

# **AS MERKO EHITUS** Annual General Meeting of Shareholders

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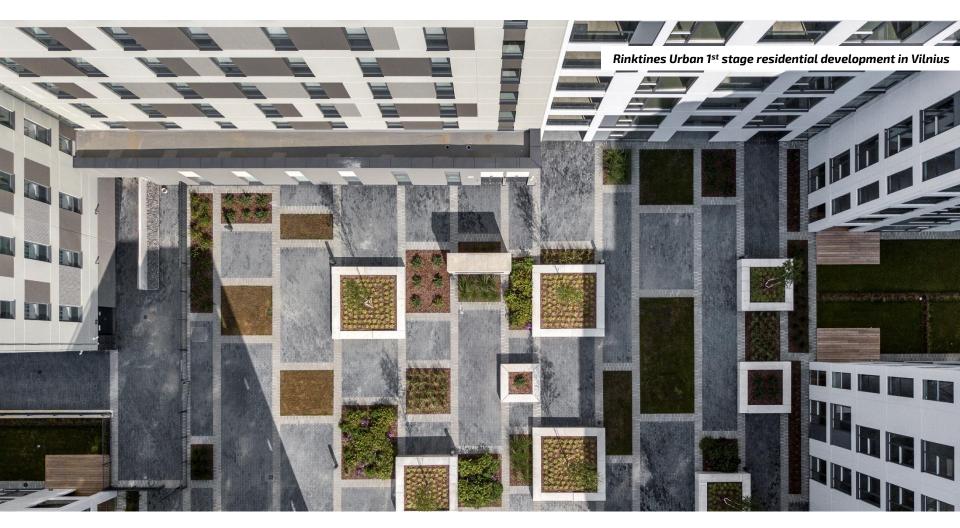




- 1. Approval of the annual report of the year 2018 and overview of the economic results and outlook
- 2. Decision on distribution of profits







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# **Group's Markets and Business Areas 2018**

Regional general contracting and real estate developing company

#### Norway

 Renovation works, building construction

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#### Estonia • Buildir

- Buildings, facilities, electrical and road construction, concrete works
- Real estate development
- Among Top 2 in construction companies

#### Latvia

- Buildings, facilities, electrical construction
- Real estate development
- Among Top 3 in general contracting of buildings

#### Lithuania

- Building construction
- Real estate development
- Among Top 5 in general contracting of buildings



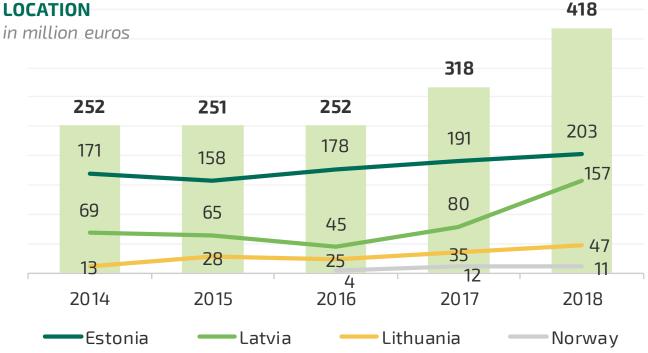
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#### **Continued growth in 2018 revenue.** Largest increase in Latvia 48% of revenue from Estonia and 52% from other markets

# DISTRIBUTION OF GROUP REVENUE BY GEOGRAPHICAL

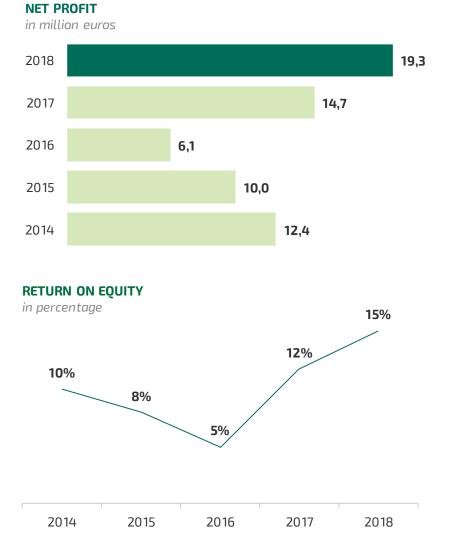


- Revenue growth as expected due to construction contracts of large objects signed in 2015-2017
- 2018 construction volumes were extraordinarily large, compared to the average level of previous years



