

# **Cnova N.V. – Third Quarter 2015 Activity**

➤ GMV: €1,121 million (+17.6% constant currency)

■ Marketplace share: 22.7% (+1,032 bps)

Sales: € 781 million (+9.1% constant currency)

> Traffic: 406 million visits (+27.5%)

■ Mobile share: 40.2% (+1,280 bps)

Click-&-Collect: 21,767 pick-up points (+26.5%)

Amsterdam - October 9, 2015; 07:45 CET — Cnova N.V. (NASDAQ and Euronext Paris: CNV) today announced gross merchandise value (GMV), net sales and other activity data for the quarter ended September 30, 2015.

Cnova	3Q15 <sup>(1)</sup>	3Q14 <sup>(1)</sup>	Change	
			Reported	Constant Currency <sup>(2)</sup>
<b>GMV</b> <sup>(3)</sup> (€ millions)	1,121.2	1,094.1	+2.5%	+17.6%
Cdiscount	649.1	555.3	+16.9%	+17.1%
France	640.1	552.4	+15.9%	
International	9.0	2.9	+208.3%	+244.2%
Cnova Brazil	472.2	538.8	-12.4%	+18.1%
Cnova Brazil (R\$ millions)	1,920.0	1,625.6	+18.1%	
Marketplace share <sup>(4)</sup>	22.7%	12.4%	+1,032 bps	
Cdiscount France	29.8%	20.5%	+931 bps	
Cnova Brazil	12.8%	4.2%	+862 bps	
Net sales (€ millions)	781.4	837.3	-6.7%	+9.1%
Cdiscount	410.3	379.5	+8.1%	+8.3%
France	402.5	377.0	+6.8%	
International	7.8	2.5	+213.7%	+247.5%
Cnova Brazil	371.1	457.8	-18.9%	+9.8%
Cnova Brazil (R\$ millions)	1,515.8	1,380.6	+9.8%	
Traffic (visits in millions)	405.8	318.3	+27.5%	
Cdiscount France	180.7	136.0	+32.8%	
Cnova Brazil	212.9	179.5	+18.6%	
Mobile share	40.2%	27.4%	+1,280 bps	
Cdiscount France	49.8%	37.2%	+1,265 bps	
Cnova Brazil	32.4%	20.5%	+1,189 bps	
Click-&-Collect pick-up points	21,767	17,206	+26.5%	
Active customers <sup>(5)</sup> (millions)	15.4	12.8	+20.2%	
Number of items sold (millions)	15.3	13.2	+16.0%	
Orders <sup>(6)</sup> (millions)	9.1	7.8	+17.0%	



## **3rd Quarter 2015 Highlights**

- For the 3rd quarter 2015, increasing +17.6% on a constant currency basis compared to the same period in 2014. After taking into account the strong negative impact (-15.1%) of the depreciation of the Brazilian real versus the Euro, reported GMV grew by +2.5%. At Cdiscount France, total GMV was up +15.9%. At Cnova Brazil, GMV increased by +18.1% on a constant currency basis as promotional pricing partially compensated for the impacts of the deteriorating Brazilian economic environment.
  - o The marketplace share of total GMV increased 1,032 basis points for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015 and reached 22.7% compared to 12.4% for the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2014. Cdiscount France's marketplace share reached 29.8%, while Cnova Brazil's was 12.8%. As of September 30, 2015, active marketplace sellers increased by +97% to almost 10,500 while the number of marketplace product offerings expanded from 11.4 million to 26.0 million (+129%).
  - Active customers increased by +20.2% and number of items sold increased by +16.0%.
- Net sales totaled €781 million in the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015, up +9.1% on a constant currency basis compared to the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 2014. The rate of change was -6.7% after taking into account the negative exchange rate impact of -15.8%.
  - Net sales at Cdiscount were up +8.1% (of which +1.4% was attributable to new international operations) on a high comparison basis, and partly reflected the Group's emphasis on gross margin improvement during the quarter. Home furnishings and household appliances accounted for close to half of direct sales and recorded double-digit growth. Marketplace commissions increased by +84% y-o-y.
    - Net sales from international operations were driven primarily by activity in Colombia, Thailand and Vietnam.
  - Net sales at Cnova Brazil increased by +9.8% (on a constant currency basis). Development of all product categories to increase the overall portfolio and orient product mix toward higher margin categories continued at a satisfactory rate. Marketplace commissions grew by +255%.
- Traffic rose to 406 million visits during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter 2015 (+27.5% y-o-y), of which approximately 75% is non-paid. Cdiscount's customer loyalty program in France, *Cdiscount à volonté*, contributed to this performance. The mobile share of traffic rose 1,280 basis points to 40.2%.
  - Above all, Cnova's low-cost "P-S-D" (Purchasing-Storage-Delivery) competitive advantages continue to drive traffic and order volume:
    - Volume Purchasing with parent companies allows the Group to be a price leader on its markets,
    - Jointly leased distribution centers permit Storage of inventory at a lower cost per square meter,



