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# Q4 2019 Sharp increase in gross profit

	2019				
	2019	2018	Change at current scope & exch. rates	Change at constant scope** & exch. rates (LFL)	
CONSOLIDATED (unaudited)					
Number of shipments	273,875	264,179	+3.7%	+4.1%	
Sales (€m)*	331.3	308.3	+7.4%	+7.4%	
Gross profit (€m)	76.7	68.9	+11.4%	+10.7%	

Q4				
Ch. vs Q4 2018 at current scope & exch. rates	Ch. vs Q4 2018 at constant scope** & exch. rates (LFL)			
+7.3%	+1.1%			
+11.9%	+3.4%			
+20.1%	+11.0%			

<sup>\*</sup> Note: Sales is not a relevant indicator for assessing activity in our business, because it is greatly impacted by changing sea and air freight rates, fuel surcharges, exchange rates (especially versus the \$), etc. Changes in number of shipments, volumes shipped and—in terms of the Group's finances—gross profit are relevant indicators.

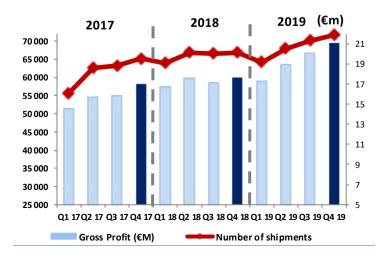
### MARKET REVIEW (2019)

Expected growth in international trade (in value): +1.5% (Euler Hermes forecasts).

Growth in global air freight market (in volume): -3.3% (Source: IATA).

Growth in global sea freight market (in volume): +1/+2%.

Against this backdrop, there was a significant increase in the number of Group shipments in Q4 (+7.3%), boosted by the acquisition of Canada-based Cargolution on 1 October 2019 (+1.1% like-for-like).



<sup>\*\*</sup> Roll on/Roll off: Combined road + sea transport (trailers or trucks on ships)

### Full year performance:

#### Air freight:

Decrease in tonnage (-9.5%) due to declining trade between Asia and Europe but a **sustained increase** in the number of shipments (+5.1%) in particular due to the acquisition of Cargolution (+3% excluding acquisition).

### • Sea freight:

Strong growth throughout the year in the number of containers transported (+9.1%) while the **number of sea freight shipments (+0.2%)** remained stable like-for-like.

### Roll-on/roll-off\*\*:

Sharp increase in the number of shipments (+14.2%) related to the development of trade with North Africa.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Constant consolidation scope: excluding July 2018 Favat acquisition, late October 2018 sale of ECS US and October 2019 Cargolution acquisition.



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Gross profit increased sharply in Q4 (+20.1%) driven by:

- The impact of changes in consolidation scope: +7.7% (Cargolution acquisition on 01/10/19 less ECS US sale on 31/10/18)
- The impact of exchange rates: +1.4%
- Robust business growth like-for-like:
  - o Air: +14.5%
  - Sea: +11.2%
  - o Roll-on/roll-off: +16.7%
  - o Other: +5.4%

The solid increase in gross profit observed throughout the year (+10.7% like-for-like) was driven by robust unit margins and vigorous growth in the US business (+52.1%) and trade with North Africa (+19.3%).

### **BREAKDOWN BY BUSINESS LINE**

	NUMBER OF SHIPMENTS at current scope and exchange rates			GROSS PROFIT (€m) at current scope and exchange rates				
	2019	2018	2019 vs 2018	Q4 2019 vs Q4 2018	2019	2018	2019 vs 2018	Q4 2019 vs Q4 2018
Sea freight	115,858	119,246	-2.8%	+0.4%	33.5	30.5	+9.8%	+15.5%
Air freight	85,607	81,437	+5.1%	+10.7%	25.4	23.5	+8.2%	+24.3%
RORO*	46,374	40,596	+14.2%	+7.4%	8.5	7.2	+19.3%	+16.7%
Other	26,036	22,900	+13.7%	+28.2%	7.1	5.9	+20.3%	+33.0%
TOTAL FORWARDING & LOGISTICS	273,875	264,179	+3.7%	+7.3%	74.5	67.0	+11.2%	+20.4%
LOG System					3.2	2.8	+13.7%	+16.9%
Consolidation entries					-1.0	-1.0	NS	NS
TOTAL CONSOLIDATED					76.7	68.9	+11.4%	+20.1%

<sup>\*</sup> Roll-on/roll-off

		VOLUMES				
	2019	2018	2019 vs 2018	Q4 2019 vs Q4 2018		
Sea freight	217,530 TEUs*	199,473 TEUs*	+9.1%	+8.7%		
Air freight	62,865 T**	69,466 T**	-9.5%	+5.9%		

<sup>\*</sup> Twenty-foot equivalent units

### Q4 2019 HIGHLIGHTS

- Ongoing integration of Canada-based Cargolution Inc. acquired on 1 October 2019
- Phase 2 deployment (USA, Japan, India, Vietnam, Italy) of new-generation finance software (accounting, reporting, planning & cash management) integrating two new applications, Workday & Kyriba.
- Signing on 27 November 2019 of an initial syndicated loan for a total amount of €60.8m with a pool of 8 banks.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Tons



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### 2020 OUTLOOK

#### Market

The health crisis related to the coronavirus pandemic is expected to impact growth in international trade during the first months of the year, with subsequent catch-up likely.

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CLASQUIN will be impacted by these market conditions.

### UPCOMING EVENTS (publication after-market closure)

- Wednesday 18 March 2020: 2019 annual results
- Thursday 30 April 2020: Q1 2020 business report
- Thursday 27 August 2020: Q2 2020 business report
- Wednesday 23 September 2020: H1 2020 results
- Thursday 29 October 2020: Q3 2020 business report

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Its shares are listed on EURONEXT GROWTH, ISIN FR0004152882, Reuters ALCLA.PA, Bloomberg ALCLA FP. For more information, see www.clasquinfinance.com.

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