# **2018 profitability of main operations retained...** ...but also retained high risk in building for clients

- Net profit grew at the same pace as revenue. In 2017 net profit was supported by one-time sales transactions, in 2018 by lower corporate income tax cost.
- Group made profit in all markets.
- Slightly more than half of operating profit came from real estate development, the other half from construction services.
- U We sold Ibis hotel in Vilnius
- Profitability in building for clients continuously under pressure, rise in input prices as well as lack of sub-contractor resources at times a clear problem.
- Group's financial capability remained strong.
- **2018** return on equity 15%.





## 2018 revenue and profit in annual context

Largest revenue in history, largest net profit in 11 years



**GROUP REVENUE AND NET PROFIT** 



# EUR 246m of new construction contracts

#### Secured order book EUR 229m



- Secured order book balance back on average level of previous years
- Less very large project on the market and in our portfolio
- Volume of contracts in civil and road construction somewhat below expectations

<b>2018 LARGEST SIGNED CONTRACTS</b> in million euros	
Lidl logistics centre in Riga Construction contract	43
5 year maintenance and repair works of Tallinn's roads and streets Maintenance contract	26
<b>Pärnu road 186 commercial building in Tallinn</b> Design and construction contract	16
<b>Quadrum office building in Vilnius</b> Construction contract	12
Electric sea cables between mainland and Muhu island (partnership with AS Connecto Eesti) Construction contract	9

In addition many smaller contracts: School building in Vilnius (7.5); in Norway, e.g., Tesla service centre (4.5) and reconstruction of office building (3.6) etc.



## Examples of projects completed in 2018



T1 shopping centre in Tallinn



"Öpiku maja" second office building in Tallinn



Hotel and office complex in Vilnius



Multifunctional building in Riga



# In 2019, group companies have many large objects ongoing and in final stages



Akropole centre in Riga (2019)

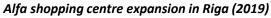


Quadrum office building in Vilnius (2019)



Pärnu road 186 commercial building in Tallinn (2020)







Z-Towers multifunctional centre in Riga (2019)



# In 2018 more than 1000 new apartments launched

Apartment development – group's central business line



---- Apartments launched

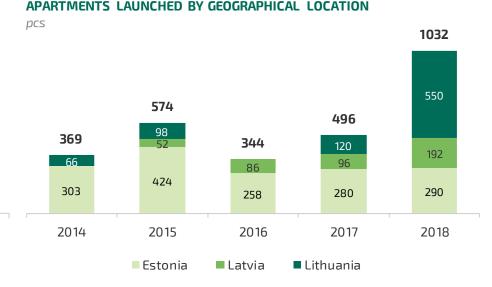
#### INVESTMENTS IN APARTMENT DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND LAND PLOT ACQUISITIONS

in million euros



New land plots (purchase price)

Investments in apartment developments



- Ca 500 new apartments sold.
- □ Construction of more than 1000 new apartments was launched, ca EUR 35m invested.
- Majority of investments to launched apartments to be done in 2019-2020, approximately EUR 100m.
  - I Investments to land plots in Estonia and Latvia EUR 3m. Many additional investments under analysis or negotiations.
  - Ca EUR 55m worth of land plots on balance sheet as at 31.12.2018. Building rights for more than 5000 units.



# Examples of residential development projects in construction



Rand urban villas, Tallinn: 31 apts (2019)

Basteja Life, Vilnius: 77 apts (2019)

Rinktines Urban 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, Vilnius: 187 apts (2020)



Uus-Veerenni residential area 1<sup>st</sup> stage, Tallinn: 137 apts (2019)

