

ATOSS Software AG: Sharply increased pace of growth leading to 13th record year in succession

Provisional figures show that ATOSS Software AG has continued to accelerate its dynamic development in financial year 2018, setting new records for sales and earnings. Consolidated sales were up by a substantial 15 percent at EUR 62.6 million. And despite significant future-oriented investments, ATOSS once again exceeded the excellent development in earnings achieved in previous years: growth in operating profits (EBIT) outstripped the rate of increase in sales, climbing 20 percent to EUR 16.9 million with a margin on sales of 27 percent (previous year 26 percent). Once again ATOSS has performed significantly better than the market in general and clearly exceeded its own forecasts at the beginning of the year.

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ATOSS Software AG reports a highly successful development in business for the thirteenth year in succession. Once again in the past financial year, with its innovative product ideas and state-of-the-art software solutions, the Munich specialist has acquired over 1,000 new customers who have chosen ATOSS as their workforce management partner. Provisional figures reveal a seamless and accelerating continuation in a long series of consistently positive results.

This is reflected in particular in the highly positive development in sales during the past financial year. Software sales in this period were 14 percent higher at EUR 39.4 million (previous year: EUR 34.6 million), equating to 63 percent of the Group's overall turnover (previous year: 63 percent). Software licenses accounted for sales of EUR 13.3 million (previous year: EUR 12.7 million). Growth in the cloud business was particularly strong with turnover rising to EUR 4.2 million, more than double the figure for the year before. The consistent positive trend in software maintenance over many years has also been sustained, with sales climbing 10 percent to EUR 21.9 million (previous year: EUR 19.9 million). Turnover in consulting, too, at EUR 17.7 million (previous year: EUR 14.7 million) was up by 21 percent, well above the figure for the previous year and continuing a trend that has been evident for some years. Hardware sales and other revenues amounted to EUR 4.1 million (previous year: EUR 3.7 million) and EUR 1.4 million (previous year: EUR 1.6 million) respectively.

Despite a marked increase in growth-oriented investments relative to the year before, particularly in R&D, sales and customer services, the return on sales at 27 percent based on EBIT was above Management Board guidance for financial year 2018.

The market for workforce management continues to offer substantial potential for growth. The challenges posed by digitization, new work concepts and an increasingly individualized society are bringing profound and continuous changes to the world of work. As a consequence the demand for workforce management solutions is growing unabated. ATOSS is excellently positioned in this market environment, as demonstrated not least by the successful transformation of the company's business model with the introduction of the cloud business. This in turn contributed to a further increase in the volume of recurring revenues as a proportion of overall turnover in 2018. As a result in addition to its robust and increasing core business, ATOSS can look forward to further potential growth in the dynamically developing cloud segment. This is evident not least from the gratifying development in sales figures. The software component in cloud orders as a proportion of overall software orders received (software licenses and the software component of cloud subscriptions) has doubled year on year, rising from 14 percent to 28 percent. The dynamic demand for cloud solutions helped to underpin the growth in orders for software licenses as well as the software component of cloud subscriptions which climbed 27% to EUR 18.5 million (previous year: EUR 14.6 million). As a result orders on hand for cloud solutions increased markedly to EUR 16.9 million (previous year: EUR 8.7 million). Together with orders on hand for software licenses at EUR 5.5 million (previous year: EUR 5.5 million), this constitutes an excellent foundation for further growth.



In view of the excellent business situation, the Management Board expects to see further record development in the current financial year 2019 with an EBIT margin of approx. 25 percent and will propose that the Supervisory Board in deciding on the appropriation of profits should approve a distribution of EUR 4.00 per share. In line with the policy of previous years this would include a dividend of EUR 1.40 (previous year: EUR 1.17) and a special dividend amounting to EUR 2.60 per share. The recommendations for the appropriation of net income put forward by the Management and Supervisory Boards will be resolved upon at the annual general meeting on April 30, 2019.



CONSOLIDATED OVERVIEW AS PER IFRS: YEAR ON YEAR IN KEUR

	01.01.2018	Proportion of	01.01.2017	Proportion of	Change
	- 31.12.2018	Total sales	- 31.12.2017	Total sales	2018/2017
Teteles	00.044	4000/	54.007	4000/	4.50/
Total sales	62,611	100%		100%	15%
Software	39,371	63%	34,590	63%	14%
Licenses	13,333	21%	12,682	23%	5%
Maintenance	21,866	35%	19,888	36%	10%
Cloud	4,172	7%	2,020	4%	107%
Consulting	17,734	28%	14,712	27%	21%
Hardware	4,082	7%	3,718	7%	10%
Others	1,423	2%	1,587	3%	-10%
EBITDA	17,994	29%	14,879	27%	21%
EBIT	16,917	27%	14,126	26%	20%
EBT	16,789	27%	14,060	26%	19%
Net profit	11,194	18%	9,330	17%	20%
Cash flow	12,610	20%	8,857	16%	42%
Liquidity (1/2)	33,312		27,122		23%
EPS in euro	2.81		2.35		20%
Employees ⁽³⁾	465		417		12%

CONSOLIDATED OVERVIEW AS PER IFRS: QUARTERLY COMPARISON IN KEUR

	Q4/18	Q3/18	Q2/18	Q1/18	Q4/17
Total sales	17,258	15,907	14,926	14,520	14,585
Software	10,984	9,875	9,265	9,248	9,252
Licenses	4,043	3,320	2,897	3,073	3,455
Maintenance	5,654	5,455	5,420	5,337	5,147
Cloud	1,287	1,100	947	838	650
Consulting	4,853	4,430	4,284	4,167	3,922
Hardware	1,124	1,178	1,016	764	1,024
Others	297	424	362	341	387
EBITDA	5,252	4,800	3,849	4,093	4,114
EBIT	4,870	4,575	3,624	3,848	3,920
EBIT margin in %	28%	29%	24%	27%	27%
EBT	4,898	4,500	3,616	3,775	3,950
Net profit	3,176	3,032	2,436	2,550	2,691
Cash flow	-719	8,963	-1,368	5,734	-797
Liquidity ^(1/2)	33,312	34,383	25,862	31,584	27,122
EPS in euro	0.80	0.76	0.61	0.64	0.68
Employees ⁽³⁾	465	448	436	425	417

(1) Cash and cash equivalents, other current and non-current financial assets (sight deposits, gold) as of the qualifying date, adjusted to exclude borrowings (loans)

(2) Dividend of EUR 1.17 per share on 02.05.2018 (kEUR 4,653) and dividend of EUR 1.16 per share on 04.05.2017 (kEUR 4,613) (3) at the end of the quarter/year

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ATOSS Software AG is a provider of consulting, software and services focusing on professional workforce management and demand optimized personnel deployment. From conventional working time management to mobile apps, detailed workforce forecasting, sophisticated workforce scheduling or strategic capacity and demand scheduling, ATOSS has the right solution – in-the-cloud or on-premise. The modular product families are distinguished by maximum functionality and state-of-the-art technology and are entirely platform-independent. ATOSS workforce management solutions are now delivering measurable contributions to greater value creation and competitive strengths for more than 6,500 customers in 42 countries, while at the same time enhancing fair planning and job satisfaction. Customers include enterprises such as ALDI SÜD, Coca-Cola, Deutsche Bahn, Douglas, Edeka, HUK-COBURG, Klinikum Leverkusen, Lufthansa, MEYER WERFT, Schmitz Cargobull, Sixt, Stadt Regensburg, thyssenkrupp Packaging Steel und W.L. Gore & Associates. Weitere Informationen: www.atoss.com

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