, optimizing its financial structure and allowing shareholders to benefit from its strong cash flow generation.

Contributing to decisions made may be objectives for earnings per share or estimated future cash flows, or for balancing various components of the consolidated statement of financial position in order to meet the net debt criteria defined by Group management and communicated to the marketplace, notably a net debt to equity ratio of less than 75%. The net debt to equity ratio corresponds to net debt as a proportion of total shareholders' equity (including minority interests), with net debt defined as the difference between gross borrowings and total cash, and total cash defined as cash and cash equivalents plus restricted cash and financial assets related to the Benefits and Rewards Services activity less bank overdrafts.

6. SCOPE OF CONSOLIDATION

Bellon SA holds 40.4% of the capital of Sodexo SA, a French société anonyme headquartered in Issy-les-Moulineaux, France, and 55.8% of voting rights.

Taking into consideration Sodexo SA's treasury shares and the shares held in Bellon SA by the Sodexo group, Bellon SA's interest in Sodexo SA is 35.2%. Summarized financial information for Sodexo is as follows (in millions of euro based on the financial statements prepared in accordance with IFRS – this information is presented at 100%):

(in millions of euro)	2016-2017	2015-2016
Revenues	20,698	20,245
Operating profit ⁽¹⁾	1,189	1,095
Profit for the year	745	661
Comprehensive income	530	478

 Including share of profit of companies consolidated by the equity method that directly contribute to the Group's business

(in millions of euro)	August 31, 2017	August 31, 2016
Non-current assets	7,416	7,498
Current assets	7,458	6,660
TOTAL ASSETS	14,874	14,158
Total shareholders' equity	3,570	3,702
Non-current liabilities	3,885	3,549
Current liabilities	7,419	6,907
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	14,874	14,158

The total amount of dividends paid by Sodexo SA during the fiscal year was 359 million euro, taking into account treasury shares, a dividend of 2.4 euro per share and, as applicable, a dividend premium of 0.24 euro per share.

The main companies consolidated by Sodexo as of August 31, 2017 and presented in the table below together represent over 80% of consolidated revenues, operating profit, profit for the period attributable to equity holders of the parent, and shareholders' equity. The other entities individually represent less than 0.8 % of each of these items.

The first column shows the percentage interest held by the Group, and the second column the percentage of voting rights held by the Group. Percentage interests and percentages of voting rights are only shown if less than 97%.

Companies newly consolidated during the year are indicated by the letter "N".

		% interest	% voting rights	Principal activity	Country
France					
	Sodexo SA			Holding	France
	Sodexo Entreprises (consolidated)			On-site	France
	Sodexo Santé Médico Social			On-site	France
	Société Française de Restauration et Services (consolidated)			On-site	France
	Segsmhi Le Lido			On-site	France
	Sogeres			On-site	France
	Lenôtre SA (consolidated)			On-site	France
	Sodexo Pass France SA			Benefits and Rewards	France
	Crèche Attitude (consolidated)			On-site	France
	Sodexo Pass International SAS			Holding	France

Countr	Principal activity	% voting rights	% interest				
Franc	Holding			Sofinsod SAS			
Franc	Holding			Etin SAS			
					Americas		
Braz	On-site			Sodexo do Brasil Comercial SA (consolidated)			
Braz	Benefits and Rewards			Sodexo Pass do Brasil Serviços E Comércio SA			
Braz	On-site			Sodexo Facilities Services Ltda			
Canad	On-site			Sodexo Canada Ltd (consolidated)			
Chil	On-site			Sodexo Chile SA (consolidated)			
Chil	Benefits and Rewards			Sodexo Soluciones de Motivacion Chile SA			
United State	On-site			Sodexo, Inc. (consolidated)			
United State	On-site			Roth Bros., Inc. (consolidated)			
United State	On-site			Sodexo Remote Sites Partnership			
United State	On-site			Sodexo Remote Sites USA Inc.			
United State	On-site			Sodexo Holdings Inc.			
United State	On-site			CK Franchising Inc.			
United State	On-site			Sodexo Concierge Services Llc			
United State	On-site			Circle Company Associates, Inc.			
United State	Benefits and Rewards			Sodexo Pass USA			
United State	On-site			Denali Universal Services Llc	N (1)		
United State	Benefits and Rewards			Inspirus LLC	N		
United State	Holding			Sodexo Global Services, Llc	,		
					Europe		
German	On-site			Sodexo Services GmbH (consolidated)			
German	On-site			Sodexo Beteiligungs BV & Co. KG			
Belgiur	On-site			Sodexo Belgium SA (consolidated)			
Belgiur	Benefits and Rewards			Imagor SA			
Belgiur	Benefits and Rewards			Sodexo Pass Belgium SA (consolidated)			
Belgiur	Holding			Compagnie Financière Aurore International			
Belgiur	Benefits and Rewards			Xpenditure BV	N		
Spai	On-site			Sodexo Iberia SA (consolidated)			
Ital	On-site			Sodexo Italia SPA (consolidated)			
Netherland	On-site			Sodexo Nederland BV (consolidated)			
Czech Republi	Benefits and Rewards			Sodexo Pass Česka Republika AS			
United Kingdor	On-site			Sodexo Ltd (consolidated)			
United Kingdor	Holding			Sodexo Global Services UK Ltd			
United Kingdor	On-site			Sodexo Investment Services Ltd			
United Kingdor	Benefits and Rewards			Sodexo Travel and Business UK Ltd			
United Kingdor	On-site			Sodexo Holdings Ltd			

		% interest	% voting rights	Principal activity	Country
N	Purchasing Systems Ltd			On-site	United Kingdom
	Sodexo Finance Designated Activity Company			Holding	Ireland
	Sodexo Pass Romania Srl			Benefits and Rewards	Romania
	Sodexo AB			On-site	Sweden
Asia, Pacific, M	iddle East, Africa				
	Sodexo Australia Pty Ltd (consolidated)			On-site	Australia
	Sodexo Remote Sites Australia Pty Ltd			On-site	Australia
	Sodexo Food Solutions India Private Ltd			On-site	India
	Sodexo Shanghaï Management Services			On-site	China
	Sodexo Management Company Ltd Shanghaï			On-site	China
	Sodexo Services Asia			Holding	Singapore
	Teyseer Services Company Llc	49%	49%	On-site	Qatar
	Sodexo FZE			On-site	United Arab Emirates
	Kelvin Catering Services (Emirates) LLC	49%	49%	On-site	United Arab Emirates
(1) Contro	ol obtained during Fiscal 2017, previously consolida	ated by the equ	uity method		

7. AUDITORS' FEES

(in millions of euro excluding VAT)	Pricewaterhou	seCoopers	KPMG	
	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016	Fiscal 2017	Fiscal 2016
Audit of individual company financial statements and consolidated financial statements				
Issuer	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Consolidated subsidiaries	5.5	5.5	3.9	4.0
Total audit services	5.6	5.6	4.0	4.1
Other services				
Issuer				
Consolidated subsidiaries	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.5
Total other services	0.9	0.2	0.4	0.5
Total fees	6.5	5.8	4.4	4.6