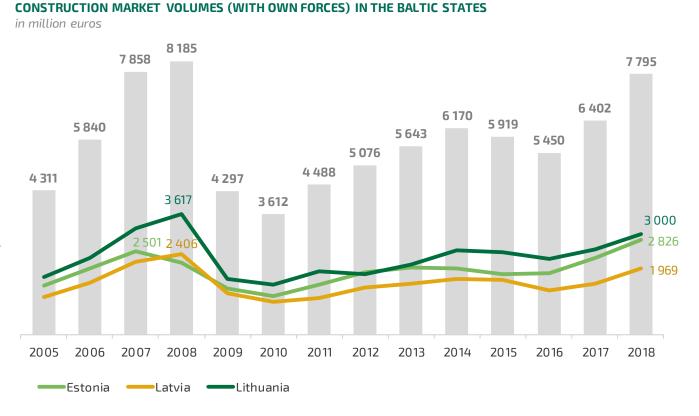
Tähepargi 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> stage, Tartu: 45 apts (2019/2020)



## **Construction market developments**

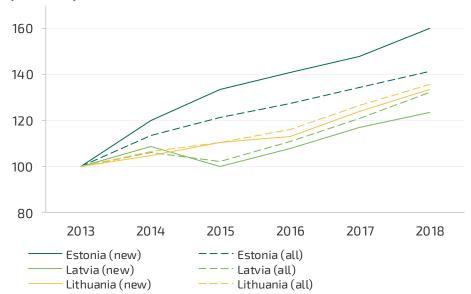
Less orders, but market activity remains reasonable. Countries differ in development. Sub-contractor resource problem to decrease, strong main contractor competition remains.

- Economic growth forecast ca 3%
- Countries differ in development
- Estonia: volume decrease, release of sub-contractor resources, less cost pressure
- Latvia: apartment market higher activity, volumes still low. Other construction more active, cost pressure.
- Lithuania: continued active market in residential and other construction. Costs increasing.
- Rail Baltica? Timing? Volumes?



# merko How do we see the residential real estate market? Towards stabilization

- Developments and expectations largely the same as last year
- Overall sentiment of residential market remains good, bank financing for apartment purchase remains stable
- Increase in apartment prices at the same pace with salary growth
- Demand in Tallinn and Vilnius remains strong, must be ready for stabilization, prolongation of sales periods
- Continued price hike in higher price segment limited; at the same pace with increase in income in medium and lower segment
- Increased variety of options for buyers
- More large integrated developments
- Big question: banks' readiness to finance developments. Competitive edge for developers with strong capitalization.
- Riga real estate market picking up, but development still slow



## NEW AND ALL (dotted line) DWELLINGS HOUSE PRICE INDEX (2013=100)



### **Merko Ehitus Strategic Directions**

Focus on apartment development and construction activity profitability

Focus on current home markets

#### Construction for client:

- □ Finalization of large objects and managing risks
- Preferred partner for private customers who value reliability and quality
- Selective participation in construction tenders. Efficiency of bidding resources.
- Internal efficiency and cost savings, incl. with the help of technology. Continue with expanding the usage area of building information modeling (BIM).
- Flexibility also to construct smaller objects
- Construction tenders for infrastructure facilities

#### **Development of residential real estate :**

- Selling the best apartments of their price range: to cover different segments. Product development, based on pricing
- Continued focus on the capitals of the Baltic states
- □ Integral development concept for large development areas
- Launch 650-700 new apartments and invest ca EUR 60m annually, depending on receiving building permits. 2019 investments higher, due to projects launched in 2018
- Ensuring investment capability



Maakri Kvartal business complex, Tallinn



# **Thank you!**





# **2. Decision on distribution of profits**



# **Proposal for distribution of profits**

The Supervisory Board proposes to:

- I. approve the **net profit** for the financial year 2018 as **EUR 19,342,762**;
- II. pay the shareholders the total amount of EUR 17,700,000 as dividends from net profit brought forward, which totals to **EUR 1.00 per share**;
  - shareholders, entered into the share register of AS Merko Ehitus on
    27 June 2019, at close of the business of the settlement system, will be entitled to dividends;
  - consequently, the day of change of the rights related to the shares (ex-date) is set to 26 June 2019; from this date onwards, the person acquiring the shares will not have the right to receive dividends for the financial year 2018;
  - dividends will be paid to the shareholders on **1 July 2019** by transferring the respective amount to the shareholder's bank account, which is linked to the securities account;
- III. leave the outstanding net profit undistributed.



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