- Delivery offered at over 21,700 pick-up points provides a cost savings of up to 40% per delivery that is passed on to customers. Approximately 65% of Cdiscount orders currently choose this delivery method.
- Customer service enhancements during the quarter centered primarily around:
  - The continued roll-out of **Click-&-Collect** ("C&C") pick-up points in all markets:
    - C&C pick-up points in France surpassed 19,500 and included more than 500 pick-up points for large items (> 30 kg),
    - Brazil continued to increase the number of C&C pick-up points (more than 1,250 as of end of September), while the take up rate in São Paulo state on the Extra.com.br website increased to 15%,
    - During the quarter, the three fastest growing international markets, Colombia,
      Thailand and Vietnam, had more than 800 C&C pick-up points.
  - Other product delivery upgrades include:

#### France:

- Same-day home delivery for large items in the Paris metropolitan area for orders placed by 2:00 pm;
- Next-day C&C delivery ("24h chrono") for large items in Paris and Lyon for orders placed by 7:00 pm,

## Brazil:

- Same-day delivery for small item orders placed by 12:00 pm in the city of São Paulo,
- Next-day delivery for small and large item orders placed by 4:00 pm in the State of São Paulo,
- 2-day C&C delivery for small and large items in the cities and suburbs of São Paulo (for orders placed by 6:00 pm) and Rio de Janeiro (for orders placed by 1:00 pm), and,
- Launch of large item pick-up points in the States of São Paulo and Rio de Janeiro.
- As part of the cost efficiency drive and streamlining as well as in order to further improve the Group's commercial and operational performances, Cnova has:
  - O Started to close the Panama and Ecuador sites in order to concentrate efforts in Latin America on Colombia where progress is in line with the initial plan,
  - o Merged the specialty site MonCornerKids into MonCornerBaby and MonCornerJardin into MonCornerDeco in order to increase commercial and operational dynamics.
  - Sold the website MonShowRoom to Monoprix\*.

As a result, the Group's vertical site strategy is reinforced and increases synergies with Cdiscount (platform, IT, purchasing and logistics) with a growing offer and increased margin improvement potential.

<sup>\*</sup>From a legal standpoint, 51% MonShowroom's capital was sold to Monoprix on September 30, 2015. For the remaining 49% of the capital, a purchase/sale commitment was executed, maturing in October 2016, with an enterprise value, as determined by independent fairness opinions, of between €28 million and €35 million for 100% (depending on the result of an earn-out).



#### End notes:

- (1) Financial results for Panama, Ecuador, MonCornerKids and MonCornerJardin were discontinued as of July 1, 2015; there is no impact on 2014 as these activities did not exist at that time. MonShowroom has been re-classified as a discontinued activity (IFRS 5) as of January 1, 2014.
- Brazilian real/Euro average exchange rate for the 3rd quarter: 2014 = R\$3.01; 2015 = R\$3.96.
- (3) Gross Merchandise Volume (GMV) = product sales + other revenues + marketplace business volumes (calculated based on approved and sent orders) + taxes.
- Includes marketplace share of www.cdiscount.com in France as well as extra.com.br, pontofrio.com, casasbahia.com.br and cdiscount.com.br in Brazil.
- (5) Active customers at the end of September having purchased at least once through our sites during the last 12 months, calculated on a website-by-website basis because we operate multiple sites each with unique systems of identifying users, which could result in an individual being counted more than once.
- (6) Total placed orders before cancellation due to fraud detection and/or customer non-payment.

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#### About Cnova N.V.

Cnova N.V., one of the world's largest e-Commerce companies, serves 15 million active customers via state-of-the-art e-tail websites: Cdiscount in France, Brazil, Colombia, Thailand, Vietnam, Ivory Coast, Senegal, Cameroon, Burkina Faso and Belgium; Extra.com.br, Pontofrio.com and Casasbahia.com.br in Brazil. Cnova N.V.'s product offering of close to 26 million items provides its clients with a wide variety of very competitively priced goods, several fast and customer-convenient delivery options as well as practical payment solutions. Cnova N.V. is part of Groupe Casino, a global diversified retailer. Cnova N.V.'s news releases are available at www.cnova.com/investor-relations.aspx. Information available on, or accessible through, the sites referenced above is not part of this press release.

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## **Upcoming Events**

## Cnova plans to release Third Quarter 2015 Financial Results as follows:

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 07:45 CET Cnova Third Quarter 2015 Financial Results

Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at 16:00 CET Cnova Third Quarter 2015 Conference Call & Webcast

## **Conference Call and Webcast connection details**

## **Conference Call Dial-In Numbers:**

Toll-Free

Brazil 0 800 891 6221 France 0 800 912 848 UK 0 800 756 3429 USA 1 877 407 0784 Toll 1 201 689 8560

# **Conference Call Replay Dial-In Numbers:**

Toll-Free 1 877 870 5176 Toll 1 858 384 5517

Available From: October 28, 2015 at 13:00 ET / 18:00 CET

To: November 4, 2015 at 23:59 ET November 5, 2015 at 05:59 CET Replay Pin Number: 13612210

Webcast:

http://public.viavid.com/index.php?id=116263

Presentation materials to accompany the call will be available at cnova.com on October 28, 2015.

An archive of the conference call will be available for a limited time at cnova.com following its conclusion.